

Young doctors want adult pay from Quebec

MONTREAL (CP) — Medical residents across Quebec held a boisterous "study session" Tuesday to protest against pay cuts they say will make them second-class doctors.

Health Minister Jean Rochon, supported by the province's federation of specialists,

intends to cut by up to 30 per cent of the pay of young specialists for the first five years of their practice.

The cuts would begin with doctors who finish their two-year residency this year. Fifteen hundred of the 2,000 residents to be affected crammed a

hall in Montreal Tuesday to register their discontent.

"This amounts to a special tax on young doctors," said the president of the Quebec Federation of Medical Residents, Dr. Denis Soulieres.

"We're already doctors and we have the same right to ope-

rate in the public health-care system as the older ones. By what right do they discriminate against us?"

But the president of the federation of specialists, Dr. Pierre Gauthier, said discrimination has nothing to do with it.

Gauthier told a hostile

audience he supported the province's decision to cut young doctors' wages because the effects of a general pay rollback would be felt for decades.

"If we rolled back our fees, the young will be even more penalized" over the long term, he told the residents.

E.T. bank recycled



Construction workers were kicking up dust Tuesday while renovating the former Eastern Townships Bank building on Dufferin St. Once work is complete the building will serve as the new home for the Musée des Beaux Arts. For more, please see page 4.

'Entering the final stretch'

Premier narrows down timing for referendum

By Jack Branswell

QUEBEC (CP) — Oct. 30 is the the most probable day for Quebecers to vote to stay in Canada or to go, Jacques Parizeau said Tuesday.

"The most likely possibility is that date," said the Quebec premier at a news conference wrapping up a two-day Parti Québécois caucus meeting. He said the PQ's second choice is to hold the vote on Nov. 13.

"The strongest possibility is the end of October and a lesser possibility is sometime in mid-November." But he also ruled out Nov. 6 because there are municipal elections the day prior.

It's the clearest indication Parizeau has given on when Quebec will make the big decision and it suggests Parizeau is paying no heed to some sovereigntists who have argued support has peaked and the vote should be postponed.

Some PQ members have been spooked by a recent poll that had the Yes and No sides in a dead heat.

Earlier in the day Parizeau gave an old-fashioned pep talk to his caucus and told them they have plenty of reasons to be optimistic.

He drew on Ontario Premier

Mike Harris's recent come-from-behind election victory as an example of what the troops should be focusing on.

"I gave them that message: I'm pretty good at giving messages," he chuckled. "You know where I got them? From Mr. Harris himself."

The PQ announced the National Assembly will reconvene on either Sept. 8 or Sept. 11. The government has until Sept. 13 to table the referendum question for an Oct. 30 vote.

"We're now entering the final stretch," said Parizeau.

The premier grew testy and soon after ended the news conference when an English-speaking reporter repeatedly asked him why the referendum is going ahead despite reservations in the sovereigntist camp. It was another sign that apprehension is not completely exorcized from separatist ranks.

"People have the desire to make their own country and be masters in their own home but the problem is that they are anxious," said PQ backbencher Jean-Pierre Charbonneau.

Deputy premier Bernard Landry suggested that "pre-combat nervousness is normal but we must concentrate on

facts and keep cool."

Premier Parizeau plans to make a solemn declaration on Quebec sovereignty next Wednesday at a ceremony attended by 1,000 separatist leaders.

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PQ leader messed in own nest

OTTAWA (CP) — Jacques Parizeau did the cause of separatism more harm than good by misrepresenting the views of his fellow premiers at last week's provincial leaders conference, says Ontario Premier Mike Harris.

Harris accused the Quebec premier of intentionally distorting discussions surrounding a separate Quebec's future relationship with the rest of Canada.

"He's talking about (the rest of Canada) co-operating with him whatever happens in the referendum," Harris

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B.C. Indian rebels:

Talks may resolve standoff

By Greg Joyce

100 MILE HOUSE, B.C. (CP) — Armed native rebels entrenched on a remote private ranch might put down their weapons because their cause is

to heard in the Supreme Court of Canada, the group's lawyer said Tuesday.

Bruce Clark said he learned the high court will hear constitutional arguments next month

that are key to the dispute.

"Yes, that's all they wanted. They wanted the legal issue of jurisdiction addressed according to the rule of law."

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Publicity wars start before referendum campaign

By Linda Drouin

OTTAWA (CP)—The war of words has started.

And it's a familiar old refrain.

The federal government has launched a \$5-million advertising campaign to inform Canadians about the services it provides.

The separatist forces are calling it another thinly disguised federalist propaganda campaign.

In one of the six 30-second TV ads — which will be broadcast across the country in

French and English — Canada Customs agents are depicted protecting Canada's borders with the arrest of several drug smugglers.

Federal cabinet ministers denied Tuesday that the advertising is a pre-referendum volley fired at Quebecers to persuade them Canada is a good place to stay.

"It's absolutely not part of the referendum campaign," said Lucienne Robillard, the federal minister responsible for the referendum. "Canadians have to know what the federal government is doing for them."

She said the publicity campaign will be repeated annually.

Bloc Québécois whip Gilles Duceppe said Ottawa is dusting off the tactics it used during the 1980 referendum on sovereignty-association.

"It's what they did in 1980 and it's our money when we're supposed to be tightening our belts."

He calculates that various federal campaigns promoting Canada have cost taxpayers close to \$20 million so far. He includes in that amount a \$15-million tourism advertising

campaign, \$1 million for a 30th anniversary celebration of the Canadian flag and \$2 million for a series of vignettes recreating moments of Canadian history.

In 1980, the sovereigntists complained the federal government spent \$17 million more than the legal budget of the No committee. They were particularly angry at a publicity campaign ostensibly aimed at smokers, which carried the slogan Just say No.

But the separatists are not waiting for the official launch of the referendum campaign either.

Senior citizens and families have started getting pro-sovereignty messages in the envelopes carrying their pro-

vincial pension and family allowance cheques.

Meanwhile the pro-sovereignty *Conseil de la souveraineté du Québec* took out a full-page ad in the Toronto *Globe and Mail* Tuesday, declaring: If It Were Up to the People of Quebec, You Would Save Millions of Dollars.

In the text, the ad says the federal government is spending millions of dollars promoting federalism in Quebec.

"How much more do you, as a Canadian, want the federal government to spend?" the ad asks. "Wouldn't it be simpler and more logical to respect our mutual differences and come to an agreement as equal partners?"

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Montreal La Presse said Tuesday.

The declaration, contained in the preamble to a draft bill on sovereignty, will be announced Sept 6 with great fanfare at the elegant Grand Theatre in Quebec City, the newspaper said.

The guest list includes members of the Parti Québécois and

Bloc Québécois, leaders of the province's union federations and officials who sat on the regional sovereignty commissions which criss-crossed Quebec last spring.

The preamble — which is being drafted by senior PQ advisor Jean-François Lisée and Louis Bernard, the province's top mandarin — will

highlight Quebec's offer of a new economic and political partnership with Canada.

It will also include statements on Quebec's exclusive right to negotiate international treaties, collect taxes and pass laws, as well as a proclamation of democratic freedoms.

But it will not include the referendum question.

HARRIS:

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told an open-line show on Ottawa radio station CFRA Tuesday.

"Well, I don't think he started out in a very good

way to say they'll co-operate with me no matter what happens in the referendum. It's a misrepresentation."

Harris, making his first visit to the capital since ousting the NDP in a May election, said no one should be surprised by Parizeau's tactics.

Parizeau came to the premiers' meeting in St. John's, Nfld., with "a far different agenda than the rest of us around that table."

"He was going to say what he was going to say no matter what happened."

"As long as his agenda is the referendum, then co-operative federalism is very difficult."

STANDOFF:

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There was no way to immediately confirm whether the Supreme Court will hear the arguments Clark referred to.

Meanwhile police reported a 25-year-old man, Stuart Dick, was leaving the camp and that he would be questioned at the RCMP detachment.

Clark, the group's controversial lawyer, also said the Mounties were helping him make plans to visit the rebel camp — possibly late Tuesday.

He was denied entrance Monday to the camp, now cut off from access by police patrols.

Sgt. Peter Montague said Clark and police had a "very fruitful" discussion and the lawyer agreed to assist them.

The apparent breakthrough comes after police re-

established a radio-telephone link to the rebel camp that they cut off last weekend.

That move has helped dispel the mounting tension. The conflict escalated to the brink of bloodshed Sunday when two officers were hit by rebel crossfire from semi-automatic weapons in the dense woods.

They were uninjured because of bullet-proof vests but they abandoned a police vehicle riddled with bullets and ran for cover.

About 30 rebels and non-native supporters say the remote land they occupy, 450 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, was never ceded from Indian control by treaty.

It has been used for sundance ceremonies and they say it is sacred — though other natives in the area disagree.

Clark said the high court will hear arguments Sept. 12 on whether Canadian courts have jurisdiction in aboriginal rights disputes between the government and Aboriginal Peoples.

It's part of a case involving Gitksan Indians of northwest British Columbia and the B.C. Attorney General.

Clark said in an interview the same principle applies in the Gustafsen Lake standoff. He's been arguing that only an independent tribunal legally sanctioned by the British Crown has the power to settle disputes over native hunting grounds.

A similar application was rejected by the Supreme Court last July, Clark said, driving many people who now support the rebels to despair.

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'Their philosophy is 'Anywhere but Ascot'

Ascot peace plan gets a frosty rural response

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Rural residents are unlikely to go along with a proposition from council which would offer them guaranteed representation on town committees and a new user-pay attitude towards cost sharing.

According to Ascot Rural Residents Association president Gordon Barnett, the proposition made by council at its monthly meeting Monday

night is unlikely to satisfy a large number of rural separatists.

While Barnett had not yet read the official proposition, he said from what he's heard it won't meet the expectations of rural residents who voted overwhelmingly against the status quo in a referendum this spring.

"I would say right off the bat that rural people won't vote for it," he said in a telephone inter-

view Tuesday.

"The resentment against urban Ascot is too deep, they don't want to have anything to do with them," he added. "Their philosophy is 'Anywhere but Ascot'"

NEW SPIN

Barnett said that Ascot is proposing the status quo with a spin on it, and that's unlikely to fly in the countryside.

"Everything I hear from the rural people — except our

councillor (Lewis Downey) — is that they want either an autonomous municipality or annexation to Lennoxville, Waterville, Compton Station, or Hatley."

"As one of them says 'It's divorce or nothing'," Barnett concluded.

Mayor Robert Pouliot said Monday night that should the proposition be refused and a deal with rural residents impossible to reach, Ascot will

be forced to accept the annexation of various rural sectors to neighboring municipalities.

However, he warned, such annexations won't occur without a sharing of both the assets and the liabilities of the departing areas.

Barnett said he was meeting with other members of the Rural Residents Association last night and that they would be ready to react to the proposition later this week.

BVD on decline after outbreak

Some help for herds with viral diarrhea

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Agriculture Quebec has announced a series of new measures to battle bovine viral diarrhea, which decimated cattle herds across Quebec over the past few years.

Better known as BVD, the deadly cattle disease never reached epidemic proportions but had a devastating effect on some breeders with losses evaluated at several million dollars in Quebec.

Calf mortality due to BVD began to rise in 1992 when some veal producers lost up to 70 per cent of their herds. Eventually dairy and beef farmers were also touched by BVD deaths.

The outbreak peaked in 1994 but now shows signs of decline, thanks to increased vaccinations and precautionary measures at cattle auctions, says Dr. René Roy, a veterinarian at the Agriculture Quebec office in Rock Forest.

Provincial statistics show the number of BVD vaccinations increased dramatically from a little more than 500,000 in 1991-92 to almost a million in 1994-95.

There haven't been any dramatic herd losses since 1994 but a steady number of cases

are still confirmed at the animal pathology lab, Roy says, mostly among beef cattle.

BEGAN WITH VEAL

In veal herds the losses were enormous. In 1994, some 140 farmers received government compensation totalling \$2 million for lost herds. Another \$1.6 million was added to the stabilization insurance fund to make up for the losses, said Dr. Martine Bouchard, another government veterinarian.

When the disease eventually spread to dairy and beef producers the losses were less dramatic, because the animals were less susceptible and because the BVD had become less virulent, said Bouchard.

So far this year, there have been about half as many BVD deaths as last year and by December Roy said he expects to have seen about the same number as last year.

NUMBERS LIE

In 1992 when the outbreak began, 38 Quebec herds were affected. In 1993, 59 were and in 1994, 105 herds had fallen prey to the virus, most of them dairy cattle. The statistics only cover BVD deaths confirmed in ministry labs and not those of cattle whose carcasses were not tested.



Dr. René Roy: BVD is turning up mostly in beef cattle.

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The Eastern Townships, Quebec City and the Bois Francs regions were hardest hit.

While measures taken to date have been effective in controlling BVD, the disease still lies dormant in immune-tolerant calves whose mothers carried the disease when they were gestating, Roy says.

These cows tolerate the

disease but don't have the antibodies to eliminate it, he explained. That means they can pass it on to other cattle.

Like many viral strains, the BVD virus is in constant mutation, and calves which house the disease don't produce the natural anti-bodies they need to fight it off. Roy said calves which carry the disease usually die within two years when they

come into contact with a slightly different strain of BVD.

Measures announced last week will help affected farmers to pinpoint and eliminate immune-tolerant animals, says a government communiqué. A new program will also encourage preventive vaccination for cattle herds.

At the same time, the agriculture ministry will perform an epidemiological study of BVD in Quebec.

Eligible breeders will get help paying accredited veterinarians under the government's animal health improvement program. They will also have access to free testing at government pathology labs.

However Bouchard points out there is no compensation for immune-tolerant animals which must be put down, except for veal calves which are covered by stabilization insurance.

Bouchard said about 1000 farmers affected by the BVD outbreak are eligible for the program. Quebec expects more than 400 to apply.

To apply for the program, breeders must contact their local animal-health district chief.

infected animals.

NOT MANDATORY

Federal rules force farmers to report other infectious diseases such as rabies, hoof and mouth disease and brucellosis, which can be dangerous to humans. But regulations don't force farmers to vaccinate their herds or report outbreaks of BVD.

A number of factors make viral diarrhea difficult to prevent, including the auctioning of calves less than a week old which have not had time to build immunity.

Many calves are sold at three or four days old and never receive

the mother cow's first milk, called colostrum. Calves must ingest colostrum in the first six hours to receive natural immunities from the mother cow.

Another practice which increases the spread of BVD is sending sick animals to auctions where they can infect healthy animals.

Pathologist Dr. René Roy said improvements in these areas as well as a dramatic increase in vaccinations have reduced the number of infected animals. While the disease cannot be completely eradicated, preventive measures will go a long way toward keeping BVD under control.

Youngest calves most vulnerable

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Bovine viral diarrhea, more commonly known as BVD, is a problem in all cattle-producing countries.

Symptoms include high fever, acute infections, respiratory and reproductive disorders, congenital malformations and a higher disease rate in cattle.

Calves are particularly susceptible. They develop a highly fatal "mucosal disease" characterized by diarrhea, salivation and erosion of mucous surfaces, like the digestive and respiratory systems.

Infected calves first show high fever, then stop eating and

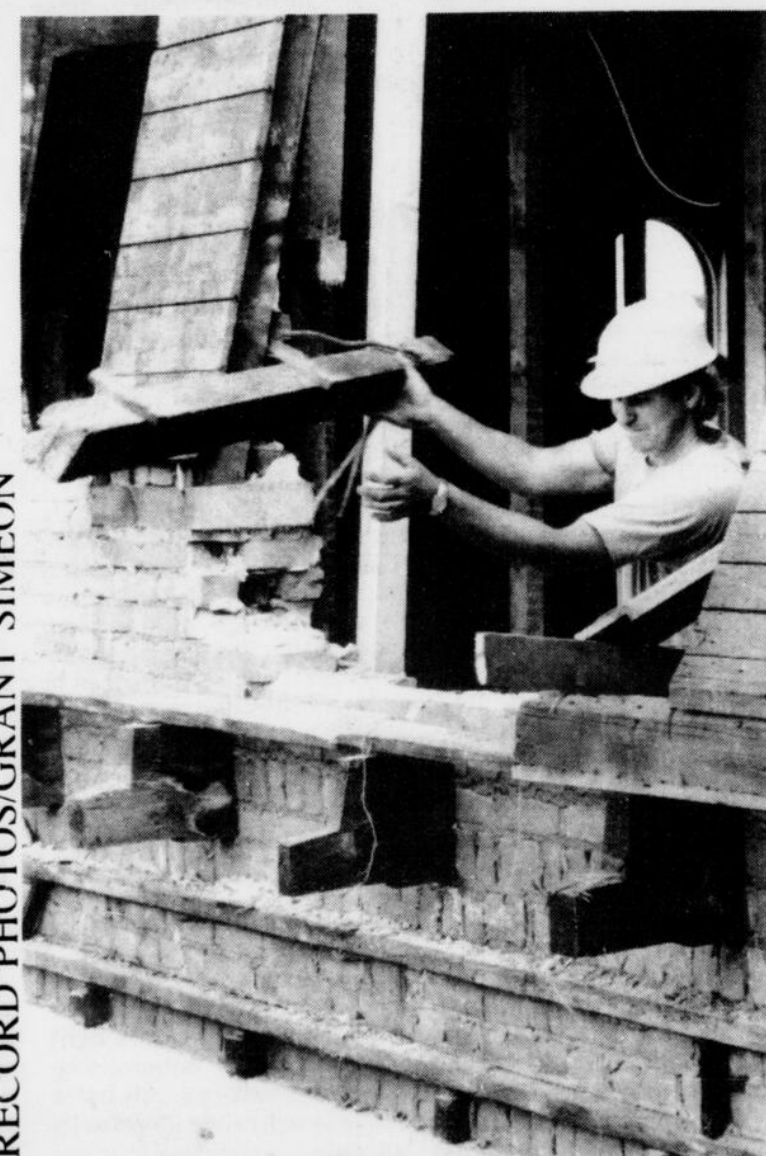
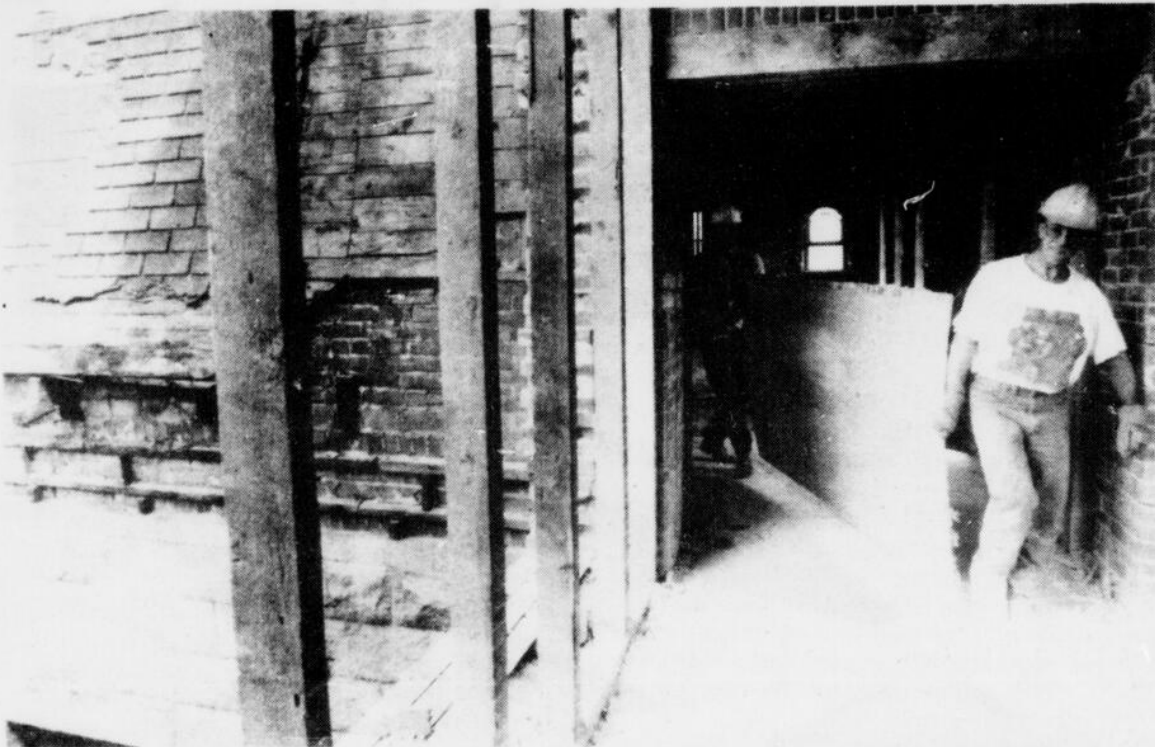
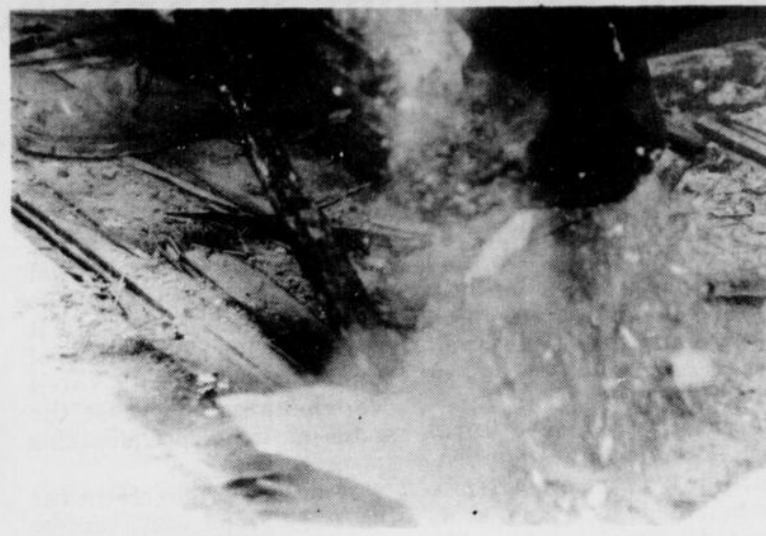
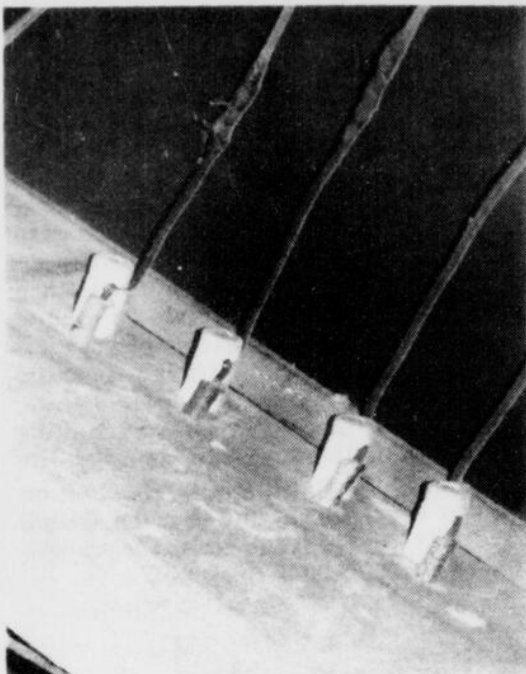
get the runs. Resistance to infections and disease drops. Within three or four days half the sick animals die of BVD or other diseases they can't fight off because their immune systems are weakened. All but a few infected calves eventually succumb.

Adult cows can also contract BVD, but it is usually not fatal and often goes unnoticed. Cows develop a fever but fight off BVD with natural antibodies.

BVD causes a drop in milk production but once adult cows beat the virus there is no lasting effect.

The virus is transmitted by direct or indirect contact with

New lease on life: The former Eastern Townships Bank building on Dufferin St. in Sherbrooke is undergoing a complete foundation-to-rooftop facelift. Taken over by the Musée des Beaux Arts, the 129 year-old historic landmark will be restored to its former grandeur as construction workers remove cracked mortar and rotted beams, replacing them with careful attention to detail. Its days as the premier financial institution in the region long past, the bank building will now serve as the permanent home of the museum.



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Bulls only in the Townships

Yearly moose madness is coming soon

SHERBROOKE (MC) — Fall is fast approaching and with it comes moose season.

This year wildlife officials will be strictly enforcing the rules.

According to statistics from the Quebec Ministry of Environment and Conservation, this year there will be about 150,000 hunters going after 67,000 moose — a ratio of 2½ to 1.

The province's Moose Management Plan has been developed with the aim of protecting some of the cow moose population. The objective is to ensure a growing moose population while still allowing hunters the opportunity to bag one of these huge critters.

The law allows for one moose to be taken by every two hunters. If hunting in a group, the

number of moose taken must be less than or half the number of those in the hunting party.

And that doesn't mean shooting more than one and using a partner's permit. The rules are clear: Once you shoot a moose, your hunting season is over.

In most of the Eastern Townships, Zones 4, 5, and 6 where moose populations are low, the hunt is limited to bull moose only. But to the north in Zone 7 hunters can enter a computer drawing to get a special permit which would allow them to hunt females. The limit of one moose per two hunters still applies.

In Zones 4 and 5 the moose bow season begins September 30 and ends October 8. October 14 to 22 is the rifle season for moose in Zone 4, as well as the bow season in Zone 6. In Zone 7 the bow season begins on Sep-

tember 30 and ends October 22.

Failure to watch out for the rules could prove costly. Anyone caught exceeding the limit can be fined up to \$5475 for a first offence. As well, all other hunting permits in the hunter's possession will be invalid for a period of two years, and their hunter's certificate will be revoked.

The environment ministry also wants to make sure hunters can tell the difference between a bull moose, a cow moose and a calf. The most obvious sign of course is the large rack of antlers worn by adult males. But yearling bull moose may only have small antlers, and may be difficult to identify.

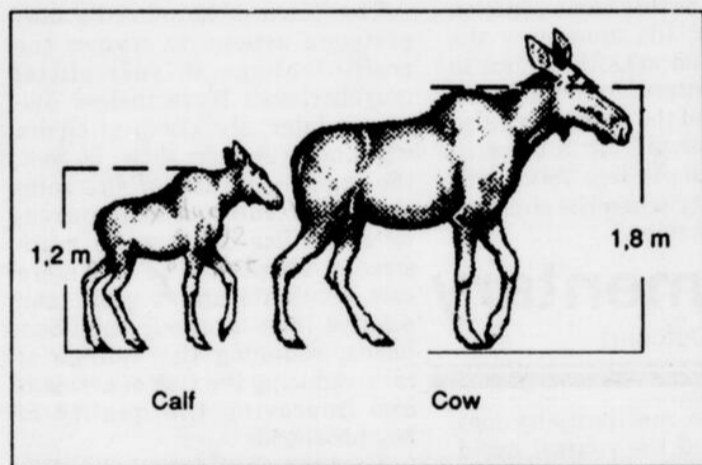
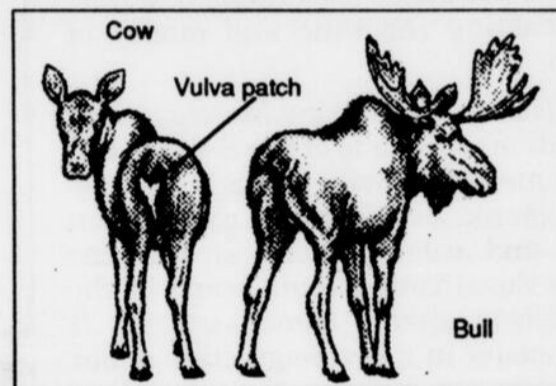
Females can be identified from behind by a vulva patch of

light brown or blond hair under the tail. Though not the best way of determining the sex of a moose, it should be an indication to take a second look before targeting the animal.

Once you've bagged that moose it's time to report. This year hunters must present the

entire head or the lower jaw of the animal as proof of their kill.

For more detailed information about this year's moose hunt, pick up a copy of the Quebec government's hunting regulations, available in English and French at most sporting goods stores.



Only local Canadas allowed

Goose hunters be careful:

SHERBROOKE (MC) — Hunters will be bringing home fewer Canada geese this fall as new restrictions mean no hunting of the migrating waterfowl in most of Quebec.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation announced that the migratory Canada goose population in the Atlantic corridor has declined by 75 per cent in northern Quebec since 1988, despite tough limits set in 1992. Approximately 85 to 90 per cent of all Canada geese are killed by hunters. Only about 29,000 nesting pairs remain in the corridor.

According to the wildlife federation, the

numbers of Canada geese considered non migrating are still high. These geese live in southern Quebec and Ontario, and only migrate short distances to avoid the winter. Their excessive numbers have given most people the mistaken impression that the goose population at large is doing very well.

Previous hunting regulations still apply to resident honkers, so if hunters can determine if a group of geese are locals, they can take their daily limit. Otherwise, hunters will have to go to the Gaspé or the North Shore region to get their goose.

Are airborne plagues moving east?

Diseases take toll on Prairie waterfowl

By Jim Morris
The Canadian Press

Wildlife officials know that botulism killed more than 30,000 ducks in southern Alberta.

But they're stumped by the starvation of gulls near Saskatoon and are keeping a wary eye on an outbreak of Newcastle disease in northern Saskatchewan.

Diseases are taking their toll on thousands of waterfowl across the Prairies.

More than 2,000 cormorants and 500 white pelicans have died recently of Newcastle disease at Doré Lake, 250 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert, Sask.

Birds showing symptoms of

the viral infection — which include paralysis of wings and legs — have also been spotted in other parts of Saskatchewan and Ontario.

"This is a disease which can be transmitted to poultry and can affect international trade of poultry products," Trent Bollinger of the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre in Saskatoon said Tuesday.

But Bollinger said it doesn't appear there's a danger of the disease spreading at this point. "Most poultry production is done under confined housing. There is very little overlap between cormorants, pelicans and poultry."

Bob Clark of the Canadian

Wildlife Service said it's difficult to say why three major kills of waterfowl have occurred this summer.

"There are many diseases which naturally occur in wildlife," he said.

"Sometimes they occur normally. In other cases it may be human activity that forces birds to be closer together and maybe we've contributed to the problem."

Newcastle was first recorded in North America in 1990. A 1992 outbreak killed thousands of birds on the Great Lakes and across the Prairies. It also forced the slaughter of turkeys on a farm in North Dakota.

This spring's flooding in southern Alberta could have

contributed to the outbreak of botulism which killed more than 30,000 ducks at Pakowki Lake, 90 kilometres south of Medicine Hat.

The bacteria which causes botulism can lay dormant in soil, but come to life after flooding.

"It's likely the high water levels and the subsequent warm weather and receding water would have provided conditions that were suitable for the development of the botulism outbreak," Bollinger said.

The bacteria releases a toxin that collects on vegetation and insects, which the ducks eat with fatal results.

Removing the carcasses is important because other ducks will feed off the bacteria-

infected maggots on the dead bodies, causing even more deaths.

There's not much the government can do about it, said Alberta Environment Minister Ty Lund, even though more than 100,000 ducks died at the same lake last year.

"An attempt was made to try to chase the ducks away but that's a very difficult thing to do.

"About all we can do is gather up the carcasses."

Bollinger doubts the deaths will hurt the Prairie duck population.

"When you're talking about a North American population of millions of waterfowl, this does not have a big effect."

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One comforting factor

Tuesday night sovereignists gathered in Asbestos to talk about the Parti Québécois governments' decentralization plan. At best a thinly veiled attempt to encourage support for sovereignty, the decentralization plan is yet another example of governments wasting the time and money of taxpayers.

At the Coaticook meeting Monday night little mention was made of the S-word. But it was claimed by Janvier Cliche, CSN president, regional development commission president and ardent separatist, that the Canadian Constitution could stand in the way of decentralizing some services. It would be easier in a sovereign state of our own where we can make up the rules as we go along, he said.

This travelling regional road show isn't being put on for free, either. Each region across the province got \$1500 to promote and gather ideas about decentralizing government services. While the board members are volunteering their time, you can rest assured their expense accounts have been built accordingly. Add to that the cost of producing the PQ 'Green Book' on decentralization, the television ads, and those pamphlets circulated in various newspapers and you get a pretty expensive pre-referendum campaign. Paid for courtesy of Jane and Joe Taxpayer.

Isn't it nice to know that your tax dollars are being spent to break up the country you were born in?

But one comforting factor is that despite the decentralization portfolio, opinion polls and even some university professors see support for sovereignty in a holding pattern, with little prospect of a change in the near future. With a little luck, sovereignty support will stay in the cellar until after the fall referendum, and we can all get on with our lives, continuing to be Canadians.

Then the waste of my hard earned tax dollars won't seem so bad after all.

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Today in History

By The Canadian Press

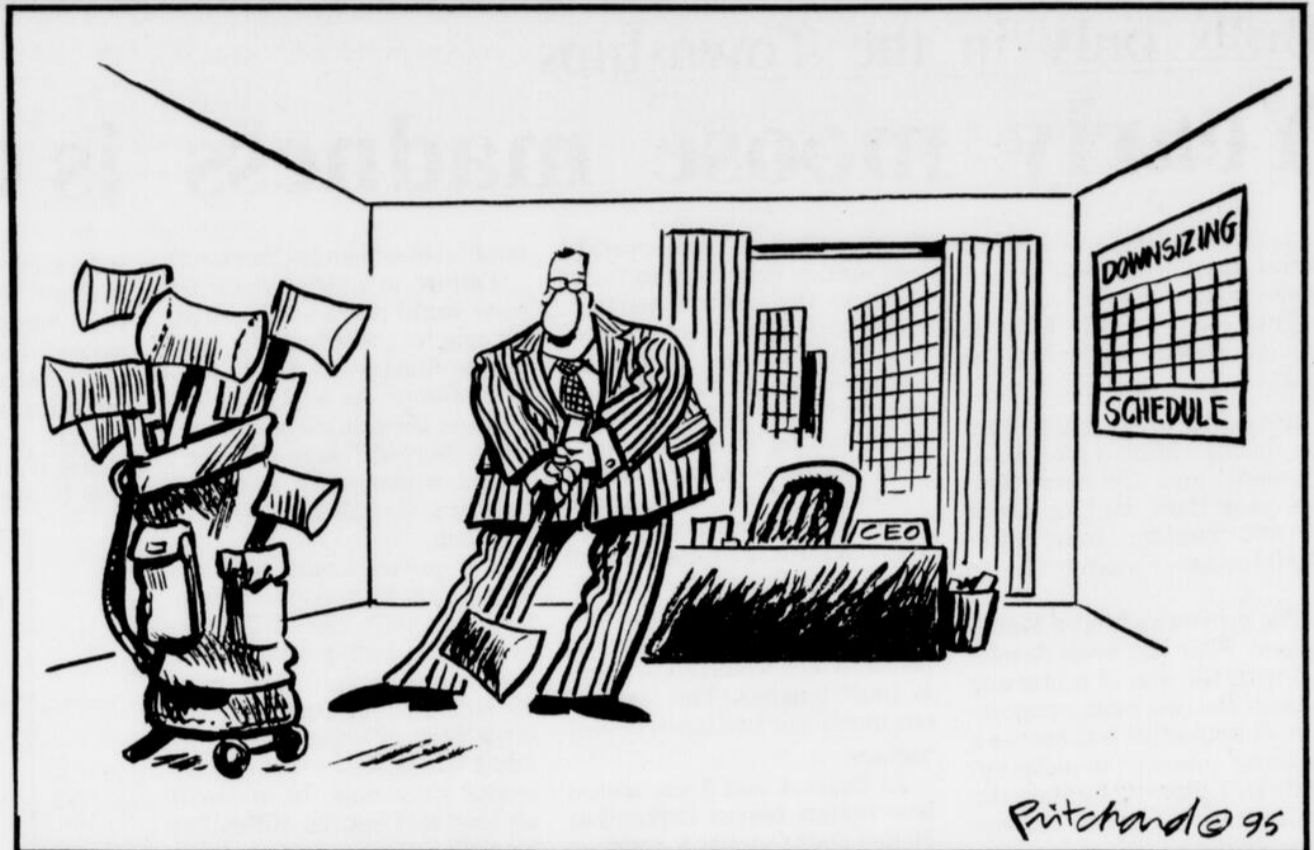
Vicki Keith completed a swim across Lake Ontario seven years ago today — in 1988 — to become the first person to swim all five Great Lakes. She began swimming the lakes on July 1.

Also on this day in:

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1929 — The steamship San Juan sank after colliding with a Standard Oil tanker off the coast of San Francisco killing 70 people.

1972 — The New Democratic Party upset 20 years of Social Credit rule in B.C. when it took 39 seats in the provincial election.



Town should plan for residents

I do not understand the logic of the town council of Lennoxville on the critical issue of traffic.

I, and other residents, have been pursuing the town for some action for over a year in order to improve the safety in our neighborhoods. The problem is quite simple: at Clough/Park intersection, there are too many cars driving too fast with too little respect for the stop sign.

Last November the town decided that a traffic study is needed before acting. I do not understand why now, before the study, they have modified the lanes at the intersection of Queen/Belvidere/College.

During the council meeting of Monday, April 10, 1995, when talking about the traffic problem, the mayor said twice, and I quote him: "I really don't know what the problem is." Now and without the planned study, he acknowledges the origin of the problem: "The problem is we have far too much traffic going through downtown." (The Record, July 27, 1995.) Does the mayor know the problem or not?

There is an apparent contradiction of the mayor on the matter. Such contradictions make me skeptical about the transparency of the town council. Despite our recurrent demands, we do not have any concrete proposal from the town about our particular problem, but only an expensive study next September or October, just before the election... Do the residential streets serve to alleviate the pressure at the Queen/Belvidere intersection, instead of being a place to live peacefully? Nobody knows, but it looks that way now. And what about safety?

AVOIDING THE ISSUE

The mayor has been informed of the negative impact of volume of traffic on our streets, mainly the danger of our children when they play outside. Strangely, we have never received any satisfac-

tory answer to this basic concern.

Until now, his answer is the easiest one: he asks the police to pay a bit of attention to the intersection. One of the councillors also said that I should put a fence in my backyard! As if a fence will increase safety when the children ride their bikes!

Commentary

By Pierre Dalcourt

It raises the question: why does the mayor and the council avoid the issue of safety on residential streets? The matter may be subjective. But safety is a very objective concept to me!

On July 15, in about a half hour, a policeman caught five drivers going through the stop sign at Clough/Park intersection: is that not an objective fact? What else is necessary to prove that there is a lack of safety?

WHERE IT SHOULD BE

On one hand, the mayor concludes that there is far too much traffic in downtown Lennoxville, and on the other hand, he says that, "We don't want to get rid of the cars. Our downtown survives off the cars." (The Record, July 27th.)

I am not sure that Lennoxville needs this traffic to survive. When cars drive on Clough, or Prospect streets, there is no money to make: there is no store or gas station here! If the mayor really wants to keep the cars in Lennoxville, because of its economic impact, then he must follow his own logic. He should put all his effort into keeping the traffic on commercial streets, namely Queen and Belvidere!

I believe that it is us, the residents, that are the real consumers in Lennoxville. I doubt that traffic has a positive economic impact on the downtown, but I do know its negative impact on residential neighborhoods.

The Town of Lennoxville may postpone actions to correct the traffic volume in residential neighborhoods. Nevertheless, sooner or later, the doom of choice will knock at their door. In fact, the implementation of site solutions will result in a small increase of traffic on the two main streets, about five to ten more cars a minute and a great and positive impact on our neighborhoods, reducing the volume of cars, reducing the risk of accident and improving the quality of neighborhoods.

The town should start planning with residents in mind. We also need a clear and public commitment from the town solve our problem. We need an honest answer to a fundamental question: Will the Town of Lennoxville implement site specific solutions to reduce non-resident traffic volume and speed on Clough/Park/Prospect/Church streets or in any other affected areas?

We need to know, before the election, on what side is the mayor and councillors. Are they with the residents or with the non local drivers? The town should encourage our participation by establishing a public consultation. Even bigger towns such as Ottawa include residents in the process of solving traffic problems: "The acceptability of the plan in the affected area will be determined through public participation." (Transportation plan, designed for the city of Ottawa, p. 68.)

The new lanes on Queen street will probably ease the traffic pressure in the downtown. But the light at Queen and Belvidere intersection will still be there! The drivers will still avoid the waiting by cutting through our streets. Because of that, the new lanes on Queen Street will do very little to reduce the non local traffic and will not increase the security in our neighborhoods.

Polar ICBM 'not a usual occurrence'

Russian missile launch raises eyebrows

By Murray Brewster

HALIFAX (CP) — Canadian and U.S. military officials and analysts are abuzz over last week's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile from a Russian submarine at the North Pole.

"A polar launch like this is not a usual occurrence," Maj. Robin Alfred, a Canadian at the North American Air Defence Command headquarters in Colorado, said Tuesday.

"Most launches are done on tests ranges. To the best of my knowledge this is the first polar launch in a long time."

The test represented no threat to North America and was monitored throughout its flight last Friday by U.S. satellites, said Alfred.

The rocket smashed into a missile range in the former Soviet Union. The Russians provided advance warning through an advisory to aircraft

to stay out of the area.

A Canadian Forces patrol plane will leave its base in Greenwood, N.S., today to inspect the area where the Russian sub punched through the ice to fire the missile.

The timing of the incident and the fact it was written about in a Russian newspaper has raised a lot of questions, but the military has stopped

short of saying it is concerned.

"When a submarine goes to the North Pole and fires a missile, it catches our attention," said Capt. John Blakely of Maritime Air Group in Halifax.

"It's unusual for them to do that. . . . Look at the newspaper article from Moscow. It's unusual in this day and age to see that strong language."

The article in Rossiyskaya Gazeta described the incident as a demonstration of Russia's military prowess.

The polar launch follows recent reports of a Russian attack submarine shadowing an American nuclear submarine in the Atlantic Ocean. U.S. navy officials described that incident as something they haven't seen since the Cold

War.

Fred Crickard, a research associate at Halifax's Dalhousie University, said the launch is a concern.

"Why would the Russians want to continue ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) development in view of SALT1 (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty)?" he said.

Cold war spy plane crashes on mission

FAIRFORD, England (Reuters) — A U.S. U-2 spy plane crashed in flames just after taking off on Tuesday from an air base in southern England. The pilot was killed.

A U.S. air force spokesman said the plane plunged onto the runway seconds after its wheels had left the tarmac

at the former U.S. base at Fairford, Gloucestershire, and smashed through a perimeter fence.

"The pilot has died," she said. She could not confirm British media reports that the U-2 had been headed for a mission over Bosnia. "We don't have any idea what he was doing at the time," she said.

A witness to the crash said: "The left wing was dragging on the ground as it went along the runway. The plane veered off to the left. I saw a red thing which I think was the pilot catapulted out of the plane just before it exploded in flames."

The pilot was taken to hospital, where he died of his inju-

ries, the air force spokeswoman said. No one else was on board and the reasons for the crash were being investigated.

Several U-2s have been temporarily assigned to Fairford, which was home to 2,000 U.S. military personnel until the U.S. air force pulled out in 1990. The base now is used for exercises over Europe.

Troubles in ex-Soviet Georgia

Leader escapes death in bomb attack

TBILISI (Reuters) — Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze escaped an apparent assassination attempt with cuts and bruises Tuesday, after a car exploded near his motorcade.

The former Soviet foreign minister left the hospital in the evening and his doctor told Georgian television his life was not in any danger.

Immediately after the explosion Shevardnadze, clearly shaken, condemned those who organized the explosion as terrorists and criminals out to destabilize the state ahead of a presidential election he expects to win.

"They want the Mafia to run the country. They will not get

it," he told local television.

"This is the last act of terrorism in Georgia. The whole people will rise and raze them to the ground."

Television film showed Shevardnadze sitting in a hospital chair and looking dazed. He wore a white undershirt and his face and hands were cut and spotted with blood.

"They are cowards," Shevardnadze said.

Shevardnadze's car was leaving the inner courtyard of the Georgian legislature when a four-wheel-drive vehicle exploded nearby.

"The explosion was very strong but fortunately those who did it miscalculated," Petre Mamradze, a senior aide to

Shevardnadze who also suffered minor injuries, told Georgian television.

A deputy speaker and several bodyguards were also injured. No one was killed.

Shevardnadze had been scheduled to attend a ceremony to sign a new constitution that gives a future president strong powers.

Shevardnadze, 67, has not said whether he would run for president but there is little doubt he is the most powerful candidate for the post.

Georgia's elected president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, was ousted in January 1992 in a coup which eventually brought Shevardnadze to power.

In the four years of his rule,

Shevardnadze survived two ethnic conflicts — one in South Ossetia bordering Russia and another in the Black Sea region Abkhazia. The territory of breakaway Abkhazia is still outside Tbilisi's control.

Shevardnadze consolidated his power, squeezing out military leaders who helped him come to power.

Georgian prosecutors opened an investigation into Tuesday's bomb attack. The government and legislature were having an extraordinary joint session and several deputies demanded a state of emergency be introduced, at least in the capital.

Armored cars were stationed outside the legislature and at the television centre and other

key buildings in the capital Tbilisi. The head of the Tbilisi police said all police and some army units had been put on full alert. Roads leading into Tbilisi were being watched by police.

Georgia's interior minister said he warned his staff about a possible act against Shevardnadze.

"I had a meeting with my staff. I told them that this might happen," minister Shota Kvaraya said.

"But unfortunately we were unable to prevent it," he said.

Asked who might be responsible for the attack, Kvaraya said: "I am not going to accuse anyone but I promise you that we will make life difficult for someone."

Following the ancient kingdom of Mu

New Age crowd drawn to UFO mountain

By Steve Geissinger

WEED, Calif. (AP) — Ellin Stamps says she saw a refugee from a lost continent who lives in the volcano at Mount Shasta.

Sharon Rose says UFOs have flown over the volcano and a disembodied voice rumbled "Welcome, you're home," when she first saw the mountain. And the giant faces of spirits occasionally appear to Irene Annell Binder.

Scores of New Age believers have flocked to the two towns at the base of Mount Shasta to immerse themselves in the volcano's magic, avail themselves

of its healing powers and access its gateway to the spirit world.

Many got their first look at the mountain in 1987, when 5,000 people held a "harmonic convergence" to celebrate a planetary alignment. Some never left.

Since then, Weed and Mount Shasta — timber and tourist towns 420 kilometres north of San Francisco — have emerged as New Age capitals with a combined population of more than 7,000.

Believers — nicknamed "cosmic muffins" by some longtime residents — have made the 4,316-metre peak a central part

of alternative lifestyles that include meditation, holistic medicine and a focus on spiritual consciousness.

"We're in the beginning of the New Age and this is a safe place for it to happen," Rose said.

Many have set up shops to share information about the mountain and New Age practices. Others publish pamphlets and newspapers.

The summer edition of Mount Shasta's New Directions includes an interview with Princess Sharula Dux from Telos, which is identified as a

Lemurian city within Mount Shasta.

Lemurians are defined as highly civilized refugees from the ancient kingdom of Mu, now submerged beneath the Pacific Ocean. They supposedly are tall, communicate by extrasensory perception and appear and vanish at will. They are reputed to live in an elaborate underground tunnel system within the mountain.

Stamps, 55, a self-described spiritual healer, said she saw a Lemurian at a point overlooking the mountain.

"He was seven feet tall and had long golden hair. I wanted

to call him a hippie, but it was my mind trying to rationalize," she said.

She said she was paralysed until the Lemurian vanished. It seemed like a brief episode, she said, but two hours had elapsed on her watch.

Binder, 50, a retired paper plant worker, said she keeps her eyes on the mountain as much as possible.

"One of the faces I see is of Eve, as in the Bible. I see the same faces over and over. They're spiritual somehow," Binder said. "I try to feel the spirits of the mountain, to find the good ones."

The birth of a new trade complaint?

New US logging law could violate NAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists are asking an international panel to help block a new U.S. logging law that exempts some cutting in national forests from regulations protecting fish and wildlife.

Lawyers for the Sierra Club Legal Defence Fund said they will file a complaint with the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation in Montreal today on behalf of more than 20 groups.

In an unusual twist, the conservationists say the log-

ging law President Bill Clinton reluctantly signed last month violates a North American Free Trade Agreement provision that his administration demanded out of concerns that Mexico would try to gain an unfair trade advantage by skimping on environmental protections.

"It is ironic that the first complaint would be filed against the United States," said Patti Goldman, a lawyer with the defence fund in Seattle.

The logging provision sus-

pends the Endangered Species Act and other laws to expedite salvage timber harvests in an effort to reduce wildfire threats in federally owned forests.

It also directs the Forest Service to log — free from the normal environmental constraints — some of the Pacific Northwest's oldest forests with threatened northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets.

The logging is insulated from administrative appeals or court challenges.

"As a result, many environmental violations will be left

unredressed and a great deal of on-the-ground environmental harm will occur," the environmentalists said in a copy of the complaint.

The logging law "offends the spirit of the NAFTA admonition to avoid waiving or derogating from environmental measures to attract or retain investment," said the groups, including the Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, the Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth and Natural Resources Defence Council.

The three-member commission will be asked to investiga-

te the new U.S. law to determine whether it complies with NAFTA's environmental side agreement, Goldman said.

The panel has no power to strike down the U.S. law. But a vote that a violation had occurred would open the door for Canada or Mexico to launch a trade complaint that could result in sanctions against the United States, Goldman said.

There was no immediate comment Tuesday from the White House, the EPA, Agriculture Department or U.S. Trade Representative's Office.

Right to farm vs the right to quiet

Noisy farm machinery stopped by Quebec courts

ORMSTOWN (CP) — Quebec has promised to revise its rules on noisy farm machinery following two court decisions this year.

A Quebec Court judge ordered a Chateauguay Valley farmer to cut the noise from his machinery two weeks ago.

Peter Kerr, an engineer who works in Montreal and lives in a 110-year-old farm house near

this village south of the city, said that for 16 years after he bought his hobby farm, his family's quality of life was good.

But that ended last fall when a neighbor started running a corn-drying machine near his house 24 hours a day.

"Evenings we found it quite difficult if not impossible to

sleep" he said, adding that the noise even restricted his family's activities during the day.

When Kerr couldn't work out the problem with his neighbor he went to court and won. Now the farmer can't run his corn dryer unless he cuts the sound from 65 decibels to 45.

Earlier this year another judge fined a farmer in the Beauce region south of Quebec

City \$10,000 and ordered him to reduce the noise from his hay-drying machine.

Both judgments cited various standards established in several different provincial laws.

Quebec's agricultural producers union has been consulting farmers across the province on the subject.

Hugh Maynard, executive director of the Quebec Farmers Association, said the noise pollution cases constitute a "right-to-farm issue."

"These cases are being directly focused at normal farming practises," Maynard said, adding that it would be difficult for farmers to comply with court orders for lower noise levels.

Ontario brewery launches a 'Truly Naked' beer

By Ian Jack

TORONTO (CP) — A small Ontario brewery launched a new beer Tuesday with a stripped-down name: Truly Naked.

Lakeport Brewing Corp. says the name reflects the beer's "clear and pure taste."

Beer drinkers weren't so sure.

An informal survey drew responses from "it should do well in strip clubs" to "are they serious?"

President Bill Sharpe, who said the name was his own invention, told a news confe-

rence that nothing says crisp and clean quite like the word "naked."

There was no razzamatazz at the sparsely attended news conference — just a stack of beer and Sharpe, who never cracked a smile.

The label has the name in

red letters and no illustration.

Lakeport, based in nearby Hamilton, brews beers for the Ontario and Quebec markets, including its own Laker and a number of others for private labels, among them Dominion Stores' Master Choice.

Lakeport is 90-per-cent owned by Cott Corp., a private-label producer of pop and food.

Freelance beer writer Stephen Beaumont said Sharpe is known for his gimmicks. "He's been behind some very bizarre things in the past."

Bare naked facts

By The Canadian Press

Some bare-bones facts on Truly Naked beer and the company that's making it:

LAKEPORT BREWING CORP.: Produces more than 16 brands of beer from a former Heineken plant in Hamilton. Among brands: Laker, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Dave Nichol's Personal Selection, Lone Star, Master Choice.

TRULY NAKED: To hit Ontario stores this week. May go national later.

THE PROCESS: Filters out harmful chemical ions to make a cleaner, crisper beer. Bought from a Swedish company for \$1.5 million.

QUOTE: "It's a very different name from what most beers are called" — Lakeport president Bill Sharpe.

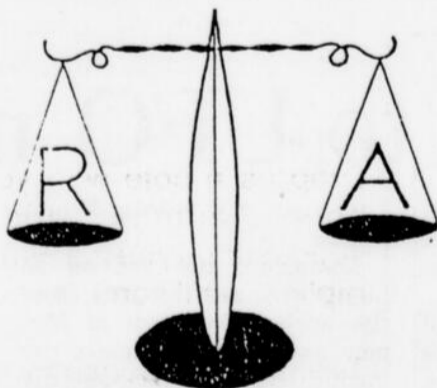


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Latest from Lepage, Allen, Antonioni to be showcased

Toronto's international film fest turns 20

By Donnelly

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Over the past two decades, it has contributed substantially to Toronto's economic and cultural growth. That it continues to thrive during these critical fiscal times is an indication of its integral importance to the city and to the industry.

The TIFF has nurtured a movie-adoring public and a climate conducive to the creation and production of indigenous films. In the shadow of our powerful southern neighbor, Canadians have come to appreciate homegrown and exotic cinema made accessible thanks in part to the Toronto Festival.

Judging by its 1995 lineup, there's much to look forward to when the festival swings into action on September 7.

Once again, the festival has chosen to showcase Canadian cinema on opening night — and this Canada unequivocally includes Quebec. It's Robert Lepage's *Le Confessionnel*, a resounding success at its recent world premiere in Cannes. The innovative Lepage, Quebec's gift to the world of theatre, has taken inspiration from none other than the great Alfred Hitchcock for his first, reputedly brilliant, venture into the realm of celluloid.

Lepage situates his soul-searching drama in Quebec City during the 1952 filming of Hitchcock's *I Confess*. Intermingling past and present, he sets adopted brothers on a quest to discover their roots. Lothaire Bluteau (*Jesus de Montreal*) heads the cast.

GALAS GALORE

The U.S. is usually well represented in the Gala Program and this year is no excep-



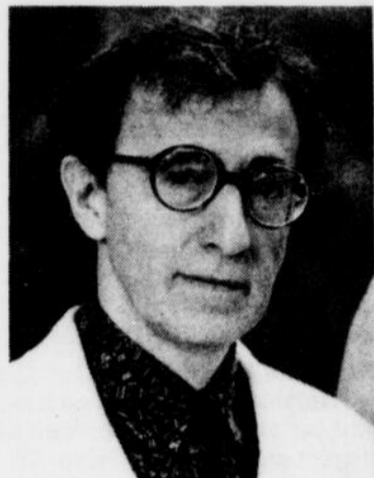
John Candy... *Canadian Bacon* is being billed as his 'last' film.

tion. *Mighty Aphrodite*, Woody Allen's latest look at the preoccupations and relationships of middle class New Yorkers, has an all-star cast which includes Allen, Helena Bonham Carter, F. Murray Abraham, Olympia Dukakis and Peter Weller.

It's been a while since Sean Penn's impressive directorial debut with *Indian Runner*. *The Crossing Guard* marks his return to the festival, promising strong emotions and action-packed confrontations. That dynamite duo, Jack Nicholson and Angelica Huston, star.

Also back are the directors of *Strawberry and Chocolate*, Tomas Gutierrez and Juan Carlos Tabio, with *Guantanamo*, a comedy about second chances and bureaucracy. These are just four of 68 features making their North American premieres.

The meat of the festival is in the Contemporary World Cinema program. This year over 20 countries are represented with 65 movies. Among them, we eagerly await *Land and Freedom*, the Spanish Civil War



Woody Allen... latest film *Mighty Aphrodite* at festival.

epic welcomed by the Spanish as "teaching us our own history better than any Spanish director" — it's Ken Loach's most expensive movie yet; *Total Eclipse*, Polish director Agnieszka Holland's vision of the relationship between the two French poets *maudits* Arthur Rimbaud and Paul Verlaine (portrayed by Leonardo Di Caprio and David Thewlis); and *Canadian Bacon*, the latest send-up by Michael Moore (*Roger & Me*, *TV Nation*), which features the late John Candy in yet another 'last' film.

The Festival's "Special Presentations" don't fit into any of the various programs for one reason or another. One must assume they are a class unto themselves.

Not to be missed in this category is the great Michaelangelo Antonioni's first film in many years, *Par-dela les Nuages* (*Beyond the Clouds*). This presumably autobiographical film, based on four of the master's own stories, was co-written with Wim Wenders, who is also responsible for directing some of the segments.



Anjelica Huston... stars in *The Crossing Guard* with Jack Nicholson.

From first-time director Christopher Hampton (who wrote *Dangerous Liaisons*) comes the much lauded *Carrington*, which focuses on the British bohemians known collectively as the Bloomsbury Group. Emma Thompson portrays Cora Carrington and Jonathan Pryce performs his Cannes award-winning role as Lytton Strachey.

CAN FLICKS

The Perspective Canada Program continues to be the best friend this country's filmmakers have, providing them with an enviable platform to show off their wares. This year, 272 entries were submitted, 63 from Quebec. From these (220 shorts and 52 features), the TIFF selected 19 features and 31 shorts.

In the next few weeks, we will be providing *Record* readers with our annual asses-

sment of the best and worst of the current crop. The following deserve advance mention.

We cheered Clement Virgo's emerging talent back in 1993 when *Save My Lost Nigga Soul* blew us away and deservedly won the award for Best Canadian Short. Virgo's first feature, *Rude*, which caused tongues to wag at Cannes, kicks off Perspective Canada 95.

The Michelle Apartments, John Pozer's follow-up to *The Grocer's Wife*, with Henry Czerny in the lead, is an eco-murder mystery driven by sexual intrigue.

The TIFF boasts several other significant programs. A permanent one just instituted with Cameron Bailey as programmer is Planet Africa. Its aim is to showcase the best new films by directors of African descent, whatever their country of origin. Hungarian Rhapsodies is this year's National Cinema focus and the Director's Spotlight is Hungarian Béla Tarr.

Of the 298 films to be screened at the 1995 TIFF, more than 150 will be premiering either worldwide or in North America. The festival will conclude on September 16, with *Devil in a Blue Dress*, an adaptation of Walter Mosley's mystery novel, starring Denzel Washington.

Tickets for the TIFF can be ordered by calling (416) 968-FILM. Or, if you are wired, try the Internet address: <http://www.bell.ca/torontofilmfest>.

ATTENTION CRAFTSPEOPLE

The Record would like to start up a new advertising section aimed at anyone involved in crafts of all types. If you're a crafter wishing to advertise your creations, a store selling handmade crafts or the supplies needed to make crafts, or someone putting together a show or an exhibition, this section is just for you.

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Short Cuts

Network fires SNL bandleader

NEW YORK — The faces on *Saturday Night Live* this fall won't include the grimaces and contortions of flaxen-haired bandleader G.E. Smith.

Smith, the guitarist who headed the house band since 1986, was fired for the 1995-96 season. NBC offered no reason Tuesday for his dismissal.

Tanya Tucker accused in bar fracas

CODY, Wyo. — A woman has accused Tanya Tucker of assaulting her in a bar after she asked one of the country singer's friends to dance.

Jessie Bies, 21, of Park City, Mont., told police Tucker hit her and pulled her hair early Saturday morning at Cassie's

Supper Club, about 80 kilometres east of Yellowstone National Park. Tucker, 36, had not

given a statement to police by Monday afternoon, a spokeswoman said.

WEDNESDAY'S POP CHART Music

Here are the Top 10 country songs in Canada for the week beginning Aug. 19 based on sales, as compiled by the national music trade source *The Record*. Bracketed figures indicate position the previous week.

- 1 (7) **She Ain't Your Ordinary Girl** — Alabama
- 2 (4) **Not on Your Love** — Jeff Carson
- 3 (3) **You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone** — Brooks and Dunn
- 4 (1) **Only One Moon** — Prairie Oyster
- 5 (11) **Lead On** — George Strait
- 6 (10) **In Between Dances** — Pam Tillis
- 7 (13) **One Emotion** — Clint Black
- 8 (2) **A Little Bit of You** — Lee Roy Parnell
- 9 (17) **I Think About It All the Time** — John Berry
- 10 (9) **You Can't Resist It** — Patricia Conroy

Townshippers Day is just around the corner

Keeping in Touch is a weekly column presented by Townshippers' Association.

MANSONVILLE AUTHOR

Of the many events planned for Townshippers' Day in Mansonville, September 16, one attraction will be the signing of a children's book "Loppy: The Tale of a Pumpkin" by local author Louise Oliver. The story is the result of the many characters given to a locally grown pumpkin in the course of a few months' activities at the Potton Memorial Library.

As is the case for many authors of children's books, there is a story behind the story that is often as entertaining as the book itself. Louise credits her grandmother with inspiring her to write the book: "I am what I am because of Grandmother," she says. Those who want to hear how Louise's grandmother inspired her can read about it in the upcoming issue of Crossroads in early September, or by stopping by to chat with Louise on Townshippers' Day.

ENUMERATION

Under Law 40, the amended Quebec Electoral Act, there have been some modifications made to the enumeration process, in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming referen-

dum or municipal elections, and to get on the permanent list of electors. In some instances, enumerators might ask for some proof of age or citizenship (birth certificate, passport or other); if these documents are not available, voters will still be registered on the list as long as they sign their name at the bottom of the enumeration form. Enumerators will also ask for a date of birth, not one's age, and for one's maiden name (surname at birth) the name to be entered on the list of electors.

Enumerators will be going door to door to register citizens Sept. 5-10, 1995. Shortly thereafter, the list of electors will be mailed out. People must check to be sure they are on the list. If their name is not listed, they should go to the local Revision Office (indicated on the list of electors) and have the situation corrected. Voters who live outside Quebec are still eligible to vote as long as they apply to do so with the Chief Electoral Officer in Quebec city. For more information, call the office of the Chief Electoral Officer: in Quebec (418) 528-0422, outside Quebec 1 800 461-0422, for the hearing impaired 1 800 537-0644.

Alliance Quebec has produ-

Keeping In Touch

By Townshippers Association

ced a pamphlet on the enumeration process and made it available to numerous organizations and groups. For more information on the enumeration process, call the Association's office at (819) 566-5717.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

A birth certificate can no longer be obtained from one's church or place of worship. To get a copy of a birth certificate, individuals must call either Communication Quebec, or parish offices, or the town hall and ask for a birth certificate request form. The form must be completed and sent to the indi-

cated address in Quebec, with a cheque or money order in the amount of \$12. Birth certificates are usually received within 10 days of mailing the application.

JOB LINKS PROJECT

Are you currently looking for a job? Would you like to have your resume seen by prospective employers throughout the Eastern Townships? With Townshippers Day fast approaching, the Job Links Project is currently working on putting together a portfolio of people currently looking for employment in the Townships. In order to participate in the portfolio, you need to be currently registered with the Job Links Project. If you are not, call Tracie at 819-566-5717 as soon as possible. Deadline for accepting participants for the Townshippers Day promotion

is September 8.
YOUTH NEWS

Planning on coming to Townshippers' Day? How about participating in a volleyball tournament pitting Townships youth against the media? The tournament will take place from noon until 2 p.m. at Townshippers' Day Saturday, September 16 in Mansonville. It will be an outdoor tournament with co-ed teams of media personalities versus young people ages 12 and up. Advance sign-ups are preferred and you can sign up as an individual, a few friends or a whole team. Start practicing those spikes today!

For more information or to sign up for the volleyball tournament, call Steve at (514) 263-4422 or Erin at (819) 566-5717. Advance sign ups should be made by September 11.

Scientists find why diets fail

LONDON (Reuter) — British doctors say they've discovered why diets don't work — it's all in the head.

Dieting upsets the level of chemicals in the brain, which in turn gives people an urge to overeat, E.M. Clifford and colleagues at Littlemore Hospital in Oxford found.

They cited studies today on rats showing that those lacking the ability to use the neurotransmitter serotonin become overweight. Neurotransmit-

ters are chemicals that help carry electrical signals along a nerve.

The doctors tested 12 women aged 20 to 39, and found that those on a restricted diet of 1,000 calories a day had lower levels of the essential amino acid tryptophan, which the body uses to make serotonin.

"Thus, during dieting, subjects are likely to experience urges to overeat which will compromise efforts at continued food restriction," they wrote in the science journal

Nature.

In other words, dieting can give people the urge to binge.

"Humans have evolved powerful adaptive mechanisms for maintaining food intake. Trying to overcome these by voluntary food restriction is not only difficult but may be counter-productive in some individuals," they added.

But they said doctors could deliberately manipulate levels of these chemicals for those found to be clinically obese.

Wales Home news and activities

July was a very warm month as everyone knows. The residents stayed near their fans or air conditioners as much as possible, so it was a quiet month.

Some had family birthday parties which they enjoyed. Some made trips to the hospital which they didn't enjoy so much!

Lil McMorine was surprised on her birthday when friends from Danville appeared, bringing birthday cake, ice cream and punch. A few from Shaw 3 enjoyed it also.

In July we welcomed to the Home, Marilyn Buck, Mrs. Rita Booth, Alec Booth, Mrs. Dora (Davidson) Muryn and William Bailey. We trust you will all find it very pleasant living here.

Dr. Blake has carried on as usual entertaining us every second Tuesday evening with special taped music. Thank you, Dr. Blake.

Kelly Andrews was on holiday for two weeks so the activities were lessened. But while she was here the usual activities were enjoyed, such as exercises, reading group, carpet bowling, happy hour, bingo, card games, 500 and Bridge.

The Thursday trips to town

every week were as usual.

Every Wednesday morning church service was conducted by Rev. Harding in Solarium 1.

Wednesday, July 5, a Canada Day picnic was held outdoors at noon. Sandwiches, punch, and ice cream was served to everyone. The staff and nurses and all who help deserve much credit for all the work they do to get people outdoors, especially those in wheelchairs from the infirmaries in Norton 2 and 3. We thank you all.

Thursday, July 6, the residents in the infirmaries were treated to a strawberry and ice cream social in Norton 2 Solarium.

Wednesday, July 12 the residents in the rest of the Home were treated to a strawberry and ice cream social in the main living room. It was very much enjoyed. Thanks to all.

Wednesday, July 19, the July birthday party was held by the Richmond Anglican ladies. Nursery rhyme game was played and each player received a gift. Refreshments were served to all. Thank you, ladies.

The Friday afternoon teas were held as usual by Kelly Andrews,

Gore W.I., and Ulverton/Kirkdale ladies. Thank you all.

Sunday afternoon church services were conducted as usual: by the Richmond United Church minister the first Sunday of the month.

The 2nd Sunday was the Anglican minister, the 3rd Sunday the Danville United Church minister and the 5th Sunday the Adventist pastor Mitch Noble from Danville. He brought his own choir and pianist. It was a large choir this time. The Perkins sisters gave us a piano duet and then sang a duet. Thank you all.

We lost two residents in July. Nellie Emslie moved to Toronto. Harold Spencer ended his earthly life. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

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Get children involved making lunches

By Judy Creighton
The Canadian Press

Remember the parental admonishment "eat your vegetables, they're good for you?" It's out-of-date.

This is the view of Fran Berkoff, a Toronto dietitian who says there are many ways

to persuade kids to enjoy nutritious fruits and veggies — but bullying isn't one of them.

"Some kids would rather eat vegetables raw than cooked," she says. "If they prefer to have them raw then let them. In fact, go so far as to allow kids to pick the vegetables or choose

them at the supermarket and cut them up in interesting shapes."

Berkhoff and Monda Rosenberg, food editor of *Chatelaine* magazine, are both so confident about the value of fresh produce and its damage control properties, that they've co-authored *The Vitality Cookbook*, published by HarperCollins, \$12.95.

They point out that most produce is rich in minerals, phytochemicals and vitamins, including the antioxidant vitamins — C and beta-carotene.

COMPLEX INTERPLAY

Scientists are just beginning to unravel the complex interplay of antioxidants and free radicals that roam our bodies. Free radicals are formed from the normal stresses of living, as well as from pollutants, and they damage cells.

"The part that is very important to me as far as kids are concerned is that we lay the seeds when they are young so they will learn how to eat healthfully," says Berkhoff.

"If they learn now they will

have a better chance as an adult."

Now that a new school year looms, parents have to think about preparing lunches, especially box lunches. Berkhoff and Rosenberg have suggestions on how to incorporate vitality into those essential meals.

"Most important is to have the children participate in choosing and making their school lunches," says Rosenberg. "You can take them food shopping and allow them to choose a fruit for one of their lunches or select a bread or spread for their sandwiches."

EXTRA GOODNESS

To give extra goodness to peanut butter, tuna or chicken sandwiches, she suggests adding grated carrot, apple, sliced peppers and celery or raisins to the spread.

"Think of ways to get other fruits and vegetables incorporated into muffins, breads and cookies," says Rosenberg.

For example, most kids like peanut butter, she says, so make up banana muffins and

fill muffin tins half way. Spoon peanut butter into the centre or add cubes of apple, banana or cheddar to the middle of bran muffins or whole berries to oatmeal muffins.

"Children like fajitas," she says. "Fill one for their lunch with grated carrots, tomatoes, lettuce along with cheddar cheese."

Berkhoff says an ideal school lunch that meets the needs of a healthy growing child should have all the food groups represented.

"A sandwich, fruit and milk and you're covered," she says.

Here is a list by the authors of the superstar fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin C, beta-carotene and other phytochemicals to keep in mind when making school lunches:

Dried and fresh apricots, berries, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, dark greens, kiwi, mangoes, oranges, papayas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkin, spinach, squash, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

School meals packed with beta-carotene

By The Canadian Press

One bonus for parents trying to get beta-carotene into kids' lunches is their fondness for raw vegetables.

Along with some of the following sandwich suggestions, tuck in the lunchbox a pack of carrot sticks, cauliflower chunks, broccoli florets or cherry tomatoes. For dessert, try a slice of pumpkin or carrot bread or a wedge or two of cantaloupe, dried apricots or a container of mashed mangoes with yogurt.

Tropical Sandwiches

Peel one mango and cut pulp from stone. Slice half of pulp into strips. Puree remaining mango or mash with a fork and stir with 60 mL (¼ cup) light mayonnaise, yogurt cheese or light sour cream. In pita halves, layer slices of chicken, sliced mango and roasted red pepper. Drizzle with mango cream and top with shredded lettuce.

Fajita Salad Sandwich

Combine 125 mL (½ cup) chopped roast beef or leftover barbecued steak with 125 mL (½ cup) chopped green pepper, 60 mL (¼ cup) chopped ripe tomato, 1 sliced green onion, 30 mL (2 tbsp.) light sour cream and 15 mL (1 tbsp.) salsa. Stir in pinches of chili powder and cayenne pepper. Roll up in warm tortillas. Makes 180 mL (¾ cup).

Mumble Jumble Cookies

Using a fork, mix 425 mL (1¾ cups) all-purpose flour with 250 mL (1 cup) brown sugar and 2 mL (½ tsp.) each of baking soda, salt, cinnamon and ground ginger. Whisk 80 mL (cup) melted butter with 125 mL (½ cup) milk and 1 egg. Fold in 2 peeled coarsely chopped apples and 250 mL (1 cup) each of raisins and chopped nuts. Drop by heaping tablespoonfuls about 5 cm (2 inches) apart, on a greased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 190 C (375 F) oven until golden, about 12 to 14 minutes. Makes 60 cookies.

Source: *The Vitality Cookbook*, by Monda Rosenberg and Frances Berkoff, published by HarperCollins, \$12.95.

Banana Bran Carrot Mini Muffins

375 mL (1½ cups) whole wheat flour
375 mL (1½ cups) natural bran
250 mL (1 cup) grated carrot
125 mL (½ cup) wheat germ
10 mL (2 tsp.) baking powder
5 mL (1 tsp.) baking soda
2 mL (½ tsp.) salt
250 mL (1 cup) milk
250 mL (1 cup) mashed ripe bananas
125 mL (½ cup) plain low-fat yogurt
125 mL (½ cup) vegetable oil
50 mL (¼ cup) packed brown sugar
50 mL (¼ cup) molasses
2 eggs, beaten
125 mL (½ cup) raisins

In large bowl, combine flour, bran, carrot, wheat germ, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

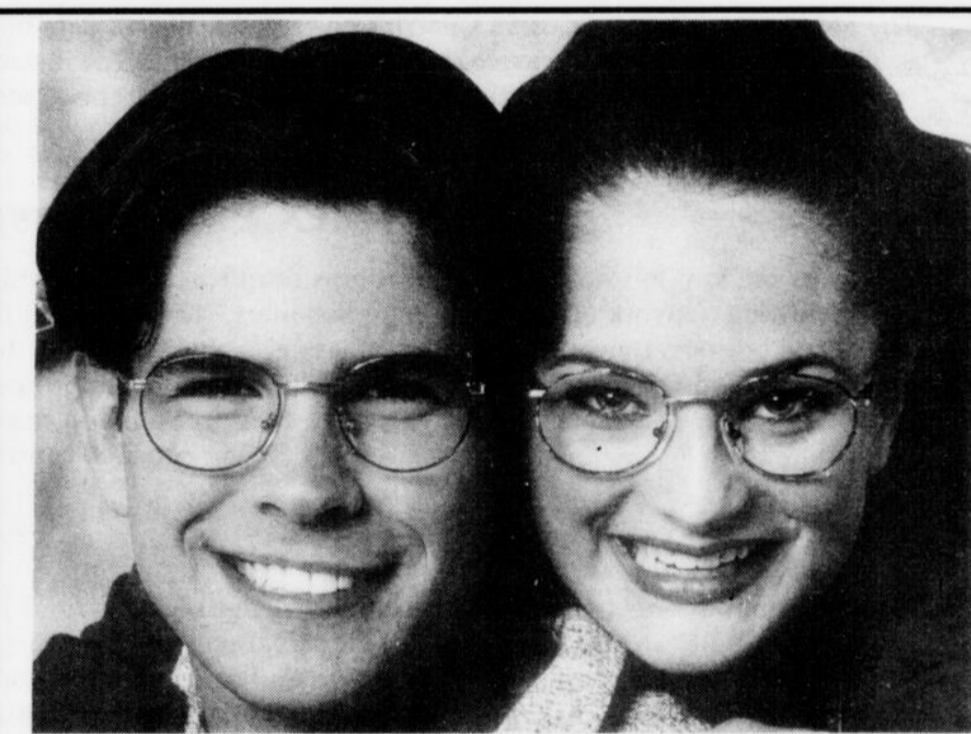
Whisk together milk, bananas, yogurt, oil, sugar, molasses and eggs; pour over dry ingredients. Sprinkle with raisins; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Spoon heaping tablespoonful (15 mL) batter into each well-greased 5 cm (2-inch) tart cup. Bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Makes about 48 mini muffins.

Source: *Canadian Living's Family Cookbook*, published by Madison Press, \$14.95, exclusively at Sears.

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Four birthday celebrants of the White House Home are entertained

STANSTEAD (IH) — A lovely party took place at the White House Home here the afternoon of August 22 to celebrate the August birthdays of four of the resident guests.

Lois Leney, a member of the House Committee was hostess and M.C. for a pleasant afternoon of music, readings and visiting.

The celebrants and their guests

were Beatrice Robinson, her sons Dean and Elburn from Coaticook, Ellen Gill, her daughter, Barbara Bellows and Beatrice Grady from Dixville. Both birthday ladies were 94 on August 5.

Marge Colt, her guests were Richard and Betty Colt from Ayer's Cliff; and Thelma Blake, guests were Renald Demers and Marie Batchelor, both of

Stanstead, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Beebe.

Other guests were Floyd and Blanche Webb, Knetha Reeves, also Ivy Dunn, Nepean, Ont., a house guest of Lois in Graniteville, and others.

A corsage of an apricot carnation and baby's breath was pinned on the dress of each birthday celebrant by Gardenia Robertson.

Lois welcomed everyone. Marge Keeley, at the piano, played the birthday song which was sung for the quartet and for Della Goodsell, first president of the House Committee who was also observing her special day.

Della sang Amazing Grace, a gospel hymn, and Whispering Hope, as solos Della and Lexie Rogers rendered a duet, Sweet

Hour of Prayer, and later, Della, joined by others participated in a sing-a-long of golden oldies.

The readings were by Lois, 'Voluble wheel chair'; Ivy Dunn read a poem, 'You're costlier than you think'; Thelma Middleton's reading was, 'How to get along with yourself'; and Ivy Hatch read a poem, 'The Old Country Store'.

The names of all the resident guests in the Home were drawn and the 23 were a recipient of a gift.

As everyone took their place at a table for supper, Marge played a lively marching tune. Supper of ham, salads, baked beans and other goodies was served.

The traditional birthday cake was a large square iced in pink and faced with roses. At each corner was the name of the birthday celebrant and a lighted candle. The corner was served to each. Ice cream accompanied the cake.

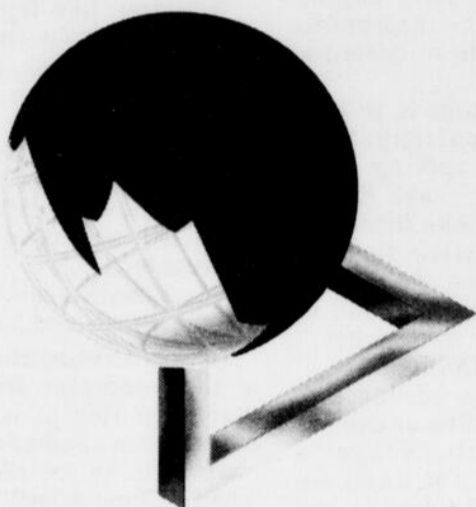
Gifts and cards were also presented to Beatrice, Ellen, Marjorie and Thelma, all of which was much appreciated by the four-some.

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The wedding of Julia Thompson and Frank Sever of Surrey, B.C. took place on Saturday, August 19. Julia is the only daughter of Ross and Ann Thompson, who was the former Ann Gilman. Several members of the Gilman family and relatives attended the marriage celebrations. Fred and Esther Gilman, grandparents of the bride, Mary and Mario Salois and little Samantha, their daughter, who was the flower girl; Ralph and Kelly Gilman and Lacey, the junior bridesmaid, and little Matthew, ring-bearer; Mrs. Elsie Lackey, Stanbridge East, Mrs. Judy Gilman, Clarenceville, Hilda and Jack Soles, Harold and Lori Soles, Oakville, Ont.

Bonnie and Michaela Fournier returned to their home in Kamloops, B.C. on August 16, after a visit with their grandmother, Marguerite Miller and other relatives in Philipsburg and Montreal. Their aunt Mary Hastings and cousins Larry Jr., David, James and Laurie all of Sutton, came to meet Bonnie and Michaela at a lawn party and meal served outside on the beautiful afternoon of August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Ames have returned from Red Lake, Ont., where they were visiting Tim and Arlene Smith.



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From the Pulpit

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A lack of indignation: A lack of moral fortitude

I sense that there is a lack of indignation when confronted with moral horror. Lately, and possibly always, a turning of atrocities and horrors into morally approved conventions of feeling is evident. Too often mute acceptance of grave wrongs is seen.

Both O.J. Simpson and Paul Bernardo continue to occupy center stage and provide satiable reading to a public engrossed in their accused acts of debauchery and depravity. Their lawyers make mockery of the judicial system by shifting focus from the crime and the accused to matters of a lesser nature. The victims, so brutalized and maimed, are forgotten, and witnesses become the criminals. The charades seemingly arouse little indignation, little reaction, little repulsion.

In spite of the heinous acts, the accused have not rendered a tear, spoken words of remorse, or offered words of condolences to the parents of the victims. Simpson's and Bernardo's minds and emotional states appear steeled, calloused and unruffled. Society, too, in general, accepts their insensitivity. Moral atrocity has been presented to the world, and the world has reacted passively.

When will the reaction come? If Simpson is given the death sentence or incarcerated for life, then moral indignation will be vented. The decision of twelve jurors will have little effect, the shouts of racism and injustice will be hurled, and sympathy will be widely expressed for him. The dead will be forgotten and the evidence of many months dismissed. This will be the reaction of only a minority — the debased, yet vocal element. However, it will occupy the media's attention for days or weeks. Thus, a classic example of the misplacement of values will be seen. Moral default will be visibly expressed.

There is always the slight possibility that Bernardo and Simpson may be exonerated. If they are innocent, they should be. But highly paid lawyers, using the most devious trickery of the trade, may be responsible for the release of guilty men. Although the world is ruled by a just Providence, righteousness does not always prosper. Unfortunately, vice and crime are not always restrained, or even immediately or manifestly punished. The voice of just rebuke is often silenced, and the vilest men remain unpunished.

I react strongly to the fact that we are now faced with immorality paraded in attractive guise by almost every media or entertainment. The fact that few speak out against this form of evil is a strange phenomenon. Too often, immoral concepts are gaining ascendancy in the thinking and living of the multitudes. The message that now should be silence forever is that astute and devious lawyers, good looks, money, and fame are able to triumph over the legal system.

For all concerned, I wish to speak up against the achievement of such an evil debacle in our lifetime.

Milan

Mrs. R. Nicholson

Ruth Nicholson attended the funeral service for the late Douglas Beaton at Chalmers United Church. Sincere sympathy is extended to wife Heather, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moulard attended the Lancaster, N.H. Fair and joined their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Murray there.

Recent callers of Mrs. Ruth Nicholson have been Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison, Kim and David of Mississauga, Ont., Mrs. Muriel Mayhew, Lennoxville, Mrs. Constance Fortier, Spring Hill, Mrs. Helen MacDonald, Sherbrooke, Mrs. Miriam Holland, Robert Nicholson and Duncan McLeod of Scotstown.

Ruth Nicholson accompanied by Duncan McLeod and Robert Nicholson, Scotstown, joined the McIver Reunion bus tour of the cemeteries in the area. At noon all enjoyed the beautiful day and their picnic at the Marsboro Mills Cemetery. The following day Ruth accompanied Robert to the Dell and Gisla Cemeteries with Mrs. Kenneth Nicholson of Springfield, Mass. and members of her family to visit the graves of their grandparents and great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Innis, Patricia, Maeghan and Raitlyn of Longueuil called at the Nicholson home. Other callers were Robert Nicholson, Scotstown and his brother Edward Nicholson of Sherwood Park, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Candlish, Brantford, Ont., Mrs. Muriel Mayhew were visiting in town on August 2nd.

Edward Nicholson, Sherwood Park, Alta., Robert Nicholson and Duncan McLeod, Scotstown, were supper guests at the Nicholson home recently. Mrs. Bernice Laurila, Nipigon, Ont., Norman Laurila, New York City, N.Y., Rev. Charles Millard, Toronto, Ont. and Wesley Nicholson, Montreal, spent the weekend at the same home. Mrs. Laurila remained with her sister for a holiday. Callers have been Mr. and Mrs. Dale Farrell, Lennoxville, Joyce Rankin, Paul Lortitch, Sherbrooke, Mrs. Ivy MacDonald, Duncan McLeod and Robert Nicholson, Scotstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moulard visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moulard and family at their cottage at Mirror Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moulard and family, Sherbrooke, were also guests.

Deaths

BLINN, Donald Charles — Peacefully passed away at Chase Home, Bedford, Que. on August 28, 1995 in his 92nd year. Beloved father of David and Peter. Survived by sister Mildred, Grandfather of Charles, Dianne, Donald, Susan, Christine, Nicole and Angela. Resting at Joseph Dion Funeral Home, 215 River Street, Bedford, Que. Visitation on Tuesday, August 29 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Masonic service at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, August 30 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 1995 at St. James Anglican Church, Stanbridge East at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Missisquoi Historical Society, 2 River Street, P.O. Box 186, Stanbridge East, Que., JOJ 2H0, would be appreciated.

DUBOIS, Albina — Passed away on August 26, 1995, age 97. Predeceased by her husband Benjamin and son Robert. Lovir, mother of Henry (Velma) of Rawdon, devoted grandmother of Robert (Viviane) of Ste. Calixte and Denyse of St. Lambert. Cherished great-grandmother of Cynthia, Karine and Carl. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, September 2, 1995 from 12 noon until 1:45 p.m. at the Cooperative Funeral Parlour, 351 St. Luc Blvd., Asbestos, Que. Funeral service at 2 p.m. in St. Barnabe Church, Asbestos. Interment in St. Felix de Kingsey Cemetery.

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MILDRED

YOUNG, Mary Gallagher — I would like to express my sincere thanks to Doctor Paulette, the nurses in the I.C.U., the nurses on the third floor and Dr. Ferenczi for the good care I received during my stay at the Sherbrooke Hospital. Sincere thanks to all those who visited me, sent cards, telephoned and brought gifts and flowers. I appreciated it all very much. Thanks and God bless.

MARY G. YOUNG

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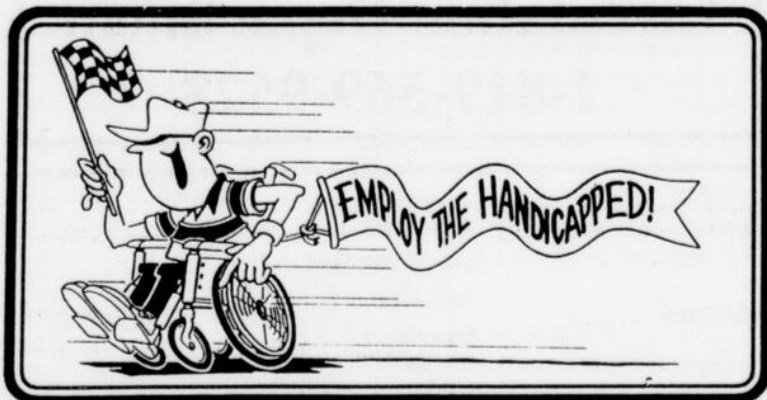
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Now, not later

By Phillip Alder

Marcus Valerius Martialis was a Latin poet and epigrammatist born in Spain and known as Martial. He wrote, "Believe me, wise men don't say 'I shall live to do that.' Tomorrow's life is too late; live today."

Quite right too! And at the bridge table, sometimes you must do something today — at this trick — because tomorrow — later in the play — may be too late.

After West used the Unusual No-Trump, showing at least 5-5 in the minors, North jumped to game in hearts. This might appear to be an overbid, but experienced players treat a three-heart bid here as competitive, showing a hand that would have made a single raise without the overcall. The jump to four hearts promised the values for a limit raise. With game-forcing values in hearts, North would have cue-bid three clubs, the lower of West's two suits.

After winning the first trick, South played a heart to dummy's ace and a heart to his king, learning he had an unavoidable trump loser. Now South had to discard his diamond loser before East could win a trick with his heart queen. The only possible discard was on dummy's fourth spade. But that suit couldn't be 3-3. The bidding marked East with at least four spades.

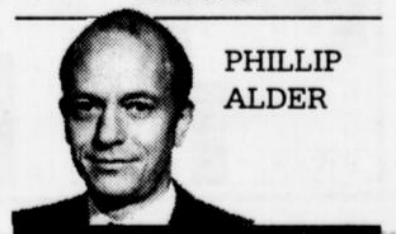
South led a club to dummy's king and immediately played a spade to his nine. When it held, South cashed his remaining spade winners, took the club ace, ruffed the club eight in the dummy and threw the diamond six on dummy's spade king.

Nicely done! As someone famous wrote, "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly."

Phillip Alder's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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BRIDGE



PHILLIP ALDER

Women's Institute meeting

CLEVELAND — The W.I. held an evening meeting on August 5 at the home of Matty Banfill with 12 members present.

President Myrna Hebert opened the meeting by welcoming the members and thanking Matty for her hospitality.

The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated in unison. The Quebec Women's Institute Newsletters were handed out to each member.

Cowansville Martha Wighton

Wayne Wighton and Gloria Stiles of Newmarket, Ont., have returned home after spending a week's holiday at Owl's Head camp, visited family in Cowansville and Mansonville and a couple of days with friends in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Marchand of Cambridge, Ont., are spending some time in Granby with their daughter Tanya Marchand.

Some members of All Saint's Guild enjoyed luncheon at the Reilly House in Mansonville on August 4.

Several friends and neighbors attended the funeral service at Grace Church, Sutton for the late Doreen Meacoe who passed away at BMP Hospital on August 11 after a lengthy illness. Sincere sympathy to her brother Lawrence, wife Minerva and three nephews Larry, Cameron and Mark of Nepean, Ont.

Motto: Put pepper in what you do — then you will be worth your salt. Roll call: Bring in a centerpiece made of fruit, vegetables, or driftwood to be judged.

Program: Bring in project for inter-branch competition, bring in flowers for contest.

Due to Louise's absence, the minutes were read by Aline. Doris moved they be accepted, seconded by Matty.

Winnie read the financial report. A motion was made that bills be paid, this was approved with all in favor.

Correspondence from the meeting — A letter requesting a donation from the Canadian Institute for the Blind, letter from the Alzheimer's Society requesting a donation, letter from the Chamber of Commerce telling of a new agenda. Aline read the President's letter.

Doris motioned that we give a donation to the Blind Society, seconded by Peggy Healy. Peggy thanked the members on behalf of herself and husband Francis for the dinner served on their 25th anniversary.

Three members had worked at Farm Day on June 18.

Convenors reports: Agriculture — Sandra read handy tricks and tips for country living.

Citizenship and Legislation — Aline had gone to a meeting to discuss how to decorate a float, and one was entered for the Le-

gion Parade on August 12.

Education and Cultural Activities — Peggy Healy had attended a meeting regarding bursaries.

Environment and Canadian Industries — Doris Stevens read an article, 'Changing Seasons'.

Home Economics and Health — Matty Banfill read on how to remove cakes from pans without them sticking to pans, and also on how to bake fruit pies.

International Affairs — Winnie Beausoleil had an article telling how the Iron Road Railway Company of Maine is buying Canadian Pacific Railway lines in the Eastern Townships.

Publicity — Ina Young had

sent the write-up of the meeting to the Record and report of events to the County Publicity Convener.

Sunshine and Buying — Peggy Eastman had sent out cards.

Tea fees were collected. Sandra solicited for the money pot.

Monthly prize was brought by Myrna and won by Winnie.

The next meeting on September 1st at Winnie Beausoleil's.

Flowers brought in were judged by Sandra, winners being Peggy Healy and Winnie.

Meeting adjourned and a social hour was enjoyed during lunch served by Matty.

School is here again!

The Missisquoi Community School is schedule to commence on September 14 at Heroes Memorial School in Cowansville.

Twenty different courses will be available: Bible Discussion; Book-keeping; Bridge; Calligraphy; Chair-caning and Refinishing; Crocheting and Knitting; Community Choir and Music Theory; French; Gardening; Handicrafts; Basic Photography; Law; Line dancing; Painting — oil, acrylic, pastel; Quilting; Rosemaking; Stress Management; Relaxation techniques; Travelogue; and volleyball.

There will be coffee, tea and cookies, after each class at 9 p.m. The school will be open 7:30 to 9 p.m. — refreshments at 9 p.m. The registration fee is \$7 for the entire 10 evenings.

On the 10th and last evening, there will be a Prize and Luncheon Party for all students holding a registration card (having paid their \$7).

Canada has been pronounced to be the best country to live in. Believe it!

Be thankful for that special gift in the lift

Dear Readers: I am on vacation, but I have left behind some of my favorite columns that you may have missed the first time around. I hope you enjoy them. -- ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 60 and was widowed two years ago. Friends say I am attractive, youthful-looking and quite sexy. Several months ago,

I visited my sister, who lives in a beautiful high-rise in another city.

One evening about 10:30 p.m., the elevator got stuck. Only one other person was with me -- a very good-looking man. The lights went off, and I was terrified. He said, "Don't worry. We're going to be all right. Remain calm. Let's sit on the floor and get

comfortable."

He rang the emergency button, and soon, we heard voices, which gave us reassurance. Finally the chief engineer announced it would be at least two hours before they could get us out of there. He told us we were in no danger.

Ann Landers

We talked in a marvelously intimate manner about everything under the sun. It was the most wonderful conversation I have ever had with anyone, so honest and open. After a while, he leaned over and kissed my cheek, then my lips. I felt as if I were in paradise for those two golden hours.

When we were finally released, I was sad. We parted with a handshake and went our separate ways. I extended my visit another week, hoping to catch a glimpse of that beautiful married man who had changed my life. No luck, so I flew home.

I've heard it said that the reaction to a deep emotional experience sets in later, and it certainly did. I've been roaming my house like a caged tiger. In three weeks, I've lost 10 pounds, which I could ill afford. I've become depressed.

Can it be I truly loved that man in the elevator? It all seems so silly I wouldn't dare discuss it with anyone. What do you say, Ann? -- MOOD INDIGO

DEAR INDY: What you experienced was the excitement of gut-level communication, the basis for a meaningful relationship.

Your present state of depression is the letdown following the "gift" in the lift. Make it a plus instead of a minus, dear. Now that you know you are capable of such a relationship, keep your eye open for another. But before you get physical, make sure the man isn't married.

Dear Ann Landers: Many thanks for your wonderful answer to "Slipping a Little," who kept forgetting things.

I, too, have found myself forgetting names, misplacing articles and worrying that maybe I am becoming senile. Your suggestion that the woman put things where they belong was excellent. I've tried it, and it

works.

And thanks, too, Ann, for admitting that you also are having trouble remembering things. That made me feel a lot better. -- AN ADMIRER FROM ATLANTA

DEAR AD.: You're sweet to write, but I can't remember the letter.

Dear Ann Landers: Is it true that men often marry women who possess the same qualities as their mothers? I've heard it said and find it hard to believe. Check with the experts, and enlighten me, please. -- ANY SIMILARITY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

DEAR COINCIDENTAL: The experts say that men often marry women who are either very much like their mothers or extremely unlike them, depending on how they feel about Mom.

East Clifton

Alice Wilson 889-2932

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon French accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey French to Cowansville where they attended the Waldron-Hurley reunion at Mr. and Mrs. David Shufelt's Iwanna Farm. They met with Glen Waldron of East Clifton, Mrs. Audrey Bain, Sawyerville, Gleason Lake, Bulwer, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Reed, Mrs. Gladys Thompson, Mrs. Pauline Maschke, all of Lennoxville, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Waldron, Mrs. Leona Markham, Mrs. Glenna McEnroe, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Waldron, all of Mon-

treah, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waldron, Walter and Roger of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. James Percy, Johnson, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. David Rainville, Albert, Laura and Patrick of Colebrook, N.H., Miss Serena Shufelt assisted her parents in entertaining. A memorable day of re-acquaintance brought the many cousins who came from a distance together again. Some of the younger cousins enjoyed the water puddles -- others the picnic and corn on the cob, many photographs were taken. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Blair showed pictures of a reunion held at Lake Wallace a few years ago.



Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1995

Over the past two years, you've made valuable friends who are more concerned about your well-being than you may realize. The months ahead could reveal how much they care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will be difficult to achieve your objectives and aims today if they are not clearly defined. Once you establish a goal, be consistent and see it through to its finish. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions over which you have no control might impel you to alter your plans today. If you're flexible, the adjustments you make could work out fairly well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are careless or indifferent today, you might unwittingly snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Work for your best interests, not against them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where your career is concerned, deal with competitors carefully. If you're unfair with them today, they'll try to balance the account later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are more likely to help associates today if you feel it's of your own volition. Conversely, when demands are made of you, you may resist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you enjoy social experiences, but today you may attend a gathering where someone you dislike is present, so you may want to treat everyone coolly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be capable of substantial achievements today, but there is a possibility that you might be plagued with self-doubts and quit when the going gets tough.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might hold strong opinions today and this is well and good if you behave constructively. Do not impose your views, however, on those who are unreceptive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're required to help a friend today, do so with your pal's resources. Avoid situations where you have to pay the freight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to anticipate the probable actions of others from a negative perspective today. This could create complications and doubts where none need exist.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend some time today doing things you find personally gratifying, but don't neglect your responsibilities to others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Grasp the reins today if you get in a situation that you can handle better than a friend. However, it might make things worse if you don't do it properly.

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Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Neophyte
 - 5 Spiritual leader
 - 10 Take five
 - 14 Fume
 - 15 Deeply bitter
 - 16 Montreal player
 - 17 Public houses
 - 18 Mania
 - 19 Ridge of rocks
 - 20 Took sustenance
 - 21 Bound
 - 22 Short outline
 - 24 Disobedient
 - 26 Soda fountain item

- 27 Dogma
- 28 Milling
- 31 Change position
- 34 The things here
- 35 Melted fat
- 36 Measured liquid
- 37 Cold manner
- 38 In the old days
- 39 Sandy's sound
- 40 Momentary light
- 41 Emerged
- 42 Shoreline
- 44 Family member
- 45 Cardinal point
- 46 Religious sect members

- 50 Season
- 52 FBI agent
- 53 Card game
- 54 Nerd
- 55 Faux pas
- 57 Newman
- 58 Stare at
- 59 Apartment
- 60 Ms. James
- 61 Notices
- 62 Passover feast
- 63 Nobleman

- DOWN
- 1 Court case
 - 2 Gossipy woman
 - 3 Make fresh again
 - 4 Authorizes
 - 5 Discrimination of a kind
 - 6 Farm units
 - 7 Kind of nail
 - 8 Show —
 - 9 Dreamer
 - 10 Peruse again
 - 11 Energies put forth
 - 12 Extraordinary: abbr.
 - 13 Bean curd
 - 21 Dry run
 - 23 Southern bread
 - 25 Pick up
 - 26 Just out
 - 28 Phantasm
 - 29 Pleasant
 - 30 Dale

- 31 Trendy resorts
- 32 Take on
- 33 Childish
- 34 Vandalize
- 37 Condition of stale beer
- 38 Swine sound

- 40 Shape
- 41 Kind of horse
- 43 Roadsters
- 44 Bighearted one
- 46 Struck, old style
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Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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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: F equals B

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Evil is the product of the ability of humans to make abstract that which is concrete." — Jean Paul Sartre.
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"I thought staying in a castle would be neat till you got the cheapest room in the place."

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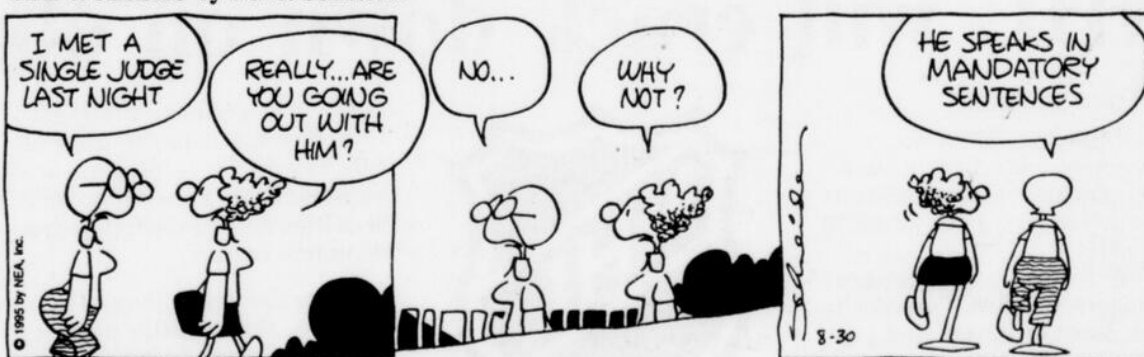
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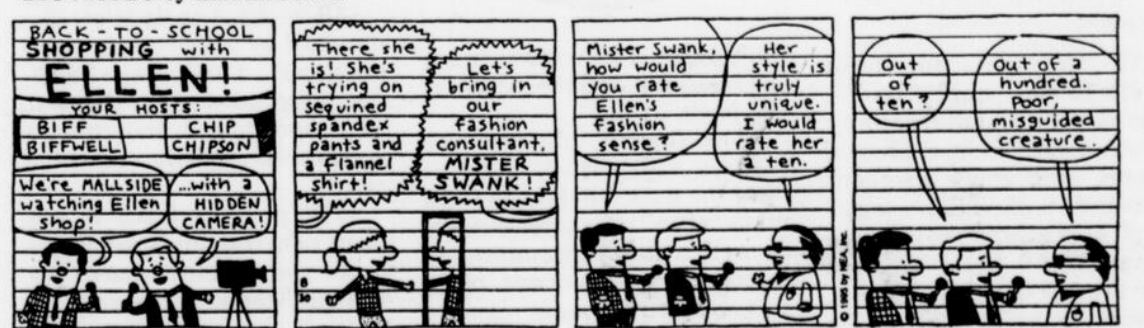
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Brodeur, Fleury, Selanne still unsigned

Some NHL free agents being left out in the cold

By Alan Adams

The Canadian Press

Veteran players like Dale Hawerchuk, Joel Otto and Bob Bassen have struck it rich since the New Jersey Devils won the Stanley Cup in June.

But just two weeks before training camp, high-profile free agents such as Theo Fleury, Teemu Selanne, Trevor Linden, Bill Ranford, Scott Niedermayer and Martin Brodeur have been all but ignored.

What's going on?

The NHL labor scene is unfolding as it was supposed to.

The collective bargaining agreement was designed to hold down rookie salaries and reward established veterans.

So far it has worked.



Martin Brodeur... Wants \$2.5-million US per season.

Hawerchuk, an unrestricted free agent entering his 15th season, received \$7.8 million US over three years from the St. Louis Blues, who also doled out \$6.5 million over three years for Geoff Courtnall. Otto signed a three-year \$5.4-million deal with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Other unrestricted millionaires are Bassen (\$4 million over four years with Dallas) and Ray Ferraro of the New York Rangers (\$6.25 million over four).

Most rookies have yet to come to terms. Only two have

signed under the \$850,000 rookie cap and they were Europeans facing an Aug. 15 signing deadline for playing in North America this season.

Aki Petteri-Berg, the No. 3 pick overall, agreed to a three-year deal worth \$2.5 million with the Los Angeles Kings while Radek Dvorak signed a three-year pact worth \$2.1 million with Florida.

Compare those contracts to Paul Kariya's three-year deal worth \$6.3 with Anaheim last season.

Caught in the middle are Group II free agents, who for

the most part are the NHL's brightest stars and top talents.

Who wouldn't want a Fleury, Linden or Niedermayer?

Group II free agency covers, for the most part, players between the age of 18 and 32, depending on their salary and how many games they played in the NHL. Of all the free agent groups, it is the most restrictive because of the compensation scale for signing a player and a provision that allows a team to match the offer from the player's new team.

Both the compensation, which can be as high as three

first-round picks, and the right to match have had a chilling effect on movement.

Some player agents are crying collusion. The clubs respond by saying the right to match was collectively bargained.

The solution to some of these conundrums may come in the form of trades, especially with the league's GMs meeting in Denver this week.

The next 10 days will likely be the busiest on the trading front as teams look to settle their situation prior to the Sept. 10 opening of training camps.

Some top players still waiting for contracts

A look at some of the unsigned NHL Group II free agents:

Theo Fleury, Calgary Flames: 29 goals, 58 points in 47 games last season. One of the NHL's top talents and most popular players. An unselfish performer who goes full out night after night. Wants to play in Calgary.

Keith Tkachuk, Winnipeg Jets: 22 goals, 51 points in 48 games. One of the league's top power forwards. Jets would like to keep him but will be pressed to sign both Tkachuk and free-agent teammate Tee-

mu Selanne.

Teemu Selanne, Winnipeg Jets: 22 goals, 48 points in 45 games. Given a choice, the Jets would rather part with Selanne but Tkachuk might fetch a higher price on the open market. Pure goal scorers are hard to come by and Selanne is one of the best.

Trevor Linden, Vancouver Canucks: 18 goals, 40 points in 48 games. The Canucks need Linden to create some room for their fleet-footed forwards. And they rely on Linden's grit. Still the two sides

are far apart.

Martin Brodeur, New Jersey Devils: 2.45 goals-against average. No one is better when money is on the line (i.e. the playoffs). But it could be a long fight here with hawkish New Jersey GM Lou Lamoriello. Brodeur says he won't report to camp without a new deal.

Scott Niedermayer, New Jersey Devils: four goals, 19 points in 48 games. Probably the best young defenceman in the NHL. The Devils would match any offer for him so it's

doubtful he will move, although he would like to play in Canada.

Bill Ranford, Edmonton Oilers: 3.62 goals-against average in 40 games. A proven performer, he would be a great acquisition for someone like the goalie-poor Colorado Avalanche. Edmonton GM Glen Sather has another No. 1 goalie in his fold in Curtis Joseph and he will move one of them for a high price.

But neutral-zone trap okay

NHL will crack down on obstruction

By Alan Adams

The Canadian Press

Hooking, holding and all other forms of neutral-zone obstruction are now taboo in the NHL.

The league's 26 general managers decided Tuesday to crack down on clutch-and-grab artists and the league says it is not kidding about zero tolerance.

"We may see a parade of players to the penalty box in the preseason and maybe early in the new season, but it has to be done," league vice-president Brian Burke, the NHL's director of operations, said from Denver where the GMs held their annual meeting. "If that is the price tag to improve the game, then we are willing to pay the price."

The NHL's new law-and-order policy is the result of an "Obstruction Committee" struck last summer to address concerns about the offence being stymied between the blue lines.

The committee focused on all types of obstruction, and in



particular rules governing body position and possession of the puck.

For example, players who restrain a player who does not have the puck will be handed a minor penalty for interference. As well, a player attempting to forecheck an opponent must not be restrained in his attempt to forecheck.

"There is no question that what used to be a small amount of obstruction, some teams have made it into an art form," said Burke. "It is time to address it."

"Body position is the key. What the desire and hope is this produces more body contact."

Toronto general manager Cliff Fletcher said the present rule is simple — players are supposed to receive minor penalties for interfering with a non-puck carrier.

"Over the years, they've let a little go, then a little more go and then it has become a coaching tactic," he said.

"All we have to do is set the standard by which officials are going to start calling the game, and it has to start in the first preseason games and remain constant through the end of the year."

NHL players have heard about new rule interpretations before and need to be convinced that the league is serious.

"Every year we come to training camp, they say they're going to change this and call that," Maple Leafs captain Doug Gilmour told the *Toronto Sun*. "And in training camp, and for the first three or four weeks of the season, they do."

"But it never lasts." Burke said the players had better quickly get used to the new system.

"We are serious," he said.

The NHL plans on holding a conference call with coaches, general managers and referees before training camps open on Sept. 10 to review the new standards. A video will also be sent to teams for players to review.

But the enforcement policy doesn't mean the death knell for the neutral-zone trap, said Burke.

The trap is a defensive system that sends one forechecker into the opposition zone to direct the flow of play towards the boards, then relies on four men forming a box in the neutral zone to cut off passes.

"None of the general managers and members of the committee thought the neutral zone trap was the problem... but if you couple that system with a system rife with obstruction, it can diminish the product."

"If you attack the obstruction, we think that is enough. I think it will produce more offence and it will produce more hitting."

Odelein inks one-year deal

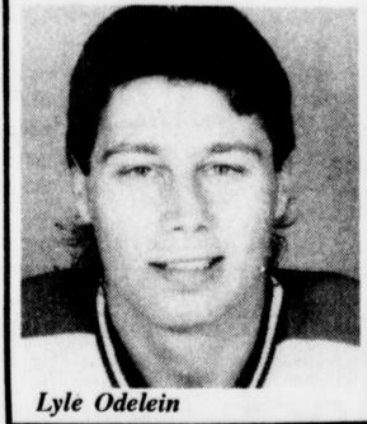
MONTREAL (CP) — Defenceman Lyle Odelein says he has agreed to terms on a one-year contract with the Montreal Canadiens.

Odelein, 27, told the *Journal de Montreal* he would earn \$850,000 U.S. for the season.

"I'm happy with the contract," said the Quill Lake, Sask., native. "I only wanted a one-year contract because I had a bad season last year."

"I'll be in a better position to bargain if I come back with a big season."

After career highs of 11 goals and 29 assists in 79 games in 1993-94, Odelein struggled with only three goals and seven assists in 48 games last season.



Lyle Odelein

Jason McDonald's homer leads to extra-inning win Mr. August brings Yankees closer to title

ASCOT (RM) — Jason McDonald has been such a clutch playoff performer for the Lennoxville Yankees that he deserves a new nickname.

McDonald has been the main offensive catalyst for the Lennoxville team which is now 3-0 in the playoffs and one win away from the Lennoxville Ascot Little League championship.

On Tuesday he hit an inside-the-park home run for the game's only run as the Yankees won the first game of the best-of-three final 1-0 over the Padres. It was McDonald's second homer of the playoffs and his fifth RBI in three games.

"I'd say he's one of those kids who really enjoys playing the game. He really came on at the end of the season, but the playoffs have been his real

forte," said Lennoxville coach Bob Halsall.

Reggie Jackson, another offensive catalyst, earned the nickname Mr. October after leading his Yankees to the 1977 World Series title by belting three homers in the final game of the series. McDonald hasn't quite repeated that feat but, he certainly has been his team's Mr. August.

McDonald's latest heroics came in the top of the seventh inning of Tuesday's game. He nailed a shot that Padre outfielder Sébastien Lemieux narrowly missed catching for the third out. Once the ball got by Lemieux, McDonald had an easy homer in Ascot's spacious ballpark.

"It just went over his head by a couple of inches, otherwise would have had to play a couple more extra innings," Hal-

sall said.

McDonald's blow came in the first extra inning after an outstanding pitching duel between Jason Coley and Jason Boyer. Both pitchers hurled the maximum six innings, before being replaced in the seventh. Boyer gave up only one hit and struck out 11 Lennoxville batters. Coley also struck out 11 and gave up two hits to the Padres.

Jason Warnholtz had Lennoxville's only hit against Boyer. Pascal Ellyson and Jean-François Allaire had the Padres' hits.

McDonald, the Yankees' shortstop, also made a smart defensive play in the bottom of the sixth inning to cool a dangerous Padres' rally. He caught Lemieux coming off second base on a grounder by Allaire and set up a run-down that

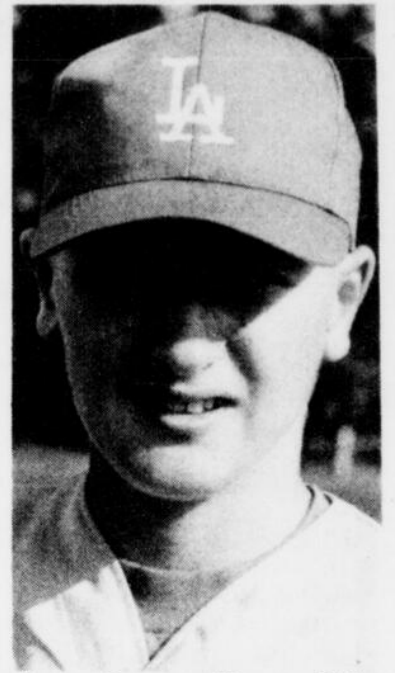
allowed the Yankees to retire the lead runner for the second out of the inning. Coley then got Boyer out to end the threat.

Marc Dupuis came in to pitch the bottom of the seventh inning for Lennoxville and picked up the save. After giving up a lead-off walk Dupuis retired the next three batters in order, allowing McDonald's run to stand.

The win put the Yankees a victory away from the league title after finishing second to the Padres during the regular season. The second game of the series is scheduled for Thursday at 5:30. A third game, if necessary, would be held Friday.

"The Yankees are in a spot we never thought we'd be in," Halsall said.

And so far they owe it all to Mr. August.



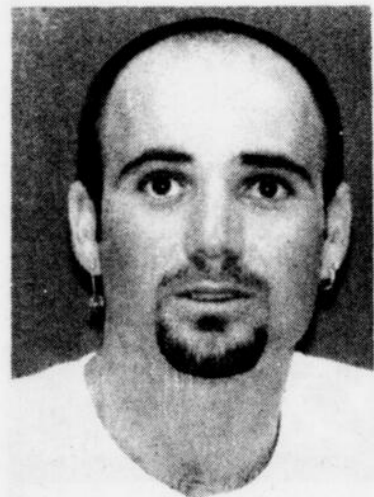
Jason Boyer... His one-hitter through six innings wasn't enough.

Graf struggles, but wins

Agassi advances easily at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Impervious to aces and immune to scorching heat, defending champion Andre Agassi blazed through the first round of the U.S. Open in 81 minutes Tuesday to push his winning streak to 21 matches.

Agassi, seeded No. 1, shrugged off 15 aces by Bryan Shelton, drilled all the balls he could reach, and turned a potentially tough opponent into just another patsy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, as courtside temperatures soared near 30 C.



Andre Agassi... Feeling confident.

Two-time champion and No. 2 seed Pete Sampras was nearly as efficient in a 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Fernando Meligeni, an Argentine more at home on clay than the Open's hardcourts.

Sebastien Lareau of Boucherville, Que., won a five-set struggle to join Toronto's Daniel Nestor in the singles second round.

Lareau, 22, needed almost three-and-a-half hours to oust Adrian Panaitescu, an Italy-based Romanian refugee, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Meanwhile, top women's seed Steffi Graf took nearly an hour longer to beat Amanda Coetzer 6-7 (7-1), 6-1, 6-4 and avenge a defeat against the scrappy little South African at the Canadian Open two weeks ago.

Playing gracefully and with nearly flawless precision from the baseline, Agassi picked up where he left off a year ago when he started his surge to the top of tennis. Shelton accommodated him by spraying 47 unforced errors — Agassi had only 14 — and double-faulting nine times.

"I am used to that feeling of playing guys who are just playing, in a sense, outside themselves," Agassi said, dismissing the pressure of being

the top seed at the Open for the first time. "I don't spend too much time thinking about the ranking very much."

Agassi rated himself a much better player than he was last year when he came into the Open unseeded and ran through a gantlet of top players.

"I am executing with total confidence," he said. "I have definitely taken my lumps. I have definitely learned my lessons, some of them the hard way. But I guess, ultimately, I have never given up."

Graf felt a measure of revenge in her win over Coetzer.

"I don't particularly like losing," said Graf, who succumbed in the first set after fighting off eight set points. "I definitely wanted to play her as soon as I could. I knew it was not going to be easy because I really haven't had a lot of matches."

In other women's matches, No. 5 Jana Novotna beat Sandra Cecchini 6-2, 6-0; No. 10 Lindsay Davenport beat Petra Kamstra 6-2, 6-2; No. 11 Anke Huber beat Yayuk Basuki 6-2, 6-3; No. 12 Natasha Zvereva beat Jana Kandarr 6-4, 6-0; No. 13 Iva Majoli lost to Barbara Paulus 6-4, 6-4; No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez beat Judith Weisner 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

World University Games Diving team grabs Canada's first medal

FUKUOKA, Japan (CP) — Canada won its first medal of the World University Games on Tuesday while the men's basketball team inched closer to a showdown with the United States.

The men's diving team — Montreal's Philippe Comtois and Claude Villeneuve, Karl Fix of Saskatoon and Chris LePoole of Calgary — earned a bronze in the team event, combining results from the one-metre, three-metre and tower competitions.

China won the gold while the Americans grabbed the silver.

The men's basketball team, meanwhile, beat Croatia 91-78 to guarantee a spot in the semifinals. A win over Japan today would give Canada first place in its pool and will most likely mean avoiding the United States in the semifinals. The U.S. is expected to finish first in its pool with the Czech Republic a likely second.

"Right now, we're in the final four, we still have a shot at finishing first in our pool and we're going to have

a helluva tough time against Japan," said coach John Dore of Montreal's Concordia University. "We'd like to finish first in our pool and let the chips fall where they may."

Toronto's Rowan Barrett came off the bench to lead Canada with 21 points.

"Rowan... came on and had a great game and played the best defence he's played the whole tournament," said Dore.

Elsewhere Tuesday, the Canadian women's basketball team blew a 10-point lead and lost 78-74 to Italy, meaning they have to beat Russia by more than 23 points today to advance to the semifinals.

The men's volleyball team lost its first match, 15-10, 15-11, 15-10 to Russia and now must beat undefeated Israel to advance to the semifinals.

Action began in athletics Tuesday and Kim Vanderhoek of Lower Sackville, N.S., had Canada's best effort, ending the day in fourth place in the women's heptathlon.

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