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Scam alert

By Jen Young

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Townshippers can get scammed, too. Or at least, scam artists can try. "We are pleased to inform you of the release of the Euro Miliones Lottery International Promotion Program," reads a letter from Spain received by a Townshipper (who asked to remain anonymous).

Despite not having entered the lot-

tery, the recipient was advised that he won a small fortune in the drawing. And absolute secrecy, according to the lottery agency, is vital.

"Your fund is now deposited in a financial outfit with your prize money insured in your name. Due to mixed [sic] up of some numbers and names, we ask that you keep this award from public notice until your claim has been processed and your money remitted to

your nominated account as this is part of our security protocol."

And to get the cash, the official-looking document says a collection of personal details are needed.

"It's clear that it is fraud," said RCMP spokeswoman Corporal Elaine Levergne. "As soon as people are asking for too much personal information you

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All Wet



DAVID ANDERSON

Sutton's still open for skiing — but the Spring Snow on the Beach party added water into the mix! See page 14.



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The Pie bonspiel

The Lennoxville "Pie" Bonspiel was — mostly — held March 11 to 17 with 26 regular teams and 18 senior teams (from Toronto, Branford, Baie Dufé, St. Lambert, and the Estrie region). The snowstorm on the Friday evening interfered and the senior portion of the event was actually held March 20. The regular was played. The Nichol, that goes to the top team in the bonspiel, was presented for the 75th time (it was donated by Wes and Howard in honor of their father John Nichol Sr.).

A special pin sent to the winner, along with cash prizes presented by John Nichol (Jr). A \$150 charity donation went to the borough's food bank.



Ultramar Trophy, front row winners, Sherbrooke (left to right): Jean Langevin, Richard Lacrois, Marc Paradis and Gerald Marcoux. Runner-up Lennoxville: Rocky Chretien, Mike Mooney, Bill Smith (Ultramar), Lyle Sample and Mike Berard.



Nichol Trophy winners from Border, Border (back row, l to r): Josh Bronson, Daniel Camber, John Nichol (donor), Jamie Retchless and Steve Roy. Runner-up, Sherbrooke: Yvan Verville, Derek Lockwood, Gaetan Guillemette and Evin Mooney.



Brantford — front row l to r: Stu Field, Al Smith, Martin Helter, Ron Smith. Runner-up rear — Lennoxville, Rollie Dionne, Gerry Cannon, Denis Singher and Denis Oakley.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. Rain or snow beginning late in the morning changing to snow late in the day. Wind 30 km/h late in the morning. High plus 4.

Friday: Periods of snow or rain. Low minus 2. High plus 5.

Saturday: Sunny. Low minus 3. High 9.

Sunday: Cloudy with 40 per cent chance of showers. Low zero. High 9.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Granby needs more of everything, say officials

Health care money sought

By Maurice Crossfield
GRANBY

Officials at the Centre de santé et des services sociaux de la Haute-Yamaska say the region needs at least \$120 million in new investments to meet the growing demand for health care.

"It is not a small undertaking," said Claude Vézina, director general of the CSSS Haute-Yamaska.

At a press conference Wednesday, Vézina and CSSS board chair Marie Benoit unveiled the action plan for the next 10 years, with investments needed for hospital, CLSC and long-term care. This on top of the cash already earmarked for the construction of a new emergency room and nuclear medicine unit.

"The most urgent need is the addition of 231 beds in long-term care," Vézina said. That carries with it a price tag of about \$40 million, but will relieve patient congestion in a number of other departments. "That's a decision that needs to be made fairly quickly."

Since 2001, health and social service institutions in the Haute-Yamaska have undergone two mergers, becoming one entity in June 2004. Today it boasts 1,800 employees and an annual budget of \$101 million.

In the years ahead, the CSSS H-Y will see the demand for services grow. While the population of Haute-Yamaska is expected to grow from 86,868 to 93,011 by 2016, it's also a population that is aging faster than in much of the rest of Quebec.

Meanwhile demand for its specialty services, such as nuclear medicine, psychiatry and scanning, will also increase.

CSSS H-Y officials say it is already behind, lacking at least 32 long-term care beds and another 30 to 35 short-term care beds. And the emergency room is on average 250 per cent over capacity — all the time.

Up to 35 per cent of short-term beds in medicine and surgery are occupied by people waiting for space in a nursing home.

"The capacity of the emergency is 10 stretchers, which is 50 per cent of the capacity required according to the ministry of health and social services," Vézina said.

na said. "And in long-term care by 2011 we will be lacking 106 beds."

The CSSS H-Y also wants to spend another \$15 million to gather CLSC services from six locations under one roof. That proposal dates back to 2001.

Some progress will be made in the near future: Construction of the scanning and nuclear medicine unit will be complete by this fall, while the new and improved ER is expected to be open for business by the end of 2009. Considering the time it takes to go from ministry approval to the final construction, Vézina says decisions must be made sooner rather than later.

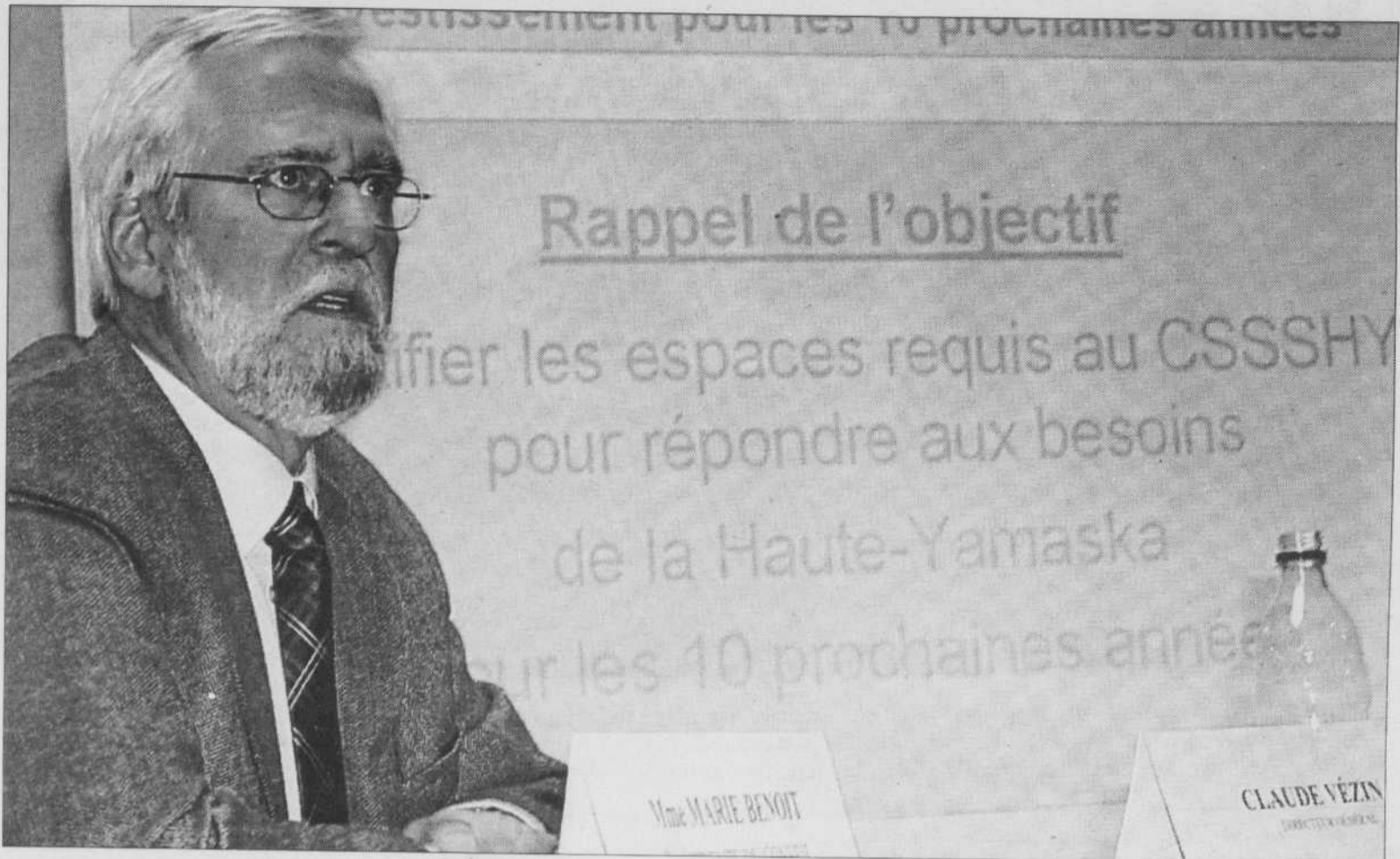
"We're talking about 2011, that's not very far off," he said. Any new projects would take several years to complete.

Another problem facing the Granby Hospital site is a lack of land. Once the nuclear medicine unit is complete, the hospital will have no space to spare. As a result hospital officials are reviewing the construction plans to make sure the new structure will be strong enough to eventually support a total of four floors.

That expansion would cost an additional \$60 million, allowing some services to be reorganized and adding

another 30 beds to its capacity. Of that number six would go to the mental health unit, which would help the hospital meet a lack of mental health resources already outlined by the regional health and social services board in a 1999 report.

"This is all one-time funding," Vézina said, noting that the cost of keeping a short-term care bed open is about \$142,000 a year. "The harder part will be to get the recurring funding to operate these new spaces."



Claude Vézina outlined the needs for the greater Granby region, which continues to grow and whose population continues to age faster than the provincial average.

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Labonté back behind bars

Seven months

Guy Labonté will spend the next seven months in jail and three years on probation after threatening to harm and kill a worker at an employment centre in March.

Labonté, known for his complicity in the 1996 rape and murder of Isabelle Bolduc, called and left the threatening messages at the Centre Local d'Emploi in Thetford Mines. The employee called the police, who wasted little time in arresting Labonté.

Tuesday Labonté pleaded guilty to uttering threats of physical harm and uttering death threats. He was then sent back to jail, where he previously

spent five years in connection with the rape and murder of a young woman.

In June 1996, 22-year-old Isabelle Bolduc was walking home when she was kidnapped by Jean-Paul Bainbridge, who dragged her into his car and took her to his apartment. For the next 18 hours, Bainbridge and Marcel Blanchette raped and tortured her, as Labonté watched. He later watched as the two men took her to an isolated area and beat her to death.

At that time Labonté pleaded guilty to forcible confinement following a plea bargain that saw his murder charge dropped. He served his full sentence, with the parole board fearing he could offend again.

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COURTESY

Magog's Ecocentre opens for the season on Friday with extended hours, and the city is offering free clothing and textiles, free car tires and some construction materials to residents who want to re-use them. It will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors overprescribed antipsychotic drugs

— Ontario study

By April Lindgren
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
TORONTO

Ontario nursing homes are too quick to give vulnerable seniors antipsychotic drugs to keep them calm, suggests a disturbing new study examining prescribing rates for the drugs at 485 facilities.

The study of 47,322 residents in provincially regulated nursing homes indicates the average rate of antipsychotic prescribing by home ranged from 21 per cent in the groups with the lowest average rate to 44 per cent in the highest category.

Residents in nursing homes with high prescribing rates were three times more likely to be given antipsychotic drugs — whether they need them — than others in facilities with lower antipsychotic prescribing rates, indicates the research by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.

"These results suggest antipsychotic therapy is not being prescribed based on their clinical indication," the researchers write in the latest issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine.

"Rather, the decision to prescribe an antipsychotic therapy appears to be related to the nursing home environment, with some environments being more permissive about antipsychotic use."

The research also indicates among the 8,058 residents who had no condition requiring antipsychotic drugs, 10.4 per cent or 839 were nonetheless medicated. In the nursing homes with the highest antipsychotic prescribing rates, 16.6 per cent of patients with neither psychosis nor dementia were given the drugs.

"Prescribing antipsychotic therapy to a resident with no clinical indication for the therapy has been identified as a measure of poor quality of care," the study says.

Lead researcher Dr. Paula Rochon said antipsychotic drugs have side-effects including sedation, higher risks of falls and hip fractures and Parkinson's disease-type symptoms.

"Sometimes people are using them for the wrong reasons," Rochon said in an interview. "These are drugs that should be reserved for

situations where the benefits outweigh the risks. They certainly are not drugs that should be used to deal with sleep problems or people wandering."

Rochon, a geriatrician, said that before drugs are prescribed, greater effort is required to address the reasons for residents' agitation.

Researchers in another study, for instance, found antipsychotic therapy was reduced by 19 per cent following the introduction of training and support programs focusing on alternatives to drug use for the management of agitated behaviour. "Initiatives such as this provide an important alternative to antipsychotic therapy and should be used more uniformly across nursing homes."

Rochon said concerns about high rates of use of an earlier generation of antipsychotic drugs prompted legislators in the United States to pass a law governing their use in nursing homes. Following the introduction of the 1990 legislation, use of those drugs fell to 17 per cent from 24 per cent with no documented evidence of detrimental effects to residents.

Since then, new generations of antipsychotic drugs have been introduced and are being used more and more often, although it is now becoming clear there are serious safety concerns associated with them as well.

Rochon stopped short of saying Ontario should introduce legislation dictating when nursing home residents should be prescribed antipsychotic drugs, but observed the rate of use of such drugs should be monitored by provincial regulators as one of the indicators of quality of care.

Karen Sullivan, executive director of the Ontario Long-Term Care Association, said the variation in prescription rates for antipsychotic drugs has more to do with attending physicians than with nursing homes themselves.

Sullivan, whose association represents more than 400 profit and not-for-profit nursing homes, noted the researchers based their study on 2003 data and suggested the situation has improved since then because the province is now paying doctors more so they'll spend more time with long-term care patients to better understand their needs.

FRAUD:

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know it's fraudulent.

"A prize is a prize and you shouldn't need to give out any banking information."

This false prize patrol attached a letter asking for bank account numbers, next of kin, addresses and a copy of personal identification.

The company sending the "offer" is EuroMillones — and the Spanish business does in fact exist, and there is a real worldwide drawing that takes place. But the company website itself is warning of fraudsters using its name.

"Have you received a letter, email, or phone call telling you that you have won a big prize?" reads the EuroMillones website. "It is very likely (TAKE FOR SURE) that this letter or mail is a scam, a lie, and the scammers will try to charge you commissions or other 'costs' before paying you the supposed prize.

"This prize does not exist. There is a number of groups of criminals, of various nationalities, using the prestige and the commercial names of the Official Lotteries by fraudulent means in several countries, particularly in countries in the south-west of Asia and the Pacific, and countries on the American continent. They move with ease around the whole world and use mobile telephones, PO boxes, provisional or false addresses (including real addresses of official Spanish organizations), as well as names that bring to mind prestigious institutions ('el Gordo', 'Euromil-

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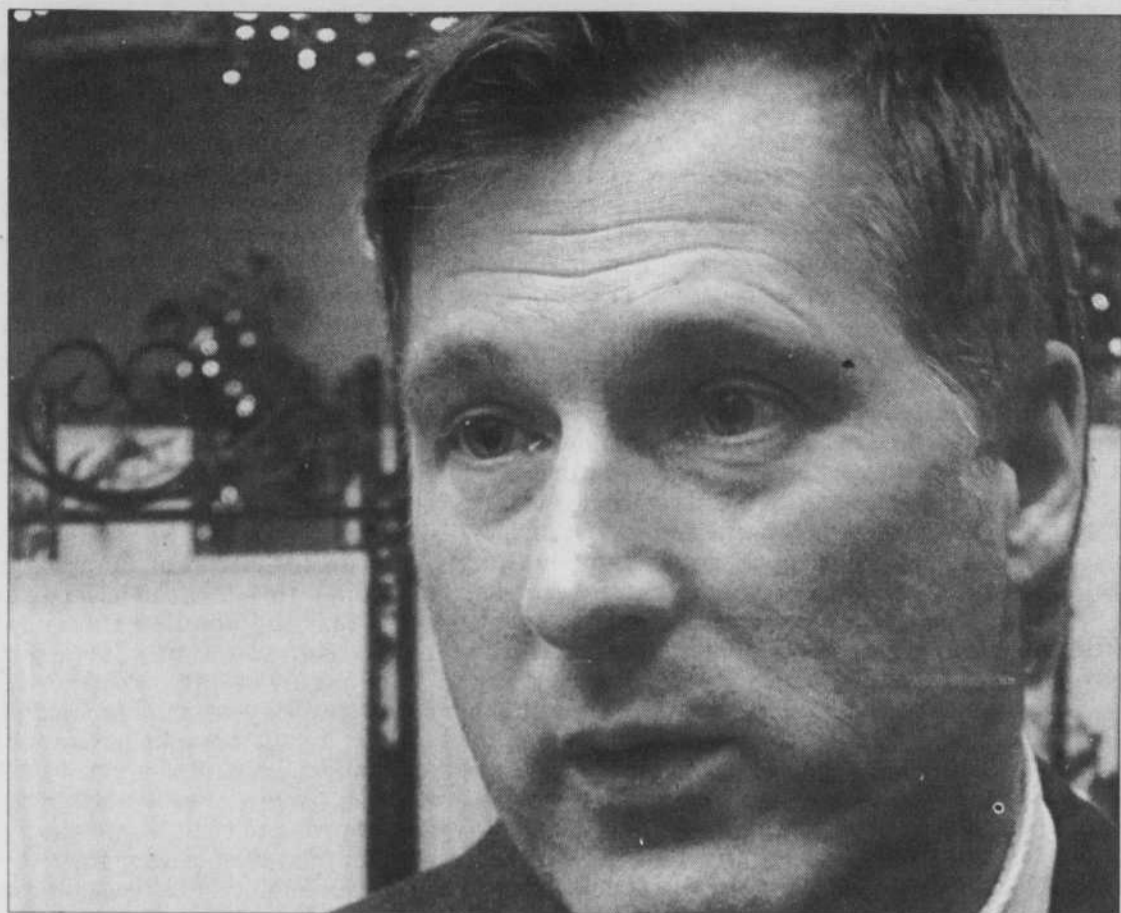
lones', 'la Primitiva', 'European Lottery Commission', etc.) They also forge the printed sheets and signatures of various banks. Therefore, when you are offered 'prizes' that seem to be linked to the Spanish Lottery, DO NOT PAY any amount. Likewise, we would be grateful if you could inform local authorities of these crimes...."

Local RCMP officials warn consumers to never send any personal financial information over the Internet. They also advise individuals to shred any informa-

tion related to credit cards and other financial details before tossing it in the trash, as the information can be used by people looking to impersonate you.

If you feel as though you have been a victim of fraud, or there is someone promising big money in exchange for some information, contact Phone Busters, an organization supported by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police specifically to fight fraud, at 1-888-654-9426, or by email at info@phonebusters.com.

Sales Job



PERRY BEATON

A second federal Tory Cabinet minister visited the Townships in as many days, as the industry department's Maxime Bernier spoke to the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce Wednesday morning about the pluses of the Conservative budget that was released in the middle of the Quebec election campaign.

BRIEFS

Legalities and Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer Society Estrie has rescheduled a French-language information seminar on legal ways to cope with someone who is no longer able to manage their affairs.

The workshop was cancelled in February because of bad weather.

It will now be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the salle Frances Whittle of the CSSS-IUGS (at 461 Argyll St.). For more information, call 819-821-5127.

Agriculture hearings

Farmers may want to plan ahead.

The provincial commission looking into the future of farming in Quebec is, slowly but surely, making its way to the Eastern Townships.

The Commission sur l'avenir de l'agriculture et de l'agroalimentaire québécois will be in Saint-Hyacinthe on April 19 and 20.

Hearings will be held Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Club de Golf La Providence (5055 St-Pierre West).

The group gets to Sherbrooke May 1 and 2.

Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and for Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Delta Sherbrooke (2685 King St. W.).

For more information, go to www.caaaq.gouv.qc.ca or call 418-646-1049.

Bread (but no wine)

The coordinator of Caritas Estrie said the annual Good Friday fundraiser missed its objective of raising \$215,000 this year, but Michel Boulanger said money is still coming in this week.

"We won't have a final total until early next week," said Boulanger. "But we should overshoot the target by a bit."

Some 3,000 volunteers went door to door on Friday, giving out bread and hoping for a \$5 donation back. Caritas funds multiple social programs in the area.

Magog money

Federal Secretary of State for Agriculture Christian Paradis announced this week that Magog's H. Fontaine Ltd. will receive a \$292,000 loan.

The company focuses on "water management products", according to a press release, and was founded in 1964. It has 158 employees in 20 countries, and more than 80 per cent of its sales are to foreign markets, "a performance that earned the company the 2002 Canada Export Award."

The money will be used for new equipment, research and development and to expand its consumer reach. Fifteen new jobs will be created.

Paradis is the MP for Megantic-L'Erable, and is the only Eastern Townships politician to sit at the federal Cabinet table.

A busy night for police

Two muggers and a driver

Staff
SHERBROOKE

Police in Sherbrooke were kept busy on Tuesday night as they sought, found, and arrested two suspected robbers and happened upon an alleged drug dealer.

The first theft occurred in the dog walk area of Camirand Park when a mugger attempted to steal the cell phone from a man walking his dog around 9:30.

The would-be thief pushed the man, hit him and tried to rob his cellphone before fleeing on foot. The victim used the cell phone to call police who located a suspect not far from the park, said Sherbrooke police spokesperson Maryse Boulanger.

The suspect, a 22-year-old man, resisted arrest, she said. He was finally taken into custody where police checked his record and learned he was breaking parole conditions.

The man now faces charges of theft, resisting arrest, uttering threats, as well as failure to respect the conditions of his release.

Later, around 12:05, a theft occurred at the au-

tomatic teller at the Caisse populaire Desjardins Sherbrooke-Est on Bowen South.

The victim was making a withdrawal when a man came in and grabbed the cash. An altercation ensued before the thief fled on foot with the money, said Boulanger.

A suspect was located in the vicinity soon afterward. He was arrested and searched, during which time police uncovered a small amount of drugs, said Boulanger.

The suspect, a 39-year-old Sherbrooke man, faces charges of theft and drug possession.

Earlier in the evening, police happened upon a cache of drugs when they stopped a man who was weaving in and out of his lane on Bourque Boulevard around 9:30.

Boulanger said patrollers noticed the man driving erratically and stopped him for a breathalyzer test. After stopping the vehicle, the officers noticed a bag filled with more than two dozen bags of a plant substance that resembled marijuana on the back seat, she said.

The 26-year-old driver was arrested and charged with possession with intent to traffic, Boulanger said. He was not intoxicated and will not face drunk driving charges, she added.

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Community Forum

A Bury resident continues to seek democracy

Calls council secretive

Dear Councillor James Cork, Municipality of Bury

In reading your October 2005 platform for election, I would like to ask you where have your philosophies and promises gone?

In our local journal, you stated that Bury must become more democratic and that citizens have every right to attend all council meetings. Yet, you and your fellow councillors have moved away from your very pledge and have, since your election, refused to post the dates and times of Special Meetings of council. Thus keeping Bury's citizens even more in the dark about the operations of their municipal government.

Past councils have always given their citizens the courtesy of notifying them when council was holding Special Meetings. Why do you and your colleagues have the need to shut the residents of our municipality out? Where is the

transparency that your fellow councillors promised the people of Bury?

In your platform, you emphasized the need for council to explain to its people the reason for "rendering a decision". However, when asked to clarify why town director general Michèle Thériault was being dismissed, you and other councillors responded, "No comment".

Mayor Marc Jacques Gosselin answered, "I don't have to tell you. The meeting is over."

As a citizen, you were not happy with the length of time taken by council to respond to written inquiries and wrote that residents "must receive the same in a timely fashion."

Mr. Cork, do you consider five to six months for a response to a simple question a "timely manner?"

In your campaign, you presented your vision of Bury and the operation of its council. Your vision however, did not include a municipality where taxes have become so high that residents are

OPEN LETTER

LEONA HODGE

putting their homes up for sale, a Fire Department with insufficient qualified firefighters to adequately meet the needs of its citizens, an infrastructure offering the resi-

dents undrinkable water, council meetings where citizens' emotions run so high that Sûreté du Québec officers need to be called and politicians require police escorts home, monthly meetings with security guards stationed behind the council table, and a municipality where the local government exhibits such disrespect for its citizens that dedicated volunteers have given up organizing events or offering their services to our people.

Councillor Cork, your October 2005 vision for Bury and those of your fellow members of council made for good reading.

Your team convinced the eligible voters of our municipality to cast their votes and, if not given the seat by acclamation, to grant them the opportunity to bring Bury forward. You are well into

your mandate and to date, you have accomplished very little that could be viewed as positive improvements to Bury.

Now is the time, Councillor Cork! Now is the time for you and your colleagues to put aside your personal agendas and work for the interests of all of the citizens of our municipality.

Even though you have lost the respect and the trust of many of our citizens, you must embrace all that is good in Bury.

You are the leaders of our municipality and it is time that you lead by example. Treat the people of Bury with respect and you in turn will be given it.

The people of Bury, who you see as united against you, could be unified in support of you. It is your responsibility, Councillor Cork, and that of Mayor Gosselin, and your fellow members of council, to prove to the people that you warrant their trust and support.

In your 2005 profile, you stated that you coached soccer.

Now Mr. Cork, you've got the ball. You can score with the people of Bury or you can once again take your team out of bounds. It's your play.

LEONA HODGE LIVES IN BURY.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No coyote hunters

DEAR EDITOR

In response to Fred Koczi's Viewpoint, "Teach coyote hunters a lesson" (April 10 Record), I would like to clear up several things.

First, I would suggest that the deer carcass in the open field was killed by coyotes or domestic dogs, when there was more snow, and it became visible when the snow melted. I seriously doubt a poacher would take the time to lug what was left of a carcass (hind quarters gone), out into a field clearly visible from the road. If it is being used to attract coyotes, the bait is placed in the woods where the coyotes feel safe, not in the middle of a field.

If his dog never strays more than a few hundred feet from home, I am sure the discharge of a high powered rifle in that area would certainly have been heard.

Coyote hunters do not use global positioning devices, but rather a radio tracking collar which can be picked up by an antenna (indicating general direction and distance by the strength of the signal).

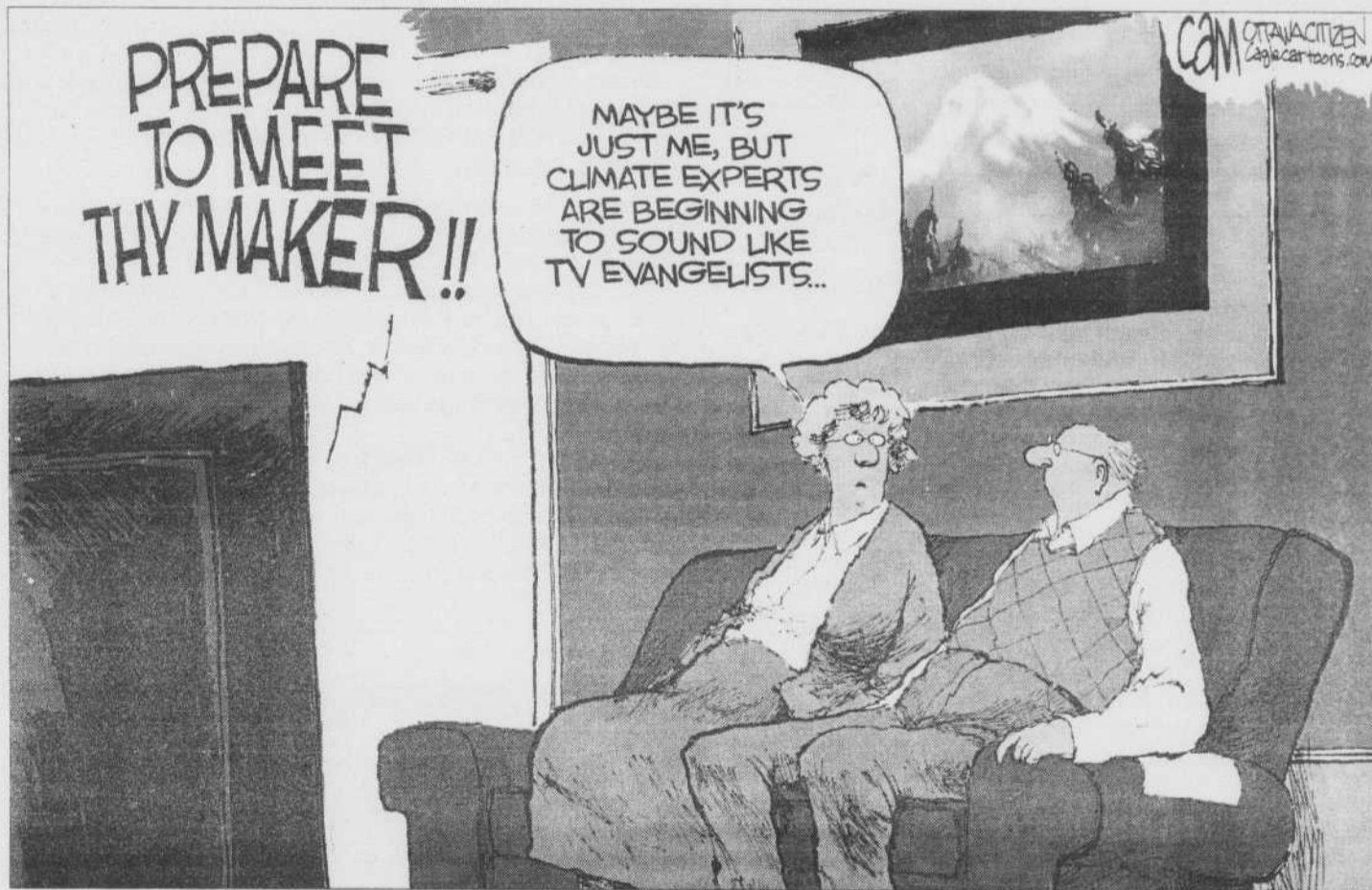
In the 23 years I have lived in Stanstead East and have known coyote hunters, I have never known them to have shot a dog. Rather, I might suggest that the 'pet' was possibly running deer and was shot by someone who saw it. Having sheep on my farm, I have had more problems with 'pet' dogs from 2 to 10 miles away, whose owners swear they never stray.

I wonder, if the dog never strayed from home, why you would check ditches for several kilometers, searching to see if she was hit by a car. Also, I doubt that anyone shooting a dog close to residences in broad daylight, would take the time to pick her up and transport her somewhere else.

I happen to know that there was no coyote hunting by the group of individuals Mr. Koczi refers to.

In conclusion, get the facts, not just conjecture, to support your opinion.

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Stanstead East



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Because of a sign, an activist is born

Save 'our' field

There's a "for sale" sign on the empty lot kitty-corner to the back of our yard. I'm thinking of stealing it. The sign, that is, not the lot.

I already think of it as "our" back field, even though technically it's owned by someone in Sherbrooke or Coaticook. Every few weeks during the summer, the owner sends around someone to mow the grass and keep down the weeds. We like to tell ourselves he does this for our sake.

The double-lot has been our soccer field, our baseball field, our soccer-baseball field, our romping space and our driving range (9-iron only). It's the dark

place where the little kids can run with sparklers and glowsticks and still feel safe and close.

It's the place where out of nowhere every summer pop those brilliant orange flowers, which we call "paintbrush flowers". Other times, you can walk through in your bare feet and stir up the scent of wild thyme.

It's been home to a bocce court and horseshoe pit. The latter resulted in a rectangle of trampled, gouged earth. It was the only time the lawn guy ever complained, not because of the mangled soil but because of a leftover broken beer bottle, probably hit by an



ROSS MURRAY

errant horseshoe.

I blame the kids. For the errant horseshoe, that is, not the beer.

We've surreptitiously dragged our lawn clippings, broken branches and weeds across the field and dumped them in the tall grass at the back edge. We've helped ourselves to those branches come

bonfire time.

In other words, we've made ourselves at home in the field.

The lot has been for sale for as long as we've been in this house, about 13 years. Up until a few weeks ago, its availability was advertised only by a hand-painted sign with a phone number and the advisory "S'no Dumping." I was always comforted by the non-threatening ambiguity of that sign. It might have well read, "For sale, or not. No biggie."

But now there's a bright realtor sign at the road edge. That means the owner has decided it's time to aggressively promote this prime piece of residential property. Potentially, someone might take away our field.

I know my town could use a couple of housing starts to improve its tax base. In fact, our entire economy is based on the concept of continuous growth. We're always being warned that if the economy doesn't grow, there's trouble.

But let's apply the theory of continuous growth to other realities. I want my children to grow, yes. But at some point, they'll have grown enough. If they con-

tinue growing indefinitely, eventually they would be so freakishly gigantic that my household would no longer be able to contain or sustain them. Plus, where would we find proper shoes?

Or say you have a balloon. Blowing air into the balloon helps it grow. This is good and much more fun than a flaccid piece of plastic. But if that balloon keeps growing, eventually what will happen? The balloon pops and all you're left with is a bunch of crying gigantic kids.

Based on these sound arguments, it's clear that the entire growth-based economic theory of western civilization is severely flawed. Especially in my backyard.

Unfortunately, no matter how sound my economic arguments (I also have theories about how gravity isn't a law but an option and how Jesus really has better things to do than help professional athletes win sporting events), they're not likely to deter anyone from buying the adjacent property.

So I'd just like to state for the record that there is a possibility that the lot in question may be an ancient Indian burial ground. I'm not saying that disturbing the land in any way will definitely unleash horrific otherworldly poltergeists bent on revenge and destruction. I'm just saying it's a possibility.

Also, the prospective buyer should know that I do a lot of gardening in my back yard. Wearing only a bright red Speedo. And there's a lot of bending involved.

Hells gets six years

Cocaine trafficking

By Neal Hall
VANCOUVER SUN

Jonathan Sal Bryce, the son of John Bryce, the 56-year-old president of Vancouver's East End chapter of the Hells Angels, was sentenced this week to six years in prison for cocaine trafficking and extortion. B.C. Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Patrick Dohm said he would have sent the 26-year-old Bryce to prison for up to 10 years had it not been for the relatively young age of the drug dealer, his expression of remorse in a letter to the court, and the fact that this was his first offence.

Federal prosecutor Martha Devlin had asked the judge to send Bryce to jail for eight years, describing him as a "professional drug trafficker" and a low-ranking member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

The judge pointed out that after watching surveillance video Tuesday and listening to wiretap phone calls played in court by the prosecution, he found Bryce handled himself during drug deals "at a comfort level that absolutely scares me."

Dohm also noted that Bryce seemed to have access to unlimited quantities of cocaine, selling one-kilogram amounts on three occasions, including two sales that took place inside the Hells Angels clubhouse, and another involving two kilograms.

At the time of the offences, Bryce was an official "friend" of the Hells Angels chapter, which is the start of membership in the outlaw motorcycle gang. He was later promoted to "hangaround member" after taking part in a beating of drug dealer Glen Louie in January 2005. The beating took place on a dark, remote road on Burnaby Mountain near Horizons restaurant. Provincial prosecutor Mark Levitz told the court that Louie was beaten because he was holding himself out to be a Hells Angels associate and was not sanctioned to use the Hells Angels name in order to sell drugs on the North Vancouver native Indian reserve.

The beating was secretly recorded by a police agent, Michael Plante, who had in-

filtrated the Hells Angels and was paid \$500,000, plus a promised reward of another \$500,000 after he testifies at several court cases this fall.

Bryce was among 18 people, including six members of the Hells Angels East End chapter, who were charged with a variety of offences in July 2005 after a 23-month investigation code-named Project Epanora that culminated with raids of Hells Angels clubhouses in east Vancouver and Kelowna.

At the time, a senior Mountie, Bob Paulson, said the East End chapter was specifically targeted because it is the most powerful Hells Angels chapter in B.C.

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Cycle One is planning to welcome back the monarch butterflies they bid farewell to last autumn by planting nectar loving flowers for our community garden as well as milkweed flowers, which is the only plant the monarch larvae eat.

Cycle two, year two dissected owl pellets to discover what an owl might devour for its dinner.

We enjoyed our winter carnival day with many fun filled activities to participate in.

These are just a few of the many exciting and joyful moments happening in and around our school.

Cycle Two year one held a garage sale for recycled toys as part of their entrepreneurial project.



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Stanstead? Uhm, where's that, eh?

Oh, you mean
Stanbridge!

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

While many subscribers to *The Record* know at least a little about the Stanstead area, David Bourgon of the Granite Expo Center (GEMS), Sophie Cormier, curator of the Colby-Curtis Museum and Pierre Pellerin of the flower-filled fields of Bleu Lavande found to their surprise that there are still many people who were unaware of the interesting treasures and talented people who live and work in this area.

It was in chatting with visitors to Montreal's recent Salon des Générations, that they found that Stanstead was often being confused with the Town of Stanbridge, which also lies near the Canada/United States border.

This energetic trio of official Stanstead ambassadors was among many other businesspeople in Quebec who participated in the popular salon — a big success which attracted more than 40,000 over the entire weekend.

"We were a little surprised to find out that there were many people who were not familiar with Stanstead," said Cormier. "The booth that David and I shared consisted of a powerpoint presentation of the area and local highlights and examples of the quality work done by granite workers in this area. I also brought along an item from the museum archives that I had proven to be intriguing to visitors at the Colby-Curtis Museum, a conversation-starter."

"We also brought along the new brochures that the tourist committee is putting out and of course, some from GEMS and the museum itself."

Cormier went on to say that many people had heard of the Eastern Townships but had no concept of just how vast the area really is. The trio spent a lot of time on the weekend just explaining where Stanstead was.

Cormier chuckled as she remembered that people seemed more eager to take one of their brochures when they found out that it was not based solely on agro-tourism, attractions and B&Bs, but also on other services including restaurants.

There are other much larger brochures available, such as *Tourisme de l'Est* and *True Nature of the Eastern*

Townships, but neither of these includes all the information you need to plan your whole day... or the weekend.

Restaurants proved to be a very important consideration to tourists.

Cormier recently spoke before the Canadian Museum Association Conference, presenting a similar view of the Colby-Curtis Museum and the tourist interests in the area.

The fact that the Colby-Curtis Museum/Stanstead Historical Society participated in an event such as the Salon des Générations is unusual in itself.

It is even more rare to see non-profit, non-traditional organizations teaming up with full-profit businesses to create a win-win situation for everyone — pro-

moting the interests of the Stanstead region as a whole.

Visitors are encouraged to check out more than one activity, setting up an ideal scenario where they may spend several days instead of just one. The region can only prosper if people are aware of what a location has offer.

Cormier added that the combination of flower and oils from Bleu Lavande and granite (at GEMS and the Colby-Curtis Museum), set in a Victorian atmosphere, is a good one.

David Bourgon added that this was not the first time that these three local attractions have worked together. The Colby-Curtis Museum, GEMS and Bleu Lavande experienced a busy summer in

2006 because of the creation of travel packages that included a visit to all three sites. While individually they might not have been able to sustain interest for a long period of time, together they could offer something that would encourage people to get to know the area as well, as they travel from place to place.

The Montreal salon was also helpful. "I especially enjoyed having the opportunity one morning to go around visiting other booths, regarding travel tours, senior groups and homes and others, trading information with them — a

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Easter à la Chez Serge

Faces lighting up

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

For the second year in a row, the Easter bunny made a special stop at Canteen Chez Serge to supervise an old-fashioned Easter egg hunt. The eggs each contained a number that entitled each child to choose a gift from a long table filled with toys and sweet treats.

There were more than 65 participants.

The names of the children were put into another drawing for a brand new bicycle. The lucky young winner was Nicolas Patton, who seemed a wee too young to ride it just yet but his parents promised that they would put it away for him.

This well-organized and fun activity for the kids is a direct result of Lana Whipple and Robert Bronson's love of children and enjoyment at seeing little faces light up in a smile.



NANCY NOURSE

Lana Whipple presents young Nic Patton with his brand new bicycle.

Ah, ah, ah, ah, stayin' aliiiiive

A disco, darn it

During one of the recent spring-like days, I was cleaning out the inside of my car. As I was getting rid of the remnants of sand and grime from the wrath of this past winter, my next door neighbour strolled by. He was happily walking his dog, tip-toeing around the puddles of snow-melted water on the sidewalk.

"Hi, Dave. Wonderful day, eh? Hey, I loved your column in *The Record* a couple of weeks ago about the old Maples. I used to enjoy dancing to a few tunes at that place."

I thanked my neighbour for complimenting me on my writing skills. The column he was referring to was about my humorous depiction of reviving the once boisterous Maples Hotel in Stanstead. I satirized country music superstars performing to raise funds to resurrect the abandoned bar on Dufferin Street and to bring country music back to Stanstead.

A few hours later while I was sitting at home in front of the TV, I began wondering about other former bars and taverns in Stanstead. Why not kick around a few ideas on ways to revive them, as well? So with my head full of suggestions, I created more conceptions about

what long gone bar establishments could do to become re-born.

Maples Hotel: Since the country superstars' jamboree performance was such a huge success, there's more entertainment in store. The Maples revival party continues with a ranch-style cookout in the parking lot at the rear of the building. Line dancers, rodeo enthusiasts and cowboys (cow-girls, too) are invited to feast on delicious chicken and ribs prepared by Master Chef Ellen (on loan from Steve's Pizzeria).

She also is hamming it up with her very own mouth-watering recipe called Jambon Braise.

After the meal you can watch Ellen take a perilous ride on the mechanical bull beside the barbecue pit. Guessing the precise number of seconds before she'll fall off wins you a free Tim McGraw CD. The day is capped off with everyone joining in a chorus of songs in tribute to Johnny Cash. You'll be singing the Man In Black's big hits such as 'I Walk The Line' and 'Folsom Prison Blues'.

Wendy's Lucky Pub: This bar that was once a shrine in the downtown Rock Island sector of Stanstead will reopen with a 1970s disco theme. Rumour has

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it that John Travolta of Saturday Night Fever fame will attend the opening night. The dance floor inside the pub has been refurbished with

special hardwood so dancers can glide around and imitate the smooth moves of disco-mania. Countless coloured strobe lights and a huge suspended mirror ball will get everyone into the groove while listening to the sounds of the dance style music era. The Bee Gees' 'Staying Alive' will get the party started and don't be surprised to see Travolta zip to the dance floor to strut his stuff, dressed in his signature polyester suit and platform shoes.

Del Monty Hotel: This ancient watering hole on Dufferin simply known as the Del Bar is reopening in hopes of attracting the heavy metalists of the music world. The first night will have the doorman handing out fake beards to all patrons to wear so they can rave along with the ZZ Top impersonators performing. You can scream and shout to the hits 'Sharped Dressed Man' and 'Legs'.

Insiders say that there's a very special guest that will take to the stage during ZZs intermission. Wasn't that Jon Bon Jovi sighted loitering at the corner of Railroad and Dufferin the other day?

Cover charge at the door is any AC/DC memorabilia you want to get rid of.

Silver Bar: This intimate little tavern located above the Del Bar on Rock Island Hill will reopen its doors to welcome back crowds who enjoy the music of classic rock. A brand new state-of-the-art jukebox with a surround sound system has all the greatest supergroup tunes ranging from Styx to the Rolling Stones.

An open-mike night is in the works to give patrons a chance at stardom on the karaoke machine. Who needs to watch the Canadian Idol TV program when a full capacity crowd at the Silver will cheer on your singing abilities.

There are unconfirmed reports that Howard Stern will be doing a live broadcast of his radio show at the Silver in coming weeks. A Silver employee, who leaked the breaking news on condition of anonymity, admitted negotiations with Stern's producers are still ongoing. Patrons are encouraged to use the outdoor balcony to enjoy a drink and commiserate about the Beatles breakup, Mick Jagger becoming a great-grandfather and Van Halen firing David Lee Roth for the umpteenth time.

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great new source of contacts for everyone," said David Bourgon.

"GEMS was also represented at Bienvenue Quebec, held in Laval last October. This served to open many doors for us as well. Those attending represented major tour organizations that are always looking for new places and packages to offer their clientele."

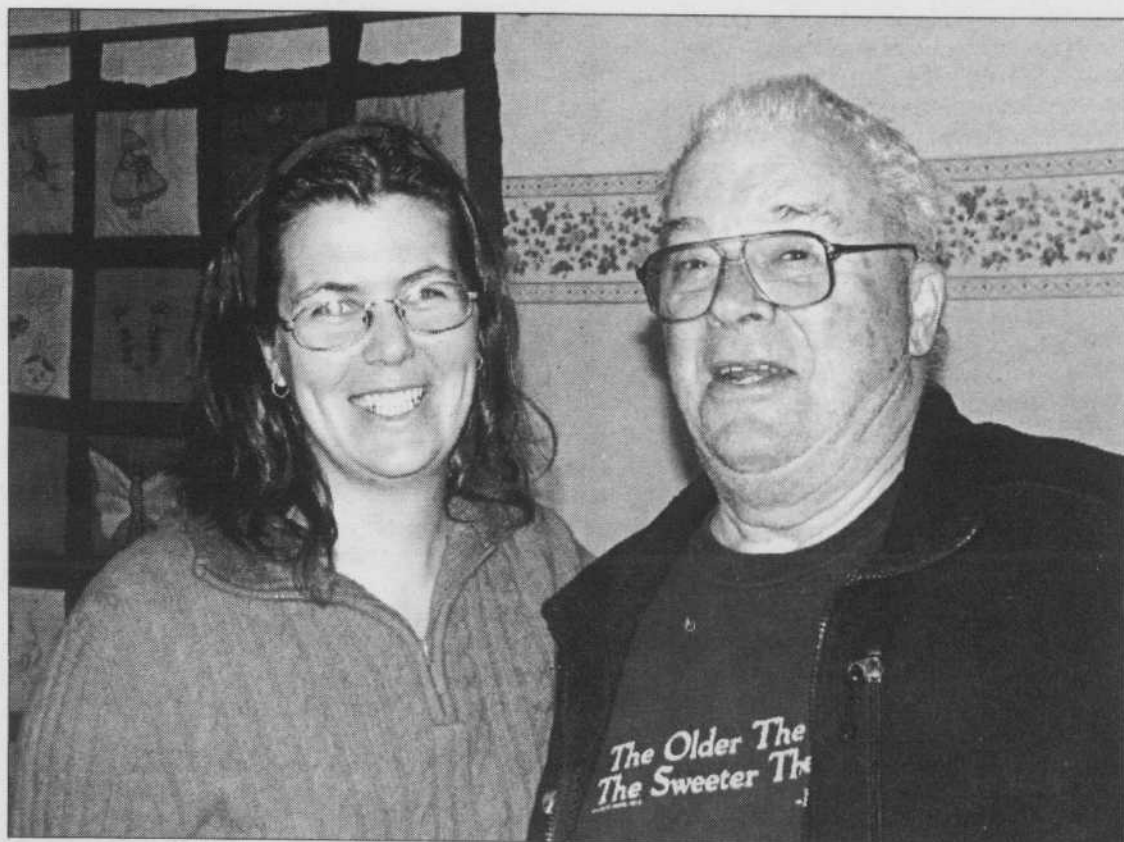
In addition to planning monthly conferences for groups such as interior designers and landscapers, funeral services and architects, the staff of the Granite Exposition Center of Stanstead (Granite Expo) is busy putting together the 2nd Annual International Sculptors Symposium to be held in September 2007. With lots of positive feedback and a high level of interest in last fall's event, one could be assured that there would be another one. While there will be some changes, this unique outdoor symposium will continue to feature talented sculptors from all over the world

as well as locally.

Bourgon said he is very pleased with the 25 applications that have been received from locations all over the world. The difficult part of this success will come when the committee meets in a couple of weeks to trim these 25 entries down to the 10 finalists who will actually participate in the event. The actual event will also be running for 10 full days, instead of seven, which the craftsmen had felt was not quite long enough to finish their work — at least to their personal standards of excellence.

More activities have also been planned throughout, such as conferences by geologists and architects. A special treat is also being planned which will truly give visitors a taste of the region: a sugar party, but the syrup will be poured onto a chilled slab of granite instead of snow. This should be quite an experience for the international visitors.

The School of Stone Cutters from Megantic has also agreed to participate by offering workshops during the week for kids and anyone who would like to experience the trade first-hand.



Sophie Cormier poses at left, with friend.

NANCY NOURSE

CORRECTION

Apologies to Alain Castonguay in reference to the article on council news ("A spirited zoning debate and questions about employee salaries" April 5 *Stanstead Review*). He was mistakenly identified as Bruno Castonguay. Castonguay was present at the Council meeting to find out if the zoning changes that he had requested would be passed by council.

April 24 will also be a big day at GEMS as they host an open house for representatives of tourist offices, B & Bs, hotels and other businesses that cater to the tourist industry. One of the projects that Bourgon hopes to see become a reality is the concept of the deal that now exists involving Bleu Lavande, the Colby-Curtis Museum and GEMS joining forces with the tourist train The Orford Express and the Lady of the Mist, out of Magog, to be able to offer a truly com-

plete tourist package of the area.

"It has been a busy year at GEMS but I have to say that I have truly enjoyed all aspects of the process, from the day the plans were decided upon, to the official opening to the many events and exhibitions that we hold here each month. I had a good feeling about the project right from the start. I may have worked hard to keep the ball rolling but its success has definitely been a team effort," added Bourgon.

Angels chosen as a personal symbol

Relay for Life

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

What started out as a group of ladies looking for companionship and support while trying to lose those few extra pounds has turned into a concerted effort to play a major role in the gathering of funds for cancer research

This group of women of various ages took the leap five years ago and decided to lend their support to the Relay for Life event that takes place annually in Magog. Not only have they come to be known as the team to beat in total amounts raised, but they actively participate in the event itself, walking the track from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Point Merry.

The theme of this event was designed to relate directly to this dreadful disease that affects so many – "Cancer Never Sleeps", so no one participating in this event does either... at least for one night.

"It is a great experience and we are so glad that we decided to take part in this event," said Carol Major Flanders, team leader for the Happy Lite Weights.

"While it is a very sad thing to be affected by cancer, we are there to show our support for those who have survived and are still able to enjoy life with their families.

"The first lap of the walk is dedicated to cancer survivors, a very impressive sight to see hundreds of these courageous people walking and in support of others. An added incentive for us was that all the funds raised will be used within our region, and not going to administrative cost somewhere."

It is the custom for each group who enter to decorate their site with a particular sentiment or symbol of the fight against cancer. While the overall theme of the event has not yet been revealed,

the Happy Lite Weights have chosen angels as their personal symbol.

This symbol seemed appropriate as they had won the trophy last year for the team who had raised the most money and it was one of their teammates who had submitted the name for the trophy in a contest. This recognition is now known as the Angel of Hope Trophy.

The group will once again be selling luminaries in memory of or in support of someone who has been touched by cancer.

These special candles are then set around the track on June 8 to light the way for the participants. On the front of each of them is the name of the person to be remembered.

The Happy Lite Weights are very impressed with the support that their project has had within the Stanstead and area community. Not only do people purchase luminaries but they also make donations and actively support their fundraising events. The group are planning a series of events which include a dance on Friday, May 4 at the Catholic Church in Fitch Bay (music by Slightly Haggard), and a garage sale/bake sale to be held on May 12 at Raymond Alex's garage in Stanstead.

The ladies were very pleased recently to receive more than \$2,500 from Marilyn McComb, who had sponsored a Dart Tournament at the Stanstead Legion in support of their efforts.

Some of the ladies go door-to-door and are forever surprised to see and hear just how many of their neighbours and friends there are who have silently suffered through this dreaded illness without support from anyone.

Their hearts go out to each and every one of these people whether they know them personally or not. Once the connection is made, it stays in your mind and the people stay close to your heart.

If you wish to lend your support or purchase luminaries, you may do so by contacting 819-876-7449.



NANCY NOURSE

The winners!

Border Novice Blazers win championship

Veilleux the best goalie

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

It has been a great season for members of the Border Minor Hockey Novice Blazers, who placed in the top four teams in the semi-finals.

The Blazers ended their regular season placing first among 14 teams with 12 wins, one loss and one tie.

This was the same team that got to accompany Raymond Parent into Montreal to receive his award as Quebec Volunteer of the Year 2006 in December. They had the treat of actually meeting assistant coach Kirk Muller and watching the Montreal Canadiens as they practiced... something these kids will remember for a very long time.

Sunday, March 31, was definitely a memorable one for this group of young people as they began their winning streak early, defeating Tigres Varennes 3-2 in overtime at the Magog Arena during the Tournoi Provincial Novice Tir au but de Magog.

They also won a trophy for Confrontation for Novice B, which goes to the team that gets the most shots in the net in a shoot-out.

Out of 16 teams, The Border Minor Hockey Novice Blazers had the highest percentage of all the Novice B teams, 55 per cent. Their goalie Zachary Veilleux did a great job when it came to defending his net, letting only a few in.

Zachary Veilleux was awarded the trophy for Best Goalie in Novice B category for his performance in this competition.

Parents and Coaches had hustled their team off to Montreal the first weekend of the Magog Tournament where they were awarded the Canadiens LRF (Learn, Respect, Fun) Program – The Tim Horton's trophy for the Most Improved Team.

Other activities had been planned as part of this honour but unfortunately the team had to leave early to make it back to Magog in time for their next game.

On Sunday, April 8, they defeated the Bromont Rockies, beating them 4-1 to take the championship of the Tournoi Provincial Novice Tir au but de Magog.

Following this game, they were awarded a trophy & banner to bring back home with them to put in the display case at the Stanstead College arena, home of the team.



NANCY NOURSE

The Happy Lite Weights.

Social skirmishes and rocks for beginners

Funspiel

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

It has become a tradition at the Border Curling Club to hold a Funspiel at the end of each season as a way of encouraging others to take up the sport and join the local club. It is a perfect time to get swept up by the energy that is created by the men's and women's finals in world curling. Organizers hope that others will be enticed to give it a try.

Yesterday evening a free beginner clinic was held and another clinic is planned for Saturday, April 14, with a just-for-fun skirmish to add to the fun. The event on Saturday afternoon is open to all, members and just anyone who would like to try the game.

Spokesperson Gayle Palmer sees the

sport of curling as not only good exercise but as a great social event where you can meet people from many different regions of both the United States and Canada.

"Kelly Conn is the current president of our club. He has been a great hands-on president. We have a social register of 120 members which also consists of wives and husbands who do not play themselves but join us for special activities and fundraisers.

"Our Junior group has been very strong this year. There is a lot of enthusiasm from everyone. On Saturday, April 14, their season will come to a finish with a special Curling with a Parent event. One junior has become so keen on the game that she has talked her father into joining the club next year," said Palmer.

The Border International Curling

Club dates back to 1954 when curling enthusiasts, from both sides of the border, would rent ice time from local towns to be able to enjoy the sport. The now well-established group of both men and women proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2005.

The first bonspiel was held in November 1955 which in itself seemed to be a miracle considering the fact that just 13 short months prior, there had been no land, no building, no blueprints, no stones and no permits. The long tradition of members working long and hard for the club's benefit continues to this day and is one reason that the Border Curling Club is deemed to be very special. It is also the reason that the Volunteer of the Year Award was created.

The Curling Season runs from October to April, during which time regular events are organized which include teams coming from as far away as Ontario and Massachusetts to compete against their Eastern Townships counterparts. Often these events include a

weekend filled with activities — tasty dinners and lots of music at dances with special themes to add to everyone's enjoyment.

There are no organized events during the summer months, which allows some a chance to enjoy other sports. As a means of gathering needed funding, the Border Club rents out the space. The location is billed as being ideal for small family gatherings, weddings and conferences, as there are kitchen and separate bar facilities right on the premises.

The Funspiel on Saturday, April 14, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., is open to everyone and is free of charge. People of all ages are invited to join the fun. No equipment is necessary but you are asked to bring a clean pair of running shoes.

Instructors will show you what to do next. It is preferable to register in advance so they will be able to plan the event efficiently. For more information, you may call 819-876-2484 or 819-876-5483.



NANCY NOURSE

A curler concentrates.

BRIEFS

Lindbergh rescheduled

For those of you who missed out on the lecture by Reese Lindbergh at the 1st Wednesdays Lecture Series, you will be pleased to hear that the lecture scheduled for April 4 was postponed to bad weather.

Organizers are looking at another date, tentatively June 6.

Summer for kids

If you are interested in having your children participate in a summer activity in the Stanstead area, the Recreational Association of Stanstead will hold an information day on Saturday, April 14 at the former Beebe Town Hall where you may find information or sign up for many different activities that will occupy those long hours after school comes to an end.

Already registered for this event are the soccer league (adults and kids), pétanque, and the baseball and

softball league run by Raymond Parent, the Boy Scouts, the Recreational Association and the Border Youth Center.

Any other groups interested in participating may contact co-ordinator Maryse Trepanier at 819-876-7181.

Last service at

Wesley United

Rev. Doreen Moffat of the United Steeples Pastoral Charge will host a special service at the Wesley United Church, in Stanstead, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 to commemorate the fact that this will be the last time that a congregation will come to worship in this building, as it has been sold.

Special invited guests, members of the Sherbrooke Presbytery and those present will be invited to enjoy light refreshments following the service.

- all items by Nancy Nourse

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Canadian women grab gold at Worlds

Vaillancourt scores in final win over USA

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Canada's dominance on the international women's hockey scene continued Tuesday night when the Canadian National Women's Team defeated the United States 5-1 in Winnipeg to capture the gold medal at the 2007 International Ice Hockey Federation World Women's Championship.

The win gives Canada nine titles in 10 World Women's Championships, including all five played on Canadian soil.

The Canadians finished the tournament with a perfect 5-0 record, outscoring their opponents 32-5. The win over the Americans on Tuesday night avenged the loss to the USA in the gold medal game at the 2005 World Women's Championship, the only gold medal Canada has failed to win.

Sherbrooke's Sarah Vaillancourt was one of five Canadians to score a goal and the Harvard University sophomore finished the tournament with two goals and an assist, with both goals coming against the Americans.

The first period ended in a scoreless tie as both teams played a physical brand of hockey. Canada's best scoring opportunity came in the later stages of the period when Vaillancourt broke free on the left wing but was checked at the last minute as she approached the USA net.

Winnipeg native Jennifer Botterill brought the enthusiastic crowd to its feet early in the second period when her deflected shot went just right of USA goaltender Jayna Hefford.

Hayley Wickenheiser, Danielle Goyette and Vaillancourt scored the other goals as Canada methodically built up their lead.

"It was nice [to score the first goal], but what it was about was getting the team going," Botterill said after the victory. "It was a shot, but it hit something, and then went in. But I'll take it. I think it built momentum. People built off that every shift. Again, we were focused on playing the whole 60 minutes. Again, I'm really proud of the entire team and working together tonight."

Wickenheiser's goal gave her 14 points in the tournament (eight goals, six assists), setting a new Canadian World Women's Championship record. The Canadian captain's efforts earned her the Top Forward award from the

IIHF Directorate, the Tournament MVP and a place on the Tournament All-Star Team, but insisted that the championship was a team effort.

"We saved our best game for the final, and I'm really happy with our team effort," Wickenheiser said. "I think we really dominated tonight. This is what we live for. Fifteen thousand people rode the wave with us tonight. We really enjoyed it, and I'm really proud of my team. We're proud to be in Canada and for these fans in Winnipeg."

"I thought it was the best gold medal game that we've played in the World Championships. [For me], it was a good tournament, and things were going in the net. I think I was seeing things pretty well. I just felt good on the ice all over the place, and really relaxed and composed most of the time. So I was able to play some of my best hockey."

She was joined on the all-star team by goaltender Kim St-Pierre and defenceman Delaney Collins. Finland's Noora Raty was named the tournament's Top Goaltender, while American blueliner Molly Engstrom was named Top Defenceman. USA forwards Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell and defenceman Angela Ruggerio joined the three Canadians on the Tournament All-Star Team.

As has been the custom with successful national teams, the women will auction off game jerseys and this time the uniforms will have special significance. Canada wore pink NIKE Team Canada Classic jerseys at the 2007 IIHF World Women's Championship for one game, on April 7th against the USA, to honour the first-ever women's world champions, Canada's 1990 National Women's Team.

Those jerseys are up for auction until Friday, April 13 at www.ebay.ca. Net proceeds from this exclusive game-worn pink jersey auction will be shared between the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Hockey Canada grassroots program.

American coach Mark Johnson was gracious in defeat.

"I just want to thank the city of Winnipeg, it was a great 10 days for women's hockey," Johnson said. "I want to congratulate my team on their commitment over the last three weeks. They gave themselves an opportunity to go out for a gold medal. We came up a little bit short tonight, but I'm very proud of the effort."

Adapted snowboarders bring home gold

While Doyon injured in training run

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The 2006-'07 snowboard season marked a banner year for Canadian snowboarders as several individuals achieved outstanding results in preparation for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Among the highlights were veteran Drew Neilson winning the Crystal Globe Champion as the top overall World Cup Snowboardcross skier, three-time Olympian Maëlle Ricker who is the current Canadian National Champion, and Sherbrooke's own Christelle Doyon who holds both the Canadian and World Junior Champion titles.

The Nokia Snowboard Federation International Ski World Junior Championships got into gear yesterday with the finals of the Snowboardcross races hitting the hills in Bad Gastein, Austria. Canada sent a number of top up-and-coming athletes to the event, and they did not disappoint.

The top finisher of the day was Sarah Hunter of Athabaska, Alberta, taking home fifth spot. She was followed closely by Banff's Ziggy Cowan in seventh. On the men's side, the top finisher was Caledon's Jake Holden, also taking seventh spot.

"We are really happy with the performances of our young athletes today," said Bob Joncas, athlete development manager of CSF. "We've got a very strong young team, and the World Junior Championships was a great experience for them to build on."

It was a tough day for reigning World Junior Champion Christelle Doyon, of Magog, as she was injured in training before the finals, and did not compete.

"Sarah (Hunter), Ziggy (Cowan), Jesse (MacDonald) and Jake (Holden) all had really great days, and we're very impressed with how they rode today," continued Joncas. "Obviously, we're disappointed about Christelle, but she has had a great season, and she is definitely one of the top up-and-coming riders in the world."

ADAPTED SNOWBOARDING

Canada also excelled in adaptive snowboarding, as recent results indicate.

The Canadian Adaptive Snowboard Program cleaned up at the United States of America Snowboard Association Nationals this past weekend.

Leading the charge was Ian Lockey, 33, who captured five gold medals in competitions over the weekend, including Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom and Snowboardcross. Lockey is an incomplete paraplegic, with mass deficiencies from the waist down allowing him to stand and walk, but he has limited use of the muscles in his legs.

Following closely on Lockey's performances was 35-year-old Tyler Mosher who took silver in the men's Parallel Slalom and Snowboardcross, and bronze in the Halfpipe. Mosher is also an incomplete paraplegic.

On the women's side it was Emily Cavallin who also had an impressive showing over the weekend. Cavallin took home a pair of second place finishes in the Parallel Slalom and Giant Slalom events, and a third in Snowboardcross. Cavallin is a below-the-knee amputee, and is just 17 years old.

"This was a great way for our adaptive athletes to finish off the season," said Danny Buntain, sport development coordinator at CSF. "Canada is a leader in Adaptive Snowboarding, and the performances by these athletes demonstrates that our focus on this program through clinics and training is moving the sport in the right direction."

The USASA Nationals took place at North Star Tahoe from April 2 to 6, with the Adaptive competitions run by Adaptive Action Sports, USA. A total of nine men and six women from Canada, the USA, Australia, Netherlands and Italy competed in the events. The disability types for these athletes ranged from below-the-knee amputee, above-the-knee amputee, incomplete quadriplegia, double below-the-knee amputee, visually impaired athletes, and incomplete paraplegics.

Splish splash

Skiers wearing zany outfits made their way down the slopes and off a snow ramp into cold slushy water at Mont Sutton this past weekend. Crowds cheered on the participants of the funny, spectacular caped attraction that was part of the station's Spring Snow on the Beach celebration.

All photos by David Anderson



North 04-12-07
 ♠ Q 8 5
 ♥ K 10 2
 ♦ J 10 8 7
 ♣ K 8 3

West East
 ♠ 10 2 ♠ A K J 9
 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♥ Q J 8 4
 ♦ K 6 5 3 2 ♦ 4
 ♣ 9 2 ♣ J 7 5 4

South
 ♠ 7 6 4 3
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ A Q 10 6

Dealer: North
 Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	1 ♣ All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 9

In Memoriams

DOWNS, Lauri - Mother.
RODRIGUE, Dennis - Father.
*I love you guys dearly!
 I wish you were here to spend my days
 with you.
 You both will always be in the depths of
 my heart so I may never forget.*
 Love,
 COURTNEY (daughter)

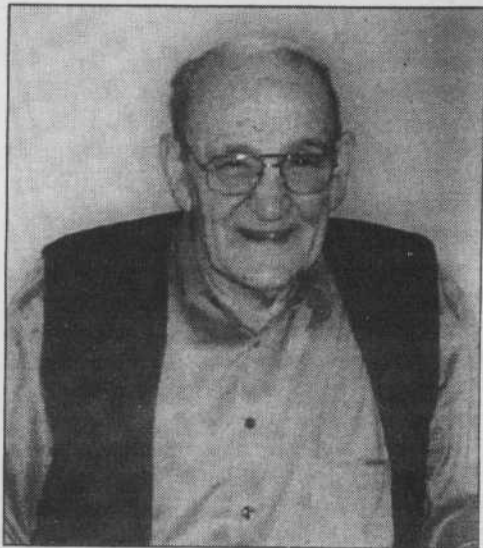
In loving memory:
DOWNS, Lauri - Daughter (1972-1995)
TAYLOR, Ethel - Mother (1914-1992)
TAYLOR, Bob - Father (1909-1993)
TAYLOR, Sternie - Brother (1938-2002)
RODRIGUE, Denis - Son-in-law (1970-2004)
 Gone but never forgotten.
 SHIRLEY & MEL DOWNS

Death

POWERS, Dorothy - Peacefully at the IUGS Argyle Pavillon, Sherbrooke, QC, on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the age of 95. Dorothy Lucy Wiggett, beloved wife of the late John Powers and dear mother of Chris (Diane) and Anna Jane. Cherished grandmother of Stephanie, Sarah, John, Laura and Jonathan. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC. (Lennoxville). Tel.: (819) 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Friday, April 13, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the Ste-Elizabeth Catholic Church, North Hatley on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., followed by the interment in Ste-Anne's Catholic Cemetery, Danville, QC.

Deaths

REANY, Brian - At home, after a lengthy illness, on Saturday, April 7, 2007. Beloved husband and best friend of Penny (nee Dustin). Loving father of Blair (Rebecca) and Devin. Proud grandpa of Joshua. Son of Lawrence (deceased) and Helen Reany. Visitation on Sunday, April 15, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Kelly Funeral Home, 580 Eagleson Road, Kanata, Ontario.



SIMARD, Antoni (Toni) (1923-2007) - At the CHUS Fleurimont, on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in his 84th year, beloved husband of Priscilla Sharp, loving father of Maryse (Guy Drouin) and Danielle (Denis Labrecque). Cherished grandfather of Karina and Steven Drouin, Kathleen, Melanie and Sabrina Labrecque. Dear brother of Patrice, Therese and Lionel. Dear brother-in-law of Eric (Joan Chilvers), Edith (Dalbert Lane) and Patricia (John Lynch). Also left to mourn are many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke, Quebec. Tel.: 819-565-1155, fax: 819-820-8872. www.steveelkas.com Visitation on Friday, April 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 to 10:10 a.m. Funeral service will be held at the St-Peter's Church, on Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. Interment at the St-Michael's Columbarium at a later date. The family would like to thank the personnel of the CHUS Fleurimont, for their wonderful care.

In Memoriam



PRICE, Patricia (nee Tims): September 20, 1930 - April 11, 2006.
 Dearly missed
 Forever in our hearts.
 JERRY, MICHAEL,
 SHARON, COLIN
 and SANDRA



MacKINNON, Douglas - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 12, 2003.
 Fondly remembered by
 NORMA (wife)
 ANGUS, JENNIFER
 AND FAMILY
 PETER, MARY-ELLEN
 AND FAMILY
 HELEN, WARREN
 AND FAMILY
 KATHLEEN, WAYNE
 AND FAMILY

In Memoriam

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Thursday, April 12, 2007

Concentrate on now, not later

By Phillip Alder

In "The Music Man," Meredith Willson wrote, "Never let the demands of tomorrow interfere with the pleasures and excitement of today."

That is applicable to bridge players. Many, when an opponent is taking his time to decide on his next move, stare off into space, perhaps thinking about what they will do after the game ends, or tomorrow. But they should be concentrating on today - the deal that they are playing. Use an opponent's thinking time to do some counting and card placing.

In this deal, East is defending against three no-trump. In answer to his one-club opening bid, West leads the club nine. How would East plan the defense?

East's one-club bid is borderline because that suit is so weak, but he has two four-card majors, which makes it correct to open. North, aware that his partner will know where the missing high cards lie, is justified in punting straight into three no-trump.

West's club-nine lead is clearly either a singleton or the top of a doubleton. So East knows that declarer is looking at the A-Q-10-6, A-Q-10-2 or A-Q-10-6-2 of clubs. Assuming declarer calls for a low club from the dummy, East should not put up his jack, which guarantees holding the queen as well and shows an interest in the suit. He should play a discouraging four. (If dummy rises with the king, East should still follow suit with the four.)

If East does play low at trick one, when West gains the lead with his diamond king, it should not be too difficult for him to shift to the spade 10, defeating the contract.

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TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

DANVILLE

The U.C.W. are sponsoring a Military Whist Party on Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Trinity United Church. For reservations please call 819-839-3777.

AYER'S CLIFF

Turkey Supper, with all the trimmings, on Saturday, April 21 at the Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff. Two settings 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Reservations only: Dean Young 819-838-5815, Mervyn Drew 819-838-5603 or Wendell Cass 819-846-7180.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall, Military Whist on Friday, April 13, 7:15 p.m. Lots of prizes and lunch. All welcome but please call F. Chaplin at 819-564-2906 for table reservation. Sponsored by the Parish Guild.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall, Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, on Friday, April 20, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All Welcome. Sponsored by St. George's Parish Guild.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall, Rummage Sale, Friday, April 27, 9 to 5, and Bag Sale, Saturday, April 28, 8:30 to 11:30. Please call 819-563-1659 or 819-562-6245 for info or pick-up. Save your \$\$\$ - Shop with us!

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY
On Sunday, Hatley United Church and Sunday School will worship at 11 a.m., Waterville and North Hatley congregations will worship together at the Waterville United Church at 9:30 a.m.

BULWER

Afternoon 500 card party on Thursday, April 19 at the Bulwer Community Center beginning at 2 p.m. followed by lunch. Includes the usual prizes and door prizes.

RICHMOND

The Richmond 4-H Club is hosting its annual card party on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond Legion. Prizes, light lunch. Small entry fee.

LENNOXVILLE

On Thursday April 12, the Lennoxville Library will launch its fifth annual "Adopt-a-book" campaign at a reception from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friends of the library can "adopt-a-book" by donating it's price to the library. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

ROCK ISLAND

Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Stanstead South Church, Rock Island. Food table and White Elephant table.

SHERBROOKE

Salad Supper at St. Patrick's Church, Sherbrooke on Saturday, April 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bake and Craft tables. Sponsored by St. Patrick's Mission Circle. Come enjoy the good food while supporting the missions.

SHERBROOKE

A Spring Salad Bar Tea will be held in the Church of the Advent Hall, Bowen

Ave. South, on Saturday, April 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ham, salads, rolls, cakes and squares. Food table.

GEORGEVILLE

Spring Supper held at Murray Memorial Hall in Georgeville on April 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission charged, children under 10 is half price. Sponsored by the Georgeville United Church Women.

BROME

Thrift Shop at Brome Hall on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rummage Sale at Brome Hall on Wednesday, April 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Porch open for donations from April 9 to April 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information please call 450-242-2241 or 450-243-5742.

FITCH BAY

April 14 and 15. Salute to Quebec Seniors Live Music Fundraiser with Bobbi Dee and the Smokin' Country Band. Saturday evenings, Fitch Bay, Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Refreshments available. B.Y.O.B. Admission charged. Also Bolton Centre Town Hall, Sunday afternoons, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission charged. Complete supper available for additional charge.

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, April 24 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale S., Waterville from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, April 13 at the Library, 165 Main St. N., from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

RICHMOND

A "Legion Brunch" is being held on Sunday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, in Richmond. Everyone is welcome.

HATLEY

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale on April 13 and 14 at St. James Church Hall. Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bag Sale. Proceeds for A.C.W. For donations, call 819-620-4337. Pick up available.

RICHMOND

Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Richmond Melbourne United Church. For the New London U.C.W.

RICHMOND

A meeting to plan the Wales Home Silent Auction and Bazaar will be held on April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Home. Hope you can make it!

WATERVILLE

Pancake Breakfast at Waterville United Church on Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pancakes with maple syrup, sausages, fruit cup, muffins, tea, coffee and juice will be served. Everyone welcome!

BULWER

Annual Spring Brunch, Bulwer Community Center, for the benefit of Compton County Historical Museum Society, Sunday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (NOT April 15, as previously mailed to C.C.H.M.S. members). Menu: Pancakes and maple syrup, sausages, scrambled eggs, scalloped potatoes, etc. Everyone welcome.

WARDEN

500 Card Party on April 18 in the I.O.O.F. Hall at 6 p.m. Old fashioned baked bean

supper at 6 p.m. Cards to follow at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Victoria Rebekah Lodge #19. Prizes. Welcome to all.

BULWER

Bulwer Q.F.A. will meet on Thursday, April 12 at the Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. Pot-luck lunch. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Closing Supper at Lennoxville Curling Club on Saturday, April 14 at 6 p.m. Barbecue beef brochettes or chicken, rice, salad and dessert. Finals of closing mixed Bonspiel in afternoon. Silent Auction open for bids Friday and Saturday. Skating on the ice Saturday evening - don't forget your skates. All members and guests welcome.

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Lions Club is holding its Spring 2007 Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m., in the basement of Marie-Mediatrice Church, 3025 Galt West, Sherbrooke. Admission charged. Theme: A taste for everyone. All proceeds go towards the blind and visually impaired to live a more productive life. Come hear the Lions Roarrrrrrr. Tickets: Lion Denise Neron 819-823-1741, Lion Jacques Paquette 819-821-4276 or 819-820-0212, Lion Denis Corbeil 819-563-0386.

DANVILLE

Pork B.B.Q. being held at Trinity United Church on Sunday, May 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged, also special family price for 2 adults and 2 children. Only 250 Tickets. Call 819-839-3162.

STANSTEAD

Formal closing of our church building as a worshipping space, Sunday, April 15, 3 p.m., Wesley United Church, 65 Principale (Beebe), Stanstead. Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Deane Moffat. The Chair of Presbytery, Rev. David Lambie will officially declare closing the church building for the purpose of worship. All welcome. Refreshments to follow. The congregation will continue to worship in Stanstead South, Centenary and Graniteville, under United Steeple Pastoral Charge.

LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Sherbrooke on Sunday, April 15, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

Ham and Turkey Bingo at ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Sherbrooke on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville & District Community Aid is hosting an information session which is open to the public. This month's topic is "Lean more about Alzheimer's", the guest speaker is a representative from the Alzheimer's Society. This event will be held on April 20 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., Borough of Lennoxville, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 819-821-4779 and ask to speak to Tiffany Blinn or Sylvie Fowlis.

STANSTEAD

Curling Funspiel for members and anyone wanting to try the game, April 19 - 21. Everyone welcome. Call 819-876-2484 to register.

WATERLOO

St. Luke's Anglican Church Breakfast on Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 10

a.m. A bake Sale will also be held. All are welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

LAHMS invites everyone to attend a general meeting on April 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Uplands, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville). Derek Booth will speak on "Glimpses of the Quebec Central Railway". 819-564-0409.

SHERBROOKE

The Nurses Alumnae Association of the former Sherbrooke Hospital will hold their next meeting on April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Norton Building. Hostesses for the evening will be Shirley Hopkins and Carol Hobbs. The annual Fall Supper will be held on September 28, 2007, should any class wish to plan a reunion.

LENNOXVILLE

On Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. the Garden Club at the Uplands Museum, 9 Speid Street, is pleased to begin the spring season with Janice Voggenreiter as their guest speaker. Janice and her family own Holland Gardens in Ayer's Cliff and she will be talking about new flowers and shrubs for this years growing season. Members are encouraged to come and bring friends.

BEEBE

Ham and Baked Bean Dinner, all you can eat, on Sunday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ste-Therese Church basement, 98 Principale, Beebe. Admission charge. A Silent Auction too! Benefit of the Frontier Animal Society. Info: 819-876-5016 or 819-876-7785.

MAGOG

Seniors' Day 2007, Wednesday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Magog arena. 25 information booths. Conference by Dr Ferial Channell, "Top 10 of Health and Well-being Tips". Conference by Dr. Stephen Cunnane, "The influence of nutrition on the brain vitality". Buffet and drawings. Tickets (small price, which includes buffet) must be purchased prior to May 4 at noon at the Magog Hospital welcome desk and at The Townshippers' Association. Free admission at door. For information: Dominique Poulin 819-868-0810.

NORTH HATLEY

Advance notice. Rummage Sale at the Community Centre, 3127 Capelton Road, Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Food Sale Saturday) and Sunday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Bag day). Articles appreciated on Friday by 2 p.m. Hatley Centre W.I.

RICHMOND

Advance notice. Richmond Melbourne United Church to hold a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

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: J equals W

"ETGXPZ XZ TYTLGMH RMYXTGST."
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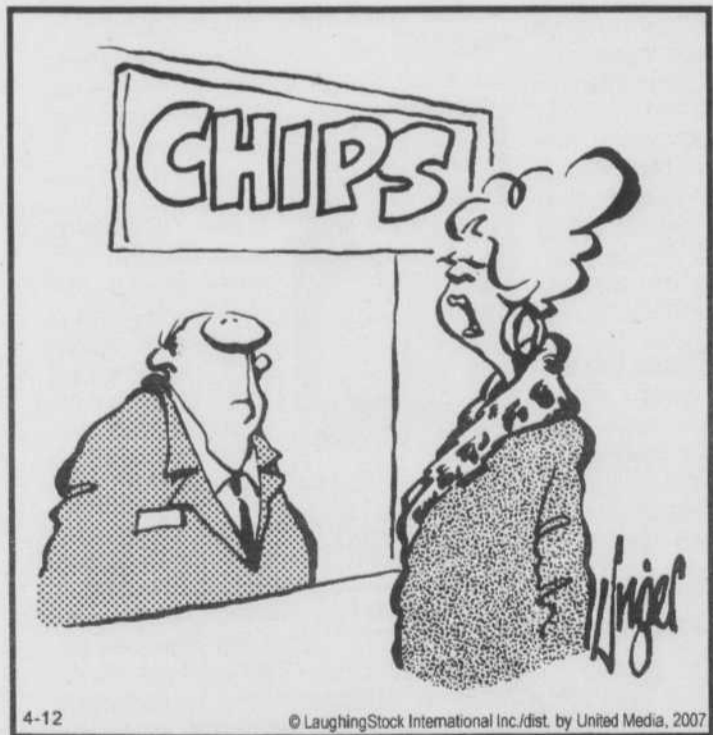
PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else." - Charles Dickens

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050 Rest Homes

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095 Career Training

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095 Career Training

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The project will run 30 hours / week and participants will be paid throughout the 11-month program!


For more information, call (819) 564-6626 or stop by Pope Memorial Elementary or the Presbytaire (white house beside the Centre de Loisirs in Bury) and complete an application form today! We are looking forward to meeting you!

This project is organized by the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, the Centre de Santé et Services Haut St-Francois, Job Links, and Townshippers' Association with the generous financial support of Emploi-Quebec and Service Canada. Applications are needed by as soon as possible. Initial interviews will be held to select participants in early April.



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100 Job Opportunities



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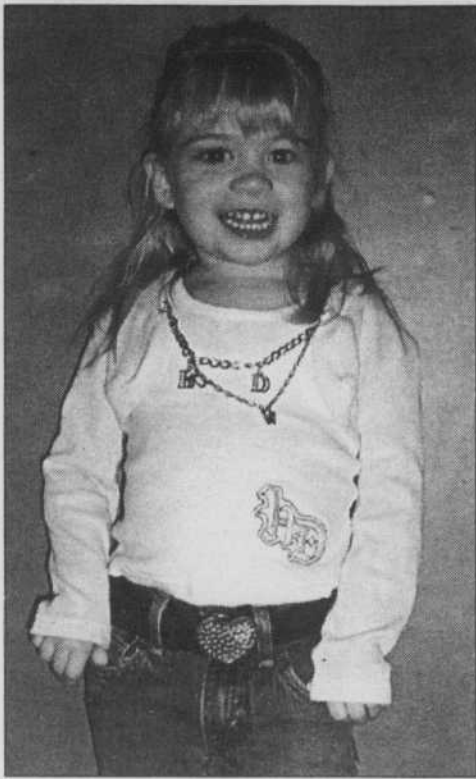
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and your baby brother Mavrick
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The man is an abusive bully

Dear Annie: After not seeing his 9-year-old daughter for almost a year, my ex-husband announced he was flying in for a long weekend visit. We have been divorced for a while, and he moved across the country with his new wife and child. He lives several hundred miles away and has never seen the house where my daughter and I have lived for the past two years (a house I purchased entirely on my own).

My ex keeps insisting he will pick up our daughter at my house. The problem? I don't want him in my house! I know my daughter wants to show her father her room, and that will eventually lead to a tour of the entire place. In my last house, my ex would walk in uninvited, even into my bedroom, or use the bathroom so he could snoop through the medicine cabinet and linen closets. I know when he visits he'll take inventory of all my possessions. He regularly asks my daughter about the size of the TV, any new purchases, etc.

The man is an abusive bully, and although my daughter doesn't remember this, she is figuring it out on her own. He makes derisive comments about my squandering child support money (I don't), he sends the support checks late (and addresses them to my daughter), has called me every name in the book and gives me the creeps.

My friends think I'm crazy to keep

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him out of the house. But my home is my sanctuary, and I feel his presence will somehow defile it. I don't want to keep him out of his daughter's life, but do I have to let him in my house? — Under Siege

Dear Under Siege: No. You can arrange for your ex to pick up his daughter at a neutral location, or you can wait for him on your front steps. However, if your daughter is eager to show Daddy her bedroom, you might want to allow him in — once — for her sake. If that's too much for you, let your daughter take some pictures of her room (as many as she'd like) and have her send them to Daddy.

Dear Annie: Is one obligated to give a wedding gift from the bridal couple's registry? A handmade quilt or something else that can't be duplicated seems like a very thoughtful gift to me, and I would have been thrilled to have received such a personal and unforgettable gift when I married.

I've seen registries that include fax machines and power drills. It seems greedy that couples today expect their guests to purchase things off a wish list, rather than just be happy to have something from the heart. — Wedding Guest

Dear Guest: You are not obligated to

give something from the registry, although that actually evolved as a courtesy for the givers, most of whom prefer knowing what the bride and groom want (or can return). But if you think the bridal couple would like a handmade quilt, go right ahead.

Dear Annie: I would like to plead with people NOT to listen to Donald T. Stewart about having bone density testing only after age 65.

I am now 56. I had my first serious accident on a horse five years ago, which took a few operations to fix and a year of hard work to recover from. Not long after, I fractured my foot and a few weeks later, my leg (when I stepped over my dog). That is when the doctor discovered my bones were fragile. — Mary from La Grande, Ore.

Dear Mary: In all fairness to Dr. Stewart, it wasn't quite such a blanket statement. He made it clear that younger adults with certain risk factors should be tested earlier. His concern was that those who could ill afford testing would opt for a bone-density scan instead of other, more necessary, tests. For you and others with early bone loss, a bone-density test is obviously required sooner. Thanks for pointing out the hazards of waiting.

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

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

4/12/07

Lennoxville Golden Age

April 3: The Golden Age members met at their usual meeting place. Five tables of 500 cards and one table of Bridge. High scorers were May Hodge 2760; Gwen Wilson 2620 and low Catherine Lowd 700.

Door prize: Louise Nutbrown, Margaret Keely and James Andrew.

Speedy recovery to Ruby Booth in hospital, Thelma Gratham is now home.

Thank you note was read from the Alexander Galt school learning center for the croconile boards very much appreciated by the students.

Eighteen birthdays were read for the month of April. Happy Birthday.

The tables were tastefully decorated for Easter by May Hodge. Thanks.

Table setting for May 17, Allen and Mabel Davidson.

Executive meeting April 16.

Grace was said by Donna (Pres.)

Supper was great chicken torenados, mashed potatoes, veggies, ceasar salade, rolls, pickles, tea and coffee with peach upsidedown cake. Donna thanked Peggy and helpers for the great meal. Seventy-five members enjoyed the meal.

Thank you Stephen Elkas for the very informative talk on putting your papers into order. So many can be done before so the family will be prepared.

Sympathy is extended to Keith Vintinner and Beulah Turnbull in the loss of their brother Glenison from Napanee, Ontario.

After supper everyone left for home. Drive with care. God Bless. Happy Easter.

Submitted by Margaret Vintinner

Your Birthday Thursday, April 12, 2007

There is a strong probability you will go through some kind of weeding-out process when it comes to your long-term goals. Because you'll select fewer objectives, you'll be able to accomplish much more.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Normally, it is not a good policy to show partiality, but someone could put you on the spot, preferring you show favor to an old buddy who has proven to be loyal over an untested associate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - The best way to get favorable attention from your superiors is not by buttering them up but by performing the tasks and jobs assigned in a superior fashion. Give things your all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Even though you may be in the position to do so, you won't ask others to do things you wouldn't do yourself. Once they realize that, you'll have their total respect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Not all material conditions favor you, but you'll be fortunate in figuring out which ones do and don't. Be smart enough to put your money on that which will appreciate in time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - It is important you maintain a sense of humor when it comes to serious situations. By doing so, you can turn frowns into smiles and get everyone working on the same team.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - By giving a job your very best, you won't have to ask for proper compensation; it'll automatically be there. However, your greatest reward will be the ability to relax and enjoy what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You should do well with relationships at this point in time, even turning someone who has a sour disposition into a happy person. Put your upbeat attitude to work for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Although you might get ample opportunity to take advantage of another, your unselfish nature won't permit it - much to your credit. You'll do for others, not merely for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Get in touch with someone who is important to you but with whom you haven't had the chance to talk with for quite a while. New developments are brewing that could be beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Don't judge one unpleasant incident as the tone of the day. Overall conditions look particularly fortunate for expanding matters that pertain to your work and/or earnings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Major personal achievements are possible, but it might require the assistance of another to attain your goals. Be pleasant to all, because you don't know who'll need to step in and help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Even if it isn't convenient, put your talents and expertise at the disposal of those who need your help. Long-range benefits and rewards could come from that which you do now.

First Drive: 2007 BMW 335i Cabriolet: Almost perfect for nature lovers



BMW's 335i Cabriolet is capable of turning more than a few heads.

(Photo by David Booth/Special to CanWest News Service)

By David Booth

For CanWest News Service

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - In trendy L.A., the most informed car enthusiasts are the parking valets.

They often get to drive new cars sooner than many auto journalists.

So, when the better-attired-than-most valets at la-di-da Shutters on the Beach pronounced my bright red BMW convertible "cool," I knew I was on to something.

Later, when they started talking excitedly and waving their hands whenever I held out my ticket, I figured out they were fighting over who would get to fetch the car.

And it wasn't like I was tipping big. I didn't make \$20 million on my last flick like the George Clooneys of the world who commonly frequent Shutters.

Even if their drive was just a short hop up Pico and down a block of famous Ocean Boulevard, my new Tommy Bahama-clad friends weren't wrong about BMW's latest Cabrio. In fact, this 335i version may be - with one startling and, for some, intractable exception - the best BMW in more than a decade.

Imagine, if you will, taking one newly redesigned BMW 335i coupe and sawing off its roof, substituting a rigid retractable hardtop in its stead. By starting with the 335i version of the coupe, you've already guaranteed certain superlatives. For instance, the engine is the best BMW has done in a long time, combining the soulful exhaust blat of the company's trademark 3.0-litre in-line sixes with two turbochargers.

The 300 h.p. BMW claims from the amazingly tractable powerplant is surely underrated. Such modesty is

not normal for an automaker, not even a German one. But, until the new V-8 version comes along, BMW still has to move M3s - and having its cooking-variety coupe out-power its M Division's star would be a major no-no.

Nonetheless, the 335i almost certainly pumps out more than 300 h.p. I'd guess it's in the neighbourhood of 330 myself, though more optimistic auto scribes have pegged it at 360. Whatever its true output, the 335i Cabrio fairly sails along, despite gaining a little more than 200 kilograms in transitioning from its hardtop status to that most desirable of California automobiles - the convertible.

As if that's not enough to brag about, this latest Cabrio also dances quite well. Toss it around in a particularly spirited backroad boogie and the 335i responds like one of those pretzel-limbed tangoists on Dancing with the Stars. There's never a foot put wrong, the most impossible twist is made to look effortless and, even at the end of a particularly gruelling Zarandoe, it hasn't even broken a sweat. Lesser cars simply sit in the audience radiating envy.

Nor are one's creature comforts in any way compromised by all this to-ing and fro-ing. The Cabrio's suspension remains relatively compliant, the brakes are easy to modulate and the steering is light. The interior, with the roof down, is noticeably absent of wind noise and the various cabin accoutrement are impressive. For one thing, BMW's iDrive is blessedly absent. The gearshift knob's aluminum is polished so finely you'd swear it's sterling silver. The close panel gaps would challenge Lexus and the seats are comfortable in the Teutonic initially-too-firm-but-never-

getting-worse fashion. Even the rear seats boast a little room, certainly enough for a twosome.

But the 335i Cabrio will never, ever get a foursome past any city boundary, at least not on a sunny day when open-air motoring is to be had, for there is no cargo capacity when the roof is stowed. I'm not talking "none" as in "not very much" but none as in it would be a distinct challenge to get the lid closed on a hefty bag of groceries.

Read BMW's brochure and you can be fooled by the spec sheet's claim that there's 7.4 cubic feet back there with the roof stowed. But that's just a red herring, since almost all of that room is directly beneath the low-lying, horizontally stacked roof panels. With careful manoeuvring, you could probably get a thin laptop under there, but you better not have brought any files home. And woe betide you if it ends pressed up against the back seat's bulkhead - you'll never reach it unless your arms are twig-thin and as bendable as Plastic Man's.

It's sad because, until I checked trunk capacity - and that was a day into my sojourn with the new Bimmer - I thought I had finally found the perfect car. But, look closely at the picture of the car parked on Santa Monica's famous pier. That low angle isn't the result of my photographic mastery. I was just trying to conceal the luggage piled high in the rear seat. None of it would fit in the trunk.

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