

The sentence recommendation hearings of Werner Kyling and his associates continued this week at the Raynald-Fr  chette Courthouse in Sherbrooke.

Following a bilingual jury trial that lasted five-and-a-half months, Kyling, 68, was convicted in April on five counts related to the production and distribution of marijuana in the Bedford region of the Eastern Townships. Four others - Brian Bordo, Martin Castilloux, Gilles Couture, and Benoit Gagnon - were also found guilty on similar drug charges. All have remained detained since their convictions.

from the courtroom, Crown prosecutor Denis Gallant chose not to cross-examine a series of character witnesses brought forth on Monday afternoon. Most of the witnesses testified that the defendants were all hard-working family men who were generally nice people. Gallant followed each of the witness' testimony with a terse statement of "pas de questions."

The Crown is asking for nine-year sentences for Kyling, Couture, Castilloux and Bordo and a five-year sentence for Benoit Gagnon.

During his own testimony on Wednesday, Kyling said he did not deserve such a

guy, and, the judge thinks that a sentence to be served in collectivity is warranted, according to reports.

The defence has not yet finished its recommendations.

Gagnon temporary release rejected

A request by Werner Kyling's daughter, Anne-Lise Kyling, to have her husband Benoit Gagnon released to witness the birth of their son was rejected by presiding Quebec Court Judge Yves Tardif on Wednesday.

Anne-Lise - who was acquitted in April on all but one marijuana possession charge and was not detained - was scheduled to be admitted to hospital on Thursday night to

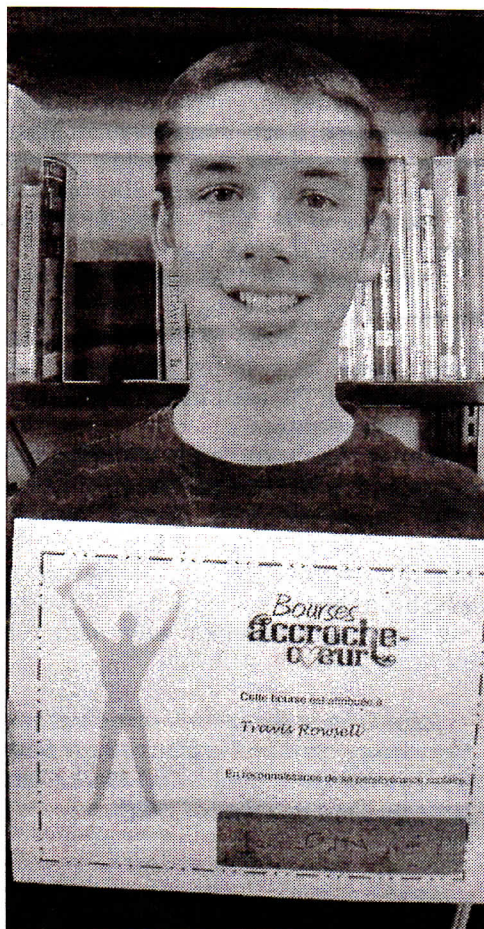
give birth to the couple's son on Friday. She filed the request on Wednesday. Judge Tardif asked Gallant if the release would be okay, and the lead Crown prosecutor said no.

In an email to The Record, Anne-Lise Kyling related that she cried all through supper on Wednesday night, upset over the court's ruling. "My reaction, I just could not believe it. I was shocked (...) It's not every day that your wife gives birth to a child."

According to the court clerk's office at the Sherbrooke courthouse, three weeks have been blocked off for the sentence recommendation hearings. Week-two begins Monday.

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Galt student earns scholarship



COURTESY

Alexander Galt Regional High School student Travis Rowsell has been rewarded for his determined efforts to overcome obstacles by the Jean-Michel Ancil Foundation and Academos who selected him as one of the 68 provincial recipients of a \$500 Accroche-c  ur scholarship. The secondary four student struggles with severe learning disabilities but still has built a reputation for being knowledgeable and bright with a great sense of humour and a friendly personality.

Deal signed with Hydro-Sherb



On Wednesday, the City of Sherbrooke signed a deal with the Hydro-Sherbrooke workers' union to renew its existing collective agreement with the city. On March 29, the financial plan, renewing its deal set to expire at the end of 2011. The new deal runs from 2011 to 2014. (From left to right) Claude Marcoux, director-general of the City of Sherbrooke, Denis Fr  chette, president of the Hydro-Sherbrooke union, Daniel Richer, director of Hydro-Sherbrooke, Jacques Leduc, human resources director, and Dominic Grimard, vice-president of the Hydro-Sherbrooke union, and

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