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More security expected at Anglican church in Magog

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
MAGOG

Awarden for St. Luke's Anglican church in Magog is warning that a police presence and other security measures may be used if dissidents continue to upset church services and meetings.

"As a warden I am responsible for the security of our members," said Edward Hardy last Friday. "I called the police last Sunday when I sensed some violence would occur, and I will do it again if I think it could happen in the future at any gathering of the church."

Hardy was responding to an incident on Sunday, March 13, when a

number of Magog police officers showed up at the church when two factions argued over which minister would hold the service.

Hardy said he called the police after the argument led to the shutting of an office door on Hugh Camber, a church member who was chosen as a warden at a controversial vestry meeting last fall.

"When I shut the choir room door on Hugh, he and some others started pushing on it to get in," said Hardy. "I sensed this could get ugly so I phoned the police in the presence of Keith Perry-Gore. After that phone call, things seemed to calm down."

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Townships concerned about long-term effects of landfill

'In our view, this is an unacceptable risk'
— Peter Kohl

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Townshippers are worried about the long term effects of the proposed expansion of the landfill site in Coventry, Vermont which is seeking permission to bury some 370,000 tonnes a waste a year 2,500 feet from Lake Memphremagog and a few hundred feet from a wetland that protects it.

The expanded landfill located a stone's throw from the Black River, a main tributary of Lake Memphremagog, would be large enough to take in most of the garbage produced in the state of Vermont. And with the dump doubling every five years, lake watchers are concerned the dump is a growing environmental time bomb.

Only one quarter of the lake's surface is in Vermont, but the state contains 71 per cent of the watershed which flows towards the north. And while virtually no one south of the border uses the lake for drinking water, it is the source for more than 150,000 citizens in many municipalities including Magog and Sherbrooke.

Peter Kohl, who presented a brief on behalf of Stanstead Township, admitted the lined landfill was a well designed site using the best available technology. The problem is, all previous technologies have failed and the landfill is located in a critically sensitive area, wedged between the lake and a wetland.

"No one can guarantee this won't leak in the future," he said, noting that leaks will inevitable reach the lake.

Kohl, the chairman of the municipality's Environmental Advisory Committee and a former member of the Ontario Environmental Appeals Board, said landfills need to be monitored for

some 100 years and that no one could guarantee that leachate — the liquid percolating through the garbage — could not reach surrounding groundwaters or the lake.

He notes that even the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had stated that "even the best liner and leachate collection system will ultimately fail."

Furthermore, Kohl quoted an American landfill expert who stated "it will never be possible to clean up a municipal leachate-polluted aquifer system so that the groundwater would even be considered safe for domestic consumption."

Kohl said the Coventry landfill is so close to lake there is virtually no opportunity for natural attenuation to clean up any leachate leakage.

"Some of the untreated leachate inevitably will reach the wetlands, the Black River and Lake Memphremagog with very serious consequences for the people of the Northeast Kingdom and for their neighbours further north in Canada," he said. "In our view, this is an unacceptable risk."

"For the people of the Northeast Kingdom, a healthy Lake Memphremagog provides a growing means of livelihood through recreation and tourism," states the Stanstead Townships brief. "For their neighbour's further north, it is also the source of life-giving drinking water. The lake is a jewel that deserves the commission's protection."

Finally, Kohl requested that the commission to deny the expansion because it could cause undue water pollution — the first criteria set in Act 250 the Vermont legislation under which landfill must obtain authorization.

Kohl points to a precedent in Pennsylvania when the Department of Environmental Protection denied a landfill permit that was located 300 yards from a State park and not far from a stream that provides drinking water to some 40,000 people.

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Feeling Green in Richmond



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Townshippers of all ages were in Richmond Sunday afternoon for the popular annual Richmond St. Patrick's Day parade. Visitors were impressed by the variety of colourful floats on hand. See Page 9 for more details about the festivities.

Second Granby bank robber nabbed

Staff

A second bank robber was arrested early Sunday morning in connection with a bank robbery in Granby last week.

Twenty-five-year-old Mathieu Brousseau will appear in court this week to face charges of armed robbery stemming from the heist at the Toronto Dominion Bank on Main Street in Gran-

by last Thursday.

Brousseau fled the scene with an accomplice in a black Pontiac Grand Am, which they left in the parking lot of a video store nearby. The two suspects then fled on foot, leaving their guns in the car.

The driver of the car, 47-year-old Carlos Tingling, was arrested soon after by members of the Granby police force. He appeared in court Friday to face charges

of armed robbery to which he pled not guilty. Tingling was on conditional release following his arrest for another armed robbery.

The investigation was handed over to the Sûreté du Québec, who then carried out the arrest of Brousseau this weekend. The SQ wished to express their gratitude to the citizens of Granby for helping the municipal officers catch

the first suspect.

"A woman in her car at the time of the crime, noted the shady appearance of one of the bank clients," SQ spokesperson Chantal Mackels told La Voix de l'Est. "When the suspect left the bank, her and her husband took note of the type of vehicle, its colour, and the license plate number. This is what helped the police to track him down so quickly."

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Canon Perry-Gore said he had been asked by Camber and another warden, Ross Bennett, to give the service that Sunday, having been told the day before that

the church would be rented for the occasion.

But Hardy, who was chosen as the warden by incumbent minister Rev. Fred Richardson, argues Camber and Bennett did not have the authority to rent the church without his and Richardson's permission.

"We did not know about this arrangement and we told Perry-Gore and Camber the service would not be held in this way," said Hardy.

"You can't just rent out a church in 24 hours without letting the members and the minister know about it."

Hardy said only three officers showed up at the church in three cars, denying Perry-Gore's contention that five cars were present and a "swarm of officers" entered the church.

"They kept one group outside and another inside while they tried to understand what the problem was," said Hardy. "We showed them a letter from our chan-

cellor that stated Camber was not a warden and could not use the church," said Hardy.

"The police decided that because Fred (Richardson) had held the service the previous Sunday, he should be allowed to continue doing so that day."

Hardy argued that after the service there was more potential for violence when Richardson, Hardy and a host of members left the service.

He said the members had to run a "gauntlet" of dissident members who lined either side of the exit pathway.

"When I walked out, a gentlemen stood in front of me so I tried to walk around him," said Hardy. "He stood in front of me three times so I went back into the church."

Hardy said when the members left the church in a group, the man stayed very close to him until he got into his car.

"He was breathing right on me and being very intimidating," said Hardy. "I knew who he was but I am not going to tell you his name. He never spoke to me or touched me."

Hardy added that as this confrontation was going on, another member called the police a second time, but that they arrived after most members had already left the church property.

"Some people felt they were being held hostage, so someone called the police again. I do not know who it was who made the call."

Dissident members, such as Charles Catchpugh, could not be reached for comment at press time.

The dissidents have refused to recognize Richardson as an incumbent minister, arguing he was chosen without consultation by the Quebec diocese office

and is not a trained Anglican priest.

They argue that Camber was a duly elected warden who was chosen at the Nov. 10 meeting despite the fact that Richardson declared the meeting closed and left early.

The dissidents also do not recognize Hardy's authority because he was chosen by Richardson.

Hardy, Richardson and diocesan chancellor David Blair have all condemned the election of Camber, arguing the vestry chose him at an invalid meeting.

The dissidents have also refused to recognize the diocese's claim of ownership of a minister's residence that was recently sold and a request for \$86,000 the diocese claims the church owes it.

The dispute between the two factions has been part of a larger conflict that has been ongoing for over three years. It started when some church wardens and members in the Eastern Townships questioned the authority of the Quebec Diocese and its bishop Bruce Stavert, who had made some changes to diocesan rules and laws.

In 2000, Stavert's changes and his authority were challenged by Drummondville warden Barry Husk, who filed three injunctions in Quebec Superior Court over the diocesan handling of church finances, assets and some decisions made by Stavert.

Despite legal wrangling and an initial willingness to negotiate a settlement, Husk told the Record on Friday his injunctions will again be brought before court soon.

"I cannot say much right now," Husk said. "But negotiations have ceased and it looks like we will be back in court."

Husk's lawyer Ronald Auclair could not be reached for comment at press time.

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Weather

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Winds northwest 30 km/h. High minus 8. UV index 4 or moderate.

Tuesday: A mix of sun and cloud. 60 percent chance of flurries. Low minus 17. High zero.

Wednesday: Periods of rain or snow. Low minus 9. High plus 5.

Thursday: Sunny. Low minus 1. High 9.

Normals for the period: Low minus 8. High plus 4.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Beer maker wants St. Patrick's Day to be holiday

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
MONTREAL

What started last year as gimmick to sell more Irish beer has now turned into a quasi-political movement to have Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day — made a paid, coast-to-coast, province to province to territory Canadian holiday.

"It has become a grass roots movement," said Michele D'Angelo, the leader of the Guinness Party of Canada. "We represent people who have a common interest in promoting good times and the St. Patrick's holiday."

D'Angelo said the party had its first anniversary in January and now has 109,000 members, most of whom joined by clicking on the party's Web site, guinnessvote.ca.

The English beer company and the party have argued that Canada does not have an official holiday between Christmas and Easter during the country's coldest months.

Last May, it held a party "party" on Ottawa's Parliament Hill and invited 150 politicians and the Irish ambassador in hopes of lobbying them for support.

One result has been the announced intention of Ontario Liberal MP Patrick O'Brien to introduce a private members bill later this month to have the holiday passed into law.

D'Angelo admits private members bills in the House of Commons are rarely given any attention and could easily be killed if Prime Minister Paul Martin calls a spring election.

"It may not pass this time, but it shows some people are taking this holiday proposal seriously," she said.

The party also chose a "Minister of Good Times," during a party meeting last week in Montreal. The minister, Wayne Kainu from Alberta, will be asked to spread the word about the holiday idea throughout Canada and promote the growth of the Guinness party.

Kainu was chosen from amongst 2000 nominations submitted by party members.

"It was a grand, historic moment for me; I had goose bumps," said D'Angelo about the meeting to choose Kainu as minister.

"I don't know what are chances are of getting our holiday, but I have to believe that it can happen if we continue to get support."

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated (March 18) that the police cars who arrived at the St. Luke's church on Mar. 13 were parked in the parking lot. Warden Ed Hardy said the church does not have a parking lot and that the police cars were parked on the street. It was also incorrectly reported that Rev. Glenn Coates was present at the service. Coates said he heard about the "fracas" from associates and reported it to The Record in that context. The Record apologizes for the errors.

Danville Tory vote not hindered by problems

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
DANVILLE

As part from a few address mix-ups, the voting in Danville for Conservatives for the riding of Richmond-Arthabaska went smoothly, according to riding president Michel Plourde.

"We had one member who was listed as being from Laval," said Plourde at the Knights of Columbus hall where the voting took place.

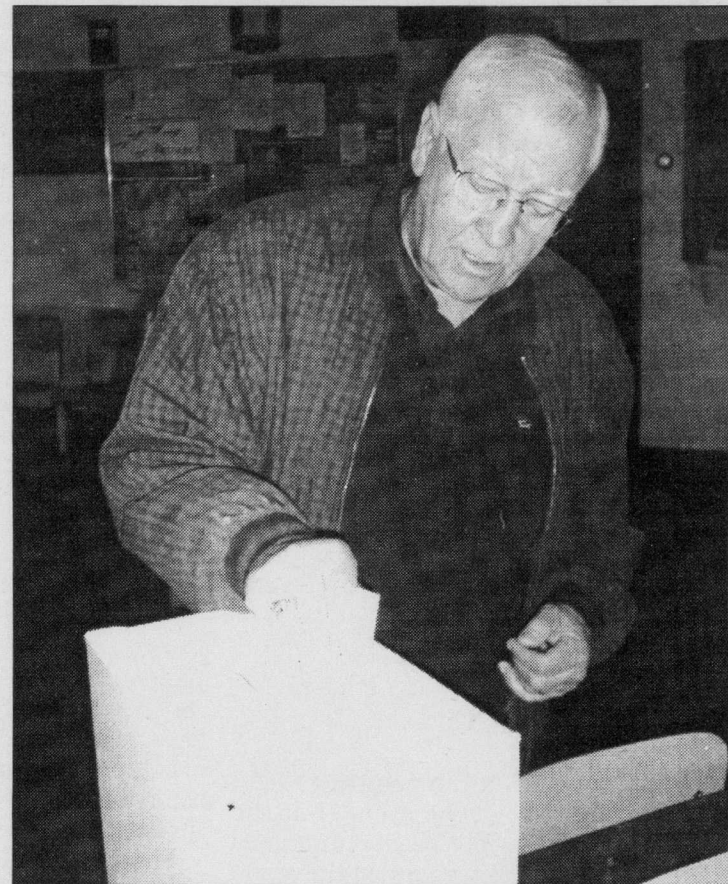
"Other members had been placed in the wrong town and we had to sort these problems out. The real problem was that many members never got their promised ballots by mail and now they can't vote."

Member Jean Roy found the voting system based on percentage points, rather than number of votes, complicated.

"I don't see how democratic this is," he said. "I think it needs to be reviewed for the next time we choose a leader."

Despite the problems, he said it would be difficult and expensive to recount this present leadership vote.

"If some parts of the party were to call for it, I would suggest we get an outside, independent group to do it," he said.



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

Conrad Beudet of Warwick votes during Saturday's race.

Daffodils are sign of hope

During Daffodil Days, from Thursday, April 1 to Sunday, April 4, some 12,000 Canadian Cancer Society volunteers will bring joy and hope to Quebecers across the province. This philanthropic activity kicks off the Society's annual fundraising campaign and officially opens Cancer Month.

More than two million bright yellow, freshly cut daffodils will be for sale in some 2,600 outlets across the province (shopping centres, banks, grocery stores, office buildings, pharmacies, etc.). The public will be able to buy single flowers (\$2) or bouquets of 5 or 10 daffodils (\$5 and \$7).

The funds collected by Canadian Cancer Society volunteers (in Quebec, the goal is \$1.9 million) will directly finance research projects, provide support for people living with cancer, disseminate up-to-date cancer information, encourage cancer prevention through the promo-

tion of healthier lifestyles and advocacy work.

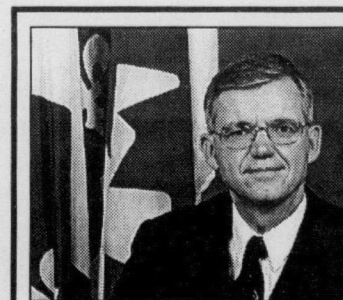
While major strides have been made, many Quebecers continue to view cancer as the number one health threat. In fact, one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. The statistics speak volumes about the scope and high incidence of this disease: last year, in Quebec alone, 35,500 new cases of cancer were diagnosed (17,600 women and 17,900 men), while 18,200 Quebecers lost their lives to the disease (8,400 women and 9,800 men).

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Canadians seek full-party status at hearings

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Concerned Canadians vastly outnumbered their American counterparts last Thursday during a third public hearing into the expansion of the landfill site in Coventry, Vt.

About three dozen Canadians, including ecological activists from a number of environmental groups, an MP and a former MNA, a handful of mayors, councillors and officials from the Memphremagog MRC and municipalities around the lake as well as Sherbrooke, a delegation from Environment Quebec, and a full contingent of Sherbrooke media, were on hand for the meeting on Thursday.

The intervention by Townshippers in the hearings by the District 7 Environmental Panel was late, but impassioned as they made a plea to protect Lake Memphremagog which is both a source of tourism income and drinking water

for the region.

At an earlier hearing last month, a handful of Townshippers who had just heard about the hearings made a tentative appearance. But they were not aware of the ins and outs of the Vermont regulatory process and could do little more than simply state their concern about the potential impact of the landfill on the quality of water in the lake.

This time, many came better prepared, armed with briefs and letters for the three commissioners of the District 7 Environmental Commission who will make the final decision on whether or not the expansion will be authorized.

And Memphremagog Conservation Inc. stepped forward with the belated request to obtain full party status at the hearings which could be key in having real influence on the process.

MCI discovered a loophole in the legislation which could allow the lake watchdog group to apply for full status,

even if the hearing to determine who could obtain status was held in December at the beginning of the process.

MCI president Donald Fisher argued there was no notice of the hearings in Canada. Townshippers began hearing about the regulatory process in late January thanks to an article that appeared in Log Cabin Chronicles — an Internet magazine by writer/editor John Mahoney that covers the border community.

Hearings co-ordinator Chuck Gallagher noted it is not clear if MCI would fulfill the legal requirements for full-party status, which would require the nonprofit group to provide testimony from experts. He suggested MCI could obtain nonparty status which would grant them full participation in the hearings, but no right to appeal an eventual decision.

After consultation with mayors during the break, it was decided the Memphremagog MRC, which represents the

17 municipalities around the lake and has deeper pockets, should make the request for full-party status. Mago Mayor Marc Poulin commented the MRC could appeal for financial help from Sherbrooke, which uses Memphremagog as its main source of drinking water.

When the meeting reconvened, the trio of District 7 commissioners accorded the MRC nonparty status at the hearings. The lawyer for Casella Waste Systems Inc., the Rutland based corporation that owns and operates the New England Waste Services of Vermont (NEWSVT) landfill in Coventry, did not object.

In the meantime, Gallagher said the MRC can present a request for full-party status, a matter on which the Commission would rule on over the next 10 days.

Casella, which appeared surprised by the unprecedented request, is bound to object.

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Stanstead Township councillor Paul Amos said that in the event that the Commission was not prepared to deny the application, he suggested the application should be referred to the joint Quebec/Vermont Steering Committee that was set up in December, 2003.

Memphremagog Wetlands Foundation complained that the landfill permit process did not lend itself to the long-term protection of surface and groundwater from leachate and that there is inadequate review of the potential for landfills to pollute surface and groundwater for as long as the waste represents a threat to water quality — which is forever.

That was the gist of a brief signed by foundation founder and president Stewart Hopps and presented by Raymond Cloutier.

Cloutier raised 15 questions related to the design of the landfill, the leachate collection system, the potential impact of cracks in the liners, the potential effect of seismic activity, the groundwater monitoring systems as well as the composition of leachate and its potential to pollute surface and groundwater and render the water supply unusable.

Cloutier recalled recommendation from the earlier Quebec/Vermont Working Group, including a recommendation that the government of Vermont and Québec regularly inspect landfill sites "to ensure rigorous construction and operation standards are followed and undue contamination of surface and groundwaters does not occur."

The final report also stated that governments study concerns expressed about "the long term safety of current technology, the importation of waste

from outside the watershed, price incentives to use lined landfill, long term certification and impacts on Lake Memphremagog water quality. With this in mind, public hearings should be held before landfill sites are enlarged or new sites are built."

Mayor Michael Sudlow of Ogden said he's concerned not only about the technology, but also about the size of the landfill.

Sudlow is also concerned about the liner and potential for toxic pollution.

"Will it retain its strength and elasticity until the leachate concentration of pollutants will be diluted enough to be considered safe?"

"Also, the random checks on the contents of garbage can never reveal all possible sources of water pollution," he adds. "Even trace amounts of toxic chemicals could be monsters."

Stanstead Mayor Raymond Yates, who addressed the commission on behalf of the Memphremagog MRC's environmental advisory committee, recalled the many actions taken to improve and protect the water quality of Lake Memphremagog, such as the adoption of laws protecting the lake from pleasure craft waste discharge and zebra mussel infestation.

He remarked that protection of the environment was also the main orientation of the MRC's waste management plan.

"During the plan's public consultations, participants expressed their disapproval for the establishment of a future waste disposal site in a watershed service as a source of drinking water," he said, noting that strong public support was expressed for limiting the quantity of garbage eliminated on the MRC's territory to the 60,000 tonnes of residual waste produced there.

"Without the collaboration of our neighbours of Vermont, the success of these efforts is compromised," Yates

said, noting that lake is a natural resource worth protection and that he hoped the commission would make its decision in the spirit of preserving the quality of the lake and its watershed.

Former Orford MNA and Liberal environment critic Robert Benoit said he had visited a lot of landfills. "All of them promised when they opened there would be no problems," he said, noting that many failed and citizens are the first to pay when things go wrong.

Benoit said the region had one of the best supply's of fresh water and that the landfill project needed to be reconsidered.

"I can tell you every body on the Canada side of the lake is worried about this project."

His views were echoed by Compton-Stanstead MP David Price.

"I have no worries about the short term, I'm worried about 50 years down the road," he said, noting that by then, there will be even more people depending on the lake for drinking water.

Price talked about a small community dump north of Quebec City which has polluted an area of 10-square miles.

"At the speed it is moving, in ten years it will hit the river and there is no way to stop it. And it will keep moving for 40 years, and there is no way we can stop it."



JOHN MAHONEY/LOG CABIN CHRONICLES

MP David Price spoke out at the Vermont meeting.

Few Americans were on hand for the hearings, but a handful did speak out.

Landfill neighbour Joseph Roy complained that asbestos fibers and dust from other construction debris flew across the dump and landed on nearby homes.

"There a big bubble of dust that goes towards Newport and the lake," he said. "This lake we fish, we swim, we boat in it and people get their water from it. We don't need that dump there. It should be moved 40 or 50 miles."

"I kinda wonder where all the Vermonters are," said former state legislator Bob Walker said, noting there was a University of Vermont basketball game competing with the hearings.

Nevertheless, Walker asked commissioners to listen to the plea from across the border. "Please listen to what they have to say."

Habibi wins intercultural prize

By Tom Peacock

A lot has changed since Afghan native Shah Ismatullah Habibi, this year's winner of the Prix de l'Harmonization interculturelle de l'Estrie, came with his family to Canada in the early 1990s.

Back then, Habibi was one of only a few Afghans living in the Sherbrooke region. Jobs were scarce, and employers were a lot less likely to hire immigrants than they are nowadays.

Rather than simply accepting the difficult situation facing his family and other recent arrivals to the region, Habibi decided to confront it and work on changing people's attitudes and making members of the immigrant community more visible and accepted.

On March 19, the international day for the elimination of racial discrimination, Habibi was awarded the Prix de l'Harmonization for his 11 years of volunteer service in this regard. The prize is awarded every year to local individuals and organizations dedicated to fighting racism.

"There have been many challenges," Habibi said during an interview on the phone from his home in Sherbrooke. "It was much more difficult back then to get a job. Employers weren't very open"

As a volunteer working to help new arrivals find jobs, Habibi visited restau-

rants and factories from Magog to Lac Megantic. He also helped immigrants find suitable housing by lobbying against the many landlords who refused to rent apartments to immigrants.

"That sort of racism, behind closed doors, continues," he said. "But we try to sensitize people to the situation facing new arrivals. It is a lot of work."

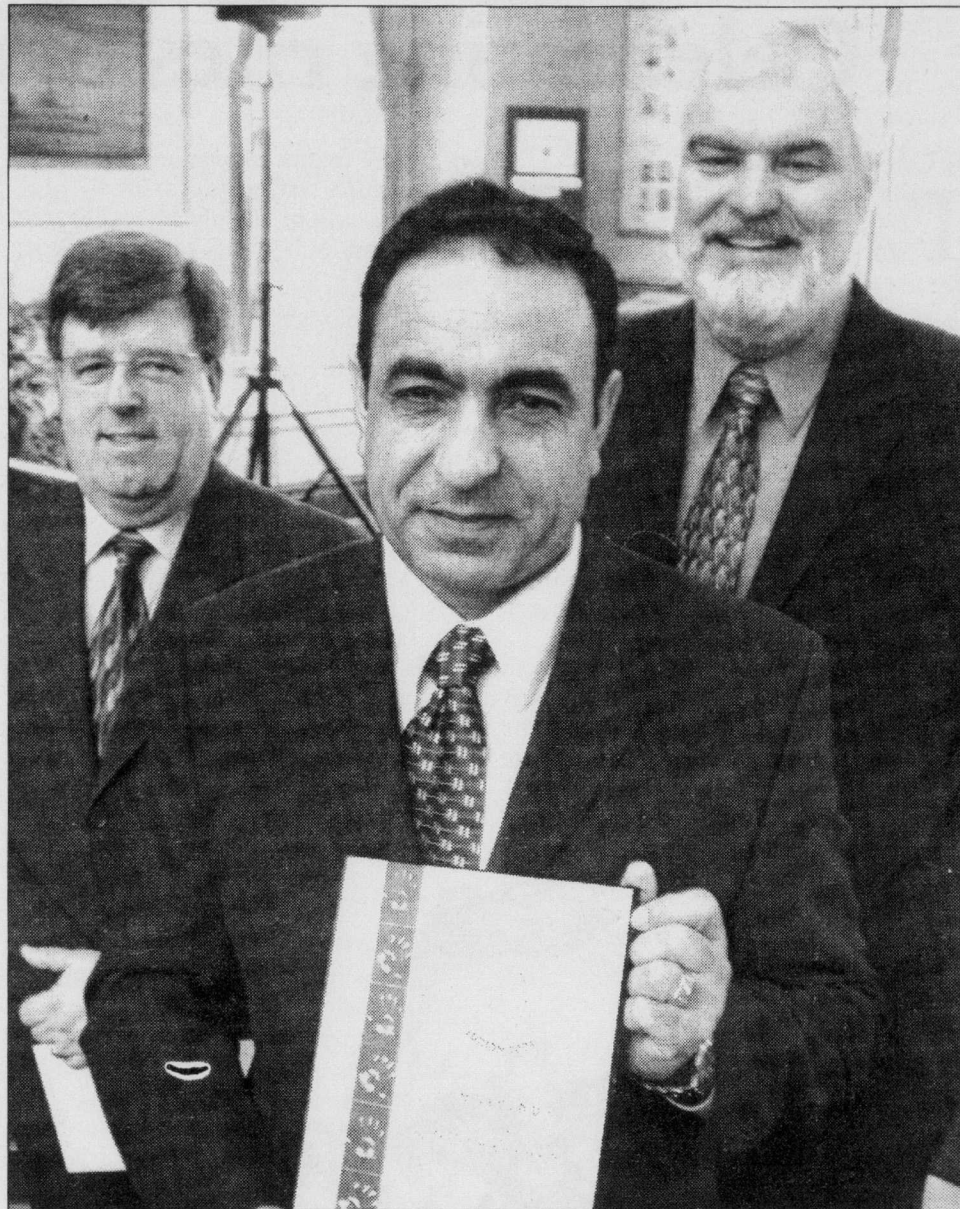
Things have improved, Habibi admits, particularly with the improved employment situation and the fact people are more aware of immigrant communities.

"People are starting to realize that not all refugees are economic refugees, that some people actually left their native country because they were in danger," he said.

Since arriving in Canada, Habibi has worked for 14 different organizations charged with helping new arrivals.

"The first day I arrived in Canada I realized it was very difficult for new arrivals," he said. "I decided I should be able to help, to become a spokesperson for these people. Nobody, none of my friends, believed any of us could make a difference, but I made contact with some organizations because I believed I could make a difference, and that we could integrate into this society."

Habibi arrived as a refugee in Sher-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Shah Ismatullah Habibi is this year's winner of the Prix de l'Harmonization interculturelle de l'Estrie for his work promoting the acceptance of refugees in the greater community.

Negotiations on again at Bishop's

Talks aimed at settling first ever strike at university

By Greg Dempsey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Representatives of both sides in Bishop's ongoing faculty strike were back at the bargaining table Saturday and Sunday. The meetings were the first negotiating sessions since the faculty began their walkout early last week.

Neither side wished to comment on the result of the meetings, other than to acknowledge that they were taking place.

If contract negotiations are concluded Sunday, then the provisional agreement would be taken to the members of the union for ratification. This process normally takes 72 hours.

Classes would then be back in session on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Sentiment among the students on the Bishop's campus have been mixed. Many see the strike as another

holiday, and are taking full advantage of the situation. Others voiced their concerns about how long the strike may last, and its potential effects — including perhaps losing a semester worth of work and tuition.

"I'm very frightened about how my academic year will be affected after the strike ends," commented one Bishop's student.

A small but vocal minority have been regularly voicing support for their professors. They staged a second march down College St. on Friday as a follow-up to the rally of last Tuesday.

"I know my teachers better than the administration, and I feel this action will put pressure on them to get back to negotiations," said Cheryl Porter, a student who attended the rally. "If you stay home and complain, then nothing is going to happen."

Nelly Khouzam, President of the Association of Professors of Bishop's University sent an open letter to the students who have been supporting the faculty. In it she expressed her gratitude by saying "your support is overwhelming and your appreciation touching."

brooke with his wife and four children in 1993. At the time, there were three other Afghans living in the region. Now there are 600, a testament to the groundwork Habibi has helped to lay.

Habibi now has a job working for the Association Éducative Transculturelle (AET). He also works as a volunteer for the Comité d'Accueil aux Nouveaux arrivants (CANI), the Service d'aide au Néo-Canadiens (SANC), the Maison de la Famille, and as president of the Festival des Tradition du Monde.

Habibi's message to new arrivals suffering through the hardships he experienced upon arriving in the region is, "Don't wait for organizations to find you. Go find them. Volunteer for one such organization, and that is how you will make contacts and get to know people. Don't sit in your house; get out there and make it happen."

As for the rest of us:

"Be aware of how you treat newcomers and don't judge them by the colour of their skin. Don't ask why they are here, and don't have prejudices. Take

them by the hand, help them, and at the same time get to know their culture. Instead of spending thousands of dollars on plane tickets to foreign countries, get to know the numerous cultures represented in our community. Go to their house, eat their food, recognize the riches they have to offer our society."

NAISSANCE RENAISSANCE ESTRIE RECOGNIZED

The Sherbrooke-based Naissance Renaissance Estrie won this year's organization prize. They were awarded the prize for their "Familles Du Monde" project which attempted to bring young immigrant families and young Québécois families closer together.

Naissance Renaissance is a local group that offers information, service and support to families with young children. The organization was originally entirely volunteer run. Now there are some 20 permanent employees, and the organization offers 200 different services and activities for families with young children.

Perspectives

Celebrating rites of spring in Richmond

By Claudia Villemaire

The town is agog! Bricks are stacked on the SAQ building, siding is stark and white and complete on the new MAXI and up the road a piece, the new Intermodal terminal is also bricked, tinned and for the most part, now a big, square structure tempting passersby to stop and wonder at what goes on within.

Snow has melted slowly in the new parking lots, yellow lines are showing and the light-standard bases are squatted like giant beetles, waiting for someone to attach those wires and cables that stick straight up, to something, soon!

There are shamrocks swinging from every light post on 'the Main' and stores and businesses have really taken up the challenge to prove their 'Irish' heritage

with store fronts and yes, even a pair of leprechauns sitting precariously high on the facade of the old Myra Theatre, scene of many 'a grand' concert in years past.

Grumblers and complainers have been all but silenced as this town geared up for a month-long round of festivities that peaked last weekend with Ron Korb, renowned flutist blowing up a storm of Irish folklore and popular tunes on Saturday and the 'biggest and best' parade on Sunday.

"Our Green Sale was once again a huge success with several items 'going' for over \$500. It all adds up to the 'Irish-est' little town this side of Montreal's 'Little Ireland'".

Sugaring, that age-old tradition of boiling down gathered maple sap into the succulent syrup we insist on for our

French toast and pancakes, is off to a very slow start in these parts. Aside from erratic weather that stays a bit too cold most every day, markets are already flooded with surplus from last year and, with the new marketing agency, producers are not rushing to produce maple products they are not supposed to sell at the farm gate, (disappointing clientele that often goes back three generations). Neither are the producers happy with prices or the quotas they've been given in relation to price. We'll be visiting some old, established sugar bushes where production is small and mostly of excellent quality and other producers where thousands of trees produce hundreds of gallons of 'drum' syrup, the industrial type. Many producers are very upset with recent changes and new regulations so the sap may run a steady stream but production, across the board, will be less than usual.

There's a bit of business I must attend to before getting out to the sugar bush.

The first is due to inattention on my part, and a nervous twitch that resulted in errors in a recent column. For the Township of Melbourne taxpayers, I erroneously stated the renovation of the second floor of the town hall would cost \$160,000. Please delete that figure from memories and change it to approximately \$60,000. There are three projects currently being studied, the Farmers' Market, which will require a zoning change, (from green, protected agricultural territory to a white status, allowing construction of the proposed building), and repairs and renovations to the Richmond-Melbourne Historical Society museum, situated nearby. Tax-

payers should not forget delays are inevitable as current laws, by-laws, zoning regulations, etc must be consulted, the necessary permits sought and, when necessary, changes made. The paperwork is going on and we can only wait and wonder now.

My soulmate and I spent a pleasant afternoon Tuesday touring the area around Maricourt, affectionately known as St. Mary's. Once almost entirely populated by Irish folk, one can see the influence of 'the old sod', right in the cemetery in the middle of the village. Names like Carroll, Murphy, Long, Morrissey, just to name a few, attest to the Irish pioneers who clustered around the tiny Catholic church, eking a living from land they cleared of the giant hardwood trees using little more than an ox or a horse and their own strong back.

The village is quiet now, just a few tiny houses and the remains of small farms, partly grown back to trees. There's little there to remind us of the struggles of these good-natured folk who not only knew the meaning of hard work but could kick up their heels on a weekend with equal energy and enthusiasm. There was always Mass on St. Patrick's Day, but ah....the parties could last for days after the required prayers were duly recited. People with no claim whatsoever to Irish roots or heritage can honestly say, for that day, they were as Irish as anyone else. Memories are long when good times and old friends reminisce. Perhaps that's the influence that has kept the St. Patrick's Society strong in this region for over 125 years....that sense of community so strong among the folk from the Emerald Isle. Erin Go Bragh!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poor service means lost customer

DEAR EDITOR,

On June 16, 2003 I purchased an Inglis washing machine from Mayrand & Frère Ltée in Richmond, which was paid for on delivery. In August, it started leaking somewhere underneath. I went to Mayrand. They called the company and also their repairman. He could not find the leak. In September it was still leaking so I called the company myself. They sent another repairman. He found where the water was coming from and reported it to the company but nothing was done. In No-

vember, it was still leaking so I made another visit to Mayrands. He called the company and the company repairman came again. Being busy through Christmas, I never saw them again. In January, it was still leaking so I paid another visit to Mayrands. They had not heard from the company. I tried to contact the consumer's protection but could not find a phone number nor an address. The machine still leaks. On Feb. 9, I fell in Richmond and fractured a vertebrae in my back. I cannot get down to clean this water up. I am going to wait till summer and trade it in. I will guarantee anybody it will not be bought at Mayrands and it will not be an Inglis.

MRS. BERT BLAKE
Kingsbury

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting expert advice

DEAR EDITOR:

The first clause of article 4-3.00 Teacher Advisory Council (known as the TAC) of the collective agreement between our Association (the ATA) and the ETSB reads as follows:

"It is recognized that teachers wish and are in a favorable position to provide expert advice on pedagogical matters. It is therefore incumbent upon them to provide this information through channels established in this article. It is equally important that the Board request this information from the teachers in order to ensure the favorable and harmonious functioning of the system, and in order to aid the Board in reaching decisions."

Last Wednesday afternoon, for the first time ever, the topic of the Language Initiative (LI) reached the TAC. All of the high school and elementary members of the ATA Executive were present, along with four directors and the chairperson of the ETSB. After some initial skirmishing about what is being said in the public domain, we got down to the serious matter of explaining some of our concerns about various elements of the LI as it is now and how it is envisioned for the future.

It is important for everybody to understand that the ATA requested a one-year moratorium in the implementation of the LI because we feel that it is vitally important to get the "expert advice" from teachers and equally to do a complete and unbiased assessment of the experience of all twenty of our elementary schools. We feel that one year should allow us the time to do the job properly.

On March 22, 24, and 25, there will be meetings, at Massey-Vanier, Richmond, and Alexander Galt respectively, to address this issue. Teachers have been invited to meetings in the afternoon, after high school classes are over, and there will be evening meetings for parents and teachers. It should be noted that these evening meetings are also open to people from any of the elementary schools. Part of the agenda at the evening meetings will be to provide answers to the questions which were posed during the period for questions and comments at the February meeting of the ETSB Commissioners. The ATA is cautiously optimistic that all of the concerns expressed will be addressed by the ETSB during the moratorium time we have requested.

I truly believe that all of us, parents, teachers, administrators and commissioners, want what is best for the students in our schools. Hopefully, when later on in life our students look back at their school years, they will feel that the ETSB system did the best it could do to give them an education that prepared them for the many challenges they have and will continue to face.

The ability to speak two or three or even more languages is an "atout" in a world which is shrinking in size because of ever-changing technology. There are studies that show that the acquisition of a second language does not impede the learning of one's mother tongue, but that is not the issue in the eyes of the ATA. We are more concerned about how language programs are delivered. In other words, there are other ways of addressing and realizing a goal that adding more minutes per week, it's the old "quality vs. quantity" idea. There are only so many minutes of instruction in a week and so any change in time allocation to one subject affects all the other subjects. The ATA hopes that after a thorough study of the elementary school experience over the last three years is complete, recommendations will be made which will ensure that the quality of language instruction in all subjects will be maintained or enhanced in all of our schools, and that the program which is adopted by each Governing Board will be tailored to the needs of each school.

What must not get lost in all of this LI discussion is the necessary balance between the School Board and the Governing Board of each school. Perhaps the silver lining in this dark cloud of controversy is that everybody will learn what are the responsibilities of the School Board and what are the rights and powers of each school's Governing Board. I believe that if more parents understood these rights and powers, more of them would want to get involved, and I should add that this also applies to teachers. It is normal for busy people to avoid participation in activities where the perception is that they are only functioning as a "rubber stamp". On the other hand, it is exciting to be able to participate when one knows that one can really influence decisions and change.

It must be also be understood that whatever is ultimately decided in terms of programs, the parents of each individual student should be able to exercise their choice, to the greatest degree possible, over the courses their children are enrolled in, including whether any course, other than the actual French classes, are done in French.

The ATA Executive encourages teachers and parents to come out to the three meetings that are scheduled for this week. It would have been nice to have one central meeting where everybody would hear the same questions and comments, but the huge size of our territory makes this difficult. Those who have the time to go to more than one meeting are, of course, welcome to do so.

Thank you,

PETER LANGFORD
President

Appalachian Teachers Association

Not just Quebec

DEAR EDITOR,

I have been told that my views on the Language Initiative are too emotional, political and sometimes ignorant. I say "yes" to two of the three, possibly the third; I'll let you be the judge.

Emotional- Yes, because I want to preserve my children's language and heritage as much as any parent. I have a passion that as their parent, it is my duty to protect, love and educate them in a way I feel will not limit their ability to be who they are and where they want to be - not limited to just Quebec.

I believe it is a benefit to my children to be taught French (as well as other languages) in elementary school. Do not get me wrong, I encourage it. The English elementary schools here are well on their way to becoming bilingual schools now.

Political- Yes, we live in Quebec and language is political here.

We are made to feel that we should thank the Quebec government for even allowing our children to have an English school system.

"You live in Quebec; French is the language; learn it; speak it; adjust or leave". This is the attitude.

We have basic human rights, one of which is the right to educate our children as we choose and not leave it up to language laws and governments.

I have been told that we could lose our English schools because there are not enough English students in them. More than half of the students in English schools are French speakers. The French schools are not requiring more English in their schools or of their students, does this seem reasonable?

Why are the French-speaking parents sending their children to the English schools? To learn English, right?

My fear is that if we give in to this, in time we will not have an English language high school at all. The English schools are our last sanctuary for our language and culture in Quebec. It is said that change is never easy, this is true. But change is not always right and just, either. Especially when the Eastern Township School Board goes about it the way they have. We entrusted you with our children's education, part of that job is to ensure that as an English minority in Quebec our children are educated in not only their religious choice but the language they choose as well.

Do you really expect us to trust your board when you make decisions for our children without informing or consulting parents? Your statistics mean nothing to parents who are not informed or given a choice. "Article 24" gives us the right as parents to choose for our children.

You did a survey three years ago,

where you asked questions like, "Do you want your children to become bilingual"? Well, most people said "Yes," and I agree.

But there were no emissions to state what your intentions would be after we answered your survey. You as a board took it upon yourselves to implement or impose what you felt was best for our children, without any discussions.

Children that may already have problems with subjects such as History, Math, Science are going to be forced to learn them in another language that may push them further behind. Your board is setting them up to fail. And this attitude that if some can not keep up and does not fit in and may want to drop out, well that is their problem. This is a problem.

Maybe you think I am ignorant or maybe you think I am just angry.

I have seen both sides of the school system. My son is bilingual because when we came here in 1996, we were forced to send him to French school, and I might add, he was tutored not by the French schools to help him adjust, but a English/French tutor that I provided for him. He is graduating this year from the English school. You may say, "Why are you so worried about this Language Initiative"? I have a three-year-old who will be attending school in a few years, and I have a vested interest in her future.

I will leave you with a quote from the Task Force on English Education to the Minister of Education -1992.

"If the English-speaking community is prevented from renewing itself, it will simply fade away. Continuing to shut it off from its traditional sources of replenishment can and will be contrived as a delayed but deliberate death sentence."

I propose that we add an extra or second course in French for those who would benefit from it. Do not replace the English Language in a course to meet your requirements for an extra 250 minutes per week in French.

There will be another meeting at the Richmond Regional High School-March 24, at 7 p.m. All students and parents are invited. I would encourage parents who have children in St. Francis and Richmond Regional to show up.

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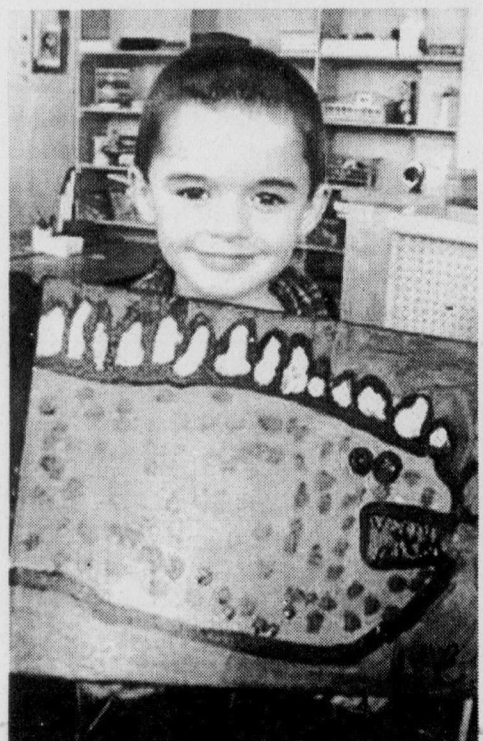
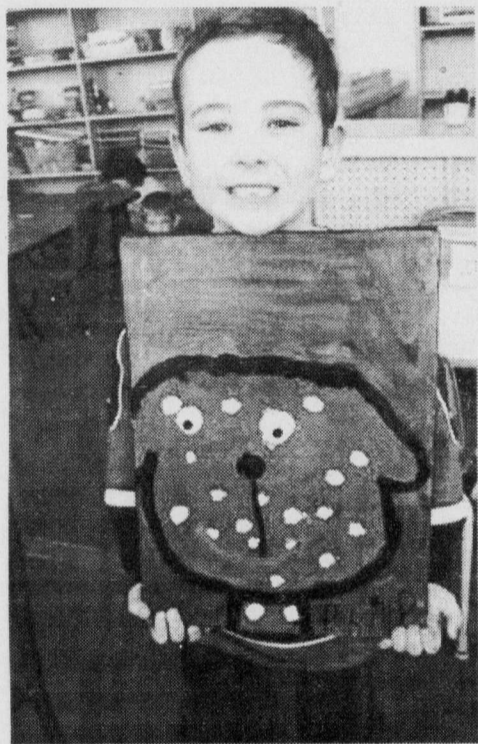
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

Il y a un nouvel ami dans la classe de Claire et Pinotte. Il s'appelle Twity. C'est un oiseau. Tout le monde l'aime beaucoup.

Dans le cadre du projet 'embellissons notre école' les amis de la classe de la pré-maternelle, la maternelle et le C1-1 ont réalisé des acryliques sur toiles. Nous remercions la Caisse Populaire de Stanstead qui grace à son aide financière a permis aux enfants de réaliser ce projet. (see pictures attachment)

THEY'RE HATCHING!

Last September, Grade 2 brought caterpillars to school along with the



carrot and dill leaves they were munching. They shed their skins several times and then transformed into chrysalises.

Then we waited and waited and waited. During February and March, swallowtail butterflies began to emerge from their chrysalises. So far, our class has seen seven butterflies.

They sip sugar and water from a special feeder. This has been an exciting

project.

RECORDER CLUB

Recorder Club meets twice a week with Mr. Phendler, Ms. Webster and Mrs. Vachon. Students are learning to read music and play in parts. They are currently practicing 'The Banks of the Ohio,' an American folk song, Brahms' 'Cradle Song' and 'Ode to Joy' by

Beethoven.

From time to time the club performs for the school at concerts or assemblies. When asked why they joined the club Kylie said, "I like music."

Jessica and Katie said: "It's fun to play recorder."

Jonah responded: "I've been waiting to join since Kindergarten. It's a challenge."



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A great tradition in Richmond



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/SPECIAL

A parade, Irish dancers (above), music and pizza-twirling Irishmen were among the colourful people and acts that made St. Patrick's Day festivities in Richmond a lot of fun.

By Claudia Villemaire
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Folks here are experts at curing winter blues. Ask any Irish person, at least for this month, who has taken part in festivities that began with the traditional 'Green Sale' on March 6.

Sunday, in spite of near blizzard conditions, hundreds turned out for the grand parade.

"I think it was the longest and the best I've ever seen," said one spectator whose green ribbons and trimmed hat were frosted with snow by the end of the afternoon event.

At the 'Green Sale', the first event on a program that spanned the entire month, patrons surpassed expectations as bidding on donated and often handcrafted by local artisans and handicrafters items took prices into unheard of heights, totalling over \$5,000 at day's end.

There were happy hours galore sometimes twice a week at local watering holes, stoking up the fires of Irish pride and persuading everyone, no matter what their background, they were as Irish as could be.

At the annual banquet, Tom Cavanaugh, guest speaker, told of his Irish roots and growing years in the Irish community in Peterborough, Ontario.

He stressed the feeling of community and the strong ties he and his

family and neighbors had to their ancestral Isle. But he also underlined this sense of belonging was extended to one and all.

"Even the protestants who played hockey against us and, yes, beat us for years. Until, when I was in my final year of studies, we won against them and went on to win the Ontario hockey

championship. Now that was the cause for celebrating.

"The Irish welcome to one and all is in great evidence in this region. Your Society is strong and welcomes all-comers in true Irish fashion and I'm proud to one of 'you'."

And so the Irish dancers put on their best show. Three Irishmen demonstrated how to make Italian food, namely pizza, and a filled-to-capacity hall ate, drank and danced the night away as they have done for over one hundred years.

Sunday's parade featured participants from all walks of life and determinations. There were miniature horses and huge equines, small trucks and giant tractor-trailers, marching bands and plenty of 'floats' decorated with the usual shamrocks and green ribbons, filled with young folk showering crowded sidewalks with candies and treats.

All in all, organizers of this month's Irish program can walk tall, sure, and begorra it was a grand piece of work. Now the only event left is the annual brunch next Sunday when prizes and trophies are awarded to deserving parade participants as well as for the best decorated business and storefront on Main Street.

Bob Dalton, president of the Richmond Region St. Patrick's Society said it all a few days ago. "Perhaps people are ready for a bit of fun after a long, hard winter. But participation in all these events has been super and we have to thank the town of Richmond, the organizations and businesses who helped make the parade one of the best, the merchants for their collaboration and especially dozens of volunteers for making each and every event such a success."

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Great career moves don't mean moving away

A Townships success story

According to Blair McIntosh, owner of Beckwith-Bemis, a coated fabrics manufacturing company, and Victory Plastics, a similar business in New England, the best career move he ever made was to stay in the Eastern Townships.

McIntosh worked across Canada before truly settling into a highly successful business career that made him a 2003 "Townships' Success Story," an honour he received last fall from Townshippers' Association.

Blair McIntosh grew up in Windsor and graduated from Richmond Regional High School in 1974. He took a year off to work as a miner out west before beginning his post-secondary studies at the University of New Brunswick. During summers, he worked in Ontario, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories.

"I got a good feel for the whole country," he said.

In 1980, McIntosh moved back to the region he never really left in spirit to complete his bachelor's degree in geography at Bishop's University.

The Townships of his youth was the minority English-speaking community in Windsor. "It was maybe five percent English-speaking," he said in a recent interview. "But I was oblivious to any-

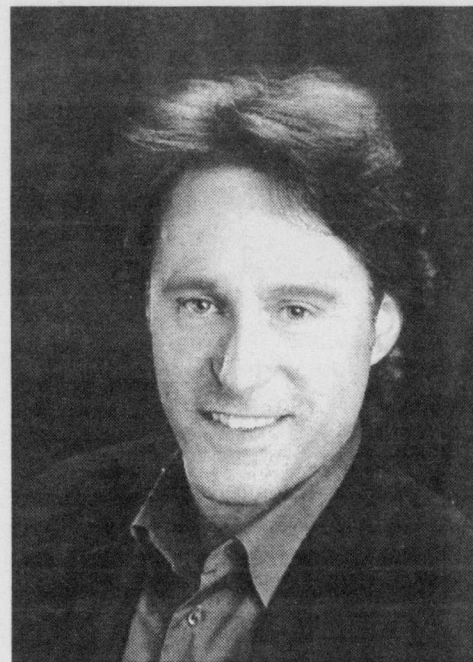
thing else. To me, everyone was English, but the Quebec political scene was changing rapidly, and English-speaking Townshippers had to adapt. I remember a doctor telling me, 'Here, we speak French.' I was in turmoil in those days. I didn't know who I was."

That made English-speaking institutions like Bishop's University, and English-speaking leaders such as history professor Robyn Burns, all the more important to future members of the community. McIntosh describes Burns as a mentor.

"I learned a lot about my culture and history. It was a real eye opener. The English community was under a lot of stress in those years. We were living in a world unrepresentative of the demographics. That changed pretty dramatically. If I had any intention of staying, I'd better get comfortable with the fact that the English community was a minority."

Burns's history course at Bishop's "made it all come together. It was in those years that I decided I'm staying here, my roots are here," McIntosh said. "I had never really left."

Just after high school, McIntosh worked for the summer at the Domtar pulp and paper mill in Windsor, which he credits for teaching him French and allowing him to make Quebec his home ever since. "Today kids are probably perfectly bilingual. It wasn't a priority or



COURTESY BLAIR MCINTOSH

Blair McIntosh says staying in the Townships was the best career move he ever made.

even a necessity in my day," McIntosh remarked.

His first full-time job after university was at what is today Waterville TG, where he met another mentor, Roy Sylvester, who "took me under his wing in the industrial engineering department. I learned a lot about manufactur-

ing. My hat definitely goes off to Roy."

By 1995, McIntosh had worked up to the position of president of Sherbrooke's Beckwith-Bemis. In 1998, he bought the company. Its annual sales in 2003 were \$17 million. In the same year he was named a Townships' Success Story, he bought Victory Plastics in New England, with annual sales of \$40 million.

McIntosh has become a mentor in his own right. "He was one of the key people that encouraged and advised me to go into business on my own," said Scott Stevenson, who began working for himself out of Lennoxville five years ago. Stevenson nominated McIntosh for the Success Story honour.

"The opportunities here are huge," McIntosh said. "We have a very dynamic and very entrepreneurial community."

Townships Success Stories is an initiative of the Townshippers of Tomorrow Committee of Townshippers' Association. It is made possible in part by the contributions of ETFS Financial Group, Stevenson & Writers (who authored this story), the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the many contributions of volunteers. This is one of 13 stories featured weekly in an article published in *The Sherbrooke Record* and *The Guide in Cowansville*, and aired on *CBC Radio One's Breakaway* and *CJMQ*.

The beautiful, frustrating butterfly bush

Since starting this column seven years ago, I've occasionally discussed the extremely cold microclimate that surrounds my small farm here in Bury and explained a few drastic measures that I have had to employ to bring both fruit and vegetable to harvest.

While I have been able to grow most vegetables as annuals, having a perennial flower garden has often been a great challenge. Many plants that grow well in most areas of southern Quebec die off here and have to be replanted the next year. I've mulched, covered,

wrapped and prayed and still lost plants whenever our winters drop to minus 30 C. or lower.

One of my biggest frustrations is trying to grow Butterfly bushes, or Buddleia (pronounced BUD-lee-ah), which includes over 100 species and cultivars. It's also often referred to as the summer lilac. A few years ago I bought 12 plants, and every spring since I find a couple more bushes dead.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

Since this winter has been one of our coldest in decades, I feel sure that my last two remaining plants will most likely be gone.

I was wondering if any of my readers would have butterfly bushes that are thriving in a cold region of Quebec, that they could either recommend the particular variety to me, or be generous enough to share a few young seedlings or root division, I'd be happy to exchange other perennials or annu-

als for these. Contact me either through the paper or at aradece@hotmail.com subject line Butterfly bushes.

I do have one variety that has proven to be hardy through most any Canadian winter; it is a white variety that a reader gave me a number of years ago. Even though it's growth dies back every winter it comes back from its root and reaches a height of about five feet in one season. While I love this variety, I would really enjoy having a few purple, blue or red specimens.

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TECHNOLOGY AND YOU

Wireless TV extends the size of your cocoon

By Steve Makris

Watching TV is fun again. Sure, you could wire up your house and have several TVs running — in the den, the bedroom, even the garage.

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Entry on the referendum list drawn up within the context of the consultation of citizens on the territorial reorganization of the municipality
PUBLIC NOTICE – to the sole owners and sole occupants (legal persons) and undivided co-owners of an immovable and co-occupants of a place of business (natural and legal persons)

Sector concerned **Ville de Sherbrooke – Sector Lennoxville**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by: Me Isabelle Sauvé, town clerk

The legal persons that are :

- **sole owners of an immovable and sole occupants of a place of business** have the right to be entered on the referendum list of the sector concerned if they meet the conditions listed below :
 1. have been the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a place of business located in the sector concerned, for at least 12 months on **2004-03-01** and, at that date, not have been found guilty (in the last five years) of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice.
 2. have designated by means of a resolution not later than **2004-04-02** a person (among its members, directors or employees) of legal age, holding Canadian citizenship, who is not under curatorship and who has not been found guilty (in the last five years) of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice.
 3. have sent to the town clerk, at the address indicated below, a resolution not later than **2004-04-02**.

PLEASE NOTE : The resolutions already submitted regarding another referendum list are not valid.

I M P O R T A N T The Act respecting the consultation of citizens with respect to the territorial reorganization of certain municipalities stipulates that natural persons, sole owners of an immovable or sole occupants of a place of business, are not required to submit such an application to be entered on the referendum list that is used for both the registration process and the referendum poll, as the case may be. However, they are required to check their entry on said list and go before the board of revisors for every application to amend the list.

Natural and legal persons that are:

- **undivided co-owners of an immovable and co-occupants of a place business** have the right to be entered on the referendum list of the sector concerned if they meet the conditions listed below:
 1. have been the undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a place of business located in the sector concerned for at least 12 months on **2004-03-01** and, at that date, not have been found guilty (in the last five years) of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice.
 2. a) have been designated by a resolution not later than **2004-04-02** by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the co-owners or co-occupants who are persons qualified to vote.
 b) where applicable, have designated by means of a resolution not later than **2004-04-02** a person (among its members, directors or employees) of legal age, holding Canadian citizenship, who is not under curatorship and who has not been found guilty (in the last five years) of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice.
 3. have sent to the town clerk, at the address indicated below, a power of attorney or a resolution not later than **2004-04-02**

PLEASE NOTE: The natural person must also be of legal age on **2004-05-02** and a Canadian citizenship and not be under curatorship on **2004-03-01**

I M P O R T A N T Undivided co-owners of an immovable and co-occupants of a place of business can be entered if they do not already have the right to be entered on the referendum list of the sector concerned as a domicile person, sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a place of business.

The powers of attorney prepared prior to this registration process are valid.
 For legal persons, the resolutions already submitted are not valid.

The powers of attorney or resolution submitted after **2004-04-02** but not later than **2004-04-14** (last day set by the town clerk to submit an application before the board of revisors) will be considered an application to amend the referendum list.

- A model power of attorney or resolution is available at the Registers 2004 - office at 165, rue Wellington Nord, bureau 300, Sherbrooke, Québec, J1H 5B9, telephone (819) 822-6100, fax (819) 822-6122, e-mail : ville.sherbrooke.registres2004@videotron.ca.

For additional information, contact the town clerk Me Isabelle Sauvé (819) 822-6100.

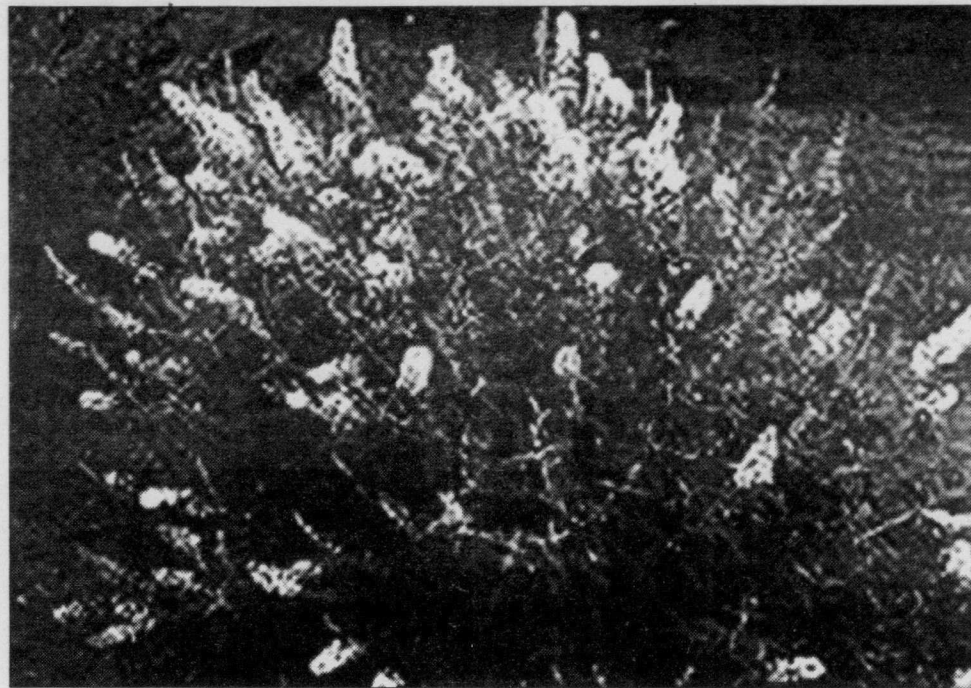
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Given at :Sherbrooke, March 22, 2004

Me Isabelle Sauvé, town clerk



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COURTESY ANNA MAY KINNEY

Butterflies and bees will flock to the honey-scented blossoms of the Butterfly bush.

BUTTERFLY:

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IDEAL FOR BUTTERFLY LOVERS

Even though I have had trouble keeping them alive, I highly recommend these bushes to anyone who loves seeing butterflies in their yard. Butterflies flock to these colorful, heavily sweet scented flowers to feast on their nectar. Their attractive thin branches are often loaded with lilac-like cluster of blossoms a foot or two long, adding beauty to any garden location.

If you are the type of gardener that wants everything neat and tidy, Buddleia is not for you. It's growth habits are anything but well groomed. It seems to branch out in all directions, towering over other perennials, and often shading them. I always selected shade-loving plants to grow around them and everyone seemed to get along.

While butterflies and bees will flock to the honey-scented blossoms of these extraordinary bushes, the red variety, called Buddleia davidii 'Royal Red', is well known for attracting hummingbirds. It is common for some variety of butterflies to be attracted to one color, while others prefer a different color. Some people have learned how to create a multi-color butterfly bush by planting two or three small bushes of different color within a few inches of each other. Once they take off their branches will intertwine and produce a multi-color affect.

BUTTERFLY BUSH HISTORY

Many horticulturists are still searching the Himalayan foothills for new undiscovered Buddleia varieties. While most of today's butterfly bushes have originated in China, the Buddleia globosa originally came from Chile. It got its name in the seventeenth-century

in honor of the amateur botanist Reverend Adam Buddle who was responsible for its 1774 arrival in Great Britain.

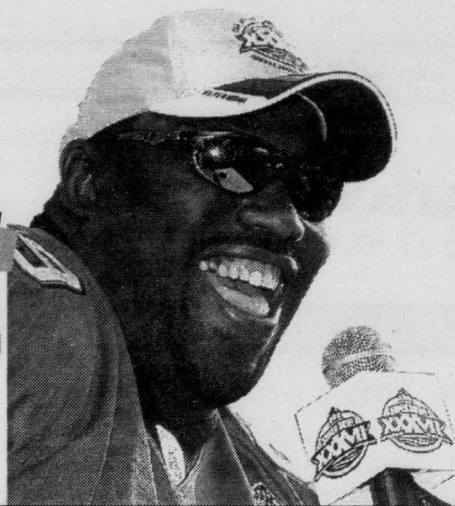
From 1839 to 1901, what we call the Victorian era, Great Britain sent out many expeditions to explore new areas of the world. When these men returned home, they also brought many exciting new varieties of exotic plants with them. One of these was the Buddleia davidii; a hardy butterfly bush species that originated in China, and the one that back yard gardeners around the world are most familiar with. It first came to London's Kew Gardens in 1896 and was named after French Jesuit missionary, Pere Armand David.

WHEN AND HOW TO PRUNE?

If you live in a protected area where you butterfly bush does not get killed back to the root each winter, it is wise to cut them back to about 4 feet high around the end of October. Even after a mild winter your butterfly bush may appear dead in spring, but be patient as butterfly bushes often don't develop leaf buds on the previous year's branches but start fresh sprout growth from the root system. Here in Quebec this may not begin till the second week of May, depending on how quickly the snow left your area.

I usually cut off any branches that died over the winter around the beginning of June. This is also the best time to try to encourage your bush to go a particular way, even though it has a mind of its own as far as shape goes. You can have quite an effect by cutting out branches you'd rather not grow in certain directions, and encourage others. While the butterfly bushes are in full bloom, it's wise to deadhead (removing dead flowers from branches) to ensure that plants continue to produce healthy blossoms till the end of the growing season.

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Habs on fire down the stretch

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Snow and wintry conditions have greeted Quebecers on the first two days of spring but there is no doubt that the Montreal Canadiens are the hottest team in the National Hockey League as the 2003-04 season enters its final weeks of play.

This is a time of the year when the Canadiens have been known to take a dive. Poor play in March has been a major reason why the club has failed to make the playoffs four of the last five years.

Injuries and the wear and tear on a few key players have taken their toll in recent seasons, but the latest edition of the Red, White and Blue are going to enter the playoffs healthy and on a roll.

They took three out of a four possible points from the defending Stanley Cup champions this past weekend and in the process denied Martin Brodeur's bid for his 400th career victory on back-to-back days.

Calder Trophy candidate rookie Michael Ryder had a goal and an assist Saturday night as the Canadiens edged New Jersey 3-2 and moved into a tie with the Devils for sixth place in the conference.

"It was a big weekend for us," said Canadiens defenceman Sheldon Souray, who played both games after missing the previous 17 because of a knee injury.

The teams are even with 90 points, but Montreal is ahead in the standings because it has won two more games.

"We just managed to capitalize on our opportunities, and we played really well defensively, also," Ryder said.

In Friday's 1-1 tie, Sherbrooke native Yanic Perreault and reserve goaltender Mathieu Garon were

the story for the Habs who gained a valuable point on the road against a team they are chasing in the Eastern Conference.

Perreault continued his torrid scoring pace with his 16th goal of the season as he tipped in Richard Zednik's shot at the 4:35 mark of the opening period — his fourth goal in as many games.

Perreault, a natural centre, has been seeing more ice time as a winger on captain Saku Koivu's line.

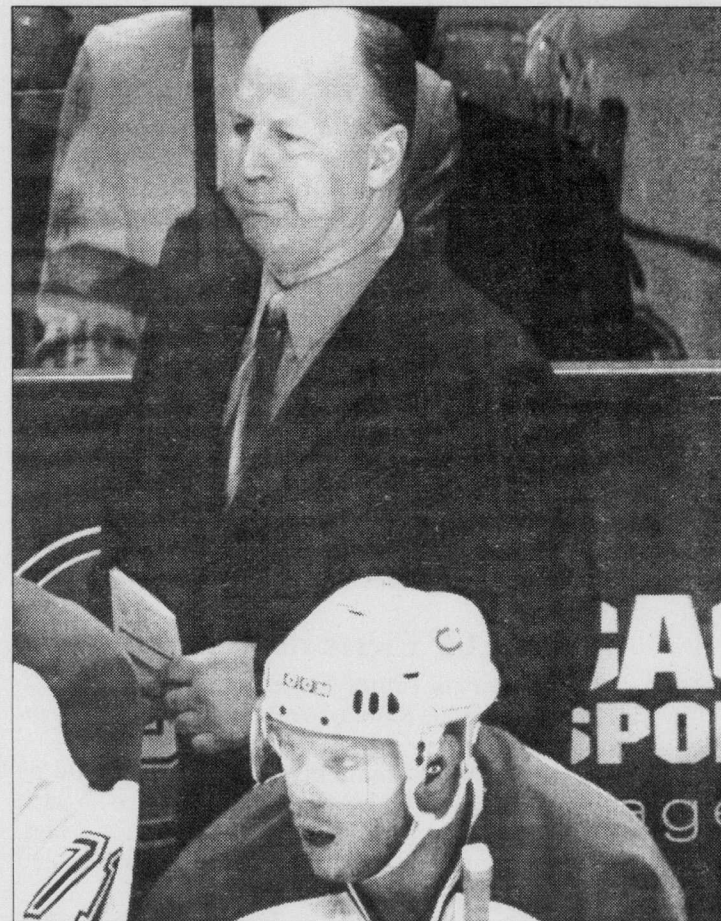
"I am feeling comfortable playing on the wing," Perreault said after Friday's win. "It is a big adjustment but Saku and I played together two years ago during the playoffs and had some success then. We communicate when we are on the ice and we communicate when we are on the bench."

Garon, a surprise starter for Theodore Friday night, made 29 saves including a game saver off Scott Niedermayer in the final minute of play.

"It was a tough battle," Garon said of the opener of the home-and-home series that concluded in Montreal on Saturday night. "Playing against Marty Brodeur, you're not allowed to make any mistakes because he's not going to give up many goals."

Brodeur, who will have to wait until at least Tuesday when the Devils play the Florida Panthers to get that elusive 400th win, finished Saturday's game with 22 saves

Montreal travels to Buffalo on Wednesday to face the Sabres and then is back home to host the Ottawa Senators on Saturday.



CANWEST FILE PHOTO

Coach Claude Julien has captain Saku Koivu and the other Canadiens playing some great hockey.

Szita named second team All-Canadian

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Bishop's University's Jeff Szita added to the many laurels he has received during the 2003-04 basketball season when he was named to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport's second All-Canadian team late last week in Halifax.

The selection to the All-Canadian team ended an incredible season for the third-year center from Timmins, Ont. who was also named the Quebec University Basketball League's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year earlier this month.

"It is great to see Jeff recognized at the national level for his outstanding

play this season," Bishop's head coach Eddie Pomykala said from Halifax, where he was attending the Men's National Basketball Championships.

"Jeff's selection reflects on our entire program and is something that we can build on for next year. That, and the way we played in the league playoffs, will provide some momentum heading into next year."

The Gaiters upset the Concordia Stingers 72-69 in the first round of the QUBL playoffs thanks in part to an outstanding performance by Szita who scored 16 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked six shots.

In the conference championship, a loss to Laval, Szita responded with a

20-point, 10-rebound performance that included five blocked shots.

Szita was the conference Rookie of the Year in 2002 but did not play up to his own expectations in his sophomore season.

"This award means a lot because I didn't play well last season," Szita said last week prior to his flight to Halifax. "It shows that I came back from a bad year and I am looking forward to an even better season next year for myself and the team."

"We showed some things in the playoffs and now we want to be more consistent during the season next year."

Szita led the nation in field goal

percentage (68.3 per cent) and blocked shots, averaged over 16 points and was Quebec's top rebounder with 8.4 boards a game. He was named to the CIS second team along with Laval's Charles Fortier, John Riad from the University of Calgary, Guelph's Kyle Julius and Paul Larmann of the defending champion Carleton Ravens.

Pascha Bains of the Simon Fraser Clansmen was selected as the country's Most Valuable Player. First team All-Canadians included Bains, Saint Mary's Gabriel Goree, Phil Scherer of the Alberta Golden Bears, RMC's Kevin Dulude and Adam Guiney of McMaster.

SPORTS SHORTS

Junior female curlers open worlds with win

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Jays' Miller told to cover up tattoos

Tattoos are taboo for Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Justin Miller. Baseball told Miller he must wear long-sleeved shirts under his uniform when he pitches because the tattoos on his arm are a distraction to hitters. More than 50 per cent of Miller's body is covered by tattoos.

"We had (umpire supervisor) Jim McKean come in the other day and said that someone had complained about Justin's tattoos and some of them are coloured," Toronto manager Carlos Tosca said. "All they have done is ask that he wear sleeves when he pitches."

Two races, two wins for Schumacher

Michael Schumacher made it two wins in two races this year with Sunday's victory at the Malaysian Grand Prix — a huge turnaround from the start of last season, when he failed to make the podium the first three times out.

Starting from his 57th career pole position, Schumacher and his Ferrari finished easily ahead of the field. The six-time world champion took his foot off the accelerator to salute his team as he coasted past the checkered flag 5 seconds ahead of Juan-Pablo Montoya in a Williams-BMW. It was Schumacher's 72nd career victory.

Last year, Schumacher started the season with a fourth in Australia, a sixth in Malaysia, and failed to finish the Brazilian Grand Prix before settling down and capturing the championship in the final race at Japan.

Marlins CF Pierre dislocates pinkie

Florida Marlins center fielder Juan Pierre dislocated his right pinkie Sunday while sliding headfirst on a steal attempt.

There was no estimate on how long he would be sidelined. Pierre, who led the majors last season with 65 stolen bases, was taken to the hospital for X-rays, which confirmed the dislocation. He was scheduled to see a hand specialist Monday.

Catherine Roberge finishes fifth in 70 kg event in Citta di Roma judo event

Catherine Roberge of Quebec City finished fifth in the 70-kilogram event at the Citta di Roma judo tournament Sunday. The 22 year-old recorded back-to-back victories over opponents from Tunisia and Italy, both by ippon, but her first loss of the day came in overtime to Catherine Jacques of Belgium, who went on to win the gold medal.

"If I had 10 more seconds of regulation time I would have won against Jacques," said Roberge. "Just before the overtime, she had a time to pick up her breath and defeat me."

Roberge then lost to Anais Hernandez of Cuba in the bronze-medal match.

On TV
MONDAY

• **BASKETBALL: 7 p.m.**, National Basketball Association regular season, Dallas Mavericks at Philadelphia 76ers, Sportsnet.

Around Town

To submit your sporting event, fax it to (819) 569-3945, email newsroom@sherbrooke-record.com or contact Mike Hickey at (819) 569-6345.

Canada's Jillian Mouzar opened the world junior curling championship with a 10-5 win over Italy's Diana Gaspari Saturday in Trois-Rivières.

Mouzar's Nova Scotia team, including third Paige Mattie and sisters Blisse and Chloe Comstock at second and lead, blew the game open by scoring four in the seventh end and taking an 8-3 lead.

Gaspari won the bronze medal at the world junior tournament last year. She competed at the women's world championship last year and will do so again next month in Gavle, Sweden.

MUSSINA GETS THE CALL

Mike Mussina was formally named the New York Yankees' opening-day starter Saturday.

Manager Joe Torre said Mussina will pitch the first of two games in Tokyo on March 30 against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"He's earned that right," Torre said before the Yankees played a spring training game against Pittsburgh.

Kevin Brown will start the second game of the regular season on March 31.

HART TO MISS SEASON

Texas Rangers minor leaguer Jason Hart has been diagnosed with a non-cancerous brain tumour and is expected to miss the season.

The team said Saturday that Hart's condition was confirmed during a series of tests after he reported to the Rangers' minor league camp last week.

Hart, a first baseman and outfielder, is expected to undergo surgery in the next few weeks to have the tumour removed.

Hart batted .252 and hit a team-leading 21 home runs in 137 games last year for the Rangers' triple-A team in Oklahoma. He appeared in 10 games with the Rangers in 2002.

SAPP SIGNS WITH RAIDERS

Seven-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Warren Sapp signed a seven-year, \$36.6 million US contract with the Oakland Raiders on Saturday, ending his nine-year relationship with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The surprise move came only a day after Sapp's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said the one-time NFL defensive player of the year was close to signing a four-year deal with the Cincinnati Bengals.

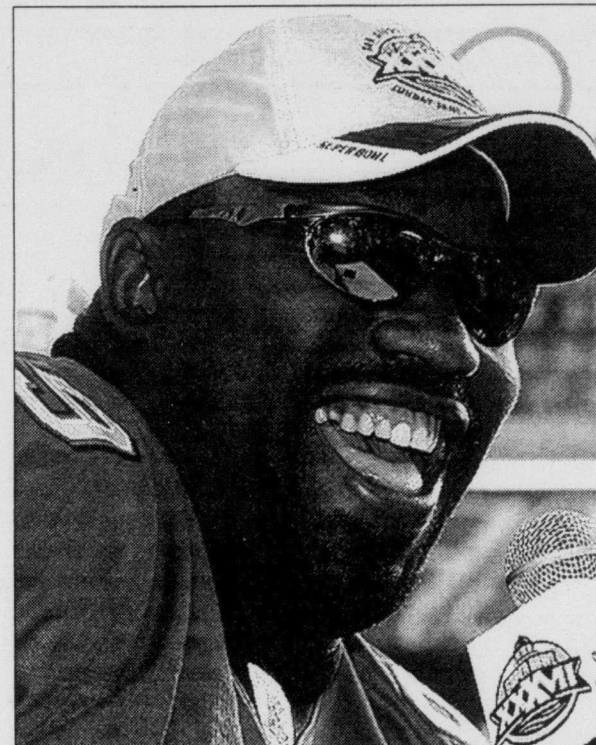
Sapp will receive a \$7-million signing bonus. He earned \$6.6 million last year in the final season of a six-year, \$36 million contract he signed in 1998.

RAVENS RE-SIGN LINEBACKER THOMAS

The Baltimore Ravens re-signed linebacker Adalius Thomas to a three-year contract, a move that should provide depth to their defence and special teams.

Thomas spent the latter part of the 2003 season on injured reserve after undergoing elbow surgery. The sides reached an agreement Friday.

Thomas joined the Ravens as a sixth-round draft pick in 2000. He developed into a spot starter on defence and a force on special teams.



Warren Sapp is headed to the Oakland Raiders.

POWERBAR FOUNDER DEAD

Former Canadian marathoner Brian Maxwell, founder of the multimillion-dollar PowerBar empire, has died of a heart attack, friends said. He was 51.

Maxwell and his wife Jennifer, a nutritionist, co-founded the popular energy bar company in 1986 and began selling PowerBars out of their kitchen. In 1977 Maxwell was ranked the No. 3 marathon runner in the world by Track and Field News.

He carried the sign bearing Canada's name, ahead of flagbearer Catriona Le May Doan and the Canadian team, into the opening ceremonies at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

LPGA GOLFER REVEALS SECRET

LPGA golfer Rosie Jones has publicly acknowledged she is a lesbian and has entered a sponsorship agreement with a travel company that caters to a gay clientele.

Jones, a 13-time winner in 22 years on the tour, explained her decision in an article she wrote in the sports section of Sunday's New York Times.

"I'm a little bit nervous," the 44-year-old said after completing her round Friday at the Safeway International tournament. "This is different for me only because it's all right out there — to my fans and the media. Before I wasn't really open to scrutiny, but now I'm going to be."

LAVOIE WINS SKI CHAMPIONSHIP

Vincent Lavoie of Cap-Rouge, Que., won the super giant slalom at the Pontiac GMC Canadian alpine ski championship Saturday.

Lavoie was the first racer down Le Massif and posted a time of one minute 19.11 seconds, beating the other 114 players.

François Bourque of New Richmond, Que., was second after winning the downhill on Friday. Bourque's time was 1:19.64.

Austin W.I. March meeting

The Austin W.I. met at the newly renovated Austin Town Hall on March 10, 2004 at 1 p.m.

President Tina Linde opened the meeting in the usual manner after thanking the Town Hall for again allowing us to hold our meetings and fund raisers as we have in the past.

Motto: May all our days be filled to the brim with Irish cheer,

and may the good Lord bless us all, now and throughout the year!

Roll Call: An Irish song or story and was well answered by 11 members - what with the wearing of the green and the history of St. Patrick - it appeared that all in attendance were Irish!

Minutes from the February meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Committee report for Canadian Industries was given by Lucy McGill - wool gathering: 2 scarves; 1 bed jacket and 6 premies.

Plans for the Brome County Spring Convention were discussed as it is to be hosted by this branch at the Austin Town Hall on Thursday, April 29th - time: 9:30 a.m.

Annual dues were paid by four more members which brought total membership to 14.

The monthly drawing supplied by Lucy McGill was won by Gerry Meesen.

Following the meeting we were shown to the new reception hall and served a delicious tea of sweet breads and cookies by host Tina with assistance from other members, as co-host Esther Harewell was unable to attend due to a painful back injury. Gerry Meesen had brought a beautiful birthday cake decorated with fresh strawberries to celebrate four birthdays - absent: Nellie Carriere and Phyllis Larsson - President: Bea Juby and Patti Carriere who is also a new member, and warmly welcomed. Everything was enjoyed by all and much appreciated.

Birthday and get well cards were signed and sent to absentees with hopes for quick recoveries.

The next meeting to take place at the Austin Town Hall on April 14th at 1 p.m. Roll Call to be pot luck.

Betty Cochrane Telford
Publicity

Submitted by
Connie Girard

Death



FULFORD, Elleke Van Kooten 1965-2004 - Peacefully, at her residence, surrounded by her loved ones, on March 20, 2004, in her 40th year, passed away Elleke Fulford, loving wife of John Van Kooten. Elleke is also survived by her children; Caitlin, Annika, Nicole, Chris and Jennie, her parents; James and Ingeborg Fulford, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Corstiaan and Ebeltje Van Kooten, her sisters: Karen (Richard), Lynn (Jim), Alice (Ian) and Gwen, her aunts and uncles, with their families from Canada, Denmark and Holland, numerous other relatives and her dear friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Emmanuel United Church in Cowansville, Que., on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., followed by the funeral service. Reverend Wendy MacLean Rennie officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3, or the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation, 1155 Réne Levesque, west, Suite 1003, Montreal, Que., H3B 2J2 (forms available at the Church). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: info@desourdywilson.com.

Deaths



HARRON, Alice (nee Dundin) - Passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital, on Friday, March 19, 2004 in her 75th year. Alice Dundin, beloved wife of Herby Harron, dear mother of Lynda (Leslie), Debby (Larry) and Patricia (Bruno); cherished grandmother of Tanya, Melissa, Kevin, Shawn, Jessica, Audry and Shania and great-grandmother of Alexandra, Christopher and Kyle. Alice also leaves to mourn many other relatives and friends. A funeral service will be held Monday, March 22, 2004 at 11 a.m., at the Notre-Dame de Liesse Church, Deauville, Que. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Maison Funéraire des Cantons, (819) 564-9888.

LONG, Harry Felch - Passed away peacefully, at age 84, in Ste. Annes Hospital, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Que., on March 19, 2004. Son of the late William Ernest Long and the late Helen Landen. Bachelor, educator, and bandmaster. He brought music to youth all his life. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home. Visitation, in Knowlton, Que., Tuesday, March 23, 2004, 7 - 9 p.m., and Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Service at graveside, Knowlton Protestant Cemetery at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a youth music group or the Alzheimers Society of Canada will be appreciated.

Deaths

McVITTIE, Gertrude (Bess) - Peacefully at the Connaught Home, North Hatley, Que., on Sunday, March 21, 2004, in her 100th year. Gertrude Elizabeth Morrisette. Beloved wife of the late Robert McVittie and dear mother of Bob (Ann), North Hatley, Que., and was predeceased by her daughter, Margaret Crease. Cherished grandmother of Jeffrey (Laurie), Dana (Mario) and Gregory McVittie, Timothy Crease (Claudette) and Patricia (Joe) and loving great-grandmother of six. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where friends may call on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 from 7 - 9 p.m., and Wednesday, from 1 - 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Interment at the Lakeview Cemetery, at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to the Connaught Home, 77 Main St., North Hatley, JOB 2C0, will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

PINCHIN, Marjory - At the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital, on Saturday, March 20, 2004 in her 93rd year. Marjory Eva Merrill, beloved wife of George Pinchin of Bulwer, Que., loving mother of Douglas, Lennoxville, Dorothy, Ottawa and Ronald, Bulwer. Cherished grandmother of Marjorie, Melissa and Julie and great-grandmother of Silver and Samara. Marjory is also survived by her sister, Jeanne (Justin Lowry), several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 15 Station St., Sawyerville, Que., where friends may visit on Monday, March 22, 2004 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the Bulwer United Church on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 2 p.m. Rev. Barbara Willard officiating. Interment in the Eaton Cemetery at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to the Bulwer United Church or to the Eaton Cemetery would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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A wife needs to decide if she trusts her husband or not

Dear Annie: One of my husband's friends recently became engaged, and I am already dreading the bachelor party, which will no doubt include a strip club. I have been staying awake at night, knowing my husband, "Ben," will be attending.

It bothers me that Ben will be seeing live, naked women. I think since he is married, he doesn't need to go to a strip club. I've told Ben how I feel, but he doesn't seem to care. I've told him if he goes, I won't be able to look at him or be

physical with him for a while because I will be so disgusted. He knows I mean it, too, because it happened once before.

I am seriously considering going to a bar that night, all dressed up, hoping to meet a man. I don't intend to cheat on my husband, but I want him to go through the same anguish I will be going through. I know this is petty, but what's a wife to do? — Disgusted in California

Annie's Mailbox

battle or forget about it. It's up to you.

Dear Annie: My husband's niece, "Greta," always asks us to baby-sit for her two kids. She says she will pay us, but we rarely see the green stuff. The last time Greta paid, she gave me \$5, and we had the kids for 12 hours over two days.

Sometimes she doesn't always come for the children right away, and we have them for two or three hours past the pick-up time.

Lately, I've told Greta that I'm busy when I'm really not. My husband and I have been out of work for the last five months and don't have much income. Is it wrong to come right out and ask her for the money? — Tired of Being Used

Dear Used: Go right ahead. Greta is taking advantage of you. Insist that she pay you for your services or you will no longer be available. Plenty of people are looking for reliable baby sitters and would be more than willing to pay a fair price. If you are looking for a way to make some money, start there.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Frustrated and Outmaneuvered," whose mother-in-law gives the grandchildren nice gifts but insists on keeping them at her house. I also do this, not to bribe the children to come over, but

to give them something to do when they visit. Of course, I also buy toys that they can take home.

I think this mom is jealous that her kids want to go to Grandma's house. When I was a child, my grandma had a swing set, but I didn't go to her house because of that. I went because I loved her. — Grandmother Out West

Dear Grandmother: There's nothing wrong with keeping toys at your home for the children to play with. "Frustrated's" mother-in-law, however, would not allow the children to take any gift home. This is unreasonable. Read on:

Grandma in Sarasota, Fla.: This mother-in-law should be told in no uncertain terms what a gift means. It doesn't come with strings attached, and Grandma should be set straight at once. Perhaps she can read them a special story or bake cookies together. There are so many ways to make a visit enjoyable without using bribery.

Memphis: The mother needs to have her head examined. I am thrilled that my mother-in-law keeps all the toys at her house. I have plenty to pick up at home. We are blessed that she wants to be with our kids. How about an attitude of gratitude?

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

Cleveland Women's Institute

CLEVELAND

Cleveland Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Sandra Johnston.

Myrna Hebert welcomed everyone and thanked Sandra Johnston and Heather Anthony for being hostesses. Mary Stewart Collect was repeated in unison. Motto: No one has the right to do as they please unless they please to do right.

Eleven members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and bills were paid.

A member attended the movie, "Calendar Girls". Correspondence - a letter requesting a donation was received from the Kidney Foundation. A memorandum was read from Elaine Stone. Dates were received from Richmond Volunteer Tax Clinics. A letter of thanks was received from La Maison du Marin. A thank you was received from Meals on Wheels for the cookies. Q.W.I. newsletters were handed out. A survey was received from Kimberlee Robertson. An invitation was received from International Day of Women. Marjorie Lancaster sent information on two tours that are coming up. Volunteer Center-Volunteer of the Year reception April 22, 2004. Convention information was received. Convention is May 18 and 19, 2004.

A date was set up for our Jumble Sale, May 1. Chairs: Agriculture, Health and Community Living, Education and Personal Development, Publicity and Sunshine gave reports.

Cards were signed for Chris Blake and Rejeanne Smullen. Money pocket of 17 cents each was collected.

Floating prize was won by Louise Perkins. Doris Stevens brought in two prizes to be raffled - winners were Myrna Hebert and Peggy Eastman. Matty Banfill read a First Aid Joke.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting April 3, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Matty Banfill.

A delicious lunch was served by Sandra and Heather.

Louise Perkins

Dear Disgusted:

A wife needs to decide if she trusts her husband or not. One night spent looking at naked women is not going to hurt a healthy marriage. We understand why you find it objectionable, but your response determines the damage level. Picking up strange men in retaliation is destructive and certainly isn't going to help. You can turn this into a major

Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute meeting

The March meeting of the Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute was held on March 3, at 11:30 a.m., at the home of Joy Nugent. Huguette Blais opened the meeting by all repeating the Salute to the Flag and Oath of Citizenship. She thanked Joy for having the meeting. Birthdays during March are Joy and Huguette and in April, Flora MacNaul.

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our member, Catherine Maxwell, who passed away on February 13. We held the W.I. Memorial Service in her memory. Catherine joined in 1991 and had held various offices in our Branch and County. She was Branch treasurer from 1993-1998 and secretary from 1999-2003. We will miss her.

Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed. Our meeting was resumed.

Motto: Every family has its own history - a family is where life begins and love happens.

Roll Call: Name the place and country your ancestors came from. Seven members were present.

The secretary read the minutes and the treasurer gave a report.

The Spring W.I. Newsletters were given out and tickets distributed to all as a Q.W.I. Fundraiser at the Convention on May 17-18. Our Branch is to make muffins for the morning of May 18 and send three items for the Sales Table. Due to cost perhaps the newsletter will be reduced to three issues each year. Pauline Nutbrown had received a letter from MCDC telling about a workshop they are sponsoring on March 29 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Thetford Mines United Church. Cost: \$5.

Audrey Allan showed a picture of the Adelaide Hoodless Rose in the Veseys Seed catalogue. She told us you can extend the shelflife of garden seeds if kept dry in an airtight container and to

use sunflower seed shells from the winter bird feeder to sprinkle on icy walkways.

Pauline Nutbrown told us that to grow zucchini successfully they must be pollinated. She had sent out some cards. Joy thanked the members for her birthday card.

Flora MacNaul told us that school essays for the Q.W.I. Past President Competition are now being judged. She had received a letter about the Frances Taylor Bursary Fund. This application form has been taken to the A.S. Johnson High School for students in financial need who will be entering CEGEP, College or University. Huguette Blais showed us new Taps for maple trees which have a smaller hole and gave us each maple lollipops she had made. Yummy!

Joy Nugent had sent a report to the Record. She suggested that we have a special project each year to make others aware of our W.I. Branch. Some suggestions were to donate items for the local hospital boutique or to have a table of items to sell at the School Bake and Craft Sale in the fall.

A gift will be bought to give to Mary Maxwell for printing our programs. A W.I. mug was suggested.

The school awards will be given out in May. We will give a donation for these.

In memory of Catherine Maxwell a donation will be given to the Frances Taylor Memorial Bursary Fund.

Program: Tell a heritage family story. Several members had interesting ancestral stories.

The surprise gift was won by Audrey Allan.

Joy Nugent, Publicity

In the report of our February meeting (Record - March 5), the article read was entitled "If I had My Life to Live over."

Happy Birthday
Laurie!
Best Wishes
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by Luis Campos

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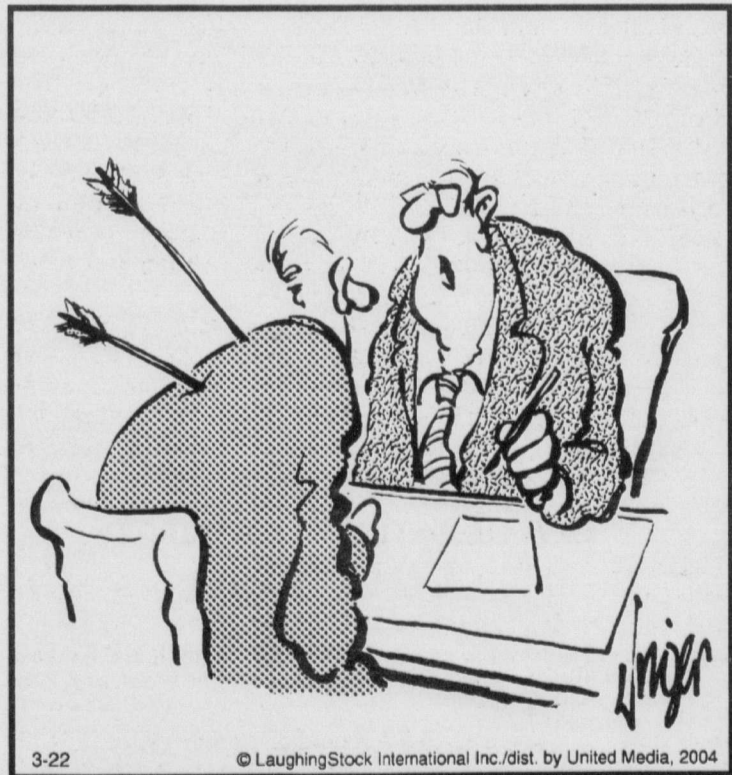
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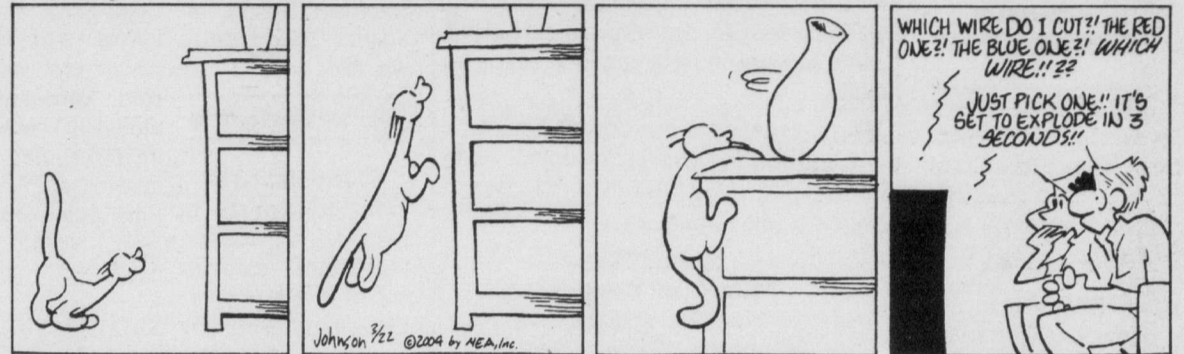


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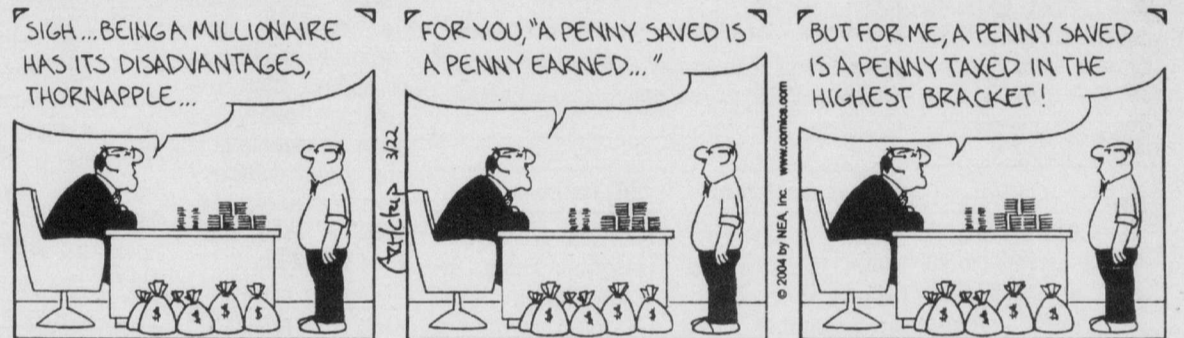
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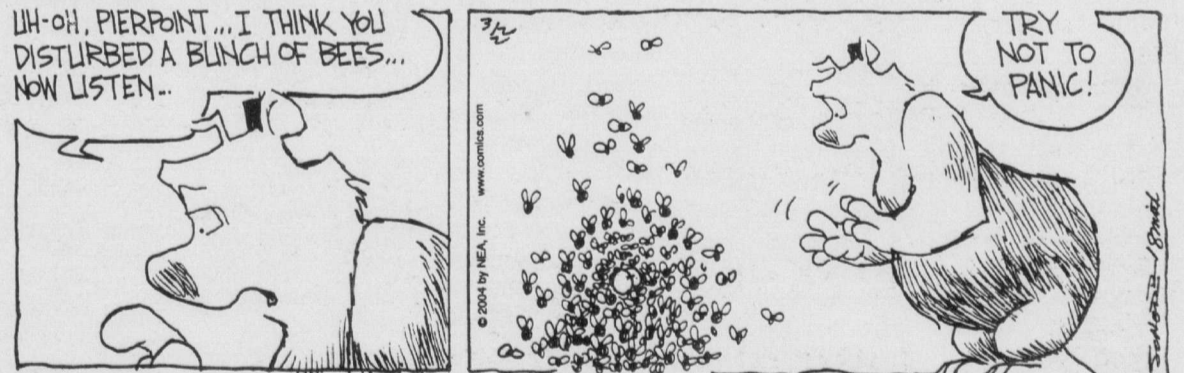
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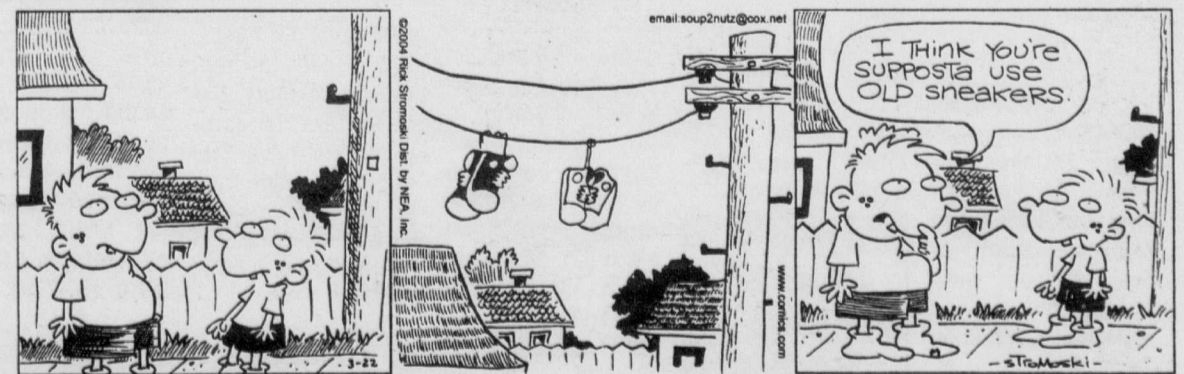
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Stanstead North Women's Institute meeting

Our March meeting was held March 2, at the White House in Stanstead, where we surprised our long-time member, Doris Gibson. The meeting was opened by reading the Collect, and the roll call was answered by eight members naming a way to bring cheer to a shut-in. Doris told us that the best thing to do was to visit. The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was most encouraging. Correspondence read

included letters from the Town of Stanstead and from Pierre Reid, promising a donation and a grant. Pearl Britch wrote that her mother, Goldie (Hartley) Wheeler had attended the Mansur School with her siblings, walking all the way from their home across from the Golf Course. These historical bits are much appreciated.

The winners of our drawing were: Nancy Nourse winning the granite clock,

Dick Wallace, the subscription to the Stanstead Journal and Lise Houle, the baby quilt. The 2004 year books were distributed. President Elane has written many letters and thank you notes, thus it was decided to create a stamp fund for this purpose. Committee reports were read, Phyllis reading "A New Method of Farming" - returning to the old ways of raising beef without chemicals and pesticides. Velma read "Step Up To a Healthier

Lifestyle" - both very informative articles. The meeting was adjourned by Doris who thanked us for having the meeting with her. Since her birthday is March 7, Velma made a pretty decorated birthday cake which was enjoyed with tea supplied by the White House staff. Several pictures were taken, a good meeting enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be April 1, at the home of Ruby Simpson.

Submitted by Elaine Wilson, publicity

Your Birthday

Monday, March 22, 2004

It will be your expertise, knowledge and past experiences that will place you in the catbird seat in the year ahead. The better you're able to apply them, the greater your chances will be for achieving success and rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Be prepared to accept a leadership role today, because your associates will be looking to you for ideas and direction. Even those who act as though they're in charge may turn to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Don't be stubborn about letting another person go to bat for you today if they truly have the ability and know-how to accomplish your goals. Getting assistance won't hurt

your image.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Your winning personality is an enviable asset that you should be able to use to your advantage today to win somebody over as a supporter in a business transaction that means a lot to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Objectives that are important to you will be accomplished more effortlessly today once you let the conditions of the day dictate the methods you use. Act on the latest indicators.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Give free reign to your imagination and creativity today and you'll be able to find solutions to problems that have others baffled. Search for answers in places you've never visited.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Those in au-

thority positions will look favorably on your requests today, provided your approach is well-timed, you offer feasible explanations and your case is logically stated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You can better the odds of achieving an objective that entails a partner or teammate today by allying yourself with one whose abilities, aims and interests are in harmony with yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - There are indications that favorable changes could start taking place today that will ease some of the strains you may have been experiencing where your work or career is concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Take some time today to stop and smell the roses. Pleasant involvements could go a

long way toward putting to rest frustrations and uncomfortable feelings you've suffered lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You'll be quite adept today at finding ways to get extra mileage out of your household budget and perhaps even have enough left over to purchase something nice for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - It's always important to let your friends or associates know that you think well of them. Don't let any opportunity slip past you to give praise and accolades to the deserving today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Career conditions today that have a direct effect on your financial well-being are far better than they may appear on the surface. Remain positive and let events unfold.

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By Jack Hammond

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church

IRON HILL

On Saturday February 7th, 2004 the Wardens of Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill sponsored 500 Card Party. Cards were played at eight tables, followed by refreshments and the awarding of prizes.

The big winners were as follows -

Bingo for Most Sweeps in No Trump: Annie Jones and Earl Whitehouse

10 Spades Bid and Made: Yvette McElravy and Douglas Talbot

4th Game High: Margaret Royea and Bev Mason (Playing as a gent)

4 of a Kind: Earl Whitehouse

Ladies' 1st: Annie Jones with 6060, 2nd: Yvette McElravy with 5380, 3rd: Barbara Thompson with 5360. Gents' 1st: Herbie Riti with 6140, 2nd: Bev Mason (playing as a gent) with 5700, 3rd: Stanley Coupland with 5540

Door prizes won: Herbie Riti, Bev Mason, Doreen Gibbs, Douglas Talbot, Alfreda Neil, George Wilson.

Raffle: The grocery raffle was won by Jean Riti, date squares were won by Carol Page and George Wilson, and jars of homemade jams were won by Doreen Gibbs, Annie Jones, Jeanne D'arc Elie and Gerald Coupland.

Come and join us for a fun evening and a nice light lunch.

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On Saturday February 21st, 2004 the Wardens of Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill sponsored 500 Card Party. Cards were played at five tables, followed by refreshments and the awarding of prizes.

The big winners were as follows:

Bingo for Most Sweeps in No Trump: Elvia Johnson and George Wilson

10 Spades Bid and Made: Not taken

4th Game High: Carol Page and Stanley Coupland

4 of a Kind: Jean Riti

Ladies' 1st: Margaret Royea with 5440, 2nd: Yvette McElravy with 5200, 3rd: Alfreda Neil with 5100. Gents: 1st: Gerald Coupland with 6360, 2nd: Stanley Coupland with 5940, 3rd: Bruce McPherson with 4520

Door prizes won: Gerald Coupland, Alfreda Neil, Bev Mason, Bruce McPherson, George Wilson, Douglas Talbot.

Raffle: The grocery raffle was won by Barbara Tremblay and jars of homemade jams were won by Amanda Streule, Barbara Tremblay, George Wilson and Stanley Coupland.

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Information: Douglas Hall at 266-0266 (Convenor), Lena Roberts at 243-6291 (Peoples Warden)

Douglas Hall

Monday, March 22, 2004

North 03-22-04			
♠ 7 2			
♥ A Q J 3			
♦ Q J 10 7 6			
♣ 6 5			
West		East	
♠ J 9 8 5 4		♠ Q 10 6	
♥ 9		♥ 10 8 6 5 2	
♦ 4 3 2		♦ A	
♣ A 10 8 2		♣ Q J 9 4	
South			
♠ A K 3			
♥ K 7 4			
♦ K 9 8 5			
♣ K 7 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			

However, there are a couple of occasions when that is wrong, and I will highlight them today and tomorrow.

You are sitting South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest spade, and East puts up the queen. How would you plan the play?

Before discussing that, though, if your opponents do not signal, or watch the cards closely, or analyze, you can afford to play (almost) anything you like! Against good players, however, it is important to know when to "break" the second-lowest rule, to avoid giving away vital snippets of information.

You have six top tricks: two spades and four hearts. You can establish four more winners in diamonds. Fine, but there is a danger. If East holds the diamond ace and can shift with effect to a high club, they might take one diamond and four clubs.

You must try to persuade East to continue spades. (If West has the diamond ace, your club king is safe from attack.) The key is to win the first trick with the spade king, not the ace. Then, East, when in with the diamond ace, will almost certainly return the spade 10. He will hope his partner started with five or six spades headed by the ace-jack or ace-nine.

If you win trick one with the spade ace, though, East is much more likely to shift to the club queen. He will assume that if you had only the spade ace, you would have made a holdup play at trick one.

The exception that proves the rule

By Phillip Alder

Last week, I gave examples of declarer playing the second-lowest spot-card or honor-card from his hand, not the lowest.



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