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## Bedford shooting trial gets underway

*Guy Hébert accused of killing Adam Verville*

By Maurice Crossfield

The trial of the man accused of shooting Adam Verville, a 21-year-old St-Armand man, gets underway Thursday, with members of the court and jury visiting the scene of the crime.

"I think it's the first time in 20 years or so that this is being done for a criminal trial," said Bernard Monast, Crown prosecutor in the case. He said civil cases regularly involve field trips so jury and court members can visit a place where events are said to have taken place.

The jury, which was selected in less than an hour at the Granby courthouse Monday, will be deciding the guilt or innocence of Guy Hébert. Hébert, 46, was living over the Bedford Hotel on the night of Oct. 24, 2000. That night Verville was fatally shot outside Hébert's room. Hébert was arrested shortly afterwards.

Appearing before Quebec Superior Court judge Paul-Marcel Bellavance Monday, Hébert maintained his plea of not guilty. He remains out on bail, pending the outcome of the trial, which is expected to last between two and three weeks.

Hébert's trial is the only jury trial of the winter session in the Bedford judicial district. Also taking place this session will be the trial of Solange Beaupré, accused of killing her two children in May 2001. Her trial, before a judge only, is expected to last a half-day on Feb. 8. At issue will be her mental state at the time of the killings.



FILE PHOTO

Jury members will visit this Bedford Hotel.

## Quebec farm board to investigate status of two farmers on Friday

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
DRUMMONDVILLE

The agricultural status of two Townships residents will be investigated this Friday at a public meeting held by the Quebec Farm Marketing board, an official confirmed this week.

Marc Nepveu, a lawyer for the board, said residents Michael Towsey and Serge Couture will be asked if they operate farms, and if so, what has been the value of their produce for a past number of years.

Nepveu said the meeting was re-

quested by the UPA, the Quebec farmers union, following a complaint over non-payment of membership dues.

"If it is determined that the two men have operated farms and that the value of their produce is high enough, they will be required to pay dues to the UPA," Nepveu said Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at the Le Dauphin Hotel on St. Joseph Blvd starting at 10 a.m.

The dues, which start at \$250 per year, are compulsory for anyone who operates a farm in the province of Quebec.

The dues are required under the

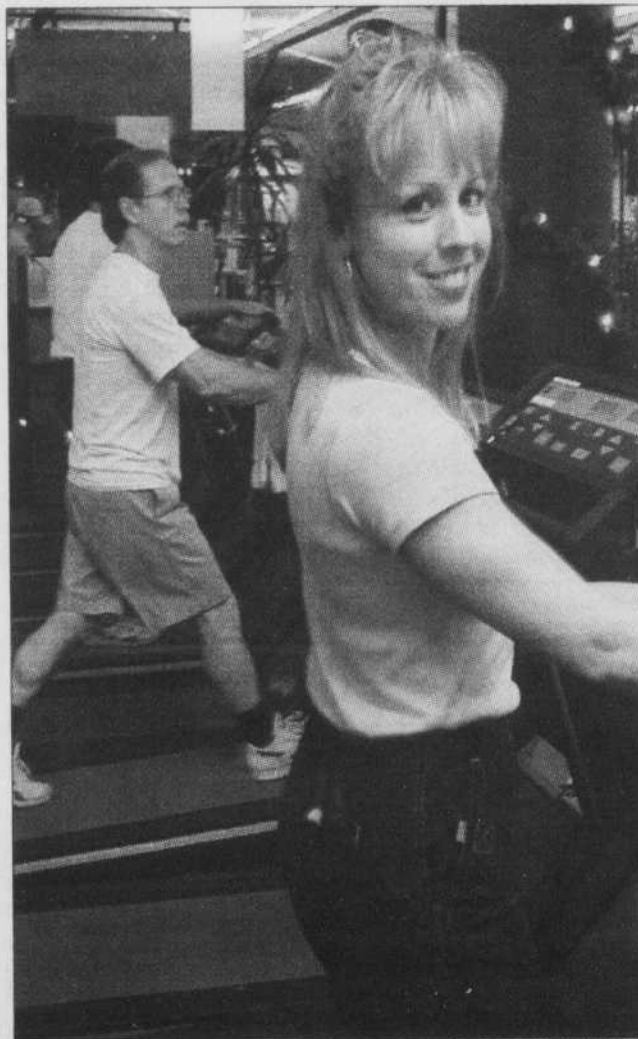
Rand formula, which forces all members of specific trades in Canada to pay dues to a union if one exists and is recognized by a government labour authority.

In the case of Quebec farmers, the UPA is the union recognized by the Quebec government.

The Rand formula was named after a Supreme Court justice who argued compulsory membership in a designated union would create labour peace.

Repeated attempts by individual workers and groups to have the formula repealed have so far been rejected by the Supreme Court.

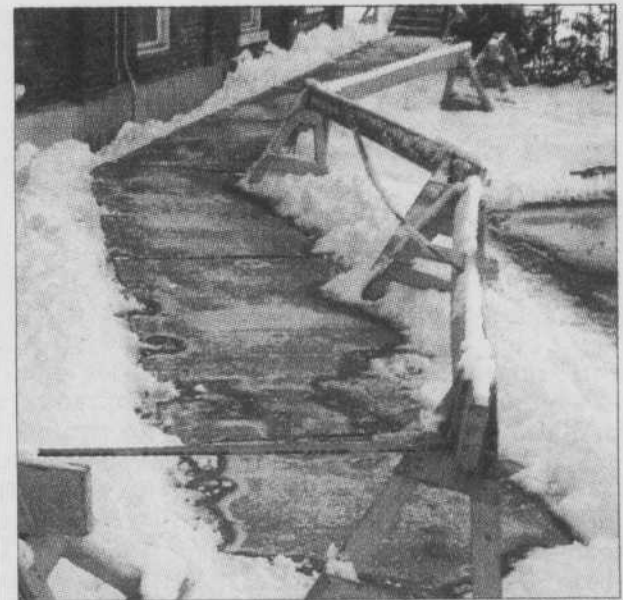
### New Year's Pledge



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Sonia Veilleux is one of many who headed to the Maxi Club in Sherbrooke this week to keep a New Year's resolution. For more on pledges for the new year, please see page 4

### Dead End



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Pedestrians could only marvel at this meticulously cleared stretch of sidewalk in front of Lennoxville town hall which was blocked at both ends.

### Meet Marc Mongeau

Lennoxville's new borough director is looking forward to meeting the public. Marc Mongeau spoke with Record reporter Daniel Huot Tuesday. Please see Page 3



# Bin Laden's potential videotape defence strategies

As to the videotape of bin Laden's "confession" to the Sheik which some media pundits have referred to as a "prosecutor's dream", his attorneys will naturally do their very best to block its admissibility in a court of law. They will raise every conceivable argument including the "questionable" origin of the tape, the number of unintelligible words, the poor sound, the translation, and the likelihood that the U.S. government will be unable to call a witness who was present at the time of the actual videotaping.

Despite the strong likelihood that each and every one of their objections will be dismissed we can still count on a long and protracted battle over what interpretation should be given to his words.

No matter in what court bin Laden's trial is held, military or civilian, the prosecution will have to establish the circumstances in which the videotape was obtained. If it can be advantageous to bin Laden's defence, his attorneys will do everything to embarrass the CIA. One way or another the government agents must expect to be grilled on how they came up with the videotape, whether they had to pay anyone and how it got from a house in Afghanistan to the courtroom. This is what we call in legal jargon as having to establish the "chain of possession". In the event the government cannot be clear on how the videotape was obtained the defence will argue that it shouldn't be admitted into evidence.

## QUESTIONS ON ORIGIN OF THE TAPE

At this stage we can presume that the U.S. government has yet to reveal all of the details surrounding the tape's origin for much the same reasons that it hasn't publicized every iota of proof linking bin Laden to the World Trade Center carnage. According to various news reports the amateur videotape was filmed in early November at a guest house in Kandahar, Afghanistan. After it was found by people "other than Americans" it would have been turned over to the Central Intelligence Agency. It has also been stated that the manner

in which the tape was acquired suggests that people were leaving the house in a hurry and left it behind. Apparently President Bush was informed of its existence on Nov. 29, and saw excerpts at the White House during an intelligence briefing on Nov. 30. Not surprisingly, he wanted to release the tape as soon as he saw it, but only as long as it would not compromise intelligence gathering and that the government could be certain of its authenticity.

## POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ....

Had this been a standard high profile criminal investigation the government would have had little interest to reveal the videotape prior to the trial. One reason would have been to bar the defence from claiming that the publication made it highly impossible find 12 impartial jurors. However in this highly unusual case the President had no doubt other important political considerations in mind, not the least being the use of the videotape to help build support in the Middle East for America's war on terrorism.

## EXPECT INTERPRETATION SPIN

Even though defence lawyers are dedicated professionals who have sworn an oath to uphold the law, their duty is to provide every possible protection for their clients while staying strictly within the limits of the role of an officer of the court. As a result, the defence will argue, as is often the case with wiretap evidence, that bin Laden's words are open to other interpretations and that they do not prove that he directed the conspiracy or even knew anything about the attack. Such a strategy will be made much easier if they can find interpreters capable of producing a less incriminating transcript from Arabic into English. This will not be easy. According to Pentagon officials, their interpreters include a member of the Diplomatic Language Service as well as the Arabic language program coordina-



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tor of the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and both versions are apparently identical.

## WAS BIN LADEN JUST BRAGGING?

Another alternative would be to suggest that bin Laden had been bragging or claiming responsibility for something he never actually planned, just to impress his Sheik guest. This wouldn't be the first time that such a spin shows up during a criminal trial. Accused persons have been acquitted in the past despite highly incriminating wiretap evidence. All the defence requires is a reasonable doubt in the minds of jurors that their client was mistaken, lying or confused when he was being recorded.

## CELEBRATION IS NOT PROOF OF GUILT....

As to bin Laden's anti-American statements on the first videotape that was aired worldwide shortly after the US began its military attack in Afghanistan, the defence will no doubt suggest a less incriminating interpretation. His lawyers will likely argue that his words to not necessarily establish his direct responsibility in the attack otherwise everyone else who unfortunately celebrated in the world would be guilty.

## DIFFICULT BURDEN BEFORE MILITARY COURT

In the event bin Laden is tried in a US military court, as is expected, his attorneys will have far less maneuvering room to use the trial as a political platform or to try and tie the trial in knots. This will be particularly true if the trial is conducted behind closed doors and the panel is made up of military officers who don't sway easily.

So, is the bin Laden videotape a prosecutor's dream despite all of the conceivable defence strategies? The answer is a resounding "Yes", assuming it will be admitted as evidence. To put it mild-

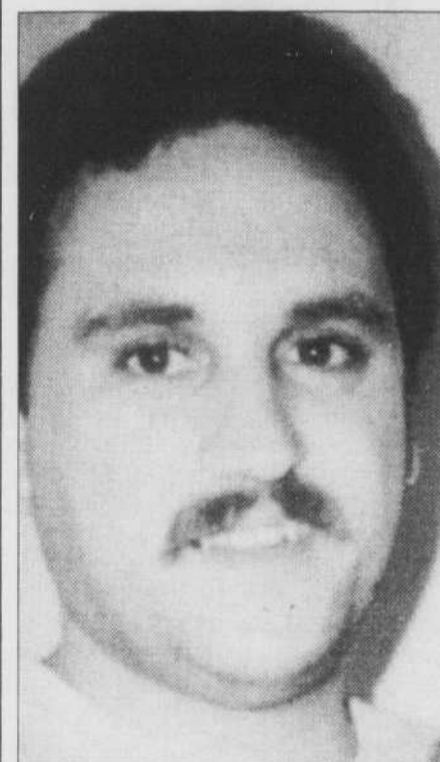
ly, anyone who believes that it is a done deal doesn't quite understand the realities of a drawn-out criminal trial, especially when highly experienced lawyers cross swords.

But then again, there may never be a trial. After all, no one knows for sure if the al-Qaeda leader didn't die as a result of the many military operations and the extensive bombardment of all the caves.

If such is the case, Osama bin Laden's fate has been sealed for a very long time.

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## Missing Man



Sherbrooke regional police are asking for the public's help in locating Daniel Marcotte, 33, of Sherbrooke. Marcotte was last seen Dec. 28 at the Zellers store at Carrefour de l'Estrie in Sherbrooke around 11 a.m. wearing a black winter coat with a Canadiens insignia on the back. Anyone with information on the missing man is asked to call Det. Tardif at 819-821-5555.

## Weather

**Today:** Some snow. High near zero. Winds southerly 15-30 km/h.

**Thursday:** Intermittent light snow. Low near minus 4. High near minus 1.

**Friday:** Intermittent light snow. Low near minus 8. High near minus 5

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with a few flurries

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Borough 3 director saw English as job skill

*Transition hiring committee recognized the effort*

By Daniel Huot  
LENNOXVILLE

The first director for Borough 3 has outlined his strategy for approaching Lennoxville residents.

"There are two things," said Marc Mongeau. "First, to keep services offered by Sherbrooke as close to the public as possible. Second, to ensure those services are as effective as possible."

And bilingual.

Mongeau is a new public figure on the Lennoxville stage. However, he's always remained close to the community's representatives, either while attending Bishop's University or by dealing with them through his previous functions.

"I never thought I would end up having Lennoxville's top administrative job when I was a student," he admitted. "I don't think I would have believed it back then."

But what goes around comes around. Aged 36, Mongeau originally wanted to work in Montreal's financial circles.

"The best way to do so, I thought, was to learn English," said the Sherbrooke native.

He enrolled at Champlain College and later at Bishop's University in 1985,



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Bishop's grad Marc Mongeau takes on Lennoxville borough's top job.

where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in administration.

Unlike many others, the graduate

didn't go to Montreal, but ended up working in 1989 as assistant secretary-treasurer in Cookshire for the Haut-Saint-François Municipal Regional Council, a position he kept until August 2000.

Some of his duties included managing human resources and preparing financial statements and budgets. Mongeau also managed the administrative service for the Sherbrooke Airport and the local development centre.

He then spent the remainder of August 2000 until Dec. 31, 2001 working as assistant secretary-treasurer and administrative services director for the Town of Ascot, where he gained additional experience in urban planning and development.

"After 11 years, I felt I needed a new challenge," said Mongeau, adding he was seeking better promotion opportunities.

How he got to become the chief administrator for Borough 3 is just as interesting. Mongeau applied for a position in another borough, but those interviewing him, Bishop's University principal Janyne Hodder and Michael Tinker, had other plans in mind.

"They began the interview in English," recalled Mongeau. "They suggested I should take the job in Lennoxville."

Mongeau candidly admitted he was worried his English was rusty, even though Hodder and Tinker thought it was fine, given the fact he hadn't

worked in a mainly anglophone environment since he graduated. However, he said he's not afraid of hitting the grammar books again.

"I enrolled at the Centre de Langues de l'Estrie the day I was hired," he noted. "When I come to work, I speak with Doug MacAulay (the borough president) in English and with other employees as well."

Twice per week he attends classes in Sherbrooke.

"I have no problems understanding English," he said. "I even watch more TV shows in English because they're often better."

One of the reasons he wanted the job as a borough director is because he can develop a tighter bond with the public and elected officials.

Mongeau acknowledged Bishop's University is Lennoxville's heart and soul.

"Doug MacAulay was working at Champlain College and Tom Allen at Bishop's when I was there," Mongeau noted. "Bill Smith's son, I think, also played football there."

Sports have always been an intricate part of campus life.

Mongeau said he enjoys participating in sporting activities in his spare moments. In his 30s, he still plays hockey with his friends and enjoys playing golf, downhill skiing and cycling. Reading is also one of his favourite pastimes.

## Accidents, injuries up for 2001 holiday season

By Maurice Crossfield

Despite the lack of bad weather, the region saw more road accidents during the holiday season this year, and more people injured.

During the holiday period between Christmas and New Year's 2000 there were 36 road accidents leaving 50 people injured on the territory covered by the Estrie garrison of the Sûreté du Québec. During the same period this year there were 45 accidents leaving 70 people with injuries.

"In general there were no storms this year," said SQ spokesman Serge Dubord. "The accidents are all due to normal causes, speeding, following too close."

In the good news category none of the accidents claimed any lives. That makes two years in a row that the holiday season came and went without any fatalities in the Townships.

A further 229 road accidents only caused material damage this holiday season, up slightly from 221 last year.

However the SQ saw the number of hit and run accidents double compared to last year. In 2000 there were a dozen hit and runs on the SQ's Es-

trie territory. For the holidays in 2001 that number jumped to 26. Dubord said the increase is mainly due to several towns folding their municipal police forces into the SQ.

But while hit and runs went up, the number of drunk drivers remained relatively stable. The last week of Dec. 2000 saw 30 arrests for impaired driving, while this year 33 drivers were nabbed for having one, or several, too many.

The season was also a good one for SQ officers giving out tickets for highways safety code infractions. The Christmas season for 2001 saw 552 tickets given out, compared with 475 last year. This again could be due to the SQ policing a larger territory this year.



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# Fitness Clubs are part of new year's tradition

By Nelson Afonso  
SHERBROOKE

While getting into shape after holiday overindulgences is once again a priority for many Townshippers in 2002, the challenge for local fitness centres is to keep them motivated so they can reach their goals.

"January is the time of the year for weight-loss programs. However, a diet is not enough," Maxi-Club fitness club owner and manager Marc Jalbert told *The Record* Tuesday. "With exercise, we are able to change a person's basic metabolism so he or she is able to burn more calories and adopt healthier eating habits."

With memories of turkey dinners and luscious desserts behind many of us, the attention turns to a traditional New Year's resolution, getting into shape. While crowds flock to local fitness centres like Jalbert's Maxi-Club or the Profil Club gym on Wellington Street in Sherbrooke, gym owners want to warn would-be fitness enthusiasts to pace themselves.

"Most people come in here with unrealistic expectations," Profil Club owner Mario Leblanc said Tuesday. "We must make them understand that exercise is about regularity, not intensity."

The influx of new members following the Christmas period represents a substantial part of each gym's business, according to both Jalbert and Leblanc.

"Our two biggest periods are September and January," said Jalbert, adding that the extra customers represent about 20 per cent of his yearly business. "People have resolutions (to get fit), so they come to us usually two to five times a week."

Leblanc said that his post-Christmas clientele represents roughly 30 to 35 per cent of Profil Club's business.

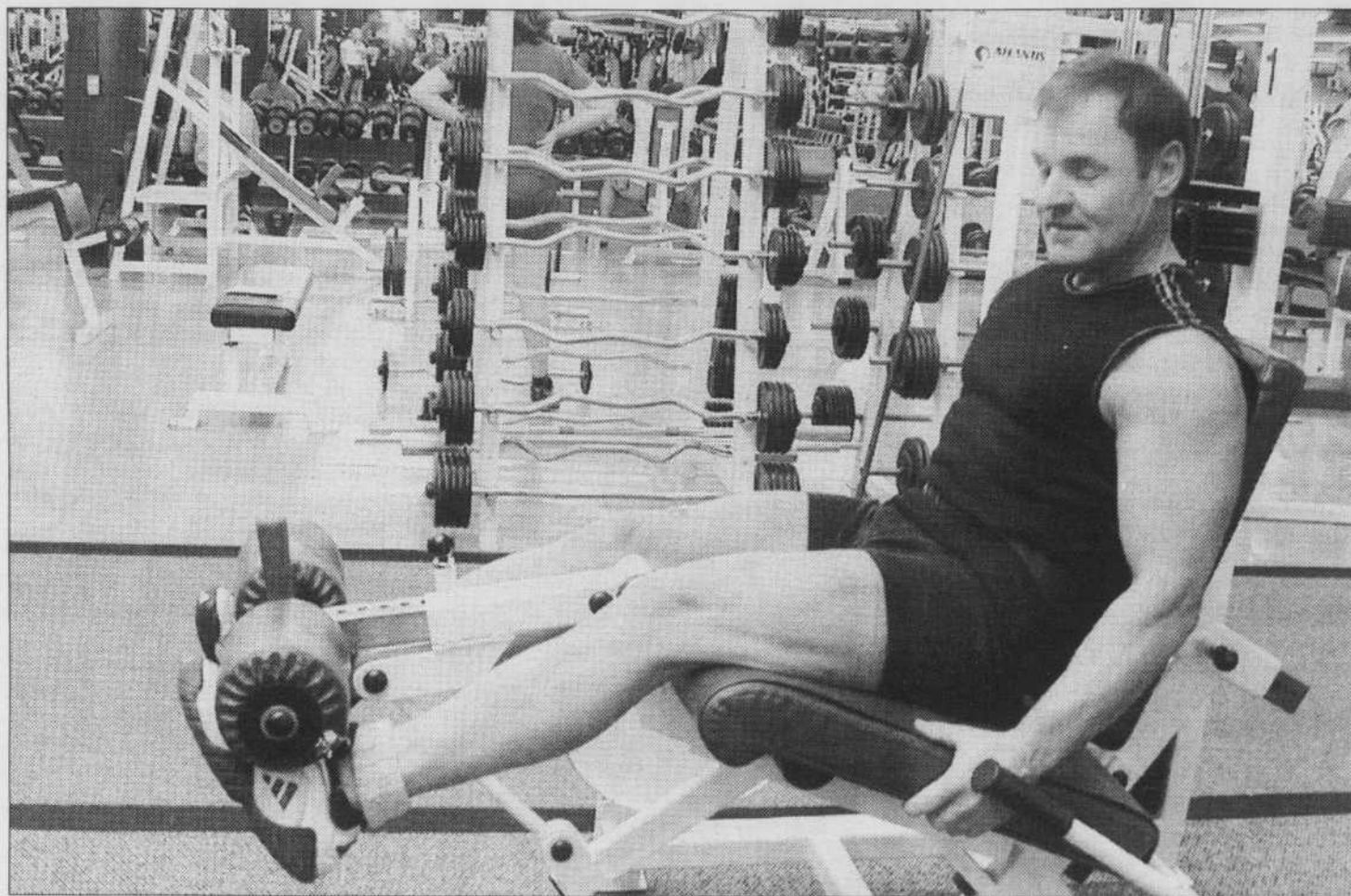
While both men are pleased with their financial situation, they are aware that the real challenge lays in making the new clients year-long members, something made difficult because beginners usually lose their motivation before the end of their membership.

"We try to keep that clientele by offering many group programs including indoor running, walking and aerobics," added Jalbert.

In addition to the traditional workout programs and equipment, Maxi-Club offers free personalized training sessions for cardiac, cancer and osteoporosis patients to help with their recovery.

Leblanc believes that the secret to retaining newcomers' business is to create personal workout programs that work well to meet their needs and wants.

"After we establish their profile (physical), people here meet with a personal trainer who determines their priorities and availability, which in turn enables us to establish realistic goals," added Leblanc, who founded the Profil



Fernand Glaude works out at the Maxi Club in Sherbrooke

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Club in 1983.

The Profil Club, which has been seeing a rash of new entries every new year since it opened almost 19 years ago, offers a variety of weight training regimes personally designed for each member, as well as dance, aerobic and step classes.

"Our new customers are old and young, people who don't like the winter, newcomers and people who have done this before, they are from all walks of life," said Energie Cardio manager Véronique St-Jean who estimates that January memberships count for 30 per cent of business.

Jalbert attributes the post-Christmas membership increase to people who want to lose weight, get into better shape or just train indoors during the winter season.

All three fitness gurus agreed that weight loss is the main motivating factor that brings many newcomers to local fitness centres. However, they warned that joining a gym is not enough.

"It's important to combine exercise and good eating habits," emphasized Leblanc. "If that (weight loss) is what the client wants, then we also prepare a food program and try to educate him or her about the importance of a well-balanced diet."

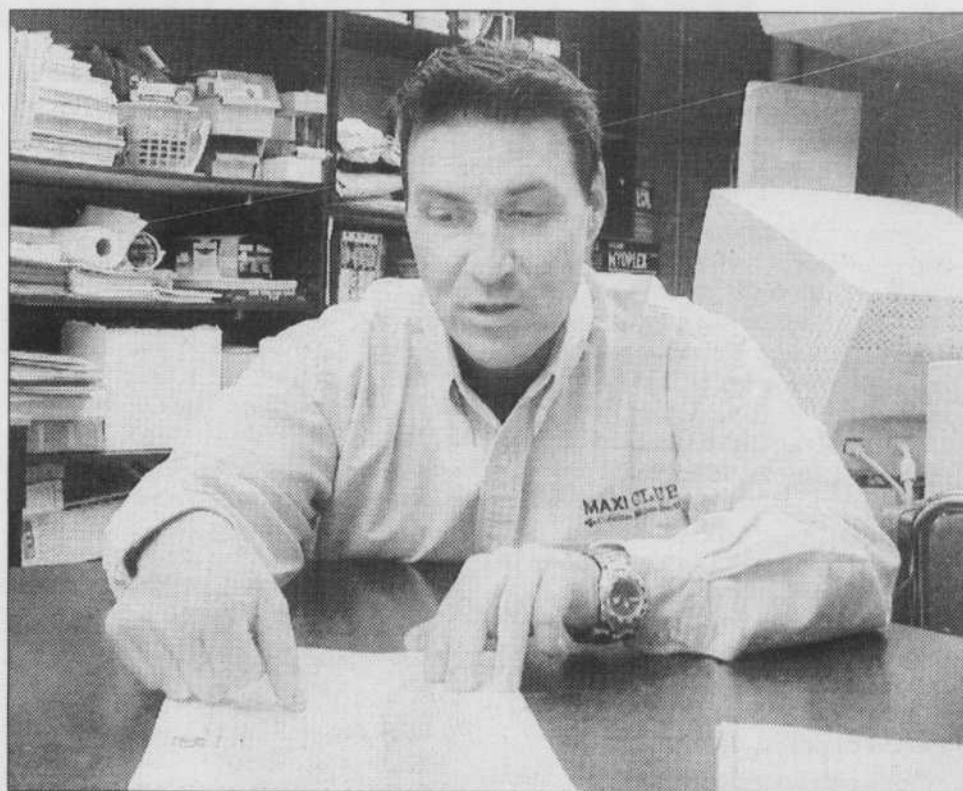
Jalbert, who has been in the fitness business for 22 years, said the bulk of new members at Maxi-Club are older professionals and retirees who are

searching for specific programs geared toward their needs and wants.

"Some people have strange diets like they will only eat grapefruits for example, but you cannot only eat grapefruits in life, you must also exercise to lose weight," joked Jalbert who was inspired

to open his first fitness club after a meeting with the founder of the famed Gold's Gym in California.

Energie Cardio, located on King St. West in Sherbrooke, also offers special programs for those hoping to lose weight following holiday excesses.



Maxi-Club fitness club owner and manager Marc Jalbert said the January reformers account for 20 per cent of his annual business.

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# Villeneuve should be prosecuted under anti-terrorism law: Henderson

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Equality Party leader Keith Henderson says former FLQ terrorist Raymond Villeneuve, who has pled guilty to harassing anglo-rights activist and lawyer Brent Tyler, should receive the maximum sentence of five years in jail.

And, he adds, Villeneuve should be prosecuted under Canada's new anti-terrorist laws for inflammatory comments he made outside the courtroom.

The former member of the Front de libération du Québec, who was sentenced to 12 years in prison for manslaughter after he planted a bomb that killed a night watchman at an army recruitment center in the 60s, pled guilty on Monday to the charge of criminal harassment.

Now the leader of the ultra-separatist Mouvement de libération nationale du Québec, Villeneuve was charged following veiled threats in his fringe group's newsletter La Tempête (The Storm). In it the former FLQ bomber suggests people steal shotguns and use them against "enemies of the people" like Tyler - a prominent anglo-rights lawyer who has since been elected to head the lobby group Alliance Quebec.

Villeneuve agreed to plead guilty to criminal harassment and inciting others to harass Tyler in a deal where the prosecution promised to drop additional charges of uttering death threats and counseling others to steal weapons. He faces a maximum sentence of five years.

But Villeneuve told reporters outside the courtroom he did not expect to serve any time for his transgressions and that his guilty plea would not prevent him from continuing the fight for Quebec independence. He said he expects to be sentenced to a period of house arrests with a curfew and some community service.

Villeneuve also suggested that if he were sentenced to jail he could recruit members of the Hells Angels - because the independence movement needed people who were "good with weapons."

Henderson said the post-trial comments constituted a breach of Canada's new Anti-Terrorism Act and that Villeneuve should face prosecution under the new legislation.

"The Act states that anyone contributes to an activity that enhances the ability of a terrorist group to carry out terrorist activity is guilty of an offence," Henderson said in a press release on Tuesday.

"Contributing to an activity of a ter-



FILE PHOTO

Equality Party leader Keith Henderson said that post-trial comments made by Villeneuve constitute a breach of Canada's new Anti-Terrorism Act and that the former FLQ terrorist should face prosecution under the new legislation.

rorist group includes recruiting a person to commit a terrorism offence," he said. "I think when you say you are going to recruit Hells Angels to use their weapons for separatist purposes, you're facilitating terrorism."

"Mr. Villeneuve has a history of killing people because of his political views," Henderson adds. "Men like that are dangerous and Ottawa should make sure they are put away for a long time - not given a curfew, house arrest and a few weeks of community service."

Henderson, who said he was also threatened by Villeneuve with bombs and Molotov cocktails, said he will write Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay asking him to include Villeneuve on the list of terrorists being drawn up by his office.

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# Community Forum

## Day returns to haunt Alliance leadership race

**H**e's baaaaaaack!

Like some ghostly spectre refusing to walk into the light, Stockwell Day is back to haunt the Canadian Alliance leadership race.

His entry was not unexpected, just inexplicable. No mere mortal could withstand the humiliation of his 520-day reign and then proudly volunteer to do it all over again, spending two months in airports and taxis fighting to reclaim a role only a smattering of his own MPs want him to win.

There are only two outcomes for his masochistic decision to perpetuate the suffering, both lousy.

He could lose, going down as the hiccup of history who started the Alliance and then join Preston Manning in the former leader's caucus to work on a Day political memoir barely long enough for Readers Digest's consideration.

Then there's the real doomsday scenario - a victory. If a leadership race triggered by the threat of a mutiny against the leadership ends up with the same leader nine months later, what has been accomplished?

For explanations whenever a politician takes hard-to-fathom action, it's always best to check the ego's inflation pressure first. Day has convinced himself that the "political elites" and the "backroom elites" supported by the "media elites" have become the "self-appointed elites" in a conspiracy to cocoon his leadership triumphs from public view.

He sees reality reflected in the Calgary Petro-Canada gas attendant who dashed out of his booth last Saturday at 5:30 a.m., pleading for pictures and an autograph while Day filled up the tank. Or the guy in the Toronto airport last month who shouted unwavering allegiance to Day over the heads of startled passengers. Or even the agog teens who swooned over him on Parliament Hill while we chatted recently.

These are the real people, he says, the real reflection of his public image, not the illusion crafted by the national media.

Now, you can count on me to argue that the real world ends at the entrances to Parliament Hill, in part due to an insular media culture reflected in slanted news coverage.

But there are practical considerations to be taken into account in assessing whether Day's renewed leadership would be in the best interests of the party he's attempting to salvage.

To post only a handful of supportive

MPs from inside a 58-member Alliance caucus that ran on his ticket just 13 months ago is a devastating vote of non-confidence. Slightly farther afield, he's lost the support of Alberta Premier

**VIEWPOINT**

DON MARTIN  
SOUTHAM

Ralph Klein, who nominated his first leadership bid, and, as far as I can tell, there are no Stockholics in the entire Alberta Conservative caucus

where he once served as backup premier.

His party's national council is badly fractured over his leadership, with most of the surviving representatives endorsing his rivals. His Ottawa staff continue to drift off to greener pastures in the Ontario Conservative leadership race. And his polling approval numbers continue to hover in the electoral annihilation zone.

It's a pretty gloomy scenario to be swept aside with a few giddy displays of starry-eyed kids signalling their devotion through disposable cameras and autograph books.

But lest this turn into one of those unsympathetic rants by a "carping critic" of the sort Day blamed Monday for his tarnished image, there is daylight to be seen piercing the Alliance darkness.

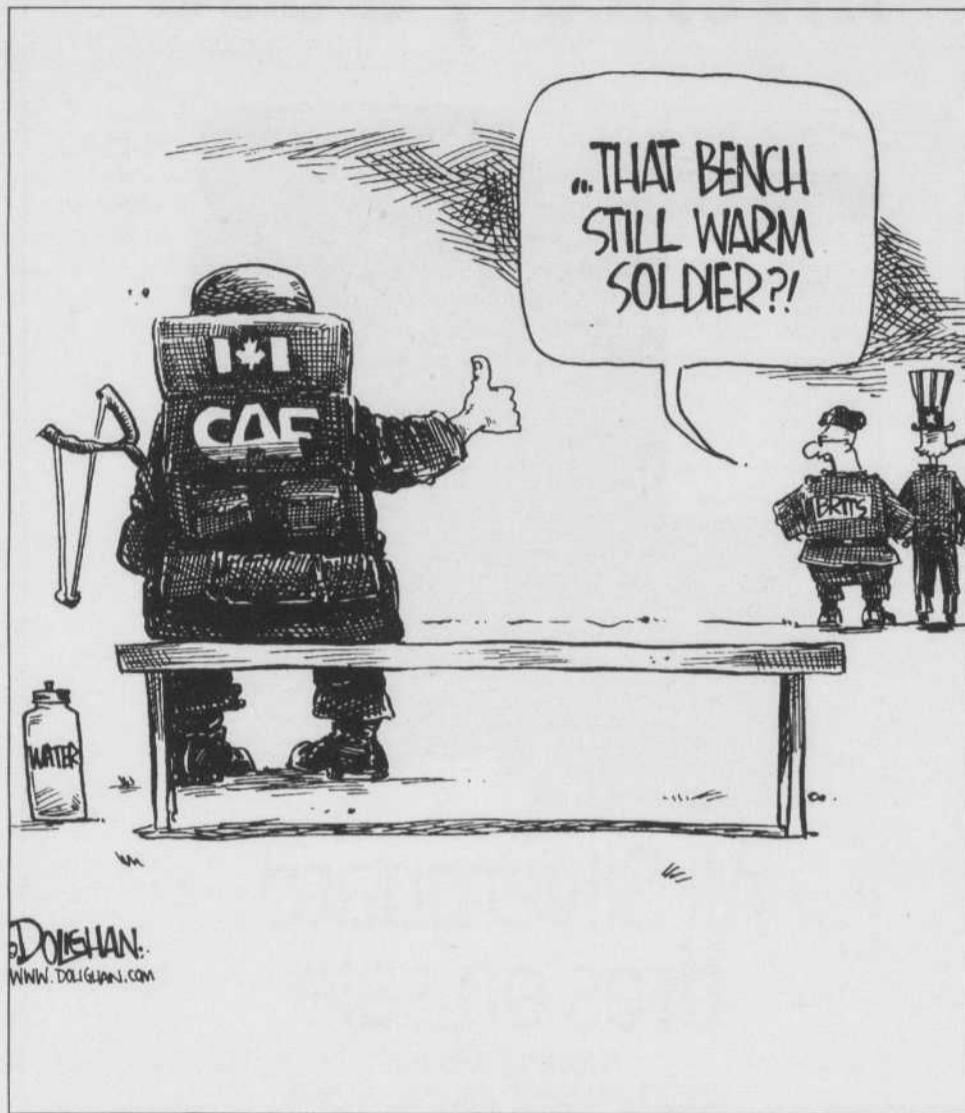
Day can rightfully claim improvement in leading an effective post-terrorism opposition to the Liberals on immigration, military, air travel and border issues.

It does appear most of the Alliance caucus will hold their noses to endorse Day's leadership if it's born again in March. The PC-DRC-DOA coalition of misfits and Tories have become such an unattractive alternative, charter member Gary Lunn has decided he'd rather crawl around on shards of glass in perpetual limbo than share their seating plan.

And Day's Monday night declaration speech hit all the right launch codes, albeit too long, in traditional Day fashion, too late to make early media deadlines in the East and a tad too paranoid about spotting so many elite assassins hiding behind every snowy knoll.

It skillfully portrayed his decision as a call of duty to defend the grassroots' right to pick their leader. While acknowledging his own imperfections, he gushed respect for his rivals and claimed the high ground over Joe Clark as a principled cheerleader for the movement's unification.

But a good speech, like his few positive encounters in the real world, does not put a chronic problem to rest. Renewed or rejected, Stockwell Day's leadership will remain his most contentious legacy in federal politics.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Boycotting deanery board meeting

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to make a comment on the letter I received from the Rural Dean, advising me of a Deanery Board meeting, which is coming up in the near future in Sherbrooke.

I see no point in attending these meetings, (and will not be attending) the reason being that whatever reso-

lutions are passed at these meetings, no matter by what majority, our Bishop does not seem to get the message, and overrules us, and does just as he pleases.

My suggestions is that we boycott these meetings, to show our displeasure with his decisions.

SUE NICHOLAS  
Synod Delegate  
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# Publishing opportunity in the Eastern Townships

The Jan. 31 deadline for submissions to Taproot 2 is practically upon us. Do you know any secret poets, inspired storytellers or a reclusive artists? Why not surprise them with a copy of our guidelines and encourage them to send a sample of their work for consideration?

We would hope that everyone living in the Eastern Townships has already heard of this publishing opportunity, but of course we know that this is not the case. The following text gives a little background information concerning Taproot. You may want to clip it out and share it with friends who do not receive local English newspapers.

## BRIEF

### Computer centres for Anglos

The Megantic English-Speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC) has announced the opening of four Internet Access Centres starting Jan. 14. These centres are being set up to answer a need expressed by the English-speaking population of the Amiante, Bois-Francs and Lotbinière regions. French-speaking residents are also welcome to visit the centres if they wish to.

Tutorials will be offered to help computer users to familiarize themselves with the Internet and new technologies. Tutorial material handed out to participants will be available in both English and French.

A bilingual coordinator will be present at all times during each session to assist participants throughout their learning process, help them in their research and to answer any questions.

These Internet centres are open primarily to the adult population. However, children accompanied by an adult are welcome and can visit and use the centres. Since the number of places are limited, the centres will operate on a "first come, first served" basis. However, people wishing to reserve their place can do so by calling 418-332-3851.

Below are the locations of the centres and the schedule of operation.

Mondays: École Jean XXIII - Inverness  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays: École de l'Amitié - Ste. Agathe 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays: A.S. Johnson High School - Thetford Mines 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursdays: Municipal Library - Kinnear's Mills 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will be required to pay a small fee of \$2 for each visit to the centre.

MCDC offices are located at 919 Mooney Street South, Thetford Mines, telephone 418-332-3851.

### WHAT IS TAPROOT?

The Heritage and Cultural Affairs Committee of Townshippers' Association has undertaken several new initiatives in recent years. One of our most successful endeavours, a soft-cover 128-page book called Taproot: Poetry, Prose and Images from the Eastern Townships, was published in the fall of 1999 and was sold out within a year. Due to the unprecedented success of Taproot, the committee decided to move forward with a second book, Taproot 2. The plan is to launch it at Townshippers' Day on September 14, 2002.

Taproot: Poetry, Prose and Images from the Eastern Townships showcased various works by 31 Townshippers. In it, you can find work by a true cross section of people living in the Eastern Townships. Teenagers and golden-agers; men and women; established and emerging talent; homegrown and transplanted Townshippers are all represented.

Well known local writers such as Louise Abbott, Bernard Epps and Barbara Verity supported our project by donating samples of their craft. We were also pleased to include the work of lesser known local writers such as Catherine Dean, Carolyn Rowell, and Ann Scowcroft. These writers have been published in several literary journals in Canada and the U.S. but they were virtually unknown on their home turf because prior to Taproot, there was no local English language

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venue here for their work.

Taproot also offered encouragement to previously unpublished, aspiring writers. Being published in Taproot helped validate them as writers by providing a book credit for their biographical note and in some cases, gave them confidence to send their work out into the wider world. We are proud to report that we were the first to publish at least three people who have since gone on to publish or garner prizes. Matthew Shepherd had a story published in Blood and Aphorisms; Marjorie Bruhmuller won an honorable mention in the CBC-QWF short story competition; and Ellen Goldfinch was shortlisted for the 2001 BBC International Radio Play Contest.

We cannot forget to mention that local photographers contributed greatly to the overall good looks of Taproot. The book is visually interesting thanks to the artistic eye of contributors such as Louise Abbott, Teri Coburn, Rick Foss, Sue Hoegg, Caroline Kehne, Wallace Noyes, Lynn Ross and Barbara Verity whose striking black and white images punctuate the book.

This book was a labour of love, undertaken by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Selection of material, typing, editing, proof-reading, catering the launch, writing advertising copy and lugging books to stores were all accomplished by a small but dedicated team of volunteers. This same team is willing, once again, to donate hundreds of hours

of their time to produce a second book.

These volunteers were brought together through Townshippers' Association which acted as publisher. Gratitude must also be extended to Townshippers' Research and Cultural Foundation and private patrons whose generous funding enabled us to pay for professional layout and printing of the book.

### MORE QUESTIONS?

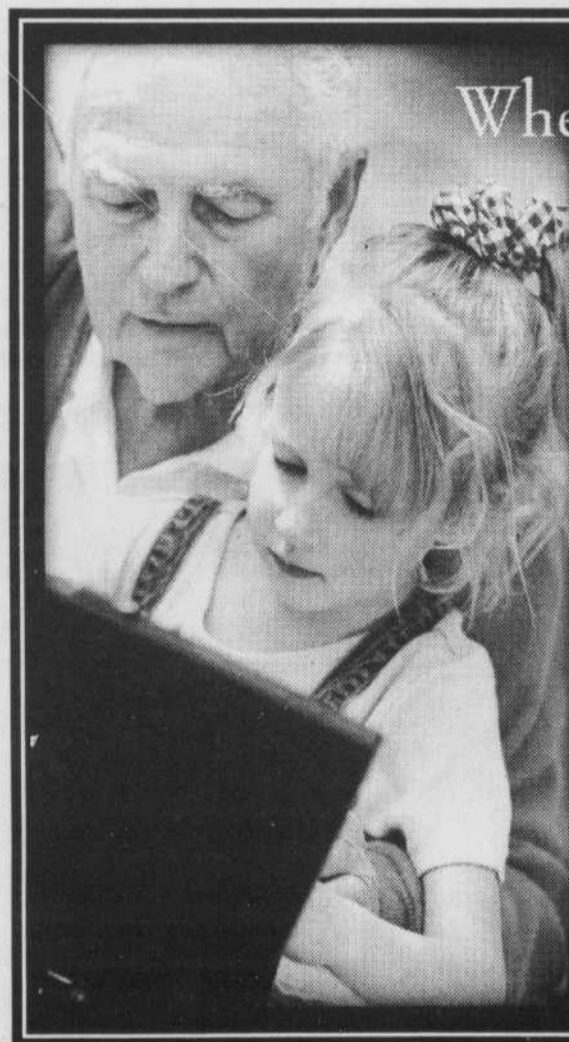
If you have further questions concerning Taproot 2, or if you would like a copy of our submission guidelines, please do not hesitate to phone the Association. We hope to hear from a vast variety of Townships talent. Poets, writers, photographers and visual artists are all encouraged to send work our way for consideration. Do not delay. Time is ticking away.

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Just a reminder that the Mental Health and Well-Being Support Group meets Monday, Jan. 14 at 7-9 p.m. at 257 Queen, Lennoxville.

### HOW TO REACH US

Contact our Lennoxville office at 100-257 Queen, Lennoxville J1M 1K7; (819) 566-5717 or toll free 1-866-566-5717. Contact our Cowansville office at 203 Principale, Cowansville J2K 1J3; (450) 263-4422. E-mail us at ta@townshippers.qc.ca. Visit our website at www.townshippers.qc.ca or our virtual museum website at www.townshipheritage.com.



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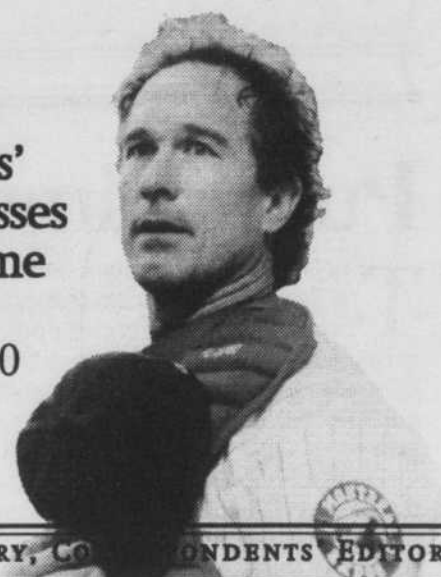
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# Sports

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Former Expos' Gary Carter misses the Hall of Fame by 12 votes ... see Page 10



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JAMIE ZACHARY, COORDINATING EDITOR

## Can-Am connection hits Stanstead

*Eight teams to square off in annual hockey tourney*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

High School sports start the winter season with a bang this weekend when the Stanstead College Spartans host the fourth annual Can-Am hockey tournament.

As in past years, the field will be divided into American and Canadian Divisions and will feature some outstanding hockey programs.

King's Edge Hill, Appleby, Lakefield and the host Spartans will make up the Canadian division while the American section includes Northwood, Berwick, Kent's Hill and Worcester.

"We feel that the tournament will offer local hockey fans an opportunity to see exciting, well-played games," said Stanstead head coach Mike McNamara.

McNamara has attracted a very balanced field with some excellent hockey teams vying for the tournament championship.

The action begins Friday afternoon when Stanstead meets King's Hill at 1 p.m., followed by the King's Edge School-Northwood contest at 2:30 p.m.

Lakefield and Berwick tangle at 4 p.m. and the 5:30 game features Appleby against Worcester.

The 7 p.m. game between Northwood and Stanstead should be an outstanding contest and the evening wraps up with Kent's Hill meeting



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Last year's ETIAC champion Stanstead Spartans mix it up at this weekend's annual tourney.

King's Edge School at 8:30 p.m.

The championship game is slated for Sunday, 3 p.m.

"Kent's Hill is very good, Berwick is a much improved team and Northwood Academy, one of the top prep schools in the Northeast, is bringing a reinforced second team that will be very strong," McNamara said.

Northwood's number-one team easily defeated Stanstead in a pair of games earlier this year and the team competing this weekend is the school's second team with some first-team players added to the roster.

The Spartans, who

are undefeated in Eastern Townships Interscholastic

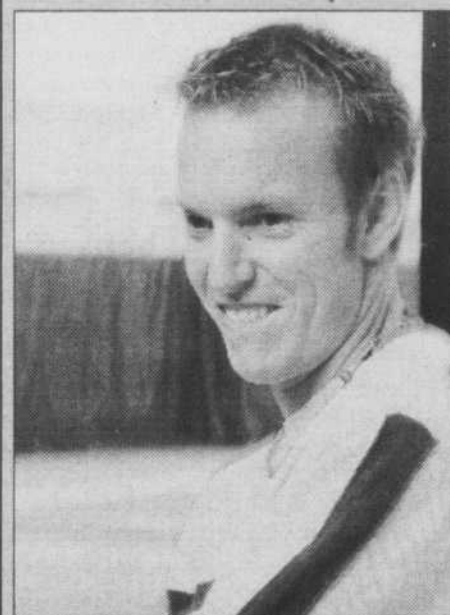
Athletic Conference play, play an impressive exhibition schedule against some of the fine Division I and II New England prep schools.

This past week, they finished second in the Kent's Hill Invitational tournament with a 2-1 record.

Stanstead downed the host school 3-1, recorded a 5-0 victory over ETIAC rival Alexander Galt High School Pipers and then lost to the tournament champion Proctor Academy 2-0.

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## Niemeyer moves to the head of the class



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Townships' product Frederic Niemeyer.

### Deauville's own is top Canadian tennis player

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Canada has a new No.1 singles player.

Just a week after being selected as one of the Record's top athletes of 2001, Frederic Niemeyer of Deauville earned the top honour in the country after jumping 51 spots on the ATP Entry System to reach the no.188 ranking.

Niemeyer reached a new personal high of 239 a week ago, placing him third among Canadian players behind Toronto's Daniel Nestor (219) and Sébastien Lareau of Mont-Royal (230).

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CAN-AM HOCKEY 2002	
JAN. 11-13, (HOME TEAM WEARS LIGHT-COLOURED UNIFORMS)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 p.m.:</b> Coaches and parents reception in Lebaron Reception room
<b>1 p.m.:</b> Stanstead at Kent's Hill	<b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Banquet: School uniform (awarding of all-tournament team)
<b>2:30 p.m.:</b> KES at Northwood	<b>8:45-10 p.m.:</b> Skills competition
<b>4 p.m.:</b> Lakefield at Berwick	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Appleby at Worcester	<b>8 a.m.:</b> Worcester at Lakefield
<b>7 p.m.:</b> Northwood at Stanstead	<b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Northwood at Appleby
<b>8:30 p.m.:</b> Kent's Hill at KES	<b>11 a.m.:</b> KES at Berwick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:30:</b> Stanstead at Worcester
<b>8 a.m.:</b> Berwick at Stanstead	<b>2 p.m.:</b> Lakefield at Kent's Hill
<b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Worcester at KES	<b>3:30 p.m.:</b> Appleby at Berwick
<b>11 a.m.:</b> Northwood at Lakefield	
<b>12:30 p.m.:</b> Kent's Hill at Appleby	
<b>3 p.m.:</b> Championship final followed by presentation	



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Stanstead hosts the 4th annual Can-Am Hockey Tournament.

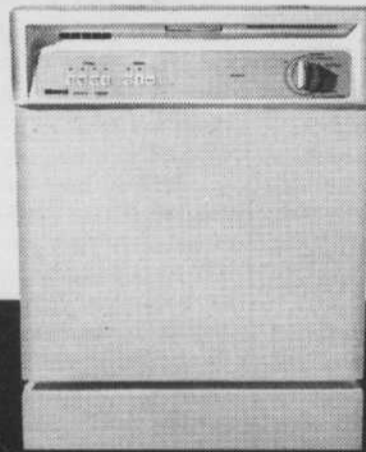
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## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Carter misses induction by mere votes

Ozzie Smith, regarded as the finest-fielding short-stop ever, was elected to the Hall of Fame on his first try by an overwhelming margin Tuesday.

Smith was the only player picked, with Gary Carter falling just short. A 13-time Gold Glove winner while with the St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres, Smith was chosen on 91.7 percent of the ballots.

The Wizard of Oz became the 37th player picked in his first year of eligibility.

Smith was selected on 433 of 472 ballots. To be elected, players had to be listed on at least 75 percent of the ballots of 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Carter got 343 votes (72.7 percent) and fell 11 shy of election. The former catcher's totals have dramatically improved over the years, going from 34 percent in 1999 to nearly 49.7 percent in 2000 to 65 percent last year.

## Cuban says \$500,000 fine 'typical NBA'

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban was fined \$500,000 on Tuesday for his repeated criticism of referees, the largest fine for an individual in NBA history.

Cuban's most recent public comments came after the Mavericks lost to San Antonio on Saturday.

The Dallas owner was fined seven times by NBA commissioner David Stern last season for a total of \$505,000. His largest previous fine was \$250,000.

The latest fine was a result of comments following the 105-103 home loss to the Spurs, when Mavericks point guard Steve Nash was called for a foul with 5.1 seconds left, leading to the decisive free throws.

Nash walked away from the foul with a bloodied head. As a result, Cuban ripped into director of officiating Ed Rush, a former NBA referee.

## On TV

## WEDNESDAY

- **NHL:** 7:30 p.m., Vancouver Canucks at Detroit Red Wings, Sportsnet
- **NBA:** 8:30 p.m., Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls, TSN
- **WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** 10:30 p.m., TSN/RDS Challenge: Canada at U.S., RDS

## Around Town

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## WEDNESDAY

**ETIAC HOCKEY:** Massey-Vanier at Galt, 4:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING

**UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL:** Saturday, 1&3 p.m., Concordia Stingers at Bishop's Gaiters, Mitchell Gymnasium.

**ETIAC HOCKEY:** Friday, 4:45 p.m., Massey-Vanier at BCS.

**ETIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Thursday, 6:30 p.m., SSIAA All-Star Basketball at ETIAC (BCS); **Friday, 4 p.m.,** Bantam Pipers at Galt.

**ETIAC BOYS BASKETBALL:** Thursday, 8 p.m., SSIAA All-Star Basketball at ETIAC (BCS); **Friday, 6:30 p.m.,** Le Triolet at Junior Pipers.

**CEGEP HOCKEY:** Friday, 8:30 p.m., Valleyfield (Jr. AAA) at Champlain Cougars; **Saturday, TBA,** All-Star Game, W.B. Scott Arena.

## Niemeyer caps off record year

## TENNIS:

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The 25-year-old becomes the first player other than Nestor or Lareau to hold the no.1 spot in Canada since Greg Rusedski reached that plateau in May of 1995. Rusedski now plays for Great Britain.

Niemeyer, who has battled adversity and disappointment throughout his four-year professional career, is coming off an exceptional week at the Nossa Caixa Alberto de São Paulo Challenger in Brazil.

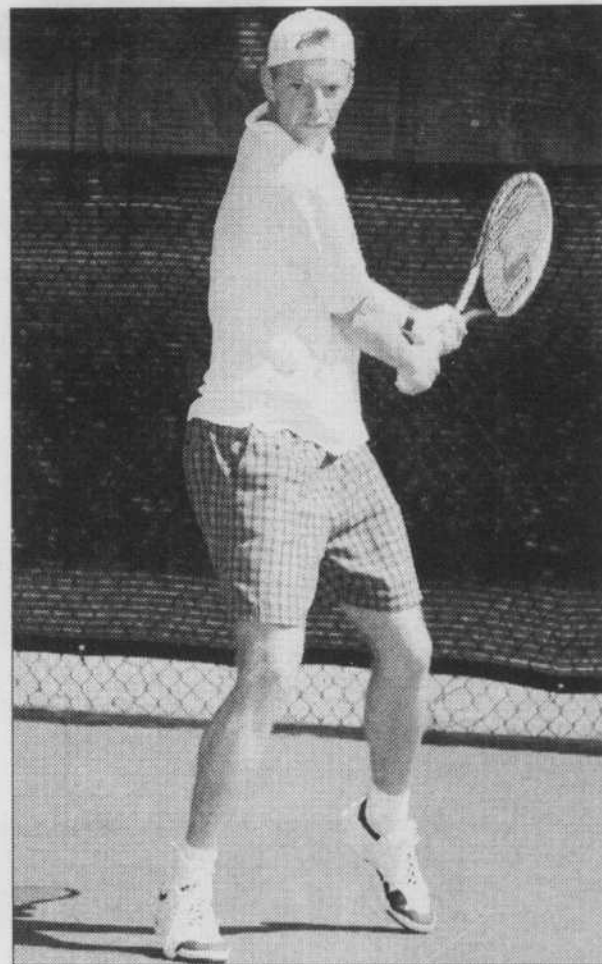
Niemeyer captured both the singles and doubles titles and posted wins over four seeds, including top seeded Flavio Saretta of Brazil.

A member of the Canadian Davis Cup squad since 1998, Niemeyer is expected to be named to this year's team that will play Mexico in February at Rim Park in Waterloo, Ont.

Niemeyer has played well for Canada in previous Davis Cup competitions and will likely be called upon by team captain Grant Connell to play both singles and possibly doubles.

The soft-spoken former All-American tennis player has shown steady improvement since graduating from the University of Middle Tennessee. In the first three years of his career, he literally circled the globe in an effort to improve his standing on the ATP tour.

It has obviously paid off for the Townshipper who now holds the distinction of being the country's best tennis player.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Frederic Niemeyer followed up an outstanding performance at this summer's Davis Cup with a No. 1 ranking.

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"They got two late goals to win it but I felt we played well the entire weekend," McNamara said.

The veteran coach is also concerned about his team's health as the week rolls on. Both Shawn Isenhoff and Marty Sidemen are out with shoulder injuries and Adam Parker is doubtful. The club has already had to deal with the absence of Robert Peratta who is battling leukemia.

"Robert is back in New Jersey and just had his third and final chemotherapy treatment," McNamara said. "He started feeling ill early in the season and was diagnosed with leukemia in November."

While the majority of players on the Stanstead squad hail from the Montreal area, McNamara was quick to single out two local players who have

made contributions to this year's squad.

"Chris Channel and Phil St. Pierre, both from Magog, have played well for us this year," McNamara said. "St. Pierre is a solid defenceman while Channel has played well despite his age (Grade 10)."

The Pipers lost all three games this weekend although assistant coach Bob Halsall said that the staff was pleased with the team's performance.

"The one game we had a chance to win was Saturday morning but one of the vans got lost and we started the game late with half the team," Halsall said. "The competition was excellent and one of the problems we have is that our players are younger and just aren't as mature physically as the prep teams."

It will be a busy week at Stanstead with a senior boys invitational tournament set for Saturday afternoon as well.



PHOTOS COURTESY STANSTEAD COLLEGE

Last year's Can-Am tournament featured many high school all-stars, including Stanstead forward Forino (right).

## Prosperity Rebekah Lodge meets

COWANSVILLE

On Dec. 17, 2001 Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32 met at Emmanuel United Church, 203 Main St., Cowansville with 11 members present with Sis. Jean Scott, N.G., assisted kby Sis. Christina Moleenaar as Vice-Grand protem. "O Canada" was sung with Sis. Irene Williams as pianist and lodge opened in form.

Our N.G. Sis. Jean welcomed all and especially Sis. June Royea who had been absent for 2 meetings due to catarah operation and a very bad cold.

The records of the previous meeting were read by Sis. Donna Luce in the absence of Sis. Elaine Grubb (secretary).

It was reported Sis. Marilyn Mahannah had fallen on the ice and cracked 3 ribs.

One bill for Christmas cards, etc., was handed in. It was checked by the Finance Committee and ordered paid by the N.G. from proper funds.

The treasurer - Sis. Shirley reported all accounts were favorable. Sis. Marilyn Mahannah reported at a previous meeting her Blessing Box money which amounted to over \$166.00 would be going to the Cancer Dept. at the B.M.P. Hospital. It was moved by Sis. Donna Luce and seconded by Sis. Irene Williams that #33. be added to make \$200.00. Carried.

Our last card party in December only had five tables. There will be none in January. The next one will be a Valentines one on Feb. 14, 2002 at the hall at 7:30 p.m.

There were several thank yous who had received flowers, food, cards and gifts from members who had been remembered. Sister Alice Wilson from Ormstown had sent dues and a donation and a thank you for the pewter candlestick holders she had received from our lodge for 80th birthday, one from Sis. Leila Peron for her flowers and cards and attendance for her 90th birthday. A letter from Sis. Hilda McEwing with dues and a large donation of money. A letter concerning the pre-school children at Heroes' Memorial School. There group does not receive any government grant so they were asking for a monetary donation. Sis. Heather Sylvester explained to the group the encounters the teachers have to endure to teach these little ones. After much discussion. It was moved by Sis. Irene Williams and seconded by Sis. Heather \$25.00 be sent

for books, crayons, etc. Carried. Perhaps one might say - not much but it all helps!! The excerpts from the Oddfellow bulletin was to remind us about the bus trip going to Gaspé in July 2002.

Our N.G. Sis. Jean (Sunshine Conventor) along with Sis. Winnie Holliday delivered cyclamen plants (pretty pink) to shut-ins for Christmas. Sis. Ethel Redmile is now at the Foyer Sutton where her husband Bro. Harry Redmile has been for several months. Sis. Irene Williams had received a card from Ann Windle and she wanted to be remembered to all. She now lives in Ontario.

Sis. Jean reported on Christmas visit to Edith Kathan Home. They now have nine guests.

Under Good of Order: Bro. Doug and Sis. Sally Dryden had attended our Pot Luck Christmas dinner on Dec. 3rd. During the meeting, Sis. Marilyn Mahannah escorted Sis. Sally Dryden to center of floor where she pinned her 50 year Veterans' Jewel on her dress. Sis. Sally and Bro. Doug now live in Ottawa. She has been P.N.G. and received her P.D.D.P. Jewel in 2001 in her lodge in Ontario but she was exceptionally pleased to get her 50 year pin from her own lodge - Prosperity #32. She thanked the lodge and was all decked out for Christmas in her finery.

On Nov. 19, Sis. June Royea, P.D.D.P. received her 25 years Veteran's Jewel from our own D.D.P. Sis. Donna Luce who was asked to do the "Honor" on behalf of Prosperity. Sis. June thanked the lodge and also all the kind words that was bestowed on her. Sister Royea and her late husband Earl Royea joined Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32 on Oct. 16, 1976 in Lennoxville at a Degree Rally when Prosperity exemplified to Rebekah Degree on 16 candidates. The late Rebekah Assembly President Gwen True and Grand Master Edward Hyatt were present at the Rally.

As there was no other business lodge closed in form with the Rebekah Creed repeated. God Save The Queen was sung followed by Regalia Pick-up. Lunch consisted of Christmas sweets brought in by members which we all enjoyed with tea and coffee while Christmas gifts were exchanged. All left for home exchanging Seasons Greetings.

June Royea  
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## Obituary

### Murdo Hugh MacLean

**MacLEAN, Murdo Hugh** - Hughie was the son of the late Malcolm K. MacLean of Gould Station, and his wife the late Helen Buchanan of Scotstown, and the stepson of the late Bertha Mills of Three Lakes. He passed away at the Algonquin Nursing Home in Mattawa, Ont., on Monday, December 23, 2001, just 2 months after the passing of his late wife, Lottie. He leaves to mourn his loss, his five children: Donald (Dolly), Russell (Jeanne), Helen (Larry Novack), all of Mattawa and Gordon (Jean) of Sudbury and Debra (James Cripps) of Corbeil, Ont., 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, three sisters: Gertrude MacLean of Edmonton, Helen (Lawrence Parsons) of Burlington, North Carolina and Marguerite Weaver of California and one brother, Malcolm (Christine) of Mattawa, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. The funeral was held on Friday, December 28, in the chapel of the T. L. Smith Funeral Home in Mattawa, Rev. Carol Martin officiated. Interment in the grounds will be done in the spring. Memorial donations to the Cancer Institute, Princess Margaret Hospital, 610 University St., Toronto, M5G 2M9, would be gratefully acknowledged.

### Safely Home

Lottie and I are home in Heaven, dear ones,  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
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in this everlasting light.

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Safely home in Heaven at last.

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Away in the beautiful hills of God  
By the Valley of Rest so fair,  
Someday, I know not when,  
I will meet my loved ones there.

Your daughter,  
BERTHA

### Card of Thanks

**MACEY** - I want to thank my family and friends for making my Christmas so special, cards (136 of them), letters and pictures, gifts and food. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. May God bless you all always.

EVELYN MACEY

### Sawyerville Jean Evans

Wanda, Conan, Elizabeth and Evan Moore came from Kanata to spend the holiday season with Franklyn and Jean Evans. On Christmas day Glenna, Hope and Trudy joined them for dinner.

On Dec. 27th, Elizabeth celebrated her 6th birthday. Glenna, Hope, Trudy, Diane and Rodney joined in the party. Elizabeth was greatly pleased to have her much loved uncle, Larry, call her from Banff. She'll be having another party at home with her friends.

Evans will be four on January 29th, but thought he would like to have a birthday party while at Nana and Boppy's house, so we had another birthday party a few days later. Boppy took them to see Orla's ponies and horses again. They were in the stable so the children were able to feed them carrots, peppermints and hay, then brushed them. They came home very excited about doing this. They also went to see Rodney's cattle and little calves. One day we all went to Jordan Hill, some had a wonderful sliding and others just visited.

Colleen, Nil and girls Caitlin and Jacylin were there, so we had a very nice time catching up.

We were pleased to have a little visit from Susie Garneau and Caleb.

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2 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
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5 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 10			

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002

## Venice Cup semifinals, here we come

By Phillip Alder

The USA-2 Venice Cup team faced France in the semifinals. France hadn't even qualified for the event, but the field was expanded to permit, as is the custom, the host country to play. And France won this match easily, with a score of 261-148.

Here, both teams reached five hearts. In this auction, after North's two-diamond reverse, South's two-heart rebid promised at least a five-card suit, but made no comment on strength. Maybe North should have bid only three hearts, not four. However, surely South should have passed. If North had a whopping 1-3-4-5, she would have made a three-spade splinter bid.

Both Wests led the spade 10 to dummy's king. The declarers cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in hand, and played a club to dummy's queen. The Easts won with the ace and returned a diamond, the declarers discarding a club and winning with dummy's ace. Now came the club king and a club ruffed with the heart eight. The Wests overruffed with the jack and returned a spade. The declarers cashed the heart king, then led a heart toward dummy.

The American declarer called for the heart ace, thus losing two hearts and one club: one down. For France, Catherine d'Ovidio finessed the heart 10 and made the contract for plus 650 and 13 international match points. Why did d'Ovidio get it right? Because after West's lead, East asked if five hearts denied the heart queen. So, d'Ovidio knew East didn't have that queen. And, yes, West should have overruffed at trick seven with the queen, not the jack.

## If you love that ring, that's the one you should have

**Dear Ann Landers:** With many people blaming Israel and Jews for the world's problems, I think this might be an appropriate time to run that great column you printed years ago about Jewish contributions to the world. I promise this time I will cut it out and keep it. — Peggy in North Carolina

**Dear Peggy:** This column originally appeared in July 1981. It was sent to me by Father Theodore Hesburgh, former president of the University of Notre Dame, and written by Sam Levinson. Here is an updated version. The new research was done by David Gaus, a former student at Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans:

An Answer to an Anti-Semite

It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews if you don't want to, but if you are going to be an anti-Semite, you should be consistent and turn your back on the medical advances that Jews have made possible.

## Ann Landers

I am talking about the vaccine for hepatitis discovered by Baruch Blumberg, the Wasserman test for syphilis developed by August Von Wasserman, and the first effective drug to fight syphilis developed by Paul Ehrlich. Bela Schick developed the diagnostic skin test for diphtheria. Insulin would not have been discovered if Oskar Minkowski had not demonstrated the link between diabetes and the pancreas.

It was Burrill Crohn who identified the disease that bears his name. Alfred Hess discovered that vitamin C could cure scurvy. Casimir Funk was the first to use vitamin B to treat beriberi. Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine. Later, Albert Sabin developed the oral version.

Humanitarianism requires that we offer these gifts to all people of the world, regardless of race, color or creed. So the anti-Semites who don't want to accept these gifts can go ahead and turn them

down, but I'm warning you, you aren't going to feel so good.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have been dating "John" for two years. We have a wonderful relationship and have been talking seriously of marriage. Last week, we started looking at engagement rings.

I found a gorgeous gold-and-pearl ring that I love. When I showed it to John, he refused to consider it. He said buying me a pearl instead of a diamond will make him look cheap to our families and friends. He also says it is improper for the bride-to-be to wear anything but a diamond.

I say, since I'm the one who has to wear it, I should pick what I prefer, and I don't care much for diamonds. I've seen a lot of rather ostentatious diamond engagement rings, and I have no intention of making people think I am some kind of gold digger. Diamonds just don't do it for me. Also, I love pearls and would be thrilled to have something unique as a sign of our love.

John and I are both full-time college students. I know a diamond ring would be more than he could afford. I would never be able to enjoy it knowing he had to take out a bank loan to buy it for me.

John is adamant, but so am I. We have agreed to abide by your decision, Ann. What do you say? — Fairfax, Va., Couple

**Dear Fairfax:** There is no law that says engagement rings must include diamonds. I have seen many beautiful rings made up of pearls, rubies, sapphires, emeralds and amethysts. I know couples who have designed their own rings because they want something unique and meaningful. If you love the pearl ring, I say, that's the one you should have.

## Collecting teddy bears for Christmas



The Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Sunday School held a project, collecting teddy bears for Christmas. The congregation along with the South Durham United Church congregation gathered together 60 new teddy bears to be given to the children in New York who lost loved ones in the tragedy on September 11th, 2001.

Marlene Brown

## Let There Be Peace

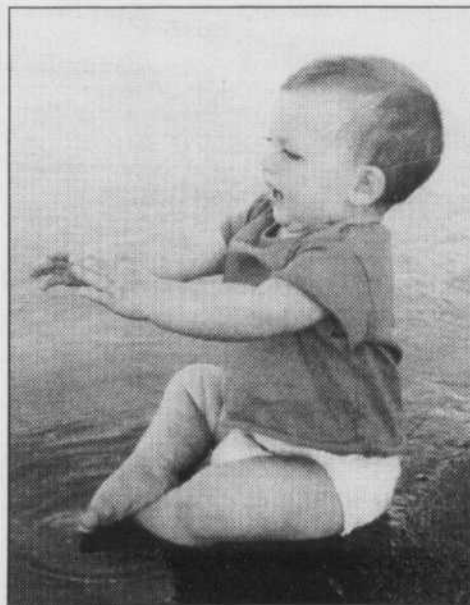
People of this earthly sphere  
kindly, kindly think of me.  
Have you left me land of toil,  
Blood and battles, tainted soil?

Gaze upon my out-stretched arms,  
Will they be safe from lifetime harms?  
Out-stretched arms made for love;  
Not made for human push and shove.

A New Year dawns, I will grow.  
What lessons will the world to me show?  
Don't think of me with gun in hand;  
Sent to kill in distant land.

I'm reaching for the rising sun  
Seeking land where free men run.  
Out-stretched arms so all wars cease;  
Out-stretched arms == Let there be peace!!!

Written by  
David Donnachie  
January 5, 2002



## 91st birthday wishes

Happy birthday to Marjorie Benton Silveright of the London Residence who celebrates her 91st birthday on January 9.

Love and best wishes from the residents and staff.

South Bolton  
Jane Willey 292-5785

Out of town holiday visitors at the Cameron Home included, Merle Bedard, Mansonville; Lise Rivard, St. Hubert; Larry and Sharon Hunt and two boys, Cowansville; David and Esther Harewood, Austin; Darrell Smithers, Highwater; Walter and Marilyn Stairs, Knowlton; Gerry Stairs, Scarborough, Ont., Tom, Cheryl, Jeffrey and Shanna Poulin, Cornwall, Ont.; Russell Bedard, St. Constant; John, Diane, Matthew and Andrew White, Mansonville; Margaret Bloomfield, Bolton Center; Murray and Barbara Bedard, Candiac; Alice Cameron and Larry, Fleurimont.

The lucky winner of the annual raffle benefiting the South Bolton Cemetery Committee was Laurie Bernier of Ascot Corner.

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: C equals U

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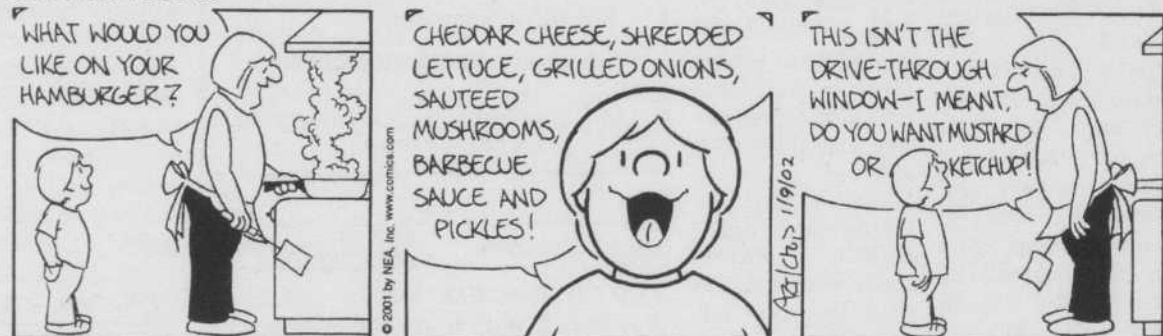
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season. Tara and Kevin came from Bowanville, Ont., George, Jennifer, James, Jonathan and Joran came from Smith Falls, Ont., and Lesley, Jim, Andrew and Rachael Brock from Rich-

mond, Que. Debby and Jack Drummond of Have-lock, Ont., were Christmas holiday guests of Helen and Dennis Taylor. Helen, Debby and Jack spent an evening

with Fred and Marg Currier in Sherbrooke. On Christmas Eve the Taylors and Drummonds attended the church service in Bulwer after which they joined Frances O'Hara and Harvey and Beverley Smith, Terry O'Hara and family, Dean Taylor and family for singing carols for Ethel MacLeod who is a shut-in.

Dennis, Helen, Debby and Jack spent a day with Donna and Danny Nugent and family.

Christmas dinner guests around the Taylor table were Debbie and Jack, Donna, Danny, Scott, Kelly and Harris Nugent, Dean, Patty, Erica, Samatha and Ryan Taylor. On the 27th Debby and Jac, Helen and Dennis joined Frances, Harvey, Beverley and Ethel MacLeod and the Nugents in the Island Brook Restaurant to celebrate Beverley's birthday.

Helen Taylor accompanied Debby and Jack to Renfrew, Ont., where they attended the wedding of Karrie Brennan and Patrick McCann. There they caught up on news of the Kirkby relatives. Karrie is the granddaughter of Fern Taylor Kirkby formerly of Birchton. The Drummonds and Helen continued on to Have-lock where Donna, Scott and Kelly Nugent joined them on Saturday. After spending New Year's Eve with Debby and Jack they returned home on Tuesday.

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002

Personal objectives can be achieved in the year ahead through diligent work and attention to details. You have the mental, physical and financial wherewithal to accomplish these ends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You might not fully appreciate some helpful information that comes your way today, just because of a prejudice you harbor against the source. Don't be your own worst enemy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - It's best to try to get your creditors off your back as soon as possible, so if you accumulate a little surplus today, bite the bullet and apply some of it towards your debts.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't expose your ambitions to a person today who can't comprehend their value. Negative comments might discourage you from going after them or slow down your progress.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Normally you're not one to repeat unsubstantiated hearsay or gossip, yet today, without thinking, you could do so. Realize this can damage someone who may not deserve criticism.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - It might not be such a good idea today to trade or buy something from someone because she or he is your friend. You might get a better deal from an unattached person or a firm.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Don't expect others to be supportive of your interests today if you, yourself aren't willing to cooperate and share with them. One hand washes the other.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - A convivial atmosphere must be prevalent within your workplace today if productivity is to prevail. If you're critical of co-workers, they'll spend their time defending themselves.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - If you rely upon the resources or contacts of your associates today, it could result in a big

letdown. The only person you can depend on is you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Steer clear of any situation today where one associate might try to manipulate you into take a negative position against another. Don't be used as a pawn in this game-playing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - The only thing that could trip you up today regarding attaining a personal objective is if you do something you shouldn't while attempting to feather your own nest.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - There's a good chance you could be inclined to take a risk you shouldn't in expediting a financial matter of importance. Being in too big of a hurry today could be counter-productive.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - To fulfill your goals today will require both ingenuity and persistence on your part, but your objectives are achievable, even if the road to success may be slightly bumpy.

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- 57 Satisfactory symbols
- 58 "Pretty Woman" man
- 59 Altar area

DOWN

- 1 Stand open
- 2 Caspian feeder
- 3 Milanese monetary unit
- 4 Gratifies vanity
- 5 Shifts out of place
- 6 First ship on the moon
- 7 TV award
- 8 Some French
- 9 Mocking playfully
- 10 "Catch-22" star Alan

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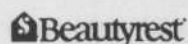
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