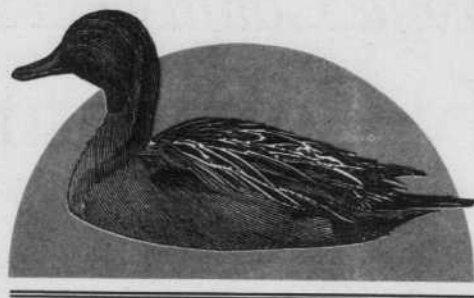


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## Toddlers remembering our veterans

Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A group of little children, all five or younger, took part in a very special Remembrance Day event in Cowansville, presenting two wreaths they had made, with a little help, to members of the local Legion.

The children and their parents, members of the Cowansville Parent-Child Anglophone Group (CAL), meet every Wednesday for breakfast, discussion and activities with animator Karen Smith and early childhood educator Caroline McLean.

"We try to follow the seasonal calendar, and gear activities around an occasion. Remembrance Day presented a perfect opportunity for involving the children in something larger, something special," said Smith. "Of course, they can't really understand the implications of war, but they can begin to know it's an important and serious occasion."

The children made two wreaths. "With their parents help, the children wrote their names on a cut-out of their hand, then as-

sembled them into a wreath with poppies. We had a lot of cut-outs so we made another wreath of just poppies."

Smith called the Legion. "They were very enthusi-

astic and happy to take part in an activity with us. We walked over, it's not far from where we meet, and the children presented Comrade Ron Vail and Comrade George Ward with the poppy wreaths in front of the Legion Memorial. Then the children recited a little poem about poppies. It was a very touching and memorable, and the Legion was very gracious to us."

There are two CAL group one Anglophone, one Francophone that meet weekly. The groups began last spring with sponsorship from a number of organizations including Quebec Enfants, Centre Femmes des Cantons and the Townshippers Association.

"Our current mandate goes through until the end of December and we're in the process of renewing it," said Smith. "It's a pro-active group; I feel it's really important we become involved in the community. We did a clean up with the children in the fall that was also very successful. It's neat the way the group works together exchanging things and bringing ideas to the group. One of the mothers found the Remembrance Day poem on the Internet.

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COURTESY OF KAREN SMITH

Cowansville Legion Comrades Ron Vail and George Ward graciously accepted the childrens' poppy wreaths.

## Demystifying Brome Lake's new beach house

Jessica Brown

BCN CORRESPONDENT

Several years ago, the town along with Community Services pinpointed the beach house at Douglas Beach as a project that needed to be looked at in the medium term. Well the time has arrived. The decrepit building is old, doesn't have proper toilets and is in major need of repairs. This past summer the present building flooded every time it rained. "We didn't just wake up this year and decide we need a new building," says Johanne Morin, director of TBL Community Services. "We've known for a while this was coming."

To come up with a plan for the building, they followed the same process that

was used to decide on the new Community Centre. "We asked ourselves, what do we need?"

Included in that list was a lifeguard room, no bigger than what is already there, a small canteen, proper washrooms that conform to public standards and a small storage area for buoys. What that amounted to was a building of 1140 square feet. Nothing fancy here. Every possible luxury has been cut out of the structure except winterizing the building.

The question that continues to be asked is, "Why do we need a winterized building at the beach?"

"There are a few reasons," says Morin. "A building left completely unheated is exposed to problems. Minimal heating, and I stress, minimal, is needed to pre-

serve the building longer. It also enables us to use the building in winter for the Carnival and other possible events. It gives us options to use the beach more frequently."

Many people think the winterization of the building is what has brought the initial bids so high. That is a fallacy. According to Morin, "The current building is very old. Now there are certain standards when you build a public building, especially where bathrooms are concerned. We also want to build a solid structure that will last.

"We were hoping to have a similar experience as when we built the community centre. The architects' estimates were much higher than the bids that came in." But that wasn't the case. The first bids came back 100-thousand dol-

lars over what they had anticipated, just under 300-thousand dollars. Now they are going back to the drawing board with the architects. "Is there any way to do it cheaper? Anything we can do to bring down the costs?" asks Morin.

The town and community services have had to defend the project and the borrowing by-law that it entails to build the building. But Morin says they aren't going out to build a mini-community centre. "We don't take pleasure in spending large amounts of money. We want it to be as inexpensive as possible, while still fulfilling all our needs." This means a long-term clean and functional building for all-season use.

But they don't want to compromise on the winterization aspect.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Duplicate Bridge** - In Cowansville, Wednesdays at 7.00 p.m. at Centre d'action benevole of Cowansville and at Knowlton Sundays at 1.30 p.m. at Auberge Quilliams. Information 450-263-9769

Nov. 22

**Mental Health & Well-being support Group Meetings** held at United Church, 234 Knowlton Road, Knowlton, from 2 p.m. Having difficulty coping? Not sure how to support someone suffering from mental illness? Or maybe you just want to be more informed? Info: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca.

**Spaghetti Supper and Dance** at the Royal Canadian Legion br. 82 200 Montgomery, Philipsburg starting at 6:00 p.m. Dancing from 8:00 p.m. till midnight Supper and Dance for \$7.00 Dance only \$2.00

Nov. 22, 23

**18th Pre-Christmas Sale at Heroes School**, 317 south St., Cowansville on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 23rd from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Info: Sharon: 450-263-4962 or Louise: 450-263-1612. Welcome to all.

Nov. 22

**Annual Lebanese dinner to raise funds for Jardin d'enfants de Sutton**. At the Sutton Legion 2 Curley street. 15\$ for adults, 10\$ for 13 and under and free children under 5. Dinner is served from 11:30-1:30. R.S.V.P: Marie-Eve : 538-5516. Everyone is welcome to come. See you there!!

THIS SUNDAY, Nov.23rd, **Dinner-Dance-Jam session**, AUSTIN TOWN HALL, 2-6 p.m. Music, Bobbi Dee, Dale and David Bessant, Sam Evans and local talented friends \$10 entrance, includes a complete home-cooked meal, door prizes, Everyone Welcome !!!! Join the

fun, dance and spend this Sunday with new and old friends, 450-292-3073 to celebrate your FREE BIRTHDAY. A Salute to Quebec Seniors!

Nov. 24

**Fundraiser for Jardin d'Enfants de Sutton (Pre-school)** Mac Millan's products (cookies, muffins, pies, cakes) If you wish to purchase before Nov. 24, Please contact Paula: 243-6264 please leave a message. A great life saver for the holiday season!!

Nov. 25

**Avante Women's Centre: Talented Tuesday**, November 25th. How hard can it be to make lip balm? Bring an empty tub or container. \$2.00. 6:00 to 8:00. 2 Adhemar-cusson, Bedford. Info: 450-248-0530.

Nov. 26

**Eastern Townships School Board PARENTS' NIGHT AT MASSEY-VANIER HIGH SCHOOL** on Wednesday, November 26th, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. \*\*\*Parents, please pick up your child's Term 1 report card at Massey-Vanier on Parents' Night\*\*\*

Nov. 27

**A Soup Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, November 27th at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Crafts and baking will also be on sale at this time. Cost of the luncheon is \$6. Hope you will be able to join us!!

Nov. 29

**Annual Christmas Craft and bake Sale at the Foyer Sutton** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, November 29th. This sale features baked goods and crafts. Do some early Christmas shopping and stock up your freezer for Christmas! Information call Gail: 450-538-0530 or Irene: 450-538-3408

**Christmas Bazaar** will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo on Sat., Nov. 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Soup Luncheon: \$6.00 Don't forget our huge Silent Auction (ends at 1:00 p.m.)

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND SALE**. St. James Anglican Church Parish Hall, 40 rue du Pont, Bedford, Saturday, November 29th, 11a.m -2 p.m. Baked foods, white elephant table, books. Free admission; lunch tickets: \$5.00 each at Draper Assurance, 60 Principale, Bedford, or at the door. Information: 450-248-7319. Everyone is welcome!

**1st Knowlton Venturers Pork & Beef Supper**, on Saturday, November 29th at Oddfellows Hall, Knowlton. Auction, Dance (S&M Connection), door prizes.

Adults: \$12.00. Proceeds for: Nova Scotia Jamboree and Ontario Jamboree, Summer 2009. Call: 450-243-1819

Nov. 30

**Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 99** - COWANSVILLE, on Sunday, November 30th, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. \$6 adults, \$3 children, 5 - 10 FREE, for under 5 years old. 120 Davignon Cowansville, QC (450) 263-3543

**Annual Service of Carols & Lessons**. All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, Qc. Sunday, Nov. 30th at 2:30 p.m. Free-will Offering or donations of non-perishable food in aid of the Trinity Anglican church (Cowansville) Food bank. Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone welcome.

Dec. 6

**10th Christmas Sale & Attic Treasures**. "Lost Angels" Saturday, Dec. 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. United Church, 203 Main, Cowansville. Table rental proceeds - "Missing Childrens' ". Lunch available. Happy Holidays! Info: Sharon 450-263-4962

**Mechoui at l'ecole St-Francois-d'Assise**, 11 rue de l'Eglise, Frelighsburg, on Saturday, December 6th, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Visit from Santa Claus, animation and door prizes. To benefit educational activities. Adults: \$12., at the door \$14., children 5-13: \$10., under 4: free. Tickets at Depanneur de la Place, 1 rue de l'Eglise, Frelighsburg until Dec. 1st. Everyone welcome. Info: 450-298-5292, p036@csvdc.qc.ca.

**Creek Carol service**. Sunday, December 7th, 3 p.m. Creek United Church. Refreshments afterwards. Get into the Christmas spirit here!

## ARTS CALENDAR

November 15th-23rd

**Robin Badger & Robert Chartier are opening their pottery studio to the public** for an annual exhibition & sale of recent works, highlighting the theme of Entertaining for the Holidays. Come and see their new creations at the Down to Earth Studio, located at 67 Bailey Road, West Bolton. Show runs from Nov. 15th to 23rd; open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information (450) 242-2836 or www.robinbadger.com

Nov. 21, 22 & 23

**The Georgeville Troupe presents Boeing Boeing**, a classic French farce in the Murray Memorial Hall on November

21st and 22nd at 7 p.m., and November 23rd at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$10., children 15 & under: \$6, from Magasin General Georgeville or call 819-843-0886 or 819-868-4314.

**Singers, actors: Open Audition**. Knowlton Players will produce the Tony Award-winning musical 'City of Angels' at Theatre Lac Brome in May, 2009. Singing roles: Sun., Mon. evenings, Nov. 16, 17, 23, 24. Bring a favorite song (and sheet music if possible) Non-singing roles: Sun., Mon., Eves., Nov. 30, Dec. 1. Info: 450-521-3968

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and at Calvary United Church, Sutton, at 11:15 a.m.

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KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW.

# This is my day job: The Descendant

Alanna Fahey

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

St. Armand, Quebec, and surrounding area has of late, been drawing a lot of attention to itself, whether it wants it or not. This area of Quebec was once the land where slaves, fleeing from their plight south of the border, hoped to find some rest, some dignity, some freedom. Although some did achieve this, some didn't. The story of slavery has its own wretched history in Canadian history and because of a few brave souls, the skeletons will be uncovered and hopefully, some restitution will be made.

Approximately five years ago, Gregory Charles of CBC, visited the fields surrounding St. Armand and in his report, as he stood in a cornfield, he claimed 'slaves are buried here'. Philippe Spurrell, a screen writer from Montreal was, at the time writing a ghost story that he was going to enter into the Fringe Festival in Montreal. The Fringe Fest, Montreals' most widely attended film festival, is a venue for films that are focused on the cutting edge of the horror genre. Instead of doing the typical violent/slasher movie, Spurrell knew he wanted to do something that had suspense, and a quiet spookiness. What he didn't intend on doing however was being held captivated by the tragedy of the slave story once they crossed our border. With his ghost story taking shape, he knew he would have to rewrite and set his drama in the hills of St. Armand and the plight of the northern slaves.

Last September, Spurrell's finished

film, *The Descendant* held a screening at Cinema du Parc, in Montreal. What was supposed to be a week of exposure, turned into three weeks as the film brought out full house crowds, night after night. The film, which has a subtle quiet atmosphere, similar to *6th Sense* and *The Others*, received standing ovations and crossed over into the political realm. Spurrell commented, "Every night, Violet States, a woman in her late 70's would stand outside the theatre and get people to sign her petition that will be sent to the government of Quebec and Canada requesting that acknowledgement be made to the fact that Canada was not entirely lily white at the end of the Freedom Train."

The film was produced by Philippe Chabot who, along with actor David Lahaye, runs AVIVA Communications based in Montreal. Spurrell enlisted the musical talents of David Kristian the man responsible for the soundtracks of many feature films in the last few years including *La Belle Bette*, *The Abandoned* and *Sisters*. Spurrell stated, "I was surrounded by people who, once they saw and understood what it was I was working on, gave me their undivided time and somehow the investors just kept coming till I was finally able to finish this film."

"It was my dream as a teenager to be in the film business. I always knew that this is what I wanted to do," said Spurrell, adding, "I really can't think of doing anything else." Spurrell, is the founding member behind The Film Society in Montreal. This society has been meeting since 1992 and recently it has taken up residence in The

Segal Centre for the Performing Arts, (the former Saidye Brofman Center). Cinemaspace shows alternative films and films that are considered classics. "It is an enormous space, and an excellent screening facility. Gerald Potterton, of animation fame, was here on opening night, and he is the last director alive that has worked with Buster Keaton. Potterton lives in Knowlton," explained Spurrell.

With this film making the Film Festival rounds, Spurrell is already headlong into his next project. Working on his project that has the neighbourhood Notre Dame de Grace (NDG) as the backdrop, Spurrell is relieved to be on a Screenplay Development Program that the Quebec government has in place. "This is an entirely different scenario than *The Descendant*, which was made with absolutely no government money. It was made with money from private investors and a little help from NFB. So, this new project will go a little faster as I don't have to worry about how I will get from point A to Point B as, the money is there for me to be able to create," said Spurrell with a satisfaction in his voice that only comes from a person who is doing their dream. "This is my day job" said Spurrell to end the conversation.

For more information on the film view [www.thedescendant.com](http://www.thedescendant.com). For information on The Film Society/Cinemaspace, contact The Segal Centre for Performing Arts at the Saidye, 514.739.2301.

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## REMEMBRANCE:

Our members will exchange clothes a child has outgrown, share experiences and solutions," said Smith. "At the moment this group is restricted to residents of Cowansville, there's a similar group in Farnham. I would like to see such groups throughout the Townships."

Parents with children five and under who would be interested in joining the Cowansville Parent-Child Anglophone Group can call Karen Smith at (450) 263-7024.

## BEACH:

"We can't lose track that Douglas Beach is one of the only public access points to the Lake. It's a beautiful park and it's already used three seasons by people who live here and by visitors," says Morin.

The new building also gives the town the opportunity to capitalize on their prized possession; the Lake. It is an opportunity to move the beach house out of centre stage and closer to the parking lot. "Redesigning the beach is one of the more exciting aspects of this project," says Morin, "The new building will no longer be the focal point of the beach; the beach will be."

Morin says people have also questioned the wisdom of investing in the beach when there is no guarantee of water quality. But the town has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars already to study and improve the situation. "We have to remember the lake plan," says Morin. "We have high hopes."

An important aspect also to be considered is what visitors see when they

come to the town. "People want to see the Lake when they come to Brome Lake." She says with a laugh. "This goes along with the spirit of the Rue Principale project, it is a big attraction...for the residents and for tourists."

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# Don's book finally published, Whew!

Alanna Fahey  
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

In the early 1970's Don Davison was going through his father's study when he happened upon an old leather bound diary tucked unobtrusively onto the crowded shelves. When he opened it, he knew immediately that the words on these pages were meant to fall into his hands. He knew that he was entrusted to tell the story of the man who wrote the diary, one bankrupt British solicitor who was banished to Canada, John Rumsey. The

diary covered the years 1842 to 1849. Rumsey's lodgings burned down and with that the diaries also ceased. Davison was captivated by Rumsey's plight. His seemingly brilliant life was soon scarred by bankruptcy, his wife's death, his disgrace and his final indignity, his children had to go live with his sister, because he was banished to Canada because of his bankruptcy.

Upon moving to The Townships three years ago, Davison became an instant instalment in the local arts scene. He is best known in the area for his wonderful singing voice, from his choir work at The Creek Church to his involvement with Knowlton Players productions. Enthralled with the area, the history and especially the Canadian involvement in the last days of the American Civil War, Davison soon began to do research for his book 'Raise the Flag and Sound the Canon', based upon a raid and bank heist in St. Albans, Vermont. As he was formulating the story he soon realized that John Rumsey could be written into the book. Indeed John Rumsey would become the central character in a

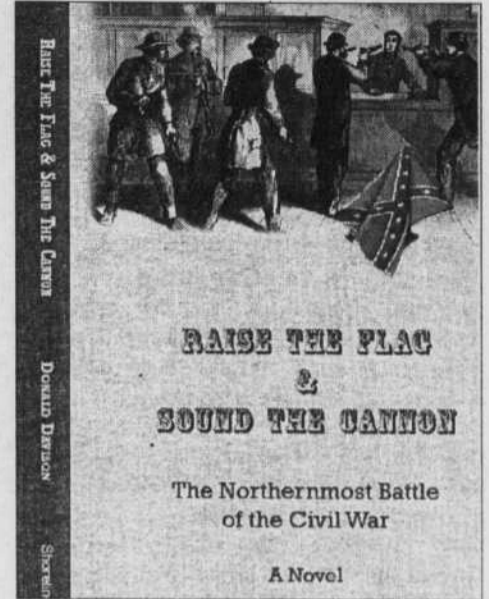
book that weaves its way methodically through the convoluted events toward the end of the Civil War.

Desperate for cash, The Confederate soldiers thought that if they robbed the American mercantile banks that were close to the US/Canada border, they could sneak across the border into Canada where they were certain they would not be prosecuted, given the fact that Canada had no stake in the Civil War. They were in for a huge surprise.

Davison uses the Civil War to retell a fascinating true story, yet he cleverly intertwines several pertinent sub-plots, fiction and a bevy of characters, to tell a story that is full of fun, mischievous misdeeds and utter nonsense on the part of The Confederate soldiers.

Two years ago, with his manuscript complete, Davison set out to have his book published. He had sent it off expecting it to be in his hands well before Knowlton Players took their adaptation of the book onstage in a play called Chickasaw. Davison had mentioned to his friend Donald Patriquin that he was working on this civil war raid book, when Patriquin expressed his interest in making it into raucous musical. All in jest, as they say, however, not in this case. Patriquin, with the blessing of Davison began to make the book into a musical play, meant for community theatre.

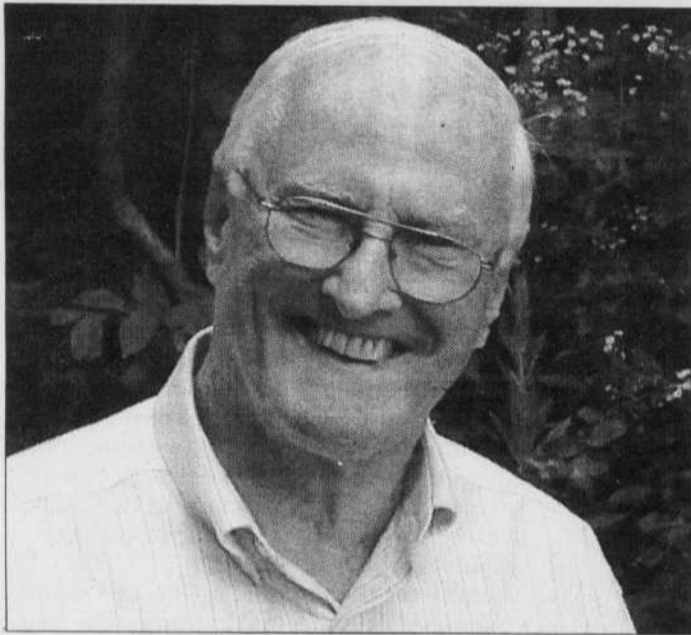
The show opened to sell out crowds and Davison was still without his book. Finally, this past summer, Davison went online to seek out publishers and came across a rather unique website listing English publishers in Quebec. He called Shoreline in Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue and



spoke with Judith Isherwood, owner. She expressed an immediate interest and voila, Davison has book in hand. Isherwood's company is unique in the fact that every author she publishes, has to give a percentage of their sales to the company in order to finance another writer that Shoreline takes an interest in.

Davison stated, "I am thrilled to have this book published. The story is captivating and I am certain it will be of interest to anyone interested in this historical time and these events in the last days of the American Civil War." adding, "and it was fun to write Rumsey into the book."

Davison's book is on sale now at Brome Lake Books in Knowlton and at Atelier Muir in Freleighsburg. For more information on Shoreline, check out their website, [www.shorelinepress.ca](http://www.shorelinepress.ca).



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Don Davison

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Under the partnership, LEKinc, a KDC subsidiary in Knowlton will become the first facility in North America to manufacture and fill the Butterfly, a revolutionary uni-dose package designed and produced by the Bologna, Italy-based Easypack Solutions. The innovative packaging offers leading personal care brands worldwide with a new and cutting-edge technology, giving consumers the most efficient and practical single-

dose packaging on the market today.

The European-developed technology—introduced to the North American market at this week's PackExpo trade show in Chicago—produces a unique rectangular sealed package on a vertical form-fill-seal-machine. The machine packages liquid or semi-dense products into the proprietary Butterfly package, so-called because it takes the shape of a butterfly when consumers fold the package with their fingers to easily dispense the entire contents.

"I was awed by the technology and the entire concept, and I wanted KDC to be the first to have it in North America," said Duncan Copland, VP of Sales and Business Development for KDC.

"The functionality of the package is unmatched. Not only is it easy to use, with no-waste, precise dosing, it also provides increased messaging or branding potential on a flat surface, a value-added benefit for the brands. Its more convenient than all them, and cost-competitive as well." For more on KDC, please visit our website at [www.kdc-companies.com](http://www.kdc-companies.com).

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# Robert Chartier creates down to earth pottery

Wendy Denman  
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Robert Chartier creates pottery to enhance a home, to evolve with the life of a family, to be used and to inspire. "I don't want my pieces put in a cupboard or displayed behind glass, I want them close to the life of a family, on the wall, on the table, to grow as the family grows," said Chartier.

More of a clay artist than a potter, Chartier however creates useable pieces - platters, bowls, vases, birdbaths - free-flowing and full of motion and light. "I want someone to look at my platter and be inspired to create a beautiful presentation on it, to integrate food with my art and make something special."

Working with wife Robin Badger at their Down to Earth Studio in West Bolton, he is an experimenter, waking in the morning with an idea, then creating the reality in clay. "Robin and I approach the clay very differently, at opposite ends, but very complementary. She's centred on the wheel, creating her wonderful dinnerware and ovenware; she has probably made the same bowl a thousand times. Me, I never make the same piece twice, working with slabs and my hands, a huge rolling pin, letting the clay have a mind of its own."

Chartier constantly seeks motion in the clay, creating movement with line and glazing that reflects and changes with varying light. "I love the challenge that large pieces offer me, and I feel a strong connection to life's currents. Being alive is being tuned in every second, and to be present to what surrounds me has a strong influence on my work. Nature is so evocative, with large lines and delicate nuances counterbalancing at the same time, these are the elements you will find in my work."

He is an expert on glazing, responsible for the lustrous, trademark cobalt blue glaze on Badger's pottery, with its vitrified finish created with very high heat. Inspired by his research into the evolution of glazing, Chartier has returned to methods used for thousands of years. "I have never been satisfied with the commercial products available, I find them sterile. I seek my materials in nature, working with different oxides and minerals. I am always experimenting and my glazes are always evolving. Using nature like this adds motion and texture, with the piece changing and moving as the light and angle changes. I push the limit of the medium, sometimes I go too far, and then I start again. I am full of ideas and they are always changing, it is my nature."

"Three years ago I started experimenting with quartz, crushing them, the little pieces that remain look like diamonds in the glaze. It has taken a while for me to be satisfied, but now I am beginning to present these new pieces."

Chartier and Badger both work and sell from their studio on the Badger family farm. Visitors are always welcome with a phone call first, and the couple work towards two major shows a year, participating in Tour des Arts in July and holding their own Entertain-

ing for the Holidays Show for eight days in November.

"We create special pieces for the holidays, large serving platters, other pieces that will enhance and make the holiday table very special. I am introducing my quartz glazes this week. In fact we've been hiding much of our recent work for two months, so we can unveil it now."

The exhibition and sale at Down to Earth Pottery continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sunday, November 23rd. Located at 67 Bailey Road in West Bolton.



COURTESY OF ROBERT MENARD

Robin Badger and Robert Chartier met at pottery school, married, and work together in their West Bolton studio while raising their family.

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### ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEDFORD-PHILIPSBURG-FARNHAM

And Members of the Borders Regional Ministry. Sunday services for Nov. 23rd, will be: St. James Anglican Church, Bedford - 11:00am - Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Sparling, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Philipsburg - 9:30am - Matins - June Harris. St. James Anglican Church, Farnham - 9:30am - Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Sparling.

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# Earth Auction raising money for Thai kids

Wendy Denman  
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

When Melanie Whitham and Rémi Villeneuve travelled to Thailand in 2006, they fell in love with a group of orphaned children under the care of some old friends. On the same trip they learned of the precarious plight of the disappearing Asian elephant. Deciding to combine these two concerns, Whitman and Villeneuve will re-

turn to Thailand in January bringing this group of children from the Whispering Seed home on the Thai-Burmese border for a week of camping and learning at the Elephant Nature Park near Chiang Mai.

"We wanted to support this effort with a very special fundraising event, something in line with our beliefs," said Whitham, founder of the Peace school a number of years ago, and now heading Groupe Peace. "We are holding a buffet lunch and auction. The event will bring together the holiday spirit, responsible consumerism, support for local artists and merchants while helping this humanitarian and environmental initiative.

"We'll start with a healthy organic buffet followed by a live auction. All the items we are auctioning are environmentally friendly, fair-trade and/or organic. We are also auctioning services and coupons that offer alternatives in health and home and leisure. We have clothes made from bamboo, refurbished toys, gift certificates from health food stores, riding and yoga lessons and subscriptions to green magazines. In all we have 70 items to auction, all donated locally by artisans, professionals and merchants."

Whispering Seed currently houses six children all orphaned, abused and neglected from the disputed and dangerous zone along the Burmese-Thai border. The children are cared for and schooled at the home. "We're also taking some of the local village children along to the camp. It's been proven that the best way to save species like the elephant is to involve the local people and convince them it is important to save these endangered animals."

Asian elephants are threatened by poaching for ivory, meat and skin, killing for sport and encroaching and logging by humans on the elephant, traditional home ranges and habitat. "There are only 3000 to 4000 elephants left in Thailand and half of those are domesticated. The Elephant Nature Park is a huge place, a sanctuary and rescue centre that allows them to roam free, regain strength, heal wounds and

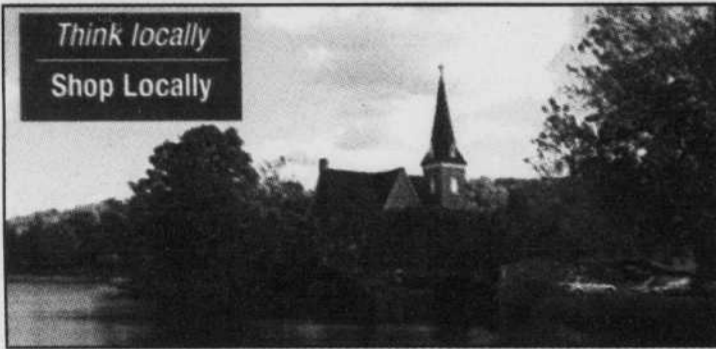
form important social groups.

"The children will learn about the problems first hand. Our hope is that they will be inspired. The camp will help build the children's self-esteem and give them the desire and tools necessary to become active in their communities and take responsibility for building the future they want beginning today."

In addition to sessions on the elephants and park excursions, Whitman will teach workshops where the children will learn and practise the principals of non-violent communication.

"This is really a unique chance to act consciously both locally and globally," said Whitham.

The Earth Auction and Buffet takes place on Saturday, November 22nd at Curé-A-Petit School, 229 Breault Street Cowansville. The buffet begins at noon, the auction at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets available at the door or by reservation, call Melanie Whitham at (450) 775-4494.



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# The ethics of a body check and a planet

For those not familiar with the late Stephen Jay Gould, saying he was one of the greatest natural scientists of the last century is an understatement. His contributions to research were only eclipsed by his ability to write about the wonders of ecology and evolution in a way that was accessible to all. It was not at all out of place for Gould to start an essay with a story about his beloved New York Yankees and somehow relate it to the importance of a fossil fish making paleontology as interesting as baseball in the process. It was no doubt Gould's inspiration that turned a simple hockey game into something much bigger for me.

Two weeks ago, in a matchup of old rivals, the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs, hockey fans witnessed a gruesome body check. Leaf defenceman Mike Van Ryn was pasted face first into the boards by gritty Canadiens forward Tom Kostopoulos giving him a concussion along with a broken hand and broken teeth. The wake of the hit started a huge online discussion about the incident. While some of these online debaters were clearly biased by the colour of the players' jerseys, others seemed to see it as an issue of what was more important: the intent to injure or the resulting injury. Little did they know it, but this second group was stepping on the toes of some pretty important philosophers.

Philosophers and ethicists have long been divided into two groups. One group, called consequentialists, hold that the morality of an action should be judged on the outcome. For example, if someone accidentally spills coffee on a carpet, that would be judged as bad even if the spiller didn't intend it. On the hand, the couragists claim that an action should be judged based on the intention of the act. In this case the coffee spiller wouldn't be judged as bad because they didn't mean to spill their coffee. These two points of view don't conflict when someone intends to do something good and the outcome is good or vice-versa but things get sticky when the outcome of an action is the opposite of the intention.

Without know-

ing it, hockey fans debating the severity of Kostopoulos' punishment were debating this famous philosophical issue. "If Van Ryn escapes injury, probably no suspension is forthcoming, the consequences resulting from a careless act do matter," says one fan clearly siding with the consequentialists. Damien Cox, a Toronto Star sports reporter, makes a clear case for the couragists: "No intent to injure. Just a good play gone bad. So no, Kostopoulos doesn't deserve a suspension." In the end, the reasoning behind the three game suspension handed down by the league ended up having a distinctly consequentialist sound to it: "While it is my determination that Kostopoulos did not deliver a check to an unsuspecting opponent, his actions caused injuries."

This theme of intentions versus consequences creeps up in many places other than hockey. In a murder trial, intention can be the difference between manslaughter (4 years in prison) or first degree murder (life in prison). On the other hand, no-fault car insurance ignores the intentions of the drivers and pays out according to the consequences of an accident.

What about when it comes to environmental damages? I don't think that there is anyone who would intentionally cause environmental damage, they would avoid it if possible, but the damage is done nonetheless. Does that mean we are couragists in this respect? We drive our cars knowing the consequences are carbon dioxide emissions and climate change but we think it's alright because it's not our intention to release it; our intention is simply to get from point A to point B. Is this the important difference then between the average Canadian and David Suzuki who

is deeply concerned with the consequences of our actions?

Even intention can be difficult to define when two things are happening at once, as is the case when we drive somewhere while simultaneously emitting carbon dioxide. Is it possible that though we only intend to get somewhere, we are also intending to emit carbon dioxide?

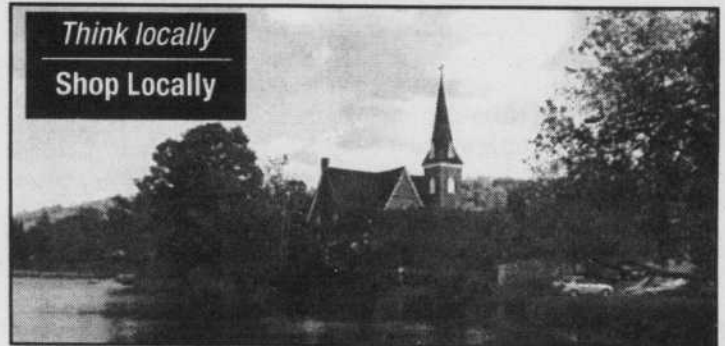
There's an interesting experiment that demonstrates how sticky this issue can get. The experiment involves showing people two scenes. In the first scene the vice president of a company explains to the president he has a new plan for the company that will maximize profits but will harm the environment. The presi-

dent replies that he understands the environment will be harmed but doesn't care; he tells the vice president to proceed. The people watching the scene are then asked whether the president is harming the environment intentionally. On one hand, his intention is only to maximize profits but he is conscious that this also involves harming the environment. Does that mean he is intentionally harming the environment?

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VIEWPOINT

JEREMY LABRECQUE






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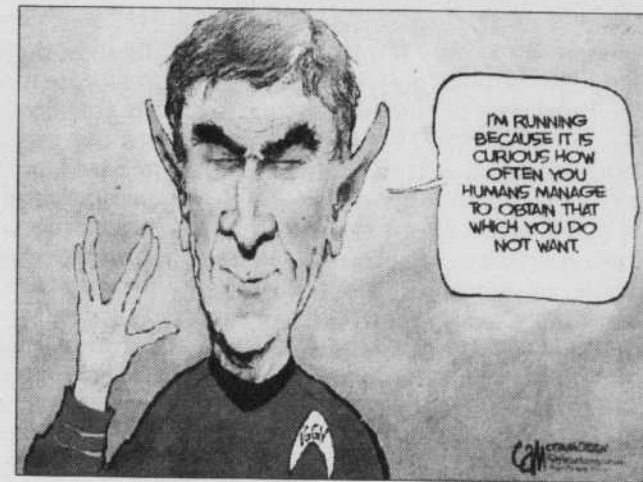
More and more, people are expressing their horror about the new Couche Tard under construction in Sutton. More and more, people are saying they have stopped buying gasoline, etc. at Esso & Couche Tard. The head of Couche Tard, according to Suttonois who met with the company executives, said that his company would never go into a town where it was not welcome. Well, almost 700 people signed a petition against the Couche Tard development and then almost 900 people opposed the proposed zoning bylaws whose spot zoning allows for such development into the future at this location. People wanted a park beside the John Sleeth community centre and the Arts Sutton gallery. People wanted to continue to see Mont Sutton! That's no longer possible. Mont Sutton has been stolen by the grinch of Couche Tard whose interest in the ringing cash register deafened him from finding a way to support his long term interests and those of this village. My wife & I no longer buy there.

We go instead to the Ultramar on the #104, near Sweetsburg and to Richford, Vt. Please find a way to stop supporting Sutton's Esso & Couche Tard. The following captures the feelings of a 30 year resident of Sutton. It's in both French and English. Please share with your friends.

DAVID JAMES SUTTON

Couche-Tard is eye-sore

Having lived in Sutton for over 30 years, seeing this amazing community grow and attract all kinds of different people to come and live here or to visit, united by the love of Mount Sutton and its surrounding area, it brings me great sadness to witness the destruction of the best view of the mountain from the heart of the village. Driving into Sutton, or shopping around the corner of Academy and Main, the view of the mountain was always glorious, the pink frost of alpenglow in winter, the symphony of colors in the fall, the fresh hue of green in spring when the leaves are about to burst. I always felt my spirits uplifted by this magnificent view of the mountain; now being destroyed by a monstrous eye-sore of a building. What I can't understand is how a town council that worked so vigorously to beautify Main Street at great



expense, burying the power lines to have an unobstructed skyline, could then allow a monstrous eye-sore to be constructed that will destroy the village's most beautiful view of the mountain forever. To all who agree with my thoughts, let us put a voice to our concern and tell the powers that be to stop this travesty. To have such a misplaced eyesore in the heart of our town, especially with a useless fake second storey blocking the view, also shows a lack of sensitivity on the side of a greedy corporation to take into account the uniqueness of the place and the wishes of its people. It is time for communities like ours to let such

corporations know that they cannot just come into a village like ours and destroy its soul. I am a big advocate of supporting local business, but I for one will never buy gas or shop at that store or any Esso station or Couche-Tard anywhere. I urge anyone who cares about this issue to act with your dollars too, and let the town council know how you feel about this issue.

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The ladies from Cowansville were the hostesses at Tuesday night's card party at the Oddfellows hall. There were 15 tables of Whist players raring to go. Table #1 with 42 points were the winners, they were Captain Marg Royea, June Call, George Wilson, and Gerald Coupland. Prize #2 went to Table 8 with 40 points to Captain Doreen Gibbs, Ethan Perkins, Bruce McPherson, Stanley O'Brien, and the Booby prize went to table #4, with score 15 points to Captain D. Wilson, G. Cook, D. Premont and Virginia. Prizes went to H. Riti and Ruby Sherrer for taking 13 tricks, D. Kirby for four 6's.

The grocery basket went to Herb Riti. Door prizes went to June Call, Gaitanis Nadeau, Lionel Foster, Doreen McPherson, Ethan Perkins, B. DeLemaire, Dorothy Premont, E. Page, Rita Bowbrick, H. Slachta, S. O'Brien, P. Benoit, D. Kirby, Anne Foster, A. Dean, D. Wilson, S. Vaughn, J. Scott, E. Badger, G. Nadeau, S. DeSolla, M. Dudley, J. Streule, S. Robinson, S. Lord, J.P. St. Pierre, A. Fletcher, B. Plante, H. St. Pierre, R. Hamilton, D. Gibbs, E. Johnson, J. Riti, N. Page, G. Coupland, D. Luce, P. Bowbrick, J. Royea, B. McPherson. The ladies served a great lunch and we all hurried home to watch the election down south. See you next week in Sutton.

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Waterloo Golden Age Club met

The Waterloo Golden Age Club met at the Legion hall On Monday, October 27th at 1:30 p.m. In the absence of the president, the meeting was again conducted by Celia Gamache. Celia welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by the Lord's Prayer being said in unison. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lucille Aitken. In the absence of the treasurer, Louise Lowry, there was no treasurer's report. A suggested date for the Annual Christmas Dinner was Wednesday, December 10th, but this has not been confirmed as yet.

Winners of the half and half drawing were Celia Gamach and Lucille Aitken. Winners at "500" were as follows. Jean Riti, first; Ethan Perkins, second; and Herb Riti, third. The special bid of 10 Clubs was not won. Winner at the games table was May Banks. The meeting concluded with a fine lunch being enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on November 10th.

The president wishes to sincerely thank Celia for conducting the last three meetings in his absence owing to illness in the family.

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And we miss you  
More and more each day,  
Our lives are not the same  
Since you were called away.*

MAHANNAH FAMILIES

WOODARD, Silvia Everett - November 16, 2005.

*Our loss on earth is Heaven's gain,  
Let every day be a reason to live.  
We miss you.*

Love always,

JESSIE AND FAMILY

## Deaths

McWILLIAM, James Rankin - Sadly on November 10, 2008. James Rankin (Jim) in his sixty-third year. Loved husband of Catherine from Knowlton. Loving father of sons James Alian, ( grandfather of Nela) of B.C. and Dana of Cowansville, brother of the late Sandra (George Morris), Heather (Ron Yarwood), Bonnie (the late Ian Brown), Roderick (Janet Patch), son of the late James and Inga, nephew of Thelma McWilliam (Do). He leaves to mourn his many nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by his many hockey buddies and many friends. Father figure to Melissa. Memorial service will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, Knowlton, QC on November 20, 2008 at 2 p.m. Donations in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice and will be gratefully acknowledged.

## DR. GOTT

## Mystery pains defy diagnosis for two years

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a problem that I am hoping you can help solve.

Two years ago, I started developing pains that seem to travel and throb from my sinuses to my head and from my buttocks to my legs. About a year ago, I went for a physical and blood tests. The doctor told me I had probably picked up some strange virus while traveling.

In January of this year, my ears started sounding muffled with a humming noise, so I went to a naturopath. She told me to eliminate dairy products from my diet. The muffled humming stopped after I took her advice, but these mysterious pains are still present.

The pain lasts for about two days, stops for a day or two and then comes back. I have also started losing my hair. Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated.

DEAR READER: I am not sure I can provide you with anything beneficial, but I will try. You have not given your age, where you traveled, when the pain started in relation to your travel, your general health status, any medications you are taking or other relevant information. I only know you are a female because you signed your letter.

The first thing that comes to mind is a possible spinal issue. Pain beginning near the buttocks that travels down the legs is often the result of pressure on the sciatic nerve. This can be due to a herniated, bulging or dried vertebral disc.

Disc herniation can also occur in the cervical spine (neck), causing your head pain. You could also have sinus headaches or an allergy. If you

traveled out of the country, a virus or parasite may be to blame, but this seems unlikely.

I urge you to return to your physician or find a new one. Explain your symptoms in detail (date of onset, travel destinations, etc.) and request testing. This should include blood work and stool samples to check for parasites and viruses, as well imaging studies such as X-rays, CT scan or MRIs to check for disc problems, tumors or other lesions.

It has been two years since your symptoms began, so the cause is most likely benign. However, you need to know what is causing your pain so you can treat it properly.

While waiting for your appointment, there are a few things you can do to try to narrow down the cause. You could try antihistamines for a possible allergic connection. Stretching and NSAIDs, such as ibuprofen, may help if it is a spinal issue. I also recommend that you write down anything important about your symptoms, as well as everything you have tried to relieve the pain. Bring the information to the appointment. In this way, you can ensure you have reported everything that may be relevant. Let me know how things turn out.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Managing Chronic Pain" and "Headaches." Other readers who would like copies should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 per report to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

## FULFORD

## Margaret Fordham

The Massey-Vanier Vikings hockey team includes Dylan Wright, captain, and Gerald Lafond and Matthew St. Pierre.

The reception for volunteers given by the Town of Brome Lake is a tangible expression of appreciation, one much appreciated by Fulford residents.

Sympathy to the Roux family on the death of Mrs. Roger Roux (Manny, nee Lyster).

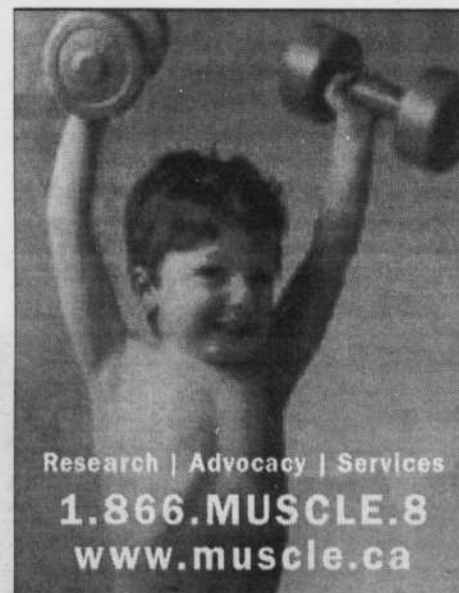
Hostess Carla Wright provided tasty snacks at the November meeting of the Fulford Social Club. Due to the closure of the Fulford bridge and the condition of the only access roads, meetings have been postponed until March.

Shannon Gavrilchuk and Dylan Wright were among the students at Massey-Vanier who enjoyed a trip to New York City, although accommodations did not live up to their rating.

In the last column, there was an error in the name of Laura Cooper (nee Graves)



ROYEA, Arlene (1923 - 2008) - Peacefully, at Foyer Sutton on Friday, November 7, 2008, Arlene Royea, in her 86th year. Predeceased by her companion Louis Boisvert, she leaves to mourn her sister-in-law Dorothy (Bill), nephew Bill (Terri), niece Cathy, other relatives and dear friends. Family and friends will be welcome at Grace Anglican Church in Sutton on Friday, November 21, 2008 from 10 a.m., the service to be held at 11 a.m., followed by interment of the ashes at Sweet Cemetery, Sutton, QC. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Foyer Sutton Volunteer Committee would be appreciated. (50 Western, Sutton, QC, J0E 2K0). Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Quebec J2K 2N5. Tel.: 450-263-1212, fax: 450-263-9557, info@desourdywilson.com Dora expresses a very sincere thank you to the staff at Foyer Sutton for the wonderful care given to Arlene during her 2 year stay with them.



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# Brome County NEWS

## Game wardens face organized criminals

Jessica Brown  
BCN CORRESPONDENT

**Y**ou may think the local game wardens do little more than help out when you've got a rabid raccoon in your backyard or a moose stuck in your swimming pool. But, it's hunting season and they have to go head to head with hunters holding loaded guns, unhappy to be caught breaking the law, and the wardens are unarmed.

According to John Rhicard, assistant Wildlife Conversationalist for the Brome-Bolton Fish and Game Club, night shooting is a major problem.

"Hunters go into fields with big spotlights and watch for the deer's eyes to shine, and then shoot. Some people are doing it now with night vision goggles."

Hunting is only permitted from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. Night shooting is illegal and punishable by a fine, but difficult to prove unless citizens call in a complaint.

"People are afraid to get involved," says Rhicard. "They need to know their complaints are confidential and we need to know about it when it happens."

"If you can get the vehicle make and a license plate, that's really helpful," says Rhicard who also reiterated that no animal is worth risking your life for.

In some of the cases, it takes several years before they have enough evidence to bust the ring. Sometimes the hunters even claim they've killed the deer during hunting hours. At the weigh station, they can usually tell by the temperature of the meat, but very difficult to prove in court.

But it's not just the organized hunters that wardens are busy with,

but shooting off the road. "They sit in their trucks and drive around. If they see a deer in the field, they shoot at it. That's illegal."

It is also illegal to shoot across the road, but it still happens. "People are willing to take a chance," says Rhicard. "That's why it's so important that people call us right away if they see or hear anything suspicious."

Rhicard says the most difficult part of their jobs is confronting people with loaded rifles to tell them they've broken the law. "They get upset when they find out they are trespassing or have not tagged their deer."

The confidential numbers to call about illegal or questionable hunting practices are 1-800-463-2191 or for the Brome-Bolton Fish and Game Club, 450-776-7131. Although Rifle season ends on the November 14th, black powder runs between November 22nd-30th.



LISA-MARIE BOULANGER

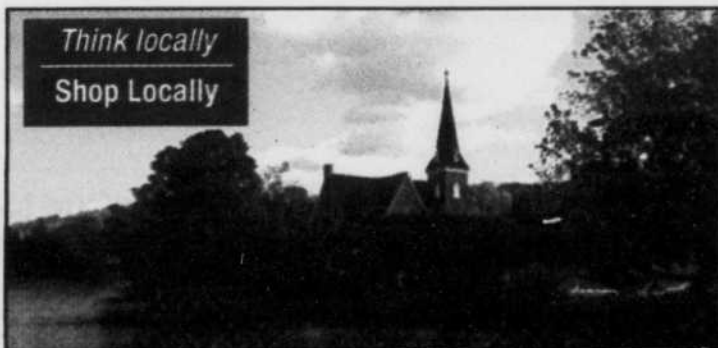
Bambi now has to fight night vision goggles.

## PLANET:

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The second scene is identical to the first except the word harm is replaced with help. The people are then asked whether the president helps the environment intentionally. Interestingly enough, when harm is done to the environment, 82 per cent said that president harmed the environment intentionally but when the environment is helped only 23 per cent say the president helped the environment intentionally. People thought that the president intended to do a bad thing but not a good one despite the fact that the circumstances are the same.

Maybe the moral is as simple as the Kostopoulos hit. I don't believe he intentionally injured Van Ryn just as we don't intend to damage the environment through our actions. However, Kostopoulos was somewhat reckless and was rightly punished for the results of his actions. We are also reckless to a certain degree with our natural environment but, unlike Kostopoulos, still have time to try and abandon these reckless ways...before someone gets hurt.



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