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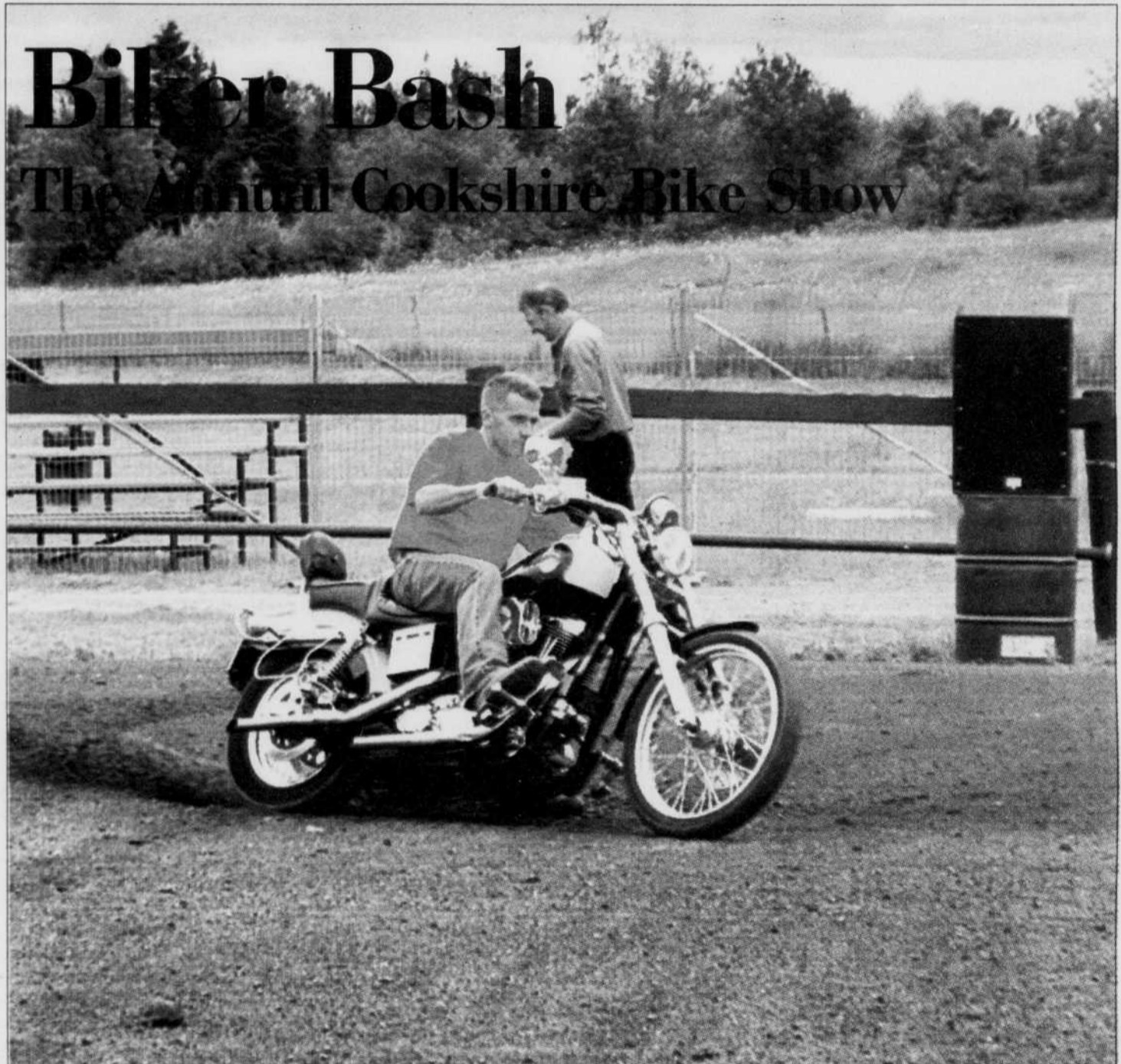
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When he came in he made it clear that he wanted to involve the students in the process...Beyond that, he's been building a trust between faculty and administration and between students and the University

MARK LAWSON, ON GOLDBLOOM (THE RECORD, JUNE 19TH)



COREY BELLAM

The Annual Bike Show at Cookshire Fair Grounds brings bikers from all walks of life out to show off their rides and marvel at the bikes of others. The day included an obstacle course, a smoke show, burn-outs and other wiley activities, all closely supervised by the Fire Department to ensure nothing got out of hand. The party went on into the wee hours of the morning and you can be sure it will next year as well

Knorr issues nationwide recall

Knorr is conducting a nationwide recall of one Foodservice soup product that is manufactured in Israel by Unilever Bestfoods Israel Ltd., and imported and distributed by a third party, because it may contain undeclared egg ingredients.

The recalled product, Knorr Kosher Soup Mix in Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta, is packaged in a 62-gram (2.18 oz) pouch bearing UPC code 4800170660 (located on the back of the pouch under the bar code).

Customers in possession of the product are asked to discard it and call 1-877-270-7412 for information and to request a full refund. No other Knorr products or package sizes are affected by this recall.

-Corrinna Pole

Listeriosis warning

Montreal manufacturer Restaurant Chez Gautier Inc. and the CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) are warning the public not to consume certain deli products described below because they may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

The recall includes sliced or intact meat products (ham, pâté, sausages, etc.) purchased between May 13 and June 3, 2009 from La Pâtisserie Belge located at 3487 du Parc Avenue and La Boutique du Pâtissier at 1075 Laurier Ave. West in Montreal.

Cucumber salad purchased on June 12 from La Pâtisserie Belge, with a Best Before date of June 19 is also effected by the recall.

For more information contact the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 or visit their web site at www.inspection.gc.ca.

-Corrinna Pole

Local News

The trip that kept on giving

By Corrinna Pole
SHERBROOKE



COREY BELLAM

Brunet's grade six class

BODY FOUND

Sherbrooke - Sherbrooke police made a grisly discovery Friday afternoon as the body of Jules Lamontagne, missing since April 18, was discovered in his car parked at the CHUS-Fleurimont.

Just before 2 pm, police discovered the Chevrolet Lumina belonging to Lamontagne in the hospital parking lot with a lifeless body inside. The body was later confirmed to be that of Lamontagne, 58, of Magog.

Police have been searching for Lamontagne since April when he disappeared from his home after indicating he might want to take his own life. The body has been sent for autopsy to determine the cause of death and to verify identity.

Thursday's graduation ceremony at Cookshire Elementary School was not only an occasion to recognize those students ready to make the leap from elementary school to high school, but featured a presentation on a unique journey taken at the end of last month.

A group of twelve grade six students, accompanied by their teacher Catherine Brunet and seven adults, made an incredible intercultural year-end trip the Cree town of Chisasibi, on the eastern shore of James Bay in Northern Quebec.

"It was good. We had a wonderful trip and we were really lucky," Brunet told The Record. "The kids were just wonderful and it was a great group to take on this trip."

While in Chisasibi, a village with a population of over 4,000, the students learned about a native culture first hand from some of the 3,800 Cree residents. The group immersed itself in customary practises starting with the meal.

"We had a nice traditional supper where they ate geese and bannock," said Brunet. "It was a great meal and the kids were very willing to try out these new dishes."

The group then visited the Hydro Quebec dam then stayed at the historic Parc Robert-A.-Boyd where 185,000 workers lived while building the monumental La Grande Complex hydroelectric facilities. The park features a reconstructed G-68 exploration camp that allows visitors to experience what life was like for those workers. A visit to the bay and a campfire followed.

"It was cold," said Brunet. "There was snow up there but the morning after it was great and we had three nice days.

They told us the weather had been bad until then so we were lucky."

The students then spent time with the students of the James Bay Eeyou School to learn more about the native culture.

"They sat with the students and talked about their families and the Cree students come from big families so they had an exchange that way," Brunet said. "We went to a Cree language class and they learned a few words and how to spell their names in syllabic."

A Wesleyan missionary named James Evans created the syllabic writing system around 1840 while he was working at Norway House in Hudson's Bay. Consisting of nine symbols the system was originally invented for the Ojibwe language but twenty years later Evans adapted it to the Cree language and became known as "the man who made birchbark talk."

LOTTO QUEBEC Draw results: 2009-06-20

649	04 05 19	34	Quebec 49	01 03 05	46
	28 31 38	Bonus		09 31 42	Bonus

WINNERS	PRIZES	WINNERS	PRIZES
6/6	0 \$9,013,643.00	6/6	0 \$2,000,000.00
5/6+B	2 \$187,824.20	5/6+B	0 \$75,000.00
5/6	176 \$1,763.10	5/6	32 \$750.00
4/6	9,444 \$62.20	4/6	1,381 \$75.00
3/6	174,905 \$10.00	3/6	19,925 \$10.00
2/6+B	106,988 \$5.00	2/6+B	8,403 \$5.00
Total sales:	\$18,759,588	Total sales:	\$797,438.00
Next grand prize (approx.):	\$15,000,000	Extra	5078538

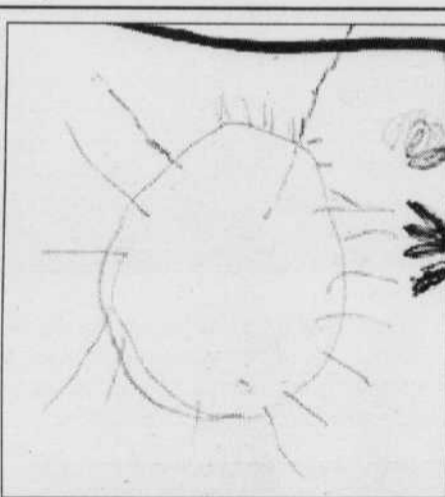
LOTTO SUPER 7 Draw results: 2009-06-19

7	05 12 19	13
	26 27 29 40	Bonus

WINNERS	PRIZES
7/7	0 \$5,000,000.00
6/7+B	1 \$136,722.00
6/7	83 \$1,647.20
5/7	4,849 \$95.80
4/7	100,066 \$10.00
3/7+B	93,582 \$10.00
3/7	835,467 Free play
Total Sales:	\$12,050,756
Next grand prize (approx.):	\$10,000,000

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Weather

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TUESDAY: SUNNY. HIGH OF 23. LOW OF 15.

WEDNESDAY: SUNNY. HIGH OF 29. LOW OF 13.

THURSDAY: PERIODS OF SHOWERS. HIGH OF 28. FEELS LIKE 34. LOW OF 18.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



BRIEFS

Municipal Pools Open

Sherbrooke -The city of Sherbrooke's outdoor pools and beaches are officially open for the season.

Municipal pools are open to the public every day from 12:30 until 7:30 p.m. Children under seven years of age must be accompanied at all times by someone older than 15 years of age and all swimmers are asked to wear a bathing suit and cap.

Public beaches are open everyday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. unless closed for environmental reasons.

This year, the city has hired 75 lifeguards to staff its pools and beaches.

- Pools:
 Centennial, Lennoxville
 Coeur-Immaculé-de-Marie, Fleurimont
 Claire-Fontaine, Fleurimont
 Des Optimistes, Fleurimont
 Alfred-Allie-Dufresne, Mont-Bellevue
 Andrew-Sangster, Mont-Bellevue
 Paul-Marin, Mont-Bellevue
 Saint-Élie-Deauville de Ma-Villa, Rock Forest
 Mi-Vallon, Rock Forest
 Parc Central, Rock Forest
 Saint-Alphonse-de-Liguori, Jacques-Cartier
- Beaches:
 Lucien-Blanchard, Mont-Bellevue
 Parc de la Plage-Municipale, Deauville
- For more information, visit www.ville.sherbrooke.qc.ca

New Doctors receive diplomas

The faculty of medicine and health sciences at the University of Sherbrooke handed out diplomas to more than a hundred newly-minted doctors in Sherbrooke Friday.

Of the graduating group were 49 new family doctors; another 64 are specialized.

"Our faculty possesses one of the most important networks of affiliated institutions and training and research partnerships in Quebec," said Rejean Hebert, the dean of the faculty of medicine, who noted that the new batch of doctors was going on the serve many different communities in the Eastern Townships.

The graduating class also includes about a dozen doctors coming out of the program at the University of Sherbrooke's affiliated faculty of medicine in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Doctors in the region are increasingly female, based on this group - of the 113 new doctors, 83 were women.

Meeting of the Minds

(Staff) The New Democratic Party's riding association representatives across the Eastern Townships met in Windsor last week.

As part of list of priorities discussed for the region, NDP members discussed the role of sustainable development, including investing in small and medium-sized businesses; supporting local farm producers; the development of green entrepreneurship and other green initiatives (home renovations that improve energy efficiency, the protection of water quality); and increased access to education for youth and the unemployed.

"We'll go to the plate for citizens", said Jean Rousseau, the NDP's 2008 candidate in

Compton-Stanstead.

Photo left to right: Yves Daoust (VP East Brome-Missisquoi), Nicole Roy (treasurer Brome-Missisquoi), Annick Coriveau (2008 candidate for Drummondville), Marjorie Hall (member in Sherbrooke), baby Thomas' head, Stéphane Brgi (president Sherbrooke), Christelle Bogosta (VP West and 2008 candidate and president for Brome-Missisquoi), Josianne Jetté (president and 2006 candidate for Brome-Missisquoi), Pam Dillon (secretary Brome-Missisquoi), Yves Mondoux (2008 candidate for Sherbrooke), Jean Rousseau (2008 candidate for Compton-Stanstead) and Jason Nobel (president Richmond-Arthabaska).



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Eastern Townships' NDP representatives



COREY BELLAM

The Labranche Sawmill; another one bites the sawdust

Another local mill to close doors

(Staff) The Labranche sawmill in St-Isidore-de-Clifton is closing its doors - the second in the community to do so and fourth in the region during the past two years.

Sawmill owner Michel Labranche announced last week that the mill would be closing at least temporarily, resulting in the layoff of 15 workers.

After the closure of the Paul-Vallée sawmill in 2007, which employed 50 staff, the Labranche mill became the largest employer in the community.

Since then, Bury also lost its Produits Forestiers Champlain while Weedon saw the closure of the Blanchette et Blanchette sawmill.

The Haut-Saint-François MRC and its forestry sector

have been hard-hit during the economic recession.

Bloc Quebecois MP France Bonsant's office in Compton-Stanstead reacted to the closures, calling on the federal government to provide the same relief for the forestry sector in Quebec as it has for Ontario's auto industry.

The Bloc had presented a rescue plan for the manufacturing and forestry sectors in Quebec last fall, which included a program that would offer guaranteed loans to help forestry companies modernize.

"Our region has lost close to 15,000 industry jobs since 2002," Bonsant said in a release. "...I'm simply asking for a little more equity and justice for our forestry workers."

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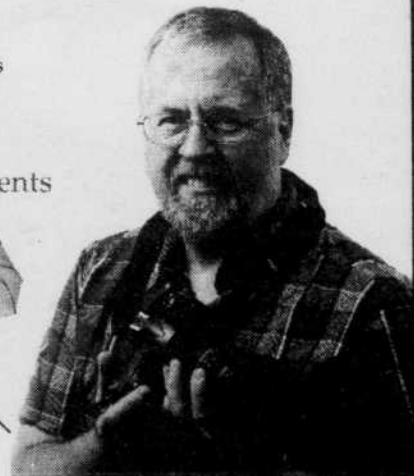
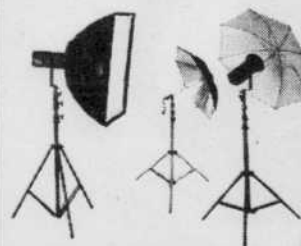
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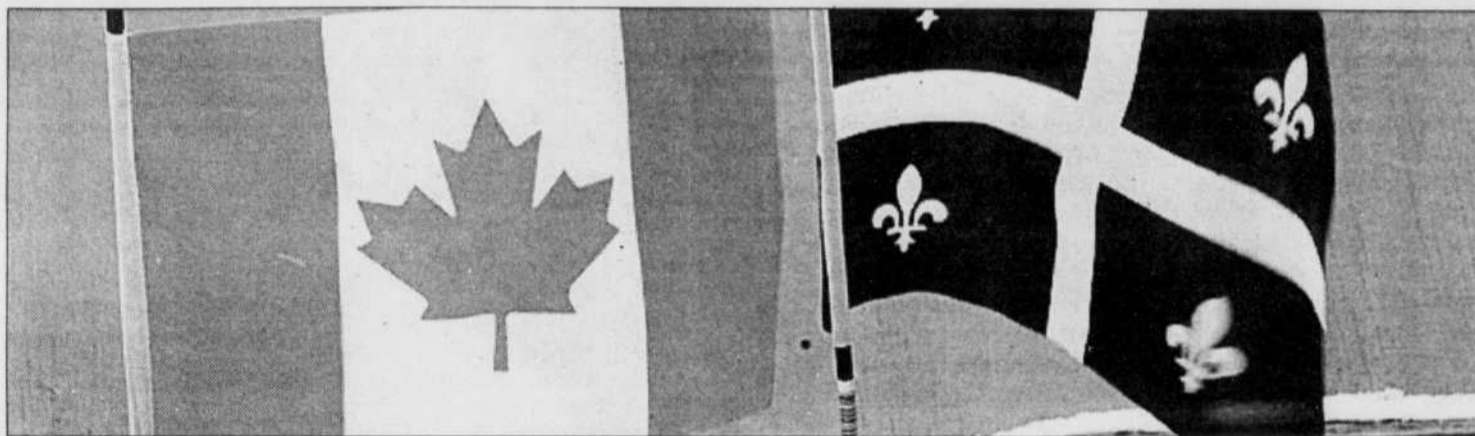
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Capturing our Moments



National News

French-English relations in Quebec at a 'happy medium'



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By Hubert Bauch
MONTREAL

(CanWest) There were straws in the wind recently that augured well for the state of French-English relations in Quebec.

Among the new inductees to the Ordre National du Quebec, was Judge Michael Sheehan, honoured both for judicial accomplishment and his outstanding work on suicide prevention in both anglophone and francophone communities, and Heather Monroe-Blum, principal of McGill University once held as a bastion of anglophone dominance in the province.

"I felt moved because it's a recognition of McGill as a Quebec institution and an important player," she said.

At the Université de Montréal - often caricatured as a separatist hotbed - the school's Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales announced it will be offering a groundbreaking eight courses in English as part of its summer program.

"We're breaking through a wall," said Jean-Francois Lisee, the centre's executive director. "It's something that maybe couldn't have happened 15 years ago."

And what earlier shaped up as a language downer - the banning of two anglo bands from a concert associated with Quebec's Fete nationale celebrations - came out on the upside. When it

was suggested that event organizers drop two English-language acts, a storm of anger erupted and the bands were promptly reinstated to the day's lineup.

Lisee, formerly a senior adviser to Parti Quebecois premiers Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard, called the episode a great day for Quebec nation building. "Imagine, anglos banging on the doors to get in on the Fete nationale."

There's general agreement that the episode was in the end a reassuring demonstration of how French-English relations have evolved to a level of relatively comfortable accommodation that sits well with a majority of both language communities.

It would be an exaggeration to say that language peace reigns unperurbed in Quebec, but the last major English-French confrontation - over bilingual signs - was 20 years ago. While there have been occasional eruptions of hostility since, they have tended to be over lesser grievances that were soon passed over.

Robert Donnelly, president of the anglo Quebec Community Groups Network, says the linguistic climate has significantly improved over the past 20 years. "Every now and then something comes up related to Bill 101, but the communities seem to be getting along for the most part. Don't ask us if we support Bill 101, but we've learned to live with it. We're at a happy medium."

Lisee suggests that the goal of language policy in Quebec should be to preserve the present linguistic equation for generations to come by measures to sustain both the current francophone and anglophone critical mass in the province. "I believe the equilibrium we have is pretty much what we like to live in. But then we're all facing anxieties, francophones and anglophones, as to whether it will last."

Despite their community's decisive gains over the years and its entrenchment as Quebec's undisputed first language, there remains a common insecurity among francophones as to the long-term survival of French in Quebec that manifests itself both defensively and aggressively. It is an attitude fostered not only by North American demographics and English dominance in the greater world, but also by a legacy of denigration and subjugation by anglo elites in bygone times.

Demographer and political scientist Jack Jedwab agrees the linguistic climate is far more manageable than it was in times past, but also sees potential for language troubles ahead. "There's always an ongoing language debate in Quebec. It's part of our culture. It has been for decades and will be for the future, as unforeseeable as that might be. You're just not going to find a permanent consensus on this issue."

Montreal Gazette

BRIEFS

Montreal homeless man run over by car dies

(CWN) A 49-year-old homeless man was run over and killed by a car early Sunday in an alley in Montreal, police said.

The man was lying down in the darkened alley and may have been intoxicated, Montreal police Const. Anie Lemieux said.

He was rushed to a hospital where he died of his injuries, she added.

Speed and alcohol are not believed to have been factors in the cause of the accident, she said. "The driver didn't see the man," Lemieux said.

Palestinian lawsuit condemns Canadian project as war crime

(CWN) Members of a tiny Palestinian farming community will be in Quebec Superior Court Monday claiming two Canadian construction companies are committing war crimes by building condominiums and roads on the village's land in the West Bank.

The village of Bil'in, with a population of just 1,700, claims Green Park International and Green Mount International, two companies registered in Quebec, are "aiding, abetting, assisting and conspiring with Israel" to illegally construct residential and other buildings on the village's lands.

According to the lawsuit, the lands of Bil'in are subject to the rules and obligations of international law because the West Bank has been under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Canada's war crimes law and other international laws prohibit an occupying power from transferring parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.

Feds to finance Nortel breakup

(CWN) A federal government agency will help finance the breakup of Nortel Networks with \$300 million in loan guarantees.

Nokia Siemens disclosed the funding from Export Development Canada as it announced plans to buy Nortel's wireless business for \$650 million U.S.

The move is ironic, as Nortel failed to get financing from the Conservative government late last year in a bid to avoid filing for bankruptcy protection Jan. 14.

"We are delighted to have secured the backing of EDC for this transaction," said Luca Maestri, Chief Financial Officer of Nokia Siemens Networks.

"Nokia Siemens Networks is committed to Canada as an important centre of excellence for next-generation wireless technology."

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Columnists

A fig tree grew in Brooklyn



ANNA MAY KINNEY

NATURE'S WAY

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By the end of June the air in Brooklyn was beginning to get muggy, at about 8 pm most every night my grandfather would take my tiny hand and we'd venture through the streets till we reached the vendor who sold lemon ice. It was always a special time, a bonding time for the two of

us. As I ate my cup of tangy ice, we waved to people on their balconies, stopping occasionally to talk with friends; this nightly, summer ritual became my favorite part of living with my grandparents.

As you walked down our street, most of the brownstones looked alike, except for our closest neighbor who had two large stone lions adorning the entrance. I was thrilled to climb up to the top of their steps and sit on one of the lions. People were friendly, no one would complain about a child acting like a child and children could play on the sidewalk. There were times during the day when the street was blocked off for a couple of hours while the older boys played softball. Nobody complained, kids and parents were relaxed, as it was rare for anyone to abduct or hurt a child in our part of the world.

Though the fronts of our homes where gathering places during the daytime, each house had a small plot of land in the back and each person tried to make their piece of the world as unique as possible for when family and friends got together on the weekends. Along our driveway, my grandparents would sit outside on folding chairs during those hot summer evenings, the square piece of raised bed that was straight behind our home was where my grandfather planted his beloved fig tree. So while most of the other families had set up picnic areas in their square areas, or swings for the grandkids, we had this 'tree'.

I must have been about six the first time that I really noticed the tree and how much room it occupied. Grandpa was busily wrapping it up to protect it from the approaching cold weather. When I asked him why he was doing that he explained that it was a fig tree, like the ones he grew up with in Sicily and how they are not as hardy as the trees that grew wild in New York. If he did not have it planted in such a protected area where the snow would pile up against it and if he did not wrap the branches and trunk every fall, the tree would freeze solid and die.

Being a child, all I knew was that sounded like a lot of work to go through when there were trees lining the sidewalk, up and down the streets and hundreds of trees in all of the parks that didn't need any protection. All I could



The Kinney Family in their Brooklyn home

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think was that my grandfather loved this tree very much, but why?

The Sweet Reward

Early the next spring, I watched as grandfather carefully unwrapped the tree from its mummy-like garment. Suddenly it looked quite naked standing there with its limbs stretched out. I wondered if the tree had thoughts, and what it was thinking? Was it cold? Could a tree actually feel the cold? I was full of questions and I bet my constant interrogation was more than a little annoying.

It was not long after the unwrapping when my grandfather set up the ladder, got a handsaw and cutters and started cutting back some of the branches. He explained that figs only grew on new growth and the cutting back at certain places encouraged the tree to make new branches. That the process of growing figs was

something you worked a little bit on throughout the year, except for the time during the winter when tree was sleeping.

After we left the tree on its own to grow for the summer, we got busy doing other things, like readying the garden and then planting tomatoes, eggplants, peppers and summer squash. I'm sure my grandfather would have plant-

ed a much larger garden bed if not for the tiny section of garden he had to work with. There wasn't a space that was lacking for something growing; things like herbs were planted in containers and set out along the driveway.

While the garden vegetables grew we often checked on the fig tree's progress. Its hand-shaped leaves fascinated me and, as they opened, the tree took on a new stature, one of royalty, I was starting to understand why my grandfather thought this tree was important, yet the best was yet to come.

In August the delivery truck arrived at our back door and big crates of grapes were hauled down to our cool, dark basement where my grandfather would spend the next week teaching me how he'd transform them into juice, place that juice in oak barrels, where it eventually turned into wine. The same wine we had with dinner every night of the year. Yes, even I had a tiny taste in my soda water.

The process of making wine delighted all of the senses, the sweet tangy smell of the grapes, the musty basement smell and the juice soaked wood boxes blended together in such an unforgettable bouquet, one that still lingers in my memory. Those were good days when a child could have real life experiences as they learned from their elders.

One day, grandfather came and got me, saying I had to see something special. There, on the fig tree where little fruits, some still green, some almost brown. He reached up, picked one and gently set it in my hand. "Taste", he said. The texture of the skin was a bit strange at first, yet I continued to bite into the flesh, which was amazingly tender and dark pink. It was the sweetest, most tasty food I had ever eaten, it became clear to me why grandfather worked so hard to keep this tree alive. And it planted the desire in my heart to grow my own fig tree one day.

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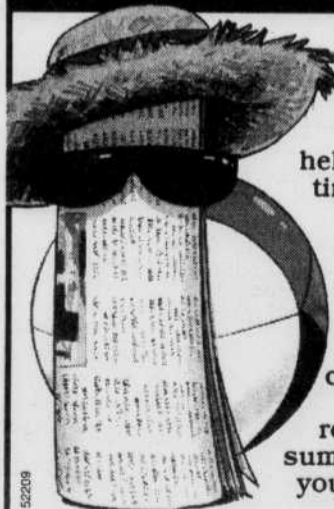
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Remember when?



More baton twirling but with the headbands, these kids look more like ninjas...maybe that's what baton twirling is all about, training toddlers from a young age to be proficient ninjas. If you have any information on this picture please let us know at newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com or by calling 819-569-6345

EDITORIAL

Security and Profit

A wave of hope and encouragement has swept through much of the western world over the last few days, as Iranians in their thousands have defied government interdiction to protest en masse the recent presidential elections in that ancient nation. In spite of threats, violence and an almost total media blackout, massive crowds descended on downtown Teheran to demonstrate their displeasure at the announcement of a landslide victory by current president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad - a victory acknowledged by the country's Supreme religious leader.

The protesters were encouraged by a last-minute surge that seemed to place their preferred candidate, Hossein Mousavi, in serious contention. The disappointment, after results were announced, has sparked the most serious unrest in Iran since the fall of the Shah and the Islamic Revolution.

The protesters are demonstrating for reform and for democracy, yet it isn't at all clear that their demands, should they be met, would do anything to achieve either.

First of all, Mousavi can hardly be described as a reformer in any real sense. He is about as 'establishment' as a person can get in Iran, having served as prime minister and in other important posts as well. His positions on most issues, particularly those that interest the west (nuclear program, Israel), are virtually indistinguishable from Ahmadinejad's. He does, however, represent a change in style and in tone, making him infinitely more acceptable than the 'mad dog' style of the Holocaust-denying Ahmadinejad - at least in the west.

Not necessarily, however, in Iran. In spite of the outrage visiting the streets of Teheran, a little retrospection shows that opinion polls taken just before the election closely match the results of the election as announced. The major difference is that the opinion poll gave the incumbent an even larger margin than the vote did.

It is unlikely that the violence and the protests we have seen in Iran over the last couple of weeks really represent the majority of Iranians. It is far more likely that they represent the desires of the urban upper and middle classes who have been most affected by the Islamic revolution and the international stance the revolutionary government has taken, particularly with regard to Israel and the west.

These are the people who prospered under the Shah and who remember with fondness the security and profit that came from being Uncle Sam's 'best-boy' in the region. We may want to cheer these people, but let's not make them out to be what they're not.

Perhaps, in this situation, we should try to mind our own business, rather than interfere and make things worse.

MIKE McDEVITT

LETTERS

We are not having a summer election - that's six weeks of bad television and partisan editorials on steroids that will not disturb our vacations. Yah! Of course there are still serious issues to discuss: the near fatal death of manufacturing in Canada, a nuclear-medical global crises, and growing personal economic tragedies. Naturally, opposition parties are anxious to hold Mr. Harper to account, at the very moment the public agrees. That means, instead of six week of election campaigning, we now have an entire summer of campaigning leading to a fall election. We have traded six weeks of rancor for six months of it.

EUGENE PARKS

We would like to thank those who helped with setting up for the Artisans on Friday June 12th, from the group Down Under and they were Robert Pinkston and Zachary, Mathieu Sainson, Gabriel Constantin and also Nathan Scott along with Kimberley and Chrystal and anyone else who helped set up.

The Girl Guides who helped dismantle the chairs and tables on the 13th of June and they were: leader Barb Rivett and her daughter Megan, Cassandra Delage and her parents Daniel and Joane and also Kim Deadmanon. Without your volunteering to help Friendship Day wouldn't be possible and for that we are truly thankful and grateful. Also thanks to Jamie Couves and Laurana Wood for helping at the gate. Many thanks from

JANE MORET AND BETH WOOD - CHAIRMAN FOR THE ARTISANS COMMITTEE.

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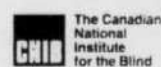
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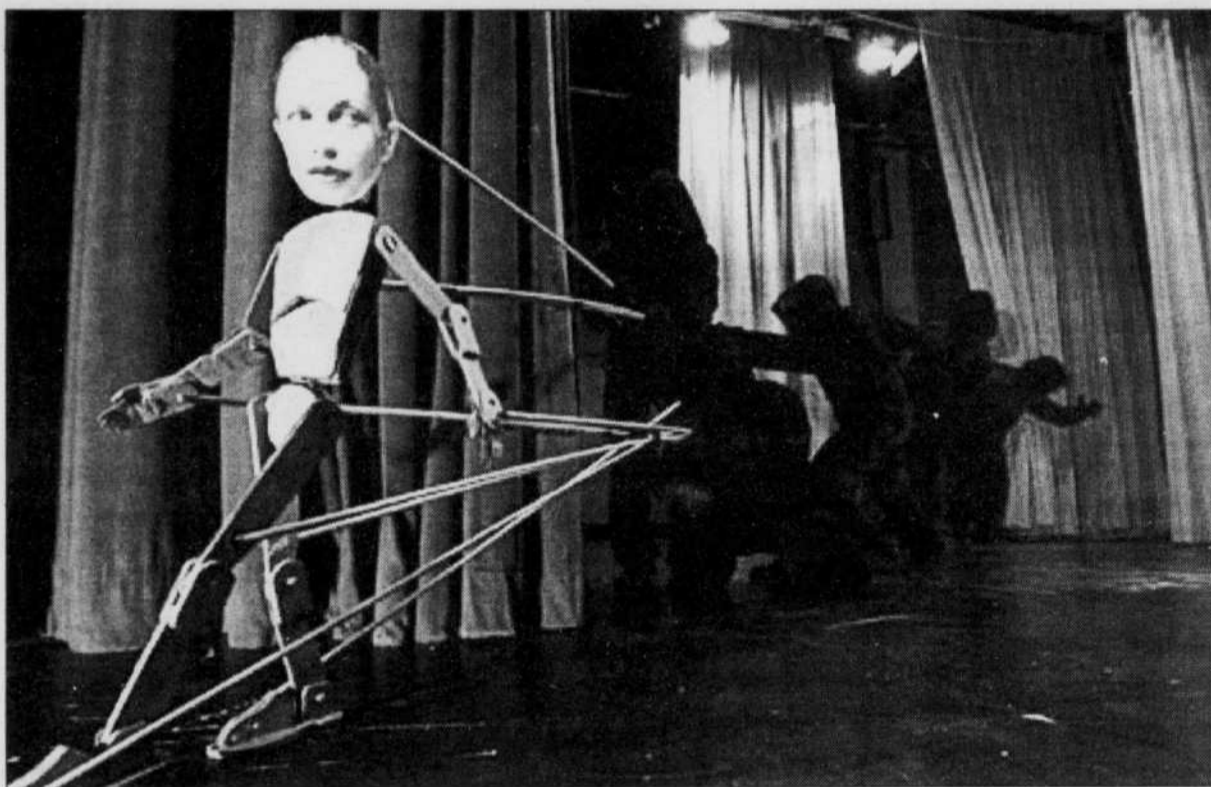
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A Year of Centennial Theatre



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Dark Matter with Kidd Pivot

By Doug McCooey
LENNOXVILLE CORRESPONDANT

Lucie Couture offers me a seat in her cluttered, but charming office in the Centennial building on the Bishop's University Campus. The office is located underneath the Centennial theatre, a house that plays host to a variety of shows put on by both Bishop's and talent from outside the university. It is Couture who is responsible for finding the artists to fill the latter category.

"I'm quite excited for the upcoming season," says Couture. "Especially when I see that some of the acts we have booked were picked for the Festival de Lanaudiere, as well as the Jazz Festival

in Montreal."

Couture has been the director of programming for Centennial Theatre since 1987. She is responsible for funding, the coordination of events, and dealing with the administrative tasks that go with running a theatre. On the heels of a successful 08/09 season, the theatre has already announced next season's concert line-up.

The 09/10 season offers a wide range of artists in both music and dance. The theatre offers four different series of shows for subscription: dance, world music, a concert series, and jazz. On top of these shows, there are acts that will be doing individual shows throughout the year. These shows are mostly from the world of popular music and include

Natalie MacMaster & Donald Leahy (Oct. 13), Cowboy Junkies (Nov. 20), and Stephan Moccio (Mar. 19) who has worked with many artists, including Celine Dion.

Three other acts to watch out for:

Michael Kaeshammer (Dec. 4) is a jazz pianist who is performing at the Montreal Jazz festival this year. "You're going to hear more about [Kaeshammer] in the months to come. He just released an album [Days Like These] that I'm sure will do well."

Dark Matter with Kidd Pivot (Feb. 9) is a dance show that was originally presented at the 2008 Canada Dance Festival. The star of the show is Crystal Pite. "She's a beautiful dancer," says Couture. "She's one of the best choreographers in

Canada right now."

Alex Cuba (Apr. 14th) is a Cuban guitarist and singer who performed at Centennial with The Puentes Brothers a few years ago. He is a solo artist now, performing an infectious mix of Cuban and 'pop' rhythms.

Subscriptions are being offered through the Centennial Theatre and will be available up until the first shows of the fall. "I have seen many of the shows already," adds Couture. "We are very excited about the shows that are coming to our theatre."

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Chimes of Freedom strike a chord with audience

Doug McCooeye
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The Bishop's Spring Musical has finished its run at the Turner Studio Theatre on the Bishop's University Campus. The Chimes of Freedom, a musical adapted from William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* by Bishop's professor and director George Rideout, opened on June 12 to an enthusiastic audience. It ran until this past Saturday, playing to packed houses every night of its run.

Chimes incorporates music from many different artists, including Bob Marley, Mick Jagger, and Bob Dylan. The theme of colonialism is prevalent in *The Tempest* and is emphasized in this musical version of the Bard's last great play.

"I wanted *The Chimes of Freedom* to further explore this theme (colonialism)," states Rideout in the play's program. "[B]y combining Shakespeare's beautiful and thought-provoking text with the music of the Golden Age of Rock, in which songs were filled with both poetry and a call for change."

The show brilliantly melded classic rock music with the intriguing plot of Shakespeare's play. Seemingly an odd mix on the surface, the music and dancing was incorporated seamlessly with *The Tempest*. The result was a happy and upbeat show that left audiences of all ages impressed.

The character of Caliban, played by Daniel Armand, represented the suppression of freedom that characterizes *The Tempest*. Naturally, Caliban was portrayed as a Bob Marley character who is constantly "fighting for his rights", trying to gain his freedom. With brilliant renditions of the Marley classics "No Woman No Cry", "Get Up Stand Up", and "Exodus", Armand and the Spirits (played by ten Bishop's students) had the audience sympathetic for their plight on the Island.

There were fantastic musical performances by all members of the cast. Ariel, played on alternate nights by



TIM DOUGHERTY

Triculo (Rachel Thompson), Caliban (Daniel Armand) and Stephano (Robert Tracey) plot a rebellion against Prospero

Stephanie Izsak and Andriana Chobot, represented Bob Dylan and then switched to a Mick Jagger figure halfway through the play. This allowed for a myriad of Dylan and The Rolling Stones songs to be performed throughout the show. A highlight of the show came after the show's intermission in the form of a captivating performance of "Sympathy For the Devil". After Ariel transforms before our very eyes from a Dylan figure into the Devil (which bore a striking resemblance to Mick Jagger), the cast, led by Ariel, proceeded to perform an upbeat rendition of the Stones classic that had some audience members bobbing their heads and tapping

their toes, and others singing right along with the cast on stage.

Other performances of note was Prospero (Michael Wighton), Miranda (Elle Anhorn and Kelly Van Der Burg), and Ferdinand (Kyle Gleason and Peter Jarvis). The latter character performed a beautiful version of the Dylan classic "Mr. Tambourine Man".

Perhaps the star of the show was the music itself, performed right on stage by "The LennoxVillains". With the cast more than holding their own with the vocal performances, the music really stole the show. Indeed *The Chimes of Freedom* seemed to end much too soon and left audiences yearning for more.

A myriad of assistance from within and outside the Bishop's community helped with the production of this year's effort. While Rideout handled the stage adaptation and direction, the talented director was helped by Fannie Gaudette and Jamie Crooks who handled the music. Corey Bowles, of Trailer Park Boys fame, came in to assist with the choreography. With this talent being combined with a brilliant production team, the result was an unquestionable success that played in front of packed houses throughout its run. Indeed *The Chimes of Freedom* left this writer eagerly anticipating future Bishop's University productions.

LETTERS

EDITOR:

Jacques Menard, a senior business leader, is the most recent and most visibly concerned citizen to urge immediate action to remedy Quebec's catastrophic school drop-out rate of 30%. Thank you, sir! I sincerely wish you well and congratulate you for lighting a fire under the Minister and her summertime bureaucrats in Quebec. I do wonder whether we can rely on those who created the problem to fix it. And I wonder whether enough Quebecers fully understand just how serious are the challenges that face our schools. If there are Anglos out there who think this is a problem on the Francophone side of the ledger, they need to think again: English speaking males are the least likely persons in Quebec to finish high school. If there are citizens on either side of the linguistic divide who believe that ac-

tion is afoot in their schools to make this dreadful problem go away, they too must think again; activity there may be, but negative trends stubbornly remain.

Parents, teachers and the press have bemoaned Quebec's drop-out rates for decades. There never has been, nor is there now an Education Ministry plan or strategy in place to fix this. Whatever Minister Courchesne produces at the start of the new school year will define "Top Down Thinking" and will achieve precisely nothing without the commitment of all involved.

Right now, Boards of Education have projects and programs to throw at the issue, but there is no evidence of investment to create a strategy for change, or commitment of time and resources to make change happen. Individual schools are no better prepared. Teachers are not trained to

counter this appalling trend; their careers will not advance in consequence of individual initiative or counter measures they might apply. They are paid to worry about students who remain on deck, not those who abandon ship.

Everyone looks the other way for a simple reason: Our 30% drop-out rate is embarrassing... professionally humiliating... an abject failure... a bloody catastrophe! Not surprisingly, no one actually marching in this parade will risk her career to ask where the emperor's clothes are.

Not all that long ago, 750 aging Harvard and Radcliffe graduates attended a 25th Reunion. During our week together it gradually dawned on us that two thirds of our class had prepared for university at a public school, but none of us had entrusted our children to the public system beyond elemen-

tary school. There were no exceptions. We had abandoned entirely the system that had served us so well— an unnerving discovery that darkened the commencement address delivered by our shaken Class Marshall.

I mentioned my Reunion experience and Quebec's drop-out stats to a fellow director on a Board associated with California's National University. As Superintendent of Schools, Tom Goodwin had transformed a troubled school system in Chicago— success that led to a request to work his magic in Los Angeles. LA lauded his success, but Tom measured the drop-out rate— roughly similar to our own in Quebec. He published those figures as evidence of his own and the system's failure. His retirement gift to LA was a devastating critique: fiddling while Rome burns won't put out the fire; transformation is required.

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With funding from a successful entrepreneur, Tom went on to create a successful program that accepts students banned from the public system for disciplinary reasons so serious they had lost the right to be readmitted. He asked the LA Board to provide the names of the banished, and asked the State to apply the same dollar/student enrolled formula they would use were the expelled students still in class. He noted his objectives: Prepare students to return to the regular System and finish High School, without use of public school resources, without imposing tuition or other fees and at a cost based on the formula that would have been used had they remained in the regular stream. He—and others—keep score, consistently demonstrating that his program returns some 60% of the "incorrigible" students he accepts to academic success in the very schools that had thrown them out. Of the remainder, some complete High School in Tom's program and others return to the streets.

I hereby record—in bullet format—my conversation with a responsible person at the Eastern Townships Regional

School Board concerning an offer Tom made at my request:

Me: I introduced myself and explained why I was calling. I asked: "Are press reports of drop out rates in Quebec High Schools accurate? Is this the experience of Townships' schools? Is this a matter of serious, current or urgent concern to you?"

SB Yes. Yes. Yes.

Me In the view of professionals such as yourself, is the situation stable, are these numbers diminishing, or is the problem getting worse.

SB ...hesitation. Getting worse.

Me Does the Ministry of Education have a plan to remedy this problem?

SB No

Me Does the local Board and /or your school have a plan?

SB No. This is a systemic problem beyond the resources of any one element to remedy.

Me Is there anyone you know of that your School or Board, or the Ministry has nominated to oversee a plan to reduce drop outs?

SB No

Me I described Tom's successful program, noting that I had contacted

the ETRSB with his permission, and that he would provide documentation concerning the program were interest expressed.

SB How is the program funded?

Me I outlined the way the program is funded in LA.

SB ...hesitation. What would be required to introduce the program?

Me I noted that Tom had agreed to provide information for the Board's review, including dozens of third party assessments. Were interest expressed, he would be willing to visit the Townships to discuss a pilot program; If the Board decided to proceed, and were provincial funding available, he would appoint a trained person to lead the pilot. Any further commitment would be based on local experience.

SB ...hesitation. Would the new program be taught by teachers in the system?

ME I don't know what would happen here. In LA, I understand, teachers in Tom's program must be accredited by the State. They are employed by Tom's company, not the Board. I pointed out that Tom's enterprise makes no demands whatsoever on the public system,

and is run for profit within the per/student allocations in force.

SB I think, here, this matter might be one for Adult Education. They deal with people no longer in school.

ME It very well might. Does the Adult Education program resolve the drop out issues we have been discussing?

SB Well, Adult Ed. is a valuable and needed program...

ME No doubt. Is Adult Ed where we should look to resolve Quebec's drop out concerns?

SB Perhaps.

ME How should we leave this? Are you interested in further information concerning the LA program?

SB I don't believe so.

ME Thank you for your time.

I spoke to a person in Adult/Continuing Ed. She was of the view that while Adult/Continuing Ed might provide services to drop outs, those persons weren't their only clients. She was not of the view that her group was set up to resolve the major issue.

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A Win is a Win, Even Paired With a Loss

By Zachary-Cy Vanasse

Francis Cloutier and Alexandre Dauphin were the heroes in the Sherbrooke Athlétiques BRP's third win of the season on Saturday in game two of their double-header against the Saguenay Voyageurs.

The A's BRP dropped the first game of Saturday's double-header to the visiting club 10-1 but were able to bounce back and earn their third win of the season by a 2-1 score in the second.

In the first game of the day, A's BRP starter François Lafrenière (2-1) was dealt his first loss of the season after throwing four innings and allowing five runs, two of them earned, on six hits.

Former members of the Athlétiques have been hurting the Sherbrooke club all season long and on Saturday it was Maxime Bernier-Labonté's turn to haunt his old team. Bernier-Labonté picked up three hits and two RBIs while Saguenay's Dominic Nadeau also picked up a pair of RBIs in the win.

Francis Cloutier hit safely in three at-bats and scored the only run for the home side in the lopsided loss.

Madison Rochon (3-3) threw six innings and allowed six-hits while striking out five to earn the win for the Voyageurs.

Alexandre Dauphin (1-5) pitched

his best game of the season for Sherbrooke in game two to earn his first win during a season that has seen the young pitcher struggle, but that was not to be the case on Saturday.

Dauphin had everything working for him against the Voyageurs, limiting the visitors to just three-hits while sitting down six on strikes. The win was also Dauphin's first of his young LBEQ career.

The Voyageurs scored in the third inning to take the 1-0 lead off a Sébastien Roux single with the bases loaded to score Nadeau. With the bases still packed with runners, Dauphin was able to induce the inning-ending double play, ending the Voyageur threat.

Cloutier provided all of Sherbrooke's offence in the win when he singled with the bases loaded to score two. With Jess Ainslie at the dish as Sherbrooke's next batter second-baseman Yan Charest attempted to steal third but was called out in a tight play. Sherbrooke manager Simon-Pierre Bernier emerged from the dugout to passionately argue the call with umpire Jonathan Fillion, and was tossed from the game with a chorus of boos ringing out from the grandstands.

The score remained at 2-1 thanks to multiple impressive defensive plays



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from both sides the rest of the way.

Jean-François Labelle (0-1) took the tough loss for the Voyageurs after pitching a gem himself, allowing just one-hit through four and a third innings of work. Mathieu Dostie came on in relief of Labelle to finish the game.

With the win Sherbrooke's record

improved to 3-19 on the season and though the club was not happy with the 10-1 loss in Saturday's first game, earning their first win in the month of June was at least a step in a positive direction for the last place team.

For Sale: One Hockey Team

By Zachary-Cy Vanasse

George Gillett Jr. has reached an agreement in principle with a group headed by the Molson brothers, Geoff, Andrew and Justin to sell his majority stake in the Montreal Canadiens.

The actual approval of the sale will take months to complete, as the National Hockey League will have to review the application and conduct an interview with the executive committee before the Board of Governors will be in a position to vote to approve the sale. That process may not be complete before August.

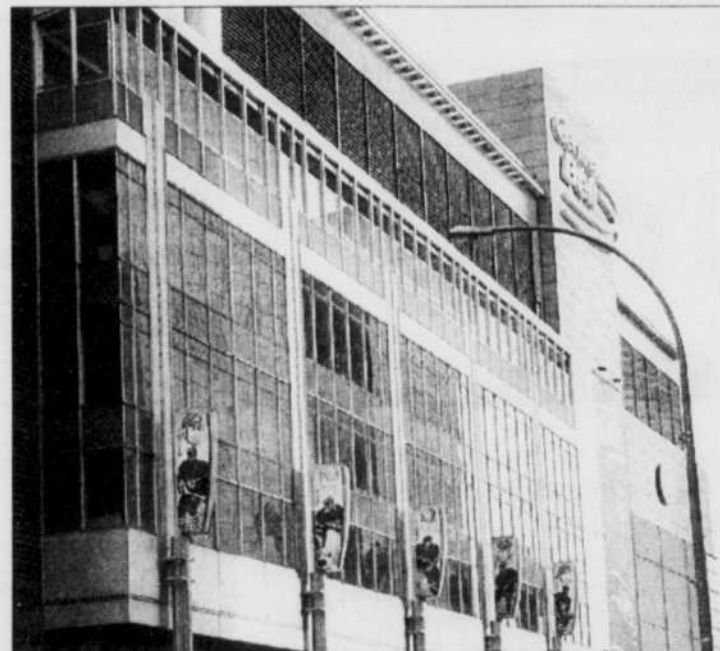
Nonetheless one of the biggest questions facing the Canadiens since Gillett announced he had hired a financial group to evaluate his financial assets over three-months-ago has now been put to rest. With the sale agreed to in principle, the Canadiens can now move forward with the rest of their off-season responsibilities heading into this coming Saturday's NHL Entry Draft in Montreal and July 1, the first day free agents can sign with a new club.

Many were worried when George Gillett Jr., an

American, first purchased 80.1 per cent of the team eight years ago, but Gillett turned out to be a great owner for the NHL's winningest franchise. The Canadiens enjoyed some of their most successful seasons of the past decade and a half under Gillett who also was a big part of the Canadiens' centennial season celebrations in 2008-2009.

Gillett bought the team for \$275-million in 2001 but it is believed that the Molson-led bid could see the sale of the club, as well as the Bell Centre and the Gillet Entertainment Group going for as much as \$575-million. As many as seven groups expressed interest in purchasing the team, though the final bidding came down to the Molsons and a group led by Quebecor Media.

Now the Canadiens belong to the family whose name is perhaps better associated with the club's history than the likes of even Richard or Béliveau. The Molson family as well as the brewing company the bears the family name have owned the club on multiple occasions and, simply from a traditional stand-point, having the Molson name behind ownership of the team once more is a nice mark for a team that will officially celebrate its 100th birthday on December 4.



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Montreal's Bell Centre, the home of the Canadiens

Deaths

CARR, Alita Kathleen (nee Kinnear) - At Sherwood Park Manor, Brockville on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the age of 88 years. Beloved wife of the late Robert Barton Carr who predeceased her on October 15, 2008. Dear mother of David Carr (Danielle), and Graham Carr (Francesca Worrall). Sadly missed by three grandchildren: Erin Gooch, Shannon Carr and Aaron Carr-Worrall. Also survived by her nieces Beverly, Shelley, and Sandra, and by her nephew Randy. Predeceased by her parents, Duncan and Martha Kinnear, and by brothers Lawrence and Kenneth Kinnear. The family will receive friends at the Irvine Funeral Home and Chapel, 4 James Street East, Brockville on Saturday, June 27 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. when a ceremony in celebration of Alita's life will be held in the Chapel. Reception to follow in the Irvine Reception Centre. Private interment will take place at Oakland Cemetery at a later date. In remembrance, donations to the Wall Street United Church Memorial Fund will be gratefully acknowledged. Visit a Celebration of Life online memorial at www.irvinefuneralhome.com.



FORTIER, Marie-Blanche (nee Lutes) - At the C.H.U.S-Hôtel-Dieu Sherbrooke, on Wednesday June 17, 2009 at the age of 87 years. Marie-Blanche Fortier wife of the late Lucien Fortier. Dear father of Rita and her friend Gerard Doyon. She was the sister-in-law of Antoinette (late Joseph Perron), Raymond Fortier, Eglantine Fortier, Noëlla Fortier, Gilles Fortier, Laurette Fortier, late Philippe Robert, late Adrien Fortier, late Marie-Ange (Arsene Martin), late Armand Fortier (Eveline Dougherty), late Angéline (Gérard Carrier) and the late Julien Fortier. She also leave to mourn nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 50 Craig St. Cookshire, QC J0B 1M0 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where family and friends may visit on Monday June 22, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm and on Tuesday June 23, 2009 from 9 to 10:45 am. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 11am at the St-Camille Catholic Church in Cookshire, QC followed by the interment at the St-Camille Catholic Cemetery. Donations to the Foundation du CSSS Du Haut-St-François, 460, 2nd Ave. Weedon, QC. J0B 3J0 would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Death



MACDONALD Margaret (nee Hamilton) After a long and courageous battle, Margaret Amelia Macdonald nee Hamilton passed away on Friday June 19th, 2009 at the Maison Aube-Lumière, Sherbrooke, QC. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband Douglas, her son Bruce, her daughter Sherry and her grandchildren Shawn, Sabrina, Jordan, Kristina, Scott and T.J. Margaret found great pleasure and pride volunteering with several organizations such as the West Island Volunteer Bureau, the Lakeshore Hospital on the West Island and the Lennoxville Community Aid. She enjoyed sports, playing golf and curling with her friends. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca. A funeral service will be held at the Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC on Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 2 pm. Rev Jim Potter officiating. The family will be at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment in the Malvern Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Maison Aube-Lumière, 220 Kennedy North, Sherbrooke Québec J1E 2E7 or to the charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Card of Thanks

MOORE, James - We would like to thank all those who attended the visitation and/or funeral of the late James Moore and to those who gave donations, sent food, cards and emails. A special thanks to the Revs. Deane and Doreen Moffatt for conducting such a personal service, to Pam Eby the organist, the members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club for assisting in the choir and the U.C.W. of Plymouth-Trinity for catering the lunch. A very special thank you to Ruth Atto for her personal assistance.
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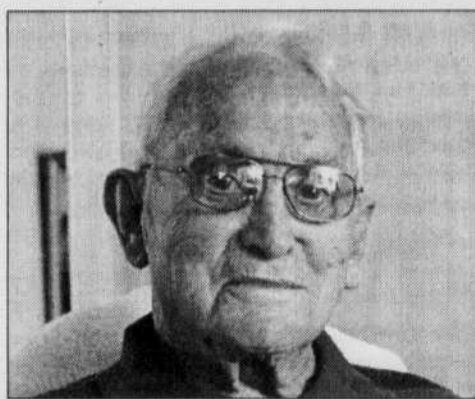
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Death



MOUNT, Stanley A. (1915-2009) Peacefully at the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, on June 19th, 2009, in his 94th year, Stanley Mount passed away, leaving to mourn his beloved wife Ida Mount (nee Chapman). Also he leaves his daughters, Shirley Mount Barr and Linda Mount Skillen (Larry), his grandchildren, Shane (Jennifer), Gregory (Christine), Shelley (Robert), Curtis (Sabrina) and Natalie (Eric), his great-grandchildren, Briar, Braydon, Maleena, Connor, Naomie, Jazmine, Reanna and Oakley, his siter Elsie Eaves and his brother Victor Mount (Beverly) and other relatives and friends. Family and friends will be welcome at the Desourdy Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Qc J2K 2N5, Tel: 450-263-1212, Fax 450-263-9557 salondesourdy@desourdy.ca on Sunday June 21st, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm and on Monday June 22nd, from 1pm, followed by the funeral service at 3pm at the Holy Trinity Church in Iron Hill. The burial will follow at the Holy Trinity Cemetery in Iron Hill. Donations in his memory may be made to the Holy Trinity Cemetery in Iron Hill (Qc) or the BMP Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville QC J2K 1K3 bmpfoundation.ca would be appreciated.

Nostalgia 2009 - 19

Did you know that J. Faust, R. Cook, W. Brown, P. Grant, B. Ross, D. MacDonald, R. Sherry and D. Ross were part of the Junior Hockey Boys Team of 1954-1955?

That year the team entered in the R.D.A. League, Junior Section. The team was young and inexperienced, with only a few holdovers, and had very little success in any of their games. But at least they were having fun and learning at the same time.

The Juniors lost the first game of the season to Richmond with a score of 12-0.

The second game was against Drummondville. That game started out differently with the A.D.S. team scoring first. But unfortunately they could not hold their lead. The game finished with a score of 11-2 for Drummondville. D. MacDonald and P. Grant were the scorers for that game.

The third game was played against Richmond at A.D.S. where they were defeated again. This time the score being 10-1. David MacDonald was the one who made the goal for A.D.S.

The Junior boys played in a Midget League in Asbestos. They hoped that with the extra games they had played that they would become good players in the future.

Marlene Goodenough

Death

SMITH, Kathleen Frances (Potter) December 20, 1911- June 20, 2009. It is with great sadness but peace of heart that we announce the death of our mother, Kathleen (Polly), she has left us and passed into God's keeping. She was predeceased by her father, Walter, her mother, Katie, and sister, Phyllis. She was the widow of Donald (Buzz) Smith, the much loved and treasured mother of Ian Smith (Shirley), Nancy Marston (Delmar) and Peggy Blouin, (Jules). She was the cherished "Gram" of eleven wonderful grandchildren and thirty great-grands who affectionately called her "Gigi". Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews will remember the lovely hooked rugs and paintings she gave them. To all who loved her, she will always be remembered for her personal strength in the face of life's challenges, her generosity, genuine caring and unconditional love for those around her. We have been blessed by her life. She has completed her journey here on earth and we now say goodbye until we meet again. In accordance with Mother's wishes, a private family service will be held. Mother grew up in Magog; when she graduated, she had the honor of being the student with the highest marks in the Eastern Townships and was awarded the Narcissa Farand Scholarship. Mother went to Macdonald College to get her teaching diploma and came to Danville to teach at the age of eighteen at the Academy. The principal of the school thought she would make an excellent French specialist so she returned to college to get her Special Certificate in French. Mother taught in Danville, where she met our father, she then taught in Scotstown for one year and when she returned to Danville they were married. After World War II, Mother taught French at the High School in Asbestos for several years and later on, she taught younger children at A.D.S. Elementary School. Several of her students, young and old, have told us Mother was the best teacher they ever had, which spoke well of her dedication to teaching. We will miss our mother but it was time for her to go, to wish otherwise would be selfish for we could not have known her better or loved her more deeply. "No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or prepare our hearts to say goodbye."

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First church services

Dedication of Randboro Methodist Church took place on January 25, 1887 - Anglicans had erected their church two years previously - Ladies' Aid Society played important role in early history of church - Rev. A. McMillan was first resident Pastor and remained three years, building early chapel in 1850.



First church services in District of Randboro held in School Houses
- Sherbrooke Daily Record February 27, 1937

Many interesting facts are unfolded in tracing the history review of the Randboro Church of the Sawyerville circuit. Randboro derived its name from Stillman Rand, a descendant of the United Empire Loyalist family of Artemus Rand, who erected the first saw and grist mill in that district, the foundation stones of which can be seen to this day as one passes along the main road to and from Sawyerville. The place was first called Randville, but when a post office was established it was changed to Randboro because there was already another Randville in the province of Quebec.

The first services were held in school houses. These were not in the immediate village but on the roadside - one being where the cemetery is today and being afterwards moved to Maple Leaf; the other at the corner of the farm lot of the then C.D. Chaddock farm, now owned by William Noonan.

Although various denominations were presented, Methodists and Anglicans were in the majority of the district, and the Anglicans built the first church, the fiftieth anniversary of which was celebrated two years ago. The old school house standing at the corner of the road opposite the church and now owned by Charles Montgomery, who has converted it into a hall, was the one chiefly used by the residents of Randboro about eighty years ago for both school and worship, and in this building the old singing masters of those early days taught singing school to all classes, young and old, who would attend and pay the small fee required for tuition. Charles Cable, living in the log house at present occupied by Abram Lefleur in Happy Valley, was one of these. Lyman Williams, S.N. Hurd and at Clifton, Justin Cairns were others, and the neighborhood profited much from the instruction on week nights as well as from their leading of the hymns at the time of the Sunday services.

At that time, the Methodist Circuit of Sawyerville covered a wide territory, taking in Maple Leaf, High Forest, Flanders, Clifton, Eaton Corner, Cookshire, Bury, Dudswell and Ham, as well as Randboro, which was then called Newport.

Two ministers were often employed - a superintendent and a probationer. The first lived in Sawyerville and the latter in Randboro. The minister's salary was paid in pounds, shillings,

and pence in the early days, and in the minute book of August, 1857, the salary of the preacher is recorded as thirty-five pounds, and that of his wife twenty-five pounds. In addition, three children received twenty-two pounds, ten shillings. Even at the average of five dollars to the pound, the entire salary of the preacher and allowance for his family amounted to only 408, and on this they had to live, clothe themselves, run their home and keep two horses.

Methodists erected church

The Anglicans had secured the services of George Hurd and David Stone as contractors for their little church, built on the land given for that purpose by Stillman Rand, who also donated the property upon which the present church was built. Spurred on by the zeal of the Anglicans, the Methodist people two years later determined to build. They secured the services of Austin Rand and David Stone. At that time the minister was Rev. Henry Meyers, who had come to the circuit in June 1885, and remained until June 1888. Under him a Trustee Board was formed to see the project through, this Board being composed of William John Swail, Samuel Martin, Ebenezer Swail, Joseph Parker, Matthew Boyd, S.N. Hurd, Jon Hamilton, Albert Jones, treasurer, E. Cable, R. Beecher and Horace Cable.

Assisting Austin Rand, contractor, and David Stone, carpenter, were many men who gave their services free of charge, supplied timber, gravel and sand, and did the hauling without charge, so that the church, when completed, did not cost more than \$1,000 in actual cash. Some even assisted with hammer and saw as the work went on. It was a great day when the building was framed and the beams erected. Nearly the whole neighborhood turned out. Friends from other churches helped, the women served dinner and everything went into place like clock work. The benches, windows and other pulpit furniture, including the pulpit, were all hand made. The old pulpit was replaced by the present one, the gift of Nollis Rand, of Boston, only son of Stillman Rand, one of whose granddaughters, Mrs. Erroll French, of Sawyerville, afterwards purchased the original to preserve it and keep it in the family, converting it into a combination table stand.

Dedication ceremony

The dedication of the Randboro Church took place on January 25, 1887. The only memorial of this occasion is found in the following account.

"The weather was all that could be desired - a clear, embracing air and cloudless sky." A large congregation listened to an eloquent and impressive dedicatory sermon from the text, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the House of the Lord," delivered by Rev. J.T. Pitcher, of Sherbrooke.

"The formal dedication, according to discipline, was performed by Rev. W.H. Graham, chairman of Quebec District, and other clergymen present. Another feature of the morning service was the baptism of the infant son of Mr. M. Boyd, a member of the Trustee Board. In the evening the church was literally packed. The ministers who were present in the morning with the exception of Mr. Pitcher, were again present and addressed the audience. Some excellent thoughts were advanced by Mr. Messenger, of Island Brook. Mr. McNeil, pastor of the Baptist Church, made a short speech, full of earnestness and practical good sense. Mr. William Sawyer gave a synopsis of Methodism in this part of the country showing conclusively that the Lord had indeed blessed this part of His church wonderfully. Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Woodstock, Vt., gave some personal reminiscences of a very interesting character and some points in regard to the work of M. E. Church in the U.S."

"A very satisfactory financial report was given by the secretary of the building committee. Rev. W. H. Graham was the last but certainly not the least speaker of the evening. He had on hand his usual fund of wit and anecdotes,

but he gave the people some earnest words of wisdom and parting advice that it will be well to remember. Our good friend, Rev. Mr. Myers, must have felt gratified at the close of the day, having assisted at the dedication of the church built under his supervision, and baptized a child in the morning. In the afternoon he had the pleasant task of performing the nuptials of Miss Naomi Miller and Mr. John Burns, of Island Brook. He also officiated as chairman in Randboro the coming year. May he be still further encouraged and blessed by seeing the Randboro Church the birth place of many souls."

As far as can be ascertained the choir on that occasion comprised the following members: Ida Blodgett, now Mrs. George Chaddock, organist; Mrs. E. Cable, mother of Mrs. A. W. Sawyer, who later became the first regular organist of the church, afterwards, also playing and singing at intervals; Annie Rogan, now Mrs. Henry Swail, of Saskatoon; Samuel Hurd, choir leader, usually known as S. N. Hurd, who led the choir for years and was also a singing master; Mrs. Stillman Rand, wife of the Rand after whom the place is named; George Chaddock, still living in Sawyerville, Ephraim Cable and Horace Cable, these three being bass singers; Jim Parker, tenor, whose widow resides in Cookshire and still retains her membership to this church; and Mrs. Charles Planche, nee Kate Sunbury, one of the sopranos.

Personnel of choir

As the years went on the personnel of the choir gradually changed. It is interesting to note the names of some of these: Mrs. Ben Seale, whose maiden name was Lunda Rand; Myrtle Rand, afterwards Mrs. Alfred Swail; Maggie Hamilton, now Mrs. Edwards (Rev. Edwards was a former pastor,) now of Plymouth, N.H.; Lottie Parker now Mrs. Charles MacCallum, of Sherbrooke; Jessie Cable, now Mrs. Faulkner, of Sawyerville; Louisa Cable, now Mrs. Albert Laroche; Lydia Parker, now Mrs. Alex Seale; Lillie Parker, now Mrs. Grady Rand; Emma Parker, now Mrs. Edwin Stevenson; Ernest Parker and Beatrice Boyd, the latter afterwards Mrs. Scott Rand; and May Cable, now Mrs. Ben Blair, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

These people comprised the generation following the building of the church, and with them were associated the following organists: Myrtle Rand, afterwards Mrs. Alf Swail, deceased; Elizabeth May Cable and Louisa Cable, the latter still plays today; Edna Rand, now Mrs. Aylm Williams; Pearl Chaddock, now Mrs. Clement Flaws; Annie Swail, now Mrs. M. McCurdy; Corilla Jones, now Mrs. C. Wilder; Clara Cable, now Mrs. Edward Ward, and Esther Speck, now Mrs. Edward Tannahill.

The Ladies' Aid Society played an important role in the early history of the church. The first officers of the Society were: 1885, 1886, and 1887 Mrs. S.N. Hurd, president; Mrs. S. Ephraim Cable, vice-president; Mrs. C.D. Chaddock, secretary-treasurer. The president in 1888 was either Mrs. Julia Wood or Mrs. Henry Wood. The secretary-treasurer between 1888 and 1890 was Mrs. Austin Rand; 1890 to 1892, Mrs. Ephraim Cable; 1892 to 1932, Mrs. James Parker. The latter, it will be noted, held that position for over forty years. She passed away last October at the age of seventy-six years.

A complete list of the Aid's officers is not available. The following have been among the officers: 1909-1910, president Mrs. Flora Rand; 1911, president Mrs. E. Cable; 1912, president Mrs. T. E. Seale, vice-president, Mrs. A. Jones; 1913, president Mrs. T. B. Seale, vice-president Mrs. Middleman; 1914, president, Mrs. Seale; 1918, president Mrs. Alfred Swail, vice-president, Mrs. Faulkner; 1922, president Mrs. Alfred Swail, vice-president, Mrs. G. Jones; 1923, president Mrs. E. Cable, vice-president, Mrs. H. Jones; 1924, president Mrs. F. Rand, vice-president Mrs. E. Cable; 1926, Mrs. Alfred Swail; 1927-34, president, Mrs. Albert Laroche, vice-president, Mrs. H. Cairns; 1935-36, president Mrs. R. Riddell; vice-president, Mrs. N. Cairns, secretary, Mrs. Ed. Tannahill, treasurer, Mrs.

Ed. Ward.

A word should probably be said regarding the Sunday School services which were held primarily in the school houses. Superintendents of the Sunday School included C. W. Drew, who lived in Sawyerville where Edward Cairns now resides; Samuel Hurd, James Boyd Gilbert Jones, and Mrs. Parker.

Early history

In 1823, Rev. Richard Pope, stationed at Stanstead, made some visits to Sawyerville and the district surrounding, but no Methodist minister visited these parts again until 1836 when a minister of the Vermont Conference located at Sawyerville and preached for two years. As there were practically no Methodist people in these parts, he did most of his preaching for the Baptists, but gradually the Methodist families were discovered. He was able however to form a class at the end of two years, and this was the nucleus of the Methodist circuit, which grew to be one of the largest in the entire provinces.

In 1837 or 1838, the Rev. J. Botherell was stationed at what was then called the St. Francis circuit, which included what is now Hatley, Coaticook, Compton, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Windsor, Melbourn, Danville, Ulverton, Sawyerville, Cookshire, Island Brook, Robinson and Marbleton. The whole district was wild wood, dense forests covered the hills and valleys. The cabins of the settlers were far apart, there were only blazed trails through the woods, and travel was either on foot or horseback, the preacher carrying what light belongings he could take along, including a Bible, and hymn book, in a bag attached to the saddle, from which is derived the name: "Saddle bag preacher." There were quite a number of them in the old days of whom probably the most famous was Wright. It seems inconceivable that only one hundred years ago, which is not long in the life of a nation, that the only roads were trails, that there were no houses in all these Eastern Townships, and that the settlements that did exist were tiny settlements with scattered log cabins between, while the forests were infected with bear, wolf, and prowling tribes of Indians, often on the war path. The early years were hard ones alike for ministers and people. The minister, after being all day in the saddle, would have a meeting in the evening that would often continue very late. Then he would be up and away early to the next point of call twenty, thirty or even more miles through the woods.

In 1846, John Douglas was sent to Sherbrooke and took on Sawyerville and Dudswell once a month.

List of pastorates

Rev. A. McMillan was the first resident pastor. He remained three years and built the early Sawyerville chapel in 1850. Other pastorates were: 1851-1852 J. Armstrong, second pastorate; 1853-1856, Robert Graham; 1856-1858, Richard Wilson; 1858-1859, J.W. Constable; 1859-1861, John Johnston appointed along with J. W. Constable; 1861-1863, Robert Brown; 1863-1864, William Hicks; 1864-1865, H.A. Spencer; 1865-1868, George Washington, B.A.; 1868-1871, E.E. Sweet; 1871-1873, A.H. Smith; 1873-1876, J. Peuren; 1876-1879, W.J. Crothers; 1879-1882, J.W. Clipshaw; 1882-1885, H. Robinson; 1885-1888, H. Myers; 1888-1891, William Adams; 1891-1894, Charles S. Deepprose; 1894-1897, A.A. Radley; 1897-1901, John D. Ellis; 1901-1903, W. P. Boshard; 1903-1907, Arthur Wilkinson; 1907-1910, D. A. Lough; 1910-1914, A Galley; 1914-1918, George H. Forde; 1918-1920, R.G. Bourgayne; 1920-1924, James W. Shier; 1924-1928, Thomas Knowles; 1928-1934, E. Merrill Wilson; 1934-1936, S.J. Pike.

By 1888, during the ministry of Rev. H. Meyers, the Randboro Church was erected, also by that time, five circuits originally on the Sawyerville circuit were set off, leaving Sawyerville still with seven appointments. At Maple Leaf, services were held and at Low and High Forest.

Submitted by Mayotta Taylor

Run in papers of Monday, June 22, 2009

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

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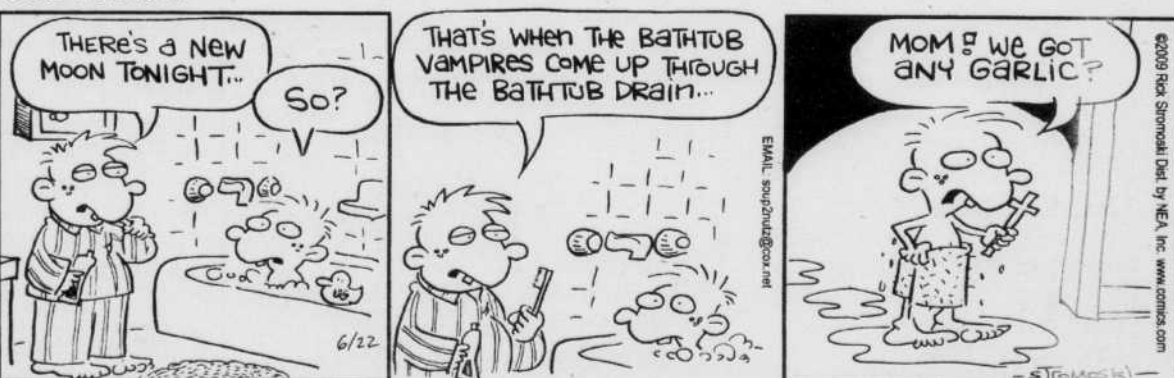
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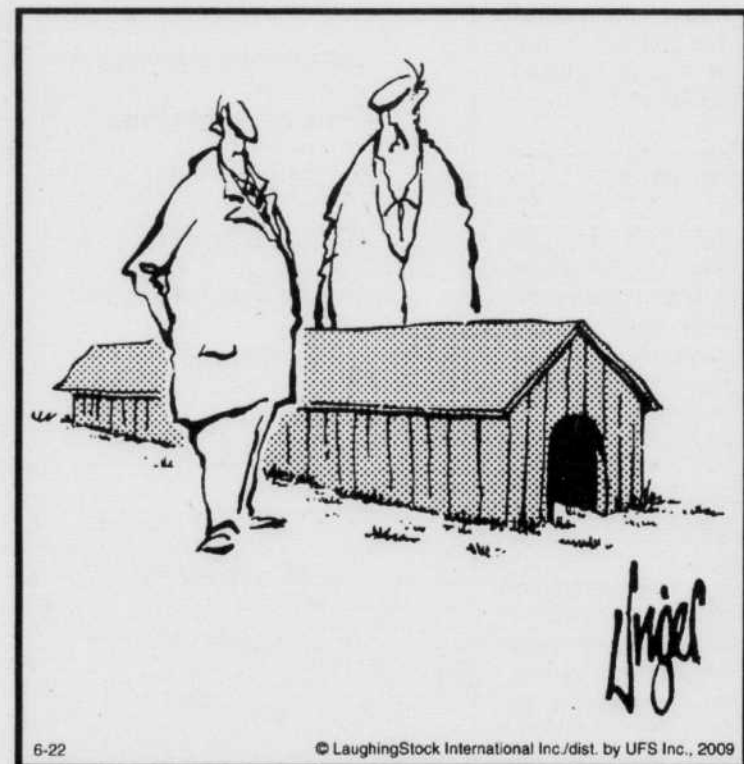
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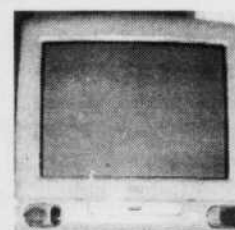
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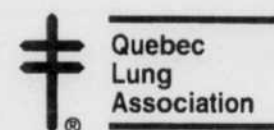
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - As a result of your willingness to be cooperative, you'll have the patience to stick with whatever it is a fellow partner wants to develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - A willingness to do difficult and exacting work is the reason you will reach your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Your relationships may not all be so easy to handle, but as a result of what occurs, you will get to know yourself better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Today might start out as a tough one to handle, but since you'll be motivated to get through all circumstances, it will turn out to be a powerfully strong and fulfilling day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Plans and endeavors you develop with collaborators are the ones that will be the most effective and successful, so don't try to do alone what can better be accomplished with help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Your financial base can be strengthened considerably as long as impatience doesn't discourage you too easily.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't expect everyone to be as excited about going after the same things that stimulate you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Point your creative talents toward a long-neglected project or idea. It doesn't matter if you can't explain it to others; once completed, it will make sense to everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - There is a strong possibility you could meet someone new who will eventually become one of your best friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - If you have a new idea in the making concerning your work or career, take it seriously.

Monday, June 22, 2009

It is obvious if you think of it

By Phillip Alder

It is obvious that if you do not think of the right call or play, you will not make it. So why not consider all of your options, even when one action looks so clear-cut?

In this deal, you are in four spades. West leads the club queen. East wins with his ace and returns a club to your king.

You have four possible losers: three hearts and one club. You have only nine top tricks: five spades, three diamonds and one club.

Take your three top diamonds ending on the board. If they split evenly, discard a heart on the 13th diamond, cross to your hand with a trump, and play a heart to the king in the hope of an over-trick.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, West, and East cards, dealer information, and a table of play results.

Nothing! East is endplayed. If he leads a heart, it is around to dummy's king. Or if he plays a club, you discard a heart from your hand and ruff on the board, gaining a sixth spade trick.

CROSSWORD

- Across
1 Humped beast
6 Sidewalk eatery
10 Drive in reverse, with "up"
14 McCain beater
15 State with assurance
16 Double-reed woodwind
17 Final bios
18 Grand Theft Auto, e.g.
20 Young man
21 General chicken: Chinese dish
23 Stateroom
24 Become fuzzy
25 Nine-to-five grind
27 Sterling afternoon serving pieces
31 Tense
32 Take it easy
33 A/C capacity meas.
36 Best poker pair
37 Dew's chilly cousin
39 Rachel's sister

- 40 Golfing standard
41 Committed perjury
42 Actor Danny
44 Ideal mate
46 Brings into harmony
49 Sales staff members, briefly
50 Made an effort
51 Conceal
52 Highest-ranking USN officer
55 Annual English sports event that begins today, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
58 AM/FM apparatus
60 52-Down son
61 Croon
62 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
63 Make over
64 Toy dog, briefly
65 Dud of a car

- Down
1 Chilly
2 "Mamma Mia!" group
3 Word after nurse or milk
4 CPR performer
5 Final race segment
6 Frolic
7 Hertz competitor
8 G-man
9 Before, in poetry
10 "The African Queen" costar
11 Addis
12 Stand-up performer
13 New Hampshire city
19 Musical eightsome
22 Foolproof
24 Some men's underwear
25 Actress Charlotte and explorer John
26 Per what was previously mentioned
27 Suds source
28 Ancient Andean

- 29 Ogle
30 Wear gradually
33 Suspenders alternative
34 After-bath powder
35 "This can't be good"
38 Gridiron zebras
39 Pastoral places
41 Tennis great Ivan
43 Put in danger
44 Zuni or Hopi home
45 Recoil in fear
46 Battling
47 "Survivor" unit
48 Measured with a stopwatch
51 Goose's cry
52 Sixth-day creation
53 Flintstone pet
54 Ghostly sound
56 Paranormal ability
57 Conk out
59 Gorilla, e.g.

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: MALTESE FALCON, GIRL INTERRUPTED, ROMANCE LANGUAGE, etc.

Grid of crossword puzzle numbers: 1-65 in a crossword pattern.

The Little Brown Eyed Princess

There was a little girl born on the 11th of February 1978
With brown wavy hair and brown eyes like buttons
She was such a doll, anyone with her eyes, she could bait
Had a cute older brother, named Chris, who loved her dearly.

She grew up with Mom and Dad in Lennoxville
And was a little tease, and with her laughter the house she
did fill
One time to the top of a ladder she did climb and didn't fall
And to Dad's surprise, was happy, not scared, when her, he
did call.

She loved playing in the cupboards
Again they would search, she would say peek a boo
Always mischievous, looking for fun
And was sad when it was all done.

She enjoyed getting attention from Mom and Dad
And if she didn't, she would be very sad!
She was so thankful for her parents who encouraged her to
do things in life
Like sports, and clubs, and happiness and no strife.

She was thankful for her boundaries
And doing fun things like down hill skiing
She was thankful for her Mom teaching her right from
wrong
And enjoyed being with her big brother, with her personali-
ty which was very strong.

This is a girl who was very vivacious and full of life
Enjoying bad and good things but there was a hurt inside
which cut like a knife
She loved being with her friends as all teenagers do
And her life speeded up and away it flew.

I am so sad I never got to meet my sister
I never knew her pain, I wish I could have been there for her.
It was like a volcano, heated up like a blister
And one day would blow, if her sadness and hurt, some one
would upset and stir.

Her life was too short, and I cry as I didn't ever get the chance
show her my LOVE
To give her my unconditional sisterly love, and be there to lis-
ten.
She has flown away, gone forever, like a lovely white dove
For this little girl, my sister, now is in a white robe that does
glisten.

My tears are running down my face, hot, sad, for maybe if we
met
Over time I could have helped her, and been there, o I feel
such a debt
Because I am 13 years too late, why oh why
If only it was possible if I could only have time that I could
buy.

You are my sister, and I will always love you
You will always be in my heart, even though we never met.
You brought me to my family, and I thank you for this
And now upon your heavenly cheek, I plant a kiss.

Written to my sister Lisa, whom I dearly miss, and wish so
much that we could have met
I love you and thank you so much for bringing me to Chris,
and your mom, and hopefully Dad
You are my family and I will always love you
Bye my sweet little brown eyed princess
Sleep well and take care of my son Daniel and twin girls
And hopefully one day, we will all meet.

Lots of Love and my hugs and kisses
Naomi Arendt xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
February 3, 2009, 11:00 p.m.
In honour of your 31st birthday which I will cherish .
I just found out your funeral was on my birthday, June 24,
you brought me to my family. Thank you!

I feel emotionally divorced

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I need to know how to deal with my husband's loss of emotion. He is in his late 50s, and I am in my mid-40s. He

used to hold my hand in the car and spontaneously grab me to dance when the stereo was on. He'd kiss me on the neck while I was working in the kitchen. But not anymore. He doesn't even let me cuddle up to him when we're watching a movie. And it's more than that. He doesn't get excited about seeing the grandkids. He is blasé about family gatherings and vacation trips. I would suspect he was depressed, but he still enjoys playing his computer games and watching sports on TV, and he keeps up his household chores.

When I tried to talk to him about it, he said men aren't supposed to show emotion and he's just getting old. When I suggested counseling, he flat-out refused. He told me, "Go ahead on your own if you need to waste money."

I feel emotionally divorced. He won't discuss it. Do you have any suggestions on how to motivate him or maybe slam him with a dose of reality so he can see how much this affects me? Could I have done something to cause this? — Emotional Roommate

Dear Roommate: Not likely. Your husband may be depressed in spite of the computer games and TV. He also may fear aging and becoming less physically capable, and by shutting down his response to you, he may have shut down a lot of other things, as well. You can't force him to get counseling, but you might recommend he get a complete physical and alert his doctor to the problem in advance.

Dear Annie: "Becky" and I have been friends since high school. We both have young children now, and they are usually the topic of our conversations. The problem is, Becky constantly points out things about my children in a negative way. My 9-year-old daughter loves history, science and biography, and noticing her extensive nonfiction library, Becky said, "She doesn't have much of an imagination." When our children were playing together, my younger daughter tripped and fell, and Becky casually remarked, "She's awfully clumsy,

isn't she?"

I defend my children when she says these thoughtless things, but it

doesn't matter. I'm not sure if she's being competitive or just inconsiderate. I don't want to lose this friendship, so what do I do? — Confused in Omaha

Dear Omaha: We think she's being competitive. The fact that these comments are also inconsiderate is incidental. Becky points out your children's flaws in order to make her kids seem superior. It's a sign of insecurity, and it isn't going to stop until she recognizes what she is doing. The next time it happens, tell her you are sorry she feels the need to belittle your children and you'd like her to stop.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Heartbroken in N.C." could have been written by me. Several years ago, my daughter-in-law decided we didn't see eye to eye and terminated their relationship with me. I blame my son for letting it happen.

I suffered a heart attack and flatlined twice. My son was notified and still did not contact me. After spending countless days crying, I decided enough was enough. I went to a craft sale and met some ladies who invited me to join a nonprofit organization. Then I joined several other organizations and began volunteering with hospice. I have been going strong for seven years.

Tell "Heartbroken" that it's time for her to get involved in something that interests her. Four years ago, my son reconnected with me. We rebuilt our relationship, and his wife stays away, which is a blessing. I have since found out she is bipolar and has other mental health issues. — What Goes Around

Dear W.G.A.: It must have been difficult for you to cope with the estrangement, but you managed to make a fulfilling life for yourself. And as a bonus, you now have a relationship with your son again.

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