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## Officer testifies he smelled alcohol

### Hearing continues into death

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

A Sherbrooke police officer testified Monday he could smell alcohol on Evans Bouchard's breath hours after the accident that killed 20-year-old university student Carinthe Boulanger.

Bouchard, who is charged with dangerous driving causing death, was back at the Sherbrooke courthouse yesterday for the continuation of a trial that began last summer.

Sherbrooke police detective André Tardif, one of the officers who interrogated Bouchard about six hours after the fatal collision, said he could smell alcohol while in Bouchard's company.

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## Short-term rental ban now enforced

### Orford residents incensed

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Council in Orford Township was anticipating a raucous debate last night as dozens of cottage and condominium owners, and members of the local chamber of commerce, planned to

oppose the enforcement of a bylaw that forbids short-term rentals in certain residential areas.

The town's zoning bylaw only allows rentals lasting longer than one month in many areas, including lakeside cottages and the condominiums beside the Manoir des Sables and Chéribourg resorts.

Dozens of cottage and condo owners  
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## Who Will Be Crowned Queen?



The six duchesses of the Carnaval de Sherbrooke — one representing each of the city's boroughs — were on hand Monday to boost the upcoming winter festival. It's held in conjunction with the ice races of the Challenge sur Glace Continental, from Thursday, Feb. 22 to 25. It all takes place at the grounds by the Aréna Eugène Lalonde (at Terrill and Saint-Michel). And it's free to get in, although some extras cost. Call 819-821-7274.

PERRY BEATON

# Election rumours heat up in Quebec

## Premier jokes, but no promises

By Kevin Dougherty  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE  
QUEBEC

**P**remier Jean Charest could hold a provincial election as early as March 26. But the premier wasn't saying Monday whether he intends to move that quickly. Ending an exchange with a reporter, Charest said: "You can't wait for an election?" adding, "And you are not alone."

Charest would not comment more on a possible snap election, recalling that similar scenarios were floated last fall. He did not call a vote at that time and he noted his maximum term is five years. He could call the election as late as spring 2008.

The trigger for speculation the election would be March 26 was a decision on the weekend by the Quebec Liberal Party's executive committee that a planned three-day convention March 23-25 has been postponed.

Instead, 2,250 delegates to an enlarged general council meeting will decide the party's election platform Feb. 17 in Quebec City.

According to Quebec's Election Act, at the earliest, voting day is the fifth Monday after a premier calls for a general election.

If Charest wants to move immediately, and wants to have a budget to present election goodies, he would have to recall the National Assembly on Feb. 20, calling an election for March 26 the following day.

But Marie-Josée Duhamel, spokesperson for Government House leader Jacques Dupuis, said Monday the government has no plans to recall the assembly before the scheduled March 13 resumption.

"Nothing is planned," Duhamel said.

Pierre Choquette, spokesperson for Finance Minister Michel Audet, would not say Monday when the government

plans to announce its budget.

"It's business as usual," Choquette said. Audet is holding pre-budget consultations and usually only gives a few days notice of his plans to present a budget.

If Audet presents his budget March 13, the election could be April 16.

The Charest government took a nose-dive in the polls in its first year in office because of its style of adopting controversial measures with little consultation.

In the last year, the government has been making good-news announcements and voters have detected shortcomings in Andre Boisclair, the new Parti Québécois leader.

Recent polls suggest Charest and his Liberals are gaining popularity, but still

do not hold a commanding lead.

In Paris on the weekend Charest explained he does not comment on polls "because the margin of error, especially in Quebec, can be very important."

A CROP poll last week gave his Liberals a three percentage-point lead. A Leger Marketing poll indicated the Liberals were two percentage points ahead. But the margin of error in both polls is about three per cent, 19 times out of 20.

The CROP poll also noted that 56 per cent of Quebecers wanted a change of government, not good news for Charest, the incumbent.

Boisclair, who appears to have successfully beaten off attacks on his leadership by party hardliners and his predecessor Bernard Landry, said Monday he is ready for an election.

"I can't wait to meet Jean Charest face to face on his record and on his platform," Boisclair said. "I think Quebecers want somebody who can lead."

"(With Charest) there is a lack of leadership."

Charest indicated before Christmas that he wanted to see the federal budget before calling an election.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has said he will present his proposal to resolve the fiscal imbalance, which could send billions more federal dollars to the province in the form of added equalization payments and more money for post-secondary education.

Flaherty has not announced the date of his budget, but March 20 is the date that has been circulating in the media.

## Cue The Music



PERRY BEATON

Cathédrale de Sherbrooke organist Chantal Boulanger showed off the pipes while the Ensemble Musica Nova invited Quebec composers to write for the organ for its composition contest. The work must be recent (written between 2005 and '07) and not performed in concert nor broadcast. The deadline is Sept. 1; the rules can be had by contacting oreillymarc@hotmail.ca (and the fee to participate is \$50). First prize is \$1,000; the second-place winner gets \$500.

### CORRECTION

In the story "New discussions about old high school" (Jan. 30 Record) it was stated that former teacher Ella Hoy was present at the meeting. She was not.

## Weather

**Today:** Sunny with cloudy periods. Wind 20 km/h becoming light late in the day. High minus 16. Cold wind chill minus 33.

**Wednesday:** Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 19. High minus 13.

**Thursday:** Mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 21. High minus 12.

**Friday:** Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 16. High minus 6.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# BRP boasts it will redefine roadsters

## The Spyder flies

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

With a little help from Quebec taxpayers, Bombardier Recreational Products is launching its new Spyder — the company's first on-road vehicle, described as a cross between a motorcycle and a convertible sports car.

"Our Can-Am Spyder roadster is the next dimension in open-road riding," said José Boisjoli, president and CEO of BRP, noting the first Spyderys will hit the road at the end of 2007.

"A true paradigm shift, the Spyder roadster offers a balance of performance and peace of mind with features like the Vehicle Stability System (VSS), engineered in conjunction with Bosch, which includes anti-lock brakes, traction control and stability control systems," said Boisjoli in a communiqué.

The three-wheeler, which resembles a futuristic three-way cross between a snowmobile, an all-terrain vehicle, and a backwards tricycle, was launched in Valcourt on Monday in front of the company's 2,500 employees as well as the media and a who's who of local and provincial politics.

Premier Jean Charest, Richmond MNA Yvon Vallières and Raymond Bachand, Quebec's minister of economic development, innovation and exports, were on hand to confirm some \$17.8 million in grants to support the development of the new vehicle — a prototype of which received its world premier in San Diego last week.

"BRP creates major economic spin-offs for Quebec and is the pride of Quebecers," commented Charest, noting



The three-wheeled Spyder looks like a futuristic three-way cross between a snowmobile, an all-terrain vehicle, and a backwards tricycle.

WEB PHOTO

the company is the largest employer in the Valcourt region. "Once again, BRP is innovation, which will contribute even more to the reputation of Quebec throughout the world."

Charest confirmed a reimbursable contribution of \$17.8 million from the province, through its financing arm Investissement Québec. The money will help continue the development of the Spyder, which will need some \$226 million over 11 years, pointed out a government press release.

Through its association with the Spyder project, the government is favouring the diversification of the regional economy, added Bachand. "Once again, we are gambling on innovation to create wealth and to develop Quebec know-how that is exportable throughout the planet," he said. "The ingenuity and enthusiasm of our people combined with

the expertise and knowledge of BRP are, without a doubt, a guarantee of success."

The 2008 Can-Am Spyder roadster, which will be assembled in Valcourt, is powered by a 990-cc V Twin engine designed and manufactured by BRP-Rotax, an Austrian subsidiary of Bombardier Recreational Products.

"This is a historic event for BRP, particularly for our Valcourt and Austrian employees, as it confirms the strategic role of BRP's Quebec manufacturing facilities for assembling complex and sophisticated vehicles, and BRP-Rotax's leadership in engine development," company CEO Boisjoli said in a press release.

"With Can-Am Spyder, we are redefining the roadster category by bringing the powersports experience to the road through this new generation of vehicles," he continued. "BRP is

entering a new era that will provide growth opportunities for our company worldwide and potentially create new jobs."

The company notes its reputation was built on its ability to innovate and design products for powersports enthusiasts. "After more than five years of research, the Can-Am Spyder roadster is now delivering on the company's promise to offer a complete line of recreational motorized products in four segments: on snow, on water, as well as both off- and on-road."

"This event also marks BRP's first truly global launch," said Chris Dawson, BRP's vice-president of strategic planning and head of the Spyder program.

It will be available this year in 12 selected American states and four Canadian provinces, followed by France and Spain in early 2008.

The Spyder should be available worldwide within three to four years, Dawson said.

In the era of globalization, recreational vehicles require a constant effort in research and development (so as not to be left behind), the company noted, adding that it is counting on its partnership with the University of Sherbrooke to innovate further.

BRP and the university announced in December they are joining efforts to create a \$36 million advanced technology research center. The Centre de technologies avancées Inc., which will link more than two dozen engineers from BRP with researchers and graduate students to create a centre focusing on the development of leading-edge technologies for the recreational vehicle industry, is slated to be the first tenant of the soon-to-be-created Parc Innovation de l'Université de Sherbrooke.

# Violent Boisvert sentenced to close to seven years

## Will serve three

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

Jean Boisvert, the 53-year-old Townships man found guilty of attempted murder, sexual and aggravated assault, kidnapping, forcible confinement and issuing death threats, has been sentenced to six years and nine months in prison.

Crown prosecutor Hélène Fabi, who was seeking an eight-year jail term, said she was satisfied with the punishment handed down at the Sherbrooke courthouse Monday morning.

"The crown and victims are satisfied with the sentence," Fabi said.

Quebec Court judge Guy Lecompte sentenced Boisvert to almost seven years, but because time served awaiting trial and sentencing counts as double, Boisvert is only facing an additional three

years.

He committed his violent acts in August 2005. After ignoring a court order to stay out of Richmond, he showed up at his ex-spouse's apartment.

While there, he confronted his ex-spouse, Louise Leclerc, and her new boyfriend. Leclerc's boyfriend tried to protect her, but Boisvert stabbed him with a knife several times.

Witnesses said Boisvert dragged Leclerc to his pickup truck by the hair, stabbing her at least once as he did so. Boisvert held her captive for almost two days during which time he threatened and sexually assaulted her.

Boisvert eventually turned himself in, ending an intensive manhunt by police.

"We hope Boisvert will seek help for his condition," Fabi said, noting Boisvert's victims were traumatized by his actions and continue to suffer.

The defence, which was asking for four years, wasn't available for comment.

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"When he was brought in it reeked of alcohol," Tardif said, explaining he met with Bouchard around 3 a.m. Bouchard had been arrested around 8:50 p.m.

Bouchard sat calmly in the front row of the courtroom with his legs and arms crossed, observing Tardif's testimony. Across the room, the victim's mother, Lilian, and sister, Ariane, sat side-by-side listening to every detail.

On March 14, 2004, Bouchard was driving on St-François Blvd. North in Sherbrooke when car veered into Boulanger's lane. The vehicles collided head on, and Boulanger was killed.

Upon cross-examination, defence lawyer Philippe Gilbert pointed out that Tardif didn't state he smelled alcohol on Bouchard's breath in his official report. Tardif testified he was there to record what had been said during the interrogation.

Gilbert also questioned if Tardif's recollection of the interrogation — almost three years ago — was accurate.

Tardif said he was sure of what he smelled that night in the police station.

During earlier testimony in June, another Sherbrooke police officer testified Bouchard took and failed a breathalyzer test.

About an hour later, at the police station, Bouchard was asked to take another breathalyzer, which he calmly refused.

Witnesses have testified that

Bouchard had been drinking at two bars that fateful day. They told the court Bouchard drank two half-pitchers and two large beers at the Le Shooter Bar. Bouchard then went to the Hotel Robert where another witness testified the man consumed at least one more large bottle of beer.

On Monday, Sherbrooke police officer Yves Lemay, who was among the first officers to arrive at the scene of the accident, told the court that Bouchard's passenger, his girlfriend Colette Beaudoin, was also inebriated.

"She was glassy-eyed," Lemay said, noting he could smell alcohol on her breath. Lemay said he recognized Beaudoin because he used to play hockey with her son. He said she didn't recognize him, but it had been years since they had seen each other.

Lemay, who informed Beaudoin about Boulanger's death, said he was surprised by her calm reaction.

"She had no reaction and showed no remorse," Lemay said. "I found that to be odd."

Defence lawyer Gilbert asked why he didn't mention the state of the woman's eyes in his police report, or the fact that he knew her.

Lemay replied he was sure about what he saw.

"I remember very clearly what happened," he said, noting he has come across many drunk people and knew the signs.

The trial continues today.

## Mother says she understands delay

### Case began in June

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

After months of delay into the trial of Evans Bouchard, the Magog man who is charged with dangerous driving causing the death of 20-year-old Carinthe Boulanger, the victim's mother says she's still satisfied with the judicial process.

"It's not easy to live with," said Lilian Boulanger. "But we think it should be done properly."

The trial, which started in June 2006, had been scheduled to continue last fall. But it didn't restart until yesterday.

Sutton native Carinthe Boulanger died March 14, 2004. The University of Sherbrooke medical student was on her way back to Sherbrooke after visiting her family in Sutton when a black Caprice swerved into her lane on Saint Francois Boulevard and smashed head-on into the car she was driving.

The young woman, who loved ballet, nature and helping others, succumbed to her injuries shortly after.

### PASSING THROUGH

The Caprice's driver, Magog resident Evans Bouchard, was passing through Sherbrooke after leaving the

Hotel Albert.

According to testimony, he had been drinking there with his girlfriend, who was also in the car.

Following the accident, officers said they administered a breathalyzer test which Bouchard failed, and he refused to take a second test at the Sherbrooke police station.

Witnesses who testified last summer said Bouchard drank several litres of beer before he got behind the wheel.

Sitting side by side yesterday, Lilian Boulanger and her youngest daughter, Ariane, heard the testimony of one police officer who interrogated Bouchard the night of the accident and another who spoke with his girlfriend at the police station.

Bouchard, who has allegedly not touched a drop of alcohol in over two years, has been undergoing therapy. He sat across the court room from the Boulangers and calmly watched the police officers' testimony.

Lilian Boulanger, who has been in regular contact with the anti-drinking and driving advocacy group, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), said the whole family is still learning to deal with the loss of Carinthe.

The trial continues today.

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## Lafleur sent to Sherbrooke

### Psychiatric evaluation

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The youngest son of hockey great Guy Lafleur is undergoing a 30-day psychiatric evaluation at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke.

Quebec Court judge Louise Bourdeau ordered that Mark Lafleur be sent to the psychiatric wing of the Hotel Dieu site of the CHUS where an evaluation by forensic psychiatrist Pierre Gagné will help determine if he is fit to stand trial on charges of sexual assault, kidnapping, and uttering death threats.

Lafleur, 22, is alleged to have committed the crimes against a 17-year-old girl in Berthierville, east of Montreal, where the accused works part time at a Mike's Submarine franchise owned by his famous father.

The charges stem from a variety of incidents between the summer of 2005 and last month.

Lafleur's lawyer Jean-Pierre Rancourt said his client, who suffers from Tourette's Syndrome, has major psychological issues coupled with a drug problem. He requested a psychi-

atric examination before a bail hearing which had originally been scheduled for Monday.

Tourette's is an inherited neurological disorder characterized by physical and verbal tics and, on rare occasions, the exclamation of obscene words or insults.

The disorder, which caused Lafleur to be teased as a child, contributed to his client's behavioral problems, said Rancourt, who noted his client knows he needs psychiatric help and wants to resolve his problems.

Outside the courtroom, Rancourt told reporters that Guy Lafleur and his wife Lise, who were not on hand for the hearing, were prepared to come and testify on their son's behalf.

In his column in the weekend's *Journal de Montréal*, the hockey legend asked the population not to judge his son too quickly before hearing the facts of the case.

Lafleur said his family had a tough week due to his celebrity status. He wrote that he could not comment the accusations that are before the courts and asked the public to respect his privacy.

Mark Lafleur will be back in court on March 8, where a judge will determine if a bail hearing will be held.

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ers met at Chéribourg this weekend to denounce the new severity in enforcing bylaws, but the town's director of urban planning said Orford Township has no choice.

Luc Castonguay said it all began with a citizen's complaint about a neighbour who had rented out his lakeside cottage. When the town told the cottage owner he was not permitted to lease the cottage for short-term stays, the citizen protested and insisted the town apply the regulation evenly to everyone.

Castonguay said the indignant citizen researched local real estate agencies and websites and filed a complaint about 142 cottages and condos that were being rented for short periods.

"He insisted [we] apply the rules everywhere," Castonguay said, estimating the zoning bylaw would relate to between 300 and 400 properties.

Castonguay said the regulation, which has been in place since the 1990s, authorizes cottage and condo rentals in limited areas.

Despite that, many condominium owners in the restricted zones have permits from the provincial tourism ministry that allow them to rent their

condominiums as time shares.

Cottage and condo owners, who attended the weekend meeting organized by Tourisme Cantons de l'Est, plan to ask the town council to continue showing tolerance to those who contravene the bylaw — at least until a permanent solution can be found.

The chamber of commerce intends to add its voice, noting that applying the bylaw will hurt the local tourism industry.

Opponents are also asking that a committee be set up to study the issue and propose solutions.

"Council doesn't want to kill the local tourism industry, but wants to ensure tranquility of local property owners," Castonguay told *The Record*, noting the municipality has little choice in the matter.

But he remarked that property owners could seek amendments to the zoning regulations that would extend short-term rentals to additional zones.

That, he said, would be the subject of a debate, and quite possibly a referendum, because property owners have the ultimate say when amendments to zoning regulations are proposed.

# Register for referendum rebuked

## Downtown Sutton work to begin in May

By Maurice Crossfield  
KNOWLTON

Quite a few people turned out, but not enough to force a referendum on \$5.5 million worth of borrowing bylaws in Sutton.

"I'm pretty happy because the whole population from the area will benefit," said Sutton Mayor Ken Hill. "It's positioning ourselves, like other towns are doing, by making things much better looking for all of us."

Hill said the beautification of the downtown, while at the same time improving the water system to meet new norms, will help with its future development.

In all 493 signatures were needed to force referendums on each borrowing bylaw concerning burying utility wires, installing new lighting and building new sidewalks.

During the Friday register they received 433, 413 and 395 signatures, respectively.

The borrowing bylaw for the construction of a new aqueduct system required 160 signatures from residents using the municipal water system, but only got 82.

Said Hill: "More and more Sutton is not just a winter destination anymore,

we're becoming a four season destination.

"This just adds to it to attract small businesses and small enterprises to the area. I think it's just fantastic. We've been working on it since 2000, and it has finally come to be."

The downtown project was the subject of some opposition, most notably from a citizens committee that included four members of the previous municipal council, including former mayor Winston Bresee.

"I find it ironic that the previous administration took the ball running, signed all the contracts with the government, and then decided after that it wasn't good enough, it was too much money," Hill said. "These are the same people that approved it."

(The originally passed bylaws needed to be updated, thus the renewed debate.)

The municipality was in a bit of a corner on the issue: If the project went ahead it would be eligible for about \$3.2 million in grants, but would still have to pay out \$2.3 million. Scrapping the project would have cost the town \$591,000 in penalties.

Bids for the various construction contracts related to the project are being received, and will likely be opened in the coming week. A recommendation will be made to council, which will then have to officially

award the contracts. Preliminary work will begin shortly afterwards.

"We want to make sure the shovel starts digging by the first of May and be finished by September," Hill said.

"Now this part is over, let's bring the community together. It's a project that is needed."

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## Suicide numbers are rising for seniors

Suicide among Quebec's aging baby boomers is growing and a group representing the province's retired public workers wants to curb the trend.

The Association des retraité(e)s des secteurs public et parapublic (AQRP), plans to spread awareness about seniors who take their own lives during suicide prevention week, which began Monday.

The association noted in a release that a recent study from the Quebec public health institute showed that people 55 years and older are at the greatest risk of killing themselves.

The study also noted that between 60 and 80 per cent of the elderly who commit suicide suffer from depression, and that chronic sickness and physical handicaps are linked to suicide.

In addition, it stated factors such as work loss can also lead to suicide.

Other grim details show that one out of every four American baby boomers who attempts to commit suicide succeeds, suggesting the older generation uses more lethal means to end their own lives.

The AQRP's December news bulletin Reflets presented four themes on suicide. They include solitude, euthanasia, youth suicide and older people who take their own lives.

The AQRP wants people to take a proactive approach to reducing suicide among Quebecers. It suggests people should be better informed about the suicide symptoms and how to deal with them.

For more information contact 1-866-277-3553.

### Winter Fun



JEN YOUNG

Lennoxville hosted a family fun day on the weekend. For more borough news, please see our weekly Lennoxville Link pages (starting on page 9).

# Community Forum

## When was the last stoning in Quebec?

### On reasonable accommodation

**M**y first reaction to the newly minted regulations passed by the municipal council of Herouville was a mixture

of incredulity and bemusement. Surely they can't be serious about the new "laws" passed by the council?

Laws against female circumcision? Laws against stoning of women? When was the last stoning in Quebec? Has there ever been a stoning? Doesn't Canadian criminal law deal with such

things? (It does.)

Equality for women may still be a work in progress, but we surely have a handle on it, as reflected in Saturday's front page headline in the *Montreal Gazette*: "60 per cent of Canada's university students are women."

A few journalists have had some fun with the Herouville story. Josh Freed, for example, hopes that the outlawing of masks will not apply during Quebec winters when we wrap scarves over our mouths and noses, and when faces may almost completely disappear into parkas. Indeed, it is easy to satirize Herouville. Think of the consternation a production of *The Phantom of the Opera* could unleash. And you can be sure neither Batman nor Spiderman would ever venture into the area.

Years ago we Catholics during Lent prepared for Easter by making sacrifices such as giving up on chocolates, movies, or desserts. Back then friends would make occasional jokes like, "I'm giving up elephant hunting for Lent."

The Herouville story reminds me for



TOM CAVANAGH

all the world of those nonsensical elephant hunting exaggerations of my youth. Yet apparently the councillors north of Three Rivers are completely serious, and have even received effusive praise in letters to the editors in French and English newspapers.

The matter of "reasonable accommodation" to the expectations (and sometimes demands) of recent arrivals from different cultures, societies and religions touches on serious, difficult issues. They cannot simply be brushed aside with attempts at humour or condemnation; nor would I welcome automatic concessions. But "reasonable accommodation" will not be resolved through provocative and legally meaningless resolutions passed in isolated villages, towns or cities.

Not all readers will be enamoured by what follows, but the best place to discuss and resolve issues of reasonable accommodation is in the courts. That is why they exist; that is why we have

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Using laptops wisely

DEAR EDITOR

The article on laptops printed in your newspaper on Feb. 2 ("Laptops in class not necessarily helping study") further clarifies and supports what the research on laptops in education is reporting.

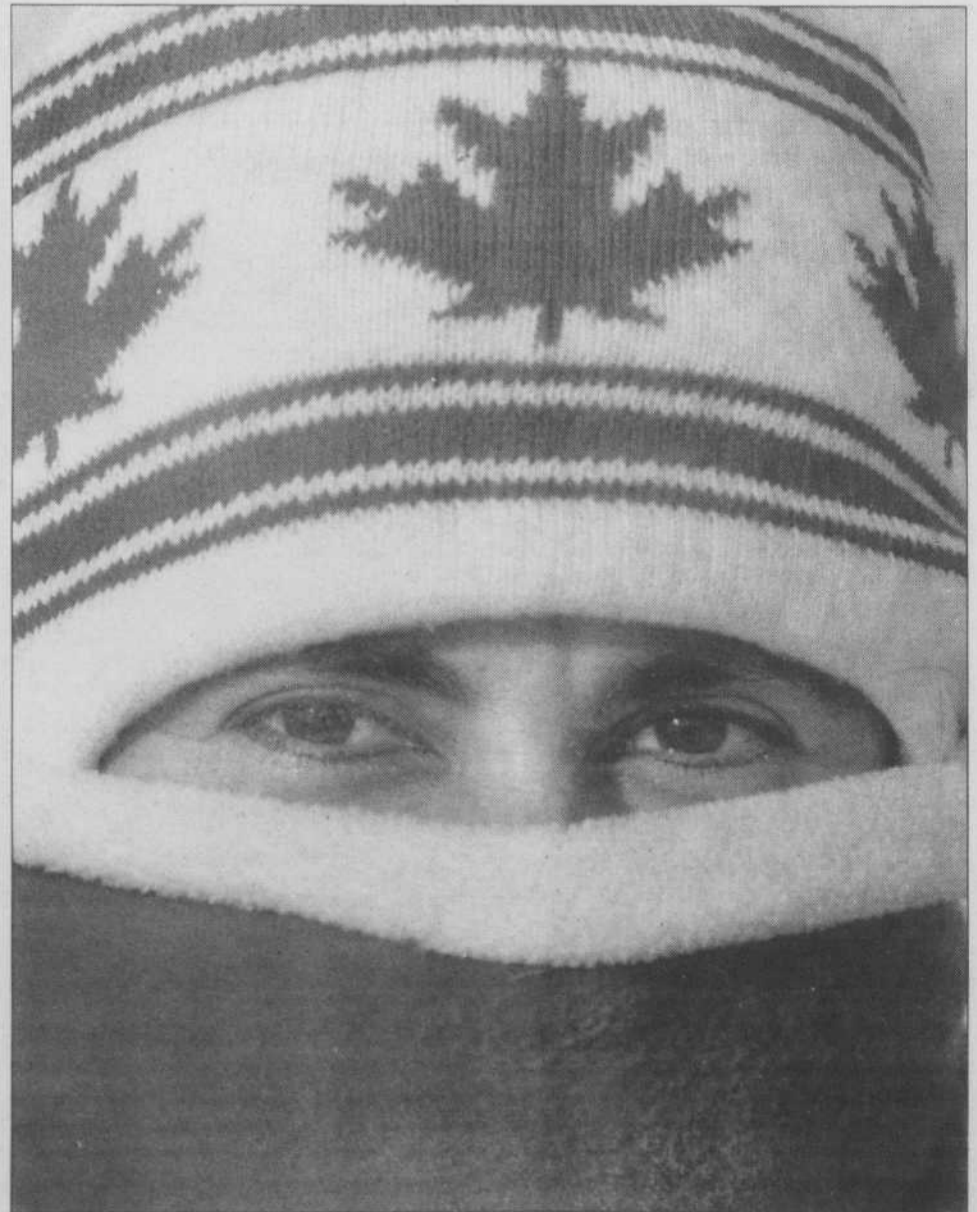
Poor integration and superficial usage by students and teachers results in no or poor results and distractions. Effective, supported integration of laptops in the class-

room produces impressive academic and positive behavioural/motivational results for students.

As this research clearly indicates, the learning expectations of our youth are shifting and we must pay close attention to this. Going backwards doesn't address this emerging reality.

Thank you for alerting the readership to this very important information.

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This look is seemingly illegal in Herouville.

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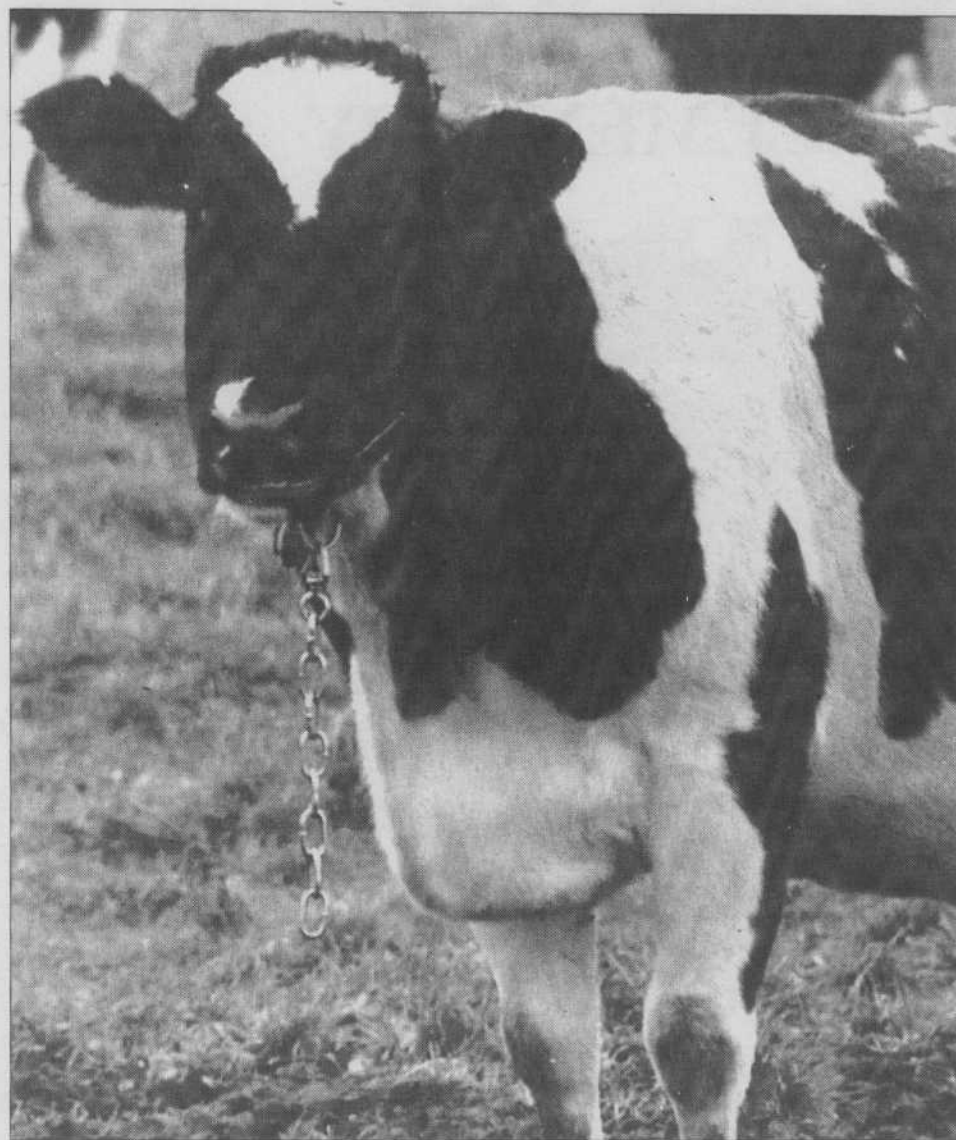
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# A range of opinion on fertilizing agents



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Smell one cow. Discuss.

## And a rating thereof

"There's nothing like the fresh smell of manure!" enthusiastically exclaimed CBC Radio's Stuart McLean on last Sunday's Vinyl Café program.

He said it as though absorbing the scent in the stable was a good thing, a whiff to be sniffed appreciatively — as a connoisseur would slowly inhale the bouquet in the cork from a freshly opened bottle of wine. Which made me think: he hasn't spent time in a pig barn or a hen house, or driven by a field freshly spread with cow poo. Or visited a home where the aroma of the stable lingers on clothes and adds a je-ne-sais-quoi edge to the air in the house.

I guess it's all a matter of taste, and by that I mean preference. This became obvious to me at a conference on the use of municipal and industrial sludge as fertilizing agents.

Over lunch, two fieldworkers from the provincial department of agriculture shared their attitudes on various types of doo-doo. One could not stand the smell of horse manure; the other found it quite acceptable. The second man detested the scent of dog doo; the first didn't mind it.

If someone hasn't yet conducted a study on the range of opinion on aromas from various mammal and fowl excrement, the day will come, I have no doubt. Someday there'll be a headline, "Poll reveals 69 per cent prefer horse droppings."

In the meantime, here are my manure ratings.

Rabbit: OK.



SUSAN MASTINE

Horse: OK.  
Cattle: Barely acceptable.  
Sheep: OK.  
Poultry: Double yuck.  
Pigs: Innumerable yucks.  
Hedgehogs: Lots of yucks.  
Dog: Yuck.  
Cat: Ditto.

(Apparently, elephant plops have very little odour. This is because of the relatively low amount of protein in the grasses they eat.)

Of course, the intensity of the smell to which one has been exposed has a bearing on such ratings — the amount of crap in relation to the space in which it is located; how recently it was released; if the area is closed in; whether it's cold or hot in the said space.

Here is the beginning of a sentence: "There's nothing like the fresh smell of...." Under normal circumstances, one would expect the sentence to end with "clean clothes from the line". The clothes can also be tinged with less-than-pleasant odours on days when the neighbours are spreading their fields.

Stuart, you sure got my attention when you added the word "manure"!

P.S. Stuart had been about to describe his visit to a dairy farm when he made that comment. He later shared the farmer's analysis of his regular before-bed visit to the barn, his favourite time of day.

It went something like this: It's the best part of the day. Everything's quiet. The animals are all lying down. I turn on the lights. And they all get on their feet. Then you hear plop, plop, plop, plop. It almost sounds like applause — a standing ovation. Wow, what wonderful imagery!

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:

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them. If for example there is a challenge of school regulations forbidding weapons (including knives) in schools, the challenge goes to the courts. In point of fact the courts have addressed this issue and given permission to Sikhs to bring kirpans [for those who consider it an essential symbol of the faith] into the school.

More than a year ago I wrote an article expressing disapproval of the kirpan decision — and it still bothers me. But this brings us to the essence of living in a democracy. If my fellow citizens elect a party I dislike, I accept it. (Think Brian Mulroney. Think Stephen Harper.) If the courts issue regulations of which I disapprove, I accept them.

That is what it means to live under the best system of government in the world.

So the best way to settle the reasonable accommodation questions is case by case. In the process we keep our fundamental core Canadian values front and centre — fairness, tolerance, acceptance of the other, justice for neighbours whomever they may be — and always with respect for our governmental institutions.

I have a daughter living in an area where there have been two murders; one of a wife, the other of a live-in

companion. In both instances the accused was a white male. Where I live there was also a death where the accused is a white male. It would be intolerance bordering on insanity to put up signs on the outskirts here or in my daughter's region stating: "No white men are allowed to murder their wives in this area."

Immigrants have had problems in the past. At one time there were signs which read: "No Irish need apply."

Do the two situations outlined above provide a fair comparison of what has occurred in Herouville? I think so.

Consider again the stoning of wives. Herouville has never had anyone living near them who would ever think of such a thing. It has happened in isolated areas on other continents.

But Herouville has no immigrants. The media is partially responsible for whipping up alarm about immigration, but we can and should make our own judgments.

Conclusion: The Herouville municipal council merits criticism. Let it be done fairly and with tolerance. The Canadian way. We could simply call it acting in harmony with our best selves.

## Quebecers grapple with immigrant influence

By Aaron Derfel  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

A group of Quebecers debated Saturday how far their society should bend to accommodate the special needs of immigrants or religious minorities.

The issue came to a head when the small town of Herouville posted a controversial code of conduct expected from new immigrants — warning them not to stone women to death in public, or to burn them alive.

"It's sad," said Asmaa Ibnouzhahir of Herouville's code of conduct. "But it's understandable given the media attention on reasonable accommodation. These people live very far away from other cultural communities."

She was one of more than 100 people who attended a conference in Montreal on the future of Quebec culture.

Ibnouzhahir grew up in Quebec, speaks fluent French and has earned a master's degree in nutrition. Yet sometimes, she said, she doesn't feel welcome in her home province.

"In public, certainly the image that people have of me is of someone who is not necessarily a Quebecoise," said Ibnouzhahir, who wears a hijab, a Muslim head scarf.

"I share the culture here, but the image that they have of me is of my Moroccan heritage and my origins."

Organized months ago by the non-partisan Institut du Nouveau Monde, the delegates found themselves unexpectedly in the middle of the current media-fuelled debate over "reasonable accommodation." In addition to the Herouville incident, the Quebec media has reported stories that suggest some health-care institutions have been bending over backwards to accommodate Muslims and Orthodox Jews at the expense of other Quebecers.

During a workshop, Ibnouzhahir emphasized that Muslim and Hasidic Quebecers should be able to wear religious clothing in public without feeling as though they are imposing their views on Quebec society.

Celine Saint-Pierre, a sociologist and conference co-president, said the Herouville incident shows "a certain fragility in the Quebecois identity. "But it's not reflective of xenophobia."

The goal of the conference is to develop recommendations on how to build a common Quebecois culture "so that newly arrived immigrants who join Quebec society know which society they are arriving in," she said.

# Our School's Page

## POPE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY

### CELEBRATION DAY

On Friday, Dec. 14 students and teachers of Pope Memorial Elementary School had a Celebration Day. Some students went to the Bury Catholic Church where M. le Curé Bégin told the Christmas story. Others went to the Anglican Church where they were welcomed by Sister Mary Florence Liew who led a wonderful discussion on the meaning of Christmas.

At St. Paul's Rest Home students took hand-made cards to the residents and visited with them.

Following these visits, the students enjoyed caroling around town in the balmy weather. They visited the Rest Homes, the Post Office, the Caisse Populaire, as well as many residents of the town who welcomed them. They even stopped to sing carols to some Hydro workers who were working on Main Street.

Students returned to the school for lunch and a movie.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Speaking was held on Dec. 20. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Many parents, grandparents, and friends attended. All the students put a great effort into their speeches.

Thanks to the Bury Women's Institute for providing the prizes for the winners. A special thank you to Women's Institute members Mrs. Olson, Mrs. MacAuley and Mrs. Chapman who judged the students' speeches. During intermissions the students entertained the audience with Christmas songs.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 21st students enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings provided by the Parent Support Group.

Thanks to Knight George Robert Hodge and Penny Thompson who donated the turkeys. Also our thanks to the volunteers, who cooked the turkeys, and made rolls and cupcakes. Thank you also to parent volunteers, Penny and Peggy Thompson, Megan Coleman, Mary Leboureau, and Melanie and Karen Blouin who served the dinner to the students, staff and guests.

### STUDENT TEACHERS

Along with students and staff returning to Pope for the New Year we are happy to welcome four Bishop's University fourth year students: Emily Grey in Cycle 2, Kathryn Rothney in Cycle 1, Amy McComb in Kindergarten and Margaret Arsenault in Mme. Carboneau's French class.

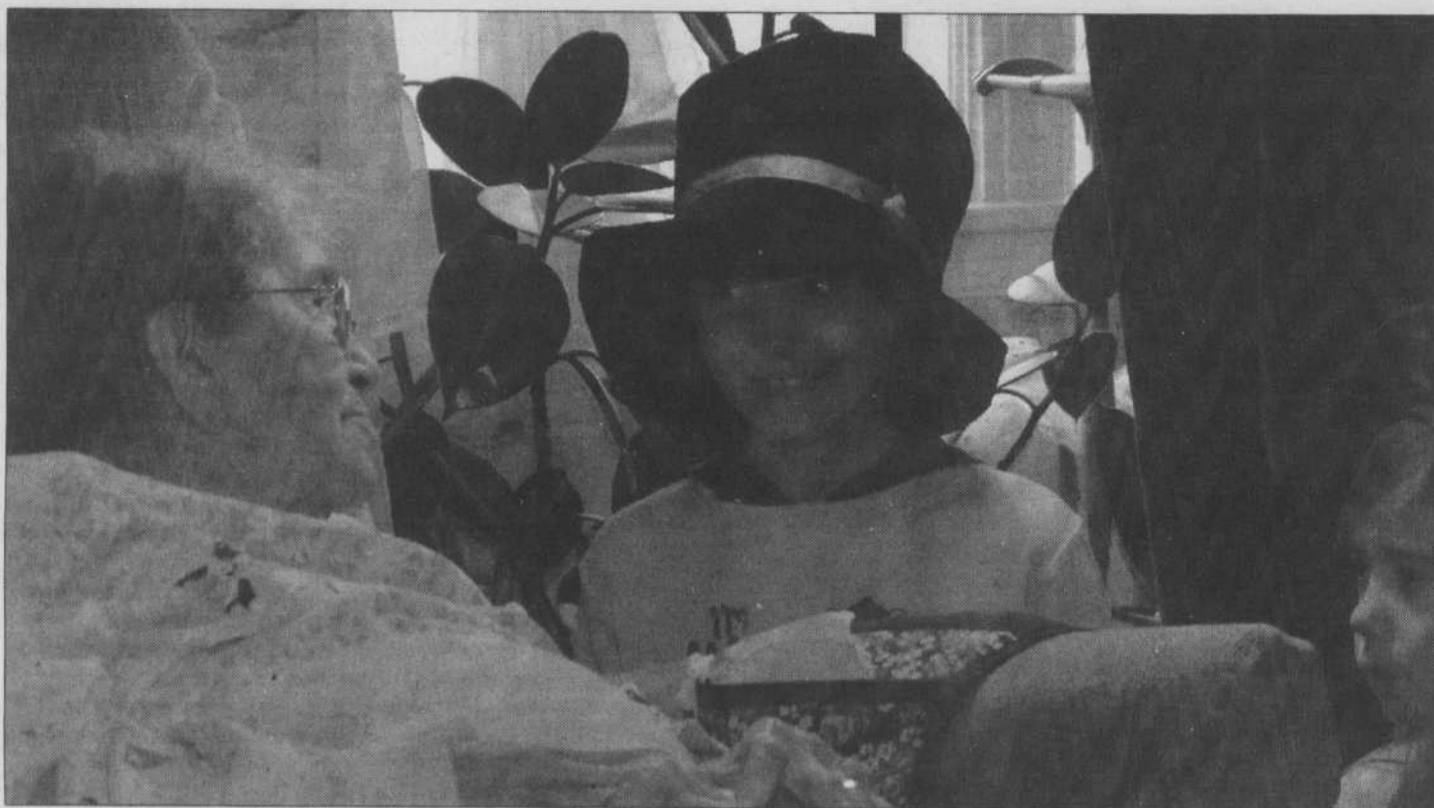
They are here for a 13-week practicum. We appreciate their help and enthusiasm in our classes.

### HEALTHY SCHOOL

As part of our success plan we are working towards becoming a Healthy School.

Bishop's student, Annie Benoit, who is doing an

Honour's thesis project on children's food choices, conducted a nutrition survey with cycles 2 and 3 on January 25. Students from Kindergarten and cycles 1, 2, and 3 will be participating in nutrition units in their classes as well as taste-testing healthy foods in Phys. Ed. class. A nutritionist will be visiting the school to give workshops to the students.



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## High school students keeping others safe

### Medical Response Team stressful, but rewards are great

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Alexander Galt Regional High School is now that much more prepared to deal with injuries and medical crises — all because of a 17-year-old's passion to help others.

For the first time in the school's history, or at least in the recollection of the present principal, a student-run Medical Response Team has been created, thanks to a conversation in passing between students Derek Loach and Daniel Ramage.

"Last year, myself and Daniel were saying how there was not much available at the school in the way of first aid. The nurse is at school one day a week and on the other days we will be there," said student council president Loach.

"Now with the team we can administer oxygen, conduct CPR, deal with trauma, and deal with serious sports injuries that could be spinal. The only thing I can't do is administering medication. It's a stressful job, but there are great rewards that come with it."

Loach and Ramage approached the council with the idea at the beginning of the school year and everyone agreed the initiative was viable and needed, including school principal Gilles Ribaux.

"I think this is a great initiative on the part of the kids," said Ribaux. "The team will play a helping role. They are there to offer an extra pair of trained hands and it will be very helpful during school events, like carnival this week."

The student council agreed to provide the team with \$3,000 from its budget, which was procured through fundraisers and other such events, and was used to purchase all the equipment needed.

Loach set out to form a team.

"I took my First Responder course at Bishop's and seven other students took the First Aid course," he said. "We purchased a backboard and bindings, two fully stocked first responder bags, four fully stocked first aid kits, and oxygen tanks."

Loach says his yearning to help others came from the community.

"I have an uncle who is a police officer, but that's not what really made me

want to do this," he said. "I've always been interested in fire fighting and saving lives. A year and a half ago I volunteered with the Lennoxville firefighters and I met Gerry McNab (president of the Lennoxville Volunteer Firefighters Association) and that's when I realized that this type of work really interested me."

Members of the team, all sporting special medical team patches designed by Ramage (and wearing a red and black uniform; Ramage and Loach sport blue blazers and dress shirts), now take turns attending special events and sports matches in teams of two. But that's not where it ends for Loach.

"After I took my course my guidance counsellor set up a day for me to visit and volunteer with the Stanstead Ambulance Service. I liked it and they asked me to continue so I also work with them every second weekend and on planning days. This is something I want to continue with and make a career out of. I'm hoping to go to Montreal and get my DEC in paramedics and hopefully someday come back and work with the Stanstead Ambulance full time."

Loach still volunteers with the Lennoxville Fire Department when he can.

Since the creation of the school unit the team meets every second week for practice, and they are present at sport games and available to their peers in the case of an emergency.

Loach plans to make sure that the high school unit survives, even after he graduates this year.

"I really hope that teachers will help keep it going," he said. "I'm going to start recruiting for next year and I plan on staying involved to continue scheduling no matter where I am. I want to see this continue. The first aiders from this year are only in Level 4 so they will definitely be there for next year."

Loach also hopes to help other schools create their own Medical Response Teams.



PERRY BEATON

Alexander Galt is now safer than ever thanks to a student-created and -maintained Medical Response Team with professionally trained teens.

## How to keep the name of Lennoxville alive?

### Council talks signs and sums

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

At the last borough council meeting, held Jan. 29, topics from financial assistance to a referendum were discussed, as well as how to keep the name of Lennoxville alive and well.

In previous meetings residents have attended to voice their fears concerning the 2002 merger with Sherbrooke and their worries that the name of Lennoxville would eventually become extinct, but this month council resolved to bring the name back into the public eye.

For years Lennoxville was marked, at its main entrance and exit roads, with embossed signs, but after the

merger everything was replaced with the "City of Sherbrooke" name.

Residents have expressed their concerns on different occasions (as did the person who spray painted "Lennoxville" over "Sherbrooke" on one sign a few weeks ago), and council hopes to have the words "Borough of Lennoxville" put onto signs. They resolved to ask the City of Sherbrooke for the addition at all Lennoxville's main road entrances.

### BOWN LUMBER FATE UP IN THE AIR

Last May, resident Paul McLean announced that he, his brothers, and his father were hoping to build retirement condos on the piece of land known as the former Bown Lumber Company, but neighbours want to know if that will still happen.

Robert and  
PLEASE SEE COUNCIL NOTES ON PAGE 10

# A poetic museum of sacred cows

## Quirky humour

"And on the twentieth day, the Brown Cow thrice did cry, saying unto the Creator, A soul would have been nice.

To which the Creator did instantly reply, Okay, who's been talking to the cow?"

Excerpts from *The Golden Book of Bovinities, the sacred book of cows, in Museum Absconditum*, by Robert Moore

On Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m., the library is pleased to host Canadian poet and playwright Robert Moore who will read from his most recent book of poetry, *Museum Absconditum*.

The book's title refers to Sir Thomas Browne and a guide he left to an invisible library purported to contain things rarely seen by Man. Accordingly Moore presents us with a poetic museum peopled with characters ranging from Lazarus to Joan of Arc, to Odysseus and Telemachus — and, of course, sacred cows. It's not possible in such a short

space to do these poems justice, so I will concentrate on my favourites (but even so will miss countless gems).

Moore's quirky sense of humour is evident in 'Among many false starts and other dead ends', which involves a conversation between a man and his heart, which he loses to a woman. The heart eventually returns, and the man comes upon it standing before the fridge, drinking milk out of the carton.

"Well, what was it like?" I asked my heart...

She inquired after you, he said, wiping his mouth.

'Why can't you ever use a glass,' I said, 'like an actual human being?'"

Here is an excerpt from 'The Dead,' a clever and poignant poem:

"Maybe when they [the dead] hear us crying

they lose a little more heart, dig their heels

just that much further in, adjust ever so slightly

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the weight of their limbs, trim the ends of that shadow stopped at the top of the stairs."

One of the most moving moments, evoked so deftly in a brief scene, comes from 'Visitation' in which the narrator's dying father no longer recognizes his children, but when asleep is taken back to a summer afternoon long ago:

"The goddamn lawnmower dead at his feet. Even his shadow

giving off heat. And in that moment's stillness,

the taste of fresh-cut grass is life itself..."

This promises to be a wonderful evening of poetry and discussion. The author will also speak about the process of writing plays and he will answer questions. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

## Other Upcoming Literary Evenings

Come to the library on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. to hear author Ginette Bu-

reau speak (in French) about how she became a writer. On Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., Pam MacLean will speak at the library about playwriting.

## Book Ends

- Congratulations to Kaylee Deadman, winner of the Literary Day draw.

- The next Books and Brown Bag Lunches meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring a book you have enjoyed and, of course, your lunch.

- The next children's activity will be on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the library. This month's theme is inventions.

- Just a reminder: members, please come in and pick up your new library cards for 2007. Library membership is free for all residents of Sherbrooke and its boroughs.

For information on all library events, call us at 819-562-4949 or visit our website, [www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca](http://www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca) You can also reach us by e-mail at [bibliolen@netrevolution.com](mailto:bibliolen@netrevolution.com).

- Michelle Barker

## Student Spotlight: Eleanor Louison



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Not only does 22-year-old Bishop's University philosophy student Eleanor Louison devote numerous hours maintaining her academic honours, she also finds time to devote to the campus Golden Key Society. The International Golden Key Club, created at Bishop's in 2002, is comprised of honour students, and its mission involves outreach to the community. "I saw that the club was doing a lot of good on campus and in the community," said the executive president. Louison says she is proud to be a part of the society, as well as of how much good the club does. "The Golden Key organizes a food drive every year for the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre and we can really see the benefits."

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Paulette Salesse, who live on Conley Street, have repeatedly voiced their discontent with the idea of more student dwellings being constructed on their street. They are hoping that McLean, who did not return *The Record's* phone call, still plans on retirement dwellings.

When McLean purchased the property a by-law, at the time, restricted him from building anything with more than nine dwellings, which he considered a waste of riverfront property. But a new by-law would allow McLean to build something with nine or more dwellings.

The new by-law is to be adopted this winter, giving McLean the go-ahead, unless a referendum is held.

In the case of a referendum, borough president Douglas MacAulay said that the by-law giving McLean a green light could be converted back, at which time McLean would have to once again apply for a by-law change and this process could take much longer than originally anticipated.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Council has once again authorized financial assistance in the amount of \$41,500 to the Lennoxville Library. This amount, from the borough budget, will be paid in four

equal instalments over the course of 12 months. Financial assistance to the library has been forwarded annually.

The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society was also granted financial assistance for 2007 in the amount of \$8,000. This is to help the society with regular maintenance.

Council also agreed to pay the society \$600 to do research towards phase 2 of the walking tour project. This project consists of a detailed map of the borough which residents can use as a reference.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Council, on behalf of Lennoxville residents, took the opportunity to publicly thank George Beaulieu for his 43 years spent on the Lennoxville Fire Department. Chief Beaulieu, who retired in June, was not at the council meeting.

The next borough council meeting is slated for Monday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. at the borough office.



PERRY BEATON

The old Bown lumber yard.

## Local skaters bring home medals

Local Club Patinage Artistique figure skaters came home with medals from the provincial championships held last month at Sherbrooke's Palais des Sports.

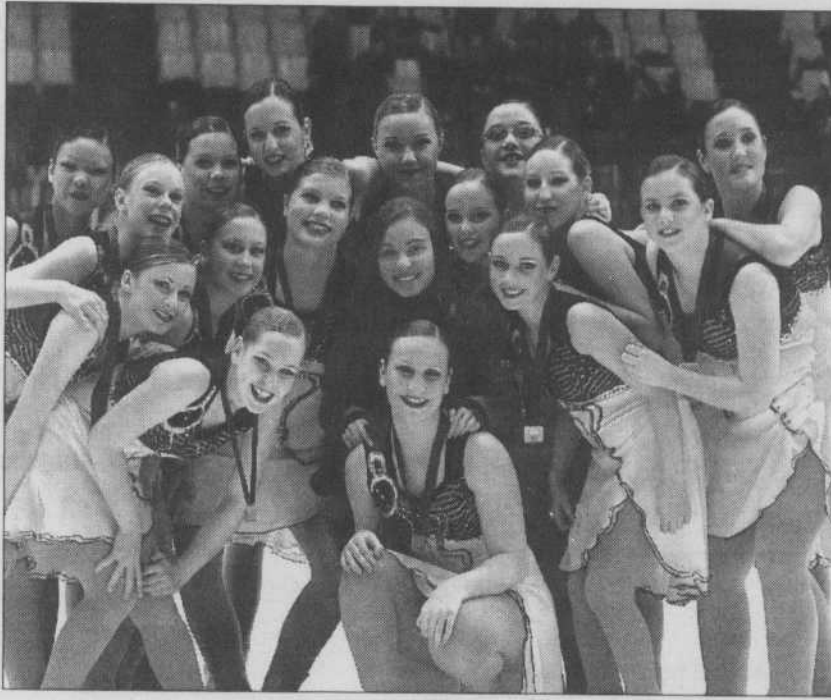
The pre-juvenile team faced some heavy competition. Though they skated hard, the team came in last of 14, but that was not the case with the Novice team, which is where Lennoxville's Courtney Broadhurst, Shelby Evans and Kelly-Ann Neeley gave their all and skated away with a silver medal. An unfortunate fall cost the team precious points.

If fundraising is successful the team is hoping to go to Chatham, Ontario to compete in March.

The Junior team, where Lennoxville's Tamara Neeley gave an impressive skate, also brags a silver medal.

That team left for Newfoundland last week for the Divisional Competition in order to qualify for the Canadian Competition at the end of February.

The Senior team came in 7th of 14 and the Masters team, comprised of adult skaters like Lennoxville's Christine Rousseau, received a standing ovation after a silver medal performance.



COURTESY REJEAN DAIGLE, SYNCHRO SHERBROOKE

Lennox teens come home with silver medals

## Teens swim their way to Quebec Games

*From summer pastime to serious competition*

By Jen Young

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Members of the local synchronized swim team Les Amethystes trained hard and swam their way to the Quebec Games in March, and Lennoxville teens Sabrina Fontaine and Chelsea Laberee say competing under water is a friendly pastime they love.

The duo, who are the only Lennoxville swimmers on the 11 member Amethystes, has been swimming together since the age of nine. Laberee said her interest in competitive swimming (leading to numerous wins) goes back to having fun in the municipal Centennial Pool.

"We started by swimming in the

summer," said 15-year-old Laberee. "After Sherbrooke merged with Lennoxville they brought in professional swimmers and that's when we started swimming competitively."

Though Laberee said swimming is a pastime she is not ready to give up anytime soon, both she and Fontaine said that their friendship has grown along with their talent.

"We're best friends," Fontaine explained. "It's so much fun being with a friend because we get so nervous that it helps having her there."

The teens train weekly at the College de Sherbrooke under the guidance of former champion synchronized swimmer Marie-Lou Joncas. Their team came in first during the January Regional Finals and is now focusing on the upcoming Quebec Games to be held in Repentigny. Both girls say they are confident they can come home with a win.

"I don't know what the other teams are like but we have trained really hard," Fontaine said. "We'll do our best."

Laberee said: "We're really prepared and we have a really good team."

The girls, and their team, will take to the water on March 3.



COURTESY JILL JOHNSON

Chelsea Laberee and Sabrina Fontaine are training hard for the upcoming Quebec Games.

## Calling all knitters

Women's Institutes across the country are working on helping to keep Nunavut and North West Territories children warm, and local units are no different. However, they could use some help.

"It's sad because they are people that sometimes get forgotten about. They need many things, but we are focusing on keeping them warm," said Lennoxville resident and long time WI member Marjorie White. "We need to show them that someone cares."

The 10 or so members of White's institute have already begun knitting gloves, tuques and socks, but they say they could use some help.

"Our group is like many others. We are down in numbers," White said. "I just don't have the energy that I used to. I know that some members have already finished many items, but the faster we can fill up a box, the sooner everything can be sent over."

She said that you don't have to be an Institute member to get involved.

"Anyone can help and if they want to help but don't have the wool, I'll give it to them."

To donate items, wool, or for more information on the Institute, call White at 819-823-8626.

- By Jen Young

## Hockey tourney for breast cancer

What started as a whim has turned into a huge hockey tournament with eight teams coming from as far away as Ottawa, big-name sponsors, and much community support to raise funds for breast cancer research this weekend at Bishop's.

"It's been a lot of fun planning this event so far," said co-organizer Matthew Venick. "It has turned into something huge. This will be a real community booster for the university. I like to think that it is going to be a kick in the pants to the university's bad reputation."

Trying to knock negative publicity out of the park was not the main objective when the large-scale tournament was planned. In fact, it is just a perk as the main objective is to help fight breast cancer.

The idea for the event came about when Venick, a business and economics student, and Shane Tyrell, who loves hockey and had a personal connection to breast cancer, sat down to try and organize a fundraiser. From there, Venick said things started rolling rapidly.

"We have some pretty big name sponsors," he said. "TPS Louisville Hock-

ey (from Toronto) will be supplying the sticks and the jerseys for the tournament and we have eight teams signed up so far from all over the place."

Venick added that fellow student Ben Haskins has also been influential in the organizing of the event, the City of Sherbrooke has been very supportive, and more than 50 volunteers have signed up to help out.

Venick said that the event is not just for hockey lovers, or players.

"This is going to be for everyone. It will be the university's Open House too, so there should be a lot of people, but you don't have to love hockey to enjoy yourself. There is also going to be a snowball fight in the fields and hot chocolate."

Games will begin on Saturday at 9 a.m. and will be held at Bishop's and at Bishop's College School: all will be clearly mapped out on campus for visitors. Not only are the games and outdoor fun open to everyone, but so is a Saturday night dance with Ottawa band DL Incognito. The dance will be held at The Gait Pub at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover. All proceeds from the event will go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Society.

- Jen Young

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## Hoopsters learn from their mistakes

*Victory!*  
*And Anderson's play*  
*pivotal*

By Mitch McDonald  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Two days after both teams lost at home to Concordia, the men's and women's Bishop's University basketball Gaiters were in Montreal on Sunday looking to redeem themselves against McGill.

Determined to play better basketball, coach Eddie Pomykala's team was victorious 78-72 against the Redmen and coach Rod Gilpin's Lady Gaiters were also successful, defeating the Martlets soundly by a score of 65-48.

After the Friday night loss to Concordia — where nothing seemed to go right for the Gaiters — Pomykala put his team through its paces on Saturday with what he called "a massive film session" and an hour of practice.

Learning from their mistakes, Bishop's played their team-oriented game all day, and won the intangibles that are not glorified on the score sheet, but appreciated by the coach. The team made McGill give offensive fouls, worked against the many defensive systems McGill employed, and distributed the basketball well.

Junior Nicolas, after being held to only two points against Concordia, took charge against McGill, scoring a team-high 18 points, with a mixture of aggressive drives to the basket and outside shooting. As a perimeter-oriented guard, Nicolas does not shoot many free throws. But against the Redmen, he made his way to the line six times and showed another facet of his game.

Cam McDonald also drew compliments from the coach for his play, shooting the ball extremely well and playing excellent defence. Still laboured by a badly sprained left thumb, McDonald didn't show it on Sunday, scoring 15 points and chipping in with four steals.

Damon T. Anderson's individual performance was the epitome of what it means to be a team-first player. Anderson is always willing to sacrifice himself for the greater whole and to do the little things to win basketball games, and his style of play was magnified on Sunday.

He took multiple charges, played tough defence, rebounded well and was more valuable to Bishop's than his 11 points. It was also Anderson's play when the game was on the line that made him so pivotal.

With the second half in its dying

minutes and their lead dwindling, the Gaiters were struggling badly, even to get the ball in-bounds, with four five-second in-bounds violations in a row. Up by only two points and with McGill in-bounding, Anderson stole the ball with 45 seconds to go, and then iced the game with free throws — making a play when Bishop's was desperate for one.

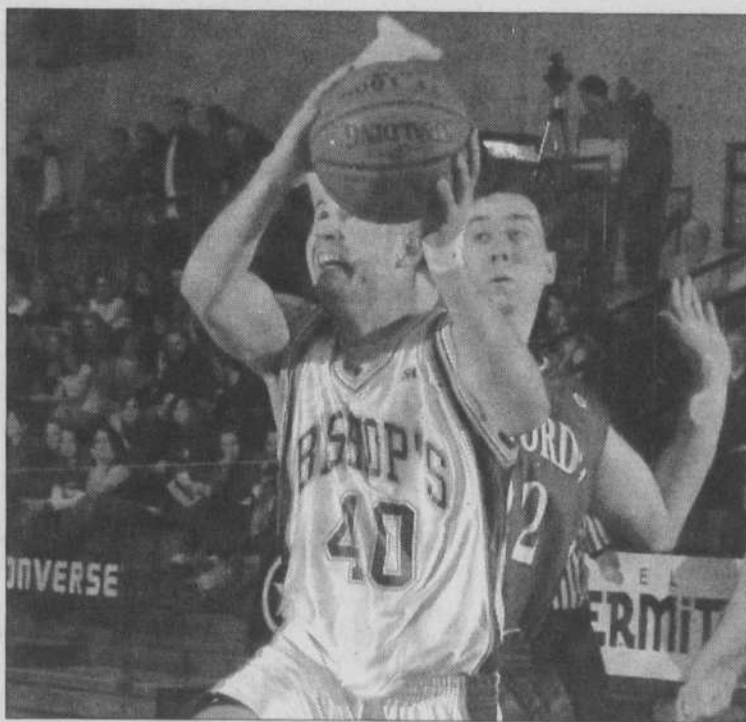
The often-overlooked Anderson is showing his ability to be a difference-maker in his own way. It may not be glamorous, but glamorous is not the way this Bishop's team tries to win games, and their second-half success can be credited to their growth as a team-first group of players.

### LADY GAITERS

With a frantic fourth-quarter comeback against Concordia coming up short on Friday, coach Gilpin was most disappointed by his team's inability to play a consistent game for four quarters.

Against the McGill Martlets on Sunday afternoon, the Lady Gaiters started well and finished better, winning by a final score of 65-48. With the win, Bishop's catapulted into second place in the Quebec conference, and played like they are poised to do some damage for the rest of the season.

Laure Pitfield was the Lady Gaiter's best individual performer on the day, scoring 18 points and snaring 11 rebounds, but it was also her defensive play that drew praise from



PERRY BEATON

Both teams had the word "team" drilled into their heads by their respective coaches.

Gilpin. She had good position all day, altered several Martlet shots and even

drew an offensive foul.

Also on the defensive end, Melanie Ouellet-Godcharles matched up with the conference's leading scorer in McGill's Nathifa Weekes, and held her to only six points and frustrated her with no easy looks.

Individual players aside, Gilpin said the victory was the "effort of all 11 players". Even if it is bench players coming into the game for two minutes in order to give the starters a rest, as Alana Korczynski did for Anouk Boulanger. While the Lady Gaiters are very talented — probably the most talented team in the conference — it is when they play as a team that they are most successful, with Sunday's win as clear proof.

The men's and women's Gaiters teams host the Laval Rouge et Or this coming Friday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Mitchell Gymnasium.

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Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 3  
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#### MONT SHEFFORD

Closed for the season.

# Champlain hockey split weekend games

## Cougars move into fourth place

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Two days after their six-game winning streak was snapped by the first place College François of Longueuil, the Champlain College men's hockey team bounded back with 6-2 road win over the Vaudreuil Mustangs.

The Cougars, held to just one goal and 17 shots in Friday's overtime loss to College François, scored early and often in Sunday's win.

On Sunday, Champlain scored a pair of unanswered first period goals as veteran Jonathan Provencher notched his 15th of the season, while Kevin Rathier scored on the power play. The two teams

exchanged second period goals as Francis Touchette scored for the home team and Provencher restored Champlain's two-goal lead with his second of the game.

The Cougars put the game out of reach in the third, when the Cougars scored three times. Nicolas Tremblay, Marc-André Carrier and Philippe Bolduc all scored to give the Cougars a 6-1 lead until Vaudreuil's Francis Grisé rounded out the scoring with a late goal.

Goaltender Alexandre Dubois faced 25 shots in earning his 11th win of the season for the Cougars, while Carl-Olivier Rioux faced 38 shots in taking the loss in nets for the Mustangs.

### FRIDAY'S GAME

Champlain's streak was stopped in Friday's 2-1 overtime loss to College

François but the Cougars were still able to pick up a point and Jules Vallee's streaking club now have moved one point ahead of the Granby Inouks.

Neither team could find the back of the net for the first 50 minutes of play but Ryan Murphy's fourth goal at the 10:42 mark gave Champlain a 1-0 lead.

However Longueuil's Kyle Lassan tied the score 13 seconds later and the two teams headed for overtime.

Just seconds into the extra stanza, Champlain's Kevin Rathier was assessed a two-minute penalty and College François capitalized on the miscue when Francis Charette scored the game winner with the man advantage. Olivier St-Onge played well in defeat, stopping 34 of the 36 shots he faced.



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The Cougars won one, lost one, but moved up in the rankings.

## Canada wins

For the third year in a row, Team Canada defeated the United States in the National Football League Global Junior Championship XI and once again members of the Champlain College football team played prominent roles in the championship drive.

The young Canadian team won this 11th edition with a final score of 23-13 on Saturday afternoon at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. The victory marked the fourth title in eight appearances for the Canucks, and the first win under head coach Glen Constantin, who also directed the Laval Rouge et Or to a Canadian Interuniversity National Championship in November.

"It was an outstanding victory for us," said Constantin. "It was really important for us that we contained them and we did that. Coming to South Florida where the great college prospects are, we knew it would be tough so we are very happy to have won."

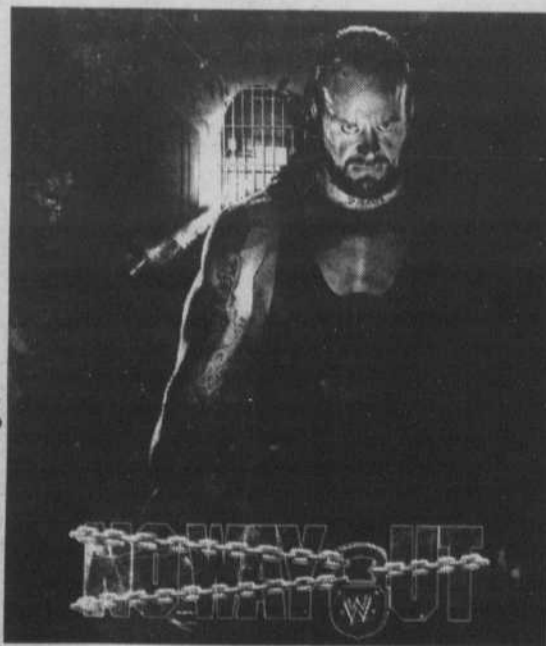
Lineman Marc-Andre Fortin, linebacker Frederic Plesius and defensive back Harrison Maloney were part of the strong Canadian defensive unit that shut out Japan and France in two preliminary games. In the title game, Plesius had seven total tackles and an interception as Canada kept the American offensive unit in check.

The American team had scored first with less than five minutes remaining in the second quarter, when Jason Frierson caught a 20-yard pass from quarterback Derek Rifenburg. Immediately after the touchdown, a 48-yard kick return from Canadian receiver Dan Hankinson set the scene for Dan Village and a 23-yard field goal. The score then stood at 7-3.

In the beginning of the second half, the Canadians took the lead 10-7 when quarterback Bruno Prud'homme raced 14 yards for a touchdown. Minutes later, Prud'homme joined Ismael Bamba in the goal zone after a 30-yard play, thus increasing the gap by 10 points.

In the fourth quarter, with two goals of 33 and 37 yards by Dan Village, the score jumped to 23-7. At that point, the American offensive came alive when receiver Michael Hellman scored a touchdown after catching a nine-yard pass from Rifenburg. The Americans were unable to score on a two point conversion and the team never managed to gain more than 192 yards during the entire game.

Quarterback Prud'homme stood out in this game, completing seven of 12 passes. Canada, which went into the game fresh from two shutouts — one against the French (14-0) and one against Japan (7-0) in the preliminary round on Wednesday — has now won 13 consecutive games in this tournament. The team's last defeat was in 2005.



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## Ladies Auxiliary Military Whist Party

On January 25, 2007 the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 15 Richmond, held their first Military Whist Party of the New Year with 21 tables.

After all the required moves had been made, lunch was served followed by the distribution of prizes as follows.

First with 32 points Ron and Bev Jones, Michael Jones and Bill Fraser.

Second with 27 points Gyslaine Redburn, Patsy Biggs, Alton Mills and Raymond Fortier.

Low with 12 points John Sharman, Jackie Ross, Claude and Shirley Le-tourneau.

Door prizes: Madeleine Toulouse, Larry Frost, Marge Abercrombie, Shirley Smith, Rowena Henderson, Kathy Arnott, Edna Smith, Marcel Tremblay, Sierra Redburn, Gyslaine Redburn, Peter Boisvert, Marion Coddington Allan Banfill, Hughie Lancaster, Estelle Blouin Tina Weare, Norma Morin, Rose Marcotte, Toni Weare, Raymond Fortier, Marge Lancaster, Jeannine Gosselin, Patsy Millar, Jacques Dubois, Robert Paquet, Jean D'Arc Jutras, Franklin Lancaster, Paul Rioux, Klea Mastine.

Grocery boxes: Shirley Provis and Fran Cunningham.

Our sincere thanks to all for coming out on such a cold night to support us. Please keep in mind our next party on February 22.

Respectfully submitted  
Mildred E. Holliday, P.P.  
Publicity Convenor

## From the Pens of E.T. Writers

### Good-Bye Now

Good-bye now I'm all alone  
So weary I've got to hurry home  
Guess I'll call a cab and make it quick  
I know I'll get by and master it.

Good-bye now I'm going to forget  
I'll be lonely for awhile yet  
Past is past what's done is done  
The future's next let's let it come.

With a wander lust I search anew  
To find someone abit like you  
I've found a new sensation now  
Towards my new-desired love.

Good-bye now I'm going to forget  
Now it's over I'm going to take a rest  
I'm now livin' with a sense of pride  
So goodbye, good luck, goodbye now

Harold Hodge

### Deaths

**HORRICKS, Melba Wheeler** - Passed away in hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on February 3, 2007, formerly of Bulwer, QC. Beloved wife of the late William Horricks. She leaves to mourn her son Warren, her sister Phyllis (Clinton Smith) and many nieces and nephews: Leigh Grapes (Peggy), Karen (Art), Charles (Maureen), Merle (Joe), Barry Smith (Pat), David (Marianne) and Beverly (Russell Black). Funeral will be held in Thessalon, Ontario.



**MOSHER, Ralph Francis** - Peacefully at the C.H.U.S. Fleurimont on Saturday, February 3, 2007, in his 70th year. Beloved husband of the late Marion Fisher. Cherished father of: Penny (Serge Couture); Frederick (Georgia), and Dawn. Loving grandfather of: Luc, Rebecca, Annabelle, Brittany, and Charlie; Ralph will also be sadly missed by his brother Charlie and sister Jean as well as his many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough, Ayer's Cliff 819-876-5213 / www.casshomes.ca on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 where friends may visit from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.. The funeral service will be held in the Beulah United Church on Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Doreen Moffat officiating. Interment will take place in the Ayer's Cliff cemetery in the spring. As memorial tributes, donations may be made to the Frontier Animal Society, 1 Biglow, Stanstead, Qc. JOB3E5 and would be appreciated by the family.

### Deaths

**PERRY, Mrs. Béatrice (nee Prémont)** (1928-2007) - After a very courageous battle, at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, surrounded by loved ones, on Monday, January 29, 2007 in her 79th year passed away Beatrice Prémont, beloved wife of 57 years of Roland Perry. Devoted mother of Barbara (Wayne Partridge), Lorne (Kathryn Adams), Brian and Terrence, loving grandmother of Jody, Greg (Rosemary), Sara (Steven), James, Kevin (Kelly), Lorne, Jessica and Angela, great-grandmother of Zachary. Also left to mourn are her brother Marcel (Dorothy), her brothers-in-law Clayton and Raymond, her sisters-in-law Guyla, Margaret and Doris, nieces and nephews and other relatives and dear friends. Predeceased by her brothers Lawrence, George, Richard, Victor, Arthur, Ronald, and Jean-Claude and her sister Adrianna. The family wishes to thank the staff and doctors on the 2nd floor Medecine of the BMP Hospital and the CLSC de la Pommeraie for the professional and loving care given. Cremation will be held in Granby, Quebec. Respecting her wishes family will receive condolences at the Ste-Rose-de-Lima church, 603 Principale, Cowansville, QC. on February 10, 2007 at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial at later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the BMP Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Quebec, J2K 1K3 (www.bmpfoundation.ca) would be appreciated, forms available at the church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Denis Meunier Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, QC. Tel.: (450) 266-6061; Fax.: (450-266-6057; e-mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com

### Death



**WHEELER, Mr. Jimmy** (1963-2007) - Passed away on February 2, 2007, at the age of 43 years, beloved son of Gloria Wheeler (the late Ephraim Salls). Loving father of Jessica Wheeler and grandson Vince. Dear brother of Theresa, Bernard, Sadie, Diane, Donna, Debbie, Mark. Survived by many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends who loved him very much. The cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette crematorium. The family will receive condolences Wednesday, day of the funeral service, from noon. The funeral service will be held Wednesday February 7, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Les Résidences Funéraires Bessette, 5034, Foster, Waterloo, QC. Tel.: (450) 539-1606 or 1 888 730-6666 Fax: (450) 539-3035 www.familiebes-sette.com The interment will be held at a later date.

**REILLEY, Jean (nee Tyre)** - Peacefully in Knowlton, Quebec on February 2nd in her 95th year; being pre-deceased by her beloved husband Robert and by her second husband John Reilley. Her warmth and humour will be sadly missed by her sons Alan (Terri), Andrew (Georgina) and Bruce, her grandchildren Tracey (Chuck), Kate, Colin, Kirstie and Cameron; and by her great-grandchildren Matthew and Kaelie as well as by her many nephews and nieces and their families; and by her friends. There will be a memorial service on February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton. This will be followed by a reception at the Lakeview Inn, 50 Victoria, Knowlton. We would like to give our greatest thanks to the staff at Knowlton House for their care and commitment to our mother. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Nature Canada or the Canadian Wildlife Federation, thank you.

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**LENNOXVILLE**

Valentine Tea and Food Sale on Saturday, February 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 256 Queen St., Lennoxville. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Guild. Admission charged.

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A Spaghetti Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eugène-Caillé Community Centre, a fundraiser for St. Paul's Church, Sydenham. Live entertainment will also be featured. Tickets/information: Marilyn Mastine 819-839-2554, Elizabeth Mastine 819-826-6134, Doug Beard 819-848-2363. A bilingual, Catholic-Anglican church service at the St. Felix Parish Church will precede the lunch, beginning at 11 a.m.

**STANSTEAD**

Benefit Dart Tournament for Breast Cancer, with auction and raffles, at the Stanstead Legion on February 17. Teams: mixed men and women, pick out of the hat. Registration at 1 p.m. Playing starting at 2 p.m. All donations accepted: money or articles for the auction. Tax

receipts available for any cash donations over \$25. All proceeds forwarded to the Canadian Cancer Society. For more information contact Marilyn McComb 819-838-4770 or Corinne Bobbitt 819-838-1019.

**ISLAND BROOK**

The annual meeting of the Compton County Agricultural Society (Cookshire Fair) will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. at the Island Brook Town Hall, 1452 Route 212. All members and interested non-members are welcome.

**BULWER**

There will be NO meeting of the Bulwer Q.F.A. in February. See you in March!

**STANSTEAD**

Saturday, February 10, the Ladies Guild & A.C.W. Christ Church Stanstead are having a Valentine Coffee Party from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Serving Tea, Coffee, assorted cakes and muffins. Huge Attic Treasure Table, Baked goods Table and Thrift Shop.

**AYER'S CLIFF**

The Ayer's Cliff Elementary School Home and School Association is hosting a fundraising BINGO on Friday, February 9 with the first game beginning at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. All participants are welcome. Snacks and drinks will be sold. Half and half tickets available. Prizes awarded for each winning game with a final cash prize for a jackpot card. Please come and enjoy a night out by supporting our school.

**NORTH HATLEY**

St. Barnabas Church will be hosting a community wide Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the North Hatley Community Center. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the efforts of the NHRS and their teen program.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lennoxville Library, Canadian playwright and poet, Bob Moore, reading, talking about the scriptwriting process and challenges that writers face. Discussion and refreshments to follow. All Welcome!

**STANSTEAD**

Valentine's Tea at the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead. Our usual afternoon tea with scone, Devonshire cream and homemade jam served with special chocolate treats. February 10 to 18, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 2 for 1 on Wednesday the 14th. Reserve soon! 819-876-7322.

**DANVILLE**

The U.C.W. are sponsoring a Military Whist Party on Thursday, February 15 at 7 p.m. in the basement of Trinity United Church. For reservations please call 819-839-3777.

**RICHMOND**

Valentine Tea and Bazaar at St. Anne's Church on Saturday, February 10. Tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sales start at 1:30 p.m. Crafts, treasures, fudge, rolls, other homemade foods and more! Fish pond. Door prizes.

**COWANVILLE**

Telehealth Video Conference Programming - Winter/Spring 2007, Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Massey Vanier High School. Next Session: February 13 - Dyslexia with Desirai Chaker, Family Life Educator and Panel Members (family member). Collaborative effort of: McGill University, Massey Vanier, CHSSN and Townshippers' Association. Open to school staff, community organizations and the general public and it's free. Questions? Comments? E-mail gc@townshippers.qc.ca, tel. 450-263-4422 or 1-866-263-4422.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Love is in the air at the Sherbrooke CWC meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the A.N.A.F. 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville. Love for our health! Gracia Jacquelin, a local esthetician will present revitalizing skin care treatments. Love from Africa! Our special speaker will be Emilienne Mampuya, originally from Cameroon, Africa. Hear about her journey to the heart of God. A Valentine musical trio will be Beth Anderson, Lena Dustin and Eileen Drew. Moms, you can have a break while your preschooler enjoys the free and well supervised nursery on the premises. Please bring a small snack for your child. For more information call Pam Goodenough at 819-563-1418. There is a small entrance fee. Hope to see you there!

**LENNOXVILLE**

Brunch at ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Sherbrooke, on Sunday, February 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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**I feel like a mistress, kept undercover**

Dear Annie: A year ago, I moved with my wife and four small children to a community of some 700 residents. Recently, I learned that a local boy has a shoe fetish. He stole a girl's shoes from her house and was caught gratifying himself over them. I feel sorry for the boy. No one chooses to be that sort of person. I also feel sorry for his parents. It must be extremely discouraging to have a son with such an affliction. But the boy is a hefty, strong 18-year-old, and my two girls are 10 and 11.

I spoke to my girls to warn them not to stay too close to that boy, especially in lonely places and after dark. It turns out the girls in the neighborhood know all about this fellow. My daughters and their girlfriends won't let that young man look at their shoes, and they throw stones at him if he comes too close.

What upsets me is that it's impossible to obtain specific information on how many of these fetishists are likely to attack someone eventually. I want a better understanding of the magnitude of the problem. Can you help? — In Spite

of Compassion in Canada

**Dear In Spite Of:**

Most shoe fetishists obsess only over shoes and related items, and will not harm anyone. However, if the boy is stealing, it doesn't sound as if his behavior is entirely under control. Your girls are wise to avoid him, although they should not be throwing stones. More importantly, someone should talk to the boy's parents and ask if he is getting professional help. Since you sound both sensible and compassionate, we nominate you.

Dear Annie: I am a widow in my 70s. For the past nine months, I have been seeing "Bill," a divorced man. Bill is very intelligent, a great conversationalist and lots of fun. Our sexual contacts are more than satisfactory. We are both financially independent, so money is not an issue.

Then what is my concern? I have yet to meet Bill's friends, and they gather on a regular basis. I have yet to meet his son. And he tells me he has a female

**Annie's Mailbox**

friend, purely platonic, of course, that he escorts to church functions and senior meetings, but I don't believe she is even aware I exist. When I address these issues, he has a variety of excuses as to why I haven't met any of them.

Right now, I feel like a mistress, kept undercover. This arrangement is causing me a good deal of hurt and many sleepless nights. Should I just be satisfied with the happy years I had with my departed husband, or, since men my age are so scarce, should I hang in there for the companionship he offers? Please respond soon. I am developing bags under my eyes from lack of shut-eye. — Sleepless Senior

Dear Sleepless: We think Bill has at least one woman on the side, and we don't mean platonic, and he may even have a wife. How desperate are you for male companionship? We don't think Bill is worth constant heartache and sleep deprivation. Either be content as a "mistress" or set your sights elsewhere,

because this relationship is going nowhere.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Please Don't Ruin My Vacation Again," who always gets sick on airplanes. Since I started doing two things, I have avoided colds and other bugs on flights. Here are my suggestions:

1. Bring a bottle of saline solution and spray your nasal passages several times during the flight.
2. Use a battery-operated personal air purifier that hangs around your neck. I found mine through a travel catalogue, but I've seen them online. They are fairly expensive (over \$100), but I think well worth it.

Hope this helps. — Traveling Healthy  
Dear Healthy: Several readers recommended surgical masks, which are much cheaper, but for those who think the air purifier is worth it, thanks for the information.

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

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by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: J equals M

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "If this is the ultimate game, how come they're gonna play it again next year?" - Running back Duane Thomas, on the Super Bowl

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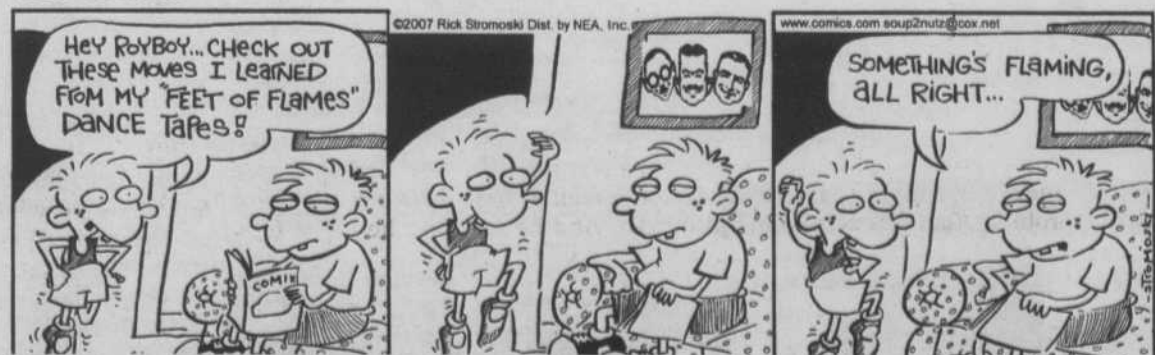
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Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007

You might be fortunate enough to spend your time on activities that you can share with others, whether they are social, work-related or family-oriented. In all instances, you can find success.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should you be placed in the position of facing something that didn't work out too well before, make certain you reflect on what you've learned. Don't ignore experience.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't play one of your loner roles, or this will end up being another vacant day. You'll derive great pleasure at this time from sharing and doing things with good friends.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Although you might find conditions a bit more restrictive than you like, you can find a few ways to change things a bit.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Before you get started on a project, make certain you have all the tools and materials needed to complete your task. What's left undone could stay that way for a long time to come.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Activities that have elements of friendly competition are likely to be very appealing and satisfying to you. However, if betting should enter the picture, it could be a different story.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — All serious domestic problems should be han-

dled with a firm position, because if you are wishy-washy or indecisive, instead of solving anything, the situation is likely to worsen.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Displaying fair-mindedness and an unbiased position of sensibility are the two elements that will win others over to your way of thinking. Forcefulness would create a rebelling effect.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This could be a perfect day to balance your budget and set your affairs in order, since you are able to perceive the difference between what is and what is not essential.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An important objective of yours might not be a priority to some of the persons with whom you'll be spending your day. So if it's at all possible, try to operate as independently as you can.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you might appear to be somewhat on the quiet side, in reality you will be hard at work weighing and balancing a number of critical issues that, if not handled, could be trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — People you'll be associating with are more inclined to have fun than engage in any kind of business matters. If you're promoting anything commercial, keep it to yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep in mind that severe critics are always grading image and performance. Since it is difficult to escape the scrutiny of others, mind your manners and behavior.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007

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5 NT	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
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they translate into their own language, and forthwith it is something entirely different."

In yesterday's deal, declarer could make his contract if he worked out — or guessed correctly — which opponent held the club queen. A mathematician would get a count of the deal, learning that the suit was splitting 5-1 or 6-0, and would know the correct way to proceed. Similarly, today's declarer also has to find the club queen. It is the same problem, but with a different solution — unless you guess well.

Against six spades, West leads the diamond king. How would you locate the club queen?

With 21 high-card points, you will almost certainly be making the final decision for your partnership. So you should start with a simple one-spade response to receive both distribution and point-count information from your partner's rebid.

After winning the first trick and drawing trumps, you could exit with a diamond. You would ruff the third diamond and cash your heart tricks, hoping to get a count of the deal. But that does not help here. Instead, after pulling trumps, take your three heart tricks, discarding a diamond from the board. Then lead the diamond jack.

West wins with his queen, but is endplayed. If he leads a red card, you ruff on the board and discard a club from your hand. Or, if he shifts to a club, he finds the queen for you. Voila!

## The same problem, a different answer

By Phillip Alder

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe controversially said, "Mathematicians are like Frenchmen: Whatever you say to them,

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### ACROSS

- 1 Bicycle part
- 6 Twilight times
- 11 Ran into
- 14 Legend maker
- 15 Old Roman port
- 16 Rhea relative
- 17 Female court cases?
- 19 Beak
- 20 Shade tree
- 21 Remove NaCl
- 22 Nick and Nora's dog
- 23 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 24 Awry, in a way
- 25 Little white lie
- 26 Govern
- 27 Eagles, often
- 31 Exile isle

- 34 Assn.
- 36 Words before a coin toss
- 37 — Rapids, MN
- 38 Milo of "The Verdict"
- 40 James of R&B
- 41 Kansas City club
- 43 Neighbor of Syr.
- 44 Mach breakers
- 45 Off-the-neck hairdo
- 47 Slapstick ammo
- 49 Give in to gravity
- 50 Brings in
- 52 Saturate
- 55 Gambit
- 57 Vanquish
- 58 Coloration
- 59 Mythical bird
- 60 Female brief films?

- 11 Male hard blows?
- 12 Give off
- 13 Brass band member
- 18 Free
- 22 Like a vacuum
- 25 Govt. air-safety grp.
- 26 Fled
- 28 Globular flutes
- 29 "Norma Rae" director Martin
- 30 RR depots
- 31 Light tan
- 32 Kind of hole?
- 33 Male hard blows?

- 35 Alphabet trio
- 39 Coffee order
- 42 Tour segment
- 46 Took a look
- 48 Swimmer Williams
- 51 G-sharp
- 52 Animated ogre
- 53 Bizarre
- 54 Nuisances
- 55 Spadework
- 56 The Kinks 1970 hit
- 57 Dreadful
- 60 Lass
- 61 Eggs

### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 63 Locales
- 64 Turn inside out
- 65 — de deux
- 66 Brought on
- 67 Lawn tools

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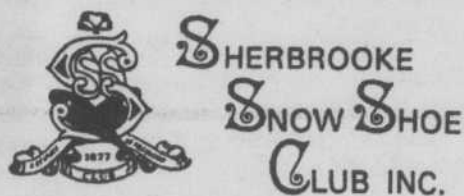
- 1 Touched clumsily
- 2 French school
- 3 Face-up hand
- 4 "— You Lonesome Tonight?"
- 5 Type of carriage
- 6 Personnel records
- 7 Regular
- 8 Long-legged wading birds
- 9 Songstress
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By Robert H. Wolfe  
North Woodmere, NY

2/6/07

## Winter Games at Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club



The Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club has always been 'low-key' as far as publicly advertising our activities. We fear that should we publicize in the media all those mind bending activities that occupy our evenings, that we would detract from other world-shaking events such as happen in the World at large. I admit that all of us are extremely modest. What can I say! It is satisfying to know that top stars like Gretsky and Woods were otherwise occupied on Wednesday Jan 31, 2007. You all know what Gretsky was doing and Tiger was in Dubai for another golf tournament. What a disappointment to them should they have appeared among us! And, did I mention the Decathlon and the Iron Man contest? Well, more of that later.

On Wednesday evening the Club met as usual. Pres. Deane was a little 'slow on the trigger', Donnie is back full of pep and vinegar, and the spoons exploded! The Pres. took the hint and banged the gavel signaling that it was He who is in charge. He had us all note the presence of Brian Heath, tonight's activity director, at head table. He then asked First-Vice Mel Bryant to point out fire exits as 'short and sweet' as possible. Mel did! We rose to sing our National Anthem and stayed standing as Rev Harry Brown asked the Blessing. We had hardly sat down when the White Knights arrived with hot soup. Those new White Knights are really getting quite good. I noticed that all bandages have disappeared from burnt thumbs, new uniforms are pressed and clean, giving us a 'High Class eating Place' atmosphere, and we get food and service faster than at first. Keep it up gents! After Pres Deane had told us his joke some names were drawn to distribute excess cash. Karl Hunting, who does his recon from the air must have gotten himself another Rabbit's foot, he smiled as he pocketed his winnings, Gary Vance was downright pleased to accept his. Robert Woollerton moved that the minutes be accepted as they had appeared in The Record, seconded by Wyatt Savage and carried. I apologize that I left Wyatt's name from the

list of Old Time RED Party members who were gifted at the last meeting. (He did get his Bulls Head though).

John Foster then volunteered 'Old Cec' to lead the sing-a-long. Cec might have been chorister back in the twentieth century but he has slowed down a little since. He didn't so much lead as follow as we sang "4 Leaf Clover", Loch "Lomond", "Home on The Range", and "Rock of Ages"; A Good sing-Song nevertheless. Pres Deane asked all to thank the Lacroix' and the White Knights and we did.

Pres Deane then announced that The Brunch and Church Service would be at 12:30 on Sunday, Feb 25, that the guest preachers would be the Rev. Valerie and Rev. Philip Kennedy, whose photos and write up appeared recently in The Record. The Brunch will last until about 1:30 to give adequate time for late arrivals from outlying areas. White Knights to serve the Brunch are to start arriving at 10:30 with the latest to come by 12:00 noon. We are fortunate that the famous 'Moonshine Assemble and Choir' have agreed to lead the congregation in an old time Hymn Sing before the Service. From about 1:30 until approx. 2:00 we shall enjoy our favorite Hymns and Gospel songs. Offering from the Service will go to Aube Lumiere. It was agreed that the sign on the upstairs washroom will be removed. Doug Beattie appeared at the 'mike' and, after he had changed 'mikes' so that we could

hear him, donated a large jar of honey for auction. Doug made many auctioneer like sounds while members bid. When the sound stopped George MacDougall found himself the proud owner of a \$42 bottle of honey; As Jackie Gleason would say: "How sweet it is!" Steve Moore spoke of upcoming 'Fund raisers': A '50s Dance and a Garage Sale' Keep these in mind! Don Lougheed rose to promote the "Auction Night" this Saturday. Pres Deane brought up the subject of 'Safety doors' and lighting. Phil Kerwin moved that we establish a Fund toward Safety Doors and emergency lighting, seconded by Cec and carried. Gary Vance moved, seconded by Richard Goodhue that we secure estimates on the options and prices available to us. Carried. Jack Noble distributed forms to those who may like to donate toward the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club award at AGRHS, to be returned by Feb 14.

Brian Heath then invited all to the large hall where we would arrange ourselves into teams of four, each team to have a clip-board. At each sports station each Captain is to record individual scores per member, bonuses for 3 in a row. To finalize, each team is to fill out a 'sports trivia' questionnaire.

Wow! You can't imagine what the big hall looks like with its own Golf Course, A Hockey rink, a Bowling alley, a Basketball court and intertwined a variety of Dart games, Crokinole Boards, Shot Putt (really bean bags), and some kind of

modified badminton bird game. To not participate meant you take your life in your hands. What with basketballs zooming around, golf clubs swinging, darts zooming, hockey sticks flashing (both left and right handed), Shot-putt bags swishing, bowling balls roaring, birds soaring and stray crokinole rounds ricocheting, it was as much as a man's life was worth to play let alone to win. And the volume of noise was "Hockey Night in Canada" loud. Safety? Of course! Each station had an umpire or referee. These men must have been chosen for their size and athletic ability. One had not only to concentrate on each individual shot he was making, but also to keep his eye trained to assure that he would not incur the wrath of the umpire. Wow!

Did anyone win? Of Course! Bill Lyon won the individual 'Iron Man' trophy, and the team consisting of Hugh Bowen, Phil Kerwin, Gary Vance, and Denis Oakley won the Decathlon. Congratulations Gents. A big Gold Medal also to Brian Heath and his team for organizing and conducting such a great night. Thank You Men! It may still be February but we still have many exciting activities to come. Wednesday Feb 7 is White Knight's Night (I wonder who will serve tables?) It will probably be the executive so You can safely come. See you there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cec Blenkhorn, Hon. Secretary, SSSC.

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