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ET faithful attend Quebec City ceremony

By Tom Peacock
QUEBEC CITY

A coachload of Eastern Townships Anglicans headed up to Quebec City Saturday to attend a special church service in The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity for the Collation of Heather Thomson as the Archdeacon of St. Francis and the Installation of The Reverend Alain Milot as a Canon of the Cathedral.

Thomson, who was first ordained priest in 1979, said she accepted the Bishop's request that she assume the responsibilities and title of Archdeacon of St-Francis — the geographical area which includes the Eastern Townships — only after a period of careful consideration and prayer.

"The Bishop asked me at the beginning of September, and I took some time to think about it, and pray about it," she said.

"I think the extra time commitment is going to be a big challenge."

Thomson said she believes strongly

that, with God's help, she can assume the responsibilities that come with the title of Archdeacon.

"God has given me the commitment to do this," she said. "Of course, not everything I do will be to everyone's satisfaction."

As Archdeacon, Thomson will effectively act as the Bishop's representative in the Diocese.

"I am responsible for the pastoral care of the clergy, and for implementing certain things, and making the Bishop aware of the things that need to be done," she said.

"I am also supposed to make sure the churches are in good repair. Or, as it says in the canons of the church, 'the archdeacon may delegate.' I like that line," Thomson added, before admitting she's not much help when it comes to church maintenance.

One of the most immediate tasks confronting Thomson in her new role is helping the Bishop to fill the three parish priest vacancies in

Lennoxville, North Hatley and Richmond.

"I will help each parish to find somebody new, but in the meantime I am also responsible for making sure regular services happen in those churches. So, I have a fair bit of work to do," she said.

The new archdeacon says she has plenty of people she hopes will help lighten her load.

"I really don't feel I'm doing this alone at all. I have a great team, and I look forward to working with everyone," she said.

Thomson will continue to fulfill her duties as chaplain at Bishop's Uni-

versity and parish priest for the St. Mark's Chapel on the university campus. In the few minutes remaining each day, Thomson will be kept busy raising her two adopted daughters, Tamara and Johanne, and her youngest daughter Bridget, all three of whom still live at home on the family farm with Thomson and her husband Jim Sweeney in Waterville.

At the ceremony this past Sunday, North Hatley's outgoing parish priest the Rev. Alain Milot was made a Canon of the cathedral, a title which is a recognition of his previous service to the church.

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Tyler steps down as president of AQ

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

Citing a heavy workload, anglo rights lawyer Brent Tyler has stepped down as president of Alliance Quebec.

Tyler made the announcement at a new conference in Montreal Friday. Among the demands of his professional life are three human rights cases set to go before the Supreme Court of Canada this spring.

Those cases all involve the issue of access to the English school system in Quebec.

"My regular caseload has also increased and I will either be in court or preparing to be in court every day for the next few months," he said at the press conference.

"It's time for me to devote all of my energies to my clients," Tyler told The Record Friday afternoon.

Tyler's resignation took effect on Friday, with an emergency board meeting held Saturday to establish the process to find a replacement. An interim president is expected to be in place by the end of the month.

Tyler's term was to have ended in May, when AQ holds its annual convention.

Tyler, 45, is best known for his high profile court challenges to Quebec's language laws, including the Lyon and the Wallrus sign case, involving the so-called "marked predominance" clause of the French Language Charter.

A bid to have it argued before the Supreme Court of Canada was turned down in December, 2002. Several other sign cases are also among Tyler's files, including Vaudry's Flower Shop in Lennoxville.

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CSRS Gets Over \$1.5 million



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Education minister Pierre Reid was in Sherbrooke Friday for the announcement of new funding to establish a diesel mechanics and electronic controls course. The education ministry is putting up \$1,579,859 to the Commission scolaire de la Région de Sherbrooke to expand and renovate the Centre de Formation professionnelle 24 Juin in Fleurimont. The work will allow the vocational training centre to offer the diesel motor and electronic controls course to 32 students. In all some 1,770 students are presently enrolled in the CSRS's vocational training programs. The Centre de Formation professionnelle 24 Juin will become one of only four such centres to offer the course in all of Quebec. In the Estrie administrative region there are only 400 heavy equipment mechanics, with a high demand for new workers. Course organizers say it will also offer made to measure training for specific employers in the region.

Health care broken, say Canadians

By Joe Paraskevas

Canadians are as concerned about their health-care system as people in the United States and the United Kingdom are about theirs, according to a trio of recent surveys, but people in this country are less willing to change how medical services are delivered than residents of the other two.

A survey compiled in December by the Gallup Organization showed most Canadians believe the country's health-care system has significant problems.

Only a quarter of those surveyed felt the quality of care they received was excellent.

But a vast majority of people stood by the principle of publicly funded care.

"Even though people are dissatisfied with the system, we worry about making changes," Jack Jedwab, executive director of the Association for Canadian Studies, says.

The Montreal-based research organization received the Gallup survey and two similar studies based on findings in the U.S. and Britain, from

material distributed by Gallup to its clients.

The apparent contradiction between health-care concerns in Canada and resistance to change shouldn't be surprising, said Sorina Vlaicu, a physician and assistant professor in the departments of political science and epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Western Ontario in London.

"Canadians expect the government to help them when they need it and cherish the idea of having a health-care system available to all, no matter their income," Vlaicu said. "It is politically risky to go against those symbols and propose real long-term solutions."

The combined Gallup polling showed 64 per cent of Canadians believe their health-care system has major problems or is in a state of crisis.

Sixty-seven per cent of people in the United Kingdom share those opinions about the system in that country, as do 68 per cent of Americans surveyed separately about their health care.

More respondents in the U.S. than in Britain or Canada said the quality of the health care they received was ex-

cellent.

Thirty-three per cent of Americans polled gave their system the highest marks, compared to 27 per cent of people from the U.K. and 24 per cent of Canadians.

Nineteen per cent of people polled in this country ranked the quality of their health care only "fair." Twenty per cent of people in Britain made the same assessment followed by only 13 per cent of U.S. respondents.

Despite the problems, most Canadians in the survey didn't want to abandon publicly funded health care.

People in the two other countries surveyed were more open to change. Thirty-eight per cent of Americans said they would replace privately funded U.S. health care with a public system.

Only 21 per cent of British respondents said they were willing to give up public health care and even fewer — 13 per cent — of Canadians had the same view.

But Vlaicu said it would be wrong to interpret American attitudes to health-care reform as a willingness to adopt a Canadian style system. She says people south of the border aren't widely aware of the problems that beset health care in this country.

"What Americans see when they look at the Canadian and British health-care systems is ... coverage for all and cheaper prescription drugs," she added. "They don't know much about waiting lists, 30-year-old X-ray machines and the shortage of family physicians."

The U.S. Gallup results were based on a survey of 1,007 adults and are considered accurate to within three percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The Canadian survey involved 1,012 adults and had a similar degree of accuracy.

Results for the British poll came from a survey of 1,000 adults and is considered accurate to within five percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

—For CanWest News Service

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BRIEF

Wood takes over IHDG

Employees at IHDG in Sherbrooke breathed a sigh of relief Saturday morning as their union announced the wallpaper factories have been sold to Christopher Wood of Blue Mountain Wallcoverings.

The CSN, which represents the workers, had been making pleas to MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay and to Premier Jean Charest to save the factory just two weeks ago.

Blue Mountain Wallcoverings, which is based out of Toronto, was the preferred buyer of the union since the company plans to keep the factories open.

Union rep Marcelle Duvalsaint said the workers will meet Wednesday with the new owner to discuss the future of the company. Until then, production is stopped while the transition between IHDG and the new owners takes place.

Weather

Monday: Sunny. High minus 5.
 Tuesday: Sunny. Low minus 14.
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 Wednesday: Periods of snow.
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 High minus 8.
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Ben by Daniel Shelton



Disabled and seniors to get boost from speech

By Norma Greenaway

The Martin government's first throne speech Monday will pledge to ease the burden of disabled people as part of an overall strategy to strengthen Canada's social programs.

Government insiders say the speech will reflect Prime Minister Paul Martin's desire to focus attention on the four million Canadians who are disabled.

The speech, which Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson will deliver on the government's behalf, also will signal Martin's willingness to enrich programs for children and seniors as money becomes available.

Martin has already announced a new Liberal caucus task force on seniors to follow up on the work of one appointed by former prime minister Jean Chretien last fall.

The Chretien task force report, to be released next week, is expected to urge a hike in the guaranteed income supplement to the poorest seniors and to call for a separate ministry for seniors, according to caucus insiders.

Martin has said he's committed to the "constant evolution and strengthening of our social programs" to meet the changing needs of the population.

However, he has cited the prospect of shrinking budget surpluses to dampen expectations of any big cash infusions beyond the \$2 billion added Friday to this year's federal health transfer to the provinces.

The throne speech is expected to be sketchy about specific action the government might take, and what, if any money, will go to addressing what some critics call the "social deficit."

However, social policy activists are optimistic Martin will provide more details when he elaborates on the throne speech themes in an address to the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Marcel Lauziere, president of the Canadian Council on Social Development, said the federal and provincial governments need to develop an in-

tegrated approach to filling holes in the county's social safety net.

"We spend so much time talking about health care, and we're making some progress there and that's good. But there is a real social deficit that this government really needs to be looking at," Lauziere said in an interview.

Lauziere argues it's time for Ottawa to negotiate an agreement with the provinces to ensure Canadians know how the \$15 billion that is transferred each year to the provinces for social programs and post-secondary education is actually spent.

Advocates for the disabled say they are looking for, among other things, a disability fund the provinces can use to help the disabled.

They say current tax-related measures aimed at disabled Canadians need to be complemented by direct payments to those without taxable income and by better employment, transportation and other services.

"Obviously, it's easier for the federal government to make changes to the tax side because that's the lever it's got," said Ken Battle, president of the Caledon Institute of Social Policy. "But people with disabilities need services and income."

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Health boards get new names

Staff

The two regional health boards that cover the Eastern Townships have been given a new name, and a slightly different mandate.

As of Friday, the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux de l'Estrie, and its western counterpart the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux de la Montérégie ceased to exist.

Instead they are now known as the Agence de développement des réseaux locaux des services de santé et services sociaux de l'Estrie, and the Agence de développement des réseaux locaux des services de santé et services sociaux de la Montérégie.

The territories remain the same, with Estrie covering most of the Eastern Townships, and Montérégie covering the South Shore region out to and including Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska.

The name change is a result of Law 25, adopted by the Charest government before Christmas. At first, the new organization's duties (like all of Quebec's health boards) will be the same as their predecessors.

But in the coming months the development agencies are supposed to put in place local integrated service networks. That will mean the mergers of hospitals, CLSCs and long term care facilities.

As Quebec health minister Dr. Philippe Couillard explained when Law 25 was tabled last fall, these integrated service networks will be responsible for all health and social services in their region.

As the networks develop they will take over some of the duties now held by the health boards. The health boards, or development agencies, will continue to oversee the funding of specialized services, regional planning and public health issues.

While some parts of the region already have some of their health and social services merged, the new changes will be keenly felt in the Sherbrooke area.

There the new legislation will require a number of organizations to join forces, including the CLSC, CHUS, the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute and different rehabilitation services.

In the west end, merger options could mean one organization for Brome-Missisquoi, centred around the BMP Hospital, and another for Haute-Yamaska centered around the Granby Hospital.

However, the Health Ministry could decide to merge the two regions into one single administration.

A first proposition for those establishments is expected to be tabled by the development agency later this month.

Merger propositions will be presented to the Health Ministry in April, who will then decide on which organizations will be merged and how in June.

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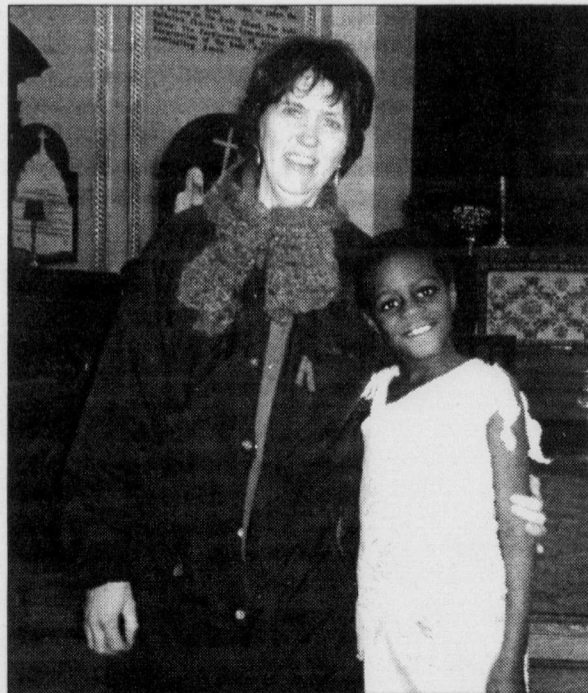
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"It is a great recognition of my pastoral ministry, my healing ministry and my mentorship towards the lay readers in my parish," Milot said.

Milot is stepping down from his role as full-time parish priest at St-Barnabas church in North Hatley for health reasons, and moving with his family to Lennoxville. While recovering from his illness, Milot said he will continue to work whenever possible with his peers in the diocese.

At the same ceremony, the Venerable Dennis Drainville, the archdeacon of Gaspé, was named the Chaplain of Lay Readers.

The Right Reverend A. Bruce Stavert, Lord Bishop of Quebec, presided over the service at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. The Right Reverend Douglas E. Theuner, visiting from his parish in New Hampshire, gave the sermon. Theuner will be retiring in May. He will be replaced by the Right Reverend Gene Robertson, the first appointed gay bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion.



TOM PEACOCK

Heather Thomson and daughter Tamara relax after the service in Quebec City.



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Report condemns handling of Kazemi murder

By Andrew McIntosh

A United Nations Human Rights Commission expert has censured the Islamic government of Iran, saying in a new report that the real killers of Canadian photojournalist Zahra Kazemi may go "unpunished" because Iranian officials continue to conceal the full findings of its inquiries into her 2003 murder.

The ongoing official coverup of Kazemi's killing highlights "the climate of fear" that Islamic authorities have fostered in Iran through the systematic repression of civil rights and freedom of expression, according to the report by Ambeyi Ligabo, a United Nations Human Rights Commission special rapporteur.

Ligabo, a Kenyan, prepared his 25-page report following a six-day mission to Iran in early November, meeting with Iranian politicians, academics, intellectuals and several dissidents serving lengthy jail terms for simply expressing opinions critical of authorities.

He filed his detailed report on the repression of political and civil rights and freedom of expression in Iran with the UN's Commission on Human Rights a few days ago. A copy was obtained by CanWest News.

The UN expert said he highlighted Kazemi's killing in his report because of "its gravity, its exceptional nature and, thirdly because of the concerns raised by the way the case is being handled by the authorities."

He issued a special appeal to the Iranian authorities to allow Kazemi's remains to be transported to Canada for burial here "in accordance with the wishes of her son, Stephan Hachemi of Montreal, and her mother, Ezzat Kazemi."

Iranian authorities have so far refused to comply with the family's wishes.

Ligabo's report states that during his Nov. 4-10 visit to Iran, he asked several times for information about results of various Iranian government inquiries into Kazemi's death July 10 from severe head injuries.

He requested information about the probes from officials in the judiciary and the government, including Iran's vice-president and a Tehran prosecutor.

"He notes with regret and concern that he has received no substantive response," the report adds, saying that government reports released publicly were censored.

Kazemi died in a Tehran hospital, where she had been in a coma for 13 days. Iranian authorities had arrested her June 23 as she was taking pictures outside the infamous Evin prison.

They questioned her until June 27, when she was taken to hospital in an unconscious state after being subjected to a violent 77-hour interrogation.

Kazemi's family was only told of her whereabouts July 6 and about her death July 12 via an official government announcement that claimed she had died from "a digestive disorder."

No independent medical examination was allowed, triggering waves of protest both inside Iran and around the world.

The UN special rapporteur's report "notes with great concern that Mrs. Kazemi was killed for performing her work as a journalist."

Ligabo's report adds that he is concerned that, "by failing to fully disclose the findings of comprehensive inquiries carried out" in Kazemi's murder, Iranian authorities "are favouring a climate of impunity for members of law enforcement agencies and sending a message that officials are not accountable to the public."

His report adds that he fears "there will be no adequate and satisfactory response from the authorities to this odious crime and that the chain of responsibility will not be elucidated, at least not publicly, thus allowing persons responsible for Mrs. Kazemi's death to remain unpunished."

An Iranian intelligence services agent, Mohammad Reza Aghdam Ahmadi, was arrested and charged as the suspected killer. His trial was "adjourned" last fall without explanation and no new date has been set.

Last week, the group Reporters Without Borders expressed concern to Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham and his 15 European Union counterparts about delays in the case, saying Iranian authorities appeared to be in no hurry to see justice done.

In the months before Kazemi's arrest

and murder, Iranian authorities were reported to have arrested a dozen other journalists and closed 90 publications as part of efforts to curb dissent among reform-minded media outlets.

Canada temporarily recalled its ambassador in Tehran after Kazemi's murder, but returned the diplomat to Iran after being assured Canada would have access to files in the case and monitor the trial of anyone accused in the murder.

Marlys Edward, a Toronto lawyer representing the Kazemi family, said that to the best of her knowledge, neither of those undertakings has been honoured by Iran.

"Canada, its ministers and the Department of Foreign Affairs have all been lied to on numerous occasions by Iranian officials. They have, quite frankly, really jerked us around and we look like fools. They are just playing with Canada," she said.

Edward does not believe Foreign Affairs has pressed the Kazemi case hard enough to ensure it gains access to the trial materials and investigative file and she thinks it may be time to bring the case to the World Court.

"This UN report represents a profound condemnation of the Iranian justice system," she said.

"The entire process is not transparent and gives no confidence that the right people will be found guilty of the crime. It's time to move the case ahead in other forums."

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Guide available for those who care for a loved one

The Memphrémagog Seniors' Council launched its new Guide For People Who Care For A Loved One in Magog this week.

The realization of this guide was made possible, in part, by a grant from Quebec's Secretariat For the Elderly with help from la Table de concertation pour les aînés du Val-Saint-Francois and Pauline Gervais, author/editor of the guide, Helping Without Burning Out, who authorized the reproduction of certain helpful extracts.

Produced by the personnel of various community organizations in conjunction with the Centre de Santé Memphrémagog, this guide is intended for all the people who freely care for a loved one — husband, wife, parent, friend — or anyone requiring support following a physical, memory related or mental illness.

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assist their friends and loved ones.

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The guide is presented in a convenient, small (32 pgs 5 1/2" x 8 1/2") format, set-up and printed by Copie Rapide Magog.

The Townships' Association, in the spirit of friendly collaboration, helped making this English version available.

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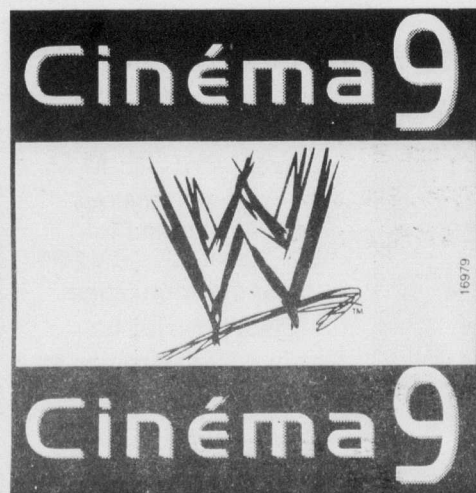
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BRIEF

New class at LES?

The possibility of a combined grade three and four class is on the agenda at the Lennoxville Elementary School governing board meeting tonight.

The new class would be made up of students in other grade three and grade four classes at the school. A similar combined class was created for grades five and six early this school year to reduce class sizes. Parents are invited to the meeting to discuss any concerns they may have.



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Tyler will continue fight against sign laws

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Among the latest Supreme Court challenges is the case of Waterloo parent Roger Gosselin, who wants his children to have the right to attend English school. Gosselin's case and two others represents 25 children seeking access to an English education.

Tyler said that task has been made more difficult because the governments of Quebec, Ontario and Canada, along with the Commissioner of Official Languages, have all asked to intervene against his clients.

His decision to quit was also affected by the fact that his salary as president of AQ was paid by federal funding, and "... I don't want to take their money anymore."

"My clients are finding themselves alone," he said. "It's not something I would have predicted. I'm going to be alone on my side of the courtroom."

Tyler's other cases will include further sign challenges and a bid to have the Lyon and Wallrus case heard before a human rights panel at the United Nations. The lawyer's contention is that the French language is not threatened, so restrictive language laws are unnecessary and discriminatory.

Tyler took the top job at Alliance Quebec in 2001, continuing the harder line approach first introduced by William Johnson. Alliance Quebec has also had to deal with in-fighting, declining membership and a heavy cut in funding from the federal government.

Tyler himself was also exposed to criticism that his position at Alliance Quebec was an extension of his private law practice.

The higher profile of Alliance Quebec as a result of its tough stance apparently made opponents uneasy. Its Montreal offices were vandalized several times, and Tyler himself was subjected to death threats on more than one occasion.

Next month he will also face an assault charge after allegedly pushing one man and then tripping another at an Alliance Quebec meeting.

Tyler said what comes next for Alliance Quebec will depend on the will of the membership, as expressed through the democratic process.

"I would like very much for Alliance Quebec to always have a rights-based agenda," he said. "Who else is going to back cases to the United Nations and the Supreme Court of Canada of the kind we have pending?"

Tyler said other anglo groups in Quebec have been too timid to back the court challenges.

"These aren't only legal issues, they're moral issues," Tyler said. "Is this the kind of society we want to live in?"

Tyler said he plans to stay active with Alliance Quebec, where he has been a member since 1993.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Brent Tyler, pictured here in 1999, is best known for his high profile court challenges to Quebec's language laws, including the Lyon and the Wallrus sign case.

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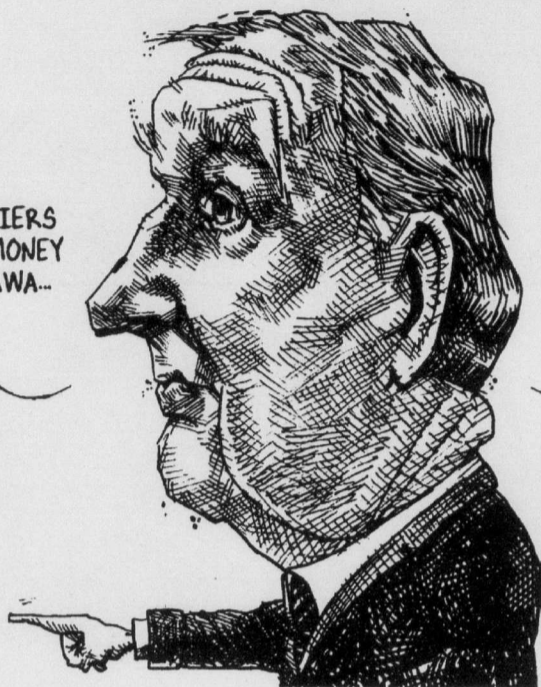
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EDITORIAL

Trust us, it's good for you

You can hardly fault a school board for showing initiative — it's what you want and expect from educational leaders.

But given the narrow tunnel in which the ETSB shares its visions, it's understandable parents and teachers wince at the mere mention of any new 'initiative'.

Never in the history of education in the Eastern Townships have parents and teachers had such well-intentioned, progressive and innovative ideas showered upon them — to the point they now run for cover waiting for the next storm cloud to pass.

(This is the kind of board that would respond to the problem of child obesity with an 'enhanced nutritional initiative': Eat your broccoli, damn it. It's good for you. And no recess for those who don't.)

Really and truly, in this age of enlightenment and inclusion, how can a council of commissioners and administrators sit around a board table and hammer out plans that will touch students, teachers and an entire education system without asking for input?

Mind you, commissioners and administrators bristle at the notion they have not consulted extensively with end users. But these 'consultations' usually take the form of after-the-fact, top-down directives, backed by nebulous studies, anecdotal evidence and statistics from distant places that have no relevance to the Eastern Townships.

Two years after the school board introduced its language initiative which aimed to increase the amount of French taught in ETSB schools to one-third of total class time, it remains unclear what barometer is being used to measure success or failure.

ETSB chair Maggie Faulks said in an interview in 2002, that commissioners would review the French-language initiative continuously throughout the school year, and students would be evaluated at the end of each cycle with the use of standardized tests.

When asked for those results, the ETSB said it was 'premature to talk about any results of the new curriculum', including whether the initiative had contributed to the desired growth in enrollment in the board's 23 schools, as predicted.

"(Regarding the language initiative), we gave numerous presentations to the public, including the media, during the last two years, so we really want to move on," said ETSB secretary-general Chantale Beaulieu in a written statement, refusing The Record's repeated requests last year for an inter-

view with ETSB director-general Ron Canuel to discuss the progress of the program.

And while the board insists it has consulted with parents, the 'consultation' is more like dousing the fires of discontent.

At an information session at Alexander Galt last September, a senior board administrator told about 30 parents present that the board did a study of the human resources potential within the board to see if enough teachers were capable of teaching in a second language to make the language initiative work. "The findings indicated most schools will be able to incorporate the changes, with some new hirings required," he said. "The curriculum change does not affect teachers, since most new instructors are bilingual anyway, and senior staffers who cannot teach in French, will teach other subjects."

What studies, what schools, and why are teachers and their union complaining today that there are inadequate resources to implement the plan without compromising English-language education at the high school?

Among the concerns expressed by both parents and teachers who attended last year's information session was the perceived decrease in the quality of English taught at schools.

Those concerns remain today and are backed by real test results of current ETSB students which demonstrate a large number are reading and writing in their mother tongue at a level two years behind their grade level. Surely these numbers should be considered along with studies from schools in Montreal or Ottawa.

Teachers' union president Peter Langford said, "the union was not consulted regarding the curriculum change; the board decided on whether or not to increase the French content with the results of a small survey."

School board officials told The Record in 2001 that the curriculum change was based on the results of 600 surveys sent out to parents, teachers and administrators in 1999 that called for increased French instruction. That was true then and it's true today.

But here we are: Year Three of the language initiative with parents, teachers, students and the school board at odds over the program — and all in full agreement that students need to leave ETSB schools with a higher level of French-language competency.

Thus the need for stewardship before, and not after the fact.

SHARON McCULLY

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Gracey-Gunter celebrates 98th birthday in style

By Claudia Villemare
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

A bit of winter sunshine highlighted the family seated at the 'reserved' table. Other restaurant patrons glanced over and surmised perhaps another birthday being feted or perhaps a contract of some kind with fresh signatures and a celebration planned.

Little did the noon-day diners know last Friday they would be witness to the birthday of a legendary lady, well-known far and wide for her warmth and friendship to one and all.

Marguerite Gracey-Gunter was to be the guest of honor at that long table where immediate family chatted, awaiting the arrival of "Mrs. Gunter", as she is lovingly called even by family members.

This was no ordinary day. Mrs. Gunter was being honored for almost a century of dedication and devotion to family and the family enterprise, also known as Gunter's Hotel.

This woman, her apron already firmly tied, arrived at the lobby door of the hotel shortly after sunrise some mornings, armed with cleaning equipment and her firm determination that all should be ship-shape at the family's enterprise.

Today at 98 years of age, she talks with sadness of being forced to stop going down to the hotel in the morning due to a serious illness when she was 89.

Gunter still lives in the family home, surrounded by the souvenirs and memorabilia of a much loved family.

"We moved in here in 1939," she says.

"Oh the parties we used to have." She walks through grand rooms where the parties took place, here a fire place, over there the grand sweep of a spiral staircase. And always the photos and souvenirs of family 'present' and family 'gone.'

With her twinkling blue eyes and a ready smile, its easy to forget there were many sorrowful times through her nearly ten decades. Born and raised until her teen years in the Brome Lake area of the Townships, Gunter learned early the meaning of hard work.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/SPECIAL

For years, Marguerite Gracey-Gunter arrived at the lobby door of the Gunter Hotel shortly after sunrise determined that all should be ship-shape at the family's business.

"My mother was often sick and I was the only girl in our family of four," she remembers. "School was not the priority then that it is now, so I often was kept home to help out.

"Thank goodness for a wonderful teacher during those years who gave me special help outside the classroom hours and routine, and I was able to complete my years in spite of all the difficulties."

Imagine growing up at a time when running water in country homes was mainly in a nearby brook or spring only. Several trips a day were needed to meet the needs of a young family and those jaunts to a well or spring could be hazardous to youngsters whose nose barely reached over the well's edge.

"We had to dip a pail, on a length of rope, down into the well, then haul it back up and trudge back to the house with it. It was pretty tricky," she recalls, smiling now at the memory of snowy or muddy pathways and the slosh of water

threatening to splash over the edge of the pail.

By the time she was ten, the world was already plunged into the first of the great wars. And life and times would get more difficult as signs of financial depression and finally the 'crash' of 29 meant many folks found themselves

with no jobs or money.

"We moved quite a bit as my Dad didn't seem to find good enough jobs back then. Finally we came down in the Windsor-Greenlay area and that's when I went to work and faced the fact that schooling would be put on a back burner.

"That's where I met Clifford, as I walked along the street one day on my way back home. He and his friend offered me a ride home and that was the first day of a new life for me," she remembers, eyes misting as memories come back of those courting days and the early years of her life with this tall man with deep blue eyes.

"Eventually we took over the hotel that my father-in-law had purchased in 1925 and, from then until recently, the hotel has been family effort.

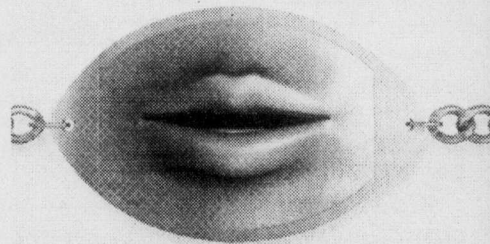
"My task was to look after everything from the 'Grill' door on. That meant the housekeeping — everywhere," she laughs.

"But my family always came first and I love them all so dearly."

Gunter talks about memories of her family, and shows off several afghans she has crocheted this past year. Handmade cushions of every size and color are tossed here and there on chairs and sofas and heaped up in corners, bearing witness to the energy of this tiny, determined woman. Even at 98, she still has a spring in her step.

'Happy 98th Birthday to you Marguerite Bracey-Gunter.'

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Keeping track of our fine feathered friends

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Over the years, though, our favorite birds have failed to show up.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

Some years we see more of one variety, and less of another. This information is important for researchers as it helps to determine which species are thriving in certain areas and which are on the decline. This year consider joining the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), when from Feb. 13 to 16 people throughout North America take the time to count the birds in their own backyards.

During the Christmas bird count birders meet up with other bird lovers in the same town or city between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 to count all the birds with a 24-km diameter on a selected day. The GBBC instead has birders stay on their own property and count every bird that visits.

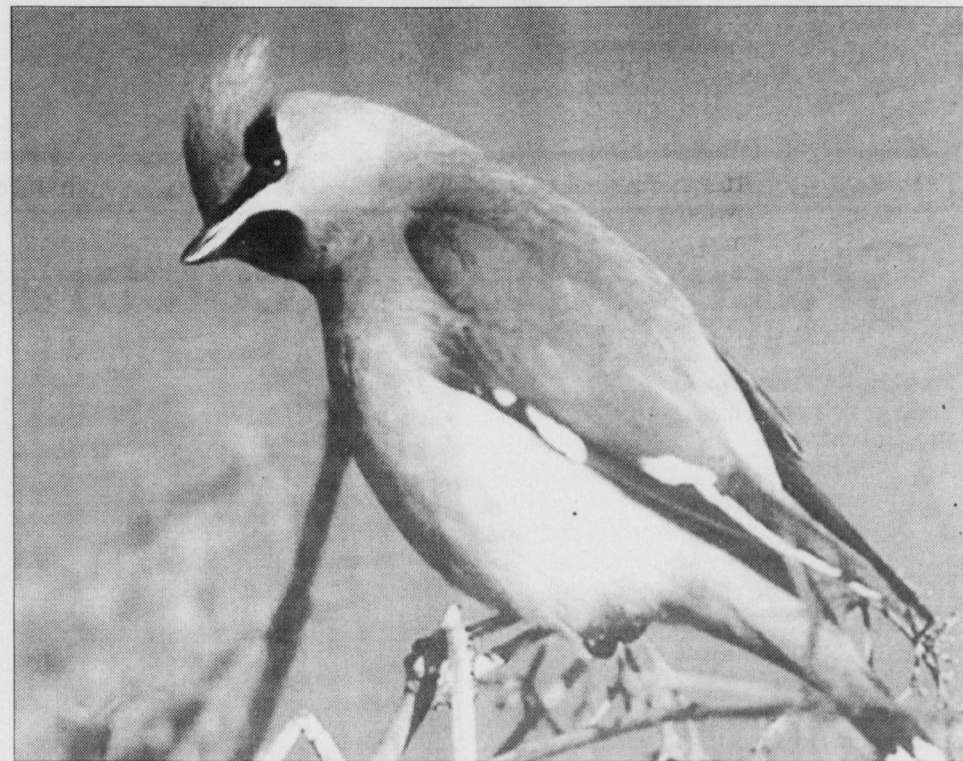
While the Christmas bird count has

become a huge social and sporting event, and of great importance in establishing a huge database on the just how many birds there are and where they are distributed throughout North America, the GBBC records local increases and declines in the population as well. Both are essential in helping us keep track of our fine-feathered friends.

The data collected by the GBBC will help determine the factors that are influencing the distribution of species, such as snow cover, unusual weather patterns, and food availability. According to the GBBC's winter of count of 2001, it was clear that some bird species were less commonly reported in areas where there was an increased snow depth when compared to winters with less snow. Both the American Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds are two species that kept to areas with little or no snow cover. Both White-throated Sparrows and Northern Flickers also showed an aversion to areas covered in snow.

When you submit your information to GBBC, you will be helping to confirm if this trend is true in all areas, and whether the many different species are really responding to the amount of snow and other environmental factor.

Last year, GBBC received a total of 47,740 checklists, reporting 573 observed species and listing 4,204,058 individual bird sightings.



COURTESY ANNA MAY KINNEY

The bohemian wax wing is just one of the many species counted during the Great Backyard Bird Count which takes place Feb. 13 to 16.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Parents and grandparents know that children have a natural interest in animals of all kinds. What better time than now to teach them the pleasures of birdin? They may be little right now, but

these children will grow up to be our next environmental caretakers, and the valuable lessons they learn now will not only benefit their generation but their children's and grandchildren's as well.

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Undetected visual problems affect children

When we talk about a child's eyesight, we may question whether they need glasses or not. However, seeing or vision is not just about 20/20 eyesight and glasses. It involves how the eyes move, how they focus, how they work together, and how they perceive depth and form. Muscles move the eyes and the eyes send the information it sees to the brain where the information is processed.

The eyes are involved with visual memory, writing, reading. How a child perceives, learns, comprehends, and remembers depends on the eyes working efficiently. The eyes may be a possible cause when children are experiencing learning difficulties or attention deficit disorder.

The average child watches 6,240 hours of television before grade one. This does not develop the effectiveness and muscles of the eyes. Today, children are often busy with passive activities such as television, computers and video games. Eye skills are learned, just as walking and talking are learned. Active games with your young child such as rolling a ball back and forth, throwing

bean bags at targets, somersaults, rolling, swinging, completing puzzles, and playing "I spy" are just a few examples of activities that help develop effective vision skills.

Since a child learns about 80% from his eyes, if this vision system is not effective, the child cannot learn to its maximum potential. Poor muscle control of the eyes will interfere with a child's ability to attend and concentrate when engaged in any task involving vision. A child may avoid drawing, writing, cutting or doing anything that is too visually challenging. Behaviour issues may arise as a means of communicating the challenge. They may have headaches, eyestrain, frequent blinking, watery eyes, or double vision.

Reading comprehension may be poor. Words and letters may get confused. Reversals may occur. Imagine reading if your eyes were unable to move from side to side efficiently, or if your eyes were unable to work together

to focus and converge on an object. The more effort the eyes exert while reading, the less comprehension and the lower performance a child will have.

Recent studies indicate a potential relationship between convergence insufficiency and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (University of California, San Diego). Convergence insufficiency occurs when the muscles responsible for turning the eyes in are weaker than those responsible for turning the eyes out. The child with convergence insufficiency will commonly lose his place while reading or may need to use a finger or a ruler as an aid. When

moving his eyes, he may land on the word further down the sentence. Words may be omitted or replaced by other words. Double vision or overlapping vision can occur. A child who sees like this may appear inattentive and may be easily distractible. For this reason, it is important to rule out vision problems.

Your child may have no difficulty

with a quick vision test. However, more in depth visual testing is recommended if your child is experiencing academic or behaviour difficulties. Since your child has no other reference for how to see correctly they will not recognize their difficulties. A child will often assume that everyone sees the same way.

Since vision is a learned skill, it can be improved. Vision therapy involves exercises for the eye muscles. With an intensive exercise program, your child's vision can become more efficient. In turn, your child's performance in sports and academics, and his social skills will improve.

Vision goes beyond eyesight. Have your child's eyes examined by a skilled optometrist. Dr. Jean-Pierre Lagacé at the Quebec Association of Optometrists reports that there are only a few optometrists in Quebec who are trained to do vision therapy. Contact the Association at (514) 288-6272 for more information on their locations.

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CAROLINE HUI

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TECHNOLOGY & YOU

Tech toys for children of all ages

By Steve Makris

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—CanWest News Service

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Preparing for the Great Backyard Bird Count is a great opportunity for families to do some research and learn better ways to attract birds to your back yard, such as how to build bird houses and feeders, while brushing up on the different species that are common in your area.

Libraries carry a vast assortment of books about birds, with great pictures that will help you identify them, and you can also find tapes of various bird calls, and even videos made for the purpose of learning to identify species.

To prepare for the bird count, make up bird identification games to quiz each other. If there's no library in your area, use your computer to download a few bird pictures.

There are even some sites with recorded bird calls.

Once you stir a child's interest in watching birds, spend a little time helping them create a bird-friendly place around where you live.

The Audubon Web site (http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home/index.html) has helpful information on simple ways, including planting a few native shrubs, flowers or trees and remembering to keep your pet cat inside.

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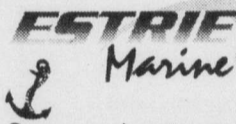



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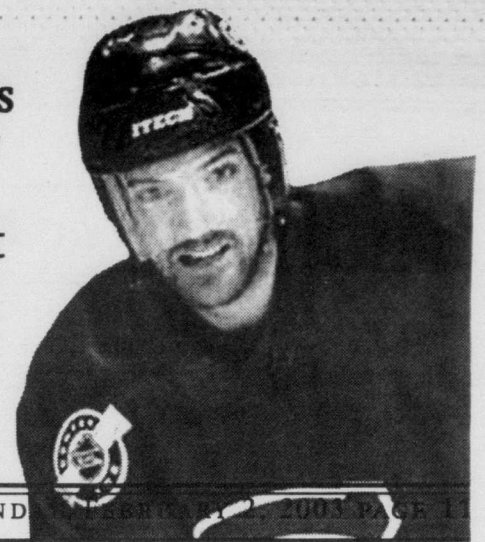


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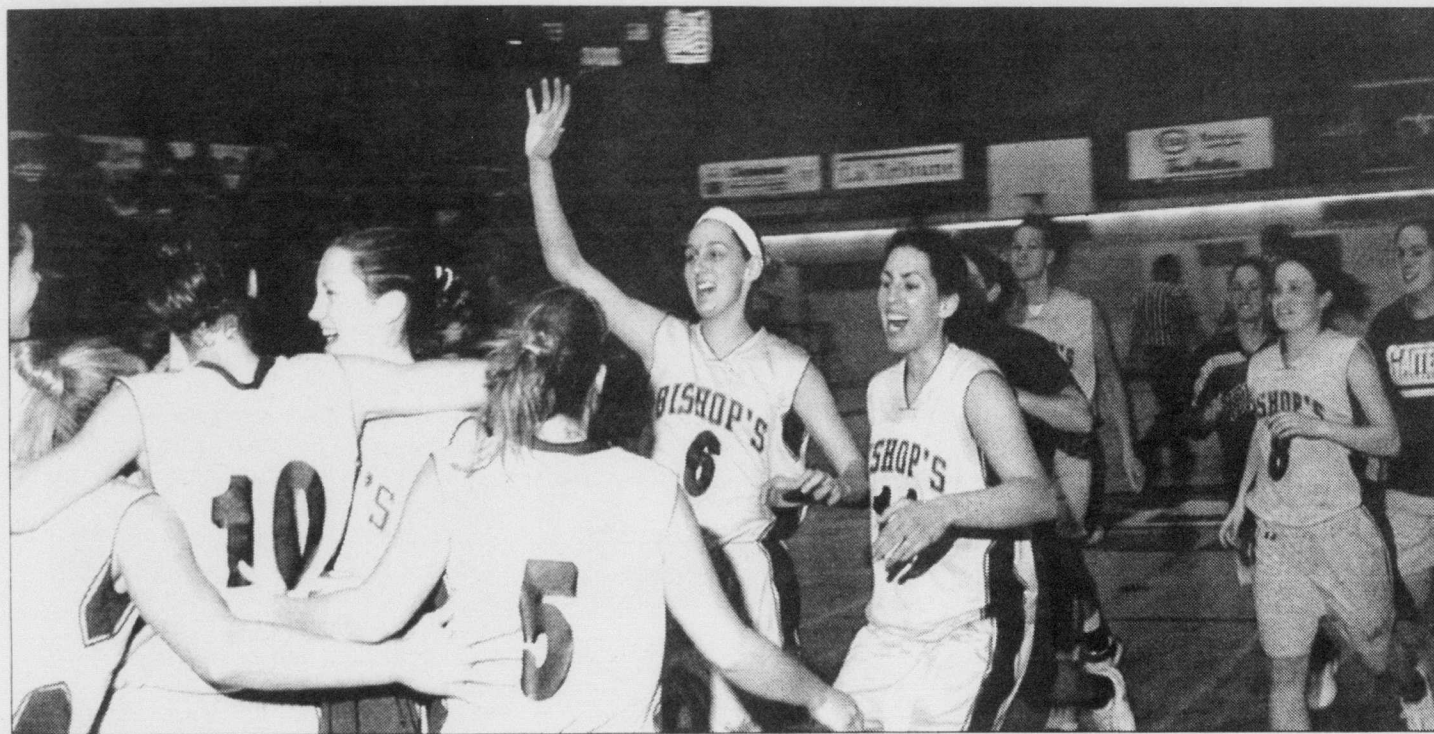


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BU women knock off Laval again



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

For the second consecutive week, the now 10th ranked Bishop's Gaiters defeated the ninth ranked Laval Rouge et Or.

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Bishop's Gaiters women's basketball team suddenly finds itself in a two-way battle for first place in the Quebec University Basketball League following an impressive win Saturday over the defending champion Laval Rouge et Or.

The victory was Bishop's second consecutive triumph over Laval and enables the Gaiters to move to within one game of the first-place Rouge et Or.

"It was a good game for us, we shot the ball well and controlled the tempo of the game," head coach Rod Gilpin said after the win.

Unlike previous games against Laval, the Gaiters jumped out to a quick lead behind the outside shooting of guard Anouk Boulanger and post play of Jessica Koury.

Boulanger, last year's conference rookie of the year, stroked five three-pointers in the first half.

Koury was equally effective from long range as she nailed three three-pointers in the first 20 minutes of play and added a fourth in the second

half.

The two combined for 28 points in the first half to lead the Gaiters' offense.

Urged on by a supportive crowd, the Gaiters extended their advantage to 13 points before a late Rouge et Or run cut the lead to 43-38 by the intermission.

"Jessica and Anouk gave us some great scores in the first half," Gilpin said after the game. "But we got contributions from everyone tonight. It was a team victory."

Point guard France Lanoie agreed with her coach's assessment.

"Laval may have bigger stars and better individual talent, but we are the better team and we have shown that the last two games," Lanoie said after the hard-fought victory. "We have players who make big plays and we have a lot of confidence in ourselves."

The third year guard, who scored eight points, showed why she was selected as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year last season. She was a major factor at the defensive end, taking two charges and coming up

with three steals.

The second half was close but Bishop's never relinquished the lead. Laval pulled to within three points on several occasions, but each time, the Gaiters responded with runs to give themselves some breathing room.

Boulanger was held to just three points in the second half but the bucket was a big one. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the Sherbrooke native banked a three-pointer from the top of the key to give the home team a 71-62 lead.

Laval refused to quit however, and closed the margin to 71-68 with time running out.

Fittingly, it was Koury who iced the victory with two foul shots in the dying seconds of the game to give Bishop's a five-point victory.

While Boulanger was held in check for most of the second half, other players picked up the slack. Eight different players scored in the half.

Koury finished with a game high 22 points and six rebounds, while Boulanger ended up with 20 points and also grabbed six boards.

Champlain splits pair

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College women's basketball team had a fourth quarter meltdown that enabled the Victoriaville Vulkins to record a 73-55 win Sunday afternoon in Lennoxville.

The loss spoiled Champlain's chances for upsetting the undefeated Vulkins just one week after the Cougars dropped an overtime decision to them.

"We had no legs, I don't know if it because we expanded too much energy Friday night, but we can play a lot better," a disappointed head coach Stu Gear said after the defeat.

"Last week we took them to overtime and probably should have won the game, but last week we had Molly LaDuke playing a lot more minutes."

LaDuke's playing time was limited after she picked up three quick fouls in the first quarter.

Champlain led 10-9 after 10 minutes of play but the visitors held a 19-13 half-time advantage. Champlain held a slim lead late but Victoriaville replied with a 29-4 run to leave with the win.

The Cougars started the weekend with an exciting come from behind victory over the Trois-Rivières Diablos Friday night. Champlain got off to a bad start and trailed by 20 points before a second quarter rally cut the Diablos lead.

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Kiteskiing at Lac Boivin



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Some of the province's best kiteboarders and kiteskiiers were at Daniel-Johnson parc on Lac Boivin in the Granby area this past weekend for the annual Freestyle Attraction Coors Light de Granby. The sports, which combines kite flying with snowboarding and skiing, are becoming major attractions in Quebec.

MEN'S UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Gaiters fold in second half, lose 71-53 to Laval



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Post player Jeff Szita led the Gaiters attack Saturday with 15 points and six rebounds.

Staff

The Bishop's Gaiters were unable to maintain their intensity and focus for 40 minutes Saturday night in a 71-53 loss to the Laval Rouge et Or at Mitchell Gymnasium.

League all-stars Charles Fortier and Samuel Audet-Sow scored 21 and 19 points respectively for the defending conference champions.

The defeat comes one week after the Gaiters played one of their better games of the season against Laval in Ste-Foy.

"I'm frustrated right now," head coach Eddie Pomykala said as he exited the Gaiters' locker room after an emotional post-game talk with his team. "I am frustrated because we have so much potential on this team and we are simply not there yet."

The Gaiters have demonstrated flashes of brilliance but also an inability to stay with the likes of Concordia and Laval for an entire game.

Saturday's game was no exception.

After a slow start, the Gaiters played the nationally ranked Rouge et Or (fourth in the latest CIS polls) even for most of the first half as post players Jeff Szita, McKenzi DeBrosse and Cam McDonald scored 17 of the team's 22 points.

The Gaiters employed a tenacious zone defence to hold the high powered Laval offence to just 26 first half points, but still trailed by four at the break.

In the second half, the Rouge et Or methodically increased the lead as the Bishop's struggled to find ways to put points on the scoreboard.

Laval connected on nine of 15 three-point attempts with most of them coming in the second half.

"We need to score points, 53 in a game is not enough," Pomykala said. "We have people who can score and we have systems to get good shots but we have to have confidence in ourselves and learn to trust each other."

"We need to make shots to get some momentum going and we certainly had our chances."

Szita continue to show that he is developing into the league's best big man in his third year of university ball. Playing against all-stat Marc-Antoine Horth, Szita led Bishop's with 15 points and had a team high six rebounds. Newcomer DeBrosse gave the Gaiters a lift when he came off the bench to score 11 points.

The Gaiters have a bye this week but have scheduled an exhibition game for Saturday afternoon against the Bishop's alumni, including former greats Patrice Lemieux, Stew Clark and Jeff Harris. Game time is 3 p.m.

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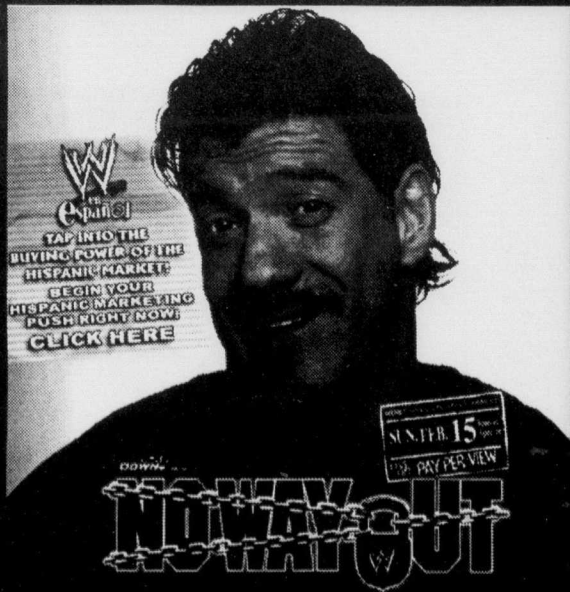
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MINOR HOCKEY

Mousquiri welcomes teams from U.S, Canada

By Claudia Villemaire
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

From humble beginnings 41 years ago when only 13 teams turned up, Richmond's Mousquiri Atom hockey tournament has grown by leaps and bounds into an event that now welcomes up to 80 teams annually for an event that lasts 10 days.

The brainchild of a few volunteers trying to bolster community participation and support local minor and junior hockey teams, the tournament now claims second spot, second only to a Quebec City competition, in the long list of similar events in the province.

Organizers gathered at Richmond Town Hall this week to spread the word about this year's edition which gets underway Feb. 10.

Michel Ménard, president of the organizing committee, pointed out that continuous growth is important for this type of event.

"The first was in March, 1964 when 13 teams showed up. Thanks to the untiring efforts and determination of a dedicated group of volunteers, in 1970 they managed to gain accreditation, and gained 'provincial' status in 1975," said Ménard. "By 1986, the event was granted 'national' status. This category opened the door to teams originating outside Quebec including the USA.

"The tournament's popularity then grew by leaps and bounds and the Richmond region soon was hosting teams from south of the border as well as every region of Quebec, and several representatives from other provinces as well.

The tournament has welcomed over 20,000 young players between the ages of 9 and 11. There have been 2,647 hockey matches in 40 years with 1,892 teams participating.

"We are ready," continued the president. "Our special supper and gala last weekend was a great success with, once again, a full house of supporters. Our volunteers are also ready, the welcome mat is out at homes all around the region where players from out of town will be cared for. Tournament passes are presently available."

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Children under 12 are admitted free. The event pass, entitling entry to any and all games is \$15.

Official opening is Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., just before the first invitational match between the Blainville Bastions and Richmond-Windsor Riverains (class BB).

Finals begin on each of the two weekends of the tournaments and according to Ménard: "You best get there early to find nearby parking and a good seat."



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/SPECIAL

Mousquiri tournament president Michel Ménard had fun recently with the event's mascot. The Mousquiri gets underway on Feb. 13 in Richmond.

"We must not forget to thank the over 200 volunteers who turn out faithfully each year. They are really the backbone of this organization which depends entirely on the goodwill and support of the community including local business, organizations and individuals."

CEGEP BASKETBALL

COUGARS:

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Trois-Rivières maintained its slim lead until the final minutes of the game when the Cougars finished the contest with a 13-2 run to secure the victory.

Stephanie Kay scored 10 of her 13 points in the final quarter, including a three-pointer and two foul shots in the final minute of play that put the game out of reach.

Susan Magwood, who did an outstanding job at both ends of the floor, led the Cougars with 17 points while Jessica Frappied and LaDuke scored 15 and 14 respectively.

MEN LOSE AGAIN

The Champlain men's team's shooting woes continued Friday night when they dropped a decision to CEGEP Ste-Foy.

"They played a 2-3 zone and we were unable to attack inside or to hit outside shots and that makes it hard to score points or win games," head coach Don Caldwell said.

"We got very little from our post players and it was a game that we needed them to step up at both ends of the court," Caldwell explained.

Champlain's post problems were accentuated when rookie Yves-Andre Lavoisier was forced to the bench with early foul trouble.

"Yves-Andre was playing well for us but when he came out nobody picked up the slack," Caldwell said.

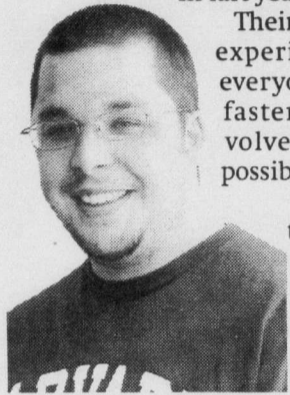
Olivier Meilleur, a third year veteran who recently rejoined the Ste-Foy line-up, led all scorers with 21 points.

SPORTS COMMENT

Super Bowl memories

So I celebrated an anniversary Sunday. One year removed from what I deemed the worst Super Bowl ever. Terrible game between two teams I absolutely loathe, on top of which I got to watch all my worldly possessions go up in smoke.

Just super. Before I go on I just want to thank the town of Lennoxville and the Bishop's community for pitching in and helping out everyone involved in last year's fire.



SCOTT MCLEAN

Their efforts made the whole experience bearable and got everyone on their feet much faster than any of those involved would have thought possible.

With that said, sometimes I understand why some people say they hate the Super Bowl. Sure it can be wonderful, like four years ago when the Rams beat the Titans on the final play

of the game, or two years ago when the Pats beat the Rams in the same fashion.

But when it doesn't come down to that final play of the game, it often is a one-sided affair that leaves people wondering what the hype is really for.

Now, with the exception of last year, I have enjoyed every Super Bowl. The best team from each conference each survived adversity and injury to reach the big day.

The 12-hour pregame shows, the made up awards like Phil Simms' All-Iron team, and the diet crushing binging involving cheese, beer, chips and beer are all great.

Plus, I love talking football, any excuse that can devote an entire weekend to discussing items like 'will kicker Adam Vinatieri's back hold up through the third quarter' and 'getting to know intimately the line judge for today's game' is thoroughly ap-

preciated.

Over at my dad's place, we always have a pool that anyone can play, although the rules are somewhat complex to write in a column. Essentially, it involves the team leading at the end of each quarter and the total points scored during the game.

It usually can keep the interest of even the football hating fan even when one team is up by 30 points going into the fourth quarter, if \$5 is on the line. And I thought I could go a week without mentioning sports betting.

But when something is hyped this much, if you aren't a fan of the winning team, it will never satisfy the casual viewer. Nothing can. But if you love football, there isn't a better day to be alive.

Did someone say football? A quick shout-out to the members of Team Canada. Tough loss on Saturday, 31-0 to the U.S.A. Canada did beat the States in round robin, 7-3, for the first time in four years.

And they are in Houston for Super Bowl week, so I guess things could be worse.

Non-sports quick thought of the week: Spanking was upheld by the

Supreme Court this week. Terrible decision. It does nothing but teach a child that physical violence can be a useful problem solving tool.

Constitutions and criminal codes should be revised every 10 to 20 years, forcing sweeping changes.

Most things that were created in the 18th and 19th centuries are sorely outdated.

CORRECTION

In Mike Hickey's story on Bishop's wide receiver Gilles Colon Friday it was reported that Colon had signed a free agent contract with the Canadian Football League's Edmonton Eskimos. Colon in fact has signed with the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers, The Record apologizes for the error.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Habs drop Blackhawks 6-4

Canadiens forward Niklas Sundstrom had a goal and two assists to lead Montreal to a 6-4 win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday afternoon. Steve Bégin, Patrice Brisebois, Sheldon Souray, Mike Ribeiro and Jan Bulis scored the other Canadiens goals. Saku Koivu had two assists. Steve Sullivan (twice), Kyle Calder and Alexei Zhamnov scored for Chicago. Montreal goaltender Jose Theodore made 37 saves to earn the win.

Hockey Quebec raises over \$500,000

Hockey Quebec announced recently it ended its annual fundraising campaign with a total of \$500,890 raised in the province's 15 administrative regions. Players, coaches and team officials spent the year selling \$2 loterie tickets to raise the funds. For the 11th year in a row, the Mauricie region was busiest with 26,750 tickets sold. Its goal was 9,795.

Holland: No. 1 job is Cujo's to lose

Six months after losing his starting job to Dominik Hasek, Curtis Joseph is in the driver's seat as the No. 1 goaltender for the Detroit Red Wings.

Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland told TSN on Sunday that he recently spoke with Joseph and has told the 36-year-old netminder that the No. 1 job is his to lose, even when Hasek - who has been sidelined with a groin injury - returns to the lineup.

Holland also told TSN that it was "highly unlikely" that Joseph would be traded this season.

The Red Wings hope to have Hasek - who had an ultrasound done on Thursday - back practicing before the All-Star Break, but it's unlikely that he will return to the lineup until early March.

Hasek, who turned 39 on Thursday, came out of retirement last July to rejoin the Red Wings, whom he led to the Stanley Cup in 2002. That gave the team two goalies making a total of \$14 million US (Hasek restructured his contract to make \$6 million, while Joseph earns \$8 million). Detroit failed in a bid to trade Joseph, who was put on waivers and sent to the minors twice. Manny Legace has spent most of the season as the backup.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

- **MEN'S CEGEP AAA BASKETBALL:** Friday, Sherbrooke Volontaires at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium, Lennoxville, 9 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S CEGEP AA BASKETBALL:** Sunday, Shawinigan at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium, Lennoxville, 1:15 p.m.
- **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY:** Tuesday, Coaticook Frontaliers at Champlain Cougars, Eugène-Lalonde arena, Sherbrooke, 7:30 p.m.
- **SENIOR HOCKEY (LHSMQ):** Thursday, Verdun Dragons at Granby Prédateurs, Léonard Grondin Arena, 8 p.m.; St-Jean at Sherbrooke St-François, Léopold-Drolet Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.
- **SENIOR HOCKEY (LHSP):** Friday, Coleraine at Asbestos, 8:30 p.m.; Windsor at Valcourt, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Waterloo at Coaticook, 8:30 p.m.; Magog at Disraeli, 8 p.m.; Lac-Mégantic at East Angus, 7 p.m.

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Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 12
Open Trails: 31/33
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Open Trails: 52/52
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
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Open Trails: 72/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stanbridge East
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Folks at The Coffee House were especially pleased to see Bobby Hill back after his recent bypass operation and to hear him sing again, even though it was just one song. He expressed his appreciation to those present for their cards and phone calls of good wishes while he was convalescing.

Clayton Harvey has undergone a serious operation at B.M.P. He's making progress but wishes for a speedy recovery go out to him from his family, friends and neighbours. We expect to see him working his land this spring! At present he'd welcome short visits... he's in a private room - #379.

Avante held another International Supper, this one featuring foods of Brazil. The Women of the Center prepared the meal: appetizers were canja (soup), empadinhas de queijo (cheese-filled pies). Main course: Brazilian Kabobs, pollo borracho, (Drunken chicken-cooked with white wine), feijao tropeiro, (cowboys' beans) arroz, (rice) and salada de palmito. Dessert was Torta de banana. Our placements were paper flags of Brazil that have Order and Progress) Ordem E Progresso inscribed in a circle. The meal was super!

Seven deer came to nibble the corn tonight...they arrived before it was available to them, three little ones passed the time by playing like puppies, running in circles, etc. Neil has two more butterflies in the garage now, they lay flattened out until the area warms up in the morning then they 'stand up' and move around. I believe we have one Hoary Redpoll with the flock of common ones that feed on Niger thistle seeds.

In Memoriams

LAROCHE, Aden - In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away February 1, 2003.

Sadly missed by his brother,
LARRY

PAIGE, Earle T. - Who left us January 29, 1969.

ELSIE (wife)
 DAVID & LILIANNE
 (son) AND FAMILY
 WARREN (BUZZ) & HOLLY
 (son) AND FAMILY
 MARGARET & GARNET
 (daughter) AND FAMILY

Deaths

SMITH, Jean Rose - At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, January 29, 2004 of Campbellford in her 72nd year. Jean, beloved wife of the late Hilary Smith. Loving mother of Michael and his wife Cindy of Dorval, Que., David of Calgary, Susan Boutin and her husband Gabriel of Quebec, Wendy Richardson, and Carol Smith of Peterborough. Beloved grandmother of Trevor, Amanda, Melissa, Lina, Emilie, Philip, Claire and Heather and great-grandmother of Lydia and Nicolas. Dear sister of Helen Williams of Belleville, Ruth Riddell of Renfrew and Mary Riddell of Montreal. Daughter of the late Romeo Asselin and Rose Gover. Friends are invited to call at the Kaye Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, 539 George St. N., Peterborough, Ont., on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Service in the Chapel on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Campbellford. Donations to Cancer Research would be appreciated by the family.

THOMPSON, Alice 1905-2004 - At the Wales Home in Richmond on January 17, 2004 in her 99th year, Alice Thompson, wife of the late Carl Whitney. Survived by her step-son, Robert Whitney (Erica), step-daughter, Joan Hall (James) and her sons, Mark Brimer, Lance Brimer, Dane Brimer, Michael Hall, The Lawrence family, William (Sheila), Robert (Jean), John (Marjery), the late Mac (Ann), the late Pat McCaffrey (Jim), Mary Orr (Leslie), also survived by other relatives and friends. Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. A committal service will be held at the St-Paul d'Abbotsford Cemetery at a later date. In her memory, donations to the Wales Home, 506 Rte. 243 N, Richmond, Que., J0B 2H0 or the Ladies Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que., J0S 1K0 would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes, (angle St-Jude N.), Granby, tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393, www.famillesbessette.com.

Death

WESTGATE, Catherine Agnes (nee Nussey) - Passed away peacefully at the St. Mary's Hospital, on January 28, 2004, in her 88th year. Loving wife of the late Barclay Westgate. Beloved mother of Barbara and her husband Robin Robinson, Maureen and her husband Geoff Chislett, Wendy and her husband Bill White and Ward Westgate and his wife Meredith. Very special grandma of Natascha Grant (Jon), Ted deVos (Diane), Tamara deVos (Chris), Tracey Hopkins (Jeff), Adam Chislett (Stacey), Jennifer Tyerman (Jacob), Susan Westgate (Jamie) and great-grandma of Clarke Hopkins. Catherine was predeceased by her brothers and sisters Hilton Nussey, Marguerite Virtue, Austin Nussey, Clarence Nussey, Lillian Wilde, Keith Nussey, Marion Lapatourel and Kyrke Nussey. She is survived by her dear sister Roseamund Frier. Everyone cherished Catherine's rare quality of love and kindness for other people. "Auntie" Catherine was devoted to her many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families and will be sadly missed. Visitation will be at Collins Clarke Funeral Home, 222 Highway 20 (Cartier Exit 49), Pointe Claire, on Saturday, January 31, 2004, from 5-8 p.m., and Sunday, February 1, from 2-4 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Monday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Matthews Anglican Church, 4940 MacDonald Ave., Montreal, Que., H3X 2V3. Donations in Catherine's memory, may be made to St. Matthews Anglican Church or to the Girl Guides of Canada, 1939 De Maisonneuve W., Montreal, Que., H3H 1K3. "Whatever awaits you around the corner, God is always there".

Religious Leaders Listen

Churches standing empty,
 Or few people in the pews.
 But really what can we expect
 With the leaders in the news.

When church leaders make the news
 You'd think it would be good,
 They'd talk of hope and love and faith,
 Or world wide brotherhood.

But when they talk and bicker
 And keep threatening to sue,
 What is the message that they send
 To folks like me and you.

If they can't solve small problems
 As Jesus would condone,
 I'm afraid that we'll move on
 And they'll be left alone.

Will young people be attracted?
 And come into the light,
 When all they see is animosity
 And all you do is fight.

Now how can I advise you
 When you know more than me
 Of faith and trust and fellowship
 And the holy trinity.

The only message I can send you
 Is from the holy mother,
 Share your toys, clean up your mess,
 Be nice to one another.

Wayne Robinson

Card of Thanks

NUGENT-HUMPHREY: We wish to thank our friends for the sympathy cards, letters and phone calls at the time of our dear sister's passing. Your kindness is appreciated.

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♦ A K			
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South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♥ A			

Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

The deuce can send messages too

By Phillip Alder

Which is the most important card in a suit? Obviously, the ace. But all cards are useful. The virtue of the two — especially on 02/02 — is its lack of ambiguity.

On today's deal, look at the West hand. South, on your right, opens one spade, and North raises to two spades, ending the auction. You lead the heart ace and inspect the dummy (North). What would you do at trick two if partner signals with (a) the heart eight, or (b) the heart two?

Some authorities dictate that if your opponents stop at the two-level in a known eight-card or better fit, you must balance. That advice is usually sound, but this West hand is so unappealing that only a knight or a lemming — the choice of noun being dependent upon the result — would balance with a take-out double.

If East plays the heart eight, it is high and encouraging. Continue with the heart king and another heart.

But when partner drops the discouraging two, he is asking you to shift. Clearly, clubs look much more promising than diamonds. So, switch to the club nine, the high card denying an honor in the suit.

Here, partner wins with the jack, puts you back in with the heart king, and you play another club to generate six defensive tricks: three hearts and three clubs. (Note that if you continue hearts at trick two, declarer makes his contract in spades and diamonds.)

Of course, you must be able to trust your partner to signal correctly. On this deal, if he would drop the heart two at trick one, keep him. If he would play the eight, think about visiting the transfer market.

Couples are supposed to have private moments

Dear Annie: My husband, "Mark," is the epitome of a storybook husband — kind, compassionate, loving, respectful, charming, romantic and good-looking. There is, however, one problem: his relationship with his parents.

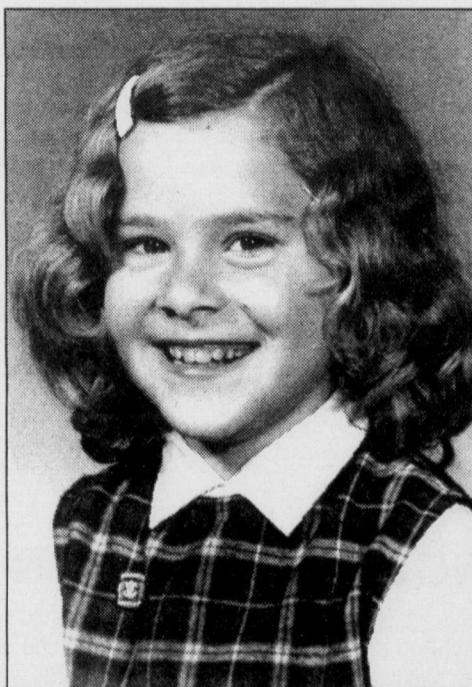
Mark's parents are loving and wonderful people, and I adore them. However, whenever we have a disagreement, he phones them. I understand he needs someone to talk to, but it is extremely uncomfortable for me, especially when the only thoughts shared are what he wants them to know, and often, it's not the whole story.

When Mark is having a bad day, he calls and complains to his parents. He shares what I feel are intimate husband-and-wife issues with his mom and dad. He talks to them every day for hours at a time. My in-laws know everything we do, where we go and what we buy. Even on our vacations, we have to call daily.

60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations and best wishes to Murray and Muriel MacMorine, formerly of Windsor, Que., and now residing in Whitehorse, Yukon, on their 60th wedding anniversary, February 5, 2004, from friends back home.

Lordy, Lordy look who's 40!



Mom and Dad,
Your loving brothers;
Trenholm and Doug,
Pauline, Francine,
Adam, LeeAnn,
David, Tiffany, Kira
and Sarah

Annie's Mailbox

I have discussed my concerns with Mark, and he promised to be more respectful of my feelings. However, the only change he made is that now he calls his parents from his cell phone or when I'm not home.

Annie, is this normal or Dysfunction 101? — Caller's Wife

Dear Wife: It isn't quite Dysfunction 101, but it's certainly a prerequisite.

How often Mark calls his parents is not as important as the information he shares. Your husband must learn to separate his marriage from his childhood and stop telling Mommy and Daddy everything. Couples are supposed to have private moments. If he cannot understand this, it might help to go with him to see a marriage counselor who will explain the concept and work on ways to implement it.

Dear Annie: I am 28, my wife is 25, and our friends are the same age. We have a 3-year-old daughter whom we have taught to call our friends "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So." However, our friends prefer that our daughter call them by their first names.

We have considered having her refer to close friends as "Uncle" or "Aunt," but we aren't crazy about the idea. We want our daughter to be respectful to adults. How do we explain to her when she should use the honorific and when it's OK to use a first name? Or, do we just make our friends feel old and have her call everyone "Mr. and Mrs.?" — Confused in Indiana

St. Philip's ACW Sawyerville

St. Philip's A.C.W. met at the home of Sheila Bellam for their annual meeting on the morning of January 12, 2004.

There were 6 members and Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew present. The meeting opened with the A.C.W. and Lord's Prayer followed by devotions and a reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A favourable report was given by the treasurer. Three members were fined for not wearing their pins. We signed a get well card for Glenna Evans who has been in the hospital. We could not host World Day of Prayer this year due to uncertainty of our members who work.

Annual reports were all given and approved. For "Cheer" Susan reported 109 cards sent. Ferne reported 304 calls were made.

The present officers all agreed to continue for another year. President: Jean

Dear Indiana: There is another etiquette rule here, and that is to call people by the name they prefer. While it is appropriately respectful to use "Mr. and Mrs.," even with close friends, when one of them says to your daughter, "I'd like you to call me 'Susan'," she should be permitted to do so.

Dear Annie: For the last eight years, we have taken a vacation every spring with our best friends. Each year, before our plans are finalized, another couple (I'll call them "Tom and Edna") include themselves in our vacation.

Tom and Edna are not fun to travel with. We like them, but we don't want to spend two weeks a year in their company. However, now that the precedent has been set, they expect to go on every vacation we take, and frankly, I'm tired of it.

We do not want to insult or hurt them, but we lack the fortitude to say we've already made plans. We have tried to discourage them subtly, but it hasn't worked.

Is there any way to do this nicely? — Aimless in Alabama

Dear Aimless: Not really. If you cannot work up the courage to tell them not to come, arrange your next vacation at an off-time, when Tom and Edna are not expecting a trip and don't have the opportunity to crash the party. When they inquire, simply say, "We decided to try something different."

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

Evans, Secretary: Sheila Bellam, Treasurer: Lydia Judge, Social: Ferne Parker and Cheer: Susan Sylvester.

It was decided to hold a Tea and Bake sale on April 24 at the Community Centre. Lydia's daughter, Diane will be making the tickets for our "draw" on grocery boxes.

Our little Christmas stockings brought in the amount of \$60.30.

Rev. Sister Mary Florence won the hostess gift, which she auctioned off, because she had given it. Becky obtained the beautiful calendar from B.C. for \$1.00. The money was turned over to ACW! Becky also won the marked saucer. Our next meeting will be in March. Ferne adjourned the meeting. After the blessing given by Sister Mary Florence we enjoyed chicken and biscuits and salad.

Sheila Bellam

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: A equals M

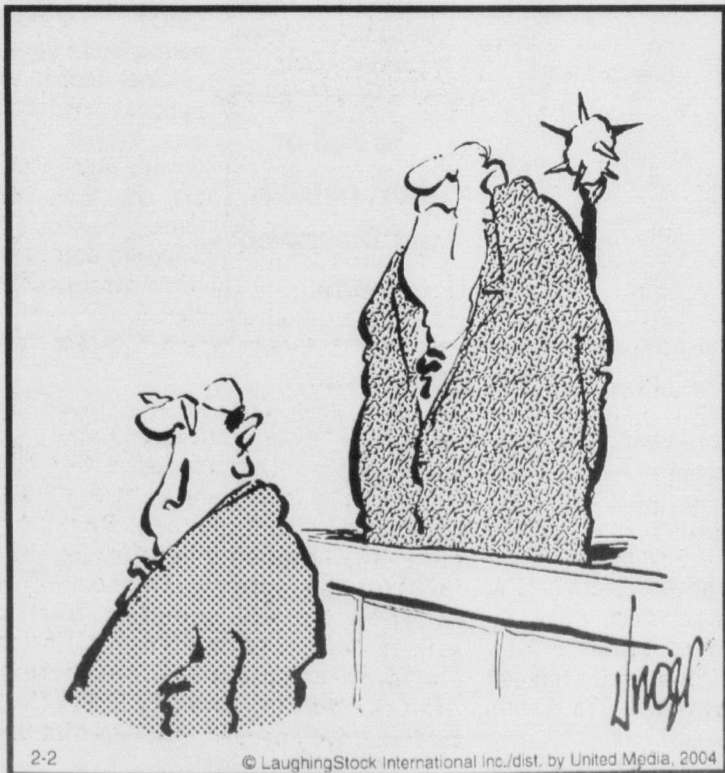
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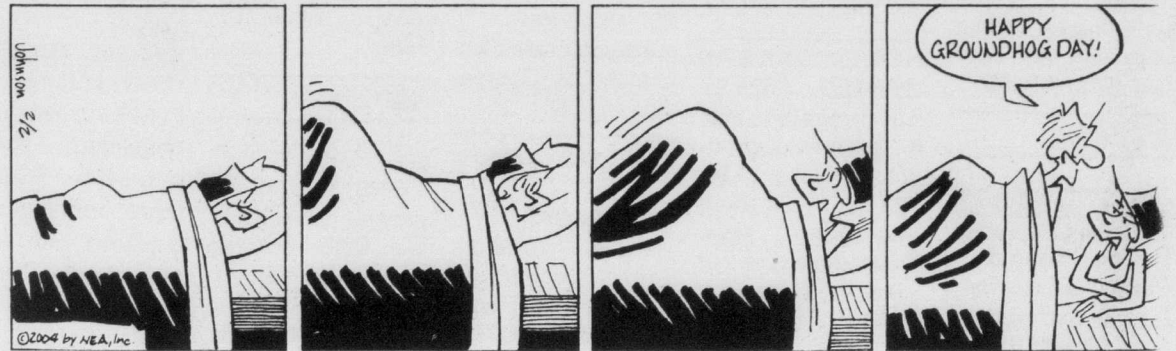
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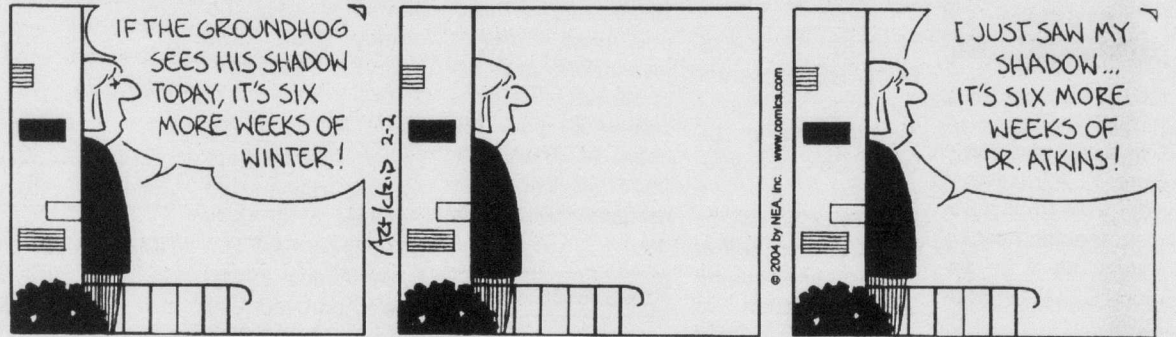
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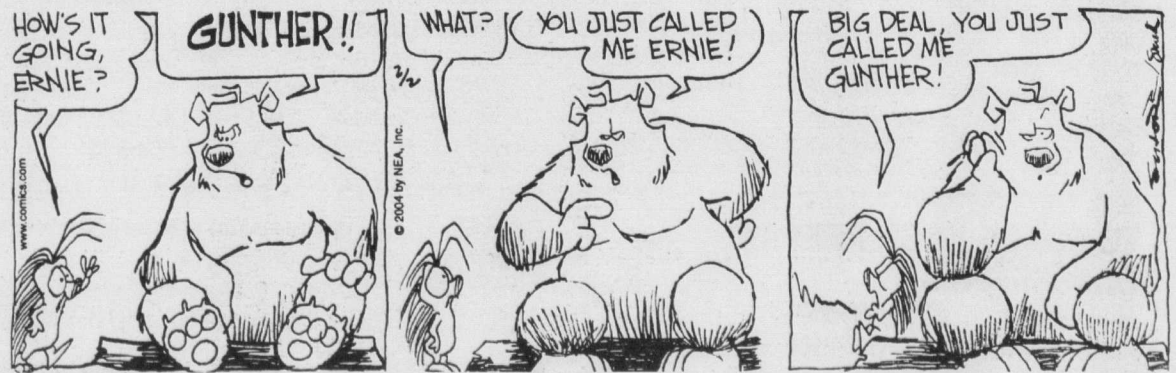
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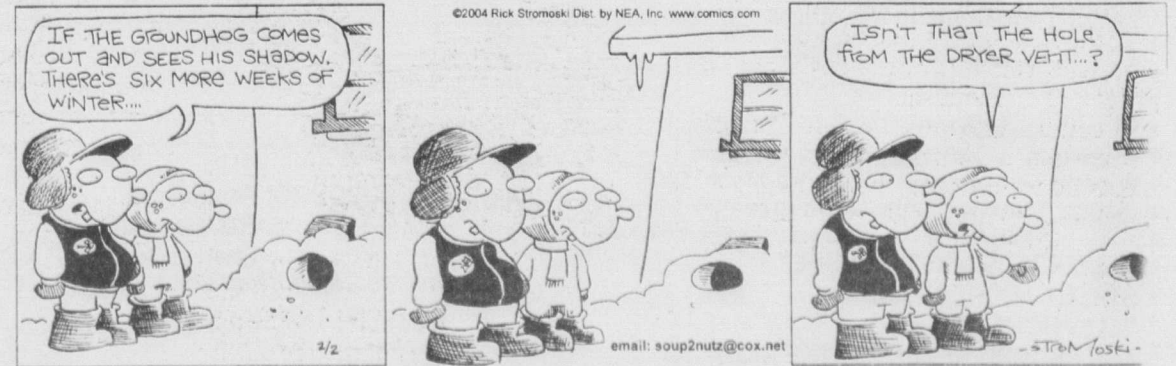
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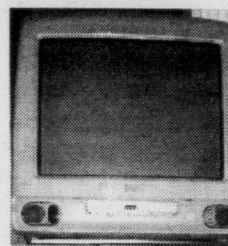
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There has been news that many residents of Place Primevere have been ill and some have had to go to the hospital for treatment arriving back within a day or so. Maria Bec is one who is at the

B.M.P. Hospital at the moment. Our get well wishes go out to her.

Recent visitors of John and Shirley Chapman were Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, Burlington, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mooij and daughter Karri of Toronto, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Chapman of Chetenham, England. They were frequent visitors of John who was a

surgical patient at the B.M.P. Hospital. He is home now and are regaining his strength every day.

Gladys Thompson has gone to Feenelon Falls, Ont., to spend some time with her daughter Margaret and family.

If anyone has news they would like printed please don't hesitate to call me. The number is 539-2040 and I seem to be

very short of news at the moment, probably due to the cold weather as most folks have stayed in where it is warm and planned their outings for later on. My bid old black cat "Casey" refuses to go off the back porch when it is cold and he also refuses to go down the steps after a snow storm. He waits for Hugh to clean the steps for him!

Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

You may be the type of person who likes to do things independently of others, but in the year ahead some of your greatest successes are likely to be the result of forming joint ventures. Be a team player.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Important achievements can be made today, provided you're ready to jump right in and do what needs doing. If there's something you want, roll up your sleeves and go to work on it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your luck, energy and drive all have their limitations today, so don't attempt to push them too far, too fast. The results could end up being counterproductive and

cause unnecessary delays.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A touch of humor and feather-light handling will go much further in dealing with a domestic situation that arises today. Harsh measures will only serve to create additional problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Think before speaking today when dealing with those with whom you should be using diplomacy. You might unwittingly make a caustic remark you'd wish you could take back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Look out for your financial interests today, but do so in ways that others can't interpret as selfishness. The wrong kind of attitude could invite losses, not gains.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take your breaks where they fall today instead of

waiting for something difficult to attain to come your way. Be grateful for small favors; the big ones may take more time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep your optimistic spirit intact today and don't allow negativity to creep into your affairs or thoughts. Your positive qualities bring you happiness when things appear contrary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Old projects must not be allowed to be put aside today because of an enthusiasm for a new one that pops up. Finish what you have on the table so that you'll be able to enjoy fresh endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This could be one of those days where it might be advisable to take things a bit slower than you'd like. Just keep in mind that

as long as you're moving forward, every step counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your faith might be put to the test today, but as long as you hold fast to that which you believe, all you envision will eventually work out in ways that will stand the test of time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't ignore the chance you may get today to speak up about getting something that you believe you're entitled to. Once it's gone, you'll have to live with what presently exists.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful not to kid yourself into thinking that conditions can be further improved by waiting a bit longer. The postponement of making an important decision could cause bigger headaches.

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ACROSS

- 1 God of the Koran
- 6 Fencer's foil
- 10 Burrows and Fortas
- 14 Ta-da!
- 15 Cartoon Betty
- 16 Anna Sten film
- 17 Daily run
- 20 Vitamin fig.
- 21 Stable locks
- 22 Travolta movie
- 23 Dashing Grant
- 24 Preacher Roberts
- 25 Minor adjustments
- 28 One Gabor
- 29 Roe source
- 33 Undue speed
- 34 Tight perm

- 36 Wallach or Whitney
- 37 Daily doze
- 40 Born in Paris
- 41 Good judgment
- 42 Twangy
- 43 Does wrong
- 45 Kind of chart
- 46 Al and Bobby of auto racing
- 47 Bk. of Revelations
- 49 H.S. junior's exam
- 50 Fifth Hebrew month
- 53 Female military grp.
- 54 4-stringed guitar
- 57 Daily redevye
- 60 Not quite shut
- 61 Skewer
- 62 Brilliant success
- 63 Low places
- 64 Creche figures
- 65 Rouen's river

- 24 Sheepish?
- 25 Clan chief
- 26 Thin cookie
- 27 Organic compound
- 28 Irregular as if eaten away
- 30 "Demian" writer
- 31 Church table
- 32 Gauges
- 34 Dunce-cap shaped
- 35 Highest points
- 38 Favoritism for family
- 39 New York City river
- 44 Rescuers

- 46 Mil. branch
- 48 "Peter _"
- 49 Singer LaBelle
- 50 Stick starter?
- 51 One who has been to Mecca
- 52 South Dakota, to Pierre
- 53 Early American political party
- 54 Citrus fruit
- 55 Aga _ III
- 56 Major termination?
- 58 Coll. student's rating
- 59 Hockey rink

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 2 Take a _ off
- 3 Old Italian bread?
- 4 Everything
- 5 Knockout blows
- 6 Hard, dark wood
- 7 Skin opening
- 8 Many years
- 9 Clever quips
- 10 Anaheim nine
- 11 California south of the border
- 12 Son of Seth
- 13 Profoundly wise
- 18 Fourth planet
- 19 Gun grp.
- 23 Actress Blanchett

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