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## Rabies in St-Armand

27 cases

By Maurice Crossfield  
ST-ARMAND

Rabies has become a fact of life in southern regions of the Townships, with 27 confirmed cases in the tiny municipality of St-Armand alone.

"We don't know exactly where the virus has spread to," said Dr. Jocelyne

Sauvé, director of public health for the Montérégie. "Anyone anywhere who sees a suspicious animal should call Service Quebec."

Raccoon rabies has been a problem in many northeastern US states for a number of years.

However the first confirmed case in Quebec in decades was registered in

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## Laptop plan

School board to sell expertise

By Christopher Doody  
MAGOG

The Eastern Townships School Board has a plan to make money off of the laptop program that has put it millions

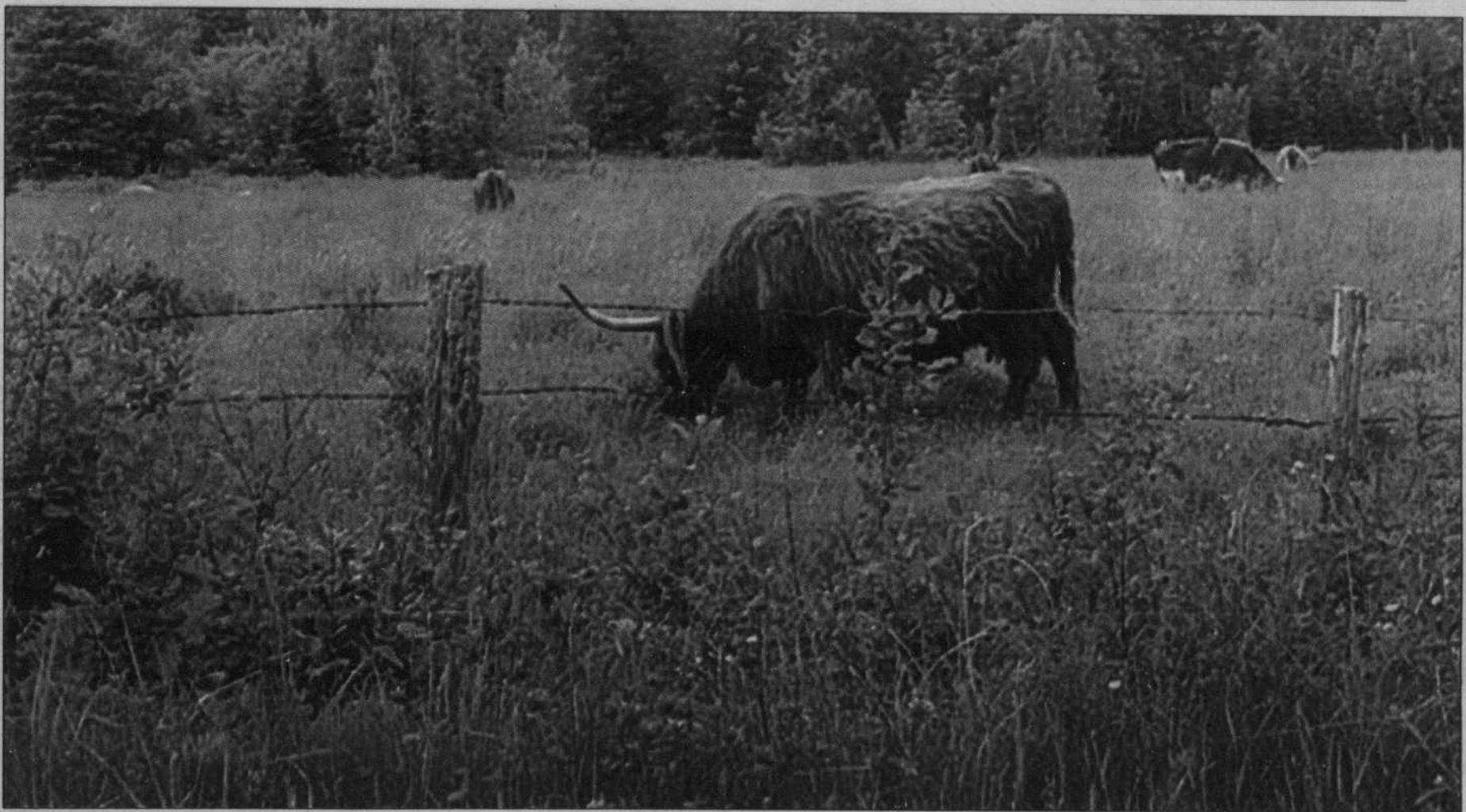
of dollars in debt.

The second phase of the Enhanced Learning Strategy (which saw every student in grades 3 to 11 receive a laptop) was announced at this week's school board meeting. The plan is called the Global Learning Circle.

It will "help communities and

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## Grass Guzzler



Highland cattle graze a lush hillside in the Townships.

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VOLUNTEER SEEKS WORK IN LENNOXVILLE AREA

A young adult in the Lennoxville area is interested in doing occasional weekend volunteer work. This man is willing to do yard work and odd jobs. If you need some help, contact Evelina Smith, Townshippers' Association's Volunteer Bank coordinator at 819-566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182) or info@townshippers.qc.ca.

CAB COWANSVILLE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Cowansville Volunteer Bureau (CAB Cowansville) is seeking volunteer drivers to take people to medical appointments.

Skills: Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and a well-maintained car. They must also be courteous, patient, non-judgmental, understanding, and enjoy working with seniors. The CAB will pay mileage during client transportation.

If you are interested in this or other volunteer opportunities in the Cowansville area, contact Sonia Enright at the CAB Cowansville at 450-263-3758.

ON VOLUNTEERING

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can."

- Sydney Smith (Source: Charity Village)

ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER BANK

The Volunteer Bank is an initiative of Townshippers' Association and was created as a result of a need expressed by English speakers to become more involved in their community, as well as to provide English-speaking volunteer support to community groups and organizations. Townshippers' Association is a non-partisan, non-profit organization serving the English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships.

Do you have a special talent, skill, or service you would like to provide on a volunteer basis? Is your group or organization looking for a few good volunteers? If so, contact Evelina Smith, coordinator of Townshippers' Association's Volunteer Bank at 819-566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182), info@townshippers.qc.ca, or George Courville, coordinator of Partners for Health & Social Services - Townships-Montérégie Network at 450-263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422), gc@townshippers.qc.ca.

CORRECTION

A photograph on page 4 of the Wednesday Record was misidentified. The image was of a house on Pacifique Street in Sherbrooke.

Oh Canada



PERRY BEATON Canada welcomed 38 new citizens on July 1 at a special swearing in ceremony held at Sherbrooke's Parc Jacques-Cartier. They are originally from 19 different countries. Quebec Premier (and Sherbrooke MNA) Jean Charest is second from left in both photographs.



Weather

Today: Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of showers. High 22.

Friday: Cloudy with 70 per cent chance of showers. Low 14. High 23.

Saturday: Showers. Low 15. High 18.

Sunday: Cloudy with 30 per cent chance of showers. Low 10. High 23.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Brome Lake's not closed

## Swimming's okay

By Maurice Crossfield  
KNOWLTON

While some localized algae has been spotted around Brome Lake, it has not been closed.

"The news that the lake is closed is clearly false," said Brome Lake director general Jean Bourret at the monthly council meeting Tuesday night. "There are localized areas where there is blue-green algae, but the lake is watched every day, and if there is a proliferation the public health authority will close the lake. But that has not happened."

Brome Lake is on a list that includes Roxton lake, Waterloo Lake, Selby Lake and the Choinière Reservoir, all of which have had localized algae spotted. While Waterloo has closed its beach and Roxton residents have been warned not to drink water from their lake, the remainder remain open and ready for summer fun.

Brome Lake town clerk Alain Roy said the town Internet site will have its main page updated every day, following the algae's progress. The municipal web site is at ville.lac-brome.qc.ca.

"If there's nothing on the lake it is because the lake is open," Roy said.

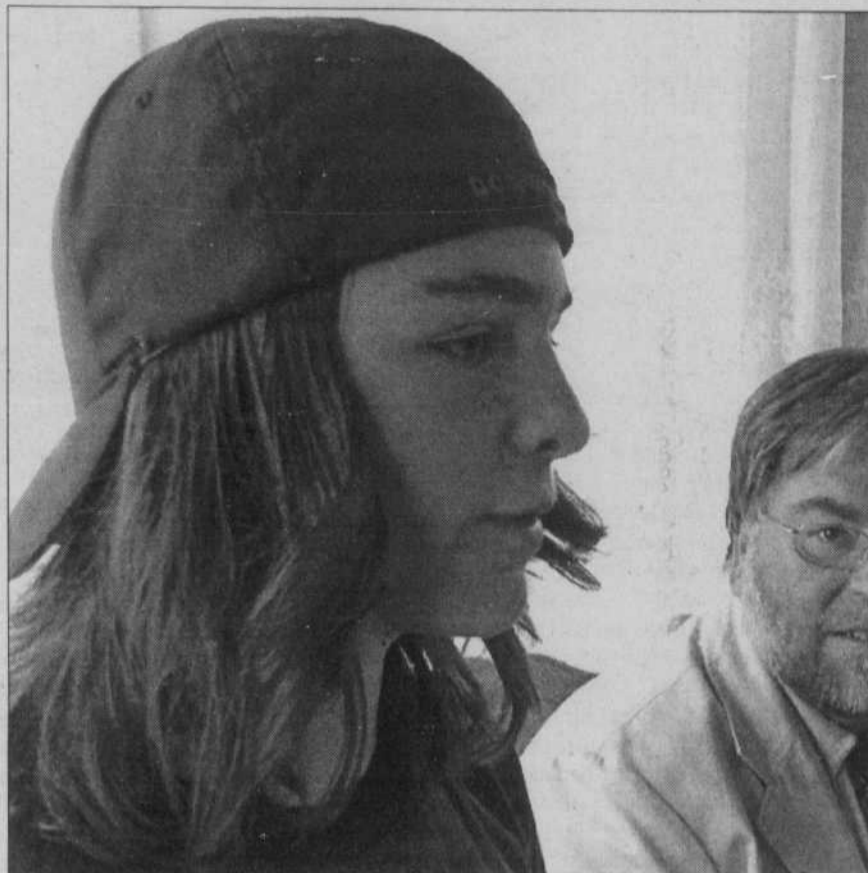
Meanwhile the municipality continues to study its options for cleaning up the lake. Mayor Richard Wisdom said two more studies in the coming weeks will give a clearer view of where the phosphorus that feeds the algae is coming from, and how to deal with it.

Later this year the council will adopt a master plan spanning the next five years.

"That might seem long to some people, but looking at the last 200 years of the lake, five years is reasonable," he said.

Wisdom said cleaning up the lake is a priority for the municipality, and that everyone, including the town, will have to do their part.

## Hire Him



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Etienne Langlois helped launch the East Angus CJS summer teen employment program at a press conference yesterday. Young people (wearing signature ball caps) can be hired for lawn care, babysitting, pool cleaning and other jobs like painting and cleaning. Call 819-832-1513.

# Morency gets a city contract

## Bins

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The City of Sherbrooke has awarded a \$2.4 million contract for 34,500 brown roll-out compost bins to local business Nova Envirocom.

The company's bid for the compost bins was \$14,000 less than its main competitor, IPL.

The bins will be distributed between now and the end of the fall.

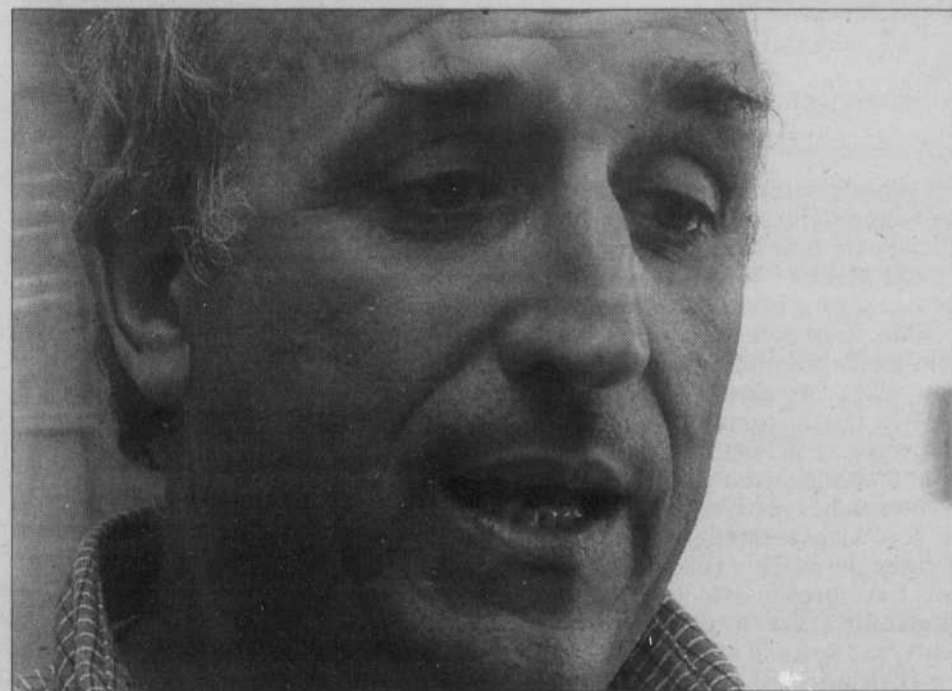
The decision was finalized at Tues-

day night's council meeting.

Nova president Pierre Morency and the city have had a rocky relationship.

He accused the tendering process of being unfair and was vindicated by an audit.

Auditor general Francois Gagnon agreed that the first two calls for a particular roll-out bin contract (the tender process began in 2005) were not fair, but the third and final call was. By that time, Morency had dropped out of the running, saying he had spent too much time and energy on a questionable process.



PERRY BEATON FILE PHOTO

Pierre Morency gets hired by the city of Sherbrooke.

# Still looking for Sow

## Wrathmall death

By Sarah Rogers  
SHERBROOKE

The investigation into the killing of Rachel Wrathmall continues this week, with police unable to offer much more information on the death of the 31-year-old Lennoxville woman.

Police investigators are currently analyzing results taken from the crime scene over the weekend, at 54 Downs St. in Lennoxville. Police have said that Wrathmall died from several stab wounds.

Police are looking for Raphiou Oumar Alpha Sow, 30, a close friend of Wrathmall, for questioning.

Wrathmall's body was discovered Friday by her sister after her family wondered about her whereabouts. The victim's black Jeep Liberty was later found in a parking lot in Dorval.

Lennoxville has been hit hard by the news of the second murder in their community in less than a year. On July 23, 2006, the body of 35-year-old mother Faye Geraghty was discovered in her

Speid Street home. Her estranged husband Jeffrey Loach is on trial for second-degree murder.

Anyone with information about Sow's location or Wrathmall's vehicle should contact the SQ at 1-800-711-1800.



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Television station TVA broadcast yesterday a photograph of a man they identified as Sow.



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# RABIES

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Dunham in May 2006. A trapping, testing and vaccination operation was carried out in that area. By the end of the summer three more rabid rodents were found, as far north as Cowansville.

"This year, in one month of operations, we've already had a lot more cases of rabies than in all of 2006," Sauvé said.

The discovery this May of a rabid raccoon prompted a trapping operation that was expected to wrap up on June 24. But the subsequent discovery of more cases of the fatal disease kept the trappers on the job. Presently there are 41 trappers using more than 4,000 cages to catch raccoons, skunks and foxes. So far nearly 7,000 animals have been captured, 1,600 of which have been tested and the remainder vaccinated and released by animal health technicians. That figure includes about 1,400 domestic cats attracted by the fish-based bait used.

"What worries us the most is we're starting to see cases in the periphery of the first discovery," said Pierre Canac-Marquis, who is heading up the operation for the provincial ministry of natural resources and wildlife.

The discovery also prompted the state of Vermont to step up its surveillance, and so far some 50 rabid raccoons have been found, mainly in Franklin County.

Canac-Marquis explained the Quebec operation, which works a bit like throwing a rock into a pond. Phase 1, which wrapped up Wednesday, centred around St-Armand, Bedford, Frelighsburg and Missisquoi Bay. Phase two will cover a wider region around the first phase, where animals will be trapped and either tested or vaccinated. Phase 3 will see all trapped animals vaccinated and released in the area surrounding the second phase. Affected municipalities will include Cowansville, East Farnham and Henryville.



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First they catch the critters.

An aerial bait drop will begin on Aug. 17. Laden with vaccine, the fish-flavoured bait will be dropped in municipalities including Sutton, Granby, St-Césaire and along the Richelieu River, a region of 1,400 square kilometres. Two days later another bait drop will go beyond that, covering 4,200 square kilometres that includes the Sutton Mountains, Mansonville and Brome Lake.

Canac-Marquis and Sauvé said the cooperation of the public will be key to the success of the anti-rabies campaign.

"We will need as much access to people's properties as possible," Canac-Marquis said. "If we cannot get into an area and there are rabid animals there, we won't be able to stop it."

It's no small task: Neighbouring Frelighsburg has about 15 raccoons per square kilometre, while Missisquoi Bay has about 25 raccoons per square kilometre. Raccoons are adaptable and not very afraid of people, and that's why Montreal parks have about 50 raccoons per square kilometre. Canac-Marquis said the prospect of rabies spreading to urban areas presents a very real public health threat.

He also cautioned against relocating problem animals over large distances. He said a weekender who catches a raccoon at their summer home in the Townships and then releases it on their way back to their home outside the region could inadvertently spread rabies. They could also be exposing themselves to danger.

Sauvé said the general public has an important role to play. She had several messages:

- If you are bitten by an animal, call Info Santé immediately, especially if you live in the southern part of the Montérégie or Estrie. Wash the wound with soap and water for at least 10 minutes.
- Be vigilant, staying away from unfamiliar domestic animals or any wild animals you



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Well-protected people check out a cage.

see.

• While getting your pets vaccinated was a suggestion last year, public health officials are now strongly recommending the practice. It will save your pet and could save your life as well. When possible, keep pets indoors. Owners of farm herds should talk to their vet about what they should do.

While deaths from rabies have been relatively rare in North America, it kills about 60,000 people a year. To date only one person has survived rabies, and she was left with permanent disabilities. Vaccines given before the onset of symptoms have proven effective. But once symptoms start there are no treatments, and you will die.

• Officials have no way of knowing how far the virus has spread. Report any animals acting disoriented, unafraid of humans or unusually aggressive, or the discovery of dead raccoons, skunks and

foxes, anywhere in southern Quebec. Call Services Quebec at 1-877-644-4545.

Canac-Marquis said the increase in the number of cases since last year is in no way an indication that the program isn't working. He said the approach, which involves five different federal and provincial ministries, was developed in Ontario and also used to fight a rabies outbreak in New Brunswick.

"Now they both say they have been rabies free for over a year," he said. "This program has been used for nine years and it has been very effective."

But this summer's \$5 million program won't be the end of the effort. Expect it to continue for at least a couple of years after the last rabid animal is found. For people living in the border regions, teams of trappers and increased vigilance will be a fact of life for some time to come.

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# Loach jury is now sequestered

*They are debating their verdict*

By Sarah Rogers  
SHERBROOKE

**A**fter three and a half weeks, the trial of Jeffrey Loach has come to a close. After giving final directives yesterday, Justice James Brunton sequestered the 12-member jury for deliberations that will eventually result in a verdict in Loach's second-degree murder charge.

Loach is charged in the death of his estranged wife Faye Geraghty, a 35-year-old mother of three.

Loach's first-degree murder charge was acquitted late last week by Justice Brunton, who said that a first-degree murder could only have stood if the Crown was able to prove that the murder was planned and deliberate.

The jury is now tasked with determining if there is a reasonable doubt related to Loach's involvement. Otherwise, they will unanimously agree that the Crown proved the elements of a second-degree murder charge, therefore rendering a guilty verdict.

Justice Brunton suggested the jury elect a foreperson to moderate the deliberations and eventually announce their verdict. The jury have no set timeline in which to come to their decision.

The Crown's theory is that Loach stabbed Faye Geraghty to death in her Lennoxville home July 18, 2006. Their case is supported by testimony asserting that Loach was a jealous man involved in an ongoing feud with his estranged wife over the custody of their children. Furthermore, Loach's blood was found at 27 Speid St. following the murder.

The defence argues that there is more than a reasonable doubt that Loach could have been responsible for Geraghty's death, including Loach's own testimony. The defence also said the murder could not have taken place in the 15 minutes Loach was away from his College St. apartment, as per testimony from his daughter.

If Loach is found guilty, he would face a life sentence in prison with no chance of parole for 10 years.

## BRIEFS

### Suspect sought

The Sûreté du Québec of Brome-Missisquoi MRC is asking the public for help in finding a man suspected of committing two robberies in December.

The robberies took place at the Dépanneur Bedford located at 75 Cyr on Dec. 22, and the Dépanneur Bidou located at 31 du Pont on Dec. 16.

The robber took approximately \$500.

The suspect (pictured) is about 25, 1.8 metres tall, and thin. He spoke in French, and wore dark glasses, with dark leather gloves, blue jeans and a grey and green winter jacket.

He left both scenes on foot. If you have any information, you can contact the Sûreté du Québec at 450-266-0149.

### Sought for \$15,000 fraud

Sherbrooke Police suspect this man (pictured) of being involved in a \$15,000 fraud.

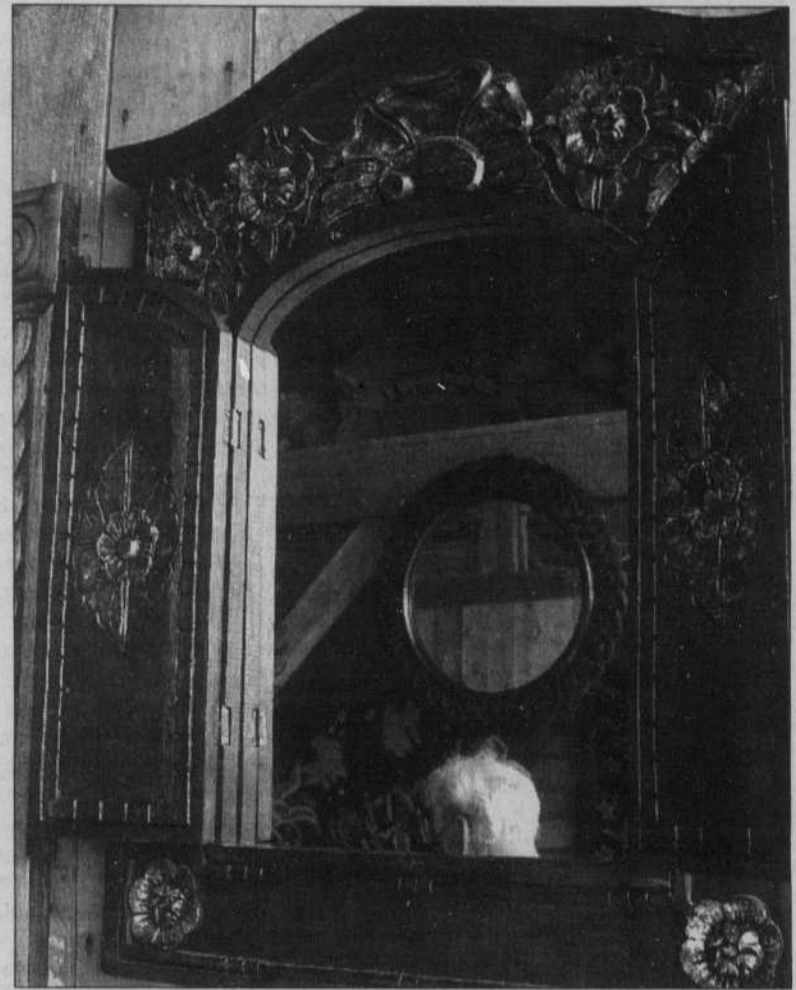
A camera captured his likeness on March 14 when he dropped in to

the Caisse populaire at 326 des Erables.

Contact Det. Hughes Nadeau at 819-821-5555.



## Bid Them Up!



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An antique furniture and home decor auction will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 7 (preview at 8 a.m.) at 323 Smith Road in Birchtown, with proceeds going to the Eaton Corner Homestead, a project of the Compton County Historical Society. Call 819-875-5183.



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# Community Forum

## Military deaths raise questions about mission

### 66 soldiers

How many is too many? That is a question Canadians will be asking themselves today in the aftermath of six more soldiers' deaths in Afghanistan. Sixty-six soldiers and one diplomat have now died since the boot of a regular Canadian soldier first touched Afghan soil in early 2002.

So, with all this carnage, is it time to bring the troops home?

Canadian politicians are asking themselves that question, too, and while the answers may vary depending on the colour of their party stripes, all of the country's political combatants are united by one imperative: How their stand on the war in Afghanistan translates into votes at home.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper wants Parliament to reach a consensus on whether to extend the mission beyond February 2009, the Liberals want NATO put on notice that Canada is done with combat operations by then, the NDP wants Canada's 2,500 troops brought home immediately, and the Bloc Quebecois is vaguely calling for a "recalibration" of the mission's focus from combat operations to development.

As news of the deaths of six more Canadians was emerging Wednesday, NDP Leader Jack Layton was already making a political pitch about the war in Afghanistan. With byelections looming in five ridings — including three in traditionally war-weary Quebec — Layton positioned those votes as a referendum on the Afghan mission.

"The choice is going to be very clear: They can vote for parties that got us into this mission, extended the mission or who want it to go on for another two years, or they can vote for the NDP," Layton said.

Layton is playing a cynical brand of domestic politics on the backs of Canadian soldiers by putting forth the "rather foolish and unsupportable" premise that Canada could walk away from its 25 NATO allies and 11 other international partners in Afghanistan without serious long-term consequences, said Douglas Bland, chair of the defence management studies pro-

gram at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

Bland said the Taliban insurgency is aware of the ambivalence within Canada, and that "reckless people" like Layton are playing to it for partisan purposes. The insurgents, he said, are emboldened to attack Canadian soldiers to weaken the country's resolve.

"I think Mr. Layton is attempting to create an anti-war issue. He's trying to create a situation that will get him some support and some votes. Obviously that's why he's talking about Quebec, with the troops going over."

The Royal 22nd Regiment from Valcartier begins its deployment of 2,000 troops to Kandahar later this month.

On Wednesday, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion reiterated his party's latest position on Afghanistan — that Canada should immediately serve notice to NATO of its intention to withdraw from combat operations by February 2009, so that the alliance has time to find a replacement country.

Dion criticized Harper over his decision in May 2006 to call a snap debate on extending the mission to February 2009. Dion voted against the extension, as did three-quarters of the Liberal caucus. But the two-dozen Liberals who supported the extension enabled the motion to pass. The exposure of divisions among Liberals left Harper looking decisive.

In fact, there was no need for the vote: Canadian prime ministers don't need the permission of Parliament to send troops to war, sign treaties or conduct any other foreign policy business.

"I think the prime minister tried to have (it) both ways," said Dion. "Traditionally it's a decision of the executive, where to send the troops."

Dion said last year's six-hour debate pales in comparison to the months of thoughtful consideration that occurred in the Dutch parliament before it approved its deployment of 2,000 soldiers to southern Afghanistan last year.

"You don't take this kind of decision in six hours, unless you have an emergency," he said. "But there was no emergency."

Still, Dion said he welcomes Harper's decision to hold a further debate on ex-

tending the mission beyond February 2009 and to seek a consensus within Parliament. He argues that by that time, Canada will have been on the front lines of heavy fighting for three years, and can walk away, head held high, with little negative impact on its NATO membership or international standing.

Bland disagrees. "That would be the termination of our NATO alliance," he said.

As for the Conservatives, Bland says

they are not doing enough to explain to Canadians that there is a credible end game to the mission — training enough Afghan soldiers and police to provide their own security so that international troops can leave.

"They need to get out there and say that more clearly to people because it seems to be a reasonable strategy."

MIKE BLANCHFIELD WRITES FOR CANWEST NEWS.

### ANALYSIS

MIKE BLANCHFIELD



## Charest will run again

By Graeme Hamilton  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Quebec Premier Jean Charest said Wednesday he will stay on to fight the next election despite the battering suffered by his Liberals in the March 26 provincial vote and in recent opinion polls.

"I still intend to be around for the next election. That has not changed," Charest told reporters as he announced his party's plan to reconnect with Quebecers through three touring committees.

After surviving a June budget vote thanks to a last-minute deal with the Parti Québécois, Charest's minority government is not given much chance of surviving beyond next spring. But the premier said the opposition parties would be wrong to defeat the Liberals so soon.

"What we know is that Quebecers do not want an election in the short term," he said, adding that the short term means at least two years. Asked whether he will still be atop his party in two years, he said, "Yes."

Party members will have their say in a vote on Charest's leadership at the Liberal convention scheduled for next March.

Charest said the lesson learned from his near-defeat was that "you have to be

on the ground" and connect with people.

To that end, the party has handed three committees the task of making the party more relevant, in particular to francophone Quebecers who have largely abandoned the Liberals. A CROP poll published last week in La Presse gave the Liberals the support of just 19 per cent of francophone voters, well behind the ADQ at 32 per cent and the PQ at 34 per cent. The Liberals need to improve their fortunes outside Montreal if they hope to regain their majority.

The committees will address the hot-button issues of the environment, regional development and Quebec "identity." The latter is a response to continuing debate over the accommodation of religious minorities in Quebec society.

Charest said he is not ruling out the possibility that the Liberals propose in their next platform a Quebec constitution grouping together such fundamental laws as the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and the Charter of the French Language, known as Bill 101. Both the ADQ and the PQ have proposed that Quebec draft its own constitution.

The committees will provide a preliminary report to the party in September before holding consultations across the province and submitting a final report to the party.

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# Recycling do's don'ts and dunnos

## Don't let the terrorists win!

I read last week that my town will soon provide me with a bigger, better and, who knows, maybe even bluer recycling bin, the kind on wheels you roll out to the curb. It's also the kind that, if you are so inclined, you can throw a kid inside and wheel up and down the sidewalk. (Not recommended for steep hills.)

I also read that the bins cost \$67 but the town will be charging \$70, making a small profit of \$3 per house. The rationale for this is that \$70 is a nice round number. I can't argue with that, especially since undoubtedly this extra revenue will be put towards publishing a recycling how-to guide. Undoubtedly.

Meanwhile, in the absence of such a guide, I'd like to offer my own recycling advice, based on personal experience.

First of all, what is recyclable? Tough question. No one really knows for sure so we recycle pretty much everything and hope for the best. That's why recy-

cling depots have sorters. If something's not recyclable, they'll pull it out and throw it into the garbage, and they can deal with the guilt. That's what they're paid for.

For example, besides the usual paper, plastic and tin, we've recycled:

- broken beach pails
- Barbies
- school binders
- glass figurines
- bubble wrap
- Publisacs
- squirt guns
- dishpans.



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Obviously, some things should not be recycled, for example:

- medical waste
- handsaws
- anything that's glowing green in an ominous way.

Next, do you have to clean food containers before you put them into the recycling? Not at all. Bacteria is key to the recycling process. You can't produce cheese without bacteria, right? Same for post-consumer products. The scum at the bottom of your chocolate milk jug, for example, acts as a catalytic emulsifying isotope. And those are big

words. Plus washing wastes water, and if we waste water, the terrorists win.

Speaking of containers, it's important to pay attention to the recycling symbol usually found at the bottom of jars and plastic tubs. This is the environmental equivalent of the smiley face, there to remind you that it feels good to recycle. The number on the symbol represents how good you should feel about yourself for helping the planet. Congratulations: that margarine container gives you Level 5 happiness!

Next, do you need to separate your recyclables or can you mix everything? This depends on the collection method. You should contact your municipality to determine whether there's a specific method you should be doing badly or another method you should be ignoring altogether.

So you've got all your jars, tuna tins and unopened bills ready to go into the recycling. Now what?

Well, at our house, it's a meticulous seven-step process as follows:

1) Place the recyclables on top of the stove, making sure burners are not on. Yes, this is a fire hazard but the elevated risk is a good motivator to move quickly to Step 2.

2) Move recyclables from the top of the stove into the box/bag/heap beside the stove next to the back door. Keep this collection here until it becomes so big that the back door can no longer swing open all the way.

3) Move collected recyclables onto the porch.

4) Repeat Steps 1 through 3 until you get around to Step 5.

5) Take boxes/bags/heaps of recyclables to garage where the two small blue bins are located. Jam recyclables into bins.

6) Repeat all of the above until recycling day, at which point cart bins to the curb. If you have small bins you will need to make several trips to collect the overflowing items that spill out as you walk.

7) Chase down items that have blown onto neighbour's property (optional).

It's really that simple. Mind you, this procedure is based on small bins and will be modified somewhat once our \$67 — er, I mean \$70 roll-out bins arrive. For starters, make sure all kids have cleared out of the roll-out before setting it by the curb. Children are not recyclable.

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#### A NEW CHAPTER

##### Leaving the regional

As the teens at RRHS file through the lunch line to pay for their lunches, order is kept at the cash by Ms. Delaney. After working for years at RRHS she will be absent from the cash next year. As the graduates leave, so will charismatic Jean Delaney, wife of long time Townships bus driver Mr. William Delaney.

When asked about her impending retirement, she said, "I will definitely miss my co-workers, but it's time to move on." Similar to the current grads the end has come fast at Richmond Regional High School. New beginnings are in store for Ms. Delaney. "I am excited," she said, "but the departure will be bittersweet."

Friendships and a daily routine are hard to let go of, but new friendships will be made and new paths will be uncovered for her. Richmond Regional will very much miss Ms. Delaney. I am sure she will always remember the memories she made at the Regional, excitement will await her in the next chapter of her life.

#### LONG-LASTING TEACHER FINISHES HIS LAST YEAR

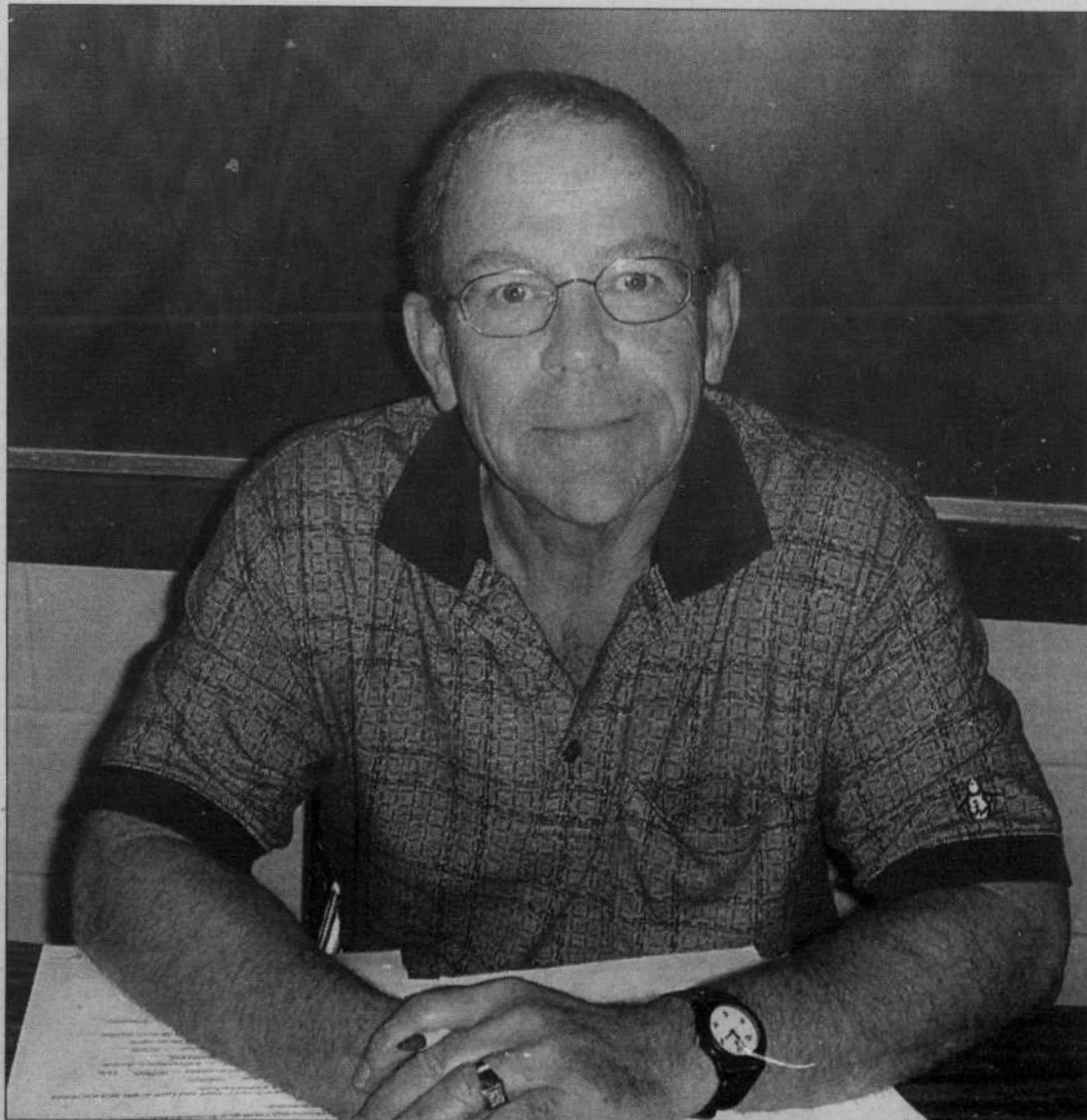
##### Mr. Richard Fortier Takes His Retirement

Every year a school welcomes a new talented teacher to teach and mould the minds of young children or teenagers until they are finally ready to face the dangers of the real world. A teacher's job is more than showing the value of

"angle X" or how to write essays. Teachers show students leadership, they teach us how to solve problems, and most of all, they teach their students something new every single day of their five-day school week.

This year, Richmond Regional High School has five staff members retiring. One of them is RRHS's longest lasting teacher: Mr. Richard Fortier. For a much better part of three decades, Mr. Fortier has been a full-time teacher. As he mentioned in one of his level four classes; "Sa fait trente-trois ans que je suis un professeur."

Mr. Fortier has also been teaching the career choice and the sexual education classes for many years. He shows his students what the real world is actually like. Mr. Fortier should be very proud of all he has done for RRHS. After all he's done for his students, RRHS gives him thanks, and wishes him good luck in the years to come.



## LAPTOP:

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countries around the world meet the challenges of education in the 21st century," said board Director General Ronald Canuel.

Although the finer details of the project are not being released until the fall, board chairman Michael Murray told *The Record* how the project will work.

The first of two tiers will have the ETSB "teaching others how to do what we've done" with the one-to-one laptop program, Murray said. They would offer this service to other school boards, companies, and even other countries.

Canuel spoke during the Tuesday night gathering about meeting with some foreign diplomats within the last few weeks, and Murray explained that "they were looking at ways in which we could help them in the introduction of laptops into their school boards."

Both Canuel and Murray showed great enthusiasm for the project.

"If we make a profit on this, we can enrich our own programs," Murray said.

"The second tier is providing education directly to students outside of Quebec," he said. "Because the laptops allow us to offer effective one-to-one teaching anywhere in the world where there is an Internet connection, and because we have experienced teachers now who use computers as an integral part of their pedagogy, we are able to offer education to various organizations that have kids in them."

The second tier plans to offer education to children around the world through video-conferencing.

"It might be situations like athletic organizations, where there are kids in sports programs, and away from their schools and homes six months a year. They need to have their education component looked after. They may not want to attend a local school, it may not be convenient.

"If you are golfer, you can't go to school from nine to four in the afternoon, and still play golf. So you might want to be in a program that offers anytime, anywhere learning," he said.

Murray explained that the experience would be in real-time, broadcast over the Internet. The teacher would be teaching to a "manageable number of kids," Murray said, "such as five to 10 kids."

"It would be as if you are in the classroom. They can see each other's visual reactions to what is being advanced, they can see visual demonstrations from the teacher," he added.

At the end of the year, the students would receive accreditation for the work they have completed, which they could then take to another school, almost anywhere in the world.

"So if we say they have passed grade X, they've passed grade X, and they'll have a diploma, to go to school anywhere else," he said.

Canuel said that the school board plans on creating a Global Learning Advisory Council within the next months. This council will be a "unique assembly of provincial, national and international recognized leaders in innovation," he said.

Canuel said board officials have spoken to the Quebec Ministry of Education about the project, and the ministry responded that as long as the school board does not ask for any funding for the project, they will not impose any rules or guidelines.

This means that any money that the program makes will be put directly back into the school programs of the ETSB, Murray said.

## Debt payment plan revealed

## Money to be invested

By Christopher Doody  
MAGOG

A balanced operational budget for the next school year was among the announcements made at Tuesday night's Eastern Townships School Board meeting.

Officials presented the budget for 2007-'08, and announced their plan to pay off the debt acquired under the Enhanced Learning Program (ELS) — the one-to-one laptop program, which provides students from grades 3 through 11 with an Apple portable.

The financial plan, which has been approved by the Quebec Ministry of Education, would see 80 per cent of the \$12.5 million ELS debt paid off by 2015.

Director General Ronald Canuel said this would be done with "no compression or reduction to ETSB programs or services."

The plan involves investing \$902,000 to pay off the debt. (Specific details were not provided, however.)

This money was gathered through various grants, and budget cuts, such as compressing the number of employees in the board's Magog head office, which contributed \$60,000.

"In other words, [our debt] is not going to balloon forever. We've created a plan that will reimburse all of the deficit, reabsorb the deficit within eight years," said Michael Murray, the chairman of the school board.

The remaining 20 per cent of the debt is scheduled to be paid off in 2015-'17, although the school board is still in discussions with the Ministry of Education on this issue.

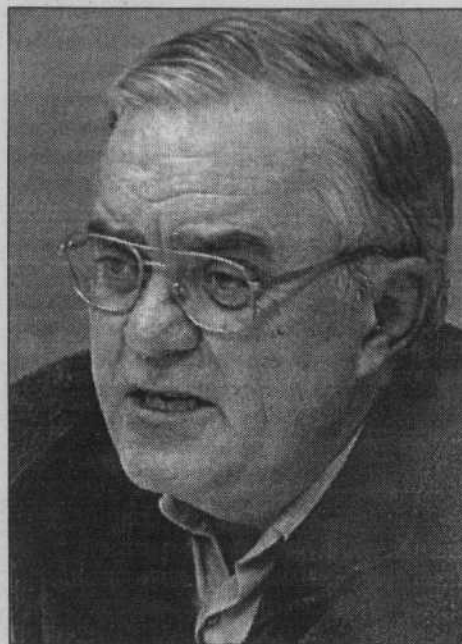
## NEW HIGH SCHOOLS?

Canuel also announced that come the fall, the school board will evaluate the merits of establishing two alternative high schools for students who are disabled or have behavioural problems for September 2008 in Lennoxville and Cowansville.

"We already have one, and that has been a success, in the sense of offering a kind of service that addresses a group of students," Murray told *The Record*. (The Eastern Townships Learning Centre is on the Alexander Galt high school campus in Lennoxville.) "We have observed in other areas that alternative high schools have been very successful. So we want to look at whether there is sufficient demand in either of these locations to support the same kind of alternative high school."

Canuel also noted at the meeting that the number of students that enrolled in the ETSB this year with a handicap — physical, emotional, behavioural — was "unprecedented," and the school board expects the numbers to rise. (Enrollment numbers were not available by *The Record's* press time, however.)

"[These students] create special challenges from



FILE PHOTO

Michael Murray says it will be paid off.

trying to have them interact in mainstream classes, so we are depriving the majority of kids of a certain amount of input from the teacher, who is spending a disproportional amount of time with the kids with greater needs," Murray said. "Setting them up in their own high school, where they have their own program, allows us to give them special attention, and allows us to give the mainstream kids the kind of attention they deserve."

The school board is expecting a lower enrollment for next year. The ETSB currently has 5,920 students enrolled for next year, although Canuel said he is confident that number will rise to 5,950.

There were 6,100 registered students for the school year that is just ending.

Canuel pointed out that despite a slight enrollment decrease in the last few years, the number of staff is on the rise.

He said the student-teacher ratio in 2003-'04 was 17.2 students for every teacher, and in 2006-'07, it was 16.2 students for every teacher, despite an enrollment decrease of 200 students.

The assembled commissioners also approved a Safe School Policy.

"Schools need a plan, and we as a board have created a master plan to ensure the safety and security of people in the school at all times, for various scenarios," Murray said.

These scenarios include everything from an intruder on the premise, to severe weather, to a fire.

"There is a plan that the board has made, to which each school can change the specifics, but each school will now know what steps they must take to make a safety plan," he said.

A copy was not provided.

## APPOINTMENTS

There were also several appointments announced.

- On Aug. 13, Claire Beaubien will become the new principal for Cookshire Elementary (30 per cent of her time), North Hatley Elementary (30 per cent), and 40 per cent as a member of START (Schools Target, Achievement and Results Team, a teachers' resource).

- On Aug. 13, Kirk Robinson will become the new principal of Asbestos Danville Shipton Elementary School (30 per cent), and Drummondville Elementary (70 per cent of his time).

- Debra Valdex will become the assistant director for the Vocational and Adult Education Centre in Cowansville on Aug. 13.

- Luc Grandchamp is the new coordinator of Information Communication Technology for the school board.

Murray reminded that school board elections will take place on Nov. 4, and the nomination process will be from Sept. 25 to 30.

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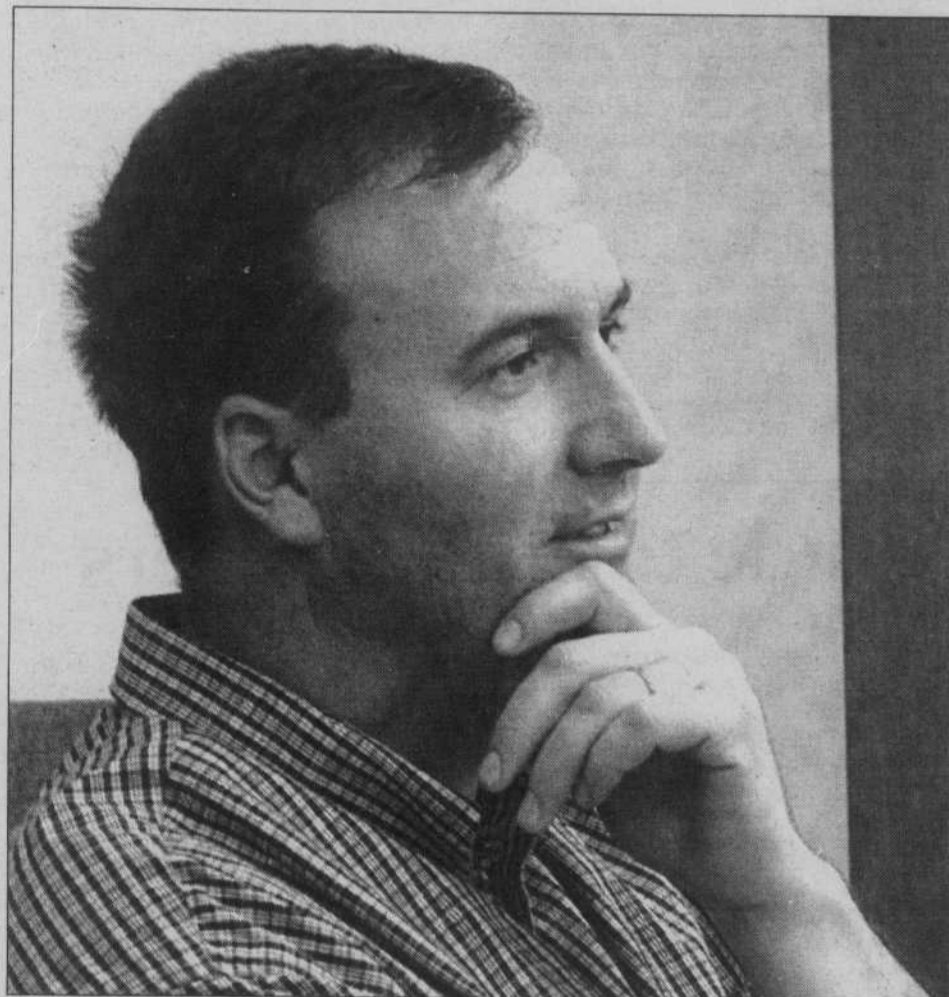
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It's official — Mike McKenna is Stanstead's new fire chief.

## Roy hands out copies of the law on access to information

### Council news

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

At the July meeting of the Stanstead Council, as much as some things stayed the same, others seemed to be changing.

While nothing had been resolved in Councillor Florent Roy's quest for information that he felt he should be given access to, council members did appear to be speaking louder and mumbling less, identifying more clearly exactly what they were discussing and on what subjects that were about to pass resolutions for.

As subjects appeared on the agenda, different councillors read aloud information about various items.

For the first time, it was clear to everyone what the process of business was: someone proposed a resolution, someone seconded the proposal and then the mayor asked if anyone felt the need for a vote. If everyone agreed, then the resolution was passed without an official vote being necessary.

Another change was that the question period was held at the end of the meeting instead of near the beginning. Everyone had a chance to hear how councillors felt about different subjects, which led to a more concise question period. On the other hand, if the question period is near the beginning of the meeting, others attending might be able to shed more light on the subject before a resolution is passed.

### FLUET FRUSTRATED

Businessman Jean Fluet returned, for the third time, to seek permission from the town to create a new vehicular entrance/exit to the company which he owns with his father, A. Fluet & Fils.

While Mayor Raymond Yates gave Fluet a chance to have his say when discussions on the subject began, (apparently an exception to the new rule for people directly involved with the issue), Fluet still left frustrated.

Fluet had originally been told by the town that he needed to get in touch with the Quebec ministry of transport to seek their permission as the outlet

would exit onto a provincial roadway. When he contacted the ministry, he was told that he needed to get the permission of the town before they would even look at the issue.

Nonetheless, Fluet was told once again by the town that he should contact the ministry before asking the municipality for any kind of ruling on the issue.

In the eyes of council, the correct procedure should be to get the OK from the ministry, submit a request to the council, who would then refer it to the CCU, who would then meet and rule on the issue.

The CCU's recommendation would then be given to the town which would make its ruling which they would pass on to Fluet.

If okayed, Fluet would not be able to actually start the project until sometime next spring — not quite what he had in mind!

### NO DOCUMENTS FOR FLORENT ROY

Councillor Roy asked once more when he would receive copies of the documents that he had requested more than two months ago.

He said as an elected councillor, he needed access to all the information available if he was to place a qualified vote on behalf of the people who had elected him to office.

When Mayor Yates asked Roy when they could meet privately to discuss this matter, Roy instead provided a copy of laws that state that the town is legally obligated to give him this information not only as an elected councillor but also as a Stanstead taxpayer.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stanstead has a new fire chief.

As of last week, Mike McKenna filled the position of Stanstead fire chief that was vacated by Pierre Sanfaçon early last year.

McKenna is a family man with young children, is fluently bilingual, and has always lived in this part of the Eastern Townships. His current role as fire chief of Ayer's Cliff Fire Department, a position which he has held for several years,

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## Minerals and those who love them

### Collectors and artists

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

In collaboration with the 8th Annual Border Fest 2007, Granite Expo (GEMS) of Stanstead will present not only the first mineral fair of the area but also one of the few held in the province of Quebec.

Hobbyists, whether serious or amateur, will have a unique opportunity to meet passionate mineral collectors, geologists, jewelers and artists. Some of these collectors will be selling some of their rare and semi-precious stones.

There is something somehow intriguing about a small stone that has such an incredible history behind it, either because of where it came from,

the process that it took to find it, or the very role that nature must have played to create such a beautiful and complicated entity.

At GEMS on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8, you will be able to examine these wonders of nature, discuss their attributes with knowledgeable geologists and jewelers, and wonder at the incredible workmanship that artists have created with these gems of nature.

"We are really looking forward to this show. Among the exhibits, there will be collections from the Mineralogy Club of Quebec City and the Thetford Mines Mineralogy Museum, lapidary and sculptor Eric Drapeau,

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# It's just like television (unless it isn't)

## A Baywatch moment

It was one of those picture postcard days. I was gazing out from the crowded confines of Cedarville's Weir Beach, viewing all the activities transpiring on the waters of Lake Memphremagog. Sailboats, fishing vessels, waterskiers and kayakers were abundant on this hot and humid afternoon. Even the normal tranquil Tea Table Island was active. The picturesque scene of whitecap waves splashing merrily around the tiny isle made it seem less lonely. The sun's reflection off the water added to the aura.

Back on the beach, sunbathers and swimmers were enjoying the relief of the cool lake water to combat the heat and humidity of the summer air. It wasn't only the campers from Weir who were taking advantage of the beach but also many Stanstead residents trying to escape the hot and sticky bustle of ur-

banism. Children were running up and down the sandy shoals chasing a beach ball, college-aged kids were tossing a frisbee around and others picnicked on tasty watermelon and fresh strawberries.

I was sitting in my folding lawn chair when I noticed two gorgeous swimsuit-clad babes standing out on the pier to my right. "Nicole" and "Paris" were in the process of unloading a boat from a trailer into the water. Both seemed to be discussing how they were going to go about the task. It was quite obvious they were having difficulty.

As I sat watching them, I concluded: If these two goddesses couldn't get onto TV's Baywatch, something is definitely wrong with this world. Anyway, Nicole got back into the vehicle hauling the boat and trailer and backed a little closer to the lake. Just as the trailer's wheels touched the water, Paris let out a holler. I guess it was to indicate that the hull of the boat was now submerged into the

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lake.

There were about a half-dozen other people on the pier but they seemed oblivious to the girls' plight. Nicole exited the vehicle and peered

at the boat still attached to the trailer. Paris said something and pointed in the direction of where I was sitting amongst the countless beach enthusiasts. Nicole replied in a monologue and the two girls ended up scanning the area as if they were sending out an SOS.

Was this my cue to save the damsels in distress? I had thoughts of running down the beach and coming to their rescue. Even though I don't have the first clue about unloading a boat from a trailer.

I'd be like a hero or... a complete idiot. Just as I was debating on what to do, Nicole and Paris began walking towards the beach.

That's it, I've made up my mind. I'll assist them in any way I can. At least I'll make the effort and they will graciously

appreciate me for being a kind citizen. As the two divas approached, I got out of my lawn chair. I was about to stroll towards them when out of nowhere, two huge muscular men met up with them. I'm talking 300-pound NFL linebackers.

Much to my chagrin, they began chatting with Nicole and Paris and minutes later the four were walking back to the pier.

I returned to my chair.

Probably just as well. The two body-builders could have tossed me into the water like an inflatable dingy.

The two guys ended up helping Nicole and Paris launch the boat into the lake. I could only sit weeping as the foursome laughed and socialized. The girls eventually climbed into their water craft and zoomed out towards Tea Table Island, waving to their courageous knights in shining armor during their moment of crisis. And no doubt the two lucky gorillas also got telephone numbers.....

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geologist Roche Mère from Magog, Folie Passagère, lamps made from recycled granite from Organic Design, creations by jewellers Julie Mineau, Louise Perreault, Marie-Thérèse Caron and Raymond Audet. Also on display will be artwork by Stanstead's own Mosaïques d'Arcy and famous reproductions on granite by Picture This On Granite which is also based in the Stanstead area," said the exhibit's Amélie Langlois.

For those of you who are not quite sure what a lapidary is (myself included), the dictionary says that the term refers to a craftsman who cuts, polishes and engraves on precious stones, an expert in precious stones, collector of or dealer in gems. (They say you should learn one new fact every day!)

The Granite Expo Center is located at 14 West Notre Dame Blvd, Stanstead. Admission is free but there will be a donation basket at the door. This event will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on both Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8.

## Border alert a guide to outlaw bikers

### On guard

By Andrew Mayeda

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

On days he'll be riding an "American made" motorcycle and sporting a bulletproof vest over his tattooed torso.

But he could also roll up in a mundane rental car accompanied by a gaggle of lawyers.

These are some of the telltale signs that Canadian border guards have been given to identify biker-gang members at the border, according to an "alert" sent out by the Canada Border Services Agency last summer.

The alert was distributed to front-line officers ahead of a Hells Angels motorcycle run in Amherstburg, Ont., in June 2006.

Border guards were told "It is unlikely members of the Hells Angels will be wearing their colours when arriving at ports of entry.

"Members do not ordinarily travel alone. If driving motorcycles: they usually drive American made."

But not all biker-gang members will pull up in their Harleys, notes the alert, which was obtained under federal access-to-information law.

Bikers are more likely to arrive in a rental. "When a rental vehicle is used, the rental may be in a female's name.

"Members may be wearing bullet proof vests or have one in the vehicle or in their luggage. The vest is used for the protection

of the biker against rival members," the alert advises. It points out that members may have tattoos, rings or patches specific to their gang. They could also come armed with legal aid. "Members may be accompanied by their lawyers."

One critic called the alert "over-the-top profiling. It's a serious thing, the Hells. But this particular memo, I suspect, was purely politically driven due to the anticipated media attention on the flood-gate arrival into Canada for their convention."

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has given him experience in this field. He will also be taking on the North Hatley Fire Department.

He was at the meeting Monday evening to introduce himself to his new employers and the residents who were present.

### MISCELLANEOUS

There was a request from Club Quad Frontières Estrie asking the town's permission for

access to the vacant property on Notre Dame Boulevard in conjunction with Frontières en Fête/Border Fest 2007. The council turned down this request due to concerns about insurance coverage for the town and possible destruction of the property.

The subject of a possible labyrinth slipped by almost unnoticed. The council decided to support the concept, as such, but wanted to discuss the possibility of constructing it somewhere other than Banting Park as suggested by Kim Prangley who had approached the town with the concept of such a project.

## Swing Your Partner



The border area's North Country Swingers livened up the Canada Day Hatley festivities.

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# Family fun with a parade, games and food

## Border Fest 2007

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

It is time for the 8th annual Frontalière en Fête/Border Fest 2007 – a way of celebrating the riches that lie within this border community, architecturally and historically, but also in the very people who live in this region of the Eastern Townships.

Yes, that's right, a whole year has passed and then some.

There are a couple of important changes to note, like the date: it's this July 7 and 8 weekend.

And the location is the Sunnyside School grounds (at 441 Dufferin Street). This family-style get-together promises to have something for everyone: crafting and collectors' exhibits, a parade, 5km run, games, a hot meal, specialty acts and live entertainment from two great bands during the evening hours. And fireworks, too.

The bulk of scheduled events will be held on Saturday.

A quick warning: there's one thing that's not really for kids. "I think that the Luc Martel's Underground Magic Show (between 5 and 6 p.m.) will be something to see," said Jody Stone, president of the Stanstead Recreational Association.

"They will be doing several challenges and interacting with the audience throughout the performance. Parents are advised that this particular show might not be appropriate for children."

But just about everything else is all-ages entertainment.

"The Bisha and Alexo shows should be full of fun and laughs for everyone. We have planned two shows, one in French (12:30 p.m.-1 p.m.) and one in English (2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.), so that everyone will get the full effect of their antics.

"We have booked two of the area's favourites for the evening entertainment." Entry is \$4 and the shows are Slightly Haggard with Brian Curtis and Firing Line (formerly known as 4-Eyed Jerry) with Jerry Goodsell.

"During the band changes, at a time which usually presents a lull in activity, we have planned another exciting display of choreographed fireworks. Then it is music until midnight," added Stone.

The fireworks will start around 9:30 p.m., give or take.

### PARADE

President Jody Stone and parade organizer Maryse Trepanier wanted to let people know that everyone is welcome to join in the parade on Saturday.

The inclusion of horses is no longer the problem it was in previous years as the insurance has been worked out.

In response to complaints that were



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Half the fun is in getting wet!



NANCY NOURSE

The Border Community Youth Club gets into the act at Borderfest 2006.

heard last year, a child or adolescent riding a bicycle or four-wheeler (especially) is obliged to wear a proper helmet.

The Frontier ATV Association is also scheduled to be involved in the parade, promoting the theme of safety. The parade will begin in front of Atelier Raymond Alex (765 Dufferin Street) at 10:30 a.m., and will travel south along Dufferin Street to Sunnyside School where the rest of the festivities will be held.

### FIREMAN'S GAMES

One of the big successes of Borderfest 2006 was the firemen's games. Six teams have registered for this year's event: Hatley, Canton de Stanstead (Georgeville/Fitch Bay), Compton, Derby Line, Vermont, Ayer's Cliff and Stanstead. Be on site Saturday between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and watch the fun unfold.

### BIG RACE

Mike Sudlow will share his passion for running. This will be the fifth year he has organized a 5 km run on Saturday as part of the Borderfest festivities.

Registration (starting at 8:15 a.m.) will be in the Stanstead College Gymnasium (at 450 Dufferin Street) where there are ample facilities for preparing for the race. The race itself will begin at 9:30 a.m., in front of the CLSC (435 Dufferin) which is located near Town Hall (425 Dufferin). Town Hall has once again been designated the official finishing line. Prizes will be given out immediately following.

"We are hoping for another good turnout like we had last year," said Sudlow.

"We were really pleased to hear that Tara Holland, the women's record holder for this 5 km run, has decided to participate once again. It would be great if she could beat her own record of 20 minutes!

"Tara is from Lennoxville. We are also

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# July 7-8

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Ian Jackson was the keynote speaker.

## Change and the odd directions life takes

### Stanstead's grads

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Stanstead College said goodbye and good luck to its graduating students following another active year on campus at this internationally renowned boarding school in the Stanstead area.

The 2007 Baccalaureate Service was held at Centenary United Church on June 23. It was hard to find a place to stand.

Keynote speaker for this year's ceremony was Ian Jackson, a graduate of 1982 who has been increasingly more involved with the school since he left the community.

He is employed with Sony in the sales and marketing of computer games and educational products.

"I was sincerely humbled to be asked to address this group today. It did not take me long to accept the invitation though. The subject that I have chosen to speak on today is change.

"The Stanstead College that I knew when I was a student here was much different than the Stanstead College of today. During the years '76 to '82, the school went through some really big changes, one of which was that it changed from an all-boys school to one with a co-ed student body.

"The first year there were only a few girls who registered but the number kept increasing as time went by."

Jackson went on to say that his life had also gone through many changes, as would the lives of this year's graduates. The twists and turns of life have a way of creating changes and changing perspectives.

When he graduated in '82, the field of technology was a long way from the original plans that he had made for himself.

The world today, he noted, had also changed drastically since that time, especially since the 9-11 attacks in the United States: global image, the economy, even the very way that we interact with one another.

He sees the sense of gloom and doom that seems to be present as also having a positive effect. It has served to turn people's thoughts toward a cleaner, safer, better place in which to live.

He posed a question that he had been asked many years before by one of his teachers at Stanstead College: What is the definition of life?

Teacher Peter Boyd had finally given them an answer: Life is the sum of all past experiences. The more we change, the more we evolve and the more changes that we experience, the more changes that are yet to come. Boyd's message is that change is out there: you should embrace it, adapt to it, be tolerant of changes, be a part of it. If more people became involved, maybe the world would be a better place.

"There is one other important message that I want to relay this morning:

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hoping to see Jimmy Gobeil, from St. Denis de Brompton, who broke the men's record last year in this event," added Sudlow.

Sudlow called the course one of the nicest ones from the point of view of the runners: it's mostly flat, through wooded areas as well as along the bike trail. There are two lengths that take the runners along Dufferin Street, past some of the beautiful historic homes in this small border village.

Sudlow said changes that have been made in footwear provide much more support and shock resistance. He chuckled as he remembered that in his younger days he and others were looking for the lightest thing they could find, with no regard to proper support for their feet.

Sudlow had to look a little harder this year for volunteers as his traditional helpers, students from Stanstead College, were no longer in school. Several Ogden town councillors and their spouses and a few friends have stepped up to help out (Sudlow is also mayor of Ogden).

He said the Three Villages Boy Scouts have stepped in to act as monitors on the trail itself, keeping everyone on the established route.

The official timekeeper for the race will be Russ Petelle, who is also an avid runner but due to an injury will not be running. Sudlow feels badly about the injury but is not sad to be able to say that he will have an expert timer recording the times of all the runners this year. Le Coureur, of Sherbrooke, is donating several door prizes and gifts

Don't forget about this school! Even though you may go off to university, building bigger and better careers for yourselves, one day, something is going to happen that will take back to this day and the time that you spent here at Stanstead College. You could be on an aircraft or the House of Commons but I assure you that it will happen. That's what happened to me and I have never regretted my renewed association with this school and the people who work here. Even though you are physically leaving here today, this School has a way of hooking you and keeping you for life. If the faculty has worked their magic, as I am sure that they have, Stanstead College will never leave you," added Jackson with great emotion.

Headmaster Mike Wolfe spoke of the creed that Rev. Henry Van Dyke lived by. He said that there were five things that you should remember when living your life:

- be true to yourself, otherwise you can never be true to others
  - help others: the only true gift that you can give someone is a piece of yourself
  - make each day count
  - work hard at friendships
  - be thankful of your blessings.
- Wolfe said the world would be a better place if we started magnifying our blessings instead of our disappoint-

for runners. IGA Roy, of Stanstead, will once again supply water and oranges.

### COLLECTIBLES

Stone said organizer Robert Sheldon had done a great job at getting the word out to collectors who experience history through memorabilia. Sheldon has an extensive collection of Lionel trains that he has collected from all over the world.

The Collectors' Exhibition will be located in the Sunnyside gym. There will be a small cover charge. Inside the school, there will also be an artisan exhibit being sponsored by S.O.S. (Spirit of Stanstead), an organization which is never far behind when there is a chance to promote community spirit. The displays are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

### GPS RALLY

A new item on the agenda for Borderfest 2007 will be a GPS Rally, thanks to the efforts of Réjean Côté. This rally, Sunday morning at 10 a.m., will take place on foot. Côté has come up with a set of questions that must be answered at each destination point. You will be given the co-ordinates and you'll need to find your own way (each team must supply their own GPS). Côté said that the actual course should take 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

Teams may consist of two to five people — and families are encouraged. Registration is \$10 per team. When asked what kinds of questions the teams would have to answer, Côté said that he collaborated with town councillor and historian Matthew Farfan to locate points of interest.

But Côté is keeping the exact questions top secret.

ments.

The Billy Huckins Scholarship went to Audrey-Ann Bourassa, who despite an ongoing battle with cancer, has become a role model for others within the school. The Billy Huckins Memorial Scholarship is given to a student who has shown dedication, hard work, achievement and above all courage.

Chelsey Martin, in her first year, was awarded prizes for Music, Math, Science and French as a student in Grade 7. She also took the prize for the highest overall average in her grade and the Kenneth Reed Memorial Award, which is given to a local junior student who is returning to school. Nicolas Bauer received prizes for Geography, Spanish and French and for the highest overall average in Grade 9.

Other students whose names came up often were Helen White, recipient of the Chemistry and History prize for Grade 10, the Stanstead College Award for Creative Endeavour in History, the Senior Debating Award, The Banting Bursary, and the Birks Bronze Medal for overall highest average in Grade 10.

Bertha Iselle Flores Ruiz took top honours in Grade 8 French, English and Science, Junior Debating Award, House Director's Award for Colby House, Highest overall average for Grade 8 and the Wilder Shield, given to the junior student with the most positive influence on her fellows.

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## Under-17 football tourney gets underway

*Quebec will feature aggressive defensive unit*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Quebec under-17 football team that will participate in the Canada Football Cup will be heavy on local talent, beginning with head coach David Lessard. Lessard, the offensive coordinator for the University of Sherbrooke Vert & Or, spoke at press conference yesterday and introduced several players who are expected to make contributions to the success of this year's squad — including Sherbrooke natives Anthony Chabot, Vincent Turgeon and Nicolas Roy.

The under-17 roster also includes a quartet from Drummondville — Jean-Simon Ouellet, Anthony Labrecque, Raphael Ayotte and Jordan Boisvert.

"We have a very strong defensive front and we want to be aggressive, flying to the ball," Lessard said yesterday. "You look at someone like Ricardo (defensive lineman Ricardo Desrosiers) who is 6-foot, 4-inches and 266 pounds. We are big but we also possess a lot of speed and we want to attack at the line of scrimmage."

The under-17 tournament gets underway Saturday morning with a pair of games slated for école secondaire du Phare. Action begins when Team Manitoba squares off against Ontario West at 10 a.m. while Northern Alberta takes on Ontario East at 2 p.m. The final game of the day, between Quebec and Southern Alberta, will be played at the Bishop's Coulter Field at 5 p.m.

Because of an unbalanced schedule, both Manitoba and Ontario West will advance to the semi-final round. That means Quebec must win its opening round match against Southern Alberta to keep hopes alive. However, Lessard scoffed as the fact that the schedule placed added pressure on his team.

"There is football where teams usually play just eight games in a season and where every game is important," Lessard said. "One football game is worth five hockey games or 10 baseball games; we will be ready on Saturday."

The action resumes on Tuesday with the loser of the Northern Alberta-Ontario East contest taking on the loser of the Quebec-Southern Alberta match-up at école secondaire du Phare, while Manitoba meets the winner of the Northern Alberta-Ontario East contest at Coulter Field and Ontario East battles the winner of the Quebec-Southern Alberta game at

the University of Sherbrooke stadium.

The championship match will be held at the Université de Sherbrooke stadium next Friday at 5 p.m. with the bronze medal game slated for a 1 p.m. start at Bishop's.

Lessard expressed a feeling that playing in their home province would be a boost to his club.

"It certainly will be a benefit being able to play in front of family and friends," Lessard said. "It is going to be a great feeling for the players."

Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault was unable to attend the press conference but his satisfaction that Sherbrooke was hosting another major sporting event was evident in a prepared message.

"The City of Sherbrooke is very pleased to welcome the Football Canada Cup, for the first time ever," Perrault stated.

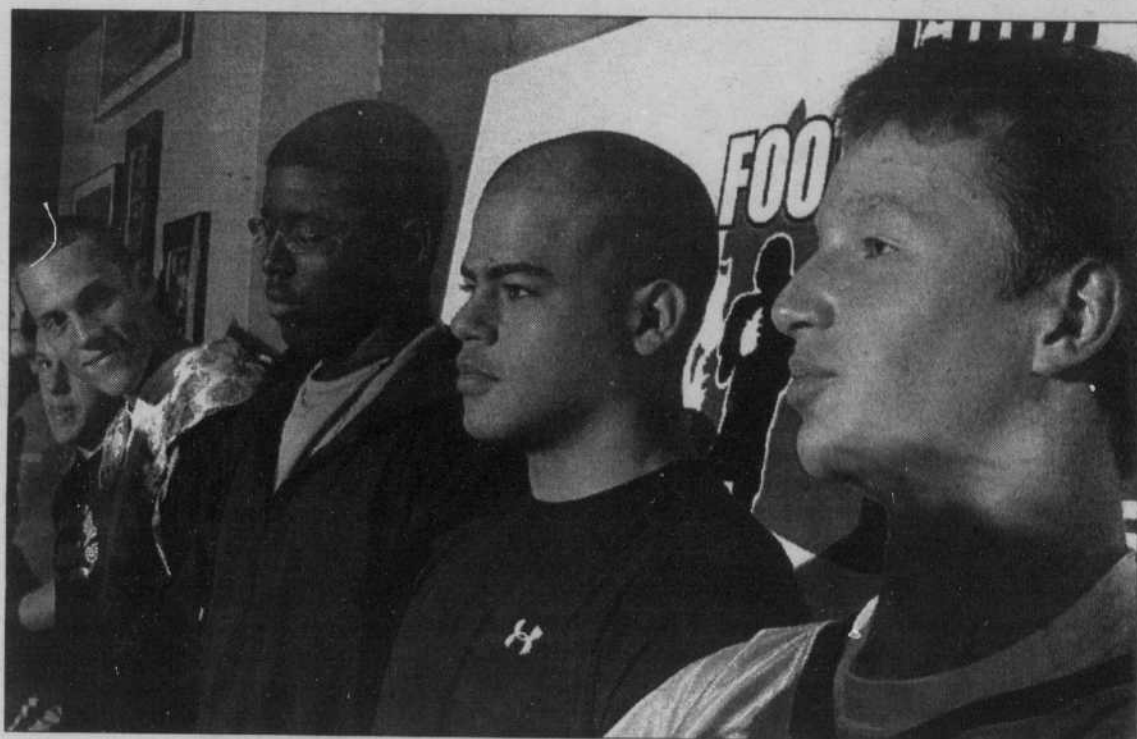
"This prestigious championship will feature more than 550 young all-star football players, from six provinces, playing on 11 teams — offering exciting, high-calibre games. It is a great honour for the population of Sherbrooke to be hosting some of the best players in the country. I am sure that this large-scale competition will help promote this sport among our young people."

The city was represented by Lennoxville borough councillor and former football coach Tom Allen, who said that Sherbrooke is becoming a leader in hosting major sporting events.

"This is another example of how Sherbrooke is becoming a leader, at least in the east, in hosting national sporting events," Allen said. "We will host three national championships in two years and we have the short-track speed skating next year. It all began several years ago with the world junior track and field and it all is in preparation for our bid for the 2013 Canada Games."

Bishop's U athletic director Tony Addona added that hosting this event will expose Bishop's University to the rest of Canada while showcasing some of the best football talent in the country.

"We obviously feel that this is a great way to highlight our campus to potential



PERRY BEATON

Some of the Under 17 players at yesterday's press conference.

student athletes," Addona said. "It will also aid in the development of football in this area and showcase some outstanding talent from across the country."

Addona added that a strike by Bishop's support staff would not affect the games.

"The strike will not affect the games, there will be pickets and that is unfortu-

nate but people will have no trouble getting to the games."

Read Friday's Record for Mike Hickey's preview of the under-19 tournament.

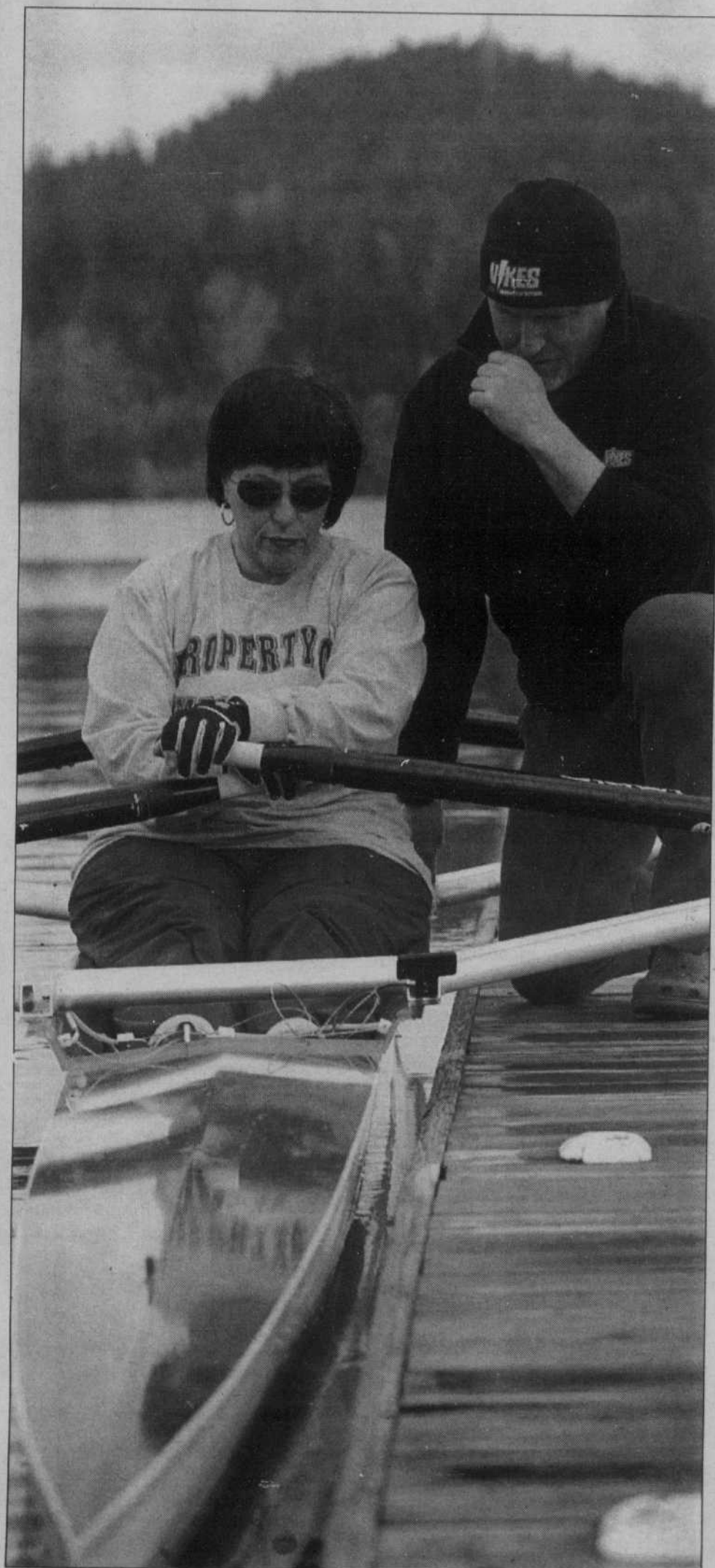
### Soccer Cops



COURTESY

The seventh annual police soccer tourney will be held this weekend in Granby, with seven teams playing at the Parc Terry Fox starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday (some of the organizers are pictured). Monies raised from food and drink sales will go to a local youth charity. See [www.soccergranbypolice.ca](http://www.soccergranbypolice.ca) for details.

# Like swinging your foot and rubbing your stomach in opposite directions, all at once



RAY SMITH/VICTORIA TIMES COLONIST

Every now and then, I got my hands sorted out and a stroke worked the way it was intended, says Epp.

## Rowing defies basic instincts

By Sharie Epp  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Apparently, when it comes to rowing, my first mistake was learning to walk. That tidbit of info came on the first day of my Rowing for Dummies tutorial with University of Victoria men's rowing coach Howie Campbell.

The poor guy, used to elite athletes, spent the next week trying to create ways to keep a definitely-not-elite me on, rather than in, Elk Lake.

Rowing, Campbell said, defies basic instincts. It's like swinging your foot and rubbing your stomach in opposite directions at the same time. The speed is created through gliding, so when it comes to moving body parts, faster is not better. Neither is pulling arms rather than pushing legs, leaning on the oar handles for balance, stopping in midstroke or letting go of an oar to swat a fly.

Actually, rowing is a fun sport, just one where lessons are highly recommended, even though Campbell started without any.

As soon as the spring thaw hit Edmonton's North Saskatchewan River, Campbell set off down the river in a boat with three other young jocks. The rookie rowers thought it was normal to pull into shore every few minutes to empty the water out of their sinking craft, until someone told them the shell was leaking. Campbell maintains he learned to row in a submarine.

With me, a submarine might have been easier.

Our instruction began upstairs at the boathouse, on a Concept II rowing machine, the Monster Erg model real athletes use. The legs are supposed to do the work pushing a sliding seat, while the arms hold and the body moves backward quickly and forward slowly, all in one fluid motion.

Fifteen sweating minutes later, I was ready to head down to the dock, where a sliding seat, complete with a single oar resting in the water, was bolted to the wood. I wore my Team Canada sun visor just so I'd fit in — give or take a few inches and pounds — with the national-team athletes wandering around.

I have to say I rocked on the dock, my ego blooming under Campbell's praise. How hard can this be anyway, I thought? I should have made the connection between "rocked" and sinking like a stone.

Day 2, after a warmup, Campbell took me out in a double scull, a sleek craft about half the width of a kayak and a few times longer. The trouble light bulbs went on when I saw the permanently attached footholds — Size 15 running shoes.

At any rate, away we went, and I promptly forgot every one of Campbell's capable instructions. I put it

down to short-term memory loss, an all-purpose excuse for screwing up.

Somewhat stressed, and increasingly tense, I don't think I took a breath all the way from one side of the lake to the other, while Campbell, sitting behind me, worked his oars valiantly to compensate for my shortcomings.

Luckily, every now and then, I got my hands sorted out, and a stroke worked the way it was intended. The boat skimmed softly over the water with ease and beauty. It was like the ugly duckling turned into a swan, or the wonderful feeling of finding a chocolate in a box you thought was empty.

The next day, Campbell had made some size adjustments to the boat, and things started to make sense. They also started to hurt. I didn't need Campbell to tell me rowing uses most of the major muscle groups, because mine were all screaming, "Get back to your desk job."

On the final day, Campbell hemmed and hawed and decided to let me loose in a single scull, a skimpy little sliver of fiberglass significantly narrower than my rear end. At least the seat was on top, not inside, the boat. With staying upright akin to balancing on a toothpick, I became quickly adept at the neutral position — hold the handles together, the blades flat and move nothing whatsoever.

After some tentative manoeuvres, and a little glimpse into what might be, we docked the boat for the last time.

Campbell said, believe it or not, another few outings and I'd be gliding across the lake on my own, enjoying a unique combination of adrenaline rush and serenity.

Campbell said I'd even experience the death roll, a state of overconfidence that eventually sends every sculler over the edge. What I discovered during my tipsy-turvy week was once you get the hang of rowing, chances are you'll resurface with a smile.

### BRIEF

#### Icy change needed

The annual Challenge sur Glace Continental Sherbrooke will not be held on the same track next winter, as the municipal transit commission's new, permanent Cégep de Sherbrooke bus transfer point will encroach on the space.

The current bus transfer area, across from the cégep, will be replaced by the fall with a \$2 million installation that will move it a bit further away from a pedestrian crosswalk.

The new bus location and funding were approved at this week's regular city council meeting.

As such, the ice racing circuit will have to be modified.

# Obituary

**LARRY CLOWERY**  
1943-2007



On May 26, 2007, Larry passed away from multiple injuries sustained from a tragic accident at his home in Beebe, Quebec.

Larry was born in Coaticook on March 20, 1943, the son of Arthur Clowery and Merle Chamberlain. He was the second son of a family of four brothers. He received his education at Sunnyside High School.

He loved sports of all kinds and played his share of hockey in his younger days, softball, broomball, golf in his adult years. He shared many stories of the games, his teammates, wins and losses.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed all aspects of the sport as well as hunting. He shared many hunting experiences with his brothers for many years at their hunting camp and always had fond memories of those times spent.

He worked at the Union Twist Drill Co. for 18 years and then left to work for Laiterie Magog and delivered milk for 8 years. After that, he worked at Dufferin Heights Golf Club in Stanstead and the Hermitage Golf Club in Magog. He retired in 2002.

He loved family get-togethers and his sense of humor was enjoyed by all who knew him well. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Maine 3-4 times a year because of his love for the ocean.

He leaves to mourn, his wife Diane (Wallace), his daughters Lisa, Stephanie (Dale Goodsell) and Jennifer (Bobby Goodsell), his grandchildren Christian, Karina, Amber, Brodie, Brooke and Isaiah as well as his brothers Kendall (Peggy), Michael (Jeanne D'Arc), Steven (Carole), many nieces and nephews, his father-in-law Royce Wallace and family.

He was a cherished husband, father and friend. The many happy memories of his life will always be remembered by all who knew him.

**Cards of Thanks**

**CLOWERY, Larry** - Thank you to all the members of the Fire Department who stopped to help on that terrible day, to the Stanstead Ambulance crew, to the emergency room Doctors and staff at the CHUS, to Leslie and Janie Webster at the Cass Funeral Home for their understanding, compassion and direction, to Walter Scott for the wonderful service, to Lise Flanders for her beautiful voice and tribute to Larry, to Josh Lord for playing the bagpipes so magnificently. We would also like to thank Glenna Dubois and all the friends who helped prepare the lovely luncheon at the legion. Thank you to all the people who brought food to the house, who sent flowers, sent donations in Larry's memory, for all of the many expressions of sympathy during this difficult time and to the many people who waited so patiently to pay their respects. This was such a tribute and it was so comforting to know that he had touched so many lives. Lastly, I would like to thank my close family and friends for their loving support and caring in the weeks following the funeral. The company, phone calls and invitations have been very much appreciated. It all helps to relieve the pain of losing this precious person.

Sincerely,  
DIANE (wife)  
LISA & FAMILY  
STEPHANIE & FAMILY  
JENNIFER & FAMILY  
(daughters)

**JOHNSTON, Elfrieda** (nee Fleming) - Freda passed away June 6, 2007, in her 90th year. Freda's family give thanks to those who called, e-mailed and sent cards. We are thankful for all those who came from near and far to be with us in saying our goodbyes to our beloved Mom. Many stayed to share their memories with us and to remind us of many that we had forgotten. Thanks so much for your comfort and support. A special thank you to the Richmond Foyer staff and nurses for their wonderful care of our Mom, and their loving support when she passed away. They will remember her as "The Purple Lady". Merci. We'd like to give a special thanks, also, to our sister, Sheila, who had more courage than the rest of us, who took us down Memory Lane with her eulogy to Mom. We'd like to thank the Venerable Heather Thomson for conducting a moving service. Thank you so much. Also to Barry Evans of Cass Funeral Home who was of great assistance when we had questions and no answers. He was very helpful, at a time when the family was grieving, to give us all the answers we needed. Thank you Barry.

GALEN, TED,  
THELMA, SHEILA  
and EILEEN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Death**

**GOODHUE, Kelvin Lloyd** - Dear, good, sweet, kind, gentle, generous and loving Kelvin, died peacefully at 4:25 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, aged 42, after a long courageous and dignified struggle with AID'S. It was an honour and a privilege to have had Kelvin in our lives. Kelvin will be sadly missed and always remembered by his devoted and loving life partner of nineteen years, Rob Johnson, good friend Peter Sandrin, dear sister, Nancy, and many loyal friends. Kelvin was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Thelma, special grandfather, Howard, grandmother Geneva, great-aunt Leitha, and great-uncle Lyndon. A sincere thank you to Kelvin's caregivers at the N.D.G. - CLSC, especially his nurse, Joan Foster. Thanks also to Dr. Roger P. LeBlanc, for always being there for Kelvin over the years. A funeral service will be held at St. James United Church, 463 Ste. Catherine St. W. at 10:30, Monday, July 9. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Mount Royal Commemorative Services, 1297 Chemin De La Foret, Outremont, QC, H2V 2P9, 514-279-6540. Burial at Stanbridge East, QC, will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Kelvin Lloyd Goodhue Memorial Fund, c/o The Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, 687 Pine Ave., W., Suite A1.07, Montreal, QC H3A 1A1. Condolences may be sent c/o Mount Royal Commemorative Services.

**Deaths**



**LEDOUX, Huguette** (1937-2007) - At the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, on Sunday, July 1, 2007, in her 71st year, passed away Huguette Ledoux. She leaves to mourn her children: Normande (Joseph), Martin (Sylvie), Robert (Lori-Ann), Pierrette (Stephan) and Christine, her grandchildren and great-grandson, her brothers and sisters and their families, numerous other relatives and friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 4 Vale Perkins, Mansonville, QC. JOE 1X0 Tel.: 450-292-3204, fax: 450-263-9557 info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial where family and friends may visit on Thursday, July 5, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday, July 6 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service from St-Cajetan Catholic Church in Mansonville, Father Charles Doyon and Rev. Ryk Allen officiating. The family wishes to thank Roseleen George and also the personnel at the B.M.P. Hospital for their compassion and the loving care given to their mother. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the (A.L.S.) Amyotrophic Sclerosis Society of Quebec, 6300 Park Ave. Suite 502, Montreal, QC. H2V 4H8 would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

**In Memoriams**

**MOULTON, Gail (Heyman)** - In loving memory of a dear daughter who left us July 5, 1992.

*Till memory fades  
And life departs,  
You live forever  
In our hearts.*

Dearly loved and sadly missed.  
MOM & AL

**SMITH, Ernest** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather who passed away July 5, 2001.

*Just thinking of you as resting  
From the sorrow and the tears,  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
For there are no days or years.*

Always remembered and sadly missed  
by  
EDNA & FAMILY

**NEIL, Carl** - Who passed away on June 26, 2007 at the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, ON. at the age of 66. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neil. He leaves to mourn his son David, grandsons Damon and David, sister Catherine Carbonneau, brother Robin Neil, his nieces and nephews. He will be missed by everyone. Cremated. No funeral.

**Committal Service**

**MIZENER, Stella** - Committal Service at the Duboyce Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. Rev. Dale Skinner officiating.

## RATES and DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

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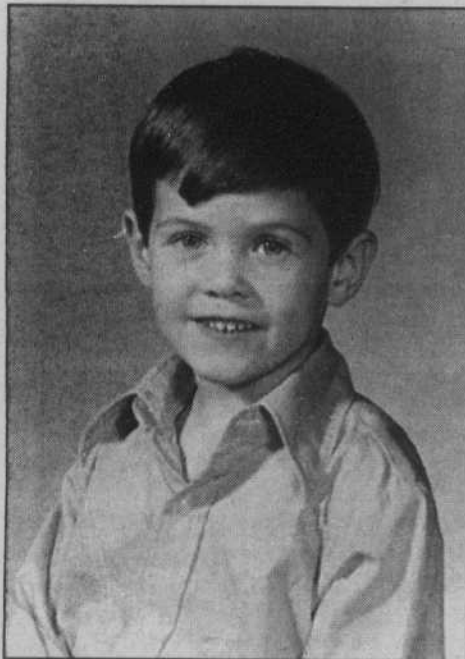
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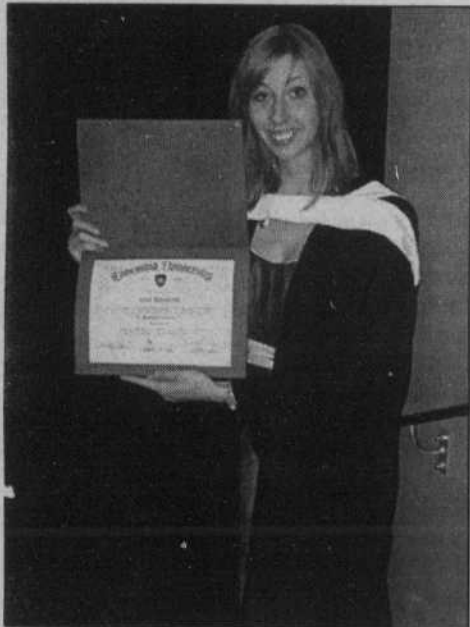
## Happy 40th Birthday, Mark Pasher!



You are the man of my dreams and the king of my heart. Every day you make me feel like the luckiest woman alive. I look forward to spending the next forty years by your side.

All my love,  
Annie

## Graduation



Erin Burnham recently graduated from Concordia University with her BA in Sociology. She is the daughter of Susan Burnham of Bromont and the late Norman Burnham. Erin will put her knowledge into practice in the London, Ontario area. Your family is proud of you!

## 60th Wedding Anniversary Wishes

The family of Floyd and Helen Mailloux wish to extend to all their friends an invitation to shower them by sending a card in honour of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 12, 2007.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mailloux,  
239 Boulevard de Dieppe, #206,  
Cowansville, Quebec  
J2K 3P6

Best wishes from your children

## Military Whist Party

A Military Whist party was held at the Bury Cultural Center on Tuesday, June 12 for the benefit of the Cultural Center.

There were 6 tables of cards with extra people coming in to enjoy the delicious lunch.

The first prize, with 24 points, was won by Laura Fleury, Eileen Lowe, Beulah Turnbull and Margaret James.

2 tables tied for second prize with 19 points each: Helen Taylor, Serena Wintle, Grant and Mayotta Taylor; Rena Lassenba, Mabel Mackay, Verna West-

gate and Doreen Lancaster.

The grocery boxes were won by Holly Dawson and Elvira Patterson.

Numerous door prizes were won by all.

Submitted by Nina Rowell

## TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

### NORTH HATLEY

The Festival du Lac Massawippi presents the annual North Hatley Antique & Folk Art Show at the North Hatley Curling Club, 3245 Capelton Road, on July 6, 7 and 8. Opening Night Gala, Friday, July 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets for the Gala available at Galerie Jeannine Blais, 102 Main St., North Hatley, 819-842-2784 or Claude Courture Antiquaire, 172 Wellington N., Sherbrooke, 819-820-2684 or Anne at 819-842-2672. Saturday, July 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission charged.

### MELBOURNE

The Melbourne Farmers' Market, located behind the Town Hall at 1257 Route 243, is opened from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday until October 13. More than forty producers to serve you. Visit our site: [www.marchechampetre.ca](http://www.marchechampetre.ca) for details.

### SHERBROOKE

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, 971 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke will be holding a Supper on Saturday, July 14. Butterfly pork chops. Music will follow the meal. Everyone welcome. Reservation and information: 819-563-4944.

### WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY

On Sundays in July, Hatley United Church will worship at 9:30 a.m., Waterville and North Hatley congregations will worship at the North Hatley United Church at 11 a.m. except July 8, the service will be in Minton at 10:30 a.m.

### LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid is hosting an information session which is open to the public on July 6 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College Street, Lennoxville from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The topic is "Home Security for Seniors". The guest speaker will be Mr. Gagnon from the Sherbrooke Police Department. For more information call 819-821-4779 and ask for Tiffany Blinn. It would be appreciated that those who are interested in attending to register in advance.

### AYER'S CLIFF

The U.C.W. of Beulah United Church, 967 Main, Ayer's Cliff will host a Bake/Craft Sale and Coffee Party, Saturday, July 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Home baked beans, breads, sweets, homemade pies, etc., will be offered, along with the crafts and a jumble of useful articles. We invite you to linger for a coffee and muffin/doughnut. All welcome.

### BEDFORD

Bedford Wesley United Church is holding a Flea Market and Food Sale on the Church lawn, 51 River St., Bedford on July 14 starting at 10 a.m. To reserve a table, please contact Fred Gilman 450-

248-3341.

### GEORGEVILLE

Strawberry Social and Chinese Auction held at Murray Memorial Hall in Georgeville on Friday, July 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Georgeville United Church Women. Admission charged. All are welcome. Information: 819-843-5256.

### MOE'S RIVER

The 25th Annual Strawberry and Ice Cream Social will be held on the Church lawn, indoors if it rains, on Sunday, July 8, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., with lots of live entertainment. All are welcome. If possible, bring a lawn chair.

### NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, July 6 at the Library, 165 Main St. N., from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, July 10 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will NOT hold a Blood Pressure clinic in Waterville for the month of July.

### SAWYERVILLE

Come join our treasure hunt! at Vacation Bible School, Sawyerville Baptist Church, from July 23 to 27, 9 a.m. to noon. For children aged 4 to 12. We search for and find treasures in God's word. Snacks, stories, games, prizes. It's free! Affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Parents are always welcome to visit.

### AYER'S CLIFF

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale at St. George's Church, 1002 Main St., on Saturday, July 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, paintings, household items, something for everyone, plus lots of home baked goodies.

### SHERBROOKE

St. Peter's Cemetery will hold their annual Memorial Service at 1045 Prospect St., Sherbrooke on Sunday, July 8 starting at 10 a.m. Please note there will be no service at the church.

### LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: worshipping at Plymouth-Trinity United Church in Sherbrooke at 10:30 a.m. for the month of July.

### UPPER MELBOURNE

Richmond County Historical Society's Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 15, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Upper Melbourne Town Hall market space. Ticket includes ice cream, strawberries, cakes, lemonade, coffee and a visit to the Museum and Archives. All are welcome.

### MINTON

North Hatley, Waterville and Minton United Churches will be holding a service at Minton on July 8, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. with Doreen Reglin. Bring lunch and lawn chair for picnic following the service. Everyone welcome.

### KINNEAR'S MILLS

Annual Roast Beef, Ham and Salad Supper, with sales tables, on Saturday, July 14 at the Community Hall from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the United Church Women. All are welcome.

### EAST CLIFTON

East Clifton United Church (built in 1866) will hold services on July 8 and August 5 at 10:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

### DITCHFIELD

Sunday, St. John's Church in Ditchfield, Fourth Range to Spider Lake, is hosting the Parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by picnic and games. Welcome everyone. Bring lawn chair and lunch.

### NORTH HATLEY

Piggery Theatre welcomes "The Woman in Black". This spine-chilling and gripping thriller with a surprise twist at the end runs from July 3 to 7 and July 10 and 11, July 13 and 14: Edith Butler performs for two evenings. This "Mother of Acadian Music" will share the songs and tales of her beloved Acadian culture. July 19: The Piggery will hold its annual House and Garden Tour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information/Reservations: 819-842-2431.

### HATLEY

Ice Cream Social, B.B.Q. and Sale on the United Church lawn, 57 Main St., Saturday, July 14 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sundaes, homemade sweets, beverages. Musical entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs and sunshine!

### IVES HILL

A series of card parties will be held at Ives Hill Community Hall on Fridays, July 13, 20 and 27, starting at 2 p.m. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.

### LENOXVILLE

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by Luis Campos

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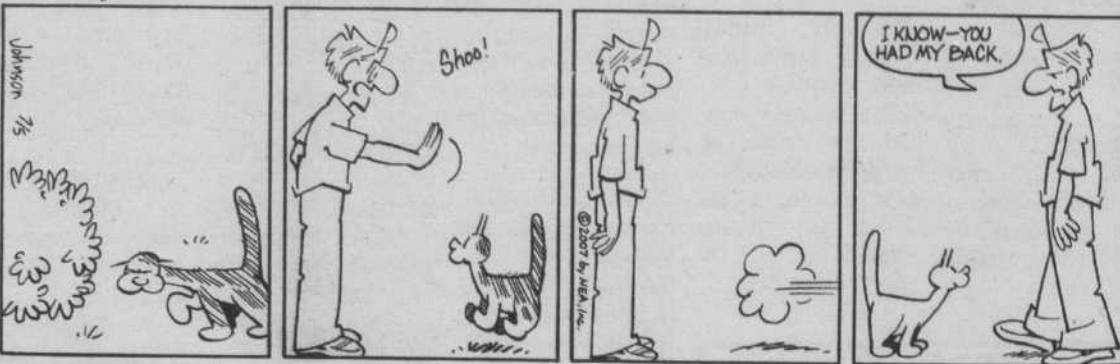
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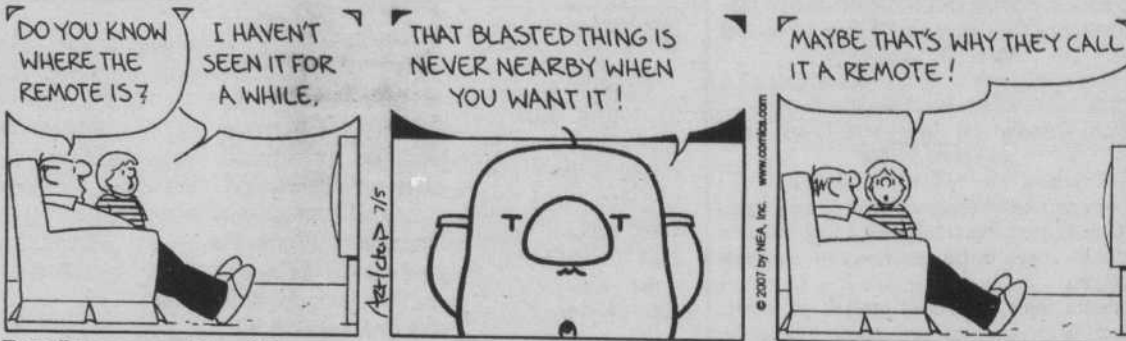
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**Waterloo Judy Dalton**

George and Carolyn Grubb called on Edith and Lester Loney of Georgeville, recently and also called on Emma McMahon in Dunham one afternoon. Another visit they made was to Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Poirier in Cowansville.

Graduation exercises were held at the Waterloo Elementary School on Tuesday evening. George and Carolyn Grubb attended as their grandson Christopher Forand was finishing up his years at the Waterloo Elementary and he will be attending the Wilfred Leger school on Lewis St. in the fall. His parents, Mario and Sharon Grubb were also present.

Get well wishes go out to Connie Barr, a Waterloo teacher who has been hospitalized recently.

## She is a drama queen

**Dear Annie:** My parents have been divorced for nearly a decade, and both have remarried. The problem is, even after all this time, my mother is still mad at my father and can't stand to be around him.

My brother is getting married soon, and my mother (who still believes she has the moral high ground) is hoping my grandmother will seize the opportunity to give my dad a piece of her mind. She told me she was glad someone "loved her enough to take her side." I tried to explain that we all need to move on. Yes, my father did some bad things when they were married, but I love both my parents. Unfortunately, Mom makes me feel like I can't love them both at the same time.

I don't know what to do about Mom anymore, and I don't think it's right for my brother to have to deal with her antics on his big day. Any suggestions? — Enough Already

**Dear Enough:** It's a shame your mother is still so bitter that she will not let go of her anger. It hurts her more than anyone else. You do not have to succumb to this kind of emotional blackmail. Your mother's attempts to guilt you into repudiating your father should be ignored. When she says unpleasant things, smile with kindness and pity, and reply, "I'm sorry you feel that way." Then walk away. When she truly believes you will no longer respond to her ranting, she may stop subjecting you to it.

**Dear Annie:** I've known "Marie" for 10 years, and most of the time we are good friends. But every few years, she pulls a stunt where she stops speaking to me for no reason. I will e-mail and call her several times and get no response. Then, when I stop trying, she will go to a mutual friend and say I must be angry because I've stopped talking to her. As if I started it. The mutual friend always offers to call me, and then Marie acts relieved that we are still friends. When I confront her about this behavior, she denies she did anything at all. I then decide to be the "bigger" person and let it go.

She pulled this again a few months ago. We were at a party at a friend's house, and she completely snubbed me when I said hello. I got upset and decided I wasn't going to play her game anymore. I did not call or e-mail. Within a day, she was going to all of our mutual friends, telling them that I snubbed her!

I let the gossip slide and went on with my life. I saw Marie at a wedding last week, and she was friendly. I responded out of politeness. I sense she wants to renew our friendship, but, Annie, we are not teenagers. We are grown women, and I don't have the energy for such nonsense. Should I give her one more chance? — Tired of It

**Dear Tired:** Marie is a drama queen, and it's unlikely her behavior will change. She thrives on the attention she gets from putting her friends through the wringer. If you think she's worth it, you can maintain a lesser friendship, ignoring her juvenile posturing and waiting until she comes around. You don't need to explain yourself to those mutual friends. They will figure it out soon, if they haven't already.

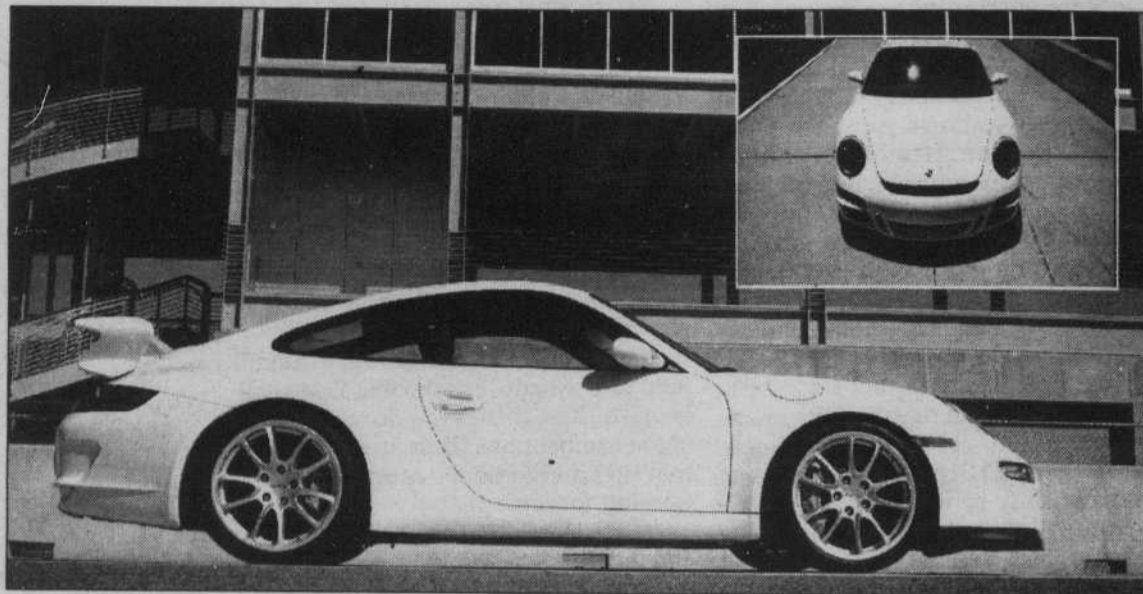
**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Tallahassee Lassie," whose husband admires attractive women and she points them out for him. I had to applaud the maturity of the relationship. The story reminded me of another that I heard not too long ago: A man and his wife were at the beach when a beautiful bombshell of a woman walked by. After she had passed, the wife remarked sadly, "I'll never have a body like that again." The husband responded wisely, "Neither will she."

You gotta love it! — Happily Married in Grand Terrace, Calif.

**Dear Happily Married:** We do!

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

## Fast and luxurious GT3 sparks passion for Porsches.



By Derek McNaughton

CanWest New Service

Of all the cars in the Porsche universe, one shines more brightly than the rest.

The GT3, bred as much for the racetrack as the open road, has long distinguished itself as the epitome of performance, an instant track star off the showroom floor. Known as one of the highest-performing 911s, it is the supercar North American aficionados have long been waiting for.

In the right hands, the GT3 is a spectacular weapon, able to outgun even the mighty Turbo. But how fast will this 911 go, when piloted by someone other than professional drivers Hurley Haywood or Patrick Long? To find out, we went to Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala., to put the car through the park's challenging 3.8-kilometre course.

The day begins with an opportunity to drive four other Porsche models, the Cayman, Boxster S, Targa 4S and Turbo. Each performs with grace and agility, delivering ferocious velocity - especially the Turbo, which roars to 100 km/h in less than four seconds. Every Porsche makes an ordinary driver feel like a Grand Am champ.

And what emerges, despite the vast differences in each car, is a remarkable feeling of how each Porsche, no matter what the model, somehow holds a similar DNA, rooted in almost 60 years of design and engineering, stemming back to the first production Porsche in 1948.

My affection for these vehicles has nothing to do with the name Porsche. It has more to do with the way these cars are engineered and built, the way they feel in your hands, your feet, back, ears and eyes. Through Barber's 16 turns, each Porsche held fast to its intended line. Each stopped with enormous bite. Each was not a drive in a car, but a rewarding experience, a taste of what

it means to blend high art with automobile manufacturing.

If all that sounds over the top, it is because no other manufacturer in my several years of reviewing automobiles has delivered such a consistently rich and compelling ride. Some have come close, especially BMW and Audi, but Porsche has, in my mind, become synonymous with excellence.

And when it came time to take my seat behind the alcantara-covered wheel of the GT3, I was nearly shaking with excitement, wearing a grin as wide as a diesel bus. Thankfully, the earlier laps in the other models had stamped the track route on my mind so I would be able to push the car harder than someone with no experience.

The first thing to register in the GT3 is the seating position, which can be adjusted just right, offering superb visibility from this rear-wheel drive machine. The second is the sound of the exhaust from the 415-horsepower, flat-six engine, which redlines at 8,400 r.p.m. (though peak torque of 300 lb.-ft. is found at 5,500 r.p.m.). The exhaust breathes with more efficiency over the design in the 996 model, and uses two central-mounted pipes to expel a rasp that will make the world take notice.

Depressed, the clutch feels firm, but not overly heavy. Pushed into gear, the shifter reveals tight, short throws. A new shift-up display illuminates in the tachometer shortly before the engine reaches its shift point. Under acceleration, the gas pedal responds with an instantaneous touch. Zero to 100km/h, Porsche says, comes up in 4.3 seconds. One hundred and sixty km/h takes 8.7 seconds. Top speed is 310 km/h.

I try to stay calm.

Into turn three, which slopes down and to the right, it is clear the GT3 is the stallion of the breed. Hurting the 1,400-kilogram car around each bend,

everything feels tight, linear, accurate. Steering input is startlingly precise, so little input is required to move the car to its intended path. But we must be careful: too much throttle too early in the corners will bring the rear end out. Thankfully, the 19-inch Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires hold the car to the track as if coated with an adhesive. The roar inside the car is beyond divine. Faster and faster we go. I am living a dream.

Our test car was fitted with optional Porsche ceramic composite brakes. The rotors on the front axle are 30 millimetres larger than before, and weigh 20 kilograms less than their cast-iron counterparts. They offer superior wear resistance, outstanding stopping ability and increased confidence as a result. They will, however, be expensive to replace. A hard press on the brake pedal rips off speed as if the car is caught by a net.

The new GT3, which starts at \$147,300, replaces the first North American GT3, which debuted on the 996 platform. That car replaced the European-only 993-based 911 RS, a racing-oriented Porsche that grew from a long line of RS models.

Of course the biggest change in the GT3 is the 997 body style and its interior, boasting components from the Carrera GT as well as the race-ready GT3 RS. And the most obvious item to identify the GT3 is the big rear fin, made of hard plastic, as well as a large intake that now expels air upward from a vent between the end of the hood and nose to help reduce lift.

After several laps, all of which go by far too quickly, my turn at the wheel of the 2007 GT3 is done and we slowly pull into pit lane. When I exit this rare automobile, I have not only a renewed passion for Porsche, but a fresh goal: To add a GT3 to my life while I am still young and crazy enough to explore the car's seemingly endless universe of capabilities.

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