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Bombardier's mustache was yucky

Children disliked his kisses

By Brion Robinson

VALCOURT

The J. Armand Bombardier museum is celebrating what would have been the snowmobile inventor's 100th birthday with a new 14-vehicle exhibit and other blasts from past. And some say yellow, the colour of the inventor's first 1965 Ski-Doo, still runs through the family veins.

France Bissonnette, one of Bombardier's 20 grandchildren and the vice president of operations for the philanthropic foundation named for him, thinks that might be so.

"He's still a big part of my life," she told *The Record*, saying her grandfather died when she was seven but she carries on his legacy.

She walked through the new Bom-

bardier exhibit Wednesday, which opened with great fanfare (and the presence of federal transportation minister Lawrence Cannon).

"He was just 15 years old when he built this," Bissonnette said of her grandfather while pointing to a propeller-driven sled.

It was created with some spare parts from a Ford Model T and was Bom-

bardier's first snowmobile. But it didn't last long.

"His father made him take it apart because he thought it was dangerous."

However, Bombardier's inventions improved. By the late 1930s his snowmobiles, such as the beetle-shaped seven passenger B7, were being used all over the snowy country.

A new wheel/sprocket design allowed

the track system to move more efficiently while causing less wear.

"The sprocket/wheel was the basis for everything else afterwards," Bissonnette said.

But Bissonnette recalled that her grandfather never took any joyrides with family members in his popular

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PERRY BEATON

Fans drove their collector's items to Valcourt Wednesday to mark the opening of an exhibit honouring what would have been the 100th birthday of the creator of the snowmobile.

Granby ER at triple capacity

A normal day

By Maurice Crossfield

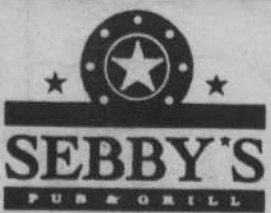
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Though the numbers might look incredible, being 340 per cent over capacity is nothing new for the emergency room at the Granby Hospital. "We are always in the 300 to 400 per cent capacity range," said hospital spokesman Michel Lapointe.

Granby Hospital, which serves a population of nearly 100,000, has an official emergency room stretcher capacity of 10.

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Multiple fractures in Compton crash

A Coaticook woman sustained serious injuries to her legs after crashing into an oncoming car in Compton Wednesday morning.

The 25-year-old woman was driving her Hyundai Accent toward Sherbrooke on Louis-St-Laurent Boulevard at about 7:45 a.m. when she lost control. Her car ended up in the oncoming lane, where she collided head-on with a Mazda 3, driven by a 33-year-old Coaticook man.

The woman was trapped inside the car, requiring firefighters to use hydraulic shears to cut her from the wreckage. The man escaped uninjured.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman

Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said the woman sustained multiple fractures to her legs. Her life was not considered to be in danger, however.

The roadway was closed for about two hours while emergency crews removed the woman and cleaned up the accident scene.

Cash for local companies

Provincial politicians continued handing out cash this week, with yet another announcement of employment training grants.

On Wednesday, it was Sherbrooke, Cookshire and Coaticook's turn, with four companies being promised cheques.

In Sherbrooke, Cyzitrim gets \$92,045. In Cookshire, Les industries Nigan picked up \$79,061. And two

Coaticook companies received money, Les Tissus Geo. Sheard Itée (\$73,030) and Multi X inc. (\$35,640).

The money is based on company size, and the money was given out by Saint-François Liberal MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay.

Rock Forest winter fun

A spaghetti dinner and outdoor fun are slated for this weekend's Fête d'hiver, to be held at the André Nadeau park in Sherbrooke.

Events include a pasta supper (for \$15), followed by a disco dance. That's at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. At 9:30 p.m., there'll be fireworks and also that evening, sleigh rides.

Throughout the weekend, there'll be face painting, sliding (on inner tubes), cross country skiing and snow-

shoeing. The site is located at 5302 chemin Blanchette. For more info, call 819-864-4505.

Missing teen sought

Sherbrooke police are asking for help in finding Mathieu Meunier-Plante, a teen runaway.

He was last seen Jan. 28, at 11 Boul. Jacques-Cartier N. He's 17 years old, white, with brown eyes and hair, weighing 80 kg and 1.7 m tall. He speaks French. He has a goth tattoo on his left arm and an earring in his left ear. If you have any information, call 819-821-5555 and ask to speak to Det. Daniel Savard.



Up, Down, All Around



The price of gasoline in Sherbrooke suddenly jumped a nickel late Tuesday, bringing the cost of a litre of regular to 94.4 cents. Or at least, it went up in some spots. On Wednesday, from left to right: the PetroCan at Galt and Belvedere, the Esso at King and Jacques Cartier, and the Sonic on King (in the 1200s). For the past few weeks, the price had leveled off at 89.4 cents and the hike comes as a Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce protest against gas prices is gaining momentum. By Friday, the chamber had received some 4,000 emails, letters and faxes from angry consumers who say they are getting gouged at the pumps, as Estrie prices were higher than the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) says they should be.

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Weather

Today: Cloudy with sunny periods and 40 per cent chance of flurries. Wind 20 km/h gusting to 40 in the morning. High minus 15.

Friday: Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 19. High minus 8.

Saturday: Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 14. High minus 8.

Sunday: Sunny. Low minus 21. High minus 14.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



The wind in its sales

Turbine deal signed

Staff
KNOWLTON

Less than one month after setting up shop in the former Hyundai plant in Bromont, AAER Wind Energy has signed its first major windmill sale.

This week the industrial turbine builder announced a deal to manufacture 17 windmills for Kabatic Power Corp. That company has signed a 25-year deal with BC Hydro to build and operate a 25.5 megawatt wind farm on Mount Hays, in British Columbia.

Kabatic is a privately held wind energy developer based in Richmond, B.C. This project will be the first commercial wind farm in that province.

AAER, which is licenced to manufacture the large wind turbines using German technology, will build the units in Bromont, delivering the first one in early 2008.

The maker will also service the B.C. windmills for seven years, at which time Kabatic will take over.

Built at a cost of \$450 million, the Hyundai automobile plant never reached full manufacturing capacity, and closed its doors in 1994. In the years that followed a number of projects were put forward to fill the plant's empty space, ranging from movie studios to police car manufacturers, but none got very far beyond the drawing board.

In 2005, the property management business Olymbec purchased the 1.2 million square-foot building, and within a few months a tire warehousing company took over nearly half of the space.

Last month AAER moved in, taking up another 440,000 square feet. In the coming months it will be moving in heavy equipment for manufacturing (each unit weighs many tons), and will begin hiring.

At full capacity, AAER is aiming to produce nacelles and turbine blades for 400 windmills per year, supplying customers from across North America. By that time, it will employ nearly 300 people.

Boosting Books



COURTESY CITY OF MAGOG

Quebec Culture and Communications Minister Line Beauchamp (second from right) was in Magog Wednesday, promising a \$2.15 million government grant toward the building of a new municipal library. "Magog is an important cultural hub in the Estrie region," she said. "A larger library will help citizens access more books, more of arts and culture, and more information. The information economy is more and more important, making a quality public library an important advantage for a community and its quality of life." The project's total cost will top \$6 million, with the city picking up about \$4 million. Joining Beauchamp for the announcement were (from left) Magog Mayor Marc Poulin, city councillor Michel Bombardier, project booster Jacqueline Cailloux and Orford MNA Pierre Reid.

Breast feeding gives babies head start

By Maurice Crossfield
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Nine of 10 newborns in the Montérégie administrative region agree: Breast is best. A study released by public health officials at the Montérégie's agency for health and social services notes that 90 per cent of newborns breast feed in hospital. That's above the provincial average of 85 per cent. It's also an increase of 11 per cent from 1999.

But once the mother and child go home things tend to drop off: After two months, 70 per cent of Quebec's infants are still breast feeding, 67 per cent in the Montérégie. By six months that drops to 47 per cent across Quebec and 43 per cent in the Montérégie.

The Montérégie's director of public health, Dr. Jocelyne Sauvé, credits the increased level of breast feeding on prenatal programs and help during the hospital stay. The region's hospitals all

keep the infants in the room with their moms, increasing bonding time and making breast feeding easier to do.

"Four of the seven health care Baby Friendly certified establishments, including the first hospital in the province, are found in our region," Sauvé noted.

Cowansville's Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital became the first Baby Friendly hospital in Canada several years ago, meeting strict international standards. Since then the CLSC Samuel de Champlain, CLSC Vaudreuil-Solanges and the CLSC La Pommeraiie (which is now merged with the BMP) have gotten the sought-after Baby Friendly designation.

Sauvé noted with some concern that those

with lower incomes tend to stop breast feeding sooner, despite the fact that it is a low-cost feeding method. This also poses public health problems because infants who breast feed are less likely to fall victim to sudden infant death syndrome, diabetes, Crohn's disease and allergies. Breastfed babies are also less prone to ear infections, respiratory and digestive problems, and are two times less likely to be hospitalized.

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machines. "My grandfather was always working and we never had any trips with him," she said.

She also noted that 60 years ago, snowmobiles weren't pleasure crafts.

Federal minister talks green

Federal transportation minister Lawrence Cannon praised Valcourt's Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) for its environmental initiatives Wednesday. "The industry is a part of the movement to improve air quality," said Cannon.

The Quebec MP for Pontiac was on hand to officially open the J. Armand Bombardier museum's newest 14-vehicle exhibit — and also plug the government's green agenda.

Cannon noted the Tory government's commitment to reducing gas emissions and how BRP was helping lead the way.

He praised the company for developing fuel-efficient engines and mentioned the several awards BRP had garnered for its efforts.

In April 2006, for example, SnowTrax TV named the BRP's MX Z 600H.O. SDI its "Real World Sled of the Year." SnowTrax cited the snowmobile's great handling and fuel economy.

Cannon said the founder J. Armand Bombardier started his snowmobile-making empire with a respect for the environment.

Other politicians, such as Quebec Liberal Member of the National Assembly for Richmond Yvon Vallières, said Quebecers should be proud of Bombardier's vision and ingenuity.

- Brion Robinson

"In those days there was no time for leisure time," she said. "In those days machines were built to respond to the needs of the people." They were for transportation, not fun.

Bissonnette said memories of her busy grandfather are few and far between, but he loved his children. "His mustache was very hard and we didn't like for him to give us kisses," she said.

In the years that followed, the Bombardier machines became more specialized and were adapted to different types of terrain.

Bissonnette pointed out a red Bombardier Baby Carrier, which incorporated technology from the agile one-passenger Muskeg and J5 models, such as suspension, steering system and all track-traction.

She said it wasn't always easy for the company to continue redefining its product.

"The bigger ones involved a lot of hard work and research. It wasn't easy."

The exhibit's last set of snowmobiles resemble more modern Ski-Doos.

At the far end, Bissonnette pointed out a yellow vintage Bombardier Ski-Doo she said is one of a kind, noting her grand dad had it built out of aluminum to make it easier for her to drive.

Bombardier's daughter Janine Bombardier also attended the grand opening. "The new exhibit lets you explore my father's inventions and puts his working years in their historical context," she said.

The fully restored vehicles are surrounded by murals and some 100 photographs and documents.

"This will let visitors follow the development of my father's business and also learn something about his personal life and involvement in his own community," Janine said.

There's a chronology of historical events that influenced the inventor's designs and information on the evolution of his mechanized empire.

Omer Nadeau, who worked at Bombardier from 1942 to 1993, helped make many of the machines on display in the museum. The 81-year-old Valcourt resident said his work varied from assembly line duties to welding.

He said he met Bombardier dozens of times and respected the man's work ethic. He also said Bombardier was a staunch Catholic and went through great lengths to help the church.

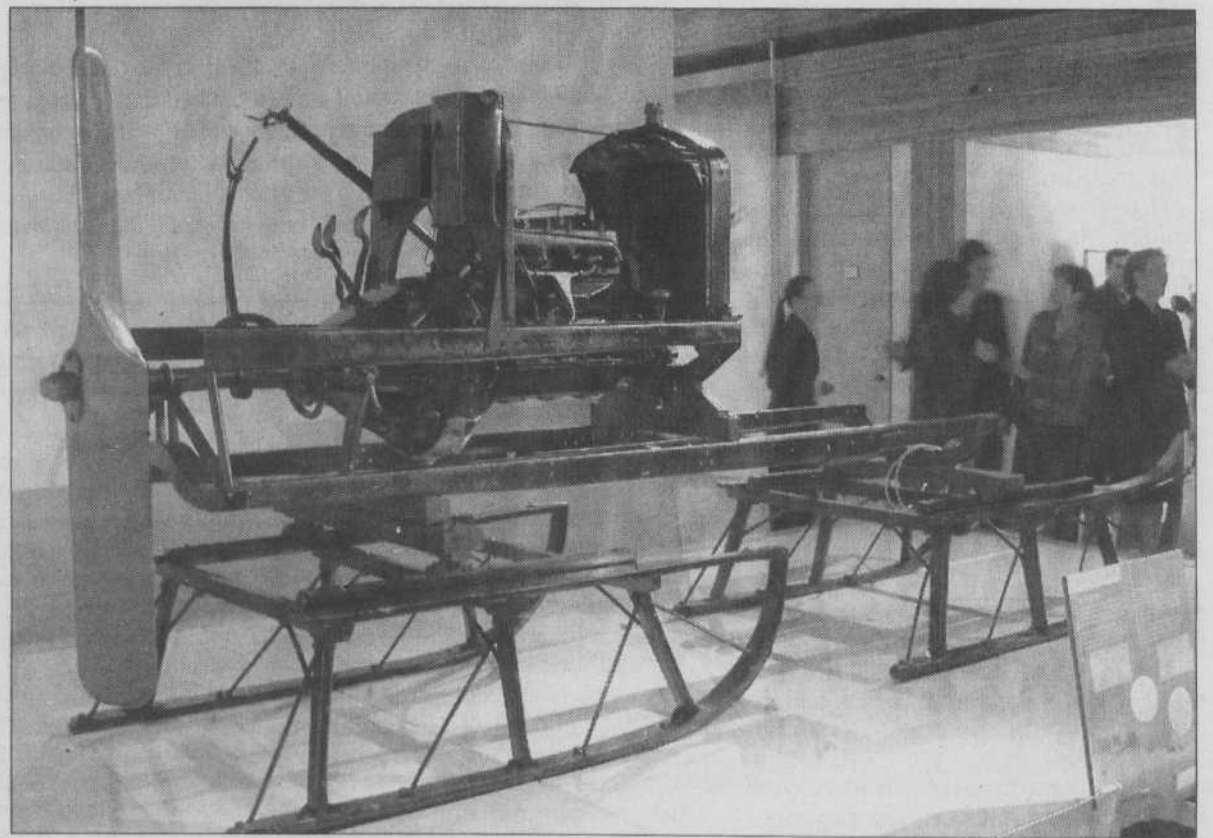
But Nadeau didn't want to elaborate too much about his working experiences, and is writing a book about his years at Bombardier.

Granddaughter Bissonnette said Bombardier's innovative legacy lives on. It helped make Valcourt, where the most modern Bombardier products are produced (now under the Bombardier Recreational Products imprint), become a modern town.

"With the plant, Valcourt could continue to be a modern city," she said, adding that her grandfather's legacy is far from over.

"The blood still runs yellow," she said. "I think he would be very proud."

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Bombardier's first machine, built when he was 15. His dad thought the propeller was dangerous.

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That's half the provincial norm of 20, and way below Wednesday's stretcher population of 34.

"The types of cases are varied," Lapointe said of the causes behind the crowding. "There is no one particular reason."

Lapointe said statistics show patients have a variety of ailments, from cardiac troubles to digestive and respiratory problems. Of Wednesday's 34 patients, 20 were over the age of 65, a reflection of the region's aging population and of the increased demand for health care amongst the elderly when the weather gets very cold.

Relief is on the horizon, but still far. A new wing is under construction which will house the hospital's magnetic resonance imaging unit on the upper floors, while the new emergency unit will be underneath. Lapointe said the priority is on the MRI unit, which will be completed by De-

ember. Once it is finished, work will begin on setting up the new emergency room. It will likely be operational by the end of 2008.

Other efforts are also underway which will ultimately have a positive impact on Granby's emergency room overcrowding, including the opening of more long-term care beds in nursing homes, and the reorganization of some outpatient clinics.

While it will be a huge improvement to have a capacity of 20 stretchers instead of 10, Lapointe said that in an ideal world it would be nice to have a capacity of 30. Or even 40.

In the meantime, it's business as usual at the Granby ER. Those who are ill and decide it's time to consult a doctor can also contact their local family medical clinic or call the Info Santé line.

70% of jobs will require a university degree

U of S rector warns education must become a priority

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Quebec needs a new Quiet Revolution that will ensure greater access to higher education and all of Quebec society must participate in the transformation, argues Bruno-Marie Béchard, the rector of the University of Sherbrooke

"We need to make education the priority of priorities," Béchard told *The Record*. "The quality of life of future generations depends on it."

Béchard called upon government, business and students to get together and resolve the chronic underfunding that he said afflicts universities in this province.

Earlier Wednesday, Béchard joined with Michel Pigeon from Laval University, Luc Vinet from the University of Montreal and Heather Munroe-Blum, principal of McGill, for a press conference at McGill University in Montreal.

"It was a historic meeting," Béchard said, noting it was the first time the heads of Quebec's four research-intensive universities got together to insist Quebec needs to make a major shift in education policy.

The universities house the province's only medical faculties and represent 80 per cent of research activities in the province.

The four school masters stated the quality and accessibility of a university education is essential to the development of Quebec.

Béchard noted that by the year 2010, 70 per cent of jobs will require university training. Already, more and more require a post-secondary degree.

"The work world is in transformation and we are not ready for it," he warned, noting some countries are way ahead of Canada and Quebec.

He notes that proportionally, Australia and Finland have twice as many university graduates as Quebec. Sweden and Germany have two or three times more grads.

"Those countries are preparing their new generation for the new economy," he said. "Here in Quebec, we are lagging lamentably behind. We have to convince Quebecers a new Quiet Revolution is needed."

Munroe-Blum noted that while other Canadian universities are increasing investments in scientific research and teaching, Quebec is losing ground and risks being marginalized.

"If nothing is done, the gap will widen," she warned, noting that students will be the first to profit from a reinvestment.

The university heads agreed that the reality of underfunding is well-known and well-documented, and that its effects are felt on all campuses — particularly those with medical faculties.

They proposed a reinvestment plan that would allow Quebec universities to catch up with their Canadian counterparts. That includes a need for an immediate emergency \$500 million to



CANWEST PHOTO/CHRIS MIKULA

Student rallies were held across the country Wednesday — in Montreal, Winnipeg and pictured, Ottawa — in support of frozen or lower tuition fees.

deal with aging buildings.

"It's time to act," said the U of M's Vinet in a press release. "Our students must have access to the best training and it's important that our professors have the means to deploy their full potential. In brief, Quebec must be able to count on the same assets for success as other advanced societies."

Béchard agreed it's time to act, and said everyone must join the revolution.

(Quebec's 1960s Quiet Revolution moved political power away from the Catholic clergy and helped modernize the province.)

Béchard, whose roots are in industry rather than academia, said businesses, which are the first to profit from well-trained workers, must give more money. He said that philanthropic support for Quebec universities is far lower than support for Canadian institutions, and not even in the same neighbourhood as funding for American universities.

Governments at all levels must also contribute more generously, Béchard said.

The province of Quebec must rapidly make up the funding gap. He said that in 2003, Quebec universities estimated they were behind some \$375 million a year in funding compared to Canadian universities.

Béchard, who once ran for the federal Liberal Party, also said the federal government needs to hand over more federal transfer funds to Quebec.

Béchard also said the lack of funding is so major that students will have to do their part.

"We can't close any door," he said.

He insisted that any hike in tuition fees must be accompanied by a complete review of student aid programs.

Béchard observed that fewer Quebec youths attend university — and remarked that is even more true among low-income Quebecers.

"Clearly the tuition freeze has not en-

sured equal access to all," he said.

Quebec has the lowest tuition fees in Canada by far, averaging less than \$1,700 a year.

Some Quebec students were visibly not in agreement when it comes to tuition hikes, however. As the university

that includes businesses, governments, students and a review of student aid.

"Everyone needs to contribute to the solution. That's how we will be able to start a new Quiet Revolution."

heads met with the media, a huge student demonstration was getting underway. They gathered outside Concordia University from across the province and then walked to McGill, joining with a solidarity march to Premier Jean Charest's Montreal office.

The students said underfunding can be blamed on governments, and demanded more money for post-secondary education, but insisted the tuition freeze must continue to ensure that education is not based on the ability to pay.

Student leaders urged university administrators to join their campaign for increased funding instead of calling for the end of the fee freeze.

Béchard said he refused to reduce the debate to a simple matter of freeze or not freeze. "The issue is far more complex."

Béchard said a true solution to university underfunding will require a multi-faceted approach

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Basic skills are essential

[This continues the discussion generated by the news story "Laptops in class not necessarily helping study", appearing in the Feb. 2 Record, and in the Feb. 6 letter to the editor, "Using laptops wisely", from the Eastern Townships School Board's Ronald Canuel.]

DEAR EDITOR

On the Internet you can find quite a number of scholarly research papers on the classroom use of computers. Many of these are published in American journals with words like "technology" or "computer" in their names. My cursory cyberspace tour of these journals prompts two unsurprising observations: the studies focus on groups using computers but avoid comparative studies, and they inevitably report that students with computers do well.

A much more interesting study can be found in a British journal called Educational Psychology under the rather unwieldy title of A Comparison of Pupil Learning and Achievement in Computer Aided Learning and Traditionally Taught Situations with Special Reference to Cognitive Style and Gender Issues.

This study — unusual because it sought to compare student performance with a computer to student performance without a computer — focussed on senior high school students studying Chemistry. It is likely that these students were mature, bright, motivated and among the top-ranked students in the school — stu-

dents who might be expected to be especially competent with computers.

The article listed several findings. One was that girls achieve better results than boys in the sciences. A second was that computer assisted teaching "enhances learning for some rather than for all users." This study found that traditional teaching methods, even for a group more likely to be receptive to computer technology, worked better.

If I may extrapolate from these findings I would suggest that the educational bureaucracy not confuse the teaching of basic skills with the notion of "going backwards." I would also suggest that the Quebec Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport took a very big backward step with the Reform by relegating teachers to a secondary role in the learning process.

NICK FONDA
Richmond

A governess in the 1890s

DEAR EDITOR

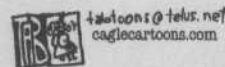
In the 1890s my grandmother, Sarah Jennings, worked for a family in Sherbrooke.

The father's name was Archibald Cambell or Campbell, the two daughters were Enid and Phoebe. My grandmother was their governess or nanny.

I am very interested in contacting any of their descendants for any information they could share with us.

Thank you for your help.

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The cost of health care

Two-year-old Trey Purcell represents the kind of heart-warming story that gives provincial finance ministers nightmares.

Trey has Hunter syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that until recently was untreatable. Children most severely affected often die before they can graduate from high school.

Trey is the first person in Canada to be treated by a new drug, Elapraxe. The hormone replacement therapy costs \$300,000 a year. It will be continued for as long as his doctors believe it is helping.

Elapraxe has given Trey's parents hope. It has also added new costs to a health care system already struggling to cover the increased demand from a growing and aging population for existing treatments.

We continue to pour money into health care, but it will never be enough to do everything that could be done if cost were no object.

A report issued this week by the Canadian Institute of Health Information showed that the number of knee replacement surgeries in Canada increased by 67 per cent over five years, yet wait lists remain.

There isn't enough to cover increased demand for existing care, never mind covering the purchase of experimental new drugs that can cost \$20,000 or more for a single treatment.

It's hard to imagine having to say to Trey's parents: "We can't afford to treat your child. The potential benefit is not worth the cost."

Yet that is exactly what the administrators of our health system have to do all the time. They don't usually deal with individual patients, but with communities that want better ambulance service, or seniors on wait lists for joint replacement

surgery who could be accommodated earlier with more funding for operating rooms.

It is what they do because, although rationing is considered a four-letter word, the reality is that we do ration health care in Canada.

There is always more we could do if the money were available. That means spending decisions are necessarily a choice where potential benefits have to be weighed against the benefits that can be gained by using those dollars elsewhere.

Trey's doctors obtained approval and funding for Elapraxe after an appeal to Health Minister George Abbott, who turned the matter over to ministry officials. They decided to approve the treatment on humanitarian grounds even though there have not been enough patients treated to prove that the drug is safe and effective.

Was it the right decision? Or should that money have been used elsewhere, perhaps to buy and operate more MRI machines or to ease the crunch in emergency departments? We can't say, nor would we want to have to make that choice.

One of the hardest things to grasp about the health care system is that many of the problems we struggle with are the result of success, not failure.

Canadians are healthier now than they have ever been. We live longer and the longer we live, the more health care we require.

The challenge in the future will be to continue to balance all the competing pressures on the system. It will never be easy.

We hope Trey's treatment is successful. We wish him a long and productive life. Maybe he will grow up to become a doctor.

Tell us what you're thinking!

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'Eat my shorts' takes on a whole new meaning

Imposed holidays

Of all the holidays, Valentine's Day makes me crankiest. St. Patrick's Day is close, what with people pestering me with, "Why aren't you wearing green?" to which I reply, "Because I'm not Irish.

Do you see me keeping kosher on Rosh Hashanah? No. So back off, O'Leary!"

Also, I'm not crazy about Ukrainian Christmas. I'd rather not explain.

But back to Valentine's Day. I get cranky because it's a day of imposed romance. If you don't do something romantic with your loved one on that day, you're a heel. What if I'm not feeling particularly romantic on February 14? Then it would be just like the other 364 days, my spouse might say, but that's not the point.

The point is it's a racket, a scam to guilt people into purchasing the most frivolous items. It's overrated and over-sold. It's like a pink Super Bowl.

Let's look at the trappings surrounding Valentine's Day.

First you have the chocolate. Nothing says "I love you" more than a box of fat and sugar. Valentine's bacon would be about as thoughtful.

In Japan, according to Wikipedia, it's the women who give the chocolate to the men, including all their male co-workers. It's expected and it can get expensive. In fact, Valentine's chocolate is known as "giri-choko," which means "obligation chocolate." How's that for romance.



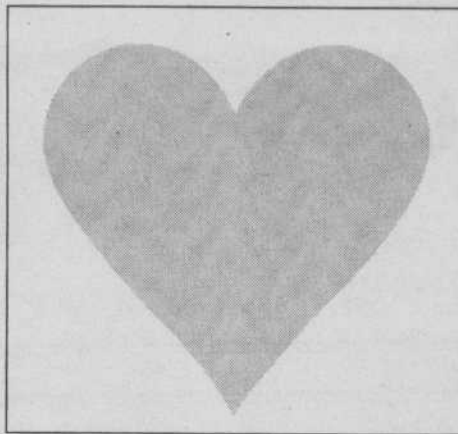
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Valentine chocolates are usually given in heart-shaped boxes. Yes, a box shaped to represent a human organ. It's probably only a fluke of culture that we don't present Valentine chocolates in liver-shaped boxes.

Every year, Deb buys little heart-shaped boxes of chocolate for our kids. You pay about \$12 for each box, which is designed to hold approximately three chocolates. The chocolates are usually strawberry cream. Strawberry cream is a banned substance in many countries.

Consequently, the boxes of chocolates generally go unfinished in our house. But when Deb mentioned this year that she might forego the heart-shaped chocolates, you'd have thought she had said we were canceling Christmas. Instead, perhaps we should teach our children to say, "Please pass the giri-choko."

We will also have to buy our younger



children Valentine's cards to distribute to their classmates. It used to be you would give a Valentine only to the friends you really liked, and there would always be one sad (usually smelly) child who would receive none. It was pathetic but, hey, love hurts.

You can't do that now. Teachers must ensure that every child receives exactly the same number of Valentines. Otherwise the child might suffer damage to his self-esteem, which is a violation of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention.

So every child gets a card, usually something neutered of any real affection, depicting some pop-culture character (although those Hannibal Lector

cards never did take off). The children then carefully gather up their cards, bring them home and lovingly deposit them in recycling.

If you need any more convincing about the baffling nature of Valentine's Day, I have one word for you: lingerie. You can call it that if you want but it's underwear, the stuff you used to dread getting for Christmas, only skimpier and more expensive. It's awkward to buy and for the most part awkward to receive. I can't really substantiate whether it's awkward to wear, despite what you may have read in the tabloids.

Last weekend in Montreal, I saw two Valentine conventions in one: candy underwear. You had your choice of bra, g-string, garter, those weird suspender things, and something for men that I don't know what you'd call and I'd rather not think about.

The garments were made out of candy necklaces, those hard circular sugar candies on elastics. It's been a while since I had one of those but if I recall, the only way to get the candy off the string is to bite them off.

Ouch.

So forget all the marketed romantic junk. If you really want to show you care in February, buy your loved one long johns.

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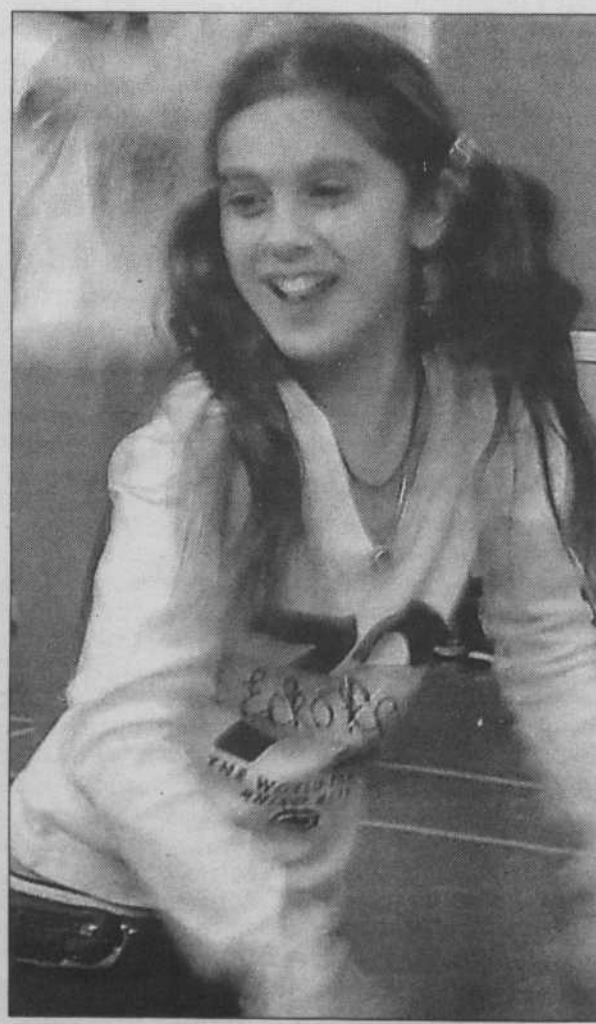
MARIE-JOSÉE PARADIS VISITS

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, professional dancer Marie-Josée Paradis of Chicoutimi gave workshops on dance and theatre for all Cookshire Elementary students.

Many agreed that this was one of the best events that we have had over the years since applying for grants through the Ministry of Education's Culture in the Schools Program. Mme. Paradis has studied several techniques and art forms over the years including theatre, clown art, kathakali, tango, yoga, belly-dancing, voice, butoh and mime.

On Tuesday she brought several props and a variety of rhythmic music along with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. These photographs confirm that the students responded well and engaged in activities joyfully. Among other things, they learned to think about facial expressions, movement, rhythm, voice, interactions with other dancers/performers and audience awareness.

Different kinds of music evoked different emotions and performances. Teachers were amazed by the creativity and talent students demonstrated during each 90-minute workshop. If you are interested in learning more about the Culture in the Schools Program, visit www.learnquebec.ca/en/content/curriculum/arts/community/culture.html.



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Politician frustrated as another expense gets added to the budget

Council notes

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Although the question period at Stanstead's Council meeting for the month of February was much shorter than that of recent months, there was extensive discussion on various subjects, including a proposal to create a receptionist/administrative assistant position to lessen the work load of Director General Pierre Dussault, and keep he and other office employees from being interrupted by phone calls when they are concentrating on their designated assignments.

Not so long ago, heated discussions occurred due to Dussault's insistence that newly appointed town clerk Guillaume Labbé be in attendance at all council meetings and that it should be Labbé's job to take the official notes of the proceedings. That had previously been the director general's responsibility.

Dussault also added that this new receptionist could work part-time in other roles for the town, such as recreational co-ordinator.

Councillor Michelle Richard came to Dussault's defence, saying that the town needs to take care of the health and well-being of its staff and should not overwork them. She felt that having another employee would help. She also felt that this addition to office staff would lead to more stability and less error.

Councillor Florent Roy attempted to remind councillors of the additional expenditures, contributing to a severely stretched 2007 budget, that the town is already facing: proposed plans for the former SAQ building, the proposed arena project in collaboration with Stanstead College, the increased mill rate, the need to purchase a new fire truck and other additional expenses required to meet the newly imposed standards of the provincial fire plan; the \$20,000 proposed for the improvement of sidewalks on Church Street (an amount that in no way covers the total cost of a new sidewalk, but rather only repairs to the existing one); the difficulties that the local granite industries were facing (limiting residents' ability to pay an increase in taxes); the support

of a project at the former Butterfield's building; and other costs related to the new water system improvements. Plus, unpredicted sewer problems may arise.

Councillor Roy could not agree to increase the budget expenses by opening another position in the administrative office, and remained very frustrated as a majority vote carried the proposed resolution.

DUTIL REQUESTS CLARIFICATION

Councillor Philippe Dutil expressed the need to clarify an issue discussed at last month's council meeting concerning a resolution passed authorizing an additional liability insurance for Director General Pierre Dussault and Town Clerk Guillaume Labbé.

Dussault and Labbé had submitted a request asking the town to pay additional insurance coverage due to their individual standing as notary and lawyer, respectively.

Dutil said citizens attending the meeting witnessed heated discussion on the matter and left with the impression that this insurance was necessary to keep Dussault and Labbé in good standing with their prospective occupational boards.

Councillor Roy had said the job description of neither had contained the need for applicants to be of such high training, therefore it should not be the town's responsibility (or rather that of taxpayers in the Stanstead area) to pay this cost. According to Dutil, even though the amount of liability insurance would have to be increased by several million, this would not lead to an increase in cost to the town.

If this is indeed the case, why does a substantial increase in homeowners' liability insurance automatically result in an increased fee?

PUBLIC SECURITY

Further disagreements between Stanstead East and the Town of Stanstead regarding fire protection services came to the table once again at

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NANCY NOURSE

Director General Pierre Dussault does not appear to be very pleased with several aspects of discussion at Monday's Stanstead Council meeting.



NANCY NOURSE

Try as he might, Councillor Florent Roy, once again, could not get the other council members to see things from his point of view.

Icy Tales



NANCY NOURSE

The Magog Technopieux took the championship at last weekend's Stanstead College Invitational Girls' Hockey Tournament with a 4-1 win over the Collège de Notre Dame Sabres. Meanwhile, this little one (at right) waited patiently for the hockey tourney to end... so she could skate on Saturday evening.

Pancakes, anyone?

Only real maple syrup
will be served

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Pancake suppers when many of us were growing up were something to look forward to in late February or early March, depending on what date Easter was going to be celebrated.

The Helping Circle, the ladies unit of the Stanstead South United Church, has decided to revive this delicious memory by holding a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, complete with authentic maple syrup ("none of that synthetic stuff").

The expression Shrove Tuesday dates back many years and makes reference to Shrove-tide, the three-day period before Ash Wednesday, formerly set aside as a special period of festivity just before Lent.

Not so long ago, there were several ladies groups representing Stanstead South Church but due to declining numbers, as is the case in so many volunteer groups today, a decision was made about a year ago to combine the CANUSA unit (That stands for Canada-

USA; the church is right on the border and boasts members of both countries) with the Helping Circle unit to facilitate planning sessions and upcoming events. According to spokesperson Madelaine Curtis, this union has worked out very well.

The Helping Circle not only supports their own church but also gives back to the community in numerous ways. Projects such as Kids for Camp, local school initiatives and Christmas baskets have benefited from their assistance on a regular basis.

Members of the Helping Circle also feel that the Mira Foundation (for the blind) deserves their support.

The ladies are looking forward to making this a new tradition for Stanstead South.

The \$8 (adult) and the \$4.50 (children) admission fee entitles you to delicious pancakes and syrup, casseroles, coleslaw and French bread, tea and coffee.

The pancake supper will take place at the Stanstead South Church on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Black & white value

What is black and white, read all over and serves as a great teaching tool? The newspaper, of course.

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Monday's meeting. It was reported that a letter from Stanstead East had been received refusing to pay charges dating back to an emergency call in June 2006. The Stanstead Council voted unanimously to stand behind the original bill, a decision that was felt justified due to the fact that the Town of Ayer's Cliff did not have the manpower to cover a call of this nature, nor the ability to let the Stanstead Fire Department know that their assistance was not needed.

These facts resulted in the 911 Call Centre taking care of this aspect of the emergency situation.

It is due to the actions of the 9-11 centre that Stanstead East feels that they should not be held responsible for the charges. It is also Stanstead East's position that the agreement on shared fire protection costs that was set up between the parties (Stanstead East, Town of Stanstead and Ogden) and supposedly in effect, has actually never been officially signed by Stanstead East Council.

During meetings in 2006, it was made clear to Stanstead East that the Town of Stanstead could no longer shoulder the major portion of the financial costs for fire protection ser-

vices needed in the three municipalities, as in the past.

Stanstead made a concerted effort to enter into an agreement with the two territories that would be more fiscally balanced.

Council passed a resolution on Monday evening to sit down with Stanstead East and Ogden in an attempt to shed some light on this current situation with Stanstead East and make changes to the original agreement in hopes of keeping this type of dispute from arising in the future.

OTHER NEWS

Jean Fluet was given a mandate to put together a dossier formalizing information on the need to purchase a new water pump to be used by the Stanstead Fire Department.

A resolution was also passed to set up a selection committee to find a new fire chief. Stanstead has been without an acting fire chief since the departure of Pierre Sansfaçon several months ago. A request was also submitted by former fire chief Sansfaçon asking to town to buy equipment that he had personally purchased to be used by the department.

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Signs of an early spring

Residents back up groundhogs

I was leaving my apartment this past Sunday when I encountered my next door neighbour. He was scraping snow and ice off his car and cursing mildly about the numbness of his fingers.

"Hey Dave, how goes it? Only a few more weeks of putting up with this nonsense?" my neighbour muttered, referring to how much more time we have to endure Old Man Winter.

I responded that maybe spring will be here a lot sooner than we think. As he brushed the last of the snow off his trunk, my neighbour hinted that the real culprit is the infamous groundhog.

"Wasn't last Friday Groundhog Day? He must have seen his shadow. So I guess we have to put up with at least six more dreadful weeks of winter," he said with a discouraged look.

Just for the sake of not getting him into a more downcast mood, I agreed with him. (In fact, the critter did not see its shadow.) But this got me to thinking. Are there other signs besides the poor groundhog to foretell an early spring? I started to think of other telltale indications that the snow and Arctic cold of

winter could have an early departure date. So I've come up with my own personal sure signs that the blooming of spring is not too far away.

Sign No. 1. I'm driving on the Fairfax Road and I hear honking.

I don't see other motorists along the road so I figure my mind must be playing tricks on me. That is until I look up into the sky and see geese actually flying around Crystal Lake next to the Border Campground. The geese are

suggesting to me that the February climate in the south is so bad, it's sending the clueless birds migrating to the blossoming north.

Sign No. 2. I pick up *The Record* and scan the classified section. My eyes widen as I discover a few Stanstead residents are scheduling a multi-family yard sale at Alex's Garage on Dufferin Street — in February! Maybe I'll finally get a chance to buy a coveted gas barbecue I've longed for. I just might be flipping hamburgers by Saint Valentine's Day.

Sign No. 3. The good ol' boys from the Quebec roads department are filling in the potholes at the intersection of Autoroute 55 and Boulevard Notre-Dame in the Rock Island sector of Stanstead. Those three-inch deep craters everyone's been dodging all winter are finally getting filled.

If they are doing this in February, it must be because the road crews are expecting an early spring thaw. The ground frost must be finally leaving the pavement so no more potholes can occur. Or else, there's a shortage of shock absorbers and car suspension parts in Quebec.

Sign No. 4. I run into an acquaintance at the Petro-T gas station who winters in Florida from late October until mid April. Curious to know why he's back in Stanstead in February, he admits that he had to wear thermal underwear in unseasonable Daytona Beach.

And here he is, standing before me in a NASCAR T-shirt and Bermuda shorts.

Sign No. 5. I drive by and stop at the Beliveau & Comeau auto dealership on Railroad Street in Stanstead. Local taxi drivers JP and Serge are standing outside the garage next to a huge stack of rubber. They are doing a publicity promotion for the new summer tire called the Super Humidified Action Traction Tire (SHATT). The tires are said to be the new wave for motorists who must adapt to summer driving on perilous gravel roads and crumbling side streets. JP then demonstrates the installed SHATTs on his taxi by doing donuts in the dealership parking lot while Serge unsuccessfully tries to flatten the puncture-proof tires with a meat cleaver.

Sign No. 6. I drive to the outdoor skating rink at the end of Park Street and notice the lights are on that illuminate the ballpark at the Stanstead Sports Complex. I discover that the Stanstead Men's Softball League is conducting night-time spring training for all ball players. They are holding batting practice, infield drills and 10-yard sprints — on the frozen tundra of the ballfield.

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Have your cake and eat it, too

Ethical investing

By Wendy McLellan
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

With concerns about climate change and the health of the environment making front-page news, Canadians are increasingly interested in how they can use their money to make a difference.

It may be buying locally grown food or drinking organic coffee

And for people with retirement savings, the idea of socially responsible investing is becoming as mainstream as recycling newspapers.

Socially-responsible investments — SRIs — used to be a niche for people willing to sacrifice some returns in order to put their RRSP money into mutual funds that examined certain ethical considerations before making investments.

Today, not only are SRI funds widely supported by mainstream investors, many of the mutual funds are earning the same returns as traditional funds — and in some cases exceeding them.

"The concept is investing based on values," said Dermot Foley, vice-president of Inhance Investment Management, an SRI mutual-fund company and a subsidiary of Vancity credit union. The company also manages Vancity's new SRI Circadian Funds.

"There is such a high level of awareness about environmental issues and climate change — these things have the potential to impact everyone's portfolio."

Unused RRSPs

Canadians will contribute an estimated \$33 billion to their RRSPs in the 2006 tax year, but there's nearly half a trillion dollars they were eligible to contribute but didn't.

That buildup of unused RRSP room is a "concern," CIBC World Markets said in a report that warns millions of Canadian households will be dependent on the public pension system in their retirement. While the growth in RRSP contributions was strong, only 38 per cent of Canadians aged 25 to 64 contributed to RRSPs in the 2005 tax year, it said. And nearly 90 per cent hadn't contributed all they were allowed.

Further, and despite the growth in incomes, the size of RRSP contributions has hardly increased at all, it said. Even among those aged 55 to 65, the median was only \$60,000, an amount that would generate interest payments of only a few thousand dollars a year, it said.

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SRI-fund companies look at the qualities of the companies they're investing in based on environmental or social issues, depending on the fund. Some funds consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices to determine whether they will invest in companies. For example, companies that have clear disclosure policies or goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions may be considered for investment even though they may be part of the oil-and-gas industry.

A small new group of funds take a more active role — called stakeholder advocacy or activism — with companies they have invested in, filing shareholder resolutions at annual meetings to ensure organizations are following their ESG goals.

As for returns, the Jantzi Social Index, which is modelled after the TSX 60, monitors the performance of selected SRI funds and regularly outperforms companies listed on the major Canadian composite indexes.

"That's the best evidence there is no penalty for this type of investment," Foley said. "They used to be considered high-

risk, but now there is no more risk than with traditional funds of the same type. Unfortunately, there's a lot of misinformation about investing in SRI funds."

Elaine McHarg, senior vice-president of Vancouver-based The Ethical Fund Co., said SRI funds have been available for two decades, but they have become far more popular with investors.

"These issues are more important to Canadians than ever before, and there is more desire to effect change," McHarg said. "We all have to step up and start paying attention."

"SRIs offer sustainable investments.

"You're getting the soundness of mutual funds and you're leveraging your investment to promote change in companies."

Eugene Ellmen, executive director

of the Social Investment Organization said investors are driving the growth of socially responsible investing in Canada while advisers have been slow to embrace the funds despite their performance.

"The last few years have been dramatic," Ellmen said.

"There is a growing consciousness that investments have environmental consequences, and that you can do some good with your money."



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Fundraiser for Sunnyside cafeteria

*Dancing, wining,
and cheesing*

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
STANSTEAD

Once again, it is time for the annual Sunnyside Cafeteria fundraiser, to be held at LeBaron Hall at Stanstead College. Since the initial event three years ago, this wine & cheese, followed by a dance, has become a favorite event of local residents.

People get a chance to support the efforts of the school cafeteria staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to serve a delicious and wholesome lunch to local children. It also gives folks an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy an evening of socializing with friends, both new and old.

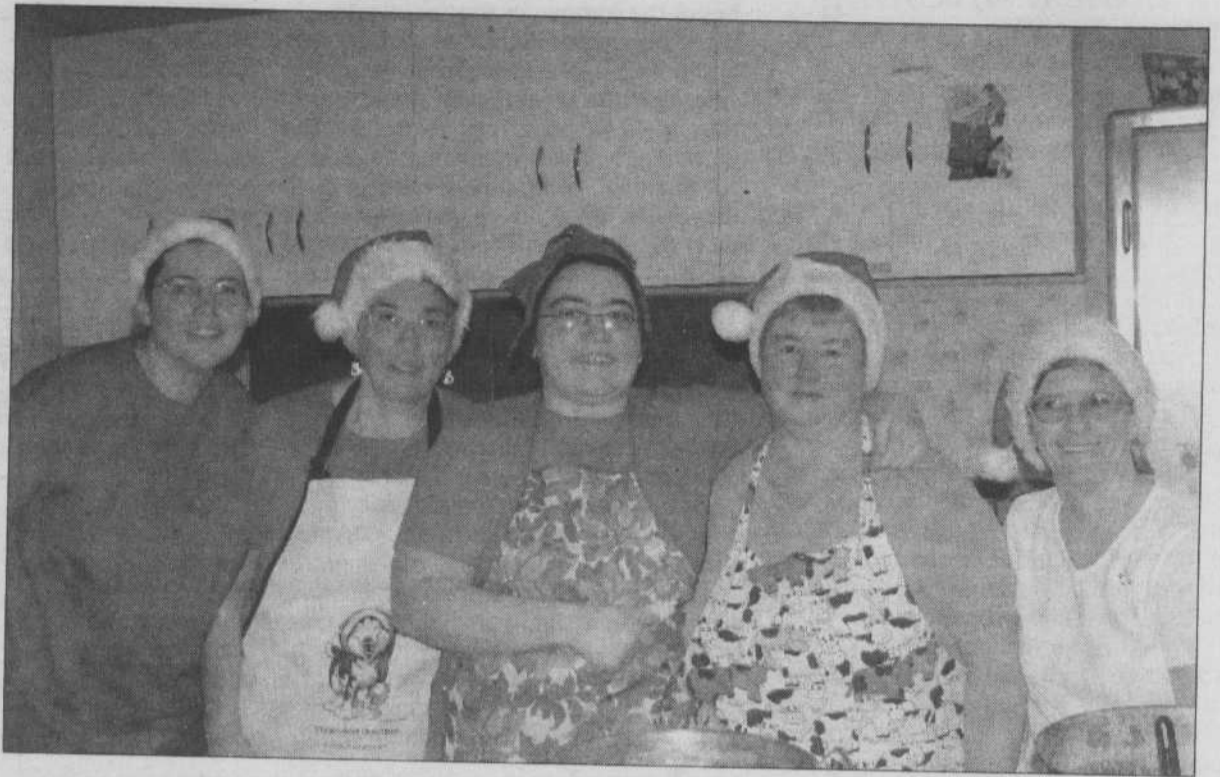
"This event is being put on by the governing board of Sunnyside School," said David Carruthers.

"Lydia Wallace and Marjorie Sargent have joined forces with Chairman Kelly MacLeod, Amy Wolfe and myself to try to make this a good year for Sunnyside students and faculty.

"We are pleased to have Brian Curtis [and] Slightly Haggard back to play for us this year. Everyone was very pleased with their performance last year. It also is great to see more businesses coming out to support us this year, buying tables for their employees."

The tasks before the governing board involve more than fundraising. They also include planning activities throughout the year which are not only fun for the kids but also serve to strengthen the bond between teacher and student.

The governing committee has put together an extra special door prize in recognition of this special time of the year, Valentine's. The wine & cheese portion of the event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with music and dancing continuing until 1 a.m. There will be a bar on the premises. Admission for the entire evening is \$15, with a \$7 cover charge for the dance only.



Sunnyside's chief cook Linda Belanger and her special group of Santa's elves were all smiles as they served turkey dinner, with all the fixins, to the kids at Christmas time.

NANCY NOURSE

RECYCLING:

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this request and passed a resolution to send a letter to Sansfaçon telling him to remove such items from the department vehicles as soon as possible.

The town will purchase 360-litre recycling containers for all citizens of Stanstead. It was decided that the most reasonable way to do this would be to enter into an agreement with Ogden, Canton de Stanstead and Hatley to be able to make this purchase at a much lower rate. The cost of delivering these containers either door-to-door or to a central location is to be included in the price that will be charged to individual property owners. Councillor Matthew Farfan brought up that some people have already purchased containers of the type that the town would be getting and asked if they would be expected to purchase another one.

Farfan was told that if the town is made aware of this fact and the container is the same colour as the 'official' ones, the resident will not be held responsible for paying a second one. As to the fact that the container must be the same colour, director general Dussault explained that this is important because each colour represents something different (in terms of contents).

According to Farfan, council hopes to offer the containers somewhere between \$75 and \$100 each.

ALSO, Councillor Farfan, who helped coordinate the first annual reception for Stanstead's new Welcome Policy (involving aid to new residents and new parents), requested a change in the original wording of the policy, adding a clause stating that applying for the New Baby Category should refer to a child born during the year in question, to parents residing within the Stanstead area.

This change was made to eliminate any confusion and disappointment on the part of the new parents.

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Manning shakes loser tag with Super Bowl win

A look at definitions

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Once had the privilege of meeting Dickie Moore, the great Montreal Canadian Hall of Famer, and we became involved in an interesting conversation on the subject of winning.

Moore certainly knew what he was talking about; the Montreal native had a reputation as one of the top athletes when a game was on the line; he was a player who would not accept defeat. It was Moore's contention that an athlete could not be considered great if he didn't win a championship.

While his arguments certainly had plenty of merit, I felt that in team sports it takes more than one great player to win a title. I brought up the case of baseball legend Ernie Banks, whose

magnificent career as a slugging shortstop/first baseman was belied by the fact that he played his entire career with the woefully inept Chicago Cubs. No matter what numbers Banks produced, it was never enough for the Cubs to advance to the World Series.

Moore agreed that Banks had an outstanding career, but Moore still wouldn't consider the shortstop a winner. In today's society winning — and conversely, losing — defines who we are and what we were and will become.

Society looks admirably on those who achieve, often turning a blind eye to how the success is achieved. "He/she is a winner" is high praise indeed and a reputation earned early on in one's career may last a lifetime. But often we overlook the real meaning of the word.

I thought of my conversation with Moore when I read all the glowing reports on quarterback Peyton Manning,

who directed the Indianapolis Colts to Sunday's Super Bowl championship. In doing so, he removed the tag of loser from his resume — a tag that dogged him despite the fact

that he had been one of the game's most dominant signal callers since he joined the National Football League.

Manning's career-long quest for a championship ended with an efficient performance against the Chicago Bears that earned him a Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award to be added to his already long list of achievements.

The two-time NFL MVP was 25 of 38, for 247 yards and a touchdown pass as he rallied the Colts to a 29-17 victory.

Showing the poise and class that has typified his professional career, Manning refused to gloat one bit after proving all his critics wrong.

"I've not played that game, and I'm not going to play that game now," Manning said. "It's great that we got this as a team."

For more than a decade Manning heard detractors follow their acknowledgments of his greatness with this: "Where's the ring?"

"He's done it, he's gotten it behind him," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "I don't think there's anything you can say now, other than this guy is a Hall of Fame player and one of the greatest players to ever play the game."

The doubts started when Manning was in college at Tennessee. He never beat rival Florida, and the year after he

left, the Volunteers won a national championship.

In Indianapolis, fans continued to question his ability to win the big game. After dropping his first three games as a pro, the questions intensified.

Other successful quarterbacks — Jim Kelly, Dan Marino, Fran Tarkenton and former Edmonton Eskimo great Warren Moon — were also tagged losers after failing to win a Super Bowl. Never mind they were better than 90 per cent of their competitors, their teams came up short in the big game.

"I wanted this team to win a Super Bowl," Manning said. "To me, that's always what this was about. We finally learned from some of those losses, and we became a better team for it. It's great to cap this off with a championship."

Manning wasn't the only Colt shedding his old tag Sunday.

Coach Dungy had led Tampa Bay to the NFC championship and lost. He had guided the Colts to the AFC title game in 2003, too, and was called too nice to win a Super Bowl.

Team president Bill Polian was the architect of Buffalo's four straight Super Bowl teams — all losses.

But it was Manning who heard the

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Jacques named new head coach of Extreme

Replaces René Carpentier

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Sherbrooke Extreme director general Michael Innes announced Tuesday that Stephane Jacques has been named the new head coach of the junior lacrosse team.

The announcement came less than a week following the sudden departure of head coach René Carpentier. Innes stated that Carpentier's decision to give up his coaching duties was a mutual decision and he thanked the veteran coach for directing the club to a provincial title and a berth in the Founder's Cup in his only season as head coach.

Jacques, who coached the Sherbrooke bantam team for the past two years, literally grew up with lacrosse and is credited with helping reviving the sport four years ago. He was a key player on a very good Sherbrooke Olympiques junior team in the 1980s and resumed his playing career with the renaissance of the Quebec Senior League in 2002 with the Windsor Eagles and later the St-Eustache Diablos.

Jacques, along with Damien and Ghislain Roy, was instrumental in founding the Sherbrooke Lacrosse Association in 2003 and developing its grassroots programs.

"We have hired a person whose has outstanding leadership qualities and who will help the Extreme maintain its high standards in the Quebec Junior Lacrosse league [and] who has the ability to teach our players," Innes said.

The high standards Innes was referring to include two provincial titles in 2006 and 2004 and a league finalist in 2003.

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Snow, last 24 hrs (inches): 1
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Open trails: 12/16

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 37
Open trails: 30/56

MONTJOYE
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 26
Open trails: 29/31

OWL'S HEAD
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 23
Open trails: 39/44

BURKE (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 11
Open trails: 37/45

SKI BROMONT
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 1
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 13
Open trails: 59/104

SUTTON
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 1
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 25
Open trails: 53/53

MONT SHEFFORD
Closed for the season.

Preparing for a marathon?

A look at the latest diet fads

By Jenny Lee
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Gotta get fit. Gotta lose weight. The two goals often go hand in hand. Here's a look at some "healthy" diets that are trendy right now, and a handful of sports nutrition tips to accompany your marathon training program.

Here we go.

The low-carb diet is passé. Wheat and dairy elimination is the new cool thing.

But unless you have been medically assessed and show symptoms such as diarrhea and mucus buildup, cutting two of the four food groups makes little sense, says registered sport dietitian Jennifer Gibson of SportMedBC's Total Sport Nutrition Program.

"Be very leery of blood tests for food allergies," Gibson warns. "The tests are unregulated, and there's a lot of variability in test results and the ability of people administering those tests."

One lab might tell you you're allergic to watermelon, wheat and dairy, for example, while another reports beef, barley, apples and pear, Gibson says.

If you decide to eliminate dairy, replace the calcium in your diet to avoid bone health issues.

If you eliminate wheat products, which are a great source of fibre and B vitamins (B vitamins are responsible for energy production in your body), you could end up constipated and with low energy levels. If you quit eating wheat, be sure to eat other grains.

Reducing baked goods can be a good thing, but remember to keep variety in your diet.

Many organic and wheat-free grain products are unfortified, so check your iron, calcium, vitamin D and B levels. Shortages could lead to lacklustre hair, dry skin, brittle nails and bone health issues, Gibson says.

Detox Diets

"Detoxification" diets claim benefits such as purging contaminants, revitalizing the skin and strengthening immunity. They generally involve extreme food restriction such as drinking only juice and water for a weekend.

You will lose weight because detox diets amount to willful starvation, but the weight loss tends to be short term. The shock of the diet may send your body into protective mode and slow your metabolism.

"In many cases, people become constipated," Gibson says. "They're putting their bowels on rest for a week and then when they eat food again, the bowels are taken aback."

"The best way to detox your diet is to eliminate highly processed foods, lots of trans fat or artificial ingredients."

Eating only 'healthy' food

This tactic involves cutting out all the foods you enjoy or deem "bad." The definition of bad varies. Some folks try to live on lettuce and fruit alone.

"People who dramatically change their diets and take away all foods they enjoy are setting themselves up to fail," Gibson says. Drastic deprivation creates desperate cravings. What seems healthy may not always be your best bet. For instance, a carrot muffin may contain double the calories as a chocolate donut.

Some coffee shop scones and muffins contain 800 calories — as much as two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, milk and an apple; or a six-inch submarine sandwich with yogurt and juice.

At the same time, eating only healthy food won't make you lose weight. You still have to cut calories and "it doesn't matter if those calories are coming from salads or Big Macs," Gibson says.

Finally, deprivation tends to slow your body's metabolism. "I see this with a lot of people," Gibson says.

Training and Eating Tips

- Do not starve yourself before training. Running on empty can lead to extreme fatigue, muscle cramping, injury and poor performance.

- Create change in small bites. Extreme change may seem easier, but the key to long-term weight loss is consistency.

- An hour or so before and after training, snack on something high in carbohydrates and low in fat with a little protein. Good snacks: a low-fat granola bar with water; a lean meat sandwich with fruit; chocolate milk and a banana; a peanut butter and jam sandwich.

- Drink about two cups of water before exercise, take three or four gulps during training, and down several more cups afterwards.

- If you're going for coffee after training, drink your water before you leave for coffee. Good coffee shop snacks are a whole-wheat bagel with peanut butter and fruit; a fruit salad and a yogurt; a latte with skim or low fat milk; or a fruit salad and latte.

- Take it easy with supplements and sport products

which are often pricey and over processed.

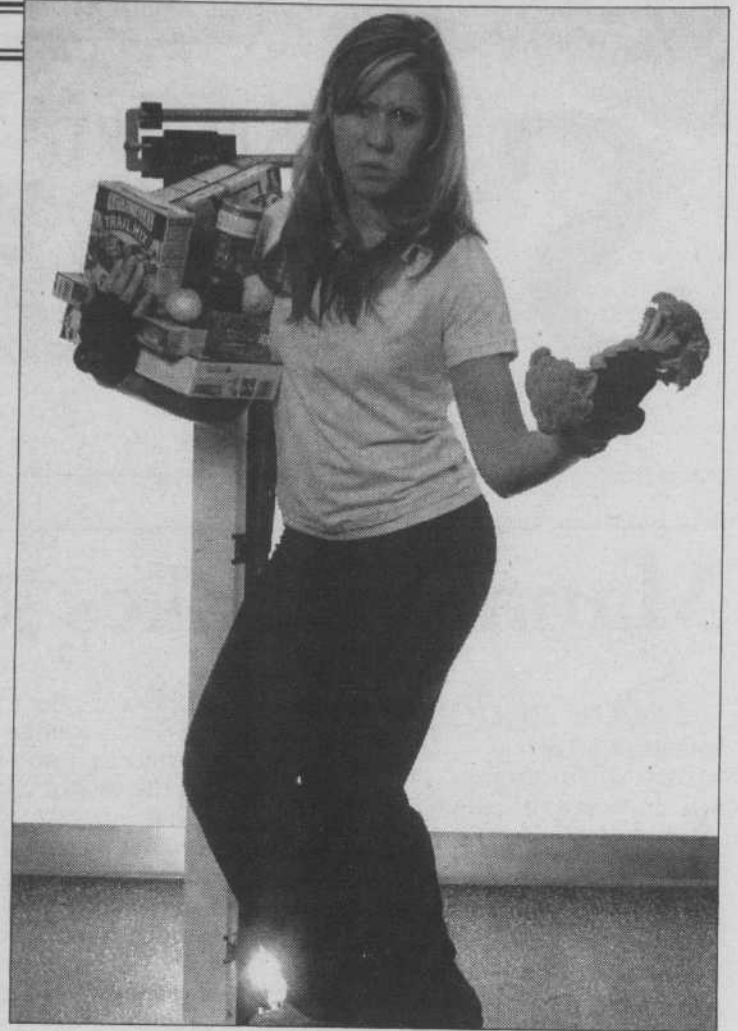
"You can get the same performance enhancement from a sport gel and gummy bears," Gibson says. "A scoop of protein powder has the same amount of protein as half a can of tuna."

A can of lentil soup gives you the same carbs and protein as a scoop of meal-replacement powder, and a fruit leather bar does the same job as a high-carb bar, Gibson says.

- Serious athletes should ensure they're getting enough carbohydrates for post-exercise recovery. Aim for one gram of carbohydrates per kilogram of body weight within 30 minutes of a run. Monitor hydration by weighing yourself before and after a run. Replace each pound lost in sweat with two cups of water.

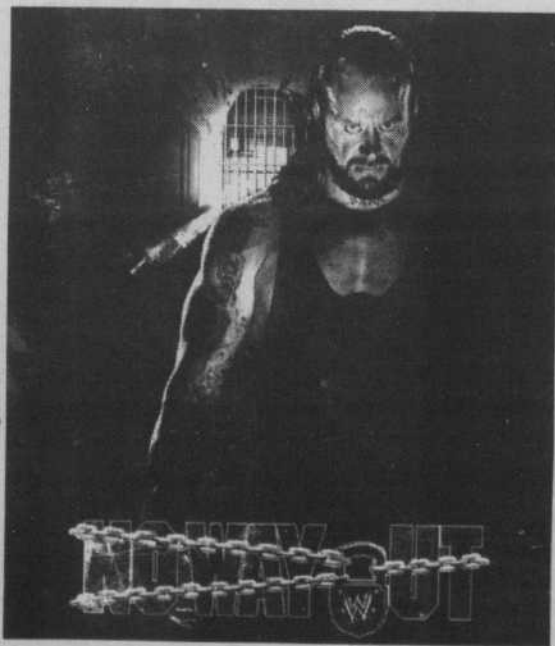
If you're training for more than an hour, prehydrate with a sport drink, then take three or four gulps every 15 to 20 minutes from onset of exercise. Alternatively, mix your own sport drink: half juice, half water and a pinch of table salt.

"It doesn't have the potassium, but everything else is there," Gibson says.



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Dietician Jennifer Gibson says you should not starve yourself before training. The best way to detox your diet is to eliminate highly



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MANNING:

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criticism more than anyone else. "I love this being a team win, because that's what we've done all season," he said. "We just kept chipping away at it and getting some points."

As a result, Manning cemented his reputation as one of the game's greatest quarterbacks, a rep he deserved regardless of Sunday's outcome.

Still, with all due respect to Dickie Moore, I can help but think of Peyton's old man, Archie. The elder Manning was a great quarterback who played for the dismal New Orleans Saints. The Saints were never champions but that didn't stop Archie from being a winner. A person doesn't always need a big ring to be a winner.

St. Luke's Church, Magog, hosts bilingual unity service

St. Luke's Anglican Church, Magog hosted the 2007 Service of "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" on Sunday, January 21 for the Christian Community of Magog with parishioners from Eglise St-Patrice, St. Paul's United Church and St. Luke's Church attending.

Participating were clergy, organist, choir members, readers and parishioners from the Roman Catholic, United and Anglican communities.

Following the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all at the Parish Hall consisting of homemade sweets and coffee.

As the origins for the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are found in the experience of the Christian communities in the South African region of Umlazi, near Durban, who have undergone great suffering. The biggest challenge in the informal settlements and townships, however is HIV/AIDS.

There was a free-will offering and this will be forwarded to "Life without Aids" Fund, c/o The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

The Parish of St. Luke's thanks everyone for their participation and financial contribution.

Linda Comeau

Military Whist night at Knowlton Oddfellows Hall

Jan. 30, the "Whist" game tonight was put on by the "Dove Theta Rho" girls #3. Once again the girls did a fine job of running the game. There were 17 tables playing. Table #5 was the winning table with 46 flags, the players were capt. Alice Mullarky, Jeanie and Larry Royea, and Lionel Foster (there must be some mistake). Well done, Jean and Alice. Prize #2 went to table #13 for 44 flags, to Yvette McElreavy, Doug Talbot, Natalie Bilodeau and Earl Whitehouse. The Booby prize was won by table #6, with 15 flags, to Capt. Nancy Page, Martha Dudley, Peggy Battley and Arthur Hall.

Door prizes were won by Russell Lawrence, Jean Scott, Muriel Whitehead, Lionel Foster, June Call, Doreen McPherson, Louise Lowry, Peggy Battley, Doris Wilson, Eva Page, Ethan Perkins, Don Page, Yvette McElreavy, Sylvia Lefebvre, Ruth Cornish, Nancy Page, Pat Benoit, Marcel Premont, J.B. Mayau, Catherine Russell, Bruce McPherson, J.P. St-Pierre, Georgette St-Pierre, Helen Slactha, Nat Bilodeau, George Bailey, Rob Newell. The grocery basket went to Edna Badger (Whoopie) Ethan Perkins, Alice Mullarky, and Sylvia Lefebvre. We enjoyed a great lunch and we hope to see you all next week.

Edna Badger

Death

FULLER, Miss Elizabeth Shirley (1917-2007) - Following a courageous battle with cancer, on Monday, February 5, 2007, in her 90th year, passed away Elizabeth Fuller. Predeceased by her brothers George and Sylvanus Jr. and sister-in-law Edith, she will be sadly missed by her nieces Mary Cook and Priscilla (Ken), her great-nieces Roxanne (Kevin), Sarah and Cindy, her dear friends Lorraine Cook, Wesley Allnutt and Martha Dudley, numerous other relatives friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Quebec, J2K 2N5. Tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, info@desourdywilson.com where family and friends may visit on Thursday, February 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral service from the Church of the Ascension in West Brome will be on Friday, February 9 at 2 p.m. Please note: on Friday, day of service, everyone is invited to go directly to the church. As per her wishes, the service will be followed by cremation and the burial of the ashes will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the SPCA, 178 ch. du Vide, Ste-Angèle de Monnoir, QC. J0L 1P0 or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated (Forms available at the funeral home). The family wishes to thank the personnel at Knowlton House for the loving and professional care and the compassion shown Elizabeth for the past several weeks and also a very special thanks to Janet "There are angels among us."



GALLUP, Ruby Susie - Born August 15, 1915, passed away in Asbestos Hospital on February 6, 2007 and surrounded by family. Leaving behind her son Willard; her three nieces Susie, Sheila, Shirley; her three grandchildren; her great-nieces and nephews. Her life was full of family and memories, she will be long remembered and missed. A service will be held Friday, February 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cooperative Funeraire de l'Estrie, 240 rue Roi, Asbestos.

Death



GREVATT, Mrs. Camellia (nee Masseau) (1939-2007) - After struggling with her illness, on January 27, 2007, she passed away at the age of 68, Camellia Masseau, beloved wife of the late Harold Grevatt. She leaves to mourn her daughters: Lynn (Glenn Allen), Janet (Mark Berger), her three step-grandchildren: Elizabeth Berger, Krystal Berger, Mathieu Berger, her brothers, Melburn (Fern), Ronnie (Leslie), Charles (Johanna), nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. Family members shall receive condolences at the Joseph Dion & Sons Funeral Home, 215 River Street, Bedford, QC. J0J 1A0 Tel.: 450-248-2911. Saturday, February 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A service in her memory shall take place at the funeral home at 2:00 p.m. the same day. In lieu of flowers, donations to the BMP Hospital foundation would be greatly appreciated. Forms are available at the funeral home or you may go directly to the following address: www.bmpfoundation.ca

Death



PRINCE, Mr. Jean-Paul - Passed away at Hôtel-Dieu CHUS Hospital on February 6, 2007 at the age of 75 year and 5 month. Beloved husband of Helen Kenalty from Sherbrooke. Besides his wife Helen, Mr. Prince leaves to mourn his children: Louise (Bobby Mercier), Madeleine (Clément Blais), Johanne, Jean (Anne Letendre), Nathalie (Pierre Grondin), his grandchildren: Valérie, Pascale, Évelyne, Vincent, Roxanne, Francis, Charles-David, Claudia, Frédérique, Didier, Megan, Alyson, Chloé, his brothers and sisters: Yolande (Gilles Pariseau), Yvan (Audrey Arbery), Gilberte (Michel Paul), René (Ginette Gagné), Normand (Rollande Fournier), he was also the brother of the late Rita (late Rosaire Paquette), late Suzanne (late Jacques Tessier), and late Ginette, his brothers-in-law and his sisters-in-law: June Kenalty (late Denis Moreau), late Shirley Kenalty (late Réginald Morin), late Claudette Kenalty (Lee Shoemith), as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. To respect the last wishes of Mr. Jean-Paul Prince, there will be no visitation. The funeral service entrusted to the Coopérative Funéraire de l'Estrie, 485, 24-juin St., Sherbrooke, QC. J1E 1H1. Mr. Claude Roy (Dir.), Tel.: 819-565-7646, Fax: 819-565-7844 e-mail: info@coopfuneraire.com The funeral service will be on Saturday, February 10, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Cathédrale St-Michel followed by the burial at the St-Michel cemetery. The family wishes to thank all the personnel from the Hôtel-Dieu CHUS Hospital for the loving care given to Mr. Prince. Donations in his memory to the La Maison Aube-Lumière, 220 Kennedy North Street, QC. J1E 2E7 would be appreciated by the family.

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A very "Happy 18th Birthday"
on February 6, 2007 to
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of Montreal and St. Armand

*Although you're not my real son
I have thought of you, as if you were
From Day One!
You make us so proud of you!
Keep up the good work at college.*

*Lots of love,
Ma (Debbie Corey)
and your boss (Allan)
xxx*

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

My Brother, The Fisherman

When I think back to times gone by,
When my brother was just so high.

I see him trudging along behind my
Dad, fishing rod in hand.

They would arrive at the brook,
where they would lower their rods and
stand.

Time flew by and they were gone for
hours at a time,

When they would get home, they had
several fish on their line.

This has carried on into his adult life,
As he now owns a fishing lodge with
his wife.

To be able to turn his childhood
dream into a lifetime venture,

This is something that is very worthy
of mention.

Clients can come each year as long as
they wish,

Most of them it's for the challenge of
catching the Big Fish.

Where his lodge is, on an island in
Yellowknife,

There is little to compare to the beau-
ty and peace in their life.

We have been there once and wit-
nessed it firsthand,

The beauty and challenges that meet
this fine man.

*Written and submitted by
Carol (Stretch) Roberge*

TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

AYER'S CLIFF

Valentines Brunch at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, February 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu: bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, fruit cocktail, juice, coffee and tea. All are welcome!

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY
On Sundays in February, Hatley United Church and Sunday School will worship at 9:30 a.m.; Waterville and North Hatley congregations will worship together in Waterville at 10 a.m.

SAINT-FELIX-DE-KINGSEY
A Spaghetti Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eugène-Cailé 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.

LENNOXVILLE
Valentine Tea with Mini Food and Craft Sale at St. George's Church Hall, Queen St., Lennoxville on Saturday, February 10 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fun and prizes. Sponsored by the Parish Guild. Everyone welcome.

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!

LENNOXVILLE
Massawippi Dart League annual Memorial Tournament (this year we will honour the memory of Murray Wright) on Saturday, February 17 at the A.N.A.F. "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Registration: 1:30 p.m. Starts at 2 p.m. sharp. 3 on 3 (with at least 1 woman). Open to everyone.

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.

LENNOXVILLE
Lennoxville and District Community

Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, February 13 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WATERVILLE
Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, February 27 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale S., Waterville from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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.

SHERBROOKE
The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting will be held at Hotel Le President, Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Club Speakers Committee member Judy Cassidy will present an illustrated lecture - narrative of her Travel - Joy. Topic: "Turkey Travelogue - Eclipse Chasers".

COWANSVILLE
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.

WATERLOO
Valentine 500 card party in the Legion Hall, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo on Monday, February 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Branch #77. Lunch and prizes. All welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF
500 card parties, sponsored by St. George's A.C.W., on Mondays, February 19, March 5 and 19, at the Legion on Rosedale St., Ayer's Cliff. We begin at 1:30 p.m. Prizes, Raffle, Lunch. Bring a friend. All welcome.

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!

LENNOXVILLE
Monthly Men and Ladies Auxiliary meeting at ANAF Unit 318 on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

DANVILLE
Danville Asbestos Trinity United Church Sunday will be sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone wel-

come. Admission charged.
SHERBROOKE
The Catholic Women's League monthly meeting will be held at Foyer St. Joseph on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m.
LENNOXVILLE

Lifestyle Management introductory workshop with Cathy Hamilton. Take control of your life by setting goals, healthy activities, good nutrition and self-care. Possibility of a series of 5 more workshops. Call Lennoxville & District Women's Centre to register: 819-564-6626. Where: Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, 257 Queen St., Sherbrooke. When: February 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission charged.

NORTH HATLEY
St. Barnabas Anglican Church welcomes you to their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on February 20 at the North Hatley Community Centre from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pancakes, syrup, sausages, baked beans and more. Admission charged.

STANSTEAD
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Stanstead South United Church (Rock Island). Admission charged.

BURY
Advance notice. Casserole Luncheon, followed by afternoon card party, on Friday, March 9 beginning at noon in St. Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall. For the benefit of St. Paul's Guild. Card prizes, door prizes and drawing.

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by Luis Campos

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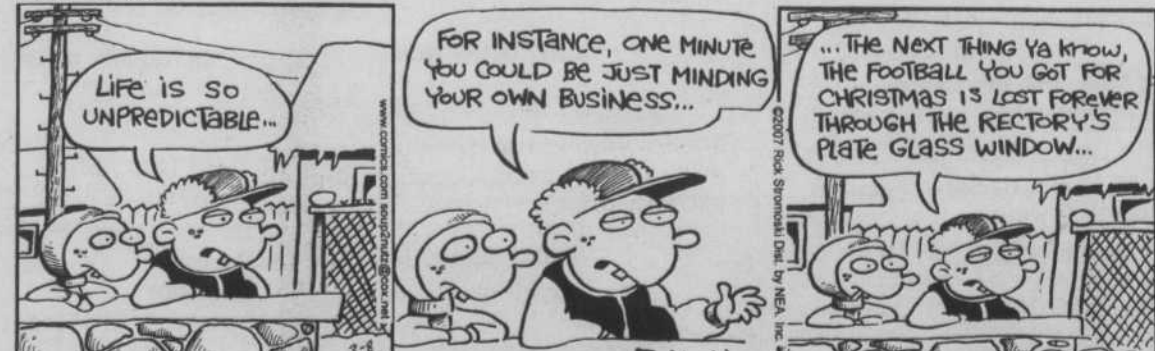
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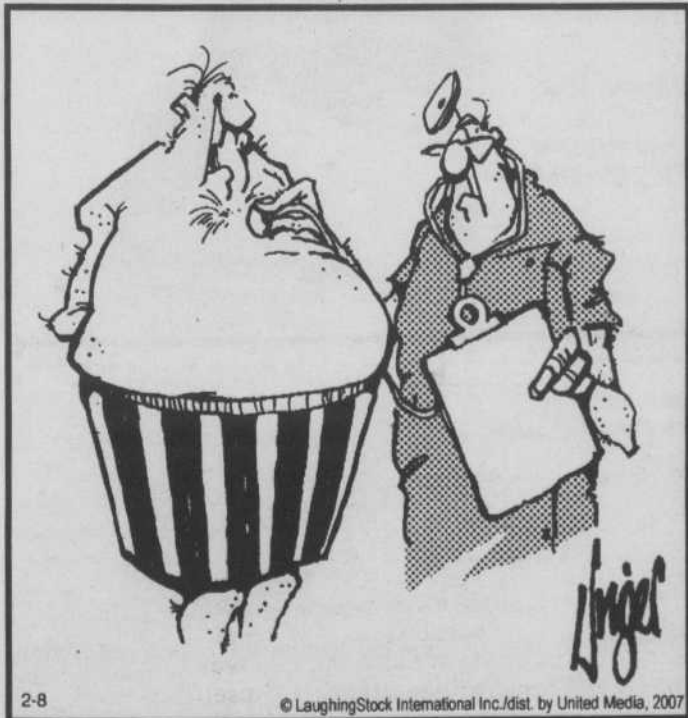
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your ego-denying qualities will enable you to identify with and help others try to solve all their problems. But if you take on too much of the world's woes, weariness is apt to set in.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A relatively harmless manifestation of daydreaming could set in and put you in a world of your own. But if you carry it too far, it could go full-scale and have you totally evading reality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Guard against putting yourself out for another to the point of jeopardizing your personal interests. It's fine to be concerned about their welfare, but be equally attentive to your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your kindness will command attention, even though you might not deliberately seek it. Be careful of your demeanor, because the impression you make could make one think you're easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — In order to achieve an important objective, it will be necessary for you to proceed in a logical, methodical manner. If you shoot from your emotions, the results won't be too good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Strive to be

tactful and diplomatic when dealing with associates, but not to the point of doing all the accommodating without good reason. Someone might perceive you as a sap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you are required to handle an important matter for another, treat it as conscientiously as you would if it were your own personal affair. You'll be judged by the interest you take in it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — While trying to be a good pal, it's best not to take sides with someone who has had a dispute with another. Once they make up, you could be held accountable for what was said.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your powers of observation could be more acute than usual. Just be sure you don't focus solely on what you like about people and ignore seeing them in totality for what they really are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be extremely careful how you manage your resources at this point in time, because all those lovely luxury items could be beckoning you in greater measure than you can afford.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be as clear as possible in your communications with others. Serious misimpressions may occur that could end up being quite confusing and disturbing in your life and difficult to unwind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your sense of values may be more spiritual and idealized, which are high principles to hold. Take care you don't become careless with your possessions in the process.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007

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Opening lead: ♣ Q			

red stoplight. ... The truly wise person is colorblind."

Most bridge players are optimists, always assuming suits will split favorably and finesses will work half the time — and they are right far too often. But every now and then, the pessimist will get the good result that his careful play deserves — as in this deal.

You are South, in three no-trump. West leads the club queen to your king. What is your plan?

West is a tad light for a takeout double, but his distribution is perfect. North should not let West's double affect his response. And although three diamonds would not be "wrong," South is justified in rebidding two no-trump.

Many players would cash the diamond ace at trick two — then grumble at great length about their bad luck.

Given West's double, it is optimistic to hope for a 2-2 or 3-1 diamond break. Be a pessimist and worry about a 4-0 split.

At trick two, lead the diamond nine (or eight) from your hand. Presumably East will win and return a club. You take that, cross to dummy in either major, and call for a diamond. If East plays low, you win with your eight (or nine) and claim. Alternatively, if East puts up a diamond honor, you win, return to dummy in the other major, and play a diamond to your eight (or nine), again taking nine tricks.

In this deal, the pessimist optimistically hopes for a 4-0 diamond division, because then his careful play will be necessary.

Are you a pessimist or an optimist?

By Phillip Alder

Albert Schweitzer said, "An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while a pessimist sees only the

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- 26 Shoshone
- 28 Move slightly
- 29 Refusing to listen
- 30 Email opinion letters
- 32 Subside
- 33 Carolina university
- 34 Hold your horses!
- 37 Rink surface
- 38 ___ so fast!
- 39 H'wood industry
- 40 Munich's river
- 41 Tubb and Truex

- 42 Don't move!
- 43 Kingdom founded by St. Stephen
- 44 Informal alliance
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65 To this day

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- 2 Bureaucratic VIP
- 3 Promising
- 4 Stew server
- 5 Surrounded by
- 6 Ripple
- 7 Totally disinfect
- 8 Pay
- 9 Intensely eager
- 10 Chimney passage
- 11 Highly productive
- 12 Upscale '60s Ford
- 13 Curvy path
- 18 Greek Aurora
- 21 Put on
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By Victor Fleming
Little Rock, AR

2/8/07

Your wife is an exhibitionist

Dear Annie: I am 34, and my wife is 24. We've been married

Annie's Mailbox

for two years, and I am the happiest man alive. She is everything you could ask for in a wife and lover, except for one thing.

My wife is a nudist. We have a rather private backyard and a pool, so she just hops in the pool in the buff with never a concern that someone might see her. I had only met her family on two occasions before we wed, but when they came to visit, they all went swimming in the nude (her father, mother and brother). I was somewhat taken aback, but figured, "when in Rome."

However, a UPS driver delivered a package the other day, and my wife answered the door wearing panties and an open blouse. She wasn't wearing a bra, and she has a fabulous figure. When I said this was a little inappropriate, her answer was, "He's old enough to be my father."

Last week, she called me at work and asked if I could come home early as she wanted me to meet her brother's best friend. When I got home, they were all swimming in the nude. When my wife got out of the pool, I can tell you that her brother's friend was not looking at her like a sister.

I don't think she is promiscuous, but how can she treat her body so trivially? She has an advanced degree, a wonderful job and is very religious. Am I just an old fogey? — Bradenton, Fla.

Dear Bradenton: Not at all. Your wife may be a nudist, but she is also an exhibitionist. She enjoys going without clothes and likes others to see her that way. Insist, as a sign of respect for you, that she cover up when non-relatives are present, especially when she answers the door, for heaven's sake. She could get into serious trouble doing that, no matter how old the deliveryman is.

Dear Annie: My sister's best friend died last spring. My sister has known the best friend's live-in boyfriend for 15 years. In September, they took a trip together, and by October, they were engaged. They married in Hawaii two weeks ago, but don't plan to live together for nearly a year, because they each have their own home and it will take time to consolidate living quarters. Once that's done, they will have a reception for family and friends.

This is her second marriage and his first. Both of them are in their 50s. What is the protocol as to gifts? — Perplexed Sister

Dear Perplexed: The same as for any other newlyweds, regardless of their living circumstances — you wish them well and send a gift. If their combined homes mean they don't need anything, you can send a bottle of wine, a gift certificate to a restaurant or theater, a donation to their favorite charity or anything else you think they might enjoy.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Wishing I Never Had an Office Pomance" was dead wrong. She made a terrible mistake by divorcing her husband and marrying "Hal," who has been ill, but now she wants to be back with her ex. She has 18 years and some children invested in her ex-husband and only two years with Hal. I believe she owes her family much more than she owes her new husband. I also think her ex would respect her if she corrects her mistake while she has the chance, rather than live to be a miserable old woman knowing she let her family get away. Hal will survive. — Believe in Forgiveness and Family

Dear Believe: You weren't the only reader who disagreed, but we think this woman needs to grow up and take responsibility for her decisions. She shouldn't toss away her current marriage vows because, oops, she changed her mind. Again. She needs to earn her way to maturity or her choices are meaningless.

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

Road test: 2007 Cadillac Escalade: For drivers who crave attention.



The Cadillac Escalade's signature grille, front fender ports and chrome announce to the world that you live large.

By Graeme Fletcher

For CanWest News Service

The Cadillac Escalade is one seriously big vehicle. Aside from its plentiful dimensions, it is the SUV's enormous presence that truly impresses — especially when equipped with a set of low-profile tires that resemble rubber bands when stretched around the optional 22-inch wheels (\$2,995).

More people did a double take at the Escalade than they would for many of the other exotics that usually sit in my driveway. It has big bling or whatever it is they say today.

Part of the reason for the interest is the Escalade's new, more integrated look. The signature grille, front fender ports and chrome announce to the world that you live large.

The other part is the way it sounds. The burbling rumble at idle is purposeful; mat the gas and the exhaust note changes to one of authority.

Lift the hood and you see why it has such a glorious tonal quality — an all-aluminum 6.2-litre V-8. Along with the mellifluous note comes a much-needed 403 horsepower and 417 pound-feet of torque. Adding variable valve timing ensures the sweetness is then spread over a broad range.

Testing pegged the zero-to-100-kilometres-an-hour run at seven seconds and the 80-to-120-km/h passing move at 6.5 seconds, both of which are very good for something that tips the scales at a monstrous 2,570 kilograms.

This power is fed to the wheels through a six-speed automatic and a good all-wheel-drive system — the box is a sweetheart and the first blast of winter did little to upset the all-wheel-drive's composure. The limited wheelspin that does surface is quickly dealt with by the all-speed traction

control system. The fact the Escalade feels like a tank adds to the reassuring sense of security.

The Escalade's most redundant feature is the automatic transmission's manual mode. Rather than nudging a lever or pulling paddles, there's a rocker switch tacked onto the column shifter. It is out of place and awkward to use and so is a complete waste of time. The tow/haul mode, on the other hand, is not. While designed to be used when pulling a trailer, it actually works when pressing on through a faster corner — it delays the upshifts and so the engine is allowed to dig a little deeper into its considerable powerband.

The other downside is the Escalade's thirst for fuel. The lowest figure to appear on the fuel economy readout was 11.1 litres per 100 km, and that was after 100 km of highway cruising at the speed limit. From here on it spiralled up to the test average of 18.4 L/100 km — ouch!

The reworked interior is also appreciably nicer than before. Here, acres of fine leather, wood trim and a whack of luxury live in complete harmony — it is a marked departure from General Motors' cobbled-together look of old. The instrumentation, for example, features white needles with blue inlays and sharp LED backlighting. The effect is stunning.

There's also a ton of equipment — as long as you're prepared to pay for it.

The tester's list of optional extras included a navigation system with an eight-inch touch screen (\$3,640), power sunroof (\$2,065), heated steering wheel (\$185), cooled front seats (\$625) and a rear-seat entertainment system (\$2,295). Considering the Escalade's \$75,830 base price, some of these items should be standard equipment. That said, these things add

enormously to the cabin's overall ambience, especially the rear entertainment system and its ability to quiet the rabble.

The Escalade's size also means it is very comfortable in all three rows of seating, which is a welcome departure from the norm. Where it doesn't differ is that, when the third row is in use, there is very little cargo space (16.9 cubic feet is average given the vehicle's dimensions). The other problem is that, with the third row folded flat, there is little in the way of a flat floor. Stuff starts off on the seat back only to slide forward and into the gap between the second- and third-row seats. Removing the seats solves this (it opens up 60.3 cu.ft.), but it is a back-straining chore.

The other major irritants are the built-in running boards. While they work just fine in fair weather (without the intermediate step, the hike up to the cabin is a stretch), the instant the weather takes a turn for the worst, the boards become massive mud/slush/salt collectors. Naturally, the crud buildup ends up all over your pant leg.

Size also means rear visibility is limited. Thankfully, there's a backup camera (\$235) and ultrasonic rear park assist with an audible warning. This pairing means you're not going to run over that Corolla you couldn't otherwise see.

A week with the Cadillac Escalade left me with two minds. On one side, I appreciated its size, enormous road presence and the fact you can look a trucker in the eye. On the other, it is a pain to park (you almost need a double slot) and its thirst for fuel is a killer. In the end, I decided to defer to my wife's summation? "suck it up, you know you love the attention." True, very true.

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