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Staff votes yes

*Three Bishop's
contracts ratified*

By Eleanor Brown
SHERBROOKE

The president of the Bishop's University union says members reluctantly approved new contracts on Tuesday.

"We all had to vote holding our noses," said Ginny Stroehrer. "We voted

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Magnola is kaput

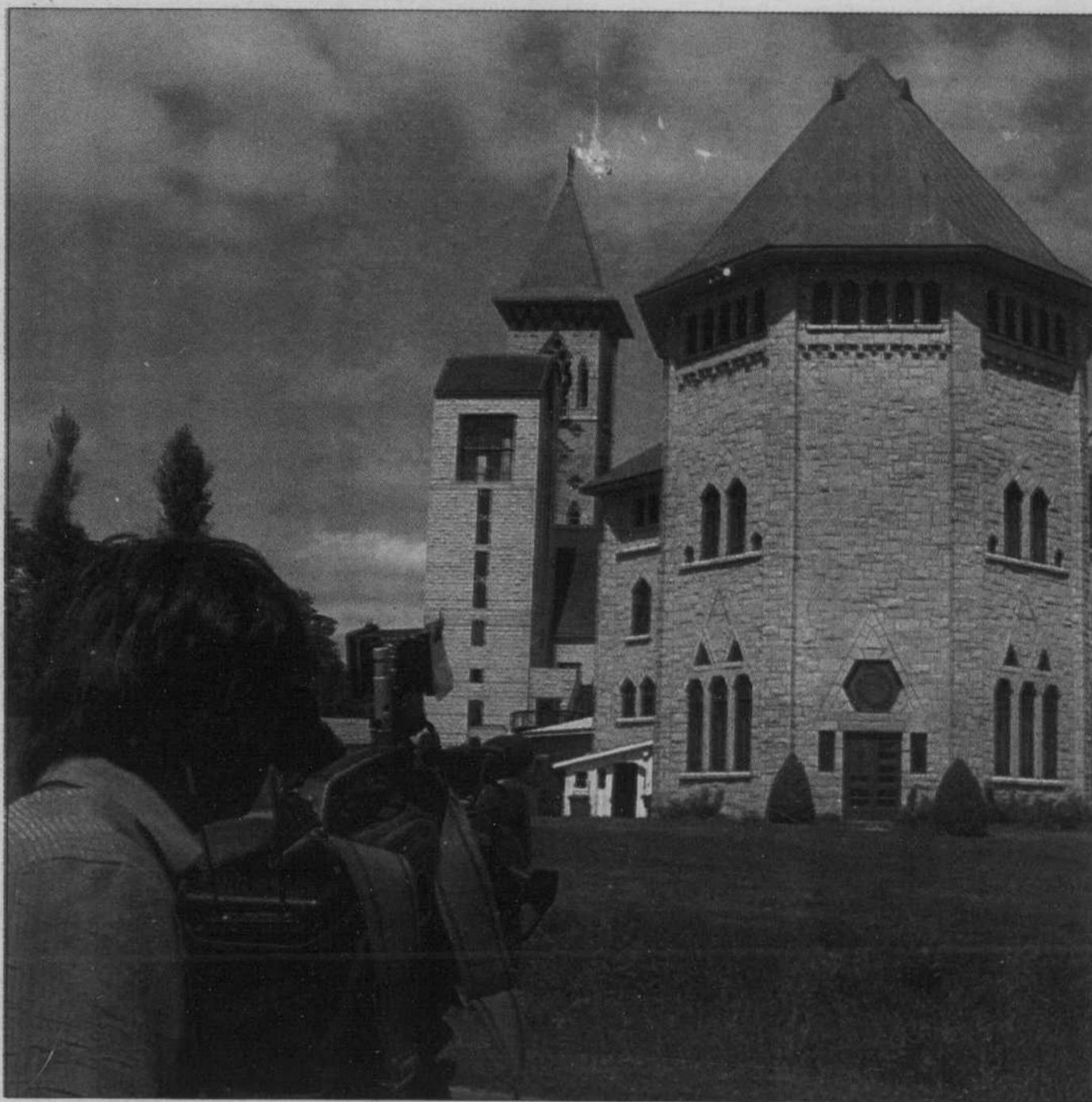
*Closure now
permanent*

Staff
SHERBROOKE

Any lingering hope that the mothballed Métallurgie Magnola plant would be revived was dashed yesterday when the co-owners of the Asbestos plant announced its permanent shutdown.

PLEASE SEE MAGNOLA ON PAGE 8

Saving The Cheese!



FERRY BEATON

The monks at Saint-Benoit-du-Lac have bought a new water filtering system — and blue-green algae should not trouble the abbey's residents, nor disturb the famous cheese-making operations, ever again. See page 3.



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Some churches have canceled one Sunday service

In favour of St. Mark's

Townshippers' Day is a day of celebration. It brings together people from all over the Eastern Townships and beyond for an annual one-day event that salutes the vitality and creativity of the Eastern Townships English-speaking community, its musicians and dancers, artists and artisans, writers and photographers, entrepreneurs and enterprises — and churches!

T-Day 2007 is being held Srpt. 23 at Bishop's University in Lennoxville (that's a borough of Sherbrooke), and will be blessed with activities celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Mark's Chapel.

Located on the beautiful campus shared by Bishop's University and Champlain Regional College, this historic chapel was consecrated in 1857 by George Jehoshaphat Mountain, the third Anglican Bishop of Quebec. Carefully maintained and beautifully preserved, St. Mark's Chapel was declared Cultural Property by Quebec's Ministère des Affaires culturelles in 1989. It remains an important historical and artistic legacy of Bishop's long and significant role in the Eastern Townships.

ECUMENICAL

Since T-Day is being held on a Sunday, an ecumenical worship service will take place at 11 a.m. in the main tent. Some churches in the Eastern Townships have cancelled their own regular services and are encouraging members to participate in the St. Mark's T-Day service instead.

This is a bonus for churchgoers, who would otherwise have had to choose between church and the morning activities at T-Day. Plus, who wouldn't appreciate an opportunity to congregate in worship on the beautiful Bishop's University campus.

A committee headed by the campus chaplain, Rev. Heather Thomson, is organizing this very special event.

"I am so looking forward to welcoming all the Townshippers' Day participants to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Mark's Chapel," said Rev. Thomson. "Our chapel is a special place of great beauty, and the mission of the chapel has been supported by Townshippers' Association throughout the years. So whether you have been to St. Mark's many times or have never been, you can look forward to a variety of activities on September 23rd."

Here's a look at the St. Mark's Chapel Townshippers' Day activities.

- Ecumenical service
- Hymn sing
- Brief presentation of the chapel's history
- Performances by Bishop's music students
- Organ concert
- Information on the chapel's stained glass windows
- Chapel choir concert.

THE 12 DAYS

On the first day of T-Day, my true love... Many of us



COURTESY TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

St. Mark's Chapel at Bishop's University is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

know how much work goes into organizing family holidays. The T-Day organizing committee is planning for the biggest family of all: the Eastern Townships community. And the committee can use all the help it can get.

KEEPING IN TOUCH TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

More than 100 exhibitors and artisans display their wares and promote their group or business at Townshippers' Day. Since T-Day is a green day, there is an opportunity for community-minded and eco-friendly entrepreneurs or businesses with environmental initiatives to participate and showcase their products.

T-Day 2007 is a great opportunity for anyone looking for visibility; organizers are expecting up to 10,000 visitors! If your organization is interested in participating in T-Day, please contact Melanie Cutting by phoning 819-346-3061 or by emailing tday@townshippers.qc.ca.

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BRIEF

Granby bank heist

Granby police are looking for help in identifying a suspect in a bank robbery.

The theft occurred July 12 at the Bank of Montreal at 399 Principale. A man sat down while awaiting his turn with a teller, then went up to the counter and presented a piece of paper demanding cash.

The man left with a bit more than \$1,000 and no weapon was visible. He appears to have left on foot.

The suspect (pictured) is described as in his thirties, about 1.8 m tall and weighing about 180 lbs. He is white, with dark hair and speaks French, and has a piercing in either his lip or right nostril.

He was wearing dark glasses, a black sweater and blue jeans.



Weather

Today: Cloudy with sunny periods. 60 per cent chance of showers. High 21.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



Abbey beats algae with new filtration system

More cheese, please

By Sarah Rogers
SAINT-BENOIT-DU-LAC

If anything, local cheese will be safe from the dangers of cyanobacteria. A new nanofiltration system was introduced yesterday at the Saint-Benoit-du-Lac Abbey to provide safe drinking water to the community on the shores of Lake Memphrémagog, where blue-green algae has been detected.

A temporary emergency unit, with a membrane filtration system, now produces 27,000 gallons of drinking water per day. The system — developed by provincially-based H2O Innovation — also ensures water for the production of the abbey's well-known cheeses.

In early July, Quebec public health issued warnings on the presence of toxic blue-green algae in the Memphrémagog in addition to a non-consumption warning for Saint-Benoit-du-Lac. Although that ban was lifted earlier this month, the abbey had been transporting water in for its cheese making, at a cost of thousands of dollars.

Engineering consultant Jean-Sebastian Robier, with the consulting company Groupe SM, explained that the new system will work as a physical barrier for contaminants, rather than a chemical barrier like chlorine.

"So this doesn't change the state of the cyanobacteria in the lake," he said. "It just ensures the safety of the drinking water for the community."

Father Minier, the director of the cheese factory for the past 20 years, recalled the abbey's original water pumps in the 1930s, where the only thing employees worried about was keeping fish out of the system.

The monastery has now been considering upgrading its technology for the past two years. The presence of blue-green algae in the water has stressed that for the abbey community, Minier said, pointing to the importance of providing safe drinking water to the residents and visitors to the abbey, who can number 1,200 daily in the summer.

"People are even asking if they can buy our water bottled," Minier said.

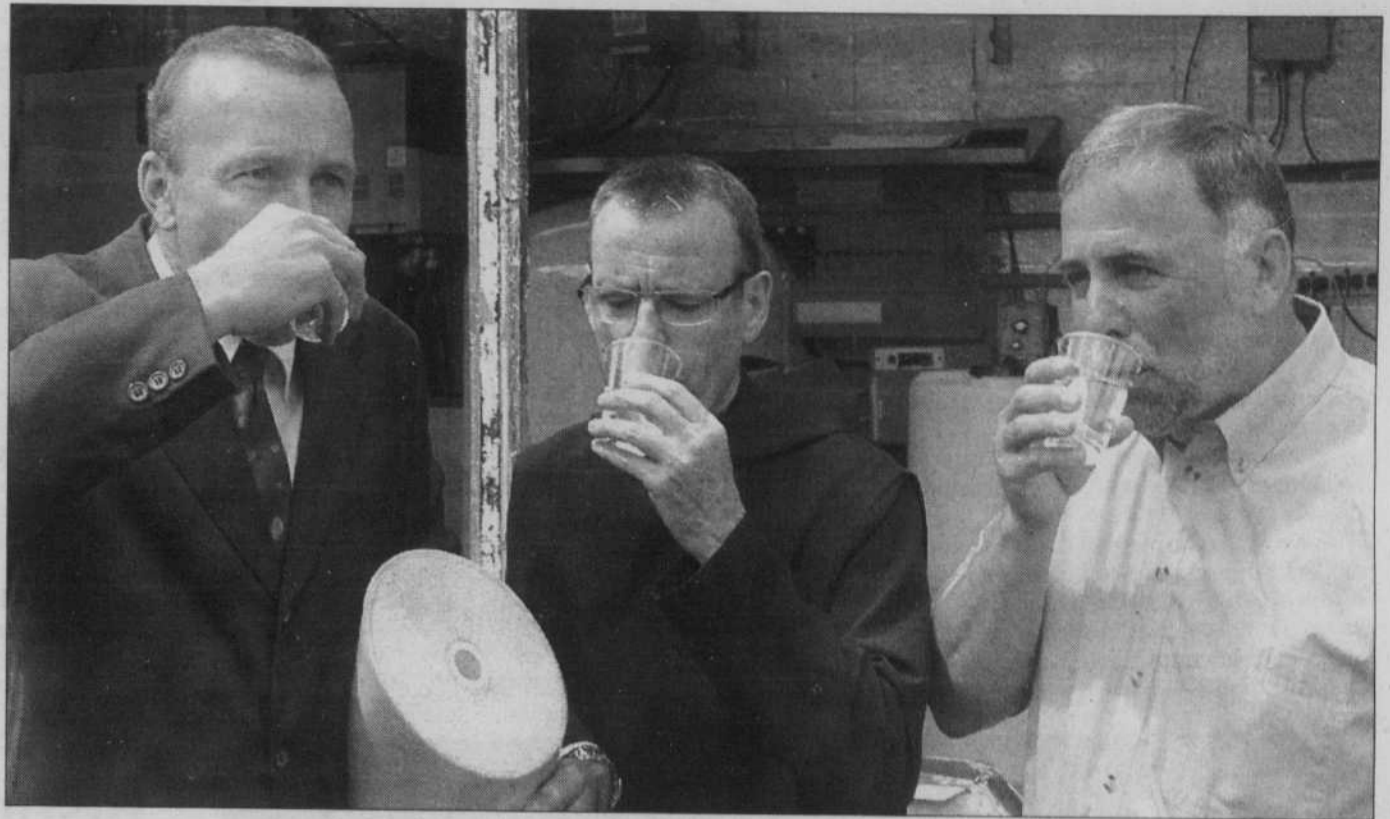
A permanent filter will be installed in the fall. And the Quebec environment ministry issued a special permit for the temporary filtering system.

Brome-Missisquoi Liberal MNA Pierre Paradis was also on hand yesterday to encourage better protection of local waterways.

"Most lakes between Champlain and Memphrémagog have been affected by cyanobacteria," he said. "Individually or collectively, we've all been a bit negligent."

Fourteen lakes in the Estrie have posted warnings so far this summer after they were found to host cyanobacteria.

The Lake Memphrémagog monastery dates back to 1912 when a handful of exiled French monks arrived in Canada from Belgium. The abbey and its 225 hectares of land is actually a municipality unto itself, carved out of the municipality of Austin in 1939.

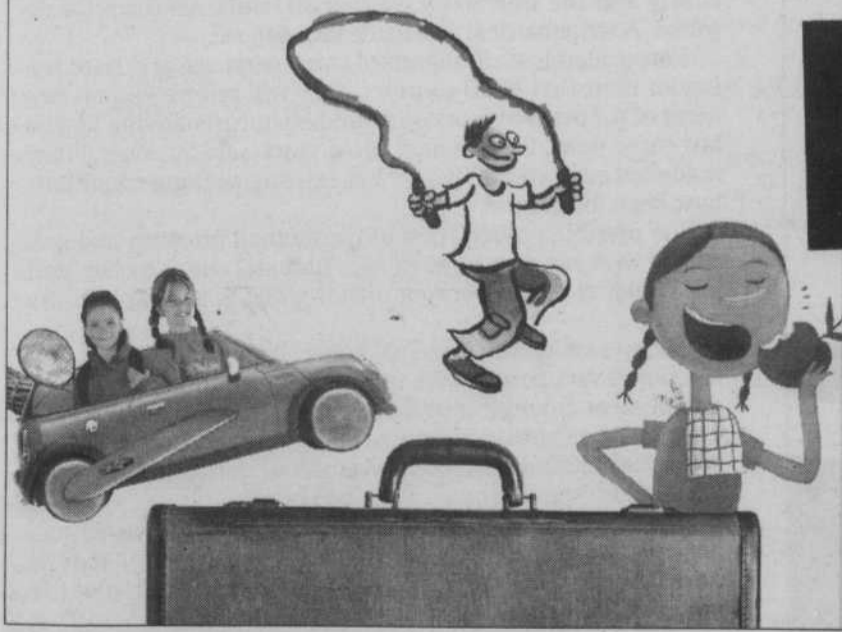


PERRY BEATON

MNA Pierre Paradis, at right, joined in with a drink of water — directly from the tap. Below: cheese.



PERRY BEATON




On the road to a happy heart

An educational journey to make young people aware of the importance of good health

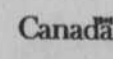
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O'Connor bumped from defence in shuffle

Christian Paradis stays where he is

Staff
SHERBROOKE

Prime Minister Stephen Harper reorganized his cabinet Tuesday demoting some of his key cabinet ministers, promoting others, and signaling a new approach to politics.

The most notable part of the PM's shakeup was the demotion of embattled National Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor to the revenue department and his promotion of Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay to the sensitive job of selling the war in Afghanistan.

Support for the mission has been plummeting and is at its lowest here in Quebec where hundreds of soldiers from Quebec's Royal 22nd Regiment were recently deployed to that country.

Also notable was the meteoric rise of

Quebec City area MP Maxime Bernier who, after a mere two years in office, took over the Foreign Affairs job from MacKay. The youthful 44-year-old Bernier first joined the cabinet in January as industry minister.

Bernier will be replaced by outgoing Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice, for whom Industry is a promotion.

Quebec City area MP Josée Verner moves from the junior portfolio of international cooperation to head the heritage department. Verner, who maintains responsibility for official languages and La Francophonie as Quebec City prepares to fete its 400th anniversary, switched jobs with Bev Oda, who takes over the more junior role as the minister in charge of the Canadian International Development Agency.

Tory stalwart Chuck Strahl moves from agriculture to take over the Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development;

Saskatchewan MP Gerry Ritz was promoted to the inner circle of cabinet to take on agriculture and responsibility for the Wheat Board. Backbencher Diane Ablonczy takes over Ritz's job as Secretary of State for Small Business and Tourism.

Carol Skelton, who announced she was not planning on running for reelection, was dropped as revenue minister. That means there is one fewer female face at the cabinet table.

Remaining comfortably in their seats are other top ministers including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon, Public Security Minister Stockwell Day, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, Health Minister Tony Clement, and Immigration Minister Diane Finley, who all maintained their jobs. So did Treasury Board president Vic Toews and Government House Leader Peter Van Loan.

The Townships' only representative in cabinet, Mégantic l'Érable MP Christian Paradis, who is the

secretary of state for agriculture, also remains in place.

"This new ministry presents Canadians with a clear choice, a choice between strong leadership that is moving Canada forward or a weak opposition that would set taxpayers and families back," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement.

Tuesday's shuffle was Harper's second reorganization of his inner circle. During an earlier overhaul in January the most notable changes included John Baird taking over as environment minister from Rona Ambrose, who moved to intergovernmental affairs. Both held onto their new assignments.

Harper tuned up his cabinet before the new Parliamentary season in the fall. He is expected to outline his new priorities, which include foreign policy and crime, in a throne speech following the Ontario election in early October.

BISHOP'S:

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not because we were happy, but because we're so darned concerned about the academic year.

"The atmosphere had taken on a vitriolic nature."

Stroeher said three of the four new contracts up for approval were accepted. The fourth, for contract faculty, did not receive enough votes to be decided. "We did not get a quorum," said Stroeher. "We are extending the deadline until we get a quorum."

The 300-odd members of the three bargaining units of the Association of Professors at Bishop's University (APBU) met throughout the day yesterday, getting the details about the contracts and voting by secret ballot. The percentages only were available in the early evening.

Full-time faculty voted 73.5 per cent in favour; non-academic staff, whose 153 members went out on strike June 28, voted 82.5 per cent in favour, and the librarians voted unanimously for. "We're glad the process is over," Stroeher said. "Now we can focus on doing our real job, making sure the academic year [goes forward]."

"But we are disappointed in the contracts; we have serious reservations."

Faculty and librarians will not get pay raises over the three years of their contracts. Research funding, Stroeher said, used to attend academic conferences, has been halved to \$1,000 per employee. "Union members 'literally were voting to save the academic year.'"

Faculty and librarians were locked out by management in July because, said a spokesman, negotiations were going too slowly and the university wanted all contract disputes resolved. A tentative deal was made late Aug. 6.

Non-academic staff unionized three years ago and were trying for their first APBU contract. They will receive a lump payment of 6.5 per cent (not compounded) in cost-of-living for the last three years. For the next three years, said Stroeher, "they made not quite cost of living." But existing working conditions have been formalized.

The possible privatization of the football program and golf course were never at issue in negotiations, said Stroeher, and joint liability on the pension plan is going to an "expert committee."

Bishop's University principal Robert Poupart is pleased. "My reaction is very positive. We were able to negotiate, to come to a settlement amongst ourselves without going to arbitration." He said the university must now move forward to cope with its "financial difficulties" — a multi-million dollar deficit — and said he didn't understand talk of bad blood.

Stroeher said union members overwhelmingly passed motions on non-confidence yesterday in the principal and in vice-principal finance Mark McLaughlin, for their handling of the university's finances.



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BRIEFS

Tourist dies in crash

The 47-year-old passenger of a Mazda Miata that smashed into the centre island of the Eastern Townships Autoroute near Magog Monday died following the crash.

Forty-nine-year-old Jennifer Coleman, of Kitchener, Ontario, was discovered under the car. The convertible's top was down, said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel, "which doesn't give you much of a chance."

The driver, a 47-year-old woman also from Kitchener, is injured but her life is not in danger, Ruel said.

The single car accident was the result of driver error, Ruel said; the driver tried to change lanes, realized another car was in the way, and lost control when trying to move back into her original spot.

Four-car smashup

No one was seriously injured in a four-car smash-up on the Boulevard Industrielle Tuesday afternoon, said Sherbrooke police spokeswoman Karine Côté.

"A vehicle slowed down in order to turn left," she said. "The second vehicle behind stopped, the third vehicle stopped, the fourth vehicle didn't." The accident occurred between Portland and Leger around 2:20.

Victoriaville at 8, sharp

The more than 30 firefighters and police officers biking for charity will leave Victoriaville this morning at 8 a.m. after arriving last night.

The group leaves the Z Plaza Hotel at 8 a.m. and will bike along Route 243 towards Warwick, Kingsey Falls, St-Félix-de-Kingsey, and then they'll take Route 143 from Richmond to Sherbrooke. The group is scheduled to return to East Side Mario's on King Street in Sherbrooke at 3:30 p.m.

The volunteers are raising money for the Tour Cycliste Frédéric Duguay, named for a local youth, with all proceeds going to the Canadian Muscular Dystrophy Association.

One lane on King West

One westbound lane on King Street West will be closed to traffic today as the City of Sherbrooke does some repairs between Camirand and Belvedere North.

The work begins at 8:30 a.m. and will finish by the end of the day.

Guite followed orders?

Charles (Chuck) Guite says he was just following orders when he doled out millions of taxpayers' dollars to ad agencies in return for little or no work on the sponsorship program.

Not doing so while he was a senior bureaucrat in the Department of Public Works would have meant being shelved, Guite claims in his defence filed Monday in Quebec Superior Court.

The disgraced bureaucrat was convicted last June of fraud and sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for authorizing payment of \$2 million for bogus invoices from ad companies. And while Guite is free on bail awaiting an appeal, he is also fighting Ottawa in the civil courts as the federal government tries to recoup some of its losses.

- CanWest News

Free enterprise, says Sutton mayor

New dep permit defended

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Sutton Mayor Ken Hill is defending the town's approval of a building permit for a new depanneur, after the idea was met with criticism locally. Town council passed a resolution at its regular August meeting giving the go-ahead to Couche Tard, the country's largest convenience store chain, to move into a downtown gas station site.

"We do live in a society of free enterprise," Hill said. "Everyone has a right to a building permit."

The company has yet to purchase the Esso station on Main Street it's been eyeing, but Couche Tard spokeswoman Denise Deveau said the deal is in the works.

"This debate has been open for many years," Hill said, referring to the opening of a local IGA and a Subway in recent years. "We don't have the right to turn down a multi-national corporation."

To critics of the new development,



COURTESY

Soon to be a Couche Tard?

Hill said he has answered every question he could. The building itself will reflect Sutton's architecture with the use of as much clapboard as possible, he added.

"The character of the town has been pretty well-preserved," he said.

Couche Tard began looking for a permit to build roughly two years ago, before the municipality began working on its new urban plan — an ongoing

process.

In the meantime, construction on Main Street in Sutton is finishing up ahead of schedule, Hill said. Work to bury hydro and phone cables that begin at the end of April should be finished almost a month before it was expected to, while crews pave sidewalks this week.

"It's been disruptive, but not as bad as we thought," Hill said.

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Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's the residents

DEAR EDITOR

I think business owner Jacques Côté is barking at the wrong tree ("The decline of Sherbrooke's downtown", Aug. 7 *Record*), the problem with downtown Sherbrooke isn't the mayor's office, but the city residents. They are the one who would rather have the low price of Wal-Mart over the personal service of the little downtown stores.

I have had the chance to live for a few years in downtown Sherbrooke; things weren't that great in the late '90s, but they seemed a whole lot better than today.

One thing city hall could do, is to clean it up. By that, I don't mean the graffiti, I'm talking about alcohol, drug and street gang problems... But that is a whole different can of worms.

MICHEL TRAHAN
Verdun

Give your children to the pipes

DEAR EDITOR:

I read Susan Mastine's column ("Ah, the joys of men in kilts", Aug. 7 *Record*) about the Highland Games held at Maxville, Ontario.

To those who love the sounds & sights of some of the best pipers and drummers in North America, Maxville is indeed the place to be. I have attended many times personally and our band (the Eastern Townships pipe band) has even competed at those games as well as at several others, such as the games in Montreal, Almonte, Ontario, and Loon Mountain, New Hampshire.

What caught my eye while reading the article was Susan's desire to see and hear more pipes.

I, as well as many others, agree with her. That being said however is not enough. Our band has existed for

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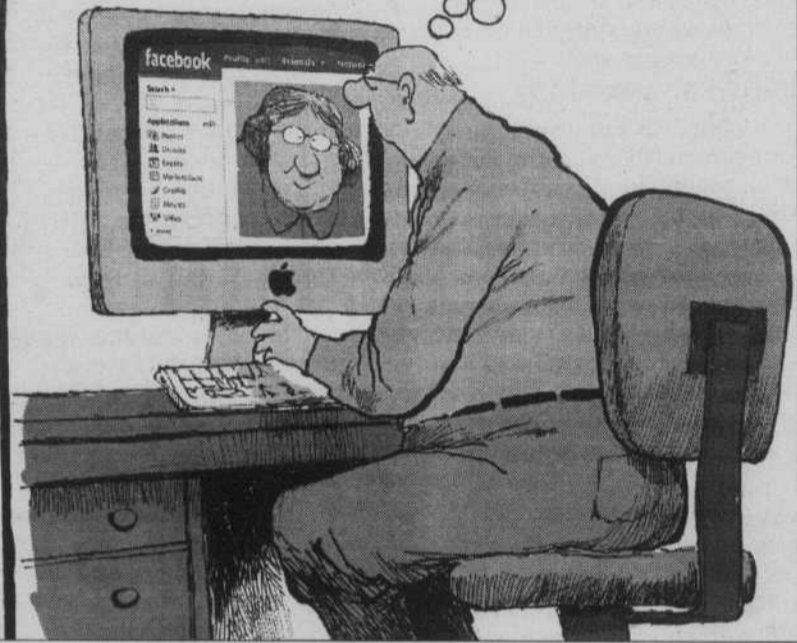
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many decades, through good times and bad. We've had as many as 25 players at one time to as few as several.

This leads me to my point. Saying you want to see and hear us is not enough. We need your support to continue. I'm not talking monetarily, but by sending us your "interested" children to learn. Keep in mind that they have to want to learn and not that mommy or daddy wants them to learn. We want them before they get too involved with sports, drugs, alcohol and other teenage activities. We can't continue without players.

Many people in the area who have contributed greatly to the band by helping teach, organize events, etc. To all of those I — we — owe a great deal to them for helping to maintain the Scottish heritage in this area.

Learning the pipes or drums is not the easiest thing your children will ever do, but it is likely to be one of the

most rewarding experiences of their lives. As a piper or drummer, one never knows where they'll end up in life, but it can be very surprising and rewarding.

A local child from this area, Michael Gray, is one of the best pipers in the world today. He has been a member of the world champion 78th Fraser Highlanders the first year that Canada won the world's competition. He has been the Pipe Major of a Grade 1 band in Peel, Ontario and is presently down east continuing his professional and piping career. He is a well-known and respected piper, instructor and judicator.

We have had members of this band play in Scotland as well as play all over North America, playing for the Queen and Governor General. We were the opening act for Rod Stewart in Quebec City in the '80s, and our band was once even invited to play at the Rose Bowl in

California.

Yes, there was talk of setting up Highland Games here in Lennoxville at one time. We even had a friend and organizer from Almonte willing to help us accomplish this feat. The financial risk was, however, far too great for us to continue with that line of thought.

The tiny town of Maxville, Ontario, with its tiny population, has had at one time four pipe bands, one in each grade. If they can do it, why can't Lennoxville and area?

We have in this area a wide population of Scottish descendants, but without the support of the population as a whole, it is getting ever more difficult to find members to fill the ranks.

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This is the second in a two-part series on our columnist's top choice for a summer road trip.

Forget about long lines and extended waits at airports. Last Wednesday I suggested a week's road trip through parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine with stopovers in North Conway, Old Orchard Beach and Burlington.

Except for the final Burlington leg which involves a worthwhile detour after leaving the coast of Maine, I won't pretend that my choice is particularly original.

If you've ever vacationed in one of Maine's many charming coastal villages the odds are you drove on a stretch of U.S. Highway 302 which links Montpelier, Vermont all the way to Portland, Maine. More than likely you did so after exiting Interstate 93 in St. Johnsbury, Littleton or near Bethlehem.

Ever since the highway was completed in 1932, at least three generations of Quebecers have relied on this scenic highway for their annual six to eight hour trek to the surf, sea and sandy beaches in Old Orchard, Wells Beach and Kennebunkport.

If I had to pick the most breathtaking stretch along the 172-mile-long highway it would surely be New Hampshire's scenic Crawford Notch, which parallels the Saco River. Much like Vermont's Smugglers Notch, the steep forested mountains and unspoiled wilderness that extend on both sides of the highway are truly inspiring.

Also referred to as the Great Notch, or the White Mountain Notch, the name is derived from the legendary Crawford family who for much of the 19th century was associated with the area's leading inns.

As for why the early settlers came up with the word "notch", the only explanation I found is that the narrow passage through the mountain reminded them of the notches in their cabins.

As for the droves of summer travelers who, each year, hurry to reach the coast of Maine, very few are aware that inside the dense forest are some of the best hiking and climbing routes.

If you are interested in a true wilderness experience and have a few hours to spare, the choices are endless. Many of the trails lead to huge waterfalls, streams, glacial pools and moss-covered granite cliffs with panoramic views.

If you prefer a relaxed stroll, stop at the duck-filled pond facing the historic Willey House. Next to the parking lot are two short and easy trails that lead through the woods from the nearby bridge. The mile-long one follows the Saco River through the woods, past several beaver dams, and loops back to the bridge.

Time to get back on the road. From Crawford Notch to the picturesque small village of North Conway on the 302 is no more than an hour's drive. There's an unusually high number of gift shops, designer boutiques,

restaurants, hotels, motels and B&Bs. At last count the little town of 2,100 residents (one sixth the size of Cowansville) had more than 100 factory outlets strung out along the main street.

The name of the game in North Conway is shopping, and New Hampshire's no sales tax policy has a lot to do with it. Throw in the panoramic mountain vistas and you have a perfect marketing strategy.



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We always spend the night at North Conway because my spouse, Madeleine, requires a half day to check out the more than 50 shops at her favorite Settlers' Green Outlet Village Plus.

Another good reason is the campground, which faces the crystal clear Saco River and yet is within walking distance of stores, restaurants and entertainment.

By the time you consider Saco's excellent swimming and kayaking opportunities, the new trolley which travels from one end of the town to the other and, finally, the many scenic train rides that leave from the authentic Victorian-style station, one day and night in the little village is never enough.

I'm afraid I have to push on before I run out of space.

What can I say about Old Orchard Beach and the seven-mile long sandy beach that you don't already know?

Although they are both only 70 miles from North Conway via highways 302 and 5, the drive takes a good two hours through a half dozen of New England's quiet and laid-back rural towns.

Our two-day stopover on the coast

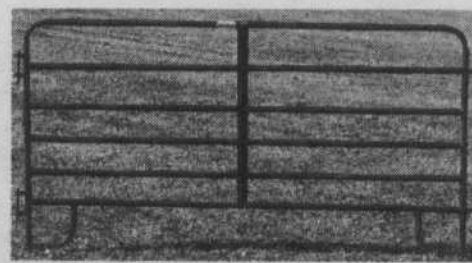
rarely changes. When we are not on the beach in Pine Point, swimming, walking, people watching, reading or talking to our fellow vacationers, you will find us strolling through downtown — and bilingual! — Old Orchard.

Walking the pier and visiting the nearby Palace Playland amusement

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MAGNOLA:

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After less than two years of operations, Noranda Inc. (which became Falconbridge and is now owned by Xstrata) closed the smelter indefinitely in the spring of 2003 because of weak demand for magnesium metal and tough competition from Chinese producers. The shutdown left some 380 full-time employees and up to 400 contract employees out of work.

"After four years the magnesium market has not improved and Chinese producers continue to dominate the market with a low cost production," Métallurgie Magnola Inc. president Bob Sippel said yesterday.

"The stronger Canadian dollar and higher energy costs have further eroded Magnola's cost position since the temporary closedown in 2003."

"We are disappointed by this decision but not surprised," said Asbestos Mayor Jean-Philippe Bachand, who learned the news Tuesday morning.

Bachand said the town had to view the announcement as an opportunity and expressed hope the plant would soon find a new future with a solid project.

"We must continue to develop our town and the Magnola installation represents a large potential that we must seize," Bachand said, noting the town will do all it can to attract a new tenant to the massive plant before it is dismantled.

Métallurgie Magnola Inc. is owned 80 per cent

by Xstrata and 20 per cent by the provincial government through the Société générale de financement du Québec. The SGF got involved with Magnola in the late 1990s under the former Parti Québécois regime, pouring \$248 million of public money into the \$1.3 billion project.

In the 1990s, Quebec convinced Canadian mining giant Noranda to build a \$700 million smelter in Asbestos by buying a 20 per cent share in the operation. The project was promising because it would recycle chrysotile-asbestos waste tailings into magnesium ingots for what was supposed to be a growing specialized metal market.

Lighter than steel and stronger than aluminum, magnesium was heralded as the future replacement metal in cars, electronic products and other durable goods. But by 2003, that market was collapsing when the price for magnesium fell below one dollar U.S. per pound. That led Noranda to mothball the plant.

The production facility has been kept on a "care and maintenance basis" to allow production to resume should the magnesium market improve, the company noted yesterday, adding annual costs to maintain the processing facility have been in the order of \$9 million.

Sippel said in a press release that Métallurgie Magnola will review serious proposals to acquire the facility. But should the company not be able to reach an acceptable deal within a three month period, it will implement a permanent closure and liquidation of the facility's assets. The closure process is anticipated to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

TRAVEL:

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park have have become annual traditions. Between the water slides, roller coasters, video arcade, bumper cars, tattoo parlors, fortune tellers and palm readers, we can always count on some good old-time entertainment.

One morning is always reserved for a bike ride to Wormwood's, our favorite fish restaurant in Camp Ellis. The seven-mile trip along the coast takes us through such familiar locations as Ocean Park, Kinney Shores and Ferry Beach, where Madeleine spent much of her childhood. She still hopes to recognize a familiar face.

Irrespective of the weather, we never fail to visit the Main Mall, conveniently located next to our favorite Scarborough hotel or, should I say, our boondocking Wal-Mart.

This brings me to our final destination, the city of Burlington, nestled on the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain between Vermont's spectacular Green Mountains and New York's cascading Adirondacks. To get there from Old Orchard Beach, count on a 215-mile drive which, in our case, means backtracking to North Conway for another night and arriving at Burlington the following day via St. Johnsbury and Montpelier.

Why include Burlington? Just the sight of the many sailboats docked at the Community Boat House is a reminder of our own cruising life in Burlington. Then there's the eight-mile, scenic recreation path that runs along the waterfront, the excellent city campground directly on the shores of Lake Champlain and finally, the Church Street Marketplace.

Before signing off, let me just say how much I enjoyed sharing some of the highlights of our favorite summer road trip. If I've convinced you to try it out, I wish you perfect weather as well as a safe and enjoyable journey.

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Quebec under-15s win the gold medal

Saskatchewan takes bronze

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Quebec under-15 squad used an explosive third quarter to build up a commanding lead and then held on, to defeat Team Ontario 88-77 last night to capture gold in the Canadian National Championships held at Bishop's University.

Quebec expanded a three-point halftime lead into a 15-point lead as they outscored Ontario 27-15 and appeared headed for an easy win until Ontario staged a furious rally in the latter stages of the game.

"We had a little too much confidence after we built up the big lead," head coach Yannick Mercier said after the game. "We began to deviate from our game of getting the ball inside and that allowed Ontario to get back in the game."

As expected the final was nip and tuck from the offset as the two undefeated teams resembled prize fighters feeling each out in the early rounds of a championship bout. Quebec drew first blood when Kenny Jean Louis converted a rebound to give Quebec a 2-0 lead. From there the two teams traded runs with Ontario holding a 21-19 lead as the first quarter came to an end.

Quebec used a 10-0 run late in the second quarter to go ahead 41-31 but Ontario closed the gap to 41-38 at half-time.

The third quarter was all Quebec as they out shot, out rebounded and out hustled their opponents and for good measure they also had the benefits of a few calls from the officials. Leading 48-44, Quebec scored 13 consecutive points that included three straight treys.

Antoine Beaumier led things off with an old-fashioned three point play, then Sherbrooke native Vincent Lauzon and Kenny Osse drained long shots from beyond the arc. Lay-ups by Jonathan Tshibuy Kamemba and Osse completed the run that gave Quebec a 61-44 advantage.

The quarter ended when a phantom foul call at the buzzer gave Quebec a pair of fouls shots that gave them a 68-53 lead.



Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault and former premier Lucien Bouchard, whose son is on the under-17 team, watched the under-15 squad win the big match.

To their credit Ontario refused to fold and rallied to cut the lead to three points, 78-75, before Quebec players regained their composure and finished the game with a 10-2 run.

Lauzon said after the game that it was a special feeling to win gold in front of hometown fans.

"I am very happy," said the Le Triolet student who had two three-pointers. "We were a little nervous at the beginning of the game but the coaches did a great job preparing us mentally in the morning practice."

Neither team experienced any trouble reaching yesterday's showdown. After going undefeated in preliminary round play, Team Ontario routed Newfoundland 95-45 in Monday's semi-final contest. Ontario held a 21-20 lead after a quarter of play but put the game out of reach in the second quarter as they outscored Newfoundland 31-7. The winners boasted a balanced attack in which all 12 players scored at least four points. Kevin Pangos, who was perfect on all four field goal attempts including three three-pointers, Richard Peters and Raheem Issacs led Ontario with 11 points apiece. Patrick Smith led Newfoundland with a game-high 14 points.

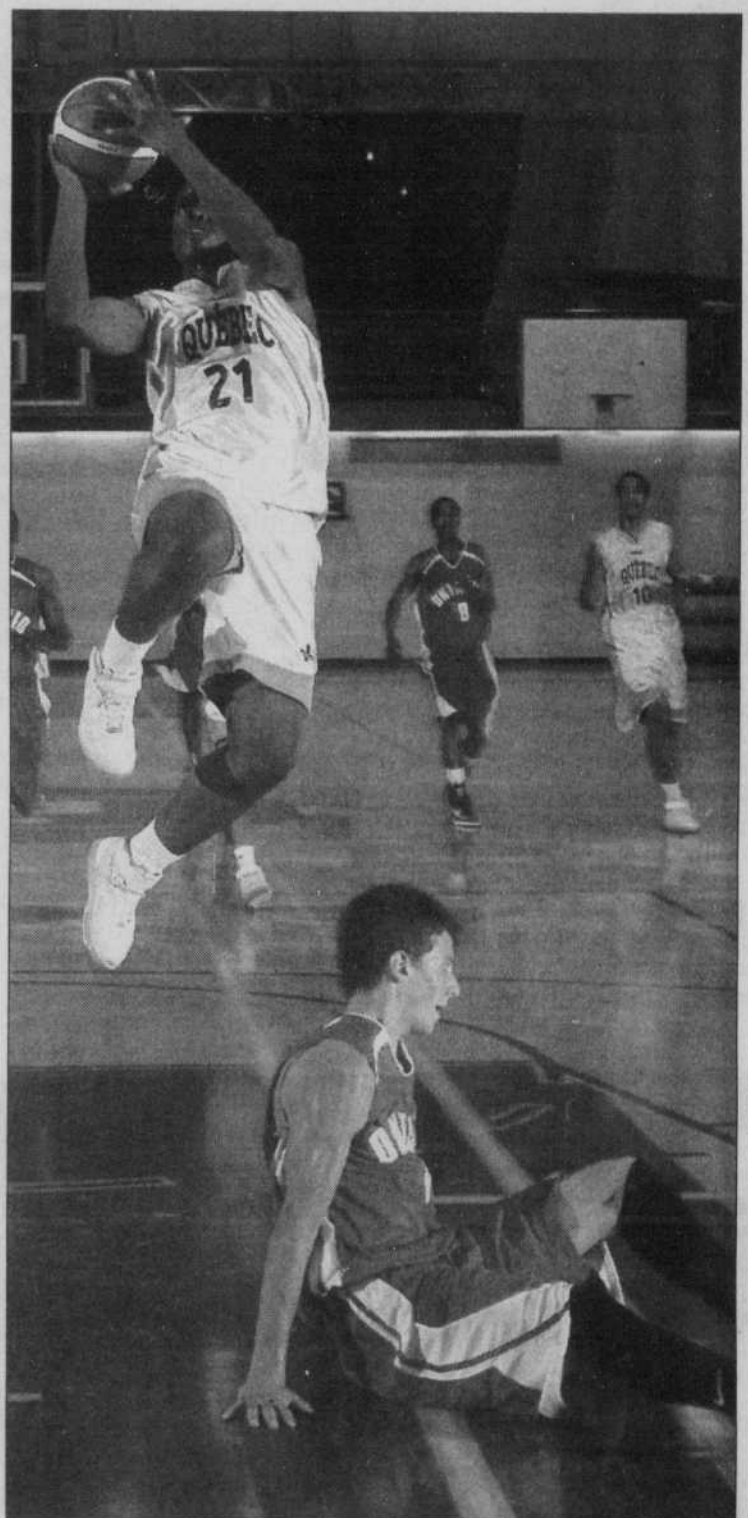
In the other Monday semi-final contest, Quebec jumped out to a 25-13 lead over Saskatchewan and never looked back. Despite shooting only 35 per cent from the field (Saskatchewan was a sizzling 49 per cent), Quebec dominated the boards and their pressure defence forced Saskatchewan into 26 turnovers

that led to 24 points for the winners. Quebec out rebounded their opponents 63-44 and had 43 offensive rebounds which led to 31 second chance points.

Kenny Jean-Louis led all scorers with 22 points while Kenny-Fred Chery added 20 to the winning cause. Kenny Osse chipped in with 15 points while Kewyn Blain and Jonathan Tshibuy Kabemba had 12 and 10 points respectively.

Same Derksen led Saskatchewan with 19 points while Matt Campbell added 14 and Jonathan Harding netted 11.

Saskatchewan finished the tournament in third place by virtue of an 87-48 victory over Newfoundland in the bronze medal game. The two teams were tied at 19 apiece after the first quarter but Newfoundland could man-



No. 21 is Jonathan Tshibuy Kabemba.

age just 29 points in the final 30 minutes of play as Saskatchewan pulled away early in the second quarter. Matt Campbell led the winners with 16 points while Brenda Hebert and Same Derksen added 14 and 11 points respectively. Ciaran Curran led Newfoundland with 16 points.

With basketball, you can come home again

And again after that

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Carly Clarke, the former sharpshooting guard for the Bishop's University Gaiters women's basketball team, has proven that not only can you come home again, you can do it twice.

Clarke, a Nova Scotia native who graduated from Bishop's in the spring of 2006, was back in her adopted hometown this past week as a member of the Nova Scotia under-15 men's basketball coaching staff and was enjoying revisiting former haunts and catching up with old friends.

It marked the second consecutive summer that Clarke has returned to Lennoxville. The previous year she served as an assistant coach the under-17 women's team that represented Nova Scotia in the 2006 Canadian National Women's tournament.

Local basketball fans will remember Clarke as an integral part of Rod Gilpin's "run, gun and have fun" squad a few years back that captured the Quebec University Basketball League title in the 2004-'05 campaign and was one of the country's top women's teams during Clarke's five-year tenure at Bishop's.

An excellent student who earned a science degree, Clarke is continuing her schooling at Dalhousie and is fast-tracking her coaching career.

This past year, she worked on her MBA at the Halifax university and served as an assistant coach with the Tigers women's basketball team. She helped the Tigers capture the regular season Atlantic University Sport title and then knock off the number-one seeded University of British Columbia Thunderbirds in the National Championships.

"I felt very privileged to be a coach at Dal this past year," Clarke said during a break in the action Monday night. "I am given a lot of responsibility and am learning a lot about coaching."

There were new lessons this summer when she coached boys for the first time.

"I learned a lot from coaching boys, it is a different experience," Clarke said. "I don't think 16- to 17-year-old boys are that receptive and particularly to a female coach. After awhile they began to realize that I knew what I was talking about."

Of course working the past two summers with Basketball Nova Scotia had an added benefit: an opportunity to come back to the Eastern Townships, to a gymnasium where she brought packed audiences to their feet with her three point shots and helped train the next generation of basketball players.

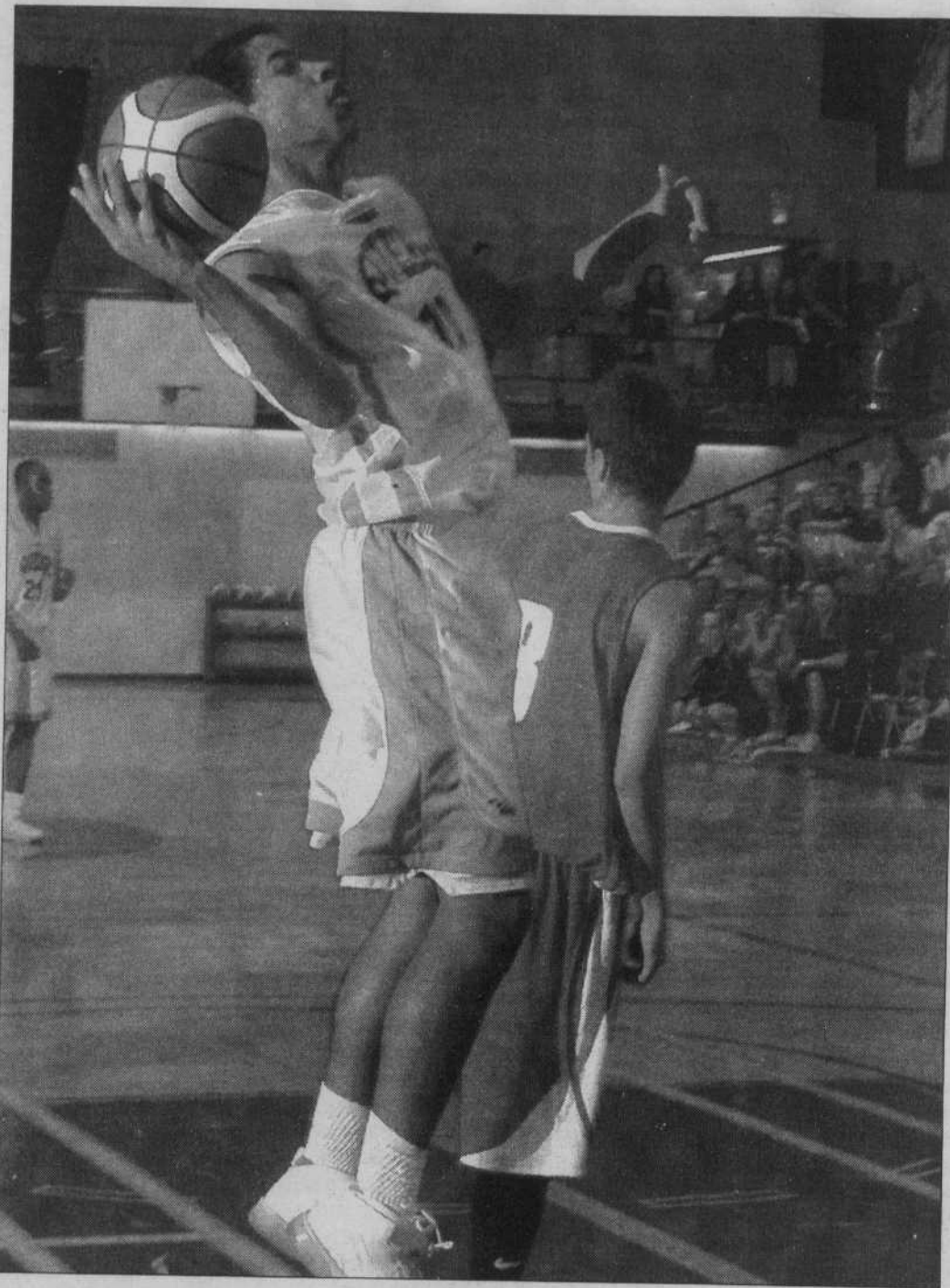
"I am thrilled to come back to Bishop's, any opportunity to come back here is an added bonus," Clarke said. "I am still in the process of discovering what I want to do. Initially I was interested in teaching but I would like to pursue coaching at the university level as a career."

Clarke said that her Bishop's experience has prepared her well for the coaching profession, imparting on her the importance of team dynamics.

"We always had a close-knit team with good team chemistry. At Bishop's I learned that you needed more than just superstars, that everyone on a team had a role to play."

Clarke added that she keeps in contact with all her former Gaiter teammates.

"I talk to Anouk (Boulanger), Murp (Christine Murphy) and Jessica Koury on a weekly basis and everyone else about once a month, usually through e-mails."



A shot from the under-15 gold medal game.

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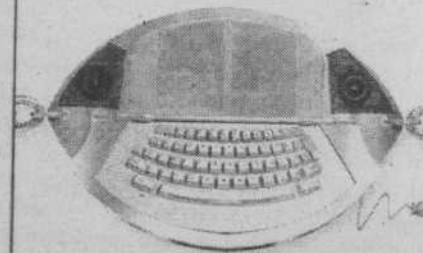
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BEAUDREAU, Margarita Johanna - Peacefully and with dignity at the Wales Home, Richmond, QC on Sunday, August 12, 2007, in her 94th year. Wife of the late Clifford Beaudreau, mother of Judith Buck (Jim) of Okotoks, AB, grandmother of John Buck (Kelowna, BC) and Jeff Buck (Christine) of Edmonton, AB, great-grandmother to Alexis, Jackson and Victoria. She is also survived by nieces, Pat Dier, Joan Carruthers and Faye Clement; nephews Bill Dier and Ron Beaudreau; godsons Kipp, Jeff and Jim Miller. Margarita was devoted to her family and we all have fond memories of her loving, generous ways, her stories, wise advice and the laughter we shared. She also gave over 20 years to the Brownies and Guides in the area, helped start Community Aid in Lennoxville and was a member of several organizations. Margarita will be remembered for her energy, ready smile, her love of and skill at the bridge table and great kindness to all who knew her. The family would like to thank the Wales Home for their wonderful care over the last 6 years. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC (Lennoxville), Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Thursday, August 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m. in St-George's Anglican Church, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville). Interment in the Malvern Cemetery. Donations in her memory to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte #243 N. Richmond, QC, J0B 2H0 would be appreciated.

BRADFORD, Dr. Eric - Of Davis, California, of sudden heart failure, on July 29, 2007, aged 77. Surviving are his loving wife, Elizabeth, for 53 years; son Ken (Pat), daughters Anne (Harry) Harris, Margaret (late Don) Aumann, Ellen (Phil) Jarete; 6 grandchildren; sisters Hazel Elliott, Hanover, ON, and Amy Bessey, St. George, NB. Memorial service was from Davis Community Church, August 3, 2007.

In Memoriam

KIRBY, Merlin Derby - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who left us ten long years ago on August 15, 1997.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*
Missed and remembered,
THE KIRBY FAMILY

HOLMES, Arthur Stevens (Steve) - Died on August 13, 2007 at the Connaught Home in North Hatley, Quebec in his 82nd year after a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Dearly loved husband of Betty for 60 years. Loving father of Judith (Maurice Bradley), Hugh (Anne) and Glenn (the late Shelagh). He was predeceased by his son Timothy. Grandfather to Heather, Douglas, Gordon, Michael and Christina. He is survived by his brother Bert (Jean) and sisters-in-law Mary Jean Bean, Barbara Reed and Nancy Elliott (Ken). Steve was born and raised in Montreal. He saw duty during WWII with the R.C.A.F. and served in Coastal Command Squadron #423 in Scotland and Ireland. Upon his return he started an electrical contracting business with his brother Bert. He retired to North Hatley in 1984. Steve was an avid skier and curler. He was a strong supporter of the United Church and a member of the King Edward Masonic Lodge. There will be a funeral service at the North Hatley United Church on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. At Steve's request, cremation has taken place. There will be a private family interment at the Reedville Cemetery immediately following the service. Sincere thanks are extended to The Connaught Home for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy to a charity of your choice would be sincerely appreciated by the family. Arrangements are being made by Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC. (Lennoxville) Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca



PRÉMONT, Liliane (1950-2007) - Passed away at the Centre d'Accueil de Cowansville, QC. on Monday August 13 2007 in her 58th year. She leaves behind her children Diane, Alain and Marie Eve Tracey. Cherished and loving grandmother to Bianca, François, Jean-Philippe Tracey and Maxime Tringle. Survived by one sister Georgette (André Delisle) and two brothers John and Lucien. At Liliane's request, no visitation. Cremation followed by a graveside service at All Saints Anglican Cemetery, Dunham on Saturday August 18, 2007 at 11 a. m. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Funerarium Denis Meunier Inc. Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, QC. Tel. (450) 266-6061; Fax.: (450) 266-6057; E-Mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com Robert Farnam, Director. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society (Po.Box. 131, Cowansville, QC. J2K 3H1) or BMP Foundation Oncology dept. (950 Principale, Cowansville, QC. J2K 1K3). Forms available at the funeral home.



RIVERS, Sheila (1951-2007) - After a short illness, Sheila Rivers died peacefully at the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, on August 9, 2007, 56 years of age, resident of Bedford, QC. Sheila leaves to mourn her beloved husband Gordon, her mother Betty and brother Lesley, other family members and many friends, she will be greatly missed by all. The family will receive condolences at the Dion Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford, QC. Tel.: 450-248-2911 josephdionfilslee@bellnet.ca Friday, August 17, 2007 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Funeral service at funeral home at 11:00 a.m. The Reverend Thora Chadwick officiating.

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Death



PETERS GILDAY, Joan (nee Goodeve) - Peacefully at The Manoir Lac Brome, Knowlton, on August 11, 2007 after a courageous fight against cancer. Joan was born on September 8, 1922 and spent her early life in Kingston, London England and Toronto where her father was posted by the Canadian army. Many of her fondest memories of growing up were of her years living at Royal Military College, Kingston. In 1940 Joan's education at Queen's was cut short in second year when her father was appointed to Atlantic Command

Headquarters and she joined her family in Halifax. Here she worked in the Signals Office at the Naval Dockyard and was soon appointed to take charge of the Admiralty Signals Records Office, Area Command HQ. This experience no doubt emancipated her because when her children grew up and left home and after contributing to the community for years as a volunteer, she joined the work force again. Joan worked at McGill University in the Faculty of Management and ended a distinguished career in 1989 when she retired as Director, MBA Placement, Faculty of Management. Joan's volunteer work was important to her throughout her life. She served on many boards, including Welfare Federation of Montreal, Junior League Camp, Montreal Council of Women, Victorian Order of Nurses, Montreal Boys and Girls Association and Westmount Municipal Association. She was a Regional Chairman of the 1953 Red Feather Campaign, President of The Junior League of Montreal 1958-1960 and was a Directress of the Montreal Church Home. When she moved to Knowlton after retiring from McGill, she continued serving the community, as a director of Town of Brome Lake Wellness Volunteer Centre, Pettes Memorial Library and Brome Lake Theatre. Joan was charming, diplomatic, a loyal friend and feisty. She was married twice, for 34 years to Pete Peters and for 28 years to Angus Gilday. She was not only a loving mother and

grandmother to her family and step family, but she was an anchor in all of their lives. She was a steadfast supporter of her extended family and she and Angus generously welcomed her family to their house, Gilgood, on many happy and memorable occasions. Joan sought the best in people and leaves this world a better place. Joan was predeceased by sister, Anne Goodeve, first husband, Frederic H. Peters and second husband Angus M. Gilday. She leaves her son Frederic Hatheway (Gwyneth) and daughter Catherine (James Clubb); three grandchildren, Wendy and Jamie Clubb and Sarah Peters; four great-grandchildren: Hope and Georgia Clubb, Alexis Peters and Henry Travis. She will be fondly remembered by David and Diane Gilday and their children and by Steven and Heather Padner. Her passion for life will be missed by her many friends including the members of The One O'clock Club, the Twelve O'clock Club, The Lunch Bunch and lately, the gang at The Manoir. The funeral service from St-Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton, QC, will be on Friday, August 17, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the B.M.P. Foundation (oncology dept.) 950 Principale, Cowansville, QC J2K 1K3 www.bmpfoundation.ca would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, QC, J2K 2N5, Tel.: 450-263-1212; fax: 450-263-9557 info@desourdywilson.com

Cards of Thanks

FOWLER - On behalf of Lewis and I, we would like to thank each and everyone who attended our 50th Wedding celebration August 4 at the Danville legion. Especially we would like to thank all of you for the lovely gifts, cards, flowers and currency that we received. A special thank you goes out to our families, and to anyone who helped in anyway to make this such a joyous occasion.

Sincerely,
LEWIS & JOAN FOWLER

LYNCH - We wish to thank everyone for making Brian's Surprise 50th Birthday Party such a success. We pulled it off! Many thanks for all the food, cards, gifts, laughter, and most of all, for all your friendship. This day will be cherished forever. Thank you all.

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110th Thayer Family Reunion

The 110th annual Thayer Family of Lower Canada-East and Vermont reunion was held on Sunday, August 5, 2007 at Prouty Beach in Newport, Vermont. There were 37 family members present, which is more than double last year's attendance. The usual potluck feast was enjoyed on a beautiful sunny day.

Wendy Whitcher gracefully accepted the position of Vice-President of the Canadian side, and all other officers remained the same. The Canadian officers are now Ernest Thayer (President), Wendy Whitcher (Vice-President) and Kim Nichols (Secretary/Treasurer). The US officers are Lynn Thayer (President), Dick Brown (Vice-President) and Debbie Swistara (Secretary/Treasurer).

Thayer family deaths this year include: Bruce B. Thayer, 50, of Rockingham Road who died at his home on Saturday, July 29, 2006; Orman Mann "Red" Thayer Sr., 84, of North Haverhill, NH, died October 29, 2006, at his residence on Briar Hill; Claire Louise (Thayer)

er) Walter passed away December 10, 2006; Bertha (Thayer) Smithers, 82, passed away on March 10, 2007 at her home in Mansonville, QC; Allan Charles White, born August 1, 1938, passed away Sunday March 11, 2007 in East Peacham, VT; and Shirley (Thayer) Fullerton, 65, formerly of Woodsville, NH, died April 18, 2007, in Springhill, FL.

Births this year include Kate Mackenzie Eldridge, born November 23, 2006. Kate's parents are Patricia Lachance and Jeremy Eldridge, of Mansonville, Quebec. Kate is Rupert and Gilda Clark's great-granddaughter.

Congratulations were in order for Clarence Rolleston and Esther Marrotte who were married on June 25, 2006, and also to Lynn and Brenda McKenney who were married November 11, 2006.

Rupert and Gilda Clark celebrated their 55th anniversary on August 23, 2006; On September 9, 2006, Ernest and Ruby Thayer celebrated their 46th anniversary; and Allen and Alice Whitcher celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oc-

tober 20, 2006.

Ernest Thayer retired on November 30, 2006 and is now happy to have more time to volunteer in his community. Roger Wallis retired from 23 years of military service on February 19, 2007, and is now repairing military vehicles, after recently moving back to Quebec.

Alice Whitcher read the traditional Thayer prayer, written by her mother, Ethel (Hoyt) Thayer. She also spoke about some of the Thayer family history, reminiscing of past reunions, loved ones lost, and daily life in days gone by.

For the last few years, the reunions have had predominantly Canadian family members attending. As a result, a new location was decided upon, which will hopefully accommodate everyone a little better. The next reunion will be held on August 3, 2008 at the Advent Christian Campground in Beebe, Quebec, at noon. For directions or further information, please contact Kim Nichols at (450) 292-3157 or kn4tfa@yahoo.ca.

Richmond Hill Women's Institute August meeting

The August meeting of the Richmond Hill Women's Institute was held on the 7th at Valleyview Hall. Edith Farant, co-President, opened the meeting by leading us in repeating the Collect. She welcomed Doris Stevens, County President, and two Publicity Convenors from other Branches. She also thanked the hostess. The roll call was answered by 9 people, bringing food for Meals on Wheels.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The County President installed Dot Thompson as a new member in our Branch and she was warmly welcomed. The Treasurer gave a brief report and Edna Smith gave us a donation from a friend of our Branch. Correspondence was attended to.

Convenors' reports were requested. Agriculture: there had been another article about windmills in the paper and Edna Smith had spoken with Mayor Ger-

ald Badger, who said that probably nothing was going to happen this year. Health & Community Living: Donna Coddington said that laughing a lot gives your health a boost. Education & Personal Development: Edith Farant told us school was starting August 30. She also mentioned that a baby shouldn't be left in any seat for over an hour. Publicity & Awareness: Jean Storry said that reports are being sent in and notices given of our Social Afternoons. Pennies for Friendship: we each submitted pennies equivalent to our age. Sunshine: no cards needed sending but Doris Stevens thanked us for hers on the loss of her sister. Jean Storry gave a short report on attending the 60th Anniversary party for Richmond Young Women's Branch.

Under unfinished business, everyone was reminded about making cakes for the Fair Board Michouli. It was decided to hold a Social Afternoon on Thursday, Au-

gust 23, so that children might be able to attend one last time before school. It was moved by Edna Smith and seconded by Dot Thompson that Edna purchase additional groceries to round out our boxes. She will present a bill after buying them. We will host the semi-annual County meeting on Monday, August 27, starting at 9:30 a.m. Each member is to bring muffins, Edna Smith will take care of tea, coffee and orange juice. To help keep the Hall cooler during an entertainment, it was decided we should have some portable fans. Dot Thompson kindly volunteered to donate a table model. It was moved by Donna Coddington and seconded by Edna Smith that we purchase a pedestal one.

Business being completed, Jean Storry, hostess, read a few jokes, then asked Doris Stevens, County President, to speak to us. She spoke about the project "Into the North", and mentioned the

FWIC 2-year calendars which will be available for \$10.00, \$1.00 of which will stay with the QWI. She also spoke of the handicraft competition for Convention and the need for new ideas. She gave us quite a break-down of how our yearly dues are allocated and a brief explanation of the budget. We were pleased to learn that there are 529 members in the QWI divided into 13 Counties and 41 Branches. Jean thanked her and presented her with a small gift. Jean had prepared a brief quiz on the W.I. and prizes were awarded to Doris Stevens, Louise and Eileen Perkins.

Everyone enjoyed lunch and a visit before leaving for home. One member, Edith Farant, was surprised with a birthday candle and the birthday song to help her celebrate the next day.

Submitted by Jean Storry,
Publicity Convenor

Your husband may be bipolar

Dear Annie: I have been married for eight years and have three children under 7. Over the years, my husband's behavior has become increasingly bizarre and alarming. When we first married, everything seemed fine. Slowly, he became more and more verbally abusive. Over time, this abuse extended to the kids. He calls us every name in the book, curses, screams, threatens, has tantrums and more. In the past year, he has grabbed my older son around the neck and squeezed, once leaving a handprint.

A few years ago, my husband was diagnosed with OCD, and his doctors wanted to speak to him about bipolar disorder, at which point he refused to return for treatment.

Annie, our lives are so miserable, and I am afraid to leave my kids alone with their father. I would love to get a divorce and get out, but I am terrified that he will get partial custody and hurt them when no one is there to stop him. He has threatened me with all sorts of repercussions should I attempt a divorce, and so have members of

his family. I have no tangible proof of anything except in my journal.

I run a small, part-time business, and he has tried many times to destroy it. He goes on massive spending sprees and makes sure I don't have access to "his money." Please don't say he should see a mental health professional. He won't. I already am seeing someone. What else can I do? — Scared Mom

Dear Scared: Your husband may be bipolar, but it's irrelevant, since he refuses to get help. He is abusive and threatening to you and the children, and you have to get out of that house now. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (ndvh.org) at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) and ask for help so you can leave safely.

Dear Annie: My friend, "Diane," has a second home in my city, and many times, she and her husband go out of town. Their neighbor has a key to pick up mail and water the plants, but sometimes will entertain in their home while they are gone.

Annie's Mailbox

Occasionally, the neighbor even lets her company sleep in their beds. She does not have permission to do this.

This is unbelievable to me. Such nerve! Should I tell Diane what is going on or just let her find out on her own? — Friend in Need

Dear Friend: We're not sure how you know this information, but we'll take you at your word. Yes, tell Diane. Say, "You must have a very close relationship with your neighbors to allow them to use your house for parties and sleepovers when you're away." She'll take it from there.

Dear Annie: I have a question for "Lonely in Connecticut," the almost-40 short, bald man with below-average looks who can't get a date. Does he zero-in on the 5-foot-8 slender, model-like blonde with the great body? How about giving the smallish, even pudgy, brown-haired gal with a nice smile and quiet ways a look?

When my attractive, personality-plus charismatic son complained that he could-

n't find anything but high-maintenance girls, I asked if, when he entered a club, he scanned for the best lookers there. He answered, "Of course!" I suggested that he eliminate all those girls and check out the next level and see if he finds more interesting and less-needy girls — those who don't depend on their looks alone to be attractive.

Today my son is married to a wonderful gal, average-looking and slightly overweight, but fiercely loyal, supportive and hard-working. They started out as friends, and their friendship "caught fire," as Ann Landers used to say. Maybe "Lonely" has overlooked women who would enjoy his company and have much to offer — if only he would LOOK at them. — Southern Mama

Dear Southern: We completely agree that too many men who refuse to look past the exterior are missing some fabulous women. Thanks for the testimonial.

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

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: B equals P

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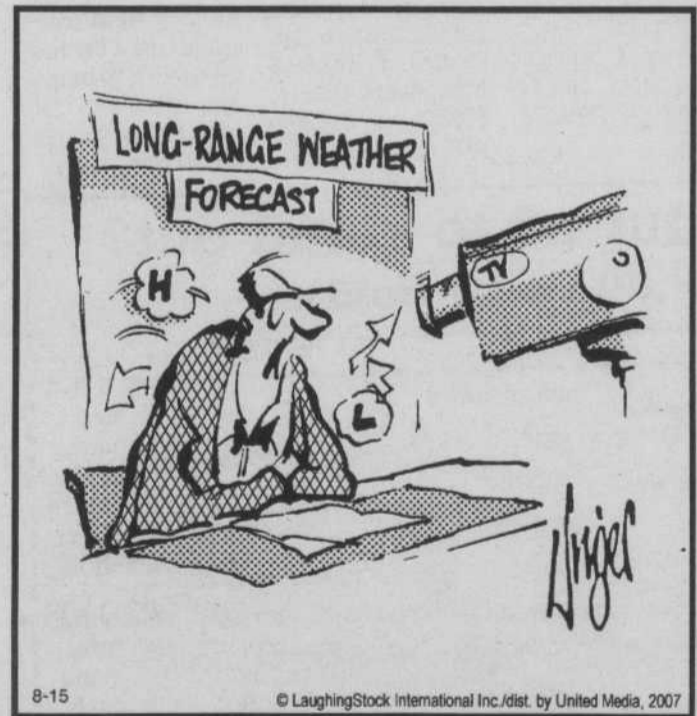
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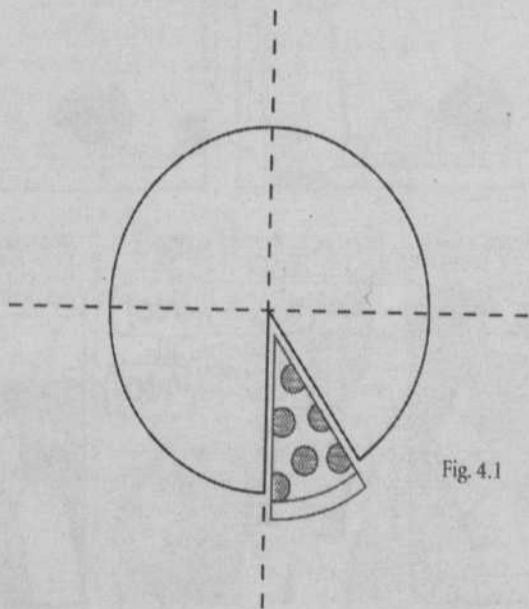


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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Now is the time to be far more assertive with something you are promoting where there is much promise of personal benefit. If this fits your picture, give it top priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today marks the onset of reaping rewards from those people to whom you have been very kind in the past. It's your turn to be the recipient of good deeds and the beginning of what's to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Glimmers of new hope could be making their way into your life, even though what occurs is just the beginning of things to come and may not yet be fully perceptible or appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Follow your urges to strive for lofty objectives. Although nothing may be profound at this time, conditions are stirring that could have a positive effect on your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Those very same persons who had previously rejected your philosophy or ways of doing things may do an about-face and actually become protagonists, not antagonists, in your affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A dramatic transformation could begin that

would open up several major opportunities for you. Take measures now to alter a negative situation that had seemed impervious to change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Any agreement into which you enter at this time has exceptional chances for success. This is because all the parties concerned will be attempting to be as fair as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Good work will receive top recognition from those who could further your career or standing in your field of endeavor. Immediately work on upgrading your performance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Excellent changes are indicated for making new friends or stimulating your social life. Make an extra effort to get out and circulate, and don't be too quick to ignore someone different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Conditions are exceptionally conducive to making the necessary changes to shore up domestic situations, whether they are personal or simply have to do with your intimate surroundings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You have what it takes to convince others to support an enterprise or fresh idea you have that could be significant in advancing your affairs. Don't be afraid to make a bold presentation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There could be far more financial opportunities circling around you than usual. One in particular might be in the early stages of development, and you can get in at the start.

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007

It's hard to expect the unexpected

By Phillip Alder

James Russell Lowell, who died in 1891 and was "only" a poet, critic, satirist, writer, diplomat, and abolitionist, wrote, "There is no good arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat."

In this deal, many players would fail to anticipate the East wind. Can you? Look at the North and South hands. How would you plan the play in three no-trump after West leads the spade 10?

You have six top tricks: three spades, one heart and two clubs. If you can bring in the clubs without loss, you will be home. But if you lose a club trick, when is your contract in danger?

Only when West has four (or five) diamonds headed by the ace and king sitting over your queen and jack, and East can get in twice to blow diamonds through you.

What two entry cards might East hold?

The heart king and club queen.

To make sure that East does not get in twice, win the first trick with dummy's spade queen (although doing so is not vital, playing the honor from the shorter side first unblocks the suit), cash the

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♥ Q 6 3			
♦ Q J 2			
♣ K J 9 5			
Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♠ 10			

club ace, and play a club to your jack.

Here the jack wins and you are playing for overtricks. Suppose, though, that West can take your jack with the queen. He cannot hurt you. If he shifts to a heart, you finesse. If he plays another spade, you win in your hand and take the heart finesse. You cannot lose more than four tricks.

Note that if you misplay the clubs so that East scores his queen, you go down if he shifts to a diamond.

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- 5 Intrepid
- 10 Talon
- 14 Short version of a long car?
- 15 German gun
- 16 Top-drawer
- 17 Verbalize an ache
- 18 Dress style
- 19 Lowly worker
- 20 Jason Robards film
- 23 D-Day craft
- 24 Soldering metal
- 25 Cultural values
- 28 L.A. hrs.
- 31 Specialized parties
- 35 With 43A, Cecil B. DeMille epic

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- 39 Towel word
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- 41 Synthesizer man
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- 45 Crystal set, e.g.
- 47 Writer Deighton
- 48 Recent event in N. Korea
- 49 CD—
- 51 "The Waste Land" auth.
- 52 Fredric March film
- 61 Elvis — Presley
- 62 — Park, NJ
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- 64 Virna of "How to Murder Your Wife"

- 21 Old atlas initials
- 22 London elevator
- 25 Old anesthetic
- 26 Greek letter
- 27 King of Judea
- 28 Oral statement
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- 30 Rockies range
- 32 Coast
- 33 Drinking sprees
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- 36 Numerical ending
- 37 9-digit ID
- 41 Military equipment

- 43 Before long
- 44 Bridge position
- 46 Dry, as wit
- 50 Lethal snake
- 51 Rose's spine
- 52 Prop starter?
- 53 Seed coat
- 54 ENT word
- 55 Freshwater duck
- 56 Calvary inscription
- 57 Musical club
- 58 Bus driver on "The Simpsons"
- 59 Soup veggies
- 60 — Stanley Gardner

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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