

Thetford Mines senator backs Sheila Copps

By Stephen McDougall
THETFORD MINES
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Senator Raymond Setlakwe, a loyal supporter of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, has opted to support Liberal leadership candidate Sheila Copps next year when the PM steps down.

"I don't want a coronation, I want a free and open debate," he said Friday in an interview with The Record. "Sheila Copps is the only minister who has officially declared her candidacy for leader of the party, and I want to encourage her and others to join the race."

Setlakwe said the party needs a lively leadership race with several candidates in order to avoid having front-running candidate Paul Martin take the leadership without a fight.

Setlakwe has said in the past he does not want Martin to be the next leader, arguing that his economic policies are too conservative and that his constitutional stance on Quebec gives too much to the nationalists.

Such issues, he believes, should be brought out into the open during leadership debates amongst several candidates.

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Lennoxville patients lose another doctor

By Kate Shingler

Longtime Lennoxville family doctor Leigh Clarke is closing shop and relocating to Ontario, thus leaving borough residents with fewer options when it comes to finding a general practitioner.

Clarke, who has worked in the area for over 25 years, will be closing his med-

ical practice as of May 1. The regional department of family medicine at the Régie Régionale will be given a complete list of his patients. Unable to find a physician to take over his practice, Clarke has turned his patients and their charts over to the Speid Street CLSC in Lennoxville.

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Convicted killer pleads guilty to a lesser charge

Family of victim tells court how the murder changed their lives

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Camille Noël, the Magog man who was granted a retrial on his 1995 conviction in the brutal murder of nine-year-old Éric Arpin, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge Friday, and has been sentenced to life in jail with no possibility of parole for 18 years.

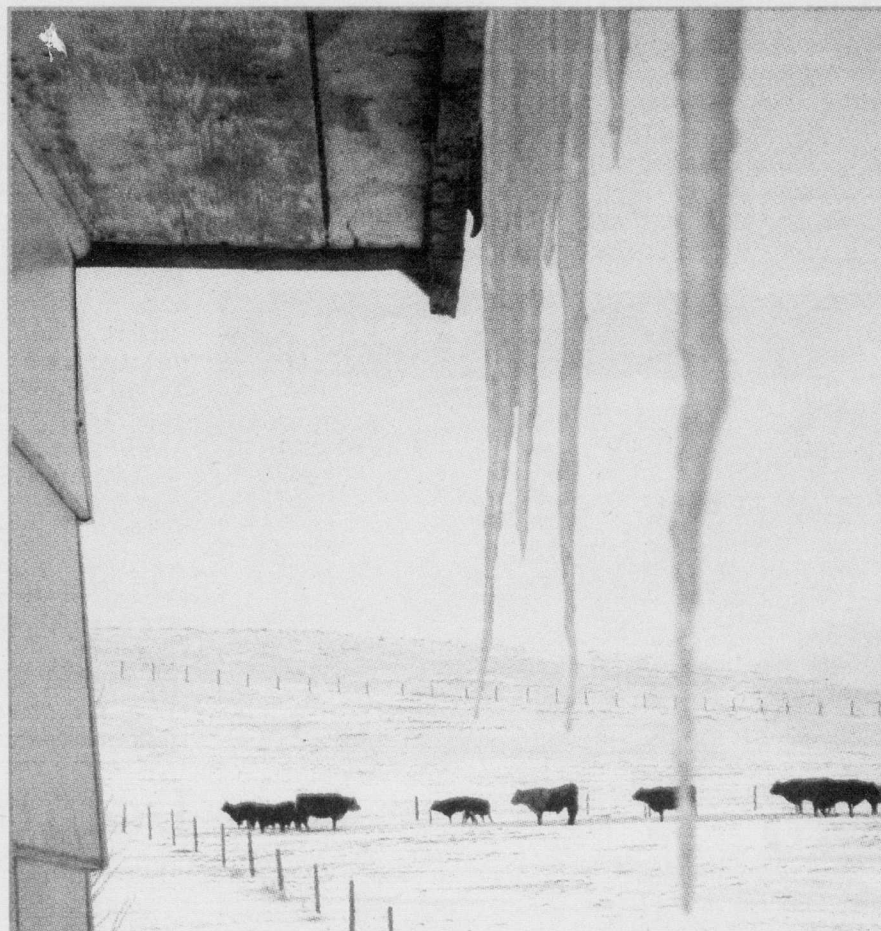
Noël, 42, appeared at the Sherbrooke courthouse last week where he plead guilty to second degree murder — the result of a plea bargain that will avoid the cost and hassle of a new trial which the Crown and the defence admitted posed risks for both sides.

Since the Supreme Court of Cana-

da ordered a retrial, Crown prosecutor Charles Crépeau and defence lawyer Jean-Marc Bénard had been negotiating a deal to avoid a trial that could have been difficult to organize, almost a decade after the crime was committed.

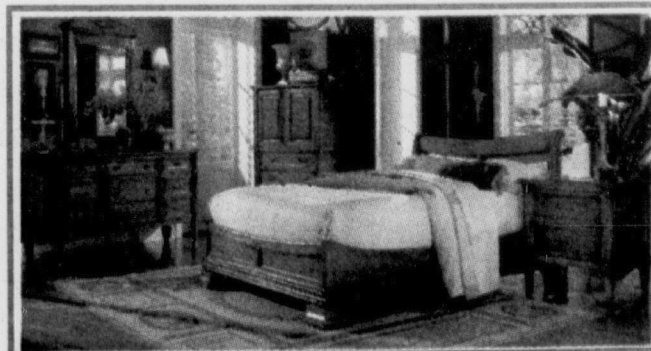
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Cold Beef



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A herd of beef cattle on the Coddington Farm pasture in Richmond huddle against the cold accented by icicles on a shed off Lorne Street. After a balmy weekend, temperatures will drop over the next several days. See Page 2 for more.



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CANADA AND WORLD IN BRIEF

Zimbabwe spells more trouble for Commonwealth

LONDON

A looming showdown over the diplomatic treatment of Zimbabwe is again putting a strain on the Commonwealth, threatening to split predominantly black and predominantly white nations in the English-speaking club.

The clash puts another of the cherished multilateral institutions that are the bedrock of Canadian foreign policy on the endangered list, and offers more evidence that the post-Second World War global order is fraying.

The flashpoint is the impending March 19 anniversary of the Commonwealth's decision to suspend Zimbabwe from its councils. That ban is now up for renewal and South Africa and

Nigeria, two of the three countries that make up the troika designated to steer the organization's policy on Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's controversial rule, have declared the suspension should be allowed to expire this month.

That view is opposed by Australia, the troika's third member.

Canada, Britain and New Zealand are among the Commonwealth countries strongly opposed to readmitting Zimbabwe.

Chretien cabinet may be problematic for successor

OTTAWA

Most of Jean Chretien's ministers say they intend to seek re-election, leaving the prime minister's successor with the risky prospect of having to dump a number of them from cabinet in order to put a fresh face on the Liberal government.

Ministers planning to run again include those most fiercely loyal to Chretien such as Transport Minister David Collenette, Justice Minister Martin Cauchon, Human Resources

Minister Jane Stewart, government House leader Don Boudria and Immigration Minister Denis Coderre.

The situation creates a particular dilemma for Paul Martin, the heir presumptive, should he win the leadership race.

Judge rebukes law firm over comments about former client

TORONTO

A Superior Court judge has rebuked one of Canada's largest law firms and removed it as counsel for a native group involved in a lawsuit against the Ontario government over the distribution of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue from Casino Rama.

Justice Archie Campbell ruled that Blake Cassels & Graydon may not act for the Chiefs of Ontario in the litigation against the province, because of its legal attack on a former client, the Mnjikaning (Rama) First Nation.

"There are some things that a law firm simply cannot do," Campbell said in a 27-page judgment released last week.

Senators notable for their absence

OTTAWA

At a time when foreign affairs are dominating the world's attention, senators on a panel overseeing the issue hold the worst attendance record among Senate committees during the on-going session.

Members of the Senate's foreign affairs committee have the poorest attendance — 51 per cent — among the upper chamber's 15 panels. An average of six of the committee's 12 permanent members turned out to its 13 meetings since last September.

Information sheets compiled by the Senate, which were recently obtained by the Ottawa Citizen, show the foreign affairs committee, along with the Senate rules and the human rights committees, hold the worst attendance records.

Migrant workers program looked at as possible model

MEXICO CITY

A special program that allows nearly 12,000 Mexican agricultural workers into Canada each year to help with harvests is being touted as a potential model for other sectors facing labour shortages, including the hotel, meat-packing and construction industries.

"This program where your farmers can come and work in Canada has worked extremely well and now we are exploring (ways) to extend that to other sectors," Prime Minister Jean Chretien told Mexicans during his state visit last week.

"The bilateral seasonal agricultural workers program has been a model for balancing the flow of temporary foreign workers with the needs of Canadian employers."

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Along with colleague Dr. Mario Soulard, Clarke ran a clinic located on the ground floor of a two-storey Queen Street building that was destroyed by an electrical fire in January.

With the fire and Clarke's imminent departure, there might not be a replacement clinic in Lennoxville, Soulard explained in an interview with The Record last week before departing for Haiti on a two week aid mission to deliver medical supplies to a small village outside of Port-au-Prince.

Options have narrowed for Lennoxville patients, he acknowledged. Residents, he suggested, can try to see local physician Dr. Zoltan Ferenczi or

go to any clinic in the area where, he admitted, patients "won't have the same doctor."

Like many in need of a family doctor, part-time Bishop's University student Rachel Hunting, 20, is dreading the process of finding a local physician who will take her on as a new patient.

"I'm not really looking forward to looking," she said. "There are not a lot of places that are accepting new patients. It is not that easy."

Hunting said she will go to a CLSC for regular medical care, but seeing one physician consistently is preferable.

"It's impersonal at the CLSC. You don't always see the same person, and the doctors don't know your history. You have to be able to talk to your doctor and it's important to have an established relationship."

The Lennoxville CLSC is closed weekends.

Weather

Monday: Clearing in the morning. High near minus 18. Winds causing blowing snow. High wind chill minus 39.

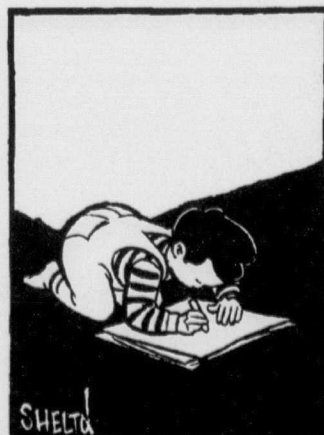
Tuesday: Snow. Low near minus 22. High near minus 5. Probability of precipitation 80 per cent.

Wednesday: Snow showers. Low near minus 15. High near minus 7. Probability of precipitation 60 per cent.

Thursday: Sunny. Low near minus 19. High near minus 9.

Normals for the period: Low minus 13. High minus 1

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Townshipper who helped the world never traveled

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP

She never new how to ride a horse or a bicycle. She didn't drive a car or travel in an airplane either. Still, Florence Doyle, who will turn 105 at the end of this month, was able to help scores of poor children halfway around the world that she never met personally.

"When I was 15, a group of us girls were in the Goodwill Society and started sending clothes we had made and gathered to homeless people overseas," she said last week during an interview in her room at the Wales Home residence.

"We were a farming family, and had everything we needed. We knew we could not do much for poor people in other parts of the world, but sending off clothes was better than doing nothing."

Growing up on a farm on Melbourne Ridge, she realized there were people less fortunate than her, so she got into the habit of making clothes and sending money to poor people in far off countries she had rarely ever heard of.

Doyle, along with other women in the area, realized that poverty was not restricted to the Eastern Townships in the early part of the 20th century. By 1961, her desire to help the world's needy resulted in the setting up of a World Vision group in Ulverton that would sponsor poor children in the third world.

It was dubbed the "Florence Group" by her friends because Doyle had initiated the project and showed the most interest in overseas poverty.

"I can't remember how many children we sponsored," she said. "I know at one point I had as many as four that I sent money to at one time. I think at its peak, our group took on about 20 children at one time from different countries."

A member of the United Church, she received many stories about the poor overseas from the church papers, as well as personal stories from her pastor, Rev. Corey Martin.

"I remember being shown pictures of the children by the minister at a gathering in Montreal," she said. "We were not rich ourselves, but it was hard for me to understand that there were scores of people that had nothing."

Pressed further about her efforts to sponsor poor children, Doyle protests that she did not take on this project alone. She had a lot of help from friends, neighbours and from people in her church.

"This is not about what I did, it's about what we did," she said repeatedly. "What I did was not important."

But turning 105 this year, she admitted, was something to talk about. And with her mind still sharp, she told *The Record* about all the things she felt were not that important.

"When I was four, my father moved us from a place called Boscobel in Ely Township up to Melbourne Ridge, where he had bought a farm," she said. "We had to move at night because there was too much

teaming (horse-powered transports) during the day on the small roads we had. I remember we rode in a buggy behind the Ayrshire cattle that my father was leading. The date was Feb. 28, 1902."

The move was a good one, because Doyle remembers living in a two-storey house with scrubbed, softwood floors, a parlour with an organ and several bedrooms.

But education was not a priority for a woman then, and farming and housework were all the skills she knew, so she worked at them non-stop until her eventual retirement to the Wales Home in 1976.

She was born Florence Gertrude Taber on March 30, 1898, to parents Ernest Taber and Hattie Solomon. Her most poignant memories concerned her early schooling, which she said was a disturbing time. This because of a certain inspector who came to call when she was in Grade 4.

"He asked me a tricky math question — what was one half of two thirds — and I was so nervous I could not respond," she said. "I was old enough to know the answer, but when I saw him, I forgot anything I had learned."

She remembers one of her teachers found a bottle of alcohol in one of the inspector's jacket pockets once while he was off checking the schoolhouse. Back then, she remembers, the inspectors had a lot of power over the teachers and students.

"She was brave to check on him while we watched her, but she knew she had no power to turn him in for his drinking. So she put the bottle back in his pocket just before he returned to our classroom. If I were to ever see that inspector today, I would turn my back on him."

After a brief stint as a general store clerk in nearby Kingsbury when she was 18, Florence Taber met her husband, Frank Doyle from Maricourt (then known as the town of St. Mary's), and got married.

She remembered that the wedding was shared with another couple, Isola Booth and Sam MacManus, who she was friends with. It was a common way of sharing expenses back then.

But the event became somewhat more costly after a dog got into the Booth family home and ran off with the three turkeys that had been prepared for the reception.

"The dog went and buried them so we had no main course. Our neighbours and friends had to come up with extra food to feed the 80 to 90 guests who had shown up."

She and her husband struggled with the Maricourt farm, their only transportation being a horse and buggy at a time when automobiles were starting to make a presence on the roads. But riding a horse for Florence was not possible.

"When I was child, I fell off a horse the first time I tried to ride him," she said. "I never got back up on one of them again. The buggy was fine enough for me."

After Frank sold the farm in 1932, the couple lived in Ulverton, then Danville, then Kirkdale, where her son Winston built a small house for them on his farm. Frank went to work on Gordon Smith's



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

Florence Doyle, currently living at the Wales Home, will turn 105 at the end of the month.

farm in nearby Ulverton.

"We never owned a car and we had no need for a bike," she recalled. "The horse and buggy had always served us well. It used to get us to the Sherbrooke fair when we were young, and that was quite a trip in the early part of the century."

Though she raised only three sons (Winston, Elton and Francis), she now has eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She also remembers the children she and her fellow vision members raised from a distance through their donations. She remembers the contents of one letter one boy sent to her when she was an active World Vision member.

"It started by saying 'Dear Auntie Florence, I am sitting by a stream and I was wishing you were here'," she said. "We all wished we could have afforded to visit with them, but we knew that was not possible. But it was great to get the letters. We kept most of them."

Besides helping far-away children, Doyle continuously knitted clothes for herself and others, worked in numerous gardens and decorated cakes for other people. Before she retired, she had prepared about

60 of them for people in the area.

Doyle had to give up her own gardens when she moved to the Wales Home, but did not stop knitting until she was 101 when her fingers lost their strength. The past three years have seen her receiving constant visits by family and well-wishers, as she retells her stories and figures out why she has lived for so long.

"I can only guess that I am alive today because I was always busy, I always worked. And when I was not working, I had the children to take care of or I would go for long walks. After all that, it is hard for me to just sit here and do nothing. It's terrible."

She said she looks forward to visits from family and friends. Other than the phone calls, she does not see her sons very often because they and most of her grandchildren are in Ontario. But she looks forward to hearing from children and grandchildren of her siblings.



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WOFA! crew ignited Centennial Theatre

By Kate Shingler
LENNOXVILLE

The joyous rhythms of WOFA!, a West African percussion and dance troupe, spread through Bishop's University's Centennial Theatre on Saturday night stirring the audience to alternate between clapping to the beat, swaying in their seats and stomping their feet.

The 10-member group from the Lower Coast of French-speaking Guinea performed for over two hours, throwing their finely tuned bodies into every drum-beat or dance step.

The seven men and three women used traditional instruments to create the energetic highly charged atmosphere connoting warmth, happiness and elaborate mating rituals.

The three female dancers, who personified bird-like creatures and human drumsticks, turned the sweat-slicked stage into one great drum.

Playing the kyrin (wooden drum in the shape of a log), the djembe (goat skin covered wooden drum), wasskhoumba (disk-like rattles) and the balafon (wooden xylophone), the performers laughed and joked playfully with the audience, who cheered through two standing ovations at the show's close.

Several members of the packed crowd were compelled to jump out of their seats and join in, with gyrating movements and frenzied energy of their own.

WOFA!, which means 'come along!' or 'let's go!' in the troupe's West African dialect, has performed all over the world to major critical acclaim. Reviews have heralded the energetic dance style and relentless drumming as a powerful sensory



WOFA!, a 10-member group from Guinea performed at Centennial Theatre over the weekend.

experience not to be missed.

Prior to the founding of WOFA! a decade ago under the direction of French percussionist François Kokelaere, the performers worked for the government-sponsored National Percussion Ensemble of Guinea.

WOFA! is taking the show south of the border, with performances Wednesday March 5 in Lebanon, New Hampshire and Saturday, March 8 in Barre, Vt. The cast will also be holding a West African dance class in the state capitol, Montpelier, Sunday, March 9.

Rally to support magnesium industry

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
ASBESTOS

People in the Asbestos area who are concerned about the future of its beleaguered magnesium industry are being called to a rally this morning at the Connie Dion Arena, which starts at 11 a.m.

The rally is being organized by four area business people who want the federal and provincial governments to designate the area as a magnesium producing zone and be eligible for public grants and other support programs.

The business people are Mario Frechette, owner of Frechette Electric, Jean Boisvert, manager of the Co-op Metro, Martine Satre, co-owner of the Temps des

Cerises restaurant, and Alain Boucher, manager of the local Caisse Populaire.

The local magnesium industry was given a major blow last month when Noranda Inc. announced it would close down its Magnola magnesium operations at the end of this month.

The shutdown will result in the layoff of 350 employees, and threaten the livelihood of hundreds of subcontracts in the area.

Noranda argued it had no choice but to close Magnola because Chinese magnesium producers were selling their product on the world markets at much lower prices.

Local business people consider that trade dumping and want the federal government to ask China to stop such practices.

Senator encourages more competition

SETAKWE:

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"If no one challenges Paul Martin, then he does not have to let anyone know where he stands," said Setlakwe.

"As of now, getting him to say anything about Quebec is impossible and other issues are rarely brought up."

Setlakwe surprised some journalists who believed, if he was a Chrétien loyalist, he would wait and support finance minister John Manley.

Manley has reportedly been hand-picked by the PM to succeed him next year. So far, Manley has not officially declared himself a candidate in the leadership race.

Setlakwe fears that if the number of leadership candidates remains small, then the contest would not go past the first ballot during the leadership convention.

"If things don't go past the first ballot, you might as well forget about a leadership race and call it an acclamation," he said. "I don't think any party should acclaim a leader. Voters are not very interested if a party never takes the time to debate the issues and seriously consider who it wants to be leader."

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The Supreme Court of Canada ordered a new trial due in part to the fact that the Crown used self-incriminating statements to convict Noël in the 1994 murder of the young boy, whose lifeless body was found in a Magog pedestrian tunnel Dec. 16.

Noël, who was 34 at the time, and his 43-year-old brother Serge, were arrested four days later and charged with first-degree murder.

Serge, who was tried separately, was acquitted in June of 1995.

In a jury trial that was moved to Montreal because of the publicity the case received in the Eastern Townships, Noël was found guilty of first-degree murder in November, 1995. He was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

Before ruling on the case, Judge Paul-Marcel Bellavance asked the family if they had any comments.

Addressing herself directly to the accused, the victim's mother Maria Demers told Noël how he had ruined her life.

"My son was my life. I had only one boy and I still have a hard time living with this," she told him. "You've changed my life and I hope you'll think about it for a long time."

Despite his animosity towards Martin, Setlakwe was quick to defend him against recent attacks by other parties about alleged conflicts of interests concerning his holdings of a Montreal steamship company.

"It is beneath contempt the attacks they are making against him," said Setlakwe. "No one can impugn his integrity just because of his business holdings. Such attacks would exclude a lot of qualified people who want to serve in public office."

Setlakwe said the attacks were led by the Canadian Alliance, a party he considers to have a lot of business people who could be put in a similar position as Martin if they were elected to government office.

"They claim he is too close to his company while being finance minister, but many Alliance members own businesses too," said Setlakwe. "If they want Martin to sell his interest in his business in order to become Prime Minister, then many Alliance members would have to do the same thing to remain in public office."

Setlakwe, who was appointed to the Senate three years ago by Chrétien, is the head of a family retail furniture business with stores in Thetford Mines, Victoriaville and Drummondville.

Standing in the prisoner's box, Noël just nodded as she continued.

"He's not here to tell this, but I am. I miss my child terribly but there is nothing to be done. He's gone forever."

"The only thing I can tell him is that he destroyed the lives of many people, not just Eric's," added the victim's 25-year-old sister Melanie Arpin, who addressed her remarks to the judge.

"I have three children and I'm always afraid something will happen to them. No matter what the sentence is, Eric will not return. I can't believe there are still people like him in the world."

When asked if he had any comments, Noël said no. Outside the courtroom Bénéard told reporters his client is intellectually challenged, but is remorseful and has since asked for treatment.

On the victim's request, Bellavance recommended that Noël serve his sentence at La Macaza penitentiary which specializes in cases of sexual deviance.

Bellavance also ordered that if and when Noël is released, he face a lifetime restriction against the possession of firearms.

Bellavance commented that the Court of Appeal asks judges to accept joint sentence recommendations of the Crown and defence when it's appropriate. He said that trying the case would have presented risks for both sides.

Hotel Dieu renovations overdue: Mayor

Perrault to pressure Landry to commit

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The Parti Québécois government must approve a \$70 million expansion and renovation of the Hotel Dieu, said Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault and the local Chamber of Commerce.

With Premier Bernard Landry about to call an election and planning a visit to Sherbrooke on Monday, the mayor, along with Chamber of Commerce president Odette Dutil and board member Daniel Filion, held a press conference on Friday to insist the expansion of the downtown hospital is essential not only to the health of the Sherbrooke population, but also to the economic development of the region.

The trio points out the project, which has already received broad local support from the health board, other health care institutions, economic agencies including the regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as municipal and provincial politicians, has been on the backburner for too long.

"What is the government waiting for?" asked Perrault.

At a City Hall press conference, Perrault said the region received good news this week with the long awaited announcement of additional funding for the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute and Magog's La Providence Hospital.

The much needed investment came from a regional fund, but regional

leaders say the money for the CHUS must come from a provincial fund.

The region also argues the provincial government must recognize the CHUS as one of three health care centres for ultra-specialized care in Quebec, making Sherbrooke a provincial health care centre like Montreal and Quebec City. For that the CHUS must therefore get access to provincial project funding for university hospital centres.

Perrault remarked the government is spending \$3 billion on university hospitals in Montreal and Quebec City, and that the CHUS deserves its share of investments.

He also pointed out that the CHUS got the best grades in the province on a recent health ministry report card, and that it should be rewarded for its high performance.

"The CHUS has worked hard to improve the efficiency and to increase services," argued Filion, adding that the expansion is essential to satisfy growing needs for both services and research facilities.

For more than a year, hospital and health board administrators have argued the proposed expansion of the Hotel Dieu downtown is essential to the survival of the CHUS as a provincial university hospital centre that offers specialized and super-specialized care combined with a teaching and research vocation.

Perrault noted that the CHUS suffers from a crucial lack of space. Emergency rooms at the Hotel Dieu and Fleurimont centres are overcrowded, while the psychiatric emergency at the Hotel Dieu is inadequate.

Perrault added a large ER in the

downtown hospital is badly needed to best respond to the needs of the population, including a basin of some 55,000 low-income earners who live in the east end near the Hotel Dieu.

Perrault said investing \$70 million on the Hotel Dieu is a good deal for the government. He said restructuring the Fleurimont site to meet all local hospital needs would cost some \$275 or \$300 million.

The Sherbrooke mayor also recalled that years ago, when the government was considering closing the Hotel Dieu, he went to Premier Lucien Bouchard to insist the downtown hospital not be closed in order to concentrate services in Fleurimont.

He points out the Hotel Dieu is closer to the population of the east end which would have a hard time getting to Fleurimont on the outskirts of town. He also pointed out that with a single access to the CHUS in Fleurimont, the population would be imperiled if there were a serious accident blocking access to the Fleurimont.

Perrault said doctors and medical researchers are willing to work at both sites, but that will not continue if they don't have adequate facilities. He added they will also have an impact on the region's ability to attract doctors and other medical professionals as well as researchers.

"The CHUS contributes in a major way to regional economic development," noted Chamber president Dutil. "It is the largest employer in the region with more than 4000 employees."

The CHUS also impacts other institutions including the University of



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Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault says the expansion of Hotel Dieu is important to the region's economic development.

Sherbrooke, Bishop's University, the Bio-Medical Park, local colleges, and could encourage new investments in the region.

Perrault, who will be sitting beside Premier Landry and Industry Minister Linda Goupil at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Monday, plans to bring the subject up, and said he will continue to pressure the government until it finally makes an announcement.

MP Paradis to reward six African nations

By Elizabeth Thompson
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Six African countries will be rewarded for improving their records on human rights and democracy in the first phase of Prime Minister Jean Chretien's much publicized African assistance plan.

In a speech to be delivered to the Liu Institute for Global Issues in Vancouver later today, Denis Paradis, secretary of state for Latin America and Africa, will announce that \$100 million of the Canada Fund for Africa will go to Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal and Tanzania.

The money will be used to encourage business partnerships between companies in Canada and in the six countries targeted, an arrangement that Paradis hopes will generate an additional \$100 million in private sector and institutional investment in those countries.

"The countries that have been chosen are the ones who have made the most progress," Paradis said in an interview.

The Canada Fund for Africa, which will hand out \$500 million over the next five years, was announced with much pomp by Chretien during last year's G8 summit meeting in Kananaskis, Alta.

Chretien worked during the meeting to bridge the gap between some of the world's richest and poorest nations as well as garner support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) plan.

NEPAD ties foreign aid for impoverished African nations to their records on human rights and democracy in the hopes of encouraging those who don't respect human rights and democracy to improve.

However, not all of the six countries named have unblemished records on those two fronts.

On the Foreign Affairs Department's Web site, for example, the department says relations between Canada and Ethiopia are "sound," but adds that "Canada is concerned about human rights issues in Ethiopia."

The latest report by the international group Human Rights Watch says human rights conditions in Ethiopia "did not perceptibly improve in 2002. In southern Ethiopia, they significantly worsened." Police shot into groups of civilians, conducted mass arrests and in one region prisoners were tortured. "Local elections were subject to intimidation and fraud."

Paradis acknowledges that not all of the countries on the list have pristine track records.

"Not everything is perfect in all those countries, that is certain."

Paradis said the list of countries was drawn up following consultations with Foreign Affairs and international aid experts in the government.

Paradis said African nations are preparing their own evaluation criteria and, once it is ready, Canada will begin using it to determine which nations will get aid.

Countries selected for aid under the Africa fund can also be dropped from the list should there be a coup d'etat or a significant deterioration in their respect for human rights and democracy, Paradis warned.



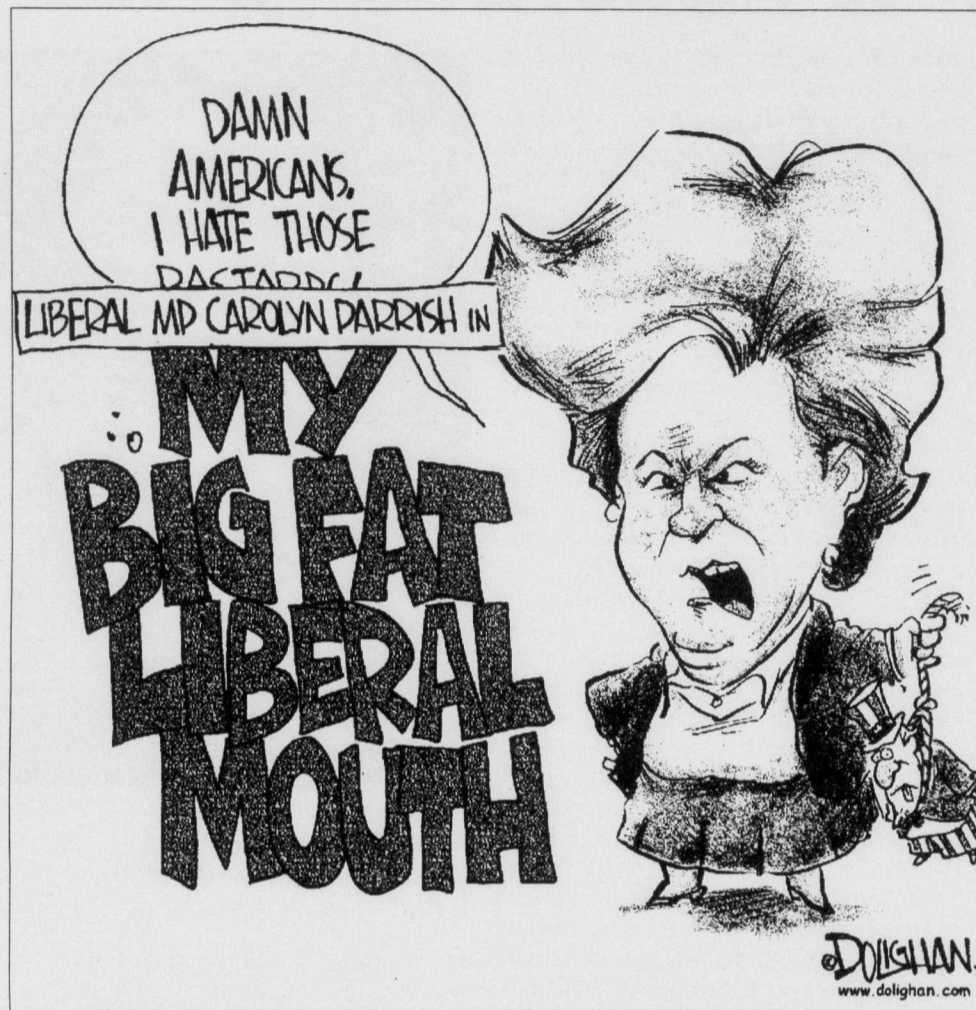
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Community Forum

Mayors the least hated in political life: Survey



It's a national popularity contest, but voters didn't hand out congeniality awards to politicians of any style or stripe.

A cross-Canada poll of the seven largest cities fell exclusively into my hands Thursday and it paints a black picture of Canada's elected officials where only big city mayors can see a faintly silverish lining.

The Cameron Strategy Inc. survey of 2,600 voters (accurate to within two percentage

points, 19 times out of 20) shows the chief magistrates of Canada's metropolitan areas are liked, or at least tolerated, while their city councils, provincial politicians and MPs should consider themselves generally unloved.

While the actual approval percentages see-saw from city to city, one trend is clear: The closer to the people, the more popular the politician. It almost goes without saying those who work on Parliament Hill are viewed as life on Mars.

OK, so using a single poll to merely reinforce the old adage that all politics is local hardly qualifies as revolutionary insight.

But coming as it does when cities are bemoaning their overlooked fate in last week's budget, it provides some interesting ammunition for city mayors to use in shooting off their mouths for a lot more federal money.

Before carrying on, here's a brief synopsis of the poll results. I'll spare you the detailed breakdown for MPs, which are uniformly dismal across the country, ranging from a peak approval of just 26 per cent in Edmonton to a lower-than-dirt 18 per cent in Montreal, a result which might be of some concern to that city's best known MP, a future prime minister named Paul Martin.

Calgary gave rookie mayor Dave Bronconnier the country's highest approval rating at 56 per cent, 19 points ahead of his own aldermen and up sharply from the 28 per cent of the popular vote he received in late 2001. The city also handed its all-Conservative MLA lineup the country's highest grades with an almost-heady 42 per cent approval.

Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray is the first runner-up with a 53-per-cent approval rating, almost twice the percentage of the good-job reviews given his city council and provincial MLAs.

Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli's thus-uncontested re-election bid this year looks safe with a 51-per-cent approval rating. But Ontario Premier Ernie Eves

won't be popping any corks knowing his provincial MPPs rated an anemic 20-per-cent approval in the capital and in Toronto.

Edmonton is still warm for third-term mayor Bill Smith. He received an atta-boy from 47 per cent of those surveyed, 14 points ahead of his fellow city councillors and local MLAs.

Vancouver's brand-new mayor Larry Campbell hasn't had time to make much of an impact, but still earned 35-per-cent approval, seven points ahead of his council and far ahead of MLAs and MPs straggling behind at 19 per cent.

Toronto is just about the most politically disgusted city in Canada. No elected body impresses residents at the centre of the universe. Incredibly, wild-eyed Mayor Mel Lastman upstaged all other elected forms of life with a modest 29-per-cent approval rating. But Toronto council, MPPs and area MPs barely dazzled 20 per cent of those surveyed.

And then there's Montreal. Sigh. Residents gave Mayor Gerald Tremblay the lowest approval in the country at 26 per cent, tied with his council's popularity and just two points ahead of local MNAs.

Interesting, you might say, but so what? Well, Liberal leadership front-runner Paul Martin is a known city sympathizer. At his final speech as finance minister last spring, he wowed the grassroots at their annual convention, leaving mayors confident that relief from federal stinginess is now just one year away in the post-Chretien era.

And that's why sources say plans are afoot for the mayors to combine their clout in the fall to unite behind whichever Liberal leadership candidate they feel represents urban interests. In other words, pick up your big city trophy Mr. Martin.

It doesn't actually matter that cities don't have a constitutional leg to stand on, seeing as how they are merely creatures of the provinces with the feds serving as benevolent godparents.

But with the rise of city-states that tower over entire regions - Toronto, for example, has twice the population of Atlantic Canada and Calgary's bigger than New Brunswick - the feds will face ever-increasing pressure to ease the city reliance on property taxes with a share of income or gasoline taxes.

And, as the survey shows and Paul Martin plans to confirm once he's in power, a happily funded city mayor is a popular and powerful friend.



DON MARTIN
CANWEST NEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say 'no' to Orford Park expansion

DEAR EDITOR,

I didn't see the Abenaki (indigenous people) of the Townships or Mother Nature at the recent Mayors' meeting in Magog on Feb. 5 to call on the government to "go ahead" with the Orford tourist development. I hope MNA Claude Boucher and Richard Legendre, Minister for Parks and Wildlife, will be able to look their children or grandchildren in the eye and tell them the proposed park expansion is for their benefit and all future generations.

Remember folks, if approved then

once the beauty of the park is used up the tourists will move on; if there are any places left.

Please contact the Ministry and your local MNA and tell them to stop the expansion. The park should be kept in its natural state for everyone to enjoy.

DON MARTIN
Melbourne, Ont

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ANNA MAY KINNEY



The decision to go organic may be easier when considering its effects on your children.



Lies Ouwerkerk talks about how schoolyard bullying affects everyone involved.



Controversy over video game content

By Buddy Jarjoura
FOR CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Video games have evolved radically since the introduction of Pong in the early '70s.

Today, interactive entertainment is a multi-billion dollar industry. And as the industry has grown up, so has the content of the games.

FEATURE STORY

The top-selling console software in North America last year was Grand Theft Auto III, a game that has players take on the role of a nameless crook working his way up rings of an urban crime empire.

Players are encouraged to take part in virtual car-jackings, murders, money laundering and the solicitation of prostitutes, all the while running over as many pedestrians as possible - a far cry from Pong's simple diversion of hitting a white blip across a screen.

The development of mature content in video games has led to a backlash from parent groups seeking to ban violence in games, sparking a growing debate about whether and how to regulate the industry.

Jacob Hanania, 18, is an avid gamer who says those out to quash mature content in modern entertainment are missing the point.

"What people don't understand is that video games are as much an art form as film, novels, even a portrait."

Hanania says that many video game aficionados are adults and that mature elements in story-telling and design are simply a reflection of this.

"I haven't been affected by mature-themed games in the sense that I've felt like running someone over with a car or shooting someone," he adds.

A recent survey by the Interactive Digital Software Association (IDSA), an umbrella group for the North American industry, shows the average gamer is 28 years old. Still, the violent nature of popular games like Grand Theft has some worried about its effects on younger children.

Rose Dyson, chair of Toronto-based



FOR CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Some people believe that a rating system is not enough to keep children from playing violence-filled video games.

Canadians Concerned About Violence in Entertainment (C-CAVE) says the escalating level of violence in video games has broad social consequences.

"We've seen that in the last two to three decades, society has experienced a widespread desensitization towards violent media," she says, citing games like the Grand Theft Auto series as the culprits.

For opponents of violent video games, the release of Mortal Kombat in 1992 started a debate that continues today.

Introduced in arcades and later home systems, Mortal Kombat featured graphic depictions of gore, death and dismemberment, which led to much outcry among parent groups and activists against media violence.

As a result, in 1994 the IDSA established the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB), a self-regulatory body that has since rated over 7,000 products, most of them console and personal computer game titles.

Matthew Kagan, a public relations spokesman with the ESRB, says the board has made a positive contribution to the interactive entertainment industry by providing parents and consumers with information about the content of the games they're bringing into their homes.

"It's been praised by several people critical of the games industry, like (U.S.) Senator Joe Lieberman," he says.

In a short span of time, the ESRB's ratings have become a standard in the industry. In fact, Lieberman has called them "the most comprehensive (rating) system of any entertainment medium in this country."

The ESRB's three-person review panels are made up of people from various backgrounds, including school principals, parents, and retirees from fields like medicine and law.

The ESRB is "trying to reflect the views of average consumers," says Kagan.

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Video games test boundaries

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The panels evaluate each game based on overall content as well as specific "extreme" elements, assigning the game a rating and a series of content descriptors such as "strong sexual content" or "blood and gore."

Overall ratings range from kid-friendly E for everyone and T for teens 13 and up, to M for mature, intended for players age 17 and older. Final decisions are based on the "good judgment of the independent raters," Kagan says.

Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, the sequel to last year's best-selling title and a game still making headlines months after its release, garnered an M and the strongest descriptors for sexual, violent and language content.

Dyson says rating boards are "extraordinarily lenient" in allowing games like this to hit shelves. She says they "don't pay enough attention to the research done on violence in media" and that both the rating system and video store operators should be more responsible so that children don't get access to mature-content games.

But Kagan says the ESRB isn't entirely responsible for who's playing the games.

"It's important to stress, the ESRB is not out to replace the judgment of a parent or a guardian," says Kagan.

But the current rating system could change in the next year or two. In British Columbia, legislation has been proposed that would prohibit minors from purchasing and renting games rated mature according to the ESRB.

If the rating guidelines become law, it would involve, among other things, placing M-rated games in a separate section away from those intended for younger children and adolescents.

Dyson calls this "a step in the right direction," but says it doesn't go far enough. She advocates even more stringent measures, including the outright banning of mature content from the industry's products.

"The people being let off the hook far too often are the people who create this material," she says. "We have to have some trade-offs in society. If some older people have to be denied, so be it."

Victor Ireland, president of Working Designs, a company that designs games and "localizes" those that are foreign-made, doesn't see an answer in the new restrictions.

"Measures like these are somewhat backward, because segregating games isn't really the solution. It's having parents involved in what their kids play," he says.

In 2001, the IDSA released a comprehensive report that culled the results of several larger research projects that examined the connection between media violence and youth behaviour.

The report highlighted studies undertaken in Australia and the United States, both of which concluded that there was little evidence of a direct connection between mature content video games and violent behaviour. As U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher concluded in the U.S. study, "the impact of video games on violent behaviour remains to be determined."

In the IDSA report, the association urges parents and guardians to take more of a leadership role in ensuring the right material gets to the right source.

"You can't legislate good or attentive parenting," says Ireland. "And without that, all the ESRB ratings in the world won't matter."

Unearthing treasures in your own backyard

Nature's Way



Children; the best reason to become organic

In the 30 or so years that I have been telling people that organic food is healthier for those who eat it, while being safer for our environment, I have heard almost every excuse in the book. Too expensive, inconvenient or they just don't believe it could affect their health.

While most of us grownups will foster habits that are unhealthy, we try our best not to pass these down to our children and grandchildren, and while some of us may not care what we eat, if we knew that our children were being affected by the chemicals in their food, most of us would do everything possible to avoid this from happening.

The University of Washington conducted the first ever study to show whether children eating organic foods had a different level of pesticide exposure than those eating conventional produce. The researchers divided Seattle preschoolers, aged two to four years, into two groups. The first group of 21 children ate primarily conventional food, the second group of 18 children ate primarily organic food; based on food diaries kept by parents for three days before collecting the urine samples.

They found that children eating conventional fruits and vegetables had concentrations of pesticide metabolites six to nine times higher than children eating organic produce. These results mean that the children eating conventional foods are being exposed to OP levels above standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as required by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996.

It's suspected that Oxydemeton-methyl, azinphosmethyl, phosmet and malathion to be the main sources of OP exposure since they make up the highest annual use on fresh fruits and vegetables.

At the USDA government website you can read how the USDA makes no claims that organically produced food is safer or more nutritious than conventionally produced food.

Since Congress unanimously amended the nation's pesticide law in 1996, the EPA has been removing dangerous pesticides from the food supply specifically because they present unacceptable risks to children. In the past five years, the EPA has removed several dangerous pesticides from conventional food that organ-

ic food never had. For years the FDA has been telling us that it does not matter whether we eat organic or conventional food. Now we know this is not true.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

This study focused on children's dietary pesticide exposure because children are at greater risk for two reasons: they eat more food relative to body mass, and they eat foods higher in pesticide residues—such as juices, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Children are developing organs to last a lifetime. Due to their smaller size, speedy metabolisms, and less varied diets, infants and children are more vulnerable to health and developmental damage.

In 1993, a congressionally mandated study by the National Academy of Sciences expressed concern that existing methods of risk evaluation for pesticide exposure were failing children. More recently, the Consumers Union and Environmental Working Group released studies confirming that children are overexposed even if their exposure is within legal limits.

While activists are fighting to enforce tougher restrictions on pesticide use, those who want to ensure safe food for their children and grandchildren have only one way to guarantee their safety, and that is to either grow or purchase organic food. This not only helps the organic food industry, it also helps to bring prices down, making organic food affordable to all.

BABIES ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE

The younger the child the more vulnerable they are, with babies being the most easily affected. Their brains, immune and detoxification systems are immature and in a state of development. Pound for pound babies eat two to four times more vegetables and fruits than adults and so are exposed to a higher proportion of possible contaminants. While the long-term health effects of chronic low-level exposure to pesticide residues are still unknown, we now have enough evidence to show that these chemicals are being absorbed into our children's bodies.

A subsequent report released by the Environmental Working Group concluded that the largest contribution to a person's lifetime risk of cancer from pesticide residues occurs during childhood.

To read the entire study you can go to http://www.ewg.org/pdf/20021122_UW-study.pdf. After reading this study, you might want to put in a little time to help secure a healthier diet and world for our

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FARNHAM ELEMENTARY

January and February have been very busy months at our school. Cycle 2 and 3 went on an all-day ski trip. For a number of children this was a first experience so they were taught some of the basics first, ie. how to snowplow. They fared well and all of them came back with enthusiasm for the downhill sport.

The other children in the school went on their monthly skating outing at the local arena. Many of the children have now learned how to skate but we had a few champions in our midst even before.

Several of the children have won medals at various skating competitions. And speaking of champions, our Cycle 3 girls came in third at the B Basketball Tournament, Division One. This was quite amazing for our small school and for the girls who practiced so hard with a lot of enthusiastic coaching from their teacher.

It must be noted here that everyone is very proud of the sportsmanship shown by the girls. They were good ambassadors for our school.

In our literary circles there was much buzzing, discussing, and reading going on. We have celebrated Literacy Week with a two-week period centered around reading to, reading with and reading independently.

Students of the upper cycles have read to the Kindergarten and the

younger children on a one-to-one set-up. There was a lot of shared and silent reading in different ways throughout the school. Cycle 1 did an interesting sharing of information from their books which led to a lot of measuring, investigating and comparing. They also made a very big list of 'cool' words extracted from their books.

Everyone in the school carried a book at all times. When the bell made a special ring we dropped everything to read. The Kindergarten children enjoyed reading in the cardboard boxes scattered around their classroom.

All the children made book covers to go with the books they read. These were hung in the hallways to share with everyone. The culminating event was the assembly where the policeman came to look at the wanted posters. These were posters made by all the students, including kindergarten, of their favourite character in one of their books. The policeman drew names out of a hat for prizes for the participation in the poster making.

Last week we had a party in the afternoon with healthy food served by some of the older girls, good music selected by some of the older boys and dancing done mostly by the younger students. We had a selection



PHOTOS COURTESY FARNHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

of table games set up in the gym as well and fooze ball in the library.

You may wonder why we had a party! I could just say because but I'll elaborate slightly. We had a party because we wanted to celebrate the children of Farnham Elementary School for their amazing effort to do their

best.

In fact we are once again placing paper bricks on our imaginary school wall. These bricks each bear the photo of one of the 11 students who are receiving effort and citizenship awards. The wall will be reaching the ceiling for sure.



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Bullying tops list of school troubles: Study

Most children encounter some form of bullying in their early lives. They may be deliberately excluded from their peer group, called names, put down, threatened, insulted or intimidated in other ways.



LIES OUWERKERK

Sometimes bullying also involves physical aggression such as hitting, kicking, or damaging someone's property. Bullying always involves someone

willfully and repeatedly exercising power over another with malicious intent.

CNN recently reported that according to a new survey, bullying leads the list of children's school troubles in the U.S. It also found that both boys and girls bully, but that male bullying is higher.

Typically, bullies are impulsive, easily provoked and need to dominate their peers. They are generally bigger and stronger than their victims, and have little empathy and compassion for others.

Those who are bullied are typically smaller and weaker than their aggressors, and are generally shy, passive, withdrawn and lacking confidence. They are often singled out because of psychological traits rather than their physical appearance. Only a visible minority is picked on for mere physical reasons such as being overweight, having a disability or belonging to a different race.

The attacks usually occur away from the eyes of teachers and other responsible adults. Moreover, victims often feel too ashamed or are too afraid of retaliation to talk about their victimization.

Signs that a child may be bullied may include not wanting to go to school, deteriorating grades, becoming more withdrawn and isolated, increased fearfulness and anxiety, missing belongings or torn clothing. Bullied children also tend to avoid public places in or around school such as cafeterias, restrooms and schoolyards.

Various factors have been identified as contributing to bullying, among which a number of child-rearing styles play an important role. Both bullies and victims typically originate from homes where there is a lack of attention, or aggressive behaviour by parents.

Secondly, social climate and supervision in schools are major factors. Many schools are now changing their policies towards zero tolerance for bullying practices.

Various studies have suggested bullies

tend to become aggressive adults with more chances multiple criminal convictions and troubled relationships.

To build a safer community together,

we might have to re-examine some of our own beliefs and attitudes. Do we apply effective interpersonal skills ourselves? Do we provide a social context that is inclu-

sive and supportive? Are we able to speak up when we encounter aggressive or bullying behaviour? Are we sensitive enough to diversity issues?

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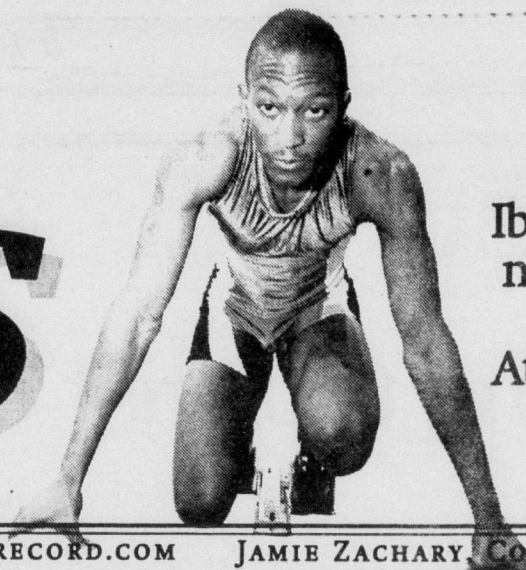
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JAMIE ZACHARY, CORRESPONDENTS' EDITOR

Prost backs up hype with convincing win

By Kevin O'Neil
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT
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Challenge sur glace Damafro du Canada was blessed over the weekend with brilliant sunshine and -2 C highs. But the real highs were on the racetrack with stunning performances in the superbike and auto categories.

The scarlet Opel Astra racing car of Philippe de Korsak and former Formula 1 driver Alain Prost dominated Sunday's featured event. The de Korsak-Prost tandem outlasted the team of Didier Thorat and Marcel Tarres to bring the title home to France.

In the 250 cc motorcycle final, superbike rider Pascal Picotte on a K.T.M. beat 16-year-old karting star Andrew Ranger of Roxton Pond on a Kawasaki by a mere two seconds after a blistering 15 laps. Michel Grenier, also on a Kawasaki, placed third.

On the 600 cc final afterward, Picotte led start to finish, constantly hounded by Ranger, who was later penalized three places for passing on a yellow flag. Marc Fournier finished second, with Michel Grenier again in third.

The pure race cars were split into two



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Alain Prost and Philippe de Korsak won Sunday's featured event at the Damafro Ice Challenge.

groups with eight cars in each heat. To determine the starting grid on Saturday night's final, the first race featured the team's first driver, while the second driver started 10 laps in the second heat. Then, the second group came out and repeated the performance.

When all was said and done, de Korsak and Prost won a hard fought battle with Didier Thorat and Andros Trophy winner Marcel Tarres.

Prost was smooth and flawless throughout, and the same could be said for his co-driver de Korsak. Still, the con-

stant pressure by Tarres forced the "Professor" to appear slightly ruffled at times. This was motor racing at its best: good cars and good drivers in an exuberant display with ice crystals hanging in the air to mark their passage.

Jacques Laffite and Bertrand Balas combined to finish third in their V.W. New Beetle, doing so with only four of five gears.

At press time on Sunday, the morning semi-finals had run under heavy fluffy snowfall. The first session was won by D.Thorat/M.Tarres with Quebec star Bertrand Godin and D. Cormoreche finishing second. Bertrand was ecstatic at the result, his best ice race finish ever. He started the afternoon final on the second row behind Tarres.

Other Quebec drivers had mixed results. Marc-Antoine Camirand had his best race ever at the Challenge finishing fourth in his heat, driving "right on the gearbox" of the far more sophisticated Opel Tigra of Morel/Vigier.

The Ford Focus of Sylvain Vincent and Didier Schraenen had a weekend plagued by troubles. On Saturday night their car caught on fire, while on Sunday morning they had no power steering and generally insufficient power.

QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY

Castors drop two key games, lose MacIntyre

By Mike Hickey
 SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The wheels fell off the Sherbrooke Express this weekend when the Hull Olympiques and Victoriaville Tigres handed the Castors back-to-back defeats, including an 11-1 thrashing at the Robert Guertin Arena in Hull.

Unable to get their offence going, the Castors were outplayed 6-2 Sunday by the Tigres in Victoriaville.

Mathieu Wathier, shorthanded, and Daniel Gauthier, on the powerplay, scored for the Castors.

On Friday, Maxime Talbot led the Hull onslaught with a five-goal performance as the Olympiques dominated in every aspect of the game.

The Castors lost more than just a game as star goaltender Drew MacIntyre left the game in the first period with a knee injuring.

"I hurt it trying to make the save on the first goal," MacIntyre explained prior to yesterday's game. "I tried to keep playing but I couldn't."

The veteran goaltender tore a ligament, but no surgery will be required and the preliminary diagnosis is rehab for three weeks.

"I definitely will be back before the playoffs begin," MacIntyre said. "In fact I think I will be back in nets next Friday."

Talbot opened the scoring with a power play goal at the 9:05 mark of the

first period and MacIntyre exited 51 seconds later, replaced by Brandon Verge.

Hull's Jean-Michel Daoust beat Verge late in the period and the Olympiques took a 2-0 lead into the locker room after one period of play.

Hull put the game out of reach with four goals on just 10 shots in the second period to go ahead 6-0.

The rout continued in the third as the Olympiques went ahead 10-0 before Maxime Robert finally broke Tremblay's shutout bid with a goal midway through the period.

Nothing clicked for the Castors as they went 0-for-8 on the power play and were outshot 33-21.

The loss, coupled with the Val d'Or

Foreurs' 4-0 shutout over the Drummondville Voltigeurs allowed the Foreurs to move two points ahead of the Castors in the battle for first overall in the Lebel Conference, although Sherbrooke still has a game in hand.

But with MacIntyre recuperating, the opportunity to finish first and receive a bye in the opening round of the playoffs takes on greater importance.

"We haven't played well since the announcement that we were moving to Maine," MacIntyre said. "It is just a coincidence, not an excuse."

"We are fighting for first but we could still finish as low as fourth and Victoriaville is only two points behind us."

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Lady Gaiters go out fighting at Laval

By Arash Madani
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Catherine Charbonneau's post-season career had always ended in Ste-Foy, watching the Rouge et Or celebrate a playoff victory.

Saturday night had no different finish, with the No. 2 team in the nation knocking off the Lady Gaiters 62-51 at PEPS Stadium to capture the Quebec University women's basketball (QUBL) title. But this time, in Charbonneau's final visit, a youthful Lady Gaiters team fought and took the four-time defending conference champions to the limit.

Nine Gaiters played in their first road playoff game ever in the title affair, and each now leave knowing what it means to play in a championship affair with everything on the line.

Bishop's never gave a back step for the full 40 minutes. Not while leading early in the first half, not while trailing by only seven at the break, not even when conference rookie of the year Anouk Boulanger fouled out.

"I'm proud of the way we played," said Lady Gaiters coach Rod Gilpin, the Quebec coach of the year, who has proven that his team is a conference heavyweight after making the championship game for three of the past four seasons.

"We played very well and every kid left the floor knowing they gave it their all."

Charbonneau, a fifth-year senior, finished with 14 points despite playing with a sprained ankle. Jess Koury, a sophomore who wasn't even recruited out of Vanier College two years ago, delivered with 14 points against some of the toughest posts in the country.

"We were close and we played good basketball," said Gilpin. "Defensively we were very strong and we got them nervous with our pressure."

Employing tough pressure to open the second half, the Gaiters forced 16 Laval turnovers, but could not convert on their opportunities after forcing the

steals as the game remained in the Rouge et Or's favour.

Bishop's cut the lead to seven, but foul trouble became an issue, and with rookie post Josianne Lafrenière out due to injury, the Lady Gaiters' small line-up could not handle Laval centre Josée Lalonde who came off the bench to score 15 points.

With the win, Laval (14-1 in the regular season) advances to the national championship tournament at McMaster University in Hamilton. For Bishop's, every player returns but Charbonneau, who battled for 33 minutes against a trio of conference all-stars in Caroline Roger, Lalonde and Marian Fortier.

"This game tells us how close we are (to being a national contender)," continued Gilpin. "To lose by 11 (points) to the No. 2 team in the country in their gym without our full team shows a lot."

As does the remarkable turnaround of a team that went 3-12 last season, and lost All-Canadian and current professional hoopster Melissa Lemay. Gilpin's work has been outstanding in 2002-2003. With only one senior, and an incredibly youthful team, the Lady Gaiters were a presence this season.

They were nationally ranked. They knocked off a Laurentian Lady Vees team that went 20-0 in the regular season. They hosted a playoff game for the first time since 1998, and won a post-season affair at Mitchell Gymnasium for the first time in over a decade when they beat Concordia 68-59 last Wednesday.

"I was really happy with our performance in the playoffs and the whole year. We went 19-10 against CIS schools," said Gilpin. "We weren't supposed to finish second in our league, we weren't supposed to beat Laval (the Lady Gaiters gave the Rouge et Or their only loss of the year) and we weren't supposed to be close to 20 wins."

"It is still frustrating losing to Laval. Everyone in our team room believed we could beat them, but it just didn't happen."

Men end season with sixth straight loss

By Arash Madani
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The conclusion came with little surprise and less fanfare. David Suzuki walked off the floor, untucked his jersey and sighed. Phil Miguel's eyes welled with tears, Paul Stephens walked off the floor and didn't say a word.

That's how the careers of three Bishop's Gaiters seniors ended in Montreal Thursday night. With that, and a 76-61 loss to the Concordia Stingers in the Quebec University Basketball League's conference semi-final, the Gaiters were finished with their fourth consecutive losing season.

"It's hard because I'll never wear this uniform again," said Miguel, his lower lip quivering, after a superb effort: 19 points and seven rebounds. "I'm disappointed with this game, and there's no excuse for this loss. We struggled tonight against their zone and (Concordia) played a heck of a game. This just hurts right now."

Added a dejected Suzuki, a fifth-year senior, outside the dressing room moments after the game: "This game was the story of our season."

The Gaiters culminated their campaign with a six-game losing streak, including Thursday's post-season loss.

They were dumped because Concordia opened the second half with a 15-0 run in the opening five minutes and 19 seconds, taking what was a dozen-point edge at the break into a rout by the time Bishop's knew what hit them.

"Holding them scoreless there, for that five or six minute stretch, by pressing them (defensively) really set the tone," said Stingers head coach John Dore, accepting congratulations from many well-wishers while standing on the floor after the game.

"What we did defensively was very key to the game, and it was because of what we did on defence that allowed us to make our big runs."

The Stingers (9-7, including a remarkable 9-4 stretch to close out the season) still had a bitter taste left lingering after the Gaiters knocked them out of the playoff hunt a year ago on the second-to-last day of the regular season.

"And that's why this feels so good. To get redemption and to get into the championship game now," said Concordia guard Phil Langlois in the team locker room after his 13-point effort.

As the game see-sawed back and forth early, Concordia began to pull away as the Gaiters struggled from beyond the arc (1-of-11 from downtown) and at the free throw line, where Bishop's missed 10 during the game.

An eight-point Stingers lead with 3:30 left continued to mount heading into the first horn.

And while Dore kept his veterans on the floor going into the break, the Gaiters countered with a chunk of its youth, including rookies Matt Angel, Jason Thorne and Scott MacDonald. Stephens, with no fouls, and Shaun Brade, a fourth-year man charged with one personal, sat and watched the Concordia advantage go to double-digits.

"You need someone to contribute, I guess, so why not them?" Suzuki wondered aloud. "We needed anyone to step up."

Dore's philosophy was to count on the seniors who got Concordia to the dance, and to host a playoff game.

"This is the playoffs and veterans win you championships. I just said to Phil (Langlois), take the ball, take the team and go with it," said the former national coach of the year.

So Langlois did, and so did Patrick Perrotte, who tossed in 13 points while Stingers starter Dilip Nayar also added a dozen.

"This hasn't really sunken in yet - that it's all over," said Suzuki. "I don't quite understand what it means. But I've had the time of my life here. I guess I'll find out about real life soon enough."

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Loyola downs Galt in boys hoops final

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Loyola College Warriors' inside game proved to be too much for the Alexander Galt Pipers as the Montreal school defeated the ETIAC champions 53-45 to capture the Visser tournament title.

Desmond Murphy, Loyola's huge centre, scored 19 points as the Warriors

overcame a one-point halftime deficit to win the provincial title.

"It was a very good season," Galt coach Steve Dunn said yesterday. "Murphy was too strong for us in the post, and we were tired after a tough semi-final win over Philemon Wright."

Klinck's 22-point performance powered Galt to a 57-46 semi-final win over Philemon Wright. Davey Comeau

chipped in with 10 points for the Pipers, while Stephan Lawrence netted 22 points in a losing cause.

Pellerin scored 23 points and Klinck and Davey Comeau added 18 and 14 points respectively as Galt upended Stanstead 68-35 in the first round of play.

Murphy scored 33 points and Chris James added 13 as Loyola knocked off BCS 62-49 also in the first round. Arjun

Batra and Yun-Ping Lee led the Crusaders with 14 points apiece.

In the semi-finals, Murphy scored 22 points and Chris James added 15 as the Warriors downed Massey-Vanier 58-41.

The Vikings posted a 62-56 in a later win over H. S. Billings as Singfield paced them with 16 points, while Jordan Lee and Ian MacCallum added 15 and 13 points respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Centennial wins girls' title

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Galt drops consolation crown

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Howard S. Billings forward Dean McIntosh scored the game winner with just over three minutes to play to power the South Shore school to a 4-3 upset win over the top-seeded Centennial High School Chargers.

McIntosh had a career game as he scored all four goals to lead Billings to its first AESQ provincial title in 21 years. After the game, McIntosh said the four-goal performance was his best in a Billings uniform.

Earlier in the day, Billings knocked off the host Stanstead College Spartans 4-1, ending the Spartans' dream of adding a provincial title to their many laurels.

Centennial, which squeezed by Collège Jean-Eudes 3-2 to reach the final, battled back from a 2-0 first-period deficit as James O'Farrell and Chris Arbuthnot tied the contest with second-period goals. Ivan Skafar gave Centennial its first lead of the game early in the third period, but McIntosh tied the game with his third goal and then won it with just 3:03 left to play.

In the consolation final, Loyola High School recorded a 3-2 overtime win over Alexander Galt. Forward Nicholas Meti notched the winner at 4:37 of overtime depriving the Pipers of an opportunity to claim the consolation crown.

U. of S. takes national volleyball title

The University of Sherbrooke Vert & Or women's volleyball team became the first Quebec squad to capture the national CIS title with a win over the University of Winnipeg Sunday. Led by CIS first team all-stars Annie Martin and Melissa Raymond, the Vert & Or defeated seventh-ranked Winnipeg in four sets of 21-25, 25-15, 25-21 and 25-14 in the nationally televised final game held at PEPS gymnasium on the campus of Laval University in Quebec City.

The Vert et Or, who lost the provincial title to Laval last week and were seeded fifth in this event, upended the fourth-ranked UBC Thunderbirds 25-22, 25-14, 25-21 Friday before surprising the top-ranked Alberta Pandas 25-23, 25-20 and 26-24 on Saturday. This was the Vert et Or's third straight trip to the nationals, they finished second in 2001 and fourth in 2002.

Vert et Or burn up the track

Athletes from McGill and the University of Sherbrooke dominated this weekend's university provincial track championships.

Led by Quebec university track male Athlete of the Year, Ibrahim Méité, Sherbrooke's Vert & Or men's team took home the overall team title with 134.5 points, edging out McGill (103.5 points), Laval (77) and the University of Quebec in Montreal (14).

On the women's side, Sarah Ali-Khan led McGill (159 points) over Sherbrooke (124), Laval (eight) and UQAM (seven). Ali-Khan was also named female athlete of the year in Quebec. Hannah Moffatt of McGill and Emmanuel Montreuil Jean-Pois of Sherbrooke were honoured as female and male rookies of the year. The Vert & Or's Richard Crevier was also named coach of the year.

On TV

MONDAY

• **WINTER GAMES:** 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Canada Winter Games, RDS, TSN.

• **CURLING:** 8 a.m., 2 p.m., Nokia Brier, RDS, TSN.

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Centennial Regional High School Chargers, a powerhouse in girls basketball, continued their winning ways this weekend as they captured the provincial high school championships.

Alison Green scored 17 points to lead the Chargers to a 69-43 win over Shawinigan High School in the finals of the MacLeod tournament held in Lennoxville.

Teammates Meaghan Dunne and Lisa Brestansky had 16 and 11 points respectively but the real story of the game was the defense employed on Shawinigan's Ingrid Gilbert.

Gilbert, who came into the finals averaging 32 points and four three-pointers a game, was held to 20 by the Centennial defence and did not connect on any three-point attempts.

Centennial advanced to the finals with two solid wins over Galt and St. Patrick's High School. Amber Windsor and Shannon Minogue led a well-balanced attack with eight points apiece as the Chargers easily defeated the Pipers 45-16. Jessica Nugent and LeAnna Coates scored five points apiece for Galt.

Dunne scored nine points in Centennial's 36-30 defeat over St. Pat's in semi-final action.

Gilbert's 36-point performance powered Shawinigan to a 57-43 win over Massey-Vanier in the other semi-final contest. Myriam Burman-Plourde added 11 points to the Shawinigan cause while Therese Fankhauser was brilliant in defeat with 24 points.

Gilbert and Burman-Plourde combined for 42 points in Shawinigan's 52-24 opening round win over Villa Maria. Amanda Tmkus scored 11 for Villa Maria.

Philemon Wright broke open a close game in the second half to beat the Galt Pipers 44-33 to win the consolation crown. Keri McStravick led the winners with 12 points while Chelsea Smith added 10.



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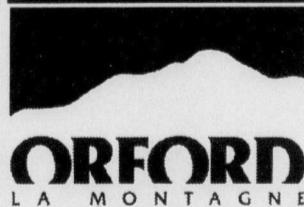
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Galt's Jessica Nugent led all scorers with 16 points while teammates Heidi Monk and Chrystal Scott added 10 points apiece.

In other first round action Natalie Larocque had 14 points and Erica Delsile added 10 as St. Patrick's downed Bishop's College School 53-25. Courtney Dow was high scorer for the Crusaders with 10 points. Therese Fankhauser scored 13 points including the game winner as Massey-Vanier edged Philemon Wright 38-36.

In the consolation bracket, Karolyn Kirby led all scorers with 16 points as Galt defeated BCS 42-32. Coates added 14, Scott had 12 and Michelle Desbois scored 10 for Galt while Christina Fizet led the Crusaders with 13.

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Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
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Open Trails: 32/32
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 23

Open Trails: 52/54
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Open Trails: 20/20

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Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
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Open Trails: 43/43
Lift Hours: N/A

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Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2

Snow, last 7 days (cm): 26
Open Trails: 46/46
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SUTTON
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 16
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 32
Open Trails: 75/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

In Memoriam



VIGNEAULT, Herve - In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who passed away March 3, 2001. Sadly missed but never forgotten.

RAYMONDE (companion)
 DIANE (daughter), DENIS
 BRENDA (daughter), ALLAN
 GRANDCHILDREN and
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In Memoriams

WALTERS, Patricia - In loving memory of a great friend, a wonderful mother and grandmother and a loving wife. Sadly missed and always remembered.
 HUSBAND and FAMILY

WARCUP - In loving memory of my brothers - Russell, who passed away March 2, 1998 - Charlie, who passed away May 25, 1989.

We cannot have the old days back
 When we were all together
 But secret tears and loving thoughts
 Will be with me forever.

Sadly missed
 EDNA (sister)



WHITEHEAD (Dodge), Caroline - In loving memory of a dear wife and mom who passed away March 1, 1998.

Those we love don't go away
 They walk beside us every day,
 Unseen, unheard, but ever near
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by
 GILBERT (husband)
 BRUCE (son)

Deaths

BURNHAM, (Stocks) Olive - Peacefully at La Providence Hospital, Magog, Que., on Friday, February 28, 2003 at age 83. Beloved wife of the late Sidney, cherished mother of Samuel and Sheron (Marc Dougherty). Loving grandmother of Ryan and Kayla, also survived by two brothers and a sister: James (Gert), Michael and Genevieve (Bernard), as well as nieces and nephews. Visitation at Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que., on Monday, 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 4th, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. Interment in Pine Hill Cemetery in the spring.

COBB, Betty (nee Earnshaw) - Passed away suddenly February 17th, 2003 at Ford Place Nursing Home, Thetford, Norfolk, England, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Cobb and cherished mother of late Michael Anthony Cobb. Predeceased by sisters Mary Wootton and Hilda Hardy. Leaves to mourn sisters: Dorothy Lawlor (John) of Ottawa, and Margaret Largy (Gordon) of Cornwall, also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral and cremation took place in Norwich, Norfolk, England.

Deaths

FLYNN, Louise Benoit 1953-2003 - Peacefully at Knowlton House, on Friday, February 28th, 2003, in her 50th year, Louise Benoit, loving wife of Peter Flynn. Predeceased by her father Alfred "Bud" Benoit, she is survived by her mother Patricia Lowe, her daughters: Michelle and Liane (Elliot), her sisters: Cathy (Luis), Julie (Jim), her brothers: Robert (Sue), Michael, Johnny (Debbie), her nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends. Resting at the Désourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que., tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, email: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca Dignity Memorial where family and friends may visit on Monday, March 3rd, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services from St-Edouard Catholic Church in Knowlton, on Tuesday, March 4th at 11 a.m. Please note: Tuesday, day of the service, the funeral home will be open from 9:30 a.m. Donations in her memory to the Knowlton Academy Free Breakfast Fund, 81 Victoria, Knowlton, Que., J0E 1V0, would be appreciated by the family. (Forms available at the funeral home.)

ROBERTS, James Alfred (1943 - 2003) - Passed away in Chesapeake Virginia, following a courageous battle with cancer, on Thursday, February 27, 2003, Jim Roberts at age of 59. Loving husband of Judy Brock and step-dad to Robert Champagne. Dear grandfather of Rachell and Renee Champagne, and brother of Sylvia (Ralph Pike), brother-in-law of Frank Brock (Nina). Jim also leaves to mourn his nephews: Wayne and Kevin Pike, cousins: Brian (Sandra), Bruce (Clarissa) and Heather (Ross Roach), aunts: Maureen (Robert Beauregard, Marlene (Jean Claude Beaumont) and Eileen Roberts and his uncles Howard Watt and Arnold Mallette. A memorial service will be held at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond, (819) 826-2502, at a later date. Interment in the Maple Grove Cemetery in the spring. Donations in Jim's memory, to the Canadian Cancer Society, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

WHITCOMB, Carleton - Suddenly at his home on Sunday, March 2nd, 2003, Carleton Whitcomb. Son of the late Percy Whitcomb and the late Sarah Rudd. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home Inc., 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff, Que. Funeral and visitation times will be in Tuesday's paper.

Golden Age News

DANVILLE

27 Golden Agers gathered for the February meeting welcoming another new member and all were happy to have Ernest Lockwood with us following his knee operation.

Following the usual card games, ladies from St. Augustine's Church served the annual treat of pancakes and maple syrup. President Florence McIver thanked Marion Mastine, Blanche Mastine, Kaye Brock and Marjorie Barlow for this lunch that all appreciated. Bruce Mastine had "done his bit" by clearing ice from the entrance walk. "Thanks Bruce."

Marlene Brown

Prayers for Peace

There is a very strong possibility that there will be war very soon. As many of you know, in scripture, the number 3 represents the Holy Trinity. Well, what do you think of the idea of praying for World Peace for THREE MINUTES.

WHEN?

On Monday the 3rd March 2003. In simple terms it would be 03-03-03. This form of expressing the date is the same for the Americans, British, Canadians, and the whole world that use the Gregorian calendar. Wouldn't it be great if everyone in the world would stop what they are doing and pray on the same day at the same time for at least three minutes? We could make 03-03-03 God's Day for World Peace for 3 minutes from 3:00 p.m. to 3:03 p.m. He was there at three o'clock for all of us.

Faith is the door that all miracles come through, but prayer is the key that unlocks the door.

I hope you will pass this request on to all your friends and family.

Thelma Rhicard

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Monday, March 3, 2003

Watch out for the suit blockage

By Phillip Alder

F. Scott Fitzgerald, referring to "This Side of Paradise," pointed out: "To write it, it took three months; to conceive it — three minutes; to collect the data in it — all my life."

To find a great play at the bridge table, three minutes of thought should be sufficient; but drawing on a lifetime of experience helps.

Because today's date is 03/03/03 — the first time since 1903 — here is a deal in which a three takes the setting trick. As regular readers will have already assumed, I found the layout in "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman Hart (Devyn Press, 1996).

North ought to pass out one no-trump, but doing that would ruin the story — and, strangely, in the real world, three no-trump would probably make. From J-10-6-3, it is usual to lead the three. Here, though, that lets the contract make. Declarer plays low from the dummy and captures East's card as cheaply as possible. Then South drives out the spade ace and heart ace-king, losing only one spade, two hearts and one club.

In the book, West starts with the club jack, which defeats the contract however declarer turns. For the story, South covers with dummy's queen and captures East's king with his ace. A spade goes to East's ace, and back comes the club eight: nine, 10, four. West now leads the club six, squashing dummy's five and dislodging South's seven. And when West wins the next trick with his spade king, he cashes the heart ace and club three, beating South's two. How often, on the fourth round of a suit, does a three beat a two?

If he backs you up, a solution can be found

Dear Annie: I am an American, married for three years to a man from the Middle East. We both work and take care of the household chores. Nine months ago, my husband's parents came to live with us when our daughter was born. They have been here ever since.

The problem is, my husband's parents do not approve of him helping me clean the house. They say he should pay the bills and I should take care of the house and children. They expect me to adopt their cultural attitudes and live the way they did in "the old country." My father-in-law seems to think he can talk to me however he wishes, including yelling and bossing me around.

I do not want to leave my husband, just my in-laws. How can I convince them to stop nagging me? — Chicago

Dear Chicago: How does your husband feel about this situation? Would he be willing to live apart from his folks? Can his parents manage on their own, or would you be responsible for their expenses? You must answer these questions before you can make a decision. The most important factor is your husband's support. If he backs you up, a solution can be found.

Dear Annie: I am a big fan of a certain singer who was scheduled to perform in my town. One of the radio stations of-

Annie's Mailbox

ferred a package that included concert tickets and a "meet and greet" with the singer after the concert. It was really expensive, but I figured the memories would last forever, so I bought the package.

I had a phone conversation with a representative of the station shortly before the actual concert date. He confirmed the singer had agreed to the "meet and greet," and that photographs and autographs would be available. Well, the concert was fine, but the "meet and greet" consisted of waiting for a half-hour, then being told to file past other performers (no pictures, no autographs) and go quickly out the door. The singer was nowhere in sight. I was told, "She isn't coming."

I fired off a sharp e-mail to the radio station. One of the executives called me, apologized profusely and said they had been misled by the concert promoters. The station offered various items to make up for it, and I accepted a bunch of CDs rather than take the matter to court. Warn your readers that paying for something intangible, like meeting a celebrity, is probably not a good idea. — Feeling Rooked in New Jersey

Dear New Jersey: Most celebrities are more reliable than the diva you went to

see. However, some artists are known for their volatility, and there are no guarantees regarding their behavior. Caveat emptor, which means "buyer beware."

Dear Annie: I have a question regarding stepfamily etiquette. My husband's sister recently married "Ken." He has three young children from a former marriage, and his ex-wife has custody of the children. While we see the children occasionally when they visit Ken, we do not know them well. They rarely come to functions for our side of the family.

Are my husband and I obligated to buy these children gifts for birthdays, holidays, and so on? I have no blended marriages in my family, so I'm not sure of the rules, and I don't want to offend anyone. — Omaha, Neb.

Dear Omaha: These are Ken's children, and Ken is now a member of your family. It would be a kindness to include them the same way you do the other children. Ken will appreciate it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Lennoxville Women's Institute

Members of Lennoxville Women's Institute met at Uplands for their February meeting, with President Marg. Williams calling the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and leading the members in repeating the Collect for Clubwomen and the Salute to the Flag. The Motto for the month's theme of Education and Personal Development was "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." The Roll Call "Name a good book and its author" was answered by the nine members present. "Free-will" offerings for the up-coming F.W.I.C. convention were also given at this time.

The minutes of the January meeting

were read and approved.

A report on the recent County meeting was given by the delegate, Donna Davis, and from this report the Whist card party planned for February 22nd discussed. Members were asked to contribute prizes, sandwiches and squares.

The information from the Ladies Committee of the Ayer's Cliff Fair was spoken about but will be discussed more fully at the March meeting.

Gwen Parker gave the Treasurer's report, following which it was moved by Donna Davis, seconded by Alice Planidin that all bills be paid. Carried.

Correspondence read included a let-

ter from the Borough of Lennoxville regarding information for the second issue of the activities program.

In new business, our customary visit to the Grace Christian Home was discussed. Pat Hurley will check with the Home to see if the date planned will be convenient.

Delegates to the Provincial Convention were named - Pat Hurley, Marg. Williams, Thelma Picken and Gwen Parker will attend.

Gwen Parker presented information she had received from Lennoxville and District Women's Center, drawing attention to the International Women's Day Supper being held on Friday, March 7th, at the Lennoxville Community Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Hurley introduced Florence Cunningham, who gave a most interesting talk on "Quilting", showing several very attractive examples of her work, including various 'hangings' and a large pieced quilt, along with some of the many items needed to do this type of craft.

Mrs. Cunningham was thanked for her presentation and given a small gift in appreciation.

Members and their guest then adjourned to the dining room and enjoyed tea and a variety of cookies. The hostesses for the afternoon were Jessie MacKinnon and Nancy Barton.

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The Spaghetti Supper hosted by the Men's Club at St. Luke's Church Hall, Magog was a great success. Donald Whitehead, his son Allan and Ross Bennett excelled in the entire event. The hall was filled to capacity, great food, fellowship and music by Charles Catchpugh and his band made for a lively event. It was what everyone needed after such cold miserable weather and the winter blues settling in. Incidentally, some ladies also gave a hand-servicing, washing dishes, etc. The men's club extend sincere thanks to one and all for their outpouring of support.

A Roast Beef Dinner will be held at St. Paul's Church Hall, Pine Street, Magog, hosted by the Men's Club. Roast Beef is Paul's favourite meal (especially if there

is Yorkshire Pudding) as he remembers how my mother, the late Sarah MacRae would put on a "spread" for him.

Jack Knowlton and his brother Malcolm were hospitalized with pneumonia - Jack is fit as a fiddle and back home feeding his cherished little birds, cleaning the walk, etc. No way can you keep him down! However, Malcolm (Buster) underwent surgery at CHUS - a pace-maker - he is at La Providence for a day or two. These brothers were in World War II, fought in the front lines and are decorated veterans. Our very best wishes go to you both for good health and best wishes to Jack on his birthday, March 16th. Take care and God Bless.

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: A equals W

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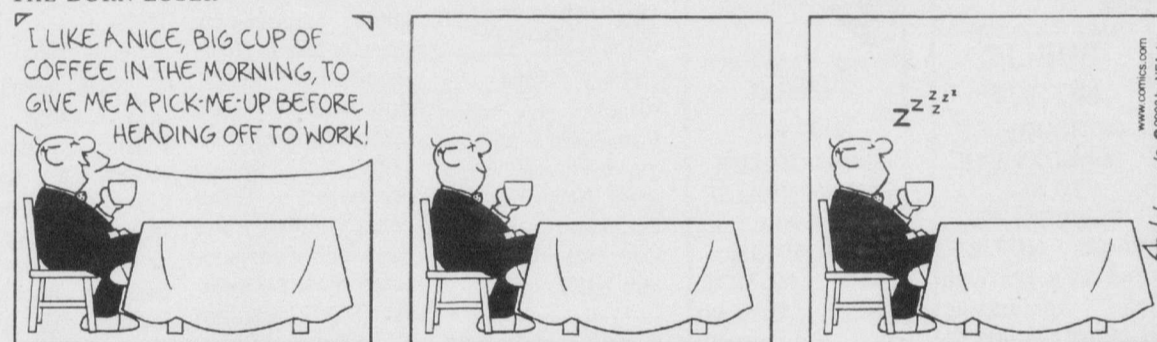
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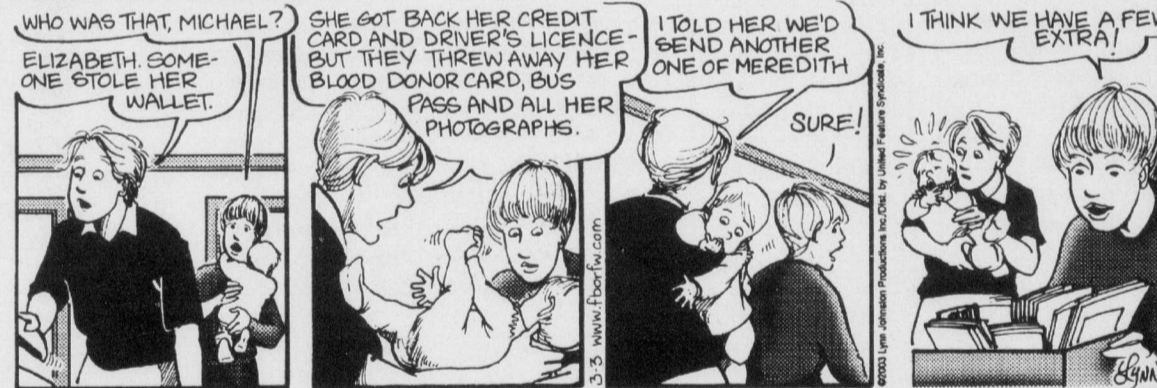
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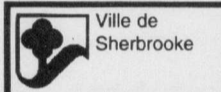
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Twenty-four members braved the elements and met at the town hall on Tuesday, Feb. 11th. Our menu today was baked beans and hot dogs supplied by the club. Rita Marcoux brought us a cold slaw, George Hamelin and Flora Jersey had each made a johnny cake.

Gaston Scheinks had made a lemon cake for us and the club furnished jello puddings.

Marian Gauvin won today's half and half game.

"500" winners were Edmond Ducharme and Karl Steinbach.

Game winners were: Dorothy Woodard, George Hamelin, Flora and Jackie Jersey, Marian Gauvin, Reginald Landry, Rita Mossa, Huguette Levoy,

Juliette Laliberté, Verlie Aiken, Helma Wiener and Rita Marcoux.

Tuesday, Feb. 18th was a real pleasant day, much milder and our club meeting was well attended. Lunch of soup and sandwiches, cookies and jello with reddenwhip was today's meal.

Huguette made the soup and Rita Marcoux made the club sandwiches. Verlie Aiken made the jello that Regi-

nald Landry had donated along with reddenwhip.

"500" winners were Therese Ducharme and Karl Steinbach.

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Rita Mossa

Your Birthday

Monday, March 3, 2003

A heavier-than-usual schedule could be in store for you in the year ahead, especially concerning your social life. You might have to be careful not to strain your budget too much trying to participate in all the activities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The most problematic area for you today could be your one-on-one relationships. Even people who are usually complacent and agreeable could be difficult to manage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be careful what you take on for another person today. The moment you get started, you could discover that you've sunk yourself into something much deeper than you anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because you may quickly realize that you're not apt to be an imprudent shopper when something catches your eye, this might be the day to leave your credit cards at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's unfair and unkind to draw a comparison today that puts a family member in a poor light when pitted against an outsider. You might make your point, but you'll create ill will.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Bite your tongue if you find yourself tempted to make an unkind remark today about someone with whom you have dealings. The hurt your comments cause will make you look bad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Poor judgment on your part today could cause

you to either part with something you value or to make a bad investment. You might be struck with remorse later upon reflection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be firm and hold your ground if you have to contend with someone today who is always insistent about having his or her own way. With this person, one concession is too many, and 10 aren't enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take it in stride today if you find your workload a trifle heavier than usual. Unfortunately, you might not only have to take care of your own neglected job, but those of others as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Re-evaluate your position immediately if you find that you've been putting good money after bad in an enterprise in

which you've presently been involved. Take your losses and run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There may be someone lurking in the wings who opposes your goals and tries to block your achievement today. You may have to do something to circumvent this individual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When dealing with others today, your best bet is to be neither too condescending nor too critical. If you inadvertently cross these lines, some unpleasantness could result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be careful whose affairs you poke your nose into today. Someone might take advantage of your interference and use it as an excuse to dump his or her troubles on you.

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- 5 "Harold and Maude" star
- 9 Shillong's state
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- 17 Bank offering
- 20 Long, long time
- 21 Signs on the dotted line
- 22 Lots and lots
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- 24 Heavy imbiber
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- 30 Canadian golfer Dave
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- 35 Cheers for Manolete
- 36 Tony's cousin

- 37 Outer opposite
- 38 "The Delta of Venus" writer
- 39 Loses one's cool
- 40 Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 41 Play opening
- 42 Roast host
- 43 Historic times
- 44 Charlie of Berlin
- 46 PGA member
- 47 Giant Mel
- 48 Have high hopes
- 52 Italian bell town
- 54 Hoops grp.
- 57 Marble-moving game
- 60 Mongrels
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- 62 Give off
- 63 Cultural values
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- 65 Exercise discipline

- 25 Sop
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- 32 Age
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- 39 Kind of tank
- 41 Lots of land
- 45 Seoul man

- 46 Fourth estate
- 48 Zenith
- 49 "Eyes Wide ___"
- 50 Heart
- 51 Fascinated by
- 52 Belly problem
- 53 Subsequently
- 54 Verne's captain
- 55 Floating hoosegow
- 56 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 58 Kreskin's forte
- 59 "___ Largo"

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- 2 Sound rebound
- 3 Twixt 12 & 20 & the rest
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- 7 Past of riches?
- 8 ___-la-la
- 9 British racecourse
- 10 Fitted with boots
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- 12 Green Gables girl
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