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Richard Wisdom takes TBL mayor's seat by over 300 votes

By Maurice Crossfield

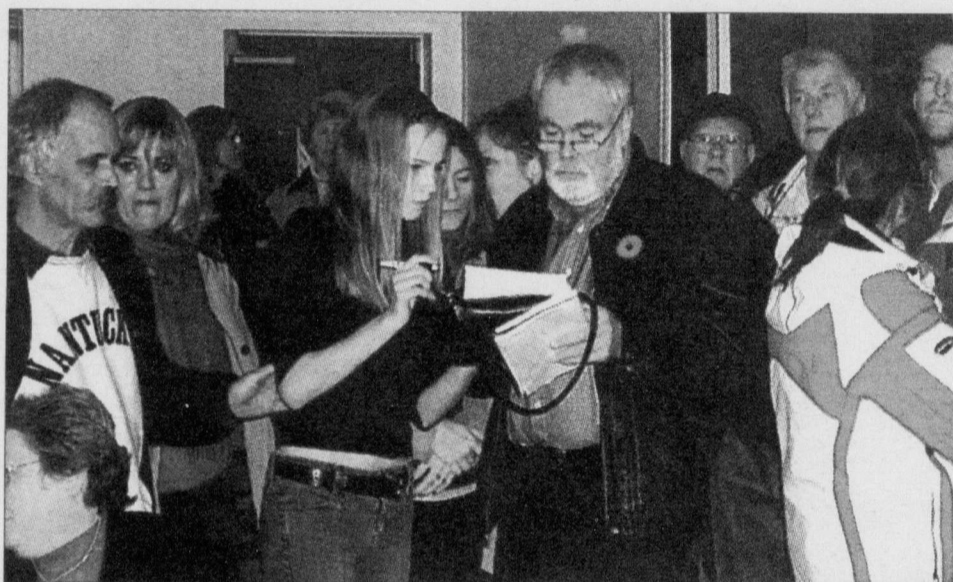
Richard Wisdom proved to be second time lucky Sunday night, taking the helm as the new mayor of Brome Lake.

"I'd like to thank my opponents and all the people who voted," Wisdom said. "It proves they all care about the Town of Brome Lake."

"The mandate will be put to good use," Wisdom continued. "I think it's an honour and I'm going to work extra hard to live up to it."

With four candidates vying for the top job, almost any outcome was possible. In theory, any candidate who took more than 25 per cent of the vote could have won. In 1999, with three candidates in the running, Wisdom lost out to Stanley Neil by a mere 124 votes.

This time the numbers worked out solidly in Wisdom's favor. Not counting
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MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Richard Wisdom did better the second time around, garnering 925 votes to become the new mayor of the Town of Brome Lake. He is seen here looking at the results with supporters.

Asbestos study is propaganda, not science: Institute

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Asbestos Institute lobby group is calling a Quebec Health board study on asbestos and cancer rates "alarmist" and "propaganda" and questions the motives of the study's authors.

"This apocalyptic report made by Dr. Simone Faucher and Louise Deguire is faulty," said Clément Godbout, head of the institute.

"The data is weak, the approach is alarmist, there is a lack of discipline and the conclusions are too hasty.

"But they are eager to make it public, especially to the media."

Godbout argued the study makes no distinction between Chrysotile asbestos fibers, which are mined in Quebec, and Amphibole asbestos fibers. The latter fibers were banned from North American and European markets in the late 1970s when it was determined they were the prime cause of mesothelioma, a rare lung cancer.

According to the study, Quebec men are close to 10 times as likely to die from this cancer than men in the rest of Canada. The study concluded that exposure to asbestos was the cause.

But Godbout said the men and women studied were often exposed to Amphibole fibers rather than Chrysotile fibers, which the study did not mention.

"The authors omitted that most of the people who died were exposed to amphibole fibers which has a toxicity far more serious than Chrysotile and which has been banned for several decades," he said.

"But that is not mentioned in the newspapers, is it?"

Godbout admitted measures against exposure to asbestos fibers of

Moison-Coulombe took early lead

Staff

There was a strong indication Sunday that Asbestos Mayor Louise Moisan-Coulombe would hold onto the seat she has held since 1997.

Moison-Coulombe was leading at press time Sunday night with five of 20 polls showing support for the woman who has been at the helm of the town of 6,500 through some of its most difficult times.

Moison-Coulombe was being challenged by town councillor Jean-Philippe Bachand.

The town received a double economic whammy in the last 12 months with the shutdown and receivership of the Jeffrey asbestos mine and the closure of the Magnola magnesium plant, resulting in layoffs of 600 employees and the reduction of business for most local contractors.

The loss of business tax revenue for the town has meant a freeze on salaries for municipal employees and delays in payments to the provincial police and to the Quebec government.

Heading into the election, the town was facing a long-term debt of \$4.5 million.

During the election campaign, Bachand, who was elected to council in 2000 after the town's merger with neighbouring Trois Lacs (Three Lakes), claimed that Moisan-Coulombe had been in office long enough and new leadership was needed to improve the economy and create employment.

He proposed eliminating the four per cent business tax within two years and reducing the debt through budget cuts and administrative restructuring.

Moison-Coulombe proposed a more balanced, pro-active approach, which focused on expanding existing businesses and enticing new companies to the area.

"If you don't have jobs for the residents they will leave. But if you don't provide basic services, they will also leave. The key is to get the residents and their children to stay here."

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STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

Early in the evening Asbestos Mayor Louise Moison-Coulombe was leading in the polls with indications she would hold on to her seat.

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Lest We Forget



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault receives the first poppy of the year from Jean-Luc Préfontaine and Legion president Paul Pelchat. Please remember our veterans by wearing a poppy.

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World War, when many of the men studied were working in the mines and mills and construction sites.

But he added the industry has made many changes to ventilation systems, working procedures and regulations to reduce or eliminate the exposure since then.

"On this issue, there is the past and then there is today and the future," he said.

"We do not deny the problems of the past, but we refuse to let others try to link the past to the present without proper analysis of all the information."

Godbout questioned the motives of Faucher and Deguire, arguing the study was made public in reaction to an institute study released in September that stated Chrysotile fibers caused less lung damage than substitute fibers.

"Our study shows without doubt Chrysotile fibers are 100 times less noxious than amphibole fibers and substitute fibers," he said.

"We have submitted these studies to the Quebec public health board, to the workers health and safety commission and other interested parties, and they have not contested it."

Neither Faucher nor Deguire could be reached for comment at press time.

But Deguire did speak at an anti-asbestos conference held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in September. The conference was closed to the public and most media.

The conference was later broadcast on CPAC, a cable channel which covers government assemblies and related meetings for later distribution.

During the conference,

Deguire said the problem of exposure in the mines has "improved," but that exposure to asbestos in certain factories and on construction sites is hard to control.

The conference was organized by NDP MP Joseph Co-martin, an anti-asbestos advocate, and attended by environmental lobbyists and workers' families who want the fiber, in any form, banned in Canada.

At a press conference, several members of the conference argued that Chrysotile fibers are just as dangerous as other asbestos fibers and that substitute materials are safe for workers and the public.

In a CBC radio interview last Thursday, Deguire said the study concentrated on workers handling asbestos in Quebec but made no distinction between Chrysotile and Amphibole fibers.

She also said that smoking had no connection with the mesothelioma rate, a position that contrasted with other researchers of asbestos and lung cancer, notably Irving Selikoff.

Selikoff had argued in 1968 that "asbestos and cigarette smoke act in multiplicative manner to greatly enhance the risk of lung cancer in working populations."

In the late 1970s, the Johns-Manville asbestos mine banned smoking for all its 2,500 employees as a health precaution.

Denis Hamel, the Asbestos Institutes's spokesman, said the study's lack of data on smoking, type of asbestos exposed to and the working environments of those who died all show a lack of professionalism on the part of Faucher and Deguire.

"Their chief research material was the death certificates of the men and women studied," he said.

"These certificates don't re-

veal much about the lives of these people. It does not say if they smoked or not, or if they took any precautions on the job or what type of fiber they worked with.

"Ignoring this is more dangerous than any message this study could ever say."

What is self-evident about the study is the growing conflict within the Quebec government over asbestos policies.

On the one hand, the government has adopted a policy that encourages the use of asbestos in encased construction materials such as cement and asphalt for public building projects. But government offices such as the Workers Health and Safety commission and the Public Health institute have continued to target the fiber as a toxin that can jeopardize Quebec workers no matter what form it is found in.

Premier Jean Charest has publicly supported the use of asbestos and the protection of the industry, which employs over 1,000 workers in the Eastern Townships towns of Asbestos and Thetford Mines.

One of his cabinet ministers, caucus whip Yvon Vallières, has denounced the health and safety commission for being too strict with regulations concerning exposure rates on construction sites. He has also been a chief backer of using Chrysotile asbestos when repaving public roads.

Laurent Lessard, newly elected member of the Quebec legislature, is the former mayor of Thetford Mines and also advocates a pro-asbestos policy. During last spring's provincial election, he called for a provincial study on the health effects of materials substituted for asbestos.

Neither Vallières nor Lessard could be reached for comment at press time.

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Weather

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 Wednesday: Showers. Low 2. High 14.
 Thursday: Cloudy. Low 2. High 5.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



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English schools remain low in provincial ranking

Staff
Galt Regional high school has the highest ranking of the English secondary schools in the Eastern Townships for the 2001/2002 academic year, according to a collaborative study between The Fraser Institute and the Montreal Economic Institute (MEI), an independent research and educational centre.

This is the fourth edition of the report where (455) schools are graded based on various performance indicators, including standardized exams and grades. The overall ratings are intended to provide a general idea of how a school is doing academically.

According to its authors, the report is an attempt to educate parents on which schools in their neighbourhood best meet the needs of their children. However, they should not use only the report when deciding where to send their kids. The study does not include extracurricular activities.

Massey-Vanier High School received an overall rating of 4.9 (out of 10) for the academic year ending in 2001. There were 892 students enrolled last year at the school. The report notes the average annual revenue of parents was \$38,100.

Galt received an overall rating of 5.1 (out of 10) for the academic year ending

in 2002, placing it 351st (out of 455) in the province and 20th (out of 23) in the Estrie region. There were 961 students enrolled last year at the school. The report notes the average annual revenue of parents was \$52,100.

Richmond High School, which had the highest ranking among the three major public secondary schools in the Townships last year, received a low overall rating of 4.0, placing it 408th in the province and 22nd in the region. There were 365 students enrolled there last year. The average annual revenue of parents was \$45,700.

The top three scores in the Estrie region were achieved by a trio of Sherbrooke private secondary schools: Collège Mont Notre-Dame (tied for 38th overall in the province), Collège du Sacré-Coeur (also tied for 38th) and the Séminaire de Sherbrooke (51st). The top public school is Magog's Ecole secondaire de la Ruche (130th).

Among the schools of note in the Montérégie region are Granby's Collège Mont-Sacré, Farnham's Ecole Jean-Jacques-Bertrand (232nd) and Massey-Vanier's French sector (166th).

The report maintains that effective teaching can be measured

by the ability of all students to pass any uniform examination that is a requirement for the successful completion of a course.

In last year's study, Galt received a grade of 4.7, Richmond got 6.3 and Massey-Vanier ended up with the same as this year, 4.9.

Not all of Quebec's high schools are listed in the report. Adult education centres, schools with less than 15 people in

the graduating class, and schools that cater solely or largely to non-resident foreign students are typically excluded.

Bishop's College School (BCS) and Stanstead College, two private Estrie English secondary schools, were not ranked by the study. The study has been a controversial source of discussion since it was first published. The educational community believes it is like comparing apples and oranges.

Poirier buys Waterloo jail

Staff
Serge Poirier's offer to purchase the former Waterloo prison has been accepted, paving the way for his plans to turn it into a professional training centre.

Poirier, owner of the neighboring Safari Loowak adventure business, had his offer of \$575,000 accepted by the Société Immobilière du Québec, the provincial organization responsible for government buildings. Renovation work on the former jail will begin in January, with the Alta Vista centre

opening in the spring.

Poirier made his offer earlier this fall, after a proposed recreational and housing project fell through.

Alta Vista has been an idea of Poirier's for years. It will be a training centre for business executives and managers. The only such centre of its kind, it is expected to attract businesspeople from across North America.

Poirier is planning the Waterloo site as phase one of a much larger project, which will include a campus in neighboring Bromont.

BRIEFS

Megantic crash victim dies

The Lake Megantic boy who was struck by a car last week has died as a result of the crash.

Marc-Antoine Trottier, 5, was taken off life support at the CHUS in Fleurimont Thursday morning, and died shortly afterwards. His father, Pierre Fortier, said he had been kept alive to allow his organs to be donated, so that he would not have died for nothing.

Marc-Antoine was walking with his father and brother Tuesday night. As they crossed Dollard Street a driver on Choquette Street failed to make a stop and turned onto Dollard. Though the others were not injured, Marc-Antoine was hit.

Suffering from numerous injuries, Marc Antoine was taken to hospital in Megantic and quickly transferred to the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke. He never regained consciousness. The driver, 53-year-old Michel Bouchard of Marston, refused to take a breathalyser test. Initially charged with dangerous driving causing bodily harm, that charge will now be upgraded to dangerous driving causing death. He is also charged with refusing to take a blood alcohol test.

Cash seized at Lacolle border

The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency is reporting a major seizure of U.S. money at its St-Bernard de Lacolle border crossing earlier this

month.

On Oct. 16 border guards seized American money worth \$141,000 which had been hidden behind a false wall in the trunk of a car. The car, cash and woman driving were all turned over to the RCMP, who are handling the investigation.

Since January border guards in the Montérégie, which spans from the western end of the Eastern Townships to the region south of Montreal, have seized more than \$600,000 worth of American money in 20 different cases. The most important took place at the St-Armand crossing last Feb., where \$185,000 was seized.

Under the law, those crossing the border are required to declare if they are bringing more than \$10,000 into the country.

Martin called with this Friday afternoon, there will likely be more details in Saturday's La Tribune

Fatal accident

Police are investigating whether or not speed was a factor in a fatal accident late Thursday night on St-François Blvd.

The accident occurred a few minutes before midnight on St-François when the driver lost control of the car and landed in the ditch, said Sherbrooke police spokesman Michel Martin.

The passenger of the car, Mathieu Lamirande, 17, was killed. The driver, also 17, was injured.



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Efforts to improve services to Anglos bear fruit

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Two years ago, the board of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke (CHUS) set a priority to improve the quality of services offered to the hospital's expanded English-speaking clientele.

The move, propelled in large part by board member Marjorie Goodfellow, came a few years after a complete reorganization of hospital services that saw the Sherbrooke Hospital disappear and the CHUS take over responsibility for providing acute care to the region's English-speaking population.

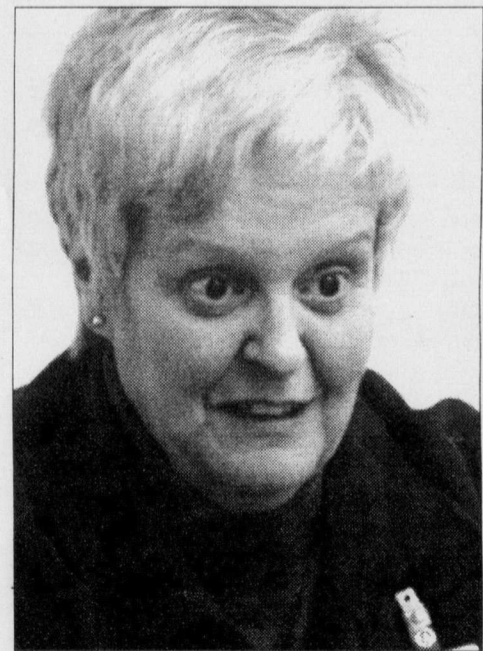
After the policy was adopted by the board in November 2001, a 12-member committee was set up to develop an action plan that called for the hiring of a liaison agent for the English community, the translation of various information brochures and pamphlets, the recruitment of more English-speaking volunteers, as well as more language training to ensure that as many staffers as possible could respond to the needs of anglophone patients in their own language.

On Friday, hospital representatives charged with ensuring the action plan is carried out met with *The Record* to boast about the policy's success.

Lynne Beattie, who was hired in September of 2002 to be the CHUS liaison officer, said the policy has had a real impact on the English-speaking community.

"They (patients and their families) know if they have a problem there is someone they can call," she said, noting that since she has been there, she believes anglophones are more comfortable at the CHUS.

Beattie admits that when she started in her new position staffers were wary



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Lynne Beattie has received a positive response from the English-speaking community for efforts being made to provide services in English.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Nursing director Danielle St-Louis is pleased with the number of nurses who volunteered to take English lessons to assist with treating English-speaking patients.

of her presence.

"But now they perceive that I am coming to help and not to look for problems," Beattie said, noting that she realizes it's working because staffers are now calling upon her for help in dealing with English-speaking patients.

For example, social workers call up here when they meet with patients to ensure the patient understand what is going on. "More and more staffers have that concern," she said.

Over the past year, Beattie has also met with more than a dozen community groups, participated in events including Townshippers' Day, and written a regular column in *The Record* to explain what services are offered at the CHUS and how to access them.

"It's basic information, but it's really needed," she said.

Beattie said hospital workers are also adapting to the new policy and that most try really hard to better serve English-speaking patients.

That was no doubt made easier by more access to English classes for staffers.

Last year, thanks to a special program with Emploi Quebec, some 400 staffers volunteered for English classes from beginner to intermediate level. The courses and recruitment of some volunteer teachers were accomplished with the help of volunteers Barbara Verity, who sits on the hospital's access committee, as well as Jane Loiselle and Goodfellow.

"Without them, we could not have reached our goals," remarked nursing

director Danielle St-Louis, the management staffer charged with implementing the action plan.

Beattie said the fact that staffers are making more efforts makes the English community feel more welcome.

"When they come and the staff is making efforts and they know the staff is taking English classes it make them feel welcome," she said, noting that often French-speaking staffers were afraid and uneasy about using their limited English.

St-Louis said that while nursing staff in key positions must be bilingual, the CHUS cannot insist that most staffers be bilingual. She said she was pleased with the number of staffers willing to take English courses.

Hospital spokeswoman France Champagne points out, while the hospital provides the course, staffers take them on their own time.

St-Louis noted that, unlike in the days that followed the merger in the late 90s, there are few problems with staffers who refuse to respond to the needs of anglophone patients.

She remarked that the mergers created a lot of tension for everyone who was dealing with important losses. Many staffers were demoted and others feared they would lose their jobs. Anglophones had just lost a centennial institution when the Sherbrooke Hospital was closed as a general hospital and became a pavilion of the long-term care.

"Now we get the impression that the population and staff have a greater

sense of belonging to the CHUS," she said.

Champagne noted the post-merger culture shock was greater at the Hotel Dieu than in Fleurimont, where the university hospital treated more anglophones. Since then, she said both cultures have gotten to know each other.

Champagne said that over the past two years the hospital has also made great efforts to ensure most publication and pamphlets are available in both languages. When the policy began, there was a list of some 200 brochures that needed translation, now there are 60.

"It has become automatic," Beattie said, noting that when a doctor or service produces information sheets for patients, they consider they have to produce it in English too. The hospital is currently reviewing its Code of Ethics which will be printed in both languages, Champagne said.

Champagne said that immediately after the merger there was little funding for translation from the Regional Health Board because the CHUS was not designated as an officially bilingual hospital. Now the hospital covers the costs out of its budget.

"When they (the board) said it was a priority to improve services to anglophones it was more than just talk," notes St-Louis.

Beattie admits early translation efforts often left much to be desired on the quality of English grammar and spelling. But she notes in many cases staffers translated the documents doing the best they could.

"Some of it, maybe the quality was so-so, but at least they made the effort," she said, noting the the hospital now has its own translators and translations are revised to ensure they are in a language patients can understand.

The hospital is also a partner in the Community Health and Social Service Network which exchanges English-language health information on the Internet, St-Louis said, noting that the program is reviewed every year.

"Our milieu is constantly evolving and needs will change as technology changes," she said. "In a clientele-based approach, you can never rest on your laurels, you have to constantly keep up to date and stay on top on what's going on."

Improving the quality of services to English-speaking patients is part of the hospital's concern of providing quality services to all patients whether they are French, English or Croats, St-Louis said, noting that in the future, the hospital will have to be sensitive to the changing population which includes more minorities.

If Beattie's phone calls are any measure, the program has been a success. She said she has few complaints about language and even gets a number of calls complimenting the CHUS on its care.

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the results of the advance poll, he was given the nod by 925 Brome Lake voters. Stanley Neil pulled down 596 votes, Don Wing got 392, and Lloyd Sturtevant got 290.

"The people have spoken, live with it," Neil said after conceding defeat. "I think it's the democratic process, and that's the way it goes."

When asked, Neil said he isn't counting out the possibility of another run for mayor in 2005.

"Never say never," he said.

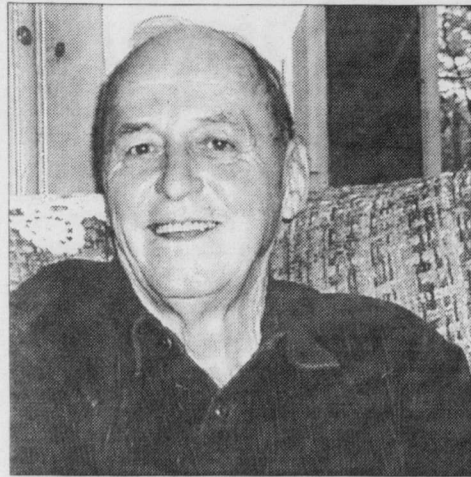
As for Sturtevant, he said the campaign was an interesting and educational experience.

"I offered the public my services, and they chose Dick Wisdom, so I say good luck to Dick," he said. "I hope he does well."

Only one council seat was filled by acclamation, that being the Knowlton seat held by veteran councillor Tom McGovern. For the remaining five seats 11 candidates were in the running. Here's a look at the council races:

Knowlton: Knowlton's other council seat was held onto by incumbent Paula Richardson, who got 369 votes. Tawnia Hadlock, a mother of three, First Responder, and employee of the local CIBC, wasn't far behind, with 285 votes.

Fulford/Bondville/Iron Hill: It was a convincing win for Donald Gagné, who got 358 votes against Jean Rutt, who got



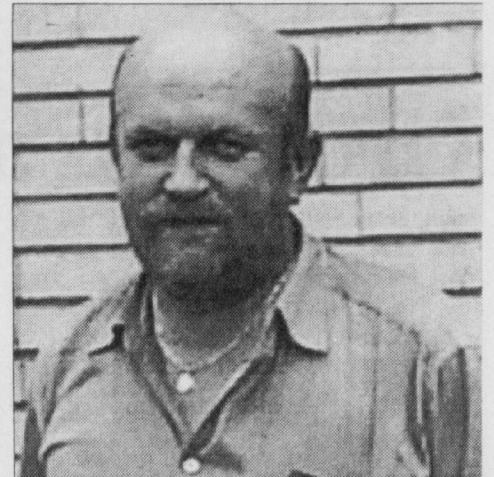
FILE PHOTO

Don Wing got 392 votes.



FILE PHOTO

Stanley Neil pulled down 596 votes.



Lloyd Sturtevant got 290 votes.

69 ballots cast in her favor.

East Hill: Incumbent councillor Cynthia Wilkinson said she knocked on every door in East Hill during the campaign, and it showed: She got 209 votes against Larry Norton's 78.

West Brome: George Bristol, the ward's representative for the last 16 years, had little difficulty holding onto his seat for another two years. He got 236 votes, while opponent Wesley Allnutt got 95.

Foster: In Foster it was a three-way race in which Larry Fairholm narrowly beat Marc Decelles. Fairholm got 230 votes, while Decelles got 221. Yves Filiatreault got 29 votes.

In all some 2203 Brome Lake residents went to the polls on Sunday, while about 300 others voted in the advance polls a week earlier.



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Over 100 people turned out at the Brome Lake Community Centre to watch the results come in.

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It appears voters in the municipality favoured the approach.

In addition to the contest for mayor, four of the six council seats were being contested.

Seat two, incumbent Hughes Grimard threw his support behind Moisan-Coulombe stating

during the campaign he did not favour Bachand's solution to the town's financial woes. Grimard admitted the town's finances are in trouble, but believes that the town should look to the provincial government to help lighten the load.

Grimard's opponent for seat two, Mario Pellerin is the former mayor of Trois Lacs, who lost out to Moisan-Coulombe in the 2000 election for the mayor's job after

the two towns merged.

In seat three, incumbent Serge Boislard was also allied with mayor Moisan-Coulombe. Opposing Boislard was businessman Rénaud Pellerin, who was a councillor from 1998 to 2000.

The hottest seat in the election was number four which Bachand gave up to run for mayor. It was contested by candidates Irene Gagnon, Nicole Forgues and Guy Jalbert.

New technology helped speed up elections in Compton

A new voting technology called Votex was used in the Compton municipal elections this Sunday.

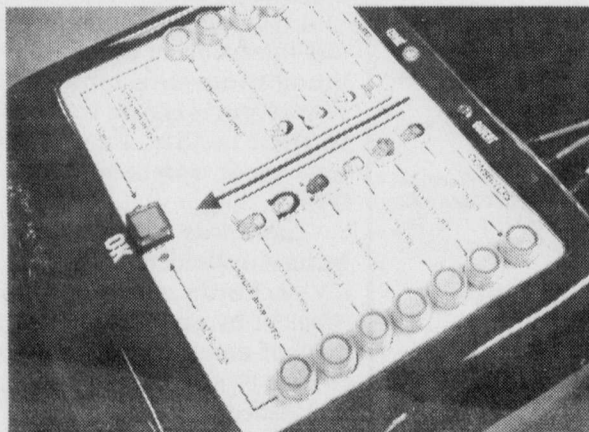
"Instead of having to deal with ballots, voters will simply press a button to register their vote," explained Fernand Veilleux, Mayor of Compton.

Veilleux said the system would save time for voters by speeding up the voting process, and it will also save time for those running the elections.

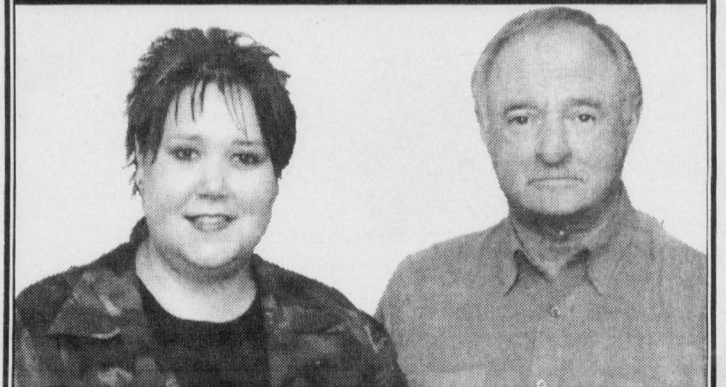
"We will have the results right away, instead of having to count the ballots manually," he said.

The technology is called Votex. It is also being used for the municipal elections in Chibougamau.

Results from Compton were among the earliest to come in on Sunday.



NOMINATION



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Community Forum

Grow-ops a flourishing harvest in Canada

Five years ago, "offence-related material" stored in federal government warehouses pending a court verdict meant the odd seized boat, stolen car or swiped stereo system.

Today, up to 80 per cent of the storage space is filled with hydroponic growing equipment.

This does not mean criminals have discovered the joys of healthy, home-grown vegetables.

It's all dope, all the time, a growing mountain of evidence from what police describe as a proliferation of marijuana

growing operations which already exist, or are coming soon, to a neighbourhood near you.

The government is struggling to cope with the proceeds of rampant hydroponic activity, which is rapidly spreading east across Canada from its aquacultural origins in southern B.C.

The Public Works warehouse in Edmonton is so jammed with the huge lights, fans, power generators,



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air conditioners, wires and tubing needed to convert a bungalow into a cannabis factory that workers are having trouble reaching the buried cases of evidence they've been cleared by the courts to destroy.

The cavernous 40,000-square-foot warehouse in Chilliwack, B.C., home base for the legendary 'B.C. Bud' marijuana harvest, is also nearing its functional storage capacity, an official told me this week.

The department estimates the nine warehouses cost taxpayers more than \$2 million per year in operating costs linked to storing hydroponic apparatus.

The seized material is often held for more than a year until legal proceedings are finished, just in case police have mistaken a three-metre-high cannabis stalk for a genetically modified tomato plant and are legally obliged to return the growing equipment to the owner.

Before the government was overwhelmed by the volume of material, they used to sell some equipment back to the public. It gradually occurred to the bright lights in government that anyone loading up on 1,000-watt bulbs, trays, tubing, pots and light shields might actually be using the stuff for ... um ... growing marijuana.

So now the glass is crushed in garbage trucks, the plastic screens are recycled and heavy metal ballasts are sold to scrap metal dealers.

It took me four months and the tireless intervention of Public Works communications director John Embury to secure permission for a tour of the smallest facility, a nondescript 6,000-square-foot warehouse in southeast Ottawa.

There was only-half-joking talk of being blindfolded for the ride there, lest my disclosure of the location prompt a break-in by green cannabis thumbs in need of more agricultural equipment. Suffice to say, my request for pictures was vetoed.

In typical bureaucratic style, officials waited until a few days AFTER 80 crates of growing equipment had been hauled off for sale or destruction before reluctantly opening the door to a journalist's inspection.

Despite the housecleaning, the warehouse still contained stacks of wooden crates rising off the floor for five metres, each carefully labeled with case numbers and the name of the accused. There were even a couple of tractor lawnmowers parked inside, which suggests somebody was producing a helluva pile of grass.

But perhaps this is being too flip-pant about a crime surge very clearly getting out of hand. The number of plants seized in Ontario alone has skyrocketed to 345,000 from just 3,000 stalks in 2000.

A confidential report by the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario, which fell into my hands, quickly dispels the quaint notion of home-ops as mom-and-pot operations, growing recreational drugs for local consumption.

A \$25,000 investment in equipment can grow 600 plants twice a year, each worth \$1,000 retail, and the penalty for being caught is usually measured in a few months of incarceration, not years.

It's increasingly viewed as an organized crime racket where upscale executive homes are converted into multi-level pot-producing factories powered by stolen electricity or buried generators, the harvest aimed primarily for export to the United States.

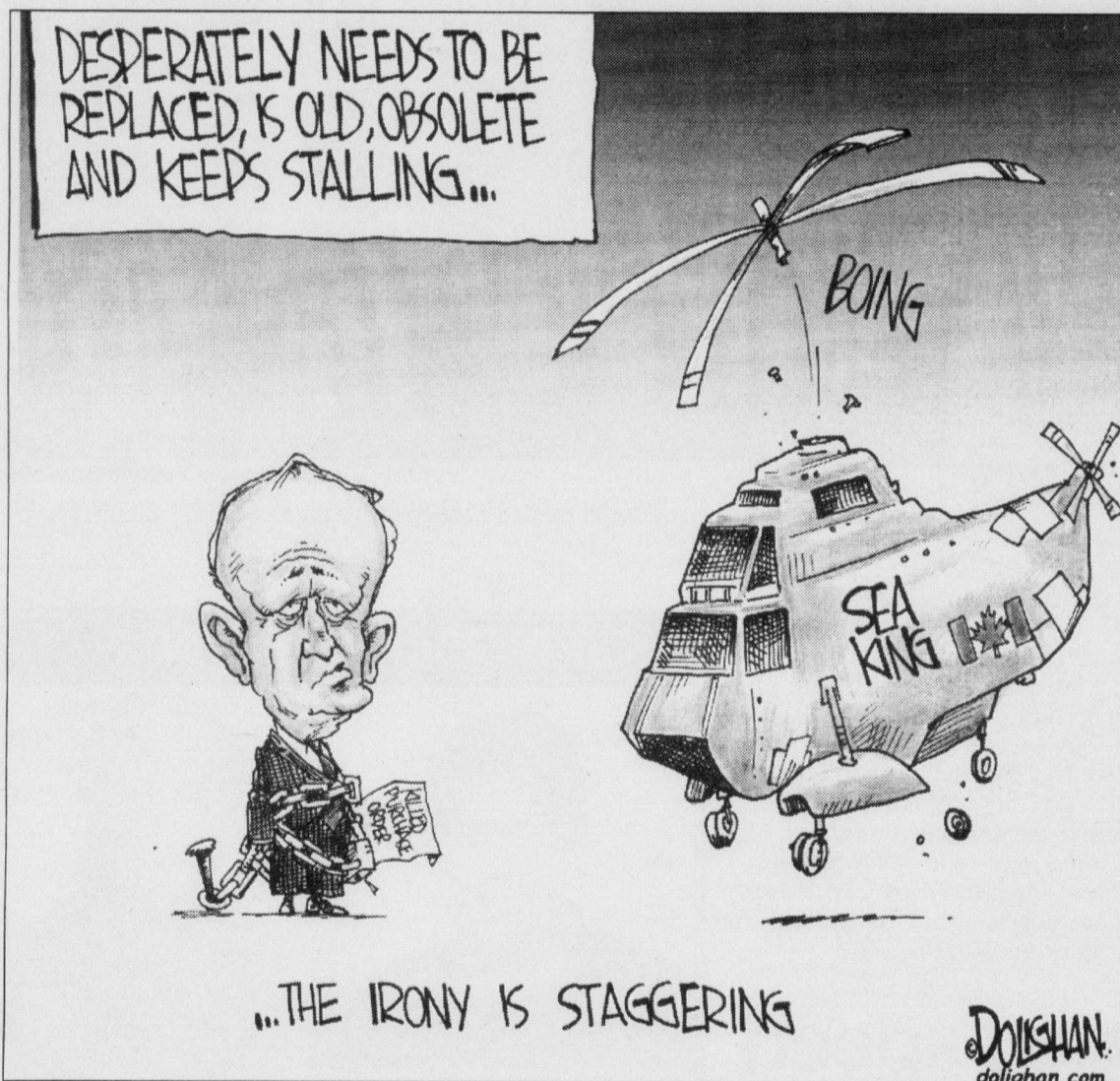
The signs of a grow-op should theoretically be easy to spot, which doesn't say much for my detection abilities after I failed to detect a grow-op they dismantled last year right behind my Ottawa home.

There'll be a garage to facilitate the loading of product into trucks or cars and a fireplace to air out the dwelling. But you'll also notice the new neighbors, if any, keep very much to themselves, the windows are blacked out and the roof is the first to shed snow. Take a whiff during a walk around the block at night and you might catch operators trying to air out the dwelling of pungent fumes.

The unknown confronting government as it ponders various grassy knoll theories on the merits of marijuana decriminalization at a Commons committee is the impact on consumer demand.

If the fear factor of a pot-possession criminal record is eliminated, demand will rise and the hydroponic market will be go even more hyperactive.

For the federal government, that comes with a hidden cost - they'll need to rent more warehouses.



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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2003

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

LEGEND: (i) incumbent, (e) elected, (a) elected by acclamation

ASBESTOS	
Mayor	
L. Moisan-Coulombe (i)	N/A
Jean-Philippe Bachand	N/A
Councillors	
#1: Serge Boilard (i)	N/A
Rénald Pellerin	N/A
#2: Mario Pellerin	N/A
Hughes Grimard (i)	N/A
#3: Gilles Messier	(a)
#4: Irene Gagnon	N/A
Nicole Forgues	N/A
Guy Jalbert	N/A
#5: Clément Croteau (i)	N/A
Jean Roy	N/A
#6: Louise Fréchette	(a)
AUSTIN	
Councillors	
#1: Arthur Bryant	(a)
#2: Géraldine Bouchard (i) (e)	307
François Duval	280
#3: Victor Dingman (i)	280
Jean-Claude Duff (e)	316
#4: Marco Scholer (i) (e)	395
Sonny Fancy	190
#5: Jean-Marc Couture	(a)
#6: Denis Lachance (e)	347
Michel Viscogliosi	250
AYER'S CLIFF	
Councillors	
#1: Yves Thérien (i)	88
Marcel Scalabrini (e)	207
#3: Norman Wintle	(a)
#4: Gerry Brus	(a)
BARNSTON WEST	
Councillors	
#2: Richard D'Amour	N/A
Simon Jubinville	N/A
#3: Émile Couture	N/A
Normand Vigneau	N/A
#4: Pierre Béland	N/A
Alain Bouffard	N/A
Michele Hivert	N/A
Carole Blais (i)	N/A
#5: Christian Leblond (i)	N/A
Marianne Santschi	N/A
BEDFORD	
Mayor	
Claude Dubois (e)	610
Richard Morin	160
Simon Gnocchini	142
Councillors	
#1: Arlene Murray	(a)
#2: Luc Gnocchini	(a)
#3: Madeleine Campbell-Fortin	(a)
#4: Tom Gladu (e)	538
Madeleine Roy	341
#5: Lucien Ménard	(a)
#6: Mona Beaulac	(a)
BOLTON-WEST	
Councillors	
#1: Lisa Merovitz (i) (e)	151
Luc Lemaître	47
#2: Allen G. Loren	(a)
#6: Quentin Hadlock (i) (e)	111
Gilles Lamarche	86

BRIGHAM	
Mayor: Steven Neil	
Councillors	
#1: Daniel Meunier	(a)
#2: Micheline Cournoyer	(a)
#3: Ivan Forand	(a)
#4: Réjean Racine	(a)
#5: Marc Labrecque	(a)
#6: Normand Delisle	(a)
BROME	
Councillors	
#1: Brian Patch	(a)
#3: Michael Allnut	42
Lydia Szostak	39
#6: Larry Royea (i) (e)	62
John Highfield	19
BROME-LAKE	
Mayor	
Stanley Neil (i)	596
Lloyd Sturtevant	290
Donald Wing	392
Richard Wisdom (e)	925
Councillors	
Bondville/Fulford/Iron Hill	
Donald Gagné (e)	358
Jean Rutt	69
West Brome:	
George Bristol (i) (e)	236
Wesley Allnut	95
East-Hill	
Larry Norton	78
Cynthia Wilkinson (e)	209
Knowlton (2 seats)	
Tawnia Hadlock	285
Paula Richardson (e)	369
Thomas McGovern	(a)
Foster	
Marc Decelles	221
Lawrence Fairholm (e)	230
Yves Filiatrault	29
BURY	
Councillors	
#1: Gilles Fortin	73
Gaston Turcotte	348
#2: Ronald Lafond (i)	192
Martin Lefebvre	227
#3: Martin Jones	160
Claude Lemieux	262
COATICOOK	
Mayor: André Langevin	
Councillors	
#1: Bertrand Lamoureux	(a)
#2: Madeleine Drolet (i)	(e)
Patrice Lamoureux	(a)
#3: Michel Viens	(a)
#4: Luc Demers (i)	(e)
Agathe Fillion	(e)
#5: Lionel Giroux (i)	(e)
Maurice Thibodeau	(e)
Sylvain Véroneau	(e)
#6: Serge Gosselin (i)	(e)
Raynald Drolet	(e)
CLEVELAND	
Mayor: Gerald Badger	
Councillors	
#1: David Crack	(a)
#2: Bertrand Ménard (i) (e)	78

Mario Mayette	41
#3: Peter O'Donnell	(a)
#4: John Vanderwal	(a)
#5: Henry Schroeders	(a)
#6: Pierre Grandmont	(a)
COMPTON	
Mayor	
Fernand Veilleux (i) (e)	390
Gerard Largy	74
DUDSWELL	
Mayor: Marc Latulippe	
Councillors	
#1: Maurice Dodier	N/A
Chantale Breton	N/A
#2: Margaret Ann Bennett	N/A
Julie Lareau	N/A
Nicole Robert	N/A
#3: Suzanne Corrivault	N/A
Micheline Breton	N/A
Élie Robidas	N/A
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#5: Alain Dodier	N/A
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Rachel Lessard	N/A
#6: Robert Léger	(a)
EAST BOLTON	
Councillors	
Pamela Galvin, Bruno Beauregard, Ian Carrier	(a)
EAST HEREFORD	
Councillors	
#4: Manon Jacques	(a)
#5: Ronald Owen	(a)
#6: Johanne Beloin	(a)
FARNHAM	
Mayor	
Josef Hüslér (i)	(e)
Michel Charlebois	(e)
Councillors	
#1: Sylvie Tessier	(e)
Guy Poulin	(tie)
#2: André Claveau	(tie)
Robert Allen	(e)
#3: Pauline Mercier-Laguë	(e)
Bruno Gattuso	(e)
#4: Robert Fontaine (i)	(e)
Patrick Côté	(e)
#5: Alain Riel	(e)
Jean Valiquette	(e)
#6: Roger Noiseux	(e)
Guy Laramée	(e)
FRELIGHSBURG	
Councillors	
#1: Suzanne Lessard	(a)
#2: Brigitte Riendeau	(a)
#3: Albert Caty	(a)
HATLEY	
Mayor	
Jacques DeLéséleuc (e)	198
J. R. Coulombe	72
Councillors	
#1: Chantal Montminy	(a)
#2: Bruno Côté (e)	167
Neil Riddell	106
#3: Yanick Bouffard	(a)

#4: Gaston Giguère	(a)
#5: Bernard Paré	(a)
#6: Gilles Viens	(a)
HATLEY TOWNSHIP	
Councillors	
#1: D'Arcy Ryan	(a)
#3: Roger Bilodeau (i)	(a)
#4: Claude B. Meilleur	(a)
#5: Guy Larkin	(a)
NORTH HATLEY	
Councillors	
#1: John Rasmussen (i)	(a)
#3: Paul Sénécal (e)	128
Jocelyn Poirier	94
#5: Michael Page	(a)
OGDEN	
Councillors	
#1: Normand Gélinas	(a)
#2: Alexander Douglas (i)	65
Pierre Larocque (e)	134
#3: Stephen Baker	(a)
#6: Rod Cooper	(a)
ST-DENIS DE BROMPTON	
Mayor: Mike Doyle	
Councillors: Jean-Guy Emond,	
Christiane Vanasse, Kurt Sereyn,	
Lise Roy, 2 seats vacant	
ST-FELIX DE KINGSEY	
Councillors	
#2: Douglas Beard	(a)
#3: Aurèle Francoeur	(a)
#6: Ricky Durocher	(a)
STANBRIDGE EAST	
Councillors	
#1: Terry Rhicard (i) (e)	201
Ronald Stewart	129
#2: Judy Antle	(a)
#5: Raymond Wescott (i)	146
Michel Giroux (e)	180
STANSTEAD EAST	
Councillors	
#1: Guy Lefebvre	(a)
#2: Pierre Demers	(a)
#6: Manon Roy (e)	206
Michel Lanctôt	107
STANSTEAD TOWNSHIP	
Councillors	
#1: Judy Rochester (i)	216
Eric Evans	172
#5: Alain Roy	138
Christiane Van de Voorde (e)	244
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Roch Duchesne	36
Terry Loucks	73
STOKE	
Mayor: Bertrand Ducharme	
Councillors	
#1: Pierre Mailhot	(a)
#2: Pierre Dubé	(a)
#3: Richard Mathieu	(a)
#4: Jacques Brousseau (i)	(e)
Michel Picard	(a)
#5: Luc Cayer	(a)
#6: Diane Pelchat (i)	(e)
Edith Poliquin	(e)

Our School's Page

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

On Sept. 25, Ashley Little, a Cycle one student traveled to Westmount Park School, for a special award ceremony. She was one of the winners of the "Come Read With Me" literacy competition. Approximately 1,300 students, from nine Quebec School Boards submitted entries.

Ashley received a \$75 voucher from the Babar children's bookstore towards the purchase of books by Canadian authors. Sunnyside's school library also received a \$500 voucher from Babar.

The contest was sponsored by the Literacy Partners of Quebec, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

Congratulations, Ashely. We are proud of you!

ELAINE VACHON'S GRADE 2

Grade 2 is just now completing a six week investigation of butterflies. We have fed caterpillars with carrot tops and dill and have watched as they shed their skins and transformed into chrysalises. We now have 13 swallowtail chrysalises attached to branches in our aquarium and are looking forward to seeing the butterflies emerge. Students would like to share some of the interesting things they learned.

The most interesting thing I learned about the chrysalis is that they become transparent. You will see white dots, orange and black lines.

-Christopher Murphy

The most interesting thing I learned about the monarch butterfly is how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly.

- Brooke Langevin



COURTESY SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

On Oct. 3, all of Cycle 1 and 2 piled in a couple of buses and headed for Mount Orford.

The most interesting thing I learned about the butterfly egg is that it is sticky.

- Natasha Belanger-Young

The most interesting thing I learned about is when a caterpillar is going into a chrysalis first the caterpillar skin splits open.

- Kassandra Gilmour

AWARD-WINNING ESSAY

On Thursday, October 27 Ariel Therrien, a grade 5 student was honoured for an award winning piece of writing. Her essay was taken from a journal entry written in grade three about an event that changed her life; the death of her father who died at the hands of a drunken driver. The journal entry was sad, true and from the heart.

The mayor of Stanstead, members of

the media, parents, children of Sunnyside and representatives of M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) attended the assembly. The award was presented by M.A.D.D. and her entry was chosen from submissions from across Canada.

Ariel received a plaque on which her story was written, a sports bag and a cheque for \$250! Congratulations Ariel!

CLIMB ON ORFORD

On October 3, all of Cycle 1 and 2 piled in a couple of buses and headed for Mount Orford. We were keeping our fingers crossed about the weather and when we arrived at the mountain, our destination was under a big, misty cloud. Decked out with hiking boots, warm clothing, food on our backs and smiles on our faces we started our trek up the trail.



COURTESY SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

Ashley Little was one of the winners in the Come Read With Me Contest.



Pinotte, notre mascotte a aimé grimper dans les arbres.



Les amis de la pré-maternelle et de la maternelle de l'école Sunnyside ont eu beaucoup de plaisir. et ils en ont profiter pour ramasser des citrouilles dans le jardin.



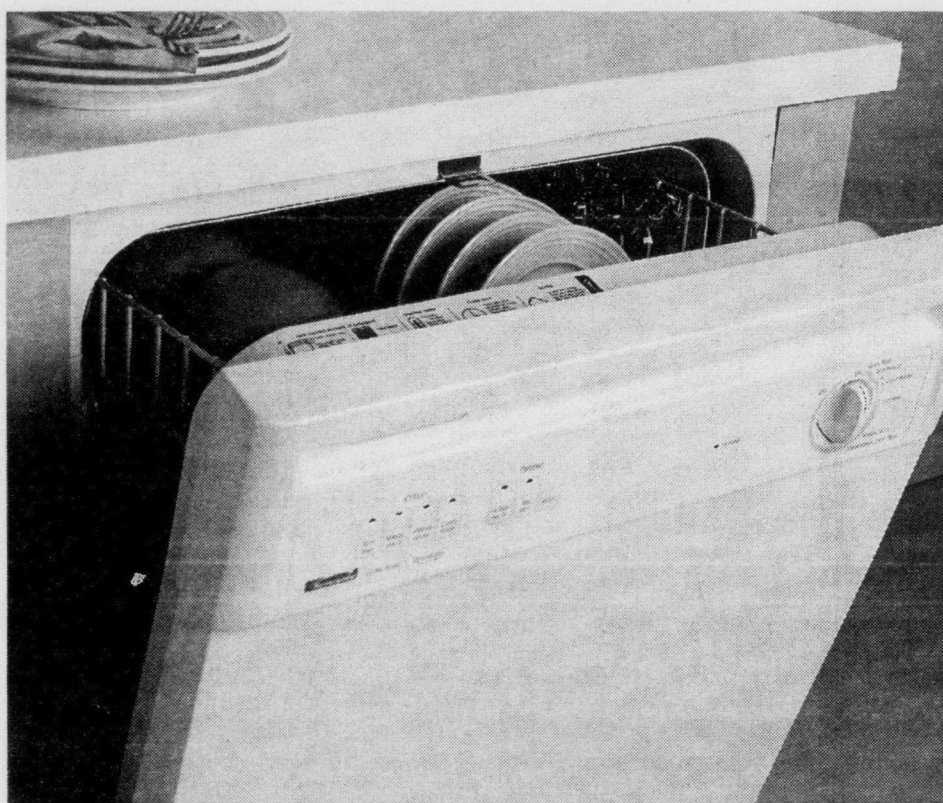
Les enfants ont mangé plusieurs pommes

The climb was a challenge as it was very steep. While we were ascending, the clouds started to move on, opening up to a splendid view. We stopped a few times for a break to munch on a snack and to soak in the beauty of that part of the Townships. By the time we reached the top the sun was out. However, at the top there was snow so our picnic lunch was a wee cold. The scenery was spectacular. We could see for miles around. After lunch, some playtime, a look around and a couple of group photos we headed back down by another trail.

It was a wonderful day full of laughter and great exercise. I am sure many of the young and old from Sunnyside had a great sleep that night.

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NATURE'S WAY

Planning a healthier holiday season

Part II: Holiday desserts and healthy fats can go together

Last month, a lady wrote me saying that she did not understand how her mother, grandmother and many of her ancestors all lived till they were in their 90s even though they had cooked with pure lard, chicken fat and butter, but never had the health problems that doctors claim come along with saturated fats. She wanted to know why?

I also know an elderly couple that raised chickens all their lives, she cooked everything in chicken fat, even made pie crust with the stuff, and they are two of the healthiest people I know. Last I saw the man, he was tall, lean, and quite active for a man in his 80s and other than the diabetes she has had since childhood, she is as spry as a woman half her age. Again Why?

While science has not come up with the answers to these questions, there are some who believe that even though saturated fat is the worse kind of "natural" fat we can eat, it is still superior to manmade fat. The reason given is that to break down fat in our bodies, our livers have to recognize the genetic code of what they are absorbing to send out the right amount of natural chemicals to convert it into what are bodies need to function and remain healthy. To say it simply, whether a food is saturated fat or unsaturated fat, if it is a real food, the liver will recognize it, but if it is a manmade product that is not natural in the environment our livers won't recognize it.

Last week I compared butter to margarine and explained how trans-fats are hidden in almost everything we purchase. This is particularly true around holiday time. To really have control over what's in the food that our family eats, we would have to spend most of our time in the kitchen preparing everything from scratch. Today most women work outside the home and are not privileged to have the time at home that their grandmothers had. Many do baking and meal preparations from scratch on their days off, then depend on pre-cooked, packaged products for everything else their family eats.

This does not mean you cannot cut trans-fats out of your diet, it only means

that reading and understanding labels takes on more importance. And on the days you have time to cook from scratch and bake you can still make quite an impact on your families health by choosing to use only healthy fats in your recipes.

Making changes in a recipe

Most of you know that during the '60s and '70s I taught cooking in Montreal and a few years ago my cookbook "One World, One Family, Many Recipes" was published. It took months of experimenting and testing recipes to convert those that used saturated fats or trans-fat ingredients to healthy oils and more natural fats.

The recipe I am most proud of is my oil pie crust. Whether it's pumpkin, mincemeat or meat pie, pie crust is one of the foods that you'll find on every table here in Quebec during the holiday season and probably one of our biggest contributors to the consumption of hydrogenated fat.

My recipe was featured on the Cooking Network's show Lighten Up last winter. It is easy to use and blend, you work it together more like a batter than a piecrust, and roll it out between wax paper. If you are using white all-purpose flour, follow the recipe as stated, but if you are using whole grain flour, add a tad bit more oil and liquid, as whole grain flour absorbs more liquid.

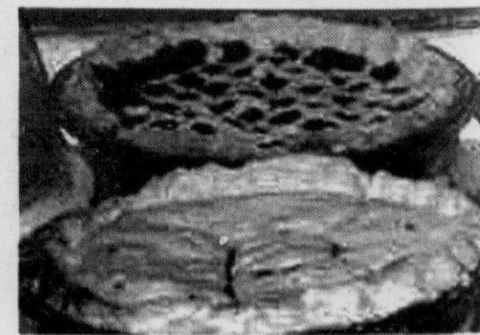
When using olive oil for baking, it's better not to use the extra virgin that we so love on our salads. The less expensive olive oils can stand higher temperatures without smoking or leaving an olive flavor behind. I personally like the olive flavor when making a potpie crust, but prefer my sweet pies without.

OIL PIE CRUST

Sift together, 2 cups flour, 1-teaspoon sugar, 1/2-teaspoon baking soda

Mix together, 1/2 -cup olive oil, 1/3 cup of milk or yogurt, 1/2-teaspoon apple cider vinegar. Pour wet ingredient into dry and blend in well, work into a ball, and roll out.

When baking where it calls for 1 cup of margarine in the recipe, in most cases you can successfully substitute 3/4 of a cup of pure vegetable oil. This works in cookie recipes as well.



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Police have right to take samples for DNA tests

By Kate Jaimet

Police have the right to force suspected criminals to give up samples of blood, hair and saliva for DNA analysis, the Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The court upheld the validity of DNA warrants, which are used to solve hundreds of serious crimes every year, including sexual assaults and murders.

It rejected the arguments of a convicted rapist, who claimed that being forced to give up his DNA samples was unconstitutional, because it amounted to unreasonable search and seizure, and compelled him to incriminate himself.

The factors that favour the importance of the search for truth ... outweigh the factors that favour protecting the individual against undue compulsion by the state," Justice Louise Arbour wrote in the unanimous decision. "On balance, the law provides for a search and seizure of DNA materials that is reasonable."

Police and Crown prosecutors expressed satisfaction at the judgment, which will allow them to continue to collect DNA samples from unwilling suspects.

"If you get a comparison DNA sam-

ple, it's almost impossible to make an error. It becomes one of the proofs that that person is the (guilty) person," said

Tony Cannavino, president of the Canadian Professional Police Association. "Murder scenes, rapes, all the violent crimes, they are used. So we're very, very happy about the Supreme Court's decision."

Michael Shields, spokesman for the Alberta Justice Department, said DNA helps to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent.

"It's been effective in getting convictions in a variety of cases," he said.

The decision means the rapist involved in the case, who has been free on bail pending the outcome of the appeal, will now go to jail, said Crown lawyer Arnold Schlayer. However, Schlayer added, the man is also appealing the length of his six-year sentence.

The case began in June 1996, when a 46-year-old man raped a 14-year-old girl while he was boarding with her family in a trailer in Hinton, Alta. The man's

name cannot be published, in order to protect the identity of the girl.

Four months after the rape, the girl

realized she was pregnant and told her mother. When the girl had the fetus aborted, police took the fetal tissue as evidence. They then obtained a warrant which allowed them to collect a blood sample from the man by pricking his finger. Comparison of the DNA from the blood

sample and the fetal tissue revealed that the man was almost certainly the father.

The man was convicted of sexual assault in March 1999, but he appealed the judgment, arguing that the court should not have admitted the DNA evidence against him.

The defence lawyer, Larry Anderson, argued that the court should strike down the federal law which allows police to obtain warrants to collect DNA samples. He argued the law was unconstitutional, because it violated the sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which protect citizens

against "unreasonable search or seizure" and against self-incrimination.

He argued the law should be rewritten so that DNA can only be collected as a last resort, when the police have no other way of proving their case. And he said that police should have to present much more evidence about the suspect's guilt before they can obtain a DNA warrant.

But Arbour rejected all of these arguments.

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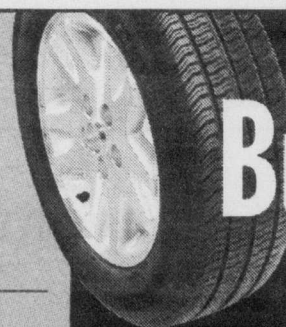
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Quebec launches Veterans Week

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anniversary of the end of that conflict. In Quebec, several activities will be taking place in the context of Veterans' Week, starting with the launch ceremony on Nov.3 at the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue Hospital for veterans. Pierre Vennat, journalist and specialist of modern Quebec military history (especially the role of Quebecers in modern conflicts)

is the honorary chairperson of the Week in Quebec (his bio below) and is available for interviews anytime before or during the week. He has written a book, amongst others, about the role of Quebecers in the Korean War.

This year, both Audrey de Montigny, contestant on Canadian Idol, and Don Cherry recorded, in French and English

respectively, Public Service Announcements that were distributed to radio stations across Quebec for broadcast (available in MP3 format upon request).

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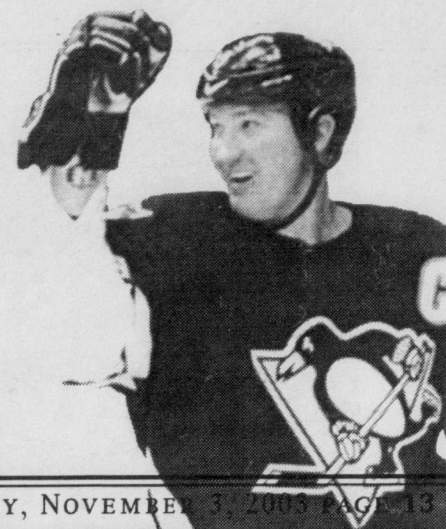
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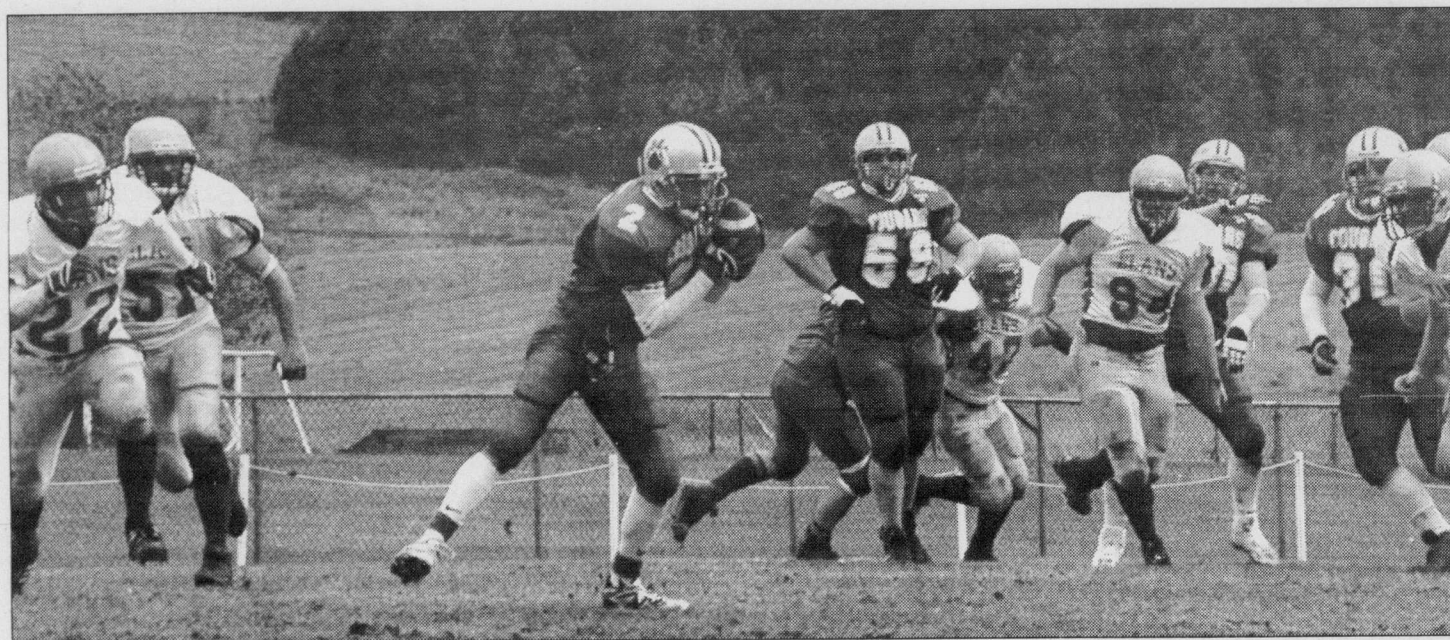
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Champlain clinches second place Champlain

cagers drop to 1-1



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

With their 37-13 win over the F.X. Garneau Elans this past weekend, the Champlain Cougars end their regular season 7-3 and will host the Vanier College Cheetahs in two weeks when the league playoffs begin.

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College football team exploded for 30 second-half points to turn a tight contest into a one-sided affair as they defeated the F. X. Garneau Elans 37-13 Saturday afternoon at Coulter Field.

The Cougars led 7-6 at halftime but scored on their first three possessions in the second half as they secured second place in the Quebec CEGEP AAA Football League.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and they paid off for us in the second half," head coach Sébastien Brière said yesterday.

The win leaves Champlain with a 7-3 regular season record and gives them the privilege of hosting the Vanier College Cheetahs in two weeks when the league playoffs begin. The first place Vieux-Montreal Spartiates will meet the Elans in Montreal in the other semi-final contest with the two winners meeting in the Bol d'Or in St. Leonard on Nov. 22.

The victory also gives the Cougars at least one win over the other five teams in the league and confidence that they can beat anyone in post season play.

"Our first round opponent in the

playoffs wasn't as important as the site - we wanted to play our first game and now we have that," Brière said.

The Elans started Saturday's game strong and only a solid performance by the Cougar defence kept the game close in the early going. Garneau jumped out to a 6-0 lead but as Brière later noted, it could have been a lot worse.

They were in the red zone four times in the first half and only came away with a pair of field goals," Brière said. "Our defence played amazingly well all afternoon. They kept us in the game early and allowed us to dominate the second half."

Garneau's only touchdown came from the special teams.

The offence was a different story in the opening half as they struggled to move the ball. Finally, quarterback Josh Sacobie engineered an 85-yard drive that culminated with the second-year signal caller scoring the game's first major. Vincent Auger converted the touchdown to give Champlain a 7-6 lead at the intermission.

Champlain took it to Garneau from the opening kick-off in the second half as Davey Masson scored the first of two touchdowns to give the Cougars a 14-7

lead. They increased the margin to 20-7 on a Sacobie touchdown pass to Keith Godins.

Garneau narrowed the gap to 20-13 when they returned a punt for a touchdown, but on the ensuing kick-off, Masson returned the kick to the Garneau five-yard line, setting up his second touchdown of the game, a five-yard scamper.

Starting Masson was a game-day decision for Brière after the rookie running back suffered an injury in practice Wednesday. However with starting half-back Anthony Morris out with an injury, the Notre Dame high school product provided the Cougars with a big game.

Champlain rounded out their scoring with a Sacobie to Guillaume Talbot scoring pass and a 15-yard field goal by Auger.

All four play-off teams have a bye week this weekend and the extra time off will allow the banged up Cougars some healing time and the coaches a chance to develop a game plan for the Cheetahs. Vanier defeated Champlain in overtime at Coulter Field back on Sept. 6 but the Cougars answered with a 17-7 win over the Cheetahs two weeks ago.

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain Cougars staged a furious second half comeback, but it was a classic case of too little, too late as they dropped a 85-81 decision to the Ste-Foy Dynamiques Saturday afternoon at Mitchell Gymnasium.

Ste-Foy jumped out to a 41-27 half-time lead and maintained the 14-point advantage until midway through the second half when the Cougars began to chip away.

With less than three minutes remaining in the contest, the visitors held a 78-70 lead but Champlain went on a 9-2 run to cut the deficit to a single point.

The Cougars then had two opportunities to take the lead but a pair of turnovers stymied their comeback and forced the home team to put Ste-Foy on the foul line. Once there, the Dynamiques iced the game with four made foul shots in the final 30 seconds of play.

"I was pleased with the way we competed in the second half," head coach Don Caldwell said after the game. "It would have been easy for us to quit at halftime or in the second half, but we hung in there and had a chance to win it at the end."

While Caldwell was pleased with his team's second half intensity, he was not happy with the Cougars' poor start and their inability to rebound with Ste-Foy.

"At the start of the game it was a case of one team being ready to play and one team not ready," Caldwell said. "It was our home opener and you would think we would be the team ready to play, but we weren't."

"They had 27 rebounds in the first half and that is more than we had for the whole game."

Champlain finished the contest with just 22 rebounds, five at the offensive end.

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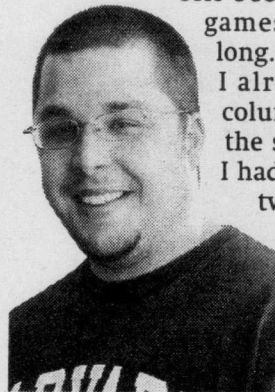
THE RECORD SPORTS

SPORTS COMMENT

Sweet November

The October/November cusp is the best time of the year for a sports fan. Bar none. The baseball season comes to a close, providing the only watchable period of the sports, the playoffs.

Seriously, I can only watch the playoffs because baseball games are way too long. And dull. But I already wrote a column on that in the summer when I had to choose between watching Gigli and midseason baseball.



SCOTT MCLEAN

Thankfully, arriving at the realization that my life had come to a choice between Gigli and a Tony Armas Jr. start utterly destroyed my mind, and I was committed from late July until September.

My saving grace as always is the NFL. It's the hope that September football provides a fan, that in the days of free agency and parody, any NFL team has a chance. That is of course, until Touchdown Tommy Maddox realizes that midnight for his Cinderella story is week three of his second season back, and the Steelers season goes into the tank once again.

Things could be worse. They are for my Dad. Raider fan. Glad the apple fell a little farther from the tree, but according to my newly-discovered receding hairline, you would never know.

But late October is great because everything is in full swing. LeBron is debuting and dazzling crowds with his combination of MJ dunks and Magic passes, with a little Isaiah and Dr. J. thrown in to the mix. In time he won't draw comparisons, he'll just be LeBron, the best pure basketball player the game has ever seen.

Hockey is on the go as well, and Ottawa is looking stronger than ever. Last year I predicted they would win the cup, and I'll go the same route this year. Plus, if there is a work stoppage after this season, I can guarantee Ottawa a couple more as they are one of the youngest teams in the NHL. If the union and owners don't get it together, about half the NHL will reach the retirement age.

Seriously, how are Mario Lemieux, Ron Francis and my hometown boy Stevie Y still going at it at 40 years of age? Last week I was complaining to my girlfriend about how my knees were crackling when I bent over and that the students at Bishop's have changed since I was at school. I graduated in June. I'm 23 years old and paranoid that I'm losing my hair.

At least I have still have November.

UNIVERSITY RUGBY

Gaiters off to finals

By Scott McLean

The Bishop's Gaiters men's rugby team moved on to the FQSE finals next weekend when they beat the Concordia Stingers 24-14 Sunday afternoon.

The team controlled the pace for the majority of the match, thanks in large part to the strength of scrumhalf Andy Wanka's kicking. Wanka was able to control the pace of the game by giving the Gaiters excellent field position and by converting two kicks of his own for

four points.

Leading the way in scoring was the Gaiters' eightman Charles Goode with three tries for 15 points.

Next weekend the Gaiters will play the McGill Redmen for the league championship. The Gaiters' only losses of the season came at the hands of the Redmen, and next weekend's match will definitely be a test for the squad. The location and time for the championship should be announced by mid-week.

CEGEP BASKETBALL

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"We used a full-court press in the second half, and although we didn't get any turnovers it worked to our advantage because it changed the tempo of the game and forced Ste-Foy into early shots," Caldwell explained.

Kingsley Gestain, the Cougars' superb point guard led all scorers with 32 points while Sherbrooke native Sam Johnson had 13 points and David Pawluczuk chipped in with 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

The Cougars are now 1-1 in league play and will be back in action this Saturday when they host the John Abbott Islanders.

In Memoriams

CARROLL, Patrick - In memory of Paddy who passed away November 3, 1991. Softly the leaves of memory fall Gently we gather and treasure them all. Unseen, unheard, he is ever near Still missed, still loved, and ever dear. Always remembered, MOM

CARROLL, Patrick - In memory of our brother, brother-in-law and uncle who passed away twelve years ago today. For some of us, it seems like only yesterday, For some, it seems so long ago. One thing we have in common though, Is how much we miss you so. DAVID, DONNA, BRUCE, KATHLEEN and FAMILIES

In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FAMILY - Father, Henry Clinton Wheeler, who passed away on February 23, 1966; Mother, Mildred Helen Prive, who passed away December 31, 1978; Sister, Marion Mildred Wheeler, who passed away March 11, 1991; Brother, Maurice Clinton Wheeler, who passed away September 2, 1996; Daughter, Debra May St. Onge, who passed away March 14, 1997. Oh what I wouldn't give and more To see you all as I come through the door Greeting me with your cheery smiles. We'd sit and talk for a long, long while All of us together in the same old way Would be my fondest wish today Dearly loved and sadly missed, ROSE and THE FAMILY

In Memoriam

FORTIN, William - In loving memory of our dear son and brother who passed away November 3, 2001. In a quiet country graveyard Where the gentle breezes blow Lies the one we loved so dearly And lost two years ago. We treasure the precious memories that he left us and is sadly missed and forever remembered. ELSIE (mother) and NANCY (sister)

Birth

CODDINGTON - Jim and Lee are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jacob James, born on September 25, 2003, weighing 7lb 15oz. Jacob is welcomed by his brothers Jason, Mark, Jared, Mel and Mathew. Proud grandparents are George and Joyce Coddington of Richmond and Ken and Audrey Gale of Ayer's Cliff.

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News and Views of Grace Christian Home - September 2003

Hi folks, here we are once again in September, the beginning of the fall season. Summer has gone by so fast.

On September 2nd, when we saw the school bus parked behind the Home, we knew that it's the start of another school year. Don Loughheed is the bus driver on this bus, and he comes into the Home every morning to read The Record while the school bus is warming up.

September is also the month when crops are harvested and garden produce is taken care of, and this is the time for canning vegetables, making jam, jelly and pickles and all smelling so good! Some of us can remember when we used to enjoy doing it ourselves.

On Labour Day we had a BBQ at noon. Very good! We had hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, salads and ice cream.

September 3rd John MacDonald and friends came and entertained us with their music. They are very faithful in coming every two weeks.

September 4th Ed Downs came to once again begin the Bible Study after being off for the summer months. We are studying the Book of Matthew. Arnold Reynolds kept his Bible Study going all summer on Tuesday mornings. Other programs starting up again are bingo, exercises, carpet bowling and movies.

There was only one birthday this month: Audrey Young celebrated her 89th birthday on September 21st. Her two sisters from St. Francis Manor came to visit her, and her daughter-in-law came for the afternoon.

Visitors: September 9th Jean Morgan's sister came in the afternoon with her two grandsons. One played hymns for us - on a saw!

Mrs. Bell's daughter, Linda, from Toronto, along with her daughter and grand-daughter, came to spend a few days, making five generations getting together in the Tea Room. Baby Emma from North Bay, Ontario, was only two months.

September 7th, Eunice Brown's son,

Bob, came from Greenley, Ontario, for the day. September 13th and 14th, Helen Baldwin had relatives come to visit her.

September 18th, Mrs. Betty Garrett's son from Connecticut, USA, came to visit his mother and took her to the hospital for a doctor's appointment.

September 21st, Eunice Brown had a visit from her two sisters, Roma Bonnalie and Thelma Widdifield from Sarnia, Ontario, and her son Brent and his wife, Judy Widdifield, from Ontario. Mrs. Brown was very pleased to see them, and they celebrated a pre-birthday get together for her.

September 24th, Ruby Martin had several visitors: her sisters Gladys Humphries and Hazel Hartwell, nieces Bonnie Mayhew and Valerie Moore and husband, Steve.

September 25th - 27th, Douglas Miller's sons, Dale from Rhode Island, USA, Don, David and Dennis from Ontario came on Thursday for the weekend to be with their father when he was awarded a plaque at the Army, Navy, Air Force. He served in World War 11, and is only one of four surviving veterans who helped to organize the A.N.A.F. in Lennoxville. A steak supper and pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone.

September 28th, visitors of Margaret Darby and Winifred Lofthouse were two of their nephews, Fred Darby and his wife, Joan, from Ottawa and Kevin Darby from Hamilton, Ontario.

Margery Candlish's trips to Youville for therapy have ended.

Mrs. MacEachern had not been well and passed away on September 25th; she was 95 years old and we enjoyed having her with us at the Home. We will miss her.

Happenings: September 7th, four residents of the Home attended the service at Huntingville Community Church. There were six baptisms. Following the service, there was a corn roast, and around 200 people enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship on the lawn behind

the church building.

Eunice Brown and Joyce Standish usually attend services at St. George's Church in Lennoxville. We hear that Rev. Keith Dickerson is retiring as minister of St. George's. Rev. Ron West was here for a communion service.

September 11th, Richard Tracy, Executive Director of the Home, Sandra Klinck, Director of Nursing, and the staff held a supper BBQ for the residents under the carport. Although the weather didn't cooperate, everyone enjoyed it very much. Thank you.

September 27th, Iris Brown held her annual quilt show in the Tea Room. Iris and her quilters do a beautiful job - all articles are hand-stitched. Many people attended the show and bought lots of items, and admired the rest.

Sunday afternoon services were held by the Godfrey family, Ed Anderson, Gordon Warnholtz and Perry Comeau. Gordon came one Sunday evening and played the piano for an hour. We enjoyed his playing. Later Florina Drew also played as her eyes are much improved since the laser treatments.

Both Clifford Spaulding and Florina Drew have suffered from arthritis this month.

Roy Buttery and our maintenance staff have replaced all the soffits and fascia on the east side of the building, improving ventilation and the appearance of the building at the same time. They have also done some painting on the ramps and around the building.

The flowers have reached their peak of blossoming and the trees are just beginning to change colour. A fall foliage trip is in the planning stage.

'The Store' is doing well and continues to be an enjoyable spot for residents to shop and chat.

This is most of the News and Views for September.

Submitted by Florina Drew, resident and correspondent for Grace Christian Home

MADDISS, Gerald - Gerald Maddiss of Cornwall at the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Saturday, November 1, 2003, age 90 years. Beloved husband of Jean Lowry and previously the late Frances McFarland. Loved father to Gail Gervais (Raymond), Sherbrooke; Mary Jane Baker (Greg), Whitby; Dan Maddiss (Kathy), Montreal; and Paul Maddiss of Oshawa. Sadly missed by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brothers-in-law; William Lowry (Gladys), Trenton; Lyndall Lowry (Edytha), Armstrong, B.C.; Philip McFarland (Gabrielle), Sherbrooke; and his sister-in-law, Margaret Maddiss, Greenfield Park, Que., and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his son, Charles Maddiss; parents; Harry Maddiss and Pearl Craig; brothers; Cedric, Eric, Earle, and Ronald. Resting at the Wilson Funeral Home, 822 Pitt St., Cornwall from 2 p.m., Monday, November 3rd. (The Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated in the chapel of the Wilson Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.) Rite of Committal in St. Michael Cemetery, Sherbrooke, Que. Visitation Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and Tuesday 9-11 a.m. If so desired, contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Wilson Funeral Home, 822 Pitt St., Cornwall (613) 938-3888.

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Monday, Nov. 3, 2003

Short books focus one's learning

By Phillip Alder

Short books that effectively concentrate on one subject seem to be popular, if the frequency of their appearance is any indication. Three examples are "Jacoby 2NT" (the Jacoby Forcing Major-Suit Raise), "Splinter Bids" and "Roman Keycard Blackwood" by Linda Lee and Barbara Seagram (Master Point Press, 2003). Each starts with an analysis of the conventional bid. Then, if you are working on your own, you are set numerous questions based on 40 example deals. Thirdly, you get the answers. Next, you see the 40 recommended auctions. Finally, the hands are on sheets (not perforated, which would have made removal easier), so that if you and your partner are practicing, you may bid them first.

These books are recommended, but be warned that the authors include a few nonstandard methods. (For example, after the Jacoby Forcing Raise, the opener with no shortage but extra values describes his trump-suit quality, not his point-count.) Also, there is an occasional debatable comment, like: "A splinter bid is a double jump in a new suit." Despite its being printed in italics, that is not always true. Here, North's single jump in the overcaller's suit is a splinter, which announces four-card heart support and game values.

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Approach is not in her child's best interest

Dear Annie: I have known my best friend, "Martha," since fourth grade. Martha had a troubled childhood and was abused both mentally and physically, but she came through the ordeal and seemed OK.

Martha now has a 2-year-old daughter, "Lisa." Martha seems to think it is perfectly OK for the family cat to scratch, nip and bite Lisa nearly every day. Martha says her daughter deserves it, since the little girl pulls the cat's tail. She has never taken Lisa to the doctor for the cat bites and insists, "It's no big deal."

Annie, my friend will see herself in this story. Perhaps you can convince her to take her child to a doctor. — Concerned Northern Friend

Dear Friend: Martha's attitude is very disturbing, not because she won't treat Lisa's bites but because she thinks the girl "deserves" to be bitten.

A responsible parent teaches her child not to pull the cat's tail, explaining that it hurts the animal, in an effort to help the child learn empathy and kindness. While most minor biting and scratching is nothing to be concerned about, some cat bites can become infected and require medical treatment.

Martha needs to recognize that her cavalier approach to the situation is not in her child's best interest. At the very least, she should discuss it with the pe-

Annie's Mailbox

diatrician.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the article about "Dr. Sexy," who treated a female patient for a back injury and then invited her to his place for dinner. They ended up having sex, and now she feels guilty. You said the doctor should be reported.

I disagree. This woman is an adult and admits she is attracted to the doctor. He did not force himself on her. Is a lawyer, banker or dentist taking advantage of his position of authority if he asks a client for a date? — Thornton, Colo.

Dear Thornton: Allow us to explain what constitutes inappropriate professional behavior. It is not that the sex was consensual. It is that a doctor's position of authority can be intimidating, making the woman less likely to say no to his advances. Her guilt indicates that the encounter bothered her. She continued seeing him professionally only because she could not change doctors.

Reporting such abuse of authority holds for any professional, and it is not confined to males. A female boss who makes a pass at a male underling also is behaving improperly. Here's more on the subject:

From Out West: That woman absolutely should not go back to that doc-

tor, and she may not have to. Based on his unethical behavior, she is likely to get her insurance company to agree to let her see another physician. Please tell her.

Missouri: I have been a practicing physician for 27 years and can attest that it will do no good to report this doctor. In most states, there are about 10 doctors who volunteer their time to investigate complaints for the government licensing bureau. Their primary task is to weed out physicians who are alcoholic or chemically impaired, those who have been convicted of specific criminal offenses, and the ones who abuse their authority to write prescriptions. This woman's complaint would be given little priority. Plus, it would be her word against his.

Mississippi: I think it was a noble thing this doctor did for his patient. He saw that she needed extra care and sacrificed his personal time to help her. He fed her to make sure she had nutrition to help recovery. Then he used his own body to help massage and straighten her back. What more could a patient want from a doctor for no extra charge?

Dear Miss.: Thanks for providing a unique spin on the situation and a good laugh.

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

Ascot Women's Institute meeting

Members of Ascot W.I. met at the home of Edna Hatch in Lennoxville on October 9th. At 2:00 p.m. President Marion Annesley opened the meeting welcoming members and thanking Edna for having the meeting. The Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship were repeated. Marion read 'Lady Autumn's Visit' from the Countrywoman, describing the beauties of Autumn. The motto for this month 'What sunshine is to flowers smiles are to humanity. Roll Call was answered by five members. Our tea money today goes to the travel fund. A while elephant sale will be held for World Food Day. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurers report showed a good balance on hand. Our bursary money has been forwarded to Alexander Galt Bursary Fund as well as the donation we received in memory of Jennie Pearson. We received Q.W.I. Newsletter with extra copies to be given out to publicize the work of the W.I. We were reminded of the Confer-

ence Series on Autonomy and Aging at the Lennoxville Town Hall on October 14th and November 10th. Five of our members spent a very pleasant evening as guests of the Bury W.I.

Convenors reports: Agriculture - Margaret Hall reported on a successful plowing match. A farmer lost a cow, shot by a hunter. She spoke of the pheasants being shot and left in the water to wash up on the shores of Province Island. Residents ask for new rules, for one thing use of steel shot instead of lead. Margaret reminded us that it is time to have chimneys checked also smoke detectors. Health and Community Living - Marion Annesley spoke of all the forest fires, the mix of smoke and fog which also carries particles that cause breathing problems in the elderly and young children. Even animals are affected by the particles which go deep into the lungs. Marion's tips for the month - when putting coloured sheer curtains spray paint the rods first. Pizza boxes can be used to

carry pies. Use meat ball recipe for meat loaf. Use ice cream scoop to shape meatballs, then put on a cookie tray to freeze, then store in plastic freezer bags. Education and Personal Development - Edna Hatch reported that the Lennoxville Elementary School Grade 6 and the St. Francois School are having a soccer match and BBQ, bringing together the two linguistic groups. Publicity and Awareness - Orma sent reports to the Record. Copies of the Q.W.I. newsletter are being left in different places to publicize the W.I. Social Services - Margaret hall had sent birthday card to Hilda Little and a thank you to Mildred Cairns for her donation of knitting for the Wool Gathering.

In new business - the Board Meeting will be held October 14th at Dunham. On October 24th the Lennoxville W.I. will hold their soup and sandwich luncheon.

Moved by Dorothy Marlin seconded by Margaret Hall that all officers and committee chairs will remain the same for the following year. The new program will be prepared by Hilda Little. We will be hostesses for the County meeting on November 11th at 10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be on November 6th.

To close the meeting Marion read 'Changing Seasons'

The meeting was adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by our hostess Edna hatch assisted by her daughters.

Orma Kingsley

Golden and Silver Wedding Anniversaries for the Clark family of Clarenceville!

Erle and Marjorie (nee McWhinnie) celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 7th. Peter and Laura (nee Lee) celebrated their 25th on October 28th.

To celebrate the couples' anniversaries, there will be a surprise open

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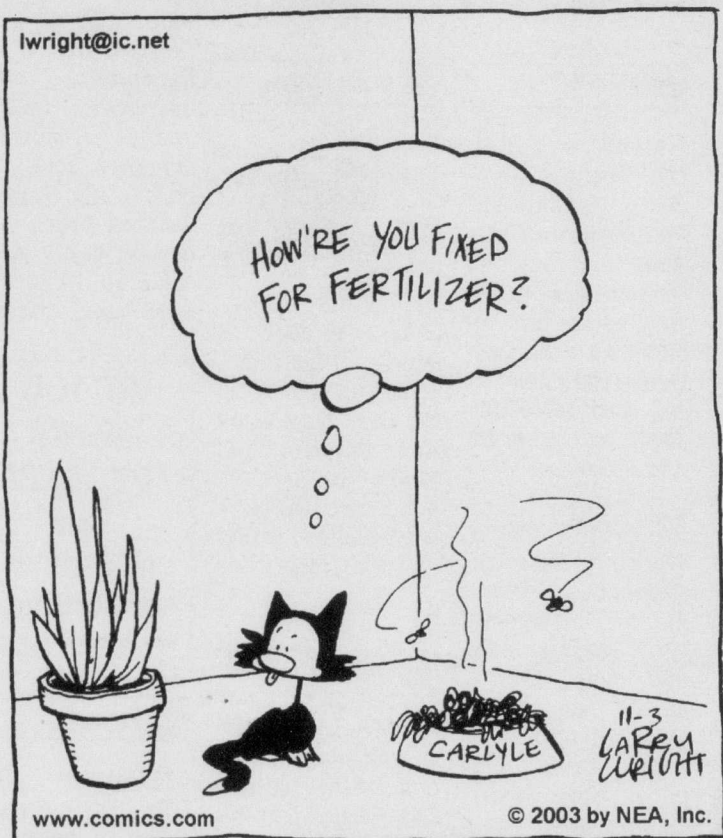
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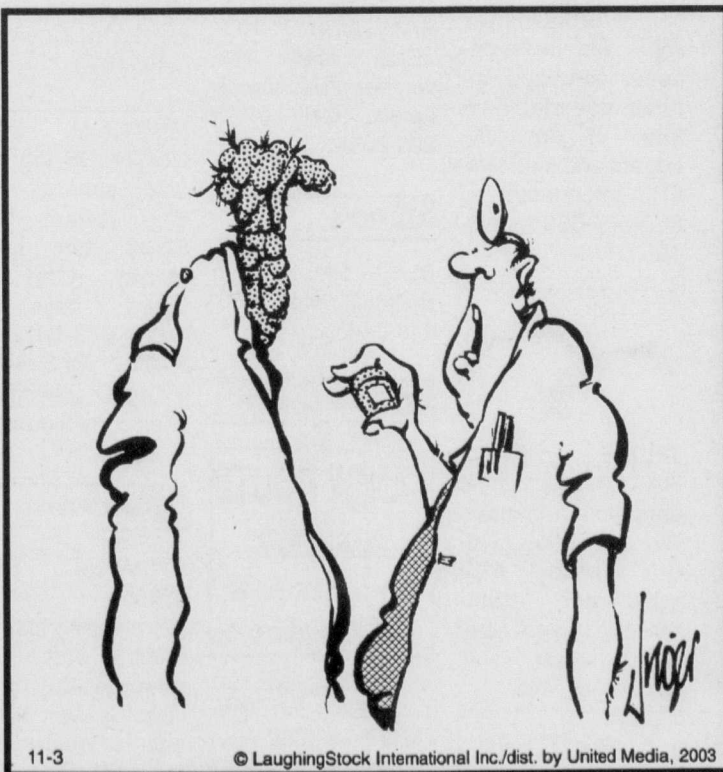
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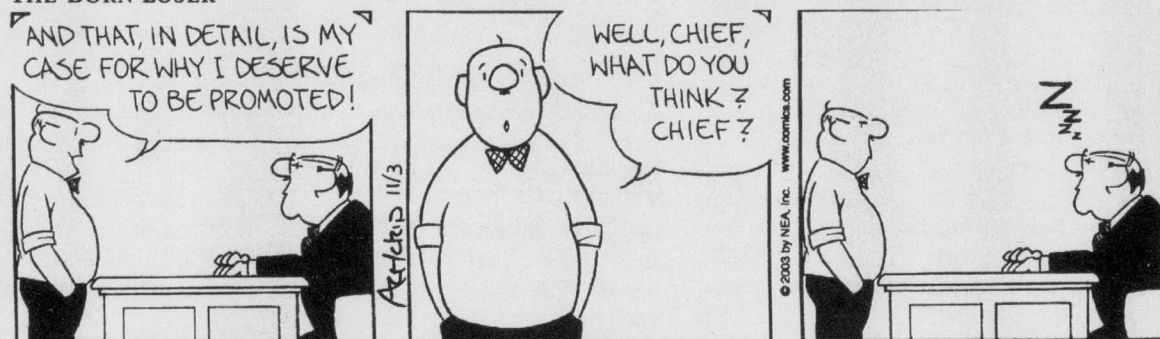
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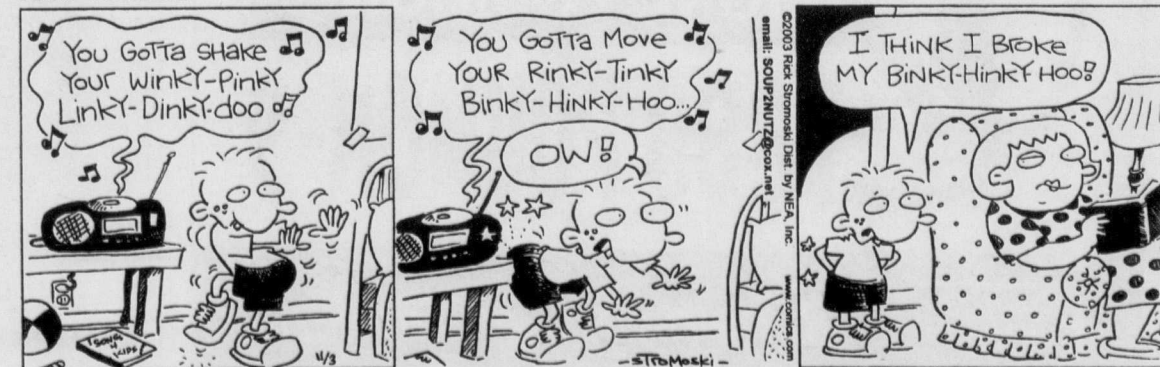
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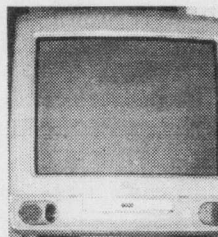
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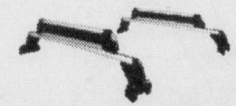
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St. Luke's Church Women meet

On Monday afternoon, Oct. 20th, St. Luke's Church Women met at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Doris Wilson.

Nellie Darling, the president, opened the meeting with the Lord's prayer, said in unison. She then thanked Doris for inviting the group to her home, and also welcomed the members who were there. Nine members were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which was held - that was in May. The minutes were approved and signed. The June meeting and supper

had been cancelled because only a very few could attend.

A note, which had a monetary enclosure, was read from Ola Streeter to thank the ladies for catering to her husband's funeral. There also was a lovely card of thanks, with a monetary donation, from Helen and Milton Borenzweig.

Doris Wilson gave her treasurer's report and she moved, and Catherine Lawrence seconded, the adoption of it.

There was a bill for Anglican Church

calendars which was to be paid.

Myrtle Ray reported that she received a gift certificate from the Steak House in aid of St. Luke's Church Women. It was decided that at the meeting on Nov. 17th, there would be a drawing on a Roxton lamp, a gift certificate from the Steak House, a purse, and a pair of knitted slippers.

Ola moved, and Doris seconded that a series of card parties would be held starting in January. The dates will be announced at the beginning of 2004.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 17th at 2:00 p.m.

There wasn't any more business, so Ola adjourned the meeting and the benediction was repeated together.

Everyone enjoyed seeing pictures of Newfoundland which Doris had brought back from there in the summer.

Delicious refreshments were served by Doris and enjoyed by the members.

Jean Davidson

Your Birthday

Monday, Nov. 3, 2003

There's a good chance that you could be singled out in the year ahead to play a key role in some type of organizational activity. This may be true whether it is of a pleasurable nature or strictly business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - You're basically an alert person who can recognize opportunities and know how to act on them in an appropriate manner. However, today this wonderful gift could be napping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Unless you're on your toes every minute of the day, an advantageous situation may not work out as well as it should. Moni-

tor each step so that you don't miss an important item.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Bank on the fact that every piece of information you pass on to associates today will be quoted and used later, so be doubly sure that you have all the facts straight before sharing them with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - There will be many possibilities about you today for increasing your holdings. However, don't expect to get things handed to you just because you're a nice person. Hard work will be required.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Once you have taken the time to work out what you believe to be a wise game plan, don't make any last-minute changes without good cause. It could gum up all your hard work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't let it be said of you today that you'll only come through for people if there is something in it for you. Show your willingness to help and be kind to others under all circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - It doesn't become you to be boastful when socializing with friends today. Humility and sincerity will have a better impact on their opinion of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Usually you always take under consideration the needs of your loved ones before dipping into the family funds. Today, uncontrolled extravagance could cause you to desert these standards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - If you are supposed to take care of something important today, be sure to make a note of

it or ask another to remind you. Unfortunately, forgetfulness on your part could be prevalent at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - The cash on which you're counting to be there might be subject to a delay, so before you commit yourself to a large-ticket item today, make sure you have the funds to cover the bill.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - All will go well in a major negotiation matter with another today if you remove your rose-colored glasses and hammer out the deal in a realistic and businesslike fashion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - What you do today you will do quite well. Unfortunately, you might not do everything you're supposed to do. Once you get on a roll, don't be a clock watcher.

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