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Engineering students gear up for South Africa

By Janice Cunningham
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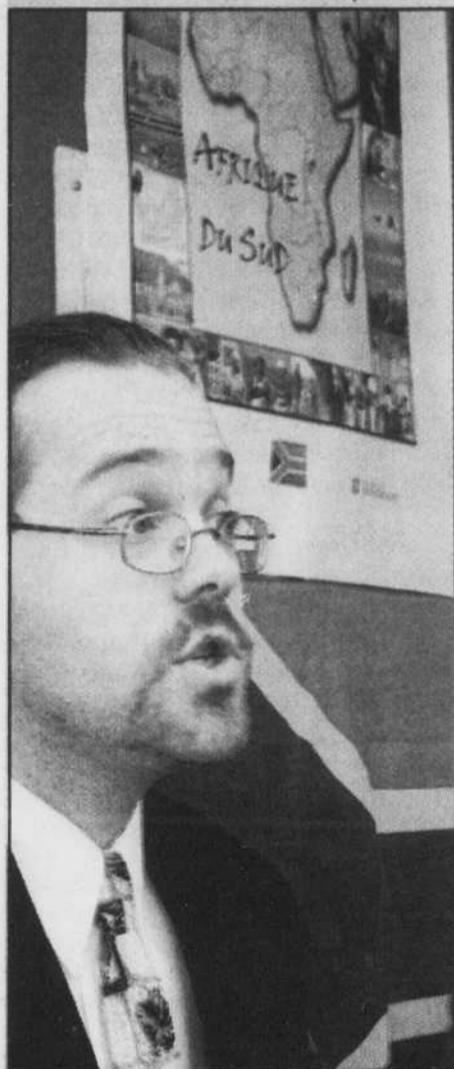
Nineteen engineering students from the University of Sherbrooke are getting ready to leap continents this August for a three-week mission to South Africa as part of their involvement in Ingénierie Sans Frontières (ISF) 2001.

"But it's not just a three-week trip," said retired civil engineer Michel Bourbeau, advisor and president of the ISF 2001 who will be accompanying the students for his third consecutive year. "It's the culmination of a year's work involving teamwork, exploring international development and learning about the country we'll be travelling to."

The mandate of ISF, created in 1991 by a group of University of Sherbrooke students interested in the new global economy, is to provide future engineers with a multidisciplinary training and to create ties with industries in the countries visited.

To this end, ISF is soliciting local businesses, particularly small-to-medium-sized ones, to contribute financially to the mission.

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

University of Sherbrooke engineering student Guillaume Begin explains the Ingénierie Sans Frontières mission to South Africa this August which will combine a lesson in international relations and establishing business contacts in the newly developing country.

Snow Art



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Lennoxville Elementary School students took advantage of the snowfall yesterday to create unusual snow sculptures, including this heart for Valentine's Day, using food colouring as the paint.

Brazilians boycott Brome Lake birds because of beef ban

Mad cow disease dispute dents duck exports

By Rita Legault

Brome Lake ducks, which had begun flying south to Brazil this winter, may have lost the comfortable nest they were building in the South American country due to a controversial ban on Brazilian beef.

Ducks are among the Canadian products being boycotted by Brazilians in retaliation for Canada banning their beef.

Canadian food officials say the meat - much of it canned corned beef - was banned due to fears the beef could be contaminated with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, better known as mad cow disease.

A team of Canadian, American and Mexican inspectors headed down to Brazil this week

to tour cattle ranches, meat processing plants and to check government records. The experts are seeking proof that Brazilian beef is free from European beef products that may contain deadly mad cow disease.

Depending on the results of the inquiry, Canadian food inspection officials predict the ban on Brazilian beef could be lifted by the middle of next week at the earliest.

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My undelivered Valentine

It is the fault of neither the postman nor anyone else's if my Valentine was not delivered on time. It is only because this column is published on Thursday, the day after St. Valentine's day.

Jewels, flowers, chocolates and kisses are the fare for St. Valentine's and I hope you have been endowed with a satisfying portion of them all. My Valentine, dedicated to my readers, consists of the same ingredients, but in hypothetical form.

To the businessperson, whether a shopkeeper, professional or industrialist, I offer you a box full of chocolates to replenish your energy and determination to strive towards your goals that benefit both consumers and employees.

You deserve all the profits you can make out of your investment of time and money.

To our public servants who have the responsibility for the application of unpopular directives, a bouquet of flowers to remind you we know your job is necessary to keep our systems on keel.

A big bouquet of flowers goes to our civil and security employees who watch over our physical well-being. Ambulance workers and firefighters literally fly to accident scenes and police forces are doing a proud service in spite of the laxity of our laws.

My envelope includes jewels of

OUR MAN THURSDAY



WILLIAM COX

thanks for education, health and other employees who do their professional best to maintain our enviable high standards of service to the public.

Kisses go to all you unassuming volunteer workers who give your time and energy to worthwhile causes. Your solace to a hurt child, companionship to a lonely person and encouragement to the discouraged cannot be replaced by technology. The tapestry of our society

would be full of holes without your dedication.

A big box of chocolates is reserved for aspiring writers who dig deep into their hearts and souls for the creative works

they share with us. Let these chocolates nourish you and your muses to allow us to continue enjoying your beautiful creations.

There are diamonds for the Township's Association and their dedicated people who protect and promote our community's arts and culture. There is still a sprinkle of diamond dust left for all Townshipers.

A huge portion of the jewels, flowers, chocolates and kisses in this Valentine is reserved to all of you who were forgotten on Valentine's Day by a lover or forgetful family members.

My companion might feel uneasy if I ask: "Will you be my Valentine?" Instead, I'll ask: "Can I be yours?"

If I ruled the world

World domination is a concept that fascinates me. It sounds simple enough, but when you realize what you have to do to achieve it, that's where the trouble starts. To rule the world means you have to get most of the people in the world to do what you want. I can't imagine any human being ever accomplishing such a thing, no matter how many nuclear weapons or incriminating photographs they have.

Very few of us can even get the majority of the people at work - or in our own families - to do what we want. I can't even remember getting my wife to do what I wanted.

For me, world domination is absolutely out of the question. Heck, if I can get my hammer to hit what I was aiming at, I give myself a medal - something small and tasteful and often in the shape of a beer bottle.

HIGH ROLLERS VS. OLD ROLLERS

I've just come back from Las Vegas. I'm hoping I wasn't there long enough to get any on me. But one of the things that caught my eye is the practice they have of identifying high rollers and giv-

ing them comps - flights and hotel rooms and meals and Siegfried and Roy's home number - just because the casinos know these people are going to spend a lot of money while they're there.

So I'm wondering why other destinations don't use the same tactics to attract their customers. Like Florida cornering the senior's market. Any old guy should get free room and board. They'll make it up in bifocals and prune juice. They could even fly us all down for free. Just make it a one-way ticket if you want to keep the cost down. For most of us, a return flight is a bit of a longshot anyway.

YOU'VE LOST IT

There comes a time in a man's life when he loses his power. He is no longer seen as a threat. He's just a shadow of his former self. This can be a difficult time, but it's easier on you if you're aware of it and can adjust your behavior accordingly. Here are some signs that tell you people are being patronizing:

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- When you drop into the fitness center, everybody rushes to get you a chair.

- When you're screaming at someone in a fit of anger, they smile.

- People in your family are nice to you.

- Everyone talks loudly and slowly to you.

- Your doctor tells you not to buy green bananas.

- You punch someone in the stomach as hard as you can and they don't notice.

- When you're sitting quietly in the living room watching Lawrence Welk, somebody holds a mirror under your nose.

- When you talk about spontaneous combustion and alien abductions and where Elvis is hiding, everyone agrees with you.

- You are elected President of the United States.

ADULT MOVIES

There's an adult movie store a few blocks from my house. I've never been

there, but it's in one of those areas where it's impossible to find a parking spot. The thing that intrigues me is the idea of calling them "adult." It implies that you're not an adult unless you watch them. Or worse still, that these are movies showing what adults do.

I'm surprised sex offenders haven't used adult movies as their defense, claiming they weren't doing anything illicit, they were just acting like adults.

Of course, the truth is they call them "adult" because they're trying to attract customers who aren't. Anyway, it's not for me. Even if sex is a sport, I'd much rather be out on the playing field than sitting in the stands.

Quote of the Day: "After catching a glimpse of my naked body in the bathroom mirror, I understand why God created darkness." - Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

Weather

Today: Some snow in the morning. Clearing later on. High near minus 6. Winds northwesterly 20 to 40 km/h.

Friday: Intermittent snow. Low near minus 14. High near minus 4. Probability of precipitation 80 percent.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Low near minus 18. High near minus 10.

Sunday: Variable cloudiness with a few very light flurries. Low near minus 22. High near minus 10.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



PQ plan would be a catastrophe - eye doctor

Optometrists worried about loss of free checkups for children and seniors

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Quebec's Order of Optometrists say a Parti Québécois proposal to cease providing free eye examinations to children under 18 and seniors over 65 would be a catastrophe.

La Presse reported last week that Quebec is considering saving \$30 million by dropping eye and dental checkups for children and seniors from the list of services currently covered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec.

Dr. Michael Chaiken, president of the professional order set up to protect the public, said seniors who are at risk for ocular problems including cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy need regular checkups.

"These problems need to be weeded out as soon as possible and treated to prevent serious complications," he said, adding that seniors who are often on fixed or low incomes and who rarely have health insurance are unlikely to have the extra cash for regular checkups.

Chaiken adds that good vision is important for the quality of life of seniors and elderly people who are sedentary and spend much of their time at home reading and watching television.

"We are really afraid people will put off their visits and we will not be able to detect problems in time," he said.

Chaiken said that children need to have their first eye exams before starting school and have regular checkups to detect eye problems ranging from nearsightedness to farsightedness.

The optometrists said eye problems can often affect learning and such disorders as dyslexia are related to eye problems.

"Children often have a hard time reading and they don't understand why," Chaiken said, adding that those kids don't do well in school. Preventative vis-

its to the eye doctor can root out disorders before they lead to more serious problems.

Chaiken said the Order, the professional organization which was set up to license optometrists and deal with public complaints against them, is not simply protecting turf. He said optometrists are truly concerned about the public.

"When I perform a checkup on a 17-year-old, the government pays me \$20. We do the same exam for an 18-year-old and charge \$40," he said, adding that many optometrists drop their prices to ensure elderly and needy people can afford essential checkups.

Chaiken said that in 1992, the Liberal government stopped covering optometrists' visits for people between the ages of 18 and 40. In 1993, the Liberals decided to stop covering free visits for people between 40 and 65.

"They did it with no advance warning," Chaiken said, adding that then Finance Minister Gérard D. Lévesque announced it in his budget speech and at midnight the services were no longer covered.

Chaiken said that in those days, the Liberals faced a huge deficit. Despite that, they still decided to spare children under the age of 18 and seniors 65 and older.

"Now we have a zero deficit and the Parti Québécois wants to de-insure services for everyone else," he said. "We think it will be a catastrophe."

Chaiken points out that the suggestion of cutting free eye exams comes just after the release of the Clair commission report on health care which states the government must focus more on primary care and prevention than on secondary and tertiary care which is much more expensive.

Chaiken said the suggestion of cutting eye exams was recommended by Treasury Board president Jacques Leonard and has already been approved by the PQ cabinet.

He said Quebecers will have to raise a stink to get the government to reverse its decision, and suggested people write and call their MNAs and PQ cabinet minister to increase pressure.

"We have two or three weeks to undo this, or it's pretty much a done deal."

STUDENTS:

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In return, the Quebec businesses receive, depending on the level of contribution, publicity, including having their logo displayed on all ISF brochures and its web site; an invitation to the closing gala; and the possibility of accompanying the students during part of the mission. Contributions can range from \$500 to \$7,500 and more.

Why South Africa? Engineering student Guillaume Begin said this country is just beginning to open up for global commerce.

"It's become the port of entry for commerce in Africa," said the articulate young spokesperson who is in charge of "the logistics, planning the trip, finding accommodation, transportation and arranging the visits to the various industries."

The students have done their homework: South Africa, although accounting for only five per cent of the continent's population, represents 40 per cent of its industrial production and produces 50 per cent of its electricity. Begin said South Africa is 20th in the world for the production of advanced technologies and this sector is growing 30 per cent every year.

The students are also interested in the country's renowned mining industry which, Begin claims, "will need to import more and more mining equipment from other countries."

Other important industries include the chemical industry, such as rubber and plastic, and the environmental industry, which is expected to grow in the next few years.



Retired civil engineer Michel Bourbeau, president of the ISF mission to South Africa and advisor, lines up with engineering students Karl Turgeon and Guillaume Begin, organizer for ISF, Sebastian Lajoie, ISF director of public relations, and students David Nadeau, François Perron and Dominique Boudreau.

The group will be visiting 40 different industries in South Africa.

"Three weeks is tight," said François Perron, "but the team will split up to cover all the areas."

Perron said the students have been working hard since last September, "about 15 hours a week, on top of the regular course load."

Students do not receive credit for their work on ISF, but both Perron and Begin agree that course credit would be suitable.

Previous years have included trips to Brazil, Argentine, Asia and Vietnam. Bourbeau has accompanied two of these trips and explains why he is back for a third.

"First, I'm very impressed by these young people, their dynamism and energy," he said. "Second is the pertinence of the trip... it's important that youth learn more about international development."

"And I love to travel," he said with a smile. "To encounter new cultures and compare our culture to others. Beau voyage!"

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Ambassador says Costa Rica open for business

By Nelson Afonso
MAGOG

Free trade or not, Latin America is a rich market just waiting for Canadian investors and dollars, announced Denis Thibault, Canada's ambassador to Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua yesterday.

"If you look at a chart of our exports to these countries over the last few years, you can see an almost horizontal line. That tells me that we have to be more aggressive," said Thibault reading over some notes.

The conference, organized by the Magog business community attracted curious investors wanting to know more about the three small Latin American countries.

Last year, Canadian exports to Costa Rica reached about \$70 million, while exports to Nicaragua and Honduras totaled about \$11.5 million and \$20 million respectively.

"Unfortunately", said Thibault, "when we hear about these countries, it is because of natural disasters like in El Salvador."

While most Canadians know little about Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras made headlines in 1998 when hurricane Mitch ripped through the two countries. The worst hurricane to hit Central America since 1988, Mitch caused billions of dollars in damages and killed thousands of people. Thibault recognized that the two nations

are still rebuilding and that foreign investments would be beneficial.

Along with rebuilding infrastructures destroyed in the hurricane, Thibault stressed the importance of providing Nicaragua and Honduras with safe drinking water, housing and agricultural products. All possible markets for Canadian investors, he said.

Costa Rica has been a trading partner with Canada for a number of years, and could be an interesting investment opportunity. Talks between Canadian and Costa Rican officials are underway and Thibault hopes the two will sign a bilateral free trade agreement in April.

Thibault, who has a law degree from Université de Sherbrooke, believes the deal will encourage Canadian investments in Costa Rica which has pressing concerns about water quality, agriculture, the environment and urban transportation among others.

As we near the Summit of the Americas conference, Thibault reiterated his government's commitment to discuss themes like human prosperity, free trade and the importance of reinforcing democracy. To be held in Quebec City on April 20-22, the Summit of the Americas will bring together representatives from the 34 democrati-

cally elected governments of the Americas.

Thibault insisted investing in Latin America can be lucrative for Canadian companies, but warns potential investors against going into the markets without a plan. Doing your homework is essential he said.

Among things to do before making that decision to invest, Thibault encouraged people to seek a local partner in whichever market seems interesting. "They will be your eyes and your nose," said Thibault to the quiet crowd.

You should also speak the language, know the culture, visit the market and try to be very patient and show perseverance. Thibault also recommended that potential investors get in touch with Canadian officials at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to discuss possible

strategies.

These specialists can help potential investors by giving them a look into each market's potential and by representing investors abroad. They could also put potential investors into contact with key people such as bankers and the local business community.

A diplomat since 1974, Thibault has worked abroad ever since, except for a couple of two-year stints in Ottawa. Being away from home has been tough for the Longueuil-native, but he has no regrets.

"If I had to do it all over again I would," he concluded before heading off to meet potential investors.

Thibault has also served abroad in Madrid, San Juan, Atlanta, Buenos Aires, Caracas and Mexico City.

Ducks:

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In the meantime, many Canadian and foreign financial observers say the beef ban is motivated mainly by a trade dispute between Brazil's Embraer and Montreal's Bombardier Inc. over subsidies to the Brazilian airplane manufacturer.

"I believe (our duck sales) will suffer a lot because of all the bad publicity Canada has gotten down there," said Brome Lake Ducks marketing director Bruno Giuliani.

A lot of restaurants and hotels had been cooking up Brome Lake ducks until Brazilian retail associations got together to organize a boycott of a number of Canadian products.

"Our distributor over there is getting back a lot of products," he said.

But Giuliani said he is more worried about the damage the bad public-

ity has done to potential sales.

A new and expanding market, Brome Lake Ducks began selling birds to Brazil this winter, Giuliani explained.

Currently Brazil represents a tiny portion - less than five per cent - of sales. But exports to Brazil were a big part of the company's strategy for 2001.

"We were expecting to send ten times that," Giuliani said. The company determined there was a huge potential for sales after sending someone to Brazil to study the market there for three months.

"There was an immense potential there," he said. "Our duck and duck products were appreciated there because of our quality."

Giuliani said Brome Lake Ducks invested heavily in studying the Brazilian market. "Now all the studies are good for nothing."

"We were getting in quite solidly and now everything is at a standstill and we don't know what will happen."

Celebrating Women's Day March 8

The Record pays tribute to the women of the Townships with a special supplement on March 8, International Women's Day, featuring articles on women from a variety of fields.

Readers are invited to send in photos and stories about the winning women in their lives. Tell us about women who've inspired you and made an impact on your life. Mothers, sisters, friends or colleagues - share what makes these women special with others. Mail or e-mail a photo and a paragraph of not more than 150 words, along with \$15 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to The Record in Sherbrooke or Knowlton.

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Season is one of deadliest for snowmobilers

Speed, booze and stupidity are main factors

By René Bruemmer

In early January, Sarah Smith climbed aboard her snowmobile, went for a ride in a farmer's field in Stanhope she's visited "thousands of times," and slammed into a large, snow-covered rock, sending her and her machine into the air. On her return to earth, she landed first on her snowmobile and then on the ground, shattering the 12th vertebrae in her back.

Doctors at a Sherbrooke hospital cut a piece of bone from her hip and grafted it into her spinal column with the aid of pins, hooks and screws.

Five weeks after the accident, Smith is able to walk and sit again, but she's still in pain and is unable to pick up her infant child. The accident will cost the Dixville resident at least three months of work.

Compared to an unprecedented number of Quebec riders this year, Smith was lucky.

So far this winter, 21 snowmobilers in the province have been killed, with the official season little more than a month and a half old and several months of riding time still to come.

According to statistics from Quebec's automobile insurance board, 27 riders were killed during the 1997 season, 29 in 1998 and 28 in 1999.

A rider in his 60s toppled to his death from a snowmobile bridge in Lennoxville last month. It was the first fatality in the Estrie region in at least three years.

If this winter's fatality rate continues apace, the 2000-2001 season is shaping up to be one of the deadliest on record for the province of Quebec.

Ironically, perfect snowmobiling weather is cited as the main cause of the marked rise. Snowfalls have been more abundant and temperatures cooler than in recent years, meaning more



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Three-quarters of mishaps occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., most involve riders aged 15 to 24 years of age.

riders enjoying the outdoors and getting into accidents.

Even with a relatively poor snowmobiling season in 1999, Quebec riders still managed to injure themselves in large numbers, with 150 serious accidents (requiring at least an overnight stay in hospital) and 292 minor injuries such as broken limbs or concussions recorded. In total, the Société d'assurance automobile de Québec listed 470 snowmobile-accident victims in the province in 1999. The vast majority - about 80 per cent or more - occur off of the extensive network of marked trails maintained by Quebec's snowmobiling clubs.

Emile Therien, president of the Canada Safety Council, is blunt about the cause of most accidents.

"Speed, booze and stupidity," The-

rien said. "Every one of the recorded accidents could have been avoided. But for far too many riders there is an attitude that it's all right to jump on your machines and take off and go as fast as you want and as far as you want. Rider responsibility is at the root of the problem."

Speed is believed to be the leading cause, followed by alcohol consumption.

About 95 people a year are killed in snowmobile accidents in Canada, Therien says, with off-trail touring representing only 20 per cent of the riding, but 80 per cent of accidents. Three-quarters of mishaps occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., most involve riders aged 15 to 24 years of age, and drowning and hypothermia are the leading causes of death, Safety Council documents note.

Therien said the growing popularity of the sport combined with increasingly powerful machines capable of speeds reaching 200 kilometres an hour is fueling the problem. Canada has about 660,000 registered snowmobiles.

Increased restrictions and regulations, however, are not the answer, Therien says.

Drivers already have to obtain licenses and insurance to ride on shared trails, and obey traffic laws or face penalties, including fines and even imprisonment, and wear helmets.

"Creating new rules, restrictions and regulations is more likely to inconvenience the sensible majority of riders than to reduce the number of accidents," he says.

Police forces already stretched thin by budget cuts are incapable of providing adequate coverage on the thousands of kilometres of trails, although the SQ does have officers patrolling with a few snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles in the Estrie region.

Therien advocates increasing the number of training and safety courses offered, and "arresting the blatant law-breakers before they race to their inevitable disaster."

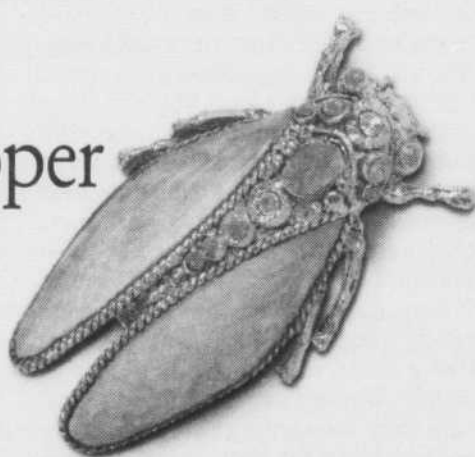
Sarah Smith says she plans to return to snowmobiling, which she's practiced since the age of five, as soon as she's able. But she says the rock in the field is now marked with large warning flags, and she plans to be more cautious.

"It's like they say, if you fall off the horse you have to get back on," she said. "But I'll be careful."

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The Canada Safety Council promotes a SnoPro training program that offers hands-on training and covers protective gear, environmental concerns, local laws and safety techniques. Interested individuals or clubs should contact George Smith at (613) 739-1535, ext. 227, or check out the SnoPro computer disc package, which can be ordered at the council's Web site at www.safety-council.org. You can also check out snowmobile safety tips at www.snowmobile.org/i_safety.htm

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Community Forum

EDITORIAL

Their service is garbage and they do it well

I've lived in a few towns and cities and learned that each has its own system of garbage collection - some will take only two green bags a week placed one foot from the curb, tied with a round turn and two half hitches.

Others will leave the soggy cardboard box that announces to the neighbours you just got a new VCR, because cardboard goes with the recyclables on Wednesday. I've seen garbage trucks drive by bags that were torn open by skunks. Then there are the selective garbage picker-uppers: they'll take this but not that and others that will take the crud and the can you put it in.

If you think for a moment that garbage is not a hot button issue, you're wrong. Collecting, sorting, bagging refuse, then deciding who is going to drag it curbside is an issue that touches every household. And what are you expected to do with the stuff the garbage man doesn't take? Bury it in the back yard? Nope. It's back in the house with it until you move to a new town.

So I want to be on record as saying that Lennoxville gets my vote for having the best garbage service of any I've

ever seen, bar none.

When we moved into our new home, it was with some trepidation we stacked an embarrassing array of bags, boxes, crates and far too much crap for any reasonable person to expect to be picked up. To my surprise and delight, they not only picked it all up, but emptied containers they thought we may have another use for - and waved as they left!

Since then, I have followed the truck on its route through town as it stops to pick up refuse that would have been left behind by most others, carefully leaving cans right-side-up. Without heaping it on too thick, I'd like to add, the driver of the truck courteously moves to one side to allow cars to pass and I have the impression these are people who take pride in their work.

I'm mentioning this today because the town of Lennoxville is about to call for tenders for the pick up of garbage and I just want to say - although I have no authority on this matter - I'm pulling for the people who already have the contract.

SHARON McCULLY



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waterloo mayor and council doing fine job

DEAR EDITOR,

In response to a letter to the editor, Jan. 5, 2001 'Committee Will Monitor Town Spending in Waterloo'. We, as concerned citizens would like to make light our views which differ so greatly from C. Bryan Cyr's ad hoc committee of RCCW.WCG. He mentioned the itinerant salesman arriving in town, practices his trade for a few years, runs for mayor and wins. How long have you lived here Mr. Cyr? What would possess you to think you could form a committee of 250 people at \$5 each to attend council meetings and veto everything that gets brought up, for the good or for the bad. Sounds like you might be looking up to the Heaven and are being led to the promised land? Mr. Masse, our mayor and our councillors have lowered our taxes, removed those miserable parking meters, doing something about our terrible water situation which no mayor before him has succeeded in doing. Our snow removal situation has been better than ever this year even with the terrific amount of snow that has fallen. Mr. Masse has been known to help patrol our streets after 9 p.m. at night to make sure our young people are safe. Sounds to us like a very conscientious group of people running our town and I might add, they are earning every cent they are receiving for their salaries. They

are also to my knowledge ready to receive our calls, listen to our views and work for us to the best of their ability without a group such as the one you are planning to form watching over their shoulder every council meeting. Our mayor is also available at certain hours almost every day at the town hall. Count me and my \$5 out when you do your membership drive.

SHIRLEY BOCKUS
AND OTHER CONCERNED CITIZENS OF
WATERLOO

School system too technical?

DEAR EDITOR,

I am sick and tired of the school system the way the kids are dealt with. I put three children through the school system, one was put ahead and was in high school at 11-years-old.

These children got through by using their head for math and such. Calculators came out, every child had to have one or they could not do their math. That is why so many children are failing math because they are losing the ability to use their heads for counting and such.

Now they have come up with the idea that in order to get their homework done they have to have a typewriter and a computer. Come on, get real, how can a mother on welfare or low income afford these things?

If the teachers have all their teaching on a computer, why do they have all these planning days?

CHRISTINA BLAKE
Kingsbury

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Optimists return to Richmond

Group to focus on youth problems

By Stephen MacDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

In New York City, in 1911, eight concerned parents, worried about the rising number of juvenile delinquents, formed a club to fight the problem.

They called themselves Optimists and wanted to promote a better, civic-minded, law-abiding, healthy way of life.

Today, there are more than 3,000 of these clubs across North America.

Last Saturday, the Richmond Optimist Club was added to the list.

"The club is a family that is here to help families," said newly-elected president Shirley Provis.

"We want to give parents a choice, a place to go, especially if they are low-income or single parents. They don't have to be alone with their problems."

Provis said the club wants to set up various family activities such as holiday parties, floor hockey tournaments and a soap-box derby.

"The derby is possible because other clubs such as the one in Windsor already have the soap-box cars built and are willing to lend some of them to us," she said.

"All we need is permission from the

town to have a street like St. Jean blocked off for a few hours. We hope to have the derby at the end of June."

Other projects the club wants to work on are suicide prevention programs and bicycle safety seminars.

Diane Lapointe, a member of the Windsor Optimists, said the clubs usually concern themselves with children between the ages of eight and twelve.

"We want them to have a place where they can enjoy themselves and feel they are a part of something before they get into their teens," she said.

Amanda Woodford, an 18-year-old Cleveland resident who joined the club, worries too many children and adolescents feel alienated.

"They have no place to go, nothing to do," she said. "You see them hanging around the post office or in the park. They want to get involved in something. Maybe we can offer them that something."

Even though the last Richmond Optimist Club closed down in 1992, Provis feels the time is right to get one started again.

"We have 29 other clubs in the Townships that we can call on for help if we need it," she said. "If we can get local parents interested in our activities, we have a better chance this time."



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Optimist governors and the newly-elected board of the Richmond Optimist Club - (Left to right, front row) Claudette Coupal (Assistant Governor, Quebec) Jean-Claude Gagne (director), Shirley Provis (President, holding the Optimist emblem), Wendy Ridley (director), Wellay Leblond (secretary), Daniel Hinse (director). (Left to right, back row) Michel Rivard (V.P. International), Diane Lapointe (Lt. Governor, Quebec), Denis Ridley (director), Pierre Lessard (V.P.), Luc Leblond (V.P.), Eric Bouchard (director).

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Parents were surprised daughter was in Beijing

By Petti Fongand and Jim Beatty

University of B.C. student Kate Woznow told her parents last Friday she was heading by bus to Seattle, but instead she hopped a plane to Beijing to confront Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

Woznow, president of the UBC group Students for a Free Tibet, and fellow activist Sam Price were stopped by security guards when they began shouting "Free Tibet before free trade" outside a hotel where Chrétien's Team Canada trade delegation was about to sign contracts with Chinese officials.

The pair, who left Vancouver together Friday, were questioned for several hours by security police before being released without charge.

Price and Woznow entered China as tourists and were planning to leave for Canada today.

"We received a call from a member of the Canadian consulate and, yes, we were surprised," Woznow's father Ron said Tuesday.

"My daughter told us she was going to a conference in Seattle. I suspect she knew full well what her mother's anxiety level would have been if she said she was going to China."

Ron Woznow said he and his daughter travelled together to Tibet in 1999 and she was deeply affected by the erosion of Tibetan culture since the Chinese annexed their country in 1950.

"She has a feel for people and she just felt that if the western world sits by for another 20 years,

then everyone is going to say 'I wish we had done something,'" Woznow said. "I applaud her enthusiasm and her unwillingness to say that nothing better can come of this until we make it better."

The attempted protest, in a country where such incidents are swiftly muted, happened just hours after the prime minister spoke on the rule of law and protection of individual rights before China's

National Judges College.

Chrétien said China's judges must keep working to be fair, independent and to uphold the rights of all citizens, regardless of whether they are rich or powerful.

China's fledgling judiciary does not yet have the kind of independence enjoyed by Canadian courts. Chinese judges lack the clout to challenge or overturn the actions of the government.

The prime minister and some of Canada's leading business leaders are in China for a trade mission that has been overshadowed by calls for human rights reforms.

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In Tuesday's incident, Woznow, 20, a political science student, and Price, 25, a University of Alberta graduate, were hustled away moments before trade deals worth several billion dollars were signed with Chinese firms.

Some Team Canada delegation mem-

bers shouted at the protesters to "shut up" and get their facts right as they were hauled off. Security guards also yelled at the protesters. One of the guards said, "You're not in Canada anymore."

The prime minister's entourage referred queries about the protesters to the Canadian Embassy.

In an interview from Beijing Tuesday, Premier Ujjal Dosanjh was caught off guard by the arrest of the protesters.

"This is the first I'm hearing about it," he told reporters who asked him about the controversy.

Despite being briefed by his staff both in China and in British Columbia on all the current issues, Dosanjh admitted: "I have not heard this story. I certainly would have liked to know before you talked to me about it."

The B.C. contingent of Team Canada has signed 47 trade deals in Beijing, the largest number of commercial trade agreements ever concluded on a B.C. trade mission.

Dosanjh, a former human rights activist, defended the trade mission, even though China's abuses of human rights are well known.

"There has been a change for the better in China, but China isn't where you would like China to be or I would like China to be," he said. "No country changes as you would like it to change. The United States of America next door doesn't do exactly what we want it to do, or vice versa."

But Dosanjh said a ban on trading will not improve human rights in China. More can be done to improve conditions in China if western countries apply political pressure on the Chinese while continuing to trade with them, he said.

Chrétien is promising to speak out again on human rights in China as the Team Canada trade mission moves on to Shanghai.

He made the pledge in a speech at a dinner hosted by the Canada-China Business Council, with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji in attendance.

Chrétien said he views China's expected entry into the World Trade Organization as part of a much broader agenda of "developing the rule of law. To ensure fair and equitable treatment before the courts _ for both people and companies. Such progress, I feel, is integral to our on-going dialogue and exchange on the importance of individual rights and the free expression of ideas."

Zhu remained silent on the issue during his final remarks. After Chrétien's speech at the judges college, the president of the college, Cao Jianming, thanked the prime minister but went on to slam the western media for neglecting "the tremendous efforts that the Chinese government makes" in trying to improve on human rights.

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Fired prof takes on McGill, judge

By Mike King
SOUTHAM NEWS

A former McGill University administrator, representing herself in a wrongful-dismissal suit against the university's post-graduate school, has succeeded in knocking the judge out of the trial.

"I didn't expect to win," Peggy Ann Sheppard said yesterday of her Quebec Court of Appeal victory in having Superior Court Justice Jean-Guy Dubois removed from the case.

"This took me nearly a year and a half and I wasn't optimistic even though I knew I should win," she said in a telephone interview.

It also took two attempts before the appeal-court tribunal - having been denied her first request last year - to have Dubois replaced.

An appeal-court clerk phoned Sheppard at home Monday to tell her the decision was ready and what was in it. "I immediately went to get it," she said.

Sheppard, who was fired as McGill admissions director, seeks \$1.4 million in damages.

Last month, she presented her reasons why Dubois should be taken off the trial. She accused him of trying to quash most of the evidence she had planned to present against McGill, questioned his impartiality because of what she contended was a conflict of interest, and expressed concern with the judge's lack of proficiency in spoken and written English.

The three appeal-court judges wrote in their brief ruling that, taken individually, Sheppard's complaints would not justify Dubois's removal - but combined, they do.

In the trial, which began in November 1999, Sheppard has testified that her refusal to bend admission rules to allow unqualified children of the rich and influential to enroll at McGill led to her dismissal in 1996.

She asked that Dubois step down from the case because he was a Liberal MP in the early 1980s, when Robert Kaplan was federal solicitor-general. Kaplan also had been putting pressure on McGill to accept his son.

Sheppard, admissions director for 14 years until her firing, alleges she was forced to admit athletes and the children of prominent businesspeople and politicians even when the students weren't qualified.

Before the appeal court on Jan. 19, she said the reason she is representing herself is because she has no choice.

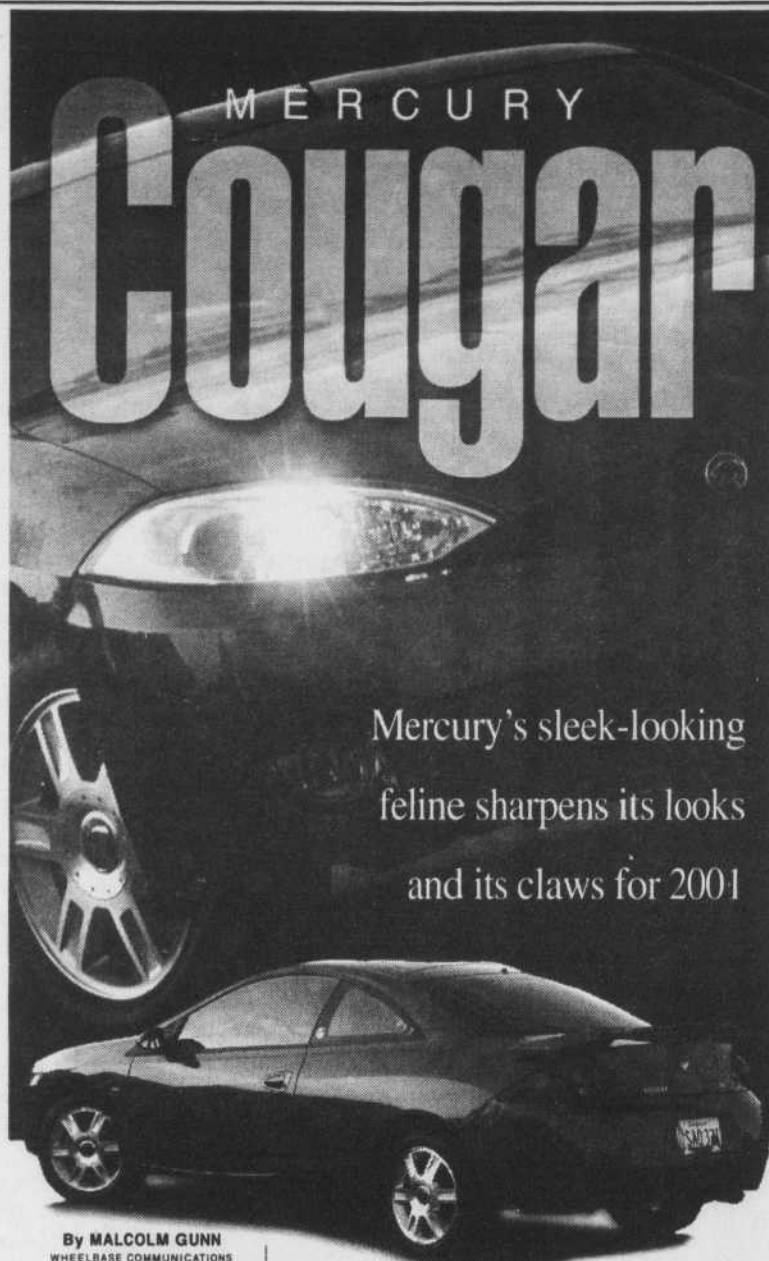
"Legal fees are prohibitive in this case and many lawyers decline to go against McGill," Sheppard noted.

She hasn't had any income since losing her McGill position and has spent about \$70,000 of her savings to fight the case.

"Now I have to find out how I go about getting a new judge and when McGill's lawyer (Louis Lacoursière) and my witnesses are available," Sheppard said yesterday.

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By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

The Cougar represents Ford's commitment to giving the Mercury brand a splash of sportiness and fun.

The car's new-age design appears in sharp contrast, however, to the far more traditional-looking Mustang. Ford's other major funmobile. Both appeal to buyers who shun more traditional vehicles, however each car travels a different road to woo customers who really enjoy the whole driving experience. The Mustang's rear-drive layout and retro good looks are in sharp contrast to the Cougar's edgy, new-age styling and high-tech front-wheel-drive mechanicals.

Like different flavors of ice cream, these sports machines may look and taste differently, but both seem to satisfy the sweet tooth for sporting fun.

Relaunched for the 1999 model year, the Cougar now duking it out in a category consisting of only a handful of competitors. These days, 2+2 (places for two passengers in the front and two in the back) front-wheel-drive sport coupes are limited to choices such as the Acura Integra, Honda Prelude, Hyundai Tiburon, Toyota Celica, Saturn SC Coupe and the newly-revised Chrysler Sebring. That's it and that's all.

So, if you're loathe to be seen piloting a minivan and consider SUVs to be too trendy and truck-like, you could be the perfect Cougar candidate.

For 2001, the Cougar receives some significant upgrades that keep it looking — and acting — as fresh as today's news. There are new

front and rear fascias that have been artfully grafted to the familiar, sensuous body. The front-end now offers a new grille, headlamps and available fog lamps. Completing the list of exterior revisions is a newly-designed standard rear spoiler perched atop the rear hatch as well as more aggressive-looking optional 16-inch painted alloy wheels.

The Cougar's interior has also come in for some attention. For '01 there's a new steering wheel, instrument cluster, aluminum-trimmed manual gearshift knob and matching aluminum garnish around the gauges and foot pedals.

Under the cat's long, sloping hood you can still find the familiar 170-horsepower 2.5-litre DOHC V6 (last year's base 2.0-litre 125-horsepower four-cylinder has been dropped). But newly available for

'01 is the Cougar S, complete with a high-output version of the 2.5 that pumps out 200 horsepower and 168 lb.-ft. of torque. This is the same engine that was previously available only on the now-deleted Ford Contour SVT. It's the ideal enhancement for a car that can now flex its muscles with the best of the sport-coupe bunch.

Besides the stronger powerplant, the Cougar S comes with a five-speed manual transmission (the optional four-speed automatic is only available on the base V6 version), dual exhaust, sport-tuned suspension, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, 17-inch alloy wheels, traction control and special six-way powered front sport bucket seats finished in black leather.

When it comes to standard equipment, however, all Cougars have clearly graduated from Mercury's finishing school. Standard items include air conditioning with filtration system, power windows, heated power outside mirrors, tilt steering, cruise control, remote hatch release and CD-equipped four-speaker stereo. There is also a wide assortment of options and equipment packages at your disposal. You can tack on such niceties as a power sunroof, remote keyless entry, side airbags and an uplevel audio system.

The 2001 Cougar still delivers the same aesthetics goodness that made it such a head-turner in 1999. But with a little extra bite from the friskier Cougar S model, coupled with updated styling inside and out, this is one feline that's poised to devour the competition.

SPEC SHEET

2001 Mercury Cougar

- ★ Two-door, front-wheel drive sports coupe available in base V6, and optional S versions.
- ★ 2.5-litre DOHC V6 available in two versions: 170 horsepower in base Cougars; and 200 horsepower in the Cougar S.
- ★ Five-speed manual, or optional four-speed automatic transmission (base V6 only).
- ★ The Cougar's revised styling retains its exotic good looks.
- ★ New Cougar S model makes this pussy cat sit up and howl.
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You don't need a green thumb to become a good gardener, but that quality will quickly begin to show as you learn to follow the directions of those who have come before you. In other words, it takes a little knowledge and some sim-

NATURE'S WAY

ANNA MAY KINNEY

low them.

It is a rewarding feeling when people tell you they are going to make their first garden. Over the last couple of years, I have had many of these satisfying moments. For the next couple of weeks, I will jot down a few basics for those who have never had a garden before and for those who would like to re-examine their current methods.

Anyone familiar with my column knows organic gardening means learning how to use nature to control itself and how to eliminate all chemical garden products. This is best achieved

ple logic to become a good gardener; you learn which formulas work with which plants and you fol-

when your garden soil is healthy.

When you begin to prepare your new garden spot, start by working in lots of healthy compost, leaf matter, and well-aged manure. Green-thumbers realize Earth is a living organism that needs constant feeding to continue producing healthy vegetables and flowers. The time put into building up your soil is repaid by the time you save not having to fight insects, fungi and various diseases.

We northern gardeners, facing an extremely short growing season, have learned how imperative it can be to start cultivating certain plants inside six to ten weeks before our last frost. When your last frost occurs in late May or early June, sowing directly outside is not an option, except for varieties with extremely short growing times, like peas, beans and squash.

To extend their growing time and provide a larger harvest, even some squash and pole bean varieties are best started in peat pots a month before setting outside.

Crops like peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, melons and other heat-loving vegetables and flowers must have this kind of head start to produce enough and early enough to make the trouble worthwhile.

Buying or starting your own plants

Why should you even consider starting your own plants?

1. Plants can be further along by planting time;
2. You can give more individual attention to special varieties;
3. You have control over the variety you want to grow;
4. It is a lot more economical to grow than buy;
5. Greenhouse plants often arrive infested with pests.

Beginning to cultivate your plants six to 10 weeks before the frost danger is gone and repotting them as they grow may seem like a time-consuming chore, but each time a plant is moved into a larger pot, its root system has a chance to grow to match the above-ground growth, making a healthier, stronger plant.

Most greenhouse-grown plants remain in the same pot from germination until they are sold, often winding up with weak, shallow roots that intertwine with other plants in the same flat.

Giving individual attention to your plants may mean growing one variety of tomato plant in a six-inch flowerpot near the windowsill and three weeks later taking it out and placing it into its first individual pot.

Tomatoes are one of the easiest plants to transplant; you can take a stick, or even a pencil, loosen the soil

around each plant and gently pull them out like a blade of grass. Every time a tomato is transplanted, you bury a bit of its stalk, forcing it to create a thicker root system. Most of my tomatoes are transplanted three times before making it to the garden. By then, they have thick stalks and a well-formed root ball.

For what six tomato plants cost, you can buy a package of seeds. If the leftovers are kept dry and cool, they will keep for two or three years. Buying different varieties of seeds is a great way to learn what you like and don't like. Moreover, by having more than one type, you are protected from total crop failure if one variety contracts a disease and is wiped out.

If you are growing your own food, you don't want to make too large an investment; you will also be spending time planting, caring for and harvesting your crops and time in storing your harvest. To make it a worthwhile venture, you want to cut out all the unnecessary extras and corners whenever possible.

Most home gardeners need only a dozen or two tomato plants. This low number of one type of plant is not prone to insect infestations like places where hundreds or thousands of the same types of plants are grown. Besides, if you want to be organic, you really want to start off with plants that can have any number of chemicals sprayed on them.

Now that you have decided to give cultivating your own plants a try, you need to know what kinds of seeds you want.

Do you want a variety that is open-pollinated or hybrid. The difference is simple, yet complicated in some ways. Hybrid plants take some of their qualities from one parent (such as disease resistance) and are placed together with genes from another variety (the other parent plant) that possesses other desirable qualities such as enhanced flavour or texture.

Having two parents means the seeds from this plant could take after either of the parents or both of them. Chances are you won't be able to grow the same plant you enjoyed from that plant's saved seeds, meaning you are always at the mercy of seed companies and have to face the cost of new seeds every year.

The open-pollinated varieties have one parent, which may also have been bred for years to enhance some of their special qualities, but the seeds can be saved and used, and you will have the same type of plant with the same parent qualities.

To be continued.

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Our School's Page

MANSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The old adage that time goes by quickly when you are having fun has certainly been true in Mansonville where everyone has been very actively involved in a number of projects. In the late fall, a major project was improving the safety level of our playground. A crew of parents and students aided Mike Mierenski and his back hoe in renovating the existing playground in order to bring it up to CSA levels. In addition, a number of incredibly successful fund raisers under the guidance of the PVG have taken place. As a result, a multitude of new books have been added to the library under the direction of Mrs. Tibbits, and computers and computer software were added to the classrooms. The close collaboration between Jason Ball of the Potton Learning Centre and our staff has motivated our students to explore the new technology that is now available. This has been helped through the efforts of our computer technicians who now have our machines up and running smoothly. An extra boost to our new technology occurred through the generosity of the local CIBC branch which donated a digital camera and a scanner to the school. What great gifts!

A Passe Partout program has begun for four-year-olds and we are hoping to expand this program to make it available for francophone students who

would like to attend. Kate Butler is in charge of this activity.

Our hot lunch program is now operating three days a week. Renovations to the kitchen have occurred which, along with the donation of a freezer, have made it easier to plan and prepare a wholesome lunch for the students. A huge thank you to Homer Côté for helping to make this project viable.

Our enthusiastic students took part in the district volleyball tournament where they were supported by a multitude of cheering parents. Presently the students are practising basketball in preparation for the district tournaments. Although they are currently cross-country skiing, they are eagerly anticipating the start of a downhill skiing program at Owl's Head which will begin in February.

In addition, on Dec. 21, the students hosted a highly successful evening presentation of Christmas Around the World in the gymnasium which was filled to overflowing with parents, relatives and friends. The final day of school prior to the holidays saw Santa stop by the school to distribute gifts and to double check the wish list prior to his official visit on Dec. 25. Everyone agreed that he listened carefully to the lists that he was given.

All in all, a busy schedule that will not let up until the end of June!



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Business & Finance

Get to know your banker if you're looking for a loan

(SOP) You have to do your homework before approaching a bank for a small-business loan.

Banks aren't in the business of helping investors, but in making money for themselves. You have to demonstrate to the bank that your business idea is sound and that you can make it work.

To do that, you have to present yourself as a total professional. Come to the bank meeting with your advisers: your lawyer or accountant or mentor. It adds a lot of credibility.

A good strategy is to let your adviser introduce you to the banker and explain why the thinks your business strategy is a good one.

It gives an air of credibility to your venture — especially if you are young. You have the passion and creativity of someone in their 20s, so it makes sense to have someone sitting next to your with 20 years of business experience. It's priceless.

According to the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA), 90 percent of all small-business loans in Canada are approved. A good credit history is important in securing a loan — as is the commitment of the entrepreneur to the project.

Banks are looking to see someone who is committed to their business. If an entrepreneur puts his or her own money into the venture, it demonstrates their com-

mitment. It is also important to have a strong sense of how you'll run your business.

In Canada, banks usually require that entrepreneurs guarantee small-business loans under \$50,000 with their personal assets, such as a house.

If a bank is going to approve a loan, it will usually do so within 24 hours of the request.

It is important to have an idea of what you need, and not to ask for more than you need.

But don't ask for less either.

You should work on building a relationship with your banker. Make sure he or she understands your business. For instance, invite your banker to see your operation.

You must first have a very good relationship with your banker.

In banking, familiarity breeds contentment not contempt. It's more important to know your banker than your bank. So do everything you can to develop a close relationship.

And never go over the head of your banker if he has turned you down.

It is important to remember that banks often like to see what other sources of financing you have looked into before approaching a bank. Organizations like the Business Development Bank of Canada, government funding organizations, venture capitalists, and so-called angel investors should be looked at as well.

There are many financing options available to entrepreneurs. It is important to look into as many of them as possible, besides meeting with your banker.

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Business & Finance

New strategies in the new economy

(SOP) High staff turnover means the erosion of a company's knowledge base. When a key employee leaves, so too does his or her expertise — especially in small business. So how do we anchor knowledge in an increasingly mobile workforce?

Some companies are making use of an emerging field of work — continuous knowledge — and are integrating a continuous knowledge officer (CKO) into their organizational structure. Essentially, CKOs are the keepers of a firm's knowledge and intellectual capital,

which are useful when hiring and training new personnel.

On the wire...

The application of technology in business is no longer limited to automating and modernizing production facilities. Technology is helping companies set up Internet storefronts so they can distribute, promote and sell their products and services in a global marketplace faster and more cost effectively. As a public sales and distribution forum, e-commerce is open to businesses of all sizes, enabling SMEs to compete

with larger corporations on a more level playing field.

Technology is also being used to manage, analyze and share information more effectively and has become integral to the decision-making engines of many small businesses. And it is being applied to the electronic interchange of data among supplier and retailers to improve inventory management and just-in-time delivery

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How can you create a product or service — and a business — without being overburdened by overhead costs and assembly line maintenance? "New age manufacturing" can be conducted out of a two-office suite by a handful of people. The difference between traditional manufacturing and its downsized equal is the use of outsourcing.

New age manufacturers perform all the functions of traditional manufacturers; market research, design, shipping, distribution. Ironically, what they do not perform is the actual assembly of

the product. That task is outsourced to production specialists.

What's in an image?

The novelty of this particular management issue is its appeal to small business. For the traditional entrepreneur, his or her business card has always been an innovative product or service. But as a company grows, sheds its focus on product and becomes more strategy-driven, the same entrepreneur develops the company's image as a valuable marketing tool.

In today's breakneck-speed economy, corporate identity and image make an impression long before the product or service ever gets the chance to. How do you create and maintain a positive corporate image?

- Review your business principles ;
- Develop your mission statement ;
- Identify specific long-term goals ;
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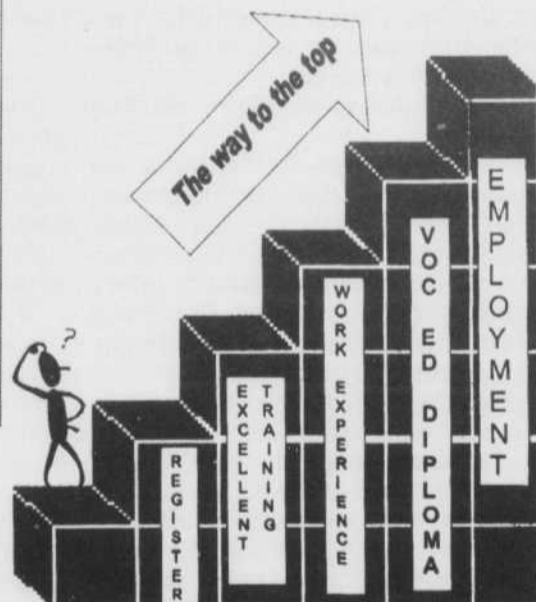
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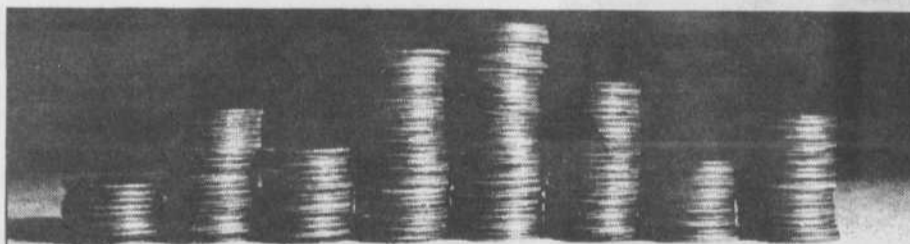
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Quebec Texas to stage major country bash

It all began when Joe Galante came back to his office from the country radio convention's New Faces show in 1980, raving about a young band he'd seen. The label quickly signed the act and pressed its theme song, "My Home's In Alabama," as a single. Later the same year, RCA Records issued "Tennessee River" as the first No. 1 Alabama hit.

Alabama made history as the first superstar band in country music. Until its advent, the field had been noted for solo vocalists, duets and occasional quartet harmonizers. Alabama was among the first to attract a younger market for country music. Many young groups found in Alabama a source of inspiration.

Meanwhile in Quebec, young drummer Daniel Bélanger was leaving his native La Tuque to come and live in Sherbrooke, where on the very first day he met another musician, Yvan Morreault.

They soon realized their musical aspirations were identical while a special chemistry bonded them with an everlasting friendship. Shortly after their first encounter, they founded Texas Quebec, which became one of the province's leading country music bands in the 1980s.

For a decade Texas Quebec performed local venues and toured the province, heading numerous festivals while building an impressive fan base. It also provided background music for many Quebec artists such as Patrick Normand, Richard Huet and

the popular duo Jerry & Jo'Anne.

Bélanger and Morreault both had a very strong sense of perception of what made a crowd happy. They never spared any efforts to offer people a slick and polished repertoire of country hits. With their vibrant stage energy and positive attitude, they presented a new youthful image of country music, making them the number one country band in Quebec.

At the end of 1989, tired of suitcases and hotel rooms, Bélanger and Morreault became eager for more stable lifestyles, so Texas Quebec bided farewell to its fans.

The two friends decided to tackle another side of the music business and opened a music store. They never completely stopped playing, whether by replacing musicians or by playing a few months with performing.

Lately, Morreault and Bélanger decided to revive Texas Quebec to produce a major country bash at the Granada on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

The two founding members enlisted longtime friend and singer Chantal Cliche to help them with the production of the revival. Only



JESSIE AULIS/CORRESPONDENT

Texas Quebec... a major country bash at the Granada on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

Morreault and Bélanger are original members of Texas Quebec, but joining them for the concert will be Dale Bessant on the steel guitar, Alain Marois on the keyboard, Mario Côté on the saxophone and keyboard, Phillip Patton on the lead guitar.

Chantal Cliche along with Daniel Bélanger (drums) will take care of lead vocals while Yvan Morreault will provide both the fiddle work and the bass. They have named the event Texas Quebec 2001 & Friends.

Friends stands for the show's special guests: Jo'Anne Morreault (former duo Jerry & Jo'Anne), Sandy Ward, Lyndon Sheldon and André Gosselin. The guests will take turns playing songs from their repertoire, accompanied by Texas Quebec.

Friends also stands for all country music fans. The show will include both new and classic country hits, covering a wide spectrum of the musical genre.

There are no plans to go on tour or resume performing on a regular basis, but Bélanger and Morreault have opened the door to sequels of Texas Quebec 2001 & Friends.

For information or tickets, call (819) 821-2274.

In the meantime, in Nashville, our superstar group Alabama is releasing *When It All Goes South*, its 23rd album which includes 15 songs. Band members spent a year recording it, going over budget in the process. But it was worth it; the time and money are reflected in the music.

From the creative and clever ode title down to the last number, this is the band's most amazing album. It's Alabama reinventing itself with the help of seven producers and substantial input.

Another good reason for Alabama's remarkable staying power is the fact the band never stopped experimenting with its sound. Randy Owen's delightfully rich vocals are exactly what the ballad "The Woman He Loves" needed to take all its meaning. The featured brass section is superb.

"Clear Across America Tonight," an uptempo number in which a simulated radio broadcast has cleverly been incor-

porated, is also ready for success, while "I Can't Love You Any Less" is a stone-country weeper about true love.

"Start Living" and "You Only Paint The Picture Once" both offer reflections on how brief life is and advice on the importance of living wisely.

"Reinvent The Wheel" is about the cookie cutter mentality in the country music business. Pop star Christopher Cross joins Teddy Gentry for lead vocals on the beautiful "Love Remains."

Owen teams up with Canadian Jan Arden on the wedding ballad "Will You Marry Me," but the collaboration doesn't turn out to be great. There's the beautiful "I Write a Little," the tale of a lonely soldier which is dedicated to U.S. military men and women.

This new collection really stands out as great work and illustrates how Alabama never stopped evolving and always tried to offer musical diversity to appeal to its fans.

Have a nice week and keep your country state of mind. Happy Valentine's Day!

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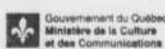
Building a kayak, 1965 - Juanistalu

La sérigraphie de Miyuki Tanobe



Heading to Church, 1985 - Miyuki Tanobe

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Agenda

- **Bibliothèque municipale Éva-Sénécal (821-5597):** *La magie de la science*, Friday March 2, 1 p.m. (kids 6 to 12). *Les cinq sens sensationnels*, Monday March 5, 1 p.m. (kids 5 to 8).
- **La Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke (821-5406):** Permanent exhibition *Sherbrooke 1802-2002, deux siècles d'histoire*.
- **Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke (821-2115):** The exhibition *Husband and wife*. Wood engravings by John J.A. Murphy and Cecil Buller, till April 1.
- **Musée du Séminaire de Sherbrooke (564-3200):** The exhibition *1, 2, 3... MATH!* at the Centre d'exposition Léon-Marcotte, till April 8. Activity *La géométrie du fil chauffant*, Sunday Feb. 25.

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Sports

Age is not a factor for hot defenceman

Defenceman outlasts most players

By John Meagher
SOUTHAM NEWS

In his 22nd NHL season, 40-year-old defenceman Raymond Bourque is the league's second-oldest player and, amazingly, still one of its best - with or without the puck.

The bull-strong St. Laurent native, who is 25 days younger than Detroit's Igor Larionov, has outlasted nearly every other player from his blow-dried draft class of 1979, a bumper crop that included Rob Ramage, Mike Gartner, Kevin Lowe, Rick Vaive, Dale Hunter, Michel Goulet and the unforgettable Gaston Gingras. For those with long memories, still-active Mark Messier went 48th over-all that year.

Bourque's distinguished career, which began with a Calder Cup rookie award in 1980, seemed to be grinding to a halt in Boston last year when he asked for, and was granted, a trade to the top-ranked Colorado Avalanche.

Bourque was - and always will be - a

Bruin from his thick, pine-needle hair down to those powerful tree-trunk legs, but he desperately wanted one last chance to win the Stanley Cup before packing it in. Twice he went as far as the Stanley Cup finals, in 1988 and 1990.

Had he stayed on in Boston, where the Bruins had fallen out of contention, Bourque said he probably would have retired.

Yesterday in Montreal, a rejuvenated Bourque said he's having fun again and looking forward to the future on a talented squad backstopped by Patrick Roy and led by Joe Sakic up front.

"We have a good team," he said with typical understatement, "but there's still a long way to go."

There is probably less pressure on Bourque now than when he joined the Bruins as a rookie in 1979 and was unfairly saddled with the expectations of Beantowners still lamenting the loss of their beloved Bobby Orr, to retirement via two seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks.

If that wasn't enough, the soft-spoken Verdun junior was handed jersey No. 7, previously worn by Phil Esposito, another Bruins Hall of Famer, who, at

the time, held the league record for most goals (76) in a season.

Bourque's perennial all-star performances and five Norris Trophies would eventually win over skeptics who once said, "He's good, but he's no Bobby Orr."

Later, Bourque helped mend an old wound between Espo and the Bruins at a memorable ceremony at the Boston Gardens on Dec. 3, 1987. Captain Bourque graciously surrendered his number so the Bruins could retire Espo's No. 7 to the rafters.

From that moment on, Bourque ceased to be merely a gifted athlete in Beantown; he became a selfless symbol of Bruins pride in the tradition of Milt Schmidt, John Bucyk, Terry O'Reilly and others.

Colorado captain Sakic was not surprised to see how easily Bourque fit in with the Avalanche.

"Ray is such a good team player, it would be easy for him to fit in anywhere, really," Sakic said.

While Bourque's offensive contributions, often in the form of low, hard shots from the point, are obviously welcomed, Sakic said it's his tidy defensive play which elevates him to a level

few can match.

"I think he actually takes more pride in his defence," said Sakic, who leads the NHL in scoring. "He really wants to shut other teams down; he thinks defence first."

"Ray has always been one of the strongest players in the game. He's a horse out there."

The remarkably agile and powerfully built Bourque, who stands 5-foot-11 and weighs 219 pounds, has always kept himself in top shape, allowing him to log as much as 28 minutes of ice time per game.

"I probably lift more weights now than I did in the past," he said. "Over the years, I've built a certain (fitness) base that allows me to go out and do what I do."

Bourque has lived in the U.S. for most of his life, but still considers himself a Canadian. He and his wife speak French at home, and his three children, who were born in Massachusetts, are bilingual.

He plans to settle in Boston, where he still owns a home, once his playing days are over.

Roy wants fans to forget

But goalie shouts at reporter before ovation

By Pat Hickey
SOUTHAM NEWS

It has been more than five years since Patrick Roy was traded from the Canadiens to the Colorado Avalanche, but the goaltender remains a popular - and controversial - figure.

Roy received the loudest ovation of the night when he was introduced prior to last night's Canadiens-Avalanche game, but he made some noise of his own earlier in the day.

Roy, whose departure from Montreal followed an angry tirade at former coach Mario Tremblay, began shouting at veteran Journal de Montréal columnist Bertrand Raymond during the game-day skate at the Molson Centre.

Later, Roy announced that he wouldn't talk with the media until after the game, but he pulled Raymond aside and expressed his displeasure with a headline in yesterday's Journal de Montreal.

The headline, a quote from Roy, read "Quand on oublie, on pardonne" - When it's forgotten, it's forgiven.

It was reference to Roy's stormy departure, but the goaltender felt there

was a double entendre, a reference to a domestic dispute between Roy and his wife, Michele, in October. Roy was charged with criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, but the charge was dismissed last month.

"It was unnecessary," said Raymond, when asked about yesterday's flap. "There was no mention of his wife or the incident in my column. When I talked to him, he said the story was good, but that he was unhappy with the headline."

"But I don't think anyone would be talking about it if he didn't bring it up."

Roy certainly wasn't talking about it. When he was questioned about the confrontation with Raymond, he said that he wanted to limit the conversation to hockey.

But Roy did talk about a pregame ceremony to honour him.

The Canadiens extended an olive branch to Roy as assistant coach Guy Carbonneau and players Patrice Brisebois and Benoit Brunet presented the goalie with a painting by Michel Lapensee. They were teammates the last time the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup, in 1993, and the focal point of the painting is Roy holding the Cup aloft after that win. The artwork also depicted highlights of his career and contained portraits of his wife and their

three children.

"I think that showed that we put (1995) behind us," Roy said.

He wasn't as generous after the puck was dropped, stopping 16 of 18 shots as he ran his record against the Canadiens to 7-1-1 with a 1.98 goals-against average.

He might have been spared the final 2:21 of this contest if he hadn't been victimized by a bad goal midway through the third period. Trevor Linden was credited with the goal, which went in off Colorado defenceman Raymond Bourque, who appeared to have been pushed by Oleg Petrov.

"That goal was just bad luck," Roy said.

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Sports

Montreal downs Sherbrooke Castors 4-2

Last place Rocket moves to within six points of Castors

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Castors came up empty Tuesday night at the Palais des Sports when the last place Montreal Rocket outplayed them 4-2 in a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game.

The Rocket deserved full marks for the win as it kept its slim playoff hopes alive with an upset victory over a sluggish Sherbrooke team.

The win moved the Rocket to within six points of the Castors. Montreal took it to the home team, outshooting the Castors 33-23 and getting outstanding goaltending from rookie Patrice Poissant.

Montreal started strong and quickly built a 3-0 lead in the first period.

Marc Villeneuve got the Rocket on the board with a goal at the 6:14 mark of the opening period and Jean-Michel Boisvert and Edo Terlav added to more goals for the Montreal team to give the visitors a commanding 3-0 advantage after 20 minutes.

To their credit the Castors turned it around in the second period and closed the gap to 3-2 when Francois Belanger and Simon Tremblay scored a pair for

Sherbrooke.

However they couldn't get any closer as the Rocket controlled the play in the third period. When Sherbrooke finally mounted its offensive, Poissant came up with the big saves.

Montreal ice the victory late when Jonathan St. Louis redirected a shot past Drew MacIntyre's glove hand to give the Rocket a commanding 4-2 lead.

The Castors must now regroup and get ready for Friday's encounter with the Drummondville Voltigeurs.

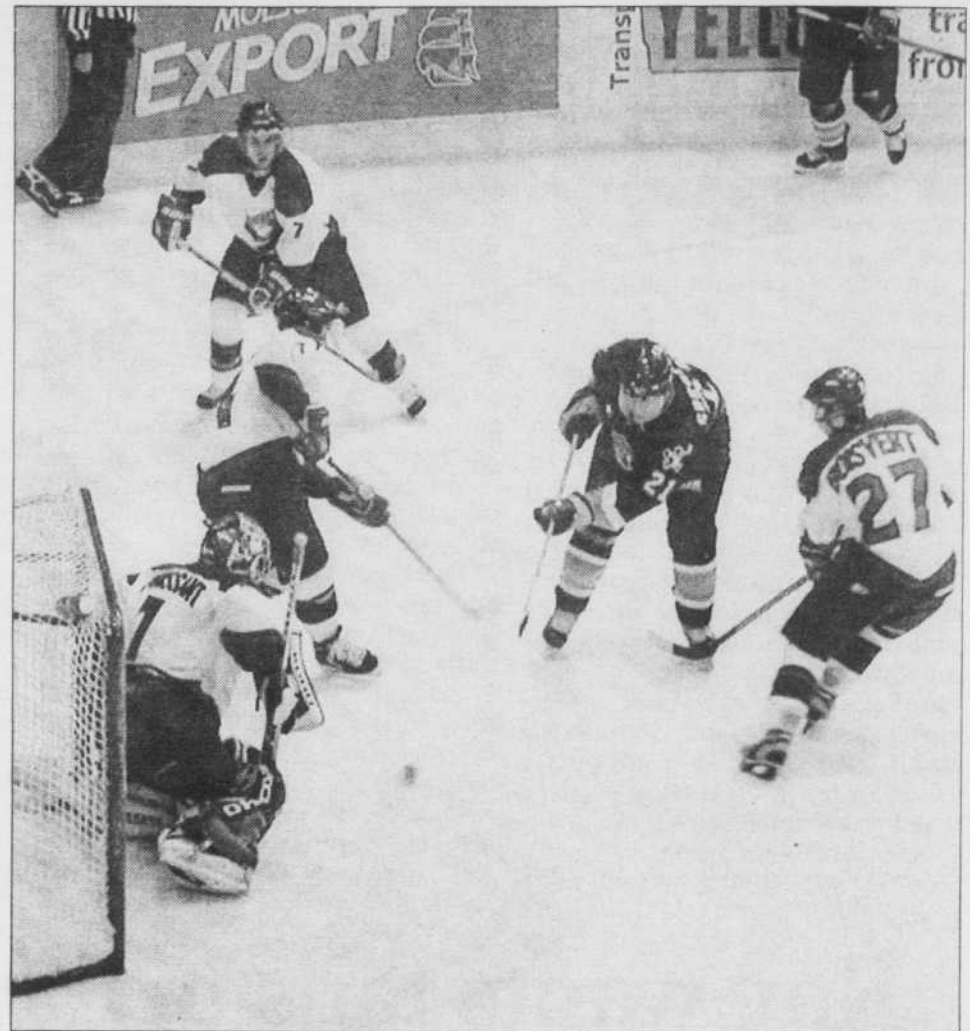
Sherbrooke enters the weekend sandwiched between Drummondville and Montreal. They trail Drummondville by nine points and have two games in hand in the battle for sixth place and at six up on Montreal with a game in hand. While it is unlikely the Castors will move either way, head coach Joe Canale knows his team has to sharpen its play for the playoffs.

A seventh place finish for the Castors will mean a first-round playoff series against the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies or Val d'Or Foreurs. It will be a short series if Sherbrooke doesn't pick up its intensity and level of play.

"We want to enter the playoffs playing good hockey," Canale said recently. "It is not enough to win some games now and make the

playoffs, we have to play well prior to the playoffs."

They'll have a great opportunity to do so beginning tomorrow night.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Sherbrooke Castors' offence didn't soar past its opponents Tuesday night as the team met its dam in goalie Patrice Poissant, missing this scoring opportunity in a 4-2 defeat against the bottom-placed Montreal Rocket.



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Crusaders piped off

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Alexander Galt Pipers claimed second place in the Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference senior hockey circuit with a 6-3 win over the Bishop's College School Crusaders Saturday morning on the grounds of the BCS campus.

The win also secured a playoff berth for Galt in the upcoming provincial high school championships. The Pipers will join the undefeated first-place Stanstead College Spartans as the ETIAC representatives at the provincial games.

Galt dominated the contest as it jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two periods and outshot the Crusaders 46-23. Jesse Goodsell paced the Piper attack with a hat trick while Kevin Champigny chipped in with a goal and an assist. Dan Doyon and Mark Warnholtz rounded out the Piper scoring

with a goal apiece.

Galt then travelled down Highway 10 and captured the Massey-Vanier Invitational tournament with a perfect 2-0-1 record.

Travis Coleman, Mathieu Pelletier, and Goodsell scored single goals as Galt blanked the host Massey-Vanier Vikings 3-0.

They tied Howard S. Billings 2-2 in their second contest as Goodsell and Bruce Lavoie supplied the offensive firepower with a goal apiece.

The Pipers entered their final game against MacDonald Cartier needing not only a win but a three-goal margin to capture the championship.

Galt held a 4-2 lead in the final minute of play when Eric Prah scored the goal that gave them a 5-2 win and the tournament title.

Goodsell led the Pipers with a pair of goals while Champigny and Warnholtz added singles.

Lennoxville Elementary and Sherbrooke Elementary went head to head in a friendly basketball game. Sadly, Stanstead Elementary was unable to make it to the challenge. However, kids had lots of fun wearing their schools stripes and charging to the hoop with sportsmanlike energy.



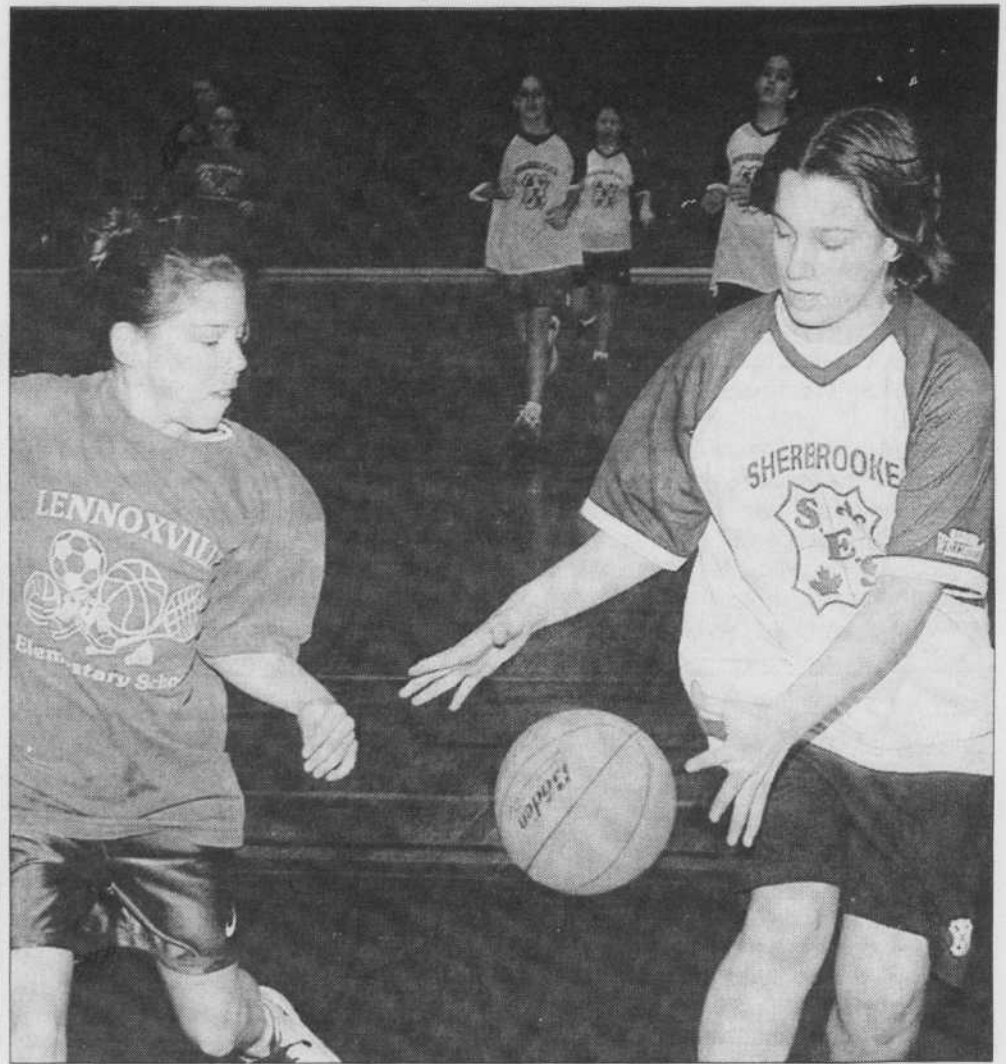
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Hey! Bring the ball back into the picture. Young players wrestle for the orange ball.



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The ball was on its way up, regardless of what happened.



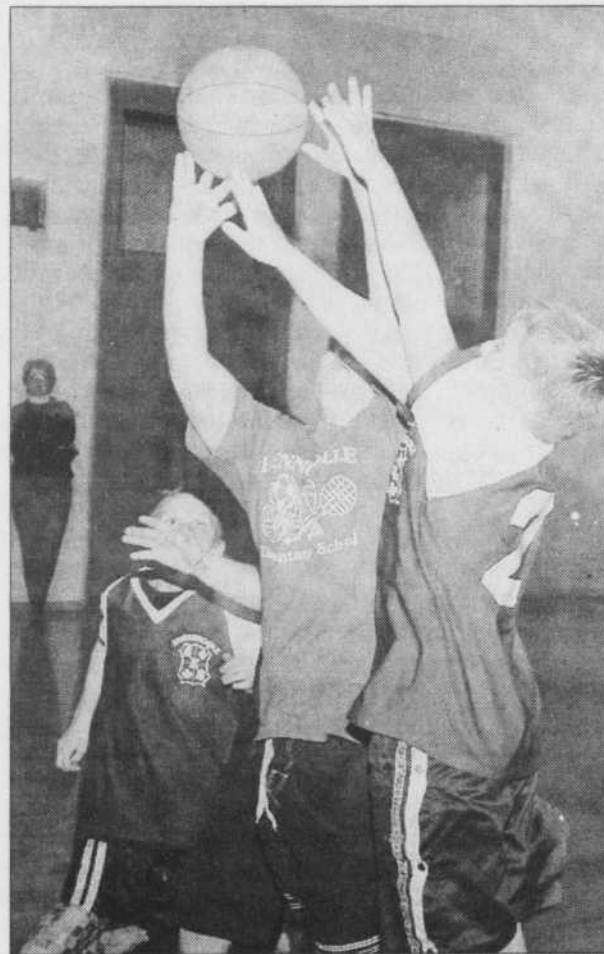
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Receiving a bounce-pass as Sherbrooke player dribbles down the court next to Lennoxville adversary.



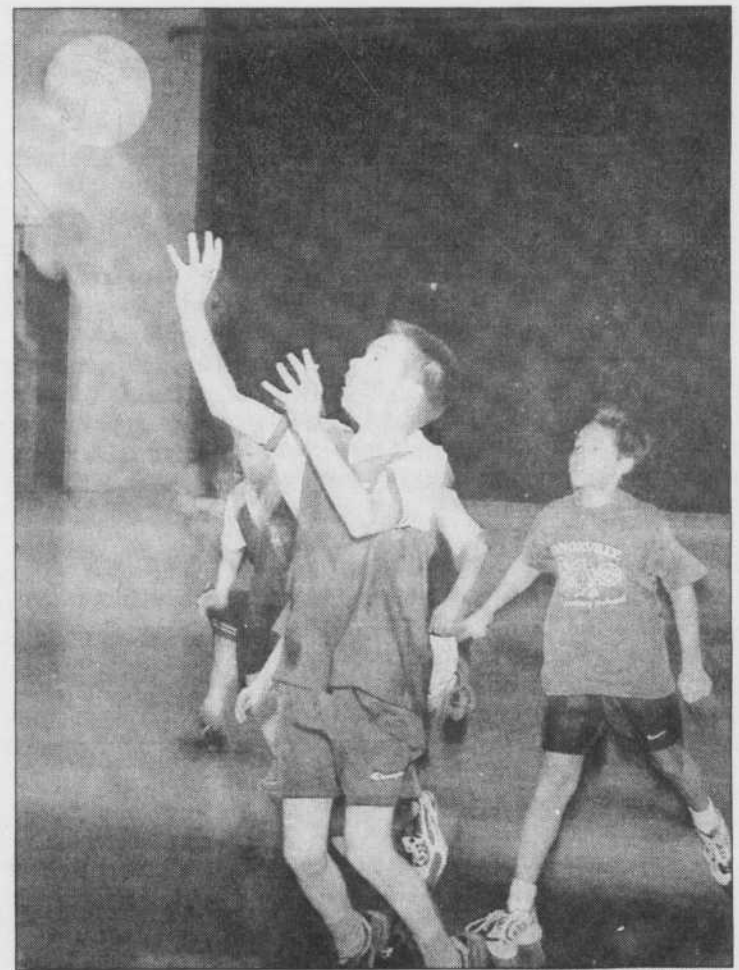
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Getting prepared for a terrific layup as player outruns defense.



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No necessary roughness as ball is subjected to a toss-up between rival teams. Players nearby jumped to grab it.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

A nice shot from outside the key for this player as he watches the ball heading towards the basket.

Notice

The final Gaiter luncheon will be held today at noon at the Lennoxville Curling Club. The public is invited and will have the opportunity to talk to the coaches and graduating players.

Annual vestry meeting for St. Paul's Church

BURY

The annual vestry meeting for St. Paul's Church was held on Sunday, February 4, in the Parish Hall, following the regular service of Morning Prayer and a hot casserole luncheon. The Morning Prayer Service was conducted by Layreader, Serena Wintle, and the meeting was chaired by our rector, the Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew, opening with prayer.

Susan Morrison was appointed Vestry Clerk for the meeting.

Copies of the last Vestry Meeting minutes, annual reports of the rector, wardens, Guild, Sunday school and Financial statements were handed to each one present.

As each report was reviewed and accepted votes of thanks were extended to the wardens, members of St. Paul's Guild and A.C.W., Audrey Lowe for the Altar Guild, Lillian Coates, organist and the choir, Mary Sylvester, Sunday school superintendent, George and Myrna Lawrence, volunteer pastoral care, Sandra Morrison, church treasurer and last but not least, the Rev. Sister Mary Florence.

In 2000, one baptism was held in St. Paul's Church, three were confirmed, there was one wedding, and two burials. There were 21 services of Holy Eucharist, 21 Morning Prayer, eight home communions, one Parish family service, two special services and members par-

ticipated in the Christmas pageant, Love Came Down at Christmas in Cookshire.

Names of the faithful departed for Eaton Dudswell Victoria Parish for 2000 are Kenneth French, Anthony Perkins, Evelyn Flora Laberee, Robert Sylvester, Alvin Nugent, Rosamond Patching, Lillian Morrison, Gwendolyn Littler, Florence Beatrice Harrison, Iris Vivian Lloyd, Charles Lessard, Dorine Davis, Flora Lloyd Haskell, Ethel McDermott, James Herman, Susie Christie Cloutier, Alice Pearl Goodhue, Rachele Desharnais, Douglas Mayhew, Winnie Buchanan, Henrietta Hodgman, Dorothy Kennedy, Leslie Robert Smith and Charles Smith.

Sawyerville Jeanne Lowry

Recent callers of Mrs. Evelyn Macey were Mr. and Mrs. Mae Burns and daughter Janice of Island Brook, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns of Island Brook and their son Andrew and wife Paula and their three children of Hamilton, Ont. and Mrs. Jean P., of Eaton Corner and her daughter Mary Valentine and two little boys of Scenic Highway in Sutton.

Justin and Jeanne Lowry accompanied by Dr. Curtis and Henelova Lowry were in Richmond at the Wales Home to attend the 100th birthday party for Esther Farnsworth on the 4th floor. They also visited some others. Dr. Lowry and Henelova visited Gerald French, George Morrison and Leslie Wilkin. Justin and Jeanne visited Iris Patrick.

Mrs. Dave Zako and baby of Sherbrooke visited Mrs. Evelyn Macy awhile one morning recently.

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Mrs. Lloyd Hyatt 835-5484

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burke of Westfield, Vt., spent a day guests of their friends Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hyatt.

Mrs. Gilberte Smith, Mrs. Claire Gagnon, Mrs. Therese Courtemanche were guests of their aunt Sister Imelda Bouffard C.N.D. in Sherbrooke. Sister Bouffard was celebrating her 92nd birthday.

Friends of Mrs. Mildred Cairns and Mrs. Jean Naylor wish them both better health.

My loves' desire

I love and want to tell you it's true
Just what you mean to me, just what
you mean
Looking up at the gorgeous stars at
night
"My loves' desire" is to hold you tight -
so tight.

Talking and walking in sunshine or in
the rain
Somehow weather rekindles the eternal
flames
Forgetting all our sadness of the past
knowing
With love in your heart it will surely
last.

The magnetism of your eyes so beautiful
and blue too
Like a starlight - passage - to heaven it
draws my love strait to you
My love you're my everything my sweet-
heart, my darling-my turtle dove
And most but not least "my loves' de-
sire" too.

Reaching out to touch you in the mid-
dle of the night
Knowing you're trully my minds' and
hearts' delight
You're "my loves' desire" setting my
very soul on fire
Your lifes' love response is what I trully
require.

Eloise Irwin-Hodge



LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist will be held at the A.N.A.F. (Hut), 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on February 17 at 2 p.m. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome. Please call Emily Smerdon at (819) 562-8683 to reserve your table. Last date to reserve is February 16.

SAWYERVILLE

Notre-Dame du Saint-Rosaire de Sawyerille is holding a Sugar Party on February 24 in the Catholic Church basement. Sugar on snow at 2 p.m. Mass at 4 p.m. Supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (819) 889-2853 or 889-2593. Admission charged (children 4 and under, free). Welcome all.

RICHMOND

Richmond Legion Branch #15 will hold a Brunch at the Hall on Sunday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome. Admission charged.

RICHMOND

500 card party will be held Saturday, February 17 at the Richmond Legion Hall at 8 p.m. Lunch and prizes. Sponsored by Richmond Quebec Farmers Association.

LENNOXVILLE

Ladies Lennoxville Curling Club is hosting annual Mardi Gras Sherry Party on Friday, February 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Active and associate lady members invited on Saturday, February 24 for a ham and scalloped potato luncheon served at 1 p.m. All club members welcome. Sign up at Clubhouse or phone Mildred McMullen at (819) 562-6123 by February 18.

SHERBROOKE

Reunion. You have a diploma from the College de Sherbrooke in Nursing Techniques (Nursing care), in medical laboratory technology, in Inhalotherapy techniques or readaption techniques, the Fondation, in cooperation with the college is organizing a reunion for all the graduating years to be held on June

2, 2001. Persons interested should give their information to the Fondation College de Sherbrooke to receive an invitation: (819) 564-6100, fax (819) 564-1579, e-mail: fondation@collegesherbrooke.qc.ca.

AYER'S CLIFF

Valentine Brunch at United Church, Ayer's Cliff on February 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sausage, ham, bacon, eggs, home baked beans, pancakes and maple syrup, juice, fruit salad, toast, jam, coffee, tea. Bring your valentine. Enjoy a good meal in a pleasant atmosphere. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

The annual meeting of the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 19 at Uplands Museum.

DANVILLE

The Danville Legion is holding a Brunch on Sunday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission charged. Everyone welcome.

COWANSVILLE

Support Massey-Vanier's first trip to Mexico! A Spaghetti Supper will be held at the Cowansville United Church on Principale on Saturday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Spaghetti will be served with a light salad and dessert. Live entertainment will accompany your meal. Tickets available at the door or by calling Massey Vanier at (450) 263-3772.

EUSTIS

A Sugar-On-Snow Party will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Doughnuts and coffee available. All are welcome. Sponsored by Christ Church Guild.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 27, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Come to enjoy pancakes and maple syrup, sausages, baked beans and doughnuts. Sponsored by the afternoon A.C.W. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Ham and Turkey Bingo at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

Card parties on Tuesdays, February 20, March 20 and 27, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall, Ayer's Cliff. Benefit of Legion Branch #128.

LENNOXVILLE

It's time to subscribe. The Lenn-Ascot Soccer Club Inc. invites you to pick up a registration form at the Town Hall of Lennoxville or Ascot. Information meeting, Last Minute Registration, will be held at the Chalet du Parc Belvedere d'Ascot on February 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and at the Amedee Beaudoin Community Building in Lennoxville on February 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone who wishes to coach or help the Jaguars is welcome and invited to contact us at 820-5247. Deadline for reduced fee: February 16.

LENNOXVILLE

Colourful new exhibit at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre. "Erskine-Doheny: Three Generations of Artists" is on display until March 25 and features painting, pottery and photography. On February 17 from 9-12: folk art workshop (call to register and for details). Uplands is open for visits on Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and is located at 9 Speid St. in Lennoxville. (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

The Uplands Musical Society is organizing a Gilbert and Sullivan evening on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. We will be doing selections from Pirates of Penzance and Mikado! Bring your own scores if you have them (extras available at Uplands). For more details call (819) 564-0409. Uplands, 9 Speid, Lennoxville.

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

**Waterloo
Judy Arnott
539-2040**

Mr. and Mrs. George Grubb of Shefford Mountain called on Emma and Lester McMahon in Dunham. Jacques and Kay Paquette of Cowansville and Edith and Lester Leney of Georgeville were also present to help celebrate Emma's birthday. Carolyn would like to bring to our attention that her daughter Diane Harte and family are residing at Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, England and not Kent as we wrote in an earlier news item.

Carolyn Grubb attended the christening of little Calista Skye, daughter of Carl McMahon and Tammy Williams of Selby Lake on Sunday, Jan. 28th at the Anglican Church in Dunham. A reception was held at the home of Emma and Lester McMahon, Calista's grandparents after the service with a lovely lunch and christening cake. Among those present were Thelma Jones, grandmother, Lillian Burnham of Knowlton, great-grandmother and baby's aunt Cynthia Jones who was also baptized the same day.

Warren and Allen Grubb of Ottawa were guests of their parents George and Carolyn Grubb for a few days recently. Kathleen Grubb was also home for a few days before leaving for England for a couple of months.

Mrs. Debbie Burrill Clark has been a surgical patient at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke. She is now home and recovering nicely.

Stand by Your Education

As time passes on ever so quickly
It's good to turn back the pages of time
Being taught about education and the
"good old golden rules"
Back in high school days when we were
still in school.

Memories come back to our minds of all
our friends
They were with us back in our high
school days
Friends and chums we hoped to have
until the end
Some dropping out while others were
encouraged to stay in.

Disasters in this world everywhere
makes us appreciate

In memoriam

MORRISON, John Stuart (Scottie), Mina - In fond and loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away February 15, 1953 and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away February 15, 1981.

With cherished memories,
MARY ROBINSON
(daughter)
AND FAMILY

Card party

SAWYERVILLE

A 500 card party was held at the Sawyerville Community Center on Monday, Feb., 5th. Sponsored by the Sawyerville Women's Institute. Cards were played at nine tables. Prize winners for cards were as follows:

Ladies 1st: Marion St. Onge, ladies 2nd: Ferne Parker, ladies consolation: Cecile Buck. Men's 1st: Grayce Betts (playing as a man), men's 2nd: Dorothy Shattuck (playing as a man also), men's consolation: Archie St. Onge. Special prizes: 9 no trump: Sam Lake. The most skunks: Virginia Lasenba. 4 of a kind: Marion St. Onge. Door prizes: Harris Olson, Herbert Rowell, Irene Fisher, Rena Lassenba, Sam Lake, Barbara Blair, Karold Lindsay, Eleanor Taylor, D. M. (better known as Douglas Mackay), Nina Rowell, Alice O'Conner. The lucky winners of the half and half drawing were Isabel Nelson and Irene Fisher.

The members of the Sawyerville W.I., wish to thank all who came to support us, the weather wasn't the best, we hope your trip home wasn't too terrible, (the beginning of another winter storm!)

Our blessings and high school can deem
our fate
That high school education can mean so
much making us
Forever thankful the day we graduate
and for the air we breathe.

So my advice to all in school endure to
the end "stand by your education"
Don't give up and hang in there regard-
less of the cost
Because if you don't get your education
and diplomas and
Most of all your future will be lost, for-
ever lost.

*Eloise Irwin
Lennoxville, Que.*

Deaths

DUROCHER, Jacques - February 11th, 2001, in his 58th year, residing in Richmond, Que. Visitation on Saturday, February 17th, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., at the Centre Funeraire Yves Houle & Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Que., Pauline Fecteau, dir. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 2001 at 11:00 a.m., at the St-Bibiane's Church in Richmond.



GARRETT, Jeffrey S.B. - Passed away suddenly at his home on Tuesday, February 13th, 2001, Mr. Jeffrey Garrett in his 74th year. Loving husband of Ramona Labarre and dear father of Stanley (Helene), Sherry (Dennis), Walter (Judy), Sharon (Mike), Brenda (Georges), Debra (Don) and Jeffrey Jr. (Josee). Jeff also leaves to mourn his 10 special grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale St., S., Richmond, where friends may visit on Thursday, February 15th from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m., and on Friday from 1 - 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 16th at 2:00 p.m., in St. Anne's Anglican Church with Rev. Howard Hawes officiating. Interment in St. Anne's Cemetery in the spring. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

HUMPHREY, Eva Rose (nee Pomerleau) - At the Foyer Sacre Coeur in Magog on February 11th, 2001 at the age of 92 years. Beloved wife of the late Forest Humphrey. Cherished mother of Paulette Descôteaux (Herman Catchpaw), Cherry River, Marie-Laurette Descôteaux (Donald Soucy) Canton Magog, the late Conrad Descôteaux (Marie-Georgette Gaudreau) Sherbrooke, and the late Ronald Descôteaux (the late Rejeanne Gaudreau), (Solange Rodrigue) of Magog. Also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Ovila Pomerleau (the late Jeannette Moisan), Granby, Bernadette Pomerleau (the late Maurice Caron), Granby; brother-in-law Gerard Bessette (the late Simone Pomerleau), sisters-in-law; Beatrice Descôteaux-Fontaine, Sister Alice Descôteaux (F.C.S.C.J.), as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at La Coopérative Funéraire de L'Estrie, 526 Prospect St., Sherbrooke, where visitation will take place on Wednesday, February 14, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 10 p.m. Funeral mass will be held on Thursday, February 15 at St. Patrick's Church, Magog at 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the church at 1:30 to receive condolences from relatives and friends. Interment in the Granby Cemetery at a later date.

THOMSON, Alan B. - February 10, 2001, at home in Abbotsford, with his family after his last courageous months, when his well known determined attitude allowed him to spend many special moments with his family, grandchildren, and friends. Husband of Dorothy (nee Whyte), father of Karen, Gregg and Dean. Father-in-law of Jane Akroyd, grandfather of Jessica, Katherine, Matthew, brother of the late Gordon Thomson (Enid) and Peter Thomson (Margaret), brother-in-law to Ross Whyte (Gretta). Funeral service will be held at the Abbotsford United Church on Friday, February 16, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend should meet directly at the church. The family welcomes their friends and relatives to visit and share memories on Thursday, February 15 between 2 - 4 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m., at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 Des Colombes, Granby, Que., tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Abbotsford United Church Cemetery Fund, The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, or the charity of your choice. All of the necessary information can be obtained from the funeral director.

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Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001

Dressed in deceptive clothing

By Phillip Alder

W.R. Inge, a former dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, wrote, "It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favour of vegetarianism, while the wolf remains of a different opinion."

We also have an expression about a wolf in sheep's clothing. Some bridge deals are like that. It appears to require one play technique, when it actually needs something different.

Look at these North-South hands. How would you plan the play in three no-trump after West leads his fourth-highest spade?

Declarer counted six top tricks: one spade, one diamond and four clubs. The extras could come from diamonds, and perhaps overtricks were available with a winning spade finesse. So, he called for a low spade from the dummy. However, East produced the king, then unsportingly switched to the heart queen. South was a quick two down.

Probably you noted that you needed to keep East off the lead to avoid that dangerous heart return. So, maybe you won trick one with dummy's spade ace and took the diamond finesse. That works perfectly if West did lead away from the spade king at trick one, your heart king being safe from attack, lupine or otherwise. Here, though, West might continue with another spade, putting East on lead for the lethal heart switch.

A third option, which has a lot going for it, is to call for dummy's spade queen at trick one. If the queen wins, you take the diamond finesse in safety. And here, if East wins with the spade king, he might well return a spade at trick two, deceived about your holding in the suit.

Family should come first whenever possible

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: It's time to update the etiquette books, Annie. I didn't care for your response to "Angry Groom," who did not want his brother to be his best man. You said he should ask him anyway "for the sake of family harmony."

When I was married several years ago, I let my parents browbeat me into asking my sister to be my matron of honor. She was of no help whatsoever. Before the ceremony, when I was dressing, I asked her to zip up my gown. She left it halfway open and attached only part of my bridal train. I was too nervous to notice, and walked down the aisle with my dress half zippered and my train cascading to one side. What really hurt was that she did it on purpose and thought it was hilarious.

I had a beautiful wedding in spite of my sister, but our relationship was never the same. The best man or maid of honor should be the person who loves you enough to want you to look your best on your wedding day. My sister was not that person, and I am sorry now that I let her do this to me. I say they ought to update the wedding manuals. — Hartford, Conn., Bride

Dear Hartford Bride: My advice was not based on what the etiquette books say. Good sense, in my opinion, should take prece-

dence over protocol when "protocol" doesn't feel right. I do believe, however, that family should come first whenever possible. Unfortunately, in your case, it was the wrong way to go.

Dear Ann Landers: I am engaged to a great guy, and we are planning to be married in a few months. The problem is his niece. My fiance's brother is divorced and has custody of his 8-year-old daughter. The girl has never been taught manners. She breaks things, lies, steals and listens to no one. My fiance often brings the child to my home and asks me to baby-sit for her. He also volunteers me to take her on outings. He says she needs a strong female influence in her life and that I could be a great role model.

I realize the girl has problems, but I don't have the experience to deal with her. How can I get my fiance to understand that it's an imposition to take care of this child, and it is not my place to correct her behavioral problems? — Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Baton Rouge: I know it's a big sacrifice, but please don't lose this opportunity to help this unfortunate child. You don't

need "experience" to deal with her. All you need is a warm heart and some understanding of what she has been through. I urge you to accept the challenge. Your fiance will love you all the more for it. I guarantee it.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from the lady in Texas containing "DOs and DON'Ts" for dealing with a person with arthritis was excellent. However, I recall something I learned from one of your columns years ago that helped me when I practiced medicine and had several patients who suffered from arthritis.

The column said when someone wants to shake hands with a person with arthritis, the arthritic person should grasp the other person's hand first and do the squeezing. If the other person does the squeezing, he or she could unknowingly cause severe pain to the arthritic hand. I taught this to my patients and called it the "Ann Landers Handshake." — Frank B. Norbury, M.D., Jacksonville, Ill.

Dear Dr. Norbury: I have had several babies named after me (one of twins), there's a horse in Lexington that bears my name, and a cow in Iowa, born on my birthday, July 4. But an Ann Landers HANDSHAKE? That's something new. I am honored — and I thank you.

Dunham Women's Institute meeting

The members of Dunham Women's Institute meet for their regular monthly on February 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Jacque Robinson. A delicious lunch was served, buffet style, by the co-hostesses Edie Holliday and Noreen Craig. A variety of finger foods and salad were enjoyed by all present. A beautifully decorated anniversary cake, made by Noreen Craig, was served by the hostesses. The cake was in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the institution of Dunham Women's Institute on January 27, 1911. This branch of the Women's Institute was the first branch in the province of Quebec.

The co-president, Joyce Martin called the meeting to Order at 1:40 p.m. Fifteen members and two guests, Barbara McGibbon and Helen Dymond, answered the roll call by describing their most memorable encounter with a citizen of another country. These were very interesting as the members and guests told about meeting people from Australia, Korea, China and Belarus to name a few.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on January 10th were read and approved.

The treasurer report that all our obligations have been paid and we have a nice balance to start our new year.

Correspondence was read. The president read a letter from Pearle Ingalls Yates concerning the generous response and support given by Dunham Women's Institute and individual members to a call for help for someone who was in need of help during the Christmas holidays in the Dunham area. There is an ongoing need for this family and our Institute expect to be called on for help

again.

Noreen Craig, secretary proposed a resolution to create an honorary membership roll to accommodate those long-term members of Dunham Women's Institute, who, for reasons of health or relocation are unable to maintain active participation in the affairs of this Branch. They would be accorded all the privileges and benefits of active members including the final honour of a memorial service at the time of their demise should they and their families request this. This resolution was unanimously approved.

Camp Garagona of Frelighsburg, Que. are in the process of purchasing new beds in preparation of their summer camp. Dunham Women's Institute decided to provide the camp with money to purchase one new bed as a project to celebrate our 90th anniversary. Plans were made for the Missisquoi County Women's Institute annual meeting to be held on Feb. 22, 2001 at All Saint's Anglican Church Hall in Dunham. Dunham Women's Institute will hosting their meeting.

The program for today was provided by Carol Philips, citizenship and legislation convenor. She had a most interesting program. She handed out sheets of paper with the names of prominent real or fictional canadian citizens. She then gave each person present a slip of paper with information about these real or fictional canadians along with sealed envelope with the persons name, year of birth and death if they are not still living. As each person read the information contained on their paper, we had to guess who the person was from the list of

names given to us at the beginning. This certainly caused us to think back to our history lessons and to news report heard on radio and television in past years. Carol gave prizes to the three top winners. They were Barbara McGibbon with 19 answers, Linda Tannahill with 18 and Shirley Vaughan with 17.

As February 15, 2001 is National Flag Day and our Maple Leaf flag is 36 years old on that date, Carol read the following article taken from the January 2001 Message from our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr. Denis Paradis.

The official ceremony inaugurating the New Canadian flag was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on February 15, 1965, with Governor General Georges Vanier, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, the members of the Cabinet and thousands of Canadians in attendance. The Canadian Red Ensign, bearing the Union Jack and the shield of the royal arms of Canada, was lowered and then, on the stroke of noon, our new maple leaf flag was raised. The following words, spoken on that momentous day by the Honourable Maurice Bourget, Speaker of the Senate, added further symbolic meaning to our flag: "The flag is the symbol of the nation's unity, for it, beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion."

February 15th is National Flag Day - fly your Canadian flag!

The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2001 at the home of Johanne DeGuire.

Shirley Vaughan,
Publicity Convenor
Dunham Women's Institute

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

'MLGHG AC RNMLARF MN
UPJZARF MLG NHFJR. LAM MLG
HAFLM RNMGC JM MLG HAFLM
MAOG JRX AM UPJZC AMCGPY.' -
TNLJRR C. SJKL

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Love that has nothing but beauty to keep it in good health, is short-lived." - Desiderius Erasmus
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KIT N' CARLYLE



HERMAN



"Forget about me meeting a willowy blonde!
I just need the name of a horse
that will win the Derby."

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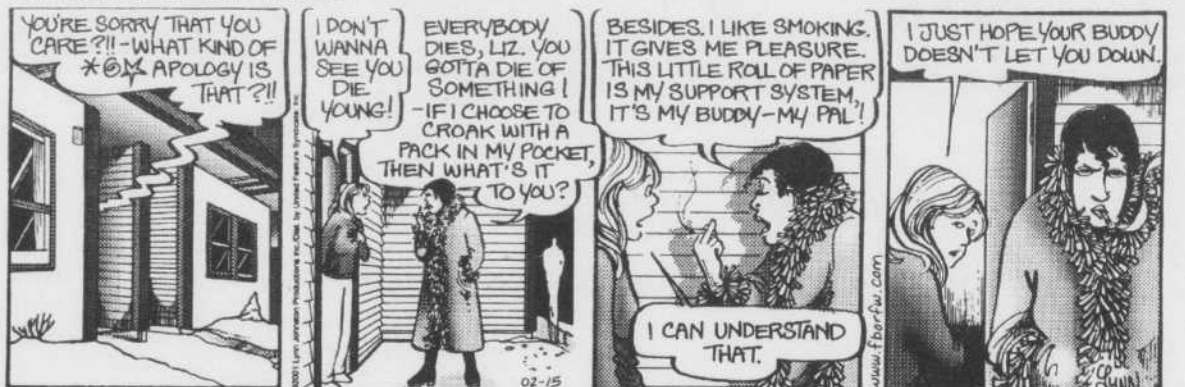
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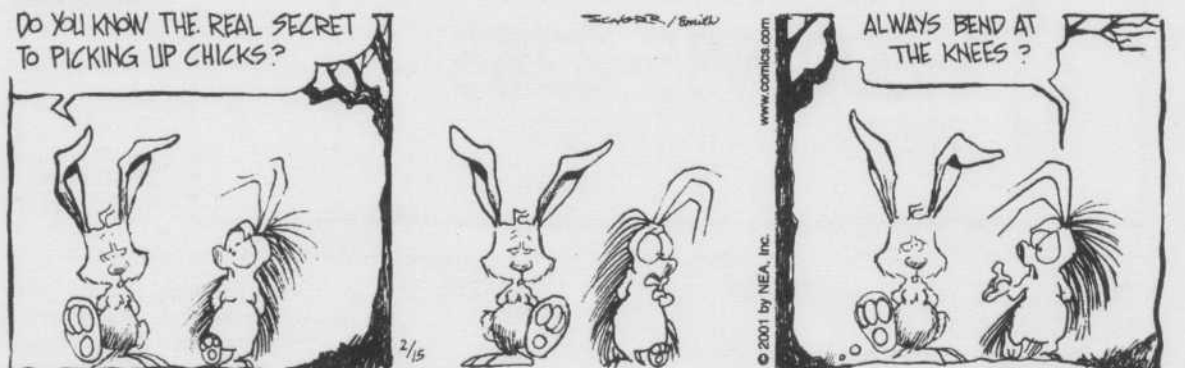
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330 Pets

FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY. Due to poor weather last weekend **Adopt-A-Pet Day** has been rescheduled for this Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Blue Seal, 292 Queen St., Lennoxville. Stop by and have a visit. We have many beautiful dogs of all sizes (spayed or neutered and vaccinated), also cats and kittens that need kind and loving homes. Info: (819) 843-3237.

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Bury Women's institute February meeting

BURY
The first meeting of 2001 of the Bury Women's Institute, was held on Thurs-

day afternoon, February 1st, in the lounge of the Bury Town Hall. There were eleven members and two guests

present. The meeting was opened in regular form. The Motto was, "Clutter Control, next time you add to your

wardrobe, discard something." and the roll call was payment of dues.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer, showed that the year 2000 had been interesting and productive, playing an important part in life in the community and school.

Serena expressed thanks to all members for their support during the past year. Kay brought in the slate of officers for 2001, who were installed with Helen Taylor leading the installation ceremony, as follows: president - Serena Wintle, 1st vice-Sandra Morrison, 2nd vice: Gladys Parsons, secretary - Muriel Fitzsimmons, treasurer - Hazel Kerr.

Convenors - agriculture - Anne Ward, canadian industries - Carolyn Hardcastle, citizenship - Kay Olson, education - Sandra Morrison, international affairs - Kay Olson, publicity - Nina Rowell, safety - Linda Goodin, membership - Sue Schmidt, cards and sunshine - Gladys Morrison.

Following the adjournment of the meeting members were joined by husbands and guests for a delicious supper followed by an evening of card games, with many receiving prizes.

Nina Rowell

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001

The year ahead might be far more active for you socially than you expected. If you're an unattached Aquarian, someone special could enter your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make it a point to spend your time today with cherry types, because the disposition of others can influence your outlook. Good company is an assurance of a pleasant day. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A benign, thoughtful gesture to the right person can do wonders for achieving your desires today. It's the old adage of casting a little bread upon the waters that works so well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Acknowledgment of another's assistance can go

a long way toward building solid relationships. If someone recently provided you with needed information, let this person know how much it helped.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's an old saying that when one is lucky materially, she or he is usually unlucky in love. However, today you're apt to dispel that theory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A least-expected opening might pop up today that would provide you with the means to make contact with someone you really like but have thus far been unable to get close to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll have a gift today for making the hard look easy. Situations your co-workers find intimidating shouldn't prove arduous for you at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sunshine follows you wherever you go today. This is because you won't need to be around certain people or have special things happen for you in order to enjoy yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A window of

opportunity to acquire something you've been wanting could open for you today. However, it may be of short duration, so be sure to act promptly when it occurs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) What makes you so special today is that wherever you go, you'll do a little bit more for the other guy than is called for. This is a magic formula for popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually, doing the best you can is reward enough for you, but today those tasks you perform will reap bonuses you never sought. Continue to take pride in all your endeavors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others won't resent you taking control and issuing the directives today because they'll immediately recognize your natural leadership qualities and be grateful for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your noble desire to make things easier for those you love will be in evidence today. However, make sure you do so without pointing out how they tripped up.

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ACROSS

- 1 Seldom seen
- 5 Woodwind instrument
- 9 Bit of info
- 14 King of Norway
- 15 Capacious boats
- 16 Expiate
- 17 Flimflammer's come-on
- 20 News medium
- 21 Mets stadium
- 22 Remote button
- 23 Pack, as cargo
- 25 Norway's capital
- 27 ___-de-dah
- 29 ___ Alto, CA
- 31 Jong and others
- 36 Italian volcano
- 38 Sch. military grp.

- 40 Cooking smell
- 41 Flimflammer's boast
- 44 First book of the Minor Prophets
- 45 Roe source
- 46 "Pursuit of the Graf ___"
- 47 Test papers
- 49 Poet's Ireland
- 51 Dr. Leary's drug
- 52 Cole ___
- 54 Bring under control
- 56 Lost traction
- 60 End of a buck?
- 62 Trails
- 65 Flimflammer's closer
- 68 Upright
- 69 Game played with 32 cards
- 70 Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"

- 24 Guarded
- 26 Spoken
- 27 River of Hades
- 28 Porthos' pal
- 30 Defeat
- 32 Garden bloom
- 33 In all
- 34 French girlfriends
- 35 Fully full
- 37 On the waves
- 39 Burn slightly
- 42 Kyser and Medford
- 43 Redact

- 48 Thin strip
- 50 California wine county
- 53 Got up
- 55 Expert
- 56 Subway station
- 57 Highway subdivision
- 58 Eisenhower and Turner
- 59 Concavity
- 61 Heroine of "The Good Earth"
- 63 Walk on the wild side?
- 64 Let it stand!
- 66 Altar vow
- 67 Summer on the Somme

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

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- 2 Winglike
- 3 Snazziness
- 4 Happening
- 5 LummoX
- 6 Bikini tops
- 7 Dupe's response to the flimflammer
- 8 Sen. Kefauver
- 9 Patriotic grp.
- 10 Elemental unit
- 11 Bean curd
- 12 Module
- 13 Dole (out)
- 18 Perched on
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Saturday, February 17th, 2001

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8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

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