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Gang of four charged for slew of Hills B&Es

By Trevor Greenway

MRC des Collines Police busted into a Hull apartment June 18, seizing stolen goods from 15 break-ins that took place over the past three weeks in Chelsea, Cantley and Val des Monts.

Police recovered stolen credit cards, jewelry and two Lord of the Rings replica swords from the apartment, but they are still looking for some stolen cash and electronics that most likely ended up in pawn shops around the city.

"The girl was going to pawn shops and selling the goods," said MRC des Collines Spokesperson Martin Fournel.

"The case is not closed, there are still some items that were taken that we are still looking for."

Orina Gendreau-Fillion, 19, Kyle McCormik Gregory, 18, Jordan Teasley Dicenso, 19 and Curtis Morrison, 18, all of Hull have been charged in connection with all 15 break-ins following an interrogation. The four face charges of breaking and entering, fraud, and possession of stolen goods. Three of the criminals have been released and will appear in court July 8, but Morrison has been detained because he was on probation for a previous armed robbery charge.

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Expropriation shocker at Hwy 5 meeting

By Mark Burgess

The Ministry of Transport's French "power point" presentation was dealing with the replacement of streams and swamps when Mary Carroll rose from the audience with what to her was a more pressing concern.

"Where is 104 MacLaren?" she asked in English.

Large maps of the proposed project - which will extend Hwy 5 to bypass the 105 at MacLaren Rd. - hung from the Desjardin Room's wall with four conspicuous home addresses marked on it. It was becoming clear from the presentation that these homes,

Carroll's among them, wouldn't survive Hwy 5's expansion.

Carroll was among a group of about 30 residents who attended the June 17 information session, hosted by the Ministry of Environment's public relations branch and the Ministry of Transport, with representatives from each on hand.

Upon her interruption, Carroll was reminded that questions would be taken at the end of the presentation.

She waited dutifully for her turn at the mike.

When she got her chance, Carroll stated emphatically that she wanted "to hear it in my lan-

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WORST JOKE OF THE WEEK

A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender says, "What's with the paper towel?" The pirate says, "A-a-r-r-r! I've got a Bounty on me head!"

Waiter, make it one, no, three beers



Joel Turcott (left) and Declan Thomas belt out the lyrics to Bonnie Tyler's sensational hit "Total Eclipse of the Heart" at Kaffe 1870's Karaoke Gong Show June 19. The two hosts ended up stealing the entire show, crooning and swooning all night long. Trevor Greenway photo

Meredith Centre scores cool quarter million from Caisse

By Mark Burgess

The Chelsea Foundation has resumed its fundraising activities with a bang, receiving \$225,000 from Hull's Caisse Desjardins, bringing it halfway to its fundraising goal.

The bank announced it

would be supporting the centre the week before June 14's referendum but the sum was revealed at a June 22 press conference. Notable attendees included Betty Meredith and her son, David - who donated the centre's land - as well as mayor Jean Perras.

Guy Lecavalier, chair of the

bank's board of directors, said he was proud to offer long-term financial support.

"Long 'vie' to the Meredith Centre," he said, earning enthusiastic applause from the small crowd.

The Chelsea Foundation in-

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