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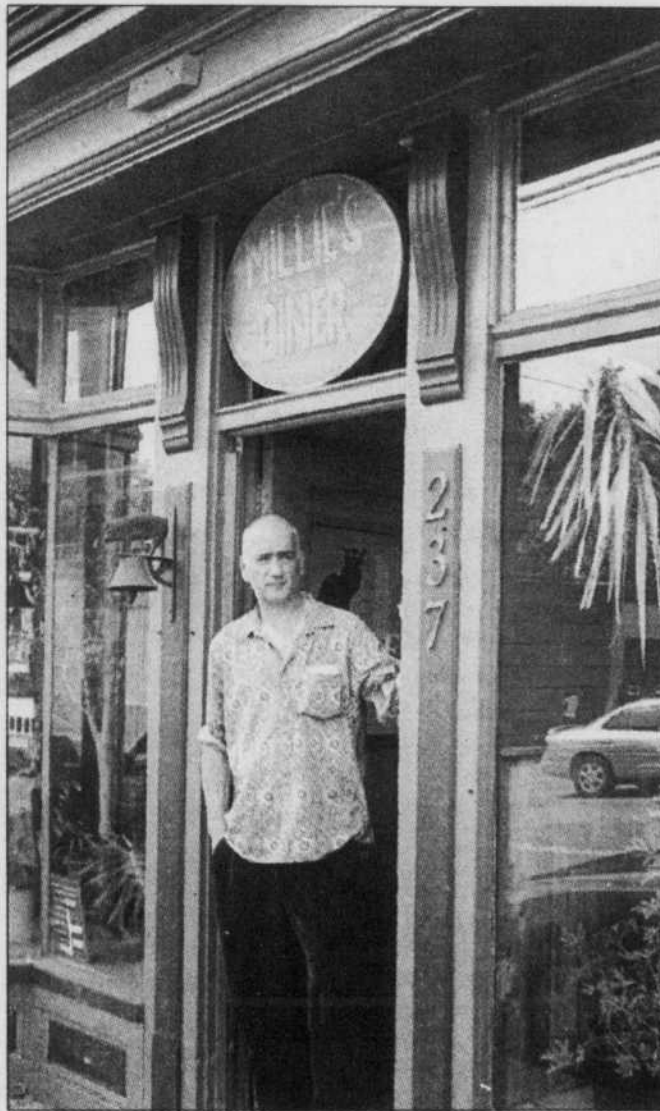
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## From Film to Food



PETER VARGA

Filmmaker/restauranteur Bashar Shbib poses outside Millie's Diner, formerly known as Café Santé. The filmmaker had intended to use the restaurant as a set for a TV series production, and took on ownership when previous owner Linda Goodsell decided to close last spring. For the full story on this unique eatery please see Page 8

## Four honoured for helping bring peace to Afghanistan



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Medals were awarded to four Sherbrooke residents who assisted Armed Forces personnel in Afghanistan. Pictured are: Commandant Christian Barabé, Chief Warrant Officer Mario Ouellet, Sultan Ahaizodin, Amamali Hanif, Shah Ismatullah Habibi, Azimiy Bakhtiyari.

### Four men awarded General Service Medal

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

Despite the constant threat of gun fire and suicide bombers, four Sherbrooke residents signed up to go back to their native country of Afghanistan and help Canadian soldiers bring order to their war-ravaged country.

The four were awarded the General Service Medal and certificate of participation for helping

Canadian peacekeepers in the Central Asian country in the fall and summer of 2004. They were recruited by the Canadian Armed Forces in 2003.

Family and friends crowded around three of the four men while representatives from the Canadian Army handed out the medals at Sherbrooke City Hall Wednesday morning, the first day of the Festival des traditions du monde.

The special medal is given to civilians and soldiers for their efforts in helping the Canadian Army, despite the dangers of a well-armed enemy.

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# Hopps adds new award to list of honours

*Environmentalist honoured by Memphremagog Conservation group*

By Leah Fitzgerald

He's spent more than half his life fighting for the health of Lake Memphremagog, its marshes and tributaries, and he shows no sign of stopping.

Stewart Hopps, 84, was awarded the first Gordon Kohl Memorial Award by Memphremagog Conservation, Inc. Saturday. Hopps has been a member of MCI since 1967, and has served as vice-president and held the honorary role of governor.

Gisèle Lacasse-Benoît, an environmentalist in her own right working with both MCI and against the condo developments at Mount Orford, nominated Hopps for the award.

"If I am here today talking about the environment, it is only because of you," she said. "You inspire my life and the lives of many other people from the Eastern Townships and all over Quebec."

Hopps was the first municipal inspector in the region, and worked in Magog Township for 10 years. He worked on the law that gives a 10-metre border to the shorelines of waterways at a time when no environmental norms existed in the province.

He's worked with Operation Nettoyage, which works on educating youth about the environment. In 17 years, he's handed out over 50,000 trees.

In 1991, Hopps also founded his own environmental watchdog group, the Fondation Marécage Memphremagog (Memphremagog Wetland Foundation), which has rescued 840 acres of wetland through three different projects. Hopps is still working with the group, which has seven more projects on the go.

This isn't the first time Hopps has been recognized for his work. In 1999, Hopps received the Order of Canada. He was nominated by actor Donald Sutherland, who also donated land to Hopps' foundation. Sutherland spends his vacations on the lake, and is a longtime friend of Hopps.

"Thankfully, Stewart Hopps, with the most vigilant of intelligences, has worked relentlessly, with one vision, one hope, in the defence of natural life," Sutherland wrote in his letter recommending



FILE PHOTO

Conservationist Stewart Hopps is the recipient of MCI's first Gordon Kohl Memorial Award..

Hopps for the Order of Canada.

"With great self-sacrifice and undying diligence he has struggled with the powers that be to sustain our habitat so that it could grow and continue, providing through its well-being, social and economic profit to all of us."

Hopps was the recipient of the Michel Ledoux prize in 2003, awarded by the Fondation Estrienne en environnement and the Conseil Régional de l'Environnement de l'Estrie. The Michel Ledoux prize recognizes outstanding contributions to environmental causes.

Hopps was also voted an Outstanding Township-er in 2003.

# Gas leak forces evacuation in Coaticook

Staff

Workers from nine businesses in Coaticook's industrial park were ordered to leave their buildings Wednesday morning following a gas leak.

"Workers were called out of their buildings around 8 a.m.," said Sûreté du Québec spokeswoman, Linda Bertrand.

Despite conflicting reports of between 1,000 and 3,000 workers evacuated, Bertrand couldn't give an exact number. However, she said the leak was caused when an excavation team ruptured a pipe while digging a hole in the area.

There were no injuries reported and workers were called back over an hour later.

# The Real Rockland



I readily admit to being geographically challenged and apologize for misdirecting prospective visitors to Rockland, Maine in a travel story published in yesterday's Record, by suggesting it was between Portland and Old Orchard. It's not.

According to the driver who got us there, take 212 to the Canada-U.S. border at Woburn. Take 26 South to Augusta, then 17 East to Rockland and you will be there in roughly 4 hours.

Sharon McCully

# Weather

**Today:** Sunny with cloudy periods. Wind becoming northwest 20 km/h late in the morning. High 24.

**Friday:** Cloudy. Low 11. High 24.

**Saturday:** A mix of sun and cloud. Low 13. High 27.

**Sunday:** Showers. Low 17. High 22.

# Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Newport committee formed despite citizen protest

By Brion Robinson

Despite protests from Newport's municipal council, residents of the small municipality will see more of their tax dollars put into a new committee this year.

The new seven-member committee will take care of services including fire and tourism for both Cookshire-Eaton and Newport.

Newport residents learned about the new committee during a public meeting Tuesday night. About 60 people met at the town hall in Island Brook Tuesday evening to find out more about the new municipality's future after it split from Cookshire-Eaton last year.

A representative from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs was on hand to answer any questions and talk about the new committee.

Newport Mayor Bertrand Landry said council never wanted a new committee.

"We didn't want a new committee because it would be more of an expense for residents," he said during a telephone interview with The Record.

The committee includes six councillors from Cookshire-Eaton and one from Newport.

Residents also wanted to know more about Newport's portion of a surplus totalling around \$120,000.

Landry said it will take time and some consultation between both sides and the government before an agreement can be reached.

He noted the municipality is still waiting for a \$100 tax credit for each resident living in the municipality of some 770.

Despite other hanging questions including the new municipality's control, Newport Councillor Robert Cyr said people will have to wait until after municipal elections in November.

"The government plans to discuss the numbers after the new council is elected in November," he said during a telephone interview with The Record, noting there will be new council members in the fall.

"I'm still not sure if I'm coming back," he said.

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# New Dalsa navigation cams headed for Mars

Staff

A new satellite will be headed to Mars today, once again equipped with high tech cameras built by Bromont's Dalsa Semiconductor.

The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), was set to be launched Wednesday. But a last minute problem with one of the booster rockets forced the delay.

Once lift-off is achieved, the \$500 million MRO will have embarked on a 107.5 million kilometre trip to the red planet, arriving in orbit there sometime in March 2006. Once it's in the neighborhood, Dalsa's cameras will get to work. This time they will be used to navigate the satellite into the best possible orbit, using Mars' two moons as reference points.

Once in position, the satellite will spend the next 25 months using other cameras not built by Dalsa to investigate the history of water on Mars. It will also be scouting for possible landing sites for future Mars missions.

"We expect to use the spacecraft's eyes in the sky in the coming years as our primary tools to identify places for future missions to land," David McCuiston, director of the space exploration program for NASA told the BBC News. Those landing sites could be used for manned missions to Earth's neighbor within the next few years.

The experimental navigation camera is the latest achievement for Dalsa, whose Bromont plant helped design the cameras for the Spirit and Opportunity Mars rovers. Those cameras sent back some of the clearest images ever taken of the planet's surface.

## MEDALS:

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The four men, who are fluent in the Afghan Persian and Turkic Languages, acted as cultural advisors to Canadian soldiers. For three months they shared barracks with the soldiers and traveled around Afghanistan's capital city, Kabul acting as translators and setting up contacts.

Shah Ismatullah Habibi, director-general for the multicultural association, l'Association Educative Transculturelle certainly wasn't expecting any special recognition.

"I never thought we would get an award for our work," he said shortly after receiving his medal and certificate of appreciation from the Canadian Army.

Habibi said he agreed to go to the country to help his people in spite of the risks.

"I'm always ready to help my people," he said. There was always danger, but we did what we had to do."

Despite the distance, his wife, two sons and two daughters were always just a phone call away.

"He called home three or four times a week," said Habibi's wife, Nasima, who is also from Afghanistan. "It wasn't easy for him to go to back to a country that's still at war."

Nasima can't help but smile while her husband is photographed with his medal. "I'm very happy for him," she said, adding her husband is very capable of helping their adopted country.

Nasima said she wanted to join her husband, but in the end they decided it could be just too dangerous.

Other recipients included Hanif Amamali an Afghani native who works in a rubber factory.

Amamali, dressed in a black suit and white shirt, holds the burgundy-

coloured box containing his medal and certificate under his arm.

"I'm very proud of our work in Afghanistan," he said, adding the city of some 1.5 million people seemed much more stable since he first left almost ten years ago.

"They had important jobs," said Chief Warrant Officer, Mario Ouellet who lived and worked with them. "We needed them to help us get close to the general population on a cultural level."

Ouellet said close contact with people is critical to the army's mission to stabilize Afghanistan.

"It's a question of mutual respect," he said. "We can't go there thinking it's going to be anything like Canada. We have to respect their culture."

Other recipients included Bakhtiyari Azimy and Ahaizodin Sultan.

Despite some changes, the Canadian Army is continuing its peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan and it's still very dangerous.

Before winter, Canada's famous Camp Julien near Kabul will be dismantled and about 150 soldiers will set up near Kandahar in the south.

The UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was created in late 2001 to help bring stability to the country. Canada is a major contributor to the effort and has been the lead nation of Force's Kabul Multinational Brigade since August 2003.

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# Former Sherbrooke Record owner remembered

*Ivan Saunders took over paper at difficult time*

By Giancarlo La Giorgia

Ivan Walter Saunders, a beloved husband, father, friend and colleague, and by all accounts a man devoted to charity and community service, died on Aug. 8, at age 87.

His passing is especially noted here at The Record, where Saunders worked for 24 years as business manager, beginning in 1944. However, for many, it is his brief tenure as this newspaper's owner for which he is most remembered.

On Aug. 1, 1968, he and Robert Stafford bought the paper (then-called the Sherbrooke Daily Record) from media tycoon John Basset, Jr., founder of the CTV television network.

Unfortunately, financial difficulties forced him to sell the publication on June 26, 1969, to a young, would-be press baron named Conrad Black, and his associates Peter White and David Radler.

Yet, although Saunders's reign as owner was only brief, spanning less than a year, the effect his ownership had on the continued survival of this newspaper is no less profound.

"If [Saunders and Stafford] hadn't invested their money into The Record, there wouldn't have been a paper left for Black, White and Radler to buy," said Charles Catchpaugh, 78, a longtime friend and former co-worker of Saunders.

The business partners knew a tough road lay ahead of them, but according to Catchpaugh, Saunders's interest in the Townships and the survival of the English community spurred him to continue.

When Saunders bought the paper from Basset, Jr., the situation was already grim: its presses were antiquated, subscriptions were down and ad revenues were following suit. Basset, Jr. had been too busy building a media empire to concern himself with The Record — a "farm paper" where he would train future staff for the now-defunct Toronto Telegram.

To regain a competitive edge, Saunders and Stafford had to swallow the costs of purchasing a new press and acquiring a new place to house it. However, through all the trials and



COURTESY CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

*Ivan Saunders will be missed by community.*

tribulations, he never showed any less warmth or caring for his employees.

"Ivan Saunders was a man who, despite his financial obligations, was always concerned with the people working for him," said Catchpaugh.

One small example that Catchpaugh recalled was the fact that, even during the bleak winter during his time as owner, Saunders continued the old practice of giving each employee a Christmas turkey, just as he had every year before. "He was something of a mother hen to us," Catchpaugh joked.

Hugh Dougherty, a journalist with 50 years' worth of experience, is another former Record employee with fond memories of his old boss.

Born in Montreal but raised in Sherbrooke, Dougherty started working off-and-on at The Record in 1953, while completing his studies. In 1959, he was working at The Gazette as a reporter when Saunders offered him the job of news editor, which he duly accepted. He was quickly promoted to editor-in-chief, where he claims Saunders gave him a free hand to run the newsroom as he saw fit.

He left the paper in 1968, before the paper changed ownership, on Saunders's own advice, sparing him from the tumultuous months ahead.

"I was in television news with the CBC



FILE PHOTO

*Ivan Saunders (left) seals the purchase of The Sherbrooke Daily Record from Donald Basset*



FILE PHOTO

*Ivan Saunders (centre) is bid a fond farewell following the sale of the company to Conrad Black, Peter White and David Radler.*

all over the country for 23 years, and spent 20 years working in print. But, looking back, I still say that my job at The Record was the best I ever had, and Ivan had a lot to do with that," he said.

After Saunders left The Record in 1969, he became the director of buildings and grounds at Bishop's University

— a position he held until he retired in 1985.

Saunders devoted much of his golden years to his passions: curling; community work, particularly through the Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; and doting on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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# Community mourns the loss of Bob Douglas

By Joshua Bleser

The passing of Robert (Bob) Douglas on Sunday leaves an entire community in mourning. As his family, friends, and colleagues absorb the sad news, however, they also look back upon fond memories with glowing praise for a man who made a lasting, positive impression on everyone whose path he crossed as a teacher, principal, curler, hockey player and coach, and loving husband and father.

"What a remarkable man he was," says Sandra Jewett, who was the chairwoman of the District of Bedford school board during Douglas's last years as principal of Massey-Vanier high school (M-V) in the late 1980s. "He was an extremely capable principal...he had a wonderful sense of humour and an amazing understanding of human nature," Jewett adds.

Douglas was the principal of M-V from 1977 to 1988, before which he taught at Heroes' Memorial and with the Chateauguay Valley school board.

Evan Price taught under Douglas from 1977 to 1987 and was a vice-principal at M-V during the last year of Douglas's career. He, like Jewett, remembers Douglas as both an outstanding person and a superior educator. "He was an exceptional principal, very collaborative, (and) a sensational communicator...he made the school an exceptional place," Price remembers.

About Douglas's professional abilities, there is no shortage of superlatives (Douglas's one-time boss, Jim Bissell, remarks that he had "about the best rapport with people of anyone I've ever met"). One of the common themes among the stories friends and colleagues tell of Douglas's life, however, is that for him teaching and administering was only part of education, and education was only one of many ways to contribute to the community.

"He was totally involved in the community (and) truly a man for all seasons," notes Peter Cummings, who taught under Douglas for many years at M-V. "When he interviewed teachers, he always asked, 'what else can you do? Are you involved in sports, science fairs, theatre?'"

For his part, Douglas could do plenty else. On top of his hectic schedule, Douglas found time to curl in Sutton, organize and participate in the Massey-Vanier Hockey League (or the "geriatric league" as Cummings calls it), coach hockey, and serve on the

board of directors of the Brome Fair.

"You wouldn't expect a principal to be in overalls at Brome Fair, but there he was," Jewett remembers.

The M-V hockey team won the provincial championships in 1985-86 with Douglas and Bob Kay at the helm, and, as Kay recalls, "(Bob) was a big reason for their success." "He was a great man to work with, by far the best educator I've ever met and, better than that, one of the best humans."

Of course, school wasn't all fun and good vibes for Douglas. By all accounts, he gave a lot of himself, honoured his word and his commitments, and held others to the same high standard. "He was very firm (but) extraordinarily kind," Jewett says; and, she marvels, "he sure did know kids...(those) who came under his tutelage didn't know how lucky they were."

Danusia Wiazowski, now a teacher at M-V, was a student during Douglas's last few years as principal. She remembers his toughness but fully realizes how lucky she was to have him as a principal.

"As a student," Wiazowski recalls, "you didn't pal around with (Douglas); but you glowed in his presence because he was interested in you AND he knew who you were. Even more remarkable, he remembered us by name - even 17 years after graduating."

"He wasn't a principal you wanted to disappoint or have to face when you'd done wrong. That is the mark of a great principal, which he was."

Gaylon Davis, who worked with Douglas at the Brome County Historical Society, confirms that these qualities made Douglas more than just a great principal. "He was a man who did as he said and wanted you to do the same...he was a great asset to (the Society), and he will be greatly missed."

Bob Douglas will also be greatly missed by his many, many friends both inside and outside the school board, who remember well his wonderful sense of humour and his dedication to his family and his wife of 52 years, Marnie Salisbury.

"He was someone I'd just love to tell a joke to, because I knew he would laugh," says Kathy Fava, whose husband Ron worked with Douglas for many years. "Recently, we went into Montreal to see a concert with (Bob and Marnie), and I watched them walk a few steps ahead of me, holding hands; that's just the kind of person he was."



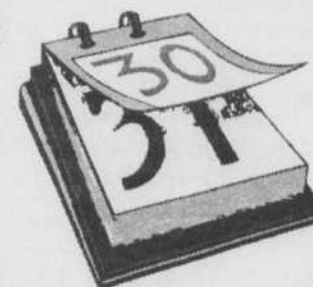
CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Larry Frizzle, Bob Douglas and Rod Crandall pictured here in 1998 preparing for Big Brome Fair. Douglas was fair president in 1991-92, and a longtime director.

A memorial service and celebration of Robert Douglas's life will be held today at 2 p.m. at Sutton's Calvary United Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the BMP Hospital Foundation.

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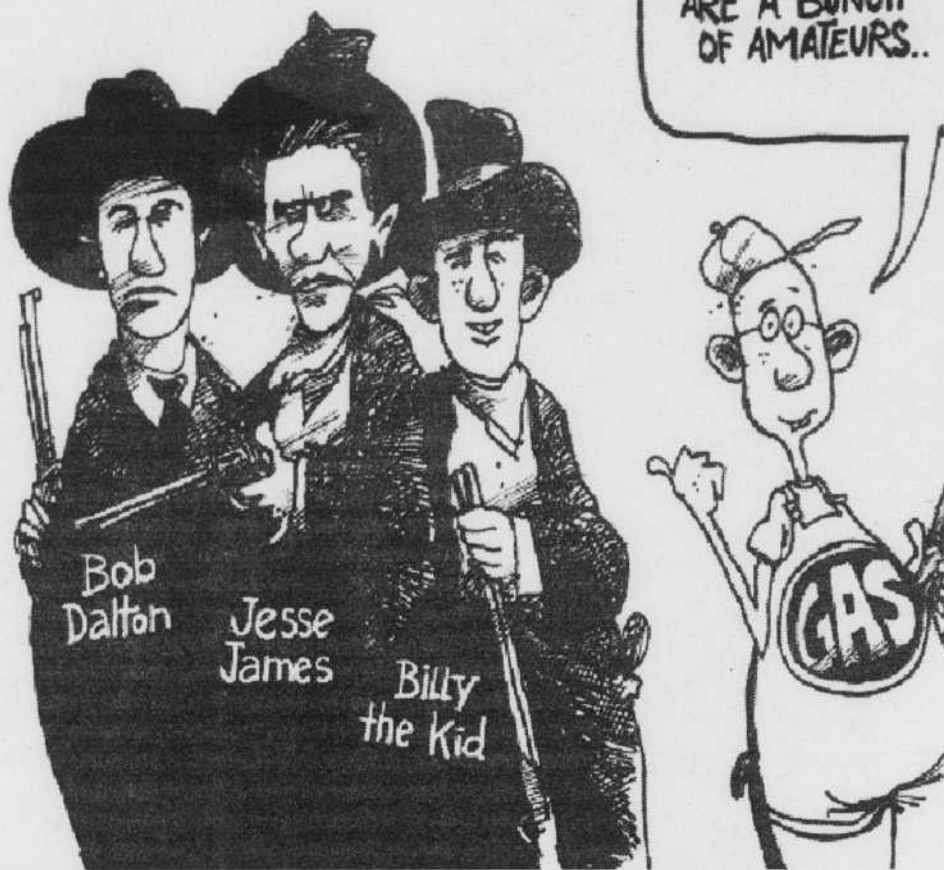
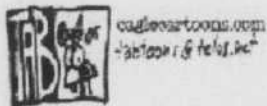
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# Community Forum



EDITORIAL

## Three very good men

The world is a poorer place this week with the loss of three men who were part of a small fraternity of very good people.

I feel privileged to have crossed paths with all three.

SMOKY SMITH

On two occasions I travelled to Europe with Canada's last living Victoria Cross recipient and most reluctant hero, Smoky Smith.

When he was introduced as 'one of Canada's true heroes during a ceremony for veterans, he quickly responded, "I'm no hero. What I did, I did to save my own skin. All the real heroes are buried out there - they died for the rest of us."

Of course that was Smoky Smith's hallmark modesty speaking. I stood on the ground where he risked his life to try to save the men in his unit against incredible odds and when he realized he was the lone man standing against some 30 German soldiers and several tanks, he charged the enemy and single-handedly killed or drove them back, then held the hill overnight for the Allied Forces.

My final recollection of Smoky Smith was meeting him one morning in a hotel lobby in Ottawa where he invited me to join him in the bar for a drink. When I remarked it was only 10 a.m., he quipped, "Am I too late? Did you get a better offer?"

I'm glad I accepted because he regaled me with stories of his travels around the world with his late wife and spoke about the warm reception and the royal treatment he received everywhere he went. I got to know a bit more about Smoky Smith the successful businessman, the avid conservationist, the devoted father and grandfather, the gentle man who was called upon to kill, then lived with the demons of war.

He soldiered on until 91 and the prime minister did what all Canadians would expect. He draped his casket with the flag of freedom and gave him a hero's send-off.

BOB DOUGLAS

Bob Douglas had a hand in bringing our family to the Eastern Townships in 1988 when he was part of the selection committee that chose my husband as a vice-principal at Massey-Vanier High School.

He welcomed us as friends in a circle that was wide enough to include anyone who knew him.

A consummate educator, community builder, volunteer, loyal friend and devoted family man, Bob Douglas's trademark was his twin sense of duty and sense of humour that enriched every individual and organization in his midst - from the curling club to Brome Fair to the education field and the hockey rink.

Laughter was his favourite tool and he used it liberally to infuse and defuse.

Colleagues will remember principal and prankster Bob Douglas crawling under his desk pretending to hide, or dressing up for Halloween. They will recall his colourful anecdotes about the thousands of students who crossed his path - the good, the bad and the ugly - all of whom he cared deeply about.

His legacy will live on in schools, at the fairgrounds, in the community and through the mark he left on students, teachers and administrators. He will be missed by all.

IVAN SAUNDERS

I never met Ivan Saunders, but he called me shortly after I became editor of The Record in 1996 to remind me of the importance of covering municipal council meetings.

I was immediately struck by how much this one-time owner of The Record cared about his community and about the role the newspaper played.

I felt somewhat like a new homeowner who just moved in and was advised not to start pulling the perennials.

In a speech to his Rotary Club in 1968, Saunders compared his philosophy in publishing a newspaper to the Rotarians familiar four-point test: Is it true? Is it fair? Will it build? Will it be beneficial?

Few men can say they've done business with both the Bassetts and Conrad Black, but Ivan Saunders, a hardworking businessman dedicated to his community and the survival of its newspaper, bought The Record from Douglas Bassett and sold it to Conrad Black.

Three good men who have left an indelible mark. We are all the richer for them.

SHARON MCCULLY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Above and beyond

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to thank a resident of Ayer's Cliff who came to my aid on Saturday, July 30.

Lisa Williamson happened to observe my head-over-heels fall to the asphalt off my bicycle, while she drove in North Hatley on Saturday afternoon. Lisa immediately stopped and offered assistance. Being a nurse, she gave first aid advice. She used her cell phone for my benefit, interrupted her plans in order to drive me and my

friend the 10 kms. to my vehicle, gave me a map, and then went out of her way again to make certain that we were able to rejoin our cycling group.

Also, while all this was transpiring, Lisa's husband was out on a call as a volunteer fireman!

It is my opinion that the local area residents and tourists like myself, are fortunate to have Lisa and her husband living in the area. They are truly compassionate generous people.

Thank you again, Lisa.

BETH MACLEOD  
Ottawa

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# Quit squirming and read this

**D**id you stop reading John Irving novels several years ago when his books began weighing more than a newborn child? Do you take so long reading a book that by the end you forget the beginning and have to start all over again? Do you secretly wish there was a Book-of-the-Year Club?

If so, you may be a slow reader. You're not alone. There are thousands if not dozens of slow readers around you, living a life of quiet discombobulation.

I am a slow reader. Currently, for example, I am reading a 500-page book about the World War I Paris peace conference. It's my summer reading, as in I should finish reading it by next summer.

Slow readers are not to be confused with dyslexics or readers with comprehension problems. Dyslexics have special needs. Slow readers have library fines. Search the Web and you'll find several lists of famous dyslexics. You won't find any lists of famous slow readers. Then again, you won't find any lists

of famous mouth breathers either but we know they're out there, eh, Mr. Karl Rove?

Reading slowly just isn't acceptable in our hyper-literate age when you're supposed to be able to simultaneously listen to the news on television and read completely unrelated text scrolling across the bottom of the screen. A responsible 21st century adult should be able to read three newspapers every morning. Slow readers don't get past page 1, the obits and the comics (with the exception of "Doodlesbury"). Slow readers sign contracts without reading them all the way through because they're embarrassed about how long it's taking. The next thing they know they're in an alley having a kidney forcibly removed.

I would like to pretend that I'm a slow reader because I mull over every word and ponder thematic implications and character motivation. Truth is, like many slow readers, I'm just plain fid-



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gety.

Take the sentence: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." A slow reader like me will read as follows: "There is a tide [this chair's not comfy at all] in the affairs [I think Bob in Accounting is having an affair with Judy in Human Resources]. There is a tide in the affairs of men [itch, itch... 'That little itch could mean dandruff'] which, taken at the flood [oh yeah, forgot to call the plumber], at the flood, leads on to [maybe I'll try this chair] to fortune."

A buzzing fly, a television in the background, a nearby mouth-breather - all these serve to further distract me from my reading.

My wife, on the other hand, is a model of concentration. You can set off firecrackers beside Deb and she still won't lift her eyes from the page. As a result, she is through three books to my

one. Sometimes if we're reading together in bed, I'll try to keep up, page per page. "Flip, flip, flip," she goes as I'm still on the first. I tell myself that her print is larger.

My eldest daughter, Emily, is like her mother, plowing through books with speed and concentration. My second daughter, Kate, approaches reading like I do: big books are scary. And like me, she sees each completed novel as a conquest: "Dad, I'm already at Chapter 7. There are 240 pages in this book so that makes me about a third of the way through!" Son James likes Captain Underpants and Mad Magazine. I suspect he's got my genes.

So what do you do if you're a slow reader? There are techniques you can use to increase your reading speed. I won't bother listing them here, however, because all the slow readers gave up reading this column about two paragraphs ago. They were late for work.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Historic cemeteries are important reminders

DEAR EDITOR,

We gathered in the cemetery!

One Sunday afternoon in late July the Megantic County Historical Society and a good number of its friends gathered on the grounds of Boutelles Cemetery in Inverness to hold the annual cemetery service. Each year in June or July the Society visits a different cemetery in the area to call the attention of its members and friends to that particular burying ground. Many of the small and isolated cemeteries in this area would be abandoned or forgotten were it not for the care and attention of the Historical Society. This visit is also a sign of appreciation for those who spend their time and energy maintaining the different local sites. During the visit, the people tour the gravestones remembering many of the people who were part of the community in years gone by. It is also a good time to be reminded of just how this one was related to that one. During the course of the visit, there is a short service of worship and remembrance conducted by a local clergy person. That person has been me for the last nine years. However, the leadership notwithstanding, the time of singing, prayer, reading, and reflection always seems appreciated.

During the service it is emphasized that we are not praying to the dead, nor praying for the dead, as that is contrary to the Bible's teaching. It is in this life here and now that we must make peace with God. After that, it is too late. That teaching is very clear across the pages of the Bible and it is the basis of the approach used in our 'cemetery observance.'

Gathering with the Historical Society and friends in a cemetery offers a good opportunity to be reminded of the Bible's perspective on the great questions of existence. It is life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; or is there another word to be heard on the subject? The preacher, for one, thought that there was, and many that Sunday afternoon seemed to agree with him.

Presently the Historical Society is replacing the fence around an abandoned cemetery in our area where members of families named Plummer, Cummings, and Wickerby are buried. We are purchasing a new page wire fence, posts, and labour for the installation. A local couple has been maintaining the grounds for some years. Donations to this effort from descendants of these families or any interested friends would, of course, be gratefully received.

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Historical Society secretary

### Popular event organizer suffers serious illness

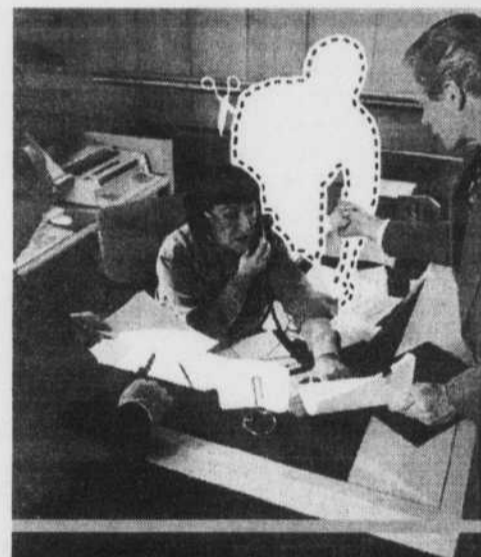
DEAR EDITOR,

On behalf of my brother, Allan Nourse, I would like to thank all those who have shown their support to the Border Vacation Bible School and the Border Craft Shows which were held to help raise funds for this worthwhile youth activity. Unfortunately, due to the seriousness of Allan's illness, these events will NOT be taking place this year. It is Allan's fondest hope that by next year at this time, someone will have stepped forward to continue this event with the same sense of community spirit and equality with which this summer activity has been built over the last 23 years. (This announcement includes the craft shows which were planned for Richmond, Stanstead and Lennoxville).

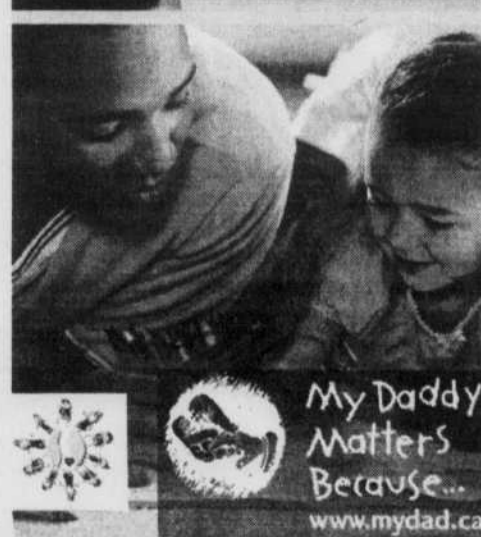
The many people who have crossed his path during his teaching career and various other community projects, in which he became involved both here in Stanstead and in Richmond, will always hold a special place in his heart. Your many cards and caring thoughts have helped greatly to keep his spirits up during these difficult weeks. Anyone wishing to send greetings to Allan, while he is in palliative care, may do so through the following address.

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## FOOD

# Filmmaker's flavours draw visitors to the border

By Peter Varga  
Special to The Record  
Stanstead

Appearances are deceiving at Millie's Diner, an unsuspecting restaurant by Stanstead's downtown border crossing. What sounds like a run-of-the-mill diner that serves up quick fare is actually a family-run restaurant that offers a mix of Indian and Middle Eastern dishes, created by one of the country's most prolific independent filmmakers.

"We call it fusion cuisine," says owner Bashar Shbib, 47, who opened Millie's on July 1st. "We mix all sorts of styles together: Pakistani, Indian, Lebanese, Syrian and Egyptian."

A surprising 70 per cent of Millie's customers are Americans, says Shbib. "Word of mouth went that way, instead of this way," he figures. Customers from south of the border tend to be well-travelled, he says: "They like coming here because it reminds them of other places that they've been."

Millie's serves dishes using only fresh ingredients from Montreal and local markets. The restaurant's blackboard menu varies every day, offering a selection of seven meat-based and vegetarian dishes.

"Whatever I have fresh that day is what I'm going to cook," says Shbib, who favours variety over a fixed menu. "We go by what the main meat in the dish is, if it's steak, chicken, sausage or shrimp."

Some regular offerings in the selections include a Pakistani ground beef called kheema, salmon prepared Iranian style, Indian ginger chicken, and



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Millie's opened in downtown Stanstead July 1, offering Canadian and American visitors original dishes from the Middle East and India.

Syrian sausage.

Each selection on the board includes five different preparations, usually meats, vegetables, and salads, all made in distinct ways with seasonings not commonly used in western countries.

Common ingredients include pine nuts, cumin, ginger, cardamon and fresh coriander. Millie's vegetarian selection has proven to be popular, says Shbib. This includes hummus, a chick pea sauce commonly included in Middle Eastern meals, and a broad bean called fool. Rice is usually prepared in Iranian fashion.

Shbib himself is the product of a varied background. Born in Damascus, Syria and raised in Quebec's Eastern Townships, Shbib first picked up his lifelong love of cuisine from his parents and relatives from the Middle East. Montreal friends from India introduced him to cooking from the subcontinent. Shbib first tried his skills at his own Montreal restaurants in the 80's and 90's, where he ran two similar places.

Those who know Stanstead will recognize the restaurant's tall windowed façade and bright pastel colours as the former site of Café Santé, run by Linda Goodsell, which closed last spring. Like Shbib, Goodsell served up meals from fresh, largely organic produce.

The filmmaker, who intended to use the place for a TV series shoot, jumped at the chance to succeed Goodsell as owner of the establishment. "Millie's Diner," as the restaurant is known in the TV production, became the eatery's real-life name when he re-opened it.

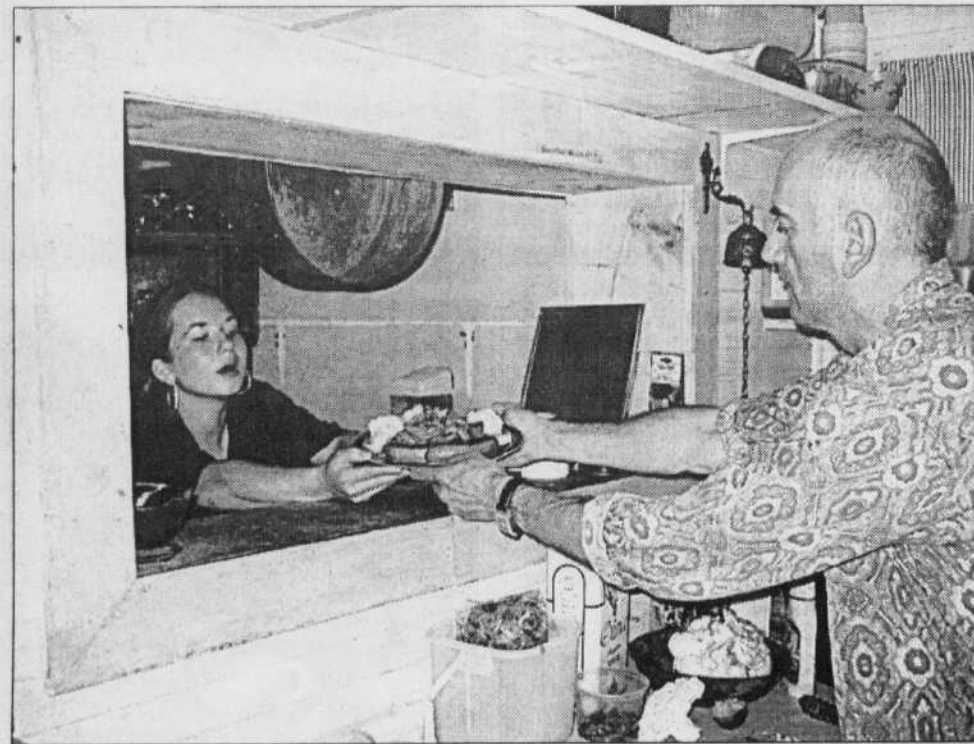
"There was a little paper on the door that said 'selling all furniture next

week, Friday April 28," recalls Shbib, who immediately contacted Goodsell. "I bought the restaurant from her that afternoon and kept the set as it was so I could continue shooting."

When shooting of the Granite Forks series (an eight-episode show that Shbib hopes to sell for broadcast this fall) ended in June, Shbib called on his daughters Camille and Maia to help run the restaurant, and hired an extra cook. Camille, a recent high school graduate from Montreal, looked forward to working at the place. "The customers have been great," she said as she helped clean up the dining hall at the close of a busy weekend. "I think if we were more (employees) it would run smoother. Because we're just two and we're always at each other's necks," Camille laughed.

"Restaurants are fun, it's where you meet people, where you hang out," says Shbib, who claims it's a perfect source of inspiration for filmmaking. "It's a place where, if you have good food, it stimulates all sorts of things."

Dishes at Millie's Diner are around \$10, cash only. Diners may bring their own wine. Hours run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for lunch, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for dinner, Tuesday to Sunday. Groups of 20 to 30 may reserve the entire restaurant for a 20-dish Lebanese-style buffet. For reservations call (819) 876-7885.



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Shbib, who prepares a mix of Middle Eastern and Indian dishes at Millie's,

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## Granite interpretation centre almost ready

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
STANSTEAD

Representatives from the Granite Interpretation Centre in Stanstead said this week that the building will officially open to the public soon.

"We hope to be able to open in the next month or so. As you can see there is still much work to be done but I still think our Grand Opening will go on as planned. We only have to put up the basic interior of the building and the companies involved will be setting up their own displays," said David Bourgon, the president of the planning committee.

What was originally an IGA in the downtown area of Stanstead is now being turned into a valuable location to display products relating to granite made by local workers.

The idea, according to Bourgon, was to create something that would not be in competition with other business ventures in the area but would add to business opportunities for

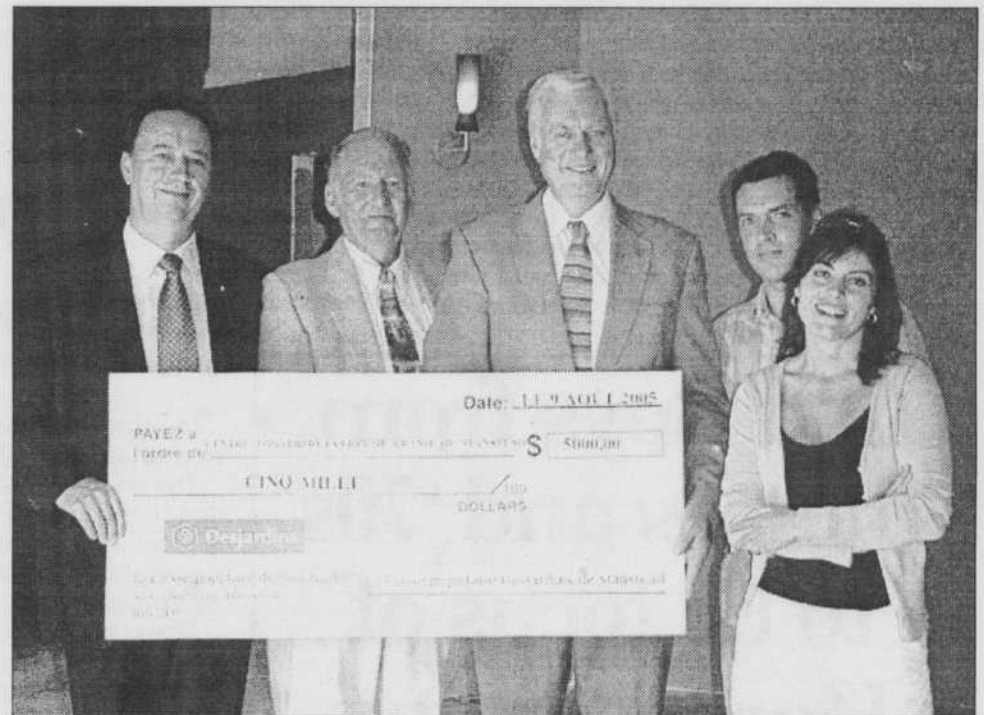
local companies, and hopefully, lead to an increase in jobs. Designed in such a way as to benefit the entire community, whether through manufacturing jobs, increased tourism and a better looking downtown area, the centre is the only one of its kind in Quebec.

"The basic floor plan allows for individual areas for product displays, a reception hall, rooms to hold monthly activities such as demonstrations, workshops for kids or video presentations," explained Bourgon.

"Situated in the centre of the exposition hall will be a four-sided fireplace, made all in granite, which will also allow industries to display their products in their natural setting whether it be in a kitchen, bathroom, or living room area. Granite is being used for everything these days."

The granite floor in the lobby is made in "mosaic style", and in the shape of one of the granite sawblades. It was completed this week by Mosaic D'Arcy.

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The local Caisse Populaire presented GEMS with a cheque for \$5,000. Pictured are (left to right) Mario Scallon (Caisse Populaire), Raymond Bedard, Robert Sheldon, David Bourgon and Sandra Bergeron.

## Little Shop of Horrors opens in Stanstead



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Seymour and Audrey II seen rehearsing for opening night this Friday at the Haskell Opera House.

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
THEATRE PREVIEW

Does anyone recall a movie entitled *The Little Shop of Horrors*? If you've never seen the zany musical production, now is the time because QNEK Productions is bringing it to the Haskell Opera House in Stanstead, starting this Friday evening.

This rather bizarre fable of love is delightfully blended with narratives and R&B music. The energy that eludes from the cast and the creativity of the costume department make this a show you will not want to miss.

"The story evolves around a down-on-his-luck skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight success when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood," ex-

plained QNEK theatre company founder and artistic director Lynn Leimer. "This ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B singing carnivore (actually an alien creature bent on global domination) offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite.

"If this energy continues building the way it has at rehearsals, opening night Friday ought to be fantastic."

As the cast members mysteriously start to disappear, the underscore is created by a Greek chorus of street urchins, better known as the Do Op singers — Sally Rivard, Joy Toll-Chandler and Chantal LaPlante. Justin Labor, who plays Seymour, quickly captures the hearts of the audience with his portrayal of this frustrated, love-struck character.

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# And you think you've got problems

I'm a complainer and a whiner. I'm someone who's likely to take the small and medium catastrophes of life and drag them way out of proportion.

Some might say that it's part of my charm but I don't know who they are. Most roll their eyes at my latest ranting and raving about the latest stone in my little life's path.

In her diary, Anne Frank complained that her mother would always try to cheer her up by pointing out people who had it worse than her. Anne questioned how anybody could be cheered up by focusing on the negative.

In spite of the dire circumstances that she lived through and the horrific death she suffered, Frank's diary is a beacon of youthful hope in a dark world.

Unfortunately, I disagree with her. She might be right that focusing on the negative is not the best way to cheer oneself up. It is, however, a way of gaining perspective. Sometimes, you just have to look around you to put your own problems in context so that it all makes sense.

I love lists, as some of you may well know. Give me lists of the 100 best rock

songs of all time, or the top 50 guitarists and I'm ready to pour over the list and argue over the order.

If you are suffering from Summertime Blues, here's a list of people, places and situations that should remind you that you have it pretty good. The list is in no particular order and has NOT been compiled to make you feel guilty, inferior or self-centered. Its sole purpose is to remind you that "it could be worse."

#### PEOPLE, PLACES AND SITUATIONS THAT ARE WORSE THAN YOU OR YOUR UNIQUE SITUATION

1. Darfur: A combination of drought, AIDS, and persecution is no life for a human being yet in this region of the Sudan, people must endure the ravages of all three.

2. Niger: Here's a new area that agencies such as OXFAM are sending out alarming

messages of famine. Support these organizations and you'll feel better!

3. People who live in New York City this summer without air conditioning: Yes, forgive me, it's not Darfur or Niger but I've lived through New York summers. The pavement bakes and the sewers give off toxic fumes — it's awful. No matter what, you can take my word that you're better off.

4. Baghdad: Need I say anymore?

5. Gaza Strip: Settlers are giving up their homes, some with a better will than others. Will it bring about peace? Who knows? Maybe if evil aliens from Mars landed in the Middle East, people would join together to fight them and then, we might have a better script than Revenge of the Sith. Lots of dead Mar-

tians plus Israelis and Palestinians exchanging recipes — this is good. Somebody should call George Lucas with that idea.

6. London: Imagine how Londoners must feel every time they descend into the Tube. I would be a nervous wreck. By the way, why is it that terrorists always go after Joe Blow, Man-On-The-Street? I'm not sure what killing 53 people who have no power to change anything does for a cause. Maybe I need it explained to me but preferably by somebody who isn't carrying anything that could maim or kill me.

7. Anyone sitting in a dentist chair, right now at this minute!

That's enough for now — I have more perspective than I can handle. How about you?

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## Local support was key

### MUSEUM:

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Imprinted on the floor is an early granite cutter creating his craft with only a chisel.

The small room at the left of the lobby will display an example of the floating ball fountain that originated in Stanstead. The sphere itself is made of granite and is perpetually spinning on top of the erupting water.

"This Centre has a two-fold purpose — museum and showroom. Not only will it provide a place for industries to display and sell their products but it will also serve as an interpretation center that will ultimately attract visitors and potential investors to our community," continued Bourgon.

"Our projected number of visitors the first year is 15,000, mounting to 20,000 in the second year. While this may seem high to some, it is based on actual numbers of visitors to a similar centre in St-Sébastien that does not offer as many things as we will be but has recorded over 8,000 visitors per year."

The non-profit Centre (managed by a team of volunteers) will be open year-round.

"By actually setting up everyday scenarios, visitors can see the products as they would actually look in their own homes. One quite unique section of the Center will be reserved for granite products that would be used in an outdoor setting, such as park benches, statues, birds, walkways, anything that you might see in your

backyard or at your place of business," he said.

"In the creation of this particular section, to further demonstrate the flexibility of uses for granite, even the sky-like ceiling and walls will be made from granite."

Part of the building will be dedicated as a museum of the history of granite, containing many of the earlier tools used and explanations of how things were done then and how different the process is today. Director Sophie Cormier was on hand to represent the Colby-Curtis Museum which has already pledged the loan of early tools, information and display pedestals.

Mario Scallon, representing the Caisse Populaire of Stanstead, made an official presentation of \$5,000 in support of the project. Major Sponsors of the GEMS Project are the MRC Memphremagog (\$26,000), CLD Memphremagog (\$17,000), Caisse Populaire de Stanstead (\$5,000), the five founding members of Dimensioned Stone Imports BB Inc. (\$3,560), A. Fluet & Fils Inc. RONA (\$2,000), Rock of Ages Canada (\$1,500), Town of Stanstead (\$1,500), The Stanstead Journal (\$1,500), the Colby-Curtis Museum (exhibit furniture) and the Granite Centre (donation of three granite saw blades).

Bourgon wanted everyone to know that this project was a team effort — from the business community to the craftsmen in the area to entrepreneurs such as Robert Sheldon, Emery Grenier and Raymond Bedard who had spent most of their lives involved in the Granite Industry and were eager to share their expertise.

## Old Boys from the '60s and '70s to be focus of Homecoming

It was a unique era in Stanstead College history, and the school will celebrate it at Homecoming 2005, Sept. 23-25.

From 1959 to 1979, Stanstead College was a private school exclusively for boys. Many Old Boys from this era have remained closely involved with the College over the years as alumni, parents, trustees and teachers. But this year's Homecoming is a special invitation for those who haven't visited in some time to come back, relive memories and meet old friends.

The three-day event will begin Friday evening with a complimentary wine and cheese reception. Saturday's full day includes golf, campus tours, football and soccer, a barbecue lunch and cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a dance. The event will close Sunday with a brunch.

An exhibition of memorabilia from the 1960s and 1970s is also being prepared to help loosen those fond school day memories. To whet the appetite, the College has posted a music video invitation in the "Events" section of the "Alumni" portion of the College Web site at [www.stansteadcollege.com](http://www.stansteadcollege.com).

Of course, Stanstead College alumni from all eras along with their spouses and families are welcome to attend this special event. To register and to reserve for the Saturday dinner/dance and the Sunday brunch, contact the Advancement office at 819-876-7891, ext. 225, or e-mail [karen.cushing@stansteadcollege.com](mailto:karen.cushing@stansteadcollege.com). You can also register online; just go to the "Alumni" portion of the Web site.

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# Booth to paint picture on history of local railway

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

For the past two years, the Stanstead Historical Society has included a series of lectures in its annual fundraising campaign. The first in the series of lectures this season will take place Aug. 13 at the Anglican Church Hall.

Geographer and historian Dr. Derek Booth has agreed not only to speak on The History of the Local Railway, but also to lend his support to officially open the newest exhibit at the Colby-Curtis Museum, later that day. The exhibit at the Colby-Curtis will be open from mid-August to November.

Dr. Booth has researched and written extensively on the subject of Eastern Townships railways and will help to set the latest exhibit in context, explaining the direct effect that these railways had over the years in terms of economic and social development of this region.

The early planning of this exhibit was carried out by Harry Isbrucker, assisted by Aileen Desbarats, both of whom are members of the Board and former presidents of the Society. Sophie Cormier, the new director at the Colby-Curtis Museum, has also been very involved in the presentation of this exhibition.

"The railway system was very important in terms of connecting our local industries with markets in the bigger cities. While the granite industry was well underway when the first railroad was put in through the Stanstead area, it was limited in its range of customers

because of the sheer weight of their product," explained Isbrucker. "The granite was not only used for building but also for road construction. Without this means of opening up the world market, the granite industry in Stanstead would not have risen to becoming the granite capital of Canada."

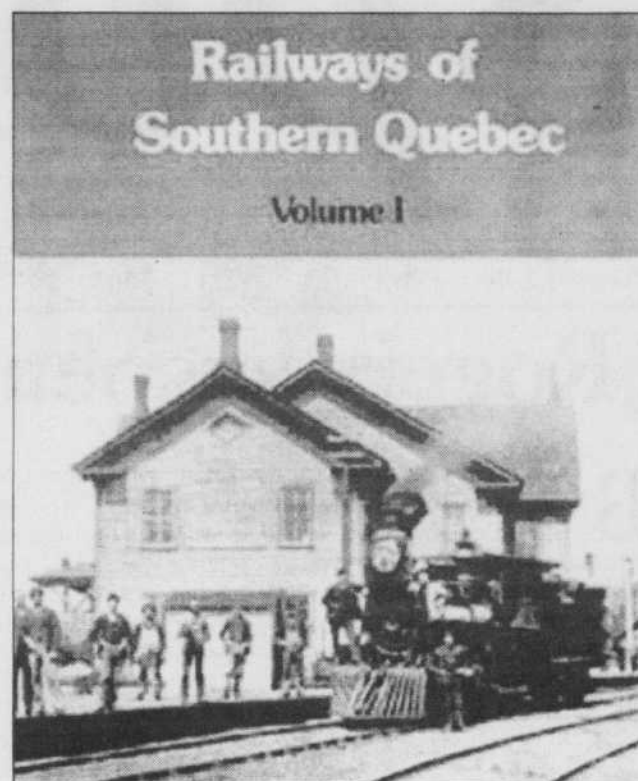
Dr. Booth is also planning to speak about the frustrations felt by locals when the first railway in the Eastern Townships did not go through

Stanstead as planned, but through Sherbrooke. It wasn't until later that the Massawippi Valley branch of the Railroad was built, connecting Stanstead to Lennoxville. The world market was then opened up to the people in this region.

"Business pertaining to the mining of copper was also very much influenced by the coming of the railway system to the area. They began mining copper in 1865, shipping thousands of tons each year to smelting plants in the U.S., by the only means available to them — horse and wagon," added Isbrucker.

The Aug. 13 lecture will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall, directly across from the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead. A light lunch will be served following the lecture. At 1 p.m., Dr. Booth will assist Cormier in officially opening the latest exhibit at the museum: Arrival and Departure — the Regional Train.

Admission to these events is \$14 for members and \$20 for guests. For more information and reservations, contact the Colby-Curtis Museum at 819-876-7322.



Author Dr. Derek Booth will speak on The History of the Local Railway.

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Our hearts go out to him as he falls in love with his co-worker Audrey, aptly played by Monique Perron.

Michael Desjardins, who plays Orin the dentist — Audrey's ill-tempered boyfriend, runs a close second as lovable villain of this twisted fable.

As Leimer puts it, the true star of the production is Audrey II, which was designed by Andre and Linda Bussiere.

Rivaling the standards set by Jim

Henson, they have created a somewhat scary but hilariously funny six-foot long, four-foot wide plant creature out of molded PVC pipe, foam rubber, foam insulation and miles of material.

This plant is able to dance across the stage and make lifelike movements as he devours his treats.

When the company first decided to do this show, Leimer started to contact people to see if she could rent the costume that was needed for Audrey II.

The first one she found was going to cost \$3,000 for rental and shipping. She decided they had no other choice but to

come up with a costume themselves.

Even though they did manage to acquire a pattern book, it didn't contain any specific measurements. The Bussieres were pretty much on their own.

Thanks to an inventive team of puppeteers — Tyler Fairbanks and Tim Chandler — and vocalist Brian Kilday, Audrey II is successfully and creatively brought to life before our very eyes.

Both the original book and lyrics were written by the late Howard Ashman (a Vermont native), with music by Alan Menken. Lighting and special effects for the QNEK performances are created by Ethan Woodard and Chuck Newton.

Mark Violette

(conductor/pianist), Matt Podd on keyboards, Phil Tremblay on percussion and Jacob Bourgeois on bass add a quintessential spice. Leimer's team includes Anita Morin (music director), Lisa LaCarrubba (choreographer) and choral director Mark Violette. The creativity of Susan-Lynn Johns (technical director) rounds out the team.

One of the longest running off-Broadway shows of all time, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a household name.

The show is not recommended for very young children. Performances continue Aug. 13, 14 (matinee at 2 p.m.) and 19 and 20, with evening shows beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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## Rogers suspension should have been upheld

Baseball was dealt a poor hand when an arbitrator dealt from the bottom of the deck Tuesday and reinstated Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers. In a most perplexing and disturbing decision, the arbitrator ruled that commissioner Bud Selig went too far by suspending the pitcher for 20 games and fining him \$50,000 for shoving two cameramen.



MIKE HICKEY  
FROM THE BLEACHERS

The decision flies in the face of common sense and proliferates the belief that high-salaried athletes, entertainers and politicians are treated with kid gloves when they misbehave. In an era when organized baseball is trying so hard to be fan friendly, the sport was thrown a curve ball.

Rogers had already sat out 12 games when the decision was reached and he returned to action last night against the Boston Red Sox. His fine will be converted to a charitable contribution.

The ruling by arbitrator Shyam Das followed a hearing Monday in Chicago, a hearing requested by Rogers after an appeal of his suspension was denied by the commissioner's office.

As expected Selig criticized the decision and for once the former used car salesman was right on the money with his observation of the case.

"I strongly disagree with arbitrator Das' decision today," Selig said in a statement. "It sends the wrong message to every one of our constituents: The fans, the media, and our players. There is a standard of behavior that is expected of

our players, which was breached in this case. The arbitrator's decision diminishes that standard and is contrary to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. In my opinion, the decision is seriously ill-conceived."

Rogers was penalized for a videotaped tirade back in June when he came onto the field in Texas for pre-game stretching and threw a camera to the ground, kicked it and threatened to do more damage. One of the cameramen he shoved, Larry Rodriguez of KDFW-TV, was sent to the hospital for treatment and has yet to return to work.

While footage of Rogers' attack was being shown across the country, the all-star pitcher turned himself in to police in Arlington, Texas. He was charged with misdemeanor assault and posted a \$1,500 bond.

He also apologized to the cameramen and fans for his behaviour but I for one question the sincerity of his apology. It is very easy to mouth some words, particularly when a person is trying to minimize potential repercussions. A true apology has to include action and atonement for one's wrongdoing. Rogers demonstrated little of either.

Less than a week after the attack, Rogers was once again seen on camera, snarling at a cameraman and telling him not to get too close to him.

I can understand professional ballplayers taking exception to the constant scrutiny of the media, but it is that same scrutiny that has allowed Rogers to make millions of dollars a year throwing a baseball every four or five days. It is the television networks who pay outlandish fees for broadcasting rights which in turn, allow the baseball clubs to pay players such as Rogers' incredible salaries.

Without newspapers promoting games and radio and TV supplying the

cash and fans paying top dollars for tickets, snacks and parking, Kenny Rogers would probably have to work for a living.

Das' decision not only ends Rogers' suspension but also helps him recuperate possible bonus money. As part of his ruling, the arbitrator said the games Rogers missed could be taken into account if the pitcher falls short of any incentive clauses in his contract.

Players' union general counsel Michael Weiner said Das made an "expedited ruling" because Rogers' suspension was in effect. The union originally appealed the penalty to Selig, then filed a grievance and argued that the commissioner broke precedent.

In fact, Das appeared to be more concerned about Rogers' loss of pay than

the condition of Rodriguez, the cameraman.

Rogers' suspension was among the harshest penalties imposed by the commissioner's office, although many people, myself included, felt his actions merited a stiffer penalty. He is a very good pitcher, 11-4 with a 2.77 ERA this season, although New York fans will question his toughness and will be on hand to boo him when he makes an appearance in the Big Apple. The booing began at this year's All-Star Game when the Detroit fans showed their displeasure with his appearance at the Midsummer Classic.

Not that the fans' feelings are likely to change Rogers' surly demeanor. He is pitching well, getting paid well and the fans be damned.

### Sherbrooke U12 Earn Silver



COURTESY SHERBROOKE VERTS

The Sherbrooke Verts U12 soccer team recently won a silver medal at a tournament in Cap-Rouge/St-Augustin. First row (left to right): Raffaël Asselin, Marc-Antoine Soulard, Juan Alejandro Parra Castro, Youssef Champagne-Ouchahi, Iskren Menkovic and Alexandre Therrien. Second row: Alain Tessier (manager), Pier-Émile Dessureault, Marc-Antoine Tessier, Alexandre Boissé, Félix Lapointe-Stewart, Frédéric Boutin, Nemenja Zarkovic, Aldo Gabriel Gutierrez, Janio Gutierrez (coach), Thomas Bolland and Thierry Comtois. Absent: Jacob Desruisseaux and assistant coach Mario Desruisseaux.

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BASKETBALL

# B.C.'s Sacre has his sights on the NBA



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Robert Sacre, a six-foot-11, 16-year-old native of North Vancouver, has already generated a buzz as the next great player to come from B.C.

By Murray McCormick

Robert Sacre isn't the next Steve Nash; he's bigger than the Canadian NBA star. Sacre, at six-foot-11 and 240 pounds, already has the size to dominate the post at the 2005 Canada Summer Games for British Columbia's men's basketball team.

Sacre, a 16-year-old native of North Vancouver, has already generated a buzz as the next great player to come from B.C.

"That's a lot of pressure to put on a kid," said Scott Allen, head coach of B.C.'s men's basketball team. "Rob is the next hope to come out of here but being the best is lonely. There are countless hours in the gym shooting shots and lifting weights by himself that he must do if he wants the dream to come true."

Sacre dreams of the NBA and the glory of playing for pay but he's willing to let that process take its time.

"I want to look professionally but not just the NBA," Sacre said. "If the NBA comes first, that would be great but I want to go to college first and then to the NBA."

Sacre has already drawn interest from countless major universities in the United States. It doesn't take long watching him play to see why he has generated that kind of interest.

"Robert already has a high NCAA Division I body but he's still young," Allen said. "He has a big body out there and he can alter a lot of shots. He also owns the boards offensively and defensively. He's just starting to figure out how to use his size."

Allen said Sacre is also learning how to deal with the notoriety of being a star on the court.

"He has learned a lot this summer about not believing the hype about people (saying) who he is going to be," Allen said. "He has really started to concentrate on being that person for himself, which I'm really proud of. He works hard daily, which has been fantastic for us."

Sacre has also been blessed with athletic genes.

His father, Greg LaFleur, was a six-foot-six tight end who played eight seasons in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts and St. Louis Cardinals. His mother, Leslie Sacre, is six-foot-two and played basketball at Louisiana State University. The couple produced a son who dunked a basketball for the first time in Grade 8 and has never looked back.

"I love being this tall," Sacre said while raising his long arms over his head for extra effect. "The only problem with being this tall is they need to raise the roofs in Regina a little bit. I have to duck under them all of the time."

Sacre won't be able to duck the expectations of B.C.'s basketball community. It hopes that the big post can lead British Columbia to a medal, just like the bronze one that Nash earned when the 1993 Summer Games were held in Kamloops.

"I'm just trying to have fun," Sacre said. "I told the team if we did that, we would be able to win the gold. I also want to keep everyone positive. I know if we do that, we'll also be successful."

Sacre's skills have already been recognized on the national level. He was a member of the Canadian under-19 team that played this summer in a four-county international tournament in San Diego. He was named the most valuable player at the 2004 Canadian national midget championships despite losing in the final. Sacre scored 101 points and picked up 79 rebounds over five games.

"I don't feel any pressure," Sacre said. "When I tend to feel that kind of pressure, I just bring my game."

There seems to be a lot of big players on the men's side of the draw, and Sacre enjoys the chance to battle it out.

"It's easier because you don't have those other little midgets trying to scratch you and steal the ball," Sacre said.

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## GOLF

## Critics try to tame a Tiger

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Penguins land Thibault in trade

Spurned by Sean Burke on Tuesday, the Pittsburgh Penguins responded by acquiring goaltender Jocelyn Thibault from the Chicago Blackhawks Wednesday in exchange for a fourth round pick in the 2006 Entry Draft. Burke was considering an offer from the Penguins, but signed instead with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Thibault, 30, is a restricted free agent.

He is also a veteran of 536 NHL games with a record of 227-217-68. He is coming off hip surgery that was to fix a problem that cost him 60 games in the 2003-2004 season. The trade is the third for Thibault. He was part of the package that the Montreal Canadiens received in the Patrick Roy deal in 1995. In 1999, he was traded to Chicago in a deal that brought Jeff Hackett, Eric Weinrich and Alain Nasreddine to Montreal.

Thibault became expendable earlier in the week when the Blackhawks signed free agent goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin.

## Another heartbreaker for Felicien

Canadian hurdler Perdita Felicien stayed on her feet, but fell short in her bid to defend her world title. The 24-year-old from Pickering, Ont., failed Wednesday to make the final at the world track and field championships, finishing fourth in her semifinal in 12.94 seconds on a track slick with rain from another stormy day at the event.

Only the top two runners in each of the three heats, plus the next two fastest times, moved on to Thursday's final.

## On TV

## THURSDAY

- **TENNIS:** 11 a.m., 1 & 7:30 p.m.; Rogers Cup, day 5, TSN, RDS.
- **JEUX DU QUEBEC:** Noon & 5 p.m.; 2005 Quebec Summer Games, RDS.
- **BASEBALL:** 12:30 p.m.; Major League Baseball, Detroit Tigers at Toronto Blue Jays, Sportsnet. 7 p.m.; Texas Rangers at N.Y. Yankees, Sportsnet.
- **GOLF:** 1 & 5:30 p.m.; PGA Championship, first round, TSN, RDS.
- **FOOTBALL:** 7:30 p.m.; Canadian Football League, Saskatchewan Roughriders at Ottawa Renegades, TSN.
- **TRACK & FIELD:** 8 p.m.; IAAF World Track & Field Championships, CBC.

## FRIDAY

- **TENNIS:** 11 a.m., 1 & 7:30 p.m.; Rogers Cup, quarter-finals, TSN, RDS.
- **JEUX DU QUEBEC:** Noon & 5 p.m.; 2005 Quebec Summer Games, RDS.
- **GOLF:** 1 & 5:30 p.m.; PGA Championship, second round, TSN, RDS.
- **FOOTBALL:** 7 p.m.; Canadian Football League, Montreal Alouettes at Toronto Argonauts, TSN, RDS. 10 p.m.; B.C. Lions at Calgary Stampeders, TSN.
- **BASEBALL:** 7:30 p.m.; Major League Baseball, Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles, Sportsnet.
- **TRACK & FIELD:** 8 p.m.; IAAF World Track & Field Championships, CBC.

## Around Town

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By Cam Cole  
SPRINGFIELD, N.J.

It was here, in the second most famous Springfield in the United States — Bart Simpson's hometown still owns the title — that Jack Nicklaus won two U.S. Opens. That alone would be quite enough reason for Tiger Woods to want to put this particular notch in his belt by prevailing over the storied old Baltusrol Golf Club.

Winning a third major championship in a single season for the second time in his career would be another.

But there is a compelling reason, beyond either of the above, beyond even logic, that the world's No. 1-ranked player would love to walk away from this tight, 7,392-yard A.W. Tillinghast layout with its combed Kentucky bluegrass rough Sunday with the Wanamaker Trophy tucked under his arm.

The reason is found in that tried-and-true mantra of the modern professional athlete: "A lot of people said I couldn't."

In short, wounded pride. And Tiger has a lot of pride to wound.

Only Woods, by virtue of his own impossible-to-equal standards, could win two of the year's first three majors, finish second in the other, and still be pursued by the nattering nabobs of "Yes, but ..."

The unbelievers' argument goes like this: There is no rough to speak of at Augusta National, where Woods won his fourth Masters in April, in a playoff with Chris DiMarco. And what rough there is at St. Andrews, where Woods won his second British Open last month, is barely in play for a bomber with his length off the tee. So let's see how good Tiger and his so-called reconstructed golf swing are when the fairways are narrow and the rough is high.

Fair comment? Well, yes and no.

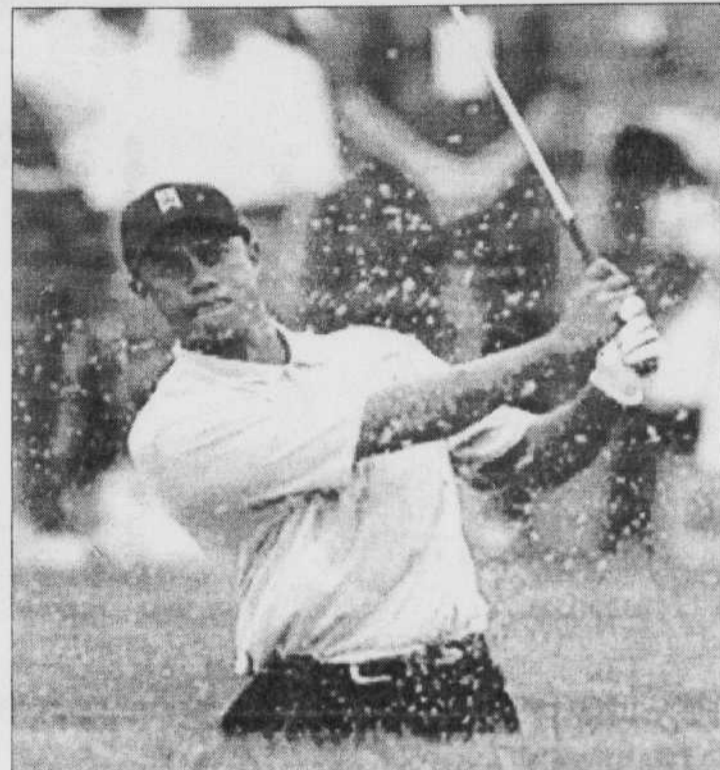
Tiger's driver is the weapon that let him down for most of the time between his magical 2000 season and his current renaissance. He's got better control of it now than he did during the lowest points of his lull, when he didn't win a major for nearly three years.

But many believe he needs to pass a test like Baltusrol, with U.S. Open-style rough punishing wayward tee shots, in order to be declared all the way back. Because he's only won two majors so far this year, you see.

"You know, boy, you've really got to hit your golf ball well here, because obviously the penalty is very severe," Woods said Tuesday, playing the game. "The bluegrass is one thing, but I saw them raking it up out there, raking it towards the tee, so every ball that goes in there is against the grain."

Of course, the hole in the critics' theory is that Woods hit the ball beautifully at the U.S. Open in Pinehurst, where the rough was every bit as punitive. If he hadn't of putted like a high-handicapper, he would be three-for-three in the majors, and going for the Grand Slam this week.

But Woods knows where this is going. The breathtaking ease with which he conquered golf courses in 2000, causing his opponents to gag all over themselves, is the measure by which all of his



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Tiger Woods will be hunting for a third Major beginning today.

future forays will be judged. So 2005 has been a pretty good year, and yet ...

"The atmosphere is nowhere near what it was in 2000, because I had won the U.S. Open by 15 and the British Open by eight, so 23 shots in two tournaments is pretty good," he laughed. "On top of that, I've done this before. I've won three majors in one year. I guess, from some of the guys I've talked to this week, the novelty factor is not there."

He said, as he has said before, that it really wasn't as easy as it looked in 2000, when he won the season's last three majors and followed those up by winning the 2001 Masters to complete the Tiger Slam.

"Man, you guys act like I hit it great all the time back then," he said. "I hit some bad shots. I've been playing this game a long time, you know — since the age of one. So I've hit a lot of bad shots in my life."

Most of them, though, certainly the most memorable ones, have been tee shots.

"I'd have to say my iron play is probably better now than it was in 2000," he said. "My driving is probably not as good, because I'm hitting it 20 to 30 yards further. My putting is just as good, but it's been sporadic this year. I normally don't putt that way. And I think my short game is better, and my mind is pretty sharp."

He wouldn't get a lot of argument on any of those points from his rivals, few though they are.

Ernie Els' torn knee ligaments, from a mis-step on a boat, have ended his miserable year in the majors. Retief Goosen, previously considered unflappable, has flapped big-time in both the U.S. and British Opens. And Phil Mickelson has reverted to his unpredictable, erratic ways.

Only Vijay Singh, who has doggedly remained a viable challenger to Tiger's No. 1 standing in the world, has done reasonably well in majors, with three Top-10 finishes.

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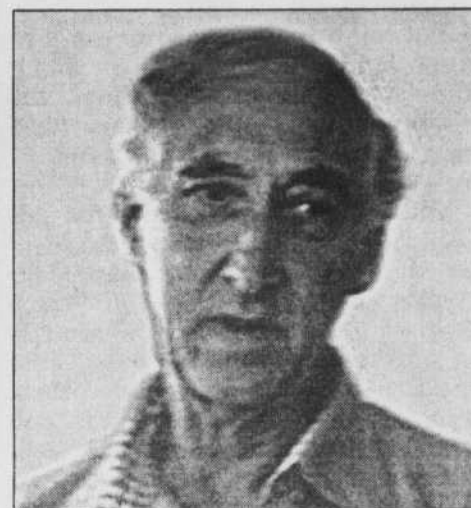
**BOUNDARY ROTARY CLUB** - The Rotary Club of the Boundary held its annual Golf Tournament and Barbecue at Dufferin Heights Country Club on July 24. The club expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the various sponsors on both sides of the border for their generous donation that helped make this a successful fundraiser and community event. Our Canadian sponsors were: A Fluet & Fils Inc., Granit J. McCutcheon Inc., Anneis Beauty Palace; Gran-Quartz Canada Inc., Banque Canadienne Imperial de Commerce, IGA, Jomac Canada Inc., Caisses Populaire de Stanstead, Campbell, Bellam & Associates Inc., Lepitre Granite Works Ltee, Cass Funeral Homes Inc., Centre Du Granit Inc., Manulife Financial, Monument Equipements Bomat Ltee, Closures Rustiques L.G. Inc., Ogden Granit Ltd, Picture This on Granite, R. H. Rediker Transport Ltd., Ripplecove Inn, Rock Of Ages Canada Inc., Derusha Supply Inc., Stanstead County Agricultural Society, Dominion Granite Limited, UPS-SCS Inc., Dufferin Heights Country Club, Ramsey Williams.



**LACHAPPELLE, Joyce (Gauvin)** - Widow of Douglas, at the CHUS Fleurimont on August 8th, 2005 at the age of 65 years. Beloved mother of four sons: Wayne (Viola), Neil (Laurie), Allen (Rachael) and Dale. Also survived by two sisters: Emlie and Violette and two brothers: Greg and Willy, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. No visitation. A graveside service will be held on Saturday August 13th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Protestant Cemetery in Austin, Que. Rev. Fred Richardson officiating. Arrangement entrusted to Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que.



**SAUNDERS, Ivan** - Peacefully at the Connaught Home, North Hatley, QC on Monday, August 8th, 2005 in his 87th year, Ivan Walter Saunders, beloved husband of Patricia Taylor and dear father of Craig and Carol (Kenneth MacLennan). Cherished grandfather of Scott, Christopher, Thomas, James and Timothy and great-grandfather to seven. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home (819-564-1750, www.casshomes.ca), 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where friends may call on Thursday, August 11th from 2:30 to 4 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will take place at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville on Friday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m., with the Reverend Michael Canning officiating assisted by the Reverend Keith Dickerson. Interment in the Malvern Cemetery, Lennoxville. As memorial tributes, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, 150-2630 King Ouest, Sherbrooke, QC J1J 2H1 would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.



**YETTER, Mervin** - At the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital on Monday, August 8th, 2005, in his 81st year, Mervin Albert Yetter, beloved husband of the late Evelyn Laura Dezan and dear father of Betty-Ann (Robert Masson) and Roy (Rhonda), cherished grandfather of Robert Jr., Jennifer and Chase. He is survived by his sister Irene Dyson. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home (564-1750, www.casshomes.ca) 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville where friends may call on Wednesday, August 10th from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, August 11 from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m., with the Reverend James Potter officiating. Interment in the Massawippi Cemetery. As memorial tributes donations to the Massawippi Cemetery Association, 2150 route 143, Massawippi County, Hatley, QC J0B 4B0, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

In Memoriams

**JENNE** - Hope and Edwin Jenne wish to thank their family and friends for all the beautiful cards and good wishes they received for their 60th Anniversary on July 6, 2005. Hope also wishes to thank friends and family for their cards and visits during her recent hospital stay. A special thank you to Michael and Julie for "special" meals sent to Edwin during this time.

**MACIVER, Harry V.** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away so very suddenly eleven years ago today. Forever remembered, forever loved, And so very sadly missed. DAD'S FAMILY

**ST-ONGE:** We, the family of Louis St-Onge, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our family and friends for their sympathy as well as the cards, visits, phone calls and flowers during our recent loss of a devoted husband and father. We want to thank Mr. Russel Coates for singing his beautiful song "In The Valley" and for his words of hope and comfort. A special thanks to my dear friend, Evelyn Macey, for her caring letter she wrote to me. Also thanks to the First Responders for their promptness and effort.

ELIZABETH (wife)  
AND CHILDREN

**WILLIS, Mae** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who left us three years ago, August 11, 2002. In a quiet country grave yard Lies the one we love so dearly. The night you left us and went to sleep We never felt a pain so deep. It's been so hard since you left us, Our family hasn't been the same since. Though some have forgotten you We keep your memory close to our hearts. We miss you Mum.

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Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005

Put out your best in the year ahead because returns will come to you in proportion to the efforts you expend and occasionally even greater. If you play things right, you'll never have to spend time worrying about money again.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Plans which are pertinent to your self interests can be advanced today through a frank and open discussion with a person in the know who is likely to cross your path. Make the most of it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You could be more fortunate than usual today where your material affairs are concerned. Apply yourself with full force, barring all outsiders, if you're on the track to something profitable.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Through some form of active, social involvement with good friends today your outgoing and gregarious urges can be totally gratified. Don't limit the group — the more the merrier.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Without doing anything really special or voicing any profound statements, but simply by being yourself, you'll command total respect from persons with whom you find yourself associating.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Being a Sagittarian, you can be just as happy curling up with a good book as going out on the town. Today, however, get out and circulate because you'll be a smash with an active crowd.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A rise in status or station in life is possibly in the offing for you today. It could be a promotion or a bonus of some kind, or it just might be tremendous respect from peers in your career field.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — New wisdom can be acquired today through an in-depth discussion with a person whose mind you admire. You'll get that opportunity to do so today, so probe as deeply as you dare.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's greater financial opportunity around you today than usual through associations and contact with others. You could be particularly lucky generating earnings from a second source.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Cupid could be focusing his attention on you today, so let him have his way. If you're single, get out and mingle. If you're attached, plan something special for just you and your loved one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Your real happiness will be found within your family circle today. You won't need outsiders to fulfill your requirements for contentment, only the cozy surroundings of hearth and home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — If you have been hoping to launch a new venture or enterprise you've envisioned, this might be the right day to do so. Lady Luck will be paving the way by spreading rose pedals in your path.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — It's quite possible today that a sum of money could come your way through Dame Fortune's intervention, albeit in a rather circuitous route. It may be precipitated by a relative.

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The Farmers' Market located at 1257 Route 243 (behind the Town Hall) is opened every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until October 15.

**WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY**  
Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge worship services on August 14: Waterville 11 a.m., Hatley 9:30 a.m., North Hatley 9:30 a.m.

### MELBOURNE

Rummage Sale at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Melbourne on Saturday, August 27 at 9 a.m. There will be a food table. Contact Vera Hughes to reserve a table (819) 826-3671.

### RICHMOND

Military Whist card party at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 in the Valleyview Hall, Healy Road, Richmond. Reserve your table early with Marge at (819) 826-2760, only room for 14 tables! Admission charged. Lunch served.

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Saturday: Outdoor Flowers service at 3 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery Brookbury and laying flowers on graves, followed

## Happy 80th Birthday Isabel Nelson

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by lunch. Donations to St. John's Church Cemetery Fund Brookbury for maintenance of the cemetery is appreciated. Sunday: Outdoor Blessing of pet-animal or farm animal service on the front lawn of St. Paul's Rest Home, Bury at 3 p.m. followed by lunch. Donations to the senior retirement home received at Offertory go to the home. Everyone is welcome.

### DAVIDSON HILL

All Saint's Church will hold its annual service on August 14th at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wilmer Davidson officiating. Tea and coffee will be served. Bring a picnic lunch and lawn chair. Everyone welcome.

### MELBOURNE

On August 14, St. Andrew's Church on Route 243 invites you to a buffet supper of ham, salads, corn on the cob, assorted pies and ice cream. Admission charged. Tickets at the door.

### NORTH HATLEY

The annual meeting of the Lake Masawippi Area Historical Society will take place on Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., at the North Hatley Community Centre, 3127 Capelton Road, North Hatley. The guest speaker will be North Hatley author and teacher, Ronald Sutherland, who will talk about some of the literary figures who have made their homes in the area in the past several decades. Please join us for an interesting evening of local history.

### DANVILLE/RICHMOND

St. Francis Shared Ministry Sunday Services on August 14: Richmond 9 a.m., Danville 11 a.m., South Durham 7 p.m.

### RICHMOND

Mary Martin, celebrated Eastern Townships artist, will present a water colour and oil painting exhibition at the Museum of Richmond County Historical Society on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Afternoon Tea will be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All welcome.

### COMPTON

Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nichol's home, 6280 Route Louis St. Laurent (Route 147). Proceeds for St. James Church, Compton.

### NORTH HATLEY

Village Harmony comes to the chapel of the Quebec Lodge this Thursday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission charged. Village Harmony has been known to give very high quality choral concerts in the past. The three leaders of the group are Amity Baker, Carl Linich and Suzannah Park. The mood of the concerts put on by Village Harmony could sort of be described as Up With People without the schmaltz since the combination of ex-

perienced musical teachers and talented performing teenagers seems to create an electric atmosphere in the small venues the concerts are performed. Village Harmony has toured the far corners of the world and this tour takes them to many small towns of Vermont and as the luck of Townshippers has it to the Quebec Lodge this Thursday evening.

### LENNOXVILLE

To celebrate the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada Ladies Auxiliary's 35th Anniversary please come to an evening featuring Shawn Barry, Elvis Tribute Artist, accompanied by his 5 piece band. Saturday, September 10 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets will be offered to Unit 318 members first from August 8 to 24, 2005, then to the public. Tickets are available at the (A.N.A.F.) Hut, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville after 4 p.m. Call (819) 346-9122 after 4 p.m. for information. Note: Members of Unit 318 Ladies Auxiliary please contact Barb Leonard or Emily Smerdon.

### NORTH HATLEY

North Hatley Village Improvement Society Rummage Sale on Wednesday, August 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the N.H.R.S. (Public Beach), 2070 Lake Road. The V.I.S. annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 10 a.m., at the Community Centre.

### LENNOXVILLE

Sherbrooke County Women's Institute is sponsoring an afternoon of Military Whist at St. George's Church Hall, Lennoxville on August 20 at 2 p.m. with a salad supper to follow. For reservations, please call Ruby Booth (819) 562-6502 or Marion St. Onge 820-2695. Please come and support a worthy cause.

### HATLEY

Luncheon on Wednesday, August 17 starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Hatley Anglican Church Hall. Sponsored by the A.C.W. Everyone welcome.

### WARDEN

500 card party in the Oddfellows Hall, Warden on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and prizes. All welcome.

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by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: N equals H

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# Women are interested in...

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I know you've covered this before, but please bear with me. I am a man in my late 30s who is too nice and has no luck. I never dated in high school or college,

and my adult dating experience amounts to what I can count on two hands. Married women think I'm great because I am no threat to their marriages, while single women avoid me like the plague. It's almost as if I am invading their space.

I have tried everything I can think of to find someone to share my life, including online dating services. I am tall but nothing much to look at, and no one is beating a path to my door. I am painfully shy in the company of women, which can be mistaken for aloofness and arrogance. I am extremely tough on myself.

I do not want to be hurt again and feel as though I cannot trust any women. Don't get me wrong, I love women and almost everything about them, but I know they don't think of me in the same way.

I am not looking for ways to meet women. I want to know what is wrong with me. I know it has to be me, since I am given the impression that women do no wrong and won't say what is wrong when asked. To whom can I speak (someone not related and someone I don't know) regarding my situation? — Just Can't Win

**Dear Can't Win:** Let's examine what women are interested in — looks, true, and for some, money and prestige. However, women also are attracted to confidence, intelligence, kindness and a healthy sense of humor, tucked inside of good grooming. Really. If you have those qualities and can't find a woman, perhaps you are looking at the wrong ones. (And it won't help to have a sarcastic attitude about women.)

Do you approach single women who are your age or older? Divorced with kids? Overweight? Inside those packages can be delightful people, but too many men are only looking for Barbie. If you can honestly say you've tried all kinds of women, then we don't know why you are having so much trouble.

Since you don't want to ask someone who knows you to list your flaws, talk to a counselor and find out if there is something else going on that isn't apparent. Your frustration and resignation also may be fostering depression and an unattractive scent of desperation. Your doctor can recommend someone.

**Dear Annie:** I work in an office with nine women, six of whom are smokers, including all three members of management. Most of them do not abuse the privilege, but even so, it is sometimes difficult to pick up the slack with everybody taking cigarette breaks, often in groups.

We have no formal system for how many breaks we get, and complaints about the smoking have not been well received. This has contributed to an overall decline in office morale since the rest of us are covering their duties when they are outside. The communal breaks are also the equivalent of gathering around the water cooler and the non-smokers are left out of the loop. Any advice? — Smoldering in the Office

**Dear Smoldering:** Don't approach this as a smoking vs. non-smoking issue. Say that frequent breaks are affecting office morale and disrupting efficiency. However, we warn you, if it doesn't bother management, you may be out of luck.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Feeling Blue in the Bluegrass State," whose late father may have been entitled to military honors. Please tell her to contact her local American Legion or VFW Post. They will no doubt be more than willing to arrange some sort of memorial service at the gravesite and render a three-volley salute. (A 21-gun salute is given only to high echelon persons, such as the president or top official of a foreign country.) — Bobbe Stuvengen, Past National Historian, The American Legion, Orfordville, Wis.

**Dear Bobbe Stuvengen:** Thank you so much for coming to the rescue. We hope she contacts someone immediately.

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

## Hyundai Sonata hits near pitch perfect with fifth generation of reliable sedan.



The new Hyundai Sonata is a better car than the one it replaces in every area. Its trump card, however, is price.

### By Graeme Fletcher For CanWest News Service

When the Sonata first debuted, it moved Hyundai up the automotive ladder and on to the next level.

Previously, the automaker had catered pretty much to the disposable end of the market with the likes of the Pony, Excel and the less-than-stellar Stellar. The Sonata was also a critical success, eventually being voted the "most reliable" car by Consumer Reports magazine. All of which gives the fifth-generation Sonata big shoes to fill; but fill them it does.

Thankfully, the designers have dumped the dowdy "think of me as a Mercedes-Benz with my knock-off headlights" look and given the new car some character. While it doesn't shout its presence to other road users, it manages to avoid the anonymity embraced by much of its immediate competition.

The interior design follows this attractive lead - the grey carbon-fibre-like trim being infinitely better than the dreadful faux wood used in the previous model.

The range-topping GLS V-6 tested featured a boatload of equipment - full leather, power locks, windows, mirrors and sunroof, cruise control and a tilt and telescoping steering wheel with redundant controls for the AM/FM/MP3 audio system, as well as a heated, eight-way power driver's seat and speed-sensitive intermittent wipers.

Choosing the premium package enhances the lengthy list by including electronic stability control, power adjustable pedals, automatic climate control with an air filtration system, electro-chromic rear-view mirror (it automatically dims whenever headlights hit it) with a digital compass and HomeLink buttons and a trip computer. This package only adds \$1,400 to the GLS's \$26,600 sticker, making it a bargain.

For the most part, the cabin is a comfortable place to spend time. True, the front passenger's seat comes up a little shy on under-thigh support (the ability to adjust the seat cushion up at the front would all but eliminate this problem), and the centre rear position is domed, hard and hampered by the central tunnel.

These minor quibbles aside, you have to look long and hard to nitpick. Certainly, there are the differing plastics on the door panels and dash (I counted at least eight with subtly different textures and colours), and not finishing the radio surround in the same trim as the rest of the centre stack and shifter console is disappointing. But that's about as bad as it gets, which is pretty darned good.

Where Hyundai needs to be taken to task is for the nickel and diming it does after the fact - paint is a \$125 option unless you can live with basic black, and it will cost you \$86.58 if you want Sonata-embroidered floor mats. Why not make both standard? After all, if someone is shelling out \$28,000 before the government's chunk, is he or she really going to hold out on the \$211.58?

In terms of its dynamic appeal, the Sonata again takes a big step forward. The best description is that it's now a steady Eddy when pitched into a corner, as the double wishbone front and multi-link rear suspensions (with anti-roll bars at both ends) are European-firm without being harsh. As a result, body roll is controlled and understeer only begins to surface when the driver really pours on the coals. It is the type of setup that caters to the tortoise as well as the hare.

The same applies to the steering - it has a well-defined on-centre feel and is nicely weighted, being pleasantly firm at speed and nice and light at parking speeds. Ditto the anti-lock brakes, as they work on big, vented front rotors, so there is little fade even after being worked all the way down some steep

grades. The pedal feel is also firm and the response rate is progressive.

There's plenty of power on tap, too. The 3.3-litre, 24-valve V-6 - with continuously variable valve timing on the intake side - dishes out 235 h.p. and 226 pound-feet of torque, which is more than enough to satisfy. Matting the gas from a standstill makes the P225/50R17 tires chirp, and the car hauls its way to 100 kilometres an hour in 7.3 seconds, which is better than average for the family sedan category. The engine is also remarkably refined, only getting a tad noisy when forced to work at the top end of the rev range.

The five-speed automatic transmission is, perhaps, the one weak link. While it's fairly quick and smooth in its operation, it occasionally gets caught in the wrong gear because it's sometimes slow to kick down. This forces a rather abrupt downshift, particularly when dropping the two cogs needed to catch up. The same is true of the manual side - it can be a little abrupt on downshifts, which persuaded me to leave the tranny to its own devices. That said, the transmission still earns a passing grade.

I went into this test expecting a typical Hyundai, solid but uninspiring. The new Sonata is a better car than the one it replaces in every area. It has good power, decent handling, is comfortable and has plenty of space (including a massive 16.3-cubic-foot trunk). Its trump card, however, is price. The entry-level car is more or less priced to compete against a well-equipped Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

The range-topping GLS V-6, even with the premium pack, comes in at the same level as the competition's four-cylinder models (Accord, Camry, Mazda6 and Nissan Altima), which gives it a commanding and appealing advantage.

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