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Five-hour standoff in Windsor ends in tragedy

By Tom Peacock

Police from the Sûreté de Québec spent the better part of yesterday trying to make contact with an armed man shut in his Windsor home alone who had threatened to commit suicide.

The 48-year-old man was discovered dead at around 4 p.m. Police said he was apparently depressed and suffering from a long-term medical condition. He was on extended sick leave from his work at Domtar.

"The Haut St-François detachment received a call at 11:40 a.m. from the man's wife who said he was armed and wanted to take his own life" said Agent Isabelle Gendron from the Montreal detachment of the SQ.

"We secured the perimeter and evacuated the neighbours, and the Special Crimes Squad was called in from Sherbrooke," she said.

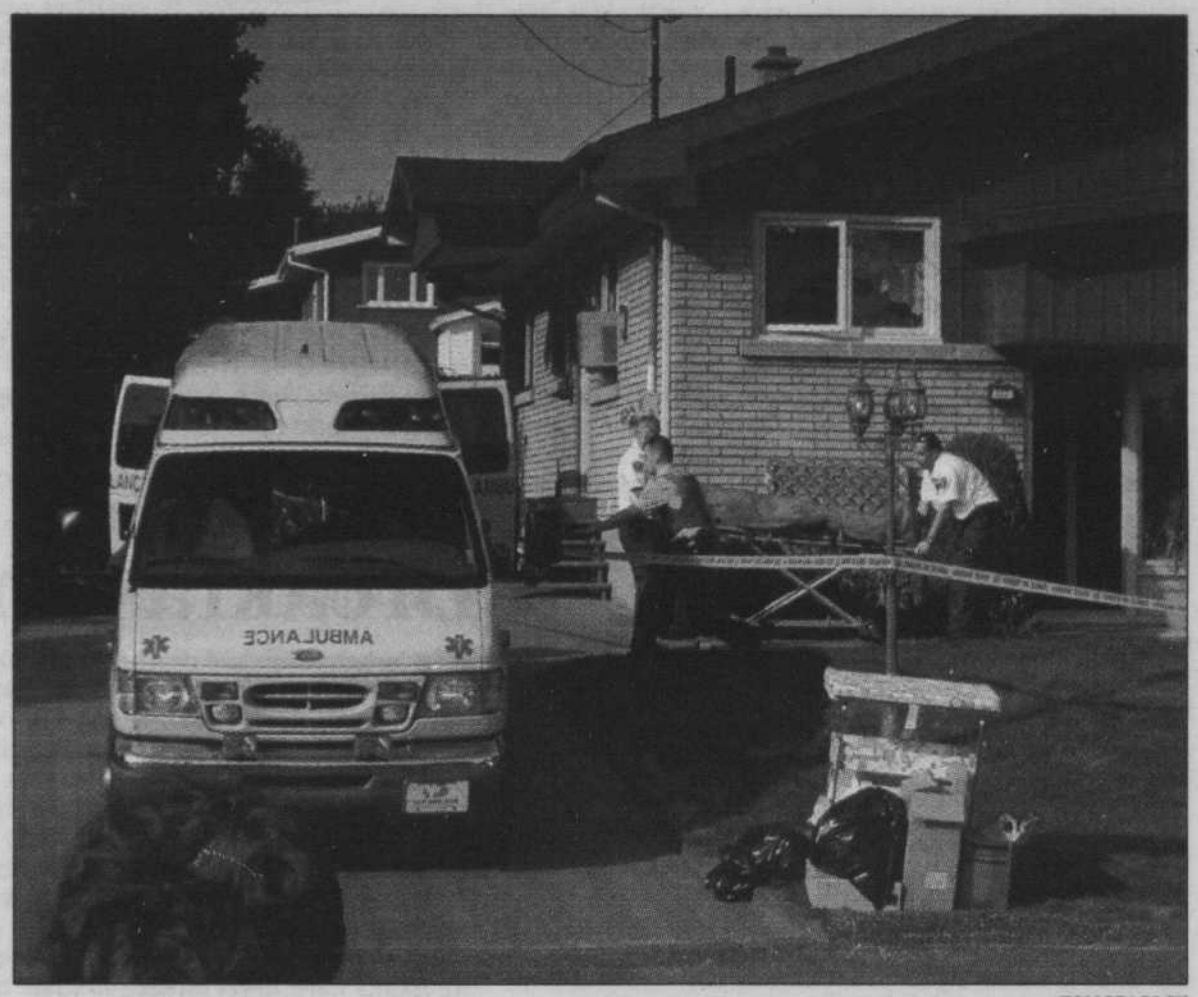
"We tried to make contact with the man many times throughout the day, using the telephone, a megaphone and a siren, but we had no response," Gendron said.

The assembled officers decided to wait for the arrival of a special intervention team from Montreal before trying to gain access to the house. When dealing with someone who is armed and in an unbalanced psychological state, the police sometimes do not enter a building quickly because it might cause a reaction, Gendron explained

"In cases like this we also have to ensure our safety as well as theirs," she added.

At one point during the afternoon, a loud noise was heard coming from within the house, but it was not determined whether it was a gunshot.

The special intervention team from Montreal eventually arrived by helicopter, bringing the total number of officers surrounding the victim's house at 123 Harley St. to more than 20. Bystanders and neighbours also filled the street outside the house. Eventually, at around 4 p.m. rescue workers and ambulance technicians entered the man's home where they found him dead.



TOM PEACOCK

Ambulance workers remove body of 48-year-old man from his home following standoff.

Volunteers, staff rally to clean up after fire

Ayer's Cliff fairgrounds being readied for students

By Kate Shingler
AYER'S CLIFF

The clean-up of the charred elementary school in Ayer's Cliff is progressing at an excellent pace thanks to help of volunteers and concerned staff, according to school principal Kandy Mackey.

"It's quite an adventure," she said, adding that maybe next year students will visit the Ayer's Cliff fair grounds and reminisce fondly about when they attended classes at the exhibition park.

"I am extremely impressed with Kandy's poise and composure," said ETSB director general Ron Canuel of the new administrator. "She's very focused on the staff and children."

Inspectors believe the electrical fire originated in a faulty extension cord early last Sunday morning. "There may have been too many plugs all hooked up to one power bar, after a couple months of inactivity the bar got hot," Canuel

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The car of the future

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Have you noticed anything unusual about the cars you see on the road these days? Most of them are trucks. Oh sure, they might them call them SUVs or mini-vans, but don't kid yourself, these are trucks. I think it all started with the oil crisis in the 70s and the subsequent need to save the environment and stop burning gas. Cars got small and gutless – in many cases, the exact opposite characteristics of their owners. The car manufacturers knew they had a lot of unsatisfied customers out there, but they couldn't go back to making big cars without looking irresponsible, so the perfect solution was to make trucks more like cars. Once you take a powerful pick-up truck and add leather seats, cruise control, AM/FM radio and air conditioning, you don't really have a truck. You have a 1973 Buick Roadmaster with a truck body on it. And let's face it, that's what most men really want.

WHAT MAKES A PERSON TICK

I've had a lot of motivators in my life. When I was a toddler, I was driven to find candy and toys. As a teenager, I was preoccupied with how I combed my hair and any girls who found that attractive. Or more accurately, any girls who found anything about me attractive. After I got married, I was fascinated by the level of intimacy that can be achieved when two people really love each other. Once the kids came along, survival became the main issue, along with any acceptable level of mental health. Now that I'm well into middle age, the only real motivator I have left is curiosity. Even when things mess up, my main emotion is wonder at how they'll turn out. You know how you'll sit through even a bad movie just to see how it ends? Well, that's the way I feel about life. I'm fascinated by people and events, not for the way they are, but for how they got that way and where they go from here. I have some friends I've known for 20 years or more, and most of the things in their lives now are a result of things they did way back when. That satisfies my curiosity. It's interesting to see how the past affects the present and how the present will affect the future. Thanks to curiosity, I plan to live a long time. Unless I get curious about life after death.

LISTEN TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

A lot of times we say things without really thinking about their meaning. This is especially true with some of the older expressions that are passed down through generations. The following expressions are supposed to be good things, but when you take them literally I'm not so sure:

- Eating high on the hog.
- Having a hair of the dog that bit you.
- Sitting in the catbird seat.
- Having the luck of the Irish.
- Coming out smelling like a rose.

MOOD SWINGS

From the day I first met my wife, I've put tremendous effort into affecting her mood. When we were dating, and even for a while after we got married, there was always a certain mood I was trying to get her into. Then there was a period where I worked hard at getting her out of certain moods. We survived that reign of terror, and I'm now back to getting her into the mood. Except now it's a different mood, usually involving golf or watching boxing or putting down the needlepoint and turning off the light so I can get some sleep. For all these years my behavior has been based on my wife's mood. But she insists the exact opposite is true. I don't think she's right. It's probably just a bad mood.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does." - Red Green

This is an archived Red Green column since he is no longer producing a weekly column

Answers to yesterday's quiz

1. e. All the rest were considered.
2. a. iron
3. d. He lived in the U.S. for a while.
4. b. behind Russia.
5. a. video games
6. Yes.
7. e. all of the above
8. d. in 1982.
9. e.
10. b. by Thomas Ryan of Toronto.
11. d. four times
12. c. at 504,451 sq. km.
13. Winnipeg.
14. c. Alexander Mackenzie of Sarnia, Ont.
15. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
16. b. 204 years
17. Thunder Bay.
18. b. beaver.
19. in the First World War, in April 1917.
20. Saturday mail delivery.

Breakfast makes the grade

When your child returns to school this fall, will he excel or fall behind? If your child struggles in class, one way you can help is by ensuring he eats a nutritious breakfast every morning. Many studies have shown that children cannot learn to their potential when they're hungry or improperly nourished, yet 31 per cent of primary school students and 62 per cent of secondary school students don't eat a nutritious breakfast on school days.

Teachers report that children with poor eating habits have lower energy, are late or absent more frequently and are often more disruptive and irritable than classmates who maintain well-balanced, nutritious diets.

"Kids who don't eat breakfast can't concentrate," says cookbook author Anne Lindsay.

The reasons children skip breakfast are numerous. "It's a different world today than it was twenty years ago. The time constraints of modern living often mean there's not enough time for meals," explains Carol Dombrow, a registered dietitian. "Some children don't get up before their parents leave for work, and don't take the time to make their own breakfast. Others get up so early to catch the bus that they aren't yet ready to eat. Some children haven't learned to eat breakfast because it's not a habit practiced by their parents and older family members." In addition, a growing number of people in Canada report having to compromise the quality or quantity of food in their diet because of financial concerns.

What's the solution? Studies show that nutrition programs can have cognitive and social benefits while providing nutritious meals. Child nutrition programs offer parents an alternative way to provide meals and snacks for their children, regardless of their economic status. These universal programs serve all children, and in keeping with this philosophy, many families routinely contribute time and money to child nutrition programs in their communities.

Weather

Today: Sunny. High near 24.

Friday: Sunny. Low near 9. High near 25.

Saturday: Variable cloudiness. Low near 9. High near 26.

Sunday: Variable cloudiness. Low near 7. High near 27.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

Côté brothers make brief court appearance

Staff
SHERBROOKE

Magog residents Donald and Serge Côté, charged with rape, incest and a number of other violent crimes against their sister, each made yet another brief and uneventful appearance at the Sherbrooke courthouse on Tuesday.

After more than a year of cooling their heels in jail, Serge, 23 and Donald, 26, have yet to have even a preliminary inquiry as they wait for their father, co-accused Renald Côté's trial to proceed.

The elder Côté is scheduled to return to court next week when his lawyer will argue the trial should be heard in another judicial district because of the massive media attention the prurient case has received here in the Townships.

Renald Côté, now 51, and his two sons were arrested on June 27, 2001, and charged with five dozen counts of sexual abuse and assault linked to an alleged 17-year reign of terror and sexual abuse against Isabelle Côté, their only daughter and sister.

The horrific tale came to light after a hospital worker reported an attack on the young woman at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke in Fleurimont where she was being treated for cancer. That launched police investigations by both the Sherbrooke and Memphremagog regional police forces.

The alleged victim, who was suffering from ovarian cancer, succumbed to heat stroke this summer at the Sherbrooke convalescence home where she had been living. Neither the father, nor her two brothers, were allowed out to attend the funeral.

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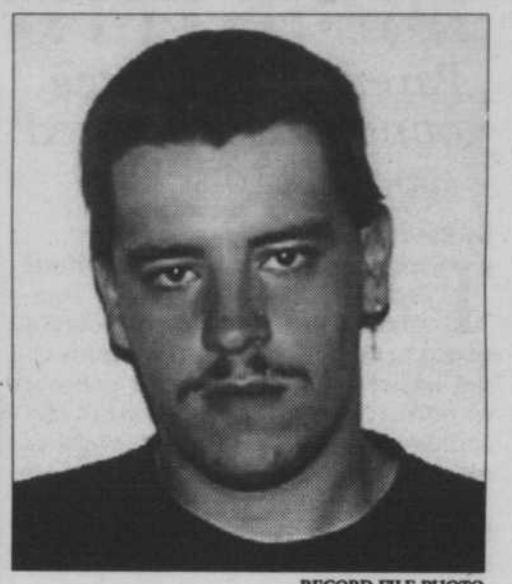
Donald Côté, 26



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Serge Côté, 23

Boisvenu murder: Eight more interviewed in Gaspé

Investigation not linked to unsolved murders, say police

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Detectives investigating the murder of Julie Boisvenu have extended their road trip to the Gaspé in order to meet with eight more witnesses, but Sherbrooke police can't say if they have any suspects or any new leads in the case.

Two months after the 27-year-old Sherbrooke woman was found brutally murdered in a Bromptonville ditch, four detectives from the Sherbrooke force went to the Gaspé coast and Moncton, New Brunswick to interview a dozen potential new witnesses.

Three detectives, who met with 11 witnesses in Gaspé on Tuesday along with a colleague from the local Sûreté du Québec detachment, wanted to meet with eight more people on Wednesday.

Another detective, who had gone to Moncton, New Brunswick to meet with a student who was vacationing in Sherbrooke at the time of Boisvenu's disappearance, went to join his colleagues in Gaspé to help gather the rest of the depositions.

Despite reports in yesterday's La Tribune which said Boisvenu's murder could be linked to a half dozen unsolved murders in the Gaspé over the last decade, Sherbrooke Police spokesman Michel Martin said that was highly unlikely.

"Only one of those crimes resembled the Boisvenu murder and that's not the reason we went there," Martin said, noting that one of the unsolved murders was an elderly couple that was robbed and murdered.

Claudette Servant and Victorien Vallée of Tourelle disappeared in May 1995, their bodies were found shot to death and dumped in a stream a month later.

Also described in yesterday's Tribune were the murders of two young women including Sonia Raymond, a resident of Causapsacal who was found stabbed to death on a beach in Maria in 1996. Linda Condo, a young native woman from Gesgapegiag, who had disappeared on Oct. 4, 1988, was found more than two weeks later in the woods in Miguasha. She had been shot in the face.

The last two unsolved murders were two men killed in 1999.

La Tribune also reported that a weekly newspaper in Ste-Anne-des-Monts in the Gaspé published a news brief last week announcing the visit by Sherbrooke police and asking locals to contact police if they had any information on Boisvenu's murder in late June.

While he could not release details on the investigation or witnesses, Sherbrooke police spokesman Michel Martin said the detectives were following up on information gathered during their investigation. Martin, who said detectives had talked to some of them by phone, said the officers were corroborating evidence and gathering depositions in person.

Martin said the detectives would be back in Sherbrooke today and that details of the Gaspé trip may be released.

Boisvenu, whose battered body was found in a ditch in Bromptonville on July 30, has not been seen since she left some friends on Wellington Street in the wee hours of July 23. Moments after she bid her friend's goodnight, Boisvenu's dark blue Kia Sportage was involved in a bizarre hit-and-run accident with a fire hydrant on the corner of Wellington.

Police, who are awaiting the results of DNA tests on Boisvenu's body, never revealed how she was killed. They simply said she died a violent death.

Windsor Hospital extending Saturday ER closings until November

The closing of the Windsor Hospital's emergency ward on Saturdays has been extended another two months due to a continuing shortage of doctors in the Eastern Townships, the head of the St. Francis Valley health centre said this week.

Danielle Lareau said the ward was supposed to resume seven-day-a-week service at the end of August, but has extended the Saturday closings until the end of October.

In June, the hospital said the doctor shortage had forced it to close the ward for 12 days this summer, including every Saturday from June 29 to Aug. 24.

In late July, the Quebec government passed Bill 114 which ordered Quebec doctors to staff emergency wards in the province so that they could remain open 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week.

But Lareau said the law does not apply to the Windsor hospital ward because it normally operates for only 11 hours a day. The ward opens at 8:30 in the morning and closes at 7:30 in the evening.

Lareau again reminded St. Francis Valley residents who need medical attention on Saturdays to go to the emergency wards at the CHUS and CMU hospitals in Sherbrooke.

BACK TO *School*

ETSB fields complaints over bus transportation

Parents upset some young kids are forced to walk to school

By Kate Shingler

The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) will deal with complaints over the school board's transportation system on an individual basis, explained director general of educational services, Dennis McCullough at the board's first monthly meeting of the 2002-03 school year.

"Get complaints to us in writing," he urged one frustrated mother. "We encourage parents to send (requests) in writing, because we deal with them case by case. We have made a few concessions."

Despite concerns from parents whose kids are not eligible for bus service (roughly 800), the system, which covers 18,000-square-kilometres (Lake Champlain in the West, to the Maine border in the East and Victoriaville in the North) continues to serve roughly 87 per cent of ETSB students, according to the superintendent of transportation, Austin Bailey.

The criteria is as follows:

- Children in kindergarten who live more than 0.8 km from the school are provided with transportation;
- Elementary students who live further than 1.6 km from the school are provided with transportation;
- Secondary students who live more than 1.8 km from the school are provided with transportation.

Although these guidelines are not new, the board has only really begun implementing them in the last two years.

"We hadn't applied them before because we had buses coming by with room," explained Bailey, adding that ETSB is equipped with over 100 buses. "(Now) most of the buses are pretty full, we don't have spare seats regularly."

The growing number of joint custody and multiple household families only compounds the difficulty of sorting out who should be riding on which bus, or route, when.

"Joint custody is causing us problems," he admitted. "How do you know if there is room on (a given) bus?"

For the second year in a row, Lennoxville resident Jacques Létourneau is appealing to the department of transportation to ensure his seven-year-old son Patrick can ride the 1.55 km bus trip to school. The Létourneau family live on Glendale Road, just within the border of the 1.6 km radius.

But with a blind curve in each direction and high-speed traffic, it is not a safe area for walking, explained the worried father. As his son Paul, five, who will be entering kindergarten this year, and is eligible given the reduced 0.8 km rate. Létourneau said he hopes the two brothers will be able to ride to school together.

"It's frustrating to see six empty seats, one kid getting on and the other has to walk. At seven, children are not streetwise. If they drop their ball, they will run and pick it up, even if there are cars coming."

Létourneau wrote to Superintendent Bailey yesterday, asking him to consider the extenuating circumstances, namely the dangerous nature of the area. He thinks the qualifying distance should be adjusted, giving priority to kids below Grade 3.

"This is about safety. A six or seven year old just does not have the same road awareness as a 12 year old."

Next year, he added, Patrick will likely be ready to walk on his own. Because of professional commitments, Létourneau cannot always accompany him in the morning, or pick him up mid-afternoon. "We all work," he said.

During the launch of a new ETSB initiative earlier in the day, director general Ronald Canuel, alluded to parents' heightened expectations of public schools.

"Society is holding schools much more accountable than ever before. There is a lot of stress, a lot of pressure, within the school system."

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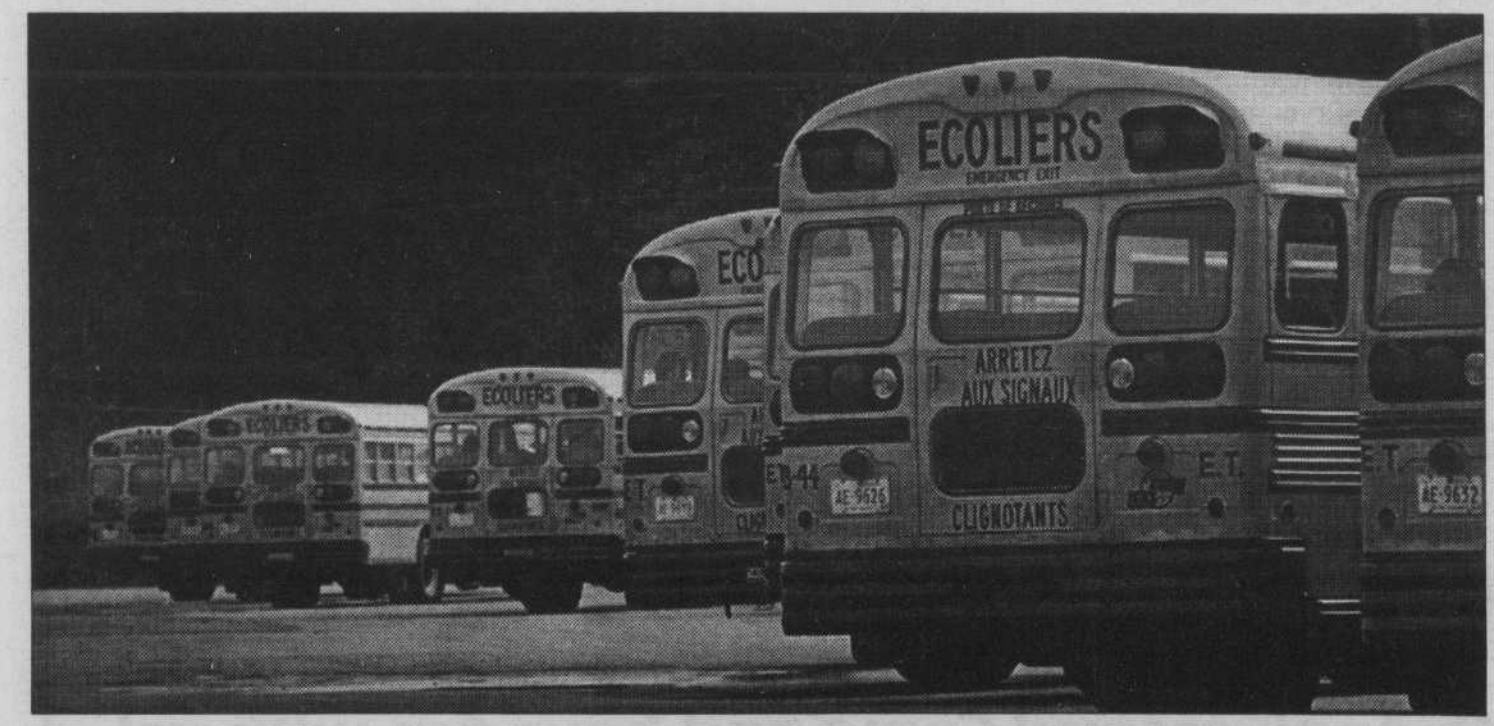

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BACK TO *School*

ETSB pro-active program is one of a kind in Canada

START team to identify the target goals of schools across the Townships

By Kate Shingler

Two teams of ETSB teachers and administrators have been selected to operate a new program entitled START (School's Targets, Achievements, and Results Team), which will assist teachers and administrators in identifying and resolving issues in their schools.

"We're very enthusiastic about this. It will be a big challenge, but to me a negative is a positive," said team leader Martine Auray, of any anticipated complaints regarding the general lack of adequate resources during the ETSB school tour. Auray will be working with colleague Paulette Losier and six teachers, full-time, on the two-year effort. The teams will each visit five schools, chosen randomly in a July draw, per year.

START officials will not perform individual assessments of the staff, instead will report directly to ETSB director general Ronald Canuel, serving as a kind of feedback mechanism to the board. They will also assess services provided by the various head-office departments.

"It is not a negative evaluation of our current status but rather a true, direct attempt to assist our personnel in the attainment of their mandates," explained Canuel, adding that the program will not be an "add on" resource and won't take money away from other areas. "The implementation of START will not generate any reductions in our current level of services or programs," he noted.

KATE SHINGLER

The START team was introduced to the ETSB at the first monthly meeting of the 2002-03 academic year, Tuesday night.

The $400, 000 program will be financed through local taxation, board reserves and an administrative travel budget.

"Successes in school and head-office improvements are fundamentally contingent on the ability of our entire personnel to always remain alert to change," said Canuel of START's overall mandate. "And to act upon the ever increasing demands placed by society, and to remain sensitive to the constant evolution of the needs of our students, parents and related communities."

Canuel also wants to recognize work well done.

"Such an orientation will allow for our students' needs to be even better met."

AYER'S CLIFF:

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explained, noting that the computers in the second-storey classrooms were completely wrecked.

A telephone help-line has been set up to keep parents informed but officials are still not sure when kids will start class at the fair grounds. Teachers are still busy sorting through remains, keeping usable items and discarding the rest.

"They are in the process of identifying what can be salvaged and what should be destroyed," Mackey said, noting that they are working outside because of the strong smoke and chemical fumes in the building.

She estimates the school won't be fully operational before October, but that once classrooms are set up at the fairgrounds, kids will be back in a routine.

"We're going to make it like a real classroom with desks, blackboards, and a teacher's desk," she said of the school's temporary home. "There are enough facilities to hold every single grade except one, which will be going to a nearby church."

For information on Ayer's Cliff elementary school fire updates, call 868-3100.

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As the clean up at Ayer's Cliff School continues, parents and teachers are working to get the Ayer's Cliff Fairgound buildings ready to receive students.

Public Notice

Ministère des Transports

Public Interest Message

As part of a process to review Québec mass transit funding, the Minister of Transport is launching a broad consultation that will begin this September.

The Minister has mandated Antoine Grégoire to carry out this consultation in all regions of Québec, excluding Québec City and Montréal. Mr. Grégoire will then submit his recommendations to the Minister no later than December 20, 2002.

During this consultation, any organization with an interest in mass transit that would like to propose modifications to the current funding method is welcome to meet the Minister's representative. If you have modifications to propose, please contact the person named below for the date and time of the meeting.

Any other individuals wishing to submit their perspective may also do so by sending comments, in writing, to the same address.

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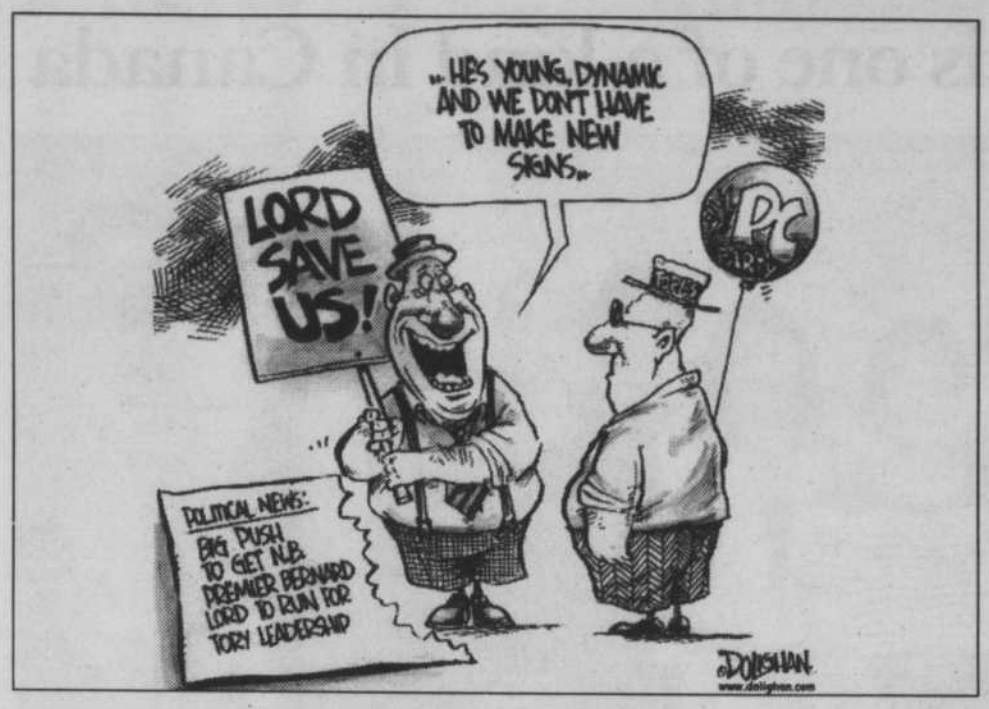

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shame on them all

DEAR EDITOR,

Shame on the Church Wardens of St. Luke's Magog (Record Aug. 21) Ross Bennett and Joan Kirby-Bergeron, George Corbiere (Record Aug. 26), the Rev. Glenn Coates (Record July 31, Aug.13), Charles Catchpaugh (Record Aug. 26) the editor of Magog Outlet, Sharon McCully, the editor of the Sherbrooke Record (Aug. 26) and Stephen McDougall, the reporter of the Record (July 30).

I have only pity for the Record readers who put up with not only ignorance but poor information.

The conduct of the church wardens of the St. Luke's Church, Magog reflects only St. Luke's Church Magog but not the other hundreds of Anglicans in the Diocese of Quebec, the parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria or me, the Incumbent of the parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria. It reflects the former minister, the Rev. Lynn Ross who held office as the Incumbent for about 25 years and this kind of a harvest.

Hopefully, some good will evolve eventually from this mess of St. Luke's Church, Magog. This most disgraceful behaviour of the church wardens and the "most regular attendees" (Record Aug. 26), and the Rev. Glenn Coates is unacceptable. Glenn has not had an Anglican Church, parish charge or attended the Synod of the diocese for several years, and is now affiliated with the United Church.

Congratulations to Bishop Stavert for doing the tough job as the Bishop of the Diocese of Quebec who demonstrates a tremendous patience and courage.

REV'D SISTER MARY FLORENCE LIEW
Incumbent, Cookshire

Editor's note: A letter which appeared in yesterday's Record, 'Champlain College should be part of solution' was signed Ray Taylor, Lennoxville. In fact the writer is Ray Tyler, Sherbrooke. The Record regrets the error.

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The weapons of intimidation

VIEWPOINT

GEORGE JONAS
SOUTHAM NEWS

Looking uneasily at the impending confrontation between the United States and Saddam Hussein, the European Union is trying to sit on the fence. It's not surprising. The big bang of Sept. 11 occurred in Washington and New York, but Europe has been experiencing the threat of Middle Eastern militancy for years.

Bombings, assassinations, hijackings, and similar acts of terror, though not on the scale of the destruction of the World Trade Centre, have been commonplace in Europe since the 1970s.

It was exactly 20 years ago, in August 1982, that terrorists killed six and injured 22 in an attack on a Paris restaurant. A year earlier, in August 1981, terrorists killed two people and injured 17 in a Viennese synagogue. In October 1982, terrorists killed a child and injured 10 in Rome.

These attacks were the work of the recently deceased Abu Nidal - the Osama bin Laden of his day - but he was by no means alone. Between August 1980 and November 1981 at least 20 acts of terror were recorded in Rome, Paris, Beirut, Nairobi, Cairo, Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Vienna, Athens, and Antwerp. They killed 36 people and wounded hundreds. In addition to Abu Nidal's Black June, they were committed by groups such as Saiqua, George Habash's Popular Front, and the then-current 15 of May Movement for the Liberation of Palestine.

Militants exported their region's conflict to every corner of the world.

When Pan Am Flight 103 was blown out of the sky, it killed villagers as far away from the West Bank as Lockerbie, Scotland. In the case of the writer Salman Rushdie, the deadly threat of a fatwah was directed against a citizen of the United Kingdom.

Though acts of terror can create a steely resolve in some cultures to resist the terrorists, terror, as its name implies, can also terrorize people. It has clearly done so in Europe.

Bombs are not the militants' only weapons of intimidation. Some Arab/Muslim pressure groups utilize the host culture's own institutions to shape the political climate. In France the novelist Michel Houellebecq is being sued for making "insulting" remarks about Islam in his latest book. The plaintiffs include Saudi Arabia's World Islamic League and the Mosque of Paris.

According to BBC news, this isn't merely a civil suit.

Houellebecq's remarks are claimed to contravene French legislation compelling "religious tolerance" and outlawing "racial hatred". The head of the Paris mosque, Dalil Boubakeur, is quoted as saying Muslims feel insulted by a character in Houellebecq's novel who feels "a quiver of glee" every time a Palestinian terrorist is killed. If a court agrees feeling gleeful about the demise of a Palestinian terrorist, or merely describing such a person in a novel, is against French law, Houellebecq - who recently won the prestigious Impac award - could face a year in jail.

Meanwhile in Denmark, as reported by Daniel Pipes and Lars Hedegaard, "Muslim leaders openly declare their goal of introducing Islamic law once Denmark's Muslim population grows large enough." In anticipation of that happy day, the militant Islamist organization Hizb-ut-Tahrir is contending itself with calling on Muslims "to kill Jews wherever you find them."

The Danish state prosecutor is thinking about banning Hizb-ut-Tahrir. The risk, I suppose, in doing so might flout some European human rights-type legislation compelling "religious tolerance."

Twelve years ago, as the Soviet Union's imminent collapse was greeted with euphoria, I sounded a cautionary note. I wrote that even if all the Marxist-type tyrannies and the West's own loony left were to run out of steam together, mankind's totalitarian impulse would still not come to an end.

"It's possible to do away with an evil empire," I wrote in 1990, "but it's much harder to do away with evil. Greed, fear, stupidity, selfishness, paranoia, intolerance, sloth, envy, and all our other deadly sins are here to stay. No doubt they'll find new flags in which to wrap themselves.

"The most likely new candidates for evil? After our experience of black, brown, and red fascism, I wouldn't exclude the greens. In fact, two varieties of greens: The fanatics of the environment, and the fanatics of Islam."

Some of Islam's fanatics have settled in Europe, but it hasn't turned them into Europeans. They've become adept at making use of the West's values without sharing them. The World Islamic League sues for religious tolerance for Muslims, while Hizb-ut-Tahrir issues calls to kill Jews. And Europeans who invited unbridled immigration are painfully learning to sit on the fence they neglected to use for its original purpose.

Ministers to study national patient safety institute

By Mark Kennedy
SOUTHAM NEWS

Canada's health ministers are considering a proposal to establish a national patient safety institute to monitor and prevent incidents of medical error in the health-care system, the Ottawa Citizen has learned.

The federal and provincial ministers will devote a significant portion of their annual closed-door meeting, next week in Banff, Alberta, to the issue. They have decided it is time to make a priority of ensuring that systemic changes are established to prevent the estimated thousands of deaths that occur each year in Canada because of medical errors involving health-care professionals.

Federal Health Minister Anne McLellan said in an interview that she and her provincial colleagues view medical error as "an important issue, an area of growing concern and one that we need to take up. We need to have better information in relation to medical error."

In addition to causing harm to patients, medical mistakes add an "enormous cost" to the health-care system, McLellan said.

Alberta Health Minister Gary Mar, who will co-host next week's meeting with McLellan, said in an interview "people are dying needlessly of errors in the system."

"There is a growing recognition in Canada that this is a legitimate issue," said Mar. "Let me say this: This is not an exercise at laying blame at anyone's feet. This is an exercise in trying to improve outcomes for patients. We're not blaming doctors, we're not blaming health-care providers, we're not blaming system administrators. We're simply saying that we need to focus on patients in order to improve their outcomes."

A major impetus for the governments' decision to make the issue a priority stems from an initiative a year ago by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. It sponsored a one-day forum in Ottawa last September, which led to the creation of a panel – composed of health-care professionals, experts and members of the public – which spent the last year burrowing even deeper into the problem.

Its draft report, already in the hands of health ministers, recommends the creation of a Canadian patient safety institute - a body similar to those in other countries such as the United States, Britain and Australia. It would track the prevalence of medical mistakes, look for ways to build safeguards into the system to prevent such errors from re-occurring, and educate health-care workers.

Dr. John Wade, chair of the panel's national steering committee, said the ministers will receive the final report next week.

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Pulling health supplement ideas from thin air

By Mia Stainsby
SOUTHAM NEWS

If you think we've exhausted every possible natural health supplement, and will soon be pulling ideas out of thin air, you're right. The latest cure-all is the oxygen spa. Where, yes, you receive oxygen therapy. "And what's wrong with breathing?" you ask.

According to proponents of oxygen therapy, there is a lot wrong with what we're breathing, and there are compelling reasons for becoming oxygen junkies. For starters, there are the pollutants, about 70,000 contaminants in our air, that tax our bodies as they try to metabolize and eliminate them. We need an oxygen boost for that extra load.

Deforestation (green plants are a big source of oxygen), together with pollution, have cut atmospheric oxygen by as much as 50 per cent over the past 200 years. How do we know that? Air bubbles trapped in ancient amber samples and ice from polar regions show that at one time, oxygen content in air was 38 per cent; today, it is about 21 per cent. So even though our bodies need more of it than ever before, we're getting less of what's at the heart of every cellular and body function. Enter oxygen therapy, oxygen filtered from the air in richer, denser form. "Therapeutic" oxygen is 95 to 97 per cent pure oxygen.

Oxygen deficiency and starvation also takes the rap for causing degenerative diseases since every cell in our body needs oxygen to remain healthy. "It's based on the premise that all harmful bacteria, viruses and fungi, which foster flu, colds and cancerous cells are anaerobic," says Katja Ehlers, sales manager for The Oxygen Clinic, a mobile oxygen unit that sets up at special events in Vancouver. For all those reasons, oxygen bars in health spas have become a hot, hot trend in the U.S., especially in celebrity-rich L.A. and in Las Vegas, where oxygen revives those suffering from gambling stress.

It's taking off in Vancouver, too, with oxygen bars in many spas and an oxygen steam bath and super-oxygenated water in at least one spa. Some companies (Fido, Sonar Group, Feldman and Associates) are paying for mobile oxygen services to provide oxygen "breaks" for their employees to increase mental alertness, stamina and morale.

Oxygen is absorbed not only via the lungs, but through the digestive system (oxygenated water) and skin (oxygen steam baths).

Oxygen therapy isn't without detractors. Dr. Michael Lepawsky, clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of B.C., however, says it makes more sense to do something about pollution if air quality is a concern. "I don't know what scientific evidence they're going to cite," he says. "If someone tells me everybody needs oxygen to be healthy, I'd take exception with that. I don't think they would want to go on record saying there's science behind the theory that breathing more oxygen will make people healthier."

SOUTHAM

Jennifer Kasprick shows off oxygen enhanced steam sap in the State of Being spa.

Lepawsky runs the hyperbaric facilities at Vancouver Hospital and Health Services Centre, treating disease with high pressure oxygen.

"Its effectiveness has been proven for diseased states and certain conditions but not for general health," he says.

Such conditions include obstruction of blood flow by gas or air bubbles, carbon monoxide poisoning, crushed injuries of selected types and decompression sickness.

Proven or not, I decided to check it out. Except for the sprained ankle I sustained which blew up to large potato proportions (to be explained), I did feel good after a 20-minute oxygen steam bath and a 20-minute hook-up to the oxygen bar at State of Being Urban Spa.

The oxygen bath is tucked away in a tiny room. The bath involves a steam chamber, something like an up-turned snowmobile, in which I sat naked with just my head sticking out while jets of oxygenated steam saturated the chamber. Next, I donned a robe and sat in the lounge area, hooked up via canulla (nose hose) to an oxygen generator for 20 minutes of lemon-flavoured oxygen. It felt cool and pleasant but was hardly noticeable. The immediate effect is an inner calm, a 7-Up kind of lightness but with a tiger purring in my tank. I was floating and walking crooked at the end of it but felt quite refreshed, although uncertain as to what planet I was on. As I stepped dreamily out of the building, I mistook a step and ended up severely wrenching my ankle. By the time I returned to the office, the ankle looked like a bison bone. Jennifer Kasprick, director of State of Being, had warned of dizziness, and light-headedness.

A couple hours later, despite the painful swollen ankle, I did feel good - as if I could skip all the way to the gym. But for my ankle, of course.

Despite these incidental hazards, Kasprick says the oxygen bath helps rid toxins. "It's also a natural sterilizer so it's good for preventing blemishes, open lesions, scarring and acne. It speeds up healing."

After a client's first oxygen bath, there are traces of toxins left behind on the towel - grey and brown spots. "You can definitely see it," she says. "If you want to detox, you'd do about five in a row. After five in a row, you're bathing suit material. It forces out toxins and sweat and you lose weight. It's great for cellulite reduction, too. That's the key selling point."

More importantly, oxygen takes on our microscopic foes. "It's based on the premise that all harmful bacteria, viruses and fungi which foster flu, colds and cancerous cells are anaerobic," says Ehlers, sales manager for The Oxygen Clinic, which sets up at special events, like raves to sell hits of oxygen for a dollar a minute.

"About 90 per cent of the body's life energy is created by oxygen. Our eliminative processes consume large amounts of oxygen to rid our bodies of waste and toxins," she says.

She claims oxygen therapy can provide relief from migraine headaches, replenish energy levels, improve hair and skin conditions, filter toxins from the blood, provide relief from hangovers and improve the digestive system.

Stress - the modern-day intoxicant - puts added demand on oxygen for metabolizing adrenaline-related hormones, and so do saturated fats and junk food and lack of exercise.

The average person, it is said, requires three litres of oxygen per minute while resting and more than 10 litres during strenuous activity. (Our brains use more than 20 per cent.)

At State of Being, the oxygen steam bath costs $45 for a 20-minute session and the oxygen bar costs a dollar a minute.

For further oxygenation, you can drink liquid oxygen (water with an extra boost of oxygen), augmented with supplements such as dong quai for women and ginseng for men.

"We're an added benefit to achieve better health," says Ehlers.

Symptoms of low oxygen might include fatigue, circulation problems, poor digestion, depression, memory loss, muscle aches and pains, headaches and hangovers.

If oxygen bars and steam baths aren't in the cards for you, you might do as the yogics have for centuries and learn the art of breathing. For really low-budget oxygen therapy, try this: Inhale for four seconds, hold for two; exhale for four seconds, hold for two. Repeat for about 10 minutes and build up to doing this about three times a day.

To dramatically increase amount of oxygen in the bloodstream, try this: Inhale for one second, hold for four. Exhale for two seconds.

And if that doesn't excite you, the least you can do is breath deeply - none of those stingy, shallow swigs of air. Then, if you listen really closely, you'll hear every cell in your body say "A Rating 5 h."

Global development plan in the works

KEEPING IN TOUCH
TOWNSHIPPERS' ASSOCIATION

"Hi, my name is Megan Stepushyn, and I'm calling from Townshippers' Association. It's about the Global Development Plan being developed by the Quebec Community Groups Network."

Megan Stepushyn

This summer, people who are active in the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships had a good chance of receiving a call that began just like that. Megan has just finished a summer at Townshippers' helping collect contacts in the community for the upcoming Global Development Plan.

Who's Megan, you may ask? A bilingual university student from Victoria, British Columbia, who spent the summer in Sherbrooke, thanks to the Young Canada Works program. She has just returned to her studies in the health sciences at the University of Victoria. Yes, we miss her already!

And what's the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN)? It's a non-profit organization bringing together 20 English-languagecommunity groups across Quebec. These groups all aim, broadly, to develop and enhance the vitality of the English-speaking communities in Quebec. (Townshippers' Association is one of them, serving the region of the historical Eastern Townships. Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network is another, bringing together English-speaking heritage groups across Quebec.)

And what is the Global Development Plan? This project originated from a request of the Official Languages Support Program of the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage. The government needs a grassroots basis for setting objectives in next year's framework for negotiating funding agreements with official language minority communities. These objectives would guide various government departments in fulfilling their obligation to support language minorities, English speakers in Quebec and French speakers in the rest of Canada. (Similar global development plans have already been formulated by French-speaking communities outside Quebec.)

After considerable reflection and discussion, the QCGN member groups decided that this project represented an opportunity for the English-speaking community in Quebec, beyond agreeing on objectives for funding agencies. They saw that it was an opportunity for the English-speaking community to take charge of its growth and identity within Quebec.

This summer, Megan was one of a team of 10 students throughout Quebec who assisted in the current stage of the Global Development Plan. Their work was to build a list of various English-speaking community organizations and individuals who are actively involved in different sectors. These sectors include health and social services, heritage, arts and culture, communications and media, education and training, business and employment, youth, and lastly, visibility and leadership.

These lists will be a tool in community consultations—the next phase of the Global Development Plan.

This is obviously a long-term project that is complex and far reaching. Stay tuned for developments!

AND IN THE FOREGOUND: T-DAY

The Global Development Plan is something that has been going on behind the scenes, while in the foreground energy has been building for that huge party and information fair known as Townshippers' Day. Don't miss it at the Plateau Sylvie Daigle (Old Sherbrooke Fairgrounds), 300 Parc, in Sherbrooke. The date is Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's on, rain or shine, and admission is free, as usual.

Questions about Townshippers' Day? Check the T-Day website, www.tday.ca. Still have questions? Call the Association's Lennoxville office at (819) 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717) or the Cowansville office at (450) 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422).

Questions about the Global Development Plan or the QCGN? Plan to visit the QCGN booth among the many other community groups at Townshippers' Day. Make it a date!

Wages pose no inflation threat

By Eric Beauchesne
SOUTHAM NEWS

Workers' earnings are keeping ahead of inflation but not too far ahead to worry the Bank of Canada.

In fact, the latest report on earnings show the rate of wage increases have eased, possibly indicating the pace of economic activity has as well, which is what the Bank of Canada will be watching for when it decides whether to raise interest rates further on Wednesday, its next pre-set date for any rate change.

"In June, average weekly earnings for all employees totalled $676.61, virtually unchanged from May," Statistics Canada reported Wednesday. "Compared with June 2001, average weekly earnings were up two per cent, above the 1.3 per cent increase in the consumer price index for the same period."

Average hourly earnings were also up by more than inflation, rising by just four cents in June from May to $17.17, but to 2.8 per cent more than a year earlier.

There's no evidence, however, of any wage inflation in the numbers, said Ted Carmichael, a J.P. Morgan Canada economist.

The increases in both weekly and hourly earnings have slowed from earlier this year as has the pace of job growth.

What the bank is waiting to see before deciding on whether or not to raise rates further, however, is the economic growth report for the spring quarter, particularly the June numbers which will be released Friday.

"The bank will be looking for whether the economy hit its peak in the spring and is now slowing," Carmichael said.

Evidence of a slowdown could prompt the bank to keep rates steady rather than raising them further. Analysts are now divided about whether the bank will proceed with its fourth consecutive rate increase, which would bring its target rate for overnight loans to the banking system to three per cent, or whether it will hold off until it gets a better idea of where the Canadian and U.S. economies are heading.

A recent survey found 11 of 15 forecasters, including J.P. Morgan, expected the bank to keep rates unchanged, he noted. However, markets are pricing in an almost 80-per-cent probability of a further quarter point rate increase.

"The uncertainty about what the Bank of Canada will do has heightened the importance of Friday's GDP reports for June and the second quarter," Carmichael said.

The consensus is the economy was growing at a healthy annual pace of 4.3 per cent in the quarter, but down from the searing six per cent rate in the first quarter, he noted.

J.P. Morgan also anticipates growth has slowed further to an anemic 1.3 per cent pace this summer, with evidence of the start of that slowdown expected in the June GDP report, reflecting in part the impact of the severe drought on Western Canadian farm production.

"Canadian farm crops are now expected to fall to their lowest level in about 30 years due to drought conditions in Western Canada," it noted.

There are several other reasons to expect June will be a relatively weak month for the economy despite strength in retail sales and housing, Carmichael said.

"Therefore. . . there appears to be a significant probability of a downside surprise in the June and second quarter GDP reports," Carmichael said. "Based on that risk, we continue to believe that the Bank of Canada will opt to keep interest rates unchanged on Sept. 4."

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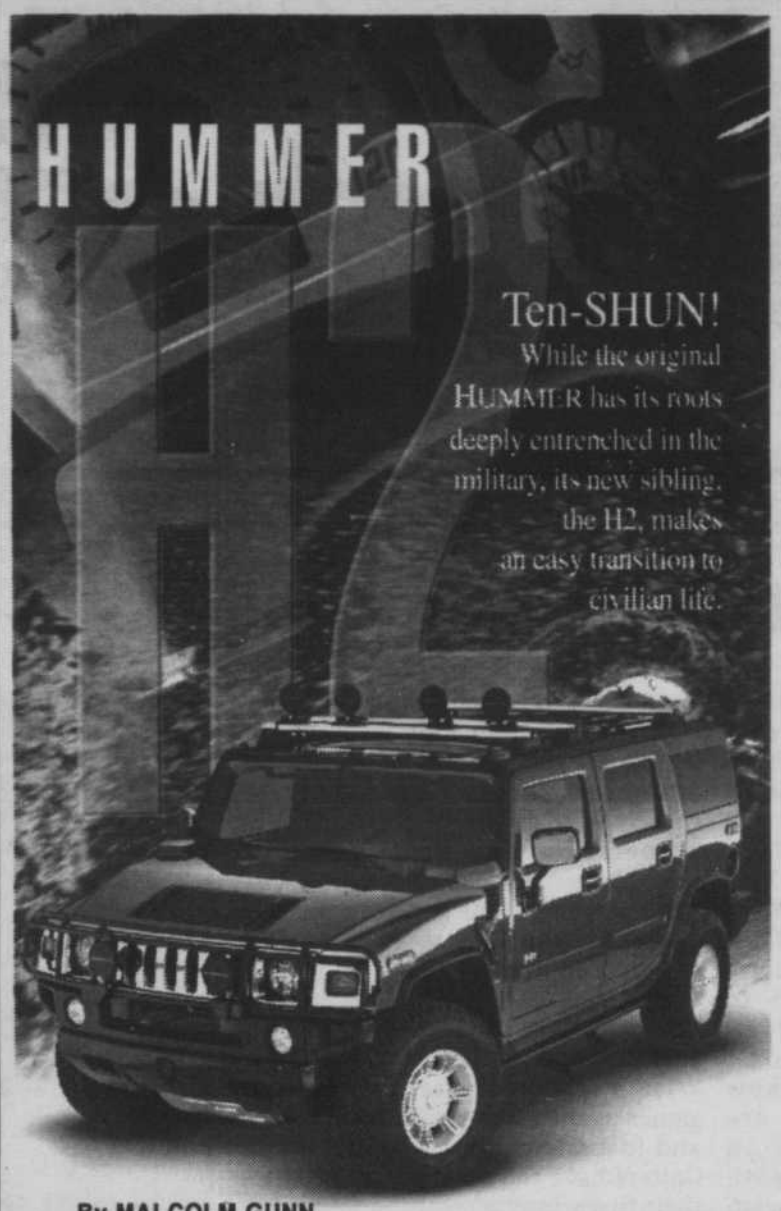

Ten-SHUN!

While the original HUMMER has its roots deeply entrenched in the military, its new sibling, the H2, makes an easy transition to civilian life.

By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

With modern styling, herculean strength and as much usefulness as any other sport-brute on the road today, the new-for-2003 Hummer H2 is poised to become a very hot ticket for General Motors.

If there was ever a brand name perfectly suited for further development, it's Hummer. In a few short years, it has evolved into an icon for armed-forces muscle, much like the Willys Jeep did during, and after, the Second World War.

Unlike the all-purpose, straight-forward Jeep, however, the original Hummer (the H1, as it is now called) was, and is, a complex piece of machinery that has not adjusted particularly well to civilian life. Not only are its King Kong exterior dimensions an issue, but so are the limited four-place passenger accommodations, each separated by a Mount Everest-sized driveline hump. The equally steep six-figure pricetag for one of these boulder-bounding brutes cuts plenty of otherwise well-to-do folks out of the action.

As a result, GM, which acquired the rights to Hummer from AM General in 1999, will this summer launch the H2, designed to bring more buyers into the fold with its more conventional, but still tough-as-nails, appeal.

Using a chassis similar to the one employed by the Chevrolet Suburban, the H2 is surprisingly longer and taller than the H1, but is about 13-centimetres (five inches) narrower for greater on- /off-road agility. GM has wisely sculpted the sport ute to be an instantly recognizable part of the Hummer family, right down to its squared-off doors and flat windshield and rear liftgate. Also familiar is the vertically slotted front grille, the subject of a minor dispute – now resolved – with DaimlerChrysler, which claimed the design infringed on its trademarked Jeep front end.

On the inside, the H2 provides lots of room for up to five adventurers, plus the driver, who can comfortably join in for some cross-country fun.

Those potential good times include the H2's ability to plow through water up to 51 centimetres (20-inches) deep and over obstacles up to 41 centimetres (16 inches) tall. Power won't be a problem, as each rig is equipped with a 6.0-litre 316-horsepower OHV V8 that produces 360 lb.-ft. of torque. Also standard is a four-speed automatic transmission connected to a Borg-Warner two-speed, full-time four-wheel-drive system that splits the power — 40/60, front/rear —under normal driving conditions. When the going gets dicey, power can be directed to just single wheel if that's where the traction is.

As tangible proof of the its off-road capabilities, all H2s feature special underbody protection, including aluminum skid plates and deflector bars for the engine, transmission and transfer case and exhaust system. The fuel tank is also guarded by a plastic shield.

Finally, the H2 gets a set of gigantic 35-inch-tall BF Goodrich all-terrain tires (the largest on any GM vehicle) fitted to 17-inch alloy wheels.

Despite its hefty 2,900-kilogram (6,400-pound) curb weight, GM claims the H2 will reach 100 km-h from rest in around 10 seconds.

For about $70,000, about half the price of an H1, the new H2 will treat its owners to dual-zone climate control, power adjustable front seats, cruise control, remote keyless entry, nine-speaker Bose audio system, the ONStar GPS-based navigation/emergency assistance system, and heavy-duty trailering hardware.

There are also option packages available that add such items as leather interior, heated front seats, chrome trim, self-leveling rear air suspension, roof rack, bush bars, taillamp covers and off-road lights.

So confident is GM that the Hummer H2 will be a roaring success that the company has built a larger dedicated factory located alongside the home of the original H1 in South Bend, Ind.

Based on this new model's anvil-tough construction, energetic powertrain, roomy, comfortable interior and more affordable sticker price, this plant should be, um, *humming* along in no time.

SPEC SHEET

2003 Hummer H2

- ★Four-door, four-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle
- ★6.0-litre OHV V8, producing 316 horsepower and 360 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,000 RPM.
- ★Four-speed automatic transmission.
- ★The H2 is the second line in the Hummer family, and is designed purely for civilian use.
- ★The standard drivetrain, suspension and undercarriage protection on the H2 make it perfectly suited for off-road excursions.
- ★The standard GM truck-based V8 not only gives the H2 impressive power, but contributes to its 3,180-kilogram towing capacity.
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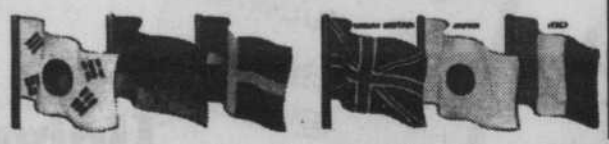

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Joe Paopao's Renegades need help, and they are hoping to find it in the NFL

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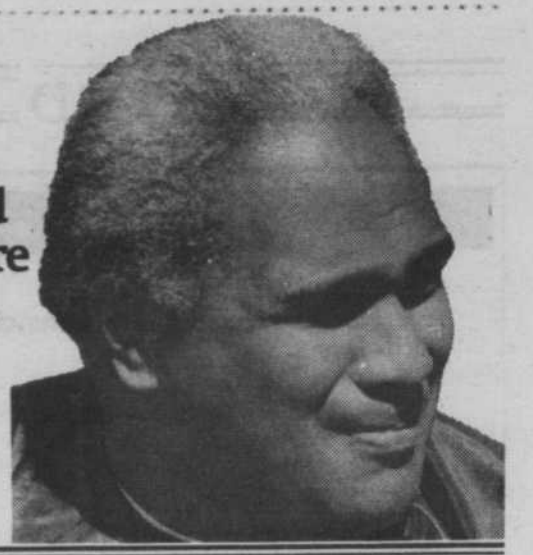


Who cares about an MLB strike anyways?

The two most frequently questions I have been asked the last 10 days have been whether or not I think there will be a strike by Major League baseball players, and secondly how will the Gaiters fare in the 2002 football season.

MIKE HICKEY
FROM THE BLEACHERS

The answer to the first query is I don't care, and to the second I really don't know how they are going do in the competitive four-team Quebec Interunivesity Football Conference.

Watching Laval methodically pick apart McGill Tuesday night in Montreal, it's easy to say the Rouge et Or are still the team to beat in Quebec. Senior quarterback Mathieu Bertrand directed an offence that totaled 367 yards as Laval got off to an impressive 29-10 victory before 2,506 fans at Molson Stadium.

Although it was a home game for the Redmen, most of McGill's supporters were gone by the end of the third quarter, while a strong contingent of Laval supporters cheered their team to a decisive win.

Bertrand, a left-handed signal caller, completed 17 of 26 passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed eight times for 46 yards and one major.

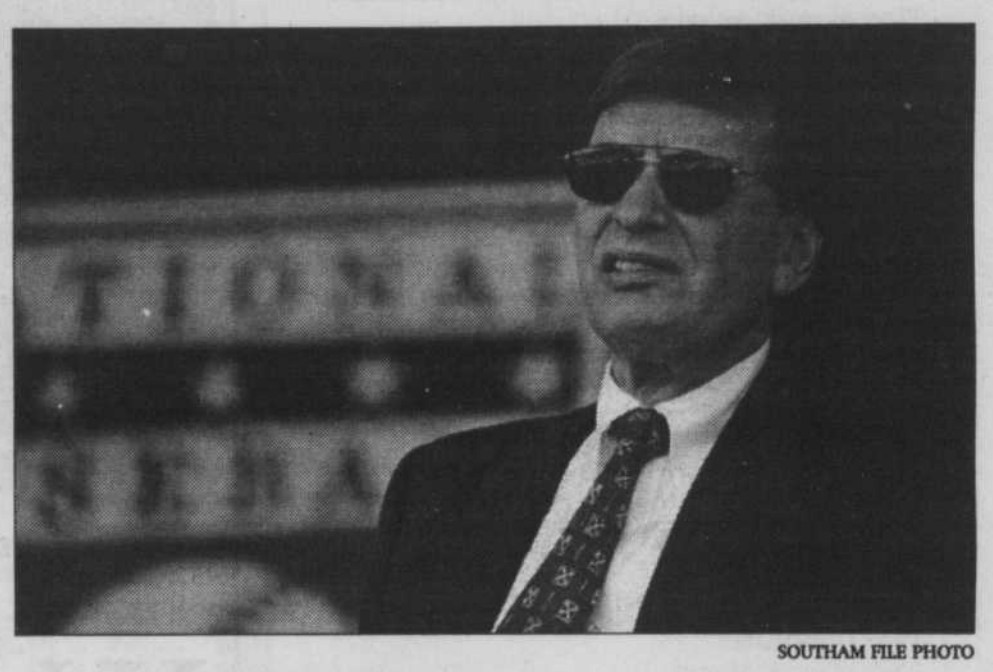
While the other four teams in the league are playing this week (Concordia was at Montreal last night), the Gaiters were conducting two-a-days in preparation for Monday's opener. While hopes are always high in pre-season, the Gaiters look strong in the skill positions, and have more depth this season than in past years.

But what really has coaches pumped up is the high fitness level players displayed on the first day of training camp. With a schedule that includes two games against the expansion Carabins and just one contest with Laval, the Gaiters have the potential to produce their first winning record in four years.

However, the team needs to stay healthy, and a young offensive line — which features just one returning starter — needs to mature quickly. Common sense would dictate that the Gaiters are a season or two away from being a first-place club, but fans should appreciate the team's desire to play a more diversified offence.

It is interesting that the advent of the football season coincides with the latest strike talk among the overpaid Major League baseball players and the even richer owners.

A strike date has been set for Aug. 30, and like a lot of baseball fans I really don't care if they strike or not. What a perfect opportunity for Canadian baseball fans to say 'salut' to the humbugs of summer and instead embrace Canadian university football.



SOUTHAM FILE PHOTO

Sports fans need to say 'salut' to MLB commissioner Bud Selig, his overpaid players and even richer owners in favour of some quality Canadian university football.

GAITERS HOMECOMING CONTEST

As the Bishop's Gaiters football team prepares for its season opener on Monday, *The Record* is gearing up for its Gaiters homecoming contest. Running until Sept. 27, *The Record* will run the Bishop's Gaiters logo throughout the paper. Just clip out three copies and send it in with your name, number and hometown to *The Record, c/o Homecoming Contest, 1195 Galt E., Sherbrooke, Que J1G 1Y7.* This year's prizes are: first, team jersey; second, Gaiters t-shirt; third, Gaiters hat.

Gaiters

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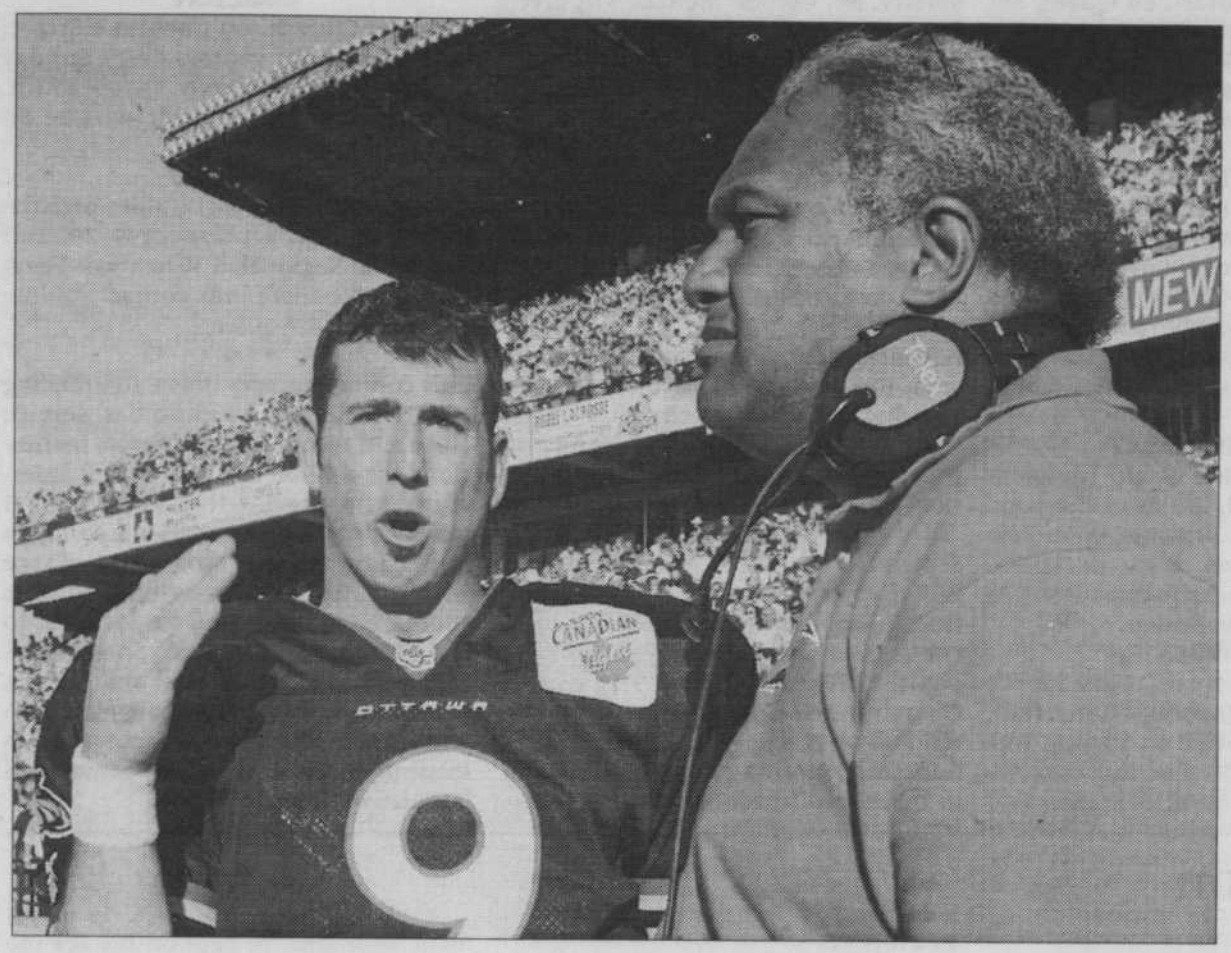
Ottawa Renegades join the hunt for NFL cuts



SOUTHAM

Dan Crowley's recent struggles have forced Ottawa Renegades head coach Joe Paopao to bench the starter in favour of backup O.T. Sampson. But following a lackluster performance of his own last week, the CFL team is looking south of the border so help.

By Matthew Sekeres
SOUTHAM NEWS

Plagued by quarterback struggles and needing a big-play receiver, Ottawa Renegades general manager Eric Tillman's attention shifted south yesterday.

The penultimate cutdown deadline for National Football League's 32 franchises was yesterday, but those players who survive until the next round of cuts (on Sept. 1) will likely end up on practice squads or rebuff CFL offers until other NFL opportunities arrive.

"This is the one of note," Tillman said. "Generally, these guys who are cut here are in the marketplace. The NFL cuts are certainly one way that you improve your football club, but, organizationally, we believe our nucleus is solid."

The Renegades are expecting to bring in four or five players over the following seven to 10 days, either to help this year or for an advanced look for next season.

Tillman will be keeping a keen eye on the receivers and quarterbacks who don't make the NFL grade, including Zeke Parker, a speedy wide receiver on the team's negotiation list who was cut by Arizona last week.

But Tillman still believes that any quarterback who could help the team this year would have to possess CFL experience. That eliminates negotiation-list quarterbacks such as Romaro Miller (Mississippi), who was dumped by the Minnesota Vikings, and Miami Dolphins cut Zak Kustok (Northwestern). Woody Dantzler, a former Clemson quarterback, looks like he will make the Dallas Cowboys as a return specialist and/or running back.

In fact, the only quarterback peaking Tillman's interest as a possible contributor this season is former Calgary and Saskatchewan signal-caller Henry Burris, who is in the Chicago Bears' camp.

"I'm not sure there is another quarterback out there who could have any impact this year," Tillman said. "But our quarterback solution might be here."

Dan Crowley's struggles led to his benching last week while backup quarterback O.T. Sampson didn't excite the coaches with his performance in a 30-9 loss to Hamilton. Third-stringer Chuck Clements is inching closer to playing time, but hasn't yet taken a regular-season snap.

Another quarterback, Ken Mastrole, a 25-year-old from Rhode Island, has been more impressive than Burris through Chicago's three preseason games, but Tillman still believes Burris will either make the Bears or be claimed by another NFL team.

If he does become available, Tillman said interest will be "immediate and strong," adding that he is supposed to call the Bears after their final preseason game. But, the Renegades will also have to contend with potential offers to Burris from B.C., Saskatchewan and Calgary, so nothing is guaranteed.

As for the other former CFL quarterback on the bubble, Dave Dickenson is almost assuredly slated to be the San Diego Chargers' third-stringer. And even if he becomes available, Dickenson's wife is from the West and it is believed he would only play for Calgary or B.C.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Gaiters Touchdown Club starts today

The Bishop's University's Touchdown Luncheon returns to the Old Lennoxville Golf Club today.

Head coach Larry Legault and his staff will be joined by the team's captains and will offer analysis of the first two league games played in Montreal, as well as preview of Monday's season opener against the Universite de Montreal Carabins slated for a 1 p.m. start at Coulter Field.

Vancouver makes cut for 2010 Olympics

Vancouver has made the short list of candidate cities for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Three other cities also made the International Olympic Committee cut Wednesday: Bern, Switzerland; Pyeongchang, South Korea; and Salzburg, Austria.

Eliminated from the race were Andorra La Vella, Andorra; Harbin, China; Jaca, Spain, and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

On TV

THURSDAY

- **TENNIS: 11 a.m. 1 & 7 p.m.,** U.S. Open, early rounds, TSN, RDS.
- **BASKETBALL: 2:30 p.m.,** World Championships, Canada vs. Spain, Sportsnet.
- **GOLF: 4 p.m.,** PGA Air Canada Championship, first round, RDS, Sportsnet.
- **MLB: 7 p.m.,** New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays, Sportsnet.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

QMJHL: Aug. 30, Victoriaville Tigres at Sherbrooke Castors, Palais des Sports, 7:30 p.m.
CYCLING: Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, UCI World Masters Championships, Quebec Cup, Bromont 24 Hour Challenge, Ski Bromont.

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WATERVILLE, HATLEY, NORTH HATLEY

Waterville, Hatley, North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge Sunday Worship Services on September 1 at the following times: North Hatley 9:30 a.m., Waterville 11 a.m., Hatley 11 a.m.

KNOWLTON

Knowlton Nursery School, in its 15th year of operation, located in Knowlton Academy, has spaces available for our 2002-2003 school year. We offer a bilingual pre-kindergarten program for children aged 3 to 5, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily. For further information about our program, call J. MacLeod (450) 243-1220.

ACTON VALE

The 138th annual Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church of St. Mark will take place on Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m. Archdeacon Howard Hawes will officiate with le pere Claude Prefontaine and Rev. Pierre Paul Laford assisting. Following the service, everyone is invited for refreshments in the Wurtele Garden. Any baked goods or articles would be appreciated for the White Elephant sale in support of the Church Fund for repairs and upkeep. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Annual Quilt Show and Sale, sponsored by Lennoxville Quilters, Friday, September 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at St. George's Church Hall, 84 Queen St., Lennoxville. Admission charged. Refreshments by St. George's Parish Guild. Information: Heather Stewart (819) 569-8031. Quilt registry by Q.C.C. Saturday only.

SAWYERVILLE

Annual Roast Turkey Supper at the Sawyerville United Church Hall on Thursday, September 5 starting at 4 p.m. till all are served. Turkey with all the trimmings, homemade rolls and pies. Sponsored by Sawyerville U.C.W. and the church congregation. Sales tables. You all come!

BALDWIN'S MILLS

United Church Ladies Group Tea Room and Sale, August 31, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at The Stonehouse, chemin Lyon. Baking, herbs, preserves, souvenirs, books, puzzles, rummage, attic treasures. Tea will be served in the garden.

DANVILLE

Advance notice. Annual Turkey Supper at St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, du Carmel St., Danville on Sunday, September 22 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission at door only. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Sherbrooke and District University Women's Club. Come and join us for our opening meeting on Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, McGreer Hall at Bishop's University. Mr. Claude Mehtra will give a brief presentation on Sherbrooke's Bicentennial; this will be followed by our interest groups sign-up. New members are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Bowling season for the Lennoxville Carpet Bowling Club will start Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gertrude Scott Hall, Lennoxville, Quebec. Come and bring a friend.

BURY

Advanced notice. Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Farmer's Fair and Fun Day to be held at the Bury United Cultural Center. Many activities for children, craft tables available. For information, call (819) 872-3682.

BURY - LAC MEGANTIC

September 1st, Outdoor service of Blessing of animals at St.Paul's Rest Home front lawn, Bury at 2 p.m. Please leash the pets or put in cage. Bring a lawn chair. Holy Eucharist at 9:15 a.m. in Church of the Good Shepherd, Bishopton and at 11 a.m. in St.Peter's Church Cookshire; Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. in St.Philip's Church Sawyerville. Friday, September 6th, Alpha Course in Cookshire at 3 p.m. followed by supper. Sunday, September 8th, Parish Family Church service in St.Barnabas' Church Lac Megantic at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

COMPTON

St.James Church (on Cochrane Street) will be open for visitors every Sunday from September 1st until October 13th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guide will be on hand. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

Richmond District Girl Guides registration: Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at Richmond Regional, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fee is charged. For more info, contact Pauline Nelson (819) 826-3066.

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105th Thayer Family Reunion

Prouty Beach in Newport, Vt., was the scene of the 105th Thayer Family Reunion on August 11, 2002. The weather man could not have been more accommodating with the order for beautiful weather.

About 50 gathered for the unveiling of the Thayer Annual Family Reunion which portrayed both the American and Canadian Flags as well as the Thayer Crest. Officially releasing the banner were Doris Thayer McKelvey (Canada) and Laurence Thayer (U.S.A.). Both are descendents of Albert and Electa Brown Thayer and James and Sarah Thayer, respectively. This banner will fly again at future Reunions, wintering at the home of Canadian president Ernest Thayer.

After a most fitting grace by Alice Thayer Whitcher, the family members enjoyed a smorgasbord of entrees and desserts. Following the meal, the Canadian president distributed toys to the very young members for their amusement.

American president, Lynn Thayer welcomed everyone, some were new faces and he also noted the absence of regular ones: Lillian Thayer Cargill, Verna and Merton Thayer would not be attending, someone noted.

Vital Statistics indicated that Pauline Monette Vita passed away the first week in April, 2002. A daughter, Rebecca Joy Thayer was born on December 14, 2001 to Christian and Jessica Thayer. Two marriages: Betty Hamelin (daughter of May Thayer Hamelin to Donald Clark in June 2002 (?) , and Debbie Webb Swistara to Joseph R. Jurinich III, on December 16, 2001.

Very Special Thayer Reunion Banner

Celebrating 51 years of marriage were Aldis and Mildred Thayer (Sept. 2, 2002). Rupert and Gilda Clark have been married 50 years (Aug. 23, 2002). Also on August 20, 2002, Roger and Edith Wallis will celebrate their 15th anniversary. It should be noted that Roger had just returned from the Afghanistan front serving with the Canadian forces, to his home in Goose Bay, Labrador and still managed the 1100 mile trip to the reunion.

The youngest present was Connor Prochuk, while Doris McKelvey took the honours for the oldest Thayer. Walter Smithers was the oldest person present at 93.

Following a discussion it was decided that the prayer used by Alice Thayer Whitcher which had been written many years ago by her mother, Ethel Hoyt Thayer (Mrs. Albert) and used by her at many Reunions, be kept on file for use at future gatherings.

It was also suggested that old family favourite recipes be incorporated into a cook book, the sale of which would raise money to cover expenses. Send your special recipes to either secretary, Dot Morey or Kim Nichols. Kim also surveyed the group in regard to the mailings of the newsletter, e-mailing and a family web-site.

President Lynn Thayer then thanked everyone who came and contributed in any way to make the day a successful one. After adjournment, the Canadian president, Ernest Thayer, conducted the drawing of door prizes, and the 50/50 raffle. Gold coloured pencils with "Thayer Reunion 2002" were distributed, courtesy of Debbie Webb Swistara - Bertha Thayer Smithers' daughter in Florida.

Everyone socialized, swam, renewed old and new acquaintances, swapped stories, or took pictures until late afternoon. Music by Mike and Cathy Brault with their accordian and guitar added to the afternoon's cheer as they accompanied Walter and Bertha as they sang several gospel and popular "old-time" songs.

Everyone left hoping to see each other again next year at the same location and the date announced well in advance.

In Memoriam

BURNHAM, Billy - In loving memory of a dear son who passed away accidentally August 29, 1971.
Always remembered and sadly missed.
MOM (AGNES)

BURNHAM, Billy - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who left us accidentally August 29, 1971.
Sadly missed
CAROLYN (sister)
KEVIN, RICKY, DALE, IAN (nephews)

GILLIM, Janet Mary - In memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who passed away August 29, 2000.
ALBERT (husband)
BRIAN, LARRY, DARRELL, DONNA (children)
VINCENT, ALEXANDRA, JORDON, ZACHARY (grandchildren)

LAMOTHE, Claude - In loving memory of a husband and father who left so suddenly seven years ago, August 29, 1995.
God saw that you were getting tired,
The hill was too hard to climb,
So He took you by the hand,
And quickly closed your eyes.
Loved and always remembered,
JOYCE (wife)
RENE (son)
LAURA-LEE (daughter)
and GRANDCHILDREN

Sawyerville

Jeanne Lowry

Justin and Jeanne Lowry accompanied by Gertie Lloyd and Joyce Lyonaise of Randboro and Parker Hill were afternoon visitors at the London Residence in Sherbrooke.

On Saturday, Justin and Jeanne accompanied by Gertie Lloyd of Randboro and Joyce Lyonaise and Dennis Bousket of Parker Hill were in Magog at the Anglican Church Hall for Roger Bailey's birthday (Joyce's brother) but unfortunately the guest of honour wasn't able to be there.

Mrs. Leona Hebert of Mansonville, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnes and their two grandsons: Brendon and Bailey Sturgeon were recent dinner guests of Mrs. Evelyn Macy.

Mrs. Evelyn Macy, Edie McBurney, Sara, Karen McBurney, and Chris Nobel were recent dinner guests in Abercorn of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Macy, their daughter Lisa Smith and little grandson were also dinner guests. Afternoon guests were Real Smith and his mother, Mrs. David Best and Mr. and Jrs. Jim Young of Inesburg, Vt.

Clinton and Phylis Smith of Ottawa were callers of Justin and Jeanne Lowry on Monday.

Jeanne Lowry accompanied Janice Hartwell of High Forest, Diane Bell of Jordan Hill and Stephanie Lowry of Sawyerville. We went to Lennoxville where we visited Mary Kirby's Christian Book Store and had tea at Uplands.

Deaths

BARRON, George - In Sherbrooke, on August 26, 2002. George Barron, of Magog, in his 82nd year. Husband of the late Vivian Juby. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah (Stan Appleyard), his granddaughter, Jenna, his friend, Edith Clark, his sister-in-law, Madelyn Kingsland, as well as nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends. Family will receive condolences on the day of the funeral from 12:00 - 1:40 p.m., at the Résidence Funéraire Ledoux Magog Inc., 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que., Jacques Lecours, president. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 30, 2002 at 2 p.m., at the St-Paul Unie Church. Interment will be held at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Magog.

BLACK, William George - March 22, 1923-August 27, 2002 - Peacefully at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, Que., on Tuesday, August 27th, 2002. Bill Black, beloved husband of Muriel Florence Dow, dear father of Carol (Allan Bombard) and Judy (Peter Antle). Grandfather of Gary, A.J., Shamus and Jimmy. Great-grandfather of Zachary, Jacob and McKenna Ray. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 1st from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Dion's Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford, Que. Church service on Monday, September 2nd at 2 p.m., in the St. Paul's Anglican Church, Philipsburg, Que. Upon request, no flowers please. Donations can be made in the memory of William Black to the charity of your choice.

Cards of thanks

JEWETT - We wish to thank our family for the nice 50th anniversary party that they gave us. Thanks to all for the good wishes, beautiful cards and gifts. It was great to have our family, relatives and friends together, bringing back memories of the past fifty years, memories that will stay with us always. Bless you all.
MAURICE and MARY JEWETT

McDONALD - The family of the late Helen Mary McDonald would like to thank everyone who helped during our time of grief. To those who visited, brought food and gave to La Maison Aube Lumiere in her memory. Also to Dr. Brizard and the nurses and volunteers at La Maison Aube Lumiere. The nurses and Dr. Helene Gauthier at the CLSC in Cookshire. A very special thank you to Pauline Thorneloe for her support and many acts of kindness.

Deaths

SPENCER, Hazel May (nee Frizzle) - Passed away peacefully in the care of the Courville Geriatric Center in Waterloo, Que., on Tuesday, August 27, 2002, in her 86th year. Lovingly remembered by her sons: David and wife, Martha of Waterloo, Fred and wife, Cathryn of Oakville, Ont. Grannie to Kevin (Marie-Claude), Randy (Janie Patterson) and Anna (David), great-grannie to Sam and aunt to various nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband, Donald, brothers: Arthur and Robert and sister, Isabelle. Visitation will be held on Monday, September 2, 2002 from 2 - 4 p.m., and from 7 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, day of the funeral from 9 a.m. Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 11 a.m., in the chapel of Bessette Funeral Homes, 5034 Foster, Waterloo, tel.: (450) 539-1606 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 539-3035. Followed by interment at the Knowlton Protestant Cemetery. In her memory, donations in her memory to St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo or charity of choice will be gratefully appreciated by the family.

SEARS, Florence Nora (Frame) - Passed away peacefully at the age of 73, with her family present on Sunday, August 25th, 2002 at Charles Lemoyne Hospital in Greenfield Park. Daughter of the late Harvey Frame and the late Ethel Collett. Formerly of Windsor, Que., and Magog, Que. Predeceased by a daughter, Patricia and a son, James, sisters: Lila, Hazel and a brother-in-law, Wes Miller, Mary and brothers-in-law: Lloyd Paige and Henry Leonard. She leaves to mourn her husband, Maurice Sears, daughters: Beverley (Pat Maceyak), Barbara (Pierre Dubuc), Shirley (Tara Tietz) and Sheila (Robert Wilken) and sons: Ted and Robert (Sylvie Sanschagrin). As well as sisters: Ethel (Douglas Jondreville), Betty (Norman Campbell), Rhoda, Pearl (Arthur Smeltzer) and a brother, Carl (Bee Swift) and a brother-in-law, Chris Hayes. She will be sadly missed by her loving grandchildren: Lisa and Jesse MacLeod, Sara and Andrea Dubuc, Carley Romney, Joshua, Kristi, Molly and Jordan Wilken and Jessica and Alexandra Sears, as well as many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Collins, Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home, 307 Riverside Drive (at Argyle), St Lambert on Wednesday, August 28th, 2002 from 2 - 5 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral service from the chapel on Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 1 p.m. Cremation to follow. Interment will be in Windsor, Que. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Kidney Foundation of Canada would be greatly appreciated.

Deaths

STEINMANN, Mrs. Alice (nee Hahni) - At the Centre d'Accueil de Cowansville, Monday, August 26, 2002 in her 94th year. Mother of Erika Blumenfeld, Silvia Leibundgut and Tony Steinmann. A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel United Church of Cowansville on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at 2 p.m. Family will receive condolences Saturday, one hour before the service at the Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Denis Meunier Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, Que., tel.: 266-6061, fax: 266-6057, e-mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1J3.

WILLIS, Mae Glee (nee Biggs) - December 24, 1939-August 11, 2002 - After a courageous battle with lung cancer, Mae passed away suddenly at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, on August 11th, 2002 in her 63rd year. Loving wife for 45 years of Mr. John Willis. Proud mother of Donna (William Hopps), David (Colette Boivin), Sharon (Gerald Andrusiak) and Andrea (Kevin Doherty), loving grandmother of Stanley, Alysha, Stephan, Matthew and Christina. Predeceased by her mother, Ethel, she leaves to mourn her father, Fred Biggs, her brother, Forest (Jo-Anne Lucht), her sister, Gay (David Wilson), many more family members and dear friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 31 Principale South, Sutton, Que., J0E 2K0, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca, on Friday, August 30th, 2002 from 7 - 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held from the chapel on Saturday, August 31st at 2 p.m., followed by interment at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Abercorn, Que., Reverend Tim Smart officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Canadian Cancer Society, P.O. Box 131, Cowansville, Que., J2K 3H1, would be gratefully appreciated. A special thank you to all of her friends that were there when she needed them. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Note: Saturday, day of service, the funeral home will be open from 12 p.m.

Graveside Service

MOORE, Arthur Stanley - A graveside service and interment of ashes will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery, Sherbrooke, Que., on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at 11 a.m. Rev. Canon Ron West officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, (819) 564-1750.

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	South ♠ 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ A ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ A K Q 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002

Another impossible play to find

By Phillip Alder

Jean Kerr, a U.S. playwright and author, penned: "I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want — an adorable pancreas?"

This deal features a beautiful point, but after using William Bailey's Deep Finesse program, I discovered that it has something clever at pancreas level too.

How should declarer play to make four spades after the defenders take three diamond tricks, then cast adrift with a club? How can the defenders do better?

If the trumps are 3-1 or 2-2, there are no worries; declarer's club two can be ruffed in the dummy. But what if trumps are 4-0? If East has them, the contract is unmakable. But if West has all four, declarer must play carefully. Here, if South immediately leads a trump to dummy's queen, he cannot make the contract.

Instead, as a precaution, South should first unblock the heart ace. Then, after a trump to dummy's queen reveals the bad break, declarer ruffs a heart in hand, plays a spade to dummy's nine, ruffs the heart jack, draws West's remaining trumps, and cashes his clubs. South's 10 tricks are four spades in the dummy, one heart, three clubs and two heart ruffs in hand.

To defeat the contract, if declarer lets the diamond jack win trick one, West must immediately shift to a trump. This disrupts declarer's timing, but who would find it? And if declarer does cover with dummy's diamond queen, the defenders take their three diamond tricks, then West exits with a trump. Again, unlikely, but possible.

His obsession with your appearance is unhealthy

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a problem we don't know how to handle. "John's" parents died a few years ago. He has two sisters, and we adore them and their families. We used to get together frequently, meeting for dinner or taking short trips, but not anymore.

Two years ago, John quit drinking. Alcohol was clearly becoming a problem in our marriage, and the entire family was pleased that he finally did something about it. However, since then, his sisters rarely call and never invite us to go out with them. I know they enjoy a cocktail or two at dinner, but I have assured them that their social drinking is not a problem for John. He can handle it.

Regardless of my words, his sisters have not asked us out. They insist they are not abandoning John and his abstention has nothing to do with the fact that we no longer see them.

This is the only family John has, and he misses them. I do, too. Any suggestions? — Lonely in Eau Claire, Wis.

Dear Eau Claire: Congratulations to John for giving up alcohol. Unfortunately, his sisters feel uncomfortable drinking around him and apparently don't want to stop drinking. If they cannot resist alcohol around John, they may have the same problem he has — which is another reason they may be avoiding you.

Instead of waiting for them to phone, call them up, and invite them over for dinner or out to a restaurant. When they see how easy it is for John to be in their presence, even if they have a cocktail, they will be more apt to include you in their future plans. Don't give up.

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl and have been dating "Matt" for over a year. He is 18. We are in love, and Matt says he wants to marry me someday. My parents like him a lot and are in favor of our relationship.

The only problem is, Matt hates the way I dress. I weigh slightly over 100 pounds and wear a size 2. Matt says I should wear baggy clothes because he doesn't want other guys to check me out. I don't dress slutty, but loose clothing makes me feel sloppy and fat.

Matt is usually sweet to me and buys me presents for no reason at all. Please don't say I'm too young to be in love. This is the real thing. However, I'm worried that his need to control my clothing might be a problem later on. — Worried in Maine

Dear Maine: You sound quite mature, but I can't say the same about Matt. You are wise to recognize that his obsession with your appearance is unhealthy. It indicates insecurity, possessiveness and jealousy — not good traits.

You may be in love, but you are still young and have many years ahead of you. Marriage should be a lifetime commitment. Give yourself the luxury of waiting before you commit to Matt. You want to make the right choice.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Kate in California," whose young son is full of energy in public. She said she often gets angry looks and nasty comments regarding his rambunctious behavior.

Your advice was good, but please suggest to Kate that she take her son off sugar, food colorings and food additives. It works for my grandsons. — Iowa Granny

Dear Iowa: Thanks for the suggestion. Several readers also recommended that Kate's son be tested for ADHD — an excellent idea.

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

Sherbrooke County Women's Institute meeting

The quarterly meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute was held at Ives Hill Community Hall, with Milby branch members as hostesses. The meeting came to order at 10 a.m., president Marion Annesley welcoming all and thanking Milby members for their hospitality.

The Collect for Clubwomen and the Salute to the Flag were repeated by all. The Roll Call showed 3 members from Ascot Branch, 4 from Lennoxville and 7 Milby members.

The sponsorship committee of Marion Annesley, Evelyn Suitor and Pat Hurley will meet shortly to discuss the matter of contacting sponsors for the 2003 convention. With regard to resolutions, it was noted that Marg. Williams and Pat Hurley will vote as branches specify.

The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance on hand.

Correspondence read included a letter from Elaine Stone, thanking members for their program at Convention.

In discussion regarding items for sale at the 2003 convention, it was moved by Pat Hurley, seconded by Marg. Williams, that we felt that, in this area, the price suggested for the rent of a table is too high. Carried.

Conveners reports were given by Pat Hurley for Canadian Industries, Marg. Williams for Education, Marjorie Suitor for Home Economics, Margaret Hall for International Affairs and Donna Davis for Safety.

In her president's report Marion thanked the members for sending her to Convention and gave information regarding various meetings and workshops, mentioning that suggestions for the Essay competions would be appreciated, that there will not be a Second vice-president in the future, that the Peace Garden will be mentioned in coming reports. She advised that next year's Convention will be May 11-15, with the theme "International Year of Fresh Water."

New business consisted of discussion on what the County is going to do about sponsorships for the coming Federated Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock and members enjoyed a delicious lunch of salads, cold cuts, rolls, dessert and tea. Appreciation was extended to the Milby hostesses by Margaret Hall. While we were at the table best wishes for a Happy Birthday were extended to Mildred Lowry and she was presented with a plant by her branch members.

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. for a brief afternoon session and members were advised that the next County meeting would be on October 9th, at St. George's Church Hall, with Ascot members as hostesses. The next Provincial Board Meeting will be held at Richmond on October 19 and 20.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Phyllis Worster

Bits of Nostalgia

By Nina Rowell

Sherbrooke Daily Record, Aug. 1, 1919

COOKSHIRE

Mr. James Carton has entered the employ of the Applefor Counter Check Book Company Limited, at their local plant.

In another column of this paper will be found the call for tenders for the erection of a soldiers' Memorial Monument here, which will be received up Tuesday, August 12th. In this connection, the Committee wish to announce that at an early date a list of all the names received of Cookshire men and women to be inscribed on this fine Memorial Monument will be published for the purpose of revision, so that in case of error being made the name and rank of all enlisted men and nursing sisters from this town, there will be na ample opportunity for both addition to lists and rectification. The secretary of the Monument Committee, Mr. Oscar W. Rand, will be glad to receive and names to be carved on the Monument and donations for same may be sent to Mr. Rand. The erection of this splendid tribute to Cookshire's heroes and heroines in the Great War, will, in all probability, take place about October 1st, with the ceremony of unveiling.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
Today's clue: U equals J

"E APX'G CSFR VMWB SXUPR YPPNEXL OG HOEXGEXLI EX LSXSFOY. E NXPZ GPP VMWB OJPMG GBSV. E GONS GBSV OHOFG." — LSPFLEO P'NSSDDS

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "The limelight is like sunshine at first, and then eventually you can get sunstroke from it." — (Novelist) Erich Segal
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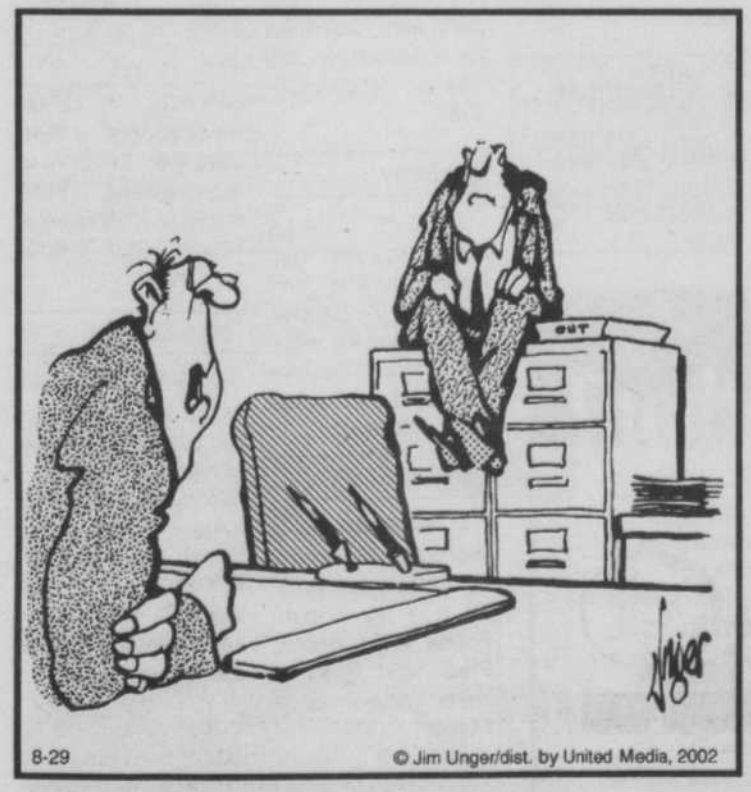

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FALL LIQUIDATION sale, starting Saturday, August 31, 9 a.m. Jean Coates Antiques, 212 Queen Street, Lennoxville (819) 565-9166

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Get well wishes are sent out to Norma and Dan Rhicard who have both been in hopsitals, St. Jean and Montreal respectively. I'm pleased to report that they're home now and recovering.

The Missisquoi Historical Society presented a film by Louise Abbott "Alexander Walbridge: The Visionary of Mystic." It was well attended with great reviews and is on sale at the museum for twenty dollars.

Massey-Vanier High School Academic Awards were presented, S.E. recipients were: Genevieve Baker, Crystal Beaucage and Annie Bourgea. Congratulations to these three "B's" and best of wishes as you pursue your future. S.E. presenters were: Rosemary Gage (The Barry Gage Citizenship and Torrington Div.), Louise Gage (Stanley and Viola Gage), Colin Gage (Wesley Gage Memorial Scholarship and District of Bedford Masonic Lodge #19 Scholarship Fund).

Sympathy is extended to the families of Emmy Huck and Ivanhoe Gosselin of Frelighsburg, Ruth Montandon of Mystic and of Lillian Wilson Boomhower of S.E. in the deaths of their loved ones.

The wedding of Pierre-Luc Gagne and Natalie Ingalls took place officiated by Rev. Brett Anningson. The reception was held at the Hill Top Sugar Bush. The bride and groom spent the night in Burlington, Vt., then it was "back to farming" with plans for a vacation later on... congratulations friends and all the best in the years ahead!

Neil and I attended my cousin Ken Gordon's 80th birthday party in Springfield, Ma. It was nice to be with my maternal family who are Scottish and despite my joke about the bagpipes, I do enjoy them!

Congratulations to Bijoux and Ella Gendreau who were honoured at a surprise 50th anniversary celebration at the Philipsburg Legion.

The weather during Laconia-Bike weekend was awful this year, several who rode over with us came home early.

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002

The contacts that will prove to be the most effective for you in the year ahead will be the ones with persons who are either older or more knowledgeable than yourself. You may establish these unions through non-vocational involvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Think big today and perform in accordance with those ideas. You're in a very productive cycle now and the only things that can hold you back are self-imposed limitations. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is an opportunity lurking around you today that may be somewhat veiled, but you can find it if you take care not to overlook anything, no matter how small the issue or matter is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Being a person with intense emotions and desires, you have a faculty for generating fervent action in others. Today, however, your presence will have a soothing, calming effect on your companions instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Completing a task today that you've been neglecting will not only get a monkey off your back, but will be the source that ends up generating a bonus or extra income of some sort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As long as you're socializing today, why not take advantage of those who are progressive and pick their brains a bit? It could be very worthwhile to exchange ideas and information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This could be an excellent day to go shopping for that expensive household item you need. Chances are great today for running into a genuine bargain that'll save you a bundle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your thinking may actually be superior to others today, so don't hold back your thoughts. Once in a discussion, everyone will sit up and take notice when you start voicing your opinions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make a concerted effort to acquire that luxury item you've been yearning for. There's a chance today that you could find the means to get it, either through some extra work or a bonus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do what you can for others today, but where you can really make the most progress is in spending your time on situations that can advance your own personal interests. Do something for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There is no need to paddle against the currents today. Things will have a way of working out to your advantage if you let everything run its natural course.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could be asked to take on more responsibilities or duties today, but, much to your surprise, what you are asked to do could turn out to be more of a pleasure than a nuisance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's just like you to take on something today from which associates have been shying away. To you the challenge will be very stimulating and you'll be able to rise to the occasion.

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ACROSS
1 Freshwater fish
5 Writer Oz
9 Yours, long ago
14 "SportsCenter" stn.
15 Opera star
16 Like Cheerios
17 Needle case
18 Lenin Peak's range
19 Work, as dough
20 Betty Grable film
23 1/2 of a marriage
24 Oxford fellow
25 "__ Here to Eternity"
27 Garlic-basil sauce
31 Melange
33 Cantor and Lupino
37 Huns' leader
39 Adherent's suffix
40 Gun maker
41 Gordon Lightfoot hit
44 Self-images
45 Gerundial ending
46 Gives instructions to
47 Actress Moore
48 Dundee dagger
50 Coeur d'__, ID
51 Eur. defense assn.
53 Seaman's org.
55 __ Na Na
58 Caldwell novel
64 No-man's land
66 Actress Kedrova
67 Run without moving
68 French water-bottler
69 Writer Bagnold
70 High time?
71 Doorstop
72 Lather
73 Earl __ tea

DOWN
1 Borscht ingredient
2 City near Turin
3 Created like a web
4 Clipped piece
5 Hersey's bell town
6 City in Italia
7 Track shape
8 Marlin's cousin
9 Godzilla's target
10 Harrison in "Star Wars"
11 News bit
12 Get closer
13 Finishes
21 First chess champion Anderssen
22 Amatory
26 Legrand or Fokine
27 Set speed for
28 French floor
29 Sen. Thurmond
30 Makes a connection
32 Loyal subject
34 Use a divining rod
35 Prost or Delon
36 "Funny Girl" composer
38 Noble Brit
42 Dignifies
43 Fertilizer type
49 Geometry man
52 Do penance
54 Lots
55 Killed violently
56 Bees' milieu
57 In the thick of
59 Indigenous Japanese
60 Wedding token
61 Aroma
62 __ vera
63 Repudiate
65 Sack

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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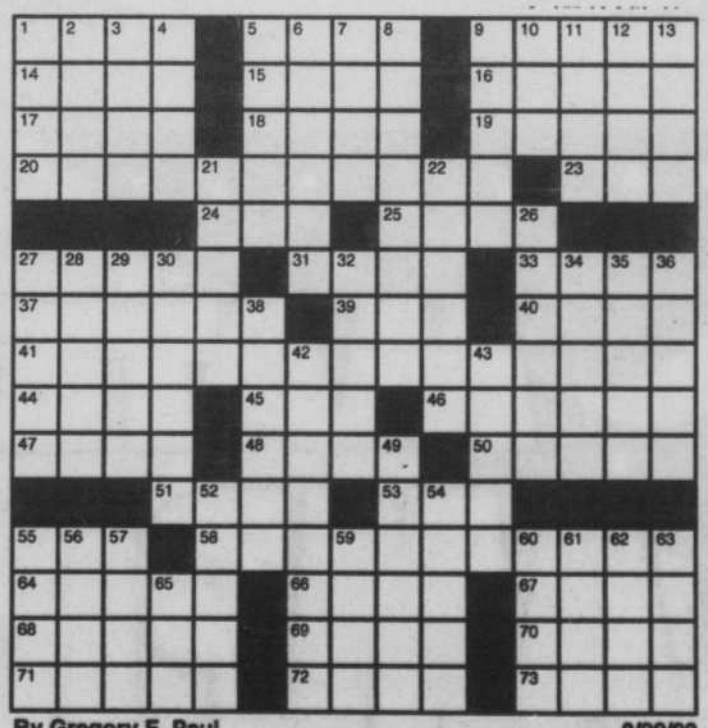

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