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Werner Kyling charged in drug export bust

*34 arrested
\$5.5 million in
properties and
possessions seized*

By Maurice Crossfield

After years of investigation, Bedford's Werner Kyling and some 30 of his associates have been arrested for growing and exporting marijuana to the US.

"It took years of investigation to bring it to this point," said Patrick Cardiello, special agent for the US Drug Enforcement Administration. "We are reaping the rewards of a coordinated effort."

Wednesday morning some 250 police officers from the Sûreté du Québec, the RCMP, Vermont State Troopers and the DEA carried out a series of raids on both sides of the border as part of Project CURE. Hitting homes, businesses and farms in Bedford, St-Armand, Philipsburg and Frelighsburg, police raided 19 Canadian locations, seizing nearly \$5.5 million in properties, farm equipment and vehicles, including \$450,000 in cash. In the U.S., authorities have to date seized \$2.5 million in currency and properties. Sixty-three firearms were also seized.

SQ, RCMP and DEA agents also arrested 34 people, including Kyling, 62, and Jerry Couture, 47, both of St-Armand. Police say Kyling and Couture were the leaders of the group. They, along with nine others, will face an extradition order to be tried in Vermont, where they face charges of importing more than a thousand kilos of marijuana. Under U.S. law a conviction would



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Some 250 police officers from the SQ, RCMP and US DEA spent the day Wednesday raiding and seizing properties, and arresting some 34 people. Inset: Trucks and other vehicles were seized in the operation.

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Ticket to ride

Sherbrooke is encouraging more people to use the city's transit services this summer with two new offerings.

The l'étéBus bus pass gives children under 17 a ticket to ride for the entire summer for just \$43.25. The Société de Transport de Sherbrooke is hoping this pass will reduce the need for parents to shuttle their children to their summer activities.

On two routes, 8 and 88, riders will be able to travel with their bikes, using a specially mounted two-bike rack on the bus. The rack is self-loading and can be used at any stop along the route. The racks will be installed beginning June 13 and service will continue until Aug. 20, with the possibility of extension depending on feedback.

Feedback forms about the Vélo-bus service will be available on the buses on Routes 8 and 88, which provide weekday and weekend service between the University of Sherbrooke, downtown and the Collège de Sherbrooke.

Centraide distributes funds

Centraide Estrie is donating over \$1 million to 67 organizations in the Estrie region this year and it's funneling most of funds into helping the poor.

The foundation released its list of recipients Tuesday.

About \$200,000 will be handed over to pro-

jects for helping the poor with financial and food services that include nine soup kitchens in the Estrie region.

Funding will also go towards helping youth. Over \$150,000 will go into youth homes.

Help centres for women will also get funding for their services.

A new organization on the list includes the Maison Caméléon with \$8,000 for its services for mentally and physically handicapped adults.

Funding for more Connected Communities

Bromont's innovative Connected Communities program has been given \$150,000 to help expand its scope outside of the local municipal realm.

The funding will be used for the creation of the Villes Internet du Québec program. It will have to create a business plan, set up an Internet Web site and create an observatory of online democracy initiatives.

Villes Internet will also create a guide to setting up municipal web sites, explaining what works and what doesn't. As such it will serve as a knowledge base, drawing largely from Bromont's Connected Communities program, one of the first of its kind in Canada.

Villes Internet will be teaming up with the faculty of administration of the Université de Sherbrooke and the Centre francophone d'informatization des organisations (CEFRIO).

Structure Laferté sets up shop in Ayer's Cliff

Directors of Structure Laferté headquartered in Drummondville have just purchased shares in Groupe TPF, a manufacturer of roof trusses and open floor joists, which will allow the company to increase production to meet demands. This good news will ensure that Groupe TPF will continue operations, and jobs will remain in Ayer's Cliff.

Structure Laferté is a manufacturer of wooden structural elements (roof trusses, floor joists and prefabricated walls) with two plants in Drummondville. At the present time, 80 workers are handling manufacturing operations. The plants serve the clients of the Laferté renovation centres, contractors and people in the regions of Drummondville, Ste Hyacinthe and Montreal's south shore. With this new acquisition, Structure Laferté also hopes to serve the immediate area of Ayer's Cliff and the American market.

The project, which took shape barely two months ago, is already in full gear. The directors have invested several hundred thousand dollars to improve the efficiency of the plant. They have acquired new equipment, refurbished existing machinery and hired a dozen workers.

Structure Laferté is a business partner of Quincailleries Laferté which has been operating in Drummondville and Saint-Hyacinthe since 1929. The Laferté renovation centres are now directed by Louis-Jacques Laferté, who took over from his father a few years ago. The company, a member of Groupe I.L.D.C., the biggest purchasing group in Canada, is a leader in its field and now has four stores and more than 300 employees.

Among the projects for further expansion the directors are considering is entry into the American market, which would lead to an expansion of the plant and an increase in the need for manpower.

Celebrating 150 years in Cleveland



COURTESY COMMITTEE

Richmond MNA Yvon Vallières presented a \$1,000 cheque to the committee organizing the 150th anniversary celebrations of Cleveland Township. Pictured are David Crack, Claudette Lapointe, MNA Vallières, Cleveland mayor Gerald Badger and Pierre Grandmont.

RECORD GIVEAWAY

The Record has two passes for green fees to Longchamps golf course in Sherbrooke. The passes are not valid for Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning before 1 p.m. or on holidays, but golfers can tee off any other time.

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Saturday: Cloudy with 70 percent chance of showers. Low 17. High 25.

Sunday: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of showers. Low 17. High 27.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Windsor hospital to resume weekend schedule

Hours will be limited

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The emergency ward and the testing laboratory at St. Louis hospital in Windsor is set to resume weekend service starting July 16, but the hours will be limited to four and a half hours on Saturdays and Sundays, according to St. Francis Valley health centre director Richard Arsenault.

The plan, said Arsenault, is to have the weekend services eventually restored to the previous 12-hour days. But he argues the hospital needs a large enough patient load before the former schedule can be reintroduced.

"We plan to return the ward to its former 12-hour days, seven days a week, but the doctors are not willing to commit to a full day schedule if we cannot provide them with enough patients," said Arsenault.

"The doctors are paid for each patient they see, not by the hours they put in. Until we can be sure there will be enough patients coming in to the ward on the weekend, the doctors we have available will only put in a half day."

Arsenault said the ward will be staffed by one doctor for now and be open from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. But, he added, patients waiting for treatment after 1 p.m. can remain at the ward until they are seen.

Arsenault could not say how long it will take to build up a large enough patient load for the weekend and extend the hours of the ward.

"The ward was closed down at the end of last year, and many patients have gone to other hospitals for their care in the meantime," he said.

"It will take a while before they return to St. Louis. The more patients that show up at the ward on weekends, the faster we can increase the hours the ward stays open."

The ward was shut down on the weekends after the regional health board in Sherbrooke told the health centre it could not supply the extra doctors needed for the weekend shifts. The

shutdown sparked fears in the Windsor area that the hospital was going to close as part of a reorganizing plan by the provincial government. Local politicians such as Mayor Louis St. Laurent and Johnson MNA Claude Boucher, along with local union president Jean Lacharité and Windsor businessman Malcolm Wheeler formed a committee to pressure Quebec to save the ward and the hospital's future.

After threatening public demonstrations earlier this year such as the blocking of Highway 55 and occupying Premier Jean Charest's Sherbrooke riding office, the health board reversed its decision and promised more doctors for St. Louis.

BMP Foundation car raffle in full swing

Tickets for the annual hospital fundraiser on sale all summer

By Joshua Bleser
COWANSVILLE

The BMP Hospital Foundation's annual car raffle officially kicked off yesterday, promising another summer

blitz of ticket sales across Brome-Missisquoi.

This summer's proceeds are expected to surpass \$60,000 for the fourth year in a row. The money will help fund additional improvements and equipment within the hospital's oncology and day medicine units, which will be helpful in delivering today's more complex chemotherapy treatments and in providing more efficient care within the day medicine unit.

This year's draw will be held on Sept. 9. The lucky winner receives a \$25,000 credit towards the vehicle of his or her choice from one of the five participating dealerships: Rocheleau Chevrolet and Oldsmobile, Bessette Automobile, Cowansville Toyota, Deragon Ford Lincoln, and Deragon Honda. Five cash prizes of \$1,000 are also up for grabs.

Tickets are \$5 each and \$50 for a book of eleven. They can be purchased at various stores and activities throughout the summer. In addition to buying tickets, supporters can contribute to

the success of the raffle by selling tickets to friends, family, and neighbours, and/or by volunteering to sell tickets on behalf of the Foundation at various points of sale.

"Volunteers are key to the success of this important fundraising activity, and we are always seeking individuals who are willing to give up a few days to help out in this regard," says BMP executive-director Frank Johnston-Main. "All in all, it can be an enjoyable way to visit with people, and to help out an important cause."

If you'd like to join the team or would like more information about the raffle, you are invited to call the Foundation office at (450) 266-5548 or visit their website at www.bmpfoundation.ca.



JOSHUA BLESER

The BMP Foundation's annual car raffle was officially launched yesterday. Pictured are (standing from left) Winston Bresee, president of the raffle committee, Emilie Benjamin, this year's raffle coordinator, Daniel Galipeau of Deragon Ford Lincoln and Deragon Honda, Diane Daigle, director general of BMP Hospital, Frank Johnston-Main, executive director of the BMP Foundation, (kneeling from left), Richard St-Pierre of Cowansville Toyota, and Carl and Hugo Bessette of Bessette Automobiles.

BRIEF

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE invites you to come and worship with us. Covenanting Service Sunday, June 12 at Wesley United Church in Bedford at 7 p.m. Please

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4-hers show they have the right stuff

By Claudia Villemaire
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Finally, the time had come. Richmond 4-H Club members had been working toward this special day since the end of the fair season last fall. Saturday, June 4, the spotlight was on all they had done during the winter season, choosing an animal, feeding, grooming, training and all the other tasks required before even thinking about going out for the 4-H Achievement Day.

The name is self-explanatory. Over 50 registrations for the various competitions was proof positive the club, with over 60 members, was taking this first venture away from home into the field of competition very seriously. Youngsters from Pee Wee classes up to 18 or 21 years of age, depending on the type of animal shown, were out last Saturday to reap the rewards of a winter season learning 'the ropes' of choosing, feeding and training their chosen animal. At this year's event there were several new categories: horses, sheep, a goat, rabbits, and even freshly laid eggs were carefully prepared and finally judged.

Every Achievement Day includes competitions called 'Showmanship'. This category puts the spotlight on the youngsters themselves who must be



Reserve champion Emily St. Cyr

properly dressed, (whites for dairy, breed colors for beef, etc.) and who must prove they can maneuver an animal more than twice their size in most cases, around the ring at the proper speed, set them up in the acceptable show stance, keeping a sharp eye on the judge and their animal under control at all times. The protocol is rigid, the judge is usually strict and the exercise is

taken very seriously by one and all.

But there's lots of fun classes too. Pee Wees always win, trundling around the show ring for the first time. Most judges realize these youngsters are trying to manage a four-legged animal that is also experiencing the rigors of competition for the first time, is also young and full of mischief, tires quickly, (some calves actually lie down during the class, heaven forbid!), and both the handler and the subject can sometimes forget their manners and kick up their heels just for the fun of it.

The ultimate, albeit serious, but comical class is the Over All Championship.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Rabbits were also on display at this Achievement Day

First and second place winners in each age group of showmanship are invited to prove they can exhibit efficiently any animal that is being show this day. Consequently, each competitor must 'show' an animal from each category. That means dairy, beef, horses, goats, sheep must all bear with the embarrassment of being shown by kids whose experience has been limited to one or two categories. To present a rabbit, the youngster used to having a halter and lead line on an animal that walks beside him or her, it's a whole new world, as one can imagine.

Finally, after careful calculations, the Overall award went to Adam Nelson with reserve champion to Emily St. Cyr.



Registered Nurse Summer School

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CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Isac Norris....."Hey, I did really good for the first time showing," he announced. "Came fifth out of six."

CORRECTION

Playground getting \$5,000 not \$15,000

The people at Sherbrooke Elementary were surprised to learn in Wednesday's Record that the city was giving them \$15,000 for their playground and planning to change its name. Unfortunately, our reporter made a transcription error and the school is only getting \$5,000. We apologize for the error which had school representatives surprised and celebrating until we informed them it was a typo. As for the name change, we are looking into it so keep an eye on tomorrow's Record for more on the multi-monikered playground.

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bring a minimum sentence of ten years in prison, with a possible life sentence as a maximum penalty.

Canadian officials didn't give a definite answer when asked if the move was because U.S. penalties are more harsh than they are north of the border.

Police also seized Kyling's helicopter, which they say he used to survey his marijuana fields. He also used the helicopter to find pot patches belonging to other growers and police say he would then contract people out to steal the pot when it was ready for harvest.

"We cannot let organizations like the Kyling organization take over our communities," U.S. agent Cardiello said.

RCMP superintendent Martin Morin said the pot was then hauled across the border using a variety of methods, from foot carriers to commercial trucks. The amount smuggled was not released, but Morin said it was "... thousands of kilos."

Further evidence of the size of the operation is that over the course of the two-year investigation US authorities found information on the ring's activities dating back to 1991.

"We are talking about important amounts every month," said SQ superintendent Richard Bégin. Bégin said there were other crimes investigated too, including assault and conspiracy to commit murder.

The pot was typically grown in farm fields, either on the properties of those accused or on lands where the owners were intimidated into turning a blind eye. Bégin said some were paid to have the pot on their property, while others were simply threatened to keep quiet.

"This was a serious blow to this organization today," Bégin said, noting there was no clear link to criminal biker gangs or other known organized crime groups.

"We were able to seize four or five farm properties," Bégin said. "But we believe it goes beyond that."

Also involved in the investigation were the Ministère du Revenu du Québec, the Canada Border Services Agency, the U.S. Border Patrol, and U.S. Customs.

Later in the day Wednesday Kyling, Couture and nine others appeared in court in Montreal for extradition warrant procedures. The others arrested appeared in court in Granby for various charges related to growing, trafficking and exporting marijuana.

If extradited, the 11 people will go to Vermont to be tried for importing marijuana. Bégin said the evidence



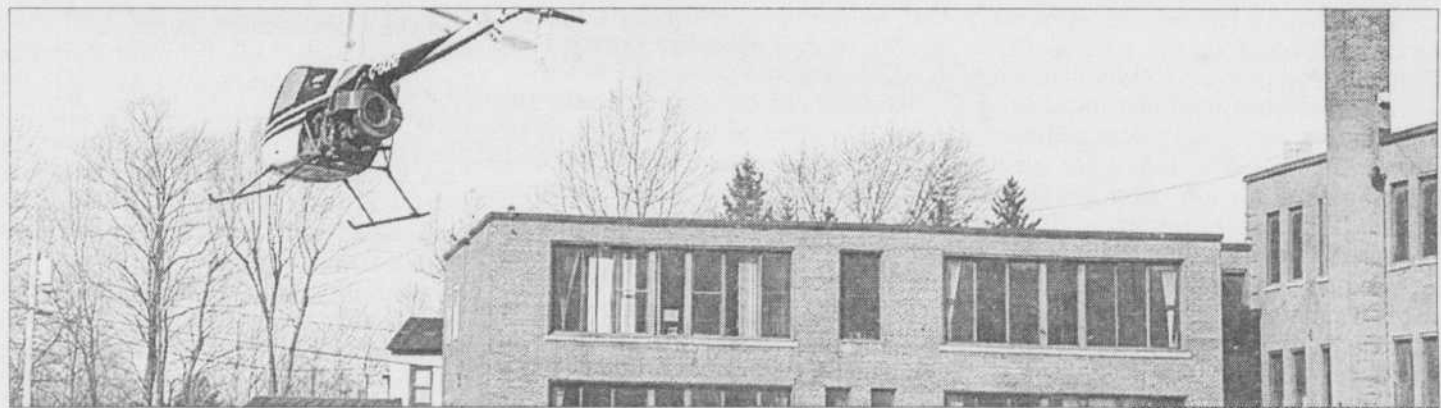
Tractors were seized.



Officers seize marijuana.

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FILE PHOTO/BROME COUNTY NEWS

Last April, students from Waterloo Elementary watched as this helicopter, now part of a huge drug bust, landed in the school playground as part of the level 5/6 study on aviation. The class had been learning about different aspects of flight throughout the year and received permission from the school board to have the plane visit the school. Pilot Warner Kyling, arrested in yesterday's bust, responded to the children's questions about helicopters. Local SQ officers were on hand at the school to make sure that everything was safe.

gathered here in Quebec will be used to support the cases against those accused, in Vermont. If they are not extradited, they will be tried in Quebec.

Kyling is no stranger to run-ins with the law. In 2002, after seven years of delays, he was acquitted of kidnapping charges after it was found two witnesses lied during his preliminary hearing. Three years earlier his brother Carl Kyling was shot to death in his yard in Frelighsburg. The shooter was never found.

Police say the operation is continuing, and that it will take weeks to tally up the amount of drugs, people and property connected to the operation. More arrests and more seizures are expected in the coming weeks.

Bégin said anyone with any information, or anyone that has been threatened by marijuana growers should speak out. He urged them to contact the police, either by using the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800, or the SQ's anti-gang number at 1-800-659-GANG.

ARRESTED IN SWEEP

Those arrested Wednesday in connection with Project CURE:

FOR EXTRADITION TO THE US

- Paul Anderson, 47, of St. Catharines, Ont.
- Donald Pumpkin Blinn, of Stanbridge East.
- Brian Bordo, 47, of St-Armand.
- Martin Castilloux, 27, of Frelighsburg.
- Gilles Couture, 44, of St-Armand.
- Jerry Couture, 47, of St-Armand.
- Martin Clohosy, 40, of St-Armand.
- Werner Kyling, 62, of St-Armand.
- Jimmy Kimmell, 48, of St-Armand.
- Darrin Stewart, of St-Armand.

TO FACE CHARGES IN CANADA

- Marie-Eve Bélanger-Desjarlais, 27, of St-Armand.
- Michel Bellefroid, 41, of St-Armand.

- Eric Couture, 20, of Bedford.
- Joel Duchesneau, 28, of Bedford.
- Benoit Gagnon, 28, of Philipsburg.
- Anne-Lisa Kyling-Vandervalk, 26, of Philipsburg.
- Rudy Kyling-Vandervalk, 23, of St-Armand.
- Julie Kimmell-Orr, 42, of St-Armand.
- Francesco Gino Luciani, 53, of St. Catharines, Ont.
- Danny O'Shea, 67, of St. Catharines, Ont.
- Davia Paige, 40, of St-Armand.
- Denis Pelletier, 62, of St-Armand.
- Michael Robinson, 47, of St-Armand.
- Andy Sylvester, 39, of Stanbridge East.
- Marthe Vandervalk, 55, of St-Armand.
- Todd Michael Wraight of Fort Erie, Ont.

Community Forum

So much for political forecasts

Somebody must know who first said it, but it's a safe bet that most political pundits can't name the sage they so love to quote. "A week in politics is an eternity." And ain't it just the truth?

Who would have guessed last month, that just hours before the House of Commons was to vote on a non-confidence matter, Canada would be spared an election it didn't want by a serious leadership contender for the Official Opposition? Then, who in his right mind would have forecast that this province's Official Opposition, armed with polls all assuring the PQ a victory in the next election, would be put in search of a leader?

Not all news is bad news of course and, as this scribbler sees it, both Belinda Stronach and Bernard Landry have exercised respectable judgment in tense circumstances, under conditions calling for decisiveness based on intelligent consideration, not on emotion alone. Ms Stronach's instant ministerial status may be a bit rich for some, but she at least recognized that the Conservatives could no more win an election right now without the Bloc's support than they could bring the down the government without it - and that victory at that price wasn't worth it to anyone proud of her nationality. Bernard Landry is bright enough to know that leading the PQ in the direction its more radical elements insist on - advancing ghettoization and calling another referendum no matter what its chances - is political suicide. These two

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DON HEALY

politicians' actions oblige both the federal Conservatives and the provincial Parti Québécois to take hard looks at their images and seriously question their objectives. Of course, only the dreamiest can imagine both parties doing that, but maybe, just maybe, one will at least give the suggestion passing thought.

Whether or not either the Conservatives in Ottawa or the PQ in Quebec appreciates the importance of these two political surprises, the political landscape both in Ottawa and in Quebec has changed in ways that none of the pundits saw coming. So much, then, for political forecasts! Like weather forecasts, they are best taken with considerable salt and, if they're of the long-range variety, better ignored entirely.

Nobody can be more hopeful that there is a grain or two of truth in this thought than Jean Charest, with the polls all writing him and the provincial Liberals off a good two years ahead of a provincial election. Well folks, chances are that Mr. Charest won't try holding his breath that long. No matter what the pundits predict and, with their record lately - two swings after the ball's gone by - he may as well relax for a while. Who knows; the PQ's upcoming stage performance might be more entertaining than threatening - especially if Gilles Ducesse struts out as the saviour. Add to that the pundits' own sideshow. Believe it or not, they're already betting that we'll take them seriously.

Grewal isn't the only MP deserving stress leave

They don't call it a pink slip when an MP becomes more trouble than they're worth. It's called "stress leave".

A paid 'leave' for alleged 'cause' sounds so much kinder and gentler than an outright firing and, bonus, you get money for nothing, the cheque is for free.

Conservative MP Gurmant Grewal knows all about stress. He's been forced to leave Ottawa because his leader became stressed enough to banish his latest and perhaps greatest MP misfit until ethics doctors give him the all-clear to return to caucus duty some day, if ever.

Grewal, as you know by now, recorded the tapes of the damned.

It was either a failed sting operation against powerful Liberals or a two-for-one votes-for-sale auction that failed to secure his minimum bid. Either way, it backfired when tapes that allegedly show Liberal desperations were declared edited and altered enough to prove Conservative deceptions.

To compound the stress of it all, Grewal couldn't even rush the tapes to Ottawa via another MP without being nailed for airport-security violations en route to losing his cushy elite flying status and first-class lounge privileges.

But oh-so-many others are much more worthy of stress leave on Parliament Hill than the hapless Grewal, some crying out for a summer off, others in dire need of a permanent vacation.

Ujjal Dosanjh: If Grewal's on stress leave, the Health minister should be on long-term political disability. No matter how you piece together the sliced and diced tapes, the former B.C. premier is dangling one long, juicy cabinet-like carrot in Grewal's face to induce him to defect. If Judy Sgro can be punted from cabinet during the Strippergate investigation, Dosanjh deserves equal treatment until suspicion about his behaviour is erased on Tapegate.

Tim Murphy: The prime minister's chief of staff should thank his lucky stars he has was entrapped by the Keystone Kops of tape-mangling editors. What plausible deniability Murphy lacked as the tapes unspooled amid many suspicious hints of shady dealings on first listen was provided as experts detected quotes being manipulated. Still, a stress leave curled up on a nice blanket with lots of comfy fur on it is just the ticket for the guy to know in the PMO.

Nina Grewal: The other half of Parliament's first married MP duo was up

for silent barter in the taped talks, chattel-traded like a deaf mute, which is hardly behaviour becoming of a duly elected member of Parliament. Hubby

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suggested she rated a Senate seat and there's nary a word of agreement or objection from her in the transcripts. Might I suggest it's time to leave for a less-stressed husband?

Peter MacKay: First the deputy Conservative leader was given the heave-ho by gal pal Belinda Stronach on the eve of her defection to the Liberals, followed up by a tearful (nay, pathetic) potato-patch performance as the jilted lover. Then he declared Grewal's altered tapes "pristine" before putting his comments on a hasty rewind when it became obvious they were as pristine as a sewage lagoon. He desperately needs a stress-free summer-long leave dating all the loyal farm gals surrounding his daddy's estate.

Paul Martin: The prime minister hasn't reduced the pace of his 15-hour, 15-coffee workdays since the last election, which was plenty stressful as a majority rule was reduced to a cliffhanger minority. It's been a lousy investment of time. He's been losing MPs, gaining skeptics and giving away billions while getting his name tarred, his fiscal reputation feathered. The man needs to hole up on his Quebec farm without television or newspapers for a month or two.

Stephen Harper: The Conservative leader publicly backed his MP's integrity during the taped negotiations. Wrong move. He backed the tapes' authenticity. Wrong call. He said the tapes proved the Liberals were desperate and deceitful. Wrong party. Even the political Iceman is starting to melt under this stress-induced heat.

Anne Cools: As if the Conservatives don't have enough problems with MPs doing a wing nut in the Commons, now it's spread to the Senate. That's where Senator Cools, the Conservative mouth that regularly screeches, alleges she's been hit by fellow Senators and witnessed them abusing children. No names are mentioned, but that's the usual consequence of a hyperactive imagination that desperately needs to be put on stress leave until August 12, 2018, the date she retires at age 75.

Don Martin: With apologies to flooded-out Calgary, the stress of looking out my window at picture-perfect weather for golf followed up by many hours on a beer patio demands an imminent leave from this computer. So goodbye.

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Bernard Landry: The Golden Years

After leaving politics in the spring of 2005, Bernard Landry found that he was unable to simply stop working, despite his 68 years and warnings from his doctors about that throbbing vein in his forehead. Thus for several years he drifted aimlessly through a series of failed schemes and careers.

In the fall of 2005, Landry became a motivational speaker based on what he hoped would be a best-seller entitled *Humiliation, Adieu*. The premise of the book and his pitch was that one should not count one's blessings but instill oneself with a boundless sense of entitlement. His mantra was "More, Mine, More." Landry would close off every speech with a signature line: "And remember, if it's different, it's probably out to get you."

Unfortunately, the program never took off, due to Landry's tendency to lose patience with his audience and go off script. (A typical tirade: "What's wrong with you people! Why can't you just do what I say!") Plus, while his audiences respected him and indeed turned out in good numbers to hear him, the general comment was,

"He's okay, but I've heard better."

As a favour to a friend, Landry filled in as a high school guidance counsellor in Rimouski for several months starting in 2006. This, however, ended in scandal when it was discovered that on several occasions he had "accidentally" lost student applications to out-of-province universities. Landry remained defiant.

"I don't see anything wrong with what I did," he told a reporter. "It is not so important for our young people to have access to as many opportunities as possible. What is important is the collectivity and making sure it stays put. Besides, we have everything anyone could want right here. Only through isolation can we truly develop as a people."

In 2009, Premier Pauline Marois asked Landry to oversee the campaign for Referendum III, which was based on the clear question, "Is an independent Quebec not what you want?" While victory initially seemed assured, particularly in the wake



ROSS MURRAY

of the recent Pork Butt Scandal in Ottawa, the separatists again lost by a narrow margin of 2 percentage points.

In many circles, Landry was made the scapegoat for having booked Jacques Parizeau for the campaign's major rally in Quebec City. Rather than stick to the agreed-upon speech, Parizeau began rambling incoherently

about "the pride of Quebec" and "we all know she has a thing for older men" before breaking into an a cappella version of Céline Dion's "Where Does My Heart Beat Now?"

After this setback, Landry went into seclusion, where he set about writing his memoirs, *René Lévesque Was Shorter Than Me*. Ten months later, he took on the post of executive manager of a series of Montreal hotels. Landry was apparently competent in his work but suffered from increasing bouts of paranoia, believing that his junior colleagues were out to get his job. He was constantly bothering co-workers with email

surveys that asked, "How do you think I'm doing?" Late nights saw him at his desk mulling over the results and muttering "Seventy-six, seventy-six, maudit seventy-six."

The managerial position ended abruptly and again embarrassingly for Landry after the hotels' multi-ethnic housekeeping staff walked off the job. "He blames us for everything," a spokeswoman said.

There are unsubstantiated reports that Landry then spent time working anonymously in a Gaspé car wash. One supposed co-worker told *Le Journal de Montréal* that Landry was a hard worker but "went nuts if anyone ever used a red rag."

It appeared that Landry would spend his declining years writing long rambling letters to the editor citing conspiracy theories about Jean Chrétien, a secret electronic implant, and the actual whereabouts of Lucien Bouchard's amputated leg. However, in late 2011, Landry found his niche at last when he was appointed to the Canadian Senate by Prime Minister Gilles Duceppe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Social notes have their place

DEAR EDITOR:

The recent letter by Glenn Coates of North Hatley really demonstrates he is a grumpy old man. Surely he has better things to do than fret over occasional write-ups of the local card parties and rural happenings. Some people do not like sports, for example, and likely never look at the sports section. Yet it would be unwise to remove this part of the newspaper as there are

many who do play and like to read about sports. In a similar fashion, there are many people, especially seniors who enjoy reading about the local events such as card parties and small town news. These card parties and other events held mainly at church halls help to raise needed funds that keep these institutions alive. So when somebody wins a ten-no-trump prize at a card party in your area, you will know that person has helped to pay the heating cost or upkeep of a church or hall.

MERYL NUTBROWN
Lennoxville

Sherbrooke students recognized for promoting peaceful behaviour

Students from Sherbrooke Elementary are being honoured for their involvement in promoting peaceful conflict resolution at their school. For the last three years, the International Centre for Conflict Resolution and Mediation (ICCRM) and the Chambre des notaires du Québec have united to recognize the efforts of Quebec schools which promote a peaceful environment by implementing the Pacific Path Program.

Notary Hélène Descarreaux visited Sherbrooke Elementary students June 2 to present their congratulatory certificate. The Montreal-based ICCRM is a

not-for-profit organization whose mission is to counter violence through the promotion of peaceful behaviors. The first phase of the program, Conflict Resolution, consists of workshops intended to build students' interpersonal skills and teach them a four-step conflict resolution process. The second phase of the program, Peer Mediation, involves the implementation of a peer mediation service where students act as mediators.

The skills taught not only foster positive interpersonal relationships, but help to counter incidents of bullying and taxing.

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LOUISE DENNY

Louise Denny has been acclaimed as a trailblazing force in Canadian publishing, recognized nationally and internationally for her commitment to Canadian writing and culture. Educated at Oxford University, Denny came to Canada in 1972 and in 1979 became a partner in the publishing house Lester and Orpen Denny. In 1991 she moved to Knopf Canada as publisher, and also became vice-president of Random House Canada. As a premier publisher of fiction and non-fiction, her publishing imprints have become synonymous with outstanding literary merit and commercial success, and include such writers as Yann Martel, Michael Ondaatje, Mordecai Richler, General Romeo Dallaire, Carol Shields, Jane Jacobs, and Naomi Klein, to name only a very few. Denny is a former Chair of the Association of Canadian Publishers' International Committee, and a past President of PEN Canada.

JEFFREY C. LOZON

Jeffrey Lozon is president and Chief Executive Officer of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He holds a B.A. from University of Guelph and a Masters in Health Services Administration from the University of Alberta; he began his career as a hospital administrator in Saskatchewan and Alberta, at the same time lecturing in health administration at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Alberta. In 1985 he became Executive Director of Manitoba Health Organizations Inc., in Winnipeg, and in 1987 was named president and CEO of Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton. He joined St. Michael's Hospital in 1991, and is also an Associate Professor of Health Administration in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Lozon served as Deputy Minister of Health and Long-term Care for the Province of Ontario in 1999-2000.

Bishop's University will salute graduates and award honorary doctorates during this Saturday's convocation ceremonies.

Chancellor-Elect Scott Griffin will oversee ceremonies along with Bishop's University principal Dr. Robert Poupart.

SCOTT GRIFFIN

In 2000 Scott Griffin founded the Griffin Trust for Excellence in Poetry to

raise awareness of the role of poetry in a society's cultural life, and to award two prizes annually of \$40,000 each for poetry written in English anywhere in the world. His is a Bishop's graduate of 1960 in English and Philosophy, who worked at a variety of jobs before forming a venture capital company, Meridian Technology, in Toronto. Griffin is now Chairman and Director of General Kinetics Engineering Corporation,

which manufactures sophisticated shock absorbers, and of Advance Precision Limited, a supplier to the automotive industry. He is Chairman, Director, and controlling shareholder of the House of Anansi Press Inc., which publishes Canadian and international fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Griffin is a Director of Canadian Executive Services Overseas, and also of the African Medical and Research Foundation, and

Chairman of the Governors of the Sedburgh School. Griffin was awarded an honorary degree by Bishop's University in 2002. He is installed today as the University's eighteenth Chancellor.

Top prizes awarded for the 2004-2005 academic year

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Edward Wilson-Ewing

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Anouk Boulanger

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The Alumnae Prize: Danielle Shafiepour

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Convent gets new role



NANCY NOURSE

There will be place for between 100 and 150 residents in the new residence.

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Real estate investors take notice: the Ursuline Convent is no longer for sale. The 120-year-old building has found a new owner, Raymond Richard, a resident of the Montreal area. Richard has big plans for the historic site at the heart of the Stanstead community.

While local residents were sad to see the Order of Ursuline Nuns move to Magog, they should be equally pleased to know that this beautiful structure will create a valuable service once again within the community. Richard has already started the ground work on his project to bring a quality establishment to the area that will benefit both autonomous and non-autonomous seniors.

Richard says there will be place for between 100 and 150 residents "with ample space to feel at home," and plans to use the auditorium as a venue for theatrical and music activities on a regular basis. The facility will also provide the necessary training for new employees who are not familiar with "what it means to provide care for an elderly person, especially one who is facing the loss of autonomy."

One feature that will set this new project apart from other seniors' homes is that the standard of care will be the same across the board — even if a person's health was to deteriorate, the rate would remain the same. "Many other residences offer extra services, like help with the bath or meals in your room, cable connections and other features, but with this comes an increase in the rate they are paying. These types of things will be offered to everyone at no extra charge," Richard said.

Richard is optimistic about this new project, and wanted local residents to know that he wishes to provide an environment that is pleasant, sociable and stree-free.

Council shows support for park

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Stanstead has guaranteed continued support for Weir Park, and will maintain its three members on the park's steering committee.

At Monday night's regular meeting of the town council, a resolution offering to match any contribution by Ogden, over and above the amount that is taken through taxes.

For example, if Ogden collects \$4,000 in taxes and adds another \$2,000 donation, Stanstead council will match the donation. Council also voted to maintain the agreement which supplies two men and 16 hours of maintenance to the park.

Because of the park's relationship with the municipality, Weir Park has the right to use any equipment owned by Stanstead free of charge.

Mayor Raymond Yates is pleased at the way council has responded to the needs of Weir Park, since the majority of park users are from the Stanstead area. Stanstead has always welcomed residents of neighboring communities to its four community parks, free of charge.

One of the major expenses in the near-future for Weir Park will be the restructuring of the septic system. Council discussed who should be responsible for paying for the work, and how money could be raised to support the repairs. No decisions were made at this month's meeting.

Councillor Jody Stone told council that the response to the weekend of village-wide garage sale on June 11 and 12 has been outstanding.

Already there are 48 registered sites involving over 60 families and still room for more. This number does not include Border Lake Camping, which will also be holding garage sales. It was also noted that the Family Counter/Comptoir Familiale will also be open both Saturday and Sunday. While Stone reminded everyone that permits would not be necessary for this community event, if people wanted their site put on the map being distributed by the Association des Loisirs de Stanstead and La Ville de Stanstead they should get the information in to him as soon as possible. These brochures will be available at local depanneurs and IGA Roy. To register (no charge), contact Jody Stone at 876-7256 or by e-mail at jstone@stanstead-online.com.

Maryse Trepannier's contract as recreational director for Stanstead was renewed. Any resolution concerning the contract renewal for the head of maintenance was once again put off until a later date.

A resident of Stanstead put forth a request to have the municipality pay for a repair to a sewage blockage. Director-general Diane Groleau said there correct procedure for a property owner to

follow when a sewage blockage is discovered is to contact a plumber and have the plumber find the cause of the problem; if the blockage is on municipal property, the plumber should call the municipality to report the problem.

Groleau said the majority of the time, the blockage is on the property owner's side of the system, and will be the responsibility of the property owner to repair.

R. & B. Inspection made the rounds recently and discovered that the resident who put forth the bill had a blockage caused by a problem in the municipal system. A section of pipes will be replaced by the municipality to fix

the problem.

Mme Groleau also said that many people are unaware that there are actually bylaws in Stanstead and many other communities restricting the kind of trees that you can plant on your property. Some species are known to have 'water chasing roots' which means that the roots of trees, like those of poplar trees, will do anything they must just to follow a source of water, including growing through pipes and even cement basement walls into the pipes of someone's home.

The municipal inspector's contract will run three days a week, rather than the two to three specified in the original agreement. Councillors Pierrette Gosselin and Matthew Farfan both said they were encouraged by the increase in renovations and new constructions in Stantead.

A new section of security fencing will be put up at the sports complex on Park Street after council came to an agreement with the men's softball league. Councillor Ben Kramer asked that cement blocks be installed at both entrances to the complex to prevent motorcycles from circulating in the park. Kramer said it could endanger the lives of children and adults using the park.

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Caisse Pop makes donation to Border Minor Hockey Association

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Border Minor Hockey Association will be starting up a new season with a generous donation of \$3,000 from the Caisse Populaire of Stanstead to help defray operating costs. The association will be holding registrations on Friday, June 10 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Stanstead College Arena.

The co-ed league is made up of players from both sides of the border, including Derby, Vt. and Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, and range in age from five to 16 years of age. President for the 2005-2006 season is Tim Bronson who is also a volunteer coach for the PeeWee team.

Like most other volunteers working to make this activity a success for the young people in the area, Luc Godbout also wears several hats, including that of head coach and director.

Bronson notes that Godbout is in charge of all the other coaches, making sure that all rules and info from Hockey Quebec filter down through the various groups and that the coaches understand the guidelines that Hockey Quebec has set out for its younger players. Godbut is also the general contact person for the association which means that all info from other leagues about tournaments and games.

Bronson said Hockey Quebec is very particular about the kind of instruction that the players learn and how, at least until the child reaches nine or 10 years of age.

"I started playing hockey myself around six years of age, right here at the Stanstead College arena with the Border Minor Hockey Association. At that time, there were two leagues, one American and one Canadian which later blended into what we know today" added Bronson.

Bronson explained that a commitment to today's league, for both players and parents, means that you are willing to commit to not only home games but also out of town league games in Coaticook, Magog,



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Border Minor Hockey Assoc. President Tim Bronson (right) and vice-president Luc Godbout (left) receive a cheque for \$3,000 from Director-General Mario Scallon (centre) of the Caisse Populaire de Stanstead.

East Angus, Lac Megantic, Fleurimont and three different rinks in Sherbrooke. Every team in the association is guaranteed 18 games – nine home and nine away during the regular season. Bronson indicated that each child receives some 35-45 hours on-ice instruction, not counting tournaments.

A player who shows exemplary talent and ambition also has the opportunity to go on to what is known as the double-letter league, sponsored by Hockey Quebec and Hockey l'Estrie, which encourages them to play more intense hockey.

Last year, there were 15 border minor hockey 'graduates' who went on to play double letter hockey. There is also an even more advanced league called Triple-A Hockey to which several Border Minor Hockey Association players participate. These teams play three or four tournaments each year.

Bronson went on to say that there are both positives and negatives to being president of the Border Minor Hockey Association.

Among the positives is the satisfaction of being able to maintain and bring a really good hockey program to the kids in the area like the one he experienced growing up in the Stanstead area. He has fond

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Entrants sign up for Border Fest parade

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Nancy Taylor and Maryse Trepannier have been working hard to create a parade that people will want to participate in and will remember for a long time. The parade will once again begin, at 10:30 p.m., at the old Motel 55 parking lot at the far end of Stanstead and will finish at Sunnyside School.

"We have seven or eight floats signed up already and hopefully more before we are done," Taylor said. "We've been contacting local businesses and organizations to see if they would like to join us. We even have a live rock band of young people from the area who will be performing on one of the floats."

The parade will once again be M.C.-ed by local animator Phil Desormeaux and Maryse Trepannier. The Colby-Croft Museum will be putting in the Concord Hackwagon from their collection, that was used in the days of the stagecoach run from Boston to Montreal.

Taylor noted that the StarFlash company has agreed to take charge of animating events for the afternoon.

Taylor said she learned of this company when her shop held its annual summer party for the workers. She was impressed by the creativity of the animators and their organizational abilities, and immediately thought of them when the committee was discussing activities for the afternoon to provide an alternative to the Truck Pulling Event, scheduled at the Sports Complex in Stanstead that same day.

StarFlash has plans for games to suit all ages, including water games, beach volleyball, "slip and slide" tug-of-war and parachute games, which are always a big hit with the kids.

The Border Fest Committee will also be holding a traditional bingo event, so be sure to bring your own chips. Allen and Gaetan Flanders will be co-ordinating the games under the big tent.

Last year's Border Fest was short on activities designed especially for the youth and president Jody Stone plans to remedy the situation this year with a techno-dance complete with DJ in the gym of l'École du Jardin des Frontières during the evening hours.

While weather is always a factor, the Committee is determined to be ready for all kinds of weather – lots of hot coffee on the premises, just in case.

Lionel trains lead parade of collectibles at Border Fest

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever met Robert Sheldon, then it didn't take you long to figure out that he is an avid collector of miniature Lionel trains and that he has traveled all over the world to find "the one that no else had" or one that was only produced in a limited edition.

Whether it cost him a lot of money or much less than he had expected to pay, what's important to Sheldon, as is the case with most collectors, is that it was the piece that he needed to complete the collection.

Last year, Sheldon brought a wonderful edition to the annual Border Fest, a spectacular event featuring over 50 tables of collections ranging from miniature bicycles to choice

plates and dolls, and of course, Lionel trains.

Sheldon has signed on again to bring over 75 tables to make this edition the best that it can be. To help him meet his goal, the Sherbrooke Collector's Club has offered to participate as well.

"I would really like to see this event continue for more than one day. With everything going on the Saturday at the other Border Fest events, people just don't have enough time to really check out the exhibits as they are really quite impressive. You can't imagine how much work these collectors go to just to transport their items from place to place, not to mention the cost of insurance, that is a must" commented Sheldon.

The 'Roy boys' came last year with a

great collection of the toys and fire trucks that they collect and are happy to share with others. They will be participating in the event again this year, Sheldon said.

Émile Paré who won the Public Favorite Prize last year will be returning with his collection of miniature bicycles. David Lepitre has also agreed to come back with his heritage pictures...lots of fun for us to look at as well as helping him out in finding names of some of the local people from our past.

"The best part of an exhibition like this is also the friendships that you make and the 'treasures' that are to be found. The Ferrari exhibitor offered one guy \$100 for his hat with Ferrari crest on it – tough luck – no sale. The cap obviously meant some-

thing to the guy but in a different way than it did to this collector" added Sheldon.

Because Lionel trains are Sheldon's specialty, he offered a bit of trivia on the line. During wartime, metal was used for more practical purposes than toy engines. During this time the Lionel company put out trains made of cardboard to keep the interest of the kids – big and small – alive until they could get back to their original form. These trains were punch-out style and have now become a real collector's item, worth over \$900 in good condition.

Once again, the public will be asked to vote on their favorite exhibits. The winner will receive a beautiful granite clock created by Picture This On Granite.

Confessions of a lazy gardener

On June 1, 2005, a miracle happened - the sun came out. After weeks of below seasonal temperatures and above average amounts of precipitation (or what seemed like it), the sun came out and it got hot, hot as summer weather should be, and it was a call to garden!

I heard the call and I really did mean to follow. I bought a few bags of dirt and a few window boxes to replace last year's broken boxes. I even bought a few flats of impatiens. For the last few days, I've sat around with every intention of weeding and moving dirt around. I just can't get there because it's too hot.

Meanwhile, every time that I venture out in the car, my neighbours' industry is more than impressive. They say that mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun. Nobody talks about Eastern Townships gardeners who have been deprived of true spring weather. On that first sunny weekend, people descend on the local gardening centres like locusts and snap up every marigold, cosmos and petunia. Then they mow, shovel, weed and rotor-till like there's no tomorrow. Finally, they plant flowers and the Eastern Townships becomes a veritable Garden of Eden.

I spent most of May hiding from the cold, damp and the mud. Walks with

dogs out in the woods were slippery and depressing. Although the rotten weather got the best of me, the weeds in my flower beds flourished. The rain certainly didn't make them afraid to come out. Once the sun reappeared, my excuses flourished as well: it's too wet, it's too hot. What I really mean is simply that I don't feel like it. The horrible truth is: I don't like gardening. I love flowers but I hate gardening. That statement is tantamount to sacrilege for a middle aged woman.

There are people who can weed all day and tell me that after a full day in the garden, they feel good. I don't get it. Between the bugs, the sun, the dirt and complete ignorance of gardening, I come away from the gardening experience far from refreshed. Dazed and confused is closer to how I feel.

In spite of advice from well-meaning gardeners about planting perennials, it seems to me that even these mean perennial work. I've planted a few flowering bushes but there just doesn't

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER



ELLEN GOLDFINCH

seem to be half as many buds this year as there were on the bush last year when it was sitting in its pot fresh from the store where it had sun, water and people who knew what they were doing with plants. I suppose you have to know about fertilizers and soil types and companion planting and...stuff.

My dream is to go to sleep one night and wake up finding that elves have done all the work for me overnight. I would find something akin to the Hampton Court Gardens in both front and backyards. You might argue that I would lose the pride of accomplishment that I would certainly find in my own handiwork. Not likely! I'd just have a nice cool drink surrounded by my exquisite roses and say, "Those elves sure know how to garden!"

Unfortunately, the elves didn't shovel out my driveway this winter and they're not about to do my gardening either. I will get out there eventually and join in all this gardening madness but I still would like to know what happened to all those garden elves. I've got a computer but it just can't weed like an elf. I'll just have to wait till they come out with a robot.

Ellen Goldfinch may be reached at radiomother@hotmail.com

Parelli clinics postponed

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Deedee Howell, organizer of the upcoming events at Turtle Hill Farm, in Ayer's Cliff, said this week that the anticipated visit by premier instructor Larry Stewart, of Parelli Natural Horsemanship Canada, has had to cancel his scheduled appearances due to ill health. This announcement includes both the PNH Partnership Level 1 Clinic scheduled for June 11-14 and the PNH Harmony Level 2 Clinic scheduled for June 16-19. Stewart and organizers plan to do their best to reschedule the clinics sometime in the fall.

If you have registered as a rider or spectator and want a refund, organizers will be glad to oblige or you may have the option of waiting to see about the fall clinics before you make your decision. Answers to rescheduling efforts should be received within the next couple of weeks.

For more information, feel free to contact Deedee Howell, at (819)875-5133 (in French) or Leslie Stewart at 1-877-Parelli (727-3554), both of whom would be glad to help you with your questions.

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Dufferin Heights hosts Champion bowling tourney

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

On Monday, June 6, the Dufferin Heights Country Club was bursting with energy as golfing fans gathered for the 1st annual Champion co-ed golf tournament. Organizer Michel

Vallières, representing Champion Townships. Vallières, general manager of the Salon des Quilles Champion in Greenfield Park, is hopeful the tournament will be the beginning of an annual tradition that will bring more people to Stanstead, giving them the opportunity to play on one of the most beautiful golf courses in the region.

with a morning breakfast served by the staff at the Dufferin Heights Country Club. The charter bus arranged by Vallières helped was filled to capacity and ensured a stress-free day for those who travelled from the Montreal area.

Following the tournament, prizes were awarded out as golfers enjoyed a delicious meal. One member of each foursome also received a participation gift. Prizes were donated by Maurice Boyer Pro Shop, Brunswick Bowling & Billiards International, Dufferin Heights Country Club, Compagnie ABCO, l'Père Gédéon, L. Gilbault Ltée, Le Golfeur Averti as well as Champion Lanes. The grand prize winner received a top-of-the-line golf bag donated by Champion Lanes.

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(Left to right) Jean Rioux, (Pro-Bowler in "Duck Pins" and President de Régroupement des Joueurs), Richard Wing (Manager of the Dufferin Heights Country Club), Michel Vallières (tournament organizer) and Michel Jourdenais, (analyst for RDS - "Pro des Quilles")

CAISSE: memories of guys like Owen Quillinan and Bob Alger who devoted so many hours to the kids at the college arena.

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Another plus is the continuing support that the association has received from organizations and establishments such as the Caisse Populaire of Stanstead, the Community National Bank of Vermont and several local businesses. Funds received from these establishments are essential to the success of the program.

One of the down sides is having to pay to use the Stanstead College Arena, which is owned by the college, for all their games — not the case with other teams in the league. The Border Minor Hockey Association must also come up with enough funds to pay for the ice time required. Referees must also be paid. Pressure is then placed on the board of directors to come up with an active fundraising campaign each year to help defray operating costs.

The Association does acknowledge the continuing financial support (\$4,000 per year) received from the Town of Stanstead.

Directors are proud to be able to bring playoff hockey, at the younger level, to the Stanstead College arena. Last year, the local association hosted the Novice-A playoffs in which their own teams made it into the finals. The year before, they hosted the PeeWee playoffs. While one of their own teams may not have made it into these finals, they certainly played with a lot of heart. Everyone is looking forward to another successful year of hockey for both the players and their faithful fans.

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Extreme to play two key games on weekend

Sherbrooke to host Akwesasne and Kahnawake

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Extreme, defending provincial junior lacrosse champions, face a pivotal point in the 2005 season this weekend when they host the first-place Kahnawake and third-place Akwesasne clubs.

Sherbrooke will meet Akwesasne Saturday night at 7 p.m. and host Kahnawake Sunday at 6 p.m. Both games will be played at Fleurimont's Julien Ducharme Arena.

The games come a week after a 12-6 home loss to Kahnawake that dropped Sherbrooke league's record to 7-2. Both defeats have come at the hands of Kahnawake, although the Extreme appeared pleased with the Saturday's performance despite the defeat to the undefeated Kahnawake squad.

Kahnawake, in its first season in the Quebec Junior Lacrosse league after several seasons in the Iroquois Lacrosse League, took a crowd of over 300 fans out to the game early last Saturday as they jumped out to a 5-1 lead after 20 minutes of play and increased the lead to 8-3 after forty minutes.

Colin Bloom, the league's leading scorer paced the Sherbrooke attack with two goals while Audi Glass, Austin Dalgarno, Mathieu Lavoie and Alex Goselin added a goal apiece.

While the Extreme entered the contest looking to avenge a 12-1 loss to Kahnawake in their season opener back on May 6, the team was pleased with the progress that they have shown since the beginning of the season.

In both games Kahnawake's goalie Chris McComber was the star of the game as he stoned the high-powered Extreme offense.

After holding Sherbrooke to just one goal in May, McComber came up with another strong performance in the rematch as he stopped 41 of 47 shots.

"In order to beat Kahnawake, we need to be more disciplined," Sherbrooke's Mitch Young said. "We took too many unnecessary penalties and we need to keep playing physical, rough defense and have more movement on offense."

Still the Extreme are upbeat about the rest of the season.

"After the loss, the morale was actually good in the locker room," Young said. "We knew that we had chances to score in both games and we gave them a run for their money in the third period in the last game. After the game we kept our heads high because as a team we played well and improved from last time we played them. We know that if we keep making little improvements, by playoff time we will be ready to really compete with them."

Young added that the Extreme expect to win every time they play and are looking for a pair of wins this weekend.

"We always want to win whenever we play," Young insisted. "We don't go into games thinking we are going to lose so this weekend will be no different. We know we can beat Akwesasne if we play well like we have been the past few games. We also want to beat Kahnawake as well, but as long as we keep on improving through out the season, preparing for the playoffs, we will be satisfied. We know what it takes to beat Kahnawake, we just need to execute."



COURTESY BURY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jacques Lizotte (right to left), spent last Friday 'PUTT'ing up a storm with Cougar Hockey Coach Jude Vallee. Champlain Athletic Director Sylvain Laflamme invited his son to participate in the Bury tournament for a day of golf, prizes, and a meal.

Bury golf tournament

Montreal Canadiens memorabilia given as door prizes

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Bright sun, lush greens, and 72 players made for a successful sixth annual Mayor's Gold Tournament for the municipality.

Bury has a population of about 1,000 and the tournament's proceeds will see that summer activities are available for each and every resident.

After a noon time tee-off and nine holes in the bright warm sun all golfers were treated to supper provided by Bury's Auberge Orchidée.

Even though Montreal Canadian player Yannick Perrault could not make the trip to participate in last Friday's tourney, he sent his brother with an authentic hockey stick and photos.

"We had many players and each one of them was able to get a prize. We were really happy about that," said tournament committee member Shelley Jacklin. "Each prize was donated by local businesses and organizations."

Each year Bury Mayor Orvil Anderson supports the tournament. However, it is not the municipal council that organizes the event. It is actually a small group of approximately five members.

"None of us have a title," said Jacklin. "We are all committee members. We all care about the community so no one has special titles."

Jacques Lizotte founded the committee six years ago and, though he is no longer a member of the committee, he remains the day's emcee, an avid participant, sponsor of the event through World's Finest Chocolate.

The committee hosts the tourney for one reason only — to give Bury residents a chance to enjoy community activities and help out local organizations.

Last year's tournament proceeds were distributed equally between the town's school and the 2nd Bury Scouting troupe during the town winter carnival, but this year the funds will go to ensuring summer time fun.

"We are organizing summer activities for the whole community," Jacklin explained. "They're for everyone."

She said some money raised will be kept to cover next year's costs to host the tournament.

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Québec Lacrosse Bantam Team
Announced

The roster for the provincial lacrosse team has been announced for the 2005 Bantam Nationals Tournament, which will be held in Burnaby, BC August 1 to 7, 2005. Team members are:

Philippe Beaulne, West Island; David Jacob Brasard, West Island; Matthew Job, West Island; Jean-Philip Paquette, West Island; Jean-François Paquette, West Island; Ryan Paris, West Island; Patrick Yates, West Island; Christopher MacDonald-Ebsworth, West Island; Mikael Auger, Sherbrooke; Guy-Philippe Bernier, Sherbrooke; Jessy Carpentier, Sherbrooke; Nicholas Fredette, Sherbrooke; Nicolas Lowry-Gagnon, Sherbrooke; Alexandre Maclure, Sherbrooke; Vincent Morin, Sherbrooke; Alexandre Pouliot, Sherbrooke; Jordan Salois, Sherbrooke; Karl Parent, Windsor; Jérémie Bergeron, Magog

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BASEBALL

Athletiques BRP falter in
last inningLongueuil rallies for 11-6
victory

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Late inning woes continued to trouble the Sherbrooke Athletiques BRP as they allowed six runs in the final inning Tuesday night and dropped an 11-6 decision to the Longueuil Ducks.

Sherbrooke nursed a 6-5 lead going into the top half of the seventh inning but the visitors erupted for six runs, four of them unearned as poor fielding continued to haunt the Sherbrooke squad.

The Athletiques held 2-0 and 4-2 leads after the first and second innings but Longueuil bounced back to 5-4 after four innings. Sherbrooke regained the lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth and then called in Mark Warnholtz to save the victory.

Warnholtz pitched a scoreless sixth inning but was touched up for six runs in the seventh and suffered his first loss of the season.

Jean-Patrick Mailhot was the hitting star for Sherbrooke as he delivered three hits including a home run and drove in three runs. Michael Pellerin, Ben Laroche and Simon-Pierre Gauthier

added two hits apiece.

Sebastien Roy started the game and was touched for five runs, one unearned in two-plus innings. Aaron McKelvey came in relief and did an outstanding job shutting down the Ducks in two innings of work. The Ayer's Cliff native yielded a hit while striking out three and walking one in his finest performance of his rookie campaign.

The Bombardiers are in Longueuil tonight to complete a home-and-home series with the Ducks and return home for a doubleheader Sunday against the Quebec Diamonds beginning at 2 p.m.

Extra base hits: Major league baseball began its amateur draft Monday morning and after 18 rounds no Quebec players were drafted... with a maximum of 50 rounds there is still plenty of time for local players to be selected... the league announced Tuesday that Longueuil's Marc-Olivier Jodoin-Mimeault was named the offensive player of the month for May while Teammates Andrew Clark and Michael Tomasetta of the LaSalle Cardinals shared pitcher-of-the-month honours... Jodoin-Mimeault batted .444 and smacked six home runs in seven games for the Ducks... Clark had a perfect 3-0 record while Tomasetta did not allow an earned run in 19 innings of work.

Jays the cat's meow at
Wrigley Field

By John Lott

CHICAGO

Wrigley Field isn't fair. The Toronto Blue Jays survived a hit that stuck in the ivy on the left-field wall. They escaped after a double that Wrigley's legendary wind whipped over an outfielder's head.

But when a black cat ran across the field in front of starting pitcher Josh Towers, one began to suspect that Toronto was battling some particularly heavy odds against the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Then, the double-whammy — the Cubs summoned football coach Charlie Weis to sing Take Me Out To The Ballgame during the seventh-inning stretch. Weis's team: Notre Dame.

So with forces both occult and divine on their side, it followed that Toronto was toast in this Major League Baseball game.

But the Jays overcame all that, with a big lift from their own good-luck charm — Aaron Hill. They scored twice in the eighth inning and once in the ninth to defeat the Cubs 6-4.

Hill, who has been an RBI machine since arriving from the minors a month ago, singled home the tie-breaking run in the eighth off reliever Will Ohman.

Gregg Zaun added another RBI single in the eighth before Toronto scored an unearned run in the ninth.

Scott Schoeneweis (2-1) pitched to two batters and got the win, while Miguel Batista worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 11th save.

Michael Barrett hit his second homer of the

game in the eighth to bring Chicago within a run before Derrek Lee, normally a slick fielder, booted a throw to first that allowed the Jays' sixth run to score in the ninth.

The Jays' win was their second in two nights, again before a loud crowd of 39,159. The series wraps up this afternoon with the Jays' Roy Halladay seeking his 10th victory of the season.

Toronto left-fielder Reed Johnson, who singled, tripled and scored twice, wrestled with the eccentricities of Wrigley Field in the early going. He managed to catch a foul ball without hitting the unpadded wall, and wisely left a ball stuck in the ivy, but he couldn't catch up to a wind-blown double.

In the third, Johnson ventured perilously close to the wall to make a catch.

"The wall isn't like any other in the major leagues," Johnson said before the game. "It's brick. You've got to be careful."

In the fourth, Aramis Ramirez put one in the ivy. Johnson left it.

"The umpires told us (Tuesday) night that if the ball gets stuck in the ivy, leave it there and throw your hands up," said Johnson, the Jays' left-fielder. "If you try to dig it out, they could wind up with a triple or homer."

Meanwhile, it's about that black cat. The feline scampered across the field between the mound and the plate as Towers warmed up to start the sixth with a 3-2 lead. Predictably, he was in the dugout two batters later after giving up a double.

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BLANCHETTE, Honourable Judge Jean-Guy - At the S.U.G.I., St-Joseph Pavilion, on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005. The Honourable Judge Jean-Guy Blanchette, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Lois Ogilvie, son on the late J.A. Blanchette from Chartierville. Dear brother of Sr. Lucille, Pierre (Julienne Lemieux), Jacques (Monique Perron), Claude (Marguerite Bilodeau), Roger (Ginette Boisvert), Michel (Micheline Graton). Also left to mourn are many nieces, nephews, other friends and relatives. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2005 at 11 a.m., from Notre-Dame-du-Perpétuel-Secours Church in Sherbrooke. Family will receive condolences at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., Tel.: 819-565-1155, fax: 819-820-8872. Graduated in Law from McGill University, Mr. Blanchette was Crown Attorney, Queen Counsel and Quebec Court Judge. Everyone that knew him will remember him as a wise, hardworking, spiritual, endearing and generous man. The family would like to thank the staff of the S.U.G.I., St-Joseph Pavilion for all the wonderful care given to the Honourable Judge Blanchette. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King St. West, Suite 130, Sherbrooke, Que., J1L 1C9, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

BOYD POURE, Doris 1915-2005 - Suddenly at the Granby Hospital on June 6th in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Emile Lawrence Poure of Granby. Much loved mother of the late Donald (Audrey) Poure of Granby, Kenneth (Sharon) Poure, loving grandmother of Laura and Michael, the late Kayla, all of Regina Saskatchewan. Survived by her sisters, Reta Staniforth (late Dennis), Edith Crawford (late Jackson). Predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Norman, Leonard and Ernest, Ina Todd, Ethel Rowell, Alma Smith and Hazel Lunan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette. Under the direction of Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes, Granby, Que. Tel.: 450-777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: 450-777-4393 www.famillebessette.com A memorial service will be held at the St-George's Anglican church, 130 Principale St., Granby, Que., on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 2 p.m. Followed by interment at the Pinewood cemetery. Family will receive condolences from 1 p.m. at the church. In her memory, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Hema Quebec Foundation, would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the church.



CROSSFIELD ROWELL, Pearl 1917-2005 - Peacefully at home, on Wednesday, June 8th, 2005, in her 89th year, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Byron Arthur Rowell. Dear mother of Eric (Kynda), Kathy (David); cherished grandmother of Julie Harding Nicol (Jason), great-grandmother of Madison. Dear sister-in-law of: Dorothy Rowell Fisk, Ethel Rowell, Marion Crossfield, Genevieve Crossfield, Jean Crossfield, Jack Thompson. Predeceased by her brothers and her sister: John, Malcom, Stanley, Robert and Hilda Thompson. Pearl will be sadly missed by her family, nieces, nephews and friends. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Benoit Charbonneau, the CLSC and our dear friends for their caring and support. Resting at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes, Granby, Que. Tel.: 450-777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: 450-777-4393 www.famillebessette.com Visitation: Thursday from 2-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Friday, day of the funeral, family and friends are asked to meet directly at the church. Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 11 a.m. at St-Paul's Anglican Church in St-Paul d'Abbotsford. Interment at the St-Paul-d'Abbotsford Cemetery. In her memory donations to the St-Paul's Anglican Church, the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

KENWORTHY, John Adams (1924-2005) - At the CHUS Hospital, Fleurimont, John (Jack) Adams Kenworthy passed away at the age of 81, son of the late Joseph Kenworthy and the late Anice Adams, of Sherbrooke. With his first wife, the late Betty Vincent, they had two sons John (Anne Louise), two grandchildren Phillippe and Charlie, of Belleville and David (Ginette) of Montreal, two grandsons David and Andrew. With his second wife, Isabelle Dunn of Richmond, they had two sons Brian (Barbara), grandchildren Kathleen, Natasha and Dustin of Medicine Hat, Alberta and Bruce of Calgary, Alberta. His third wife, Jeannine Brosseau, of Sherbrooke, a son Luce Houle (Diane), Eric St-Pierre and Karine, Stanhope, Carolle Houle (Mario Theriault), Mikael and Gabriel, Sabrina and Hugo of Ascot. He also leaves to mourn his brother-in-law Donald Lyman (late Anice Kenworthy Lyman) of Pawcatuck, Conn., niece Nancy Lee Matthews her husband Edward Matthews and their 5 children; other brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Normand Brosseau (Therese D'Assylva) of Sherbrooke, Robert Brosseau (Eleanor Berno) of Florida, Jacqueline Houle (late Roland) of Sherbrooke; Teddy Tynczsyn (late Irene) and family, Jean-Marc (Pauline) of Florida, Claudette Brosseau (Andre), Laval, Michael Brosseau (Laurie), Hartford, Conn. and their children; also many other relatives and friends. The family would like to thank Dr. Pierre Michel Roy and all the personnel on Unit 46 at Youville Hospital as well as the personnel of 4th floor B of the C.H.U.S. and all the doctors and team in palliative care for their support. donations to the Fondation de l'Hopital d'Youville, the C.H.U.S., the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. There will be no visitation or funeral service. a Mass at Ste-Anne de Beaupre will be held at a later date.

In Memoriams

GEORGE, Alma White - A dear sister who left us on June 8, 1982. It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone, Because part of us went with you The day God called you home. Lovingly remembered by THE FAMILY and your son GOLDWYN

McLELLAN - In loving memory of our dear parents Cecil 1972, Myrtle 1991; brothers Malcolm 1972, Stewart 1988; sisters-in-law Mona 1972, Kathy 1997, Norma 1999; niece Marcia 2001. Every day in some small way Memories of you come our way. CELIA & CURLY

Card of Thanks

SARRASIN - I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my family and friends for visits, flowers, cards and telephone calls I received while in Hotel Dieu and Youville. DONNA

DOUGHERTY, Dora - Passed away at the La Providence Hospital, Magog, Que., on Sunday, June 5th, 2005 in her 92nd year. Dora Dougherty, beloved wife of the late Roy Dougherty and cherished mother of Maureen and her husband Bruce Morin of Rock Forest. She is survived by her sister Ella Knowles. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 554 Main St., Bury, Que., where friends may visit on Thursday, June 9th, 2005 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew officiating. Interment in the Bury Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Diabetic Association of Quebec, 8550 Pix-1X Blvd., Montreal, Que., H1Z 4G2, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

PALMER, Alice - Peacefully at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que., on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 in her 78th year. Alice Margaret Banks, beloved wife of Ronald Albert Palmer and dear mother of Judy Nicoll of Montreal and Betty Coles of Lennoxville; cherished grandmother of Samantha, Kristina and Jamie. Alice is also survived by her sisters Ruby Longtin and Doris Boright and many nieces and nephews. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que. Tel.: 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Friday, June 10th, 2005 from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Canon Heather Thomson officiating. As memorial tributes donations to the Children Wish Foundation of Canada, 4200 St-Laurent Blvd., Montreal, Que., H2W 2R2, or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Bridge will return Friday June 10

Death



POIRIER, Lila (nee Corey) 1942-2005 - Suddenly, at the Centre hospitalier de Granby, on Monday, June 6th, 2005, in her 63rd year, passed away Lila Corey, daughter of the late Rose Perrott and the late Cecil Corey. She leaves to mourn her devoted husband Armand Poirier, her children, Cécile (Jeff) and Michel (Francine), her mother-in-law Léa Roy (late Urbain Poirier), her brothers-in-law Roger Poirier (Monique), André Poirier, Denys Poirier (Marianne), her sisters-in-law Gisèle Poirier, Monique Poirier, Denise Poirier and Suzanne Poirier, her aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, numerous other relatives and dear friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 109 William St., Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5. Tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca where family and friends may visit on Friday, June 10th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturday, June 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed at 11 a.m., by the funeral service from the Ste-Rose-de-Lima Church in Cowansville. Donations in her memory to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3 would be appreciated by the family. (Forms available at the funeral home).

Death



REID, E.A. Stewart - At Knowlton House on June 5, 2005, E.A. Stewart Reid, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P.C., F.A.C.P.; in his 88th year. Loving husband of Barbara Pibus, father of the late Jane Reid, Dr. Stewart Reid (Cheri Brooks) and Dugald Reid (Andrea Almasi). Former Director of Cardiology, Montreal General Hospital, Consultant in Cardiology Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital. Served with the 14th Canadian General Hospital Unit in Italy and Holland. Funeral to be held on Saturday, June 11 at 11 a.m. at Knowlton United Church, 234 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton. Donations to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, 950 rue Principale, Cowansville, QC, J2K 1K3, in care of the Cardiology Department, gratefully accepted.

TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY

Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge worship services on June 12: Waterville 9:30 a.m., Hatley 11 a.m., Minton 2 p.m.

HUNTINGVILLE

Two-time Juno Award winning singer/songwriter David Francey, formerly of Ayer's Cliff, will perform on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at the Huntingville Universalist Church, Route 147, in Huntingville, just south of Lennoxville. Concert time both nights is 8 p.m. All profits go to Heritage Huntingville to maintain the church, built in 1844, restored in 1998, and considered the oldest Universalist Church building in Quebec. Tickets are available from Tri-Us (Hallmark) in Lennoxville (819) 822-2632, Marche G.D. Houde in Ayer's Cliff (819) 838-4202 or The Pomegranate in North Hatley (819) 842-4397.

BULWER

500 card party on Thursday, June 16, a fundraiser sponsored by the Bulwer Carry-On Gang, at the Bulwer Community Centre at 2 p.m. Lunch, prizes and door prizes.

COWANSVILLE

Update on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, sponsored by the Estrie Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, with Dr. Bitton, Dr. Gottke, Dr. D. Macek, and Dr. Rakovich, June 9, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., Auberge des Carrefours Days Inn Cowansville, 111 J.J. Bertrand, Cowansville, Salle Bertrand. Bilingual. Free. Info: 1-800-461-4683 or Amanda at (450) 292-3276.

DANVILLE/RICHMOND

St. Francis Shared Ministry Sunday Services on June 12: Richmond 9 a.m.,

Danville 11 a.m. South Durham 7 p.m.

CHERRY RIVER

Cherry River Gospel Chapel Men's Breakfast will be held at Parkside Ranch, 8 a.m., on June 11. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Info: Ron (819) 843-3492.

WATERLOO

Flea market at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables for rent. Info: (450) 539-3135 or 539-2129.

NORTH HATLEY

The North Hatley Community Centre is having a Benefit Night of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" at the Piggery on Wednesday, June 22 at 8 p.m. By supporting us, you are also helping the Piggery Theatre and the Township Stage. Best of all, you will have an amusing evening out with all your friends! For tickets, please contact Jane Perry-Gore (819) 842-4665 or Gwen McKnight at 842-1670.

WARDEN

500 card party on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oddfellows Hall. Sponsored by Victoria Rebekah Lodge #19. Lunch and prizes.

LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist (for Men's Renovation Fund) at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m. Please call Helen (819) 569-3598 or Emily 562-8683. Everyone welcome. Prizes and lunch.

LENNOXVILLE

A.N.A.F. Unit 318 Golf Tournament, Saturday June 18, 2005. Sign up at the "HUT", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Tournament to be followed by a Mechoui at the "HUT" at 6 p.m. There will be 50 tickets for non golfers on sale from June 13, 2005 at the bar of the "HUT". Tickets must be purchased by Friday, June 17, 2005. For information about the tournament and the mechoui call (819) 569-1069 or 346-9122 after 4 p.m.

WATERLOO

Flea Market at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables for rent. Info: (450) 539-3135 or 539-2129.

LENNOXVILLE

2-day Tutor Training Workshop, June 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Marguerite Knapp Center in Lennoxville. Helping others to improve their reading and writing skills is very rewarding and fun work. A love of learning and reading plus one hour per week is all you need to become a tutor and to make a difference in someone's life. No fee charged. Pre-registration is required, call Kathy at (819) 346-7009.

LENNOXVILLE

Benefit Concert for Uplands! The Uplands Musical Society with special guest, the Canadian Harmonists, will perform at a benefit concert for the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre on Thursday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at Bandeen Hall, Bishop's University. The program will feature jazz standards from the 20's and 30's as well as selections from

Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore. Tickets can be purchased at Uplands, Boucherie James and the Lennoxville Tri-Us, or reserved at (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre is offering two summer workshops! Join renowned Townships artist Denis Palmer in a four-week watercolour workshop on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, June 25, July 2, 16 and 23. Beginner and experienced artists welcomes. Enrolment is limited. Enjoy a good wine? Increase your knowledge and develop your palate in a Wine Appreciation course offered by a certified sommelier. In six weeks, William Lidstone will give you a tour of the world's finest wine producing regions. On the Menu? Tasting, terminology and food pairing, complete with hors d'oeuvres. Six consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning July 6. There is a cost for both these workshops. Remember, members of Uplands receive a 10% discount! For more information, or to register, call (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: worship led by Pam Norman, lay preacher, on June 12 at 10:00 a.m. (819) 565-8449.

WATERVILLE

Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley Pastoral Charge "Hats Off to Summer Dessert Party" will be held at Waterville United Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. You are invited to decorate a hat or wear your favourite hat and enjoy a time of fellowship and dessert. This event is a fundraiser for the Mission and Service Fund.

BROOKBURY-DITCHFIELD

St. John's Church, Brookbury hosts the Parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria Family Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. A lunch will be served. Also St. John's Church, Ditchfield (to Spider Lake Road) Sunday service will be held on June 19 at 2:30 p.m. Both services presided over by the Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew, the Incumbent. Everyone is welcome.

HATLEY

Luncheon in St. James Church Hall on Wednesday, June 15 starting at 11:30 a.m. Also there will be a Food and Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: R equals B

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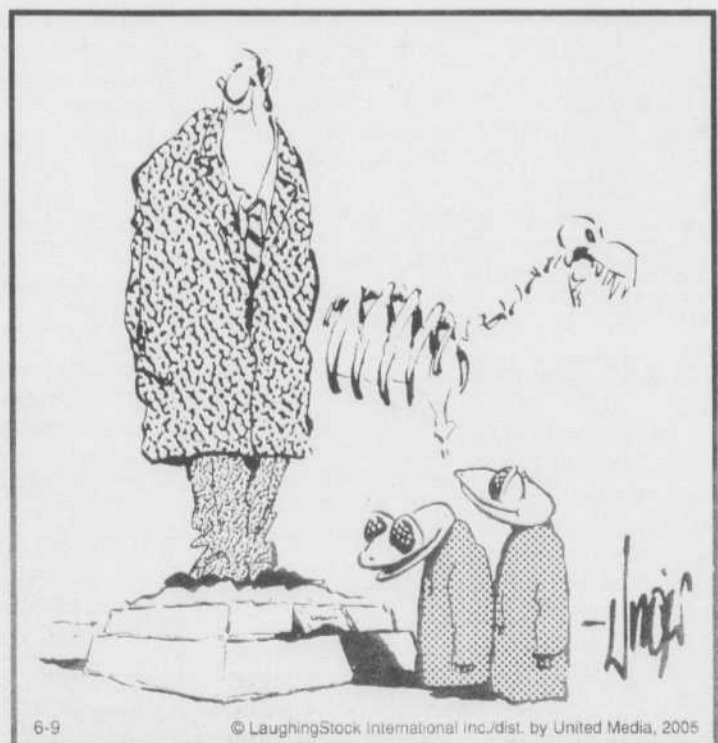
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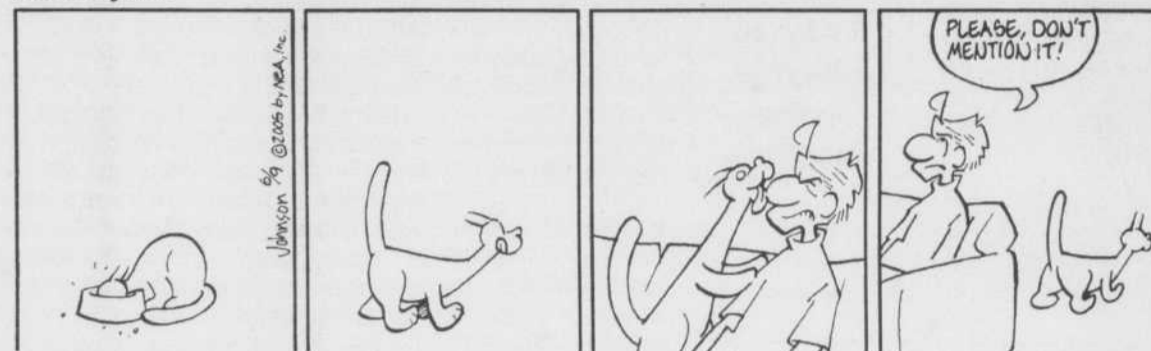
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Your Birthday

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destined to be a leader in the year ahead rather than merely a follower. However, it will be up to you not to play second fiddle. Know that you'll be fortunate in that which you personally direct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Normally you're an extremely generous person, but today there's a possibility that you could be a bit too self-serving and unlikely to share what is intended for everybody.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If what you hope to accomplish today is not easily achieved on your initial efforts, don't get discouraged. Breaking through that door can be realized through consistent effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your ace in the hole to accomplish big things today is your own inner resolve. However, it isn't likely you'll tap into it unless you begin to feel circumstances are squeezing you into a corner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone you're quite fond of may still be dubious about whether or not you can be trusted. You're going to get the chance today to prove you're a pal who can be relied upon when needed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though the competition today may turn out to be far tougher than you had anticipated it would be, don't buckle under at the strong threat. With extra effort on your part, you can win.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's imperative today that you have faith in the fact that there's a solution

for every problem that confronts you. Without hope, you won't even try to seek out the answers and will lose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless you take a firm position today in your commercial affairs, you will invite those with whom you deal to walk all over you. Stand fast for your principles and your rights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even if it should put you in a difficult position today, back up an individual who has been there for you in the past. Your support means the difference between cowardliness and integrity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The main thrust of your energies and efforts today should be devoted to the fulfillment of a purposeful ambition. Wasting your energy on minuscule activities is squandering your strengths.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless you step up to the front and take a firm stance on controlling something in which you are presently involved with others, it will continue to fall apart one piece at a time. Be strong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you've got the tenacity to take on a problem that you haven't been able to resolve, this may be the day to do so. It still won't be easy, but at least you've got a chance to unravel the puzzle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your analytical and fastidious faculties could be more acute than usual today, so you may have to take care that your criticism or comments to others aren't overly caustic or backbiting.

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ACROSS

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- 5 Sugar source
- 9 Supports
- 14 Happy starter?
- 15 Dieter's word
- 16 Hank of baseball
- 17 Volcanic outflow
- 18 Chills and fevers
- 19 Light olive brown
- 20 Start of quote by astronaut David Wolf from Mir
- 23 Vietnamese holiday
- 24 Places at the table
- 25 Theater employees
- 27 Homer's sea
- 30 Division word

- 31 Managed
- 32 Part 2 of quote
- 38 Lawn makeup
- 41 19th letter
- 42 Scandinavian
- 43 Part 3 of quote
- 46 Hardened
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- 48 Off the boat
- 51 Kind of hat
- 54 Colorful tropical fish
- 56 Pers. pension
- 57 End of quote
- 62 Roast host
- 64 Scottish Gaelic
- 65 Pouting grimace
- 66 Apple centers

- 26 King of the road
- 27 Jason's ship
- 28 Deserve
- 29 Itsy-bitsy biter
- 30 Part of MIT
- 33 Make well
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- 36 PC operator
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- 50 "If I Had a ___"
- 51 Cake cut
- 52 Knight's outfit
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RECORD

Be as polite and civil with any neighbor

Dear Annie: Several months ago, one of our neighbors (I'll call him "Bill") accidentally destroyed some property belonging to another neighbor who was out of town at the time. Bill did not inform the neighbor of the damage, but he did tell my husband.

This did not seem fair to me. So, several weeks after the neighbors returned home, I knocked on their door and told them what had happened, under condition of anonymity. However, confidence was breached and when they contacted Bill, somehow my name was in the mix.

Bill did the repair work with a martyred attitude and then called my husband (not me) and blew his top, telling him that since we were a couple, my husband was as culpable as I. Since my husband had nothing to do with telling the neighbors, it seems grossly unfair that Bill refuses to talk or interact with him ever again.

How can a grown man exhibit such immature behavior, especially since he and my husband used to do so many things together? Any advice on how to proceed from here, or has this friendship reached an impasse? — Disgusted in the Midwest

Dear Disgusted: Why on earth would your husband want to be friends with a man who would destroy property and then lie about it, begrudge making amends to the injured party and then blame others in a vindictive snit fit?

Obviously, you feel responsible for the impasse, so tell your husband you are genuinely sorry there is a rift. Any repairing of the relationship, however, will have to be up to Bill. Meanwhile, be as polite and civil as you would with any neighbor.

Dear Annie: Last night, my husband pulled a humiliating stunt. We were seated in the lounge of a lovely restaurant, waiting for our dinner companions. It seems the nicer the atmosphere, the darker the establishment. "David" reached for the wine list and, with aplomb, took out a pen flashlight from his jacket, stating, "Well, finally, I can see what I am reading." When the waiter arrived to take our order, I tried to joke about the flashlight, but I was mortified.

Later, when our friends arrived, he again dragged out the flashlight in order to read the menu. To my disdain, our friends asked if they could borrow it. My guess is that this could be the result of his recently ordering a \$200 bottle of wine because he could not read the wine list. Any alternative suggestions? — Valley Village

Dear Valley: Actually, we admire your husband's willingness not to be intimidated. There is nothing wrong with pulling out a little light if you are having difficulty reading, and rest assured, the other patrons are not castigating you for it. Restaurants often use dim lighting because it seems cozier, but it also means you can't see if the silverware is clean. Instead of being embarrassed, consider it an amusing idiosyncrasy. You'll feel better.

Dear Annie: There is a house in my neighborhood with a ragged American flag hanging in the front yard. It is so tattered and torn that it makes me sad.

I don't know the residents, so I left an anonymous note stating the flag needs replacing. When that yielded no results, I left guidelines about the proper treatment of the flag, but still nothing. There is no local ordinance about flag treatment, but it doesn't seem right for such blatant disrespect to continue. Any ideas? — Mystified in Mississippi

Dear Mystified: When a flag is so tattered that it can no longer be cleaned and presentable, it should be burned. Many American Legion posts conduct such burnings at dignified ceremonies on Flag Day (June 14), and you can suggest that your neighbors put the flag away until then. For more information, contact your local American Legion Department or check their website at legion.org.

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

Annie's Mailbox

Where road meets race. DaimlerChrysler shows off its performance division



(Photo by National Post)

In the hands of racer and track instructor Richard Spenard the Dodge Viper SRT10 goes from being a handful to a graceful missile.

By Graeme Fletcher

For CanWest NewsService

MONT TREMBLANT, Que. — Many companies now have one: At BMW it's the M division. At Mercedes it's AMG. At Nissan it's NISMO.

At DaimlerChrysler, the performance division is known as SRT, for Street and Racing Technology. Essentially, this group of dedicated engineers takes a stock car and breathes new life into it. And this isn't a group to turn down a challenge, as just about everything except the company's minivan has a SRT derivative. Which is why we're at Circuit Mont Tremblant sampling the entire line of SRT-tweaked cars and trucks.

The SRT range starts with the diminutive SRT4 — based on the SX (formerly Neon) — but it's small only in its size. In everything else it's large and possesses the ability to warp its riders to 100 kilometres an hour in sizzling fashion.

This turn of speed comes down to one thing — the SRT4's power-to-weight ratio. The turbocharged 2.4-litre's 230 h.p. and brawny 250 lbs-ft. of torque have to motivate only 1,315 kilograms. Slip behind the wheel, set the seat and mirrors and it's off for a wild ride around Mont Tremblant's challenging circuit.

The bonus of the SRT4's design is that all this power (notably the torque output) doesn't overwhelm the rest of the car. Sure, it's all too easy to smoke the oversized 205/50R17 tires, and under-steer isn't too difficult to find, but when

all is said and the hot lap is done, the SRT4 leaves a lasting impression and massive smile.

Even the five-speed manual is up to the task. The clutch is remarkably light considering its workload, and the ratios are perfectly spaced to keep the turbo blowing full gale. Of all the vehicles at this preview, it is arguably the most fun — highly tossable, light to the touch and responsive to driver input. Oh, and the zero-to-100-kilometres-an-hour time? Try 5.9 seconds on for size.

If that's not enough to wow your riders, just crank up the optional Kick/Livin' Loud stereo. With six strategically placed speakers and a 10-inch, 100-watt subwoofer, this thing is powerful enough to move the car on its own.

The first Ram SRT10 I encountered was a bright banana yellow thing with completely bald rear tires. The thought of replacing its 305/40R22s made my wallet weep. How could anyone do that to a set of tires in just a couple of thousand kilometres?

Strap yourself to the 8.3-litre V-10 and it takes less than 5.5 seconds to find out. This is why it's in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's fastest production pickup. With an even 500 stallions and a monstrous 525 lbs-ft. of torque on tap, melting the rear tires in a sideways drift is just a prod of the gas pedal (and a small one at that) away.

What makes the back end so twitchy is that a full 90 per cent of the V-10's power comes on-line at 1,500 r.p.m. and stays there to a lofty 5,600 r.p.m. So, be

warned — mat the gas at your own peril. The saving grace is that its brakes are up to the task of reining in the stallions — 15-inch rotors up front, 14-inchers in back and an anti-lock braking system to keep the whole lot on the straight and narrow.

For those with "family commitments," there is the SRT10 Quad Cab. As with the lesser models, this delivers a full-sized back seat and some much-needed storage space.

And so to the Viper, the mother of all North American sports cars. The Viper was once the knuckle-dragger of the automotive world — no traction control and no anti-lock brakes made driver error one of the deadly sins.

That was then, this is now, and the second-generation Viper SRT10 is much improved. While there is still no traction control system (anti-lock brakes, thankfully, are now standard), it now has a chassis that manages to harness the V-10's power with a degree of civility.

It also has the numbers to brag, and in all of the important categories. It eclipses 100 km/h in four seconds, and will run from rest to 160 km/h and back in a mind-numbing 12 seconds.

To fully experience what brute force means on a track, there is but one man to turn to — racer and track instructor Richard Spenard. In the hands of this man, the Viper goes from being a handful (a polite way of saying it's a heathen) to a graceful missile — it is a street-legal race car that can dance with the best the world has to offer.

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