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Man Arrested in Magog area daycare abuse case

By Doug McCooeye

On Thursday, officers from the Memphrémagog police arrested a 50-year-old male suspect in connection to multiple incidents of sexual abuse of a minor that occurred at a Magog-area home-based daycare.

"The investigation revealed that the alleged abuser committed these acts unbeknownst to his wife (the owner of the daycare in question), towards four young victims between the ages three and five," said Paul Tear, spokesperson for the Memphrémagog police, in a statement. "The alleged acts took place between September 2004 and January 2010."

The suspect appeared in a Sherbrooke courtroom on Thursday afternoon and was charged with four counts of "inciting an under 16-years-old child to touch him," as reads the police report.

Authorities first became aware of some wrongdoing on January 25 of this year when they received a formal complaint of sexual assault from the parents of one of the victims.

The daycare was forced to close down and an investigation, which included people from the Youth Protection Director (DPJ), the Early Childhood Centres of Quebec Association (AQCPE), as well as the Crown Prosecutors office, was opened up.

Eventually the daycare was able to reopen under the condition that the suspect was not on the premises at the same time as the children.

After his court appearance, the suspect was given his conditional release. The next trial date has not yet been set.

The suspect cannot be identified due to a court-ordered publication ban.

Over \$2 million from Quebec for Sherbrooke Airport

Funds to repair battered runway



COREY BELLAM

St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay and Airport Committee Chair David Price "ensuring the safety of the infrastructure"

By Doug McCooeye

On Friday at the Sherbrooke Airport in Cookshire-Eaton, MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay (Saint-François) announced a Quebec government investment of over \$2 million for some much needed runway repairs.

"The investment is even better than we expected," said Lennoxville borough president David Price, who is also the

president of the Sherbrooke Airport committee. Over \$1.7 million is coming from the Quebec-Municipal Infrastructure program, while the remaining \$300,000 is coming from the province's Air Transport support program.

"Renovating the runway allows us to ensure the safety of this infrastructure," said Gagnon-Tremblay. "In terms of work, the different activities, notably those of recreational, commercial, and

military aviation, can develop."

The balance of the project's budget will be covered by the Conférence régionale des élus (CRÉ) de l'Estrie (\$100,000) and the City of Sherbrooke (just under \$500,000); more than enough to cover the expected \$2.5 million cost.

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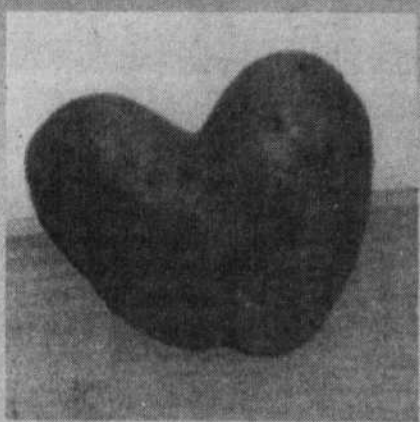


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Tater Love



ELAINE GRUBB

By Corrinna Pole

Elaine Grubb of Cowansville may not have received boxes of chocolate and flowers but when she was making dinner the day after Valentines she pulled out a token of affection that had travelled more than 1,000 kilometres to her kitchen.

"I was getting supper ready that right and I pulled out this potato shaped like a heart, I'd never seen anything like it before," said Elaine who didn't have the heart to carve the tater up. "I looked at the bag and it was from PEI so I told my son since I didn't get a valentine from anyone someone from P.E.I. wanted to send me a valentine gift.

Amazingly the heart-shaped potato has not rotted yet and when Grubb isn't sharing her anomalous find with her friends and neighbours, it can be found sitting on her windowsill.

Naturally forming heart-shaped potatoes, and other vegetables and fruits, have been found growing all over the world. Finders generally take to the internet to try and sell their strange discoveries.

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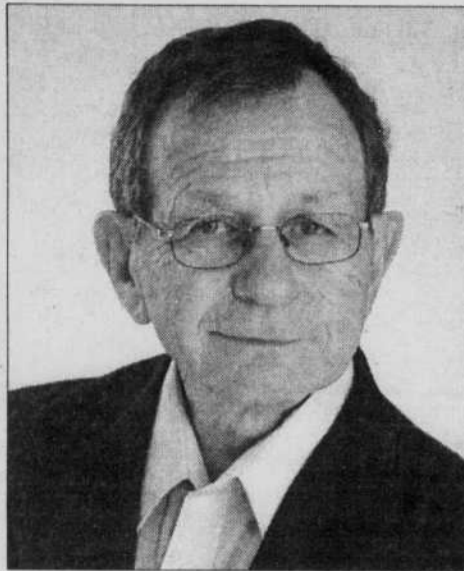
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Teachers & parents offered lessons in growing great kids

By Corrinna Pole



COURTESY

Speaker Chick Moorman will be offering advice on motivating young people to parents and teachers with

Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) educators will be getting a dose of entertaining instruction when veteran educator Chick Moorman comes to town this Wednesday.

The Michigan native has authored several books on the issues of communication and will be empowering teachers with his seminar "Motivating the Unmotivated". The program will focus on helping teachers learn to encourage and motivate underachieving students through the use of positive verbal skills while breaking the cycle of failure.

Using motivational stories and humour, Moorman, a father and grandparent, will also be offering advice to other parents through his evening presentation "Words that Empower, Words that Wound", which highlights effective ways of communicating with children.

According to ETSB spokesperson Sharon Priest, the visit was arranged

through group of teachers at Pope Memorial Elementary School who wanted to share Moorman's expertise with their colleges.

"When Luc Rodrigue who was the principal at Pope Memorial at the time, saw Chick's website he wanted to share the program with parents," said Priest. "Rodrigue thought the parents talk would be good for the parents and students."

Parents will learn to use their verbal skills in a way that will "uplift, nurture, inspire" and empower their children. The entertaining skill training presentation will also include "10 Best/10 Worst things you can say to your children".

To attend the free presentation parents must notify their child's school on Monday, April 19. The presentation takes place April 21, 2010 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 120 Bellevue in Magog.

CFLA issues more HVP recalls

It has been more than a month since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued its first recall for foods containing tainted hydrolyzed vegetable protein (HVP) paste and powder distributed by Las Vegas-based Basic Food Flavors, Inc. and the list continues to grow.

With many Canadian products using the ingredient, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has been working with the FDA to identify and remove products that may be contaminated with Salmonella.

The following foods that may have been distributed nationally, are affected by this alert:

Inovacure brand Chicken Flavour Soup Mix (154 gram, UPC 6 21498 55040 4 461881), Chicken Noodle Flavour Soup Mix (175 gram, UPC 6 21498 55110 4 456197, lot code 430603) and the 14 Days kit (1.6 kilogram, no UPC, codes 466545 and 458648).

Proti Diet brand Chicken High Protein Soup Mix (154 gram, UPC 6 21498 35040 0, code 444974) and Chicken Noodle High Protein Soup Mix (175 gram, UPC 6 21498 35110 0, codes 456197 and 434231).

ProtiLife Diet Chicken Noodle Soup Mix (195 gram, UPC 6 21498 67150 5, codes 453986 and 435758).

Chicken Noodle Soup Mix that has been prepared for the Dr. Bernstein Health & Diet Clinics (175 gram, no UPC, codes 456197 and 430603).

Food contaminated with Salmonella may not look or smell spoiled however consumption can cause the food borne illness salmonellosis. Young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are especially vulnerable to serious and deadly infections from the illness. For healthy individuals the illness may cause symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Long-term complications may include severe arthritis.

Further information can be obtained by calling the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 or visiting their website, where a complete list of recalled products can be found, at www.inspection.gc.ca.

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LOCAL NEWS

"We wanted them to see us as people instead of numbers. The came in grim-faced. They left grim-faced... They showed no accountability, offered no apology."

Mount Real creditors meet with AMF

Victims leave meeting dissatisfied

Doug McCooye

Last Wednesday, close to 250 of the 1,600 creditors who were bilked out of \$130 million as part of the Mount Real Corp fraud met with high-ranking officials from the province's Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) to ask, among other things, why the organization refuses to compensate the victimized investors. The unprecedented meeting was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Montreal.

Huntingville-resident Janet Watson, who lost \$75,000 in the fraud, was not impressed with the demeanor of the AMF representatives at the meeting. "They were defensive, cold, apathetic," said Watson of the officials, who included AMF president Jean St-Gelais. "We wanted them to see us as people instead of numbers. The came in grim-faced. They left grim-faced. When the meeting ended, they bolted out of there (...) They showed no accountability, offered no apology."

Mount Real Corp. was shut down on November 9, 2005 by the AMF amid alle-

gations of fraud. Through a number of smaller affiliates, creditors invested a minimum of \$50,000 with Mount Real and were issued promissory notes in return. When creditors began asking questions about where their money was going, and were not seeing any returns on their investment, some contacted the AMF.

"According to (the AMF), they received their first creditor complaint in January 2005 but didn't close it down until November 2005," explains Watson, who is the spokesperson for the victims. According to Watson, Mount Real continued to take on investors right up until they were shut down by the AMF. "I spoke with a man who invested \$100,000 only a few days before November 9, 2005."

Essentially, the Mount Real investors fell victim to a form of a Ponzi scheme; a fraudulent investment operation that provides returns to the investor through money paid by subsequent investors, rather than from revenue generated by a legitimate business. The Mount Real case is even more complex, in that it involved some 120 businesses that were lo-

cated in a number of different locations.

According to Watson, in Wednesday's meeting (which was closed to the media) the AMF said they had not compensated the Mount Real investors for the \$130 million in losses because promissory notes are not covered under the Distribution Act; an explanation that Watson says is frustrating to many of them because the AMF has recently compensated other fraud victims in similar circumstances.

"The Indemnity Fund doesn't pay very often, and they do cover things like mutual fund fraud and insurance product fraud," said Watson. "Why didn't they cover promissory notes?"

Last Wednesday, Watson was direct in her statements to the officials at the meeting. "It would appear that you are protecting the public only on certain products and not against criminals," reads a copy of the questions from the meeting. "This makes no sense. Why can't you protect the public against fraud... period?"

The Mount Real fraud affected many people in the area, and victims from Lac Drolet, Coaticook and even Victoriaville

attended Wednesday's meeting in Montreal to face the AMF and say their piece. Most seemed to come away disappointed.

"One man said to me that he had low expectations of the AMF going in to the meeting and that, unfortunately, they did not disappoint him," recounted Watson.

While the AMF has yet to give any money to the bilked creditors, they have taken legal action against Mount Real executives and promissory note sellers, leading to a handful of convictions.

For Watson, this is not enough.

"Mr. St-Gelais said that it is impossible to prevent all fraud. It's fine to say that you are not perfect, but this situation caused 1600 people their livelihood and a lot of distress. These are victims."

Watson said that they plan to form a collation with other fraud victims groups in the hopes that their plight will be heard. She says they have plans to go to the Quebec Ministry of Finance and Justice to see if there's anything that can be done. "We haven't given up the fight," she said.

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Over \$2 M for Airport

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In February, the Federal government pulled their funding for the project originally promised (two-thirds of \$2.5 million) when it was first announced last August. The reasoning behind the federal decision was the result of a visual inspection made by Transport Canada that was conducted on last May, which revealed cracks in the runway that were deemed potentially unsafe. While the airport could still host certain flights, the current runway could be hazardous for larger planes.

"What's weird is that the larger planes tend to have smaller wheels, making the runway particularly difficult for them," explained Price, noting that in spite of the runway's condition, they still received about 1,000 flights a month. "Those who use the airport regularly know the runway well and know what parts are safe and

which are not. The runway's condition hasn't affected the situation all that much."

When the federal government dropped out, the City of Sherbrooke reapplied to the province's Municipal Infrastructure program.

"We were thrilled with what Gagnon-Tremblay could do for us," said Price. "And with the CRE giving \$100,000, it shows that the airport is not just a Sherbrooke airport, but really a regional airport."

Price now hopes that the area around the airport will be developed and says that the airport committee will look in to re-starting flights between Sherbrooke and Toronto, an offer that had to be scrapped after the Transport Canada inspection.

The runway project will be split in to two sections, so the airport will remain open throughout the repairs process.

Price said that a ten-



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Sherbrooke Airport Committee Chair David Price hopes the investment will encourage development around the airport and allow for the renewal of regular commercial flights to Toronto

der offer for the repair job is in the works and can be expected in the near future.

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Roadworks

The Ministry of Transport is advising motorists of lane closures due sporadic work on Highway 10, westbound, at Magog between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. from April 19th to the 23rd.

The work will take place between exits 115 for Magog and 100 for Saint-Étienne-de-Bolton and traffic will be restricted to one lane.

With more provincial construction projects scheduled this year, the ministry is reminding the public to Dial 511 or visit the Ministry's website at www.quebec511.gouv.qc.ca to plan their routes.

Waterworks

On Friday, MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay (Saint-Francois), a \$4.6 million joint Federal-provincial investment was announced for the City of Sherbrooke to help repair and improve its water system. The funding comes from the Federal-provincial Programme de renouvellement des conduits (PRECO). When combined with The City of Sherbrooke's contribution, over \$6.9 million will be going towards this project.

Together, the Canadian and Quebec government have accorded a total of \$700 million for PRECO projects under the condition that they be completed by December 31, 2010.

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The Armed Forces fight back

Chief of Staff refutes allegations of unlawful killing

The Chief of the defense Staff, General Walt Natynczyk, sent the following letter to the Chair of the Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan on April 16th, 2010. This letter provide information that refutes the accusations made by Mr. Ahmadshah Malgarai who testified before the committee on April 14th, 2010.

16 APRIL 2010
MR. KEVIN SORENSON
CHAIR
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CANADIAN MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

MR. CHAIR,

I am writing to you today to provide factual information following accusations made by Mr. Ahmadshah Malgarai on April 14th, 2010 before the Committee. Mr. Malgarai made a number of accusations in his appearance that are being looked into by the Canadian Forces, but by far the most egregious was that a Canadian Forces member unlawfully shot and killed an individual in 2007.

Based on the information disclosed in Mr. Malgarai's testimony, the Canadian Forces have every reason to believe that we have identified the event in question.

During the night from the 18th and 19th of June 2007, a Canadian-led operation, supported by Afghan and coalition forces, was launched on a compound associated with IED-making activity. The compound was suspected to be a staging area for rocket attacks against Kandahar Airfield as well as IED attacks against Canadian and coalition soldiers. Details of this event are very well documented. A full year of intelligence gathering by the CF and its coalition partners was done before this Canadian-led operation.

Operation reports which unfortunately cannot be made public as they contain sensitive information about tactics, techniques and procedures, indicate that during the mission an armed individual posed a direct and imminent



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General Walt Natynczyk (right), Canada's Chief of Defense Staff

threat to CF soldiers as they entered the compound. A shooter who was providing support to the operation identified the individual and assessed that he was a threat, and shot the individual. The actions of the shooter were an appropriate application of the rules of engagement and saved the lives of a number of Canadian Forces members that night. This individual was armed and was never detained.

During the course of the operation, ten Afghans were detained. Nine of these detainees tested positive for explosive residue. In accordance with standard procedures, these detainees were taken to Kandahar Airfield where they were processed and determined to be uninjured and in good health. During tactical questioning of the detainees, two individuals made allegations that coalition forces had planted a pistol on the deceased insurgent. It is worth noting that one of the two individuals later retracted his allegation.

Immediately following the mission, an after-action review was conducted to review the actions and outcomes of the operation. It was determined that all applicable rules of engagement and the-

atre standing orders were followed.

As you are well aware, before transferring a detainee into Afghan custody, the Canadian Task Force Commander must be satisfied that there is no substantial grounds for believing that there exists a real risk that the detainee would be in danger of being subjected to torture or other forms of mistreatment at the hands of Afghan authorities. The Canadian Forces do not transfer individuals for the purposes of gathering information.

In this particular case, the Commander at the time considered all the relevant information at his disposal and made the determination to transfer all ten individuals to the NDS in order to allow Afghan authorities to determine whether criminal prosecution was warranted. This is in accordance with our detainee transfer arrangements with the Government of Afghanistan. All individuals transferred were properly monitored and tracked through Canada's monitoring mechanisms.

I want all committee members to know that the Canadian Forces take all allegations seriously and will investigate new allegations appropriately. When-

ever there have been specific allegations, the Canadian Forces have not hesitated to act. As a result of Mr. Malgarai's testimony, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service is conducting an investigative assessment. And we welcome any individual who has any relevant information about this event to come forward and provide a sworn statement.

It is important for committee members as well as Canadians to recognize that we are conducting operations in a hostile environment. The Canadian Forces have always been and remain committed to ensuring that detainees are handled and transferred in accordance with our obligations under international law. We believe in upholding the values of justice, respect for human rights and the dignity of the individual.

Finally, I think that it is important to keep in mind the good work that the men and women are doing in Afghanistan. Since the beginning of our engagement in Afghanistan, some 30,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen and women have helped the people of Afghanistan build towards a brighter future. These men and women in uniform are in harm's way. They are working on behalf of all Canadians in very difficult conditions and they continue to demonstrate great bravery and compassion.

I trust that this information gives you a clearer picture of what actually happened on the ground that evening in June 2007 and demonstrates the lengths to which the Canadian Forces go to ensure we conduct ourselves professionally, honourably and in accordance with the rule of law.

Sincerely,

GEN. W. J. NATYNCZYK
CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF
Ottawa

Canadian scientists help map out hard-to-see sea life

By Margaret Munro
Canwest News Service

An enormous bacterial mat the size of Greece has been uncovered on the sea floor by an international team cataloguing the minuscule marvels of the world's oceans.

"It is quite amazing," says team member Paul Snelgrove, of Newfoundland's Memorial University.

Bacteria growing in long white filaments, which he describes as "spaghetti bacteria," have formed the gigantic mat in oxygen-poor waters off the west coast of South America.

Snelgrove and his colleagues involved with the Census of Marine Life say the mat is one of the largest masses of life on Earth.

But even more "astonishing," they

say, is the incredible variety and number of microbes at sea.

Microbes have been found living in sediments 1.6 kilometres below the sea floor off the Newfoundland coast, and inside deep-sea vents that see scalding temperatures of more than 200 C, the researchers reported Sunday in the latest update from the Census of Marine Life.

The 10-year, \$650-million project, which wraps up this fall, has found an array of sea creatures over the past decade. But the scientists say the tiny, "hard-to-see" organisms are perhaps most remarkable.

There appear to be tens of millions, if not hundreds of millions, of different types of marine microbes, say the researchers, who have sampled 1,200 sites worldwide. They estimate that every

litre of sea water and every gram of mud on the sea floor is home to close to a billion microbial cells.

Put another way, they say the world's oceans contain roughly a "nonillion" (1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) microbial cells.

The scientists have been using new molecular and genetic techniques to reveal the diversity among the microbes and zooplankton that are critical players in the planetary scheme of things. The organisms, which come in intricate shapes and sizes, suck vast amounts of carbon out of air and help regulate composition of the atmosphere, influence climate, recycle nutrients and decompose pollutants.

"Small can be quite mighty," says Snelgrove.

There is growing concern about how

the tiny life forms will be impacted by global warming, and the increasing acidity of the oceans that is linked to rising global emissions of carbon dioxide.

"It could really fundamentally change the way that the oceans work, which is kind of frightening but also very intriguing," says Snelgrove, who is also director of the Canadian Healthy Oceans Network, which is studying the inhabitants of Canada's three oceans.

While the "spaghetti" bacteria have found a niche to thrive in, the researchers say many other species appear to be lurking in the depths, lying in wait to become "dominant species if changes favour them."

COLUMNIST

With these modern cards you can just wave them by a cash register when purchasing from a fast food outlet, making them very convenient

Safeguarding privacy in the digital age

Part I: New technology that gathers information



ANNA MAY KINNEY

NATURE'S WAY

Last week I talked about how some of us willingly give away our personal information, often opening ourselves up to identity theft. Today, I'd like to try and explain how some new technologies can be used to store or even steal our information.

It's important to understand how most information is in today's high tech world. Most branches of government, credit card companies and banks store our information on what's called a database. To simplify what a database is, just try to picture the biggest library you ever saw and multiply that by a hundred, each floor capable of storing millions of pieces of information, and cross referencing it with other information, and all this information being cross referenced with different account numbers belonging to people throughout your province, state or country. That's a mind-boggling lot of information, but with today's digital capabilities, this information becomes micro small and can be kept as computer files, all on one computer.

So when you hear how someone walked away with a laptop, CD or other small digital storage device and may have compromised millions of peoples' records, you can now understand how something that small can hold so much information and what a real threat having this information in the wrong hands can be. Also realizing in a world of great commercial competition, customer information is almost priceless and people take big chances, and at times break laws in order to gather such information.

Not so smart cards

There are many good reasons for people to look at these new RFID (radio-frequency identification) micro-chipped 'smart' cards as an improvement over the regular cards that have magnetic strips that have to be run through a machine in order to identify ourselves to a merchant. This smart technology is also being used on passports, on driver's licenses, and health care cards. With these modern cards you can just wave them by a cash register when purchasing from a fast food outlet, making them very convenient. And who would



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They call them smartcards but in using them, the consumer needs to be smart, too

object to an emergency healthcare worker instantly knowing what medication you're taking, what allergies you have, or any part of your medical history?

While many are for this advanced technology and say that if a hacker were to use a simple device and get your information, it would only be your access code and they still would not be able to get any of your personal information. BUT, others say this is not true, and when a hacker has access codes and knows how to hack into said system, whether that be the health department or other protected computer systems (as history has shown to happen in the past) then they would have access to people's information.

Some say that a simple wallet type folder made out of cardboard with a few layers of tinfoil will block the involuntary reading of your RFID cards. Even though I've read that testing has proven there's a danger to carrying these cards, I don't really know who is right and who is not at the moment, but do feel that until this issue can be cleared up we should all protect cards that have this new technology from being scanned

while they sit in our pockets or purses. I understand that the site *creditcards.com* has also voiced concern over this possible risk.

Coming to a store near you

Remember the guy/gal that used to stand at the end of an aisle holding a clipboard and jotting down information? This was how manufacturers gathered information for years. They were able to check off age, sex, and product preferences as customers went about choosing from a variety of brands. None of us felt threatened by those taking such information. Now we have POPAI Digital Signage, which is a product sign made out of a digital video screen having a micro lens camera, which views the shopper and records his or her reaction to the product in question.

Yes, most stores have security cameras, but most are rerecorded every 24 hours or erased after a few days. How will you feel approaching a screen that supplies you with interactive advertising knowing that they are recording a permanent file of your face, how long you look at their product, and they maybe

even recording your comments through an attached microphone?

This fascinating technology comes right out of Sci-Fi movies. You know where a guy walks through a shopping mall and each time he passes a store a special advertisement is played JUST for him. The store gets its information from the 'chip' that's either imbedded into the man, or on something like a smart card he's carrying and by quickly reading the man's records it places the appropriate advertisement as a hologram in front of him, along with sound which goes through his earpiece. Well we are not to this point yet, but it's appearing that between the smart cards and the new Digital Signage we are not that far away.

Back in your home, a new 'smart' meter was installed, it registers and divides usage into peak and off peak hours, training you to only wash clothes or run high energy appliance before 7 am or after 11pm, which lets you pay the lower amount for each kilowatt hour. Sounds good, doesn't it? Not to mention the millions of dollars we'll all have to pay to remove our very efficient older meters for these new meters. Not very cost effective or environmentally friendly when you consider the metal, natural resources and energy needed to replace something not needing to be replaced.

The smart meter technology goes even further in California where it started on a volunteer basis, moved to parts of Texas where people are given no choice to join. These newest smart meters tell the electric company exactly the appliances in use and the important part is that the electric company can control most everything in any home, starting by completely controlling the heating and cooling system. They'd have control over every electric appliance. To avoid blackouts we used to have entire neighborhoods browned-out for an hour at a time, but never house by house. For what other reasons could we find this or that appliance shut off, and who is going to make that decision?



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EDITORIAL

What's privately infuriated MPs, particularly those of Conservative stripes, is how two of their own have so thoroughly tarred and feathered their collective image without giving any sign of mea culpas as an individual.

All political reps sullied as Guergis case unfolds

By Don Martin
Canwest News Service

OTTAWA - If that bankrupt private eye's hearsay evidence of blackmail-worthy behaviour by Helena Guergis is the full story behind Prime Minister Stephen Harper calling in police to check out his former minister of state, there will never be any RCMP investigation or criminal charges.

The original source of the incendiary information, businessman Nazim Gillani, is of questionable reliability and his alleged observations of the minister's actions are not illegal. That's why the preoccupation of opposition parties trash-talking the criminality aspect of this sordid saga is misdirected.

Allegedly being in a room with call girls while cocaine is snorted by others or setting up accounts in the tax haven of Belize are horrible optics for any politician and may infer guilt by queasy association, but neither is against the law, even under hardened Conservative legislation.

But those pesky and chronic allegations of ethical wrongdoing by a coupling of a current and former MP Rahim Jaffer will do lasting damage not only to Guergis' reputation but, by extension, all politicians. Those concerns deserve a much closer look.

The benefits of being an insider or married to one, as outlined in this scandal's non-stop controversies, are blending into the perfect storm of seedy political elements.

It confirms the public perception of politicians acting above the law and out of self-interest for self-benefit. It will be easily and eagerly embraced as an all-party political truism by the voters.

Trouble is, the vast majority of Canada's 308 MPs abide by the spirit and letter of laws governing their ethical behaviour.

Watching MPs pay for their own meal at luncheons where they've been invited to guest speak is ethical overkill, if you ask me, but they do it. NHL hockey-arena box owners constantly bemoan how politicians refuse front-row invitations to attend games, lest they violate the act.

Setting the squeaky-clean standards so high was a Conservative priority after it formed the government in 2006.

But thanks to the Helena Guergis swirl of smarmy allegations and insinuations, the Conservatives have been dragged down to former-Liberal-government levels.

Voters conditioned to expect better now view Parliament under Tory rule as the same old, same old, where who you know is more important than what you need or deserve.

The only difference, they'd likely argue, is that it's alleged Guergis was caught using the perks of ministerial office. It's alleged she allowed unregistered lobbyist husband Jaffer access to her public office space, cars, phones and special tagalong travel in business class.

Now, the required caveat. They are entitled to a presumption of innocence and, as I said, it seems unlikely there will be criminal consequences, unless new allegations surface.

But there's plenty of potential ethical problems and aloof personal behaviour, starting with the Guergis temper tantrum at the Charlottetown airport which, I'm told reliably, was not as bad as those involving cabinet colleague Jean-Pierre Blackburn when he resisted demands to surrender a bottle of decent tequila.

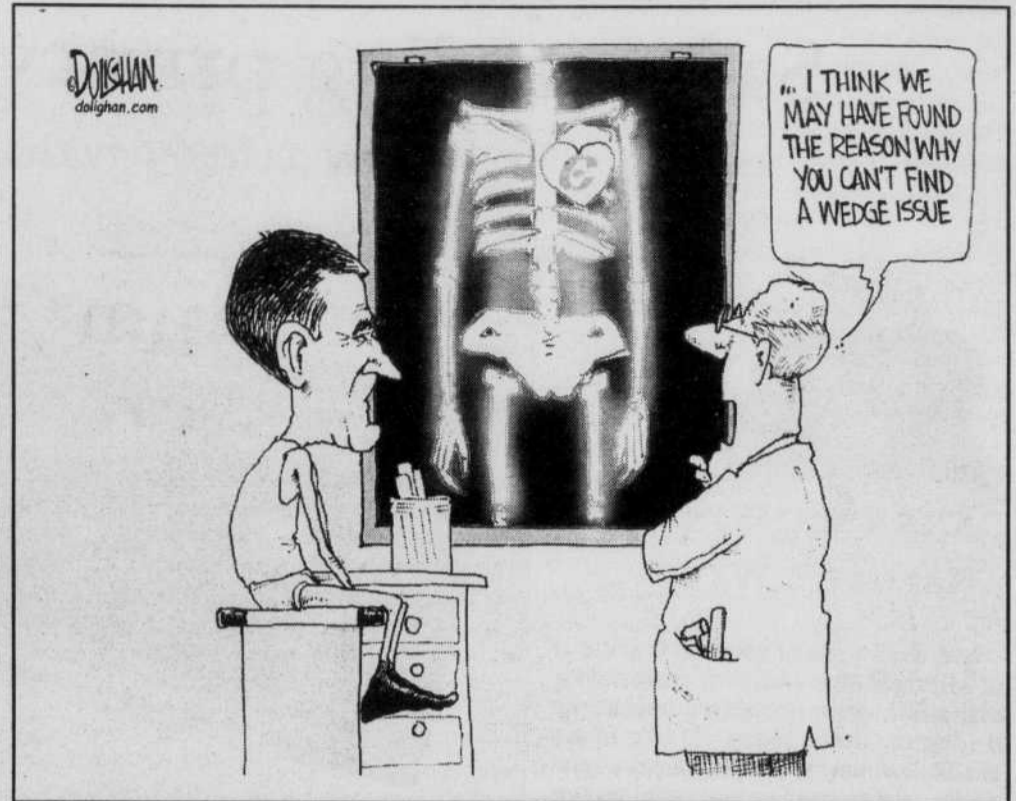
What's privately infuriated MPs, particularly those of Conservative stripes, is how two of their own have so thoroughly tarred and feathered their collective image without giving any sign of mea culpas as an individual.

Jaffer, who was an 11-year veteran of the caucus, never admitted he did anything untoward after being charged with driving drunk and possessing cocaine. He merely said he was sorry for careless driving.

In e-mails to his few remaining friends, Jaffer still laments he's been hard-done by the media coverage of his indiscretions without a hint of remorse for the Conservative team. It is, MPs say, a serious character flaw and that includes Guergis, who they say hasn't expressed sufficient remorse for her behaviour.

They have badly redefined the "political class" to which Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff publicly declared he belongs in this country as a superior tier of citizens entitled to their entitlements.

What's worse, this mess is not even close to being over. With committee appearances by implicated individuals on the horizon, this will become a train wreck with a difference. This train wreck will be caused by people coming straight out of the Playboy Mansion.



Letters

Canadians in general should be, or rather need to be, more aware of the information they are providing to any organization

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Protecting our personal information

We would like to clarify and share a few facts with your readers in follow-up to a story which appeared in your newspaper on April 12, 2010 by Anna May Kinney. In her commentary, she references the AIR MILES® Reward Program to make a point about privacy in general, and data collection practices and possible impacts on our private lives in particular. While we cannot comment on what other organizations may do with Canadians' personal information, we have, and will continue to advocate our own position on privacy. We appreciate Ms. Kinney's concerns for the protection of personal information and in particular its use. She is correct in suggesting that Canadians in general should be, or rather need to be, more aware of the information they are providing to any organization and what those organizations may be doing to secure and use it. On this point we agree. In fact, transparency, protecting personal information and respecting the consent we have been given to use the information, has always been a fundamental principle in our relationship with our Collectors. In addition, the personal information we collect is used only for the purposes of administering the Program - for example the management of Collector Accounts to accurately record and update reward mile balances - processing Collector redemptions, invoicing Collector, Sponsor and Supplier accounts, communicating offers, promotions and contests to Collectors and understanding Collectors needs and preferences. We do not give, rent or sell Collector lists to any

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While there is some common ground between Ms. Kinney and most reasonable people and organizations across this country with respect to privacy and the responsibility of all, to broadly insinuate that organizations are collecting information indiscriminately and using this information for purposes other than for the reasons it was collected is unfair and misguided.

More information regarding our approach and privacy policy is available at www.airmiles.ca.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL MEROWITZ
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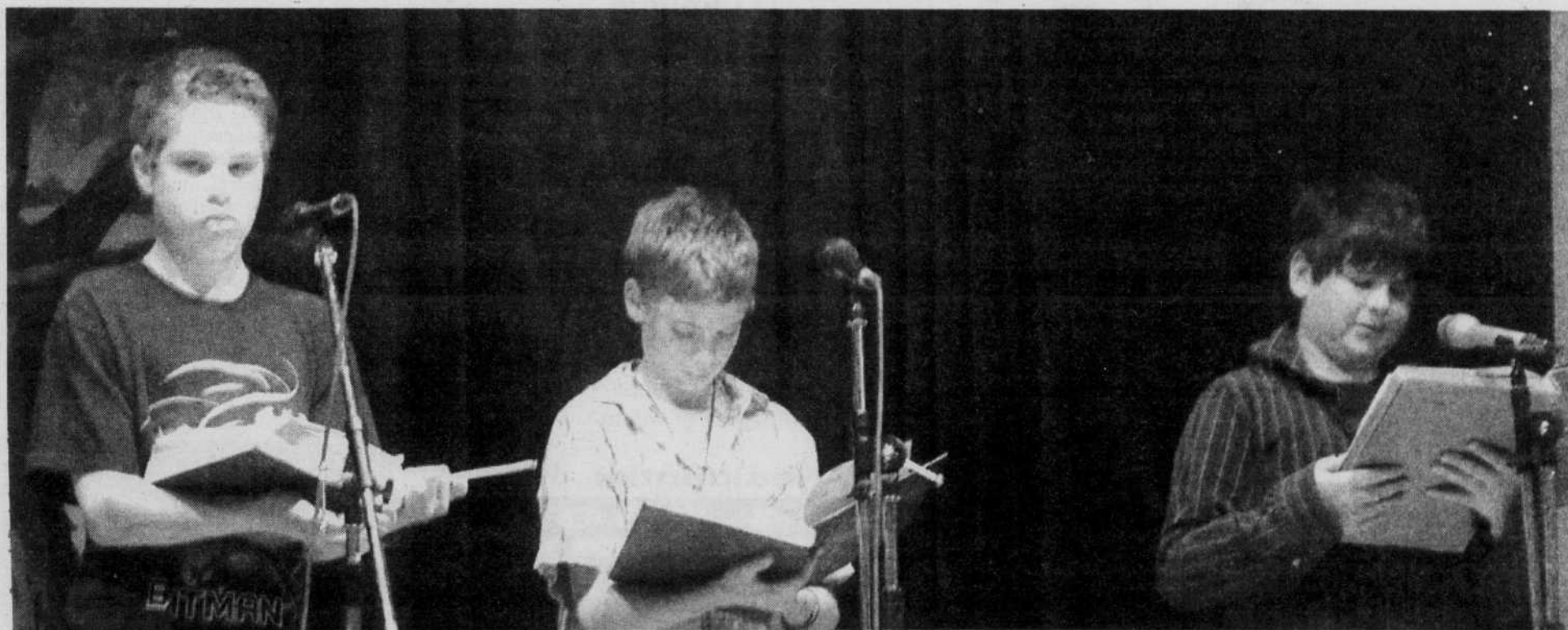
'A Tale of Sawyerille' celebrates local history



PHOTOS/COREY BELLAM

Students recreate the fun once had at the dances at the Oddfellows hall

At Zeph Rousseau's Barbershop, locals gather to chat and share the news as Doc Curtis Lowry (played by Thomas Rothney) gets a trim before heading off to one of his many housecalls.



The evening's narrators (l to r) Joshua Bowker, Benjamin Burns and Jake Bell kept the story moving

Spring was busting out all over at Sawyerille elementary school last Thursday evening as the students put on, once again, the annual Spring Concert. This year, the theme was historical and local with skits performed telling the tale of the Great hereford railway Uprising reminisced about the dances at the Oddfellows Hall and revisited Zeph Rousseau's barbershop, which served as unofficial meeting place for Sawyerille residents for many years.

Attendees were also treated to a display of old photographs, provided by Jack and Lois Garneau and Bonnie Fowler. The music was provided by Janice Graham, and Corrine McBurney, and Kathryn and Carlyle Rothney.

Golden Lion Softball – Pitch it to me one more time

The Golden Lion Reunion Softball Team, with the support of the Pub & Brewery of the same name, returned from a very successful 26th consecutive appearance in the Pointe Claire, Balle Donne Tournament held, June 19 - 21, 2009 at Valois Park in

Pte. Claire, Quebec.

The Lion won 6 consecutive games to win the "A" championship at last year's tournament. This was especially sweet after having lost in the finals the year previously while we were celebrating our 25th anniversary at this prestigious tournament. A big thanks

to Stan and the Pub as well as to all of the players who made this victory possible.

The Golden Lion Softball team played in the Masawippi Valley Softball League in the 70's & 80's, winning several league championships, as well as many tournaments throughout the province, including the very prestigious Yvon Pif Depatie, slo-pitch tournament in 1978.

The reunion team continues to represent the Golden Lion name, the town of Lennoxville, as well as the Townships every June at this very competitive tournament where the proceeds support various charities and children's activities.

We will be doing it all again this June.

Kevin MacIver
Golden Lion Softball

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Bruno Therrien, the Regional Director for Investors Group, presents a cheque for \$1,500 to the Lennoxville Wheelchair Curling team last Wednesday at the ceremonies officially ending the 2010 season at the lennoxville Curling Club. The money is to help defray the costs associated with the trip to the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Kelowna, B.C.

The team returned home with a disappointing 3-6 record, but the team plans on doing better next year. Pictured with Mr. Therrien is Second, Denis Grenier, Skip Benoit Lessard and Third, Carl marquis. Absent from the photo were Lead, Johanne Daly and substitute Nicole Huberdeau

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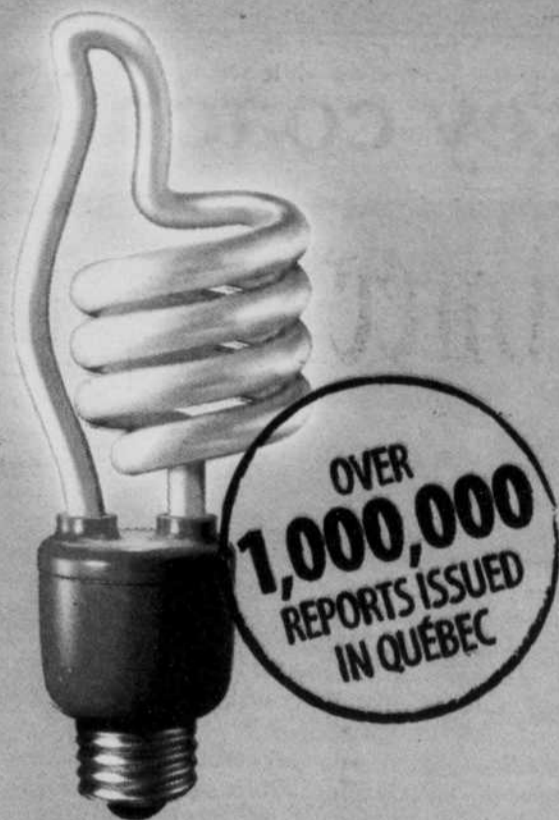
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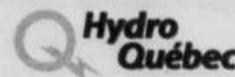
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Local Sports

"It's certainly not the girls that's for sure. I'll miss them. They're fun. They'll drive you crazy, but they have such a good time and they're just such a good group."

BU hockey coach Hunting retires

By Zachary-Cy Vanasse

After 16 years at the helm of the Bishop's Polar Bear women's hockey team Karl Hunting is hanging up his whistle, more or less. Though Hunting is stepping away from the position as, as he puts it "the team's only coach," he'll be staying on in some capacity next season to make sure the transition goes smoothly with former Polar Bear player Maryse Richard taking over as the club's newest bench boss.

"I'm just helping manage a little until she gets her feet in. I'm not going on the ice anymore or anything like that," says Hunting.

After a decade and a half plus at the helm of the squad, Hunting's help with the transition will likely be welcomed since a coach can gather a lot of phone numbers and contacts over that kind of time line. The Polar Bears are a club team these days and they depend on tournaments and randomly scheduled games to make up their season, if Hunting were to simply walk away with his rolodex the Polar Bears could find themselves with a very short season. Still, he says he'll only be lending a helping hand as Richard takes the reigns, insisting that his days as the bench boss are officially over.

"If you add the ten years of minor hockey that I did before, that's 26 seasons in total," he says, "and that's every winter in those rinks. After that you just get burnt out." Through his years behind the bench he's logged a lot of hours on the road as well with the team travelling into the United States, and all over the eastern half of Canada for games and the road will also take its toll.

"The travel starts to get to you after awhile. It's not my day job you know, so you spend a weekend driving to and from these tournaments and then you



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Hunting served 16 years as the BU women's hockey team head coach

have to be at work on Monday morning. It's a lot."

The freezing rinks and the long hours on winter roads have a lot more to do with his retirement as coach than anything connected to the game or the players. "It's certainly not the girls that's for sure," he insists. "I'll miss them. They're fun. They'll drive you crazy, but they have such a good time and they're just

such a good group."

Through all those years logged between practices and games Hunting's best memory comes from winning the Dorval Invitational Tournament but he says what he has liked seeing the most is the change in the women's game.

"The calibre of the girls out of high school is so much better now. The women being in the Olympics has really

put women's hockey on the map," he says.

In his early days as coach, that was three principals and three athletic directors at Bishop's ago for those keeping score, many of the women who came to play for the Polar Bears had little to no experience with the game. These days that has changed with many players starting young and at least gaining experience with the game at the high school level.

While there have been disappointments and struggles, including the team losing its varsity status to become a club team on campus, Hunting insists there have been no lowlights during his run. "Sure from time to time you'll have a disappointment, or some frustrations you know, but really, truly there have been no lowlights in all those years."

When asked what the highlight of it all would be he answers without hesitation. "The biggest thing is seeing a player mature over four years."

Many players have gone through his dressing room in 16 years and they've varied in talent from the extremely talented to those who barely knew how to skate when they joined the team. He has a story about many, if not most, of them all of which he'll recall happily. "All that time I really, really enjoyed myself," he says.

When asked what kind of advice he'd give Richard, for whom he purchased a whistle now that she will be taking over, he simply says, "Be very, very patient."

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DR. GOTT



Weight loss may help hypertension

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 57-year-old male with hypertension, for which I take Levatol. Nine years ago, when I weighed 338 pounds, I was treated for the hypertension for the first time. I managed to lose 138 pounds by mid-2002, and the problem went away. Since then, I have gained back half the lost weight and am once again hypertensive. Will losing that weight again result in the loss of the hypertension?

A second concern I have is with the prostate. As you are aware, we are bombarded with advertisements hawking drugs to resolve BPH. In the ads, symptoms are listed. Based upon the symptoms, when should I seek a doctor's advice? I have some of the symptoms but not nearly to the extent spoken of or written about in the commercials. For instance, I don't fully empty my bladder and may have to urinate twice at night, but that often depends upon how tired I am and what I have consumed. I have my PSA checked each year, and it's always found to be within normal limits. Physical exams have also proved negative.

DEAR READER: Let's consider your issues one at a time. I assume you have been placed on Levatol, a prescription medication designed for combating high blood pressure and other conditions. The drug slows down the heart, thus allowing it to pump more efficiently. It should not be prescribed for people who already have a slow heart-beat or other specific cardiac conditions or asthma.

Being overweight or obese raises the risk of hypertension. The more body mass a person has, the more blood is required to supply oxygen and nutrients to the body's tissues. And, as you have discovered, weight reduction can

Death



BUCKLAND, George (July 2, 1927 - April 13, 2010) - It is with deep regret that we face the passing of George Buckland of Beebe, QC after a long and arduous illness at the Magog Hospital on April 13, 2010. He will be greatly missed by his loving companion of many years Yolande Lapierre, her children and grandchildren, whom he was loved by and loved dearly. At the request of the deceased, there will be no service or visitation. A private burial of ashes will be held at a later date.

In Memoriam

ADAMSON, Edwin (Eddy) - In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away on April 19, 1999. *Thoughts of you are always near, But forever in my heart; Your memory I treasure.*
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often bring blood pressure levels within a normal range, allowing for a reduction or complete elimination of medication in some cases.

An attempt at weight loss will likely be coupled with making more healthful food choices, eating smaller portions, reducing salt, and decreasing or eliminating fast foods. Not only will you get around more easily and feel better; your entire body will run more smoothly. It is far healthier to lower your body weight and control your hypertension without the use of drugs than to stress your entire system and expose it to possible side effects of medication. Lifestyle changes are not always easy, but, as a general rule, they are well worth the effort.

Death



LEITH, Eva Elizabeth (nee McCrea) - Eva passed away peacefully at the Grace Christian Home on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Elizabeth (Gary) Bailey, grandchildren Angela (David) Paquette, Jason (Lisa-Marie) Leith, Erika (Donny) Bowen, and great-grandchildren Emma, Sara, and Kiera Paquette, Kelly-Anne Leith and Kaylee and Nicholas Bowen. Eva leaves to mourn her sister-in-law Joan (Donald) McCrea of Winnipeg, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Allan and Lillian Leith of Coaldale Alberta; also many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Predeceased by husband Robert in 1998, her son Edward (Margaret) in 2003, her sisters Marion McCrea, Helen Lowry, Dorothy Learmouth, Connie Little, Jean Nutbrown and brothers Kenneth, Donald and Bruce McCrea. Funeral service will be held at the Lennoxville United Church on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment of ashes in the Malvern Cemetery, Lennoxville. As memorial tributes, donations to the charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, (819) 564-1750, www.casshomes.ca.

If you have periodic blood testing to evaluate your prostate and have an annual exam, you can likely forget all the ads you see on television and in newspapers. A digital exam will reveal any prostate growth that might require follow-up. If you are aware you don't empty your bladder completely, try to do so. Nighttime urination is common if fluids are consumed too late in the evening. Consider a trial of no fluids for four hours prior to retiring for the evening. If you sleep through the night without having to urinate, you have your answer. Then speak with your primary-care physician to determine whether your fears are valid. If you remain concerned following the visit, request a referral to an urologist.

Death



SYLVESTER, Helena - Suddenly at the St-Paul's Rest Home, Bury, QC on Friday April 16, 2010 at the age of 87 years. Helena Maude Martin beloved wife of the late Clayton Sylvester and dear mother of Hazel (Bruce Kerr), Bill (Linda Lowe), Myrna (late Pierre Bolduc), Brenda (Brian Lowe), late Joyce (Jr. Thompson), Geraldine (Bill Murray), Wanda (Roland Duquette) and Pete (Rena Charron). She was the cherished grandmother of 24 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Helena is also survived by her sister Louise (Vernon Mosher) and her sisters in law Marjorie (late Eric Martin) and Lillian (Late Charles Martin) and also by several nieces, nephews and many others relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 554 Main St., Bury, QC, 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca <http://www.casshomes.ca> where friends may call on Tuesday April 20, 2010 from 1 to 2:45 pm followed by the funeral Service at 3 pm at St-Paul's Anglican Church, Bury. Rev. Canon Ron West officiating. Interment in the Bury Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Breakfast Program - Pope Memorial Elementary School, 523 Stokes St., Bury, Qc, JOB 1J0 will be gratefully Acknowledge by the family.

To provide related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like copies should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order for each report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

Dr. Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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Parents and in-laws often feel awkward complimenting a child to his face

Dear Annie: My husband of many years has become emotionally distant. We used to spend a lot of time together, but he recently took a new job in another town and has an apartment there. We see each other once or twice a week for a few hours. I have a full-time job that I can't leave.

My husband doesn't seem to care that we aren't together much. He is OK with my having a social life without him, but I'd rather not, and as a result, I don't go out much.

I tell my husband everything that is going on in my life, but he never shares. I usually don't find out about the things he's done until after the fact and almost always through a third party. I know he is faithful, and most of the time, the things he does are pretty tame, although I resent that he keeps them "secret."

For example, instead of going to work last week, he flew across the country to buy a vintage motorcycle. I knew he was interested, but had no idea he wasn't at

work until the credit card company called to confirm an out-of-state purchase. I didn't hear from him for three days. This is not the first time he has done something like this.

I try to be tolerant, but this motorcycle trip upset me. He insists I'm the one with the problem. He says he will "quietly continue to love me until death do us part," but when I get angry, he claims it justifies his staying away.

How am I supposed to handle this? He refuses to go for counseling. I don't want to give up on my marriage, but I feel totally abandoned. — Desperate

Dear Desperate: Your husband's new job has confused him into thinking he's single and not responsible to you when it comes to discussing financial decisions or sharing his travel plans. And it's likely to get worse. If you want to save the marriage, you will have to be the one to make the greater effort. Can you spend weekends in his town? Can you meet halfway for dinner more often?

Annie's Mailbox

Also, find active things to do so you are less focused on his absence, and please get some counseling for yourself.

Dear Annie: In my aerobics class, there is a woman who wears a headset and often stops in the middle of a routine to read her notes. This makes the rest of us constantly work around her to avoid an accident.

Some of the members have already brought their concerns to the instructor, who won't say anything, so it continues to be a problem. How can we be assured that we can exercise without being injured during the sessions? Aren't we entitled to a safe environment? — Concerned About Safety

Dear Concerned: The instructor should speak up and ask the woman not to be a hindrance in class. However, since that isn't happening, it would help if a group of you complains to management. You also can ask the woman directly. Before or after class, tap her on

the shoulder and explain that her sudden stops are creating all sorts of havoc and you would appreciate it if she would exercise away from everyone else so she doesn't get hurt.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Wits' End," who has a bipolar child and a hard-hearted husband.

I have a bipolar child and know the difficulty a marriage faces under these circumstances. If her husband has been counseled about bipolar illness and still isn't on board, the marriage is effectively over. "Wits' End" needs to recognize this and focus on the person with the greatest lifelong need — her daughter. — Massachusetts

Dear Massachusetts: We agree that the husband is not helping, but the daughter is an adult and, bipolar or not, will be on her own one day. Mom should not have to sacrifice her marriage if there is a way to save it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Women's Institute - Cleveland Branch

On April 3, 2010, on a beautiful sunny day, we gathered at the home of Matty Banfill for our meeting. Seven members were in attendance. Myrna Hebert, our President welcomed everyone, thanked Matty and wished us all a Happy Easter.

Minutes were read and approved. No treasurer's report was given as Doris is in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery.

Thirty people attended the County Meeting; three from our group were there, Myrna, Matty and Doris. It was reported that the Campbell soup labels which had been collected went to a school for the deaf in Brockville, Ontario and they were able to buy small musical instruments from this campaign.

Myrna spoke of the trip to the Adelaide Hoodless Home in Hamilton, Ontario. No one from our group seems interested.

This year's convention will take place

on June 12, 2010 and the 100th Anniversary of the Provincial W.I. will be held next June.

Committee chairs:

Matty: Read an article on how to keep blooms bright and double their longevity. Place in warm clear water after cutting. Cut leaves off if they are in the water and add a few drops of bleach. Keep away from heat, draft, sunshine, fruit or direct sunlight. Good luck!

Dayle: Passed out an article on miniature carrots and how they are prepared.

Peggy Healy won the floating prize and the meeting was adjourned.

As usual we all headed for the lunch that Matty had prepared for us.

Next meeting will be held on May 1 at 8 a.m. as this is the day of our Jumble Sale. Dinner will be ordered in. Do not forget that we will be setting up for the Jumble Sale on April 30 at 6 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of the late Dorothy Huxtable Window, nee Maynes, who passed away at Courville's on March 23. She had celebrated her 100th birthday on March 15 with many of her family present. Her son Clifford Huxtable of the Island of St. Helena and Mac and Donna Lewis of Newmarket, Ontario, had spent ten days with Shirley and Doug Beakes to attend the get-together. Also present were grandchildren from Scotland, New York, Connecticut and Ontario.

Recent supper guests of Jo-Ann Arnott and Fred Stechl were Graham, Kathy, Mia and Lauralei Payne of Ottawa, Chris, Dee, Eli and Jade Stechl of South Bolton, and Barbara Stechl and family of Magog.

Word has been received that Jean Levire of Shawville Q.C., has passed away. She was president of the Rebekah Assembly for the year 1977 and 1978. Her last few years were spent in a rest home and hospital.

We were in Granby for Easter supper at the home of Ralph and Sheila Bernard. David, Rosa, Justin and Christopher Bernard were present from Mississauga, Ontario, and Michele Hamel and daughter, Jasmine of Montreal. We are sorry to hear that Alice Anderson was in the hospital. Get well wishes go out to her. She is now home.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the late Bruce Heath who passed away recently.

Anna and Clem Willis were in Kanata, Ontario, guests of Adele and Allen Hunter.

There was a surprise 50th birthday party for Debbie Hunter. A very nice party and a complete surprise for Debbie.

Judy Dalton

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by Luis Campos

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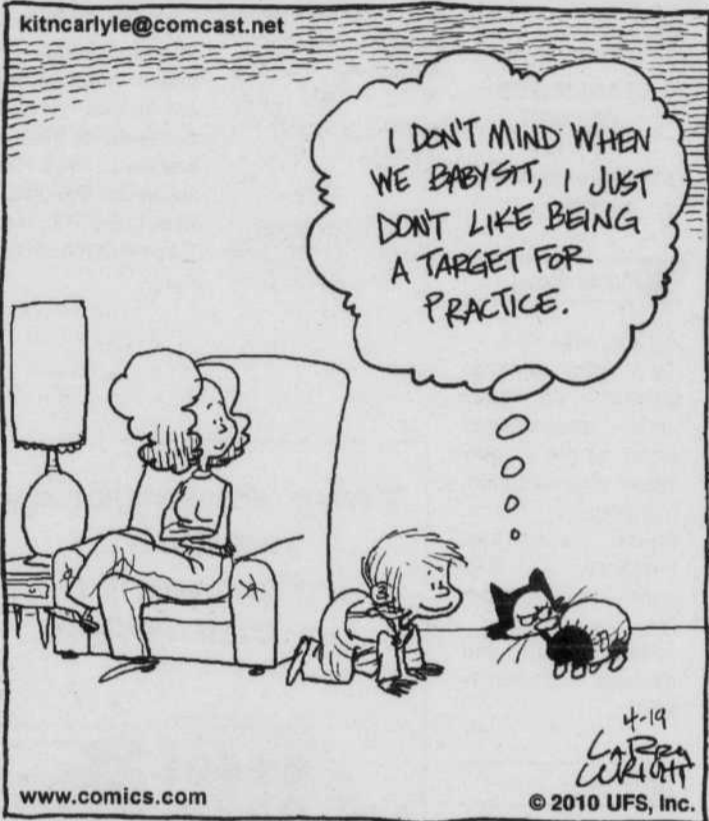
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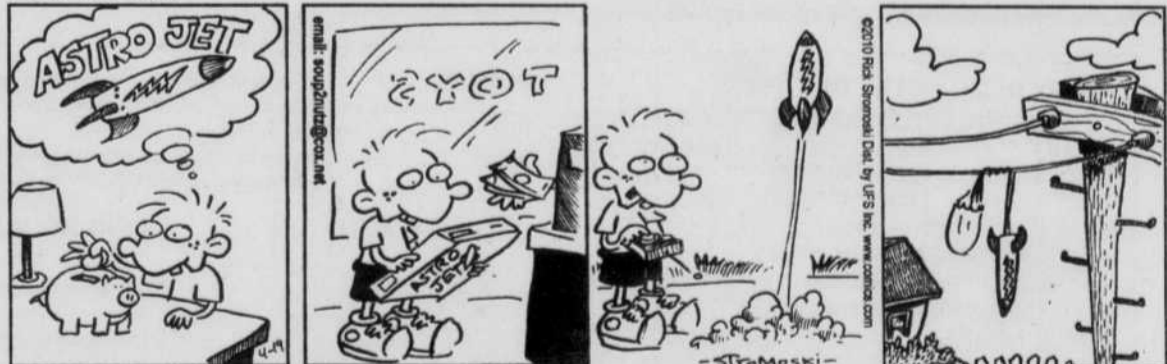
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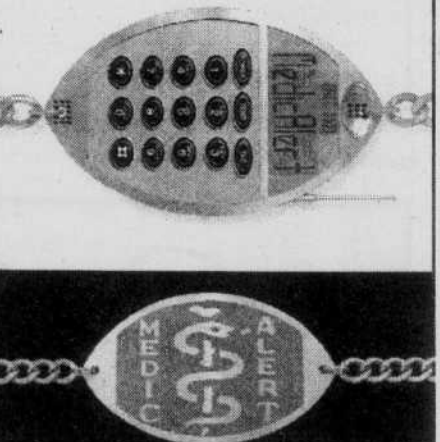
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't be surprised when, at those times where you're only serving yourself and your interests, that you're not likely to receive much cooperation. People have their own affairs to tend to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Even if you are in a good position, adopting a negative attitude could make you believe that you're the underdog who is only getting the leftover scraps nobody else wants. Don't be your worst enemy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Negative influences should be avoided at all costs today. They'll do nothing but work against you, such as causing you to give up on something just because it's a bit challenging.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Even if conditions are not optimum, you still can make things work as long as you keep a positive mind about achieving what you want, regardless of what you need to overcome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Any benefits you hope to derive today aren't likely to come from your efforts alone. You'll need the cooperation of those who work at your side, and they'll need your acknowledgment of the part they played.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Even if some less considerate companions attempt to induce you to do otherwise, do that which you believe to be the best for all concerned. You'll never get into trouble doing what is right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be open to new ideas or different ways of doing things, because in order to be successful today, you might have to revise your original plans. You don't have to like it, just concentrate on accomplishing your aims.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Jumping to conclusions could cause you to label something as being insignificant when in reality it might be an opportunity of enormous magnitude. Try before you deny.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Unless you're open to all possibilities, you could miss that big break you've been hoping would be there for you. A closed mind closes all doors, including the good ones you should be opening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Certain ideas of your mate are likely to be superior to yours, but you won't know that unless you keep an open mind. If this turns out to be true, openly give him/her all the credit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - This could be one of those days when you won't like what you have to do in order to get something you want. But if you don't do so, you'll shut yourself out from all possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Someone among your peer group could attempt to upstage you or belittle your performance. If you don't respond in kind, this person will end up looking like the poor excuse of a person s/he is.

Monday, April 19, 2010

From no-trump to suit contracts

By Phillip Alder

Last week, we looked at defending against no-trump. This week, let's turn to trump contracts.

Against no-trump, you try to win as many tricks as possible from one suit and a drib or drab elsewhere. Against a trump contract, you will rarely get three tricks from any suit. You aim for one or two from each suit and hope the number is sufficient to defeat the contract.

But as with no-trump, the opening lead can be critical. Look at the West hand and the auction. What would you lead against four spades?

Some Norths would open three clubs, quietly putting the spade three into their clubs!

After North passes and East opens one heart, South should jump straight to four spades. He needs only one card (the diamond ace) in his partner's hand to be laydown for game. Also, opposite a passed partner, a slam is unlikely. And four spades might cause considerable inconvenience to West, the responder.

When you lead your partner's unsupported suit, giving length information is more important than strength information. Here, West must lead the heart two. Then East, after taking two heart tricks, will know declarer is out of hearts. East will shift to his diamond three, and the defenders will win the

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♥ Q 8 4			
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♣ A K 10 9 7 6			
West		East	
♠ 6 4		♠ 5 2	
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♣ 8 5 3 2		♣ Q J	
South			
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7			
♥ 5 3			
♦ K 8			
♣ 4			
Dealer: North Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Opening lead: ??			

first four tricks.

But if West incorrectly leads the heart seven (top of nothing), East will assume West started with a doubleton and think he can cash a third heart trick. Then South will gratefully ruff, draw trumps, and run dummy's clubs to collect an overtrick.

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Across

- 1 Anti-fur org.
- 5 Ambassador's forte
- 9 Eggs on
- 14 Oft-palmed cards
- 15 Prefix with cultural
- 16 H.H. __: author known as Saki
- 17 Conks
- 18 Central Chinese tourist city
- 19 Tall tale tellers
- 20 San Francisco players not paying attention?
- 23 Haberdashery accessory
- 24 URL ending for 52-Across
- 25 Minnesota players from old Bangkok?
- 32 Hot time in Alsace
- 35 DH's stats
- 36 Artist M.C. known for illusionary work
- 37 Snacks at the bar

- 39 Robert E. Lee's org.
- 41 Classify
- 42 African with pierced lips
- 45 Terminates
- 48 iPhone, e.g.
- 49 Anaheim players tripping over their own feet?
- 52 Longhorn State sch.
- 53 Word in an oxymoronic Michael J. Fox movie title
- 57 Pittsburgh players from old Algiers?
- 62 Omega's opposite
- 63 Eye, on the Eiffel Tower
- 64 Anchovy containers
- 65 Trig function
- 66 Double Dutch need
- 67 Slurpee alternative
- 68 Adjust a little
- 69 Overwhelms
- 70 Crows' cries

- blue roof
- 30 Dweeb
- 31 Mlle., in Barcelona
- 32 A sufficient amount, in slang
- 33 Oompah brass
- 34 List shortener: Abbr.
- 38 NBC show where Chase, Belushi, Radner et al. got their big breaks
- 40 Director Lee
- 43 Recoup
- 44 Machu Picchu builder
- 46 Makes dirty
- 47 Derogatory remark

- 50 __ borealis
- 51 Radio interference
- 54 City on the Erie Canal
- 55 Take again, as vows
- 56 Mountain curves
- 57 Huff and puff
- 58 Church section
- 59 Emu cousin of South America
- 60 Cry of pain
- 61 Sherlock Holmes's smoke
- 62 Perform

Down

- 1 Blue Ribbon brewer
- 2 Bacteria in rare meat
- 3 Plains dwelling
- 4 Balance sheet heading
- 5 Hack with a meter
- 6 Backwoods "anti"
- 7 Jagged rock
- 8 Faint hues
- 9 Mötley Crüe duo?
- 10 Destroy
- 11 Pesky biter
- 12 Throws wide of the base, say
- 13 Sailor's "Mayday!"
- 21 Duo
- 22 __ fixe: obsession
- 26 Voice amplifier, briefly
- 27 German steelworks town
- 28 English johns, briefly
- 29 Chain restaurant with a

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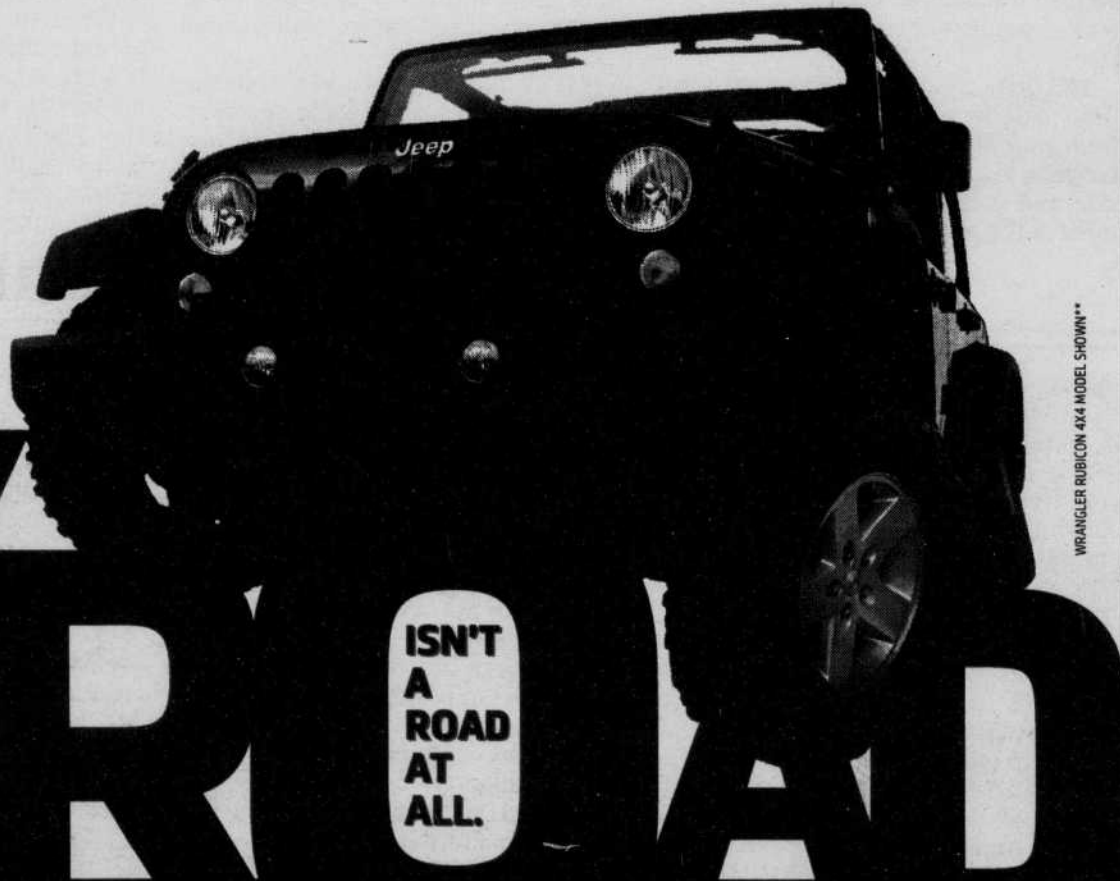
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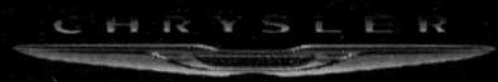


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