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Lockout at TVA enters third week

By Tom Peacock
SHERBROOKE

Over 20 co-workers of the six locked out advertising sales staff at TVA joined the picket line Monday afternoon.

The move was a gesture of solidarity and support by their co-workers.

"It's a strong-arm tactic by TVA," said union president and cameraman Richard Labelle, who was standing on the King Street sidewalk with his co-workers, even though a separate collective agreement means he is still working at the station.

Labelle said the union representing the advertising salespeople, the Syndicat Canadien de la Fonction Publique (SCFP), is not in any hurry to re-enter negotiations with TVA.

"They're the ones who put us out," said Labelle, speaking for the union. "If they presented some offers to get us back inside, but they haven't done that. They're trying to intimidate us."

The lock out took effect Friday Jan. 30 after negotiations for a collective agreement for the sales people broke down.

At issue is the fact that TVA wants to increase advertising revenues by half a million dollars next year while decreasing the commission rates offered to its advertising salespeople.

"We would be happy with the status quo," said salesperson Jean-Guy Ruel, who has worked at TVA for 11 years.

"We had it for two and a half years. When we became unionized, they couldn't change our work conditions."

Ruel said two of the six people who make up the sales staff at Télé 7 far exceeded their sales goals last year. In response to this, the station offered them a commission decrease.

"There used to be a time when the more we sold, the more money we made," said Ruel bitterly.

Ruel explained that the sales staff at other stations in Sherbrooke make better commissions, and have better incentives than the staff at Télé 7.

"They get increased commissions for new customers and bonuses, and they get for per cent more commission than we do," he said.

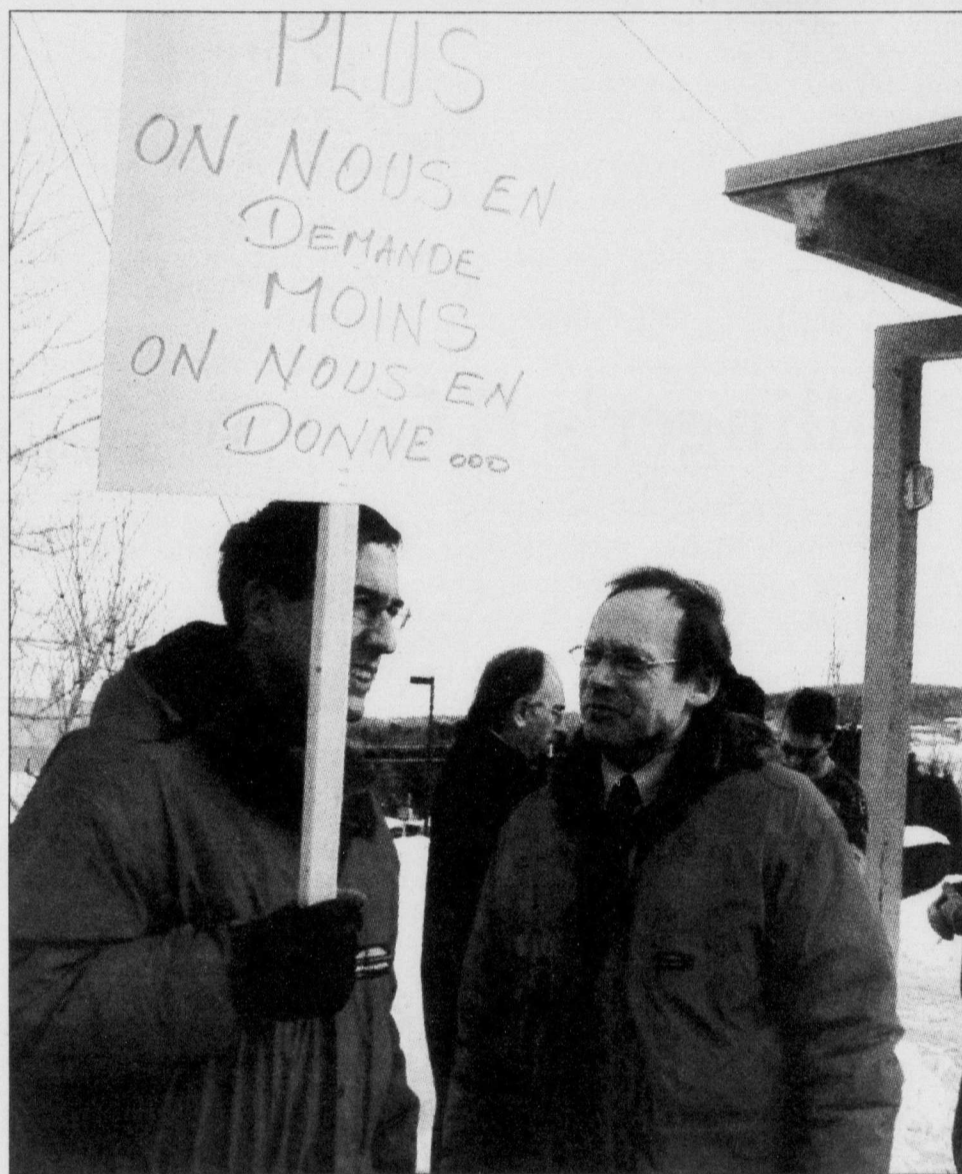
TVA's commission rate was four per cent higher four years ago, but dropped steadily until the sales staff decided to unionize.

"After the last drop, they said enough is enough, and that stops there," said Labelle.

In an interview with *The Record* last week, TVA's vice president of human resources, Jean-Yves Hinse, said TVA has to lower its commission rates so that the salespeople will receive a similar salary increase as the rest of the employees at the company's stations.

Hinse explained that under the current offer the company has extended, the rate of commission will indeed decrease, but the salespeople's overall revenue will increase.

"It is the same salary increase we have offered to all the employees at TVA," he said. "For us, the question is, why should advertising salespeople get to receive a much larger salary increase than the rest of the staff?"



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Television reporters Jean-François Desbiens and Marcel Gagnon hit the pavement Monday in support of their co-workers at Télé 7 who are demanding an increase in commission rates.

One out of four unable to find family doctor

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

A recent study by trainees at Statistics Canada shows that almost 75 per cent of Sherbrooke residents have a family doctor.

But while one quarter of residents don't have a family physician, most of the vulnerable population does, said Dr. Denise Donovan.

"It's good news that 75 per cent

have a doctor, but it's bad news that 25 per cent can't find one," said Dr. Donovan, a consultant for the Public Health Department.

Donovan said the statistics were not a surprise. She said the latest Santé Québec study performed by the provincial health ministry revealed similar numbers coming to the conclusion that about 70 per cent of Estrie residents had a family doctor.

"That's bad news, but it's not as bad as it could be," Donovan said, adding that individuals without family physicians can still consult doctors and health professionals at walk-in clinics and CLSCs.

Donovan added that most vulnerable individuals — that is elderly people over the age of 70, children under five, and those who had to consult a physician for a medical follow-up over

the past year — had access to a family doctor. Donovan said about half the population is considered vulnerable, including 83 per cent of individuals who are over the age of 70.

"It's a little bit encouraging that people that have a need for it have better access than those who don't have an obvious need," she commented.

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Kabul force will remain: New commander

By Francine Dube

NATO may be calling on all nations to contribute personnel to the provincial reconstruction teams deployed to the far corners of Afghanistan, but troops now serving in Kabul won't be sent to join them, said Lt.-Gen. Rick Hillier, in one of his first interviews after taking command of the International Security Assistance Force on Monday.

"We don't want to lose what we've already gained by taking a significant number of troops out of Kabul and moving them around the rest of the country, so no, I would not see that being any part of the immediate future operations with the soldiers that are there now," he said.

"If Kabul remains stable and more secure than it has been before, and it is, that has a ripple effect on much of the rest of the countryside, and we want to maintain that."

Hillier said it is up to the govern-

ment of Canada to decide what the level of commitment will be after the current deployment with ISAF ends in August.

Provincial reconstruction teams are regarded as the next step in the stabilization of Afghanistan, a country gutted by 23 years of war.

Run until now by the Americans, who remain a large military presence in the region, the goal is for NATO countries to take control of the PRTs and also launch their own. The Germans under ISAF took over their first PRT in January.

NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer deflected Monday criticism that the process may be going too slowly.

"I cannot give you exact dates, because a provincial reconstruction team you do not form from one day to the other," he said, when asked when ISAF or other NATO countries might take over more PRTs.

He said he was encouraged by a meeting of defence ministers in Munich last week, who committed themselves to setting up more teams.

But he said committing the personnel is a matter for each nation to decide.

Hillier took over control of ISAF from Lt.-Gen. Gotz Gliemerth in a short ceremony Monday near ISAF headquarters in Kabul. A native Newfoundland, he is the highest-ranking Canadian officer in the region.

Hillier said his priority for the next six months will be maintaining the security of his troops so they can maintain security in the country.

"I will make your soldiers my soldiers and care for them accordingly," he told the foreign dignitaries gathered for the occasion.

The changeover ceremony was also attended by Hamid Karzai, president of the Afghan transitional government.

He said Afghans mourn the loss of the western soldiers, including the three Canadians, who were killed trying to bring stability to their nation.

"I send my condolences, my sympathies, on behalf of the Afghan people, to the families of those who lost their lives here. I am sure those lives were for a very noble cause — for the cause of peace, for the cause of humanity, and I thank you very much."

As Hillier began his assignment, another Canadian, Maj.-Gen. Andrew Leslie, ended his six-month tour in the region, stepping down as deputy commander of ISAF.

"I'm delighted to go back to my wife and family," said Leslie, 46, the father of three children aged 19, 17 and 15. "But I will definitely miss Afghanistan. Once you've been here for a while and you get to know the locals, a little bit of your soul is left behind."

—CanWest News Service

Hollinger's B.C. newspapers expect new ownership

By Harvey Enchin

A dark cloud looms over the still bright at the Cranbrook Daily Townsman, its colourful newspaper of record in B.C.'s sunniest city.

The only paper with paid subscription in its marketplace, the Townsman continues to cover community news as it has for 35 years under several different owners.

Editor Barry Coulter said the prospect of yet another new proprietor is raising little concern among the paper's 30 employees.

"It's a viable business, an employer and the only local news outlet in town, so we shouldn't worry about any drastic changes that would be made."

That view is reinforced by a perception that the most likely — or at least eager — buyer, Victoria-based David

Black, will leave existing management and staff to get on with the business of making him money.

In December, Black Press Ltd. shipped an offer for Hollinger's B.C. newspapers to Lazard LLC, the New York investment bank shopping around Hollinger's assets. With attention focused on Hollinger's flagship papers, the Daily Telegraph, the Chicago Sun-Times and the Jerusalem Post, disposition of the "rump of Hollinger," as one analyst described the collection of small daily and community newspapers, is a low priority.

"It's not a contributor to the bottom line," said Jan Loeb, an analyst with Jefferies & Co. of New York, one of the few stock analysts who still follow Hollinger Inc. and its operating subsidiary Hollinger International Inc. "It's too small and, as they have no other real as-

sets in Canada, it's a pain to manage."

The Canadian assets, gathered under an income trust called Hollinger Canadian Newspapers Limited Partnership, delivered operating profit of \$5.5 million in the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2003 (the latest period reported), compared with \$5.1 million a year earlier. The year-to-date net profit was inflated to \$43.7 million by foreign exchange gains related to its currency exposure on CanWest Global Communications debentures.

Black Press Ltd., in which Torstar Corp. has a 30-per-cent stake, owns 63 of the 102 non-daily community newspapers in B.C. with the remainder held by Hollinger, CanWest, Madison Holdings (publisher of the weekly Business in Vancouver) and independent owners.

A bulk buy of the Hollinger papers by Black Press would almost certainly raise eyebrows at the Competition Tribunal,

the federal agency that enforces Canada's Competition Act.

Hollinger ran afoul of the competition watchdog several years ago when Horizon Publications, a private company owned by David Radler and Conrad Black, then serving as top executives at Hollinger International, bought the Daily Courier in Kelowna which competed against Hollinger's thrice-weekly Kelowna Capital News.

The Competition Tribunal let it be known that it was uncomfortable with Radler and Black being in a position to determine the fate of both papers and quietly — and unofficially — urged that one be sold.

Horizon kept the daily paper and Hollinger sold the Capital News to local investors who subsequently sold it to Black Press.

—CanWest News Service

Weather

Tuesday: Cloudy. 60 percent chance of flurries. High minus 2.

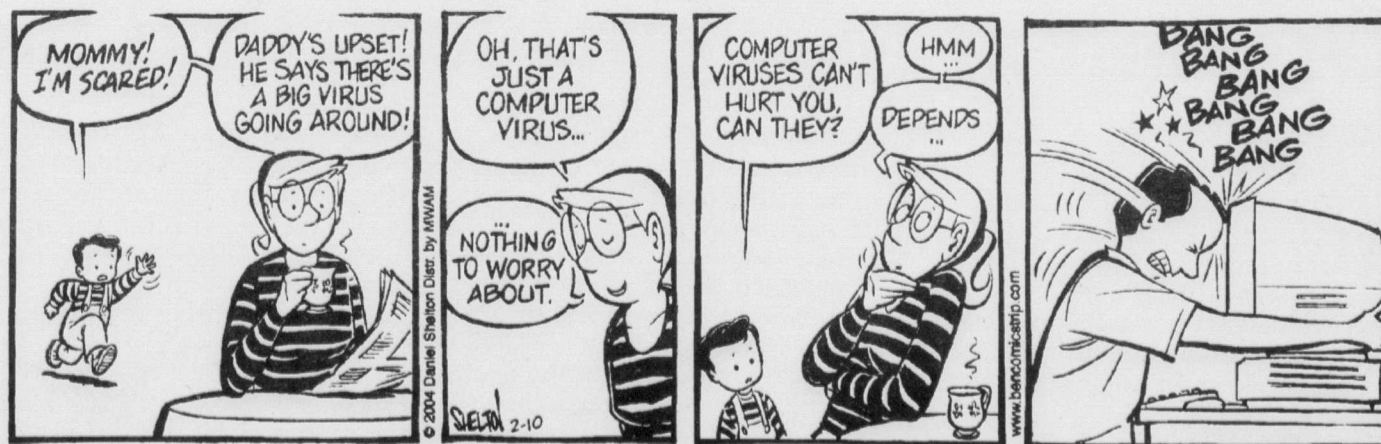
Wednesday: Cloudy. 60 percent chance of flurries. Low minus 11. High minus 9.

Thursday: Cloudy. 40 percent chance of flurries. Low minus 17. High minus 6.

Friday: Periods of light snow. Low minus 13. High minus 7.

Normals for the period: Low minus 18. High minus 5.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Everything's coming up roses for entrepreneur

By Patricia Burns Sakal
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

In 1997, when Bruno Girard began formulating specialty foods based on the extract of roses, his prospects for success in the business world were marginal at best.

Six years later, the 41-year old Magog native has proved the skeptics wrong. Rose de Nel, named for Girard's young son, Nelson, is a thriving manufacturer of a diverse range of specialty food and body care products—all made with roses grown right on the company's premises.

Rose de Nel came into being more by happenstance than by deliberate business planning.

It all started when Girard came across an abandoned chicken barn perched on foothills of the Sanctuaire de Beauvoir in Stoke on the outskirts of Sherbrooke.

He convinced the owner to rent him a bit of land where he could cultivate some 50 Thompson rose bushes, as well as the chicken barn which he would turn into a rudimentary laboratory for product development and testing.

It took a lengthy trial and error process to develop totally organic, rose-based recipes that were both appetizing and marketable. Within months,

Rose de Nel has its initial product offering, Rose Jelly and Rose Honey.

Then came another, arguably more daunting challenge.

Girard set out to find the funds needed to turn the chicken barn into a business centre complete with manufacturing equipment, new product development facilities, and even a retail area.

He managed to obtain a \$15,000 loan from the Government of Quebec's Centre Locale de Développement - just enough to refurbish the premises and get started.

In the early days of Rose de Nel, Girard would take his products to local open-air markets, pastry shops and specialty boutiques.

Consumers were intrigued with the flavor of rose in a jelly and honey, and the fact that they were organic made them all the more appealing. Soon, re-orders began pouring in from upscale shops throughout the Eastern Townships.

By 1999, Rose de Nel's gardens had expanded from the original 50 to hundreds of rose bushes. Moreover, a new rose-based was added to the line.

Around the same time, Girard began experimenting with rose formulations for body-care products. With money

coming in from his specialty foods, he was able to hire Mikeal Zayat, a well-known name in high-end essential oils.

In 2001, Rose de Nel launched a collection of face and body-care products, each packaged in simple bottles or jars with pretty labels.

The collection includes Rose Face Cream, Rose Body Moisturizer, Rose Bath Soap, Rose Bath Mousse, Nuit de Rose Massage Oil and Eau de Rose.

Much has changed at Rose de Nel over the past five years.

Annual sales have climbed beyond \$100,000. There are four permanent employees. In addition, Girard hires part time help during the peak rose growing season. And, the gardens have grown to more than 500 rose bushes.

Two distributors carry the company's products. Montreal-based L'Escalier distributes the specialty food items and Coop Alentours of Sherbrooke carries all food and body-care lines.

The market territory has spread beyond the Eastern Townships, even beyond the province of Quebec, all the way to the Maritimes.

Moreover, the Rose de Nel boutique has become a popular stop for tourists and tour buses.

One unexpected product available

at the Rose de Nel boutique is fresh garlic. Girard explains, "Instead of spraying with insecticides, we grow garlic bulbs around every rose bush.

Garlic is an age-old, organic insect repellent and it's very effective. However, at the end of each growing season I'm left with thousands of fresh garlic bulbs. What we don't keep for replanting, we sell in the boutique."

As for the future of Rose de Nel, Girard has his sights set on expansion in very specific areas. He adds, "I'm looking for a broker with a solid track record in the hotel/restaurant field, and I'm also looking to hire someone to help get our body-care lines into upscale spas."

Rose de Nel is getting help from the Dobson-Lagasse Centre for Entrepreneurship, established by Bishop's University to assist young, growth-oriented businesses in the Eastern Townships. University students will soon be setting up the company's web site.

That's expected to open up e-commerce sales, taking yet another Eastern Townships company into the global market place.

Clearly a rose by any other name is Rose De Nel, a little company with a big future.

Farnham Man Wins Big



A Farnham man won big on a lottery ticket he almost threw out last week. Pierre Rosaire decided to check his ticket from the Feb. 2 draw one last time to take a good luck at the Extra. It paid off — he won the \$100,000 jackpot. The winning ticket was bought at the Marché d'alimentation Champion St-Paul, 598 Saint-Paul N St. in Farnham.

STUDY:

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Dr. Donovan also points out that people over 70 are part of the priority population. Elderly people and children are among those family doctors must prioritize when taking on new patients.

The study showed that 90 per cent of people over the age of 70 and three quarters of women had family doctors. Those who declared they did not have a family doctor were mainly in the 18 to 39 age group. Young men were least likely to have a doctor, she said.

Sixty five per cent of respondents said they succeeded in obtaining a preventative visit to the doctor for an annual checkup, a vaccination or medical advice within a reasonable delay. However, six per cent said they were unable to get an appointment.

Fifty-eight per cent of respondents said they were able to get an appointment for a medical problem within a reasonable delay. One out of 10 said they were unable to get an appointment.

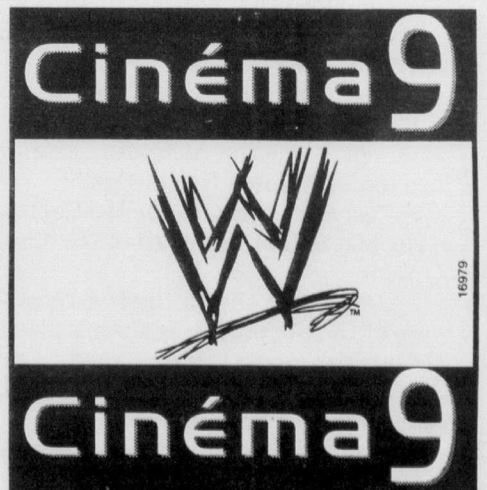
Nearly one quarter, 24 per cent of those questioned, said they had problems accessing medical services. More than one third of those, 36 per cent, said their condition deteriorated while they were waiting.

Donovan said that of those who did not have a family doctors, only 24 per cent have taken steps to find one.

Donovan said the results were more encouraging than expected. She said most individuals consult family doctors for minor emergencies. Ten per cent still go to emergency rooms while 50 per cent said they went to walk-in clinics or visited their family physician.

Donovan said the study was completed between Nov. 18 and 24, 2003, in the boroughs of Bellevue, Fleurimont and Jacques-Cartier. Only 65 per cent of the study groups could be reached and there was a participation rate of 72 per cent, which means that stats should be examined carefully.

"Certain groups that were not inclined to respond may have a different profile than those who responded," said Donovan, noting the study was done by a team from Statistics Canada that was looking for a study topic for its training program.



Be ready for National Flag Day with this quiz

By Mark Kearney and Randy Ray

It was a bitter cold winter day on Feb. 15, 1965, when Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa for the first time.

But the icy temperatures paled in comparison to the bitter Parliamentary debate that several months earlier had aroused the passions of Canadians from coast to coast.

Thirty-nine years later, the divisions over its design - and whether Canada should even have a new flag - have faded and our flag is a universally recognized visual emblem that embodies what our country stands for.

But how much do Canadians know about this proud national icon that author Rick Archbold recently called "one of the world's great flags?"

In honour of National Flag Day on Feb. 15, we've run a few questions up the trivia flagpole to see how much you know about the banner that is Canada's preeminent national symbol.

If you correctly answer more than 15, we salute you.

1. Q. In what year did the federal government first begin searching for a new Canadian flag?

- a) 1963 b) 1959 c) 1925 d) 1960

2.

Q. At Confederation in 1867, which flag was considered Canada's official flag, the Union Jack or the Red Ensign?

3.

Q. Two members of the Group of Seven submitted designs to a Parliamentary Committee that was examining proposed designs for Canada's new flag. Which one of the following three artists did not suggest a design?

a) A.Y. Jackson b) Lawren Harris c) A.J. Casson

4.

Q. Which national organization condemned Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's promise in the mid-1960s to give Canadians a flag of their own?

a) Canadian Automobile Association b) Royal Canadian Legion c) Canadian Medical Association c) Canadian Chamber of Commerce

5.

Q. How many red maple leaves were on Prime Minister Lester Pearson's preferred design for a new Canadian flag, unveiled in May 1964?

- a) two b) one c) three d) five

6.

Q. What was the nickname given to Pearson's proposed flag design?

a) Pearson's Pennant b) Red Cabbage c) the Maple Leaf Rag d) all of the above.

7.

Q. Which of the following reasons were cited to condemn Pearson's plan to include the maple leaf on Canada's new flag, according to I Stand For Canada, by author Rick Archbold?

- a) The maple leaf did not represent

the existence of English and French Canada

b) The sugar maple tree didn't grow anywhere west of the Ontario/Manitoba border

c) The Communist Party of Canada supported the flag

d) the Sugar maple was the official tree of New York State

e) all of the above

8.

Q. Fill in the name on this declaration: I, _____, Prime Minister of Canada, declare that Feb. 15 will be celebrated henceforth as National Flag of Canada Day. Let us be proud of our flag!

9.

Q. What was the final alteration before the maple leaf flag selected by a Parliamentary committee was adopted?

a) the maple leaf was enlarged by one inch

b) a deeper shade of red was used

c) two points were removed from the base of the maple leaf.

d) the stem of the maple leaf was shortened.

10.

Q. What was the occupation of George Stanley in 1965 when he proposed the basic design that became Canada's red and white maple leaf flag?

a) a senator in Manitoba b) a Halifax-based graphic artist c) a National Hockey League defenseman d) dean of the arts at Royal Military College in Kingston.

11.

Q. What was flying atop the Peace Tower on Feb. 15, 1965 before the first official raising of Canada's maple leaf flag took place?

a) Union Jack b) nothing c) Red Ensign d) the Governor General's standard

12.

Q. When former prime minister John Diefenbaker died two flags were draped over his coffin as his body lay in state at Parliament Hill in August 1979.

Which two?

a) Canadian

flag b) Saskatchewan provincial flag c) Red Ensign d) Union Jack

13.

Q. How does the federal government recommend Canadians dispose of a worn out Canadian flag?

a) mail it to the Department of Canadian Heritage in Ottawa b) burn it c) shred it into tiny pieces d) take it to a landfill site.

14.

Q. A version of The Union Jack is still found on the provincial flags of which four Canadian provinces?

a) Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan b) Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and Newfoundland c) Ontario, Alberta, Prince Edward Island and Quebec d) Ontario, Alberta, Nova Scotia and British Columbia

15.

Q. What is the name of the full half of a flag next to the flagpole?

a) the fly b) the hoist c) the canton d) the ensign

16.

Q. Red and white are the colors of Canada's national flag. Who designated them as Canada's official colors?

a) King George V b) former Prime

Minister Lester Pearson c) former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent d) Queen Elizabeth II

17.

Q. The national flag is one of three of Canada's symbols of sovereignty.

Pick the other two.

a) the national coat of arms b) the Great Seal of Canada c) the House of Commons Mace d) the governor general's standard

18.

Q. At Game 2 of the 1992 World Series between Toronto and Atlanta and during Canada Day ceremonies on Parliament Hill on July 1, 1999, the Canadian flag was flown improperly. Why?

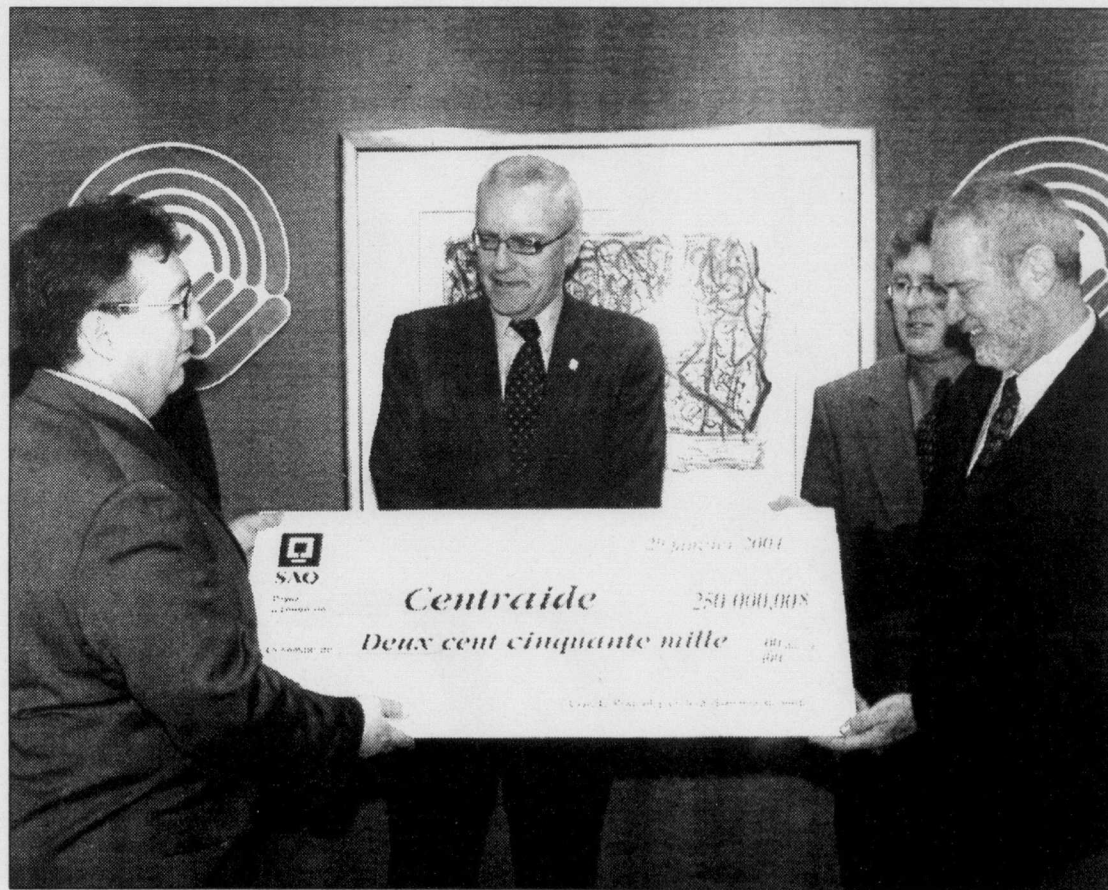
a) both flags were the wrong color b) the flags were flown upside down c) improper flagpoles were used d) the flag was flown too low

Mark Kearney and Randy Ray are the authors of I Know That Name! The People Behind Canada's Best-Known Brands From Elizabeth Arden To Walter Zeller.

Visit their Web site at www.triviaguys.com.

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SAQ Employees Raise \$124,500 for Centraide



Workers for the Société des alcools du Québec made a generous donation to Centraide, raising \$124,500 since October. The SAQ matched the donation, giving a total of \$250,000, a 15 per cent increase over last year. Pictured are Donald Doyon, sector director of the SAQ and campaign director of the 2003 Centraide campaign, Louis L. Roquet, CEO of the SAQ, (back row) Gérard Lavallée, SAQ employee and member of the campaign organizing committee, and Pierre-Marie Cotte, vice-president of philanthropic development for Centraide of Greater Montréal.

Man stuck in woods after heart attack

By Tom Peacock

An unidentified man cross country skiing in the woods near Eastman suffered a heart attack Monday morning, and as of press time last

night, rescue workers had still not managed to get the victim to hospital.

"Nothing has worked today in our efforts to try to get the man out of the forest," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel.

The SQ dispatched two officers on snowmobiles, but neither could reach the victim, who was four kilometres from the nearest trail. Another snow-

mobile from the Memphrémagog Regional Police, and a privately-owned snowmobile were also unsuccessful in their attempts to reach the victim.

Finally, a helicopter from Hydro-Québec tried to fly in to the wooded area, but Ruel said it could not find a place near where the victim was lying to land. Members of the Eastman volunteer fire department were also involved

in the rescue effort.

Ruel said rescue workers who reached the victim on foot had been working hard to keep him alive, but the man's life was in serious danger.

The man, one of five skiers in a group, suffered a heart attack at around 11:30 a.m. At just after 4 p.m., more rescue workers were heading towards the site on snowshoes to attempt to carry the man out.

TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION BRIEF

You Asked Us!

Q. I heard of an organization called the AQDR. What does AQDR stand for, what does this group do, and do they offer English services?

A. First of all, AQDR is a French acronym for the Quebec Association for the Defense of the Rights of Retired and Pre-Retired People (Association québécoise de défense des droits des personnes retraitées et préretraitées). The Association is dedicated to defending and protecting the rights of people aged 50 and over and lobbying on behalf of a variety of issues that affect people in this age group.

These issues include maintaining personalized banking services, improving public transportation, and supporting retired and pre-retired people in their battle for unemployment benefits. The AQDR can also provide information and support for personal problems.

While there are a number of these Associations across the province, the Memphrémagog AQDR is the only one which provides services in English. For an annual fee of \$10, anyone can become a member. For more information on the organization and the benefits of membership, contact the Memphrémagog AQDR at 819-868-2342 or toll free at 1-877-868-2737. You can also contact Pierre Alain at 819-868-1813 or pierrealain@3web.net.

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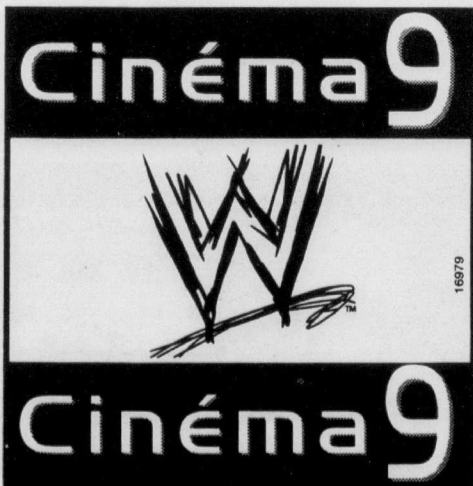
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ETSB wants best for students

DEAR EDITOR,

The Eastern Townships Council of Commissioners are an alien species descended upon the earth to bring dissent and horror to parents and teachers of the Townships! Hmm...

I would rather say that we are elected representatives for our communities; accountants, farmers, administrators, retired teachers...; concerned parents and grandparents who wish to influence decisions being made that will effect our children and grandchildren for the rest of their lives.

My family are of Irish descent, immigrants from a country where, if one was not of the ruling class religion, were not allowed to be educated in public schools, not allowed to vote, and were barred from civil activity.

When the Regional schools were opened in the Townships in 1968, under the old ETSB, all Anglophone teenagers of whatever religious persuasion shared the same schools.

Although our schools in the Townships now functioned linguistically, our taxes continued, by law, to be paid confessionally, and it was only with the restructuring to linguistic boards across the province in 1998, that half of the parents of our schools had the right to run as a commissioner.

This democratic right is not one that I take lightly. I am honoured to represent my community, and passionate about having a say in the education of our youth.

The Celtic peoples have a long tradition of valuing creativity, music, history and education. We recognize the importance of literacy and have a love of politics and debate.

We at the Council of Commissioners have many hot debates, but one thing that we all have in common is a

commitment to our community; the Eastern Townships. How do we see the future of the Townships?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of our communities? Our schools? How do we foster the strengths and address the weaknesses? How do we provide our children with skills so that they make informed and creative decisions to support their families and their communities in the future? They need to be able to get along with their peers, to be honest, to be reliable, to have initiative, to be literate, to count, to be computer literate and to be bilingual. We, in Quebec, are very fortunate to have the opportunity to achieve these objectives more than any other place in North America (other than Miami and Los Angeles); Anglophones surrounded by French in this province, and Francophones surrounded by English in the rest of the continent.

The early discussions of language needs in the ETSB in 1999 (following a survey of ETSB parents, governing boards and community representatives), the Council of Commissioners realized that the needs of the student population had changed dramatically over the last fifteen years. We needed to address how to best offer instruction in both English and French par excellence. The language initiative was a response to this situation. Recent ETSB grades 4,5,6 language test results indicate that both English and French skills have improved over the last two years.

When it is pointed out that the ETSB might lose many Francophone students if French instruction is increased, look at their other choices; a system that offers 10 per cent instruction in English, or private schools.

Recognizing that teachers must accommodate many learning styles and backgrounds, do we as Anglophones not have a right to expect

that our population be given the same priority within the school system so that our children may function comfortably in our dualistic society? I want my children to read and write the language of Shakespeare with ease, and speak the language of Molière with fluency and appreciation.

Those of us, who may choose to send our children to English schools, are a privileged minority in this province. If we wish to continue to have this choice, we must offer a quality education that parents see as one that opens as many doors of opportunity as possible.

As Brian Mulroney said of our passenger rail system, "Use it, or lose it". How are we to make the ETSB the first choice of parents of school age children?

Those of us in the agricultural industry can readily understand the teachers' point of view. We, too, feel swamped by all the changes our businesses have undergone in the last few years.

Despite how we may resist these measures, the big picture is the urban consumer demands this, as the job market in Quebec rewards fluent verbal communication in both languages. Farmers, like all humans, are reluctant to change well-established habits, but in the long term we wish to leave a clean and productive land for our children.

So too, do we want our children to be equipped to handle the many issues with which they will have to cope at an ever-increasing speed in the 21st. century. We need to make practical choices for the long-term health of our communities, to give the basic ingredients of knowledge to the future carpenters, snowplow operators, psychologists, Internet salesmen, surgeons and funeral parlour entrepreneurs.

Townshippers, as in the rest of the western world, are looking at an exodus of the youth from rural areas, of an increasing aging population, a smaller tax base, diminishing world resources, globalization and in Quebec, one of the highest dropout rates in Canada (30 per cent and the ETSB 25 per cent).

Statistics Canada 2002 indicated that a high school leaving certificate gives an average yearly income increase of \$10,000 and a higher sense of self-esteem.

What can the ETSB do to ensure greater success for each individual student, as well as our whole society?

Our aim is to have many young, talented, happy graduates, making responsible decisions, paying taxes, supporting Medicare and the old age pension, as we, the current generation of voters, teeter into old age.

The ETSB is fortunate to have many exceptional teachers in the arts, math, languages, history, physical education (and at RRHS, a great chef!). Alexander Galt, Massey-Vanier, and RRHS have a wonderful local resource; 20 elementary schools who have three years of experience of the difficulties and triumphs of the language initiative.

Each elementary school has taken an individual approach to the language initiative that it felt best met the needs of its particular situation.

The high school community have a fine example to follow: to look within the school not to see what can't be done, but what can be done for the students of grades 7 and 8 in September 2004.

As a commissioner in this area, I would be delighted to accept any invitation to listen to the concerns of the staff of RRHS in an effort to keep communication as open as possible.

In conclusion, since the first week of February is Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to commend the staff of A.D.S and St. Francis Schools for their efforts in absorbing many new projects with creativity and energy.

In particular, Madame Anne Ferland, teacher extraordinaire, for making her classroom, for mother tongue English and mother tongue French students, a great place to be.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA KEENAN-ADANK
Parent, taxpayer, commissioner

P.S. The two commissioners, who were working on their laptops, during the ETSB meeting, were taking notes of what was being said, much as a history student does. No discourtesy intended.

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Perspectives

Provinces must do more to aid problem gamblers

By Frank Nixon

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

There are over 100,000 places in Canada where citizens can place a bet and there are a plethora of venues to choose from. The venues include video lottery terminals, slot machines, lottery ticket outlets, bingo halls, casinos, racetracks and teletheatres.

The venues are provincially licensed and have become an important source of revenue and employment.

In 2001, gambling was the leading "sin" tax in Canada, generating provincial revenues of \$5.5 billion, just short of the \$5.9 billion that the provinces netted from the combined sales of tobacco and alcohol.

Moreover, gambling employed an estimated 47,500 persons, as either regulators or operators of gambling.

What was thought unimaginable a generation ago, is now a reality. Canada has become a nation dependent on gambling as a source of revenue.

In 2002, with the full backing of government, 19 million Canadians wagered \$11.3 billion - a four-fold increase

from \$2.7 billion spent 10 years ago.

Such figures are extraordinary and are widely touted as compelling reasons for the provinces to continue promoting gambling as a source of revenue.

But are the social costs, associated with our reliance on gambling revenues, worth it in the long run?

Proponents of government-sponsored gambling will say yes, because they argue, it is a "harmless" form of "voluntary taxation."

But is gambling really a "voluntary tax", when a person, who would otherwise not gamble, develops an addiction to gambling because of government advertising and promotion? Is gambling really "harmless entertainment", when the necessities of family life are sacrificed? Should we not look at compulsive gambling for what it is - a corrosive social problem, causing personal bankruptcy, family breakdown and suicide?

In the gambling survey, *Fighting the Odds*, published by Statistics Canada on Dec. 12, 2003, it indicated that about 1.2 million Canadians show at least

some problem with gambling, and they tend to be poorer and less educated than the rest of the population.

In addition, it is well known that playing the controversial VLT - known as the "crack cocaine" of gambling - is highly addictive.

In the same Statistics Canada survey, it concluded that there is a one in four chance that a person who plays a VLT, will become a problem gambler or is at risk of becoming so.

The survey also found that 18 per cent of problem gamblers contemplated suicide.

In Quebec, there are more than 15,000 VLTs, and playing a VLT is as easy as going out to the local *depanneur* for a carton of milk. Could the profusion of VLTs in the province be a contributing factor in the dramatic increase in Quebec's suicide rate?

According to the latest provincial numbers from the coroner's office, a problem gambler commits suicide every two weeks on average.

Statistics also show 126 gambling addicts have killed themselves since 1999, an alarming increase from 27 such sui-

cides recorded in the five years before that.

"The governments are taking a lot of money off this vulnerable population, and you have to ask whether this is the right thing to do," said Garry Smith, a gambling researcher at the Alberta Gaming Research Institute. "Provinces jumped into this, and it has created havoc."

Smith brings up a valid point. To link all the troubles associated with problem gambling with personal choice is to overlook the collusion and complicity of the provinces that need more and more gamblers in order to generate more and more revenues.

Therefore, it is essentially an ethical issue; and a major part of an ethical response to problem gambling must come from the provinces - the regulators of the gambling trade.

Furthermore, as in the case of tobacco, the provinces must take full responsibility for programs to aid gambling addicts and to deter further addictions. The provinces also need to avoid seeing gambling as a cash cow to be milked from those who can least afford it.

Making Saint Valentine proud

'Tis the season of Saint Valentine, of love, roses, chocolates and poetry.

Perhaps also, for the fortunate among us, of candlelight, romantic music and intimate moments with your heart's desire.

LOVE & ROSES

"If love were what the rose is,
And I were like the leaf,
Our lives would grow together



SUSAN MASTINE

In sad or singing weather."

- Algernon Charles Swinburne

"Oh my love's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June;

Oh my love's like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune."

-Robert Burns

"The sweetest flower that blows,
I give you as we part.
For you it is a rose
For me it is my heart."

-Frederick Peterson

WHAT IS LOVE

"My heart I fain would ask thee
What then is Love? say on.
'Two souls and one thought only

Two hearts that throb as one."

-Freidrich Halm

"Love, then, hath every bliss in store;
'Tis friendship, and 'tis something more.

Each other every wish they give;
Not to know love is not to live."

-John Gay

Technically, according to the Gage Canadian Dictionary, love is "a deep feeling of fondness and friendship; great affection or devotion."

Love is also ...

... being able to drink the last of your partner's cup of coffee or glass of wine knowing you'll not incur his displeasure,

... being allowed to wear his old shirts or comfy flannel pyjamas,

... being unaware of new wrinkles or age spots,

... supporting one another's passions,

... encouraging the other's talents,

... finishing one another's sentences,

... respecting feelings, needs and opinions,

... sharing dreams, sorrows, aspirations,

... sensing pain and disappointment,

... embracing life together.

LOVE IS TIMELESS

"And my heart springs up anew,
Bright and confident and true,
And the old love comes to meet me,

In the dawning and the dew."

-Robert Louis Stevenson

"Love can never more grow old,
Locks may lose their brown and gold,
Cheeks made fade and hollow grow,
But the hearts that love will know
Never winter's frost and chill,

Summer's warmth is in them still."

- Eben E. Rexford

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Community Forum

Government begins mending fences

Liberal Party member and Township-per Jean-Guy Dépôt was still sporting a small tag on his shirt, on which he had written "Oui à Kyoto - Non à Suroît", when Natural Resources Minister Sam Hamad was being scrummed by reporters at the Liberals' national council meeting on the weekend.

Hamad was explaining why, on Thursday, he was saying the government would not change its mind on the Suroît natural gas power project and why, on Friday, it did.

Dépôt is president of the party's environment sub-committee. He's also a member of the Liberal electoral promises follow-up committee.

"I'm a bit of a watchdog on environment and energy, so I watch to ensure that we do what we said we'd do," he said. "I'm very satisfied (with the change in decision) because I was one of those who was applying pressure so they would revise the decision."

Dépôt was one of many. On Friday, the issue dominated the Liberal caucus meeting as MNAs berated the Cabinet, both for failing to consult them before giving the green light to Suroît and for breaking an electoral promise.

The issue was also about to become a major point of discord and embarrassment at the weekend national council. It's one thing to be stony faced in front of union demonstrators; it's quite another to ignore strong opposition in your own party.

BACK-PEDALLING

In putting a hold on the Suroît project for at least two months while it's examined by the Régie de l'énergie, the Charest government may have learned something.

And that is that a large swathe of the population, of all ages and of all political stripes, is no longer prepared to automatically accept industrial development if it means harm to the environment.

In this case, many simply did not believe Hydro-Québec's assertion that it would be running short of energy capacity by 2007, and that the best available solution was to build the Suroît natural gas generating station, even if it meant increasing greenhouse gases.

On Saturday, Hamad, who was the project's biggest proponent in Cabinet, faced the hot-seat.

"I'm very happy today for one thing," he said bravely. "I don't have a 30-year political career but one of just a few months. For me, the concept is that to serve the population, you have to listen to them. What I see today is that people are happy because they see their government is listening to them."

After Hamad, along came Environment Minister Thomas Mulcair, who in November had called the project "unacceptable", then fell in line and signed the decree approving the project, and then declared himself "delighted" when the government applied the brakes.

"What happened was that based on the information supplied by Hydro, we made the decision on what seemed to be the least bad solution available in the short-term," Mulcair said.

"I don't think you can lose support as a government when you listen to the population. They said to us clearly that they don't believe we will be short of energy, they don't believe we have to have a natural gas plant, and they asked us to go to the best source to find a solution. So we're doing that."

The Régie de l'énergie now has a giant task. Its mandate is to examine three principle issues: energy needs between now and 2010, other sources of new supply, and energy efficiency measures, all in the context of sustainable development.

All that in just two months.

But there are other obstacles. The board will need to get clear permission from the government to obtain the information from Hydro that it needs.

Hydro protects information jealously because it does not want energy buyers to know about its costs of production, its costs of transmission, or even the level of water in its reservoirs.

Thanks to the former PQ government, the Régie no longer has the right to have any of that information. The board was stripped of many of its powers by Bill 116, adopted under closure regulations and therefore without detailed study, by the PQ in 2000.

Hamad said he recognizes that. "However to do the study we've asked, the Régie has no choice but to obtain that information, but obviously keep it confidential."

THE KYOTO PROMISES

Having nipped this one in the bud, at least for two months, the government still has to produce a promised strategy to fulfill its commitments under the Kyoto Accord, even though the Accord is not yet in force.

On that, Mulcair was evasive. "We're committed to that, but you're not going to get a plan until the protocol is in force. And the federal government won't negotiate with us until it is."

"We discuss it with them (Ottawa), we meet with private authorities that are working on carbon trading. So yes, it's something we're working on but we're not going to put our cards on the table until Kyoto is in force."

To which party environment watchdog, Jean-Guy Dépôt, says: "We have to have a green plan and we also have to have an environment commissioner. And our goal is to respect the Kyoto commitments. We can't go around that. Otherwise we will not be respecting our commitments."

RYAN'S LEGACY

With the passing of Claude Ryan on Monday, the Liberal Party loses a man considered to be the guardian of the party's social values.

Through his tenure as editor of *Le Devoir* and then as Liberal Party leader, Ryan always stood firm on matters of principle, applying intellectual rigour to the task of working his way through the inevitable conflicts between immediate political demands and the long-term needs of Quebec society.

In politics, that's not always easy, with the pressure to produce quick-fix solutions to complex problems.

Ryan never became Premier but his influence on the Liberal Party continued to be felt right through the weekend. On Saturday, delegates approved a resolution asking the government to update Ryan's compelling 1998 report on poverty and social action.

Given the government's trouble in demonstrating a commitment to social action, a decision to carry on his work would be a fine thing to do.

(Glenn Wanamaker can be reached at wanamakerg@hotmail.com.)

Say you read it in The Record

PROBABLY SHOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, BUT: A 20-year-old bride-to-be was doing some last-minute shopping at a Utah store a few hours before her wedding, when her maid of honor mentioned, oh-so-casually, that she had had sex the night before with the groom-to-be. After the police came and pulled them apart, the bride told them she "wanted to have a little chat" with her fiancé. Anticipating trouble, an officer went with her. He discovered there were several warrants out for his arrest, and took him in. The wedding has been cancelled.

SO IT'S LIKE HE ALMOST MADE IT: A man driving an old Buick tried to leap, Evel Knievel-style, across a pond in Sheridan, Wyo. He failed. But he told the sheriff who arrested him "that he would

MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



have made it had he built a ramp."

ONE THING I KNOW: THEY'RE NOT MINE: A soccer referee reached into his pocket to pull out his red flag to stop play on the field, but instead pulled out a pair of lacy lady's panties. He says he doesn't know how they got there. However, his wife, who saw it on television, apparently doesn't believe him. As if to emphasize the point, she filed for divorce.

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU: A jealous British husband made his 40-year-old wife wear a chastity belt on a trip to Athens to ensure that she could

not have an affair. But it set off the metal detector at the Athens airport when she was returning home. Once the cause was discovered, she was allowed to board the

THIS SHOULD MAKE MY LIFE A BREEZE: In keeping with local custom, a 75-year-old man in Durgauli, Nepal, "married" a dog in a ceremony meant to help him "avoid great misfortune" and bring him good luck. Three days later, he died.

BUT SOME ARE TOO STONED TO NOTICE: The warden to the Highview Correctional Facility in Wisconsin wants the name of the facility changed. He feels that, since the name contains the word "high," inmates with drug problems would get a mixed message.

SOUNDS LIKE A CHALLENGE TO ME!

The introduction of alcohol-flavored cookies in Australia has prompted criticism that they would set children on the path to drunkenness. In response, the company that makes them responded that, in order to become intoxicated on its Kahlua Slices or Tia Maria Tim Tams, someone would have to consume his body weight in cookies in one hour.

I SEE ENGLAND, I SEE FRANCE: An escaped convict in Oregon was nabbed when someone reported a suspicious-looking man lurking behind a store. His pants were apparently too big for him and kept falling down revealing his prison-issue underwear which is pink.

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Local Presbyterians inaugurate new church

By Bruce Patton
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

July 5, 1999 was a windy day that local Presbyterians won't soon forget. The winds blew hard enough to collapse a major section of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Frontenac Street in Sherbrooke.

According to the publication titled 100 Years of Witness, produced on the occasion of the congregation's 100th anniversary, a Congregationalist church had existed earlier on that site. That church was later used as a theatre. The members of St. Andrew's purchased the building and converted it into their place of worship.

In 1888, the congregation laid the cornerstone for a new church at the same location. Over the years, this stately edifice survived countless wind storms until that fateful day in 1999.

Ross Beattie, a member of the congregation since he first arrived in Sherbrooke in 1945, witnessed the damage shortly after the tragedy.

"It was a real mess," he said. "It looked like a mighty force had struck it."

Bob Black, another parishioner and member of the Building Committee, indicated that the decision to rebuild was

probably universal.

"The enthusiasm of the members was so great," he said.

Choosing a location for the new church was not as easy, and it was about a year later before a decision was made to relocate the congregation to Lennoxville. There were a number of factors which led to that decision, among which was the proximity of an English-speaking population to the Queen Street location of the new church.

Black told *The Record* the new structure, which is heated electrically, took about six months to build at a cost of about \$960,000. Thirteen of the original stained glass windows have been incorporated into the building. Two were lost and another one was donated to the day care centre which has been constructed on the site of the former church building.

Upon entering the new structure, the windows, which have been suspended on tracks on the inside of the walls, are the first thing that one notices. On turning to exit the building, eyes inevitably will gaze upward to the immense 'rose window' which was also salvaged from the earlier church and which has been installed in the front wall.

Missing in the new structure is the magnificent pipe organ of the former building.

"It was too big for the new building and was going to cost nearly \$100,000 to be reinstalled," Black explained.

It has been replaced by an impressive electric organ.

The grand piano, however, was saved from the debris. Black explained that within a half hour after its removal from the Frontenac Street site, sections of the roof, directly over the former position of the piano, collapsed onto the floor below. It now sits at the front of the new church, without a scratch to show how close it came to not making it.

The new building can comfortably seat about 130 people, a 'far cry' from the nearly 400 seats in the former



BRUCE PATTON/SPECIAL

Church organist, Anthony Davidson, left, and supply organist and choir member, Beth Anderson, pose near the impressive new organ.

church. This has prompted some members of the congregation to refer to the building as 'our new little church'. When the snow piles of the winter have disappeared, parking for 30 or more vehicles will be available.

Many church-goers develop an affinity for their church building, especially if they have been attending services there for many years.

"The congregation has rebuilt because it wanted to maintain its Presbyterianism," explained Rose Beattie.

Beattie notes, however, that relocating to Lennoxville means that there will no longer be a Presbyterian presence in what was the City of Sherbrooke prior to the current mergers.

Ferne Murray started attending St. Andrew's Church in 1942. Raised in a strong Presbyterian family, she has seen little change in the church during the years before the destruction of the building.

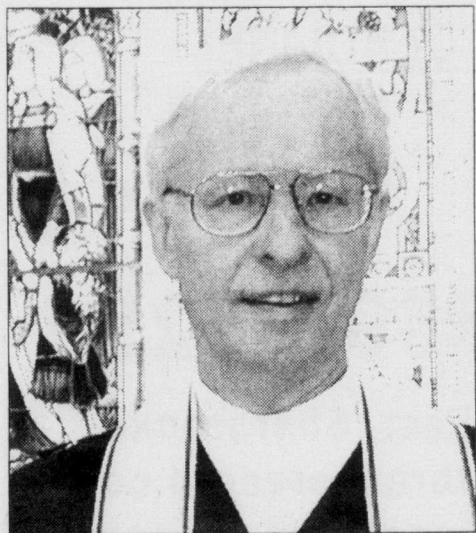
"To me, traditions are very important and I'll feel very much at home in this new and very modest church," she said.

The first service within the walls of the new building was held on Sunday, Feb. 8 with all the seats occupied. The floral arrangement at the altar was a gift of the congregation of Sherbrooke's Grace Chapel.

Warren and Wilma Ross, who have been worshipping at St. Andrew's since 1946, arrived at the new church well before the service began. For Warren, his first impression upon entering was that the building was beautiful, though, he said, "It can't replace the memories."

Wilma Ross said that the interior didn't look much like she expected it would. She said she felt that from the outside the building didn't look that appealing.

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BRUCE PATTON/SPECIAL

Rev. John Barry Forsyth conducted the new church's first service.

Good reads at the Lennoxville Library

By Michelle Barker

“I’ll love you forever; I’ll like you for always. As long as I’m living, my baby you’ll be.”

—Robert Munsch

Valentine’s Day is not a conspiracy launched by florists and Hallmark greeting card vendors, no matter how it appears. It originated as a Roman feast for lovers, then became a holiday honoring St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers.

It is a time to tell that special someone how much you love them, and what better way to do that than by making something for them.

Judith Hoffman Corwin has many ideas in Valentine Fun. From homemade cinnamon bread and applesauce cake, to felt cupids and woven paper

hearts, this book is filled with original ways to say, “I love you.”

How about sending your secret love a message in code? Remember to send the code along with the message or he might get the wrong idea and think you’ve cracked.

If you decide to send flowers, make sure your choice reflects your feelings. According to the author, different flowers have different meanings.

For example, send your lover a bouquet of buttercups and you will essentially be saying to her, “Thanks for nothing.”

Dahlias send a message of instability, marigolds of grief. Yellow carnations are for that certain someone you really can’t stand. But if the message is love, you’ll never go wrong with roses.

Early readers can check out Silly Tilly’s Valentine, by Lillian Hoban. Silly Tilly “forgets to remember” just about everything.

On a snowy day in February, Mr. Bunny calls Tilly Mole and asks if she remembers what day it is. Naturally Tilly hasn’t a clue. She figures it might be a good day to make a snowman. When the wind blows her Valentine’s cards into the air she thinks they are coloured snowflakes.

Finally Mr. Bunny shows up with a card and poem, and then Tilly remembers it’s Valentine’s Day. Not a moment too soon, because something’s burning in the kitchen: Valentine’s cupcakes.

The classic children’s book of love remains Robert Munsch’s Love You Forever. Guaranteed to bring a tear to the eye

of any reader, it is the story of a parent’s unconditional love for a child.

As that child grows, he moves from flushing his mom’s watch down the toilet, to using bad words, to listening to strange music. But the love of his mother never wavers.

And when the son becomes an adult he reflects that love in the way he cares both for his aging mother and his newborn baby.

VALENTINE’S EVENT

Come to the library on Saturday, February 14th at 1:30 p.m., for an afternoon of Valentine’s stories, crafts, and refreshments. All children are welcome.

For information on all library events, call 819-562-4949 or visit www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca

Erich Kory plays with the devil

Erich Kory, the Townships’ only international electric cellist, accompanies Faust Through the Shadows returning to Bishop’s University at Banded Hall Feb. 21 and 22, 8 p.m. In addition he will play a solo opening concert.

The German Studies Section of Bishop’s University presents Tim Gosley’s contemporary adaptation of Goethe’s

classic Faust Part I.

Kory is the tip of the improvements to last year’s original production. The show needed extra hands and has found them with the addition of Sutton’s prima puppeteer, Almut Ellinghaus.

Along with original cast member Petra Kixmöller, Almut’s German origins and European training enhance

its authenticity. (Faust is Germany’s Hamlet.)

Faust Through the Shadows mixes theatre, shadow puppets and live video to retell the original in an entertaining and faithful manner.

The hit of the University of Calgary’s Faustival, 2003, it garnered accolades from various scholars.

Tim Gosley who wrote, created and

performs in the production has had quite a year. He won a Gemini Award for his performance on the children’s television series Wumpa’s World.

The interest in Faust Through the Shadows keeps mounting.

And he will receive his six minutes and 23 seconds of fame on CBC’s On The Road Again with Wayne Rostad airing in March, 2004.

CRTC hearing on CKTS signal coming soon

Things are happening very quickly now that CJMQ 88.9 FM is officially a community radio station. As the realization sinks in we just barely have time to take a deep breath before we start the next phase in the evolution of CJMQ.

The CRTC commission hearings into the future of CKTS along with many other radio stations begins on Feb. 16.

As mentioned in an earlier article, I am not pleased with the present situation regarding CKTS. As things stand now CKTS, 900 on the AM band is being used as a repeater for the broadcast of CJAD, a Montreal based radio station.

I have petitioned the commission for the right to appear at the hearings to be held in Quebec city in the hope of convincing them that CKTS should be returned to the local community.

My contention is that the transmitter of CKTS should be used to repeat the signal of CJMQ and not CJAD.

It should be noted that CJAD’s signal can be heard in the Eastern Townships directly from Montreal on its original frequency of 800 AM, so there is no rea-

son for having that same signal repeated on our local frequency of 900 AM.

How much impact will this argument have with the CRTC, I really don’t know, but I do know that historically the CRTC has favoured local initiatives and the company that is proposing to buy CKTS has contacted me, and although they did not say outright that they would espouse this change they certainly left me the impression that they would not be adverse to the possibility. I will keep you up posted.

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In the mean time, work has started to make our move to the CBC tower a permanent one.

This change will be accompanied by a request to boost our signal power to 2000 watts. The boost in power is not an attempt to increase our broadcast range, it is a necessary measure to eliminate the interference which remains.

An increase in power is also required to help close the gap between the output power of the other stations which will be on the same antenna as CJMQ. With more than one station on the same antenna the power of each station has to be at least in the same ball park.

CJMQ transmitting at 500 watts on the same antenna as another station transmitting at 10 thousand watts creates a disparity which in itself can cause problems.

Well enough technical talk, suffice it to say that there remains plenty of work to be done over the next year. In the next article I will describe some of

the other changes which will effect you directly as a listener of CJMQ 88.9 FM.

Stay tuned to CJMQ as Valentines Day approaches we have, with the help of our sponsors and supporters amassed an impressive array of giveaways, so listen to win.

—Submitted by David Teasdale

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Photos explore the details of the T'ships

By Scott McLean
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

His 8x10 photos tell stories, the black and white photography describing subtle nuances in the subjects of his art. Often it's a solitary person, standing in front of their home or place of work, a snapshot into their life in the Townships.

For local area photographer René Bolduc, it's an escape from the rigors of everyday life, a pastime that permits him to delve into his inner artist and explore the world around him.

Bolduc's photographs are on display from February 8 until March 28 at the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre at 9 Speid Street in Lennoxville, and the quiet artist is pleased to show his work.

"I guess when I was a young child, myself and a friend began to develop our own film and I just got hooked on photography," Bolduc explained when asked how his passion began.

At age 12, he and his friend proceeded to convert a small room into a make-shift darkroom where he could develop a roll of film the boys had taken.

"Now it has been quite a long time that I have been doing this. It's what I love to do in my spare time."

This will be Bolduc's second exhibit at Uplands. His first solo exhibit took place there in 1995 and he has since exhibited at the Espaces Hortense in Saint-Camille, the Bibliotheque Memphremagog, Haskell Library in Stanstead and the Sherbrooke Historical Society.

The current exhibit, entitled "entre deux instants,"

demonstrates the beauty of the Townships. Bolduc used an 8x10 Zone VI field camera, which allows for extreme detail in the photos, which explore the sweeping landscapes from Lake Massawippi to Lake Memphremagog and various locations along the way.

"I take portraits. It's like an interview between myself and everyday people throughout the Townships," says Bolduc, who works days in the printing industry. "I'm using paper that doesn't require developing. It is done through very long exposure, and it gives a specific feel to the photographs."

While Bolduc has had success as a photographer, he feels that the commercial side of photography would be too stressful and take away from his enjoyment as an artist.

"Photography helps me to keep a balance, both mental and physical, between my profession, which is centered around production, and my ever present thirst to create," said Bolduc, who studied pre-press technologies at Ahuntsic College in Montreal and has his own website to display his photographs at www.renebolduc.com.

"I'm doing this for myself, I am not creating for others, and therefore that's why I decided to earn a living, not from photography, but to use my own time to do my own projects rather than what a client would like."



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

This photo by René Bolduc is currently on display at Uplands.

Grand Opening in Ayer's Cliff



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Mayor Vincent Gerin was on hand to celebrate the official opening of the new Ayer's Cliff municipal building, which houses the library and the tourism info kiosk. Also on hand were Micheline Cliche, Christina Smith, and Norman Wintle. Since the library's opening Jan. 10, more than 225 membership cards have been issued.

BRIEF

Silvestru speaks on caves

Dr. Silvestru from Answers in Genesis will be in the Sherbrooke area from Tuesday, Feb. 10 to 15, speaking in French and English at various locations. He has a PhD in geology and is a world authority on the geology of caves.

Silvestru has over 30 years of experience in climbing and spelunking and has participated in mountain and cave rescue operations. He is presently a full-time researcher and conference speaker with Answers in Genesis.

FEB. 10

Noon: University of Sherbrooke (Agora du Carrefour de l'information, B-1-B2);

Topic: Age of Caves (French);

7 p.m.: University of Sherbrooke (Racoin E-1, Service à la vie étudiante) Topic: Dr. Silvestru's testimony (French).

FEB. 11

12:15 p.m.: Bishop's University (N1); Topic: Waters of Contention – the Flood (English);

7:30 p.m.: Église L'Eau Vive (French).

FEB. 12

7:30 p.m.: Huntingville Community Church;

Topic: "The Tree that Became a Bush - What Anthropology Doesn't Tell About Our Origins" (Free-will offering - English).

FEB. 13

12:30 p.m.: Bishop's University (N1) Topic: Christianity and Science: Was the Divorce Necessary? (English); 8 p.m.: Huntingville Community Church;

Topic: "Scripture and Science: a harmony of truth" (English translated into Chinese).

FEB. 15

9:30 a.m.: Église L'Eau Vive (French);

7 p.m.: Église L'Eau Vive (French).

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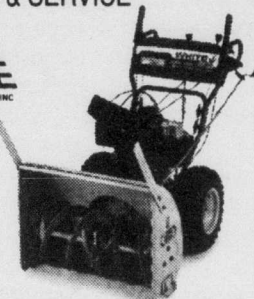
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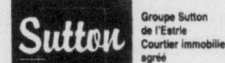


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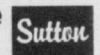
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Lennoxville's Ferne Murray has been awaiting the opening of her church for more than four years.

Five years not too long to wait

CHURCH:

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Katie Cook, 18, who was baptized in the former church, was one of the younger parishoners in attendance.

"It's nice to be back with our old stuff, including the piano, the pews and the windows," she said. "I appreciate tradition. It's nice to be back with it."

In addition to having a new church building, the congregation recently welcomed a replacement pastor, Rev. John Barry Forsyth. He gave the first sermon, titled, 'Good Cause for Thanksgiving'.

He stressed the dedication and perseverance of the congregation as well as their loyalty to heritage during their difficult time.

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Valentine's Day and the male consumer imperative

By Misty Harris

The week before Valentine's Day is a frenzied time of year characterized by unabashed wooing, declarations of love and promises to please at any cost.

And that's just the relationship between retailers and the men desperate to find the perfect gift.

As the big day draws near, guys are feeling a whole new pressure to perform. Given that Valentine's Day in Canada was worth more than \$320 million in 2003, it's no wonder.

"Because Valentine's Day is perceived to carry such high expectations for men to 'prove their love,' they often become the ultimate consumers," explains Rinnatta Paries, a relationship coach specializing in love and fulfilment. "It's not that it's awful or bad to participate, or that we are somehow more virtuous if we restrain ourselves. It's more that our expectations of what will and won't happen on Valentine's Day are unrealistic and put our relationships and our partners under unnecessary pressure."

According to Harlequin's 2004 Romance Report, 76 per cent of North Americans believe Valentine's Day has become too commercial. And 61 per cent believe there's too much social impetus to celebrate the romantic holiday.

"What we want on Valentine's Day, because of the mass hysteria about it, is often out of sync with the reality of our relationship," says Paries. She recalls a client who pushed her unwilling beau to extraordinary lengths on Feb. 14, only to never hear from him again.

"One arbitrary day on the calendar will not fix a relationship and one grand romantic gesture does not mean a troubled relationship will work again."

Paries says a common mistake among couples is using Valentine's Day as a way of appraising the relationship. The bar is raised or lowered according to the gifts received by those around them.

It's an unpleasant situation many Canadians know all too well, says a spokesman for AskMen.com.

"Often times, the girl is going to com-

pare her experience and her gift with what all of her friends got," says Ashkan Karbasfrooshan, vice-president of the Montreal-based website. "I think the pressure to deliver on Valentine's Day is that much greater because not only do you have to deliver, you have to deliver vis a vis all the other boyfriends."

Karbasfrooshan says men are safest to stick with something symbolic and romantic. Personal touches, he asserts, are everything.

"During the first month of a relationship, a girl will probably hint at every kind of perfume she likes, the style of music she likes, her favourite colours and clothing," he says. "That's when a guy really needs to be taking down notes because come months two, three and four, the girl closes the vault and expects him to know what her favourite perfume is and, god knows, her favourite colour."

According to a customer loyalty research consultancy, Valentine's Day creates an enormous consumer imperative. And as the holiday becomes increasing-

ly gender neutral, the effect is only going to get bigger.

"It has become a retail event because there's more gender blending in terms of gift buying," says Robert Passikoff, president of Brand Keys. "But, at the end of the day, the onus still falls on the man to do most if it."

Hallmark now reports that Valentine's Day is the second-largest greeting card holiday in North America. About 200 million cards will be exchanged worldwide this year.

Brand Keys shows customary gestures of affection will also remain popular, with an estimated 65 per cent of men buying flowers and 74 per cent springing for a romantic night out.

Originality, it seems, is still a few time-zones away. As an alternative to candy and jewelry, the Ross Park Zoo's "Give your beauty a beast" Valentine's program allows New Yorkers to adopt an insect for their sweetie.

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Pastors pray to end inconvenience of church

By Janet Steffenhagen and Lori Culbert

Anglicans attending church services Sunday morning largely agreed with recent suggestions that busy families need a more convenient time to worship.

But most of those interviewed were adamant the traditional Sunday morning service must continue.

"Having multiple services throughout the week is a good way to have fellowship," Nicholas Watkins said at the

close of the 10:15 a.m. service at St. Agnes Anglican Church in North Vancouver. "But changing the primary day of worship would detract from the emphasis on Jesus and what he accomplished on his day of resurrection."

Watkins was responding to word that the Anglican Church's London diocese is considering changing its day of worship from Sunday because many people are too busy on weekends to go to church.

Like his parishioners at St. Agnes, Reverend Bud Raymond doesn't want to lose Sunday as a day of worship, but he agreed services should be offered at other times.

At his previous church, informal church services, along with a potluck dinner, were offered Wednesday evenings for families who couldn't attend Sunday morning.

St. Agnes has a congregation of about 100 families, but Sunday ser-

vices attract only about 60 people. "We must look at alternatives to fill the empty holes in our pews," Lindsay said.

It's not only families with school-aged children who have a hard time attending Sunday services, added Kim Hughes. "My partner and I sometimes find it really hard to get up on Sunday mornings.

"You work Monday to Friday, sometimes Monday to Saturday and by Sunday you'd like to just hang out in the mornings, read the paper, be in your pyjamas, whatever."

Outside the church, Lynn Raymond — who has three children aged three, five and nine — said her family finds the time to worship on Sunday mornings, but admits it's difficult for families to squeeze everything in.

"I don't feel like I have to come on a different day, but then again my kids are young and we have soccer on Saturday," she said.

Both Raymond and another mother who attends St. Helen's suggested more variety of service times on the weekends might help families — but both rejected the idea of worshipping through the week.

"Either a Saturday evening or a Sunday afternoon, but not a weekday," said Raymond.

However, the parishioners stressed that any change in service time would have to be accompanied by a switch in the Sunday school as well, as that is a crucial component of family time at church.

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Controversial Auberge Grand-Mère owner charged with violations of fire regulations

Duhaime's inn faces 15 charges for breaching fire and building regulations

By Andrew McIntosh

The owner of the Auberge Grand-Mère was facing 15 charges for alleged violations of Quebec's fire and building safety regulations when a deliberately set fire at the inn last week caused more than \$500,000 in damage.

Quebec officials had laid 15 charges against Shawinigan businessman Yvon Duhaime's inn for breaching two provincial fire and building safety regulations following a surprise inspection on May 9, 2002.

Inspectors found some smoke detectors in the inn were not functioning and some were even without batteries. They also found that the manual fire alarm system was not working and spotted unsafe fire walls and doors between various parts of

the inn, said Helene Chouinard, a spokeswoman for the Regie du Bâtiment.

Duhaime is scheduled to appear in Quebec Court in Shawinigan on April 5 to face the charges, which could cost him \$10,000 in fines if he is found guilty.

The 2002 problems were still not fixed when the blaze broke out early last Monday, with neither smoke alarms nor the fire alarm system working properly as 18 guests slept while flames shot from the inn's roof, police officials said.

Regie du Bâtiment officials have now issued a correction order barring the financially struggling inn from re-opening until it has properly working fire alarms and smoke detectors, Chouinard said.

Should alarms not work for whatever reason in the future, the inn must also have a staffer patrolling inside and outside the inn on a 24-hour basis, the order added.

Regie officials are reviewing the findings of an inspector who visited

the inn on the day of the fire and a new round of charges may be pending, Chouinard said.

Duhaime already had a set of five building and fire safety convictions in 1999 for which a Quebec Court judge fined him \$3,125, Chouinard said.

"With some people, you charge and convict them once and they fix things and that's the end of it. But when you have people who are repeat offenders, that's a lot more worrisome," she said.

The arson squad for the Quebec provincial police is conducting a criminal investigation into the early morning fire last Monday that damaged the inn.

Police launched the probe after firefighters found evidence that the rooftop blaze was deliberately set using a flammable liquid, police officials said.

Arson detectives have executed a search warrant at the inn, seizing several pieces of unidentified evidence for the investigation, provincial po-

lice officials said.

Duhaime said business was going well for the inn prior to the fire, adding he had no idea who would try to harm his business.

The National Post reported last week that Duhaime is also facing legal action over mortgage arrears and \$70,489 in unpaid Quebec taxes. Revenue Quebec and a local Caisse Populaire credit union have filed liens and pre-foreclosure notices against the Grand-Mère Inn building, land registry documents show.

The innkeeper declined comment on the debts and other legal troubles.

Duhaime bought the inn business from former prime minister Jean Chretien and two partners in 1993.

He expanded the inn during 1997-98 with the help of \$1 million in federal bank loans and grants he secured after Chretien pressed federal bank officials to grant them even though the innkeeper was ineligible for the help.

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QUIZ:

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National Flag Day quiz answers:

1. c) 1925
When a committee of the Privy Council began to research possible designs for a national flag but never completed its work.
2. Union Jack
3. b) Lawren Harris
4. b) Royal Canadian Legion
5. c) three
6. d) all of the above
7. e) All of the above.
8. Jean Chrétien, on Feb. 15, 1996
9. c) two points were removed from the base of the maple leaf reducing the number of points to 11 from 13
10. d) dean of the arts at Royal Military College.
11. d) Governor General's standard.
12. a) Canadian flag and c) Red Ensign
13. b) a flag no longer suitable for use should be destroyed "in a dignified way by burning it privately," says the Department of Canadian Heritage.
14. b) Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and Newfoundland
15. b) the hoist
16. a) King George V in 1921.
17. a) the national coat of arms and b) the Great Seal of Canada
18. b) the flags were flown upside down

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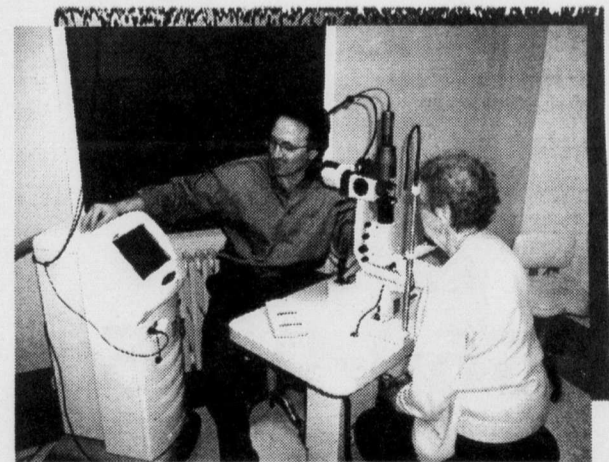
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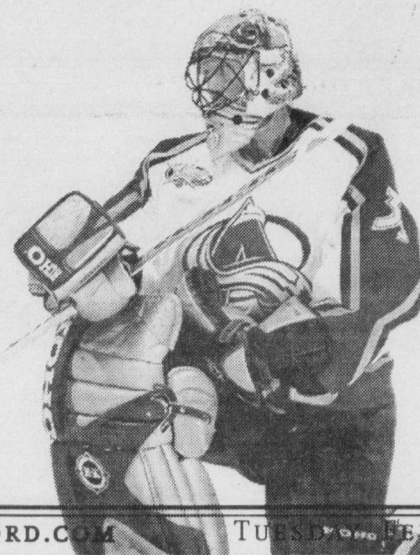
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Habs puts winning streak on line in Florida

The Montreal Canadiens resume action tonight when they take on the Florida Marlins in the first of a three-game road swing following a four day all-star hiatus.



MIKE HICKEY
FROM THE BLEACHERS

Montreal will play Tampa Bay Thursday night and then fly to Ottawa for a key match-up with the Senators.

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feeling good about themselves and their playoff chances.

The team downed the New York Islanders 2-1 last Thursday, a win that solidifies Montreal's playoff hopes.

They are still plenty of games left in the regular season and Hab fans have been disappointed before but Montreal is firmly in control of their own destiny.

The reason for the team's resurgence starts at the top with general manager Bob Gainey and head coach Claude Julien. Gainey has neither the money nor the inclination to make wholesale changes that would drastically alter the team roster.

What Gainey did was to commit to younger players and insist that every-

one on the club be accountable on a daily basis.

Now the word on the street is that he is actively pursuing Edmonton Oilers' centre man Ryan Smith.

Julien, who coached several of the younger Canadiens in either at Hull or Hamilton, have given the youngsters the ice time need to develop and has not been afraid to sit down starting players when they were not playing up to their potential.

As a result the club finds itself in seventh place overall in the National Hockey League's Eastern Conference with a 28-20-6-2 record, good for 62 points.

They have a five-point lead over the Islanders (the New Yorkers do hold two

games in hand) and 12 points ahead of the ninth-place Buffalo Sabres.

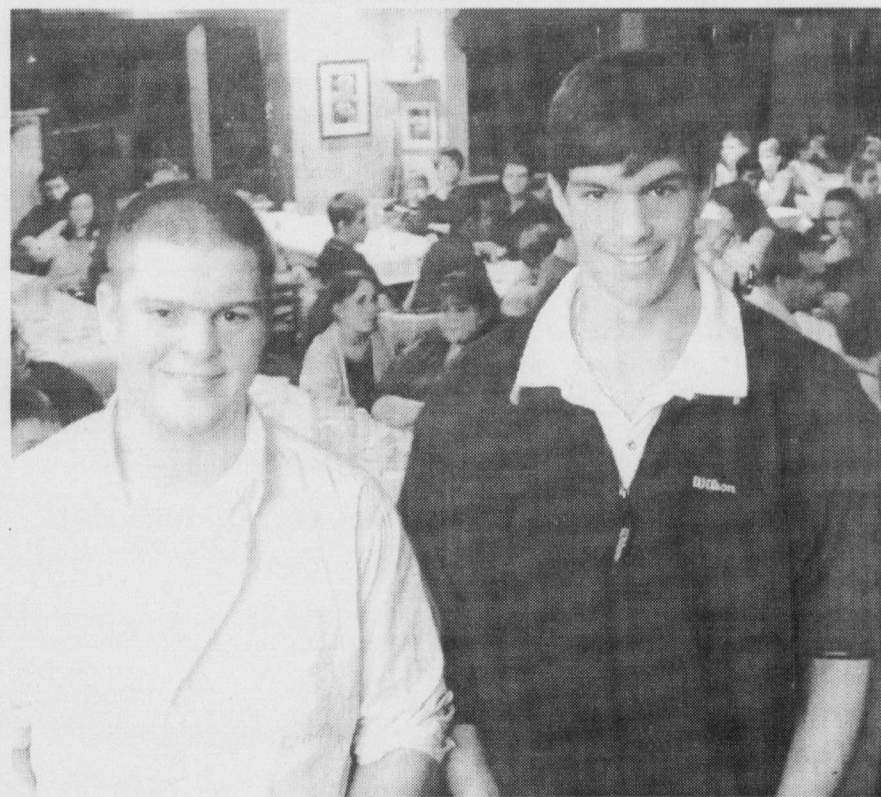
With the team on a three-game winning streak post season play looks pretty good although Julien and the boys are more concerned with what is in front of them rather than what's behind and with good reason.

Montreal is just three points ahead of both the defending Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils and five points behind the Boston Bruins.

If the club can continue to get great goaltending from Jose Theodore and a renewed commitment to execute Julien's game plan for the skaters they can move up a few spots in the standings and make a serious run in the playoffs.

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Alexander Galt Regional High School Honours Football Players



PHOTOS PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Over 100 Galt players, coaches, staff, family and friends gathered Friday evening to celebrate the past season at the first annual Piper Football Dinner. Special guests included Galt Grad Kevin MacKey (coaching at Champlain), Sébastien Brière (head coach of the Cougars) and Steve Zatylny (UofS special teams coach). After an excellent meal served at the Old Lennoxville Golf Course, the Junior Pipers recognized four athletes for team commitment. The Lobo Award went to Jimmy Bernier, Stéphane Bêlanger, Reuben Bailey and Steve Evans. The awards were presented by coaches Pat Dubois, Alain Normandin, Kevin Philip and Ian Breck. Senior Piper awards went to Peter Kingsley (lineman), Pat Fequet (back) and Ryan MacAulay (team award). Coach Morgan Quinn was honoured for his long time service to Piper Football.

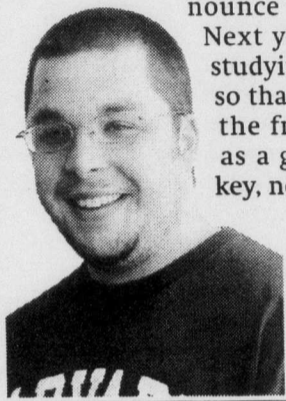
SPORTS COMMENT

Baboons rule front offices

The doughnut guy can probably do a better job than Matt Dunigan

Here is what I don't like about professional sports: Baboons are often hired for front office positions.

Again, I believe any good columnist should announce their biases, so I will.



SCOTT MCLEAN

Next year I am planning on studying in the United States so that I can one day work in the front office, hopefully, as a gorilla or lemur monkey, never a baboon.

But this week, ex-front office baboon number one Dan Marino, decided to step down from his position as senior vice-president of football operations for the Miami Dolphins,

after holding the "job" for three weeks (although because he was under contract with CBS, he never actually did anything other than some minor scouting in the name of the mighty Dolphins).

My gripe with pro sports' hiring policies is this: Automatically giving a high ranking front office job to a successful former star player is a proven recipe for disaster, just ask Detroit Lions fans about Matt Millen or Wizards fans about Michael Jordan.

The list is growing as we speak. Success on the field, court or ice, doesn't translate into boardroom success. Especially with the complexity of free agency, arbitration and contract negotiation — the playing field has changed so much in the past five years alone that it requires someone

with the drive and knowledge of a Donald Trump to navigate those rough waters.

Marino at least realized he couldn't dedicate the amount of time needed to the operation and he couldn't risk the shot at his credibility.

He already has an enormous cash cow, working for CBS and HBO analyzing NFL football for \$4 million a year, a job the average fan would do for free.

But at least he demonstrated some talent on Sunday mornings, while Matt Dunigan bumbled and stumbled, searching for words on Friday nights.

Now Dunigan — despite having no experience other than as a CFL quarterback and a T.V. analyst for Friday Night Football on TSN — gets to be not only head coach for the Calgary Stampeders, but general manager as well.

When I first read that, I laughed, thinking it was a joke. Seriously, the order in which I would pick members of the Friday night cast for a head coaching position would be; Climie, Schultz, Randorf, Camera operator number two, the guy who convinced Dunigan to cut his mullet because it was "too 1987", and then maybe Dunigan over the guy that picks up the coffee at Tim Horton's.

I'm trying to stay away from saturated fat.

Speaking of saturation, is anything more saturated in the media right now than this whole fallout from boobgate (those are just two of the gems that the media has used to describe the Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction from Super Bowl 38).

The same week that there is an investigation into George W. Bush's lies about weapons of mass destruction and the Democratic Primary, Janet Jackson's star-shaped nipple becomes the most Googled event in history.

And the NFL couldn't wait to distance itself from this miss. But I guess professional football would rather have its boobs in the front office rather than on the field at halftime.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Roy favours thinner pads, fewer teams

It didn't take long for Patrick Roy to make an impact on All-Star Weekend. Roy, who was selected to the NHL Legendary all-star team spoke to the media before the game, and said that goaltenders pads should be reduced in width from 12 inches back to 10 inches, which was the previous width.

"I think to evolve the game you should have the goal post smaller to the outside and go back to the 10-inch pad, Roy stated. "That will give three inches on each shot for every shooter, and that's plenty for them."

The 38-year old also caused a stir when he shared his thoughts on the number of teams in the NHL.

"I think 16 teams was probably best for this league," he said. "If you take 10 teams out of there, I know the (players' association) won't like what I'm saying, but the talent will be better on the ice, too."

On TV

TUESDAY

• **HOCKEY: 7:30 p.m.**, National Hockey League regular season, Montreal Canadiens at Florida Panthers, RDS. **9:30 p.m.**, N.Y. Islanders at Colorado Avalanche, TSN.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

• **WOMEN'S CEGEP AA BASKETBALL: Friday**, St-Hyacinthe at Champlain Cugars, 7 p.m.
 • **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Saturday**, Lachine Maroons at Champlain Cougars, Léopold-Drolet Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, 7:30 p.m.
 • **SENIOR HOCKEY (LHSMQ): Friday**, Sorel at Sherbrooke St. François, Léopold-Drolet Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.
 • **MIDGET AAA: Saturday**, Gatineau Intrépides at Magog Cantonniers, 7 p.m. **Sunday**, Gatineau Intrépides at Magog Cantonniers, 2 p.m.

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Lift Hours: N/A

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Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 48
Open Trails: 33/33
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 86
Open Trails: 54/54
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

MONTJOYE
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 45
Open Trails: 24/24
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

OWL'S HEAD
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
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Open Trails: 42/43
Lift Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SHEFFORD
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Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 47
Open Trails: 22/22
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

SUTTON
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Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 38
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
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Snow, last 7 days (Cm): N/A
Open Trails: 75/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HABS:

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If Theodore says hot, anything can happen and Julien needs to have him ready for the post season by giving him the occasional rest. Of course with the way that Mathieu Garon has been playing, that shouldn't be a problem.

Theodore has a 22-18-5-1 record, a 2.08 goals-against-average and five shutouts to his credit while Garon is 6-4-1 with a 2.41 gga.

Stopping the puck is not one of Julien's concerns, scoring at the other end is.

Mike Ribeiro (15-31-46) and rookie Michael Ryder (15-25-40) are having break-out years while Sheldon Souray (15-20-35) has established himself as a strong contender for the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenceman.

The team needs more on the offensive end however. Saku Koivu has managed to stay relatively healthy but needs to be more productive while veterans Richard Zednik and Sherbrooke native Yanic Perreault need to be more consistent.

02-10-04

North
 ♠ 7 5 3 2
 ♥ K 8 5 2
 ♦ 6 4 3
 ♣ K 10

West
 ♠ A K J
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 10 7 5 2
 ♣ J 9 8 6 5

East
 ♠ Q 9 8 4
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ K Q J 9
 ♣ Q 2

South
 ♠ 10 6
 ♥ A Q J 10 9
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ A 7 4 3

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Stanbridge East
Thelma Rhicard
248-4168

The first of February, the weather warmed up and I finally did an outdoor activity. I rode my Ski-Doo, following Neil on his, to Bedford, Farnham, Cowansville, Dunham and back to S.E. (80 k.m.'s). The trails were good except where they had drifted in. It was also bath time for three starlings that jumped in and splashed in the heated water bowl! "Stanbridge Stanley" the Woodchuck did not see his shadow this morning so during the next six weeks if you get sick of winter...you know where to come!

Jessica Piette was honoured at the recent Bedford Bantam Tournament. Because she started as a Minor League player and continued with her education and game she was presented with a sculpture. She is currently attending the University of Waterloo. Good-Luck Jessica.

The Embellishment Committee has announced the winners of the Christmas House Decorations; Town: 1-Noella Vallier and Raymond Pelletier, 2 - Norma and Earle Rhicard. Country: 1-Micheline Couture and Pierre-André Bessette, 2 - Claudia Schwerdel and Terry Brown. Star in town - Lyall Rhicard, Star in country: Clayton and Mary Harvey. Honourable Mentions: Helen and Rolland Ingalls, Johanne and Charles Bockus, Helen and Rolland Ingalls, Rollie and Steve Laduke, Susie and Lennie Lapointe, Helene and Marcel Moirier and Judy and Ricky Monette. Congratulations and thanks for contributing to our Community Christmas Spirit.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Dolly Dew Crandall Berard and Jeanne-Germaine Allaire (Mrs. Gaston Arpin) who have passed away this week. Both ladies had been residents of S.E. several years ago.

The deer we feed are becoming brave or bold as some of them are helping themselves from the container of corn in the woodshed by the house.

The S.E.W.I. met for their monthly meeting with 10 members present. We had an informative talk by the Missisquoi Historical Society's Archivist, Judy Antle. She spoke on genealogy and explained how we can research information about our ancestors.

Birth

OAKLEY-EVANS: Tyler, Trevor and Josh are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby cousin, Abby Justine Oakley. Abby is the daughter of proud parents Jason and Wanda Lee. Abby was born at the CHUS Fleurimont on February 4 at 7:02 p.m. She weighed in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches. Abby is the first grandchild for John and Johanne Oakley of Richmond, Qc and the fourth grandchild for Phil and Gwen Evans of Mutton Bay, Qc. Abby is the first great-grandchild for Jacqueline Gagnon of Acton Vale, Qc, and the seventh great-grandchild for Marion Evans, and Loyal and Verna Mansbridge, all from Mutton Bay, Qc.

Death



MEYER, John C. - Passed away peacefully at his home, Lennoxville, Que., on Friday, February 6th, 2004 at the age of 71. John Charles Meyer, beloved husband of Pauline Meyer, dear father of Christopher (Cindy), cherished grandfather of Daniel and Jeremy. John also leaves to mourn his mother-in-law, Yvette Lemelin Gaudet, Christopher's mother, Patricia Meyer, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Richard Gaudet (Rachel) and Sylvain Gaudet (Shirley) and his niece, Renée Gaudet. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere, Lennoxville, Que., where family and friends may visit on Wednesday, February 11th, 2004 from 12 to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Ruth Charleau officiating.

In Memoriam

DEZAN - In loving memory of Grace Dezan who passed over February 10, 2003, our dearest sister-in-law, aunt and friend.

God saw you getting tired
 When a cure was not to be,
 So He gently took your hand
 And said, "Come along with Me."
 He took you to His garden,
 A place where you could rest,
 His garden must be beautiful
 For He certainly took the best.

Forever loved and missed by
 YOUR FAMILY
 AND FRIENDS

In Memoriam

McCORMICK, June - In sad and loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who left us one year ago on February 10, 2003.

Every day, in some small way
 Memories of you come our way,
 Though absent, you are very near
 Still missed, still loved, and ever dear.

DON (husband)
 BARB, LAURA, KATHY & JEFF
 AND FAMILIES

The Harvest Waltz

Harvest time it came at last
 The leaves began to fall.
 A harvest festival was held
 At the village hall,
 'Neath lanterns bright, all hearts were gay
 The night was of romance,
 And when they played The Harvest Waltz
 I asked you if you'd dance.

You answered "Yes", I took your hand
 And on the floor did start,
 And as they played The Harvest Waltz
 You danced into my heart.
 I'll not forget that lovely night
 With the harvest moon above,
 That's the night, I fell in love
 With you and The Harvest Waltz.

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Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

Game might be on, so try for it

By Phillip Alder

You open one of a major, and partner raises to the two-level. You have too much power to pass, but not enough to jump to game. What would you do?

Normally, you bid another suit, one where you would like partner to have either some high cards or shortage. You make what is called a help-suit game-try. Also, strange though it sounds, usually you pick your weakest side suit. And if you bid a minor, you may have only three cards in that suit; but if you bid the other major, you are supposed to have four cards there because it might be your best fit. A key point: This new-suit bid is 100 percent forcing. At the worst, partner must go back to your first-bid suit at the three-level.

On this deal, you (South) are in four hearts. West attacks with three rounds of spades. After ruffing the third, how would you continue?

South has only 15 high-card points, but he has good playing potential and (for Losing Trick Count aficionados) six losers. (There can be at most three losers in any suit.) The key to game's being playable is partner's fit in clubs. And North, despite having only minimum point-count, should bid game because of his good club holding and four trumps.

You draw one round of trumps from hand, take the two top clubs ending in hand, and ruff a club with the heart eight so East cannot overruff. Cross back to hand with a heart, trump your last club with dummy's heart king, ruff a spade, draw East's last trump, and claim. Only 21 combined points, but an "easy" game!

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White Knights prove to not be XENOPHOBIC

The Feb 04 meeting at the Club was 'White Knights' night. We never know what to expect from this free-wheeling and independent group of individualists. Sometimes on 'their' Night they go on strike, take over the head table, refuse to serve, and expect the executive to do their bidding as well as to treat them as we ourselves would like to be treated. (Like Chas. Kingsley's 'Mrs Do As You Would Be Done By'). So The Executive came, expecting to put on White Coats, and to serve supper and replace the White Knights, if such were possible. Not so. Chief White Knight Melvin Bryant took over the microphone and told us to relax, that the White Knights would do the unexpected, and would serve us as usual. He left us to decide whether they thought that to be served properly they should do it for themselves. Anyway, as forecast, we got started one half hour early 6:00 P.M., except that we did not start with supper, OH No! That would have been too easy. In-



The Rev. Barbara Willard, who conducted the service at the club on Sunday, poses with her son, John Douglas.

stead Pres Burton welcomed us all, Harry Brown disclosed the secret as to where we would find the fire exits, and White Knight

Jack Garneau came to the mike to introduce Dr Darren Bardati, Ph.D, an assistant Professor in Experimental Studies and Geography at Bishop's University. Dr. Bardati is a local boy, many people remember his parents. He has a B.A. from Bishop's in 1994, M.A. in 1996 and his Ph.D from McGill in 2002. His talk was 'scary'. He talked on "Fresh Water - A Vital Resource". He certainly erased many of my prior beliefs. Did you know that, of all the massive supplies of water that seem to surround us, only 1% is available for human consumption. Much is locked up in the Earth's Ice Caps. The Oceans are salty. Canada is not number one in available supply of Fresh Water. It is number 5. China is number one, with Russia a close second. Only on a per capita basis is Canada number one. That is because we have such a small population occupying such a large land mass. You would think that, with Canada up here at the top of the world, that all our waters would run South, Not So. Most of our rivers run North. When I was younger with my family at home, I never even considered that our lakes could ever get polluted. Brome Lake was pure, Lakes Champlain and George had very special rules to maintain the purity of their water as I expect did Lakes Memphramagog and Massawipi. Today they are all in danger. The more use they are put to, the more negative the result. Here in the Townships, pathogens and fertilizers have reached unacceptable levels. Acid rain and the use of our rivers as sewers certainly do not contribute to pure water. While we in Canada have more than our share of available water, imagine what it is like in countries with a dry climate and a lack of lakes and rivers. Only recently have we instituted the "St Francis Water Management Committee. In On-

yield a large harvest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Give those who are important to you their own way today. Nothing is more satisfying than watching them enjoy themselves from such a simple gesture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - If you want to make this a very fulfilling day for yourself, devote as much time and effort as possible to performing labors of love that bring heartfelt joy to those with whom you share your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - When socializing today, should you notice that the activity is beginning to lag a bit, take things into your own hands and do what it takes to pep things up. You're a natural M.C.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Fortunate are those who get invited to your place



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tario they have had such Water Management groups for over 30 years. We will grumble when Governments and Municipalities start to charge us for the water we use, yet if some kind of control is not put over this essential resource, we may find it disappear. Dr. Bardati gave us a lot to think about, perhaps we shall all begin to think in terms of conservation of this vital resource. White Knight Ernie Garbutt thanked Dr. Bardati and we responded with a good round of applause, and perhaps some apprehension.

At Pres. Burton's signal John Foster lead us in singing 'O Canada', Harry Brown asked the Blessing and we sat down to enjoy first some hot chicken and pasta soup and then a delectable Shepherds Pie with beets and a small salad. When Pres. Burton asked for guests to be introduced, a past Pres. Bob Bell, proudly introduced his son Stephen. The sing-song was next. What with John on his banjo-ukelele, Roger on Banjo, Bruce Patton on piano and Solon Barnes on tambourine, we sure had the makings of some real Island Jazz. With 'Jambalaya', 'Buffalo Gal' and ending with 'Down By the Riverside' they really had the joint a-jumpin'. Solon was celebrating a birthday so we added the Birthday song. Burton thanked everyone, the cooks waved appreciation from the kitchen, and Harry Brown drew the half and half. Guess who won. Harry Brown. Knowing Harry, it was not 'fixed'. Capt. Mac Juby reported a good crew out on the tramp. Secretary Cec moved that the minutes be accepted as they appeared in THE RECORD and all agreed.

It was reported that member Fred Barton Slater and his good wife have moved to the Wales Home. Sunday is the Club Church Service. We decided that proceeds from the 'Offering' would go, as a donation to La Maison Aube Lumiere. Burton noted that 'Les Tuques Blue' would conduct a snow shoe pa-

today. You'll make everyone feel at ease and, when it's time to bid them adieu, they'll go home with pleasant memories of your hospitality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - This is a good day to make up for neglecting individuals you like a great deal but haven't been in touch with lately. Hearing from you will not only make their day, it'll do wonders for you as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - A profitable situation that has been right under your nose all the time may mysteriously surface today. Be ready to respond to it both wisely and quickly in order to get the most out of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Matters that are close to your heart have excellent chances for success today, provided you take charge of them yourself. Don't

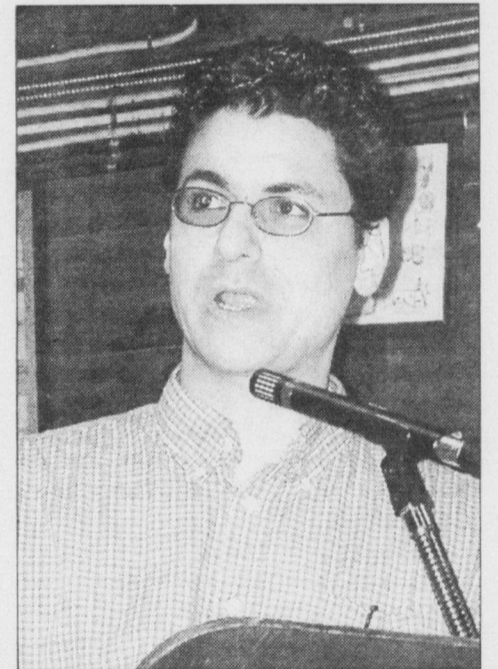
trade on Mount Royal on Feb 19. Anyone interested should let the Pres. know. Edgar Stracchino rose to mention that, as a 47th Anniversary present his wife allowed him a night out.(only until 9:00 P.M. though). He and she both had a Birthday last week. Pres. Burton thanked Ron Smith and Denis Oakley for the interesting game last week. We discussed more business for a while and then adjourned for cards etc.

The word 'xenophobic' is the unscrambled version of last week's title word.

Next Wednesday's, Feb 11 is 'Vice President's Night. Saturday Feb 14 is a Valentine's Dance and is PIE NIGHT, the last regular Ladies' Night of the season. Widows of members and Ladies please put a Big Red mark on your calendar. We shall be glad to welcome you all, not to mention those delicious pies that you bring. See you all there.

Respectfully submitted.

Cec Blenkhorn, Hon. Secretary, SSSC.



Dr. Darren Bardati Ph.D. the guest speaker at the club last Wednesday, outlined the significance of clean water and its availability in the Townships.

entrust anything that important to anyone but yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - The best way to get past dealing with difficult people today is to handle important affairs with kindness and gentle measures. Even the most problematic people will respond to these tactics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Just be yourself and your winning ways will add warmth and luster to any group you encounter today. You'll evoke a positive reaction from all those you come into contact with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - It could be one of those days where you can win the support of others from important causes you believe in. Even those who don't normally back you up will have a hard time being holdouts.

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

A couple of your heart's desires have excellent chances of being fulfilled in the year ahead. The greater your investment of patience, optimism and hope has been, the greater your chances will be for realizing your dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - You're in an unusually good cycle for making new friends or winning over those who have been a bit standoffish. Go out of your way today to get to know people whose friendship you'd like to cultivate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Any consideration or generosity you display today toward those with whom you have dealings will be returned to you many times over. The seeds you sow now will

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: C equals H

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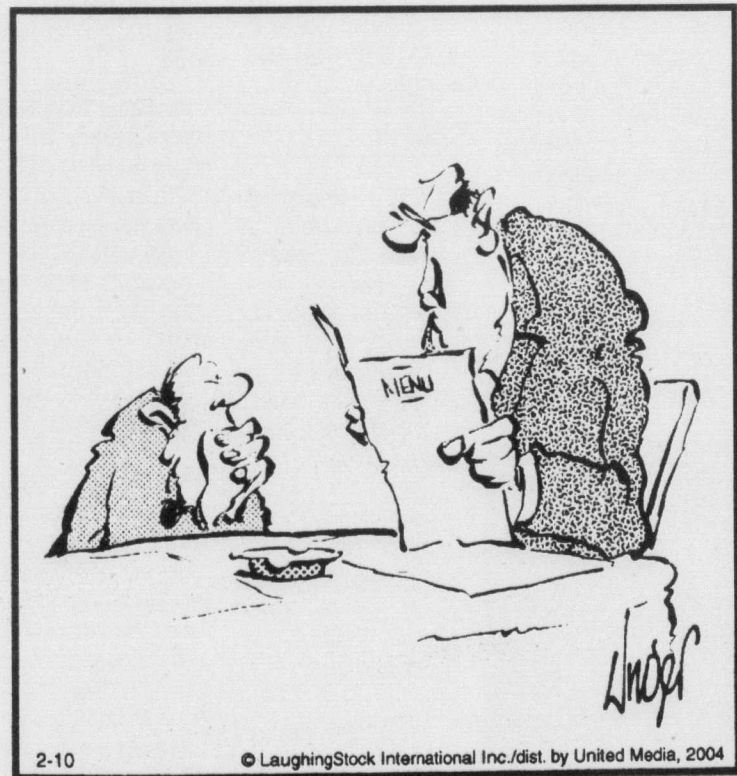


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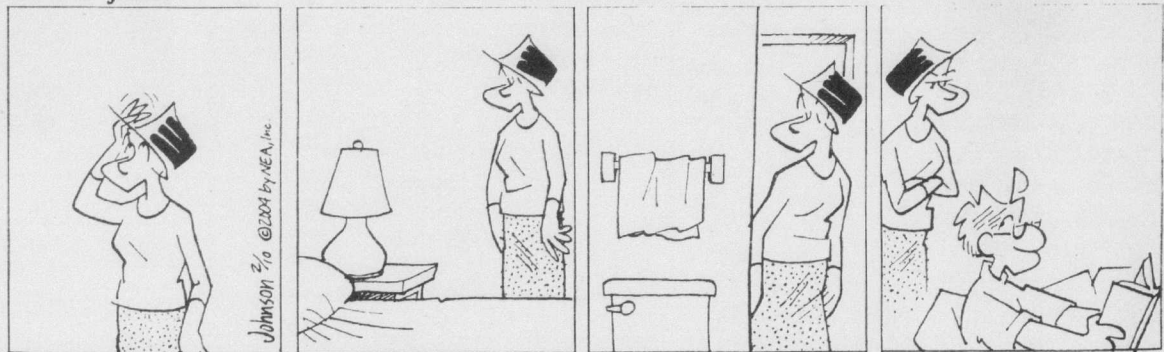
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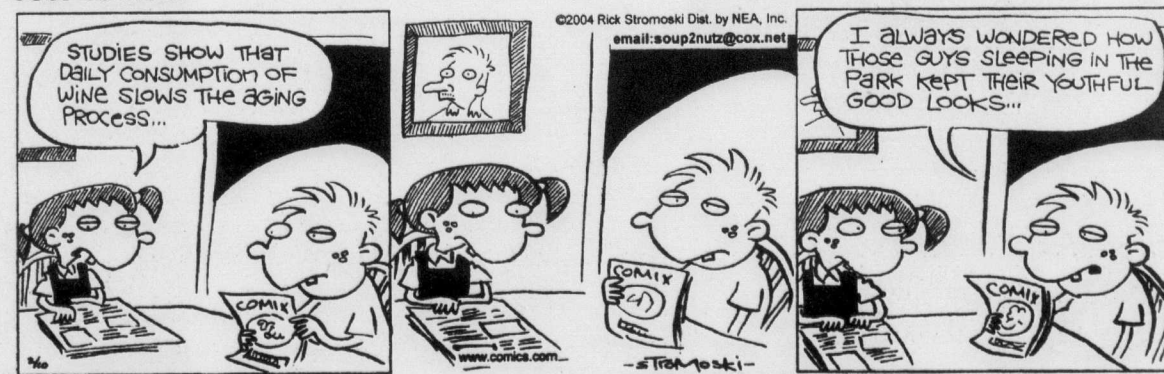
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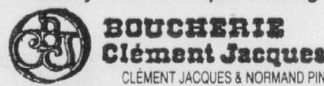
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I grew up in a very bigoted family, although I always have seen people as just people, not a "color."

At the moment, I am dating a man of another race, and I believe we have a future together. I know if my family discovers my relationship with "Hugo," they will disown me. When I look at this man, I see only a wonderful, sweet, caring, funny, considerate and loving person who cares very much for me and would provide a modicum of financial security and stability should we marry.

My family is not going to "come around." They would never listen to me or understand. My anxiety over such a huge decision is causing me a great deal of unrest. What do I do? — Southern Belle

Dear Belle: Hugo deserves a woman who has the courage to tell her family she loves him. It may be difficult, but you don't get to avoid hard choices because they are unpleasant. You do not have to confront your family right now, but should the relationship progress and marriage become likely, you will need to inform them.

Whatever the fallout, you will have demonstrated honesty and integrity.

Dear Annie: Recently, my daughter was diagnosed as being HIV-positive. Our fami-

ly was devastated, but we rallied around her and will go through this together.

My daughter looks perfectly healthy, and people with this virus can lead productive, active and healthy lives for 10, 20, even 30 years. However, it is still socially stigmatizing to have HIV, so choosing which people to tell can be draining. For HIV-positive people, keeping this secret can be difficult. They need their family and friends for support.

Please help us educate readers about how you can and cannot spread this disease. Tell people you cannot spread it by casual contact, a kiss on the cheek, holding hands or hugging others. It is spread through unprotected sexual contact and/or sharing needles or infected blood products.

We are fortunate that we have a loving and accepting family. In the long run, we will be OK. I just pray that people will think twice about judging others. Someday it could be you. — Proud To Be Her Mom

Dear Proud: It is surprising, after all these years, that people are still ignorant about HIV. It is transmitted through blood or body fluids, not by touching, kissing or sharing the same air. With proper medical

care, people with HIV can lead normal lives for many years. Thanks for reminding everyone.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Concerned in California," who worried about "Miranda," a drunk, belligerent mother who drove her children to soccer practice. I once was a mother like that. The best advice you gave was to call the police if Miranda is seen driving while under the influence.

"Concerned" also should phone Child Protective Services. She must be specific with dates and times she has seen Miranda driving with the children while intoxicated. This will generate an investigation, and maybe then Miranda will get the substance abuse treatment she needs, even if it means the children are placed in foster care until things are worked out.

I have been sober for 15 years and am now a certified substance abuse counselor. I try to help my clients get "clean and sober" one day at a time so they can be better parents. — Sober in Roanoke, Va.

Dear Sober: Nothing speaks louder than words from someone who has been through it. Thank you for your sage advice.

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

The Granby Young in Heart

The Granby Young in Heart met in the United Church Hall on Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

President Eleanor Hope opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed 22 members.

Happy Birthday was sung to all those who celebrate birthdays during the month of January, 2004.

President Eleanor read a thank you note from Mrs. Phyllis Dougall for a Christmas greeting.

There was 2 tables of 500 and the winners were: 1st prize: Jim Gilliland, 2nd prize: Eleanor Hope.

There was 1 table of Bridge and the winners were: 1st prize: June Sparling, 2nd prize: George Waugh.

There were 10 people in the game room and the winners were: 1st prize: Jan VanDoorn, 2nd prize: Stuart Rutherford.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Patricia Jean Hansford
Secretary for the
Granby Young in Heart

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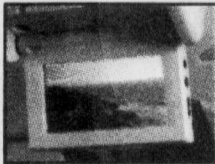


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