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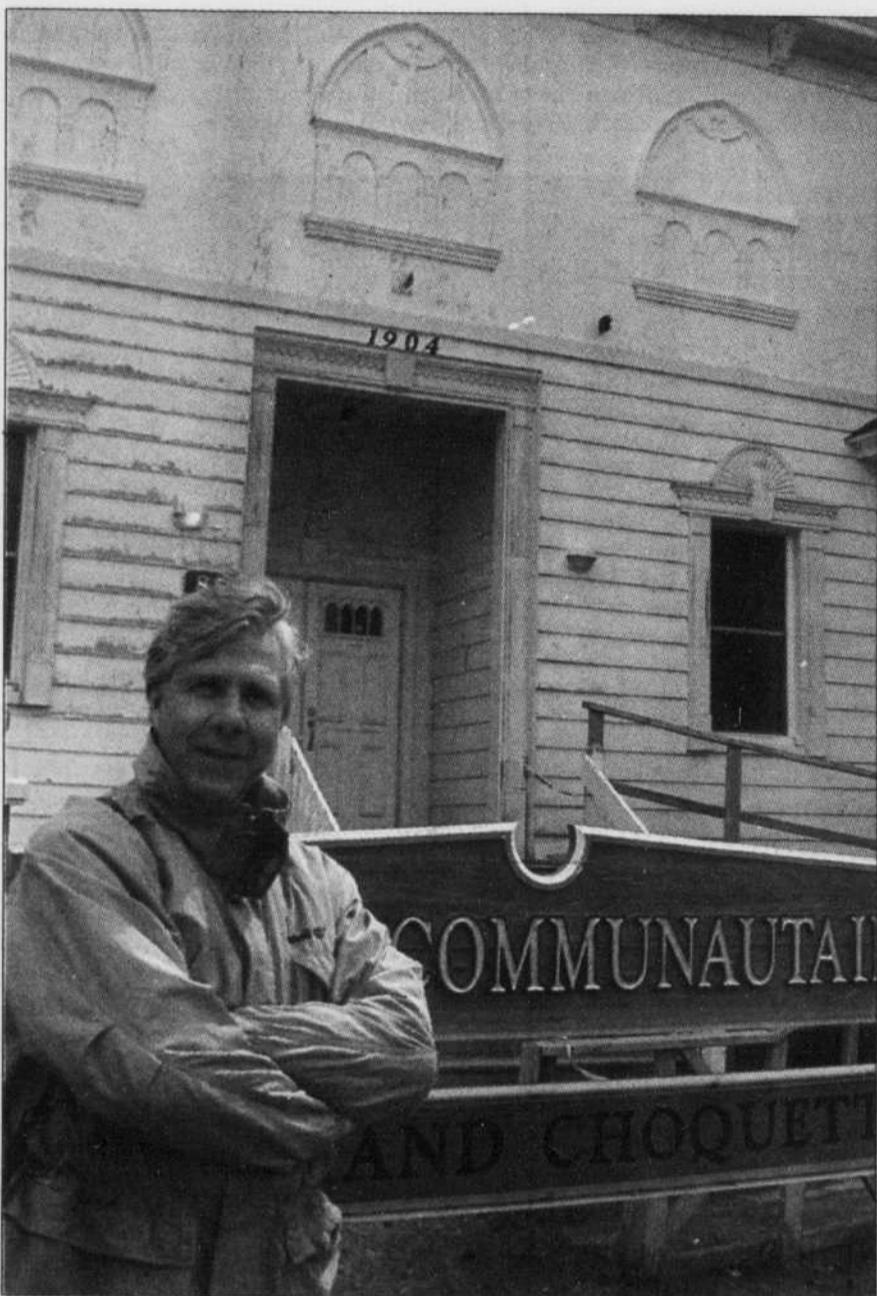
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Fighting Demolition



PERRY BEATON

Architect Roberpierre Monnier wants to save the centenary community centre in Ste-Catherine de Hatley. See page 3.

Cost hikes and hurting businesses

North Hatley warns Lennoxville

By Jen Young
SHERBROOKE

With Lennoxville residents pondering recent proposals to bury utility wires and widen sidewalks, their neighbours in North Hatley recently experienced a similar facelift and warn of coming hardships.

"Lennoxville is a lot like North Hatley," said long time North Hatley restaurant owner Jay Laprise. "When all the students leave it's really just the residents left and businesses have to depend on local customers. In the long run losing a few months of business or a big slow down is death to a lot of people."

"It may look nice in the long run, but you have to think of what you will get out of it. You may see a few new fancy benches, trees, and new sidewalks but is it worth it for what you have to endure?"

Two summers ago the town of North Hatley approved changing the sidewalks, repaving downtown roads, and initially anticipated the burial of utility wires (though that last never happened).

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Two more legal letters

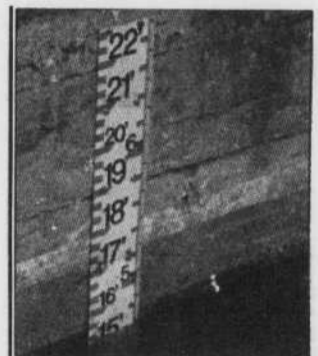
Damages claimed in Bury

By Sarah Rogers
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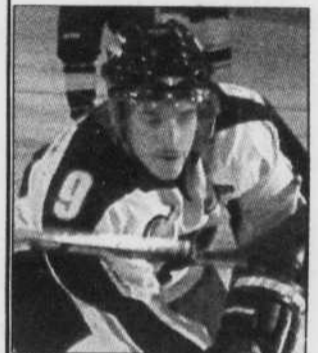
Bury councillor James Cork has been hit with yet another legal notice, in light of two controversial letters he authored and distributed publicly in recent months.

At a Monday working session of politicians before the regular monthly council meeting, Cork and the

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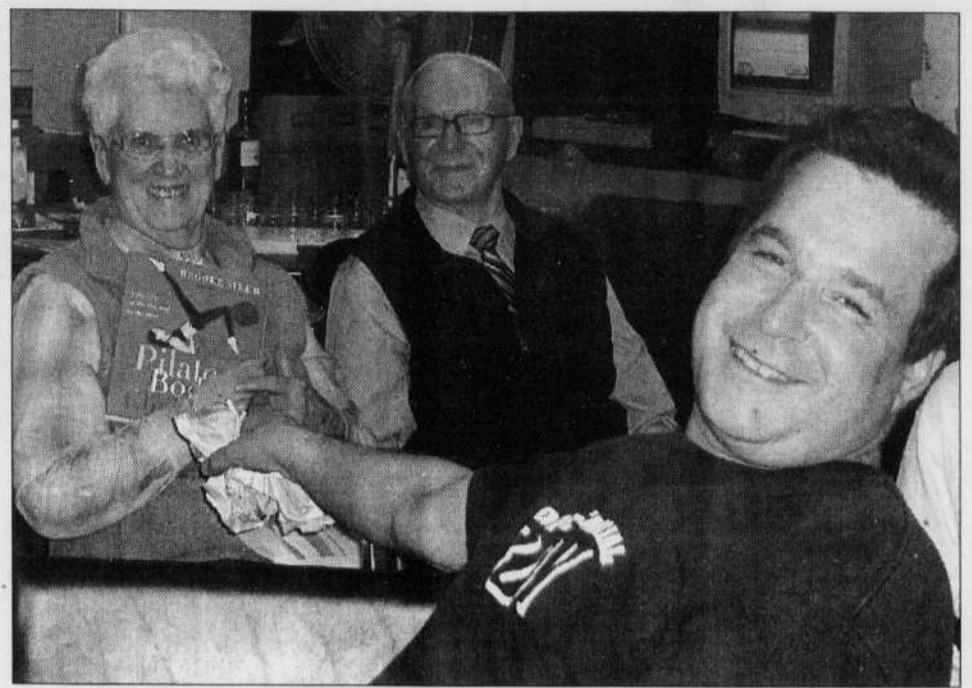
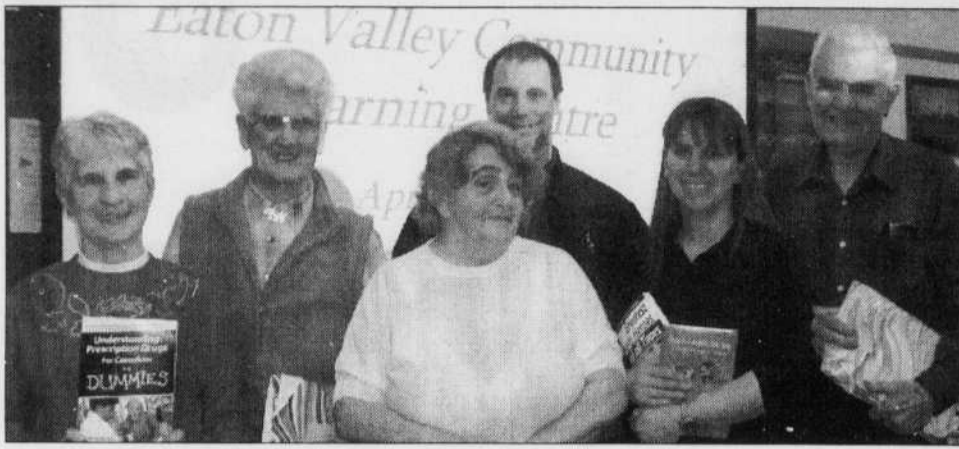
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Celebrating learning and leadership

Bury courses

Now, sleet and rain didn't keep several dozen adult learners from attending a party in their honour at the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre in Bury last Friday night as part of Quebec's Week of Adult Learning.

Literacy in Action co-hosted the event at Pope Memorial Elementary, where the centre is based, and attendees were eligible for several prize drawings. Winners were awarded books related to the theme of the class in which they were involved.

"Not only are these adults taking part and contributing to local learning activities but they are sending a powerful message to local school children about the value (and pleasure!) of lifelong learning," reads a release.

"Among the numerous courses and activities

at the CLC over the past year have been scrapbooking, Pilates, tele-health information sessions, the launch of an easy-read lifelong learning collection of books, workshops for parents, watercolour painting, an introductory computer course, and, most recently, an intergeneration project entitled "Farms Alive!"

An Internet café evening is held weekly on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the school's community room. Many of these activities rely on volunteers or on partnerships with community organizations, including the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, Townshippers, Association, Townshippers, Foundation, St. Paul's Rest Home and the Eastern Townships CEDEC.

The Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre is a collaboration between Pope Memorial school and New Horizons Adult Education Centre (in Sherbrooke), both of the Eastern Townships School Board.

Above at far left: A few of the prize winners; at back, Muriel Watson, Mike Coates, Durwood Dougherty; front, Irma Chapman, Beth Strapps, and Karen Blouin, all of whom have been actively participating in activities of the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Watson with Pope Memorial principal Luc Rodrigue.



Above, Geraldine Murray filling out a ticket for one of the many drawings. At left, Irma Chapman, Jo Smyth, and Muriel Watson.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the location of the former co-op building was mistated in the story "Conflicting interests" in the April 10 Record. It is in fact located on College Street.

Also, we got the phone number wrong for those who want to collect \$60 for their old fridge from Hydro Quebec. Call 1-877-49-FRIGO (37446).

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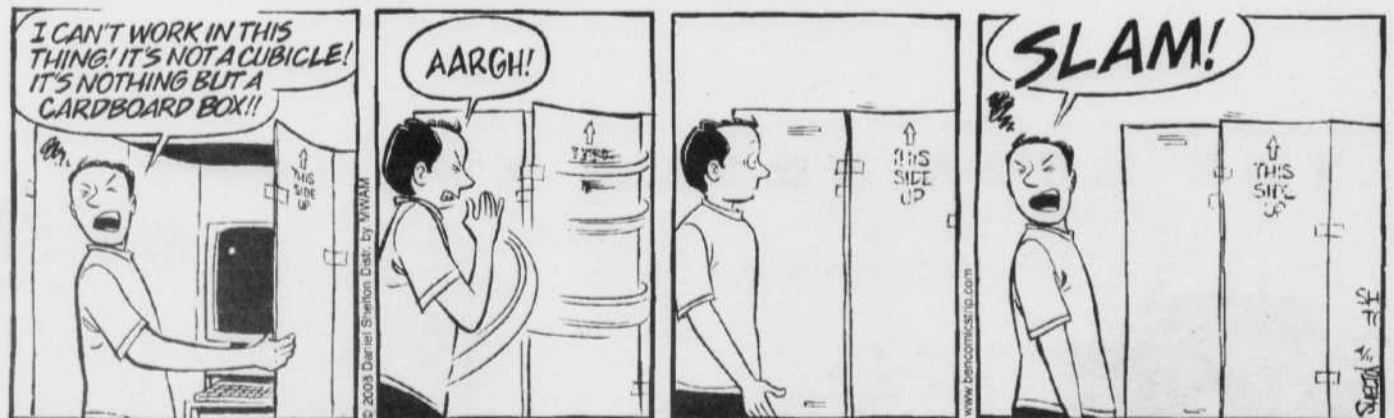
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Monday: Mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 7. High 6.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Architect wants building saved

Mould and bad plumbing

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

A proposal to demolish the century community centre in Ste-Catherine de Hatley and build a new one is an "insult to sustainable development and local heritage," says local architect Roberpierre Monnier.

"At a time when we are mourning the loss of a heritage building in Quebec City due to a devastating fire and that everyone is worried about preserving religious heritage buildings, in Ste-Catherine de Hatley they have announced the likely destruction of a local heritage building based on a report that has not been made public."

Monnier said architect Pierre Cabana, a former president of Magog's historical society, has produced a report that favours the demolition of the 105-year-old community centre and the construction of more modern, functional one.

Monnier said he has been unable to get a copy of the report from the town, but he insists there are alternatives.

While the building has been neglected for a number of years, it is still solid, said Monnier. But he admits the community hall is damp and that it has mould problems and it's no wonder the people who use the space, mainly seniors from the Golden Age Club, want a new one.

But Monnier insists the building, and the 100 years of village heritage it represents, can be preserved.

Monnier said the church, the presbytery, and the community centre are the only surviving buildings following a major fire in 1949 that destroyed the village.

According to town historian Jacqueline Hallé, council decided to build the multifunctional municipal hall in 1903 when Mayor Olivier Martin and secretary-treasurer Ulric Palardy signed a contract to purchase land from Honoré Courtemanche. As well as housing town meetings, the elevated basement underneath held the town's road maintenance equipment.

Local architect Michael Grayson, who has worked on preserving several local churches, said the building is unique. He notes the hall has a "boomtown" facade, an architectural feature popular in old westerns where the front elevation of the building is heightened to make it look more imposing.

In 1948, the building's foundation was lowered by five feet and a new concrete foundation transformed the town garage into a basement, notes Hallé. A



PERRY BEATON

Roberpierre Monnier says there's history, and social and environmental issues to consider.

16-foot extension was also built onto the back.

"The issue is not just one of heritage and history, there are also social and environmental issues to consider," said Monnier, who noted that demolishing the hall will create some 10 to 15 containers of garbage that would be carted to the dump. Building a new one will create almost as much construction debris.

Mayor Jacques Demers said the decision to demolish is not final, but that's the option council plans to present to townspeople.

Demers said that on Monday, Orford MNA Pierre Reid announced the town could receive a provincial infrastructure grant of \$338,000 to demolish the Centre Communautaire Armand-Choquette and build a new community centre valued at about \$775,000. Added to that would be another \$64,000 of rural pact money for town projects.

"We have an opportunity and we want to present it to the public," Demers said, noting the grants must be used for a new construction and cannot be used to preserve the old building.

Demers said the town hired Pierre Cabana to study the possibility of preserving the existing community hall.

"He said nothing can be done," De-

mers said, adding that Cabana determined the heritage value to the building was not great enough to obtain a grant to preserve it.

Demers said contractors consulted by the town said it would cost more to preserve the old building than to construct a new one.

The mayor noted there are serious

BRIEF

Owl Hoot for the BMP

The public is invited to the 16th annual Sugaring Off Party at Owl Hoot Maple Farm, a fundraising event for the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation.

The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at 85 Ross Road in Stanbridge East. A \$7 donation is suggested, \$4 for children under 10 years. Donations cover taffy on snow, wagon rides, Canadian fiddlers and more. Call 450-248-3616 for more information.

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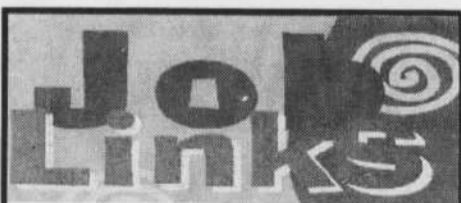
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problems, including a foundation that is leaking and plumbing that not longer meets modern standards. Water in the building, which comes from a surface well, is of poor quality and an artesian well must be dug.

The mayor noted those sanitary concerns forced the shutdown of the town's Meals on Wheels program last year.

Demers said the town also must meet certain government regulations to make the building accessible to the disabled, which would mean installing ramps. A new, single-story building would eliminate those costly investments and make the hall more accessible and more functional. He notes the building is used a few times a week by the Golden Age Club, is used by town recreational activities and is rented for community events.

The new building would be slightly larger than the current premises and would contain a multi-purpose room, a collapsible stage, a room divider so the hall can be used for more than one event at a time, as well as a kitchen, a cloakroom and bathrooms.

But Monnier said if the town needs more meeting rooms, there is plenty of space at the town's church and presbytery that is seldom used.

Demers said that in 2005, former Mayor Gilles Boisvert consulted the population about replacing the community hall. At the time, townspeople were divided between preserving and demolishing it.

Monnier said those who favoured a new hall were mainly those who were using it.

Monnier said he has been one of the few to speak out against the possible demolition of the community.

"People are afraid to express themselves in a small community," he said, expressing the hope that townsfolk will show up and speak out at a gathering next week.

The public meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday April 16 at the Centre Communautaire, Armand-Choquette, 85 de la Grande rue.

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Laprise said he, as well as many other Main Street business owners, saw the effects of torn up roads and construction for what he said was way longer and more expensive than anticipated. It was a "nightmare".

"Pedestrian traffic was down to nothing because all the construction was just dangerous," he said, referring to work that lasted almost the whole summer. "I couldn't receive deliveries, because the trucks couldn't get here, and the tourists didn't come. Luckily for me, a lot of the workers came here to eat, but that wasn't the case for the boutiques or other stores. It was a mess with mud, holes, and bumps. If you can see the greater good it is what it is, but I would suggest that residents be informed. It's a big job and anything can happen. Something always goes wrong and it always costs more than it is supposed to."

Laprise said it was not worth it in the end.

"Me personally, I feel that the money they spent is way ridiculous for what we got. The powers that be always know and they only tell us what they think we need to know, so I suggest you really know what's to come before you sign up for anything."

North Hatley director Leonard Castagner said the reason the utility wire burial idea fell through was the more than \$1 million price tag that came with it.

"It was the cost," he said. "It was burying wires from three companies, cable, telecom and hydro, and when we

heard the final cost it was way too high for what the citizens could pay. If someone from hydro ever asks why people don't bury their wires, that's the reason."

The small tourist village on Lake Massawippi learned first hand what can happen when residents are opposed to such expenses.

"If it's a borrowing by-law then the citizens have a right to oppose it," Castagner said with an exhausted gasp. "We learned that residents can exercise that right for sure."

Last year a referendum was demanded by taxpayers after a proposal was made for another phase of road-related construction.

The residents won out and the project was refused.

Lennoxville residents will need to wait for a final estimation of cost and impact before they are able to decide whether they wish to contest any form of borrowing or zoning by-laws. But, they are free to address any concerns or question to the borough office at 819-569-9388.

About burying utility wires

Hydro's estimates

By Jen Young
SHERBROOKE

According to a Hydro-Quebec spokeswoman, the burial of utility wires is the new trend and if communities can handle the costs, the result is an increase in property values, fewer electrical outages, and a safer community.

The majority of the audience at Tuesday's public consultation questioned the Lennoxville borough's idea to bury wires.

Borough president Doug MacAulay said that the estimated cost, just to hide the Hydro wires, was around \$5 million, but was not familiar with individual costs to Queen and College street building owners for connection. According to Hydro's Geneviève Dufort, estimates usually include all costs.

"I don't know where (the borough) received their estimate, but connection charges are usually included in the estimate," she said Thursday. "Burying the wires usually helps the town because they can plan around the work Hydro has to do. Since we need to dig up a section of the street this is usually when municipalities will plan sidewalk repairs, and aquaduct work. Since the road is already dug up it can save money."

Dufort said only a part of any road is under construction at any given time. She could not estimate how long the work would take in Lennoxville because she's not familiar with the project, nor the location.

Hydro does offer some financial assistance, Dufort confirmed.

"We have one plan that is for burying existing wires, which is what you are referring to, and there is another for burying new wires or extending an area," she said. "In burying existing wires there are two options. One is if a municipality asks to have wires buried throughout its area then Hydro pays 30 per cent of the bill. This only consists of hydro; any other utili-

ties are at the municipality's expense. In the case of patrimonial or cultural buildings we form partnerships with other utility companies and Hydro pays 70 per cent of the overall bill, including the charges from other companies."

Dufort said cost is really the only negative. She said more than 40 per cent of power outages are caused by fallen branches or trees near overhead distribution lines.

"There are less outages, but fixing the problem may take a little longer so that technicians can investigate the wires underground. With lines under ground there needs to be an above ground transformer. Not at every house, but depending on the size of the project these transformers have to be accessible at all times."

The above ground green squares must remain in plain sight and they come with strict rules. For instance, plants and trees can never be planted within .6 meters. If maintenance employees cannot access the transformer they remove the shrubs and vegetation at the landowner's expense.

Giving children the chance to fly a kite without worry, and decreasing the sight of sagging wires that obstruct views is definitely a selling point for the initiative, and Dufort said a lack of wires can even increase the resale value of a building.

"A town with no wires is nicer and esthetically pleasing to the eye. It increases the value of that area and wireless homes and communities are becoming more and more sought after by people looking to purchase land."

She said that in the United States, most new residential developments have an underground distribution network, and in Western Canada 50 per cent of new distribution lines are beneath the surface. In Quebec, wire-free environments are becoming a feature of the urban landscape.

Residents with questions pertaining to the procedure of burying wires can visit www.hydroquebec.com/livingwirefree/index.html.

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Another One Down



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King Street's old Capitol Theatre in downtown Sherbrooke was torn down yesterday to make room for a new building.

'Attempting to repopulate Sutton'

Mayor says development is needed

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Sutton's urban plan continues to draw local opposition, as a provincial commission on municipal affairs determines if the blueprint is sound. The Commission municipale du Québec (CMQ) held a packed public forum Wednesday evening as part of its review to ensure that three of the five proposed bylaws that make up the urban plan conform to existing rules.

The bylaws dictate local zoning, allotment and construction regulations within the municipality.

The CMQ heard from more than 50 residents and town representatives in order to make a final ruling in the coming weeks.

"The commission will study the urban plan and give an overall appraisal of it by the first of May," said Sutton Mayor Ken Hill in an interview.

Afterwards, the town will open a registry, and if the required minimum number of residents sign, the urban plan will go to referendum.

Otherwise, Hill said, the by-laws will be considered adopted.

Tensions around local development became heated when town council passed a resolution last August giving the go-ahead to Couche Tard, the country's largest convenience store chain, to move into a downtown gas station site. Municipal regulations require the new building to be finished in clapboard and to post wooden signage, but many residents say they want to see a public park created in its place.

Couche Tard still has its permit, but the company is waiting on zoning changes to be confirmed before constructing the new *depanneur*.

Although the urban plan was adopted in late January, the CMQ intervened after receiving 48 complaints from Sutton residents on the file, substantially more than the five complaint minimum that requires their involvement.

The urban plan is heavily criticized, Hill believes, because it allows for development in the town's centre, where some residents have taken a NIMBY (not in my backyard) attitude.

But residents say the plan largely ignores the conservation of the area's ecosystems and excludes citizens from the town-planning process.

Sutton's mayor said the plan aims to revitalize the community and attract new permanent residents, rather than just the stream of tourists Sutton sees year-round. The town's population has remained steady for almost three decades, Hill points out, only now it is home to an aging population.

The urban plan means multi-family dwellings can be built in the centre of town, which Hill likens to affordable and accessible housing.

"I'd rather be attempting to repopulate Sutton than sitting back and doing nothing," he said.

Airport crash

A 25-year-old Acton Vale man suffered serious injuries after his single-seater KR-1 aircraft crashed Wednesday afternoon, only metres from the landing strip at the Drummondville airport.

A radio operator at the airport immediately called 911, and Olivier Bisailon was taken to St. Croix Hospital shortly afterwards with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

Airport staff believe wind may have been a factor in the incident.



DAVID ANDERSON

Residents looking over the rushing waters of the Rivière Noire.

Boy is still missing

Roxton Falls

The search for missing Marc-Antoine Latulippe continued Thursday with no new leads, four days after the 11-year-old went missing by the Black River (Rivière Noire) in Roxton Falls.

Police believe the boy fell into the water while playing along a concrete ledge under a bridge that spans the river.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Ronald McInnis said rescue efforts in the river have become increasingly difficult as water levels rise, due to the spring thaw, and a powerful current.

Over the last few days, both of the boy's boots have been recovered near where he went missing Monday afternoon.

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Community Forum

The church as a meeting place

Community groups pay a pittance in rent

As a first year university student, I remember learning how to use footnotes. "Acknowledge your sources," we were taught. If you are quoting, use quotation marks and acknowledge your source with a footnote. This was easy enough.

Sometimes, though, the lines blurred between the thought I read and the thought I thought I thought. (See how confusing it can be?) At one point I gave up using secondary sources and resorted to thinking on my own, and for diversion, read interdisciplinary work to give some fresh angles for looking at the work.

Many years later, as a minister, I am free to think for myself, but I am constantly using commentaries and resources to sharpen and direct my work. When I preach, I do not burden my congregation with all of the citations or sources. But in my notes of preparation I still cite the sources, and even the page numbers. I hear echoing in my ears, to this day: "Acknowledge your sources."

I would like this to be part of all we do in the community as well.

As an arts community, as a community working for social justice with advocacy groups and self-help organizations: Acknowledge your sources. Where do we get our support? Throughout the Townships, and throughout Canada, community organizations and small groups meet in church buildings. Sometimes they pay rent, or give a stipend to the church, but rarely do these amounts come close to covering the expense of upkeep of the buildings.

Congregations have seen offering their space to community groups as an outreach, and have been happy to support the groups with the resources they have to share. Many of these buildings require enormous upkeep, and a very few people are giving sacrificially to keep their church buildings open. These people – many of them on pensions – need to be acknowledged and

thanked.

The church has changed over the past generation. Much of the work that was the purview of the church has been taken on by the community and the government. This is good news! This has created a "commonwealth" in the best sense of the word. In the Lord's Prayer we pray "Thy Kingdom come"; this commonwealth is far from the kingdom, but it

VIEWPOINT

REV. WENDY MACLEAN

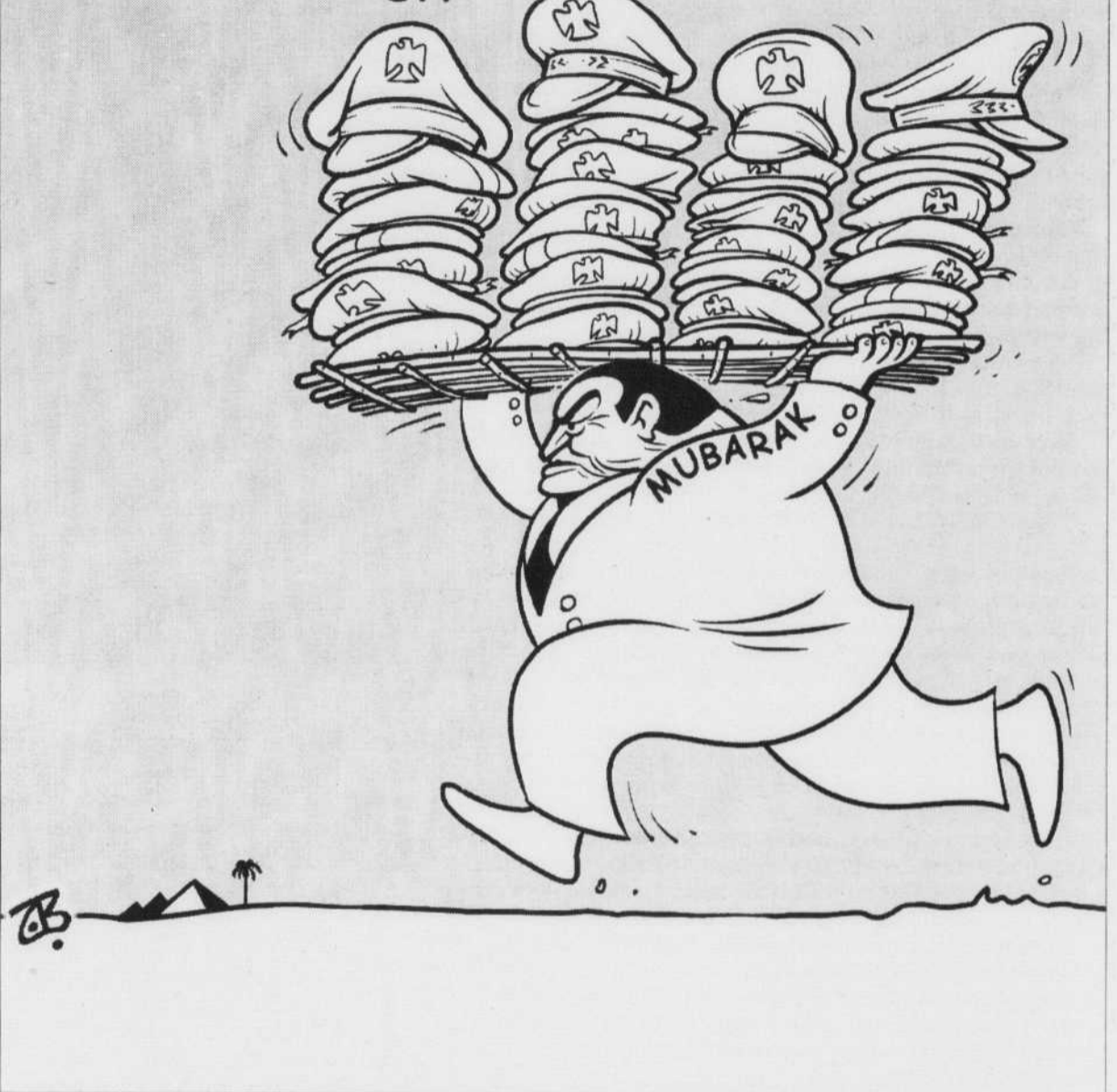
is a glimpse of what is possible when we share the resources of creation with love and care.

Has the church become a footnote in all this well-being? Or is it even acknowledged as a source of the motivation to reach out, to share and bless, to love and serve our neighbours as brothers and sisters? The church has been guilty of many transgressions, but the abiding message has created and continues to create a community of care and hope.

If health care – "hospitality for body and soul" – has been taken over by the government, we can be thankful, and acknowledge the source: the religious brothers and sisters who devoted their

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Bread riots in Egypt



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Organizing it all

DEAR EDITOR

Since the passing of Douglas Johnston ("Kids banned from vegetable garden at fair time; Doug Johnston passes away at 95", March 14 *Record*), many lives have changed.

So many share the pain of his loss, which will never go away. Doug was one of a kind in more than one way. He was involved with many societies such as: the Quebec Farmer's Association, Artificial Inseminators, 4 H Club, the Stanstead County Agricultural and Horticultural societies and others with endless devotion and dedication. He was genuine and real. when he had something to say, he didn't hold back.

The Scottish temper flared every now and then when he had worked too long and was tired. We all knew when to keep quiet and just do what was expected.

Doug is responsible for many members joining all these societies. He always knew who would be reliable and

do their share of the work. His memory never failed nor did his dedication. On the last day of his life on earth his concern was getting the fair book to the printer and all the ads being picked up. There will never be anyone to replace this man.

When one speaks of someone special, my mind goes to Douglas Johnston. Of course the old saying goes "Behind every good man there is a good woman." Irene Patterson Johnston was that woman. She and Sandy worked hard on the farm in order for Doug to be able to be so active in so many organizations. Irene also is extremely special. She stood behind Doug no matter what. She was the wind beneath his wings. I am sure as I am writing this that he and all those who have gone before him are working on a book for heaven. He will organize it when all the ads are in.

God bless dear friend, we will always love and miss you.

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Pothole! Pothole! The future of the laptops

Yell it out loud

It's been awhile since I commented on the state of our roads in Quebec and particularly, bridges. I think that since my tirade a few years ago about construction on the College Street bridge in Lennoxville, all bridges have it in for me.

Coming back into Lennoxville this weekend, we hit an enormous pothole that cracked a hubcap, sent it flying and bent a rim on one of the wheels. When my husband went back to look for the hubcap, it took him a few moments as there were two other hubcaps lying there, an indication that we were not the only victims of this gaping hole. It was the second time this winter that this happened. The other time, I was alone in the car with my two dogs and I slammed into a hole that flattened my tire and yes, bent a rim.

This caused me to think about how such accidents could be avoided. After all, drivers are taught to "look far" when they drive. The problem with looking far is that you can't see that pothole on the ground that is right in front of you. We need an invention that can warn the driver that a pothole is ahead of him or her.

Countries have flags that identify them. Could we not have such a warning device for a pothole and make it a bright colour, say orange, that would stand out to the driver? This could save so many car owners damage to their cars and the expense of having it repaired.

Ah, just a minute. My husband just leaned over my shoulder to inform me that this is exactly what is used to warn drivers of hazards in the road. I see. May I inquire where the heck those markers were when I hit these potholes?

All sarcasm aside, I realize that we live in a harsh climate. I can even accept that this damages our roads. CAA's pot-

hole watch website, (www.caaquebec.com/nids/en/nids.asp?action=retour) claims that the freezing and thawing cycle and overweight trucks cause pot holes. It also states that poor road conditions increase fuel consumption by 35 per cent. I don't know why this is so but I do know that with the price of gas, I don't need anything to increase my fuel consumption. I spend too much on the stuff already.

If the government can't afford to fix all those potholes right away, can't they mark them properly? Maybe the price of road markers is going up too and our municipal government is concerned that they might have to raise taxes if they put a few more markers down around the potholes that are all over our streets and roads.

Yes, times are tough so we need to be creative. Maybe this could be a job for students. They could stand by the road and yell, "Pothole, pothole!" to passing cars. I completely understand that we can't afford to hire them but this could be considered as a community service credit that would get the kids out into the fresh air and give them an opportunity to exercise their lungs a bit.

If this is all too far fetched, maybe, just maybe, somebody might figure out a way to get those potholes fixed before people actually hurt themselves when their tires blow out. I nearly lost control of my car the first time and I was very grateful to be driving a Subaru with all wheel drive so that I regained control quickly and didn't put my dogs in the hospital. I know I don't count.

Fixing potholes in Quebec is just too radical a concept so it's back to the drawing board... although I really do fancy kids yelling "Pothole! Pothole!" You know you like it too.

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SOMEBODY'S MOTHER



ELLEN GOLDFINCH

Bye-bye?

The Eastern Townships School Board has seen fit to post a press release on its website announcing that the Cirque du Soleil is using ETSB laptop technology even though fewer than a handful of students are involved; however, the board has not announced on its website that its policy of providing a take-home laptop for every child in the system from Grade three to 11 is being discontinued.

Instead the non-informed taxpayer and potential school-board voter has heard from parents, teachers and the occasional article in *The Record* that a consultation process is taking place with staff and parents and that laptops will be "provided only to students and teachers where its most effective usage has been determined."

Considering the fact that nearly all students who are big enough to tote one home already do so, what does the ETSB propose to do? Provide those students of parents who are particularly effusive with praise with an extra laptop?

The whole operation seems to be one of control: "Use the laptops or lose them."

Many schools willingly contributed funds from their own operating budgets to the school board laptop fund. Will these same schools now be asked to hand over their computers to a school that uses the laptops more "effectively?" Or is it payback time to those schools and, in particular, their governing boards who refused to pass budgets

that earmarked local funds to be used for payment of the laptop program?

The ETSB did decide to publicize a study about the laptop program that has been available on the Internet for quite some time. The Center for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP) evaluated the third year of the initiative. This study has very little content but a lot of padding.

CSLP sounds very official but it consists of a small group of researchers based at Concordia University. They were to do a long-term study on the initiative, but the CSLP lost its federal research money. (It was hit by the general cutbacks after the federal sponsorship scandals though it was not in any way

I BEG TO DIFFER

RONALD EWING

involved with the latter.) The research refers to only the one year (2003-'04), which was the first year of general usage of laptops by all schools. In the two previous years only a small number of schools were experimenting with laptops.

The testing was a rushed job and from what I witnessed as a principal at the time, it was of absolutely no statistical use as a base line, its intended purpose. The report itself refers to this hurried administration of the Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT) but does not seriously explore the ramifications of this.

Though the research paper consists of over 200 pages, the only original finding from the actual testing is the following, quoted from the ETSB-CSLP newsletter: "The only relationship that

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PERRY BEATON

A Sherbrooke work crew has a go at pothole.

Centre de santé et de services sociaux de Memphrémagog

INVITATION-INVITATION-INVITATION Residents of MRC de Memphrémagog are invited to attend the annual general meeting of the CSSSM's Users' and Residents' Committees

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2008
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Salle du Bonheur (placement cafeteria)
50, rue St-Patrice Est in Magog

The main purposes of these committees are informing users and residents about their rights and obligations, promoting the improvement and quality of living conditions, and accompanying and assisting users, residents, their families, or their representatives.

The main business during the assembly will be the presentation of committee activity reports and action plans for the upcoming year as well as the holding of elections.

Pierre Desautels, Chair, Users' Committee
Michel Desjardins, Chair, Residents' Committee

Our School's Page

WATERLOO ELEMENTARY

Well, we are back from spring break and Easter vacation and looking forward to getting back into our everyday routines. As I had mentioned in the last school page we were getting ready to celebrate Carnival Day on February 29th. Well, we had a blast.

We went for a wagon ride, roasted marshmallows, played tug of war, played toss with a giant Subway ball and went sliding. The weather co-operated and the sun shone down on us. We ended the day on a really nice note by sharing hot chocolate and watching a picture slideshow, which allowed us to see how the other groups enjoyed their experiences. I would like to thank everyone involved for making it such a wonderful day.

Now to get to some of the events that will be coming up in the next few weeks...

On Monday, May 5, we will be participating in an event called Music Monday. Music Monday was launched in May 2005 by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada to celebrate the importance of music in our society and to demonstrate the vital role music education plays in the lives of all Canadians.

Music Monday, which is celebrated annually on the first Monday of May, is a series of outdoor concerts performed by children in school music programs across the country that are united by one piece of music at the exact same time.

The idea behind of Music Monday is simple — everyone sings or plays the Music Monday theme song at the exact same time on the same day right across the country. This year's event will take place at 1 at W.E.S on the playground. Keep your fingers crossed for some good weather!

We are encouraged to create our own programs and celebrate in our own special way. We are also encouraged to make our celebration as big as possible by joining with other community schools or inviting local musicians to join in. Music Monday is not limited to

school music students. We want to reach out to musicians, music organizations, and music-lovers everywhere. Music Monday is an opportunity for us to demonstrate, in a tangible way, what music means to us and why it is important. It demonstrates the power that music has to unite us and how, by working together in harmony, we can make something truly beautiful. Music Monday also demonstrates how music makes connections in our society creating meaningful links with school children, professional musicians, music and art lovers, government and private enterprise. And most importantly, it shows how music needs to be strongly rooted in our school system.

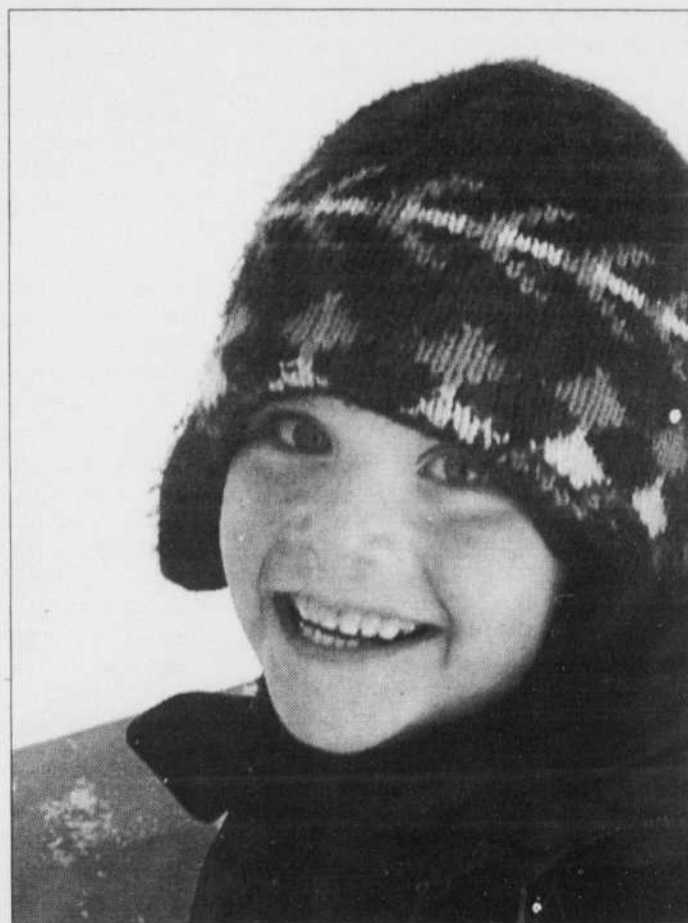
Through this demonstration, we can create a level of interest and participation that engages the public and channels the support of the many Canadians who believe and champion the importance of preserving quality music programs in our schools. So, if you are interested in joining us for a wonderful afternoon, please feel free to contact me at cymbaluke@ped.etsb.qc.ca.

Grades 3, 4/5, 6 and Sec. 1 are busy fundraising for our end-of-year trips. We are currently selling Applesnax applesauce tubes, a healthy and delicious snack. A box of eight tubes is selling for \$4 with half of the proceeds coming directly to our school. So far the response has been great.

Grade 6 will be going on a field trip to Ottawa to visit museums, and the Parliament buildings. They are very excited and have been doing a lot of their own fundraisers within the school.

Many of our students have been practicing for the upcoming play that is being put on by the P.P.O. Curtains go up on Friday, May 9 so please keep that date free and come and encourage our future actors. You never know, one day you might be able to say, I knew so-and-so when...

We held a Coffee House on Saturday, April 5th at 7. This event was put on by the P.P.O. I know that a lot of hard work and time have been invested into this and I would like them to know that we truly appreciate everything they do for our school. That is it for now. Until next month!



'Kids have own language'

Supporting youth writings

By Jen Young
SHERBROOKE

When the Townshippers Foundation is faced with having to sit down annually to whittle down applications and choose which to fund, they look for projects that help throughout the community. Like *The Point*.

The Foundation granted \$1,000 this year to the recently established special section in Magog's monthly *The Outlet* newspaper that is filled with the stylings of youth from around the Townships.

According to editor and publisher Sharon McCully, the initiative introduces young people to the world of journalism, but it has evolved into so much more.

"I thought, here we are with 26 schools, all from different communities with nothing to connect all those kids together," said McCully. "In September I sent out an inquiry letter to kids just seeing if anyone would be interested and I got a dozen emails back from kids from different communities. They wrote essays on what they were interested in, like sports and nature. Then I found assignments that fit in with their interests."

Once McCully lines up the interview she communicates with the child reporter, via their Eastern Townships School Board-assigned laptop, and gives them the contact number for their upcoming assignment.

"I had one reporter that was interested in science so I booked a tour of the Astrolab at Bishop's (University). They conduct their interview and email it to me. I edit it and give them feedback, but they really do all the work. I'm so impressed with their work. They always meet their deadlines and it gives them first-hand access to something they are curious about that's not just school stuff."

She said that in *The Point's* short life she can already see the improvement in her young staff's writing skills. And the reading public is also appreciating the fresh take.

"I accompanied (Ashley Schroeders) when she interviewed (war veteran Al Whittingstall). I found out a few days after the interview that he had passed away, but I recall her doing the interview and he was so cooperative. He was so kind and answered all her questions."

"It probably took a different turn than if a seasoned reporter had conducted the interview. They have a different take on the issues. She asked questions like, 'Did you miss your family when you were gone?' It's young people talking to other young people. They have their own language and I don't change that."

Giving young people a say and giving them the opportunity of testing out the journalism career is exactly why the Foundation allotted the money to McCully, which she uses to offset the

printing costs of additional pages each month.

"We enjoyed the articles in the youth newspaper," said the Foundation's executive director Annis Karpenko. "Getting the youth involved with their community is certainly something we support. *The Point* gets their voice out there."

The funds mean a great deal to McCully.

"I was thrilled to death with this support. Publishing *The Point* meant publishing four or five extra pages and that is a cost to me."

She said that the space also promotes events that local youth find of interest.

Building The Foundations

She is most impressed with her young book reviewers. "Publishers send me the books to be reviewed and I give them to (Thetford Mine's St. Patrick's Elementary School grade 5 class). The publisher is happy because their books are getting read and reviewed and it sees the kids reading dozens of books they probably wouldn't have before."

After being read, they are placed in the school's library for future students.

"If they are going to pursue a career in journalism they need to experience it to see if they like it. They may think it's fun doing the interviews but do they want to come back and have to write it? I would be thrilled to death if they went on with a career in journalism because they were involved with this project," McCully said. "They're good at it. I even have people calling and asking me to send one of my young reporters to cover events. Some people just have it. To be a good reporter you have to have that thing inside you that recognizes a good story."

THIS IS ONE IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES LOOKING AT THE RECIPIENTS OF TOWNSHIPERS' FOUNDATION GRANTS.



COURTESY

The *Point* reporter, Ashley Schroeders, interviewing veteran Al Whittingstall for a story on Remembrance Day. Whittingstall has since passed away.

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lives to caring for the sick. Many of our pharmaceuticals were once plants in convent gardens, cared for by cloistered women who would have been burned as witches without the protection of their religious community. (Sad to say, it was also the religious communities that burned the women.)

If education for all children is a given in our society, we can be thankful, and acknowledge our sources. In the Roman Catholic community, education was always the responsibility of the church. In English Protestant society, education for children began in the eighteenth century. Newspaper editor Robert Raikes (of the *Gloucester Journal*) was frustrated by inefficient jail reforms and believed society should try to prevent vice, rather than put all its resources into punishing it.

While visiting the slum section of the city, he was distressed with the corruption of children, and decided to share his frustration and hopes with a minister in a nearby village. Together they conceived a plan to begin a school for children. They chose Sunday because in the days of child labour, this was the only day when the children were not working.

The Sunday School was taught by laymen and women of the churches, and the curriculum was based on the Bible. The movement began in 1780.

By 1831, approximately 25 per cent of the population of children was going to school. From this beginning, our public schools have become mandatory. (To acknowledge my source — I went to the Internet to check my dates and stats: www.believersweb.org.)

The church remains a radical voice calling for justice: for our Earth, our Aboriginal peoples, our children, our "margins." The church remains a place where the soul is nurtured and blessed. The church remains a body, frail and imperfect, but living in hope to bring commonwealth to the world in love and care. We live to acknowledge our sources: as we participate in creating and co-creating our world, together with the One who gives us birth and life.

If you are meeting in a church building, remember to thank the ones who support it with their life.

WENDY MACLEAN IS THE MINISTER OF COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE, EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH, IN COWANSVILLE. AS A POET SHE IS PART OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS NETWORK, ELAN. EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH IS ALSO THE HOME OF THE WESTERN BRANCH OFFICE OF TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION.

Basketball Courts Cash



PERRY BEATON

A fundraising basketball game that featured Bishop's University cagers and football players brought in more than \$2,000 for the Lennoxville Eastern Townships Learning Centre last Friday. The event was such a success that organizers are hoping to make it into an annual event.

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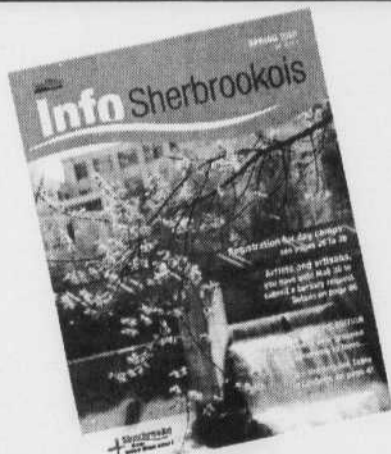
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was found was that the more technology was used, the lower the students (sic) scores in reading." Not surprisingly, this one pertinent finding is buried in this never-ending research paper.

The ETSB later decided to discontinue all traditional use of the CAT tests even though they had been used by the board for certain grades for many years. Instead it decided to use ministry-produced year-end tests that change year to year in conjunction with the ideological implementation of the provincial Education Reform. Thus, there is no possibility of ever measuring whether or not the laptop project has had positive or negative effects upon students' scores.

Meanwhile teachers and students have both become more adept at using the laptops and more proficient at benefiting from them. It would seem bizarre now to deprive any school of these as the school board pays off the accumulated debt until 2015. These laptops will have to be used in place of texts and other materials that the school board cannot afford to buy.

Why is the ETSB suggesting that some schools might benefit and others might suffer as a consequence of this "consultation" when there are more computers available than most school boards dream of? Instead of the ETSB declaring winners and losers, I suggest that each school keep its present number of laptops and democratically develop policies to decide upon the best long-term usage of the laptops, including limiting their use outside of school so that proper supervision of how they are being used and how well they are being cared for are taken into consideration.



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town of Bury were each served with a formal notice.

The legal demand to the municipality came from the Bury Citizens Association; Cork's latest comes from Sister Mary Florence Liew, the head of the local Anglican parish, who is also a member of the citizens' association.

Liew is asking for \$5,000 in damages, Cork said, for comments he made about her in the first letter his distributed in Bury last November.

Liew declined to comment to *The Record* about the notice.

Councillor Daniel Breton — pro-mayor in the absence of Mayor Marc Jacques Gosselin — said the notice from the citizens' association seeks \$10,000 in damages relating to the distribution of Cork's letter, despite the town having publicly apologized and distanced itself from the missive last December.

Breton said the notice is being dealt with by the town's lawyers, but any legal costs will be covered through the town's insurance policy.

Beverley Knowles, the Bury Citizens Association president, did not return *The Record's* phone calls.

Cork is still waiting to hear from the municipality's insurance company to determine if they will cover his legal costs as well.

Although this is his third legal notice, Cork said he is hardly phased by the letters, which he calls "cheap attempts at intimidation."

"They're really just a nuisance," he said. "A lawyer can sh** one of these out in five minutes."

Cork has also received legal notices from Bury resident Leona Hodge and another from the Bury Citizens Association, in regards to the first letter he wrote where he referred to both parties as "a cult of hate-filled anti-French low-brows."

While the association is asking Cork not to publish any more material it characterizes as offensive and harmful, Hodge is seeking \$8,000 in alleged damages.

Monday night's council meeting was otherwise calm, as the last several meetings have been. In the absence of Bury Mayor Gosselin, who has been away on sick leave for several months, some suggest tensions in Bury may be on the mend.

Cork isn't sure that some people are ready to forgive and forget, but he thinks residents and council could start to work together more diplomatically.

"I think they're trying to clean up their acts," Cork said of the audiences at council meetings, who regularly jeered at certain councillors. "But people are still sore about the way we operate."

In the absence of the town's last director general, who left his post in mid-February, another municipal staffer has been filling in the role temporarily. While the town has a strong candidate to fill the position permanently, Breton said, that person have not been officially hired, something the municipality hopes to do within a week.

Breton said that Gosselin should be back to work at next month's town council meeting

Two bridges to go

In Montérégie

Following the provincial transport ministry's survey of 135 overpasses across Quebec, two traffic bridges and a pedestrian overpass will be demolished in the Montérégie.

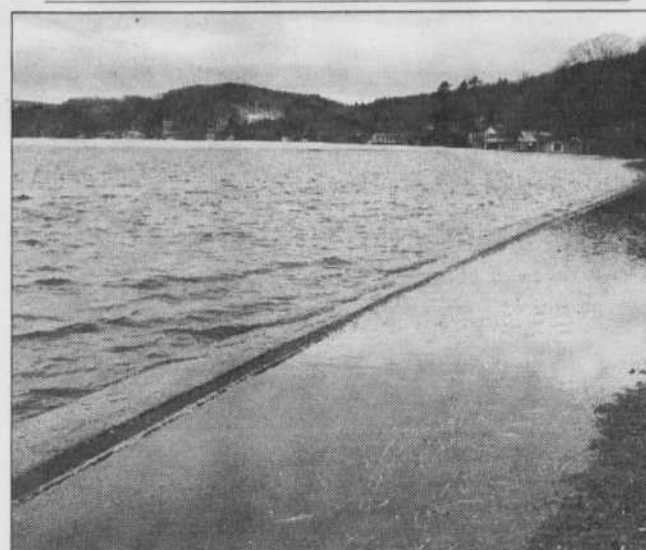
A Cowansville bridge on Route 104 over the Gear River, as well as its adjacent pedestrian overhead footpath, will be torn down and reconstructed in 2009, said ministry spokesman Daniel Filion.

In Stanbridge-East, the bridge over the Pike River will also be demolished and reconstructed this summer.

As reported in *The Record* yesterday, seven of the 13 bridges under inspection in the Estrie are now set for reconstruction.

The overpass inspections were demanded last year by Pierre Marc Johnson, who chaired a commission of inquiry into the 2006 collapse of the de la Concorde overpass in Laval.

Overflow



PERRY BEATON

The water was burbling over into North Hatley's Dreamland Park on Thursday.

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Cougars down Action 3-2 in OT

Champlain looks for 2-0 series lead tonight

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College men's hockey team, battling overwhelming odds, took the first game of their best-of-seven Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League series with a score of 3-2 in overtime against the regular season and defending league champions, the Action in Joliette Wednesday night.

Champlain had to battle travel and mental and physical fatigue as they played their second crucial road game in as many days.

On Tuesday night the team earned the right to represent the Sherwood Di-

vision by defeating the Granby Inouks 8-1. After arriving back in Lennoxville around midnight, the players had classes and then took a three-hour bus ride to Joliette to play the Action who had had a day's rest and no travel time following their playoff victory over the Saint-Eustache Patriotes. Not only did the Cougars play the NAPA Cup champions even for 60 minutes, the visitors took advantage of their first scoring opportunity as Martin Drolet scored the game winner at the 1:24 mark with an assist going to Andy Buntic.

The victory improved head coach Judes Vallee's road record in the playoffs to an amazing 6-2.

The home team took a 1-0 first period lead on Simon Bolduc's ninth goal of the post season. Champlain tied the game midway through the period when

Sherbrooke's Philippe Bolduc scored his eighth playoff goal to tie the game 1-1 and then Simon Demers tallied a power play goal to give Champlain a 2-1 lead after a period of play.

The Action dominated the second period as they outshot the Cougars 9-3. Joliette's Renaud Laprise tied the game 90 seconds into the period with his

eighth goal of the playoffs and only superb goaltending by Alexandre Dubois prevented the home team from taking a lead. Neither team could find the back of the net in the third period, setting up Drolet's overtime heroics.

Dubois earned the win in goal for Champlain College while facing 33 shots,

while at the other end of the rink, his counterpart Danny Mireault faced 24 shots in taking the loss in nets for the Action.

Champlain will now try and make it two in a row tonight when they host the Action at the Eugene Lalonde Arena in Sherbrooke.

Team Canada meets USA in gold medal game

Vaillancourt scores twice against Finland

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The good news for the Canada National Women's Team is that they are going to the finals of the International Ice Hockey Federation World Women's Championships. The bad news is that they are going into the title game on the heels of a 4-2 defeat at the hands of their archrival Team USA, a loss that came yesterday in the final game of the qualifying round for both teams.

Canada will attempt to win its second-straight IIHF World Women's Championship (and 10th since the championships started back in 1989).

Canada had already earned a berth in Saturday's gold medal game (to be broadcast on both TSN and RDS at 7 a.m.) thanks to a 4-2 win over Finland on Wednesday.

The loss to Team USA sets up a rematch of the world's top two female hockey teams. The bronze medal game, also to be played on Saturday, will feature Finland and Switzerland, which had to finish first in its qualifying round pool to earn a berth in the third-place game. Switzerland beat Russia 2-1 on Thursday to clinch its first-ever berth in a bronze medal game at the IIHF World Women's Championship.

Against the US, Canada's Jayna Hefford opened the scoring at 4:21 of the first period. USA's Natalie Darwitz scored to tie the game at 15:34 but Kelly Bechard restored Canada's lead 34 seconds later, when her snap shot beat US goaltender Jessie Verter and enabled Canada to take a 2-1 lead into the locker room after the first

period.

Team USA tied the game in the second on the power play, as Caitlin Cahow's shot beat Canadian goaltender Charline Labonte and the US took a 3-2 lead at 8:24 of the third, when Meghan Duggan buried a puck from in close. Darwitz added her second of the game into an empty net to conclude the scoring.

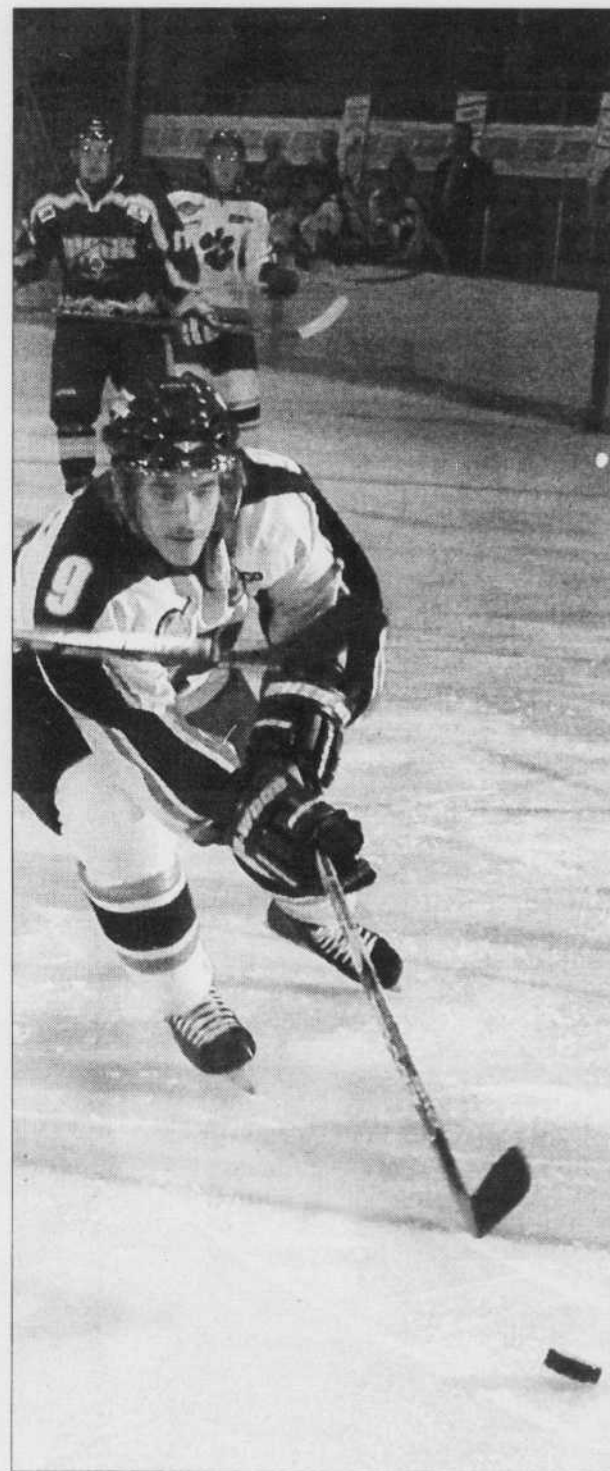
It was a must win for the Americans who lost 1-0 to Finland in overtime in the other medal round game. The IIHF follows the three-point system, with three points awarded for a win in regulation, two points for an overtime or shootout win and one point for an overtime or shootout loss. That gave Team USA first place in the medal round with four points while Canada finished second in the qualifying round with three points and Finland with two.

Sherbrooke's Sarah Vaillancourt, one of the stars in Wednesday's victory over Finland, was held scoreless by the Americans but did spend six minutes in the penalty box.

On Wednesday, Vaillancourt was the offensive hero as she scored the tying and winning goals in Canada's win over Finland. With the score tied 1-1, Vaillancourt scooped up a rebound off a Hayley Wickenheiser shot and beat Finland's Noora Raty. Then, just over half a minute later, Vaillancourt found a loose puck in front of the Finnish net and scored her second of the game.

Canada made it 4-1 when Katie Weatherston rounded out the scoring for Canada.

Hefford opened the scoring at 3:29 of the first period. Canada came out with a lot of jump but then had to hold off a strong Finnish attack for much of the first period. Finland had eight of its 12 shots in the first but goaltender Kim St-Pierre was sharp with seven saves.



PERRY BEATON/FILE

The Cougars play at home tonight.

By Steve Poulin
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Jack Roush calls Texas Motor Speedway his house and Carl Edwards continued the Roush-Fenway dominance on Sunday in the Samsung 500 when he captured the checkers for his second career win at Jack's house and for the third-time in seven 2008 races.

Edwards has clawed his way back into the top-10 in points after NASCAR hammered the team with a 100 point penalty following their win at Vegas. Edwards had vowed to continue his march to his first championship after being bounced out of the points lead; he delivered with his dominating run on Sunday and then dedicated the win to suspended crew chief Bob Osborne as he crossed the finish line.

Edwards' No. 99 Roush Fenway team has proven to be the team to beat on NASCAR's intermediate tracks this season with wins at California and Las Vegas, then dominated at Atlanta before his engine blew while leading.

While second place finisher Jimmie Johnson and third place runner Kyle Busch continued the drivers' complaints about the car's lack of side grip, Edwards expressed the fact that racing was back in the hands of the drivers. "Whatever you do, don't repave this place — that is a racetrack my friend," Edwards said to track President Eddie Gossage. "That's what it's about (slipping and sliding)... I mean, we're driving, it's fun, it's fun when you get out of the car and your hands hurt from gripping the wheel."

Ryan Newman and the resurgent Denny Hamlin rounded out the top five.

In his seventh Nationwide Series start of the season, Kyle Busch finally got a result befitting his performance. Entering Saturday's O'Reilly 300 at Texas Motor Speedway, Busch has led a series-best 345 laps without a trip to victory lane. After finishing second to Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Tony Stewart in the first two races of the season, a series of mishaps, some due to bad luck but more to driver brain-fade, had blocked the Toyota's driver's path to victory lane. All that changed at Texas, where the sometimes immature driver ran away from the competition to post his first Nationwide Series win of the season and the 12th of his career.

Though he had to survive a restart on Lap 194 of 200, the brash youngster pulled away over the final seven laps and crossed the finish line 1.042 seconds ahead of runner-up Jeff Burton.

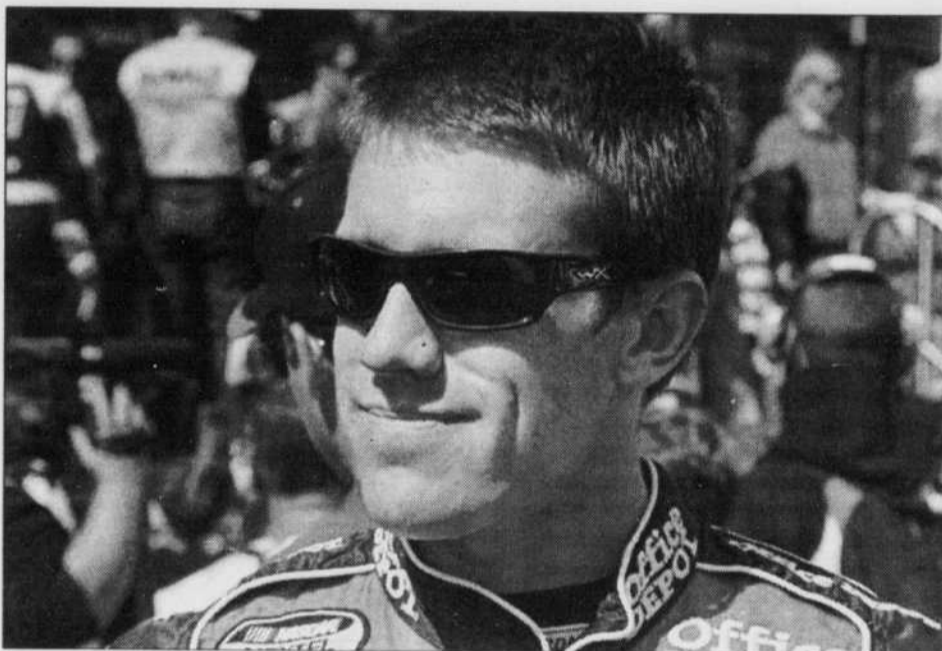
Series points leader Clint Bowyer finished third, followed by Bobby Labonte and Jamie McMurray.

Busch, who had posted second-place finishes at Texas in 2004 and 2007, led four times for 126 laps, including the final 43. "This feels so good," said Busch. "I want to thank my fans for sticking with me. We've been through some tough times in the Nationwide Series."

Prior to his win at Martinsville Speedway, third year Sprint cup driver Denny Hamlin seemed the invisible element in Joe Gibbs Racing's arsenal of star-studded drivers. Hamlin has been soldiering through bad luck and frustrating finishes in 2008 while teammates Kyle Busch and Tony Stewart dominated races and headlines. The victory in his home state of Virginia fol-

Don't repave slippery track, pleads winner

Rumours, ramblings & racing



STEVE POULIN

Carl Edwards is three for seven in 2008 Sprint Cup competition.

lowed by a fifth on Sunday at Texas, capped a mini-comeback through the season's first seven events. Sitting 32nd in the series standings following the season's second event at Auto Club Speedway, Hamlin — the series '06' Rookie of the year — sits seventh in the points standings heading into this weekend's race at Phoenix, a gain of 25 spots. That puts all three JGR teams in the top 12, with Busch third and Stewart fifth heading into this weekend.

Richard Childress Racing announced last week that it will field a fourth Sprint Cup team in 2009 with primary sponsorship from General Mills—the No. 33 Cheerios/Hamburger Helper Chevrolet. A driver announcement will take place in the near future. Rumours have been uttered that Bobby Labonte the current driver of the Petty Enterprises No. 43 Cheerios Dodge whose contract runs out at the end of the season, will move with the sponsor.

Riverside Speedway general manager Dick Therrien continues to resurrect the speed plant out of the dark ages and into the neon lights. This scribe has never understood why the track in the past awarded points for their Annual Car Show. It's difficult to get teams to haul to car shows, so the policy was probably implicated to assure a full field at the season opening event but points for track championships should be amassed on the track... not for spit and polish.

Therrien will not award points for this year's Annual car show but has opted to give teams that attend the car show the opportunity to draw for starting positions at the opening race event. Cars not attending the show will not get a chance for the draw and will line up in the rear of the qualifications events. In addition Therrien has added a little cash bonus for the drivers drawing the #1 chip in each division. Therrien is giving his competitors the opportunity to

garner all important points and a chance at a little cash bonus; the perfect incentives for teams to attend the show, give sponsors needed exposure and to bask in the limelight.

With his last lap accident at Martinsville, Kyle Busch's points lead in the Craftsman Truck Series was cut in half, to 32 points over 2006 series champion Todd Bodine. With Busch's participation at Kansas Speedway at the end of the month questionable, the focus is on second through fifth positions where the spread is just 64 points. Todd Bodine holds down second, followed by Ron Hornaday Jr., Dennis Setzer and Rick Crawford. Chrissy Wallace, daughter of Nationwide Series regular Mike Wallace made history with her run at Martinsville. Wallace's 18th-place finish ties her for the best by a female driver making her first NASCAR national series start in the Craftsman Truck series. She matches Shawna Robinson (2003) for the best debut in the series.

GARAGE GARBLE

Bobby Labonte has denied rumours that he has any connection to the Richard Childress Racing fourth team that will unveil in 2009 and that he remains committed to Petty Enterprises. Contrary to reports, he has made no contractual agreements with any team beyond 2008. "Moving forward, I'm going to work hard each week to win races," said Labonte. At this time, Childress is at the top of his game, it's very possible that Labonte will join RCR,

where he can win races; Petty on the other hand offers very little. Labonte only denied contractual agreements... verbal agreements still hold a lot of water with Labonte and Childress. Is Labonte already gone?

The announcement that General Mills was hitting the road in 2009 was like a bomb dropped on Petty Enterprises' new shop in Concord N.C. With one car (No. 45 driven by Kyle Petty) sitting outside the top-35 in points, not making the show at Texas for the second consecutive race and no guaranteed starting position heading to Phoenix this week, and the other car (Bobby Labonte, No. 43) facing the 2009 season without major sponsorship, made it a very sad week at the king's palace.

Petty Enterprises was the talk of the garage area this week as we understand they have a new investor sitting in the wings in the form of a taxi cab company out of New York City. The group has impressive credentials including a publicly traded company but I still don't get it; why do companies with little or no racing knowledge continue to invest huge sums of money for the sake of owning a race team.

Looking back at some old history: Maine's Racin' Ralph Nason was generally regarded as a Mopar guy, but he had a tendency to jump from make to make. Nason is the only driver in ACT history to own ACT wins behind the wheel of a Chevrolet, a Ford, a Dodge and a Chrysler. In fact during the 1988 season he drove all four makes at one time or another.

Dario Franchitti failed to qualify for Sunday's Cup race at Texas for the first time this season. How can Franchitti continue without sponsorship and a deciding lack of performance? The team has to be a financial drain on the entire Ganassi Racing operation.

The rumour clock is ticking on a couple drivers. J.J. Yeley is feeling the 'not competitive' pressure while the heat has been turned up under Casey Mears. Some sources are saying that the Mears/Hendrick ride will open soon if he cannot come up to speed. Jeremy Mayfield's name keeps popping up in the non-performance class. Teammate Scott Riggs is decent and Mayfield just seems to be in the way.

The End



COURTESY


The season has come to an end for the Sherbrooke Saint-François, eliminated in Game 5 of their North American Hockey League best-of-seven series against the Trois-Rivières Caron et Guay on Wednesday night. The score was 4-0.

Church Directory


Anglican Church of Canada

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
355 Dufferin Street, Sherbrooke
(819) 564-0279
Rev. Dr. Patricia Peacock
Sunday
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer


Anglican Church of Canada

 **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
LENNOXVILLE**
84 Queen St., 819-346-5564
www.forministry.com/caqcacofcsga1/
Pastor: The Rev. Michael Canning
Sunday, April 13, Easter 4
8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Family Morning Prayer
Sunday School

Anglican Church of Canada

 **St. Barnabas Church**
640 Sherbrooke Rd.
North Hatley, Quebec
Office Phone: 819-842-2686
Website: www.stbarnabasqc.org
E-mail: aj_quirk@stbarnabasqc.org
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
and Sunday School


Presbyterian Church in Canada

 **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**
Sherbrooke
256 Queen Street, Lennoxville
Tel: 819-569-3100
Minister: Rev. John Barry Forsyth
Organist: Anthony Davidson
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School

Culte en français dimanche 17h
Pasteur Rev. G. Fantechi 819-566-5962

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United Church of Canada

 **Plymouth-Trinity**
Dufferin at Montreal,
in Sherbrooke
346-6373
Minister:
Rev. Heather A.
MacDougall
Organist:
Leslie Young
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Obituary

ERIS JULIA (DOLLY) BEATTIE
1923 - 2008
(formerly of Cowansville, Quebec)



Passed away peacefully, in her sleep, at the Millennium Trail Manor, Niagara Falls, Ontario, on March 10, 2008 in her 85th year.

She was the daughter of the late William James Beattie and the late Georgiana Daisy Belle McKelvey. Dolly was predeceased by her older brother William, and leaves to mourn her sisters and brother Frances (late Porter Howard) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; James (late Madeleine Pelletier) of Stoney Creek, Ontario; Wilma (Charles Atkinson) of Niagara Falls, Ontario. She will be sadly missed by her 9 nieces and nephews and their families, whom she adored, and her many cousins.

Dolly was born in Cowansville. The Beattie family then moved to a farm in West Brome, and returned to Cowansville when Dolly was in her teens. After high school, she completed a commercial course at the convent in Sweetsburg, excelling in her secretarial skills. She worked in Cowansville, Farnham and Montreal, before moving to Brampton, Ontario, which was home to Dolly for most of her life. In 2005, when she was no longer able to live on her own, she made her last move to Niagara Falls to be near her sister Wilma. Special thanks to the nurses and doctors at the Millennium Trail Manor for the loving care and compassion they gave Dolly.

At her request, Dolly was cremated and there was no visitation. There will be a memorial service to celebrate Dolly's life in the spring

In Memoriams

DUSTIN - In loving memory of Thomas Dustin who passed away April 13, 1993 and Edith Dustin (Hibbard), July 21, 2003.

*A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps their memory ever dear,
Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.
Lovingly remembered by
THE FAMILY*



EMSLIE, Pauline (Dupuis) - April 12, 2007.

We lost an extraordinary person and wonderful wife, mother and a great friend to all.

We love you Mom and miss you so much.

Just so hard living without you.

May God Bless you.
BUD & LOUISE EMSLIE

MacKINNON, Douglas - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 12, 2003.

Fondly remembered by
NORMA (wife)
ANGUS, JENNIFER
AND FAMILY
PETER, MARY-ELLEN
AND FAMILY
HELEN, WARREN
AND FAMILY
KATHLEEN, WAYNE
AND FAMILY

SMERDON, Graydon Gordon: January 16, 1929 - April 13, 1999.

*Today is remembered
And quietly kept,
No words are needed
We will never forget.
Deep in our hearts
You will always stay,
Loved and remembered
Every day.*

Love always,
EMILY
AND FAMILY

Milby Women's Institute

On April 3, 2008 the Milby Women's Institute meeting was held at Eustis Hall with 8 members present. Before the meeting started a delicious salad lunch was served at noon by Meryl Nutbrown and Lynne Ann Côté.

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Suito followed by all repeating the Mary Stewart Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship. Evelyn welcomed the members and thanked Meryl for being the hostess and also Lynne Anne for her assistance. She then read a poem called, "Priceless Things."

Mildred Cairns, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The motto for the month is: A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever.

The treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Suito. For Agriculture, Ruby Booth mentioned Earth Hour, a global one hour awareness event that occurred on March 29 at 8 p.m. which encouraged everyone wherever possible to turn out the lights and save electricity. She also read about someone who had painted rocks red in a strawberry field and how it seemed to discourage birds from eating the ripe strawberries when they

were in season.

For Education and Personal Development, Winnona Kirby read about the \$1000. Bishop's University gave for a science project. Thirteen year old Leah Davidson was one of the ten finalists to exhibit and she won top honors for her turbine demonstration on removing oil from the feathers of birds.

Jean Naylor for Health and Community Living read an article called, "I'm hungry for country cooking" and she also read a poem written several years ago by Lavina French.

Mildred Cairns for Sunshine reported that she continues to send cards as needed.

The next meeting will be held at Marjorie Suito's and we are to bring a mystery parcel with a value of \$2.00 to be sold for Pennies for Friendship.

Convenor Ruby Booth had an identification quiz on seeds and the winner was Jean Naylor. A follow up word quiz on creating as many words as possible from the word agriculture was won by Lynne Anne Côté. The mystery parcel was won by Winnona Kirby.

Meryl Nutbrown

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Death

DRINKWATER, Frank - Passed away peacefully at home on April 8, 2008. Frank Drinkwater, in his 67th year, beloved husband of Joan Tanton and son of the late Frank Drinkwater and the late Gertrude Davis of North Hatley. He was the loving father of Leigh Drinkwater and Scott Drinkwater; and brother-in-law of Linda Anzulovich. Also left to mourn are many friends, neighbours, co-workers, other friends and relatives. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1G 1K4, Tel.: 819-565-1155; Fax: 819-820-8872 on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel, on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., the Rev. Barbara Willard officiating. The family would like to thank all the CLSC - Memphremagog personnel for the excellent care given to Mr. Drinkwater as well as all family and friends who gave of their time and or support. As a memorial tribute, donations to the Memphremagog Hospital Foundation (Palliative Care Unit), 50 St-Patrice East, Magog, Quebec, J1X 3X3 would be appreciated.

In Memoriam

SMITH - In loving memory of our dear Sheila who died April 12, 1985.
*Time helps to hide the sadness
 Like smiles that hide the tears,
 But loving memories hold you dear
 Despite the passing years.*
 Lovingly remembered,
 STEPHEN
 DAD & MOM
 DOUG & MARJORIE
 JEREMIE, ALLISON,
 GLEN, LAURA, FAMILY
 GARY & SHERYL

Cards of Thanks

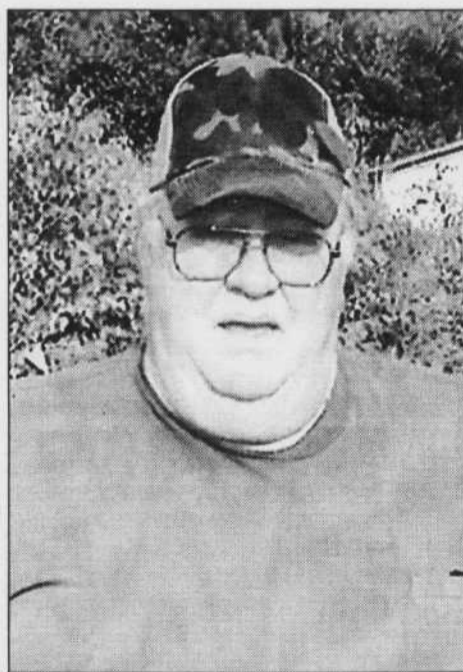
BELLINGHAM, Edwin (Arthur) - The family of the late Edwin Bellingham wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to all who comforted us following his loss. Your cards, flowers, food and shows of support were truly appreciated. We especially would like to thank Dr. Nadeau and the staff at B.M.P. Hospital for their compassion, Joseph Dion Funeral Home for their guidance, and Reverend Evans and the Anglican Church Women of Bedford for their kindness. Gratitude also goes to those who have generously donated to the B.M.P. Foundation in Edwin's memory.

JONES - Thanks to all my family and friends for the many phone calls, cards, gifts and birthday cakes for my 80th birthday.
 Very much appreciated,
 LAWRENCE JONES

Deaths



FOURNIER, Jean-Denis - Passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, April 4, 2008 at the age of 30. Beloved only child of Denis Fournier and Sylvia Émond, cherished grandson of Béatha Barrière. Jean-Denis leaves to mourn his godparents Pauline Émond (Guy Chagnon), his aunts and uncles Alain Fournier (Carole Brousseau), Gaétan Fournier (Jacqueline Parenteau) and Diane Fournier (Yvan Poulin); also many cousins and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC (Lennoxville). Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. with Father Charles Eugene Hamel officiating. Interment of ashes in St-Antoine Cemetery to follow, Sherbrooke, QC (Lennoxville). As memorial tributes, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King St. West, Office #130, Sherbrooke, QC J1L 1C9, would greatly be appreciated by the family.



HURDLE, Mr. Frank (November 5, 1944 - April 2, 2008) - It is with great sadness and joy that we announce the passing of Frank Hurdle. The chains that bound him to this earth have been released and his spirit may now soar as an eagle. Frank has gone home to be with the Father and his mother Philis Hurdle (Butcher) who passed in 1958, far too soon for a mother. As per his wishes, no service will be held.

Deaths

LUCAS, Mr. Sidney Graham (1920 - 2008) - Entered into rest at La Pommeraie CLSC, Bedford, Quebec on the 7th of April, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Esme Kathleen Lucas (nee Scannell). Survived by cousin Flora Daigneau and family; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Emily and Harold Knapton; nieces Barbara MacLaren (Gary) and family and Shirley Knapton; brother-in-law William Cake; sister-in-law Joan Scannell (William) and many more nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Phyllis May (nee Graham) and Sidney John Lucas and his dear sister, Elsie May Cake (nee Lucas). Interment to take place at Memorial Gardens, Dollard Des Ormeaux, Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m. Arrangements by: Joseph Dion & Fils Funeral Home, Bedford, QC. Tel.: 450-248-2911.



METIGUBEE, Robert "Bob" (1946 - 2008) - Passed away peacefully at his home in St-Armand, April 8, 2008 in his 62nd year. Robert leaves behind his loving wife Diane Gauthier, his dear son Adam (Kim), his grandchildren: Justin, Joey and other relatives and many dear friends. Family members shall receive condolences at Joseph Dion & Fils Funeral Home, 215 rue rivière, Bedford, QC. Tel.: 450-248-2911; Fax: 450-248-3749 josephdionfilslee@bellnet.ca Monday, April 14, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. followed by a service in his memory that shall take place at the funeral home at 3 p.m.
Bob shall be missed by all.

Death



VEARY, Mrs. Jeannine Hamel - Peacefully on April 8, 2008, passed away at the age of 80, Mrs. Jeannine Hamel Veary. Daughter of late Eva Robert and late Albert Hamel. Beloved wife of Earl Veary for 46 years. Residing in Frontenac, near Lac Mégantic, Québec. Leaving to mourn her children: Tom Veary (Pat Veary), Nancy Veary (Dan Jibb), Robert Veary (Debbie Veary). Her grandchildren: Chris Veary (Tracy), Laura Veary, Brian Veary, Dean Veary, Jason Jibb (Joelle), Timothy Jibb, Angela Jibb (Matte), Jay Veary (Magda), Casey Veary (Tiffany). Her great-grandchildren: Lucas, Mikayla, Alex, Hayden, Parker. Her sisters and brother: Marielle, Françoise, Robert, Jean-Marie. Family will receive condolences at Centre Funéraire Jacques & Fils Inc., 3800 Québec-Central, Lac Mégantic, QC. Saturday April 12, 2008 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on the funeral day as from 1:30 p.m. Funeral will be celebrated Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jacques & Fils Chapel, Lac Mégantic, QC. Burial in the cemetery Ditchfield, Frontenac in May 2008. Centre Funéraire Jacques & Fils Inc, Lac Mégantic, Québec. Tél.: 819-583-0444 Fax: 819-583-0908 www.centrefuneraire.qc.ca

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Norma Marilyn Whitcomb

With love from your husband, Sherman Young, your children, Robert, Russ and Whitney and your grandchildren Brittney and Meghan

Open House Happy 80th Birthday Edith Sharp Lane

Everyone welcome on April 12 at 110 Highland St., Waterville from 2 to 4 p.m. Best Wishes Only



Do Drop In at the Ives Hill Hall on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. For a celebration for **Mildred Cairns 95th Birthday**

Best Wishes Only

Love from the family and many friends

Happy 80th Birthday!!



Doreen Fields Holmes Page

Come celebrate with Doreen on Sunday, April 27, 2008 2 to 4 p.m. Grace Church Hall, 52 Main St. South Sutton, QC

Doreen requests no gifts or cards instead there will be a basket for free-will donations going to World Vision.

Kinnear's Mills A. Allan

Rev. Carla Van Delen of Thetford Mines was an evening guest of the Lawrence Allan family.

James Allan spent the supper hour with his aunt, Phyllis Allan at Birchton.

Huguette Blais organized a craft morning at her house, enjoyed by a number of the Women's Institute members.

Eric and Helen MacRae visited with Fred McElravy who is recuperating at his home following surgery. They also called on Bob Wallace at Thetford Mines.

Open House 50th Wedding Anniversary Leo and Laura Fleury

Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2008 Starting at 1:00 p.m. no gifts at the house of Leo and Laura Fleury 8 Bishop Street Bishopton, Quebec

Canadian Bible Society Annual Meeting

Dr. Stephen Townley, Director of Frontier Lodge summer camp will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Sherbrooke and District Branch of the Canadian Bible Society.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 22 at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville and will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m.

The Rev. Georges Legault, Montreal District Secretary of the Society will be present to bring news of the Society's

current activities.

The musical programme will be presented by Candace Herring for the enjoyment of the members and their guests.

A Book Display and Sale from Inspirations Encore Bookstore will begin the evening's activities at 5:30 p.m.

*Catherine I. Wark
Secretary, Sherbrooke Branch
Canadian Bible Society*

The Catholic Women's League



The monthly meeting of The Catholic Women's League was held on March 12 at St. Joseph's Pavilion. The meeting was called to order and Beverly Gingues led

the prayers. She then read a poem called The Cross, appropriate for this time of the year.

The minutes of the last meeting were unavailable.

Anne Blue gave a favorable financial report. Our membership is now fifty-three.

Jackie Beaulieu was unable to attend but her report stated that birthday cards had been sent.

We are using the Lifestyle Awareness calendar for Share Lent. Monies collected will be sent to Development and Peace. Stella Mayhew looks after sending Sunday bulletins to people unable to attend church.

Registration forms for the Provincial Convention were distributed and members were encouraged to complete them and return them on time. The agenda

for the convention was looked at and comments made.

Members are encouraged to visit the shut-ins regularly if this is possible. Phone calls would be appreciated too.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, members will go for lunch at the Delta Hotel on Monday, March 17, at 12 noon. Some will join a group to sing Irish songs at the Argyll Pavilion.

The CWL mid-term meeting is March 29th at St. Patrick's Basilica in Montreal. Priscilla Noonan will attend the meeting as Provincial Communications Chairperson.

The next meeting will be April 16, 1:30 at St. Joseph's Pavilion. If you would like to donate a gift that could be used as a door prize at the convention, please bring it to the meeting or on some other occasion.

Saturday, April 26, is the feast of our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Doyon at 4:30 at St. Patrick's Church. This will be followed by a potluck supper. We hope many members will be able to attend.

Fellowship followed with refreshments provided by Irene Poulin and Jane St. Onge.

Kids are left on their own

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my husband, "Don," had an affair with a family friend. I discovered them kissing in the kitchen. I also found out Don's family knew about the affair. My sister-in-law actually provided a place for them to rendezvous.

My in-laws still welcome this woman and her husband into their homes. They are often invited to family functions, even though my in-laws know how painful it is for me. When she is around my husband, she tries to involve herself in his conversation. When he is with her, he acts like nothing ever happened, joking and laughing. Don and I have been to counseling, but it doesn't help when I see this Jezebel in his mother's house all the time.

I have tried to explain how uncomfortable this makes me, but Don says it's not his fault she is at his parents' when he visits his family. That's true. I also know his family can do what they want in their own home.

This woman is married, and her husband just sits back and says nothing. Don was not her first affair, nor her most recent. I don't think he's interested in picking up where he left off, so what do I do? — Haunted by the Other Woman

Dear Haunted: Don needs to stay away from this woman, and if that means avoiding his family when she is there, so

be it. He owes it to you not to treat the affair lightly and expect you to be chummy with a woman who has no respect for your marriage. He should inform his parents and siblings that when Jezebel is present, he will leave. And he should keep his word.

Dear Annie: A woman I know leaves her three teenagers unsupervised a lot. She is engaged to a wealthy man, and it seems as if his money is more important than her kids. Whenever he wants to see her, she drops everything in order to travel with him while the kids are left on their own.

If these were younger children, I would not hesitate to contact social services, but since they are teenagers and can pretty much take care of themselves, I'm not sure if it is serious neglect or not. The oldest one already drives.

My daughter told me the teenage girl has shown her pictures on her cell phone of naked teenage boys — photos taken at the house while Mom was away. How much of this is my business? — Concerned in Utah

Dear Utah: Children under the age of 16 are still minors, and although mature teens can be left alone for a certain length of time, these kids don't sound responsible enough to be trusted. If you know the

mother, tell her about the naked pictures and make it clear she is asking for serious trouble by leaving her children alone for extended periods. Teenagers need supervision. Suggest she get an adult babysitter — maybe a grandparent — to stay in the house while she is traveling.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Need Advice in Arizona," who wanted to know whether her live-in relationship with "Chet" would work out, even though he's 20 years older and doesn't want to get married. This lady makes my blood boil.

She's 26 years old, has two young children without the benefit of marriage and dated a married man who left his family for her. What a prize she is. She whines that she wants "the wedding of my dreams" and two more children. Sounds like the system will be adding more dependents for us taxpaying people. When is she going to grow up? I worry for her kids and their future. Thanks for letting me vent. — Annoyed in Montreal

Dear Annoyed: Several readers vented about this woman, but we also heard from others who had been in similar straits and advised as you did — that she needs to mature. We concur.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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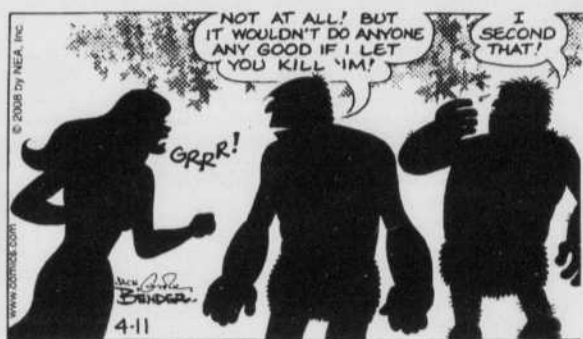


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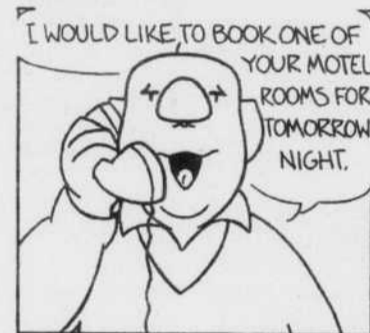
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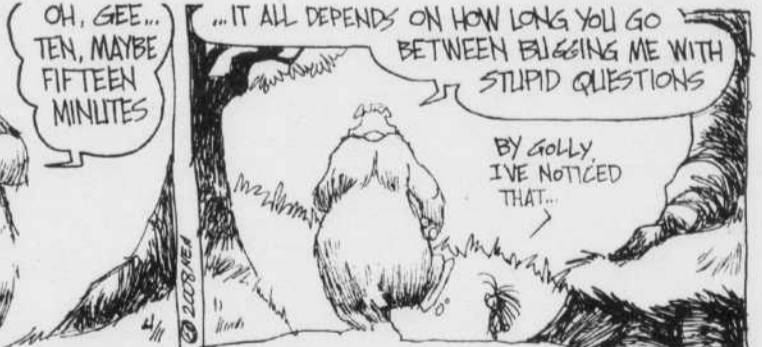
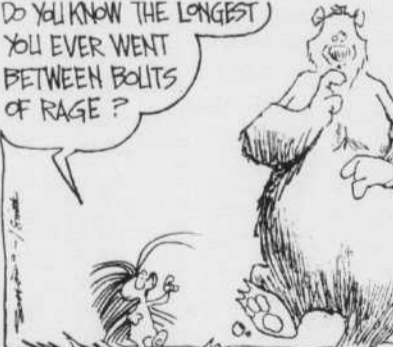
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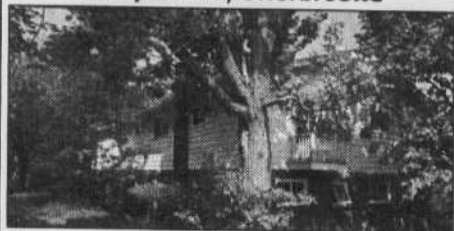
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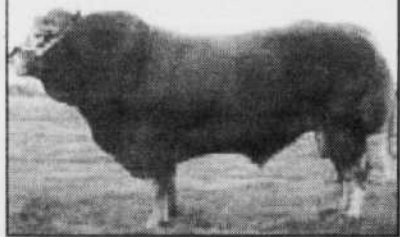


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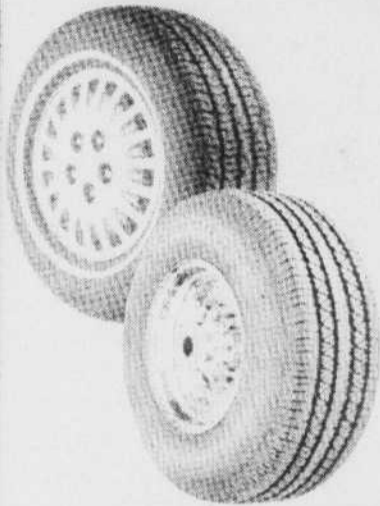
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Today is April 8, 2008. I guess it's been a long time since we reported any news. Since the last time we reported, we had several meetings at the Town Hall, played OKO, had lunch at Bolton Center restaurant. Christmas has come and gone now Spring is here. The last couple of weeks Helma and Ingrid were kind enough to open their home to us for lunch. One week we had corn chowder and last week we had a vegetable soup with rolls, French bread and desserts. Thanks once again for having us all. As most of know the

Town Hall had a mishap with ice falling in through the kitchen roof, some of us have volunteered to have lunch in our homes. We should be getting back into the Town Hall soon. This week we will be at my house, spaghetti for lunch, crusty bread and fruit salad for desert. Of course coffee and tea will be served. We will probably play OKO, or Bingo, not sure yet.

Well I guess that's all for now. Get back to you soon.

Ta ta,
Carol Whitehead

Coaticook Area Senior Citizens' Club news

Waiting for SPRING.

Weather can change drastically in a short period of time. It can go from grim, dry landscapes to blankets of fluffy snow. The result can be refreshing and breathtaking.

At this time of the year it's only a matter of time before winter snow becomes the spring rains. As the winter months come to an end, the days get longer, new signs of spring come with each and every day. Flowers, grasses and budding trees are only a short time away. Then, the vacant birdhouses will come alive with the tweeting of many joyous and busy birds.

Sit back and enjoy the peacefulness that the winter season can bring. It won't be long before you'll see buds poking through the snow.

On March 26, 51 Coaticook Area Senior Citizens' Club members gathered at L'Epervier having braved the spring like snow with a cold wind.

It was evident that spring is in the air by the cheery chit-chat that echoed throughout the hall prior to the short business meeting.

The president, Shirley Desruisseaux opened this meeting with a welcome to all. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as they appeared in print, motion seconded by Aline Patterson.

A thank you note received from Barbara Sharpe for the good wishes recently sent her way was acknowledged. Durwood Cunnington verbally expressed his thanks for caring words received at the time of the death of his sister, Claudia.

Our get well wishes go out to the following members mentioned, Ernest Stone, Joan Baldwin, Betty Haskell, and Wendell Mullins. It was good to see Wilson May in our midst following a time in the hospital.

Activity time for April, the usual Bring-and-Buy Sale. Please bring items for sale and buy those that others have brought.

June Brennan and Barbara Bellows, the committee heads, may call upon others for assistance the day of the sale. Attic treasures, home baked goodies and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Gillick, a member of the organizing committee for the 10th anniversary of the Seniors' Day to be

held in Magog, May 7, passed on the agenda for the day's activities. Tickets, at \$5.00, must be purchased prior noon, May 2 at Volunteer centres, Golden age clubs, AQDR, Townshippers' and the Magog hospital. The programme begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and snacks, visit of the information booths, conference at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Wayne Smith, buffet at noon, a sing-along with Lise Flanders at 1:30 p.m. Contact: Dorothy Gillick at 819-838-5758.

Roger Tétreault took the mike to speak of his success with the growing of tomatoes from one plant. His venture began four years ago when he had the highest bid on one of Wilson May's plants at the time of the spring bring-and buy-sale. Each year thereafter, the one plant bore more fruit. The 2007 count was 167. As some members were showing interest in having the guidelines printed for distribution at the April meeting. Roger closed his remarks with his composition in verse.

"Mary, Mary Quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With cockle shells and silver bells,
And one big tomato plant."
Please note:

In celebration of spring, for the April meeting, the ladies are asked to wear a delicate coloured scarf and the gentlemen may woo the ladies with a bright coloured shirt.

The business meeting was adjourned by Florence Cunnington.

Everyone enjoyed the "cabane à sucre" dinner, with the follow up of sugar on snow with doughnuts and pickles. The syrup was prepared to perfection by Wilson May, much appreciated. Shirley thanked Wilson, also Don Patterson and Ron Clark for bringing in the snow, pouring the sugar, etc., for all to enjoy this annual sweet treat.

March birthdays were acknowledged and greetings expressed in song, with Roger Tétreault on banjo.

The half and half drawings were won by Alta Bolton and Mary Delaat.

Door prizes were won by: Rev. Curtis Patterson, Wilma Cushing and Gerrit Vandermark, Leo Lanciaux and Roberta Clark.

Next meeting, April 30.

Submitted by
Leta Dustin, secretary

Your Birthday

North 04-11-08			
♠ A Q 10 3			
♥ A K J			
♦ A 9 8 4			
♣ J 5			
West		East	
♠ K J 9 7 2		♠ 6	
♥ 8 5 4		♥ 10 9 7 2	
♦ 6 5 3		♦ K Q J 10	
♣ Q 8		♣ K 10 9 4	
South			
♠ 8 5 4			
♥ Q 6 3			
♦ 7 2			
♣ A 7 6 3 2			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
		3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 7			

Friday, April 11, 2008

Sometimes them, sometimes you

By Phillip Alder

Hector Hugh Munro, who wrote under the pseudonym of Saki and is particularly well-known for his short stories, claimed: "A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation."

That reminds me of some of my teaching deals. Occasionally, during a lesson a deal highlighting a particular theme contains a second, more complicated aspect that I never mention, because it would take ages and confuse everyone.

That quotation, strange segue though this will seem, includes the word "sometimes." Earlier this week, I mentioned the Rule of Eleven. Sometimes this helps third hand, but sometimes it aids declarer — as in this deal.

You are South, in three no-trump. West leads the spade seven, fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. What would be your line of play?

North opens one diamond, planning to rebid two no-trump over a one-heart response, but when South bids one no-trump, North jumps to game.

Start by counting your top tricks, your instant winners. Here, you have one spade, three hearts, one diamond and one club.

Next, apply the Rule of Eleven. Seven from 11 is four. This means that there are four spades higher than the seven in the North, East and South hands combined. And you, South, can see all four: dummy's ace, queen and 10, and your eight. Therefore, East has no spade above the seven. The winning play has become clear: Play dummy's spade three and win the trick in your hand with the eight. Then lead a spade to dummy's 10. Return to hand with a heart or club, finesse dummy's spade queen, and run for home.

Friday, April 11, 2008

The possibilities for repeating past mistakes are always looming in the future, but in the year ahead, the likelihood for making them again will be smaller than usual. You've learned some valuable lessons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you're preparing a family get-together, don't include those clan members who always stir up trouble, knowing full well they will spoil the fun. History will repeat itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Anyone to whom you make a promise will take you at your word; so don't pledge something you might not be able to deliver. Level with the person rather than disappoint him or her in the end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be particularly careful in handling the funds of others. It doesn't matter that your intent might be good; don't take chances without their total agreement, because if you lose, you'll have to make up the loss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful with whom you partner to accomplish a specific objective. If your ally isn't as competent as first thought, you might not receive the needed or expected contribution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't pretend to understand an assignment that, in fact, you don't fully comprehend. If you allow your pride to cover up your inadequacy, you and all others involved will pay a high price.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you have to make a choice, remember it is always wise to avoid taking a financial risk if at all possible. This is especially true if the funds aren't yours to gamble with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When it comes to a matter that affects others as well as yourself, don't leave anything to chance. All the good intentions in the world won't make things happen — only hard work and accurate considerations will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Hearsay gossip might be flying around, but that doesn't mean you have to spread things you hear any further. Before you say anything to others, be sure all the facts have been verified.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are not on your toes when it comes to handling your funds, you might unthinkingly do something unwise that could prove to be costly. Remain in control of your spending at all times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may know what is required to implement something that could benefit you and your family. But if you are not careful, you will allow someone to dissuade you from doing so and settle for far less.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't allow your emotions to make judgment calls that must be made by logic alone. How you feel about something might not be on the mark in regards to what is happening in the real world.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Draw a line between your social desires and your responsibilities and keep each in proper perspective. Your duties must be placed first on your "to do" list and then only when they're done can you play.

Saturday, April 12, 2008

In the year ahead, you could realize the advancement you'd like, but only if you have the necessary grooming. The more preparation in your chosen field, the better your chances for climbing the corporate ladder.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may not be at your sharpest right now and, as a result, you could begin something that fades out before reaching your goal — or worse, start making too many mistakes. Put projects off for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you're not usually taken in by a cock-and-bull story, you might be exceptionally gullible at this time. When it comes to anything important, double-check the facts being presented to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This might not be one of your better days for recognizing whether something is a good buy or not. Before making a purchase, be certain that it can be returned, just in case.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let history repeat itself by going to a person for counsel who has provided poor advice before. This person may mean well, but he or she is woefully inadequate in offering words of wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In order to make a good impression, it is imperative to relax and be yourself at all times. Thinking you need to put on a good show will bring the curtain down in no uncertain terms.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It is important to temper your hopes with a large dose of realism or be prepared for a big disappointment. If you don't take your head out of the clouds and things don't go as you expect, you're in for a fall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is not the time to bank on Lady Luck when it comes to matters that could affect your standing in the community or status at work. She is going to be far too busy helping the competition. Bank on your own skills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Just because others might get away with telling tall tales, don't think you can, too. If you attempt to embellish your accomplishments, someone will trip you up with the raw truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you decide to get involved in a joint endeavor with someone new, make certain there is a clear-cut understanding of who contributes what. Without an agreement, you'll end up with the major load.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be on guard with all of your one-on-one encounters, because someone in your midst may be inclined to act with dishonestly or deceptiveness. If your vigilance wanders, you will get caught in a trap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Instead of looking for justification to neglect your duties or responsibilities, be prepared to roll up your sleeves and get right to work. If you don't, you'll have a real mess on your hands.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you tend to like most people, you're not always comfortable around just anyone and this may be the case today. Avoid going to places where there's a good chance you'll be uneasy and nervous.

Sunday, April 13, 2008

In the year ahead, your chances for generating larger returns than usual look very encouraging. Most of your efforts may bring in normal earnings, but one or two others could be exceptional in their value.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Some skillful application of your leadership qualities might be required if you hope to effectively manage others. You're up to the task.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A secret fear that you've been harboring with regard to the outcome of an affair could finally be put to rest when faced with the reality of the matter. Never worry about things before they happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Appearances can be deceptive so don't presume to interpret things as being negative. By lowering your hopes and expectations, you might choose not to engage in something that would be fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone who is indebted to you might have to be reminded of that fact when you ask for a little reciprocation. In the end, this person will be grateful that you pressed him or her into it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A matter of some importance pertaining to a friend might require a discussion at this time. Regardless of the unpleasantness of it, things can be resolved with a frank and open discussion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You could feel you're a bit unlucky when it comes to recognizing and cashing in on hidden opportunities. However, you will find a way to profit from something that's not that visible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If a valued friend is in need of moral support at this time, don't let him or her down just because you're not in the mood. You'll feel better about yourself if you find the time to spend with your pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The only thing that could stop you from realizing your objectives is a lack of specificity about how you'd achieve them. Get serious and lay out the winning plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A pleasant surprise might be in the offing when you discover something that means a lot to you — and that you thought was unattainable — can be achieved with relative ease at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What you consider to be undesirable changes by outside influences could surprise you and turn out quite well. In fact, you may appreciate them more than you ever thought possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Reluctantly, you might have to make some compromises with regard to your more intimate dealings with friends. Actually, you will gain from the experience.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your ambitions, as well as your resourcefulness, might be aroused at this time through an unpleasant experience. However, the developments will turn out to be meaningful and happy for you.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Low in pitch
- 5 Jagged cut
- 9 Slangy feelings
- 14 Latin & others
- 15 Christiania, today
- 16 French river
- 17 Ambiance
- 18 Goneril's father
- 19 Core group
- 20 James Joyce classic
- 23 Jefferson's bill
- 24 Will of "The Waltons"
- 25 Kilmer of "The Doors"
- 28 Lead balloon
- 31 Yada, yada, yada
- 33 Nautical distance

- 35 Bad to the bone
- 37 Stockings
- 39 Nero's successor
- 40 Len Deighton classic
- 43 Martini garnish, perhaps
- 44 About
- 45 Numbers game
- 46 Went for a quick visit
- 48 Decline
- 50 Put on
- 51 Actress Tilly
- 52 Hurry-up letters
- 54 Beaver's work
- 56 Gettysburg tourist attraction
- 62 Plot of hair?
- 64 River to the Caspian Sea
- 65 Breakfast area

- 26 One lacking pigment
- 27 Look to (for)
- 28 Bend out of shape
- 29 Soft palate attachments
- 30 Some train units
- 32 One soprano
- 34 Visible impression
- 36 To the left: pref.
- 38 Mister
- 41 Made over extensively
- 42 Robert Zimmerman

- 47 Compass dir.
- 49 Courtroom railing
- 53 Danger
- 55 Bush-league
- 57 Nobel-winner Wiesel
- 58 Hindu music
- 59 Venetian notable
- 60 Tiger's game
- 61 Supplements, with "out"
- 62 Chucklehead
- 63 Boardroom bigwig

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 66 Cliffside dwelling
- 67 Baltic capital
- 68 Eye amorously
- 69 Put forward
- 70 King or Alda
- 71 Stripe-shirted officials

DOWN

- 1 Unhearing
- 2 Needle case
- 3 Work for
- 4 Factory
- 5 Calvary
- 6 On the Indian
- 7 Casual coinage
- 8 Savvy
- 9 Rectory
- 10 Author Dinesen
- 11 Driven to distraction
- 12 Go wrong
- 13 Told ya!
- 21 Sheepish she
- 22 Little in Stirling

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By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL

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ACROSS

- 1 One of the Seven Sisters colleges
- 7 Mass produce efficiently
- 15 Slip away, as time
- 16 Biddies' residence
- 17 Belly buttons
- 18 Apportioned
- 19 Breakfast choice
- 20 Place-kicker's need
- 21 TV journalist Safer
- 22 Subjugates
- 28 Appeal
- 30 Oral moisture
- 31 Husky pull
- 35 Ornamental case
- 37 Begets
- 38 "Close Encounters of the Third

- Kind" co-star Dillon
- 40 Shiny cotton fabrics
- 42 Accustom
- 43 Tilt to one side
- 45 Excessively curious
- 46 Low mountain crests
- 48 Folk tale
- 50 Fully committed
- 52 Breadwinner
- 57 Alley prowler
- 58 Fold
- 59 Thiamine deficiency
- 64 Laws issued by monarchs
- 65 Monty Python troupe member
- 66 Relative intensity
- 67 Ready-for-anything attitude
- 68 Borgnine or Hemingway

- 31 Insolent smile
- 32 Red Square figure
- 33 Give the slip to
- 34 Funeral song
- 36 Brit's indignant comment
- 39 Requirement
- 41 Go before
- 44 Uses up
- 47 Leave the union
- 49 More difficult

- 51 Some noblemen
- 53 Period in power
- 54 Mother-of-pearl
- 55 __ Park, Colo.
- 56 VCR button
- 59 Ask for a handout
- 60 Notable period
- 61 Periphery
- 62 Chill
- 63 Open container

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 1 Animal toxin
- 2 Texas shrine
- 3 Piggybank filler
- 4 Indefinite period
- 5 In dreamland
- 6 Fashioned anew
- 7 French manor house
- 8 Euripides play
- 9 Except if
- 10 Greek letter
- 11 Slangy contradiction
- 12 Inning ender
- 13 Function
- 14 Actor Knight
- 23 Stick it out
- 24 Foreigner
- 25 Small green bird
- 26 Balances
- 27 Prone to backtalk
- 29 Relative of etc.

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By Tom Pruce
Chicago, IL

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Galt Regional High School and the students from the North Shore

In 1969, Galt Regional High School was opened to a surge of students in this area of the Eastern Townships; the first year the number of students was three thousand.

At the same time a priest on the North Shore contacted the minister of St. George's Anglican Church in Lennoxville, Rev. Timothy Matthews, with a request to make it possible to bring students of high school age to enter Galt Regional High School, since at that time the North Shore students did not have a school with higher grades. When the plan was created for the School's second year (1970), one of the first steps was to find homes in the area near the School for the young people. Joan Thomson, living in the Townships, was approached and took on the responsibility of finding housing for the students. She became the perfect person for this situation and continued in that role for some time.

As one of the families to enter into this adventure, I received a call from Joan to meet and discuss the plan. I agreed to board a teenaged girl who could be a friend for my own daughter who had entered Galt during its opening year (1969). Madonna Burke would

be that girl! The day we met Madonna at the airport in Sherbrooke we waited until one of the last young people was coming off the plane; when we saw her we knew she was the one! In Madonna's own words about that moment: "Wonder, excitement and flutters of anxiety were my feelings as I stepped off the plane at Sherbrooke's airport. ...I remember being totally agog at the huge trees that I had only seen in books." [quoted from a recent e-mail from Madonna, who is currently teaching English as a second language in China].

The students each spent approximately three years at Galt; many would return home but a number came back to find a life in and around the Townships. For many,

the experience was a gateway to a new positive lifestyle. They all speak with admiration and gratitude for Joan Thomson!

Joan still lives in Lennoxville and remembers her contact with the students with the same positive feelings as they have for her.

Joan will be guest speaker at The Lake

Massawippi Area Historical Society's Annual Meeting in the North Hatley Community Center, 3127 Capelton Road in North Hatley on April 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. She will present a fascinating "take" on her commitment to the North Shore students over the years. Everyone is welcome!

Phyllis Emery Skeats

Hatley Centre W.I.

Members of the Hatley Centre W.I. met at the Community Centre, North Hatley on April 1. April is Health and Community Living month and the motto was "The worst indigestion comes from eating your own words". The President, Margaret Belec chaired and opened the meeting with the Collect and Salute to the Flag.

The roll call was answered by members naming a new product that they have used.

The Q.W.I. Newsletter and Federated News was received and distributed, also the registration forms for the annual Provincial Convention to be held at Macdonald College. The date of open convention is May 24.

We received a thank you from F.W.I.C. for our donation to the Into the North project.

The minutes were approved as read by the secretary, Janet McLellan.

The treasurer, Helen Johnston gave the financial report.

Agriculture - Helen reported on the composting to begin in North Hatley.

Education - Mary Rasmussen reported on the soup that we have provided for 2 months, 2 days a week, for the local elementary school children. A very special thank you is extended to Jackie Ditchburn and his helpers at the Meals-On-Wheels' kitchen - Services for Seniors, at the North Hatley Community Centre, for their support in making this possible.

The annual rummage plans were finalized. Set up day is Friday, April 25. We will be at the Community Centre after 9.30 a.m. and articles are appreciated before 2 p.m. Sale times: Saturday, April 26, 9.30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. A Food Sale is planned for Saturday and we will also have coffee and muffins for sale this year. Sunday is Bag Day.

We hosted the Stanstead County meeting on March 27. Fifteen attended including our guest, Ouida Moliner, member of the Massawippi Water Protection Association. Her talk on the environment, issues pertaining to the lake water shed, clear cutting, use of fertilizers was most informative, as well as how to protect the shoreline.

The County scholarships had been awarded. The Estella Holmes Scholarship went to Derek Loach who is taking courses to become a paramedic; the Maud Kezar Scholarship went to Julian Boyce who is studying for her DEC in Social Sciences; the Dr. C.L. Brown Memorial Scholarship went to Vanessa Boyce who is studying to obtain an undergraduate degree in Psychology.

Mary won the draw.

Following adjournment, the hostess Helen served tea.

Janet McLellan,
Secretary

Health & social services for persons needing mental health services

Did you know...

that certain centres are designated to offer these services in English?

Examples -

The CHUS (*Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke*)

✓ **Mental health services** (*Santé mentale*)

Centre Jean-Patrice-Chiasson

✓ **Addiction rehabilitation services**
(*Services de réadaptation dépendances*)

Maison Saint-Georges

✓ **Mental health rehabilitation services**
(*Services de réadaptation santé mentale*)

CLSCs in Sherbrooke (*CSSS-IUGS*)

CLSCs in the Coaticook MRC
(*CSSS de la MRC de Coaticook*)

CLSCs in Memphrémagog
(*CSSS de Memphrémagog*)

CLSCs in des Sources (*CSSS des Sources*)

CLSCs in Haut-Saint-François
(*CSSS du Haut-Saint-François*)

CLSCs in Val-Saint-François
(*CSSS du Val Saint-François*)

✓ **Psychological and social services**
(*services psychosociaux*)

✓ **Mental health services** (*Santé mentale*)

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