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New seniors' service is 'stupid'

*Oxford transit watchdog calls it
'discriminatory'*

By Joshua Bleser
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke's public transit corporation's latest attempt to improve service to a sector of the Lennoxville borough is "inadequate" and "discriminatory", according to the head of a local tenants' association.

The Société de Transport de Sherbrooke announced a "taxibus" pilot project that will, starting Monday, Oct. 30, ferry senior citizens from Résidences Oxford on Artie-Mitchell Street and Oxford Crescent down College Street.

"It's stupid," said Jean-Raymond Houle, the president of the Résidences Oxford Tenants' Association. "It's going to cost them \$12,000 per year [\$6,000 of which is subsidized], whereas the two old bus routes brought in revenue of \$2,000 per year."

Besides the cost, Houle said the plan to offer the shuttle service three days a week is not enough.

Houle also claimed the taxi scheme, which is only available to those 65 and older, violates the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

"I'm over 65, so I'll be allowed in the taxi, but my wife isn't, so she'll have to run along behind the taxi," he said.

According to an official with the Commission de la protection des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, Houle may be right. "On the face of it, it could be discrimination," said Jacinthe Gagné. But, she continued, "there are a whole slew of factors that would have to be taken into account.... We would have to analyze the case."

Gagné said the charter guarantees equal rights regardless of age, unless a law says otherwise. For example, senior citizens' homes with age minimums benefit from an exemption because they are exclusively devoted to people's well-being.

Gagné said she's not sure a similar justification exists for the taxi service.

Finally, Houle said he's concerned that residents with mild physical impairments won't be able to get in and out of the taxi, but that the STS's adapted transport service is only available to people in wheelchairs.

As it turns out, though, that's not true. An STS spokesperson said that adapted transport is available to

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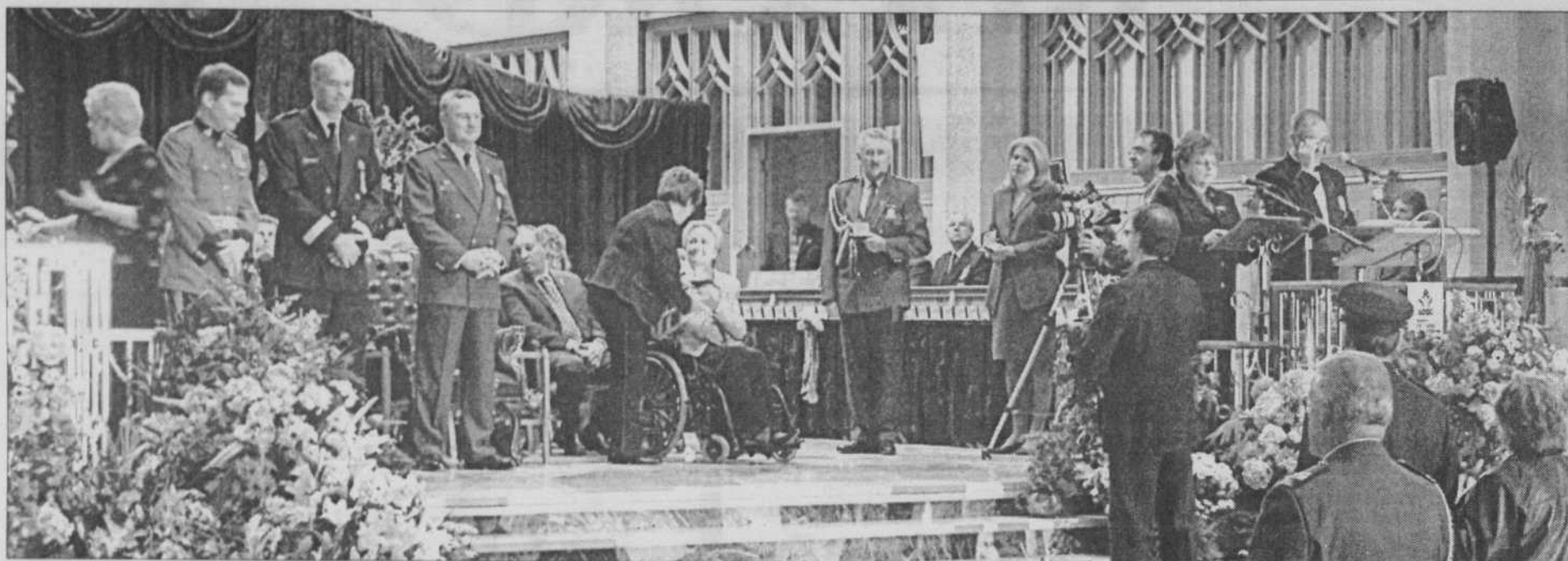
Weedon's State of Emergency



PERRY BEATON

The 70 millimetres of water that fell on the Eastern Townships this weekend was an annoyance for many (pictured is Grandes Fourches in Sherbrooke), but more serious for others. Water flooded out some residents of Lennoxville. And the mayor of Weedon called a state of emergency. Please see story on page 3.

In Death, Life



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Those who have given organs to help others were honoured at a special ceremony on Friday morning in Sherbrooke's Cathédrale Saint-Michel. Most of the awards were posthumous, given to the 190 people whose deaths led to organ donations. Five living donors were also recognized, as well as the 62 police officers and volunteers who work to promote organ donations. Honorary patron and Quebec Lieutenant-Governor Lise Thibault was in attendance, as was Sûreté du Québec head Normand Proulx.

BRIEFS

Russia drops beef with cattle

Russia will lift its ban on importing Canadian breeding cattle.

"The Russian Federation has also indicated that it intends to lift its ban on the importation of certain boneless beef products, subject to final approval of technical conditions. Russian officials will visit Canada to approve beef plants and shipments of live cattle," states a press release from the Canadian agriculture ministry.

The announcement was made last week.

"We also look forward to working with Russia to strengthen its own livestock and dairy sector," stated minister Chuck Strahl, because the deal includes Canadian involvement in the development of Russia's livestock sector. "Both sides agreed to form an agribusiness working group" under the umbrella of the Canada-Russia Intergovernmental Economic Commission, a 1993 initiative created to

boost trade between the two countries.

Before Canada's first case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy was detected in May 2003, Russian imports of Canadian breeding cattle and beef were more than \$4 million.

UPA meets in Estrie

More than 150 people connected to agricultural production spent Friday at the 74th annual meeting of the Federation UPA-Estrie, held in Sherbrooke.

President Noël Landry said in a press release: "Quebec has benefited from a more stable revenue from that of other Canadian provinces. This is in large part because of the collective tools put into place by Quebec farmers."

UPA-Estrie will celebrate its quarter-century anniversary with special activities, including a book on its history and a special Grande fête des producteurs in the summer of 2007.

The UPA-Estrie is at www.upa.qc.ca.

LOTTO QUEBEC Draw Results: 2006-10-21

649	02 04 25	38	bonus
	29 41 43		

WINNERS	PRIZES
6/6	1 \$4,652,148.00
5/6+	2 \$156,142.80
5/6	97 \$2,659.50
4/6	6,458 \$75.70
3/6	126,033 \$10.00
2/6+	79,238 \$5.00
Total sales:	\$15,079,948
Next grand prizes (approx.):	\$4,000,000

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	41 43 49		

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6/6	0 \$1,000,000.00
5/6+	1 \$50,000.00
5/6	18 \$500.00
4/6	786 \$50.00
3/6	14,619 \$5.00
Ventes totales:	\$470,367.00

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03 05 13	25	bonus
19 26 35 41		

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7/7	0 \$2,500,000.00
6/7+	4 \$32,245.20
6/7	76 \$1,697.10
5/7	4,738 \$92.50
4/7	96,124 \$10.00
3/7+	88,437 \$10.00
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Weather

Today: Snow changing to periods of rain mixed with up to two cm. wet snow in the morning. High plus 4.

Tuesday: Showers. Low 3. High 7.

Wednesday: Showers. Low 3. High 4.

Thursday: Cloudy. Low minus 1. High 3.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



BRIEFS

'Suspicious' fire

A suspicious fire in Saint-Hyacinthe has caused thousands of dollars in damage to a pavilion owned by the Casavant school.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Claude Denis said emergency crews were alerted to the fire on 700 Casavant St. E. around 10:20 p.m. Saturday.

Denis said it started in a hut alongside the pavilion. No one was injured.

It took firefighters around four hours to bring the blaze under control.

Firearms found in car

An Eastern Townships man will face charges of impaired driving and negligence with a firearm after the Sûreté du Québec searched his vehicle Saturday night.

SQ spokesman Claude Denis said police intercepted and searched a vehicle around 2:15 a.m. They were responding to a call from a Sawyerville resident who heard gun shots.

The suspect's ex girlfriend had been staying in the Sawyerville resident's home that night.

Denis said the man was found with two firearms in his vehicle and also failed a breathalyzer test.

He will make an appearance at the Sherbrooke courthouse this week.

Robbery suspect sought

Sherbrooke police are looking for a man suspected of armed robbery.

A theft took place Oct. 3 at a Video-Flash on 991 Gibraltar.

Police say the suspect, last seen wearing a red hooded sweatshirt with a white logo in the front and jeans, entered the movie rental shop around 10:45 p.m. He was brandishing a stick with black tape around the tip.

The caucasian, French-speaking man, who also had a white scarf covering half his face, ordered the clerk to hand over money from the cash register before fleeing on foot.

The suspect is estimated to be between 18 and 25 years of age, five foot six inches tall and weighing around 170 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call detective Claude-Jean Chénard at 819-821-5544.

Cars stolen from garage

Two men in their twenties will face theft charges after allegedly stealing two automobiles from a Sherbrooke garage on King E. in less than 12 hours.

Sherbrooke police spokesman Yves Rancourt said the first vehicle, a Subaru, was stolen around 9 p.m. Friday.

Someone drove away with the second vehicle, a Plymouth Sundance, around 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Police spotted the Sundance shortly after and arrested two men. The Subaru was also located. Rancourt did not have the suspects' ages nor the name of the garage.

Homeless in Weedon

Deluge a
'state of emergency'

By Brion Robinson
SHERBROOKE

Some 200 Weedon residents are homeless after surging water levels in Lake Louise and the St. Francis River flooded out their homes Saturday — and their numbers are expected to rise.

"We're in a state of emergency," said Weedon Mayor Jean-Claude Dumas, noting rising water continues to invade dry homes.

Some 70 millimetres of rain fell in the Eastern Townships from Friday to Saturday.

Flooding also occurred in the Asbestos region, Richmond and Sherbrooke's Lennoxville borough — washing out roads, sports fields and flooding homes.

Dumas said the Quebec government should also share some of the blame.

"They had a lack of foresight," the 66-year-old mayor said, noting dams were not opened to control water levels around Weedon's residential areas. "This is the worst flooding I've ever seen here."

About 60 families in the municipality of some 2,700 residents were taxed from their homes Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Emergency crews rounded up other people with a zodiac pontoon boat, Dumas said.

"There was no other way to reach residents."

About a dozen of the homeless, who could not find shelter with friends and family, spent Saturday night at Weedon's community centre. Red Cross volunteers provided food and amenities.

Last night, those who could not find shelter were assigned accommodations at local inns.

Dumas said the municipality will host an information session for residents about the flooding on Tuesday night at the community centre (at 7 p.m.).

LENNOXVILLE FEELS IT TOO

In Lennoxville, the St. Francis River temporarily inundated parts of the Little Forks Road and sports fields used by Bishop's University. Entry points to the university were also immersed in water.

Sherbrooke police spokesman Yves Rancourt said flood barriers were removed Sunday afternoon and no injuries or



PERRY BEATON

Water levels rose in downtown Sherbrooke, as well.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

This road in the Richmond area was washed out.

damage were reported.

The city's emergency services evacuated some people from their homes and the water barricades were up and ready, said Lennoxville Borough chairman Douglas MacAulay.

Radio-Canada also reported The Beauce region endured heavy flooding. Minor flooding was also reported in Montérégie, Gaspé and the North Shore.

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people with both physical and intellectual disabilities, as long as the disabilities are permanent. She also said that people with permanent mobility problems may be granted access to the service even if they use only a cane or a walker.

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The details of the new taxi shuttle service

The Sherbrooke transit corporation's new taxi bus service along College Street in Lennoxville begins running on Monday, Oct. 30.

And Doug MacAulay said it's a use-it-or-lose-it situation.

"We're going to monitor it," said the Lennoxville borough chairman and vice-president of the Société de Transport de Sherbrooke (STS).

"The bus service we had before wasn't used that often," he said. "But I've been fighting hard to get this back."

Money for the trial project has been set aside for a year, said MacAulay.

The cheap taxi is only available to se-

nior citizens and will run three times a week.

MacAulay said the plan responds to complaints about service from oldsters living in and near Résidences Oxford at the top of the College Street hill. Earlier this year stops for bus routes 2 and 11 in front of the buildings disappeared.

"We had some citizens upset by the cuts and we expressed that to the STS," said MacAulay. "What they're doing is reinstating a service."

The cab will run three days a week. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the cab will arrive at 9:35 a.m. and at 1:25 p.m. on Mitchell and a few moments later, at Oxford Crescent.

The taxi will drive down College Street and commuters can get off at any regular bus stop on the way. The car will even go down to Bishop's University, "where they can catch the regular bus service," said MacAulay.

It will then go back to Queen St. and stop at the Provigo grocery store.

For the return trip, the cab leaves Provigo at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

The cost is that of a regular bus trip fare, or \$2.85.



FILE PHOTO

Doug MacAulay says residents will have to use the service, or it will be lost.

If more than four people need a ride, said MacAulay, the cabbie will immediately call for another car.

MacAulay said officials sent out 416 questionnaires to every address in the Oxford residences area. It was only intended for seniors to fill out, however. Fifty-two responses were received.

Of those, 46 per cent had never used

public transit, said MacAulay.

"Twenty-five people used it at least once a week," he said. "I'm sending a personal letter to all 56."

He'll ask seniors to pass on the information to others, to make sure the message about the new service gets through.

- Eleanor Brown

Quebec adds \$297 million to forestry bailout

More job losses expected

By Lynn Moore

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The unprecedented crisis in Quebec's forestry industry will surely claim more jobs before it is through, provincial cabinet ministers said Friday as they unveiled a new aid package worth almost \$297 million.

The package, designed to help forestry workers and rural mill communities, plus underwrite "a new approach to forest management," brings the running total of Quebec's aid to the forestry sector to almost \$722 million. It will be spent over the next four years.

"We have to restructure our forestry industry," Premier Jean Charest told reporters at a newly-constructed pulp and paper research centre at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

"This is the moment to be lucid and frank and recognize that a restructuring has consequences. No one can say how many (jobs will be lost or mills closed); that depends now on each of the partners" involved in the forestry sector, he said.

His Liberal government also pledged to seek National Assembly approval for changes in forestry laws that would



FILE PHOTO

Will these trees ever be cut down for profit?

allow companies flexibility in directing harvested wood to the mills of their choice.

The shackling of harvesting rights to designated mills — and the towns built

up around them — has long been a thorn in industry's side. In marked contrast, B.C. forestry companies can route wood allocated to them by the province to any mill they choose.

Decades of forest over-harvesting in Quebec, plus a brutal combination of harsh market conditions have combined to create "the worse crisis in the history" of Quebec forestry sector, Charest said.

To emerge from it in competitive form will require effort, and compromise, from labour, industry, municipalities and aboriginal communities, Charest and his cabinet colleagues said.

The \$296.8 million package announced Friday provides \$54.8 million for workers, mostly senior workers, while \$45 million has been earmarked for communities hardest hit by the crisis. About 250 communities in Quebec are dependent on forestry sector jobs.

Another \$197 million would be invested in "a new approach to forest management" and would involve the Quebec government paying for — in full or in part — an array of measures including reforestation and fire fighting. The tax credit for forestry roads, which are widely used by outdoors enthusiasts and hunters, would be increased to 90 per cent from the current 40 per cent.

Already announced, and outlined in previous provincial budgets, is another \$425 million in loans or loan guarantees that would allow industry to modernize or acquire assets.

Townships anglos less educated and poorer

Advocates say literacy cuts will hit hard

By Eleanor Brown
SHERBROOKE

English speakers in the Eastern Townships will be especially hurt by federal cuts to literacy programs, say those involved in local efforts to teach teens and adults to read.

Carolyn Marsh, co-ordinator of the Knowlton-based Quebec English Literacy Alliance (QELA), is still waiting to find out whether her group will continue to exist.

"If it didn't make it to the minister's desk in time, then chances are my project didn't make it through."

Ottawa's multi-million-dollar cuts to literacy programs, part of an even larger financial savings exercise to put billions against the accumulated federal debt, were announced in September and effective immediately: No new money was to be signed over for literacy projects.

Applying for money is — or was — an annual ritual, and Marsh is no longer holding out much hope.

"We're tied to them right now," said Marsh. The cash "won't run out tomorrow, but money will run out [around] January."

QELA brings together 22 groups under its umbrella — including all the English school boards in Quebec. QELA trains the teachers, it provides the expertise for workshops and the networking opportunities for those in the literacy field to learn from the successes of others. It also used the federal money to advocate for more services.

English literacy in the Townships has been on the decline for the past 30 years. And although statistics on the problem are hard to find, some hard facts do exist.

"In 1971, English speakers in Quebec had higher levels of education than other Quebecers and Canadians," reads the recently published book, *Profile of the English-speaking Community in the Eastern Townships*. "By 2001, this educational advantage had disappeared."

"In 2001, English speakers aged 15 to 44 in the Eastern Townships were more likely to have lower levels of education and income than their French-speaking neighbours."

English-speaking youth are 23 per cent less likely to graduate from high school than are their French-speaking peers.

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Because of Ottawa's multi-million-dollar cuts to literacy programs, no new money was to be signed over for literacy projects.

BRIEFS

Ensure English health care

Elections for hospital and health institution boards will be held throughout the Eastern Townships today, Monday.

Board members help set budget priorities — which impacts the services offered in hospitals and clinics.

The Townshippers' Association community group is encouraging anglos to vote: "Your vote will help send a clear message that you care about health care and, collectively, that the English-speaking community cares about access to services in English."

VON Canada wants back in to Quebec

VON Canada, a 109-year-old charity that specializes in providing home and community care, has announced that it will rebuild a presence in Quebec.

A legal split came into effect earlier this month between the group's three provincial chapters (in Montreal, the West Island and Hudson) and the federal organization over policy.

"We don't deliver services directly in Quebec," said VON communications manager Jennifer Stevens, although the group has connections with some community organizations.

"We do have a plan underway to grow our services in Quebec, there is an aggressive growth agenda."

VON held its annual meeting over the weekend in London, Ontario.

Auberge's chef returns

Award-winning chef Alain Labrie will return to the Townships in a professional capacity this coming weekend.

Labrie spent 17 years at Auberge Hatley, the much lauded inn that burnt to the ground earlier this year. Labrie is now at the Germain group of restaurants (operating in high-end hotels in Montreal, Quebec and Toronto).

But he'll pop back into the region on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28 to offer a menu prepared for the Café Massawippi in North Hatley.

Don't hit the deer

These next few weeks in October and November are some of the most dangerous times for area drivers.

Deer are more likely to wander onto the roads, according to the provincial Ministry of Transport. This time last year, accidents involving deer were 40 per cent of the total.

And the number of accidents with large animals has tripled in the last 10 years — to more than 1,000 annually.

Officials say the problem is partly because the number of cars on the roads continues to rise, and also because deer populations are increasing.



Public Notice

PREVENTION OPERATION AGAINST RACCOON RABIES IN COWANSVILLE

Following the discovery of a raccoon with rabies 5 km south-west of Cowansville in September, a raccoon rabies prevention operation will be held from October 19 to 29 in the Municipality of Cowansville:

Animal capture and vaccination operation - from October 19 to 29, 2006

Personnel appointed by the *Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune* (MRNF) and the *Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation* (MAPAQ) will capture and vaccinate raccoons and skunks within a 10-sq. km area in the Municipality of Cowansville. To ensure public safety and a successful operation, we ask citizens to comply with the following:

From October 19 to 29 inclusive:

- o Keep domestic animals indoors to ensure they are not captured in the cages and thus allow the maximum number of raccoons and skunks to be captured
- o Avoid approaching or moving the cages
- o Avoid removing any non-toxic paint marks you may find on your animal, since they indicate that it has been captured, vaccinated and released

At all times:

- o Never approach wild animals or animals you do not know
- o Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies (see your usual veterinarian)
- o Report any dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks or foxes which appear to be disoriented, abnormally aggressive, paralysed or dead to

Services Québec: 1 800 363-1363

- o If you are bitten, wash the wound with soap and water for 10 minutes and immediately contact your CLSC Info-Santé service.

For more information on rabies, visit the Public Health Department's Web Site at:
www.rrsss16.gouv.qc.ca/santepublique
or contact your CLSC Info-Santé Service.

Québec

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By the numbers

DEAR EDITOR

It is interesting that the federal government provides a single refugee with a monthly allowance of \$1,890 and they can each get an additional \$580 in social assistance for a total of \$2,470.

This compares very well to a single pension to the Canadian elderly — who contributed to the growth and development for 40 to 50 years — yet can only receive a monthly maximum of \$1,012 in old age pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Maybe our pensioners should apply as refugees. So the government may cut back to \$1,012 for the refugees and give the pensioners \$2,470 which they should be getting.

LORNE MURPHY
Cowansville

Global spiritual concerns

DEAR EDITOR

I would like to compliment you on the Friday's (Oct. 20) Record.

I always feel that local publications aren't philosophical enough, and Friday's paper addressed community educational issues, the Canadian justice system, euthanasia and assisted suicide, militarism in politics, environmental issues, global religious and spiritual concerns, appreciation for the arts and scientific ideology.

The reporting contained enough food for thought for an evening snack and a hearty breakfast!

Lynn Ross' articles (including "Believers call for resurgence of religion") highlighted some global spiritual concerns which I think are at the centre of

debates related to all the above mentioned topics. As is my custom I turned to the Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary of the English Language (1975 edition) to check the definition of the word spiritual, and read the following: "of or pertaining to the spirit or soul as distinguished from the physical nature; of or pertaining to the spirit, especially as the seat of moral or religious nature."

History is replete with tragic accounts of civilizations which were founded and strengthened by time-tested moral and spiritual principles — cultures that imploded as citizens forgot their spiritual and moral foundations (secularism). Subsequent generations no longer appreciated the fact that their grandparents' moral courage had created the safe, comfortable environments they took for granted (do we remember or use the word "virtue" anymore?).

May I suggest that for 4,000 years Biblical ideology has informed a great part of the world about a loving God who can inspire humans, instilling them with respect and mutual affection — a Spirit who taught us to cherish life, love each other and to always avoid a spirit of vengeance by loving our enemies (if you've really read the Old Testament you understand that God allowed corrupt societies to be overthrown for the greater good, and never out of a spirit of vengeance).

Yes, everybody knows that political Judaism and Christianity have gone very wrong... but the forgotten spiritual essence of love described in the Bible is life's most powerful force and still contains the potential to change individuals and whole societies (throwing out the proverbial baby with the 'dirty' bath water?).

I think the Western world has abandoned biblical spirituality only partly because of religious hypocrisy — and mostly because of the Bible's moral spirituality.

Today we hedonistically value individual freedom as our highest virtue, forgetting that self-sacrifice, loyalty and compassion were once the foundation of our families and strongest nations.

Now liberated from morals and religion, we prefer to be free to follow wherever our emotions and lusts lead us, rather than to let any belief restrict our individual pursuits or tastes for pleasure.

Simply put, Western cultures have become morally and spiritually bankrupt (secularized) and no longer have a solid foundation, or justification for their survival. I wonder which of the now competing ideologies will be next to dominate our global village?

TOM RANSOM
West Bolton

A correction, please

DEAR EDITOR

In the Stanstead Review of Oct. 5, an article appeared ("Restored memorial site to be unveiled Saturday") regarding the completed restoration of the War Memorial and Pioneer Monuments on Dufferin Heights.

In it was a statement that the land, on which these monuments stand, was donated by the Morrill family. Though this is correct as far as the Pioneer Monument is concerned, the land on which the War Memorial stands was donated by my late grandfather, Joseph Albert (Bert) Peasley in 1923.

My grandfather's donation needs to be known.

GEORGE PEASLEY,
Stanstead

Thanking everyone

DEAR EDITOR

I am a mother of five and I graduated on June 15 as a health care attendant, and I would like to say thank you very much to some very special people.

Johanne Anderson (she's an angel) from the Lennoxville Women's Centre for showing me the right path to get over the abuse and to become a stronger woman.

Nicole Houle, my best friend who was always here for me, and my children who also kept encouraging me to finish my schooling.

My three brothers Donald, Randy and Scott for all their help.

Sheila Belknap for all her help. To my two sons Justin and Jesse who were here through it all. They were patient while I went back to school and studied, they were there when their mom graduated.

To Debbie Bell, Shannon Whipple, Vicky Nutbrown and my teachers who went way beyond their job to help me. Special people like them make all the difference in this world.

WENDY LARO
Fitch Bay

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"They are also less likely to finish secondary school than are English speakers in other areas in Quebec."

But much of the focus of literacy groups is on adults who cannot read. In QELA's favour is the recent planning to move away from single-source funding. The group was already looking into incorporation, to allow for greater funding freedom. And it recently took over the Peter Gzowski literacy golf tourney in Bromont, which brought in \$23,000 last month.

LITERACY IN ACTION

There is some good news from the Lennoxville-based Literacy In Action: Its cash flow is provincial. And the group's main activity has always been the volunteer-driven tutoring program, where adults who can read meet those who can't, and help them learn. (Other projects include a radio story time for youngsters on CJMQ 88.9 FM Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and a literacy worker based in Sunnyside school in Stanstead).

"We offer different services to different communities," said co-ordinator Kathy Richan. "We move it around, it's not fixed in one place."

But the QELA cuts will hurt Literacy in Action. "We need training, we need professional development. We want to keep promoting literacy in our province."

"It is," said Richan, "a really odd move by the government."

YAMASKA LITERACY COUNCIL

The Yamaska Literacy Council's core operations also come from provincial grants, said co-ordinator Wendy Seys. But Ottawa has in the past paid for targeted special programs, she said.

"Directly, we apply for project money annually to do projects that do not fall within the realm of our daily activity.... This will cease to exist after this year."

As an example, the council is about to launch, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, a series of easy-to-read legal pamphlets called "You and the Law." Topics covered include wills, health and employment law.

The Yamaska council got \$10,600 for the project. (That was in addition to an annual total budget of \$70,000).

"We have also accomplished several public awareness activities and governance work under these types of projects," said Seys. "These projects are invaluable to our work."

The group is based in Cowansville, but it serves an area that runs from the Vermont border to Mansonville, to Granby and Waterloo.

It, too, is a member of QELA, said Seys. "Together we form a stronger voice for literacy advancement, and organize professional development for members."

In fact, a nation-wide network of umbrella groups collect federal grants which then trickle down to groups like Yamaska's, added Seys.

LAUBACH LITERACY
OF CANADA-QUEBEC

And like Laubach Literacy of Canada-Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec, which, although it receives core funding (of some \$50,000) from the province, also picks up project federal funding that is given out to 11 English literacy groups in this province.

Co-ordinator Joani Tannenbaum said the federal cash — \$3.7 million in total for the whole country — runs out April 1. "Only those groups who had a signed agreement at the time of the announcement will receive money," she added.

Still, Laubach literacy, based in Brome Lake, will survive.

LITERACY WORKING GROUP

The Quebec City-based Quebec Literacy Working Group might not.

Its entire budget is underwritten by Ottawa. "These cuts will have a devastating impact on our organization unless the Conservative party re-thinks its decision," said co-ordinator Patti L. Moore.

"Our organization has been in existence for almost 30 years. We founded all the reading councils across the province and serve all school boards across the province."

Earlier this month 28 Quebec groups signed an open letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper calling for a reinstatement of funding.

"[Y]our government is depriving the literacy players in Quebec — grassroots literacy groups, school boards and provincial organizations fighting low literacy skills — of essential literacy training funding, thereby weakening an entire network devoted to literacy and adult education," it reads.

"[The] president of the Treasury Board, Mr. John Baird, considers these cutbacks will 'trim the fat' and 'refocus spending on the priorities of Canadians'.... Your government's position in favour of exclusively pan-Canadian initiatives to the detriment of local and regional ones once again demonstrates your total lack of comprehension of this dossier and the reality of each

province."

The statement insists that focusing solely on teaching children to read is a mistake: the parents' lack of literacy will impact that of their children.

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social and economic development in every country and a prerequisite to a higher level of training. The country that decides to invest in literacy ends up that much the richer."

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Snoring might just hurt your sex life too

By Melissa Leong
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Almost two-thirds of couples complain they are kept awake at night by their partner's snoring — an irritant that a third of married people say is as repulsive as bad breath or poor hygiene, according to a poll released Oct. 18.

The findings by Ipsos Reid show the burden of snoring on people's lives and marriages, said Sue Johanson, Canada's foremost sexual educator and counsellor. And too few people look for solutions to an issue that can hurt relationships and dampen sex lives, she said.

According to the survey of 1,700 married Canadians earlier this month, 63 per cent agree that, at times, their partner's snoring keeps them up and contributes to their fatigue. Thirty-four per cent of respondents said they sometimes sleep in separate rooms to escape their partner's nocturnal rumblings.

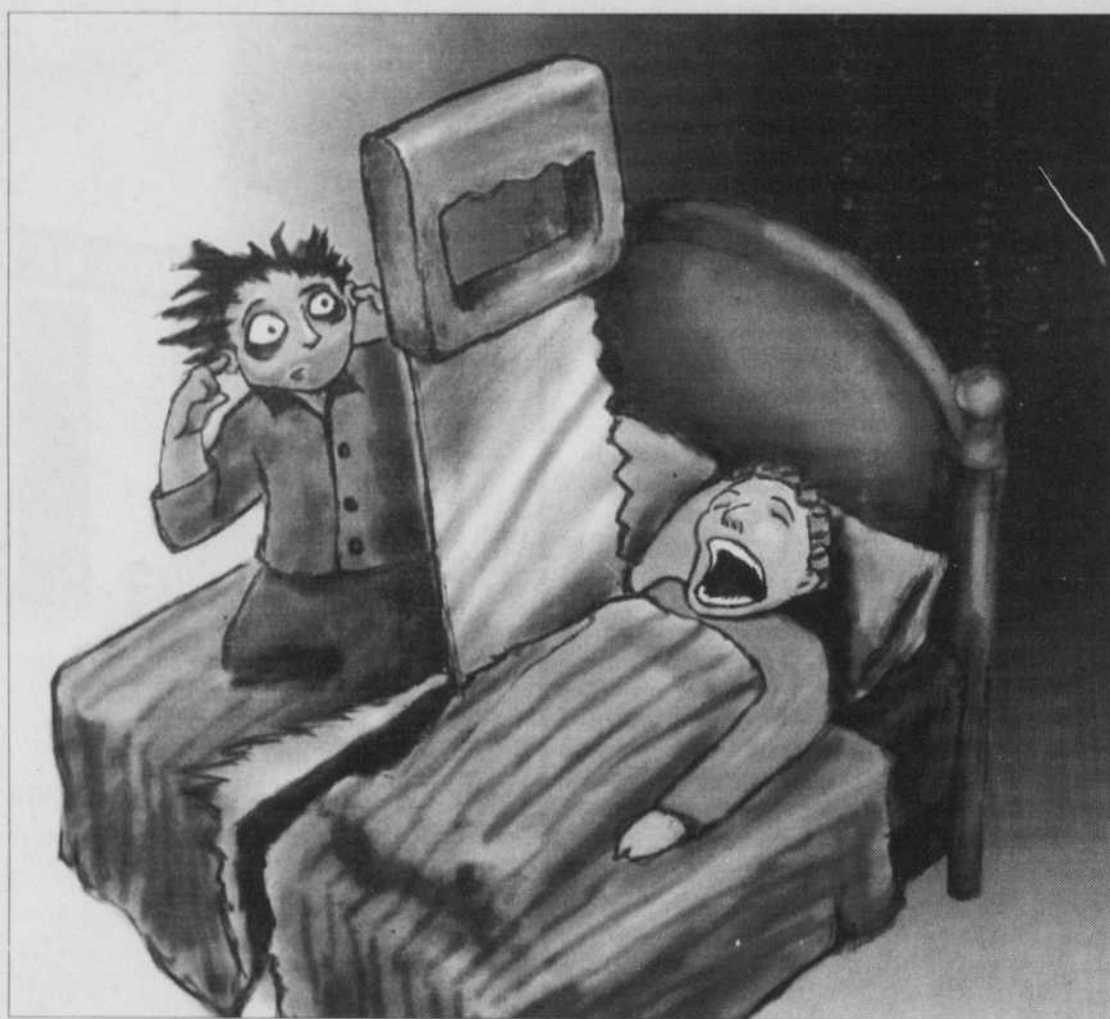
"It's very difficult to be romantic when one's on the sofa and one's on the bed," Johanson said. "It's not the short leap over. It's the long crawl back."

Thirty-six per cent of those polled agreed with the statement that they'd rather share a bed with a good sleeper than a good lover who will keep them awake with snoring.

"If one partner snores then the other partner is not getting enough sleep. They're tired, they're PO-ed, and that resentment spills over into not wanting to be involved in a sexual relationship," she said.

"For the person who snores, the blood flow is reduced, the oxygen in their blood is reduced, therefore the sexual responses will not be as strong."

"The impact of snoring on people's lives is profound," said Paul Orovan of Ipsos Reid. He admitted he once woke up with a pillow over his face. "I thought (my former girlfriend) was try-



A recent study of 1,700 Canadian couples shows that snoring can negatively affect the amount of passion in a relationship.

ing to do me in, but it was my snoring."

Snorers should recognize the hostility their disorder can elicit, Johanson said.

"I'd love the snorer to be able to say, 'Gee whiz, was I really snoring last night? I must have disturbed your sleep. I'll cook tonight and you can have a little nap instead.'"

Kathryn Askew, a resident of Courtenay, B.C., was formerly married to a snorer for 23 years.

"You feel angry and you know that you shouldn't feel angry," said the schoolteacher. "I learned to sleep with one ear on the mattress and two pillows over my head just to try and block the

sound.

"I'm relatively deaf in one ear. ... I'm sure (the snoring) has affected my hearing."

The biggest married snorers are residents of British Columbia (60 per cent) while Quebec couples are the least likely to snore (51 per cent), the poll revealed.

Also, the survey found that the more educated respondents were, the less likely they had snoring partners.

"Snoring is often related to health conditions. Often times education is indicative of social status. People who have higher educations eat better and exercise more," Orovan said.

Askew's current husband, Frank Burden, used to make nightly noises that were "way up in the decibels," she said. They discovered that his snoring was a symptom of a more severe condition.

"A simple night test confirmed that I have moderate to severe sleep apnea," Burden, 64, said. "The overnight test showed that in 6 1/2 hours of sleep I stopped breathing 200 times."

He now uses a continuous positive airway pressure machine, which Askew calls a "Darth Vader mask," that is worn over his face and forces air into the upper airways.

"It's heaven for me," Askew said.

But most people who snore don't have sleep apnea, said Dr. Marc Baltzan Jr., a lung and sleep specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital in Montreal. He cited sleep deprivation, obesity, alcohol consumption, second-hand smoke and nasal problems as contributing factors.

Tracey Marsden, a Calgary pharmacist, said customers come into the drugstore looking for ear plugs to deal with a snoring situation. "They accept it as their cross to bear," she said, before adding that help is available, such as SnoreStop, a clinically tested homeopathic remedy.

Johanson said a caller to her radio/television show slept with a tennis ball tucked into a pocket that he had sewn in the back of his pyjamas so he couldn't roll over and snore.

People, especially women, should not be embarrassed to admit a problem that plagues most married Canadians, she added. She said she once fell asleep at the back on an airplane and snored, her mouth wide open. "It wasn't pretty," she said.

"Everybody going to the washroom got to see Susie drooling and snoring."

The survey results are considered accurate to within 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Pests of winter: What you should know before you hang up that fork

By Mike Gillespie
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

While there's little much of anything still growing in the garden at this point in the season, save for some swiss chard, winter squash or even carrots or parsnips, there's no escaping the fact the veggie patch is done for the year — along with the rest of the garden, given a few more hard frosts.

But for the sensible gardeners out there, it's hardly the time to hang up the fork. In fact, for them fall is arguably the most critical time of the year. Regardless of the success or failure of your crops or flowers, to abandon the garden now, unkempt and uninviting as it may be, is to guarantee some big headaches next year.

There's a veritable army of pests — from bacteria, to fungi, to viruses of many kinds — waiting to hunker down for the winter in the margins of your garden. And they probably have their eyes fixed on your garden trash — the

vegetable patch especially, if it has been cropped and then abandoned till spring in all its trashy glory.

Such plant disease agents include the fungus that scabs apples. It builds its own winter home in fallen leaves. There's also that perennial pain, Fusarium, which will wilt the toughest of plants (even garlic). It creates spore-like structures called chlamydiospores in vegetable waste. Squash and cucumber vines, cabbages and the skeletal remains of tomato and bean plants all provide great digs for overwintering fungi.

Also lurking in the debris, you'll likely find the eggs of female common stalk borer moths. Each of these winged avengers can lay up to 2,000 eggs on grass, weeds and plant refuse in and around your garden. Come spring, they'll make an unholy mess of your plants.

Rose growers, too, might want to follow fall cleanup practices. Blackspot, the most common rose blight, can survive handily in fallen leaves and twigs around the bushes, ready to reinfest healthy

plants come spring. For iris lovers, the dreaded iris borer lays its eggs on old iris leaves. They hatch in April and May and go about their destructive ways. The key here is prevention: Clean up flower beds, especially around those irises, cutting their leaves back to 10-centimetres fans for the winter.

Whether cleaning up the vegetable patch, flower beds or other weed sources that can harbour insects and fungi, the solution to disease prevention is not always as simple as casting garden waste into your compost heap. If you know your composter perks along at 60 C (140 F) or more, that's fine. Bring on the trash. It takes a lot of heat to kill many of these organisms. If you can't guarantee that type of heat in the bin, don't take the chance of recycling disease back into the garden next spring. Compost the waste and weeds away from the garden, or bag and remove it completely.

Good garden sanitation will also help control such plant diseases as mildews,

grey mould fungus, root rot, wilt, and that nemesis of the tomato plant, early blight.

With the onset of fall, one of the largest plants in most yards — the lawn — also needs some pre-winter care. Since it needs sunlight to create and store sugars in its root system, don't leave it littered with leaves. They'll smother and weaken the grass.

Lawns should continue to be cut to a height of seven centimetres (about three inches). Cutting any shorter than that can expose it to winter kill. Lawns can also be top dressed and fertilized with a slow-release, high nitrogen winter mix like a 20-5-15 (the numbers on the bag represent percentages of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium). October is not the time to reseed your lawn since new growth won't be able to establish a strong enough root system to survive the winter. Seed in the spring, or just before the first snow. The seed will survive under the snow and sprout in the spring.



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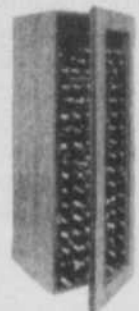
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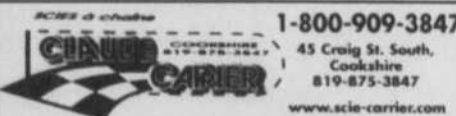
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Lettuce is the right choice

Part III: improving our diet one leaf at a time

We humans are often referred to as creatures of habit, so once we make up our minds about liking or not liking something, it can take a lot of convincing to change our minds.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

I realize that my weekly column is not going to inspire every reader to become an advent gardener, or become concerned about the nutritional value of the food they eat.

If there was just one small thing that I could do during my life that would make a difference, let it be to inspire everyone to try growing their own loose-leaf lettuce and eat two salads a day. It is my desire to start a nation-wide campaign to promote lettuce eating as a healthy way to increase nutrition and good health. In the next few paragraphs, I want to explain why I feel this strongly about this idea.

North Americans are getting wider waistbands, clogged arteries and in general do not eat enough fibre, vitamins, protein and minerals, and do eat too much junk food and hydrogenated fat. It's easy to point fingers at people and say: "You should be eating better," but in reality, not all of us can afford the healthier choices, like fruits and vegetables.

Often when low-income families, or seniors on limited resources shop, they reach for less expensive food choices, things they know fill the belly and provide satisfaction. Because of the lack of fibre in our diets, intestinal problems are showing up in younger and younger people. So what can we do?

TYPE OF GREENS AVAILABLE

No matter if you like tomatoes, cucumbers, onions or cheese in your salad,

the base of most salads is a couple of cups of chopped lettuce. There are over 100 varieties of lettuce available, though few make it to the grocery store because many varieties are not suitable for shipping and storage. So most people here in the Eastern Townships have the choice between romaine, iceberg and one type of loose-leaf lettuce.

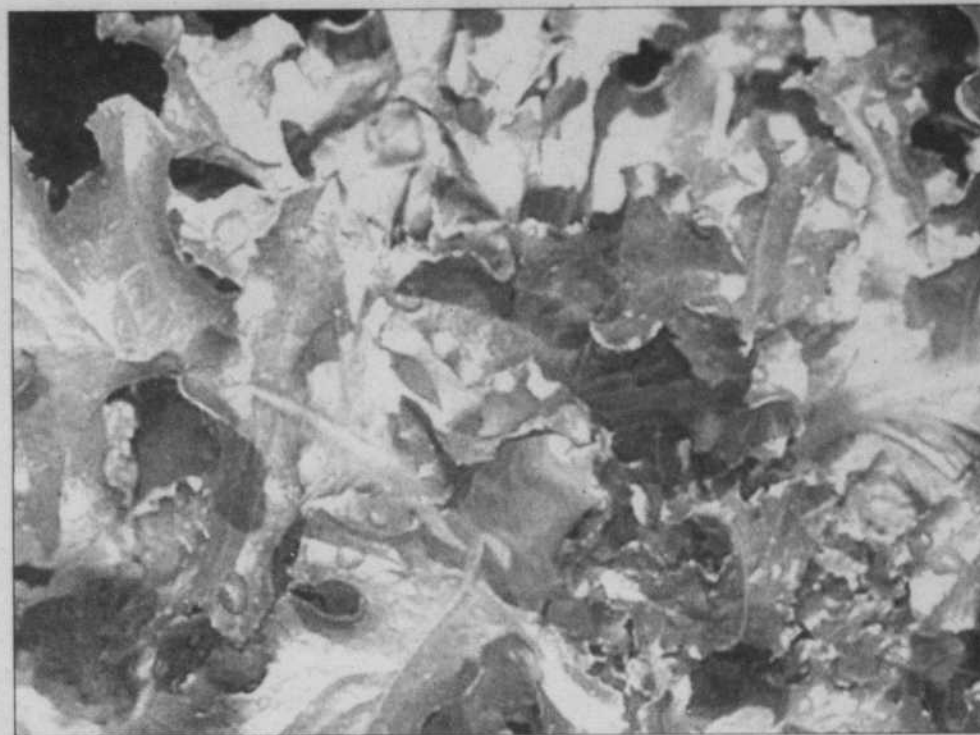
Then there are also those more expensive imported bags of greens; these often have a larger assortment. At \$3 a bag or more, are these products really available to everyone? Those struggling to make ends meet seldom can afford much more than an occasional iceberg or loose-leaf head on sale. Now in all reality, how much salad would this provide for a couple or family of four for a week's meals? Not much!

There is another factor to consider. Store greens are often harvested and shipped long distances even during the summer months, so by the time they reach the consumer there is little nutritional value in them besides what fibre is left. Food banks get produce that stores are ready to throw away. Often this stuff has already begun to break down, and it's not many days before the rotting process would begin.

A HEALTHIER LESS EXPENSIVE CHOICE

Many people are convinced they are eating healthy when they serve a salad using iceberg lettuce. The truth of the matter is that iceberg lettuce has almost no nutritional value. Any other variety is a much better choice. Whereas any variety of loose-leaf lettuce is full of vitamins, protein and trace minerals that nearly all of us could benefit from.

At a time when most protein foods are beyond the reach of the poor, the 1 to 1 1/2 per cent protein supplied by the humble lettuce leaf can make quite a difference in a child's diet. Our recommended daily need for fibre is about 30 grams, and iceberg lettuce has almost nothing to offer in this department, while loose-leaf offers 1.3 grams of fibre per one cup serving. Having two cups of lettuce twice a day is not really a lot of food and provides 5.2 grams of fibre.



COURTESY

Loose-leaf lettuce is full of vitamins, protein and trace minerals.

Here is what a cup of loose-leaf lettuce has to offer. I highly recommend the red varieties as they offer a little more vitamin A, iron and trace minerals. Multiply these numbers by four and see how much benefit you and your family will get from two two-cup salads each day.

Calories 9
Dietary Fibre 1.3
Protein 1 gram
Carbohydrates 1.34 grams
Vitamin A 1456 IU
Vitamin C 13.44
Calcium 20.16
Iron 0.62
Potassium 162.4 mg

LETTUCE IS EASY TO GROW

The hardest thing with growing lettuce is to remember to start a few new seeds every two weeks or so, starting in March. Use either a Styrofoam or wooden box used to start plants in. Fill with either rich compost or bagged potting soil. By the second week in May your lettuce will be ready to transplant outside.

This can be in your garden, a greenhouse, window box, or into a patio/backyard container garden.

As soon as, or even before the first lettuce goes out, start another flat. Even if you live in an apartment and have no desire to become a gardener, try growing your own lettuce. You will be surprised at the delicate flavours of these different varieties of loose-leaf lettuce. Fresh out of the garden lettuce is nothing like the old stuff you get in the grocery store.

Right now is the perfect time to order a few seed catalogues (they are free for the asking). Both Stokes' and Vesseys' have many varieties of both green and red loose-leaf lettuce to choose from. There's an initial cost to getting started, but with good planning you should be able to harvest your own seed each year.

Think about this, how much you could add to your family's diet for just a little bit of time and elbow grease. If this works for your family, teach someone else how easy it is to grow these fresh healthy greens.

The latest tips and advice for the money-conscious

CanWest News Service

Investment sentiment registered its first decrease in two years as real estate and registered retirement savings plans both showed softness, according to polling by Manulife Financial released Oct. 12.

The quarterly Manulife Investor Sentiment Index fell six points to +23 in September, the first decline since March 2005.

"Canadians are still confident, since all categories remain in double-digit, positive territory, but we've seen

some concerns surface about real estate markets, particularly in the United States," Bruce Gordon, Manulife's general manager, said in a release.

The latest survey by Maritz Research shows eight of 10 investment categories edged lower from the last poll in June. Putting money in real estate fell by 14 points for investment property and seven points for own homes. RRSPs fell 14 points, although 62 per cent of those polled say it is still a good time to invest in the plans versus 18 per cent who feel it is a bad time.

Three out of five Canadian parents and grandparents are concerned their children won't be able to handle money when they grow up, a survey shows.

The concern is greatest (71 per cent) among parents aged 35 to 44, likely because of their high debt loads, says financial services firm Edward Jones.

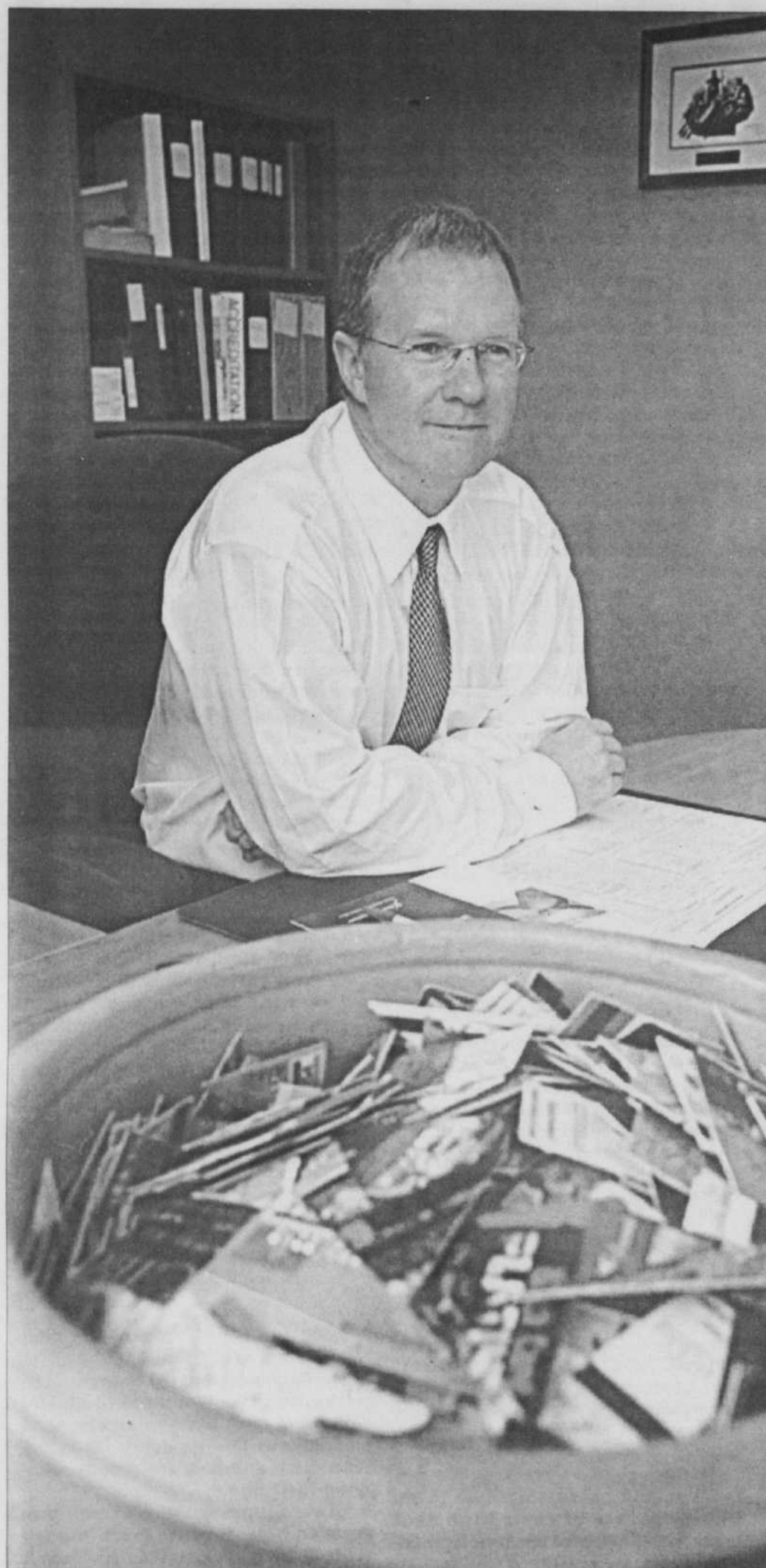
Higher incomes do little to ease concerns which were expressed by 66 per cent of parents earning between

\$40,000 and \$60,000 and 65 per cent earning more than \$60,000.

The survey conducted by Leger Marketing found Canadians aged 65 and older were most likely to say they had no concerns (26 per cent), likely because their children are already managing their money.

Edward Jones has launched a program to help parents teach money skills. It includes teaching tools such as a Money Savvy Pig savings bank and activity books to help with goal setting and wise money choices.

Deciding what I really need



Credit counsellor Scott Hannah keeps a bowl of cut-up credit cards on his desk.

First step is to differentiate between needs and wants

By Wendy McLellan
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

I have been running away from money for decades. I don't like thinking about money and I really don't like worrying about it.

Instead, I have lived most of my adult life with an utter lack of interest in my personal finances.

But as things usually happen, the stuff you run away from eventually catches up, and today, I begin writing a weekly story on some aspect of personal finance.

I have a lot to learn.

When I was growing up, money was never discussed. My family seemed to have enough of it, and I don't remember facing any financial choices, but I have no idea what was really going on.

We never received an allowance, and when I started babysitting, I made plenty to cover the stuff I wanted — hit single 45s, MAD magazines and penny candy. Good thing I wasn't born in the iPod generation.

Oddly, my first job after school was as a bank teller, and I worked at credit unions through college and university, then moved into the world of finance full time as a loan officer. It turned out I could help other people with their money while ignoring my own.

I left banking for journalism many years ago and stayed far away from writing about finance, despite my business background.

Then two years ago, I began working as a business writer and found myself occasionally writing about money and finding myself interested.

But one interview really changed my thinking about money.

"It's all about separating the needs from the wants," said Scott Hannah, executive director of the New Westminster-based Credit Counselling Society, during a conversation about budgets.

The concept is simple enough, but our inability to grasp it is obvious — consumer debt loads have reached historic size and savings accounts are nearly non-existent.

I can relate.

When I see a beautiful new perennial at the local nursery, I need one for my garden. I need a new snowboard because mine is too short. I need a latte at least a few times a week. And those are just the little things.

It's the kind of money management that Hannah tries to shift by suggesting people consider their

needs and wants.

"It's so easy to just buy something because you want it — we've grown accustomed to it," he says.

"When you don't figure out your needs, then everything becomes a need.

"You have to make conscious decisions."

Determining your needs, and then budgeting for them, is the first step toward taking control of your money, Hannah said. And the list of basic needs is painfully short: Shelter, good food, clothing and transportation. But even that list contains choices.

"You need a roof over your head, but does it have to have four bedrooms? You may want a nice car, but the need is transportation. You may want to go out for lunch every day, but what you need is food."

Hannah counsels people to start with a couple of short-term goals, such as bringing a lunch from home four days a week and putting the savings aside to buy something you really want. Or saving money to pay for next year's car insurance so you won't have to take the monthly-payment option, which costs more and squeezes the paycheque.

Hannah's simple needs-versus-wants talk changed my relationship with money.

It has been a gradual shift — and there is still lots of room for improvement — but I'm paying attention for the first time. I budget for the needs, including unknown ones, such as car repairs, and try to plan for the wants.

It's not easy, and I can't say I like it. But I don't have to spend as much time worrying about finances or thinking about money — it's all set out in the plan.

Certified financial planner Bradley Roulston sees his job as helping his clients achieve their life goals, not ruining their lives.

One way he helps people identify what they really want is by calculating their hourly wages to compare the cost of the "want" to the number of hours they will have to work to pay for it.

For example, a salary of \$50,000 a year is equal to about \$25 an hour. All of a sudden, that pretty \$200 cashmere sweater costs eight hours of wages — is it worth it?

"They have to choose what they want," said Roulston, president of Roulston Financial Group.

"It's not my job to promote my values, but I believe in less consumption, less work. If you consume less, the sooner you can retire and the less you have to work."

I'm not there yet, but I have learned I don't need as much as I thought.

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Cougars' defence too much for Condors

*Champlain takes over
third place
with 21-2 victory*

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Champlain College's football team all but clinched third place in the C  gep AAA league thanks to its defensive unit. The Cougars took over sole possession of third place with a convincing 21-2 win over the Beauce Appalaches Condors on a cold and windy Saturday afternoon at Coulter Field in Lennoxville.

"It wasn't pretty but a win is a win," a smiling head coach Jean-Fran  ois Joncas said after the game. "Our defence played great once again and I think they are the best defence in the league."

The victory was accomplished without much input from an offensive unit that managed just 88 total yards. On the other side of the ball, the Cougars' defence came up with big plays including two touchdowns on interception returns while the special teams blocked a punt for an other major.

Poor field conditions, brought up by



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

It was the Cougars' defence that got the job done.

several days of rain that flooded parts of Lennoxville close to the Bishop's University campus, played a role in the outcome of the game.

Both teams played for field position in the opening quarter and waited to

take advantage of mistakes by the opposition. The Cougars were the first to cash in when S  bastien Bourget blocked a punt deep in the Beauce territory that was recovered in the end zone by Jameson Persad-Gilbert for a touchdown,

with just 15 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Cougars had another excellent opportunity later in the half when their defence stopped the Condors on a fourth and one at midfield.

However that scoring chance and great field position was squandered when Champlain fumbled the ball on the next play allowing the Condors to regain possession at midfield with a new set of downs.

This time the Condors took advantage and marched the ball inside the Champlain 10-yard line, aided by a roughing call against the Cougars. Champlain's defence did manage to force the Condors to settle for a 15-yard field goal that was wide and the visitors had to settle for a single point. Champlain took a 7-1 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Cougars got a little breathing room in the third quarter when Harrison Maloney intercepted a pass and returned it 42 yards for a major, his third touchdown of the year.

"The receiver I was covering ran the same route every time so I just waited for the right time and stepped in front

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Same old story: Gaiters fail to make the playoffs

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Bishop's Gaiters suffered a 38-10 pounding against the Mount Allison Mounties in N.S. on Saturday in an interlocking game between the Quebec University Football League and the Atlantic Interuniversity Sport.

In a game the Gaiters needed to win to keep their playoff hopes alive, Bishop's offence failed to finish off drives while its defence gave up big plays for a second week in a row.

Bishop's had an opportunity to grab the fourth and final playoff spot by winning their final two league games (Mount Allison and McGill). But Saturday's one-sided loss left the Gaiters with a 1-6 record and no chance of advancing to the post season.

The Mounties jumped out to a 7-0

lead on an 84-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter by T.J. Williams and never looked back. After the Gaiters narrowed their deficit to 7-3 on a 20-yard field goal by Justin Conn on the first play of the second quarter, the Mounties responded with 24 consecutive points to put the game out of reach.

Williams scored his second major of the game at the 5:05 mark of the second period, this time on a one-yard run. They then picked up a single on a punt, a two-point safety and then a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kelly Hughes to Jonathan Dyer on the last play from scrimmage in the opening half.

The key play on that drive was an 11-yard pass completion on a third-and-six gamble from midfield that kept Mount

Allison's drive alive.

Hughes connected with Gary Ross for the only points of the third quarter, this time on a 10-yard TD pass.

The Gaiters finally scored a major in the fourth quarter when Jesse Andrews threw a 41-yard scoring pass to Keith Godding to make it a 31-10 game.

The Mounties responded again and rounded out their scoring on a 62-yard pass to Ross, his second touchdown of the game.

The Mounties also benefited from two key interceptions, and punter Oliver Eddie helped the home team win the battle of field position as he averaged 41.2 yards on seven punts.

Williams finished the day with 182 rushing yards with two majors while teammate Ross also had a big statistical day with five receptions for 113 yards

and a pair of touchdowns.

For the Gaiters, Jamall Lee continued his fine sophomore season as he gained 157 yards on 22 carries while Godding grabbed six receptions for 95 yards and the lone Gaiters' touchdown.

Andrews completed 19 of 29 passes for 237 yards but was picked off twice while his counterpart, fellow rookie Hughes, was good on 13 of 20 attempts for 236 yards and one interception.

Defensively, the Mounties were led by Jock Gemmell who tallied up nine solo tackles, two assisted, and an interception return for 53 yards that set up a touchdown. Dusty Burke led the Gaiters' defence with 7.5 tackles and one forced fumble.

The Gaiters finish off the season next week in Montreal when they play the McGill Redmen.

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

U of S ambushed by late rally

*Carabins deal
crushing blow to
Vert & Or's
playoff hopes*

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Vert & Or's playoff hopes were dealt a major blow Saturday afternoon when they blew a big lead to the Montreal Carabins before losing 27-24 in front of 5,000 disappointed university football fans at home.

The loss left Sherbrooke 1/2 game behind the McGill Redmen in the battle for the fourth and final playoff spot in the competitive Quebec University Football League. The Redmen, who hold the tie-breaker between the two teams, courtesy of a victory over Sherbrooke last week, were idle this week after St. Francis Xavier cancelled a scheduled game between the two clubs because of a virus that closed the Antigonish school.

Sherbrooke will now have to win its

final game against the Concordia Stingers to keep its playoff hopes alive, although a McGill win over the Bishop's Gaiters in their final regular season game would automatically give the Redmen the remaining playoff spot.

Sherbrooke wouldn't be in this position if it had closed out the Carabins in the final quarter after dominating the first 40 minutes of play.

The Vert & Or were dominant in the first half as they took a commanding 24-6 halftime lead.

Neither team was able to put points on the board in the third quarter but the Carabins got back in the game when quarterback Marc-Olivier Brouillette capped a five-play series with a 19-yard touchdown run in the opening minute of the final quarter. It was 24-13.

Montreal crept closer when a safety cut Sherbrooke's lead to 24-15 with just under 10 minutes remaining in the game. Jean-Luc Lamarche's second field goal of the game, this time from 32-yards out, made it a one-possession game (24-18).

The winning touchdown came one play after an Alain Dorval fumble.

Montreal capitalized on the Sherbrooke miscue as Brouillette tossed a 46-scoring strike to Michael Shousha for a 25-24 lead.

The Carabins rounded out their scoring with a safety a few minutes later.

Head coach Alain Lapointe was philosophical about the loss and refused to blame his players for the fourth quarter woes.

"If my players had played poorly in the second half then I would have reacted differently but that hasn't been the case," Lapointe said after the game. "My young players haven't given up. The Carabins did what they had to do; they were lucky at times; they won. I wish them a good end to their season."

The Carabins are in the playoffs, while the Vert & Or still need some help from either the Bishop's Gaiters or the league office. At the same time they need a win against a very good Concordia Stingers next week.

The one thing the Vert & Or have going for them is that the Stingers will arrive in Sherbrooke this Saturday not needing a win so head coach Gerry McGrath may rest some veterans.

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of him and got the interception," Mahoney explained. "We have a signal when there is a turnover and everyone started blocking and did a great job

clearing a path for me."

Champlain rounded its scoring on another defensive play when Jawann Westerman returned an interception 21 yards for his second defensive touchdown of the year.

"I was reading the quarterback's eyes and broke on the ball as he released it," Westerman explained. "I got a good

block and then it was clear sailing."

Westerman, who plays both ways for the Cougars, said after the game he wasn't tired of the double duty.

"I'm not tired, I could go out and play another one," he said with a smile.

He will get his chance this Saturday when the Cougars host the undefeated Vanier College Cheetahs.

THIS WEEK

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

• **Friday, Oct. 27**

Thetford Mines at Sherbrooke
St-François, Palais des Sports,
Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.

CÉGEP AAA FOOTBALL

• **Saturday, Oct. 28**

Vanier at Champlain Cougars
Coulter Field, Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 1 p.m.

JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY

• **Sunday, Oct. 29**

Valleyfield at Champlain Cougars
Eugène Lalonde Arena,
Sherbrooke, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

• **Friday, Oct. 27**

Laurentian at Bishop's Gaiters,
Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY SOCCER

• **Friday, Oct. 27**

Laval at Bishop's Gaiters,
Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 3 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 29**

McGill at Bishop's Gaiters,
Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY LACROSSE

• **Saturday, Oct. 28**

Laurier at Bishop's Gaiters,
Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 1 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 29**

Guelph at Bishop's Gaiters,
Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

• **Saturday, Oct. 28**

Montreal Carabins at Sherbrooke
Vert & Or, University of Sherbrooke
Stadium, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

• **Friday, Oct. 27**

Laval at Sherbrooke Vert & Or,
University of Sherbrooke, 6 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 29**

McGill at Sherbrooke Vert & Or,
University of Sherbrooke, 1 p.m.

MEN'S UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

• **Friday, Oct. 27**

Laval at Sherbrooke Vert & Or,
University of Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 29**

McGill at Sherbrooke Vert & Or,
University of Sherbrooke, 3 p.m.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

• **Saturday, Oct. 28**

Quebec provincial championships,
University of Sherbrooke, All day

MIDGET AAA HOCKEY

• **Wednesday, Oct. 25**

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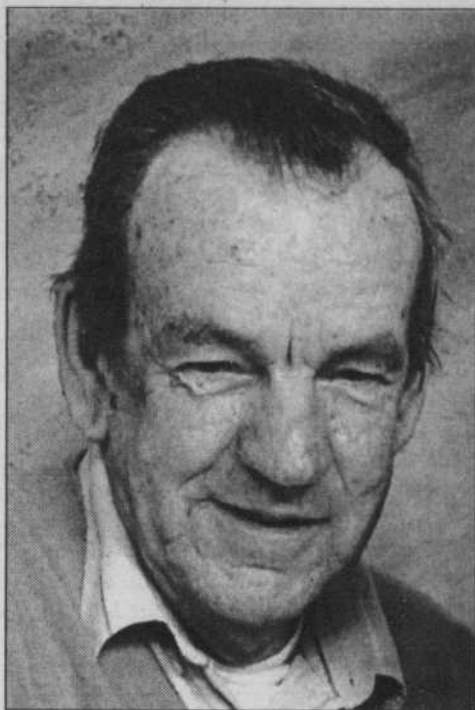
Drawing will take place Wednesday, November 1st at 10 a.m.

Don't forget to write your phone number!

Birth

GILBERT - Geoffrey, Christine and big brother Benjamin are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Cameron Carter born October 18, 2006 at 1:54 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. at the Ottawa Hospital Civil Campus. Proud grandparents Gloria and Gerald Gilbert, Ottawa, Al and Lynne McLeod, Toronto. Proud great-grandmother for the 5th time Ger-tie Raymond of Lennoxville.

Death



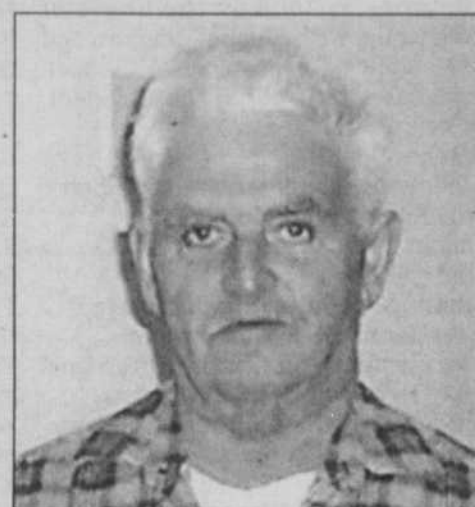
BURNHAM, George (1934-2006) — At his residence, October 20, 2006, at the age of 72 years, Mr. George Burnham. Husband of the late Judy Bockus. Survived by his daughter, Marguerite (Robert Grenier), his grandchildren, Patrick and Erica, his sisters, Irene (the late George Marshall), Edna (the late Charles Lassemba), also survived by many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Mr. Burnham is resting at Les Residences Funeraires Bessette, 5034 Foster, Waterloo, Tel : 450-539-1606 or 1-888-730-6666, Fax : 450-539-3035, www.famillebessette.com. Visitation : Monday, from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, day of the funeral, from 9 a.m. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 11 a.m. at St-Luke's Anglican Church in Waterloo. Interment at the Hillhouse Cemetery in Foster. Rev. W. Davidson officiating.

Death



CASWELL, Beatrice (1947-2006) - Following a courageous battle with cancer, on Friday, October 27, 2006, at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, passed away Bea Caswell. She leaves to mourn her spouse, Richard Maurice, her children, Sheila (Lorin Levine) and Sharron (Cam McPhee), her granddaughter Dara Joy Levine, her brothers and sisters, the late Bud, Donald (Isabelle), Ronald (Joanne), Linda, Lawrence (Janet), Ken (Josée), Bruce (Janet), David (Sheryl), Marjorie (Russell), late Francis, Tony (Robin) and Marilyn (Chad). Bea will also be dearly missed by her aunts and uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives and her dear friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 31 Principale sud, Sutton, Quebec JOE 2K0 Tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, info@desourdywilson.com where family and friends will be welcomed on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. from the Grace Anglican Church in Sutton. A special thanks from the family to all the personnel at the B.M.P. oncology dept. and the C.L.S.C. La Pommerais for the professional and loving care given Bea. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bea's memory to the B.M.P. Foundation would be appreciated. (Forms available at the funeral home).

Death



MASTINE, Everett John - The family of Everett J. Mastine are sad to announce the sudden, yet peaceful passing of their loving husband and dad, Everett John Mastine, at his home on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the age of 70. Loving husband of 46 years to Eileen Lynch, and dear father of Doug Mastine, Debbie (Jim Bedard) and Darlene (Scott Smith). Beloved grandpa of Brandon and Brianna Smith, and brother of Margaret (late Harold Blake), the late Stanley (Ethel), the late Clifford (Joyce), Blanche (the late Nelson), the late Harold (Shirley), Raymond (Elizabeth), Marjorie (Lloyd Doyle), John (Barbara), Dorothy (Roy Bushey) and Hazel (Harry Pezzi). Dear brother-in-law of Pauline (late Glenn Chartier), Marjorie (Michel Normand) and Helen (Wayne Malboeuf). Everett also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond, (819) 826-2502 / www.casshome.ca where friends may visit on Tuesday, October 24 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St-Anne's Anglican Church on Wednesday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Andrew O'Donnell officiating. Interment in Ste-Bibiane Cemetery following the service. Donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Death



BRYAN, Madeleine - Passed away at the IUGS Youville Pavillon on Friday, October 20, 2006. Madeleine Hamelin, beloved wife of the late Charles (Mac) Bryan. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC (Lennoxville Br.), Tel.: (819) 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday, from 10 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the funeral mass at St-Antoine's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) at 11:00 a.m. Interment in the St-James Anglican Cemetery in Hatley, Quebec.

Card party

BULWER

A 500 card party was held in the Bulwer Community Center on Thursday, October 12, with 9 tables in play.

Prizes were as follows: Ladies' 1st, Mary Shepard, 6840; 2nd, Gertie Hetherington, 5680; Meryl Nutbrown won the consolation.

Gents' 1st, Eileen Lowe, playing as a man 6260; 2nd, Herbert Rowell, 5840; Keith Bennett won the consolation.

Special prizes: 9 no trump, Cathy Jacklin; most skunks, Pat Westgate; no ace or face, Garth Call.

The half and half was won by Pat Westgate and Gerald Lowd.

Door prizes were won by Archie St. Onge, Casey Vriesendorp, Len Swallow, Harris Olson, Verna Westgate and Gerald Lowd.

George Pinchin

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The Dunham Women's Institute meeting

The Dunham Women's Institute met on October 5, 2006 at the home of Noreen Craig, with Shirley Vaughan and Fran Mayhew as co-hostesses. The meeting was called to order by the President, Judy Jones, at 11:00 a.m.

After welcoming everyone she read the following poem: "The New Alphabet for the Aging Population."

A's for arthritis,

B's the bad back,

C's the chest pains, perhaps car-d-iac?

D is for dental decay and decline,

E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!

F is for fissures and fluid retention,

G is for gas which I'd rather mention.

H is for high blood pressure - I'd rather it low;

I is for incisions with scares you show.

J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,

K is for knees that crack when they bend.

L is for libido, what happened to sex?

M is for memory, I forget what comes

next.

N is for neuralgia, in nerves way down low;

O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!

P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few, just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!

Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?

R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.

S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,

T is for Tinnitus, there's bells in my ears!

U is for urinary; big troubles with flow;

V is for vertigo, that's "Dizzy", you know.

W is for worry, Now what's going 'round?

X is for Xray, and what might be found.

Y is for another year I'm left here behind,

Z is for zest that I still have - in my mind.

I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed, and I am keeping twen-

ty-six doctors fully employed!!!

Motto for the Month: Attitudes are much more important than aptitudes.

Roll Call: If you could go back in history for one day, to what place and time would you go? This was answered by 10 members.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by the Secretary, Noreen Craig, approved as read and signed by the President.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Pearle Yates, the financial report was read by Noreen Craig.

There was no correspondence, just verbal thanks from Joyce Proctor Martin for the donation given to the Frost Village Brass Band. They are going to buy music with the donation. Thanks from Ruby Sherrer and Barbara McGibbon for cards the branch had sent them.

Jean Reid Page gave a report of the Semi-Annual Missisquoi County meeting. Only three Dunham members at-

tended this meeting.

The President reminded the Chairpersons to send in their annual reports, after this meeting, to the corresponding County Chairperson.

The Armistice Day Memorial Service will be held on November 11, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Quebec Women's Institute's Cairn in Dunham, on Main St. The final arrangements will be made at the November meeting.

The Nominating Committee was chosen by the president. They are Shirley Vaughan and Barbara McGibbon.

Seventeen filled Shoe Boxes were brought to the meeting for the Samaritan Purse Organization; Operation Christmas Child.

The 2007 Programs will be made by Anne Lipowski and Carol Phillips. Please bring suggestions for Roll Calls to the November meeting.

Anne Lipowski, Education Chairperson, was in charge of the program. She spoke on the Maison Familial Rurale (Rural Team Quebec) schools. These schools give the students an Education and a Profession at the same time. They do several days of Class Work and several days of Hands on Work.

The winner of the Floating prize was Joyce Proctor Martin.

The meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by Noreen, Shirley and Fran.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Joyce Proctor Martin on November 1, 2006. Time to be decided later. Program: Publicity and Awareness Chairperson, Jean Reid Page.

Correction: Re Article: 'The Missisquoi County Women's Institute's Semi-Annual Meeting.' I stated that the Ella Beach Brown Bursary was won by Elias Cummins. He later decided not to continue his education this year, therefore the runner up wins the Bursary. She is Melissa Carter. Melissa wants to become an Elementary School Teacher and is attending Bishop's University.

Jean Reid page
Publicity Chairperson

Military Whist season starts at St. Anne's

On Thursday evening, October 12, twenty tables of players were registered to play Military Whist in St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond. Everyone was relaxed after the Thanksgiving holiday and many had just returned from an interesting trip to Ireland. Once again this season the gifts will be wrapped, this night in orange or black for Halloween. Something new was introduced - anyone with four of a kind had to show them to Marge, then register it on a slip of paper.

At the end of the evening of play, a delicious lunch of sandwiches and cookies was served with hot or cold beverages before the awarding of the prizes.

The table with high score was made up of Fran Dewar, Rose Oakley, Mary Lockwood and Dot Gunter. Second place went to Peter & Carol Boisvert, Donna Ham and Robert Dunn. The honour of low score was earned by Allan Banfill, Marjorie Frazer, Pearl Armstrong and Matty Banfill.

There were twenty names on the list of those with four of a kind of varying values and the winners were chosen by drawing cards, the final lucky ones were Matty Banfill, Ghislaine Redburn, Evelyn Fraser, Jessica McMorine, Raymond Lancaster, Fran Dewar, Jean Storry, Ross Davidson, Bob Dunn, Estelle Blouin and Ghislaine Redburn.

Twenty door prizes were awarded to Beverley Jones, Bill Fraser, Paul Rioux, Fran Dewar, Evelyn Horan, Clara Boisvert, Mary Lockwood, Joe Bell, Rowena Henderson, Rose Marcotte, Pauline Fecteau, Robert Paquette, Sierra Redburn, Freda Coote, Marjorie Frazer, Alison Watson, Jessica McMorine, Matty Banfill, Zetta Olney and Daisy McGee. Two grocery boxes were sent home with Robert Paquette and Jean Storry.

On November 9 the next party will be held at St. Anne's with gifts wrapped in the paper of your choice. Hope we'll see you there.

Submitted by
Jean Storry

Painting Exhibition at Bury United Cultural Center



Saturday, September 16, was a very busy and rewarding day for members of the Bury Cultural Center.

The day started out with the annual painting exhibition, when twelve artists from the surrounding area put on a fabulous display of their talents throughout the former United Church and McKenzie Hall. Several flower arrangements placed here and there made a perfect setting for the exhibition. These arrangements were the creative work of Shelley and helpers.

Artists who participated in the exhibition were: Dennis Palmer of Ranboro, Stuart Main of Bishopton, Wilma Kinsey



of Scotstown, Marilyn Salter of Lennoxville, Henriette Robert Aubin of Sherbrooke, John Ward of Lingwick, Jeanne d'Arc Viens, Joanne Blanchette, Lucille Duhaime, Claire Lessard, Marc Rousseau and Clement Corriveau all of East Angus. The exhibition was very well supported from several areas of the Eastern Townships.

Later in the afternoon, the Harvest Supper held at the Bury Town Hall by the Cultural Center group was also very well attended by both local people and from the surrounding area. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Nina Rowell

Magog & Area
Connie Girard
819-843-6671

This past summer Peter Meesen of Austin celebrated his 80th birthday. His children from various parts of the country came to visit their parents. Bill and daughter of Sudbury, Ontario, Dorothy and Mike of Revelstok. Andy and family of Brantford, Susan and family of Lennoxville. Peter is loved by all who know him and is highly respected in the community. We wish you well and may you enjoy many more birthdays to come.

Lise Gagnon, formerly of Magog, and presently residing in Montreal, recently visited with her good friend Marlayne Hudson of Magog.

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: D equals F

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VNOHM, KR KM ZKALZF RN YL RVL
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "Neurotics build castles in the air. Psychotics live in them. My mother cleans them." - Rita Rudner

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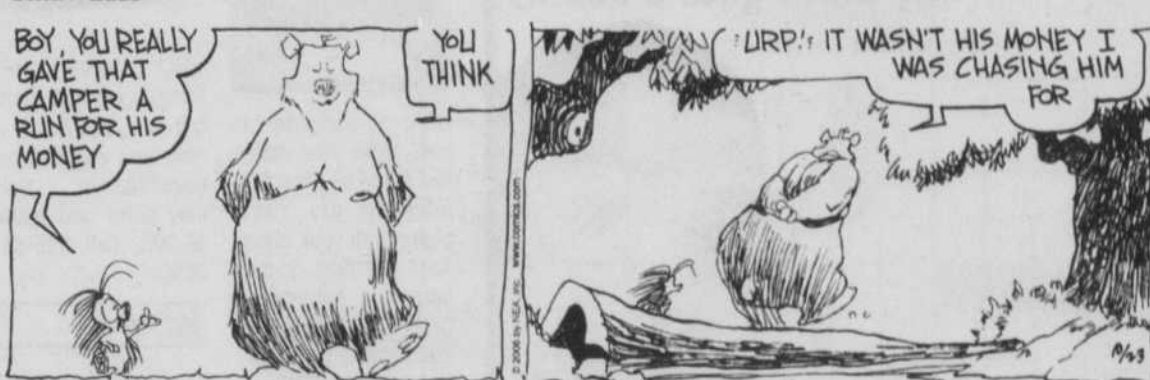
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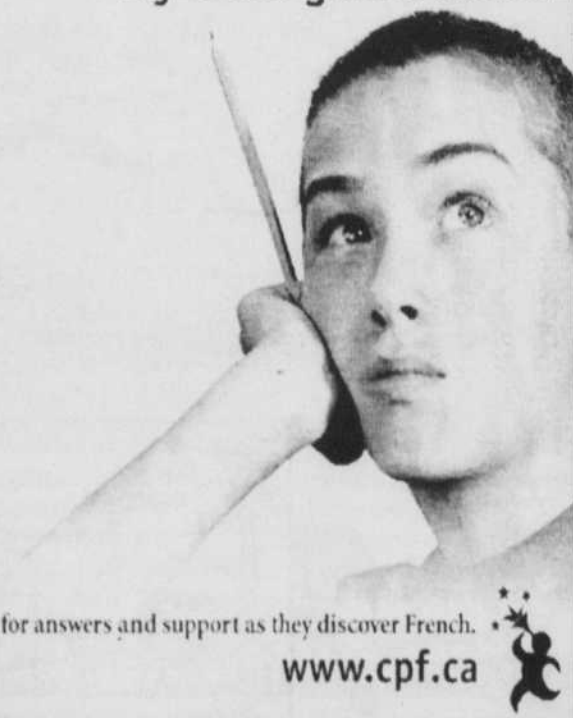
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Your Birthday

Monday, Oct. 23, 2006

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Yes, it might be comforting to air out your financial problems with a friend. But if you bare your soul to a pal who is much too talkative, the results may end up being very embarrassing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A bright idea you have might not gain the acceptance it should, especially if you share it with an associate who is either unimaginative or secretly in a power struggle with you. Choose wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Take care you don't inadvertently reveal something important that was told to you in confidence. The individual will be angered and lose all respect for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The possibility exists that you could get caught up in some kind of game playing with a friend. In trying to outmaneuver each other, you could do mutual damage to one another in the process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - All worthy efforts on your part will be duly noticed by others, so don't think you have to toot your own horn because you're not getting enough praise. Showboating will cost you big time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Unless you insulate yourself with as much positive thinking as you can, any negative talk

you're exposed to will awaken self-doubts and turn this day into a bummer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - A problematic financial matter can be handled to your advantage, but you're going to have to give up something to get what you want. Handle it with wisdom and shrewdness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - You're smart and have a lot going for you, but this is not an excuse to rush to judgment. If you don't take the necessary time to examine issues in depth, you could make a bad mistake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - There are rewards to be had when you work in unison with others. When you don't and take the attitude of "every man for himself," it isn't likely things will go as you had planned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Sadly, you may knowingly abandon all prudence and decide to spend freely, as if you had a bottomless bank account. You'll have fun, but the bills you run up won't be so delightful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - If there is trouble with relationships on the home front, before pointing the finger of blame, look in the mirror to see if you have any blemishes. Repair yours first before asking others to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - There will be many opportunities to socialize with friends, but if you do so by having to snatch time away from duties or responsibilities, it isn't likely it will be worth it in the end.

Monday, Oct. 23, 2006

North				10-23-06
♠ A K				
♥ A 4 3 2				
♦ J 9 2				
♣ 7 6 4 3				
West		East		
♠ 10 8 6 3		♠ Q 9 5 4 2		
♥ Q 7		♥ 8		
♦ 8 7 5 3		♦ K Q 10 6		
♣ A 9 8		♣ J 10 5		
South				
♠ J 7				
♥ K J 10 9 6 5				
♦ A 4				
♣ K Q 2				
Dealer: South				
Vulnerable: Neither				
South	West	North	East	
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass	
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	All pass	
Opening lead: ♠ 6				

six pairs, one female and five male. After three-plus days of play, with only 18 boards to go, Europe enjoyed a small lead. But the United States steamrolled through the next 12 deals to make the last 6 irrelevant.

The scoring was by board-a-match. If your pair did better than the opposing team's, whether by 10 points or 1,000, you received one point. This made overtricks extremely valuable.

North's two no-trump showed game-forcing values with four-plus hearts. South's three no-trump denied a side-suit singleton or void, and promised 14-16 high-card points.

In the other room, against Norberto Bocchi from Italy, Bobby Levin led a trump. Declarer won with his jack, drew the missing trump, played off dummy's two top spades, then led a club to his king. West won with his ace and shifted to a diamond, setting up three defensive tricks: one diamond and two clubs.

Against Steve Weinstein, Justin Hackett from England led a low spade. Declarer won on the board and immediately played a club to his king. West, not seeing the danger, won with his ace and continued with a second spade. Declarer played a trump to his king, cashed the club queen, and led a third club, claiming when clubs broke 3-3. South's diamond four disappeared on dummy's club seven. The overtrick won the board for the United States.

If you need a misdefense, put the defenders on the spot as quickly as possible.

Win one Buffett, lose one Ryder

By Phillip Alder

The Warren Buffett Cup, bridge's answer to golf's Ryder Cup, took place last month outside Dublin, not far from the venue of the Ryder Cup.

Europe and the United States each sent

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Indian rulers
- 6 Minor tender in India
- 10 Outer banana
- 14 Appliance brand
- 15 Skywalker's sister
- 16 Make over
- 17 Swap stories
- 19 Cogito-sum link
- 20 Meteor tail?
- 21 Trig function
- 22 Four-time Indy 500 winner
- 24 Repudiates
- 26 Between ports
- 27 Swap stories
- 32 Where the Salmon runs
- 35 Skirt ring

- 36 Hall-of-Famer Traynor
- 37 ___ Hari
- 38 Ratify
- 40 Old capital of West Germany
- 41 Fuss
- 42 Boater's walkway
- 43 Dog treats, often
- 44 Swap stories
- 48 "___ Lang Syne"
- 49 Formless seat
- 53 S.O.S. rival
- 56 Fibber
- 57 Spanish cheer
- 58 Banjoist Scruggs
- 59 Swap stories
- 62 A&P competitor
- 63 Polynesian beverage

- 25 Workplace watchdog org.
- 26 Resting on
- 28 Androcles' extraction
- 29 On top of
- 30 Queue
- 31 Eye part
- 32 Apple PC
- 33 Woodworking channel
- 34 Molecule part
- 38 Pump intake stoppages
- 39 Legal title
- 40 Deck officer, briefly
- 42 Beatles bassist

- 43 Tight embrace
- 45 Straw bed
- 46 Luke's Jedi mentor
- 47 Mamilla
- 50 Very successful
- 51 Author Lesage
- 52 J. Paul ___
- 53 Smile broadly
- 54 Track event
- 55 Author Rombauer
- 56 First name in jeans
- 60 So there!
- 61 Rock producer Brian

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Fanatical
- 2 Famed violin maker
- 3 Austen and Alexander
- 4 Moreover
- 5 You and what army?
- 6 King in "The Tempest"
- 7 No more than
- 8 Lend support
- 9 Could succeed
- 10 Ready-made
- 11 Architect Saarinen
- 12 On pins and needles
- 13 Pirate's take
- 18 Skid row bum
- 23 Rugged vehicle

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By James E. Buell

10/23/06

Card party held

HUNTINGVILLE

Another "500" card party took place at the Howe home on September 26, 2006, with proceeds for St. James Church, Compton, and the Sunshine Fund.

Prizes for highest score, Hazel Carson, score 5940; second, Dora McCourt, score 5820; third, Isabel Nelson, score 5520. The consolation prize went to Pat Howe.

The guessing game, no. of chocolates in a dish, was won by Gertie Hetherington.

The prize for secret score went to Harris Olsson.

The skunk prize was won by Judy Lane.

Special prizes, first, a blanket, Flora McBean; second, a tea set, Helen Gallup; third, a cushion, Hazel Carson; fourth, flowers, George Peasley; fifth, flowers, Sue Nichols.

Door prizes were won by Gertrude Watson, Gertie Hetherington, Louise Peasley, Hazel Carson, George Peasley, Dora McCourt, Pat Howe, Olive McCourt, Alison Watson, Patsy Miller, Edna Smith, Isabel Nelson, Judy Lane, Pearl Armstrong, Archie Nelson, Sue Nichols, Flora McBean, Harris Olsson, Helen Gallup, Nilda Howe and Helen Knowles.

Again, many thanks to Nilda and Pat, and to all who donated prizes.

Sue Nichols

Bring your wife some flowers

Dear Annie: My brother-in-law, **Annie's Mailbox** "Fred," has been

married to my sister for 20 years. The problem is, he discards items that aren't his, and he does it without asking.

I know Fred likes things very tidy, but at a recent family gathering, he removed some signs on the walls that were displayed for renters. When I asked why, he said it was "a joke," but the signs never reappeared. Yesterday, I noticed a coffee mug in the wastebasket. Fred said he couldn't clean it, so he tossed it, but I washed it fairly easily. And by the way, this is MY coffee mug.

Fred's a nice enough guy, but his behavior seems to be worsening. How do I approach this? Should I just let it drop until he throws out something valuable? — Irritated Sister-In-Law

Dear Irritated: We've asked a few doctors about Fred's problem, and were told it could be an obsessive-compulsive disorder, a control issue or something else altogether. Such behaviors can get worse if they are not addressed.

First, tell Fred directly that he is not to throw out any items that belong to you. Then, suggest to your sister that Fred be evaluated by a psychotherapist, and she might also check the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org), 676 State St., New Haven, CT 06511.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Torn in Tacoma," asking how many previous sexual partners it is appropriate for a woman to have had. You basically told him it had less to do with the number than with her character.

But really, Annie, how many is too many? 10? 30? 100? How honest is a woman expected to be? My first serious girlfriend said I was her first, but I found out I was her fourth. I met my wife in college. When I asked about her past, she said, "I swear, only you and my old boyfriend." You know where I'm going with this.

After 12 years of marriage, I discov-

ered I am not even in the top five. Her mom dropped off a bunch of things at our house, including old letters. I found out there were MANY men before me. I think about this every day and can't let it go. What do I do now? — Losing It in North Carolina

Dear Losing It: We know this information is a shock for you, but try to accept that what happened before you became involved with your wife is not part of your life together. You should have known if she had a child or if her previous sexual life caused a medical problem or gave her an STD, but that's it. When you questioned her, she no doubt felt obligated to lie in order to protect your feelings and maintain the relationship — which she obviously values. If you can't get past this, it's time to see a counselor, with or without her, and figure out how best to handle it.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Wishing It Weren't So in Wisconsin," who has no intimate contact with his wife. My husband could have written that letter.

When we first married, I kept the house spotless, dressed nicely and had a wonderful meal ready for him, despite having four children and a job. He never said so much as "thanks." In addition, I always had something new to try in the bedroom. He never reciprocated.

I've begged him to be more responsive, but he remains happy with the basics. I got tired of being the only one to crave intimacy, and sex is now just one more chore. Maybe if "Wishing" tried to be more romantic when he wasn't looking for sex, his wife would comply. I know I would. — In Misery in Michigan

Dear Misery: We don't know if this was "Wishing's" problem, but any husband who thinks it may be his, take a hint. Bring your wife some flowers tonight.

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



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