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U of S prof says no-fault is best insurance plan

'The major advantage of our system is fairness' – Th  trault

By Marie-Claude Lemieux
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Quebec's no-fault automobile insurance plan is one of the best systems in the world, according to a University of Sherbrooke law professor who presented a report last week to the parliamentary hearings on highway safety.

"The risk of being sued in a civil action would have no deterrent effect upon drunk drivers, and besides, revising the no-fault plan would create a lottery where the winners would be the few injured by a solvent criminal driver," said professor Robert Th  trault in an interview at the university on Wednesday where he has been teaching for 20 years.

He explained the social and human costs of a lawsuit eclipse its benefits. "Studies show that in a common law system, each dollar awarded by the court costs the equivalent to the victim, compared to the 10 to 20 per cent of the total compensation paid to out victims, it costs to manage the no-fault insurance plan."

The Bouchard government began to hold hearings into its green book on highway safety on Feb. 2. While other topics such as rollerblading and forcing cyclers to wear a safety helmet will also be discussed, the no-fault system represents an important part of the debate.

Among those asking for a better system is the Fisher family whose son Clifford was killed by a Hydro-Qu  bec pickup in June 1997 in front of their former residence in Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley. They appeared before the committee last week to propose various measures such as permitting legal recourse for victims of gross or criminal negligence.

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Law professor Robert Th  trault says the benefits of no-fault insurance outweigh the negatives.

Poster Child



Elizabeth Rivett, 6, loves the snow, hates the heat and rarely catches a cold. "She's a perfectly normal child who is rarely sick," says her mother Marjorie. Aside from the 62 blood transfusions she has endured in her short life, that is. Elizabeth, a poster child for Hema-Qu  bec's television awareness campaign, was born in Quang Ninh, a mountainous community outside Hanoi. She suffers from thalassemia, a genetic disorder prevalent in the Middle East and Asia. Although little is known about the first two years of her life before she was adopted by John and Marjorie Rivett of Ranboro, doctors have told the Rivetts that both of Elizabeth's Cambodian parents must have been carriers of the gene in order for her to have been affected..... See page 7

-Bruce Patton/Correspondent

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As a transplanted city boy, it often seems to me one of the nicest things about living in a small place is that your average village isn't usually, well, overdeveloped. Upper Birchtown is such a place. Cut off from the rest of Birchtown (some would say the rest of the world) by a reckless highway rebuilt about 20 years ago, upper Birchtown has a grand total of two businesses - the garage of Mr. Roy at one end, and the garage of another Mr. Roy at the other end.

Both our Mr. Roys are true free enterprisers. One sells gas and groceries as well as fixing cars and collecting old machinery. The other operates a modest custom sawmill and grows his own potatoes, as well as fixing cars and collecting old machinery. One has a backhoe with a bucket on the front, the other a tractor with a snowblower on the back.

Now while they have a lot in common, Mr. Roy and Mr. Roy are as different as night and day. And I wouldn't dream of trying to compare them, except to say that one is fast and the other is, how shall I put it, not so fast. But that's not the point.

Yes, there is a point to this. Snow. The S-word - don't you love it?

In keeping with the natural way (leaving the yard untouched like nature planned it), I take a passive approach to personal snow removal: don't lift the shovel unless you really must. My four-wheel drive truck looks after getting in and out - Detroit iron and Persian oil, all in an oriental package. By the way, they call them four-buy-fours because they cost four times as much to run as an ordinary car. Anyway, they are very handy in the snow, even making tracks up the driveway for True Love's little red sedan.

That plus the fact that it's been quite a while since we had much snow, means it's been several years since I lifted a shovel in anger.

I can't say that for another of our neighbours though. Michel seems to live for snow removal. He bought a new snowblower a while back and he uses it every chance he gets. He's out there behind it

night and day, and once the yard is open he'll clear a bit of roadside too. Then the township plow goes by or it snows some more, and he starts all over again. This man's even kindly come over and cleared out our yard from time to time. This week the snow got to deep even for me. Just like in the old days, everyone said. You could tell that the last 18 inches or so

Roy was hoisting a motor up off the middle of the floor and out of the way. Would he come over and clear my driveway? Well he was moving the engine block to make way for the tractor, he said. "The clutch ain't unclutching and I have to fix it. After that I have to deliver a load of grain. After that I guess I could come over, if you still want."

A sigh of relaxation escaped my lips. Any time this evening would be fine.

Back home, the phone rang. It was Mr. Roy the quicker. He explained that he doesn't usually do driveways but would come over if I were really stuck. I replied that the other Mr. Roy was coming over later. He wanted \$15 for the job. I couldn't help thinking of Michel across the road. How much money had he spent on that walk-behind (drag-behind) blower?

Maybe \$1,500. How many hours had he spend behind it in the driving wind? Hundreds, and maybe a dozen on just that day.

Mr. Roy the slower came over at about 9. His tractor is at least 50 years old. The motor runs so slow you can hardly hear it. It was the last thing I heard before I went to sleep.



CHARLES BURY

was going to put our driveway over the top, and it was either bring in a machine or park in the street. Sunday night I called Mr. Roy the backhoe man. He wasn't in. Monday morning, same thing - I left a message, called again - he was always out (this Mr. Roy was the faster of the two). Monday evening I stopped by the garage to feed the four-buy-four, and left a second message. By now I was getting itchy. What if he's too busy - would I have to drive around all night without a place to park? I turned around in the other Mr. Roy's nicely cleaned-out yard. A single light shone dimly through the dusty garage window. Another one switched on inside my head. Inside, Mr.

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Weather

Friday: Increasing cloudiness followed by snow late in the day. Low near minus 22. High near minus 6.

Saturday: Light snow. Low near minus 12. High near minus 5. Probability of precipitation 80 percent.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and 40 percent probability of some snow. Low near minus 14. High near minus 5

Ben by Daniel Shelton



'Instead of insuring everyone, we would penalize victims'

INSURANCE:

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They also want to prevent criminally and grossly negligent drivers from receiving compensation from the Automobile Insurance Board.

Others like Marc Bellemare, a lawyer who has been representing victims for 21 years, told the committee he wants the no-fault system to be modified to build more accountability into the system. He said currently "nowhere else was it easier to commit a criminal act than in Quebec."

But for Professor Th  trault, the major advantage to our system is fairness.

EVERYONE TREATED EQUALLY

The Automobile Insurance law provides compensation for every person injured in a car accident or for their family in case of death. Th  trault thinks refusing compensation to grossly and criminally negligent drivers would not achieve the goal of protecting the public.

"Do you think the possibility of facing a civil action would stop someone like Sylvain Boies from driving carelessly" he asked referring to the drunk driver who was sentenced to 10 years in prison after killing two people while trying to escape from police? "Instead of insuring everyone, we would penalize innocent victims," he added. "For example, if a man severely injures his wife and children while driving under the influence of alcohol, he would not be compensated and therefore the family would be deprived of thousands of dollars. It would create poverty."

FEWER FATALITIES

According to the Soci  t   de l'Assurance Automobile du Qu  bec, the annual number of deaths related to car



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

University of Sherbrooke professor Robert Th  trault presented brief to committee.

accidents dropped from 1765 in 1978 to 717 in 1998.
when the no-fault plan was adopted, to

But a number of people would like to

see the law revised to allow civil lawsuits when a criminal driver is involved. Among those is Lisette Lapointe, wife of former Premier Jacques Parizeau whose 14-year-old son from a previous marriage was severely injured by a drunk driver.

But even in those cases, Th  trault does not think the system should be altered.

"I understand that in such terrible situations people could feel they are deprived of their right of personally handling their case," he said. "They want their day in court. They feel it would be a catharsis. But the criminalization of drunk driving and measures such as car seizures by police have a more significant effect on highway safety."

LENGTHY DELAYS

Th  trault's views are shared by Daniel Gardner, a Laval University law professor who told the committee that victims would not find any advantage in a civil law suit since the average delay to obtain a judgment is eight and a half years.

But praising the no-fault system does not mean it is perfect. The Fisher family claims the SAAQ failed to inform them of all the services they were entitled to such as psychological counseling. They also want victims' families compensated immediately for loss of wages in situations involving death or severe bodily injuries, instead of allowing delays.

Th  trault agrees improvements could be made. "We could wish for all the consequences of an accident to be compensated."

The government has already heard that criticism. On Jan. 1, 2000, the law was amended and the maximum death indemnity went from \$17,000 to \$40,000, of which \$10,000 can be allowed for psychological support. Other modifications could be presented in the following weeks.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Weekly review of crime and accidents

By Karen Eryou

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

FEB. 14

- An accident causing no injuries was reported at kilometre 106 on Autoroute 10 in Eastman.
- An accident at kilometre 91 on Autoroute 10 near Magog was reported. Another accident took place at kilometre 128 on Autoroute 10 in Deauville; and another was reported at kilometre 135 in St-Elie on Autoroute 10. No injuries were reported in any of these accidents.

FEB. 13

- A driver with a suspended license had his car seized.
- The Memphremagog QPF have questioned two people related to their

discovery of a hydroponic greenhouse in full operation, with marijuana being the cultivated plant. This illegal gardening operation was only discovered after a fire had been reported at the Potton address. The QPF is continuing their investigation.

- Logging equipment valued at \$17,000 was stolen in Eastman.
- An accident was reported on Autoroute 10 near kilometre 144 in Sherbrooke. No injuries were reported.
- A 55-year-old Derby woman who apparently became dizzy while traveling north on Interstate 91 near the Barton exit, lost control of her car, left the roadway and overturned. The 1999 Kia was listed as totalled. The weather and the road at the time were reported as clear. There were three other passengers in the car at the time of the accident, and it was unknown if any injuries were reported.

FEB. 12

- Three snowboards were stolen from the Montjoye ski area in Hatley Township. The QPF is advising those who patronize ski areas, to record the serial numbers on their skis and snowboards, and lock up their snowboards when leaving them unattended, and they also said that skis should not be left together as a pair - explaining this makes the theft less possible.
- Robbers visited a home on Chemin Dunant in Hatley Township leaving with \$7000 worth of electronics, includ-

ing a VCR and camera equipment being stolen.

- The QPF was called to Chemin des Loyalists in South Stukely where a small fire had broken out.
- Robbers visited a home and garage on Chemin Hovey in North Hatley. The homeowner is now without electronics, a golf bag and other items totaling \$1400. The QPF also reported \$50 in damages.
- An accident with injuries was reported on Junction Street in Stanstead.
- Two accidents were reported on Autoroute 10 near St. Alphonse-de-Granby, one at kilometre 63, the other at kilometre 66.
- Another accident on Autoroute 10 was reported at kilometre 115 in Magog Township.

• A New York man reported that his skis had been stolen from the Jay Peak ski area. The stolen skis were Solomon shaped Parabolic 160's, blue and grey in color with black trim. They had black Solomon bindings and black and red ski poles.

FEB. 11

- A series of robberies was reported in Ste-Herménégilde. One took place on Chemin Hector Paré, and two on Highway 141. According to the Coaticook QPF, these robberies were of bizarre nature, with the intruders making off with utensils and elements off the stove.
- The Montjoye ski area boutique in

Hatley Township was visited by robbers, with \$15,000 worth of clothing and equipment reported stolen.

- A robbery was reported on Hatley Center Road in Hatley Township. A telephone, \$40 in cash and miscellaneous items totaling \$500 were stolen. The Memphremagog QPF also reported \$500 in damages.
- An accident with injuries was reported at the Domaine Hatley in North Hatley.
- Two accidents were reported on Autoroute 10; one at kilometre 92 in Shefford, the other at kilometre 118 in Magog. A third accident was reported at kilometre 74 on Autoroute 55 in Melbourne Township.

FEB. 10

- An accident causing material damages was reported in front of 1401 Highway 141 in Ste-Herménégilde.

FEB. 9

- Denys Allard, 51, of Drummondville was operating a 1989 Freightliner tractor-trailer unit which received minor damages after he failed to negotiate a curve on a slippery road at the junctions of Vt 105 and Vt 114 in the town of Island Pond. The power was interrupted in Island Pond, Charleston, Morgan and Derby as a result of this accident, after Allard's truck snapped a telephone and light pole. No injuries were reported in this 11:23 p.m. accident.

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Brome-Missisquoi hires new economic development director general

By Maurice Crossfield

The Centre local de développement of Brome-Missisquoi has hired its first director general, a longtime industrial commissioner with an eye on developing the potential of the region.

"The CLD is a positive element in the community," said Jean Lafrenière. "We are not the bureaucrats of the MRC."

The post of director general was originally carried out on a part time basis by Brome-Missisquoi MRC director general Robert Desmarais. But with a growing number of files, the decision was made to hire a full time director general to fill the position.

"We were very satisfied with what has been accomplished so far," said CLD president Alain Labonté. "But it was an enormous task."

With about 100 people applying for the job, the CLD chose Lafrenière, a man new to the region, but with experience in industrial development in five different regions of Quebec. He now occupies one of the top positions in the economic development of Brome-Missisquoi.

On the job since Jan. 31, Lafrenière has been spending the last few weeks getting to know the region. He's also



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Jean Lafrenière and CLD Brome-Missisquoi president Alain Labonté... Looking to develop the strengths of Brome-Missisquoi.

been meeting with the local captains of industry to learn more about the concerns of Brome-Missisquoi's business people.

"We must make efforts to get in touch with our clients," he said.

Lafrenière said the municipalities of Brome-Missisquoi see the CLD as an investment in the development of the re-

gion. He said that while the CLD gets its funding from the municipalities, it will turn a profit by bringing new investments.

"I want our clientele to be aware of the services they will receive from their CLD," he said.

Formed in 1998 the CLD took over economic development activities from a number of organizations. It now provides help for industrial development,

tourism, young entrepreneurs, the development of the work force, and so on.

Lafrenière said one of his first tasks will be to set up an action plan that best takes advantage of the strengths and weaknesses of the region.

"I think I have a fresh, critical eye on the region," Lafrenière said. "I have no prejudices."

Brome-Missisquoi mayors annul policing contract

MRC gives Serge Ménard 30 days to negotiate new contract

By Maurice Crossfield

The mayors of the Brome-Missisquoi regional municipality have voted to annul a contract with the public security ministry for provincial police protection.

"The taxes collected by a municipality are to pay for services provided in that municipality, not to pay for services in the Gaspé," said Brome-Missisquoi director general Robert Desmarais. He said richer regions are helping to cover the costs for areas that have lower property values.

At issue is the way municipalities pay for Quebec Police Force protection. According to the formula laid out by the public security ministry, municipalities are supposed to pay for half of the cost of the local QPF detachment. However the amount paid by each municipality is based on property values. As a result Brome-Missisquoi municipalities are paying an average of 78 per cent of the cost of police protection.

So instead of paying 50 per cent of

the Brome-Missisquoi QPF detachment's \$2.9 million annual operating costs, the municipalities have been paying \$2.3 million. That's about \$822,828 too much.

A prime example of this is Sutton Township, which is leading the charge in the QPF billing issue. With a population of just over 1500 and a property evaluation role of \$247 million, Sutton Township pays a whopping \$445,000 for police protection. The Town of Sutton, with a similar population and a property evaluation role of \$65 million, pays \$125,000.

BAD BILLING

But that may all change in the next month. At a meeting of the mayors of the MRC Tuesday night, a resolution was passed stating that the municipalities consider the existing contract null and void. They want to meet with public security minister Serge Ménard within the next 30 days to reach a new and more equitable agreement.

"The mayors were unanimous that the billing method is no good," Desmarais said.

In the meantime the municipalities have voted to pay only 50 per cent of the costs of police protection. The remainder, a total of \$822,828 for 2000, will be held in trust until the matter is resolved.

A side issue to this has been the number of police officers actually on duty in Brome-Missisquoi. The municipalities have been paying for 29 active officers, but for much of 1999 only 27 officers were on the roster. By the end of the year there were 29 officers on duty.

NOT RESPECTING AGREEMENT

"Still, we consider that the ministry did not maintain the 29 officers like they were supposed to," Desmarais said.

The director general said if there is no new agreement with the public security ministry, then the municipalities may opt to withhold more money to force the matter. The MRC is also contacting other MRC's to get them to look at how much their municipalities are paying for QPF protection.

"We want them to know that the government is not respecting its agreements," Desmarais said. He said in Memphremagog the municipalities are paying nearly 100 per cent of their provincial policing costs.

This, Desmarais says, means that richer municipalities are helping cover the costs of poorer regions. That means the public security ministry

is actually paying almost nothing.

So far attempts to reopen the agreement with the public security ministry have been unsuccessful. Desmarais said the mayors are becoming increasingly frustrated with the Quebec government's refusal to deal with municipal concerns.

"In the past there was always a certain level of respect between the levels of government," he said. "We have the impression over the last several years that we are being treated more like slaves, or subalterns."

Desmarais said the possibility of taking the public security ministry to court over the issue has not yet been seriously considered. He said for now the emphasis will be on trying to negotiate a deal in good faith.

The public security ministry now has until March 20 to react to the MRC resolution. The mayors will meet on March 21 to decide what action will be taken next.

Saving duck fest tops CLD agenda

Staff

One of the first big files facing CLD Brome-Missisquoi director general Jean Lafrenière will be the future of the International Duck Festival.

Duck festival president Jacques Ouimette announced last week that he was pulling the plug on the event. But while the duck festival has been located mainly in Bromont, and therefore outside of Brome-Missisquoi, the CLD is looking at ways to revive it.

"The basic product (Brome Lake Duck) comes from where? It comes from Brome-Missisquoi," said Centre Local de Développement de Brome-Missisquoi president Alain Labonté.

Lafrenière said he will be sitting down with the mayors of Brome-Missisquoi on Thursday to see if there are ways the festival can be saved.

"There are a lot of entrepreneurs that benefit from that festival," Lafrenière said. He suggested some sort of partnership arrangement could be set up between the CLD Brome-Missisquoi and the neighboring CLD Haute-Yamaska. "If there is something that can be done, then we will put our ideas forward."

Lafrenière said the festival brings a lot of economic activity to the region, in the form of restaurant meals and rented hotel rooms. He said agrotouristic activities like the duck festival help the region show its strength.

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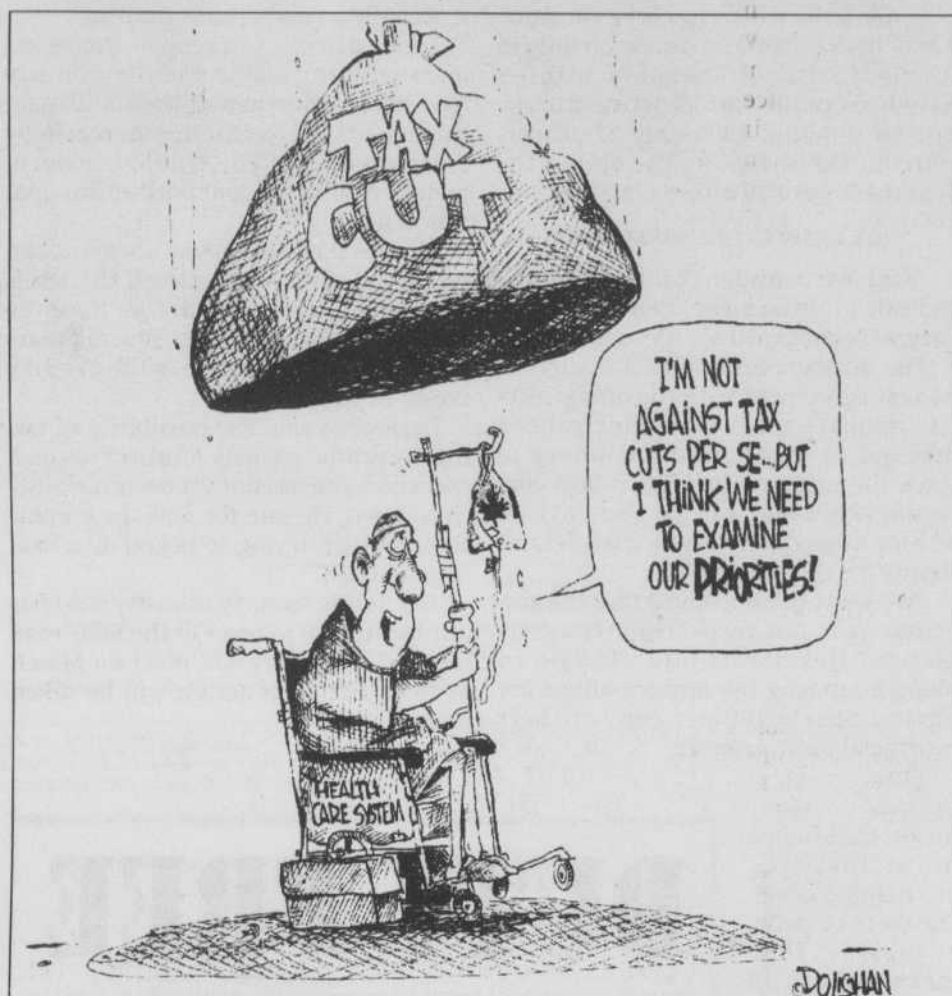
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As most of you know, The Record is still being printed at the Quebecor plant in St-Jean, some 140 kilometres from Sherbrooke and returned by truck to Sherbrooke. At the heart of the storm Monday afternoon, roads in and around St-Jean were closed to traffic and forecasters were predicting freezing rain, all of which made it impossible for us to bring you your paper. The numerous calls received Tuesday morning confirmed the importance of The Record to readers and once again you demonstrated how loyal and understanding Record readers really are.

For those who missed their cartoon fix, we are running Tuesday's cartoons today.

Sharon McCully

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Townshippers are as important as Montrealers

DEAR EDITOR,

After reading yet another article whereby the government has injected a few more millions into the health care system, I can't help but comment. Where are they suddenly getting all of this money after declaring for so long that the government has been cash strapped? Remember they found \$20 million before Christmas and another \$20 million after Christmas, just for the hospitals in Montreal.

When I read in the Gazette of Tuesday, Feb. 8, that Montrealers can expect better and faster health services with their proposed ambulatory-care centres and that the Quebec Government will invest \$115.3 million to build long awaited facilities, I couldn't help but think, "Why Montrealers?" I know that the emergency rooms have been overcrowded in Montreal, but so are the emergency rooms everywhere else in Quebec. I know that a while back, some family member stopped at the emergency ward at the hospital in Magog and was told that there was a four-hour wait. Another person I know was hospitalized at the Fleurimont site and had a four-hour wait. Another person I know was hospitalized at the Fleurimont site and was kept on a bed in the emergency ward, as there were no beds available. And this person was not the only one awaiting a bed for admission to the hospital. There were quite a few others in the same predicament. To me, a heart attack or other sicknesses that require emergency treatment in the Eastern Townships are just as serious and life threatening as a heart attack or sicknesses in Montreal. In proportion to the hospitals in Montreal, the overcrowding amounts to about the same status.

I know that the hospital in Magog has been running a fund-raising campaign and has managed to bleed people of a million plus dollars. It is desperately trying to get more in order to keep functioning as a hospital. I wondered why \$115.3 would be spent in Montreal. Why not \$114.3 and the other million coming to the

Townships or better yet why not grant the hospital in Magog \$5 million? They sure can use the money and when one considers the amount of money that the Quebec government has suddenly found, what's a few million. Aren't we equal in status as Montrealers? It amounts to welfare in a corporate world, but why not share it?

Another concern that I have is why is the Quebec government pouring all of this money into the health system? I know that they need the money badly but there is another area that is just as desperate for funding. This is the field of education. I read that there are supposed to be more services put into the system in deprived areas. How does the government determine which areas are deprived when all schools and each of its classrooms are faced with overcrowded classrooms, children with learning disabilities, lack of resources, and teachers that are run off their feet playing jacks-of-all-trades? How much will the Townships benefit from these new conditions that the government has implemented in its settlement with the teachers associations and when will it start to have an impact on your youngster if he or she is in need of that extra help?

I believe that the government views the injection of money into the medical field as helping its winning conditions for a referendum. I can't for a moment believe that the separatists believe that the French-speaking people are as lacking in intelligence as all this. One would expect that they would at least have a little more respect towards their own people. The whole separatist party seems to come across as totally lacking in brains when they come up with insults like this. I know that the people in Quebec are a very tolerant people but hurting the basic structures of our society has hurt all Quebecers regardless of language. Do they actually think that they can bribe all of these people into separation from a country just by pouring a few dollars back into a sick health system that they helped to create? Let's get real.

Sincerely,

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Perks mean a lot to leukemia patients and families

By Harry Hodge

It goes without saying that for children with leukemia and other forms of cancer, it's the little things that can brighten their day.

And so when these sick kids visit the seventh floor at the Centre Universitaire de Santé de l'Estrie Fleurimont hospital, it's good to know that a caring group of volunteers are there to greet them and try to take care of little details that can make a rough day a little smoother. Things like setting up a snack table in the morning, or having Santa pop by around Christmas time, or just simply having someone to talk to.

These are all things that volunteers and workers for the LEUCAN group take seriously. This association is dedicated to helping children suffering from leukemia and other forms of cancer make a speedy recovery.

Nestled between the adult chemotherapy unit on one end of the floor and the hematology ward, the colourful snack table jumps out at passersby walking the sterile hospital hallways. Closer inspection reveals an activity area with Disney posters and youngsters of different ages playing with paints and toy cars.

Louise Brochu, 53, has been working as a

ELIZABETH:

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"What it means is the body has to strain to make healthy blood cells," explained Marjorie Rivett. "When some of Elizabeth's little school friends first saw her on television in the Hema-Quebec ads, they were worried she was going to die," she added.

"She's not, she will have a more or less normal lifespan and good quality of life," Rivett said, thanks largely to medical treatment she is able to receive here to treat her disease.

Every three weeks, Elizabeth receives a blood transfusion at the Leucan clinic in Fleurimont along with dozens of other children being treated for leukemia and other blood-related ailments. And thanks to some new medical technology, the ordeal no longer entails dreaded needles in the arm.

Rivett said the day-long procedure begins with cross-matching blood products followed by a three-hour transfusion administered under local anesthetic making it a time-consuming but relatively painless process. In addition, Elizabeth receives an injection in her tummy each night which she heartily protests even though her mom insists it too is quite painless.

"A lot of research is being done on this disease and we are very optimistic about the progress that could be made within the next ten years," Rivett said.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth remains one of Sawyerville Elementary's most celebrated students.

receptionist for the leukemia ward for four years, and she emphasizes that it's an all around team effort working with these children. She explains that it's a collective family feeling that the group tries to promote.

"I talk to the kids and their parents, and it's hard for a child who's just learned (they're sick)," Brochu said. "I let them come to me first. The child is leading the way."

LEUCAN workers and volunteers see children of all ages and varying degrees of illness, and receive the youngsters three times a week. Brochu admits that it's easy to get attached to these young patients, and that it's very difficult in those moments when a child does not survive their treatments. Still, it's her love of children that helps her move on.

"The children give me energy," Brochu concedes. "We talk about everything but disease."

Raymond Paquin is one of five or six volunteers that regularly lend their time to the LEUCAN group. He reiterates the team view of having a comfortable environment when dealing with the kids.

"We're just here to see that everything runs smoothly," Paquin said.

Valerie Castonguay, 18, was diagnosed with acute myoblastic leukemia

two years ago. Since that time she went from visiting the seventh floor ward once a week to showing up for treatments once a month. She praised the group's efforts to keep spirits high.

"It's really nice," she said. "I've been a volunteer too, that's how I know them. It's like having a second family."

LEUCAN organizes a number of activities for the children as well, such as summer camp outings and barbecues. Anyone interested in donating to the group is asked to call 1-800-361-9643.



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Volunteers at LEUCAN make a rough day a little easier



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MPs accuse Speaker of losing control of Commons

By Tim Naumetz
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Opposition and government MPs alike accused Commons Speaker Gilbert Parent on Wednesday of losing control over the House during raucous question periods sparked by the month-long controversy over federal job grants.

MPs on both sides took the unprecedented step of demanding Parent bring in tough measures to end the rancorous shouting and verbal wrestling matches that have disrupted the House during the furore.

After a nine-minute delay in question period because of catcalls and posturing from Liberal MPs, New Democrat House Leader Bill Blaikie told Parent the confrontational atmosphere is costing the smaller parties their fair share of jabs at the government.

"I implore you, Mr. Speaker, to be tougher with members," Blaikie said in a rare confrontation with Parent following

question period.

An exasperated Parent, who has been unable to put a lid on the bitter exchanges, name calling and mudslinging that have coloured the debate over mismanagement of federal job-creation grants, was clearly upset with the suggestion he is losing authority in the chamber.

"As the Speaker, I can stand up and yell 'order' until I'm blue in the face," Parent said after a string of Opposition and Liberal MPs stood to intervene after Blaikie's complaint.

"I'm not going to do that," said Parent. "I'm not going to try to out shout this House of Commons. I will not do it."

The confrontation over House order followed several days of particularly vicious heckling. Events included the temporary expulsion of Reform MP Jim Abbott for calling Human Resources Minister Jane Stewart a liar and two earlier incidents where opposition MPs accused Stewart outside the Commons of lying about the grants scandal.

During question period Wednesday the sparring continued, with Liberal MPs taunting Reformers by yelling derisive insults such as "you can change the name, but you can't change the smell." For their part, Reform MPs continued to challenge Stewart's honesty with catcalls out of Parent's hearing range.

In an embarrassing twist for Parent, Speakers from the legislative assemblies of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories were visiting Ottawa and watched the spectacle from the public galleries in the Commons.

At one point, Parent appeared to admit he has been too easy on both sides.

In the next breath, however, Parent indicated he is unwilling to punish MPs for the rowdiness and implored them to improve their behaviour on their own.

"As your Speaker, I do not want to be some kind of dictator or a martinet," he said. "I want all of us, the 301 of us, to be able to do our work in such a fashion that we will be proud of what we do in here."

Parent told the MPs they must take responsibility for their own actions and improve House decorum themselves.

"Look at Hansard and look at your own conduct, and me, too, let us see if tomorrow we can do it better," the Speaker said.

Under a system devised in 1993 after the election of five official parties Parliament, questions and answers are rigorously limited to 35 seconds each. The Reform party gets the lion's share of questions, with the smaller Bloc Quebecois, Conservative and NDP contingents getting progressively fewer questions through the 45-minute question period.

Reform MP Diane Ablonczy, who was forced to wait the nine minutes to complete her question Wednesday while Liberal MPs jeered her, said opposition MPs lose valuable question period time because of Liberal antics, such as the lengthy standing ovation they gave Prime Minister Jean Chrétien on Wednesday for one of his responses to the Reform grant attack.

CIDA projects questioned

By Jim Bronskill
SOUTHAM NEWS

Internal audits reveal shoddy management of millions of dollars of project funding by the Canadian International Development Agency in nine South American countries.

The reports, obtained by Southam News, show a pattern of poor planning, lax monitoring and inadequate followup to ensure the money was properly spent.

The problems with CIDA's Canada Fund for Local Initiatives are similar to those recently uncovered in the Human Resources Department, under fire for mismanagement of up to \$1 billion in program funding.

Pierre Pettigrew, minister of Human Resources until last summer, was the cabinet member responsible for CIDA for most of 1996 and a portion of 1997, a

period partially covered by the audits.

The auditors looked at projects administered from 1996-97 to 1998-99 through the Canada Fund, designed to bankroll small undertakings supporting communities in developing countries.

CIDA spent more than \$6 million on just over 500 projects in South America.

The findings were similar in each country, typified by the report on Uruguay, where CIDA spent \$651,887 on 87 projects to assist women, children and promotion of human rights.

Auditors found "little documented evidence" of consultation between CIDA and the Canadian embassy in Montevideo to ensure appropriate use of money.

There was also inadequate information about the feasibility of projects, exactly what they would accomplish and how they might improve lives of residents.

Saskatoon police investigated in deaths

By Dan Zakreski
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
SASKATOON

The RCMP have been called in to investigate suspicions that Saskatoon police were involved in the deaths of two native men whose frozen bodies were found on the outskirts of the city early this month.

The move came at the request of Saskatoon police Chief Dave Scott. He suspended two senior constables following allegations by a third native man that he was taken south of a power station by two uniformed police officers, ejected from the cruiser in sub-zero weather and instructed to walk back to the city.

The man's allegations came the same week as the discovery of the two bodies in the same area near the Queen Elizabeth II Power Station.

Earlier Wednesday, Scott said he had ordered a homicide investigation into the deaths of Lawrence Wegner, 30, and Rod-

ney Naistus, 25, and an internal investigation into the third man's allegations. The police department wanted to determine whether the deaths and the complaint were related, he had said.

But Scott appeared to change his mind later in the day, asking the provincial government to bring in the Mounties. The move followed calls by native leaders for an independent RCMP investigation. It was "not acceptable" for the department to investigate itself, Lawrence Joseph, vice-chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, had maintained.

Friends of Wegner, the 30-year-old Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student discovered Feb. 3 in a stubble field by the power station, fear the worst. Workers near the station found Wegner's body clothed only in a T-shirt, jeans and socks.

"All I know is that he did not walk out to that field alone," said Brent Ahenakew, 20, who lived with Wegner in a west-side apartment in Saskatoon.

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Canadian visit by Haider prompts protests

By Norma Greenaway
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Joerg Haider, the most notorious member of Austria's new coalition government, is in Canada for a visit that has caught federal government officials off guard and prompted protests from Jewish leaders.

Haider, leader of Austria's far-right Freedom party, was in Montreal on Wednesday as part of a mystery tour that quickly spawned rumours he was in Canada for everything from a Jewish wedding in Montreal to a meeting in Aurora, Ont., with Frank Stronach, the Austrian-born head of the automotive parts giant, Magna International Inc.

Jewish leaders said they were dismayed by Haider's surprise visit, and said they successfully urged the Holocaust centre in Montreal to refuse a request, made through an unnamed intermediary, for Haider to visit the site.

"Our advice to the the museum was

that Mr. Haider does not need to come to Canada to educate himself on the Holocaust," Moshe Ronen, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), said from Toronto. "He can do that in his own backyard."

Ronen said Canadians must use his visit to speak out against his views. "We must let him know what we think of him, and let him know he is unwelcome in this country," he said.

Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy acknowledged he didn't know about the visit until he was advised late Tuesday by the RCMP. Officials at the Austrian Embassy in Ottawa also said they were totally unaware of Haider's plans.

"What he's doing here exactly we're not sure," Axworthy said. "We certainly hope that it (the visit) is not being used for purposes of extolling some of his views. I suppose we'll watch with particular interest what Mr. Haider does here or says here."

Canada has downgraded its diplo-

matic relations with Austria since Haider's party was brought into the coalition, meaning there are no meetings at the ministerial level.

For his part, Haider was keeping his movements under tight wrap. He told the Montreal Gazette he was in Canada on "unofficial private business" until he returns to Austria, possibly on Friday.

He declined to elaborate during a session with senior editors and members of the newspaper's editorial board. He refused to comment on reports he was travelling to Toronto today and also refused to say whether he would accept the rumoured invitation to the Montreal wedding.

Haider was accompanied on his visit to the Gazette by Peter Sichrovsky, an Austrian Jew and a Freedom party member of the European parliament.

Keith Stein, executive assistant to Magna's Stronach, said there were no plans for the two men to meet.

Alan Allnutt, editor of the Gazette,

said Haider, who has been portrayed as a Nazi sympathizer, appeared bent on trying to get his side of the story out.

"There is no question in my mind he was using it (the session with the editorial board) in some respect as a public relations exercise," Allnutt said.

Allnutt said Haider argued "that he has been miscast, that he is not a fascist or a racist or anti-Semite or a Nazi." When questioned about specific statements he has made in the past, he insisted the comments were taken out of context or had not made in the first place, Allnutt said.

Rubin Friedman, national communications director for the CJC, said Haider's trip is a thinly disguised effort to persuade Austrians that he is welcome elsewhere in the world.

"All this is for consumption in Austria," said Friedman. "He's not going to get any votes in Canada. So, it's all to make himself palatable and acceptable to voters back home."

New competition rules face Air Canada

By Joan Bryden
SOUTHAM NEWSPAPERS

Transport Minister David Collenette will unveil tough new legislation to protect consumers and help foster competition in a domestic airline industry dominated by a single national carrier, Air Canada.

In what some officials are calling a consumers' bill of rights, the legislation will give Canadian Transportation Agency significant new powers to disallow unreasonable passenger fare or cargo fare increases on any monopoly route anywhere in Canada. The agency will also be empowered to rollback fares and, if feasible, to order refunds.

Currently, the CTA can only act on a complaint to review

strictly economy fares. The legislation will give the agency the power to initiate an audit of all fares on any domestic monopoly route and take corrective action, if deemed necessary.

As well, the legislation will empower the CTA to review the "terms and conditions of carriage" for domestic service, which means it can review airlines' policies on such things as lost luggage, bumping of passengers and services for the disabled. The agency will be able to suspend or disallow those policies, order changes and even order financial compensation for passengers who have been adversely affected.

The legislation will also considerably strengthen the Competition Act to prevent predatory pricing aimed at damaging competitors or running them out of business.

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School board budget deficit attempt denied

By Tom Blackwell
SOUTHAM NEWS

Education Minister Janet Ecker sent a clear message to cash-strapped school boards across Ontario by vowing Wednesday to crush the Windsor public board's plan to run an illegal budget deficit.

A parents group urged other boards to follow what one Windsor trustee termed an "act of civil disobedience."

The gesture, possibly the first of its kind in Ontario, was designed as a protest against funding cuts.

But Ecker said such action would not be tolerated.

"It is illegal to run a deficit and it's my job to enforce the law," she said.

The minister wouldn't say how the province would crack down.

But a new law lets it step in and take over the board's management if it racks up a deficit, or find trustees personally liable for any red ink they allow.

At a meeting earlier this week, the Greater Essex County District School Board voted 5-3 to refuse to make any further spending reductions and operate with a deficit.

"I'd like this to be considered an act of civil disobedience," said Jim Cooke, chairman of the board's finance committee.

The board's complaint centres on the province's new formula for handing out funding to the province's school boards.

It's designed among other things to iron out disparities between richer urban public boards and poorer Catholic and rural ones.

The Windsor board says that's meant a drop in its budget to \$205 million from \$250 million, despite a two-per-cent enrolment hike.

But Ecker said other boards are making do under the formula, and the government has responded to specific problems with the funding system. She recently allotted \$40 million a year more to special education.

The group People for Education said Wednesday it had already begun lobbying every other board in the province to follow Windsor's example.

The Toronto public board still faces a funding shortfall of tens of millions of dollars but isn't ready yet to discuss taking such drastic action, chair Gail Nyberg said Wednesday.

"If the Windsor board believes they are at the point where further cuts will decimate public education... then I support exactly what they did," she said.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has to find savings of \$55 million over three years, but so far it's managed to balance the books, said Jim Grieve, its director of education.

"We feel there are other ways of getting across the message (that there's not enough money)."

Trustees in communities across the province have probably discussed informally the idea of running a deficit, said Liz Sandals of the Ontario Public School Boards Association. But legislation that could put them personally on the hook for the deficit has deterred most, she said.

OK Corral High School?

By Tom Blackwell
SOUTHAM NEWS

Ontario schools seem to be bristling with weapons as students who once would have fought with their fists turn to rocks, knives and even guns, Education Minister Janet Ecker said Wednesday.

Adding to earlier warnings by Premier Mike Harris, she said reports of students coming to class armed seem to be rising rapidly.

"I've certainly heard from parents, from students, from teachers. Their concerns about... about the availability of weapons in schools have increased dramatically," Ecker told reporters.

But at least one major school board says the Conservatives are exaggerating the extent of the problem with "hyperbole" that could actually undermine efforts to make schools safer.

"We don't have any kind of evidence that we're dealing with

weapons issues inside the schools," said Jim Grieve, director of education at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

"When comments like this are picked up and thrown at you... you raise the anxiety level of the students and teachers and parents needlessly... I believe it's a really simplistic view."

Ecker denied the Tories are engaging in fearmongering as they prepare to implement a zero-tolerance school discipline program across the province.

At Toronto's Emery Collegiate last week, three teenagers were wounded in a shootout in the school's parking lot. In Ottawa, a student was stabbed in the chest outside his Catholic high school last week by a gang of youths.

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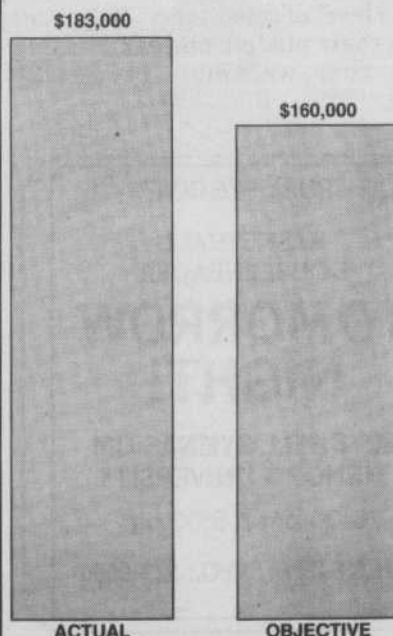
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Bishop's says adieu to veteran powerhouses

Lemieux and Aucoin culminate 10-year journey

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

This weekend will mark the end of a long and successful journey for Patrice Lemieux and Remi (Cherry) Aucoin.

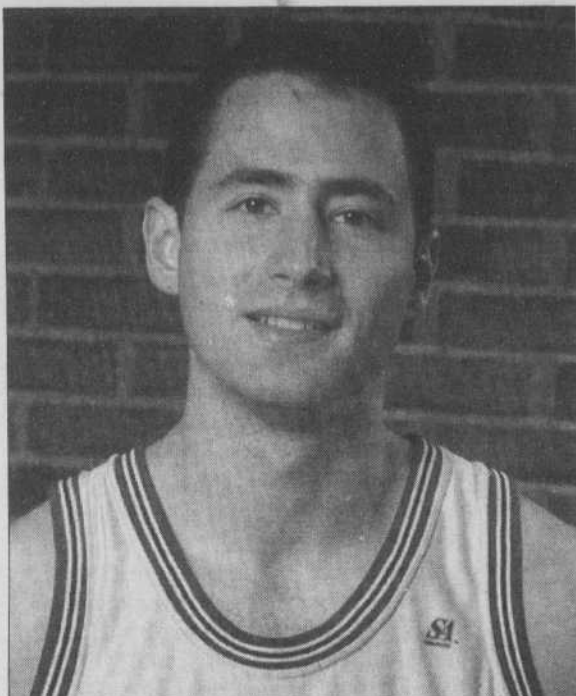
The co-captains of the Bishop's Gaiters will play their final home games this weekend when Bishop's hosts the Carleton Ravens Friday night and the Ottawa Gee-Gees Saturday. Both games will be played at Mitchell Gymnasium and are slated to start at 8 p.m.

The Sherbrooke natives first hooked up at Seminar Salesian in Grade 7. They became the backbone of a team that would dominate Sherbrooke high school basketball and eventually win three provincial titles.

The next stop was College Sherbrooke where the dynamic duo helped lead the Voluntaries to two AA provincial crowns. Their success helped Sherbrooke moved up to the AAA level.

Lemieux arrived on the Lennoxville campus in the autumn of 1995 while Aucoin came a year later.

Both players have contributed to the phenomenal success of the Gaiters over the last five years. Lemieux will end his



Patrice Lemieux: Will finish third on B.U.'s all time scoring list and as one of Canada's top scorers this year.

career as third in the school's all-time scoring list behind All-Canadians Pierre Tiblin and Peter Munzar.

He has saved the best for last as he will finish his final season as one of the country's top scorers and a strong All-Canadian candidate.

While Patrice immediately made headlines with his scoring feats, Aucoin has played a pivotal role with his lead-

ership and defensive abilities. It was Aucoin who stole the ball in the dying seconds of the Gaiters' semi-final game against the University of Victoria Vikes two years ago.

That steal led to the winning bucket and helped make Bishop's' national championship dream a reality.

What has made it so special for both players has been playing before packed houses at the Mitchell Gymnasium.

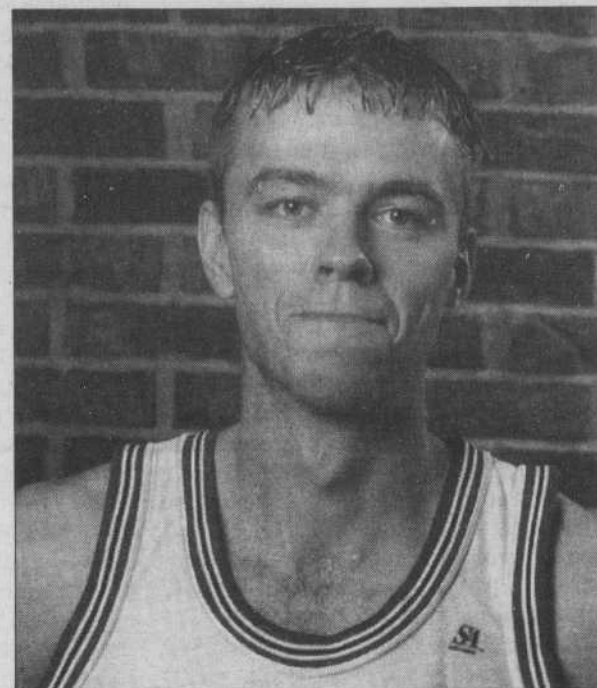
"It's been a great experience and I had the opportunity to play with some great players," Aucoin said at the Gaiter luncheon yesterday. "It was always special to play in front of our fans.

We played some outstanding games over the years and received the support over the years."

Aucoin and Lemieux's leadership abilities came to the forefront this year when the team rebounded from a dismal 0-6 start to become

one of the hottest teams in the country. No matter how the rest of the season plays out, Aucoin and Lemieux have memories that will last a lifetime.

"It is kind sad in a way to see it come to an end," Aucoin said. "Pat and myself have developed a strong bond over the years. We don't have to talk on the court, we know what to expect from each other."



Remi (Cherry) Aucoin: Showed leadership and defensive abilities; his steal paved way to National Title.

Sherbrooke Castors host key games this weekend

First-place club to meet Victoriaville, Cape Breton

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Sitting in his office following last Tuesday's 4-2 loss to the Hull Olympiques, Sherbrooke head coach Joe Canale talked about the importance of tonight's game against the

Victoriaville Tigers.

"The next game is very important for several reasons," Canale said. "First we don't want to lose two games in a row at home. Victoriaville has been struggling but they will come in hungry for a win."

The talented Tigers have been in a tailspin the last three weeks but recorded an impressive 6-5 victory over Drummondville Tuesday night.

Drummondville jumped out to a 4-0 lead but Victoriaville battled back to win the four-point game.

Sherbrooke enters the game tied with Shawinigan for top spot in the Central Section although the Castors have two games in hand.

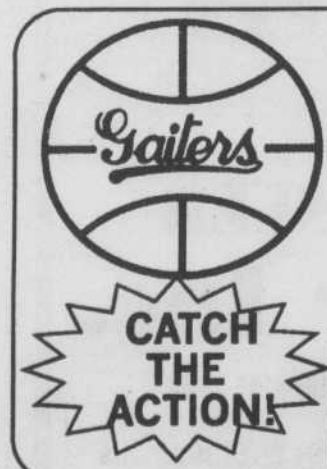
Shawinigan is in Rimouski tonight while the Castors follow the Victoriaville contest with a game against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles Saturday.

The Victoriaville game carries more weight than Saturday's contest because the Tigers are in the same division as the Castors and are battling for the

same playoff positions.

With just five point separating the second to seventh place teams in the Lebel Division every game is crucial and the next game automatically becomes the most important game.

The Castors have been able to stay in first place because they have avoided long losing streaks and have maintained a level of consistency. They want to stop their modest one-game losing streak this weekend, preferably tonight.



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Huneault, Clarke look to finish with a title

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

When Michelle Huneault and Leanne Clarke enrolled in Bishop's University in the mid 1990s, the Gaiter women's basketball program was in the earliest stages of a long rebuilding process. Rod Gilpin was in his second year as head coach when Clarke came in 1995 and was looking for quality people to be part of a rebuilding program. One that would make the Gaiters a playoff team and a legitimate contender for the league championship.

Now, as both players prepare for their final home games this weekend, they take pride in the role they have played in the resurgence of the Bishop's women's basketball team. For the third consecutive year Bishop's has qualified for the league playoffs while quietly establishing themselves as one of the country's better programs.

"It is definitely a good feeling to be a part of a team that has developed so much and gained respect from people across the country," Clarke said. "This has been a sec-

ond home to me and I will never forget the friendships that I have developed during my time here. I developed leadership during my five years and I also developed as a player because of all the time that Rod Gilpin puts into it.

"It's kind of sad that it is ending but it also exciting because we have a shot at the Nationals. We have to win two more and we are there and that would be a great way to finish my career."

Huneault, who graduated last year with an honours in Psychology, said the friend-

ships developed in Lennoxville will last forever.

"The thing I will miss the most are my teammates," Huneault said. "We've developed strong ties and they've become great friends. The only thing missing is the league championship and we can still win it."

The only missing piece is the league title and a shot at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union championships.

The Gaiters already know their fate—they will finish third in the Quebec Uni-

versity Basketball League standings regardless of what they do in their final three regular season games.

They will open the playoffs in two weeks in Montreal against the Concordia Stingers, a team that has beaten the Gaiters twice by a single point.

A victory over Concordia and the Gaiters would meet the first-place Laval Rouge et Or with the winner advancing to the Nationals.

It would be a fitting way for two quality ladies to end their university careers.



Leanne Clarke



Michelle Huneault

M-V senior girls remain undefeated

The Massey-Vanier senior girls basketball team kept their undefeated league record intact with a pair of wins over Bishop's College School and Stanstead College.

Rikki Bowles led all scorers with 14 points while Erin Burnham added 13. Bowles scored 14 and Stephanie Kay chipped in 10 as the Vikings downed the Spartans 51-32.

Byron Barkhouse celebrated his return to the lineup with a 16-point performance as the Viking senior boys upended BCS 62-41.

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Wesley Patch and Chad Gushue added 10 points apiece to the winning cause.

Massey-Vanier recorded a 63-58 exhibition win over Durocher. Patch led the way with 19 point while Gushue contributed 14.

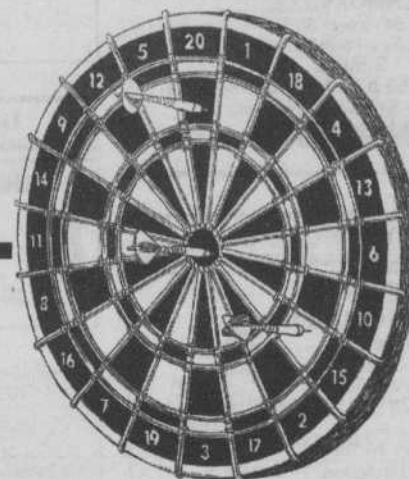
The junior girls split a pair of games, defeating Richmond 72-18 and dropping a 35-27 to St. Paul's. Vanessa Page scored 23 points in the two games while Bronwyn Johns had 12 against Richmond.

Melissa Chagnon sparked the Massey-Vanier bantam girls to two

wins against Richmond. Chagnon and Therese Frankhauser combined for 25 points in the first meeting Chagnon scored 16 and Tricia Bockos added 13 in the rematch.

The junior boys routed St. Paul's 95-49 as Matt Pellerin scored 26 and Jeremy Frizzle added 13. Frizzle hit for 18 and Alex Bowbrick chipped in with 12 as the Vikings downed Galt 57-38. Alex Dezan led the Pipers with 22 points.

In an inter school clash the Galt bantam blue girls scored the game's final eight point to defeat Galt 25-19. Krista Juby led the winners with eight points.



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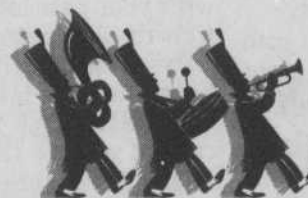
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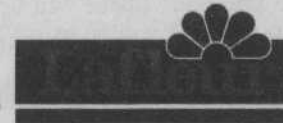
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chances for financial gains and loses today are equally balanced for you. However, the scales can be tipped in either direction by your own actions.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000

In the year ahead your greatest chances for success will come almost as much from Lady Luck as it will from your own efforts. Hang in there and wait for the fates to intervene on your behalf.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't go shopping today too early, because as time ticks on, you're likely to have a change of heart about what is important to you in regards to what you want to purchase.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today your splendid attribute of wanting to get along with all around you will serve you well. Your open-mindedness and ability to accept other points of view reward you with good fellowship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A couple of problems might get dumped in your lap today, but instead of bogging you down, something very fortuitous could come out of them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The worst thing that can happen to a Taurus is to be placed in an opposing position with someone quite unpleasant. But the way you handle it will gain you the admiration and respect of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if it looks early on like you're being cast in the role of a "patsy," the joke will be on everyone else. What you do with that script will win you an Oscar.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to avoid heavy topics like politics or religion today when engaged in conversations with others. By simply refusing to respond, you can turn the talk around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be careful when out shopping today that you don't purchase the first items you spot. Look around, because bargains for the exact same pieces will be plentiful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Any one-on-one dealing you might have to encounter today could be a trifle tricky, but if you're prepared to listen to reason and make a few compromises, the outcome could be exceptional.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might want to wait a little before you get started with today's plans, because as the day wears on, the work gets easier. As the jobs get easier, they become more fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to steer clear of any group involvements today that show signs of hampering your mobility. The more active you can become, the more you'll make of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you get off on the wrong foot when trying to work with someone today, stop and regroup. Upon reflection, you'll find a more compatible way to deal with one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People whose philosophy diametrically opposes yours should be given little attention today. Stick to your own guns and you'll know you're doing what's right for you.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000

Conditions that restricted your well being and happiness may be alleviated in the year ahead. When you see the skies brightening, move forward bravely with your objectives.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Indecision can be your nemesis today. By being too shy or timid about saying what you know to be right, you risk someone making a bad judgment that can affect you. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Watch yourself that you don't shoot your mouth off without considering how you should phrase your thoughts. Being critical of others is like throwing stones while living in a glass house.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Money-making tips or ideas offered today by others may leave a lot to be desired. It's okay to consider the deals, but check them out first before putting up any hard cash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It isn't necessary to promise companions more than you can deliver simply in order to impress them. In fact, it will work against you later when you'll have to disappoint them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Usually you're a good listener and collector of facts, but today you could miss out on some very constructive information all because you'll tend to let your mind wander.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be especially cognizant of small details today, because you could have a tendency to be slightly careless. Don't leave your ring on the washstand or your credit card at the store.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A notorious time-waster could disrupt your schedule today if you allow her or him to linger too long over gossip and coffee. Don't be afraid to manage your time wisely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be stubborn about sticking with a plan or program which has shown signs of being infeasible. Start making revisions today instead of wasting any more time over it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're a bit too gullible today, an associate will spot and take advantage of that fact and start expounding on imaginary exploits merely to make you jealous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Watch with whom you associate today, because someone you believe is a staunch ally may be anything but. Her or his designs might be aimed at causing disharmony in order to feather her or his own nest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful today that you don't waste too much valuable time designing a vehicle that has square wheels. Your vision could be a bit blurred and not as practical as it should be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It won't work today to attempt to buy someone's support in order to garner more than your fair share from a joint endeavor. Expect others to be fair with you, but you be fair with them.

Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 18, 2000

Lots of new activities with partnerships or joint efforts could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. The trick will be to limit your choices to those that will offer what you lack.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be prepared for others to treat you in the same manner you treat them today. If you are arrogant or demanding, they could behave in a way that would spite you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The secret to success today is to, whenever possible, operate along the lines of least resistance. If you fight the tides, you could make things harder on yourself than they need be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Both your waistline and your purse will be grateful to you today if you fight off any inclinations to overindulge or be extravagant in your habits. Treat your being with respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One of the worst things you could do today is to leave undone that which you begin. Unfortunately, it might be quite some time before you get back to completing your eyesore.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because someone disagrees with you today, it doesn't mean this person doesn't like

you. It simply means she or he feels differently about things than you do. Don't take it personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There will be opportunities to add to your resources today, but don't look for them to come from any area that hasn't provided dividends in the past. Stick to the tried and true.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It behooves you to spend your time today with those who can help you advance your self-interests. Conversely, don't waste your time with those who can't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be grateful for whatever help you get today, no matter how little it might appear to you. People will continue to come through for you in the long run if you don't adopt a grumpy attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When out with your pals today, try to give attention to each person and not solely to only a few favorites. Let each person know she or he is important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more careful you are that your goals are attained in a manner that will not aggravate others, the better your chances are of achieving your objectives today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your tolerance level might not be at the high level it usually is, so it may behoove you to deliberately avoid the company of someone whose view are always diametrically opposed to yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The

WI meeting

DUNHAM

The February meeting was held at the home of Jacque Robinson at noon. We said the W.I. grace and all enjoyed a lovely lunch and a special cake, made by Noreen Craig, for Gracia Comeau as she is leaving to go to Ontario.

The meeting opened with the Collect and Salute to Flag.

Roll Call: Give a short profile of an outstanding W.I. member, which was answered by 11 members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

On February 23, 2000, is the Missisquoi County Annual meeting in Stanbridge East at the Anglican Church Hall at 10 a.m.

Correspondents was read a note from Noreen Doherty the invitation from the Missisquoi County.

With no more business we went to the convenors reports.

Citizenship and Legislation: Carol Philipps did a quiz and story. Carol read the story and gave us the quiz, How Good A Citizen Would You Be?

No more business, the meeting was adjourned at which time President Shirley Vaughan presented Gracia Comeau with a going away gift. It was a lovely wind chime. Gracia thanked everyone and said that every time it chimes she will be thinking of us.

Publicity Convenor
Betty Perry

My Inspiration

There were some little flowers lonely
Growing 'neath the trees
What reason should such beauty grow
If only for the bees?

The bees flew by with nare a glance
Animals passed as in a trance.
No human eye had ever seen
The beauty that was there.

Would beauty last if no one was to care?
But the wind, that always had been near
Whispered in the flower's ear;
You are created, meek and mild
To someday be plucked by a little child.
You will be carried to a mother dear
And then be cherished for many a year.
And lovers passing, hand in hand,
Will carry you to their magic land.

So lonely little flowers so rare
You see there is some one to care.

David Donnachie

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Miss Kathleen Grubb of Ottawa spent a week during the month of January visiting at the home of her parents, George and Carolyn Grubb. Little Miss Olivia Grubb of Longueuil also spent a week with her grandparents, George and Carolyn, while her parents, Wallace and Chantel were away on vacation.

Birth

LOWRY - To Joseph and Vanessa (nee Albert), at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, on January 26th, 2000, a son, Jonathan Everett. First grandchild for Laurence and Louise Lowry of Seattle and Sedona, Ariz., grandchild for Lionel and June Albert of Knowlton, first great-grandchild for Mary Lowry of Seattle.

In Memoriam

GILBERT, Murray - In memory of a loving husband and father who passed away February 20, 1995.

Sadly missed by

ETHEL (wife)
RICHARD, BOYD, ROBERT (sons)
THEIR WIVES & FAMILIES

ROBINSON, Wesley - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 17, 1975.

Twenty-five years have passed
Since that sad day, when one
We loved was called away,
God took him Home, it was His will
But in our hearts, he liveth still.

Remembered with love,

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SCOTT

Cards of Thanks

DOHLER - The family of the late Elisabeth Dohler wish to express their sincere thanks to those that sent flowers, cards, made donations, visited or attended the memorial service. A special thanks to Rev. James Potter for his support and kind words. To all of you who shared our grief and sorrow during this difficult time we thank you. Your kindness will always be remembered.

ROBERT F. DOHLER
BOB & CHRISTINE & FAMILY
DORIS DOHLER & FAMILY

MIZENER - Sincere thanks to all my friends and relatives who have been kind during Laurence's illness and recent death. Special thanks to Dr. Robert St. Onge, Rev. Dr. Burn Purdon and the CLSC for their many visits. The prayers and support of Creek United Church congregation are much appreciated.

DORIS MIZENER
Cowansville

Deaths

BRESEE, Gerald - At Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on February 14, 2000. Gerald Bresee in his 79th year, beloved husband of Barbara Grenier. Dearest father of Robert Bresee (Judy Swayne), Ken Bresee, Valerie Bresee, Doug Bresee (Johanne Dufresne), Beth Bresee (Adrian Brooks), Linda Bresee (Bruce Dempsey). Cherished grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Dear son of the late Earle and the late Annie Bresee. Predeceased by a brother, Douglas Bresee and a sister, Claire Jenks. Survived by numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Resting at the Bessette & Sons Funeral Home, 5034 Foster St., Waterloo, tel: (450) 539-1606 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 539-3035. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Friday, February 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. Visitation Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Day of the funeral, Friday, from 9:30 a.m. Rev. W. Davidson officiating. Cremation will be held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette. Interment at the Fairmont Cemetery in Sutton at a later date. In memoriam donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

CLARK, Ella Elizabeth - Peacefully on Saturday, February 12, 2000 at the Montreal General Hospital in her 94th year. Predeceased by her parents, William S. Clark and Fannie Esty; sister Vera (Charles Flink); brothers Brigham, Stanley (Lucetta Barnett) and Harold (Maud Thayer). She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Cremation arrangements were made with Collins Clarke MacGillivray White, 5610 Sherbrooke St. West in Montreal. Memorial service and interment will be held at a later date in Mansonville, Que. Details to follow. Donations to Mansonville Protestant Cemetery, c/o Ernest Tomuschat, P.O. Box 165, Mansonville, Que. J0E 1X0 would be appreciated.

Death

WHITTIER, Arlene (née Buzzell) - Peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Monday, February 14, 2000. Arlene Buzzell in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late Herbert Whittier. Dear mother of Brenda (Robert) Hutchins, Magog, Que., and Carl (Heather) Whittier, Caledon East, Ont. Devoted grandmother of Stanley (Lisa) Hutchins, Scott (Kaity) Hutchins and Crystal Whittier. Loving companion to Ken Weston, Berlin, Vt. Rested at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where funeral service was held on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 2 p.m. Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment was in Malvern Cemetery. If friends so desire, contribution to Canadian Ski Patrol System, P.O. Box 432, Station H, Montreal, Que. H3G 2L1 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Card of Thanks

LANNAMAN - The family of the late Joan Lannaman would like to express their most sincere appreciation to all who shared in Joan's life. A very heartfelt and loving thank you to Patty Last. We would like to acknowledge the compassionate and gentle care given Joan by the B.M.P. staff and express our gratitude to Dr. Bill Barakett, Joan's colleague and doctor, for his many years of friendship, respect and care. She will be sadly missed and remembered with love my many.

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None are so blind as those who do not wish to see

Dear Ann Landers: I am glad you reversed your position about telling people when their spouses are cheating. You used to say MYOB, because you were convinced the cheated-on spouse already knew and didn't want to be forced to do something about it. Well, I'm writing to tell you, you were dead wrong. If even one person had told me what was going on, I would not be looking like a complete fool.

Now that everything is out in the open and two families have been torn apart, it is amazing how many "friends" are willing to tell me about my husband's infidelity. Had I known earlier, it would have saved me many hours of self-doubt, wondering where I had failed.

I've asked myself your famous question, "Would I be better off WITH him, or WITHOUT him," and have decided I am better off without him. Meanwhile, please tell your readers again that peo-

ple should speak up when they know a husband or a wife is being cheated on. They should tell the victim. That's what real friendship is all about. — A Victim of Silence

Dear Victim: Sorry, I don't agree. The reason I reversed my position was because of AIDS. An extramarital affair can now be a matter of life and death. I still believe the female antenna is extremely sensitive. The woman who claims she didn't have a clue is either in a state of denial, or she's not playing with a full deck. Who was it who said, "None are so blind as those who do not wish to see?"

Dear Ann Landers: My 22-year-old daughter is beautiful, intelligent, compassionate, well-read and has a terrific sense of humor. She is also a bit overweight and wears glasses. She has never had a date, much less a relationship with a man. She has overweight girl-

Ann Landers

friends who have had dates, so she is convinced there

must be something seriously wrong with her. She is desperately unhappy, and I don't know how to help her.

I have no idea why men do not flock to her. I think she is the most wonderful person in the world. I have told her that my mother did not marry until she was 30, but that doesn't make her feel any better. Can you think of something I could say or do that would help? — Concerned Mom in Missouri

Dear Missouri Mom: Many overweight women who wear glasses have dates. Your beautiful, intelligent, compassionate, well-read daughter with the terrific sense of humor has a DIFFERENT kind of problem. She's not aggressive enough, and probably doesn't know how to talk to men. The savvy female is aware that men like to talk about themselves. She needs to ask questions that

will give men the opportunity to do so.

My advice to women who fail to connect with men is this: Don't try to impress a man. Ask him questions that will give HIM the opportunity to impress YOU. Be a good listener. It works. Trust me.

Dear Ann Landers: I am taking a course on "Graphology and What Your Handwriting Tells About You." My textbooks say if your handwriting slants to the left, you are generous. (True in my case.) If you cross your T's high up, you're a dreamer. If you cross them low, you're a procrastinator. (I'm a procrastinator, and my handwriting bears this out.) If you leave circular letters, like D, G and O, open at the top, you're honest — again true.

Do you believe in graphology, Ann? — Just Askin' in Brentwood, Calif.

Dear Askin': Not really, but I don't want to rain on anybody's parade. If people want to believe in it, I see no harm.

Last Ladies Night includes an auction and pies

I stood at the door and watched them come in, all those gorgeous gals, and each one had a pie in her hands. Dads were bringing up the rear with hands full of more cooking and things. A sight for sore eyes for an old bachelor like me.

Tonight is our last Ladies' Nite, an auction night and pie night. Tables were arranged in cabaret style, no head table, and our favorite pianist, Janice Graham tickling the ivories, welcoming us with some 40's and 50's music. Chef Reg Lacroix had been delayed at a funeral so we started a little late. Chorister Roger quickly stepped up to the mike and took control of the situation. It is Valentine's so he proposed, in the words of our past Secretary Rollie Dewar, "to sing some

goodies, by the oldies, for their sweeties". I had forgotten that Al Jolson had so many love songs, 'You Made Me Love You' included. It

wouldn't be Valentine's Day without 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart'. So Roger again got us all warmed up.

Promptly at 6:29 Pres. Ron welcomed all, Bill Lyon asked the blessing and we dug in to a hot turkey feast. The only seconds asked for were for pie. All kinds of pie, you name it you got it. We did not toast the ladies tonite. We showed our appreciation by eating their pies.



Many faces were missing as we were competing with a dance at the Rifle Club. This was partly made up for with guests. I saw Ada Hicks, Lucy Bown, Erwin and Muriel Watson from Bury, Emily Von Berg, Colleen and War-

ren Heath, Stu Deacon, Heather Stewart, Glenna McCaskill, Yvette Robinson, Scott and Sharon Graham, and Lucien Beauchemin. If I missed anyone I'm sorry. After supper Pres. Ron was still wiping off lemon meringue as he thanked the ladies for all the pies and goodies.

Phil Kerwin picked the winning ticket of Sharon Graham for the floral center piece. Then half n' half winners Denis Oakley and Polly Allatt came to claim their \$25 each. Pres. Ron next thanked Lyle Robinson, Sgt-at-Arms for the work he does on these below zero nights. He is the man who stands out in the cold to assure that we all get a parking place.

Ron then asked that Reg and Jeanette Lacroix, our Chefs Par Excellence, be brought to the front for acclamation and recognition. Every club night they are there to plan, prepare and distribute all those hot and excellent meals, and to wash up after. A standing ovation and a gift we hope proved our appreciation. Jeannette had a tear in her eye as she

Birchton Muriel Prescott

Friends here are pleased to have both Eleanor Taylor and Arthur Rogers home from hospitals. Eleanor spent a week at the CUSE Fleurimont site and returned home much improved in health. Arthur underwent successful surgery at the CUSE Bowen site and is now recuperating nicely at home.

Hazel Rogers was a guest of her son Bain and wife Darlene in Lennoxville when Arthur was in the hospital.

Miles Winslow was a weekend guest of his sister Trudy. Afternoon guests at the same home were Natalie Beaulieu and friend Pierre.

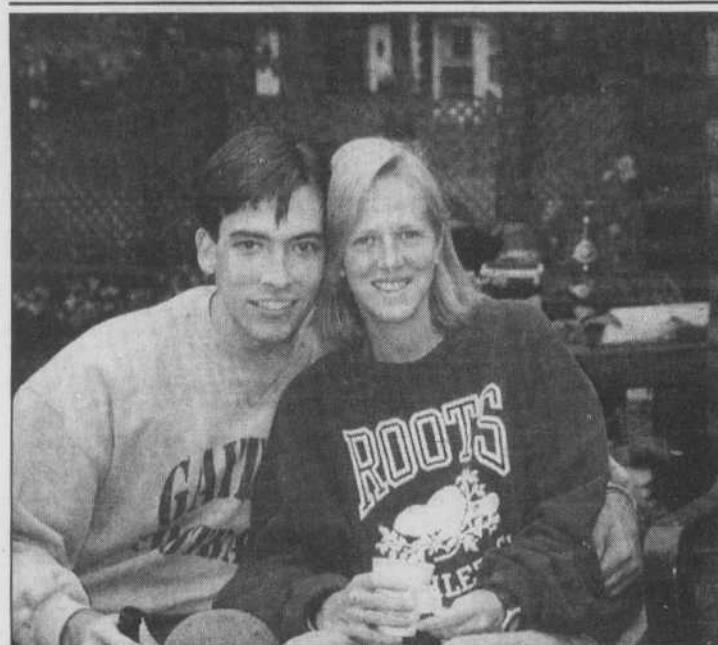
Irene and Allan Matheson of Sherbrooke were guests of Serena and Gilbert Wintle and enjoyed supper and card playing.

gave a short thank you. I think they love the club as much as we do. They are, after all, both life members having been with us more than 25 years. Bill Lyon was then called on to present the Danny Loomis Trophy. Bill is the keeper of the records. His books list all members with their statistics. Info. includes all activities and offices held by each member since joining, and any special contribution they make during their years with the club. Bill is thus able to recommend appropriate and worthy names to whoever makes the decision on who gets the trophy. The trophy is given each year to a member who has given of himself in making the club a successful and happy one. This year's winner is Bruce Patton. Always ready with music and ideas, he leads the choir, and well fulfills the criteria of making the club a happy one.

Harry, Janice, and Scott Graham, auctioneers par excellence, then took over the auctioning off of all the goodies that our ladies and some gentlemen spent many hours in preparing. Rolls, squares, homemade bread and rolls, jams, jellies, cookies, treats of all kinds, and wine. For a 'dry' club we certainly have a big thirst. The bidding was fast and furious and it's a good thing that so many own vans to take home their spoils. The club made \$640.

After the chairs were cleared for dancing Bruce Patton, Lucien Beauchemin, and Stu Deacon set up for an evening of waltzes, gallops, two steps, quadrilles, foxtrots, bunnyhugs, turkey trots etc. Even this old man won a prize for standing on the right spot. It was a great night. Until next year ladies we shall miss your smiling faces. May the good Lord keep you in the palm of His hand.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cec Blenkhorn,
SSSC Hon. Secretary



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- Z.A. JSPRZ

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I do take my work seriously and the way to do that is not to take yourself too seriously." — (Actor) Alan Rickman

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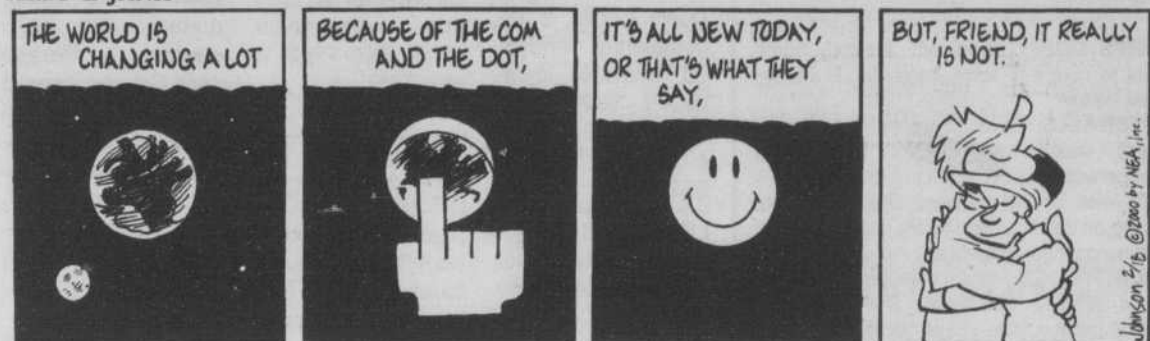
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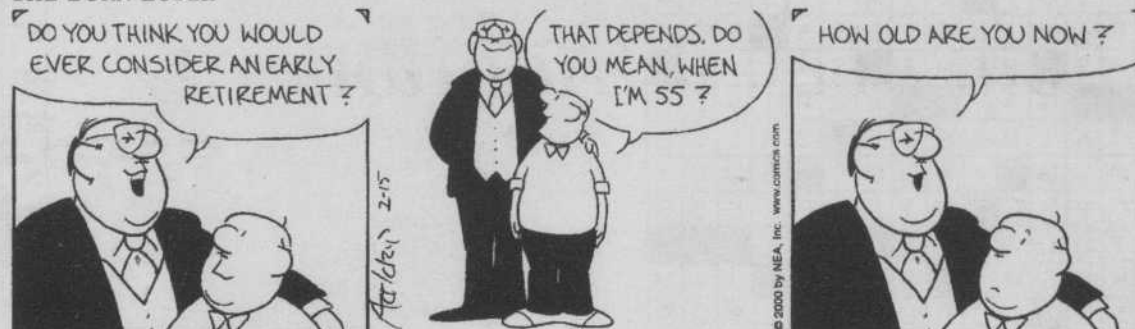
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49 K.C. summer hrs.
51 Silver salmon
53 Females
54 Actress Harper
55 ___Ude, Russia
56 Identical
57 Teepee or yurt
58 Sister of Osiris
59 McKellen and Fleming
60 Issue a ticket
62 Shrill bark

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Cornmeal mush
2 Israeli carrier
3 M. Curtiz's Best Picture
4 Irascibly
5 El __, TX
6 Persia, today
7 Animator's transparency
8 General in the Amer. Rev.
9 With guile
10 Barry Levinson's Best Picture
11 In the sack
12 Mound
13 Turner and Williams

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By Roger Jurgovan

2/18/00

ACROSS

- 1 Put at risk
10 Agassi or Citroen
15 Bulwark
16 Philosopher Kierkegaard
17 Full of vim and vigor
18 Brittany port
19 Be penitent
20 Volcanic formation
22 That woman
23 Woosnam and Fleming
25 Needle boxes
26 ___ Clemente, CA
27 Region of France
30 Verbal skirmish

- 31 Exactly suitable
32 Among the missing
34 In the past
35 Turn right!
36 North of New York City
39 Like an empty tank
41 Styron's Turner
42 Prune
43 Pennsylvania port
44 Woad or anil
45 Bagnold or Blyton
47 Sotto voce remarks
51 Stretch of time
52 Phoenician city
54 Handled

- 11 Neither's partner?
12 Horsemanship demonstration
13 Models anew
14 International understandings
21 River that means "flood"
24 Granular seasoning
28 Merging
29 Baltic republic
33 Lukewarm quality
36 Like Cousteau's world
37 Total salaries

- 38 Without a break
40 Scandinavian explorer Ericsson
46 Pipe residue
48 Reserved
49 Makes joyous
50 Spirited mounts
53 Radon, originally
57 Essences
58 French clergyman
61 Barely passing grade
63 Member of the fam.

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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2 Reference book
3 Hogs the mirror
4 Go astray
5 Capital of Latvia
6 Clinches
7 Shaping machine
8 Ukases
9 Cut-paper decoration
10 Chronic lung disease

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By Josiah Breward

2/19/00

Sherbrooke County Women's Institute annual meeting

The annual meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute was held at Uplands on February 8, with Lennoxville members as hostesses.

The County President, Evelyn Sutor called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and members repeated the Collect, the Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship. A moment's silence was observed in memory of Dorothy Wallace, a valued member who had died in December.

The Roll Call showed three members present from Ascot, eight from Lennoxville and five from Milby.

Correspondence read included a letter from the Provincial Secretary expressing appreciation for the invitation to hold the semi-annual Board meeting in Lennoxville. The Treasurer's quarterly report showed a satisfactory balance, and brief reports were given by the Agriculture convener, International Affairs convener and Publicity convener.

The President then called for annual reports from officers, conveners and committee heads. It was moved by Margaret Williams that the minutes of the last annual meeting be approved as read in April '99. Carried.

The Secretary reported we now have three branches, with 39 members. The Treasurer's report showed a substantial balance on hand. She listed the various community projects we had contributed to, i.e. bursaries - \$200, hospital and/or homes - \$20, schools - \$570, community projects - \$330, Sunshine - \$272.92, and In Memorium contributions - \$80. The Treasurer's books had been audited by Irene Harrison and found correct. The report was accepted as read on a motion seconded by Marion Annesley.

Comprehensive interesting reports were given by conveners and committee heads: Agriculture - Marion Annesley, Canadian Industries - Marjorie Sutor, Citizenship and Legislation - Gwen Parker for Jessie MacKinnon, Education - Linda Hoy, Home Economics & Health - Jean Naylor, International Affairs - Margaret Hall, Environment - Marion Annesley, Publicity - Phyllis Worster. Conveners moved the adoption of their reports; seconded by Margaret Williams.

President Evelyn Sutor thanked the members for their support during her term of office. She felt we had accomplished a lot during the past year for the small number of members we now have. A gift was presented to Evelyn in appreciation.

Following her brief address the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed a delicious lunch consisting of lasagna, shepherd's pie, baked beans,

cole slaw and rolls. Dessert consisted of banana splits with a variety of sauces. Margaret Hall, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Lennoxville members.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Gwen Parker presented the slate of officers for the coming year and proceeded with the installation ceremony. A gift was presented to Gwen in appreciation.

The new officers and conveners are: President - Jessie MacKinnon, 1st Vice - Marion Annesley, 2nd Vice - Jean Naylor, Secretary - Margaret Hall, Treasurer -

Gwen Parker. County Conveners - Agriculture - Thelma Picken, Canadian Industries - Marjorie Sutor, Citizenship & Legislation - Evelyn Sutor, Education and Cultural Activities - Margaret Williams, Home Economics & Health - Marion Annesley, International Affairs - Margaret Hall. Committees - Environment - Jean Naylor, Publicity - Phyllis Worster, Safety - Marion Annesley.

President Jessie MacKinnon took the chair and proceeded with new business.

The first item was the concern felt about the decreasing membership, and the question of being able to continue our efforts as we would like to do. Each branch delegate is to take this back to their branch for discussion. The essay competition, held annually, was spoken about, and judges chosen. Gwen Parker and Margaret Hall will work together, Marjorie White and Marion Annesley will work together, as will Margaret Williams and Thelma Picken.

A motion was made that all bills be paid. A vote of thanks was made to Gwen Parker for having the programs made.

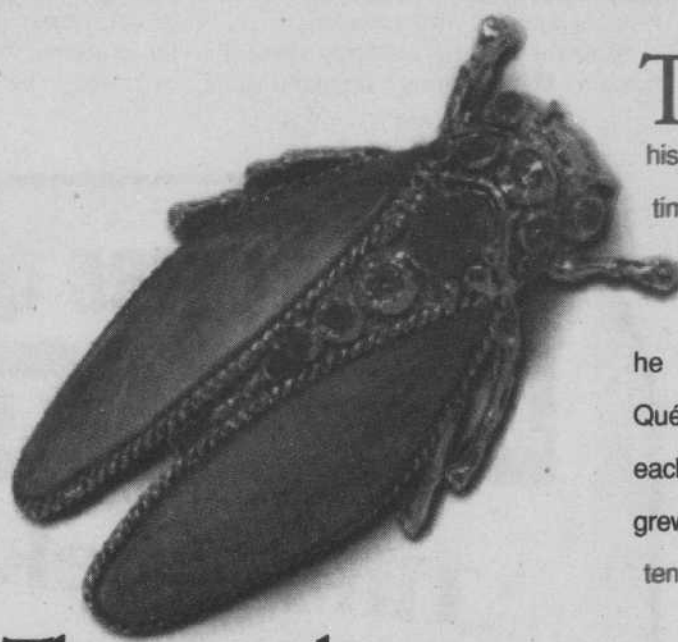
The County Project was discussed. This had previously been software for Lennoxville Elementary School. Three of our members will visit the school to see how the software is being used. A motion was made and carried that \$250 be given to the County Project. Awareness Day - Marion Annesley would like to carry on with the weaving project

that had been planned for last year but was not held. She will get in touch with the school. Margaret Hall agreed to look after the wool gathering project.

The food sale we usually hold on Friendship Day will be discussed at the next county meeting, which will be held on April 25, with Milby members as hostesses.

This brought a busy, informative meeting to a close at 3:40 p.m., on a motion by Donna Davis.

Phyllis Worster



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UCW meeting

BIRCHTON

The regular monthly meeting of the Birchton UCW was held at Helen Taylor's home with 10 present. In the absence of the president, Hazel Rogers, Heather Turchyn conducted the meeting.

The UCW Purpose was repeated and Serena Wintle led the devotions. Shirley Nortcliffe read Mark 4: 41-44. The hymn, "Whispering Hope" was sung. Serena continued with a reading on how the healing of the lepers told in the Bible reading brought many followers to Jesus. She ended with a prayer.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the January meeting some

reports were given. Heather Turchyn gave the Treasurer's report. Rena Halsall for CFV reported on cards sent. Muriel Prescott for Church In Society told about the Japanese church in Hamilton, Ont. giving help to keep up a Home for elderly Japanese.

Several thank you letters were read - a very informative one from the Seafarer's Union telling how donations given were used; one from Cookshire School asking that we save Campbell soup labels with the bar code left on, any kind, classic, chunky, etc. which they can use to get money for sports equipment, a letter asking for readers for World Day of Prayer to be held in Bulwer Commu-

nity Center on March 3 at 2 p.m., a letter from Bulwer Carry On Gang saying they would no longer join other UCW's in gift giving at Christmas.

Members were reminded to send Valentines to partners in the Dixville Home. The usual gift will be given to the M&S Society.

Heather closed the meeting with a reading called Shoelaces from Everyday Parables. The next meeting will be at the Turchyn home on March 14.

The program for the evening was a silent auction followed by visiting and a delicious lunch served by the hostess.

Muriel Prescott

Friday, Feb. 18, 2000

Was it a good move?

By Phillip Alder

There is an old saying that if your opponents never make a contract that you double, you aren't doubling enough. Yet there is nothing more frustrating than doubling a contract that was dying perforce, only to watch the opponents run to another contract and make that.

What do you think of the bidding in today's deal? And if you were sitting West, what would you lead against five diamonds?

South was right to open in the higher-ranking of two five-card suits. Then, on the second round, he had to jump to show his extra strength. North thought about rebidding three spades, to hunt out a 5-3 spade fit, but that would have led to three no-trump by South. West, seeing a bird in the hand, would probably have passed it out and led the heart king. However, when North bid three no-trump, West made a lead-directing double, asking for a lead of dummy's first-bid suit. (Without the double, East would probably lead the club two. North makes the contract by winning with dummy's king and playing the spade queen.) Taking the hint, South ran to five diamonds, where he expected his partner to have some support.

Now the spotlight was on West. As he was so strong in declarer's second suit, he opened with a trump, which defeated the contract. If declarer led the spade queen, West would win with the ace and play another trump. If instead South took two heart ruffs in the dummy, when in with the spade ace, West would cash two heart tricks. On any other lead, though, declarer could win 11 tricks.

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