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Group gets funding to preserve biodiversity

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The Société de conservation du corridor naturel de la rivière au Saumon has received a helping hand from three major partners to preserve the rich biodiversity in and around the Salmon River.

The ecological group received \$95,000 from the Canadian government through the National Strategy for the Protection of Species at Risk program of the Canadian Wildlife Service; \$60,000 from the Fondation de la Faune du Québec's Wildlife at Risk program; as well as \$48,150 from Hydro-Québec's Foun-

dation pour l'environnement.

The Salmon River corridor pro-

ject, which was launched in the fall of 2000, aims to conserve the rich biodiversity of some 290 square kilometres of land north of Mount Orford that includes 19 lakes, a dozen rivers and streams as well as some 40 major marshes and swamps.

More than 80 per cent of the land is forested, including old stand maple bushes. Some of it is farmland.

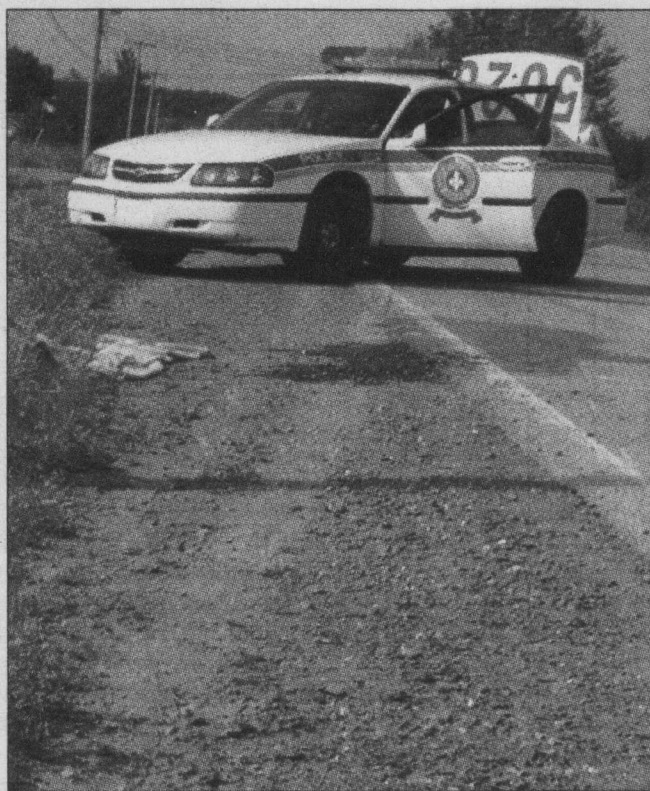
The Salmon River corridor provides habitat for a number of endangered and

threatened species including the dusky and spring salamanders, a pair of rare amphibians that could be named threatened or vulnerable species in Quebec.

The area is also rich in rare flora including wild leeks, American ginseng, and ferns that only grow on serpentine mounds too toxic for other plants to thrive. There are also scarce birds such as the precarious peregrine falcon and menaced mammals such as bobcats.

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Accident in Valcourt



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

A Valcourt woman was struck by a car and killed Tuesday in front of her home on Route 222. See Page 3 for more details.



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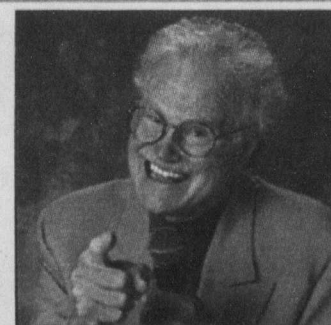
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Poland demands apology for CTV reference to concentration camp

By Mike Blanchfield

Poland has asked the Canadian government to take unspecified actions against broadcaster CTV for refusing to apologize to viewers for referring to a Nazi German concentration camp in Poland as a "Polish camp," the Ottawa Citizen has learned.

In a letter to be sent to the Foreign Affairs Department today, the Polish government asks the federal government "to take appropriate actions to ensure that the dignity of the Republic of Poland, the ally of Canada in NATO, and the Polish nation is not affected by the untrue and detrimental information spread in Canada by the media."

The letter doesn't specify what the government should do but suggests that "for the sake of good relations that have existed between our two countries" it might want to consider unspecified action through the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, which licenses broadcasters.

The letter is the latest salvo in an international dispute between the Polish government and the Canadian private broadcaster. It centres over wording in televised reports in November 2003 and April 30 about convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk, a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp, operated by Nazi Germans in occupied Poland during the Second World War.

The April 30 story referred to Demjanjuk being a guard at "the Polish camp of Treblinka."

Poland's ambassador to Canada, Pavel Dobrowolski, demanded an apology and a correction from CTV News president Robert Hurst in a May 6 letter.

"This choice of words is offensive to the Polish people and the government of Poland. The concentration camp in Treblinka was created by the Nazi Germans, who invaded and occupied Poland during the WWII," Dobrowolski wrote. "Therefore, to call the concentration camp in Treblinka 'the Polish camp of

Treblinka' is an insult to millions of Poles who sacrificed their lives in the fight against Nazi Germany."

In a May 28 letter, Hurst declined to apologize, saying the wording was not meant to insult Poles and that the context of the report made it clear that the camp was run by Nazi Germans in occupied Poland.

"We sincerely regret that you were offended and that you feel that the usage of this term is insulting to the Polish nation and to Canada," Hurst wrote.

The reference, Hurst explained, was "to denote the location of the camps, not the country or the people responsible for the same."

The Polish government is not satisfied with CTV's response and wants the government to intervene. But a spokesman with the Polish Embassy in Ottawa would not specify exactly what action the government could take against the private broadcaster.

Polish Foreign Minister Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, in a letter to the Ottawa Citizen to be published today, called on CTV to issue a public apology "in front of the same TV viewers who were exposed to this obvious insult harming not only the Poles of today but the victims of the Holocaust as well."

Hurst could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

In his letter to the Polish ambassador, Hurst wrote that although he understood his concerns "and believe in the use of precise language, we believe the term was again used in an appropriate fashion."

Cimoszewicz said that the exact words used in the report are important.

"It seems that the CTV executives are unaware that the only proper, internationally accepted and historians-verified term is 'the Nazi concentration camp in Germany-occupied Poland.'"

Demjanjuk, an 84-year-old retired autoworker, lost his U.S. citizenship bid in an Ohio appeal court in April. Demjan-

juk is in ill health, but has not exhausted his last appeal avenue, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

An Israeli court convicted him of war crimes and crimes against humanity for being a notorious gas chamber guard known as Ivan the Terrible. Demjanjuk has maintained he is the victim of mistaken identity.

Three days after Demjanjuk's court appearance, the Associated Press newswire, which covered the news development, issued a clarification over how it referred to the Treblinka camp.

"... The Associated Press referred to Poland's Treblinka death camp. The story should have specified that Poland was occupied by Nazi Germany in the Second World War, and that death camps in Polish territory were operated by the Germans," said a clarification issued May 3 on the AP wire. Some 5.5 million Poles, including more than three million Polish Jews, died during the three-year Nazi occupation of Poland during the Second World War. Six million Jews were systematically killed during the Holocaust.

—CanWest News Service

Cooking for charity



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The 10th annual Gala des Grands Chefs de l'Estrie takes place on Thursday, Sept. 16 at La Toque Rouge. The seven-course meal is a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society and features eight of the best chefs from the Eastern Townships. Jean-Patrice Fournier from Poivron Rouge, Alain Labrie from Auberge Hatley, Marco Guay from Traiteur, Patrick Laigniel from La Falaise St-Michel, Roland Ménard from Manoir Hovey, Élisabeth Merle from Chez Magali, Martine Satre from Temps des Cerises and Dominic Tremplay from Café Massawippi will cook up a delicious meal including maple smoked salmon, cold avocado cream soup with coconut and coriander and beef surloin with foie gras sauce. Tickets are \$175 and only 230 are available. The goal for the night is \$35,000. For more information, call 819-562-8869.

Weather

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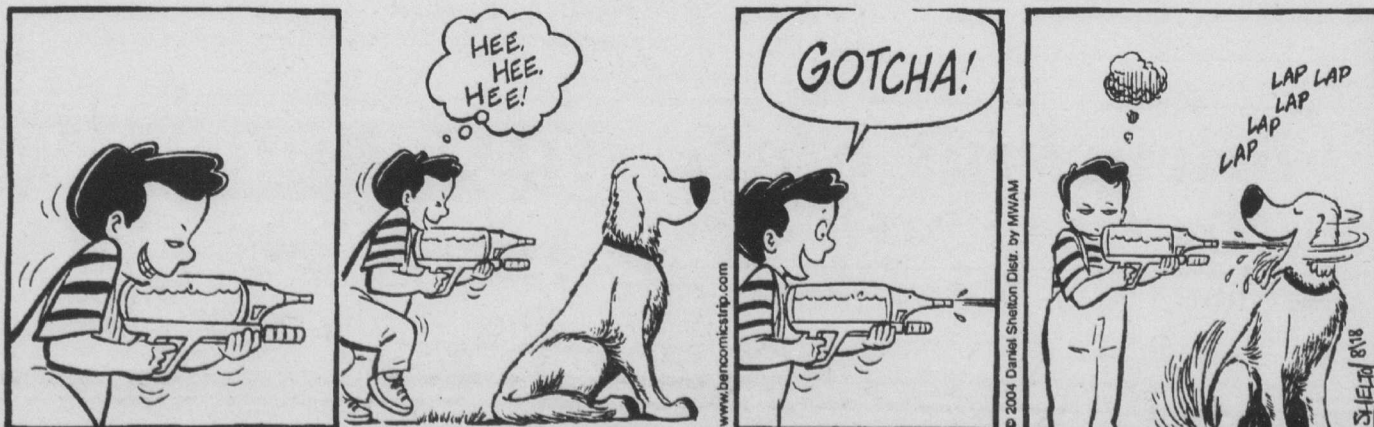
Thursday: Cloudy. Sixty per cent chance of showers. Low 16. High 23.

Friday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low 10. High 23.

Saturday: Cloudy. Sixty per cent chance of showers. Low 14. High 22.

Normals for the period: Low 10. High 23.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Accident claims life of 67-year-old woman on highway 222 near Valcourt

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
VALCOURT

Provincial police are warning rural residents to be careful when they cross a highway to get to their mailbox or they could get hit by a passing car.

Such an accident claimed the life of 67-year-old Marie-Jeanne Chagnon Tuesday afternoon on highway 222 between Valcourt and Roxton Falls.

According to Sûreté du Québec officer Louis-Philip Ruel, Chagnon was hit and killed by a car as she was crossing the highway around 1:30 p.m.

"She had just gone to get her mail from the postbox that was across the highway from where she lived," he said.

"When she crossed back, the car hit her and threw her a good distance. She died on the spot."

Ruel said the highway area where Chagnon died had a speed limit of 90

kilometers per hour. The point of impact was on a raised part of the highway.

Ruel said alcohol did not play a part in the accident.

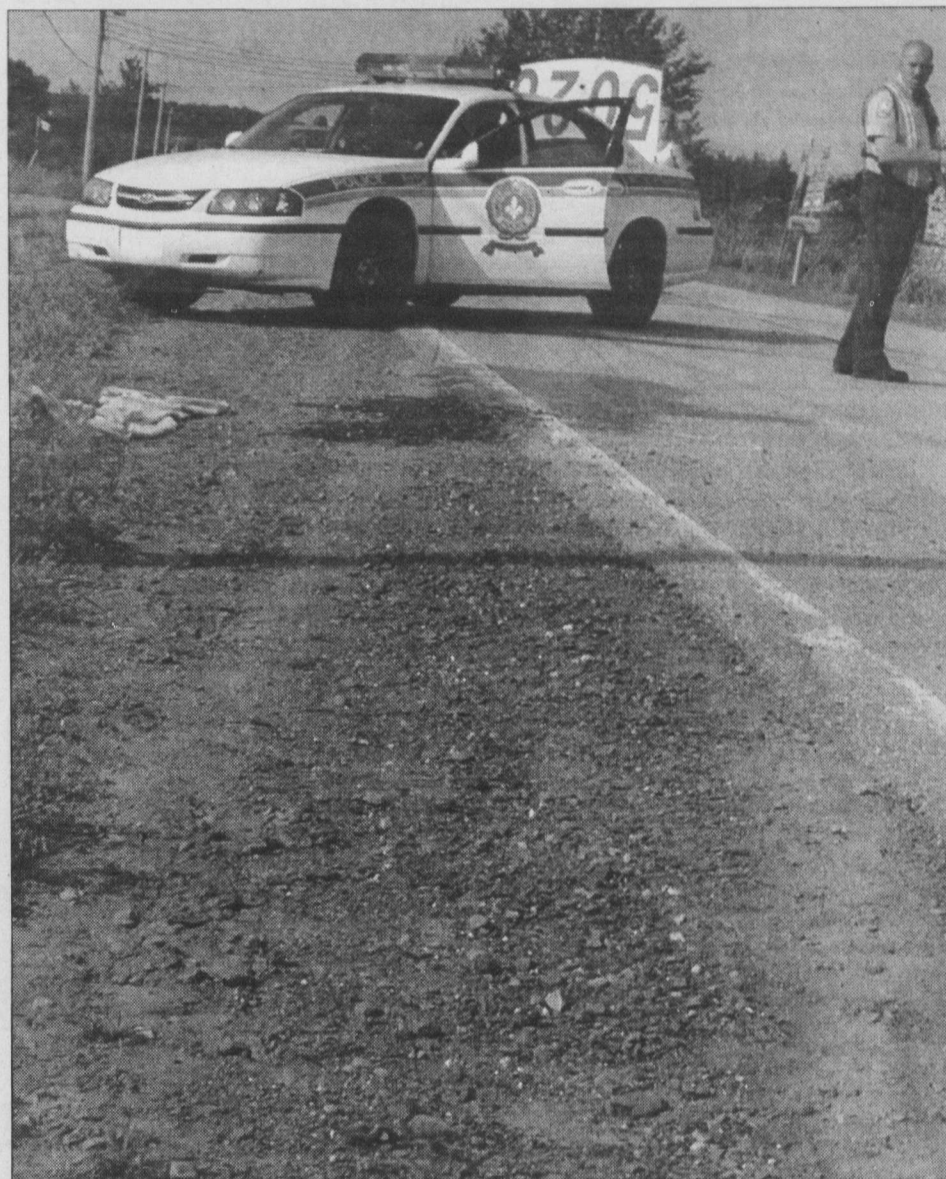
"We don't know what speed the driver was going when his car hit her, but we didn't see any skid marks before the impact, so it seems visibility may have been a problem," said Ruel.

"We have tracked the tire marks from the point of impact until the car stopped and we are calculating what speed the driver was going."

Ruel said the driver was in shock after the accident and was sent to the Granby hospital for observation.

"I'm able to give out the name of the victim now because the family was down the road in their house when she died. They were alerted immediately," he said.

"The driver's name cannot be released right away."



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL
An outline marks the spot where Marie-Jeanne Chagnon died while crossing the highway.



BRIEFS

Cops looking for body

Sherbrooke police are looking for a body two kayakers spotted in the Magog River Monday afternoon. Sûreté du Québec divers arrived on scene Tuesday afternoon to search the area near Hertel Street and Park Blanchard beach.

Sherbrooke police spent most of the day Monday and Tuesday searching the river by boat.

It was Roy

Marcel Roy's family has identified the body found Monday in the St-Lawrence river as his. Roy, a Sherbrooke resident, was presumed drowned after his sailboat collided with a freighter in the seaway last week. Sûreté du Québec divers had stopped looking for the body earlier this week.



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Cracks appear in city's accounting practices

Auditor general gives city some spending tips

By Brion Robinson

The City of Sherbrooke needs to improve its accounting practices, said Sherbrooke's auditor general François Gagnon.

Problem areas include overspending in various departments, the late collection of the so-called welcome tax, and those making purchases for the city not taking advantage of numerous discounts.

Gagnon made three main recommendations to improve city managers' spending and accounting practices.

In order to curtail overspending in some departments Gagnon recommends the city do an annual review of spending guidelines and purchasing policies.

Collection of the welcome tax for new residents is delayed by about a year

leading to shortfalls in the budget, Gagnon said.

Discount cardholders are only using their cards in less than 10 per cent of businesses offering large discounts to the city, he said. There are 1,027 places where their cards are accepted. Two thirds of city purchases were done at only 58 suppliers.

Gagnon would like to see all of his recommendations become a reality, but before the city acts upon them, they still have to go to Sherbrooke's executive council.

"I can only underline the risks," he said. "It's up to the town to make the changes."

Gagnon is responsible for auditing the city's books as well as those for various municipal corporations including the Société de transport de Sherbrooke; Corporation de développement du centre-ville de Sherbrooke; and Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières.

Gagnon released the auditor general's report Tuesday at city hall.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

François Gagnon says the city needs to clean up its act.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Josée De Guise (left to right), Claude Grondin, Marie Ferdais and Jocelyne Bastien discuss efforts to preserve habitat and species at risk in the Salmon River corridor.

ENVIRONMENT:

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To attain its conservation goals, the Salmon River group is encouraging landowners to preserve the most sensitive areas and species on their property. To help raise awareness among landowners, the Salmon River group is planning a complete inventory of species at risk and where they can be found, said Jocelyne Bastien, director of the Société de conservation du corridor naturel de la rivière

au Saumon.

"What we do is explain the importance of protecting habitat and species that are rare," she said.

The group prefers to enter into agreements with landowners because purchasing so many acres of land is unrealistic because of the cost and because landowners are often unwilling to part with their land.

"Conservation projects only work if landowners participate," commented Claude Grondin of the Fondation de la Faune du Québec. "If they didn't get involved, it would be impossible."

So far, the group has protected

some 750 acres of sensitive habitat by acquiring two strategic properties at the mouth of the river and new Lake Miller and by entering into agreements with a variety of landowners, Bastien said.

"We hope to double that for next year," she said. "In the long term the more agreements we have with landowners, the more territory that will be protected."

The group has already met with some 100 property owners and have negotiations with about a dozen of them — mainly large landowners and those with particularly sensitive habitats on their land. But Bastien said even small property owners are significant in their battle to conserve as much sensitive land as possible.

Bastien added that the Brompton Bog, which is located in the corridor, is also being protected by another group of ecologists.

"We have supported this project from the start," commented biologist Josée DeGuise from the Canadian Wildlife Service.

DeGuise explained the federal Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk allocates up to \$10 million per year to projects that protect or conserve habitats for species designated endangered, threatened or of special concern.

"Our experts determined there were clear gains to this program," commented Hydro Foundation spokeswoman Marie Ferdais.

Ferdais said the Foundation was created in 2000 to help nonprofit groups conserve sensitive areas.

"The goal is to fund projects that will have sustainable results," she said, noting the foundation has hand-

ed over some \$3.4 million to 51 projects — 11 of them in the Estrie region.

"There is a lot of dynamism among ecological groups here," she said, noting some \$750,000 of the foundation's funds went to projects from this area.

"These groups are making exceptional efforts," acknowledged Grondin, whose mandate it is to conserve wildlife habitat.

"This group has had tangible results in a short lapse of time," he added, noting that raising awareness among landowners is having significant spinoffs. He also commented that the Salmon River project, which concentrates on a specific watershed, represents the wave of the future in conservation efforts.

BRIEFS

Piggery tickets

M. Matthews of Danville and Lenore Worster of Ascot are the winners of tickets to The piggery. Congratulations from *The Record!*

Police nab break and entry suspected

The MRC Haute-Yamaska detachment of the Sûreté du Québec stopped a 24 year-old man recently for breaking the conditions of his parole. The man appeared in the Granby court house on Monday afternoon. He will be back in court Wednesday where he will face 10 break and entry charges. The crimes were committed between early June and mid August.

The stolen items reach a value of \$6,500 whereas only \$3,000 worth of merchandise has been recovered.

Magog wine festival 'trying out new things'

By Leah Fitzgerald
MAGOG

The fall harvest is a celebration of the effort men and women of the Eastern Townships put into the wine, cheese and other products produced in the region, said Abbott Dom Dominique Minier of the St-Benoit-du-Lac monastery, spokesperson for this year's Fête des Vendanges.

"Rewarding the effort of the people who create our local products brings a sense of brotherhood of the only kind that can bring a real and lasting peace," he said. "The joy of the autumn harvest is one of the most long-lasting in Quebec."

This year's edition of the festival brings together old favourites with new events. The medieval ball is back, as are the tastings, with two levels — \$15 for 12 wine tasting tickets as well as access to the tasting area, and \$5 for just access to the local products.

A children's section is new, with a chance for children to spend the afternoon learning a part in the play *Le Pirate de l'Île aux Raisins*, which the Mon Quartier theatre group puts together. The play will be performed daily during the festival, which runs from Sept. 3 to 6, and Sept. 11 and 12.

Also new this year is the Bal musette on Sept. 11, which features Quebec, Scottish and Irish folk music and lore. Admission is \$15, and local specialities will be available at an additional cost.

This year, festival goers will also receive ballots to vote on their "coup de coeur" — favourites in different cate-

gories — food, wine and artisans.

This year's director, Pauline Laruche, said that putting the festival

together is a challenge, but she hopes her small team can pull it off.

"What people liked is coming back," she said. "We're trying out new things, new kinds of exhibitors."

The festival is held each year at Magog's Point Merry on the shore of Lake Memphremagog. Magog Mayor Marc Poulin said he's glad they've come back.

"We were aware the festival had offers from other municipalities," he said. "The festival goers come to

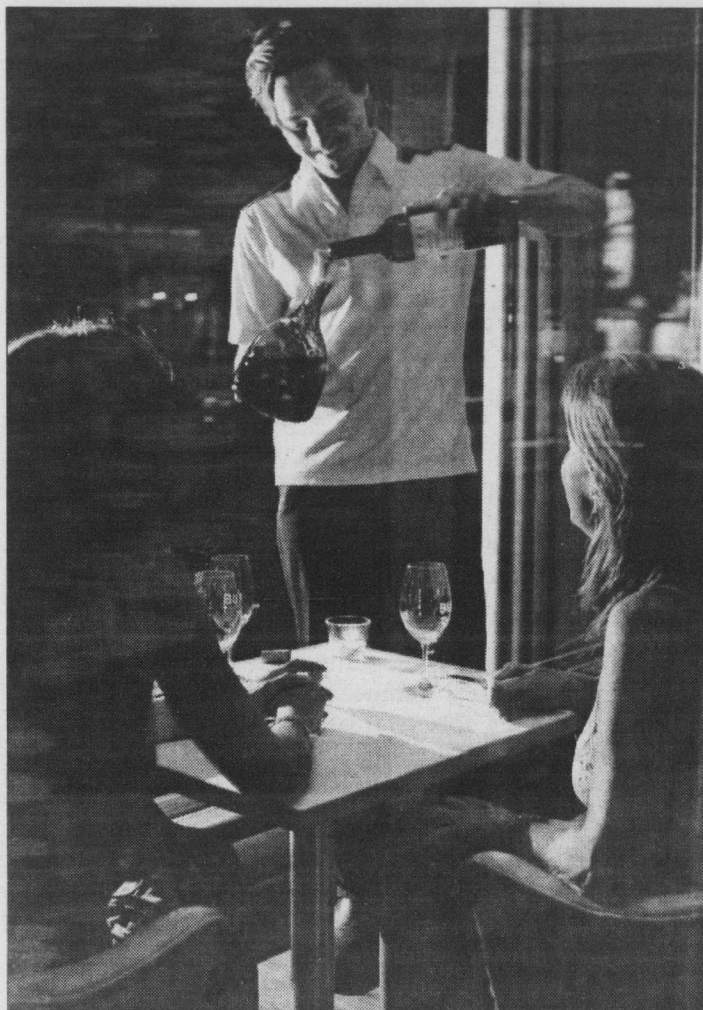
taste the local products and they benefit from this wonderful spot."

Festival goers will be able to take in presentations by chefs from inns around the Townships, as well as talks about table etiquette, talking to children about alcohol, organizing a cheese tasting, and cooking demonstrations.

Musical entertainment will also be available during the festival off-site with various locals in Magog, as well as on-site with Pierre Blais, Jean Custeau and Les Jazzeries at the Bistro SAQ, which will also host special wine and food tastings.

Tickets for the medieval ball on Sept. 3 are already on sale for \$75, with local specialities transformed by chefs from around the Townships.

For more information, check out the festival's Web site, www.fetedesvendanges.com, or call 819-847-2022.



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This year's Fête des Vendanges wine festival will run from Sept. 3 to 6, and Sept. 11 and 12 in Magog.

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Why we tend to prejudge and presume guilt

Despite centuries of being reminded of the maxim that every accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty we still tend to react as if it never existed.

As armchair judges, not only are we skilled at prejudging public figures, most of the time we find them guilty long before their trials even begin. This is particularly evident in criminal cases involving entertainment celebrities, government officials, police officers, politicians and corporate moguls.

Even in those rare instances when there is an acquittal our instinctive reaction is to say it was because of insufficient evidence, an incompetent prosecutor or biased judge.

When it comes to presuming guilt, prosecutors and police investigators are clearly in a class of their own. Irrespectively as to their level of cynicism, they tend to consider practically every accused as guilty as sin.

While defence attorneys are necessarily intent on protecting their clients from being convicted of something they didn't do, they too have a pretty good idea as to who did what, when and where.

Those who make a living defending scores of clients are well aware that the vast majority are guilty, if not of the charges, of at least an included or related offence.

This explains why they spend most of

their working days negotiating guilty plea deals with prosecutors instead of disputing the charges before the courts.

Inasmuch as judges are trained to weigh the evidence according to the beyond-reasonable-doubt rule, an acquittal hardly signifies that the accused never committed the crime. It is simply that the prosecutor failed to prove his case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Only in very rare cases will a judge go out of the way to express his conviction that an accused had nothing to do with the crime. This should come as no surprise seeing that their main function is to rule on whether the evidence proves each one of the essential elements of the criminal charge.

Even the media is not beyond reproach when it comes to presuming guilt. Whenever a public figure is at the centre of a criminal investigation there are always a few journalists who prefer to act like hounds hunting down a dangerous prey.

The more a suspect is politically or financially powerful the more the scent of blood makes them react as if they were on a mission to prove guilt. During some high profile murder investigations the coverage can be so crammed with inferences of guilt it becomes difficult to distinguish facts from allega-

tions.

While their critics accuse them of being used by the police and of lacking objectivity, the truth may be far less complicated. The fact that their sources usually consist of police investigators and prosecutors is not the only reason why their reporting often appears to favour the prosecution theory.

Having spent years working in close proximity with our justice system they know all about the inner workings of the police, prosecutors and defence attorneys. Most experienced crime reporters know a lot more about the cases and individuals they cover than what appears in their daily reports.

Many of them are privy to behind-the-scenes discussions, confidential information and leaks and as a result much of their information is considered off record. They also know that close to 90 per cent of all criminal cases end in guilty pleas and as for the remaining 10 per cent, most of them result in guilty verdicts.

Because of our constant appetite for pre-trial comments, speculations and rumours, someone must pay a price and it is usually the accused. Whenever a high profile accused is acquitted it is impossible for the media outlets to restore the person's reputation. Months if not years of pre-verdict media coverage can never be compensated by a half

page article devoted to an acquittal or a few days of television commentaries.

The O. J. Simpson verdict is a good illustration, at least for those who believe that he had nothing to do with the gruesome murders.

Why is it that outside a courtroom we tend to presume guilt, regardless of how little we know about the evidence and especially without ever observing a single witness? Beyond the fact that in presuming guilt it gives us a sense of power we also tend to trust our police and assume that if their investigations led them to a specific suspect it had to be for very good reasons. We also know that before a specific charge can be authorized, a prosecutor is supposed to evaluate the evidence in an impartial and objective manner.

As for the daily flow of media information upon which we form our judgments, we generally take it for granted that it is complete, objective and fair.

Despite our tendency to presume guilt, it doesn't follow that the presumption of innocence has no effect inside a court of law, quite the contrary. It is such a critical constitutional right, it lies at the very foundation of our criminal law.

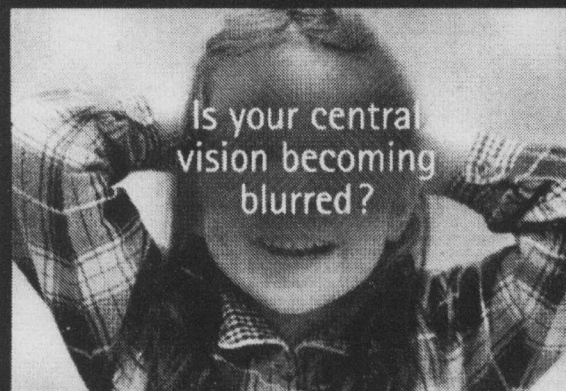
Without it, judges and jurors would be inclined to presume guilt on the premise that if the police arrested a suspect and the prosecutor authorized the charges, it had to be because they were convinced he was guilty.

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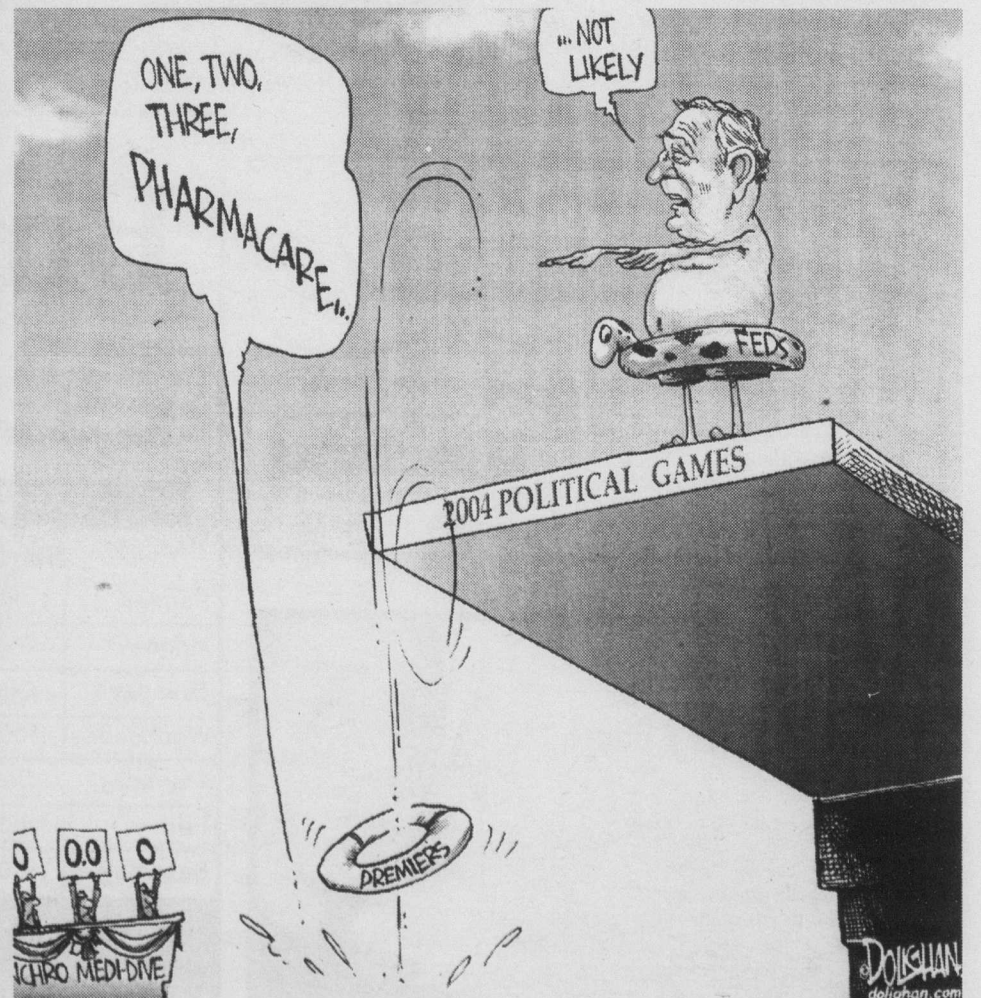
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Pension will push Ouellet's retirement income to more than \$100,000 a year

By Norma Greenaway

A pension from Canada Post will push Andre Ouellet's retirement income to well above \$100,000 a year, according to government information.

Ouellet, who quit last week as president and CEO of the Crown corporation, could collect as much as \$33,000 a year in pension benefits from Canada Post. This would put his retirement income at \$116,000 a year when combined with the pension of \$83,000 a year he will get as a former MP and cabinet minister.

The Canada Post portion of the tally is based on the formula used for the Canada Post Corporation pension plan,

which covers all employees, including Ouellet, said Shane Diaczuk, a spokesman for Revenue Minister John McCallum.

The formula for Canada Post employees involves years of service and the average salary for the employee's five highest paid years.

Canada Post officials would not disclose the value of Ouellet's pension. The corporation has always refused to divulge its top executive's exact salary on grounds the Privacy Act prohibits release of earnings and benefits of any individual.

It has acknowledged that Ouellet's salary was \$256,600 to \$301,900. As recently as February, it said the combina-

tion of his salary and bonus could be as high as \$377,000. (Bonuses, overtime and other allowances are not included in the pension calculation under Canada Post's plan.)

John Williamson, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, says he's convinced, based on available information, that Ouellet was hauling down the top salary of about \$300,000 for most of his 8 1/2 years with the Crown corporation.

But even if he was earning the lowest salary of \$256,000, his Canada Post pension would be \$28,300, bringing his total income to \$111,300, Williamson said.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation

has been a leading critic of what it calls the "gold-plated" pension plan for MPs, and the lack of transparency and accountability among Crown corporations.

In what was widely seen as a pre-emptive move, Ouellet, 65, opted to quit last Thursday rather than risk being fired following release of a scathing audit report that raised serious questions about his hiring and spending patterns.

Ouellet held half a dozen cabinet posts during his almost 30-year career as a member of Parliament from Montreal. He was appointed to Canada Post in 1996 by then prime minister Jean Chretien.

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Media necessary evil, judges advised

By Janice Tibbetts

Judges must stop being nervous nellys about dealing with the media in an age of growing public accountability, a gathering of senior members of the judiciary was advised Tuesday as they sought coaching on how far they should go in breaking their tradition of silence.

The judges also were cautioned that they must keep in mind that they are not like other public figures and, therefore, must use their good judgment when speaking publicly if they want to avoid damaging the reputation of the judiciary.

The advice on reaching out came from communications expert Peter Donolo, who ran former prime minister Jean Chretien's communications office; Simon Potter, a media-smart Montreal lawyer and past president of the Canadian Bar Association; and Kevin Burke, an American judge who has a regular radio and TV show and has no problem handing out his cell-phone number to reporters.

"The time for judicial silence is

gone," advised Potter. "It may be daunting to talk to the media, but it is equally daunting to go through the next decade saying nothing."

"The media is like the rain," added Donolo. "You can complain about the rain or you can get an umbrella and try to be as dry as you can."

Potter, however, warned judges to be extremely judicious when dealing with the media, avoiding all comments in which it appears they have "an axe to grind." Rather, they should speak only to educate Canadians about the court system while keeping silent about their judgments.

"Ask yourselves one more time before you do it," he said. "Will the response really have any lasting public effect, or is it going to be forgotten anyway in a day except the words will be out of the toothpaste tube for people to use forever after?"

Judging in an age of media scrutiny has been a deep concern among judges, who held a panel discussion on the issue Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Canadian Superior

Court Judges Association.

Two judges confessed they get jitters when talking to journalists and one judge — Justice Carol Baird Ellan, the chief justice of the B.C. Provincial Court — described the experience as "a necessary evil" of her job.

Ellan, who has had a few run-ins with the British Columbia media over her court's handling of controversial issues, said she finds media attention "very intimidating" and "there are often many more pitfalls than benefits in doing media interviews."

Manitoba Chief Justice Richard Scott, who says he has taken several courses in media training, also acknowledged that he still finds it "unsettling" to deal with the media.

"One never knows what the end product is going to look like and this for me is the biggest problem," he said.

But an American judge, who was elected to his post as chief justice of a county court in Minnesota, said judges are far too timid and they must become more accountable to

the public that they serve.

"I think Canadian judges are very much like U.S. judges, who are defensive about the media," Chief Judge Kevin Burke, who breaks tradition every week with his regular radio show and TV program, said in a scrum with reporters.

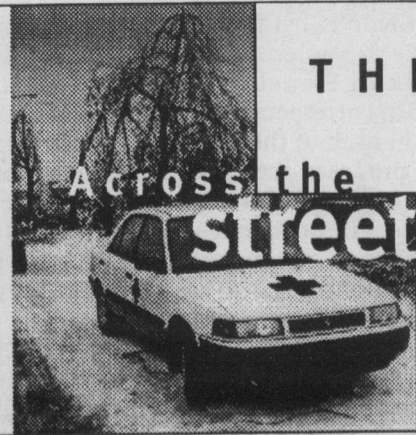
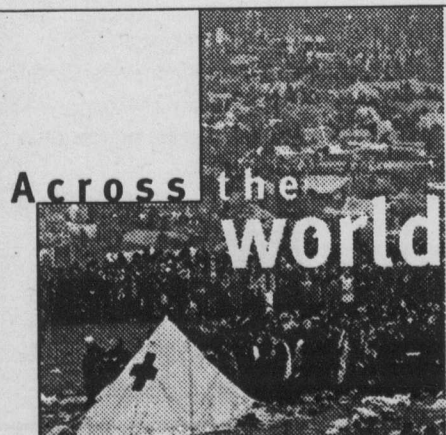
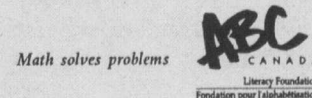
Donolo told judges that a recent survey compiled by his communications firm, the Strategic Council, revealed that the majority of Canadians feel that the judiciary has to be more accountable.

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Treasury Board vetoes labour deal reached with auditor general's office

By Kathryn May

The Martin government has further inflamed labour tensions with its largest union by turning down a negotiated contract settlement between the auditor general's office and its employees.

The deal between Canada's spending watchdog and 200 of its employees fell apart after Treasury Board decided the tentative contract was too generous and would set a dangerous precedent for the thousands of public servants who are stalled in contracts talks that could escalate into full-blown strikes by the end of September, said Nycole Turmel, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

"We have never seen this happen before," said Turmel. "I've seen (governments) refuse a conciliator's report, but never an agreement that has been nego-

tiated and accepted unanimously by both sides. It's the first time I've seen this."

PSAC is considering whether to take legal action and file an unfair labour practices complaint.

Treasury Board is the employer for most bureaucrats and is responsible for collective bargaining with the 16 unions representing 171,000 public servants. Auditor General Sheila Fraser is an officer of Parliament and her office is a "separate employer" who is supposed to be independent from government and have more say than other departments in how it hires, fires and pays its employees.

Treasury Board, however, has the authority to refuse a settlement negotiated by a separate employer, but it's a right it rarely exercises.

Lyn Sachs, who oversees human re-

sources for the auditor general, said Treasury Board felt the offer to employees involved too much money and the office "went too far in its flexibility" in negotiating the contract.

"We're comfortable we bargained in good faith ... and we were comfortable with the offer we put on the table and I am comfortable we could defend an action," she said in an interview.

The move, however, stunned those in labour circles, sparking speculation that the government plans to play hardball with its largest union and wants all pay increases kept between 2.5 and three per cent a year.

PSAC is the largest union in the public service and is currently locked in six major contract disputes with the government that could end with 130,000 public servants on strike by the end of

September. The 4,800 workers at Parks Canada led the way with a national strike that began last Friday.

The deal with the auditor general's office — which monitors the government's books and scrutinizes how well, or how poorly, public funds are managed — was negotiated in early June and affected about one-third of the office's 600 employees.

The contract would have given these mostly office and clerical employees a 4.5-per-cent increase over two years. On top of that, some employees would have been in line for an additional increment to their maximum pay rate for their jobs of between \$600 and \$1,200 a year depending on the position. The union also negotiated five-day leave for same-sex marriage.

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Antidepressant warning premature, ob/gyn says

By Sharon Kirkey

Canada's obstetricians are urging pregnant women who take Prozac and other newer antidepressants not to rush to abandon their pills, saying Health Canada's recent alert about the drugs isn't scientific.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada also wants the confidential information collected by the government and drug companies that led to the advisory to be released.

"It's important that the public is not unduly alarmed. (But) there is nothing new that hasn't existed before," says Dr. Vyta Senikas, the society's associate executive vice-president.

"We certainly would be very keen to see this 'post-marketing' study that they have. We have no idea as to the content of the information, its validity, nothing, because they haven't published it.

"The advisory was clear in that it said, 'Speak with your doctor,'" Senikas says. But women are leery of taking any medication during pregnancy. "What (women) tend to do is stop the medication first and foremost, and then speak with their doctor."

Health Canada warned women last

week that newborns exposed to a widely prescribed class of drugs known as SSRIs and other newer antidepressants while in the womb can develop complications at birth, including breathing and feeding problems, seizures, jitteriness, rigid muscles and constant crying.

The government says the advisory was based on international and Canadian reports as well as "proprietary" information provided by drug manufacturers.

But a top Canadian expert on pediatric toxicology said the advisory did little more than create "huge anxiety" for already vulnerable women.

"The advisory was not well prepared, it is not sufficiently evidence-based and I think it put hundreds of women at huge anxiety levels," says Dr. Gideon Koren, director and founder of Motherisk, a Toronto-based program that counsels pregnant and breastfeeding women on the risks of drugs and other chemicals to their babies.

"More scary, I believe that many (women) would consider maybe even stop cold turkey their SSRIs in pregnancy," Koren says.

Motherisk received hundreds of calls last week following Health Canada's advisory about the potential adverse effects of

antidepressants on newborns.

The alert applies to SSRIs, or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, and other newer antidepressants, including Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Effexor, Celexa, Luvox, Remeron, Wellbutrin and Zyban (Wellbutrin's smoking-cessation drug.)

Health Canada stressed women should not stop taking the drugs without speaking to their doctor. But the advisory said doctors may consider slowly decreasing the dose in the third trimester of pregnancy.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada says the advice "is not based on scientific evidence." Koren went further, calling the advice "totally inappropriate."

He said case reports, as well as five epidemiological studies, show babies whose mothers took SSRIs and other newer antidepressants in late pregnancy can experience withdrawal symptoms.

"Yes, there is a discontinuation syndrome, but in a very small percentage of babies — between five and 20 per cent."

None of the symptoms reported so far in babies exposed to SSRI appear to be life threatening, and Koren cautions that it can be far riskier to babies and their

mothers for depression to go untreated during pregnancy.

An article by Koren published in April in the Archives of Pediatric Adolescent Medicine, now posted on the Society of Obstetricians' Web site, warns untreated depression increases the risk of miscarriage, prematurity and growth retardation. Risks to the mother include suicidal thinking, suicide attempts and post-partum depression.

"What does not come clear from the advisory is that the risk of the untreated depression is huge, and the risk of the discontinuation syndrome is limited, the numbers are not large. And that does not come through here," Koren says.

SSRI-exposed babies who experience withdrawal need sedation, Koren says. The babies are now treated with Phenobarbital, an oral barbiturate. But the drug doesn't reach the brain receptors that are craving the drug.

Koren's group is considering doing a study to determine whether it makes more sense to administer the same SSRI at birth and then gradually reduce the dose, the same way babies exposed to morphine or heroin are now treated.

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RCMP launches probe of Nortel

By Vito Pilieci

The hits just keep on coming for Nortel Networks Corp. The RCMP informed the telecommunications giant that it will launch a criminal investigation of Nortel's books.

The RCMP's Integrated Market Enforcement Team had a letter delivered to Nortel's head offices informing the company of the investigation late Monday. The company said it plans to cooperate fully.

Rumours of an RCMP investigation have been swirling since Nortel cleaned house in May, firing CEO Frank Dunn, chief financial officer Douglas Beatty, and controller Michael Gollogly, after announcing that a major restatement of its 2003 income is needed.

The news of the RCMP criminal investigation comes hot on the heels of similar action being taken by the North Texas district attorney's office, which has subpoenaed financial documents going back to Jan. 1, 2000, as part of a criminal investigation against the company now going on in the U.S. That ac-

tion was announced in May.

Nortel's auditors have been frantically looking through the company's books since it was discovered that a \$732-million profit in 2003 was overstated by 50 per cent. The company has restated earnings for 2000, 2001 2002 and the first half of 2003.

Nortel is examining its bonus system. The company paid out about \$50 million US in bonuses to top executives last year for returning the company to profitability. It has since been revealed the company lost money in the first half of the year rather than making the reported \$48-million profit.

The company plans to release financial results for the first half of this year on Thursday.

"The considerations are pretty severe," Paul Sagawa, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. in New York, told Bloomberg News. "The sooner that Nortel can put this behind them, the better."

The police probe "is not at all surprising when you consider the gravity of the

situation, the size of the restatement and that three of Nortel's executives have been fired for cause," Sagawa said.

The criminal investigations could be seeking to prove that certain individuals at Nortel have committed some sort of securities fraud.

The concept of securities fraud includes the issuing of any materially false and misleading statements, which could include financial reports.

Penalties for a conviction include lengthy jail terms.

In the U.S., former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow has agreed to serve eight to 10 years in prison, while former ImClone chief executive Sam Waksal is serving more than seven years. A mid-level executive at Dynegy Inc. was sentenced in March to 24 years in prison.

The Securities and Exchange Commission in the U.S. is believed to have referred the Nortel investigation to the Texas district attorney because Nortel has 4,300 employees in the region. Richardson, near Dallas, is its U.S. head-

quarters.

Aside from the two criminal investigations, Nortel already has plenty of legal problems on its plate, including two major shareholders' lawsuits, regulatory probes here in Ontario and in the U.S. and a new lawsuit that seeks the right to sue 28 current and former directors and executives of Nortel Networks to recover losses due to the financial reporting scandal that has gripped the company for months.

The company is also still dealing with a slumping market for its products.

Last week, one analyst who follows the company closely, said Nortel will need to cut another 5,000 employees in order to trim costs. The cuts are expected to come in the areas of sales and administration.

The expected cuts come hot on the heels of workforce reductions completed in 2003 that saw 60,000 Nortel employees lose their jobs due to a stagnant marketplace for telecommunications equipment.

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Irwin Cotler hopes review of terrorism laws will begin in fall

By Janice Tibbetts

Justice Minister Irwin Cotler says he hopes that a sweeping review of anti-terrorism laws will begin soon after Parliament convenes this fall so that the government can determine the impact that they have had on civil liberties.

The Anti-Terrorism Act, passed in December 2001 in response to the terrorist bombings in the United States, requires a review after three years, but Cotler said he hopes the inquiry extends to several other laws that were affected by the legislation as well.

They include such things as tougher immigration laws and allowing airline authorities to give information to law enforcement agencies which can be used for purposes unrelated to terrorism.

"I look forward to a comprehensive review," Cotler said Monday at a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association.

"I am open to the idea of an integrated and inclusive approach to appreciating the fallout with respect to civil liberties from our whole approach to anti-terrorism law and policy in this country which is not limited to the Anti-Terrorism Act."

The final decision on the extent of the review rests with the House of Commons justice committee. Preparation for the review has been underway for months and Cotler said he hopes the committee begins its work sooner rather than later.

The Anti-Terrorism Act, which contained sweeping new powers for police to investigate acts believed to be related

to terrorism, has been widely maligned as one of the most draconian laws passed during the Liberals' 11 years in office.

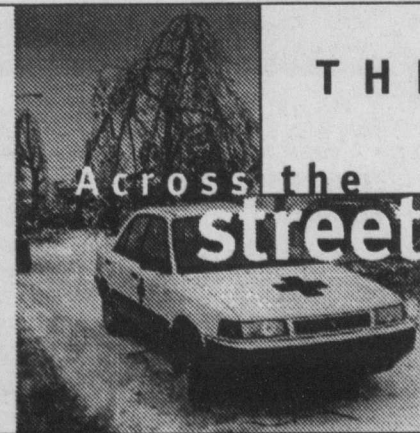
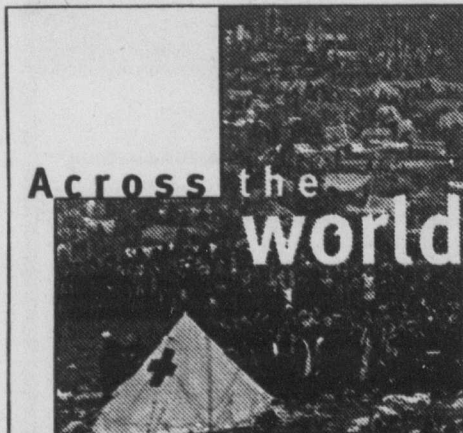
Regina lawyer Kerri Froc, who appealed to Cotler to make the review as extensive as possible, described the package of laws that was created or altered in the emotional months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as having "a serious impact" on privacy and individual rights and freedoms.

The chief justice of the Federal Court, which deals with cases involving anti-terrorism laws, went much further last week when he said that the security obligations imposed by the act created "absurd" situations in the court by forcing it to keep too much information secret.

In comments during a decision, Justice Allan Lutfy questioned the need for the strict secrecy surrounding anti-terrorism cases in the Federal Court, and suggested Parliament reconsider certain parts of the law which may "unnecessarily fetter the open-court principle."

Cotler added Monday that the review will be accompanied by an assessment of a controversial section of the Security of Information Act, which RCMP cited last winter to search the home of Ottawa journalist Juliet O'Neill after she wrote a newspaper story about Maher Arar, the Syrian-Canadian deported by U.S. authorities to his home country two years ago as he was passing through New York. Arar was released last fall and returned to Canada.

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Subsidized imported wine puts pressure on domestic vintners

By Bruce Constantineau

A worldwide glut of wine has produced a buyer's market that is being made even worse for Canadian wine producers by low-priced subsidized imports, wine industry representatives say.

"Subsidies allow international competitors to bombard our industry," said Andres Wines Ltd. chief operating officer Anthony Bristow. "When you have a worldwide glut and an open market like Canada, they come hunting here. They can bring in their wines with few, if any, barriers and dump it."

He said many countries that enjoy selling into Canada's relatively open market often restrict the sale of imported wine in their own domestic markets.

Canadian Vintners Association president Bill Ross estimated the European Union subsidizes its wine and grape industries to the tune of \$1.6 billion to \$3.2 billion a year.

He said subsidies appear to be less of an issue in the U.S. and Australia.

Ross said the Canadian industry strongly supports government efforts in World Trade Organization talks to reduce tariffs, eliminate export subsidies and reduce trade-distorting production subsidies. He said those measures hurt many Canadian industries, including the wine, beef and grain sectors.

About a third of Canadian wine sales are domestic wines, while two-thirds are imports. Canada has more than 200 wineries that produce and sell \$450 million worth of wine a year, representing \$1.1 billion at the retail level.

Ross said several Canadian producers, like Vincor and Andres, have invested heavily in the industry to become bigger and better able to compete with international producers.

"In the U.S., Gallo alone produces twice the volume of wine that Canada

consumes," he said. "That kind of mass production gives them efficiencies that create lower costs."

Ross said many Canadian winemakers have successfully fought back against imports by targeting niche markets and special price points, mostly at the higher end of the market.

"There aren't a lot of Canadian wineries out there trying to beat the Australians and Chileans at a \$9 chardonnay," he said. "But look at some of the specialty VQA wines from B.C., like Burrowing Owl and Sumac Ridge and others. They make damn good wine from very good grapes, so they are able to price those quality wines at a high price point — \$25 a bottle and up."

Ross said the wine industry has had no success to date in getting federal government help in domestic marketing, but the government has supported efforts to establish national wine

standards and to help with industry exports.

"Their help is more geared toward establishing credibility through winning medals and getting publicity in major trade publications," he said.

"Once you establish that credibility, people don't have a problem buying Canadian wine at certain price points."

Bristow said the contribution to the Canadian economy amounts to something like \$3.66 for every domestic bottle of wine sold in Canada, compared with 46 cents for every bottle of imported wine sold.

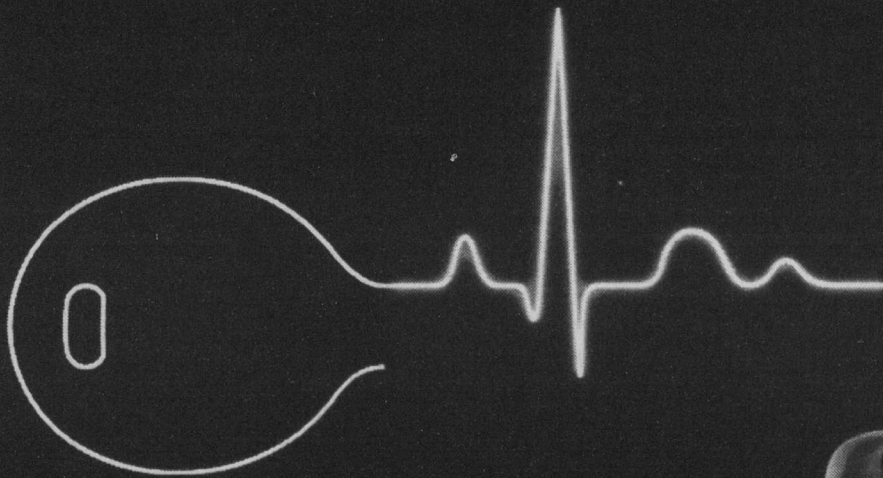
"Imports have made the Canadian wine industry better by putting a much more competitive product on the market and making sure that efficiencies are in place," he said. "Competition is good and no one in Canada fears competition. We just have to make sure the competition is fair."

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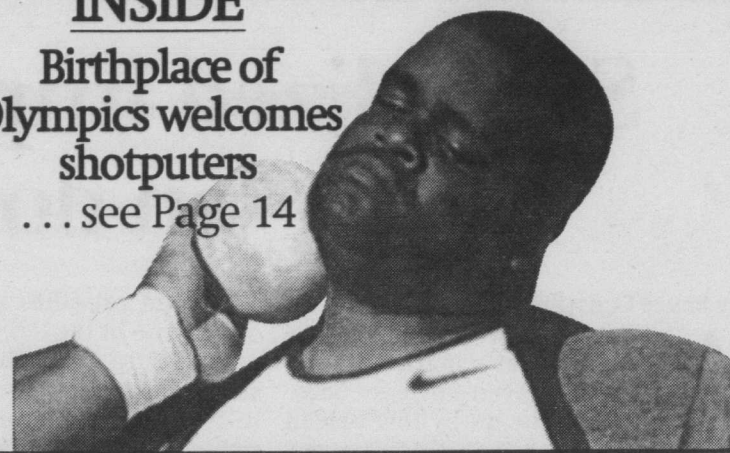
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Young coaches add life to Champlain staff

*Gagné, Dubois,
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By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Despite financial and geographical constraints the Champlain College football team has always included an outstanding coaching staff and this year is no different as head coach Sébastien Brière has once again assembled an excellent staff.

Many such as Louis Parent, Albert McDonald and KO Mullins are veterans who have toiled in the trenches for years but Brière is excited about some of the new blood that has joined the coaching ranks in the last few years.

"I think it is great that we have so many outstanding young coaches on the staff this year," Brière said after putting his squad through a series of tests Monday morning. "It is good because they bring enthusiasm and new ideas. I also believe that because of their age they are often to relate better with some of the players. Our coaching staff has always been one of the program's strength and this year we have a good mix of youth and experience."

Mike Gagné, who balances coaching, a budding golf career and a teaching position with extreme dexterity, joined Brière's staff last year after playing several seasons with the Laval University Rouge et Or.

Gagné, who was the team's place kicker during his CEGEP days at Champlain, is just one of several recent university graduates helping Brière this season.

In fact a trio with strong ties to Bishop's University is lending a hand as the Cougars prepared themselves for the upcoming AAA season.

Former Gaiters quarterback Sylvain Desrochers is helping out with the quarterbacks after graduating from Bishop's and spending a season playing for a French club team.

"We won the league championship but the approach to football is different," Desrochers said. "I want to go back next year but my first priority is

coaching at Champlain."

Desrochers was offered a position at his former high school, Collège Notre Dame, but decided on the Townships.

Dubois and Kevin Mackey are both Champlain graduates who have returned to their alma mater.

For Dubois, who spent four years as a defensive back with the Gaiters, coaching at Champlain allows him to give back to a program that helped develop him as a player. It also gives him a chance to achieve an unfulfilled goal.

"I want to win a Bol d'Or," Dubois said. "I still remember the 1996 game when we had a 28-7 lead in the second half and lost to Vieux-Montreal."

Dubois, who hails from the St-Jean region, has also play an integral part in the resurgence of the football program at Alexander Galt High School.

The high school teacher has been appointed head coach of the Galt senior team replacing the retired Morgan Quinn.

"I started my CEGEP career at Champlain with Kevin and my university career with Sylvain at Bishop's so it is good to back coaching with them," Dubois explained.

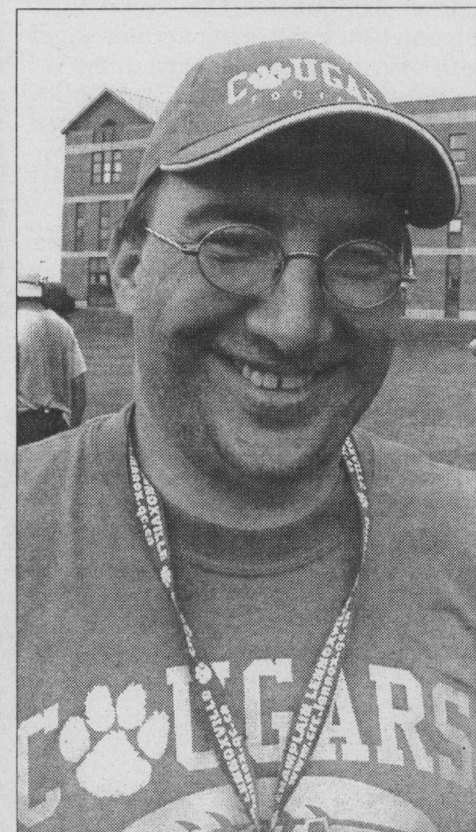
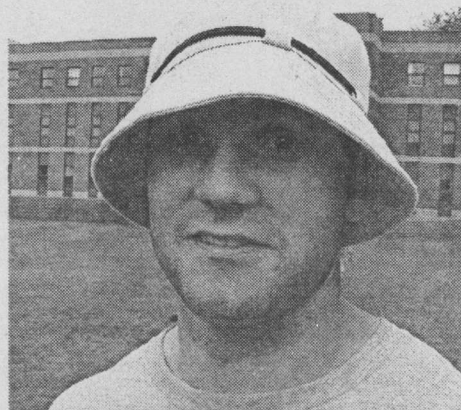
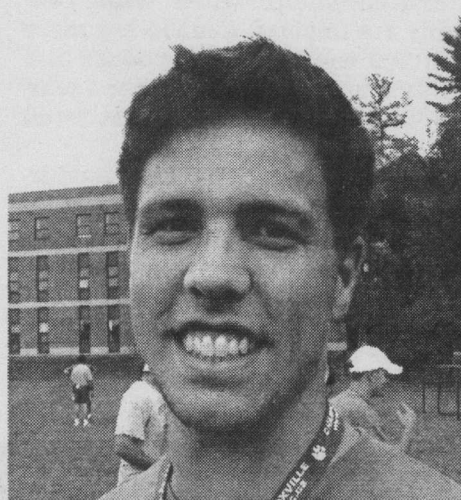
Both Dubois and Mackey are in the second season with the Cougars although Mackey will be leaving the team after this week when he crosses campus to join the Bishop's Gaiters training camp.

The former Galt standout will be using his fifth and final year of eligibility at the Lennoxville University after a stellar four-year career at University of Western Ontario.

"When I graduated from Champlain I needed to get away for awhile and Western was very similar to Bishop's just a little bigger," Mackey explained. "I grew up with Bishop's football and I am looking forward to playing for the Gaiters this year."

However, once the Bishop's Gaiters begin practice next week Mackey would have to sever his ties with the Cougars for the time being.

"I am going to be taking business courses and between classes and football I will be very busy," Mackey said. "I enjoy football and I know that I will be back coaching next year."



PHOTOS PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Head coach Sébastien Brière (top) will count on former Bishop's QB Sylvain Desrochers (top, left) and Kevin Mackey (left, bottom) this season.

Nestor and Niemeyer eliminated

Canada will not repeat as gold medal champions in doubles tennis. Daniel Nestor and Frederic Niemeyer of Deauville were eliminated in doubles play by the third seeded duo of Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro of France on Tuesday, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Four years ago, Nestor and Sébastien Lareau went on to capture the gold in men's doubles. Lareau has since retired.

In other doubles action on Tuesday, the second seeded duo of Wayne Arthurs and Todd Woodbridge of Aus-

tralia were beaten in straight sets by the German team of Nicolas Kiefer and Rainer Schuettler. Woodbridge was part of the Australian doubles team which lost to Nestor four years ago.

The top ranked team of Bob and Mike Bryan of the United States have advanced with a straight sets win over Max Mirnyi and Vladimir Voltchkov of Belarus.

Roger Federer, a loser in singles play, also lost in doubles as he and partner Yves Allegro went down to defeat at the hands of fifth ranked Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes of India.

OLYMPICS

Chisholm's fifth place finish stirs Canadians

By Gary Mason

Marie-Helene Chisholm felt it as soon as she walked into the Ano Liossia Judo Hall and saw the hundreds of spectators she would be fighting before. That's when the hair on her arms stood up and the heart in her chest began to pound and she was overcome by the most amazing feeling.

"I thought, 'Oh, my God it's my day today and my dream,'" the judo fighter from Port-Cartier, Que., would recall later. "I said to myself, 'Why not?'"

Why not indeed.

Chisholm wrote one of the best stories of the Olympics here Tuesday even though she didn't win a medal. What she did do, though, was defy the pre-Olympic prognosticators and make a quiet march to the bronze medal match

before losing to Urska Zolnir of Slovenia. Chisholm would officially finish fifth.

In Zolnir, Chisholm faced a fighter who used a technique she was not familiar with. Zolnir darted and dashed around the mat, ducking attempts by Chisholm to grab hold of her and then quickly countering with some tricky offensive moves.

"I've just never practiced that kind of judo," said Chisholm. "It's not like she's better than me. I'm very upset."

Chisholm started her day with a victory over Anna von Harnier of Germany. She followed that up with another win over a Chinese opponent before losing to Ayumi Tanimoto of Japan. This sent

Chisholm to the repechage, a consolation bracket where fighters can get back into the hunt for a medal.

In repechage, Chisholm won two matches to get to the showdown with Zolnir.

"Six matches in a day is a real grind," she said afterwards. "But it's not the most I've ever had. I had seven in a recent tournament."

Although upset over losing a chance at an Olympic medal, Chisholm was thrilled with her over-achieving

Olympic experience. Especially poignant was the story she told about the people back in her home town of Port-Cartier gathering to watch her matches on TV.

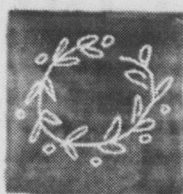
"They all got together at the Moose Lodge around 3:30 in the morning," Chisholm, 24, told reporters. "My mother made everyone breakfast and when I called after my first morning match everyone was screaming so loud in the background I couldn't hear anything on the phone."

"There is only 7,000 people in Port-Cartier. The athletes' village is bigger."

Chisholm, who dropped to the 63 kilogram weight division (from 70 kilograms) late last year, said she wants to compete in the next Olympics and maybe even the one after that.

"This has been the best experience of my life," she said. "Everything has been so good and everybody is so happy to be here. It's just been fantastic."

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ATHENS 2004



2008 is Cartwright's goal

By Dan Barnes

James Cartwright has seen and even touched his coach's Olympic medal, but it doesn't mean he knows what it would be like to have one.

And the Canadian whitewater slalom canoer isn't crazy enough to think he will find out any time soon. Beijing in 2008 is a better bet for success that sweet, so qualifying for today's semifinal is enough of an accomplishment for the 28-year-old who was born in North Vancouver but lives and trains in Ottawa. It means he's among the 12 best paddlers in the

world in his event.

In fact, after two runs down a tricky, technical course he was 10th, nine seconds out of a potential medal spot.

He was also eighth in a World Cup here last April and has obviously got a good grasp on the line through the gates. Grabbing a medal can simply wait.

"My coach has got a silver medal at the Games. You have to touch it and look at it. It's something special. If I continue to 2008 I'll have a shot at it," said Cartwright, whose two runs were marred by only one brush with a gate.

"My strategy today was to take it a lit-

tle bit conservative because it is a tough course and there would be people with penalties and bigger mistakes. I didn't want to win today. I just wanted to move into the top 12."

Between runs he watched video with his coach Michal Staniszewski, who won a silver medal for Poland in Sydney in two-man slalom canoe, then retired four months later and took up coaching in Ottawa.

He said Cartwright is a far better athlete today than four years ago.

"He's got lots of experience. He knows himself very well, he knows the atmos-

phere. Also better physically, better strategy and, I think the coach is better. Of course," he laughed.

The reasons for Cartwright's improvement include the fact he has been bankrolled by the See You in Athens fund and the Dairy Farmers of Canada enough this season to allow him to attend training camps in Australia, Poland and Slovakia.

"Without their support I would have been stuck at home, training in the minus-20 weather and that doesn't help me prepare for this."

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Boswell confident heading into high jump

By Dan Barnes

Also ran? No. Mark Boswell's left ankle might be just 90 per cent healed and his season best might be a pedestrian 2.27 metres. But he can also jump. And he has done it on one leg.

"I'm the dark horse coming in. Just come in nice and silent but I know exactly what I can do," said the 26-year-old national high jump champ from Brampton. "To everyone out there who thinks there's no chance for me here, you'll see that in the past when I'm backed up into a corner, I fight for my life."

"I'm fighting for my country and for everything I've done in the last few years. I'm going to go in there and give it my best."

His best this year, according to the International Association of Athletics Federations web site is 2.27 metres. But according to Boswell, the bars he

cleared and those he missed this season were dictated by how his surgically repaired left ankle felt on any given day. Now that he's about 90 per cent healed, those heights have no relevance to what he might accomplish at Olympic Stadium.

That's fine and dandy and it's a good thing his confidence is intact, but the bar is being raised consistently by the elite — world No. 1 Stefan Holm of Sweden, second-ranked Russian Yaroslav Rybakov and No. 3, South African Jacques Freitag among them — and Boswell will need to jump higher than he has in a year to land on the podium. There were more than 35 jumps over 2.30 metres around the world this season.

"I think 2.35 and better will definitely get you a medal so it's going to be a lot of jumping. Big jumping. Last time I jumped over (2.30) was last year. On paper I'm coming in ranked pretty low,

2.27, so I'm looking for a season best here."

His personal best is 2.35 and he cleared it to win a silver medal at the 1999 World Championships, so it has been done under pressure. And there is no doubting his intestinal fortitude after Boswell won a bronze medal in Paris at the 2003 World Championships on one leg. He had suffered a ligament injury to his ankle but didn't let on how severe it was before the final.

"It was 80 per cent torn," said his chiropractor Gerry Ramogida, who performed acupuncture on the foot into the wee hours while Boswell slept on the training table before the qualifying round. "It was ugly. There was basically nothing holding his ankle together."

Boswell remembers the medal more than the pain.

"It was fun. Nice battle. I definitely know that's in me. This season I didn't

want to go all out. Just play it safe, do what I need to get done to get here and go all out here."

That plan has worked and he comes here with confidence, the No. 8 ranking in the world and decent health, if not with a personal coach as American-based Dan Pfaff basically left him to his own devices this year and a trial deal with Milt Ottey failed to pan out in Toronto.

He has moved along though, coaching himself with help from Athletics Canada staff. So he isn't worried about much these days, not even the weather. If the temperature soars as expected, he might too and he would like to count on a dry night after his Olympic experience in Sydney was a wash-out four years ago. Things were progressing nicely until the skies opened up and he finished sixth in a rain storm.

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OLYMPICS

Shotput to be held
at birthplace of Games

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Canadians in Athens — Day 3

Tennis: Frederic Niemeyer of Deauville and doubles partner Daniel Nestor lost 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 to Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro of France on Tuesday in the second round of the doubles tennis tournament.

Judo: Marie-Helene Chisholm finished fifth in the 63kg division.

Swimming: Canada's men's 4x200m relay team was fifth in Tuesday's final. The gold went to the USA. Mike Brown set a Canadian record in the 200m breaststroke and easily qualified for the final. Morgan Knabe was eighth in his heat and failed to advance.

Softball: Canada defeated Japan 1-0 and now sit at 2-2 in the tournament.

Baseball: Canada ran its perfect record to 3-0 with a 7-0 win over The Netherlands.

Rowing: Fiona Milne and partner Mara Jones were second in their heat Tuesday but easily qualified for the lightweight double sculls semi-finals.

Kayak: Margaret Langford finished 16th in K1.

Canoe: James Cartwright was 10th in the preliminary round of the C1 division. He qualified for the event's semi-finals.

Archery: Jonathan Ohayon lost 157-140 in the Round of 32 to Ukraine's Viktor Ruban.

Badminton: The women's team of Denyse Julien and Anna Rice lost 15-3, 15-4 in the Round of 32 to Saralee Thungthongkam and Sathinee Chankrachangwong of Thailand.

Gymnastics: Canada's women finished 10th on Tuesday at the gymnastics team competition.

NHL, NHLPA resume talks Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP) - With two fruitless negotiating sessions behind them and only one month left before an NHL labour disruption, the league and the players' association will return to the bargaining table Tuesday.

Time is running short for a new agreement to be hammered out between NHL owners and the NHLPA that would avert a labour disruption that threatens the season. The sides got together in New York in late July and met again two weeks later in Toronto, but little optimism emerged from those talks.

At least the sides agreed to meet for the third time in six weeks. Not bad after just two meetings between October and July.

If there isn't a new deal by Sept. 15, a labour disruption could cut the season in half, or cancel it completely for the first time in NHL history.

Greek sprinters leave hospital

Sprinter Kostas Kenteris declared himself innocent as he left a hospital Tuesday amid questions from prosecutors, fellow Greeks and the IOC about his missed drug test and motorcycle accident.

"I am suffering a great injustice, and I want to say I never used banned substances," Kenteris said as he got into a car and was driven away by a friend. Sprinter Katerina Thanou, his training partner, left a short time later, declining to discuss their case until the International Olympic Committee rules on it.

Hospital patients stood on their balconies and watched the sports stars leave through a big crowd of reporters and photographers.

Around Town

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By Randy Boswell
OLYMPIA

They call them tzitzikia here, but imagine the summertime scream of a treetop cicada multiplied a million times. And imagine this wondrous racket rising suddenly as you walk through a stone archway leading to a mountain-framed field that is the cradle of sport, the alpha and omega of classical athletics, the very birthplace of the Olympic Games.

It is a sublime sound for a sublime setting, and it is easy to think of these vibrating beetles as chorus of cheering ancients, come back to witness a stirring spectacle not seen here since their time.

Just after 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the foot of a pine-covered peak where Zeus is said to have wrestled his father for control of the world, a Singaporean shot putter named Guirong Zhang will hurl a weight through the air and remake history.

For one magical day, in the lushly forested Peloponnesian village where they were first held some 2,800 years ago, the Olympic Games are coming home.

In what is surely sport's most inspired throwback, the organizers of Athens 2004 decided that the men's and women's shot put event could be contested 400 kilometres away from the city at what is now one of Greece's — and the world's — most treasured archeological sites.

Zhang leads a field of 36 women, and among the 39 throwers in the men's competition will be seven-time Canadian champion Brad Snyder of Windsor, Ont.

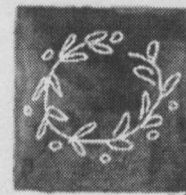
There's also a strong Canadian connection in the women's event. Lieja Tunks lives in London, Ont., and is married to Canadian discus champ Jason Tunks, who won't be here today because he's training for his own competition next week in Athens.

Apart from a few grumbling scholars, the idea of holding the shot put at Olympia has been met with universal enthusiasm.

Dimitris Kondylis, a 37-year-old lawyer from nearby Katacolo now serving as a volunteer to help ensure the event's success, said Tuesday "it will be like seeing the past and the present in one moment. Our roots are here. We all feel very proud."

The field of play will be the famous "stade" of ancient Olympia. It was here, on a flat dirt surface between two grassy slopes for spectators, that a running race about 200 metres in length sparked

the first Olympic era in 776 B.C. Games were held here every four years until almost 400 AD — eventually including javelin, chariot races and a host of other events — before a Roman emperor declared an end to it all and sent organized sport into a 1,500-year dark age.



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The word "stadium" itself is derived from those first races at Olympia, another testament to the rich cultural heritage of the town just 15 km east of the Ionian Sea. But as in the days of Homer and Plato, seating will be a mere patch of grass for the 15,000 spectators who will be allowed in to witness today's competition.

Oddly, it was the 19th-century effort to revive the ancient Olympics that really put this place on the map as the world's No. 1 sports heritage attraction.

To historians and archeologists, Olympia was first and foremost a rediscovered religious sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and which boasts some of the world's most magnificent ruins — and the very oldest temple ever found in Greece.

The Temple of Hera, just a short stroll from the stadium track, remains a centre of Olympic ritual; its stone base and time-worn pillars provide the setting for the lighting of the flame that begins each Olympiad's torch run and culminates in each opening ceremony's famous cauldron inferno.

Once an epicentre of spiritual life with its sports festival as a quadrennial sideshow, Olympia is now equally revered as a symbol for both.

It is the Temple Mount and Yankee Stadium rolled into one, a mythic, sacred site for spiritualists and scholars and sports fans alike — and a very poignant place for some big kids to toss the ball around.

Not far from the ruins of Olympia is a modern village that today is a tacky tourist mecca offering chintzy busts of Greek gods and other pseudoclassical trinkets. But the breathtaking landscape surrounding the ancient stadium and the ruins that reach back to the dawn of western civilization are truly beyond all trivializing attempts.

On the day before their shot at Olympic glory, as officials completed preparations for the throwing circles on the old dirt track and the tzitzikia chirped their deafening song, three Herculean men from Team Russia walked among the broken bits of the ancient sanctuary, taking pictures of the place where they hope to carve their own niche in history today.

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Death

DWYER, Doris (Minty) - Peacefully in Knowlton at Knowlton House, on Sunday, August 15, 2004. She had just celebrated her 101st birthday on July 10. Wife of the late H. Everett Dwyer, and mother of the late Colleen Young, she is survived and lovingly remembered by her son Dennis and his wife Sue, grandchildren Willa, Everett, Erica, Brian, Rob, and Alan, and fifteen great grandchildren. A life-long Montrealer she came to the Townships in the mid 90's and spent her last three years in Knowlton House. There, she made new friends, especially Diana and Didi, and was surrounded by a loving and competent staff. Members of her family served with distinction in both World Wars and she was decorated for her service to the Red Cross during WW2. From the mid 50's to the mid 70's she successfully managed some industrial real estate in what is now known as "Old Montreal". Throughout her long life she was always elegant and generous with a love of sport and conversation and was a keen golfer all her life. As she lost friends through death she continued to make new ones, so many younger people will cherish her memory. A memorial service is planned sometime after Labour Day. Friends and family will be advised.

I'd like a cabin back in the hills

I'd like a cabin back in the hills
With the mountains standing 'round,
I'd like a cabin back in the hills
Where a stream comes tumbling down.
An old time cabin with a shingled roof
And a fireplace of stone
On a winter's night, with the fire bright
The whole wide world I'd own.

I would be contented
As they were in days of old,
I wouldn't trade you one old log
For the world and all it's gold,
I'd like a cabin back in the hills
With the blue sky up above.
I'd like a cabin back in the hills
That is the home I'd love.

*Songs by
Russ Coates
South Bolton*

Death

MARSTON, Eldred, A. - Eldred A. Marston, 73, of 50 West Main St., Erving, Ma., died Tuesday morning August 17, 2004 at the Cheshire Medical Center, Keene, N.H. He was born in Danville, Quebec, on August 29, 1930, the son of Stanley and Elsie (Noble) Marston. He attended Danville Schools and was graduate of Asbestos High School, Asbestos, Quebec. He then attended Waterbury, Vt. State Hospital Counseling Courses. He married the former Lucille Melvin on January 12, 1954. She predeceased him in 1983. He married the former Judith (Amato) Stafford on July 7, 1986. He owned and operated a dairy farm in Danville, Que., until May 1972. He then served as Pastor of the Waterbury (Vt) Advent Christian Church from 1972-1976. He was youth chairman at Beebe Advent Christian Campground, Beebe, Quebec from 1973-1977. He was youth minister and Assoc. Pastor at Church in the Mountain, Morristown Corners, Vt. from 1976-1977. He became Pastor at the church in 1977 and served until 1981. From 1981 through 1985 he was Manager of the Vernon Hall Retirement Home, Vernon, Vt. In 1985 he became Director of Plant Operations at the Poet Seat Nursing Home, Greenfield, Ma., until his retirement in 1998. He was the advisor for the Women's Aglow Chapter of Greenfield, Ma. He is survived by his wife Judith, two stepsons: Anthony Amato and his wife Kelly of Northfield, Ma. and Todd Amato and his wife Pam of Greenfield, Ma. One brother: Delmar and his wife Nancy of Danville, Quebec and one grandson Jacob A. Amato. Funeral services will be Friday morning August 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 385 Chapman St., Greenfield, Ma. The Rev. Charles Tyree, Pastor will officiate assisted by Rev. Robert Cargill. Burial will be Monday, August 23, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., in the Danville Protestant Cemetery, Danville, Quebec, Canada. Calling hours will be Thursday evening, August 19, 2004 from 7-9 p.m., at the Kidder Funeral Home, 1 Parker Ave., Northfield, Ma. Donations in his memory may be made to the Vernon Advent Christian Homes, Gateway Drive, Vernon, Vt. 05354.

Death

MITCHELL, John B. 1922 - 2004 - Peacefully at the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, Que., on August 17, 2004, in his 82nd year, passed away John B. Mitchell, son of the late Fannie Patterson and the late Bryce Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell leaves to mourn his wife of 46 years, Shirley-Ann Louise Butterworth, his daughters Marion Markham of Lunenburg, Mass., Pamela Strader of Renfrew, Ont., and also his nine grandchildren. Funeral services will be held from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton, Que., on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 2 p.m., interment at the Knowlton Protestant Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Knowlton Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3, would be appreciated. A special thank you from the family to Dr. William J. Barakett for the professional care given. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5, Tel.: 450-263-1212, fax: 450-263-9557 info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial

Death

PETERS, Mrs. Beatrice N. - A native of Brome Quebec, Mrs. Beatrice N. Peters, passed away July 16th, 2004, due to complications from cancer surgery. Predeceased by her parents Guy G. Peters and Cena Wright, her brothers, Hershel and Milton, Bea is survived by her cousin Norma Owen of Cowansville, Quebec, her godson, E.K. (Gene) Wrigley Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fl., several cousins, nieces and nephews. A Miami Florida, resident since 1946, she was active in the Greeters & Pilot Clubs and worked for Aerodex from start to finish. Her bright blue eyes, sense of humor and ready smile endeared her to all that knew her. A burial of ashes will be held on August 21st, 2004 at 1 p.m., from St-John's Cemetery in Brome the Rev. John Serjeantson officiating. You may visit the guest book online: go to www.herald.com/obituaries. Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Quebec, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, email: info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial.

Interment of Ashes

STALKER, Allan Neil Campbell - The interment of ashes for Allan Stalker will be held on August 23 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Melbourne, Quebec. His daughters, Velma and Alanna, invite family and friends to join us at the graveside service to honour his memory and to celebrate his life.

Card of Thanks

BOYNTON - To all my friends and loved ones "back home", many thanks for all the cards and best wishes I received for my 80th birthday. I was thrilled to hear from so many of you.
Sincerely,
GORDON A. BOYNTON

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Fordyce Branch Women's Institute

"O what a beautiful morning" was what, I'm sure, many of the members of Fordyce Branch W.I. sang when on August 4, 2004, they saw the weather for their outing at the Municipal Beach, Cowansville. They were not disappointed with the spot picked for them by the management - a lovely shady place, where they could watch children playing

while others either enjoyed picnicking or sunning on the beach. This area allows each to enjoy his/herself without bothering others.

Gathering together around 11:00 a.m., the members chatted, while enjoying the atmosphere. We were pleased that Eileen Coates, Mary Jones and Wilma Marsh joined us for the day and made especially happy when Heather Forster, who had attended a few meetings decided to join. Welcome Heather, we need more members in your age group.

Soon the driver from Kentucky Fried Chicken arrived with our lunch. What a treat it was to have the meal served instead of cooking ourselves and the looks on the members faces showed it, even the dessert and drinks were bought. This is way to go on a picnic!

Following lunch, the members gathered in

groups to either continue visiting, playing cards or cribbage. Although the various enjoyments were pointed out, such as swimming, nature walks, etc., the members elected to remain where they were. A few jokes just had to be told before it was time to leave, which came far too soon. The members were reminded that the September meeting has been changed to September 1 beginning at 1:00 p.m., and will be held in Emmanuel United Church Hall. We felt that it was time to get back to work and hold regular meetings once again but at the same time was so thankful for summer and the time to enjoy it.

A big thank you needs to be expressed to Judy Jones for organizing and inviting we members to join with Dunham Branch and enjoy two outings - one to Stanstead where the various interests were visited and to Knowlton, where lunch and a show at the theater was very much enjoyed.

Evelyn Beban Lewis



St. Leon's Elementary School, Cowansville, Que.

Norma Sherrer presenting prize for improvement in English - Level 4 on behalf of Fordyce Women's Institute to Karl Benoit.

Norma Sherrer, chairperson, Education and Personal Development.



St. Leon's Elementary School, Cowansville, Que.

Presided Jean Scott, Fordyce Branch Women's Institute presenting prize for improvement in English Level 4 to Nadia Gauthier.



Heroes' Memorial Elementary School, Cowansville, Que.

Norma Sherrer, Kristin Lacroix, Kristen Benway, Jean Scott, president W.I. presenting prizes for French Level 3 by members of Fordyce Women's Institute.

Please, do not abandon her

Dear Annie: When I met my ex-wife, she had a beautiful 7-month-old baby. "Maddie" thinks I am her father. When Maddie was old enough to ask why her last name was different, her mother told her it was because we were not yet married when she was born. She is 11 now.

My ex and I had two children together, "Johnny," now 8, and "Susie," now 5. Because Maddie is not biologically mine, it was determined during the divorce mediation that I was not financially responsible for her in any way, yet her mother insists she be included in my visitation with Johnny and Susie.

Here's the problem: The custody agreement says Johnny and Susie stay with me for seven days, then they stay with their mother. I pay child support for Johnny and Susie, but I also buy clothes and food for Maddie when she is with me. This seems unfair.

My attorney told me there was no way for me to demand child support for Maddie, since she is not biologically mine. If I ask her mother to start giving me money, I know she will refuse. My only other option is to stop including Maddie during visitation with the other two children. How can I do this without making a huge mess and destroying all the children's lives? — Struggling in the Midwest

Dear Struggling: Please, please, do not abandon Maddie. You are the only father she has ever known. If she were your biological child, you would be paying child support as well as providing food and clothing when she visits. We think you are getting a bargain — a loving child for half the cost.

We know this seems unfair to you, but we believe it's worth it. Perhaps you could suggest to your ex-wife that she ask for child support from Maddie's biological father and give some of that to you for the girl's upkeep. Maddie eventually may learn about her paternity, but it is important that she knows YOU love her regardless.

Dear Annie: I work in a hospital as an RN. Would you please print my list of helpful "hospital etiquette" when people visit friends and family members?

If you are sick, stay home.

Wash your hands when you enter a patient's room.

Stay off the bed.

Do not smoke before you visit. The smoke lingers on clothing.

Don't wear heavy cologne. It makes it hard for the patient to breathe.

Don't bring small children and camp out with them at your loved one's bedside. This is not a daycare center.

Don't send huge plants, baskets of fruit, etc. Someone has to carry that stuff home. Send it to the patient's house. Better yet, fix a meal for them, run errands, or offer to stay at their home so other family members can do needed errands.

If there are more visitors than chairs, maybe this is not the best time to visit.

Your loved ones are in the hospital because they are ill. Allow them to get all the professional care they need to get better and be able to go home. — Hays, Kan.

Dear Hays: Your suggestions are good ones. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: If a woman was recently exposed to condylo-ma acuminatum (a form of genital warts), is there a treatment to stop the virus before it gets established? I had this condition for two months but have now been treated. — Ralph

Dear Ralph: According to the American Social Health Association (ashastd.org), current available treatments are not designed to prevent the virus from becoming established, although new vaccines are being developed.

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

Happy 83rd birthday

Wishes to Jennie Spaulding on August 18.

Love and best wishes from everyone at the Grapes Residence.

Shefford Lodge No. 18 donates to school

Two Masons from Shefford Lodge No. 18 went to the Waterloo Elementary School and donated a cheque for \$550.00 to Joanne Bec, the operator of the cafeteria. This cheque is to cover the rent she has to pay each year. Joanne thanked the Masons very much for taking the big worry off her shoulders. The Masons do so much for our school and it is appreciated by all who are involved.

Submitted by Russell Bockus

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"SPG BHYS GESXWHXZKOWXD
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KO BD AKTG UWY (IPKAZ NHGS)
BWSSKG YSGNWOGF."
- VKBBD IWXS GX

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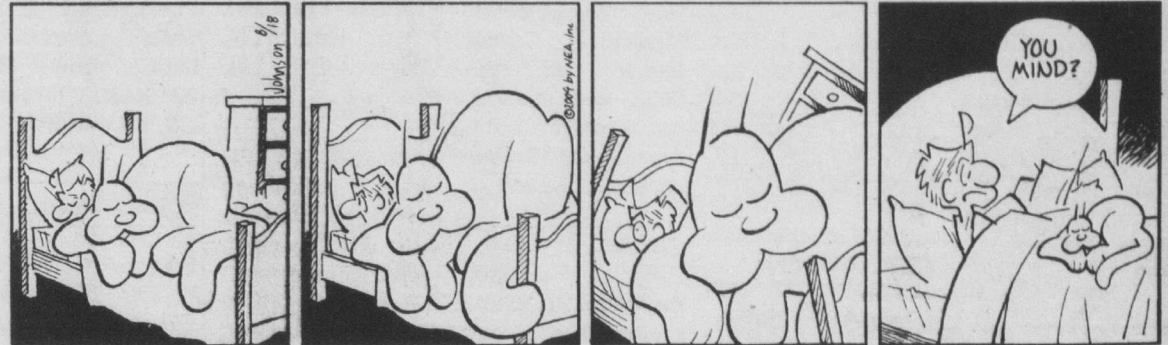


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TENDERS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM STREETS AND ROADS VILLAGE DE NORTH HATLEY

Tenders, sealed in an envelope marked "Snow removal from Streets and Roads", and addresses to the Director-General of the Municipality of the Village of North Hatley, will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 9th, 2004, to be opened and read publicly the same day at 11:05 a.m.

The work is summarized as follows, without limitation:

Clear and maintain streets and roads. Supply and spread abrasive material on streets and roads.

Tendering documents can be obtained as of Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at the Municipal Office of the Village of North Hatley, located at 3125 Capelton Road, North Hatley, JOB 2C0.

Tenders must conform in all respects with the terms, conditions and limitations stated in the quotation document prepared for this purpose. only those tenders that are prepared on the forms provided by the Village of North hatley will be considered. The Village of North Hatley does not undertake to accept the lowest bid nor any other bid received and opened, nor will it incur any obligation or cost of any kind with regard to the bidder(s).

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Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Disengage yourself today from any commercial situation where you sense the other party has the edge going in. Seek better odds, because otherwise you greatly risk being taken advantage of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unity of purpose is essential today in a partnership arrangement if you hope to succeed at all. In order to accomplish anything of importance or benefit, both must pull together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Unless you're mindful and very careful today you could take an already dubious situation and make it 10 times worse. Don't do anything that would not serve your best interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Avoid trying to make others over in your own image today. If friends or associates feel that you don't accept them for what they are, they're not likely to accept you either and will walk away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Problems can easily be circumvented today if you would first take the necessary time to study the consequences of a potential action before acting on it. Do nothing without thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your very clever ideas will count for nothing today unless they are properly executed. Use your head in applying your procedures and do

only that which compliments your thoughts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Better think twice today before investing in and getting involved with a speculative venture, even if you've checked things out. Conditions are unpredictable and they could take an adverse turn.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Deliberate at your own pace today where important judgment calls are concerned. Don't let anyone hurry you along and try to get you to make a decision before you are totally sure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's best to temporarily set aside delicate tasks today if your thoughts are elsewhere rather than try to work on them. Poor concentration will cause mishaps and further complicate the project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep your guard up today when in any conversations with those at a social gathering, and be extra mindful of what you say to whom. Someone may later misquote you — totally out of context.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If something happens in the outside world today that annoys and displeases you, don't come home and take your frustrations out on innocent members of your family.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You won't appreciate having someone tell you how to think and what to do today, and this is understandable. Should this occur, have your say, but don't overreact and make a scene.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004

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at ourselves."

Have you ever laughed at partner's error at the bridge table? Probably not. At your own misstep? Even less likely. However, if you would misplay today's contract, try grinning instead of glaring. You are the declarer in four hearts. West leads a low club, and you ruff the second round. How would you proceed?

When partner has a fit for your long suit, your hand will be worth more tricks than the point-count suggests. So, after South received a single raise, it was sensible to jump to four hearts.

You need to collect two spades, seven hearts and one diamond. But that requires leading three times from the board, twice in spades and once in diamonds. You seem to have only two dummy entries, but if you are careful with dummy's spade spots, you can do the necessary.

After ruffing at trick two, cash the heart king, lead a trump to dummy's queen, and play the spade four — not the nine or 10 — to your jack. West wins with the king and returns a club, but you ruff and cross to dummy's heart ace. Now call for the spade 10.

If East plays low, the 10 holds the trick, and you can lead a diamond toward your king. Alternatively, if East covers with the spade queen, win with your ace, play the spade three to dummy's nine, and continue with a diamond to your king.

Smile, please!

Treat entries with care

By Phillip Alder

Katherine Mansfield, a New Zealand-born British author, wrote, "When we can begin to take our failures nonseriously, it means we are ceasing to be afraid of them. It is of immense importance to learn to laugh

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Previous
- 5 Shuts firmly
- 10 Pageant ID
- 14 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek"
- 15 French landscape painter
- 16 Forearm bone
- 17 Actor Sharif
- 18 Have a loan from
- 19 Gracile
- 20 Start of a quip
- 23 Take care of
- 24 Corn order
- 25 Show on TV
- 26 Endeavor
- 28 Clodhopper
- 30 Feedbag bit
- 33 Kind of football kick

- 37 Raconteur's forte
- 38 City south of Moscow
- 39 Part 2 of quip
- 42 Reclined
- 43 Very long time
- 44 Battery terminals
- 45 The Racer's Edge
- 46 Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
- 47 Mrs. in Madrid
- 48 Attorneys' org.
- 50 McShane or McKellen
- 52 Spirals
- 57 End of quip
- 60 Stadium level
- 61 Ere
- 62 Utah ski resort
- 63 United __ Emirates
- 64 Tender places

- 21 Abstain from
- 22 One-time female mil. group
- 27 Marry another time
- 29 Doing battle
- 31 Soothing balm
- 32 Fancy marbles
- 33 Temple team
- 34 Swell!
- 35 Fast forward
- 36 Wayside hotel
- 37 Get the gold
- 38 Bout stopping letters
- 40 The living end

- 41 Make into law
- 46 Dine
- 47 Sleeper's comments?
- 49 Stinging remarks
- 51 Worship
- 53 Approves
- 54 Small harbor
- 55 Singer Lenya
- 56 Lover
- 57 E-mail ancestor
- 58 Stinging insect
- 59 Stack TV role
- 60 Black goo

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 4 Fortune cards
- 5 Dundee resident
- 6 Understated
- 7 Contest site
- 8 Quaker State product
- 9 Put in storage
- 10 Fish dish
- 11 Versatile
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- 13 Scenery chewer

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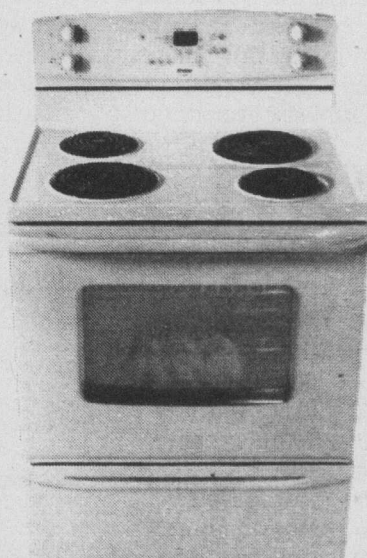
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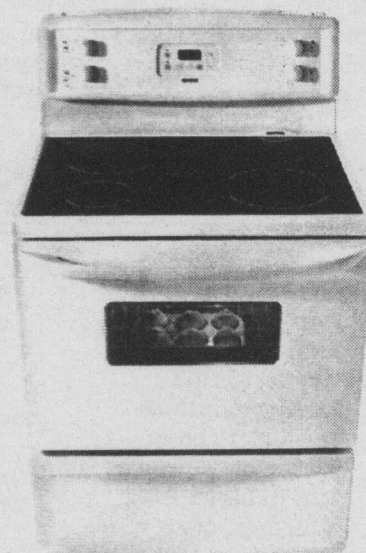
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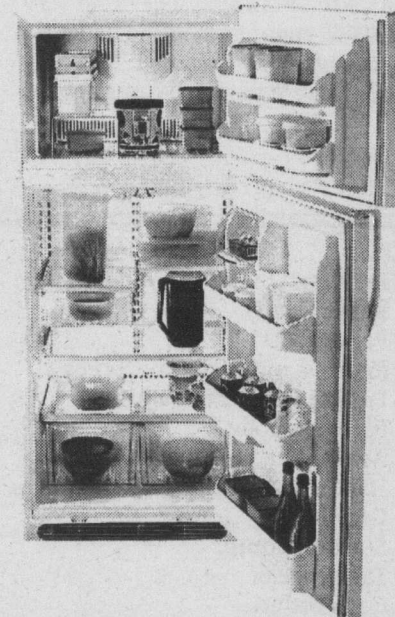
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