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Lennoxville RONA closes its doors on weekend

Parent company Bois Lennoxville Inc. files for bankruptcy

By Tom Peacock

Many Lennoxville residents were surprised last weekend to find their local hardware store closed during business hours, but they'll have to get used to it. Last Friday, Bois Lennoxville Incorporated, the company which runs the RONA store on Queen Street (Quincaillerie McFadden Enr.), filed for bankruptcy.

The locals looking for a few odds and ends for spring repairs were certainly a little put out, but store employees like 19-year-old Jennifer DeLorme might have been worse off when they found themselves without a job. Fortunately, the young Lennoxville resident, who worked part time at the cash, likes to change jobs each summer as a rule, so she wasn't too upset to hear about the closure.

But the story of this bankruptcy gets worse, since, on top of the disgruntled townspeople and the newly unemployed, there are almost 100 local businesses and individuals owed money by the bankrupt Bois Lennoxville Inc.

The company owed a lot of money to

a lot of people, and those people likely won't get much of their money back now that the company has gone belly up.

Bankruptcy counsellor Pierre Guay from Raymond Chabot Incorporated, the firm dealing with the case, explained how it works: the non-guaranteed creditors who number almost 100 only receive a percentage of the money left over after the guaranteed creditors—namely the National Bank and RONA Incorporated—are paid the money they are owed.

Also, he added, the percentage each non-guaranteed creditor receives is based on the amount they are owed. That means individuals and businesses owed small amounts such as Transport Lowry in Waterville - owed \$1,200 - or David Bruce, the former owner of Bois Lennoxville's lumber site on Conley in Lennoxville, who is owed \$4,491 stand to lose a lot from the bankruptcy.

The total amount of money owed by Bois Lennoxville Inc. was estimated by the trustees at the firm to be \$1,160,201. The amount owed to the guaranteed creditors alone (\$582,329) exceeds the total estimated worth of Bois Lennoxville's assets (\$568,230). The big loss will clearly be suffered by the non-guaranteed creditors.

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The downtown hardware store that has served Lennoxville residents so well is no more.

Celebrating Family



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The family of Isabelle, Marilou, Joëlle, Suzanne and Dr. Serge Thérien happily agreed to be named family of the year. Thérien wanted to underline the theme "Room for the family, I'll make it." As a doctor involved with children and therefore, families, he is very much aware of the importance of investing time in raising and enjoying a family. Activities have been arranged for the whole week, designated 'Week of the Family', including free city bus travel for families.

Elderly, disabled will relocate to more modern facilities

Construction set to begin on Complexe St-Vincent-de-Paul

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

At last. That was the unanimous reaction of local health care officials and politicians as they officially kicked off much-anticipated renovations to the old St-Vincent-de-Paul Hospital in Sherbrooke on Monday morning.

The former general hospital, which has been virtually abandoned for the past four years, is getting a \$30-million facelift and three new tenant groups.

All 147 elderly residents of the Rési-

dence de l'Estrie and about four dozen from the Foyer St-Joseph are scheduled to move in next year along with various services of the Centre de Readaptation de l'Estrie (CRE) rehabilitation center which are currently spread out all over town.

The offices of the Regional Health Board were relocated to a wing of the building this past winter and renovations there are almost completed.

Total projected cost of refurbishing the Complexe St-Vincent-de-Paul project is \$33,488,000. That includes some \$29.6 million in construction, renovations and landscaping costs; \$338,000 in administrative fees; more than \$3 million in specialized medical equipment including a

PLEASE SEE ELDERLY PAGE 4

Mother's day fete complete with sights and smells

A sentiment of utter contentment has overcome this soul on this Sunday evening. What a delightful day it has been.

Fragrant, mauvy pink Mayflowers, burgeoning apple blossom buds, deep purple and bright yellow wild violets have been mixed in tiny bouquets here and there. A vase with two red roses, honeysuckle leaves and budded apple branches adorns another corner of the house.

'Joy', an ivory-coloured, plush rabbit with an angel-winged bunny sits on the closed piano keyboard. A blue banded, flower adorned cup and saucer whose pattern is called 'Adoration' has been added to our collection.

Mother's Day traditions were enjoyed once more. A walk in the woods with Mom and Auntie to gather wildflowers at our leisure. Tea served in the 'tea room' from the musical, "Tea for Two" tuned teapot.

And most importantly, time spent with loved ones. Witnessing a double christening of two-year-olds. In church and at the extended family brunch afterwards, it seemed obvious that with so many children around, the English-speaking community is alive and well.

No matter that much of our supper conversation back at home revolved a repeat challenge my men to have to deal with - to find a way to free a black and white striped creature from a trap without getting sprayed.

This time, the contraption had been baited with a carrot to catch a woodchuck. What luck. Suggestions for dealing with this situation are more than welcome!

According to a former pet skunk owner, the beast must have his hind paws on the ground to be able to spray.



SUSAN MASTINE

Does this mean that if the wire-bottomed cage is held up in the air, the varmint won't scent?

And skunks usually stamp their feet in warning of their malodorous intentions, the same expert insists. How many people have ever stayed close enough to a skunk to be able to testify to this? Some say that as long as the animal

doesn't feel threatened, there's nothing to worry about. As Billy Bass sings, "Don't worry. Be happy." Easy for him to say.

But, happy we should be, with the sunshine we've had, Saturday's rain, dandelions brightening the landscape, newly-formed leaves greening the skyline. Forget-Me-Nots blossoming,

"Among the changing months, May stands confest

The sweetest, and in fairest colors

dressed."

- Thomson, "On May"

"...

The flowery May, who from her green lap throws

The yellow cowslip, and the pale primrose.

Hail, bounteous May, that doth inspire

Mirth, and youth, and warm desire; Woods and groves are of thy dressing, Hill and dale shall boast thy blessing, Thus we salute thee with our early song,

And welcome thee, and wish thee long.

- Milton, "Song. On May Morning."

"When God thought of mother, He must have laughed with satisfaction, and framed it quickly - so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of power, and beauty, was the conception."

- Henry Ward Beecher

What could be more true?

English Baroness looking for money to build footpath

Mother Richmond is in England

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

An English baroness and county councillor of "Mother" Richmond, England is asking all "daughter" Richmonds in the world if they have any spare cash they could send their parent town.

In a letter dated April 19 and sent to all the Richmond municipalities in the world, Angela Harris, Baroness Harris of Richmond, asked for donations to help restore the historic Easby footpath which was washed out by a flood two years ago in her home town.

The letter, adorned with a House of Lords seal, was sent to Richmond, Quebec and announced at last Monday night's council meeting as part of the town's regular correspondence.

"I don't know if you would be willing to put our plight to your city council or if you would be willing to help us in any way try and ensure the footpath's safety for future generations," asked Harris.

"I have undertaken to write to a number of our "daughter" Richmonds, telling them of our plight and seeking their support."

The cost of the project is 75,000 English pounds, or roughly \$150,000 Cdn.

Harris said the money was needed because the flooding in Richmond caused the collapse of the town's main road bridge, requiring 2 million pounds (\$4 million Cdn) worth of work.

The rebuilding of the bridge, she said, meant there were no funds left over for the footpath.

Harris' Richmond, which she refers to as the "first of all Richmonds," is set in the North Yorkshire region of England.

It was founded by the Normans in 1071, five years after they invaded Eng-

land. According to Harris, it became a major centre during England's medieval period, then saw expansion during the Georgian period, when many buildings were built.

The Easby footpath was a historic tourist attraction for the town, allowing visitors to walk from Richmond along the River Swale to the Easby Abbey

ruins.

For now, the six-member council here has decided to pass on the request for funds.

People wishing to contact the baroness can reach her via the House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW, or by Internet at www.richmond.org.uk.

BRIEFS

Hiring students means success

Once again this year, the Eastern Townships Human Resource Centre of Canada for Students (HRCC-S) offers an effective stage for student summer job hunters and prospective employers to get together. The Centre offers free recruitment service and job postings on the Internet and at their location at 124

Wellington N. in Sherbrooke. The Centre also offers information about the student labor market. Information on topics such as resume writing and interview tips will also be available. The HRCC-S also has service centres in Magog, Cowansville, Asbestos and Coaticook.

For more information, please contact Véronique Talbot at 819-566-1044, or visit the HRCC-S web site at www.qc.hrcc-drhc.gc.ca/jeunes.

Weather

Today: Cloudy with clear periods. 30 percent probability of showers in the afternoon. High near 16. Winds northeasterly 15 to 30 km/h in the afternoon.

Wednesday: Variable cloudiness. Low near 4. High near 18.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Low near 4. High near 18.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Low near 5. High near 20. Normals for the period... Low 5. High 18.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Suppliers left out in the cold

RONA:

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None of the principals in the numbered company 141359 Canada Inc. which owns Quincaillerie McFadden Enr. could be reached by phone at the two Lennoxville businesses. The phone lines had been disconnected, not surprising since the company owed Bell Canada over \$2,000.

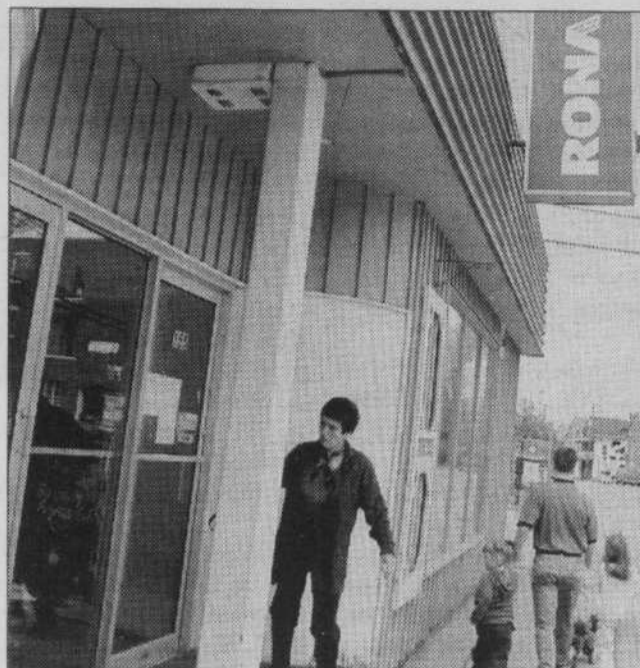
Normand Dubé, Jean Prince, Guy Vallée and Roger Pellerin are the local businessmen listed as the principals in the company. Reached at home, Prince declined comment on the bankruptcy and Roger Pellerin's number was out of order. Dubé and Vallée are not listed in the telephone directory.

Guay said it is uncertain what will happen with the current location of the RONA store at 155 Queen Street, but added that a separate company with basically the same principals had offered to buy the more profitable lumber yard on Conley from the bankrupt Bois Lennoxville Inc.

All the stock from the RONA store must be bought back by the parent company, RONA Incorporated, at at least 75 per cent of the total value, Guay explained, adding that the money from the sale of the inventory will be paid straight to the National Bank.

Waterville resident Robert Lowry—whose company, Transport Lowry, is owed \$1,200 for the plowing of the lumber yard on Conley Street—said he was surprised when he didn't receive his payments on time this year. Lowry said he has been plowing the yard for 10 years, since well before it changed owners, and he never had any trouble getting paid until this year.

Lowry called a couple of times during the winter to



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Customers were disappointed to discover store closed.

remind the company they owed him money, and he was told the payment would be sent right away. But before that could happen the company was bankrupt. The local businessman says he was a little upset about the outstanding debt, and he isn't expecting to get much of it back. "I really don't have any idea what happened to them."

The first meeting for creditors is scheduled for May 31, 2001 at 10:30 am, at the office of the official receiver, 2665, King Street West, Suite 600, in Sherbrooke.

Police seeking child victim of assault

Man confessed to police

Staff
SHERBROOKE

Regional police are looking for a young girl who may have been molested in Jacques Cartier Park two weeks ago.

Sherbrooke Regional Police Force spokesman Const. Michel Martin said that last week a man gave himself up at police headquarters saying he had sexually assaulted a child in the park on Saturday, May 5. The attack apparently occurred around 9 a.m. near the railway bridge known to locals as the Pont Noir.

Martin said the victim was around 8-years-old, had shoulder-length brown hair and was wearing a black sweat suit at the time of the assault. She had a bicycle with a \$5 price tag on it.

Martin said investigators are hoping the girl's parent will recognize her description and contact police.

"We want to charge him, but we don't have a victim," Martin said, adding that the perpetrator, a man in his 30s, was believable.

"He seems credible, but we're not sure if it happened," he said. "All we have is his confession. We have a crime, but without a victim we can't charge him."

Few leads in disappearance of Raymond Carey

Staff

Police have been left with few clues as to why Townshippier Raymond Carey disappeared without a trace just over four months ago.

At the time of his disappearance Carey, 40, had been living in an apartment in Ange Gardien and managing the Chateau du Sexe, a strip bar on St. Catherine St. in Montreal. On Jan. 10 he left for a business meeting but never showed up. He hasn't been seen since.

A few days later his 2000 Toyota Camry was found at an indoor parking lot on Peel St. in Montreal. A friend of Carey's living in Laval was the first to re-

port him missing.

Carey was raised in the Granby region, graduating from the English side of Massey-Vanier in 1977. He attended Bishop's University in the late 1980s before opening the Super Tech fitness centre in Waterloo with friends and business partners Paul Marois and Nil Poirier in 1990. The trio operated the gym for six years before moving on to other ventures.

Five years ago Poirier, one of Carey's closest friends, also disappeared under similar circumstances, and has not been seen since.

Carey's disappearance is being inves-

tigated by the Crimes Against People squad of the Quebec Police Force. There has so far been no indication that he was depressed or suicidal. His story and photo are among five people listed on the QPF's missing persons Internet web page, at www.suretequebec.gouv.qc.ca.

Carey is described as five-foot-ten, and weighing about 180 lbs. He has blue eyes and dark brown hair.

Anyone with information on Carey's whereabouts is asked to contact the Quebec Police Force's Montreal offices at (514) 598-4242. Information can also be given by E-Mail at crime.personne@surete.qc.ca.



POLICE PHOTO

Raymond Carey was well known in English community

Driver strikes moose, calf

Staff

A 60-year-old Magog Township man is in hospital with serious injuries after he hit a moose and its calf on Autoroute 10 in Shefford Township early Monday morning.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Const. Serge Dubord said a motorist was traveling westbound on the Eastern Townships Autoroute at about 4:20

a.m. when he came upon car and animal debris, and then a car with the moose on it at km 84. The motorist immediately called police.

Dubord said the man, who had been driving to Bromont, was found unconscious inside the car. The body of the adult moose was caught inside the windshield of the automobile. Hydraulic shears were brought

in to dismember the moose and remove its carcass from the car so the driver could be taken out.

The driver was then taken by ambulance to the Granby Hospital and later transferred to the Charles Lemoyne Hospital in Greenfield Park.

Though the driver suffered mainly head injuries, his life is not considered to be in danger.

Organizers of Music Fest 2001 to benefit the Children's Wish Foundation (June 2nd & 3rd, Ayer's Cliff Fairgrounds) are looking for help with the event:

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- ~ Volunteers for the children's games

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Website: www.themusicfest.org

Construction will be completed in fall, 2002

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heated therapy pool for the disabled; and \$315,000 for real estate transaction fees.

Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault, who was on hand for the launch, pointed out the original St-Vincent-de-Paul Hospital, now a wing of the much larger complex, was built there in 1906 by the Sisters of Charity from St-Hyacinthe, better known as the Grey Nuns. The land cost \$14,700, and construction, which took two years, cost \$164,289.

Perrault, who like many locals was born at St-Vincent, said the hospital is part of the historical heritage of the region. The renovation project, which occurs as Sherbrooke is set to celebrate its bicentennial in 2002, "will certainly allow people to get to know and appreciate their history and nourish their sense of belonging to the city and the new city."

The general hospital underwent a number of expansions in the forties, fifties and sixties, all of which maintained the building's architectural integrity, said Claude Lavoie, manager of the Estriade consortium of chronic care homes that includes Résidence de l'Estrie and Foyer St-Joseph.

Later renovations in 1979 and 1981 deviated from the design that laid out the building and its many wings in a cross pattern. Contractors plan to correct some architectural anomalies during the current construction and renovations, he added.

The transformation is scheduled to last 339 working days, bringing the project to completion early in the fall of 2002.

Final authorization for the major transformations at St-Vincent came from Health Minister Rémy Trudel on April 3. But approval of the project came just before the Christmas holidays as PQ MNA Claude Boucher announced his government had caved in to mounting public pressure and press coverage of deteriorating conditions at the run-down Résidence de l'Estrie, which now holds the dubious distinction of most dilapidated government-run nursing home in the province.

The former Catholic seminary, built in 1940 and converted into a seniors' home

in the 70s, doesn't meet government safety standards for long term care facilities. Rooms, doorways and corridors are too small and narrow for staff and geriatric equipment and there are only two bathrooms, a single bathtub and two showers per floor with 43 residents. There is no sprinkler system, the ventilation system is inadequate and stairwells are too narrow to conform to current building standards making an emergency evacuation next to impossible.

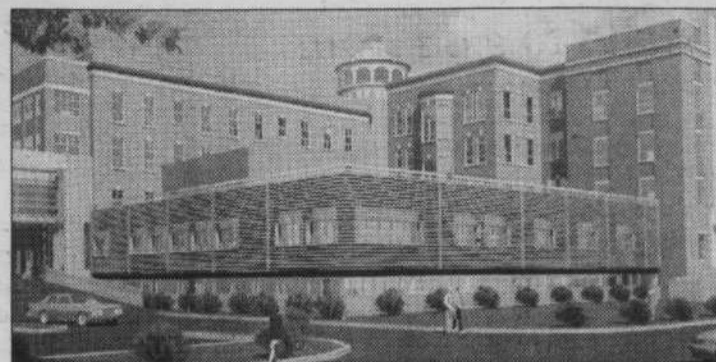
"For the residents, staff and managers of the CHSLD Estriade, the final authorization was greeted with much joy," said Estriade board president André Paradis.

Paradis said the move to the new complex will improve the quality of life and wellbeing of Résidence residents by providing them with secure lodgings that meet building code requirements and safety standards set by the health ministry.

Paradis said the new building will provide more adequate facilities for patients and for staff and correspond better to the needs of patients who must now live in a chronic care center because of their deteriorating physical and mental health.

"We have to remember that for our residents, this is now their home," he said.

Patients from the Résidence de l'Estrie will be transferred after renovations are complete, sometime early in the fall of 2002. After that, the former monastery



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Three groups will move into new building

which housed the seniors will likely be transformed into offices for the Sherbrooke-area CLSC community clinic.

Some patients from the Foyer St-Joseph will also be moved allowing Estriade to transform cramped double rooms into single rooms, Paradis said.

The regional rehab center is also pleased with the new facilities which will consolidate the center under a single roof.

Currently facilities for adult rehab clientele is already at St-Vincent and they will be relocated within the building during renovations. Precautions will also be taken because parts of the hospital are insulated with asbestos fibers.

Once the renovations are complete, the center will also repatriate services for children and adult workshops now located on King Street, a dozen intensive functional rehabilitation beds now housed at the Youville Pavilion of the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute, as well as the wheelchair and prosthesis department now located on Jacques-Cartier Blvd.

CRE board president Michèle Comtois said having all their services in the same place will improve the continuity of care, ensuring that patients get easier access to services and that professionals can better work together as a team.

Regrouping the health board, rehab center and chronic care center will also allow the three organizations to share some administrative functions, saving money that can be reinvested in services.

Underfunding and waiting lists persist

By Rita Legault

While Parti Québécois MNA Claude Boucher bragged the new Complexes St-Vincent will improve care for the elderly and disabled, the new facilities won't have an impact on inadequate services offered to elderly patients and the disabled.

"I'm proud to live in a society which puts an emphasis on quality care," Boucher said as he helped launched the multi-million dollar renovation project. "This shows our society has its values in the right place and I'm proud to live in a society like that."

But while renovations to the former general hospital will certainly improve facilities for the elderly and disabled, it will not expand services for elderly residents of the Estriade chronic care centers, nor make a dent in waiting lists at the Centre de readaptation de l'Estrie.

Estriade manager Claude Lavoie said the investment in bricks and mortar will improve living conditions for elderly residents who are now housed in inadequate facilities at the Résidence de l'Estrie and cramped quarters at Foyer St-Joseph.

Lavoie said the new center will improve the quality of life for most patients by providing a more secure home that is fitted with larger rooms, wider halls, private bathrooms, living and dining rooms and kitchens on every floor - all things that are sorely missing from the Résidence de l'Estrie.

But Lavoie said the new living quarters will have no impact on the level of services provided which currently cover less than 70 per cent of patient care needs.

With current funding, a study last year by the provincial government showed the chronic care center only met about 64 per cent of the daily needs of its patients. A recent boost in funding will probably increase that to 66 or 67 per cent of needs, he added.

Lavoie said the needs not currently met are mainly "nursing assistance" - that is the centre needs to hire more nurses aides and orderlies to help with daily care



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

MNA Claude Boucher unveils planned facility

from assistance at meal time to baths. Lack of help means elderly patient often get a single bath every two weeks.

Lavoie said the Estriade centres aim to reach a satisfaction of needs level of 70 per cent, but to do any better will require more recurrent funding.

The St-Vincent complex will also regroup all services and professionals for the Centre de readaptation de l'Estrie under a single roof so disabled clients won't

have to run all over town for services.

"They will get continuity of care here after getting various services in different places," said CRE board president Michèle Comtois. "That being said, it won't shorten our waiting lists."

When confronted with those realities, MNA Boucher said the government was doing the best it can with the money it has.

"I'm proud of what we do here," he reiterated in an interview with the Record. "It's better than nothing."

Boucher said the new complex will greatly improve the living environment for patients. And, he said, as his government invests in home care, he said services will help keep people at home longer, creating less burden on public finances.

Boucher said the criticism of seniors getting a single bath a week has been overdone by the media. He said a weekly bath was what most seniors were used to their whole lives.

Boucher said he hoped his government will eventually be able to reinvest adequately in health care. But for now, sound financial management comes first.

"Now we are investing according to our means," he said. "It's too bad, but if we invested too heavily in health care now there wouldn't be enough money left to care for people today when they need care."

"We were headed towards a financial catastrophe that would have endangered current services," he said

MRC of Coaticook wants Waterville

Prefect says both stand to gain from union

By Daniel Huot
SHERBROOKE

The prefect of the Municipal Regional Council of Coaticook said his MRC can only benefit if Waterville joins its ranks.

Michel Belzil said it will strengthen his MRC's role by eliminating a right of veto held by the town of Coaticook. The municipality currently has more than 50 per cent of the MRC's population.

"Coaticook holds 54 per cent of the voting powers in the MRC," said Belzil. "Waterville would bring political equilibrium to the council."

He also said Waterville's population would solidify the MRC's overall influence. The number of residents would increase in the MRC from 16,600 to 18,500.

Waterville would be the third largest town behind Coaticook and Compton.

Waterville is currently a member of the MRC of Sherbrooke. Its councillors voted last month by a one-man majority to join their neighbours instead of being engulfed in the new city of Sherbrooke.

Mayors within the MRC of Sherbrooke responded by drafting a proposal that would exclude Waterville from the newly merged city of Sherbrooke. Three of the eight municipalities didn't support the resolution when it was submitted to their councils.

Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel told the mayors during a meeting last weekend in Mont Tremblant that unanimity is required before she'll allow Waterville to break away from the MRC of Sherbrooke.

Coaticook Mayor André Langevin said he doesn't mind losing veto privileges. He said the MRC of Coaticook as a

whole stands to gain if Waterville is admitted to its ranks.

"The government often counts the overall population when it issues funding in areas such as education or health care," said Langevin. "The more people you have, the more funding you usually get."

The mayor added he prefers having Waterville's residents decide which MRC they belong to. He said the ultimate decision shouldn't belong to other municipalities.

Belzil said Waterville's position is at best precarious at this stage. He said the pressure is on the three municipalities who didn't support the resolution - Ascot, Lennoxville and Rock Forest.

"I have a problem with people taking a stand against a great majority of citizens or those who perpetuate old village conflicts that date back several years," he said, refusing to say whom he had in mind.

Belzil is also the president of the Federation of Quebec Municipalities. The prefect outlined Waterville's rural character. He said he's convinced rural areas won't be forced to merge.

"Municipal reorganization in rural areas will go through the MRC. Additional competencies will be written down in laws and we will reinforce decision-making mechanisms."

Waterville councillor Lindsay Pocock said joining the MRC of Coaticook is a way of maintaining the status quo.

"If we join the merged city, then we lose our city hall and our status as a town," he said. "If we join the MRC, then we remain a town and get to keep everything - town hall, fire department. Nobody else has control over us."

Pocock added some residents erroneously think they are merging with the town of Coaticook, not the MRC.

Ascot holds firm on retaining town for Sherbrooke

Mayor says town should remain in MRC of Sherbrooke

By Daniel Huot
SHERBROOKE

The mayor of Ascot said his town council won't change its mind by voting in favour of Waterville joining the Municipal Regional Council of Coaticook. Last week it rejected a proposal drafted by the MRC of Sherbrooke mayors which projected a merger without Waterville.

Robert Pouliot's comments come after Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel warned the MRC's mayors that nothing less than unanimity is required to allow the Waterville split. His position will probably make it more difficult for the municipality to leave the MRC.

"Our position hasn't changed," said



FILE PHOTO

Waterville will stay in the plans: Pouliot

Pouliot. "Waterville is in the plans for the new city... There's no negotiating that. Ms. Harel will make the ultimate decision."

Pouliot said the benefits of Waterville remaining in the MRC outweigh

the costs. He said Waterville residents will pay less for recreational activities such as figure-skating if they join the merged city. They will also pay less per capita for fire insurance premiums, he added. Ascot's mayor noted Waterville's entrepreneurs will have better business opportunities in the new city.

"When a business person comes to a town like Lennoxville or Fleurimont for a contract, people will usually ask him where he pays his taxes. Today people say a person from Waterville is from the MRC of Sherbrooke. They are willing to place him on an equal footing with other MRC municipalities when he bids for a contract."

Pouliot listed other advantages for parents and students to remain in Sherbrooke. He said the MRC of Coaticook will have to consider increasing the size of its high school. Students will also have to travel longer distances to receive their education, he said.

"A significant portion of employees

working in Waterville's factories come from Sherbrooke, Fleurimont, Rock Forest and Ascot," said Pouliot.

Waterville also solidified its bonds within the MRC when it acquired some of Ascot's territory in 1997 and 1998, said Pouliot. He also reacted to comments stated by Waterville's mayor following the meeting with Harel.

"Mr. (Gérald) Boudreau said 23 per cent of the MRC's population was preventing the 77 other from applying its decision. He said a majority is 50 plus one. When a portion of Ascot went to Waterville, it only took five per cent to block the 95 other per cent of the population."

Pouliot said he expects taxes and costs associated with living in the merged city to be less significant in the long term than those with living in a smaller municipality. He said the minister needs firmness and wisdom in her efforts to reinforce the communities' role.

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Quebec ranks last in health care funding

Precisely five years ago, as the PQ government was in the midst of slashing the health budget, closing hospitals, and pushing doctors and nurses into early retirement, then-Health Minister Jean Rochon told a Quebec College of Physicians not to worry.

"People say that enough is enough, we've gone as far as we can. But there's a reality that we must try to manage. Our primary objective is to clean up public finances, so there's a mandatory passage through the tunnel. It will be tough for the next two years, but I think we can manage it."

Eighteen months later, on the eve of the 1998 election, he admitted that his transformation of the health system "came within a hair of skidding out of control".

"There were no longer two operations that had to be reconciled (budget cuts and the reforms), there was only the business of cuts and the deficit. We were doing things only because we had no more money. We no longer knew how we would reorganize."

How are things in the Spring of 2001? The deficit has been eliminated and budgetary surpluses have appeared. But the health system, whose budget shrunk to

\$12.8 billion in 1996 before growing again to \$16.7 billion for 2001-2002, cannot be said to be in good shape.

One big reason is that the health needs of an older population are growing. But that demographic trend was certainly recognized when Quebec began cutting; it chose simply to put on blinkers.

The three PQ ministers who've occupied the health portfolio - Rochon, Pauline Marois, and now Rémy Trudel - have all blamed Ottawa for cutting health transfer payments to the provinces.

Ottawa has started to pump money back into the system but evidently it's not enough. Even Ontario's Finance Minister blasted Ottawa last week, saying it must do better than pay 14 cents on every health dollar.

Nonetheless, through its own budgetary choices, Quebec seriously aggravated the problem. And today, when things should be noticeably better, the government still gives the impression of being within a hair of letting the health system veer out of control.

In recent months, the ministry's bureaucrats have been spending their time

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

GLENN WANAMAKER

writing new pieces of legislation. To do what? To change the system's operational structures.

One bill would introduce a new "smart" card to replace the existing health insurance card.

On the plus side, it would allow health professionals to quickly know a person's medical history and to prescribe drugs more appropriately. But as the Access to Information Commission has sternly warned, the plan lacks adequate protection of privacy and seems more designed as a cost control mechanism than to provide clinical benefits.

Indeed, as Liberal MNA (Marquette) François Ouimet recalled last week, Premier Bernard Landry was fairly explicit in an interview with L'Actualité this Spring when he said the smart card offered to chance to save "phenomenal" sums of money.

Furthermore, the government apparently wants to use the bill to introduce a "National Patient Index", a huge computerized information bank which looks suspiciously like a citizens' registry.

A second bill would restructure regional health boards as well as the boards of health institutions. As initially proposed, election of members of the public would be eliminated and the government would give itself full control to appoint virtually all of the health system's administrators.

Its benefits to your health and mine are hard to see; not surprisingly, the plan has been met by a chorus of criticism.

QUEBEC RANKS LAST

Both bills were to be introduced on Tuesday. The smart card bill, however, may be shelved until the fall. And the administrative reform bill appears to be getting a rewrite, based on Trudel's comments to the Quebec Hospital Association last week.

Meanwhile, what about actual delivery of health care?

A 72-page report on home care services, leaked two weeks ago, shows Quebec ranks last among the provinces. Funding per person is \$65 in Quebec compared to the national average of \$83; Ontario spends \$92 per capita and New Brunswick \$129.

Jean Rochon's entire reform efforts five years ago hinged on his "virage ambulatoire", with more outpatient services, day surgery, and home care. But in that time, the report noted, the budget for home care has increased only slightly.

As a result, the care is either being provided by family and friends or patients are paying to get it from private agencies. Home care is supposed to be provided by the health system.

The report was submitted last December, in time to be considered for this year's budget. But the recommended in-

creases were ignored.

Pressed by Liberal health critic Jean-Marc Fournier (Châteauguay) to get extra funding, Trudel promised to study the report. To which Fournier responded sarcastically: "It's too late to study it, the budget is out already. It was for this year that the experts demanded an extra \$88 million."

And there's the situation in some hospital emergency wards, where another summer of overcrowding is shaping up.

Understandably, Trudel wants to minimize the problem. Only one ER (at Sacre Coeur Hospital in Montreal) out of 102 in the province is facing trouble, he said. But that's only if they stay open!

In Paspébiac, the ER has been closed every night from midnight to 8 a.m. and on many weekends since the end of January because of a lack of doctors. Patients needing care must drive about 70 kilometers to either Chandler or Maria.

It may seem a bit rude to jump all over Rémy Trudel, who's been minister for just two months and who must suffer the consequences of Ottawa's

continued under-funding.

But a full five years after Jean Rochon shook the health system to its foundations, with all the pain that has caused to patients and health personnel, and with privatization sneaking up the back stairs, it's reasonable to demand just where exactly this government is going.

FISCAL STRANGULATION

For provincial politicians across the land, lashing out at Ottawa is as instinctive as child's play.

So when Premier Landry announced he would set up a commission to examine the fiscal imbalances between Quebec and the federal government, few were taken aback. Of course it will find Ottawa is being unfair; all the commission needs to do is fill in the blanks. Why, even Quebec Liberals pledge to rebalance the relationship.

Even though the outcome is rigged, there was still hope the commission would be allowed to conduct its work somewhat objectively and dig up some useful facts.

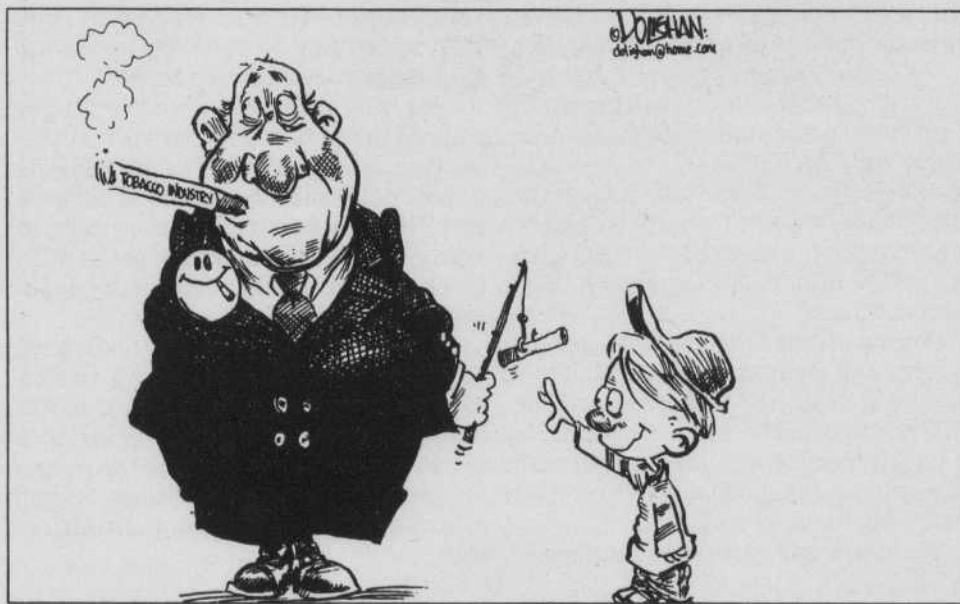
But the hyperbolic Landry has negated whatever propaganda value the commission might have.

Quebec is a victim of Canada's "fiscal strangulation", he said.

Fine. But only three weeks ago, he was boasting to all of the Americas that Quebec's economy is one of the strongest, that it's the U.S.'s 7th biggest trading partner and 5th biggest export market, and that Quebec's gross domestic product is higher than that of the U.K. and comparable to that of Germany.

What are Quebecers supposed to make of the Premier's credibility problem?

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BRIEFS

Tobin announces \$346 million for research

Bishop's University's Walter Stephan is among several university researchers to share \$346 million in research funds announced this week by Industry Minister Brian Tobin.

Stephan wants to understand complex group behaviour. The challenge is his subjects are all negative—they're electrons. The researcher is developing new computer models to aid in the understanding of the group dynamics of these fundamental atomic particles. The results will provide a better theoretical and practical understanding of electrons' group interplay in certain materials, including magnetic ones. He received grants totaling \$15,000 a year for three years.

Tobin, also responsible for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), announced the new research grants worth \$346 million over 5 years to more than 2,500 university professors across Canada. The grants were awarded in a nation-wide competition conducted by NSERC.

"NSERC-funded professors contribute the ideas that fuel tomorrow's innovations," said Tobin, in a speech delivered at Carleton University.

"NSERC Research Grants give students the opportunity to work with this country's best professors. The funding allows our brightest young scientists and engineers to realize their potential in Canada," added Dr. Gilbert Normand, Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development).

Alfonso Gagliano, Minister for Public Works and Government Services, also congratulated the recipients of new NSERC grants in Quebec.

Each year thousands of professors from universities across Canada apply to NSERC for research and equipment grants, and this year, more than 760 professors applied for their first NSERC grants in this competition.

These funds provide the core support for research in such fields as chemistry, mathematics, ecology, computer science and materials engineering.

Help send kids to camp

The Sherbrooke chapter of the Salvation Army is looking for some corporate help to send underprivileged kids to summer camp. The project hopes to send 25 youths from ages seven to 12 to a summer camp from July 31 to Aug. 5. While the kids have raised 30 per cent of the sum needed to attend the camp at Achigan Lake, the Salva-

tion Army hopes local companies will contribute the rest of the money needed.

Donations should be sent before June 15 to the following address: Camp du lac l'Achigan, 112 Wellington S., suite 202, J1H 5C7.

For more information, please call the Salvation Army of Sherbrooke at 819-566-6298.

Virtual classroom leads to real recognition

Hughes Émond has been named one of Canada's outstanding teachers for 2001. The Magog school teacher was honoured last week along with 14 others, in a ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The awards recognize teachers for their innovative teaching methods and for their unparalleled commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Émond, a sixth-grade teacher at Ste-Marguerite Elementary School, is well-known in the Townships for his Virtual Class where students use technology to interact, solve problems and publish finished assignments. Émond emphasizes four areas in his classroom: science and technology, methodological skills, personal skills and communications skills.

Absenteeism in Émond's classroom has dropped by 70 per cent since the Virtual Class was created three years ago.

Louis S. St. Laurent National Historic Site opens this weekend

This coming May 12, the Louis S. St. Laurent National Historic Site of Canada will open its doors. All are welcome from May 12 to Sept. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from Sept. 4 to Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Groups may continue making reservations for visits until Oct. 31.

From July 1 to Sept. 9, Compton will have a wide range of activities as "St. Laurent s'endimanche" (St. Laurent Gets Decked Out in its Sunday Finest).

Every Sunday, visitors will have the opportunity to have fun while learning, thanks to a full range of events conducted in collaboration with the Companions of the Louis S. St. Laurent National Historic Site.

With the assistance of guide-interpreters, steep yourself in history - and a way of life that has faded with time. Discover and relive the era of a prime minister through a visit to his father's general store and his own birthplace, home to a hundred-and-one fascinating objects. In addition, watch an amaz-

ing multimedia show that offers an overview of the man, his accomplishments and his times.

Finally, enjoy refreshments offered on site, or picnic under the shade of decades-old trees in the historical garden.

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Wednesday, May 16

Saint-Hyacinthe
Policemen of Saint-Hyacinthe area (SM, SQ, RCMP)

Armoury
2155 Laframboise Street
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Objective: 400 donors

Thursday, May 17

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the Optimist Club
and le Domaine
du Parc

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175 Principale
Street
1:30 p.m. to
7:00 p.m.
Objective: 175
donors

Friday, May 18
Saint-Hyacinthe
Fadette Secondary School
International Education Community Services
Multi-purpose Room
1150 Mailhot Street
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Objective: 175 donors


Meeting of Down Syndrome Assoc.

The Sherbrooke-region Down syndrome Association will hold its 13th annual general assembly on Sunday May 13, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Loge des Élans situated at 240 Montreal street. For more information, please contact the Association at 819-569-8112.



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30th Edition of the Nations' Buffet

Under the guidance of the "Fondation du Service d'aide aux Néo-Canadiens", the 30th edition of the Nations' Buffet will be held on **Saturday, May 26**, at the Activity Centre at the Sherbrooke College. Recently created, the main goal of the **Fondation du SANC** is the search for financing. Among their upcoming activities, the **Nations' Buffet** is unquestionably the biggest intercultural annual gathering in the Sherbrooke region. With this year's theme "**Volunteer Work**", the evening is under the honorary presidency of Mr. Van Hien Nguyen and Mrs. Marie-Louise Jovian, both volunteers at the Foundation for many years. The Nations' Buffet is the occasion to exchange, to live a colourful celebration in a fragrant and warm atmosphere, cheerfully with people from all horizons. Each ticket allows to discover a few corners of the world. According to one of the ten combinations chosen, you will discover through the meals and customs of the participating countries a little bit of Africa, Asia, America, Europe and the Middle-East. Pictured are Mrs. Nancy Jollez, Honorary President, Mrs. Marie-Louise Jovian, Honorary Co-President, Mr. Van Hien Nguyen, Honorary President, Mrs. Elena Ruiz Petrich, responsible for the Argentina table for the last 30 years and Mrs. Rosalie Hallée, Communication responsible. For information call: **346-5165**.

ADVERTORIAL

Coalition asks court to repeal legislation

*Retroactive law
legalizes what's illegal:
Gertler*

By René Bruemmer
MONTREAL

Retroactive legislation that legalized a 100-kilometre, 735-kilovolt high tension line running through the Townships after the Quebec Superior Court had deemed it illegal undermines the legal system and the Constitution and must be declared null and void, lawyers for a citizen's group argued yesterday.

More than 10 members of the Val Saint-François Citizen's Coalition, their two lawyers and nearly a dozen boxes of documents were at the Montreal courthouse to try and have the Parti Québécois's retroactive Bill 42 repealed.

"It is a law that contravenes 10 articles of the law, legalizes illegality, and completely takes away the rights and the gains (the citizens) obtained in Superior Court," coalition lawyer Franklin Gertler said.

The coalition is fighting the controversial Des Cantons-Hertel line, which Hydro-Québec started building soon after the 1998 ice storm, saying it was essential to ensure the power grid in Montreal.

Government decrees allowed Hydro-Québec to avoid the usual environmental review process, until a Superior Court judge ruled those decrees illegal in January 1999 and ordered work on the line halted.

By then, more than 100 kilometres had been erected, spanning from Windsor to Granby, stretching 80 metres wide and 18-storeys high through back-

yards in eight regional municipalities. Several residents had their land expropriated when they refused to sell.

But in June 1999, the Parti Québécois passed Bill 42 in the National Assembly, retroactive legislation that deemed the line was legal.

The five-day hearing began yesterday, with the coalition scheduled to argue for the first two-and-a-half days, and the rest of the time slated for Robert Monet, a lawyer with Quebec's attorney-general's office, as well as an attorney with Hydro-Québec.

Monet said the government would argue that the legislative power of the assembly allows for retroactive decisions in specific cases, and was justified under the constitution in this instance.

Gertler said he would not attempt to question the National Assembly's power to make policy judgments.

But contrary to the government's contention that

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courts and contravenes
articles of the Quebec
Charter of Rights and
Freedoms protecting the
rights of property.*

Bill 42 was an isolated case needed in an emergency situation, he said the government went too far and its heavy-handed legislation could have wide-ranging repercussions to the legal system.

"We say it constitutes a negation of legal security and of the rights of law," he argued.

Gertler repeatedly mentioned to Superior Court Judge André Denis that Bill 42 effectively undermined the power of the Quebec courts and rendered the rulings of judges im-

portant. He said the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms protecting the rights of property.

The coalition was dealt a minor setback when Denis ruled the findings of public hearings on the second and third phases of the line were inadmissible because they came after Bill 42 was passed.

Commissioners at those hearings found that the line was more powerful than required for the purposes of merely ensuring power for Montreal, stoking coalition members' beliefs that the line is actually intended to export power to the U.S.

Gertler argued that if Hydro-Québec had followed the proper channels in the first place, there would have been public hearings, and a Superior Court ruling found that there should have been hearings. But Denis said the public hearings weren't pertinent to the constitutional nature of this case, and noted that Gertler only filed an application to enter them into evidence yesterday, although the report came out in January.

Towards the end of yesterday's hearing, Gertler started to delve into past cases emphasizing the importance of court decisions and the need to keep courts independent of politics.

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A chronology of the Val St-François-Hydro-Québec battle

January 1998: Ice storm hits Quebec, cutting off power to millions for days, and to many for nearly a month.

Reports reveal the Montreal region came close to being completely deprived of electricity. Arguing that it must protect residents against the possibility of a future catastrophe, Hydro pushes to build a high-tension line between the Des Cantons substation near Windsor and the Hertel substation on the South Shore of Montreal. A connecting substation in St-Césaire, near Granby, is also planned.

1998: With the aid of government decrees, Hydro-Québec bypasses the public environmental review process normally required by law, and within the year completes the first 100-km section of the line, stretching from Windsor to Granby, at a cost of \$100 million. Land is expropriated, trees are felled, and outraged residents in the Val St-François region see 18-storey pylons erected in their fields, cutting a swath through forest and farmland. Citizens create the Val St-François Citizens Coalition to battle Hydro-Québec and the Parti-Québécois. Opponents maintain Hydro and the government are using the ice storm as an excuse to fast-track a line that will be used primarily to export power to the U.S.

February 23, 1999: Superior Court Judge Jeanine Rousseau rules the government decrees allowing construction without environmental reviews illegal, and orders all work stopped. She

orders that a Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) be held as required by law. As promised, then premier Lucien Bouchard and the PQ don't appeal the decision.

June 17, 1999: The PQ passes Bill 42 in the National Assembly, retroactive legislation declaring the already-built section of the line legal. It also orders public hearings on the second and third phases of the line, which will connect the first section ending near Granby to the Hertel substation in the South Shore.

August 2000: Public environmental hearings begin a year later. Val St-François Coalition says the hearings are a farce because they don't include the already constructed, 100-km first section of the line, without which the second section cannot exist.

January 2001. The BAPE commissioners release their report, saying that the new line will improve security, but is larger than necessary and should take into account the public's concerns. Commissioners can only recommend - their suggestions hold no legal weight.

May 14, 2001: The Val St-François Citizens Coalition begins the next stage of its battle against the Quebec government and Hydro-Québec, arguing in Superior Court that retroactive legislation Bill 42 is unconstitutional, ignores due process of the law and should be repealed.

— René Bruemmer

*See tomorrow's Record for
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Hydro-Québec legal proceed-
ings taking place at the
Montreal court house*

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Munsch headlines language arts festival

By Catherine Dean
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LENNOXVILLE

One group grew up on his work, the other is discovering it. On Friday May 11, Canada's beloved storyteller Robert Munsch entertained a delighted audience of about 800 students from grades 1-11 at Mitchell Gymnasium on the Bishop's University campus for the sixth annual Language Arts Festival.

As children crowded out loud, catchy refrains as "clang, clang rattle bang bang, going to make my noise all day..." along with Munsch, high school students swayed gently to the rhythms, mouthing the words.

The storyteller extraordinaire told old favourites, replete with his array of sounds, and previewed some new stories.

"The kids don't know it here, but when they clap and get excited, they're voting on my next book," said Munsch.

A brand new story about an early morning visit from a moose to the home of a hunter and his family was premiered. Munsch canvassed the audience for volunteers with a father who enjoys hunting and the story was told using Jeremy's name. It had the hallmarks of some of the storyteller's other work, including repetition, humour, a wise child and parents who make mistakes.

After the boy in the story has emptied the household gun of bullets, the father, facing off with the moose cries out, "A gun is not supposed to go click, it's supposed to go bang!"

Blaine and Ashley were the next eager audience volunteers for a story about sharing. Munsch's dead-on impression of a serious kindergarten teacher - insistent that her young charges share everything - was received with uproarious laughter.

Particularly well received was the story of Stephanie, told with two audience volunteers, who is becoming increasingly frustrated with children at school who say her hair is ugly but run out and copy it the next day.

The perennially popular 'I have to go pee' was told and there were plenty of volunteers who related to the excruciating pain of being asked to hold on just a little longer.

Munsch told the audience he got the idea for the story when his son, Andrew, was trying to make it through the night without diapers at age 3 and wet the

bed five times. The storyteller was up in the middle of the night washing and drying sheets. The next day, he met another Andrew who had to run out of the room to pee and knew this was a subject dear to the hearts of young children.

Ashley Coulombe, a grade one student and one of the day's audience volunteers, proudly held up her two new Robert Munsch books.

"I have a couple of them at home and I got two today," she said. She pointed out a favourite Michael Martchenko illustration from the book 'Up Up Down' of a father holding his sore behind.

There were as many teenagers as young children who waited in line to get an autograph.

"I like how he got all the kids to take part in it. I would have like to have seen him at their age," said Sheena Lemaire, a high school student.

"I read his books when I was younger. I loved 'The Paperbag Princess' the most. The thing about him is that he has a mature and childish way of seeing things."

Munsch began storytelling for children at a daycare.

"I had a job in daycare and I told stories to get the kids to shut up for nap time, until a librarian heard them and said 'These stories are good. You should write them down,'" recalled Munsch.

The books have always come out of the storytelling.

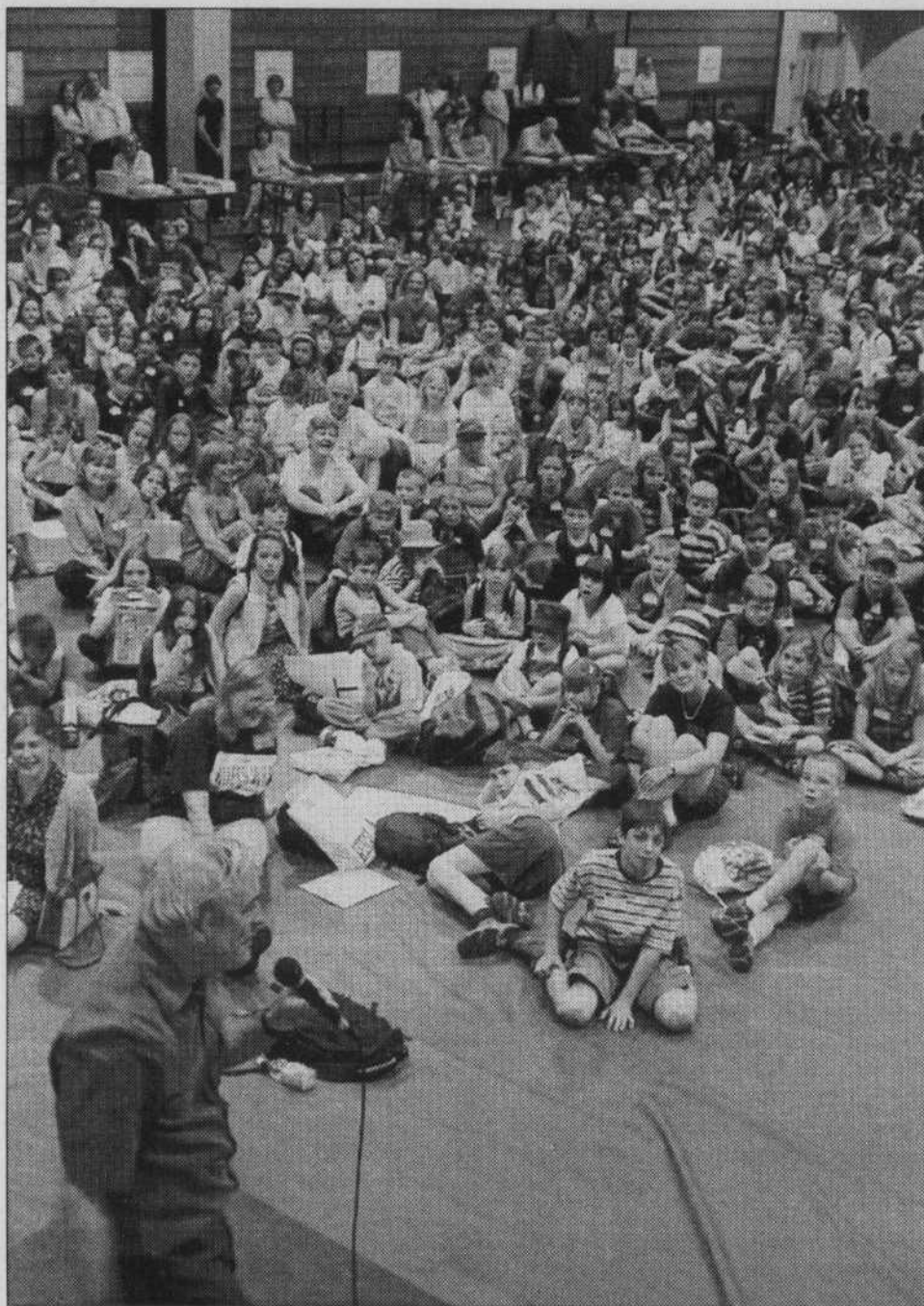
"At the beginning, I thought the writing was very different from the storytelling, but I gradually figured out it was better to get the writing much more like the storytelling."

Michael Martchenko, the long-time artist for Munsch's books, conducted a workshop for the festival.

"We were looking for an illustrator, travelling around Toronto, looking for portfolios for 'The Paperbag Princess'", Munsch reminisced. "Michael's rough for Elizabeth and the dragon was clearly the way to go." The storyteller remains in awe of his collaborator's work.

Munsch is clearly an advocate for children, creating stories revolving around children's concerns, featuring strong children. He has not been afraid to show that adults can sometimes be stupid, though adults are also portrayed in a very tender light in stories such as 'Love You Forever'.

The book publishing world has embraced Munsch's themes, although some of the critics remain unconvinced



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Canadian author Robert Munsch had the crowd of all ages enthralled Friday afternoon when he spoke at the 2001 Language Arts Festival, held on the campus of Bishop's University. Students from grades one to 11 were in attendance.

by his work.

"There are academic kid lit types who write puzzled reviews asking 'Why do children like this stuff?' said Munsch.

The two days of writing workshops featuring fiction writers, journalists, documentary makers, and poets was a resounding success.

"This is unique. The festival is the only one for children of all ages" said Paulette Losier, Principal of Sherbrooke

Elementary School and one of the organizers of the festival.

She mentioned the generosity of Robert Munsch with his time.

Losier had high praise for all of the volunteers who helped out with the festival as well as the corporate and community sponsors.

"There's the desire to continue doing this when we get the write-ups the children do, we can see how this inspires them," she said.

CJMQ holds first AGM since switch to FM

On Thursday, May 24 at 6 p.m., CJMQ will host its Annual General Meeting in the station offices, located in room 107 of the Marjorie Donald Student Union Building at Bishop's University.

The event will mark CJMQ's first AGM since its formation as an independent non-profit corporation last summer.

"This is a tremendous step forward," said Matthew Sheppard, President of the CJMQ Board of Directors

"While the radio station has been moving forward since its inauguration on the FM dial five years ago, this marks the moment in which CJMQ is recognized as a legitimate, legally incorporated broadcast entity."

Previously, the station was governed by the Bishop's University Student Representative Council.

Since its move to FM in 1995, CJMQ has overcome many obstacles to stay on the air, including financial challenges, numerous personnel changes, and other roadblocks plaguing campus radio stations. Despite that, however, Sheppard believes that CJMQ has a very promising future.

"CJMQ is now more stable than it has ever been, with a full broadcast roster, a dynamic Board of Directors, and substantial community support," said Sheppard.

Issues on the agenda at the AGM include the election of board members for the 2001-02 fiscal year, amendments to the station's constitution and general discussion of the station's focus and objectives for the upcoming year.

Incoming Station Manager, Benjamin Storey, who takes over the reins in late August, will also be intro-

duced to the general membership. The meeting will be open to the public.

"This AGM will be an opportunity for the public to come out and find out more about CJMQ, how it operates and to have a say in the station's future," Sheppard said.

ON THE RECORD WITH CJMQ



JIM MORRIS

The station's summer schedule is now running and will continue until September of this year. The new lineup features CJMQ's characteristic blend of various musical forms and styles, including pop, punk, jazz, classical, country, electronic, world beat, and rock 'n' roll. Several interesting spoken-word programs are also

featured in the new schedule. Full programming details will be available on CJMQ's web site (cjqm.uni.cc) in the coming weeks.

Volunteers are always welcome at the station, especially now since, with the end of the Bishop's winter semester, the bulk of our volunteer base has left the Townships for the summer.

Currently, we are looking for people to help out in such areas as news broadcasting, cataloging and organizing records, production, and public relations.

Community members are also encouraged to submit show proposals for CJMQ's fall schedule, which will begin in September 2001. We invite anyone who wishes to get involved with the station — or anyone seeking information about CJMQ or its Board of Directors — to visit our web site or contact either Alex Megelas, Station Manager, or myself at 822-9600, ext. 2689.

Interested writers in Lennoxville area to contribute to Record supplements

The Record is currently seeking a team of energetic and innovative correspondent reporters from the greater Lennoxville area to work for an expanding Lennoxville Link and Talk of the Townships section

The supplements, which run every Tuesday and Thursday in The Record, aim to raise awareness of events, associations and people in the Lennoxville community. Articles range from the promotion of community events to previewing music concerts to communicating human interest stories. Community groups and associations from Lennoxville are also welcome to submit their events to both sections

If interested, call Jamie Zachary at (819) 569-6345, or send a sample of a published article, attention Jamie Zachary, at 1195 Galt E., Sherbrooke J1G 1Y7.

LENNOXVILLE BRIEFS

Firefighter's Competition postponed

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The annual Lennoxville Extrication Competition, which had been scheduled for Victoria Day weekend, has been postponed until August 11 & 12 due to limited participation. Although the Lennoxville Volunteer Firefighter's Association spent months campaigning for teams to compete in the firefighters competition, only Compton and Eaton had shown interest.

With the new dates, teams from farther away have expressed an interest in their participation. Fire departments from Chelsea and Cantley, Quebec have shown interest, as have Hamilton, Ontario and the Pearson International Airport. The winning team at the two-day competition is guaranteed a place at the World's later this year.

The association also needs donations of door prizes, as well as cars to use in the competition. For more information, call Scott Passmore at 566-0735.

Local bookstore hosts creative writing workshops

Shannon Wilmot
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LENNOXVILLE

For the past four years a dynamic group of literature enthusiasts have been meeting once a week to share and refine their writing skills.

The workshops, which take place at Black Cats Books, located at 168 Queen Street, Lennoxville, originated from the efforts of store owner Janice La Duke, who created them to provide support and motivation in people's writing. Now, as the comprehensive gathering has grown over the past four years, the underlying goal is still to motivate each others writing and to share ideas.

Participants of the workshops have varied, and La Duke tries to encourage everyone to attend. The workshops consist of several different exercises, including character and story building, as well as constructive criticism of participant's writing. Additionally, workshop members are encouraged to share their manuscripts.

The present creative writing workshops runs every Tuesday, from 7-10 p.m., until June 19. For more information call 346-1786, or visit Black Cats Books.

Pub hosts all-night jam

LENNOXVILLE

The Maysen Pub in Lennoxville hosts an all night Electric Jam Session on Saturday, May 26. Several local bands and artists will kick off the evening performances at 7 p.m., running to 3 a.m.

Admission for spectators and musicians is a \$5 donation, which will be given to the Children's Wish Foundation. Free beverages will be provided to the playing musicians, donated by Molson.

To get involved, or for more information call (819) 563 0932.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

The annual Lennoxville Extrication Competition, which was to be held Victoria Day, has been postponed to August 11 & 12 due to limited entries.

Dance company lifts off at Bishop's

Performance represents the culmination of a year's work

By Catherine Dean
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SHERBROOKE

The Sursaut Dance Company will bring its completed version of *Portrait de famille et de ses invités* to Centennial Theatre at Bishop's University later this month.

The Sherbrooke-based company, choreographed and directed by Francine Châteauvert, is one of the few dance companies in the country to present works for youth and the family. Although this performance is the culmination of work begun last year, its director believes that it is continually evolving.

"With creation, there is never a final version," Châteauvert said.

"When you are in front of the public, it's the beginning of another process. We're more stressed this year and there's a lot of change, but the exploration was just the base and now the characters are more developed and other characters have been born. The choreography is more developed."

Five female and two male dancers, including Adam Dymburt, the group's administrative director, bring this portrait of a family and friends together. The addition of spectacular costumes and props gives the piece its depth.

"The costumes and props are very important in this piece," said Pamela Newell, rehearsal mistress and teacher with Studio 303 and Concordia University in Montreal.

"It is part of the creation. When the costumes and props come in, the work

takes a big jump. The decor is less linear and more like a collage and overlaps around the line between 'Portrait de famille et de ses invités'.

Châteauvert explains the dance performance as a portrait that moves from the realistic into the fantastic, with constant references to the everyday throughout the presentation.

"With such props as a house, chair, bench and foot rest, there is a reference to daily life," Châteauvert said.

"But daily life changes into the fantastic. As the piece has developed, the fantastic world is more present. We're using every day things, but we're putting a magnifying glass to them. There's a couple in pyjamas before going to bed — we're zooming in on every day life.

Châteauvert added that to look at intimacy through the small things is sometimes the right moment.

"Portrait de famille' is not a linear story," Châteauvert explained.

"This is not a story with a beginning and an ending, but I always start with images and time of day and night.

There is a family with four members and there are five guests. Sometimes it is more realistic and sometimes more fantastic, but always connected with the family. It's dance, but I call it dance/theatre because I work a lot with theatrical movements."

As Newell has been working with the company for approximately three weeks, Châteauvert explains the importance in having her as an outside opinion on the making of the production.

"Pamela asks me questions and sometimes I have the answers and sometimes I don't," Châteauvert said.

"Sometimes she sees new connections in the work. We sift through the choreography and work on the dynamics and rhythm and timing of certain things.

With humour and theatricality all is in the timing. Sometimes when you're inside of something, you think you're showing more than you're showing. If you do things a little faster or slower, the dance reads differently. That's my job, to read it and say 'No, take your time there,' or 'Move it along.' I'm screaming a lot, but in a good sense."

Although Sursaut Dance prides itself on doing work for young people, it does not talk down to its audience.

"The work has layers that may not be totally obvious for the children," Newell said.

"It has layers that can appeal to everyone. Maybe the children will miss some of the complex things and the adults will get them."

Added Châteauvert: "Or vice-versa. I realized even when I was doing a show



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SURSAUT DANCE COMPANY

The Sursaut Dance company presents its completed version of *Portrait de famille et de ses invités* at Centennial Theatre at Bishop's University from May 24-27.

for adults, there was something in my adult show that was close to children. Children are very demanding. If a kid doesn't like something, they're not polite. They express themselves — they're very direct."

Last year, the company presented *Les Excentriques* in Quebec and Ontario. Next year, Sursaut will bring its Quebec-flavoured *Nutcracker Suite* to Nova Scotia, Ontario and P.E.I.

There are also plans to remount *Portrait de famille et de ses invités* and take it on tour.

Portrait de famille et de ses invités Dance theatre for youth and the family is presented at Centennial Theatre at Bishop's University, Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m. School matinees are performed May 24 and 25 at 1:30 p.m. For ticket information call (819) 822-9692.

Pipe band continues busy season

Staff
LENNOXVILLE

The Eastern Townships Heritage Pipe Band continues a very busy season this month with their annual "Let's Have a Ceilidh" dance on May 26 at the Hut.

Later this summer, the band will be competing at the North American Championships in Maxville, Ontario on Aug. 4, followed with a performance at the Highland Games in Montreal the next day. On Aug. 25, the pipe band continues its season with a show in Almonte, Ontario, and a Sept. 15 performance in Loon Mountain, New Hampshire.

The Pipe Band is also participating in Steve Thorne's "Highland Arts

Summer Camp" from July 23 to Aug. 3 at the Lennoxville Curling Club.



Artistic Director Francine Châteauvert.

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Our School's Page

LENNOXVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Math competition taught value of teamwork

Both grade three classes sent teams to the ETSB grade three math competition at Waterloo Elementary last month. The students worked hard preparing themselves for the competition and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They learned the value of teamwork and perseverance, while also having a great time. Congratulations to all the team members!

Cycle 3 Survival

The cycle three classes (grades five and six) worked together on a survival theme to explore the team and cross curricular approach of the new curriculum reform. All four classes and six teachers worked as a team to share expertise, responsibilities and pool resources to enrich and enhance the learning experience.

Novels chosen by the teachers shared the theme of survival. Stu-

dents in grade five did their research papers, drama, creative writing and art work, all on the themes they explored in their novel Hatchet. Grade 6C did their projects on the northern areas of Canada, where their novel Brian's Winter took place.

Grade 6K tracked the Ididarod and designed their own dogsled teams based on their novel Woodsong. In French class the students read books individually, and then worked in teams to find the common themes. They also played survival tag in phys ed class.

The class work was enhanced with a trip to Val Estrie, where the students learned some outdoor survival techniques first hand. They had a guest speaker, Greg Osowski, who is a survival expert from Vermont and they finished their team topic with a

special viewing of the film Castaway at Centennial Theatre. All in all the students and teachers are much better prepared and well informed in wilderness survival!

Magic Show

The students of Lennoxville Elementary would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to all those individuals who supported the school by purchasing tickets and attending the Magic show at A.G.R.H.S. on Saturday. A very special thank you to the organizers, members of the PPO and GB, individuals from Alexander Galt who gave of their time and community partners who made this event possible.

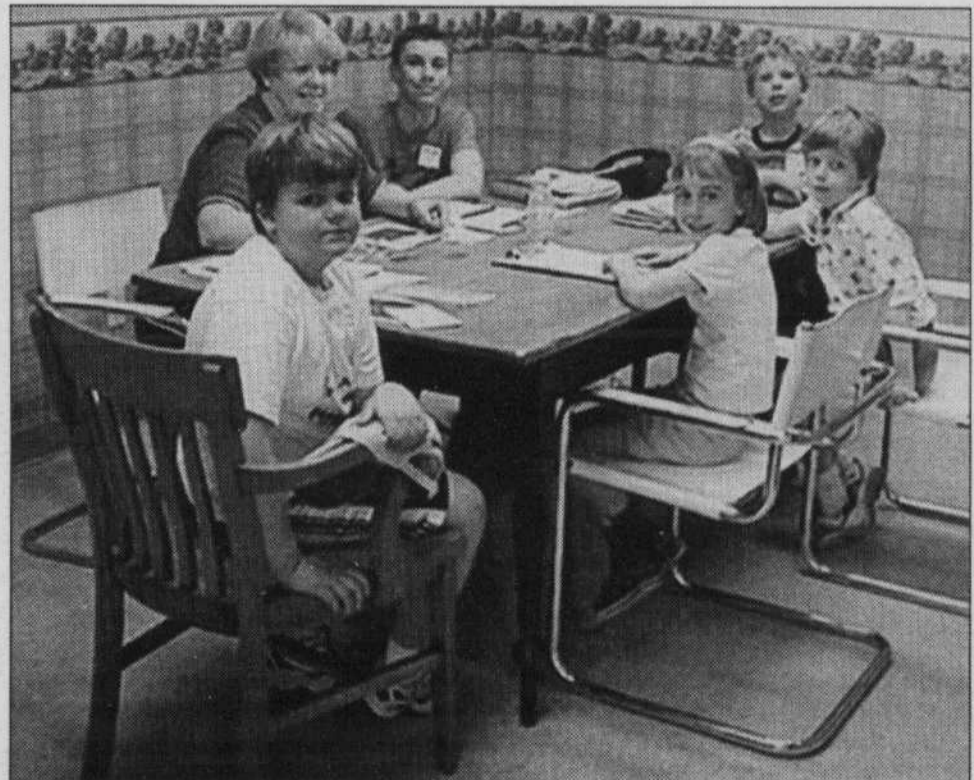


PHOTOS COURTESY OF LENNOXVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The student at LES were delighted to be entertained by the puppetry of Diane Bouchard (above and below). This internationally known puppeteer gave presentations to all the students. The most delightful part of the workshop presentation came when each student took part in a shadow puppet presentation.



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Sports

Pipers reach finals of LCC baseball tourney

Ashbury College routs Alexander Galt 14-1 in championship

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The good news for the Galt Pipers baseball team was the fact that they reached the finals of the Lower Canada College invitational baseball tournament Friday afternoon in Montreal.

The bad news was that Ashbury College soundly defeated them 14-1 in the title game.

"Let's say they were a bit overpowering and a definite cut above the other three teams," Piper manager Bob Halsall said after the blowout.

Ashbury took advantage of a definite age advantage, fielding a team with five 19-years-old players.

"The Ontario schools can use players from Grade 12 and Grade 13 and their experience and physical maturity makes a big difference," Halsall said.

Ashbury took advantage of starter Brent Loach's control problems to jump to a 9-0 lead after three innings. Loach walked six batters, and they all came in to score as the Ottawa school controlled every aspect of the game.

The Pipers got some redemption in the final inning when Rick Dezan drove in Eric Prah to spoil Ashbury's shutout bid. Prah had led the inning off with a booming triple

Dominik Desbois was the one bright spot in the Galt offensive attack with

two hits.

Galt played a much better game in the opener as Eric Prah outdueled Jonah Poupos in a 5-3 Piper win.

Prah picked up the win with five solid innings in which he limited the LCC to just one hit and one unearned run while striking out seven.

Mark Warnholtz pitched the final inning and picked up the save despite yielding two runs, one of them earned.

"We played well against LCC," Halsall said. "The two starters (Prah and Poupas) played against each other in AAA baseball before and they put on a good show."

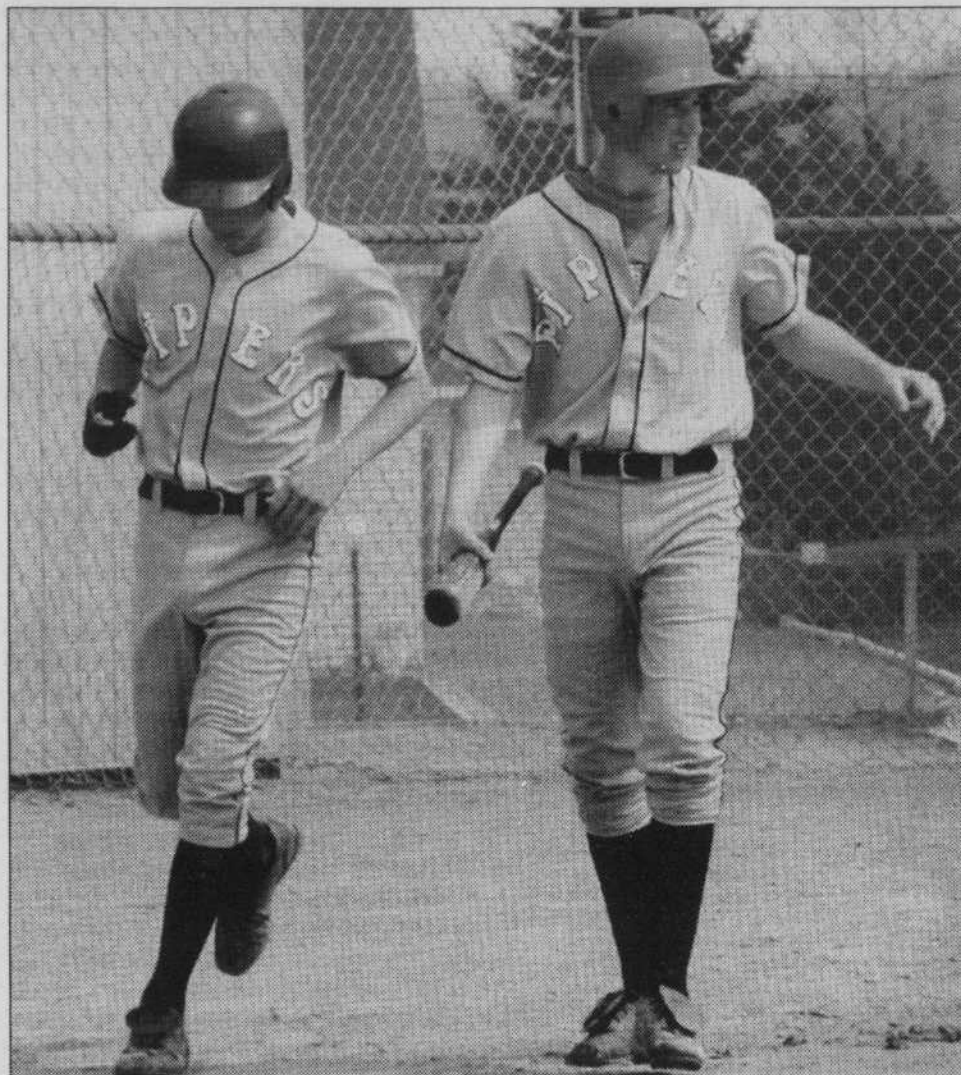
The Pipers picked up single runs in the first two innings, but LCC cut the lead to 2-1 with an unearned run in the top of the third.

Prah opened the game with a walk and came in on a forced out by Rick Dean. Speed played a big part in the Pipers' second run as Desbois singled, stole second and third and then came home on an errant throw by the Lions' catcher.

Galt put the game out of reach with a pair of runs in their half of the fourth and a single run in the fifth.

Pat Coley's run-scoring double highlighted the two-run fourth inning, while pinch-hitter Tom Price drove in Prah for the team's final run in the fifth inning.

Desbois had another strong offensive performance with a pair of hits, three stolen bases and one run scored. Not bad for a player in his first year of organized baseball.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Alexander Galt Pipers were scoring runs early in the Lower Canada College invitational baseball tournament, but managed to only score once in the 14-1 loss to Ashbury College in the championship final.

Expos start home stand tonight against Dodgers

Montreal looks to build on modest two game winning streak

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

There is nothing like a trip to Coors Field to pull a team out of a hitting slump, and the Montreal Expos batters are the latest to benefit from that in a recent three-games series against the Rockies.

Coors Field is a pitchers nightmare and a hitters haven, proving to be no different for the Expos this weekend, who scored 22 runs Saturday and Sunday to take two out of three from the Rockies in Denver.

By contrast, the team had managed just 15 runs in their five previous games. You know a team is in trouble when their top two hitters are pitchers Javier Vazquez and Guillermo Mota.

But the Expos showed signs of breaking out this past weekend.

Montreal hit nine homers in the series after coming to Coors Field with just 28. The Expos improved to 5-0 when hitting at least three homers. They had four on Saturday and three on Sunday.

Milton Bradley set career highs with four hits and five RBI in Sunday's 14-10 win over Colorado.

In the same game, Jose Vidro tied a career high with four runs scored, raising his average to .309 (the best among regular players) with seven homers and 19 RBIs.

GUERRERO CATCHING FIRE

More importantly was the hitting of slugger Vladimir Guerrero, who ap-

pears to be back to his all-star form. Guerrero has raised his average to .299 and has begun to hit with power. The right fielder has seven dingers, and has drove in 21 runners in a little over a month into the season.

Both of these numbers need to improve if the Expos are to continue their winning ways in the upcoming nine-game home stand, which begins tonight against the Los Angeles Dodgers (leaders in the NL West).

The weekend victories allowed Montreal to win their first series since sweeping the New York Mets April 6-8.

The Expos, currently at 15-23, moved out of the basement in the National League East division by virtue of winning the series against the Rockies.

Montreal is a half-game up on the New York Mets, who sit at the bottom of the five-team division at 14-23.

EXPOS RETURN TO BIG O

Montreal is eight games back of the upstart Philadelphia Phillies, and have a great opportunity to keep things rolling as they return to Olympic Stadium.

With three consecutive home series' against the Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and Mets, the Expos need to keep the wins coming with solid pitching and hot bats.

And hopefully with some cheering fans in the stands.

Notes: Vidro leads the team in hitting, despite Guerrero's latest charge... Seven Rockies hitters have a batting average of over .300, thanks in part to the light air in Denver and the offensive-friendly Coors Field... Tonight's game will be the first home affair that will be broadcast on radio in two years.



Sports

Tkachuk's personality welcome in St. Louis

Blues hope veterans can boost morale to steal series against Colorado powerhouse

DENVER
SOUTHAM NEWS

Dallas Drake, who has had the unique pleasure of Keith Tkachuk's company for eight straight years, tried to warn the rest of the St. Louis Blues about the force of nature which was about to blow through their locker room.

But, like so many things in life, you can't really appreciate Tkachuk until you experience him for yourself.

Sunday, for example, the 29-year-old Bostonian was in an expansive mood. True, the Blues were thumped 4-1 by the Colorado Avalanche in Game 1 of the Western final - "That wasn't us," he said. "We had Bambi legs or something. You won't see that again." - but he saw no reason why that loss should sour him for two days in a row.

He's asked about the grey hairs that are starting to appear on his thinning dome.

"You'd be grey too if you were the captain of the Phoenix Coyotes," he said.

Shortly thereafter Drake walked by. "One of the reasons I'm such a bad player is because of Dallas Drake," he bellows.

"No, Dally is my favourite player in the NHL. But he's on the all-mutt team (Drake has accumulated a few facial scars in his his nine-year NHL career). He scares children when he smiles that's why we have to play at night."



Keith Tkachuk is happy he's in a St. Louis uniform these days and not wearing a Phoenix Coyotes sweater. The team joker has been leading the team in the dressing room since being traded.

The new Slapshot sequel is then brought to his attention. Tkachuk has seen the original roughly 2,987 times, can quote the entire script verbatim and believes he's Reg Dunlop (the Paul Newman character) incarnate. He is, however, despondent about one thing.

"Why didn't they call me?," he asked. "I'd be perfect for that movie."

Well, either that or the next Tom Green vehicle.

"Walt (Tkachuk) is a little different," offered the ever-patient Drake. "But that's OK. This room was pretty quiet before he arrived. We needed him."

Just as he needed the Blues.

Tkachuk - who's twice scored 50, who's pulling down just under \$8 million U.S. this season - finally earned a more substantial reward this April when he made it past the opening round of the playoffs for the first time in his nine NHL seasons. Since coming over to the Blues, in fact, he's played the most significant hockey of his career, enlivened the Blues' locker room and found a new home and a new audience for his routine.

Add it up and it's been a fairly eventful couple of months for Tkachuk. And you don't have to guess if he's excited about any of those developments.

"Are you kidding me?" said Tkachuk, who came over to the Blues from Phoenix in a deadline deal in March. "I'm usually playing golf this time of year. Nobody was more pumped than I was when we beat San Jose (in the first round). I couldn't get the smile off my face.

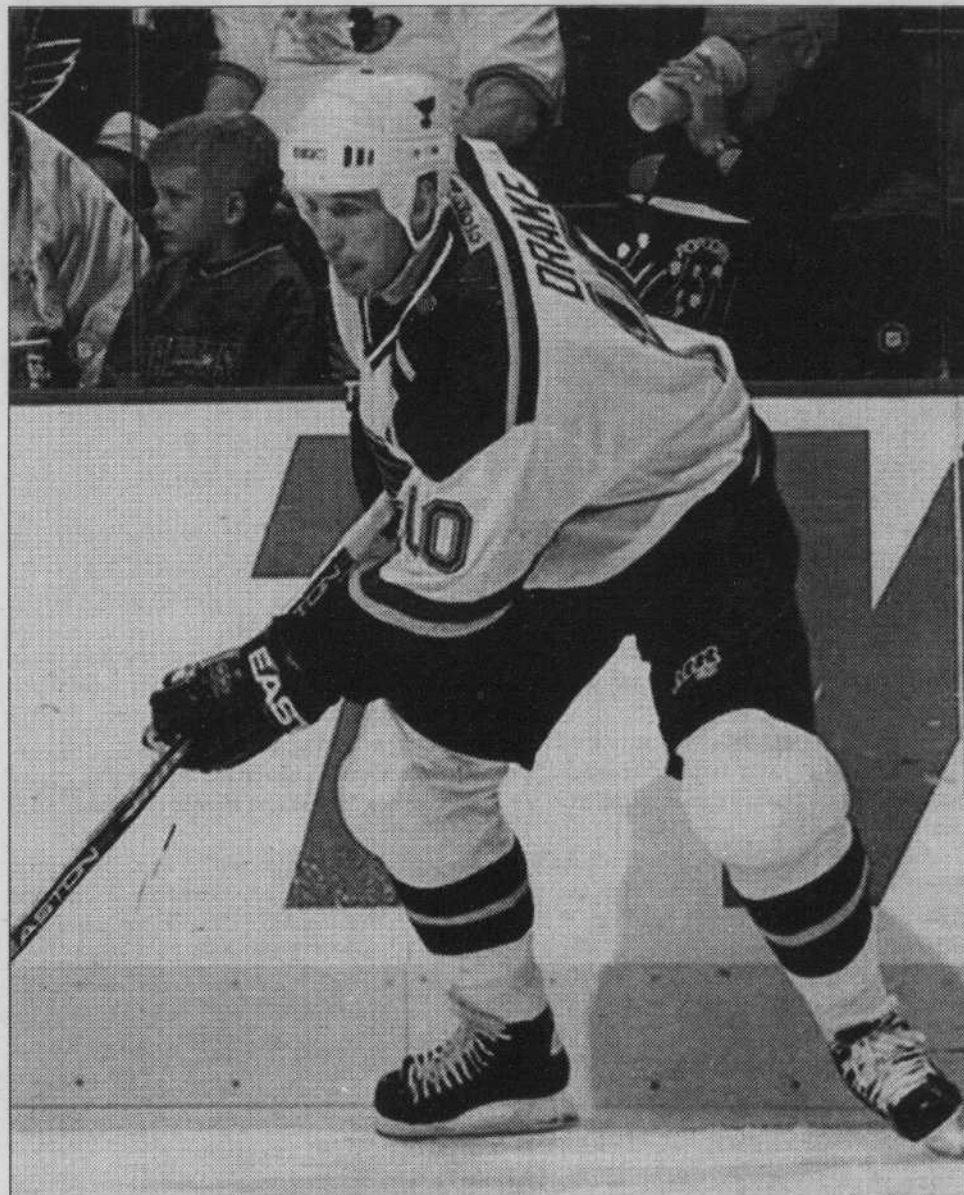
"It was tough to swallow all those years when they were basically calling you a loser. But here the focus isn't on me. It's on the St. Louis Blues. I'm just trying to fit in."

And it might not be quietly but he's fit like a Latex glove in St. Louis. On the ice, Tkachuk, along with Drake, Scott Mellanby and Sean Hill, have helped change the Blues from a softish, largely European-skill team to a playoff-tough ensemble which plays with a nasty disposition. Off the ice, though, is where the biggest changes have come for the one-time wild child.

Tkachuk, his wife Chantele and their two young sons are now building a home in the Missouri city and, while he's an unrestricted free agent at the end of this season, the inference is the Blues will sign him to a long-term deal.

Now, there was a time when the concept of setting down roots wasn't exactly consistent with Tkachuk's world view.

Then life, as is its wont, caught up



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. LOUIS BLUES

Dallas Drake warned his teammates that a 'force of nature' was about to blow in the dressing room when Keith Tkachuk arrived in St. Louis. He was right.

with him. Chantele suffered a miscarriage in their first attempt at a child before three-year-old Matthew came along, followed by Braden 18 months later.

You can guess what happened next. "It's been unbelievable," Tkachuk said with a goofy grin splitting his face. "I have all this responsibility now. You have to grow up. It's wild. Every day we go to the park and play

baseball and I have a blast. Your priorities change. They have to change."

And change, he's learned, can be a really good thing.

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TKACHUK AND THE BLUES FACED THE COLORADO AVALANCHE IN GAME TWO OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE FINAL LAST NIGHT IN DENVER. THE SERIES MOVES TO ST. LOUIS LATER THIS WEEK.

Have your team in the headlines!

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From the Pens of E.T. Writers

What's going on in this world

What's going on in this world no wonder it's doomed to destruction
Satan's wicked lures teeny-weeny bikinied hot popping poses in sin
Passion runs wild no wonder we see what's going on in this world
Blowing up buildings with people inside burning houses for insurance.

What's going on in this world rape break ins murder adultery everywhere
Atomic weapons in all nations it is said they will destroy themselves
Nation will rise against nation they will seek peace but there'll be none
They will use their weapons their eyes will dry up in their sockets.

What's going on in this world religion will fall it's beginning to be a
Tragic dark world fate will be fall us Jesus said my time is not yet many
Many will come in my name saying I am Jesus others will say he is in the Desert do
not go they will say he is in the palace they lie its untrue.

What's going on in this world Jesus said my name will be preached through
Out the whole inhabited earth then the end will come he told apostles
Look up the sun will fade the moon will not yield its light the stars
Will fall I will be seen with my angels in the mist coming to earth.

Harold Hodge
Lennoxville, Que.

Beach Buddy Lovers

Your love is like the waves of the sea slowly-overpowering me
Rolling up onto the beach then onto me so thrillingly
I don't know if you can feel it but your love has made a hit
Because the rolling waves of the sea are so enchanting to me.

Loving to walk on the beach strolling hand-in-hand
Feeling on our feet the soft blowings and (blowing sand)
Holding each other beneath the hot rays of the sun
Leaning and kissing realizing the love of beach - buddies has begun.

Yes, in the memory of our minds' eye we have many things to be thankful for
The first kiss, the first touch are hard real hard to leave behind
We can't help wish we were beach buddies all over again
Yes, beach buddies tanning under the summers' sun.

True friends are so hard to find having love for you in mind
Yes your love enchanted me can't you see it's true
Down by the sea is where we love to be, you and I
Feeling the mist on our faces and on your body tanning skin too.

When your arms wrap around me so tight; in the moon-light
Arouses senses I think this love is so right; for beach buddy lovers
Trying to push each other into the water we begin to fuss and fret
Then feeling your leg touch mine I remember boy-oh-boy it sure felt fine.

Eloise Irwin

Sutton Shirley Clarkson

Evelyn and Eldon Judd have returned home after spending a week with their daughter Linda and Gerald Kraak, in St. Jacobs, Ont. While there they visited their granddaughter and Daren Roth and brand new great-grandson, Lewis, in Baden, Ont.

Congratulations to Steven Lamb, who was honoured in having a poem "Perfect

World" accepted and published in their book of poems by "The International Library of Poetry."

Old friends and neighbours are saddened upon hearing the news of the passing of Earland Marco, in Oshawa, Ont.

Ida Bates is once again home after heart surgery in Montreal.

Kinnear's Mills Mrs. Audrey Allan

Get well wishes to Lawrence Allan, who spent several days in Thetford General Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery. Callers at the Allan Home have been: Joy Nugent, Jim and Shirley Porter, Dale and Hélène Nugent, Bob Blais, Linda and Don Rothney, Lynn Rothney and Jean Powell, Keith and Phyllis Allan, Rev. Ross Davidson, Elaine and Francis Côté, Dixie and Jessica Trepanier, Raymond and Janet Dempsey, Fred Bouffard, Lois and Oliva Paradis.

Friends in this area were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Garnet Morrison. Deepest sympathy to Ruth Beatrice, Pauline and Ulric Nutbrown and all family members. Service was held at Candlish United with burial at Riverside Memorial Cemetery.

Eric, Helen and Rick MacRae and Eric Allan spent several days in the Toronto area visiting with family members.

Kenneth and Linda Allan and family of Napanee, Ont., spent part of the spring break at Blinkbonnie Farm.

Friends offer their sincere condolences to Helen and Victor Lowry and family in the recent passing of Mrs. Dora Henderson.

A surprise birthday dinner was held Tuesday noon for Linda Guy Rothney at Piazza Restaurant, Thetford Mines.

Joy Nugent returned home on Saturday, having spent two weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson in Montreal West. She also spent time with Donald and Marlene Nugent and family, Pointe Claire. David Thompson spent the weekend at "Tweedside."

John Allan of Dartmouth, N.S., was an overnight guest of the Lawrence Allan's enroute to Montreal to visit his sister Sheila, who was able to spend some time at her apartment (following a stay at the Catherine Booth Hospital).

Don and Linda Rothney of Cookshire spent Friday last with Lawrence, Audrey, Charlie and Jamie Allan. At the supper hour Kenny, Linda and family arrived to spend Easter with the family.

Lincoln Egan and Allan Henderson were callers at Blinkbonnie Farm. Keith and Phyllis Allan spent Tuesday at the farm, where Keith enjoyed time at the sugar camp.

Members of Megantic County Historical Society held the spring meeting at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Inverness.

Michael and Gisèle MacHarg from South Royalton, Vt., spent an afternoon visiting with Lawrence and Audrey Allan.

Deaths

CUTTS, Winifred Atkins - Left us to be with Bob and Andrew. Passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2001 at age 93 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que. Beloved wife of the late Robert Cutts and loving nanny of the late Andrew Cutts. She leaves to mourn her three children; Elizabeth (Russ Hyman), Lois (Bert Luce) and Murray (Sherrie Ann Hadlock). Cherished grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. At her request, there will be no visitation, there will be cremation and a private family interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Because of their loving care to the elderly, those wishing may make a donation to The Connaught Home, 77 Main St., Box 629, North Hatley, Que., JOB 2C0. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Homes Inc., (819) 564-1750.

JOHNSTON, Lillian (nee Sloane) - Passed away suddenly at her home on Monday, May 14th, 2001, Lillian Johnston in her 64th year. Loving mother of Donna (Terry Coddington), St-Felix de Kingsey, Que., Sheila, Lennoxville, Que., Bruce, Pamela (Gaby Gingras) and Raymond (Heidi) all of Brockville, Ont., Gail (Keary Long) of Maricourt, Que., and the late Larry. Lillian also leaves to mourn her grandchildren George, Danny, Samantha and Sharina, Jonathan and Nancy, Corey and Kayla, as well as her sister Annie (George Healy) of Brockville, Ont., her mother-in-law Elfrieda Johnston along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principal S., Richmond, Que., where friends may visit on Tuesday, May 15th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and on Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. A funeral will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Patricia Lisson officiating. Interment in the St-Anne's Cemetery. Donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Quebec Diabetic Association would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Interment

ASTBURY, Madeline - Interment of the late Madeline Astbury will be held Saturday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ayer's Cliff Cemetery.

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2 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Keep trucking down partner's road

By Phillip Alder

Humor often features an unexpected conclusion, as in this stanza by T.S. Eliot:

And the wind shall say "Here were decent godless people;

Their only monument the asphalt road

And a thousand lost golf balls."

When defending, unless you can see the contract sinking for sure, you should be happy to let partner steer you down the road, asphalt or otherwise. As unusual as that is, maybe he knows what he is doing!

This deal occurred during the 1975 European Championships, in the open match between Belgium and Greece. How did East-West defeat four hearts?

North bid aggressively, calling his hand a limit raise with three hearts. However, he did that because he liked the secondary club fit. If South had rebid two diamonds, North would have settled for two hearts.

West, George Roussos, led the diamond queen; East, Hercules Matrangas, overtook with his king and returned the spade jack. Thinking his partner had switched to a singleton, West won with the ace and played back a spade.

When East didn't ruff, declarer probably felt happy, but he was in for disappointment. When he played a trump to his jack, West won with the ace and led another spade. East's ruff with the heart nine effected an uppercut, promoting West's 10 as the setting trick.

West could also have defeated the game with an unlikely opening club lead. Declarer cannot get his 10 tricks established without losing three diamond tricks, or suffering what actually happened, or going under to a club ruff by West.

Your sister's response showed you what she is really like

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 15-year-old girl living overseas in Europe. My father is a career officer with the U.S. Army. We have been here for five years, and I love it. The problem is my parents. They are overly protective and make me feel like a 5-year-old.

Although I have never given them cause to worry about me, they monitor my every move. Whenever I am invited to go anywhere, my parents insist on knowing exactly where I will be and with whom. Teenagers don't always plan things, Ann. Sometimes we go places on the spur of the moment. When I tell my folks, "I don't know where I'm going or who will be there," they say, "Sorry, you're not going."

I admit that some of the kids I hang out with have done some questionable things and gotten into trouble, but they are good kids inside. I wish my parents would stop being so judgmental and accept them as they really are.

I love my parents a lot, Ann, but they

don't see things the way I do. How can I get them to be more understanding? — Locked Up in Germany

Dear Locked Up: Be grateful that your parents care enough about you to pay close attention to where you go and with whom. You say some of your friends "have done some questionable things and gotten into trouble." This sounds as if you aren't the best judge of companions to hang out with.

Abide by the rules, and rest assured that you will be given more freedom when your parents feel certain you can handle it responsibly. Meanwhile, invite your friends to your home so your parents can get to know them. If they really are "good kids inside," it will give your parents a chance to find out. It will also provide those troubled kids with another set of parents who are looking out for them.

Dear Ann Landers: Five years ago, my "Aunt Bea" informed me that my sister and I were equal beneficiaries of her estate. Shortly after, Aunt Bea changed her mind and decided to leave everything to my sister. The reason she did this

was because my 20-year-old daughter sued me for more child support.

Aunt Bea and my daughter never did get along. She did not want my daughter to have any chance of getting anything from the estate and was very clear about it. She instructed me to let her know when my financial obligations to my daughter ended. I did so three years later. Aunt Bea then said she would modify her will to include me once again. Unfortunately, Aunt Bea died a month later — before she had a chance to change her will. My sister inherited everything.

My sister was well aware of Aunt Bea's intentions, but when I brought up the subject, she said, "Tough luck." I could not believe she would be so selfish. I lost my house in the divorce settlement years ago and am just beginning to get back on my feet. If the situation were reversed, I surely would have shared the money with my sister. Is there anything I can do? — A Heartbroken Brother

Dear Heartbroken Brother: Unfortunately, the law is on your sister's side, and she is indeed entitled to inherit everything. If you can somehow show that Aunt Bea intended to leave you part of her estate, you could sue, but there are no guarantees that you would win.

Your sister's "tough luck" response showed you what she is really like. So, dear brother, now you know.



Beland-Vanoli wedding

The parents of Donald Beland, Karen Ross of North Hatley and James Beland of Lennoxville, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son to Gerrie Vanoli of Cincinnati, Ohio. Donald and Gerrie exchanged wedding vows on December 5, 2000 on the Island of Maui in Hawaii. The newlyweds are currently residing in Cincinnati. Don currently works as an I.T. Professional for Lenscrafters and Gerrie is a H.R. Manager for Gap Inc.

Compton County W.I. Bursaries

Our Women's Institute is offering five bursaries this year to students who are going on to further their education after high school. Applicants must be residents of Compton County and graduates of Alexander Regional High School. One of these bursaries, The Walter Hodgman Memorial Bursary, is designed for a student who wishes to pursue a career related to agriculture.

Application forms are available from the Guidance Offices at Alexander Galt or from Mrs. Fitzsimmons at 872-3628.

Card party and salad supper

On Monday, April 30th, a card party followed by a salad supper, was held in the Sawyerville Community Center for the benefit of the Compton County Women's Institute Bursary Fund. Cards were played at 12 tables with several local people coming in for supper.

Prize winners were Muriel Prescott, 1st, Eileen Lowe, 2nd and Shirley Grey, consolation for the ladies, Rena Lassenba (playing in the place of a man), 1st, Archie Nelson 2nd, and Harris Olsson, consolation for the gents.

Door prizes were won by Lavina French, Lillian Cook, Doug Mackay, Ghislaine Lauzon, Beulah Turnbull, Peggy Batley, Sheila Bellam, Virginia Lasenba, Dorothy Shattuck, Bob Turnbull, Helen Taylor, Ferne Parker, Lucy Blair, Gladys Morrison, Alma Quinn, Bertrand Lauzon, Serena Wintle and Nina Rowell.

Special prizes went to Sam Lake for having a successful 9 bid the most times, Alma Quinn, the most skunks, winning in a draw, and Eleanor Taylor for having the Joker with no face cards the most times.

The box of groceries was won by Sam Lake and the 2nd drawing was won by Helen Taylor.

Nina Rowell

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: T equals W

'GPS WOYDGV NW PYVKOIMV OUS
NWGSI BOYVSM KL GPS SEBSV
ZAUGYSV NW GPSAU TAZSV.' -

BNDSSGGS

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KIT N' CARLYLE



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This is a part-time position (20-25 hours a week) that will extend from mid-June to November 2001.

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This plea was made by Dr. Manuel Jinbachian, former Coordinator of United Bible Society translation teams in Europe and the Middle East, during his absorbing address to members of the Sherbrooke and District branch of the

Canadian Bible Society, at their annual meeting held May 1st in Plymouth-Trinity United Church.

Dr. Jinbachian stated that society today needs to find direction - to hear that Jesus Christ came into the world to

save sinners. The work of Bible translators helps to spread this life-giving message from the vastness of Russia to the tiny island of Papua-New Guinea. Dr. Jinbachian's 87-year-old father reads the Bible and prays twice a day. Dedicated Christians like him uphold the Bible Society workers in their prayers.

Mr. Ronald Rublee, Honorary President of the Sherbrooke Branch of the Society, took the chair for the election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were President - Mr. Brian Allatt and Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Catherine Wark.

The Rev. Georges Legault, Montreal District Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, discussed the new edition of the Contemporary English Bible which is being sold in quantity for a low price. He also reminded members of the Bikes for Bibles Run to be held August 3 to 11 and the popular Bible a Month Club.

A most enjoyable musical interlude was offered by Mr. David Heath.

The meeting was preceded by a delicious supper provided by the Sherbrooke and District Protestant Churches.

*Catherine I. Wark, Secretary
Canadian Bible Society
(Sherbrooke and District)*

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Several small developments could contribute to your material well being in the year ahead. If managed properly, these can eventually become quite significant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Everything has its price, even in dealings with friends. You could learn a hard lesson today concerning this when asking for something free or even when you're giving away something.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Be prepared not to be too disappointed should you fail at your first attempt at something you're trying to do today. You'll learn from it, and your second effort should do the trick.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Shoot for neither reaching above your best abilities nor below them. Unnecessary disappointments can be avoided today if

you're realistic about what you can accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Try not to bank too heavily today on people you think will automatically do things for you simply for the asking. Even an old friend might disappoint you at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Those observing you today will make judgments about you based on the type of company you keep. Be discriminating about those you choose to be around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - It may take sustained effort today to perform your tasks and goals in a responsible manner. Without it, not much of significance is likely to be executed or completed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Think twice before volunteering to handle the resources of others today. There might be more trouble in attempting to do so than you can comfortably manage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Because you may not treat serious matters with the respect they deserve today,

chances are you're going to be both a slow starter and an ineffective finisher.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Even though your intentions will be in doing what you believe is best to satisfy the will of the majority, it isn't likely your thinking, methods or results will meet with their approval.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - This is one of those days when money and friendships do not mix, be it a proposal you submit or one they suggest. It won't matter if everyone's intentions are unselfish; it still won't work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You cannot attempt to alter the pace of your associates to fit yours today, nor can they do so with you. The timing isn't apt to be in sync, no matter how you try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - It might be all too easy today for you to blurt out secrets before you even realize what you're doing. Be extremely diligent about what you say to whom.

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- 5 Explosion
- 10 FDR's dog
- 14 One Ladd
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- 16 Current with
- 17 ___majesty
- 18 Dwight's rival
- 19 Exam
- 20 Telephone installer's advanced training?
- 23 Swiss canton
- 24 Weekday abbr.
- 25 Damage
- 27 Heroic tale
- 31 Language quirks
- 35 Literary snippets
- 36 Worries

- 38 Dundee dagger
- 39 Astronaut's advanced training?
- 43 Toward shelter
- 44 First course
- 45 Possess
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- 49 Justice Bader Ginsburg
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- 51 Iditarod ride
- 53 Ancient
- 55 Cabinetmaker's advanced training?
- 63 On the briny
- 64 Smell
- 65 Bullets, briefly
- 66 Ollie's partner in comedy
- 67 Scatter
- 68 Dispatched
- 69 Rocky crags
- 70 Holy songs
- 71 Fixer-upper phrase

- 25 Taj ___
- 26 Old-womanish
- 28 Golf norm
- 29 Angry states
- 30 Aromatic tree
- 32 Features of Russian skylines
- 33 Cat calls
- 34 Medicinal plant
- 37 Takei's "Star Trek" role
- 40 High, tasseled boots
- 41 Hipster
- 42 Like a temporary committee

- 47 South African golfer Ernie
- 48 Discuss once more
- 52 Soiled
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- 55 Eschew comestibles
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 3 Grazing lands
- 4 Look of contempt
- 5 Fictional Gil
- 6 New Jersey or California city
- 7 Singer Guthrie
- 8 Meager
- 9 Self-defense system
- 10 Sci-fi writer
- 11 Impersonator
- 12 Defeat
- 13 Poker fee
- 21 Female relative
- 22 African lute

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United Church Women's May meeting

MANSONVILLE

On Thursday, May 3, 2001 nine U.C.W. ladies were once again welcomed at the home of Roseleen and Keyworth George for a noon meal and business meeting. President Roseleen treated the group to chicken and biscuits dinner with a maple syrup cake to enjoy with team and/or coffee. The usual grace had been sung.

After her "welcome" as the business began, Roseleen asked Kathleen Barnett to read the Purpose of the United Church Women. Worship, by Bertha Smithers, began with the singing of the Doxology. She asked Mary Bailey to read from 2 Corinthians 7:2-7, then read from "Daily Bread" an article "What's A Family For?". Another hymn "Love Divine" was sung in unison and worship closed with the Lord's Prayer. The offering and postage pennies were received and dedicated.

Merry Webb prepared eight cards for signatures and mailing. Happy Birthday to Marjorie Newell, Brigit Aiken, Pearl Jewett, Quincy Magoon, Marion Gardner and Ursula Seebohm. Thinking of You for Mariette Marcoux. A sympathy card for Pearl Jewett (death of sister Kathleen Masse).

Roll Call: President: Mary Bailey, Kathleen Barnett, Lila McCoy, Louise Guilbault, Mary Jewett, Roseleen George, Bertha Smithers, Merry Webb and Mimi Laliberte. Absent: Viola Knowlton, Ursula Seebohm, Bessie

Brown, Flora Jersey and Jean McNeil.

The minutes of the last five meetings were read as entered in the Minute Book. Moved by Secretary and seconded by Lila McCoy that they be accepted with a few minor corrections. Carried.

The Easter lily had been given to Kathleen Barnett instead of Louise, since the latter was in Montreal at the time.

The treasurer's report as presented by co-treasurer, Merry Webb, revealed a comfortable increase.

Roseleen described the Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial United Church Women 39th Annual Meeting Reports - an impressive 19 page book of important information - which the Secretary took home for further study.

Correspondence was from 1) The Piggyery; 2) Thank yous from Mary Bailey, from Merton and Berton Bailey, and from Bernice Magoon.

Events: May 5 - Anglican Church Sale; May 19 - Arts and Crafts Sale in the United Church Basement; May 30 - U.C. Council meeting; June 3 - Communion with Worship Service; June 7 - U.C.W. meets; June 30 - United Church Auction, Rummage Sale and Canteen.

A history of the United Church at Dunkin was read by Roseleen.

The day closed with the usual jovial Penny Fair when surprise items became U.C.W.'s profit - accompanied by much fun.

Bertha Nichols Smithers

Fordyce Branch W.I. regular meeting

COWANSVILLE

At 1:30 p.m. on May 2, 2001 the members of Fordyce W.I. met in Emmanuel United Church Hall for their regular monthly meeting.

President Mary Rowse welcomed everyone.

Following the Mary Stewart Collect Salute to the Flag and Motto "We didn't inherit the Earth from our parents, we're borrowing it from our children."

Happy birthday was sung to Doris Dougall (May 1), Mary Rowse (May 2), Florence Ewing (May 4), Hope Jenne (May 5), Angele Fournier (May 31) and Mary Enright (May 19).

"O Canada" was sung with Irene Williams at the piano.

"Roll Call" Bring a plant to exchange or pay a fine.

Donna Luce, secretary read the minutes of the April meeting which were accepted as read.

Since Gert Barrant, Treasurer was absent, Verna Patterson pro-tem read the financial report with a favourable balance.

Some of the Fordyce W.I. went to the Brome County meeting at Bolton Center. A bus load of women are going to Macdonald's College.

Program - Convenor Paulette Mahannah gave a report on 'Agriculture on the Farm'. Hope Jenne gave a report on En-

vironment, also Margaret Bell read an article on Cowansville.

Silent auction of items such as plants, breads, jams, relish and books.

Hostesses - Reda Lewis, Norma Sherer, Hope Jenne and Eunice Stowe were thanked by the President for the lovely lunch of sweet breads and grapes.

"Pennies for Friendship and "Tea Money" were collected. Social hour enjoyed by all.

Convenor:

Rose Monteith,
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Sawyerville Jeanne Lowry

Mrs. Fred Jersey and Roland Jersey plus Mrs. Della Brulette of Vale Perkins were Sunday callers of Evelyn Macy.

Jeanne Lowry was lucky enough to win first prize (bed in bag) at the Grand Lodge raffle in Shawville.

On the evening of the 4th, Jamie Lowry and Sydney French of this town, Janice, and Randy Hartwell with Bradley, Morgan and Adam of High Forest, Rod Lowry and Diane Bell of Jordan Hill, Stephanie Lowry, Susan Hodge and Kyle of Sawyerville helped Jeanne Lowry celebrate her birthday a day late. She had celebrated at Grapes Home on the 3rd.

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