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## Vision School comes to Sherbrooke

By Leah Fitzgerald

Students in Sherbrooke will get a chance to learn English, Spanish and French in an immersion environment — as long as their parents can pay up.

Vision School, the trilingual private school that puts focus on English immersion, is opening a new wave of schools next fall, including one in Sherbrooke.

The private school got its start as a pre-K in Drummondville after parents Diane Doucet and Yvon Courcy couldn't find a school that fit their own values.

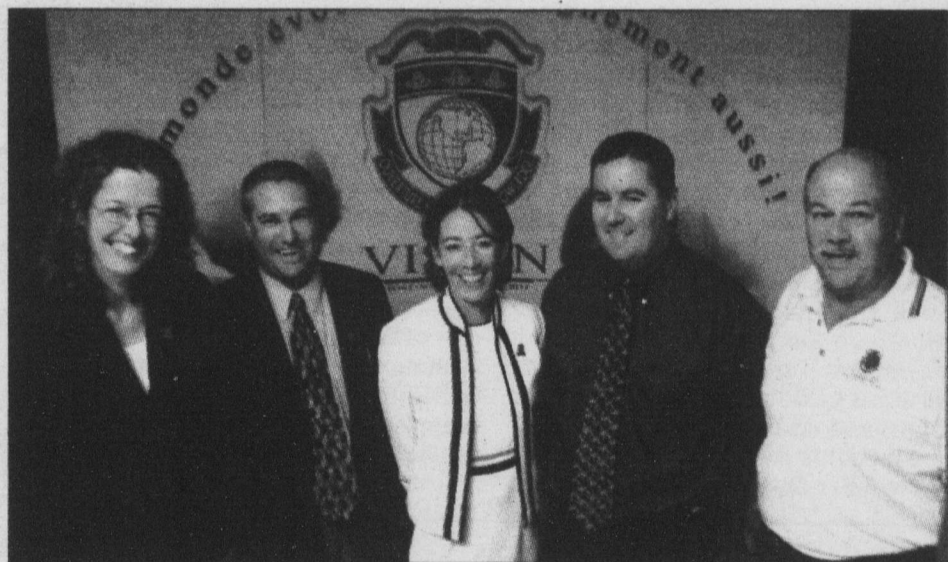
Doucet ended up as principal of that first school, which was run out of half a duplex near downtown Drummondville

in 1995. Since then, the Drummondville school has expanded from pre-K, which starts at age three, straight through to Grade 6.

They've also added a high school component, in conjunction with another school. There are now seven Vision schools, with ones in Sherbrooke, Granby and two in the Quebec City area to open in Sept. 2005.

The Sherbrooke school will be built next spring at the corner of Kennedy and Boulevard Bourque in the Rock Forest sector. The parcel of land was sold to Marisa St-Pierre, the director of the Vision School in Sherbrooke, by the city of Sherbrooke.

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Diane Doucet and Yvon Courcy, founders of the Vision School, Marisa St-Pierre and Pierre Desagnés, Sherbrooke campus founders, and David Savage, principal of the Drummondville campus.

## Place des Moulins restores public access to river

By Rita Legault

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Two hundred years ago it was the spot where Sherbrooke's forefather Gilbert Hyatt established his first water mill, not far from where the Magog and St-Francis Rivers met in a place the local natives referred to as Big Forks.

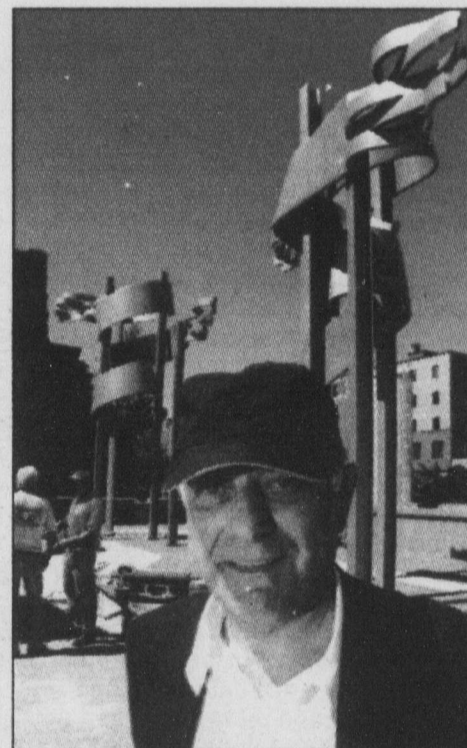
By the middle of the last century, the spot at the end of Wellington North had become a dumping ground. In 1954, a local entrepreneur promised to clean up the riverbank as he built a supermarket on pylons that extended into the Magog River.

Fifty years later, what had become known as the Gabr Building was once again considered an eyesore. The city decided to purchase the almost deserted building at 101 Frontenac, demolish it, and restore public access to the spot that is recognized as the birthplace of Sherbrooke.

Today, that area overlooking the Magog River has been transformed into a public square dubbed the Place des Moulins. The square rests on 10 of the original 40 pylons which supported the Gabr Building.

Situated at the north end of the downtown core, the public square has been designed along with the Esplanade Frontenac by artist and architect Melvin Charney, who is best known for the creation of the sculpture garden at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in his native Montreal.

"This was a rare opportunity to do it



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The public square has been designed by artist and architect Melvin Charney.

all," Charney told *The Record*, commenting that usually architects and engineers design and build the squares and then sculptors get to come and do their "one per cent."

"Sherbrooke is open to new ideas, to trying new things," he said, adding that his plan was to allow residents to feel

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# The media and presumption of innocence

If the legal presumption of innocence is truly the cornerstone of our criminal justice system, how is that it the media can swoop down on a criminal investigation and report facts, allegations and comments, even before the suspect is found guilty? If it sounds like an easy question to answer, it isn't.

One obvious explanation can be found in our constitutional right to freedom of expression which explains why newspapers play such an important role in our society. It also explains why our courts have a hard time balancing freedom of expression against the right to a fair hearing.

The enormous amount of pretrial publicity generated by the Scott Peterson murder investigation illustrates the conflicting issues that this question raise. Even assuming he had nothing to do with the gruesome murders no amount of media publicity generated by an acquittal will ever allow him to regain his reputation.

More than likely, he would continue to be presumed guilty by the court of public opinion and end up being treated as a social outcast, much like O.J. Simpson.

While the amount of pretrial publicity in the Scott Peterson case is clearly exceptional, it is nothing particularly new. One only has to think back to 1935 when Bruno Hauptmann was charged with the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby or to 1955 when Dr. Sam Shepherd was charged with the murder of his wife.

The free-for-all media publicity was far worse in those days seeing that it continued right into their trials.

Call it an obsession or simply part of the "competitive frenzy" of the media to satisfy the public's insatiable appetite for crime news, all that is required is a viscous crime and more often than not, a crime involving a public figure.

In order to safeguard the reputations of those who are presumed innocent and who have yet to be found guilty, should the media be restricted from reporting allegations it can't prove?

Undoubtedly there are those who believe that pending a guilty verdict, the

public interest would be better served if the media only identified the name of the accused and the nature of the charge. Others would undoubtedly argue that such a restriction would be difficult to justify in a free and democratic society.

The answer lies somewhere within the convergence of three principles: the right of the public to be informed, the media's right to freedom of expression and the limited application of the presumption of innocence.

What is often overlooked in the debate regarding the ramifications of the presumption of innocence is that this right is strictly limited to criminal prosecutions in a court of law. While judges and jurors must respect the legal presumption during the exercise of their official duties, outside of a courtroom the court of public opinion is free to presume what it wants.

Freedom of expression, however, hardly means that when it comes to criminal cases, the media has full reign to report all relevant facts, allegations and comments, whenever and however it feels like it.

Aside from being restricted by the rules governing libel, public interest, publication bans, the right to privacy, and the outlet's own code of ethics, there is also the sub judice rule which means in Latin, "under a judge".

This rule is designed to ensure the fairness of the trial process and as such makes it a contempt of court to publish statements before or during a trial which may tend to prejudice a fair trial or to influence the course of justice. In practical terms the objective of the rule is to prevent jurors from considering evidence in their deliberations that was never presented during the trial and thereby developing a bias against the accused or the Crown.

The same rule is invoked in the House of Commons whenever a judgment in criminal matter is pending. There too the immediate purpose of prohibiting public discussion is to protect an ac-

cused person, among others, from suffering any prejudice. This is not to say that governments don't appreciate or even take advantage of the rule as a way of avoiding embarrassing debates.

Before a violation of the sub judice rule by a media outlet can amount to contempt of court, a judge must first consider the press report in light of the evidence already presented to the court. For example, information already known by the jury such as the details of a crime would not be considered prejudicial to the accused's right to a fair hearing.

On the other hand reference by a newspaper to an accused's criminal record during a jury trial before any mention was made by the prosecution would be a sub judice violation.

This is because the prosecution is not allowed to refer to the accused's criminal record unless he decides to testify. Other examples would include media reports suggesting legal guilt or bad

character such as saying that the accused is a member of the Mafia or is known to be violent without it being raised during the trial.

The sub judice rule is not without critics. For some it restricts freedom of speech while for others it relies on the assumption that jurors can be easily influenced by press reports. They suggest that jurors are generally quite capable of deciding a case according to the evidence presented to them in court and are not likely to be swayed by media coverage. Based on the example regarding the disclosure of a criminal record, I don't buy their argument. In any event as long there is a real risk of an innocent person being convicted, the rule is unlikely to change.

In summary, even if it appears as if the media outlets have an unlimited right to report and comment on criminal cases before a final verdict is rendered and this despite the presumption of innocence, in reality they are indeed constrained by various rules. The sub judice rule is only one of many.

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## Taxi driver turns hero

By Anne Marie Owens

A Greek taxi driver is being hailed as a hero after he recovered a silver Olympic medal left behind in his cab by a Dutch rower.

The medal recovery is a boon for the reputation of Greek taxi drivers, widely regarded as being a surly lot and not overly inclined to such Good Samaritan deeds.

Diederik Simon, a member of the Dutch men's eights rowing crew that beat out Canada's crew Sunday, had his silver medal with him when he took a cab from the media centre, where he was doing an interview, to downtown. Later in the afternoon, he realized he'd left the silver medal behind, and rushed to report the missing medal to police.

In what Olympics organizers are

claiming as a demonstration of the incredible organizational fortitude of the Athens 2004 operation and a sign of the inherent good-heartedness of the Greek people, a call went out to taxi drivers everywhere and the medal was recovered before the night was done.

"On the one hand, the transport coordination system worked perfectly and on the other hand, special merit should be given to the taxi driver for doing honour to his profession and his country," a spokesman for the organizing committee said. "This proves that all Greeks can contribute to the success of the Olympic Games."

Simon's silver medal was returned back into his hands on Wednesday and there is talk of a reward being given to the do-gooder taxi driver.

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## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Go-ahead for miners pension lawsuit to be decided by October: Frechette

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE EDITOR  
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Retired Jeffrey Mine employees who suffered deep cuts in their pension benefits should know by mid-October if the Quebec Superior court will accept their class-action lawsuit against a group of pension fund managers, according to lawsuit organizer Gaston Frechette.

"We met in Superior Court in June and the judge asked that written arguments be presented to the defendants and that they respond to the arguments by mid-September," said Frechette, a retired mine foreman.

"After that, the judge will take another month to decide if this lawsuit is valid and can proceed."

Some 1,250 former mine employees saw their pension benefits shrink by between 36 and 40 per cent after the Jeffrey asbestos mine went into receivership in 2002 and shutdown its operation, laying off 350 workers.

At that time, it was discovered the mine's pension funds were underfunded by as much as \$53 million. Pension managers blamed years of low returns from the investment markets for the shortfall. Jeffrey mine said it could not top up the pension fund because of its receivership status.

Frechette claimed the retired miners also lost an estimated \$35 million worth of insurance plans promised to them for their retirement.

In February, the former employees opted to sue 11 members of two former mine pension committees, the investment management firms Buck Ltd. and TAL Inc., plus the Quebec Pension Board. The suit claims investment mismanagement and demands compensation totaling \$17 million.

The mine is presently operating on an interim basis, employing about 250 workers for periods of one to three months to process asbestos fibre for specific clients. At the time of receivership, the mine owed some \$120 million to creditors.

As a result, the mine must ask the Quebec Superior court for permission to operate while still under protection against its creditors. The court protection also means none of the revenue presently generated from mine operations has to go to compensate for the pension fund shortfall.

None of the present mine workers have an employee pension plan.



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Gaston Frechette is confident the class-action lawsuit will go ahead.

## Don't 'cheap out' on insuring your home

By Inez Dyer

Has your basement been flooded in a summer storm? Perhaps your household contents were destroyed in a recent apartment building fire.

Mention the word insurance and you open a floodgate of horror stories about soaring premiums, routine items no longer covered and the difficulties in making a claim. Insurance is one of those necessary evils that people hate with a passion and are terrified at the prospect of the hassles involved in making a claim.

Here are a few items for consideration when it comes to insurance.

- Purchase adequate coverage. Insurance is not something you should cheap out on or go the no-frills route. The difference in price between sufficient insurance and too little insurance is minimal and the consequences can be huge.

- Know your coverage. Until I had to make a claim for my wet basement I had no idea my house insurance even covered such things as ground water, sewer backup, etc.

- Know where your policy is. Don't leave your insurance policies lying around where they might get lost or tossed in the garbage.

- Always have contents insurance, even if renting, and ensure you increase your coverage as the value of your household contents increase.

- Keep your insurance premiums up to date and in good standing. An insurance premium returned NSF by your bank can be cause for immediate cancellation, which may also make it

difficult to get a policy with another carrier.

- Don't make false claims. Insurance adjusters have heard it all and are pretty savvy. They usually know when someone is making a false or inflated insurance claim.

- Provide as much information as possible when getting an insurance policy. Distance to nearest fire hydrant, number of fireplaces, type of plumbing (plastic versus copper), age of roof, furnace, etc.

- Carefully read your insurance policy when it arrives in the mail. There can be errors and omissions on what coverage you may have requested and what items made it into the policy.

- Obtain three or four quotes before you settle on a particular insurance carrier. There can be a significant difference in costs from one insurance company to another. Also, if you belong to a union, professional organization or fraternity, there may be further cost reductions.

- If you get divorced or a common-law relationship ends, inform your insurance company immediately. If you don't inform them, any claim cheques will be issued in both parties' names, which can create headaches when attempting to deposit or cash the cheque.

Having adequate, paid-up insurance can mean the difference between getting through a disaster with relatively few problems or having your life thrown into emotional and financial turmoil.

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# Topportunity takes off

**M**y name is Katrina Keenan-Pelletier. I was hired as a summer student to work for Townshippers' Association.

I couldn't find a job in Ottawa, so I came to the Townships. It seemed like I had gone against the migration current. When I talked to other students in the Townships, they said that many of their friends had left, looking to further their education or to look for employment.

In fact, opportunities in the Townships are growing. That is why Townshippers' Association created a new Web site to showcase the top Townships opportunities. Researching, updating, and refining [www.topportunity.ca](http://www.topportunity.ca) has been my project for the summer.

It wasn't until I worked on the site that I realized how many services and programs are available.

The problem is the lack of awareness of these opportunities. That is where Topportunity comes in. Services, programs and organizations are listed online with descriptions and details on where to find them. The site is in Eng-

lish, as it is geared towards the English-speaking community. However, some of the services listed are offered only in French, some only in English and some in both French and English. By searching on the site, you will find the top 40 job prospects in the Townships. Descriptions of these jobs, as well as the training and language requirements are available on the site.

Many more tools can be found on the site. Are you looking for a job? Under 'Job Search' you will find links to local job search centres as well as Internet job search companies, such as [EstrieEmploi.ca](http://EstrieEmploi.ca), a new employment tool specifically geared towards people in the Eastern Townships.

Suppose you know what career you would like to follow. Now you need to get the training to prepare you for that career. Topportunity can show you where to get that training. Under the 'Education' section, there is a list of all English high schools in the Eastern Townships. All CEGEPs and universities

are also on the list, as well as adult education centres and long distance learning programs. By clicking on the school's name, you can read a description of what that school offers and what makes it unique.

There are links to these schools, so if one of them catches your attention, you need only click on the link to their Web site for a more complete description of the school and the programs offered.

The 'Education' section also gives information on funding and on how you can improve your language skills.

For those who wish to set up their own enterprise, there is the 'Entrepreneurship' section. In this section, there is a listing of resources available where you can find valuable information and contact people who can answer your business questions. There is a 'Success Stories' section where we showcase local people who have been successful in starting their own businesses.

If you have a success story, or need

help to become one, don't hesitate to contact Townshippers' Association. The Association is always ready to encourage community improvements and growth.

Please visit [www.topportunity.ca](http://www.topportunity.ca) to find out what services are offered in your area. Employment and education options in the Eastern Townships are growing, and Topportunity has the answers to help you to take advantage of them.

For more information, contact Townshippers' Association at Lennoxville 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717) or Cowansville 450-263-4422 (1-866-263-4422), or e-mail [ta@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:ta@townshippers.qc.ca).

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You can also bring your questions to Townshippers' booth this weekend at the Ayer's Cliff Fair. Come and browse the merchandise, books and CDs and the information display. And find out about Townshippers' Day coming up Sept. 18 in Magog.

## SCHOOL:

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St-Pierre was teaching French at the Vision School in Drummondville, and decided she wanted the same environment for her own children here in Sherbrooke.

All the Vision schools have started the same way: Parental interest. Courcy calls the new schools "partnerships" — they work on the same principals as the original school, but are run by people in that community because of an initial interest.

Interest is so strong that Vision schools, which are completely private, make up seven of the 60 or so completely private schools in Quebec. The school must be completely private to allow for English instruction.

Semi-private institutions, which receive funding from the ministry of education, must adhere to Bill 101 for admission of only students with a right to attend English school.

Anyone can attend the school, and Courcy said that more and more Quebecers are investing in children's education.

"It wasn't important before," he said. "They sent them to a private secondary school. Now, they take care of primary as well."

Courcy said the school sees where the money comes from — not just parents, but extended family.

"Sometimes the payments come from grandparents, from uncles," he said. "There are less and less kids and more and more adults. They have more money to invest in children."

Courcy said the private school enrollment has been increasing across the province, and that his schools are defi-

nately benefiting, especially after a change to Bill 101 prevented parents from using the school as a springboard into the public English system.

"We weren't providing a passport for children," he said. "We want them to stay on for the full program and get the full benefit."

Courcy said immersion can only be beneficial to students over the long term, and said that the French board's three to four month English immersion programs only work during that period, with little of the benefit carried through.

Francophone students are the main market of the Vision schools, though they do teach English mother tongue students.

"The French classes are mother tongue, so the English students might need extra classes the first year," explained Courcy, who was a Spanish professor at Bishop's University when he founded the school. "We have Americans attending our schools and they adapt."

The students at the school are required to communicate in English and Spanish every day.

The main curriculums are taught in English or Spanish, though the students are first taught to read and write in French before learning those skills in their second and third languages.

The students, to help with the immersion, go to school 30 hours a week, which is about seven hours more than a regular public school.

"They end up with the equivalent of two extra years of school at the end of Grade 6," Courcy said.

Mayor Jean Perrault welcomed the initiative to the city, saying it provides a

great opportunity for the children of Sherbrooke.

"I speak French and English, but my Spanish is limited to *como estas, gracias, and the like,*" he said. "This is a great possibility for our children."

Perrault said he also hopes the school will have lots of physical activity, as age three and up is a good time for children

to learn to be active, and it would fit in the vision of the future of Sherbrooke.

The Ecole Vision School will be holding information sessions for interested parents Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 3 at the Delta hotel Sherbrooke. A later session is also planned for the Magog area. For more information, check out [www.vision-school.com](http://www.vision-school.com).

## Military gets new vice-chief, head of navy

By Sean Gordon

**A**mid military pomp and formality, the Canadian Forces inaugurated a new commander for the country's navy.

After three years as chief of maritime staff — the navy's top job — Vice-Admiral Ron Buck has been promoted and will now serve as vice-chief of defence staff, the second highest post in the Canadian military.

His replacement, Vice-Admiral Bruce MacLean, was most recently Canada's military representative to NATO headquarters in Brussels, and his arrival was feted in grand style in Ottawa's National Conference Centre, where the change of command ceremony took place before a guard of honour and marching band.

MacLean, a 30-year navy veteran, has also commanded the HMCS Okanagan, a submarine, and the HMCS Provider, a supply ship.

Buck, a former commander of the navy's Pacific fleet, took over as chief

of maritime staff in 2001.

In that position, he oversaw Canada's military contribution in the Afghan invasion and the international effort to combat terrorism. The campaign, dubbed Operation Apollo, involved 16 ships and 4,000 sailors, and was the country's largest naval deployment since the Korean War.

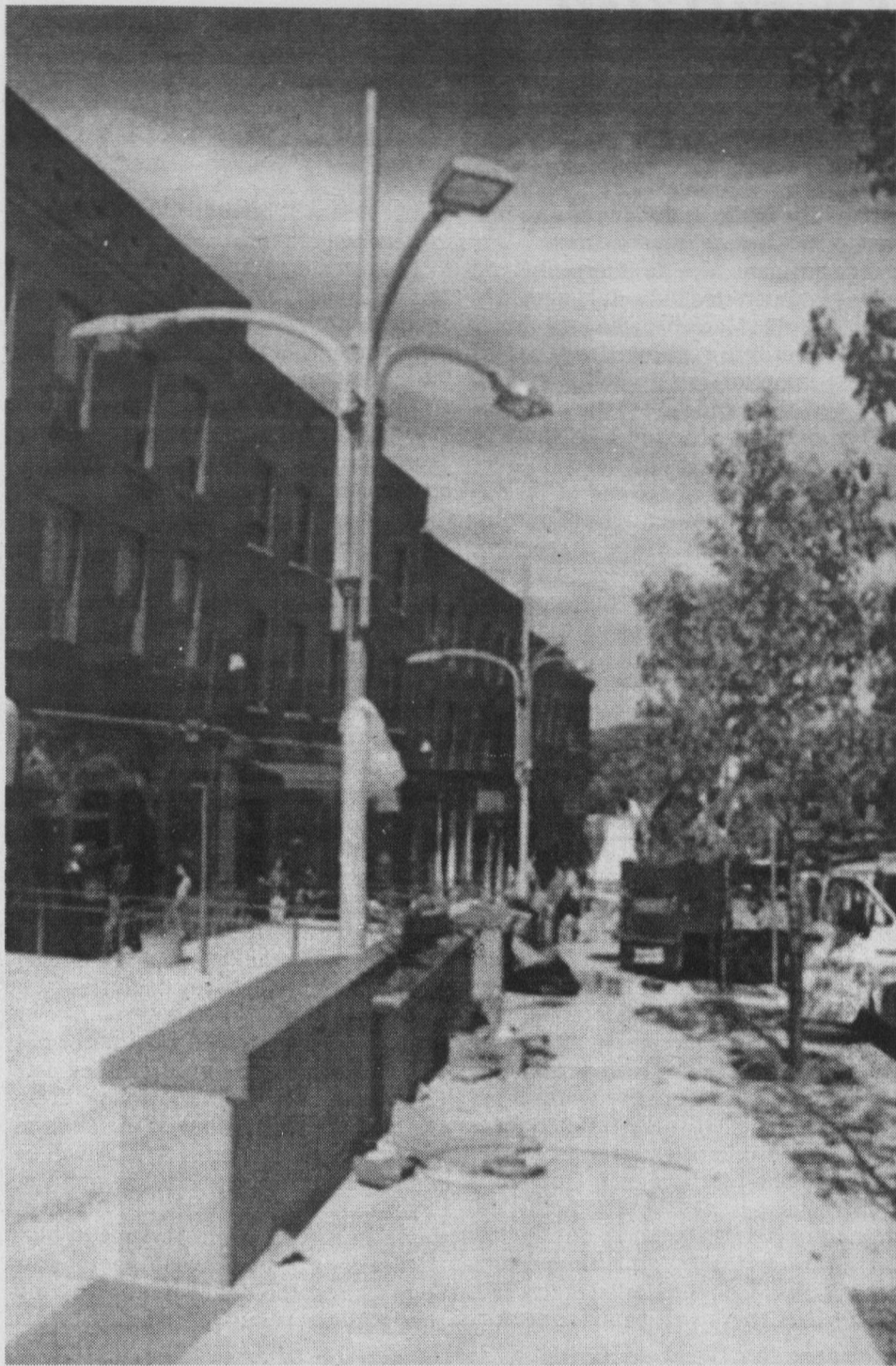
"It has been a tremendous honour to lead the men and women of Canada's navy," Buck said in a statement to the media.

The changes come at a sensitive time for the Canadian Forces, which are undergoing a departmental review.

Observers say it's also a crucial time for the navy, which is in the midst of acquiring a pair of new supply ships and replacing its beleaguered fleet of Sea King helicopters.

MacLean said that despite the challenges, "I am confident the navy is ready and able to respond to any task that is asked of us, at home and abroad."

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## RIVER:

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comfortable and privileged to be there.

Charney said he designed the Place des Moulins and the Esplanade Frontenac as part of an integrated whole. Even the bright red roof of the Hydro-Sherbrooke building across the river was painted a muted slate grey to fall into line with the visual scheme.

As well as his sculpture, which he said looks back towards the past and forward to the future, the design incorporates the architectural elements of the pink and grey granite esplanade and square as well as the trees — a “majestic alley of red oaks” is planned — and the lighting along Frontenac.

Charney, who was seeing his sculpture for the first time as a whole on Wednesday, said the piece — a pair of columns adorned with parallel waves of steel — speaks to the origins of the city and the force of the water.

Charney said the sculpture, that has

various levels of meaning, is like a children’s story. “It’s a fairy tale for adults,” he said, noting that it is inspired by what observers see around them. “They look at the water and pick up on what they see there.”

Builder Pierre Lemay congratulated Charney on the original concept. But the project manager, who was charged with bringing the plans to life, said the square and esplanade presented a number of challenges.

“This project was rich in new developments and all kinds of constraints and unforeseen surprises,” he said, noting an April Fool’s Day fire that destroyed the adjacent building on Frontenac was just one example.

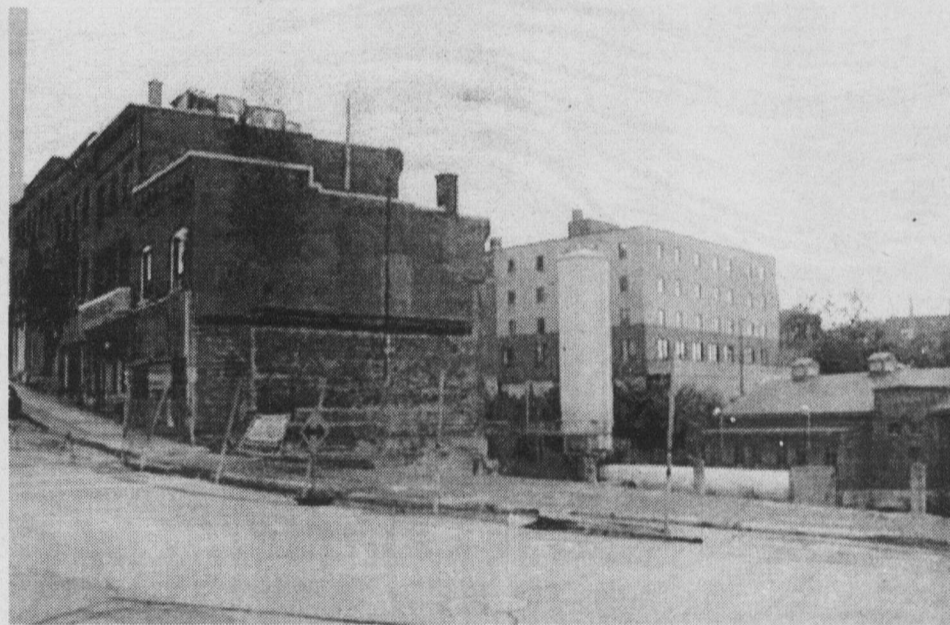
The burned out building has been demolished and there are plans to rebuild. The new structure must fit in with the buildings and site around it, Lemay said.

Lemay said the toughest constraint faced by entrepreneurs was the Magog River. For environmental reasons, the Gabr building has to be “deconstructed”



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For environmental reasons, the Gabr building (top and bottom) had to be “deconstructed” to avoid dropping demolition debris into the river below. The Esplanade Frontenac (left) was designed by artist and architect Melvin Charney.



to avoid dropping demolition debris into the river below.

It was also difficult to do the construction work in the restrained area without disrupting traffic and hurting economic activity in the downtown core.

The Place des Moulins and Esplanade Frontenac, which required investments of some \$3.2 million, was completed thanks to grants from the provincial government and the city of Sherbrooke under its urban renewal program.

The project completes the downtown portion of the Cité des Rivières riverside development plan. It gives anglers access to the riverbank by a staircase and connects with the one-kilometre of footbridges that lead upstream toward Lac des Nations.

The Place des Moulins will be completed with information panels that talk about the river, the origins of Sherbrooke, as well as the concept behind

Charney’s sculpture.

Cité des Rivières manager Albert Painchaud said the public square fulfills the city’s promise to give Sherbrooke residents access to the river. While he admits it is not the belvedere that was originally supposed to give a view of the river from downtown, he said the public square is a meeting place as well as a spot for shows and animation.

Charney explained that rather than being a belvedere, the square inclines up towards the river, inviting the public to go to the edge and look over the side. “It’s like they are seeing it for the first time,” he said.

The public square will be officially inaugurated in early September with a concert by the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra. There will also be an exhibit of Charney’s work at the University of Sherbrooke’s gallery and a tour of the site.

# Community Forum

## What is the provincial government doing these days?

Unless you are a real political junkie you probably are not aware that a series of meetings, Forums en Région: Place aux Citoyens, are taking place across the province.

Shine among the Best (Briller parmi les meilleurs) is emblazoned on the documents that you can access in English and French at the government Web site: [www.briller.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.briller.gouv.qc.ca).

The documents outline the Quebec government's vision and action priorities for their mandate. If we are to believe Line Beauchamp, minister of culture and communications, the suggestions brought to the government will be con-

sidered when policies are elaborated.

Invitations have been out for a long time and on a magnificent sunny Sunday there was a forum for Montérégie east in St-Hyacinthe. Much to my surprise well over 100 individuals were at the local CEGEP at 8:30 a.m. We were seated at tables for citoyens or leaders.

The leaders included mayors, individuals representing school boards, hospitals officials and the like. The citizens were of all ages, from students to 80 year olds. There were five presentations and the citizens were given about 35 minutes and the leaders 25 minutes to

discuss the issues. Individuals were limited to two-minute interventions.

The animator was an interesting and interested individual named Isabel Maréchal who kept things moving, showed a sense of humor, asked intelligent questions and kept to the time line.

The minister looked like she was sucking on a lemon and her summary of the discussions at the end of the day did not, in my opinion, reflect our discussions very well. Since there were three cameras, two large screens, cordless microphones, slick videos, and a lengthy questionnaire for participants, it would be nice to think that the proceedings had been taped and that a summary of some of the better suggestions would be put on paper.

### THE CONTENT OF THE FORUM

The first presentation was by Pierre Shedleur, a civil servant who took pains to tell us that he worked under both the PQ and the Liberals and he was giving us the facts. He laid out the financial situation and the demographic situation of the province in language ordinary individuals could understand.

It isn't a pretty picture. In 1971 there were eight workers for each person over 65. In 2001, there were five workers per senior, and in 2031 it is estimated there will be two workers per senior.

Today the birth rate in Quebec is 1.46, Ontario is 1.47 but the net in migration to Ontario balances out the low birth rate. In the U.K. the birth rate is 1.65, France, 1.88, the United States 2.01. In 15 years there will be more seniors

than there will be individuals in the 0-20 year age group.

Four other themes were presented and discussed: Family and social development, economic, regional and durable development, health and social services, education and job training. A few "dinosaurs" recommended that women stay home and take care of their children, a proposition that was not pleasing to the young women in the hall.

A lot of useful information was shared. Emploi Québec is not winning brownie points in Montérégie east. Flex time, which was so popular years ago, was put back on the table as was a wage for stay at home parents.

It is clear that problems that are identified in the English community are present in the French community: Emigration of youth, difficulty in getting full time guaranteed jobs whether in teaching or in hospitals, lack of training, lack of workers to fill the jobs currently available, competition because of globalization.

One of the more shocking statistics is that one in five young people do not get their high school leaving equivalency. It is clear we have work to do.

It remains to be seen whether or not the government is giving Place aux Citoyens as an exercise in window dressing or if the suggestions of the citizens who gave up their sunny Sunday will be considered in future policy development.

And should you want to put your name in for the event in Sherbrooke, that session is on Townshippers' Day, Sept 18 and the deadline for putting your name in is Aug. 27.

### VIEWPOINT

HEATHER KEITH

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## Supersizing libraries

Just because everybody seems to be driving everywhere in today's cities doesn't mean it's a good idea for libraries to set up "drive-thru" checkouts.

The idea is being discussed at the City of Ottawa for the new \$7.7-million south central district library, which will soon be built on Lorry Greenberg Drive.

There are many excellent technological steps the Ottawa Public Library has taken in recent years. Borrowers can check out their own books and reserve books through the library's Internet site. An automated phone system handles late-book reminders, relieving librarians of a tedious, time-consuming task.

But ideas like drive-thru checkouts, and having librarians wear Blackberries — so they can instantly respond to e-mail queries while stacking books — go against the very essence of the public li-

brary. A library isn't about speedy service, but rather, reflection and reading.

It's surprising to see the City of Ottawa — which champions cycling, walking and greenspace in its official development plan — catering to further dependence by citizens on the automobile just because banks and burger joints go that way.

Why not encourage people to park their cars, or cycle over, and walk into the library? Rather than creating a drive-thru service, have hours that bring more people to the library, including opening on Sundays. Plans for this branch include an interior pedestrian "street," a gas fireplace on the second floor and a patio area. These are good places at which to calm the pace of busy lives, think and relax, in the midst of good books. Slow food, so to speak, for the mind.

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## Perspectives

# Bryan Adams, Tom Cruise and Killer

They say we all have a doppelganger — a twin of sorts out there somewhere. This is convenient if you need someone to blame for going bonkers at the McDonald's drive-thru, not so handy when your twin keeps cashing your paycheques.

It's rare, though, to have a selection of doppelgangers to choose from.

Earlier this year, I was the guest speaker at a supper (Everything You Wanted to Know About My Feet: The Corn Years).



After I finished my well-received oration and the roadies had cleared away the backstage groupies, two ladies came up to me and said, "Did anyone

ever tell you that you look like Doug Gilmour?"

Doug Gilmour? The hockey player? I did have longish hair at the time. You could even describe it as "hockey hair." But to my mind, the resemblance ends there.

This was a new one on me and I wasn't sure how to accept it, having been beaten up by hockey players as a child (okay, actually it was last week; but the hockey player was a child).

I've heard other "you know you look like..." comments through the years. None seem too accurate to me.

Ah yes, the Footloose years. This was before I wore glasses and could still dance without risking heart palpitations, a sprained back, and disgusted looks from young people.



ROSS MURRAY

I was able to make some hay with the Kevin Bacon thing for a while back in the 80s. Then there were those troubling rumours...

The Hugh Grant comparison I get from no less a reliable source than my very own sister and she has a PhD so should know something.

Her specialty is cognitive psychology so she can tell you not only that I look like Hugh Grant but also why you perceive me this way. The resemblance also ties in with the fact that I too stutter in an endearing way and have slept with Elizabeth Hurley. No not really. It was Julia Roberts.

Yeah, Tom Cruise baby! Actually, no. Back in high school, I tried to convince some girls that I looked like Tom Cruise but they didn't buy it.

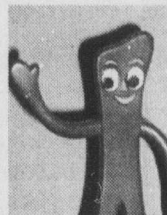
I also tried to give myself the nickname "Killer" but like tickling yourself and trying to figure out what your house smells like to other people, you just can't do it.



Nah, I never understood the Bryan Adams comparison either. Actually, it's just one person who has ever thought this. She always says, "Hi Bryan Adams." I say hello back. I'm polite that way. Like Bryan.

What a proud moment for me when I was compared to an animated character. I don't get this one at all.

Milo from Atlantis is a skinny geek with ridiculously large glasses, he's clumsy and weak, and no one takes him seriously... hey, wait a minute!



### AND FINALLY...

This one I think is right on the money. Like Gumby, I'm your twisty bendy friend.

## Conflict definition

Federal Ethics Commissioner Bernard Shapiro is serving all Canadians, including Paul Martin, by clarifying the conflict-of-interest rules that apply to the prime minister.

Currently, Mr. Martin is operating under rules set by Mr. Shapiro's sort-of predecessor, Howard Wilson. Under those rules, the former shipping magnate — Mr. Martin passed his Canada Steamship Lines company to his sons as he assumed power — must step away from any cabinet discussions of shipbuilding, marine transportation policy or fees to use the St. Lawrence Seaway.

That may be good advice, but all of Mr. Wilson's rulings are suspect after a federal judge decided in July that the former ethics counsellor was himself in a perpetual conflict of interest. Unlike Mr. Shapiro who reports to Parliament, Mr. Wilson reported to then-prime-minister Jean Chretien.

Judge Frederick Gibson said that meant Mr. Wilson was never truly independent, since he always had a personal interest in not embarrassing his boss by criticizing either the prime minister or members of his government.

Mr. Shapiro has been wielding a pooper-scooper around the former lapdog's office with considerable verve, insisting on more disclosure of MPs' personal finances and criticizing rules that let wealthy ministers, including Mr. Martin, be briefed on the status of their companies. His re-examination of the guidelines that apply to Mr. Martin should be illuminating.

Mr. Martin is an unusually difficult case. Unlike Industry Minister David Emerson, a former chief executive of the huge Canfor forestry company which is not his family business, Cana-

da Steamship Lines remains a family concern for the Martins. His sons' company carries coal to power plants, for example, which could create a problem when the cabinet is discussing the Kyoto Accord.

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People who have built successful companies often have skills that governments sorely need. Mr. Shapiro must find a way to balance their rights to privacy and to manage any wealth they've accumulated with the public's right to good government, without making the rules so tight that qualified entrepreneurs are discouraged from seeking elected office.

He must also find the right limits for defining what constitutes a personal interest. If Canada Steamship Lines ferries thousands of tonnes of coal a week, would that mean the prime minister couldn't take part in any discus-

sions involving the use of coal to generate electricity? What if it were one shipload a year? If CSL moves three loads Chinese-made stuffed toys, does that affect Mr. Martin's ability to press Beijing to respect human rights? If so, is public disclosure of those interests enough, or does the prime minister need formal limits on his authority?

Figuring out the answers is an unenviable task. In marginal cases where Mr. Shapiro decides in favour of the politician, much will depend on the good faith and personal honour of the people whose behaviour he is trying to regulate.

Once the rules have been refined and confirmed, Canadians will be much better able to judge the honesty and impartiality of our politicians. Mr. Martin and his cabinet should welcome Mr. Shapiro's vigorous approach to his new job.



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## Volkswagen impresses with its high-end luxury sedan



The 2004 Phaeton is at the pinnacle of Volkswagen's expanded lineup.

**By Dave Halliday**  
CanWest News Service

EDMONTON — Perhaps no car illustrates how much Volkswagen has changed over the years as does the Phaeton.

The Beetle that helped build Volkswagen into a successful automaker was an inexpensive car with a noisy air-cooled engine. Immediately after the Second World War, the Beetle was the only model VW built.

The Phaeton is at the pinnacle of Volkswagen's expanded lineup — a quiet, all-wheel drive luxury sedan that sells in the \$100,000 range with a V-8 engine. The price jumps to \$120,000 with the 12-cylinder powerplant.

The 4.2-litre, dual overhead cam V-8 produces 335 h.p., which propels the 2,356 kilogram (5,194 pound) car down the road with ease.

However, more power — 420 h.p. — is available from the 6.0-litre W-12. Volkswagen creates the W-12 configuration by combining two V-6 engines.

Even as it's being built, the Phaeton stands apart from more mundane Volkswagens. This luxury car is built in a new factory in Dresden, while most Volkswagens are built in plants in Germany and Mexico.

The Phaeton is so quiet while driving around town that it's easy to find yourself speeding if you don't pay attention to the speedometer.

The limited amount of noise you hear on the highway tends to be generated either by a rough road surface, or cracks in the pavement.

A challenge in selling the Phaeton is to get buyers to think Volkswagen

when they're shopping for a luxury car.

"People are not looking at Volkswagen when they're looking in the \$100,000 range," says Hilary Persaud, sales manager at an Edmonton Volkswagen dealership.

Apart from the Touareg sport utility, the Phaeton is much larger and considerably more expensive than anything else in the VW lineup. For example, the eight-cylinder Passat sells for just over \$54,000 (V-6 Passats are priced in the \$40,000 range).

But the additional money for the Phaeton buys a legitimate luxury car with a cavernous rear seat. No rear seat passenger is likely to ever have concerns about legroom. The rear windows are fitted with shades that unroll and clip into place.

The console between the front seats has a flat top with two rectangular discs marking the location of the cupholders. The discs push down to reveal the cupholders and pop back up at the touch of a button.

Woodgrain trim provides a warm accent to the dark upholstery materials in the cabin. Portions of the trim on the dash glide out of the way to uncover vents and permit airflow from the heating and air conditioning.

The driver's seat has a multitude of power adjustments to help the motorist find a comfortable position. As would be expected with a car in this price range, the Phaeton has heated seats. However, it also has a cooling system that uses a fan to blow air upward through the seat, a nice feature on a hot, muggy summer day.

The fit and finish are impeccable.

The only problem I encountered was with the power trunk mechanism. When the remote button was pressed, the truck lid was supposed to unlatch, then fully open. However, it would unlatch, then stop.

If you're looking for a luxury car and can come to grips with the idea of a Volkswagen that costs \$100,000, the Phaeton is worth a look.

### SPEC SHEET

**Engine:** (front engine/full-time all-wheel drive with permanent locking hubs): 4.2-litre V-8 (DOHC); variable valve control; variable intake manifold; electronic engine management/ sequential fuel injection; 335 h.p. at 6,500 r.p.m.; torque at 317 ft.-lbs. at 3,500 r.p.m.

**Transmission:** six-speed tip-auto automatic.

**Steering:** hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion.

**Brakes:** front disc and rear disc with four-wheel anti-lock.

**Tires:** P235/55HR17 performance all-season radials.

**Fuel economy (litres/100 km):** 15.6 city/9.7 hwy. Average annual fuel cost: \$1,994.

**Wheelbase:** 3,001 millimetres (118.1 inches)

**Curb weight:** 2,356 kilograms (5,194 lbs.)

**Price (MSRP base):** \$96,500; freight: \$650.

**Key options:** Comfort and Cold Weather Package (\$4,230) includes heated and leather-wrapped steering wheel, heatable rear outboard seats, rear seat AC ventilation, electrical adjust lumbar support with massaging, power adjustable head restraints.

**Performance in 0-100 km/h:** 7.8 seconds (est.).

**Warranty:** Bumper to bumper: four yr/80,000 km; Powertrain: five yr/100,000 km; Rust perforation: 12 yr/unlimited km;

**Roadside assistance:** four yr/80,000 km;

**Maintenance:** four years/80,000 km.

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# Two Canadian troops rescued after scary Arctic night

By Nathan VanderKlippe  
PANGNIRTUNG, NUNAVUT

Lost and bitterly cold as a furious wind hurled sleet and snow at them, two Canadian troops spent Monday night alone in a barrenlands cave waiting for rescue and fearing a polar bear attack.

The men spent 11 hours on the tundra before being rescued early Tuesday morning by helicopter, but their dangerous and traumatic night has spawned a military investigation and a pledge by the armed forces to be better prepared in the future for the North's sometimes capricious weather.

Cpl. Brian Thomas, 43, and Master Corp. Mike Laforce were stranded at about 6 p.m. Monday night, after an air force Griffon helicopter flew them to a ridge about three kilometres south of Pangnirtung, where about 600 army, air force and navy troops have gathered for the biggest northern military exercise in a quarter century.

The exercise has been plagued by communication blackouts as aircraft and troops travel through the cliffs and mountains surrounding the Nunavut community, and the two men had been ordered to set up a radio retransmitter to boost signals across the rugged terrain.

The equipment was to be located on a high ridge-top about three kilometres south of the town.

But soon after touching ground, the men were surrounded by a fog so thick that the helicopter could not return to pick them up, fearing the moisture would produce icing.

"The hills were enshrouded in cloud, so that's very dangerous to fly in. We elected to not put anybody else at risk," said Capt. Bert Bolderheij, who piloted the CH-146 Griffon helicopter.

Seeing the fog thicken, the two men on the ground decided to leave their equipment and walk back to Pangnirtung, setting out across the difficult northern terrain, a treeless mix of sharp rocks and soft, wet moss.

Lacking tents and Arctic survival gear — the weather prevented another crew of communications technicians from arriving with that equipment — the two were dressed only in their basic Gore-Tex military uniform and carried a handheld radio, whose limited range left the pair in radio silence throughout the night.

As they walked, the weather worsened. Temperatures dropped well below freezing and the winds picked up, forcing them to seek shelter for the night in a cave as the snow piled up three centimetres thick.

"We were pretty wet and tired," said Thomas.

Then thoughts of polar bears, which have been known to hunt humans, began to cross their minds.

"That was a concern of mine," said Thomas. "I heard they were out there and there wasn't much room to run and hide."

At about 11:30 p.m. in Pangnirtung, the deteriorating conditions forced commanders to call off a search crew of five Canadian Rangers on ATVs, with an eye to resuming the search at daybreak.

At 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, 20 Rangers and regular force soldiers left on ATVs to find the men, while the search resumed in the air with a Griffon and a Sea King helicopter. The Sea King was near Pangnirtung aboard the HMCS Montreal, a Navy frigate participating in Exercise Narwhal.

An hour later, the men landed at the Pangnirtung airport aboard the Griffon, smiling wryly through haggard faces as they walked across the gravel tarmac to a van waiting with medics on board.

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# Canadian economy is showing signs of stumbling

By Eric Beauchesne

The Canadian economy is showing signs of stumbling, a major bank warned Wednesday after Statistics Canada reported a smaller than expected rise in its barometer of the short-term outlook for the Canadian economy.

The 0.6-per-cent increase in the agency's index of leading economic indicators in July was less than the one-per-cent rise in each of the previous two months, which were the steepest gains in two years, and was less than analysts had expected.

"The decline ... is the most significant deceleration since May 2002," said RBC economist David Wolf.

And it's worse than it looks, he added, noting that the latest raw data that goes into the index is pointing to broad-based weakness.

"We've only seen that five times since 1980 — all on the cusp of signifi-

cant weakening or recession in the economy," Wolf said. "Now, we do not think that a dramatic decline in Canadian growth lies ahead, and the weakness in the leading indicator details may be as much a combination of chance and reaction to previous strength as anything else."

But the report suggests that Canada's recent spurt of strength, which has been in contrast to the weakness in the U.S. economy, may be coming to an end, he warned.

According to the Statistics Canada report, an increase in business spending failed to fully offset a slowdown in housing construction and economic weakness in the U.S., Canada's largest trading partner.

The index has been "smoothed" to exclude sharp ups and downs from month to month, however, and Statistics Canada said the sources of strength in July remained broadly

based with eight of the 10 components of its index rising.

The upturn in business investment was reflected in new orders which, driven by purchases of new machinery and equipment, posted a ninth straight monthly increase, it said. The strength of business demand raised the ratio of shipments to inventories to a level not seen since the end of the high-tech boom four years ago.

"The year's first gain in business services employment was another reflection of the pickup of business spending," it added.

In contrast, housing activity slowed for the first time in six months, as apartment and condominium construction fell, offsetting continued strength in single-family housing construction and in home sales.

"The single-family housing market remained buoyant, with high levels of new construction and vacancies near

record lows," it noted. "Existing home sales in the second quarter surpassed their previous record set in the third quarter of 2003."

Meanwhile, durable goods sales continued their upward trend despite lower auto sales and the depressing impact of high gasoline prices on incomes, it said.

The rise in the leading economic indicator for the U.S., also moderated last month, slowed by the third straight decline in consumer confidence — and weighing on Canada's index. The U.S. indicator is included in Canada's calculations because of the importance of that economy to Canada.

"As in Canada, however, (U.S.) firms spent more," Statistics Canada said. "This upturn accompanied a sharp rebound in our exports to the U.S., which posted their largest year-over-year increase since 2000."

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# Social issues threaten to spilt Republican convention

By Sheldon Alberts

U.S. Republican leaders formally backed a policy platform Wednesday that calls for constitutional bans on gay marriage and abortion, triggering warnings of a showdown at next week's national convention with party moderates who fear such hard-line stands could hurt George W. Bush's re-election hopes.

The outbreak of Republican bickering came one day after Vice-President Dick Cheney publicly split with Bush over the issue of homosexual rights and threatens to scuttle hopes Republicans would project an image of unity at the convention.

"We strongly support President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage," says the draft Republican policy, which was approved by conservative delegates on the party's subcommittee on family issues.

The Republican platform committee also re-affirmed anti-abortion policy first approved in 2000, which demands the U.S. constitution be amended to explicitly say that an "unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed."

By adopting policy language aimed at appealing to the party's socially conservative base, Republican leaders appeared to be trying to strike a pre-convention balance.

Many religious and social conservatives had been unhappy over the party's decision to award its highest-profile speaking slots at the New York convention to Republican moderates who have taken pro-choice and gay-friendly positions.

The list of prime-time speakers includes California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and New York Gov. George Pataki — Republicans who national party officials believe have strong cross-over appeal among independent and undecided voters.

But the pre-convention manoeuvring has left both Republican conservatives and moderates unhappy.

"This platform was an opportunity for the party to re-affirm that George Bush wants to be a uniter, not a divider — and they missed it," said Ann Stone, head of Republicans for Choice, a group of GOP members supporting both abortion and gay rights.

"Party leaders must be betting that no one in America reads the platform. They are betting that more people are going to get their information from watching on prime-time television."

The selection of party moderates like Schwarzenegger and Giuliani to headline the convention "is a real indication that Republican leaders understand that people like (conservative evangelists) Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell can't be the face of the party," said Stone.

The cleavages within the party over gay marriage go to the highest levels of Congress and the Bush administration.

An attempt by Senate Republicans to pass a constitutional amendment failed earlier this summer when several GOP senators joined Democrats in voting against the measure.

On Tuesday, Cheney distanced himself from Bush's advocacy for a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

The vice-president, who has a gay

daughter, said the legal treatment of same-sex relationships is "appropriately a matter for states to decide," not the federal government.

"My general view is that freedom means freedom for everyone. People ought to be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to," Cheney said in response to a question during a political rally in Davenport, Iowa.

Open disagreement between Cheney and Bush is rare, but some analysts believe Cheney's remarks were a deliberate attempt to show voters there is room for disagreement within the Republican party over social issues.

Nonetheless, Cheney angered activists on the right wing of the party with his views.

"I thought the vice-president's comments were very unfortunate. It sends a signal to grassroots, pro-family conservatives that he doesn't agree with us," said Colleen Parro, executive director of the Republican National Coalition for Life.

"I think most people in our party have a very traditional view of how life and families and communities ought to work."

While Bush has opposed gay marriage and backed legislation banning some abortion practices, social conservatives say they are heading to New York feeling as if they are being hidden from public view.

"I think the people (like Schwarzenegger) who are speaking don't reflect the principles and values embraced in the platform," said Parro. "It would be constructive to have consistency in the platform and in the people representing the Republican party

in prime-time television during the convention."

Gay and pro-choice Republicans, a small but vocal group in the party, had proposed the adoption of a "unity platform" that would acknowledge differences of opinion on social issues.

"Today's decision — refusing to unite our party and refusing to recognize that people of good faith can disagree over contentious social issues — sends the wrong signal to fair-minded voters," said Patrick Guerriero, director of Log Cabin Republicans, a group of 12,000 gay members of the party.

Gay rights and pro-choice delegates now say they may lobby for changes to the party platform on the convention floor, a move which would attract unwanted media attention.

In a bid to satisfy party moderates, Republican leaders were considering adding language to the platform's statement of principles welcoming people who held differing opinion on the issues.

The tough stand on gay marriage will become official policy unless it is overturned by the party's full platform committee today, a move that is considered unlikely.

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## Homebrew Dixieland returns to the Haskell

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Homebrew Dixieland Band will bring the sound of New Orleans traditional jazz to the historic Haskell Opera House, tomorrow as part of the Haskell's centennial anniversary.

"We are very pleased to be back at the Haskell Opera House. It is a wonderful place to perform," said Dave Gray, who plays the tuba in the band. "Not only is the Haskell Opera House celebrating its 100th anniversary but next year the Homebrew Dixieland Band will be celebrating its own 10th anniversary."

The Homebrew Dixieland Band has been in much demand this summer. In addition to their weekly performances at the Apalache in Sutton and the Café Inn in Knowlton on Thursdays and Fridays, respectively, members of the group have kept busy adding entertainment to wedding receptions, other



COURTESY HOMEBREW DIXIELAND BAND

The members of the Dixieland Band during a performance.

types of receptions and concerts, either in part or as a whole.

Gray explained that the demand comes from the success they've been receiving as a band because of a special

mix of expertise in the group.

"Stanley Lake, who actually founded our group, also plays the trumpet and does the vocals and grew up in the world of jazz whereas my training before moving to the area had primarily evolved around classical music," he said. "David Sutherland's versatile talent for playing

the clarinet, saxophone and doing vocals is incredible. David and Stanley also perform in a group called the Daos Trio which is more of a blend of improvisation, instrumental, jazz vocal, strum-

ming, rhyming rap, jazz rap and flights of fancy."

Gray also explained what is meant by Homebrew Dixieland — the sound is closest to the Chicago Blues sound. Dixieland-style music is more restrictive than other jazz styles. It doesn't 'swing' or make you feel like swinging. This refers more to the rhythm than the actual tempo — staying on top of the beat.

"It's a funny thing about notes," said Gray. "They are a lot like the rules set out for a poet. They are there to guide you but there are also many variations to choose from while still respecting these guidelines. That's what I love about music!"

David Reilly will also be joining the group on Friday, playing the trombone and adding his special talents to the performance.

The performance at the Haskell will begin at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27. Tickets are \$14; 60 and over, \$10; under 12, \$10.

## The laughter must go on!

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

After cancelling a show because of conflicts with the Phish concert in Vermont last week, QNEK Productions finally got to perform A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum this past weekend.

Now that all is said and done, QNEK director Lynn Leimer and her cast of very talented actors can breathe a sigh of relief and satisfaction that they succeeded in presenting four fabulously funny and entertaining performances at the Haskell Opera House.

Leimer admitted that she has never tried to put on a production that has encountered so many problems — stage props that kept falling down, actors that either quit or were fired, even spotlights that went out at inopportune times.

Brian Kilday played the handsome Miles Gloriosus, and David Stock recreated the scheming and memorable role of Pseudolus — a part he had first played about 10 years ago. Tim Daly should also be commended for his portrayal of the beautiful Hysterium, even if 'she' did sport a moustache, which brought many a laugh throughout the evening. Leimer was especially proud of the level of performances created by those young people who have been involved in the apprenticeship theatre program.

## Remembering David Scott

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

There will be a day-long memorial service this Sunday, Aug. 29 at St. Ephrem Church to remember Fitch Bay's well known Elvis impersonator, David Scott.

Scott was the only person to have received the title of Ambassador for Elvis Presley, said Jacques Gendron Sr., Scott's agent for many years. He was awarded this honour by the Succession d'Elvis and was signed by Veter Presley, himself. His uncanny resemblance in both physical appearance and voice to the legendary King of Rock and Roll seemed to feed the rumours that he was indeed the result of a fling between Elvis Presley and his biological mother while both were in Germany, said Gendron.

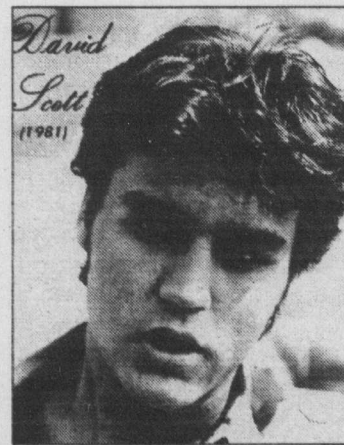
While his resemblances to Presley made him well-known, it may also have played a part in his demise. Scott lived in the limelight of this exceptional performer for most of his life. This fact

placed an added strain on him that sadly led him down a troubled path, including that of drug use that reportedly took Elvis's life. Scott ended up taking his own life at the young age of 33, in January 1993.

Scott was born in Toronto but he spent much of his younger years in Fitch Bay. As he grew older, Scott built a solid reputation as an Elvis impersonator through various competitions which also earned him a part in the 1980s movie *This is Elvis*.

Starting at 2 p.m. in the hall of the church, there will be a musical tribute to Scott and his idol Elvis. Featured artists will be Denis Fisher, Karl Brandon and Christine Poulin and possibly John Starr.

At 7 p.m., the memorial service will begin, followed by a candlelight vigil, from 8-9 p.m. in the local cemetery where Scott's ashes are buried. Returning to the hall, musical entertainment is scheduled to go on into the late evening hours.



COURTESY DAVID SCOTT WEB SITE

David Scott - depicted around the time that he portrayed Elvis in the Walper movie, *This is Elvis*.

# Best friends: security objects for toddlers

By Cheryl Clock

A tiny voice in the back seat of the car uttered a question and set off a wave of parental panic. The McCallums were vacationing in Florida with their daughter, Mallory. They had just loaded everyone into their rental car after a stop at a clothing store.

And then, that awful question.

"Where is my Hippie?" Mallory asked.

There was a long pause as her parents thought. And thought. And thought some more. Where WAS Hippie? they silently wondered.

They didn't know.

Little Mallory, three and a half years old, quickly sensed their uncertainty and burst into tearful sobs.

At that point, there was only one thing to do. Turn around.

"You just go back," said mom Tami. "Thank God the store was only five minutes away. It could have been disastrous."

She wasn't kidding.

Hippie, the originally-pink-but-long-since-grey plush hippopotamus and Mallory, the blonde curly haired preschooler, have been virtually inseparable since the day she was born.

"We don't travel anywhere without Hippie," said Tami.

And so, after launching an exhaustive search-and-rescue mission in the store, Hippie was found under a bench an hour later. Hippo and little girl were united with a big hug.

"I never saw a little girl smile more in her entire life," said Tami.

Whether it's a stuffed hippo, a fluffy teddy bear or a flannelette blanket, it all means the same to a toddler — security.

"It's a necessity," said parenting columnist Gertrud Liho.

"It's a stress relief."

When a child's world becomes too stressful and busy, a security object, or transitional object as they're often called, offers comfort, she said.

"To deny this kind of escape would be just one more stress added to the child's life."

Liho operated a nursery school in Port Dalhousie, Ont., for nearly 25 years. She still remembers the two sisters, ages three and four, who each had a security blanket they liked to rub under their nose. But their mother wouldn't allow them to bring the blankets to the day care.

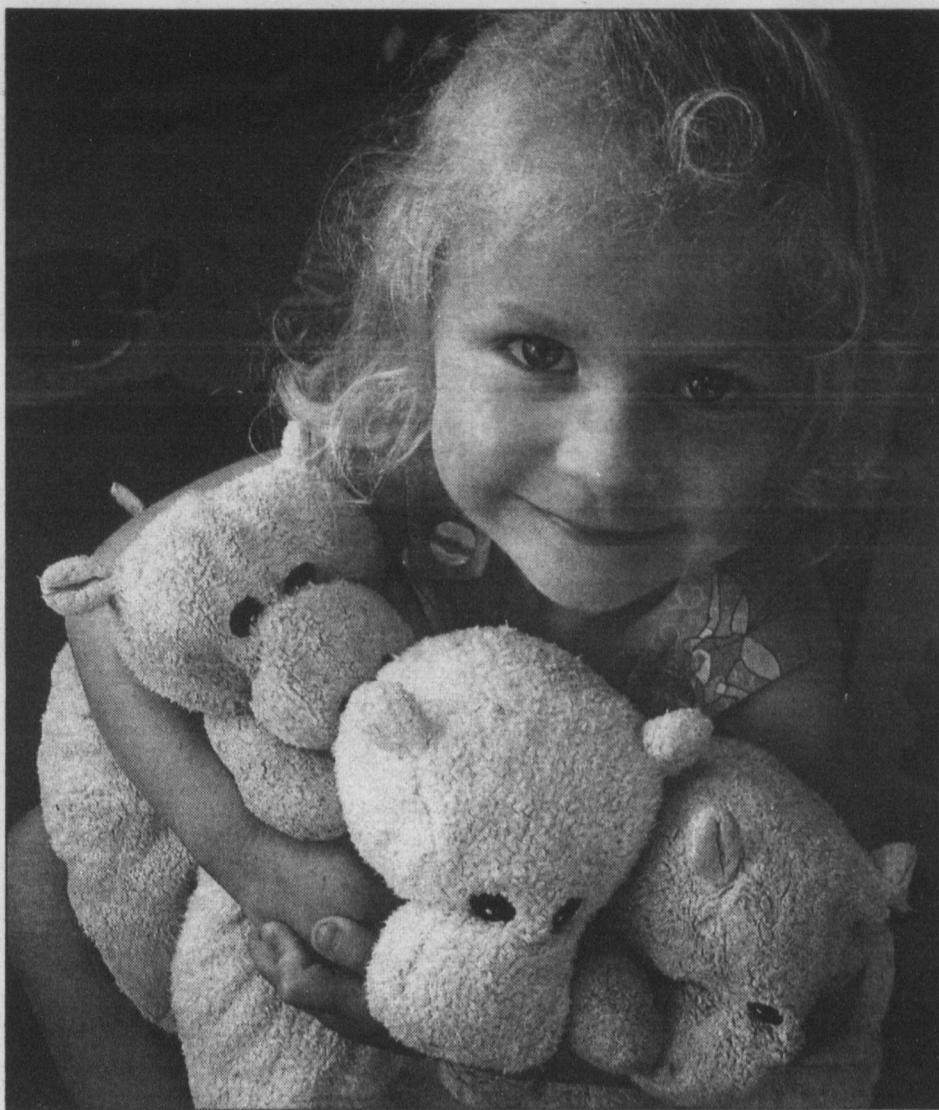
So, whenever they were distressed, Liho let them rub another comfort object — the long silky ears of her daschund.

"And they turned out okay," she said.

Parents may have trouble understanding the importance of a so-called lovey. Think of it this way, she offered.

It's early winter and the first ice has blanketed the pond. You want to test if it's thick enough to hold you, so you hold onto someone or something while sticking your foot onto the frozen surface. Once you realize it's safe, you let go.

Same with a blankie. A toddler is thinking, "I want to try, but I also need to have that safety around me," she said.



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Mallory McCallum, 3 1/2, and her hippies.

O-Jo the bear has helped two-and-a-half-year-old Sydney Westbury through all sorts of tough toddler transitions. O-Jo goes with Sydney to day care. O-Jo was by her side when she was admitted to hospital for a few days at one year old. And O-Jo was her faithful companion when she moved from a crib to big girl bed.

"In the mornings, she hugs him so tight," said mom, Janet. "It's a definite physical and emotional connection."

Kids who've formed strong attachments to objects are no more or less secure or fearful than children who don't cultivate these attachments, said Danny Tarulli, assistant professor of child and youth studies at Brock University.

So why do some kids form these strong attachments and others do not?

There are many hypotheses, including parental attitude, a parent's own experience with a lovey, availability of the item or cultural differences.

If a parent reacts positively when the child picks up the blanket, the child may be more likely to attach to it. Some literature even says that parents who had an attachment to an object when they were young will have kids who will form similar attachments. And cultural differences, such as in North American society expecting kids to sleep on their own from a very young age, may foster more object attachments, he said.

In the case of a blanket attachment, it may be that the child associates other positive experiences with it, such as being fed or rocked. But whatever the reason, the attachments are strongest from about 18 to 24 months, up to about three years. After four years, they start to taper off, he said.

"Perhaps that need decreases as they develop new attachments to other people," he suggested.

Three-year-old Saryn Waters doesn't go anywhere without Baby, a soft yellow plush baby that rattles when she runs with it.

It travels with her to the grocery store, shopping mall and day care. And whenever she's in distress, it's Baby that she wants, said mom Gail.

Saryn gives Baby big hugs and talks to her, saying things like: "I love you so much, my baby."

"It's amazing the love she has for it," said Gail.

The original was bought as a gift when Saryn was three weeks old for under \$20 at a Shopper's Drug Mart.

When Gail went to look for replacements, none could be found. She turned to the Internet — \$60-plus-shipping later, Saryn has two more babies.

So attached did Mallory become with Hippie, her parents also bought two backup hippies.

Van hippie stayed in the family van. Day care hippie lived at the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care. And home hippie remained safely at home.

That worked for awhile. Until, that is, little Mallory wanted all three hippies, all the time. These days van and day care Hippie must come home each night to sleep with Mallory.

Molly Betts, four and a half years old, is a little more discerning. Although she has two Ashleys, a soft pink doll with a plastic face, only the original will do at night.

"She'll play with the other one," said her mom, Andrea. "But for sleeping, it's Ashley, not Ashley No. 2."

At bedtime, Molly calms herself by cuddling with her stuffed friend as she sucks her thumb and with her free hand, rubs the bottom of Ashley's plush feet.

Over the years, Ashley's had numerous life-saving surgeries to prevent stuffing loss. And once in awhile, Molly will allow Ashley to be stuffed into a pillowcase and thrown into the washing machine.

Ashley, it seems, gets rather filthy and emits a disagreeable odour.

"She's stinky. It's nasty," said Andrea.

But no matter the aroma, they offer a sense of familiarity to children confronted with a new experience, said Leah Philbrick, director of the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont.

Her day-care centre doesn't encourage kids to drag around their blankies all day. Instead, they'd rather kids keep them safe in their cubbies and use them at nap time or in times of distress, if needed.

But for newcomers, a security blanket or stuffie can help them feel more secure until they can form other attachments at the day care, said Philbrick.

Eventually, kids become content just knowing they can go and give their toy a hug if needed, she said.

All experts agree that it's better to let the child decide when it's time to give up his blankie than to take it away.

Maybe it's time to think about weaning if an older child is being teased at school, said Liho. Perhaps suggest he keep the toy at home, or if it's a blanket, cut a small piece off to keep in his pocket.

Or follow Janet Westbury's proven weaning technique.

When it came time for her oldest, four-year-old Taylor, to be weaned off her soother, she made a deal. Taylor could use her soother to "buy" any toy she wanted (with some guidance from mom, of course) from Toys R Us.

Taylor, then three, thought that was a pretty good deal.

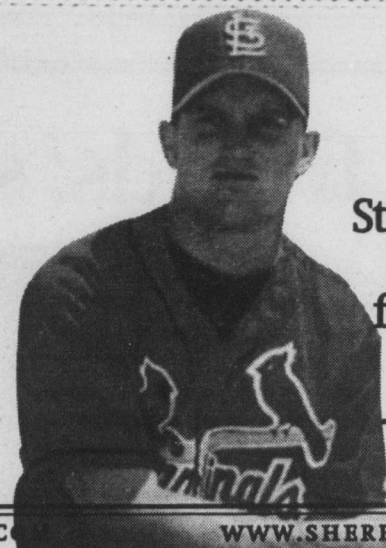
She parted with her soother at the store in exchange for a special toothbrush holder.

She asked for her soother for the next couple nights, but her mom gently reminded her that she had the holder instead.

Soon after, the soother was forgotten.

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## RDS to televise eight QUFL games

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Quebec University Football Conference announced Wednesday that RDS would broadcast eight live games, including three in the opening week of regular season play.

The 2004 campaign kicks off Sept. 2 when the Montreal Carabins host the McGill Redmen. The Bishop's Gaiters travel across town to meet the Sherbrooke Vert & Or on Sept. 4, and the week's action comes to a fitting end when the defending national champion Laval Rouge et Or host the Concordia Stingers the next afternoon.

The Gaiters will play once more on RDS (Oct. 2 against Montreal) while the other televised games will include Montreal at Laval (Sept. 19), Laval at McGill (Oct. 16) and Laval at Concordia (Oct. 30). In addition, RDS will broadcast the league championship game, the Dunsmore Cup, on Nov. 13.

Pierre Durivage and David Arsenault will alternately host the broadcasts with former Montreal Alouette Pierre Verccheval providing the colour commentary. Marie-Claude Savard will get on-field comments and Patrick Mahoney will file reports.

League commissioner Tom Allen said he felt the six-team league would be more than willing to accept new members, but there have been no formal requests to join the QUFL from other Quebec institutions.

In addition to the TV announcement the press conference, yesterday, provid-

ed each head coach with an opportunity to give a quick synopsis of the upcoming season. Not surprisingly, they were all entering the season with optimism.

The Gaiters, who will be participating in a jamboree scrimmage this Saturday against the McGill Redmen and Montreal Carabins, are guarded against any outright predictions other than the team will improve over last season's 2-6 record.

Sherbrooke head coach Alain Lapointe believes his squad benefited greatly from its inaugural 2003 season and with several outstanding recruits on board the Vert & Or figure to be a more competitive team this year.

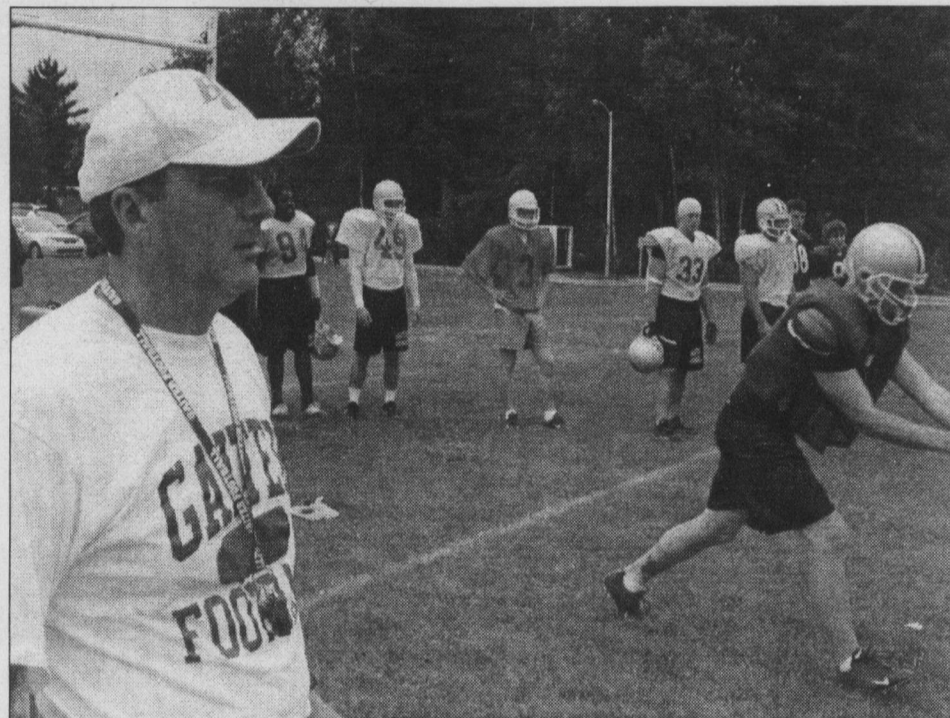
"We have improved ourselves at every position," Lapointe said. "This year will be another progression in the development of our program, game by game."

The Vert & Or recruiting class includes two highly-touted prospects in Alain Dorval and Pierre-Luc Labbé.

The Laval Rouge et Or, who defeated St. Mary's University in last year's national championship game, must find replacements for quarterback Mathieu Bertrand and Pascal Masson. Bertrand is now a member of the Edmonton Eskimos while Masson, who formerly played for Tony Addona at Champlain College, is a member of the Calgary Stampeders.

The Rouge et Or, entering their 10th year of varsity football, have plenty of talent, particularly on the defensive side of the football.

The Stingers have lost their dynamic



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Gaiters' Tony Addona is looking forward to the 2004 Quebec University Football League.

duo of running back Jean-Michel Paquette and quarterback Jon Bond, but head coach Gerry McGrath is confident Scott Syvret will get the job done at the quarterback position.

"Scott is a very intelligent player who throws the ball well and makes good decisions," McGrath said. "The problem is at running back, you just don't replace a J-M Paquette that easily."

Concordia does have several transfers from American schools including Sam Taulealea (Colorado), Modibo Sidibie (Syracuse), and Deno Bent (Central Michigan).

The Montreal Carabins, entering their third year in the league, continue to show improvement under head coach Jacques Dussault.

"Our main objective is to have the football program on solid ground," Dussault said. "Our results confirm that we are going in the right direction. It is important to continue showing improvement."

Part of the Carabins' development is evident in the signing of Jean-Aneil Solon by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, the first U de M player to sign a pro con-

tract.

McGill head coach Chuck McMann expressed satisfaction with his team during the first week of workouts.

"We have had great camaraderie and spirit so far," McMann said. "The players worked very hard during the off-season, the hardest in the three years I have been here, and it shows on the field."

McMann expects his team to improve throughout the season and his initial task is to find replacements for quarterback Dave Campbell and all-league players Mike Mahoney and Jim Merrick, both of whom are playing in the Canadian Football League.

McMann did take time to praise the work of Lennoxville native Matt Addona.

"Matt has done a great job in the off-season and will definitely be dressing for us," McMann said. "He can play any of the receiving positions and in a pinch he can also play some quarterback for us. He is a great kid."

MIKE HICKEY WILL PROVIDE AN IN-DEPTH PRE-SEASON LOOK AT BOTH SHERBROOKE AND BISHOP'S SPORTS SEASON NEXT WEEK IN THE RECORD.

## Hartley and Heymans advance to semi-final

By Dave Stubbs

Blythe Hartley has been very "Blythe-ish" the past few days, and that's a good sign.

"Blythe-ish," Canadian team head coach Mitch Geller said, laughing, "is completely opposite and contrary to any sort of sports psychology theory. She starts talking about how she's going to humiliate herself, her coun-

try and anybody associated with anybody she's ever known.

"It's a lot of positive self-talk," he joked. "It's just Blythe's way. Anne Montminy (a Sydney Olympic silver and bronze medalist) was exactly the same way. It's more a good sign than bad. If she's talking well about herself, that would be bad."

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# A look at the CFL at the halfway mark

By Michael Petrie

As Canadian Football League teams round the corner of this season and head for the finish line, we offer our perspective on the first half.

• Most valuable player

Take Anthony Calvillo away from the Montreal Alouettes and they fold like a cheap card table. His durability is one of his greatest attributes. When he's in the lineup, they have a great chance to win. Honourable mentions to B.C. Lions' quarterback Casey Printers, Ottawa Renegades' running back Josh Ranek and Toronto Argonauts' linebacker Michael Fletcher.

• Most outstanding player

There's not a player in the league more worth the price of admission than Printers. He's the real deal, but enjoy him while you can because he'll be in the National Football League after the 2005 CFL season. Honourable mention to Saskatchewan Roughriders' running back Kenton Keith, who keeps you on the edge of your seat.

• Disappointments

The amount of attention people devoted to the whole Alouettes spy thing. Who cares? It's common knowledge around the league and it's not against the rules... The 3-6 Winnipeg Blue Bombers have been all-world underachievers... Toronto running back John Avery has not earned the big bucks he's being paid... We thought Bart Hendricks would be better... Edmonton Eskimos' poor Grey Cup defence... Winnipeg slotback Milt Stegall has just 26 catches... Toronto returner Bashir Levingston used to terrify teams. Now he's better known for getting smacked around by his coach... Ottawa's defence, led by co-ordinator Gary Etcheverry, has been sub-par... Wasn't Saskatchewan pivot Rocky Butler supposed to be the next great thing?

• Surprises

Who would have thought the Hamilton Tiger-Cats would be 4-5 at the turn? Kudos to rookie head coach Greg Marshall... Before getting hurt, Toronto quarterback Damon Allen threw 11 touchdowns and two picks... We expected Lions' kicker Duncan O'Mahony to struggle, as he did early, but his current streak of 13 field goals in a row is stunning... We expected Charlie Hebert to kick field goals well, but he's been strong across the board... Edmonton's Winston October has risen from the dead and is a dangerous return man again... Printers... The sudden turnaround in support for the Argos and Ticats.

• Grade eh linebackers

Canadian talent is on a downstroke across the league at receiver and offensive line, but a few young linebackers are on the rise. The first half has seen the emergence of Kevin Eiben in Toronto, Scott Coe in Calgary and Javier Glatt in B.C. All three will be big-time, long-term contributors.

• QB cripples

There's no official stat for knocking a quarterback out of a game, but the following players were commended by teammates for their work: Saskatchewan's Scott Schultz took out Dave Dickenson. Toronto's Michael Fletcher ruined Nealon Greene's season. Coe put Printers out of last week's game. Tom Canada on Kerry Joseph. Teto Simpson on Damon Allen.

• Coaching for jobs

With the Grey Cup in Ottawa, Joe Paopao needs to get his Renegades more competitive or he could be dusted. Danny Barrett has been issued with a no-

playoff, no-contract ultimatum in Saskatchewan. Edmonton's Tom Higgins, the 2003 coach of the year, is busting big-time in his Grey Cup defence and the Evil Empire won't be patient with this situation. The current Calgary regime is committed to Matt Dunigan, but he needs a major turnaround to save his job after Michael Feterik sells the team.

• Which team has been the best at each position?

Quarterback: B.C. — Who would have thought Dickenson could be part of a quarterback controversy? But then again, who ever thought Printers would be so good, so quickly?

Running back: Montreal — Autry Denson, Eric Lapointe and Bruno Heppell give them a great mix.

Receiver: B.C. — Geroy Simon might be the best receiver in the league and his supporting cast is outstanding.

Offensive line: Montreal — They give Calvillo the time to make Ben Cahoon, Thyron Anderson and Jeremaine Copeland look good. Plus, they provide gaping holes for the backs.

Defensive line: Hamilton — With Tim Cheatwood and Joe Montford coming off the edges, this line is always a handful.

Linebackers: Calgary — George White, Brian Clark, John Grace and Scott Coe have been better than anyone could have hoped. They've been great in Calgary's new 3-4 defence.

Secondary: Toronto — Nice mix of youth and experience. They make plays and rarely get beat for notable gains.

Special teams: Winnipeg — Troy Westwood is the all-star kicker. Punter Jon Ryan, returner Keith Stokes and cover teams are all good.

• Troubling trends

1. The number of penalties being called is unbelievable. While officials usually get lambasted, most of the blame should be placed on teams that can't control their players. Calgary is the worst offender, but that Hamilton-Ottawa game a couple weeks ago was a joke.

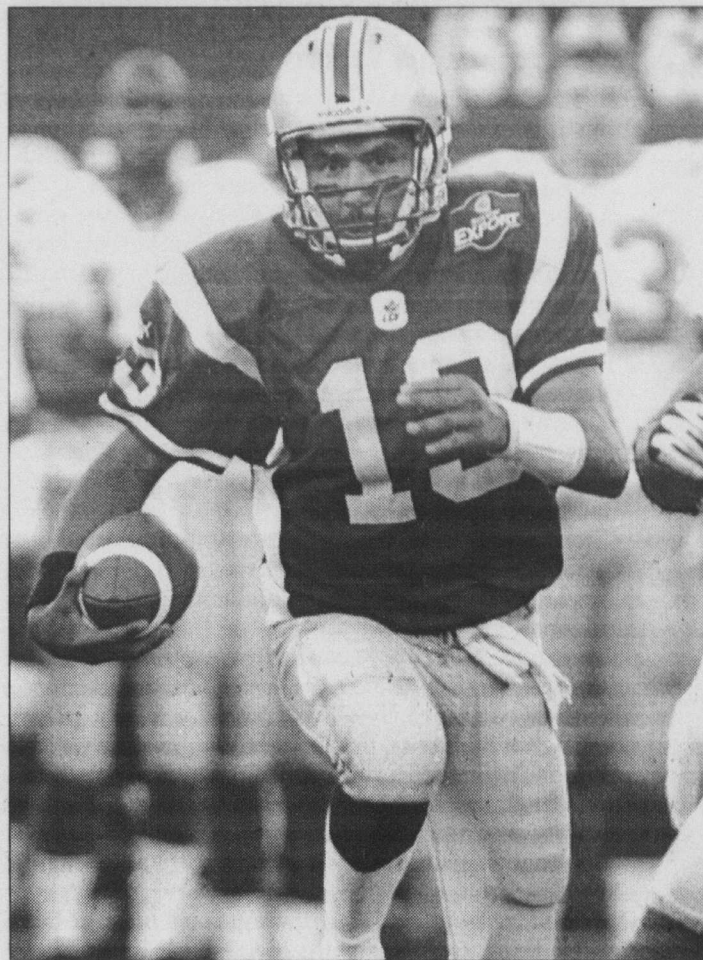
2. Why do announcers insist on referring to players who aren't rookies as rookies? Printers is not a rookie. He played last year. For the record, anyone who has played a single game in the National Football League or CFL in a previous season is not a rookie.

• On the verge

1. Despite playing like garbage last week in Edmonton, the Roughriders are solid across the board and will contend. Unit-by-unit, they have few holes and their best ball is ahead of them.

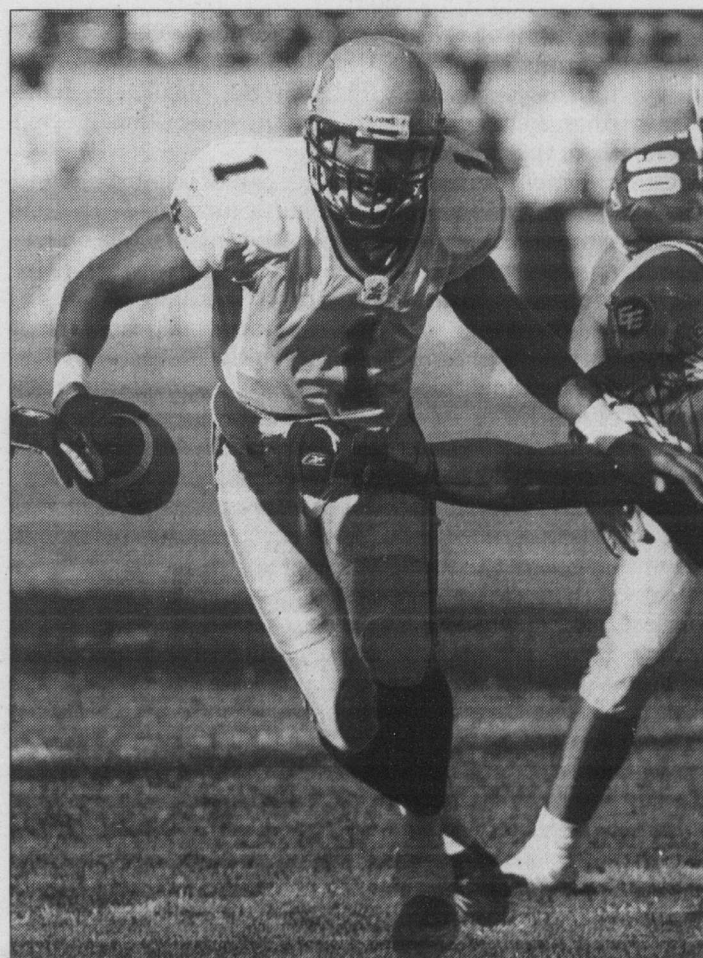
2. Charles Roberts isn't going to take anyone by surprise, but watch his numbers spike with Jim Daley as head coach. Daley was with the Stamps when they beat Winnipeg in the 2001 Grey Cup and Roberts was virtually ignored by the Bombers. Daley knows how dangerous the little back can be and we say he'll end up leading the league in rushing.

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Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo (top) and B.C. Lions pivot Casey Printers (bottom) are among the most explosive players in the Canadian Football League so far this season.



## OLYMPICS

Hurdler Allen makes  
surprise breakthrough

## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Canadians in Athens — Day 12

**Hurdles:** Charles Allen qualified for the semi-finals in the men's 110 metre hurdles. Despite knocking down eight hurdles, Allen managed to finish second in his heat in a personal best time of 13.30, almost catching Ladji Doucoure of France at the line.

**Diving:** Both Blythe Hartley and Emilie Heymans qualified for Thursday's 3m springboard semi-finals. Hartley was second in the preliminary round while Heymans finished seventh.

**Baseball:** Canada lost 11-2 to Team Japan in the Olympics' baseball bronze medal game.

**Kayak/Canoe:** Richard Dober, a native of Trois-Rivieres, Steven Jorens of Aurora, Ont., Ryan Cuthbert of Carleton Place, Ont., and Andrew Willows of Gananoque, Ont., earned a berth in the final of the K-4 (four-man kayak), 1,000-metre event after finishing third in their semi-final Wednesday.

Adam van Koevorden of Oakville, Ont., won his K-1 (one-man kayak), 1,000-metre semi-final in a time of three minutes 27.502 seconds. Roland Kokeny of Hungary was second in 3:29.134 while Emanuel Silva of Portugal was third, 2.440 seconds off the pace.

Veteran Stephen Giles of Lake Echo, N.S., advanced to the C-1 (one-man canoe), 1,000-metre final with a semi-final win in 3:51.720. Cuba's Karel Aguilar Chacon was second in 3:52.260 while Dagnis Vinogradovs of Latvia captured the final berth with a time of 3:53.656.

Canada's women's K-4 crew squeaked into the 500-metre final, finishing third in 1:34.645. The team of Karen Furneaux of Waverley, N.S., Carrie Lightbound of Mississauga, Ont., Kamini Jain of Calgary and Jillian D'Alessio of Middle Sackville, N.S., edged the Americans to capture the berth with a time of 1:35.645. Australia was first in 1:33.977 while Japan was second in 1:35.493.

The men's C-2 (two-man canoe) duo of Richard Dalton of Halifax and Michael Scarola of Waverley, N.S., finished second in 3:32.280 in the 1,000-metre semi-final. Spain was first in 3:31.876 while China crossed third in 3:32.792.

**Synchronized Swimming:** Fanny Letourneau and Courtney Stewart placed sixth for Canada in duet synchronized swimming in Athens, missing a bronze medal by less than two points. Letourneau, from Deux-Montagnes, and Stewart, from Unionville, Ont., finished with 95.334 points. Americans Alison Bartosik and Anna Kozlova won the bronze at 96.918.

**Triathlon:** Jill Savege was 39th, Carol Montgomery of North Vancouver, B.C., was 35th and Samantha McGlone of Montreal was the top Canadian in 27th.

**Report: WHA makes Crosby \$7.5M offer**

According to a report in the Ottawa Sun, teen phenom Sidney Crosby has been offered a three-year, \$7.5-million contract by the Hamilton franchise in the World Hockey Association.

The paper, citing an NHL source, reports that team owner Mario Frankovitch made the offer to Crosby. It would pay the 17 year-old \$2.5-million for each of the three seasons and, reportedly, would pay Crosby a guaranteed \$2-million even if the fledgling league can't get off the ground.

**Around Town**

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By Dan Barnes

If Charles Allen is about to produce another Canadian hurdling breakthrough — and he has taken two bold steps in that direction — the country might want to know more about him.

So here are the basics. He's 27, single, a cricket fan and competed for his native country of Guyana at the Sydney Olympics where he finished up the track, as they say.

In his first go for Canada he has reeled off two personal bests, 13.35 and 13.30 seconds in the 110-metre hurdles to reach the semi-finals. On Tuesday, with a good tailwind, his was the sixth-best time in a 48-man field. On Wednesday with a negligible wind he was sixth again in a 32-man field, despite knocking over nine hurdles.

"Regardless of my technique I'm running hard and I feel good. Making the semifinals is just a step. That was already in the plan."

His path to the eight-man final was cleared slightly when American Allen Johnson, the defending world champ, fell on Wednesday.

"Only two times in my career have I fallen. Unfortunately it was at the Olympics," said Johnson, who crashed a day after Canada's world champ Perdita Felicien did the same. That's hurdling.

If Allen makes the final, he'll have made his breakthrough and created some waves.

But the better Charles Allen story, for now at least, begins with his mother Elsa. While Charles and his siblings stayed with their grandmother and father in their homeland of Guyana, Elsa

worked four jobs for five years half a world away in Brampton, Ont. After starting a new life — she and Charles' father divorced — she sent for her kids in 1988, so they wouldn't have to live forever in an underdeveloped country. They became Canadian citizens in 1991.

"She's my hero," said Allen, whose bountiful North American opportunities included a scholarship at Clemson University in South Carolina where he still studies counselling and leadership and works as an assistant track coach. "I just think of the sacrifices she had to make to give us a better life, a chance to be successful. I can't imagine how hard it was for her to do that."

To give anything less than a full commitment to his goals now would be to dishonour what she has done for him. So he's a demon at the practice track, so mature and focused that coach Glenroy Gilbert named him captain of the 4 x 100 relay team. That's where Allen's focus was going to be in Athens, since his hurdles times weren't likely to knock anybody's socks off.

But in his fourth year of competition in the event he has shown up here bigger and .23 seconds faster than ever. That kind of performance draws the attention of fans, media, other athletes and, in the days following the U.S.-based BALCO scandal, doping control officers. He said he was tested after winning the national championship in July and figured after running 13.35 he would be a candidate for another test here soon.

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**DIVING:**

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Hartley's self-deprecating manner is well known in diving circles. On Wednesday, she badmouthed herself all the way up to second place in the women's three-metre springboard preliminaries, trailing only Russia's Yulia Pakhalina, 347.04 points to 321.33, after five optional dives.

Emilie Heymans, not usually the springboard diver she is on the 10-metre platform, stood seventh among 33 with 305.04.

The always dangerous Chinese — Guo Jingjing, the defending world champion on this board, and Wu Minxia — were comfortably poised in third and sixth. The last non-Chinese Olympic winner on women's springboard was Canadian Sylvie Bernier, who won at Los Angeles in 1984.

The top 18 finishers in Wednesday's preliminaries advance to Thursday's semi-final round of five compulsory dives (beginning at 5 a.m. EDT). The top 12 in semis move through to Thursday night's final (2 p.m. EDT), repeating Wednesday's dives.

"I didn't feel very confident during the event," Hartley said, true to form. "I was really nervous before and throughout. Prelims are so long. You're sitting and thinking a lot."

"I hold back a little because I feel I have some-

thing to lose. The goal is to qualify. I don't attack prelims, I'm just looking to qualify (for semis). I'm very surprised I'm second."

Hartley underestimates herself, of course. She is ranked No. 2 in the world this year on springboard, the career winner of 18 national titles.

Geller is hoping her performance in preliminaries will have made the judges see her strength and quality, something that can carry in their memories into subsequent rounds.

"Medals for us aren't impossible, but it will be a struggle," Geller said. "Pakhalina is going to be very tough. Lashko never puts all her effort into prelims and is always good in finals."

The coach said both Hartley and Heymans had a talk about the lion heart of teammate Alexandre Despatie, who battled back from a poor dive Tuesday to win a silver on the 10-metre platform.

"My guess is that Emilie and Blythe have nurtured a relationship and talked a lot about competition," Geller said. "I think they talked a little about competition, and that they'd like to love competition as much as he does."

"Alex thrives on pressure. They fear it a little while he eats it up like a shark at feeding time. The women were talking about it and maybe saying, 'Can we have a little of that?'"

There's no better time to start showing those teeth.

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**Memorial Service**

**MOFFAT, Doris Emma (Goode) - 90**, passed away Monday, January 12, 2004 in Harbour View Haven, Home for Special Care in Lunenburg, NS. Born in Fitch Bay, Que., she was the daughter of the late Delbert and Gertrude (Wheeler) Waite. Survived by sons Arnold E. (Georgina) Goode, Dartmouth, NS and Michael (Darby) Goode, Lahave, NS. Stepchildren Marilyn (Robert Goodfellow), Wally (Patsy) Moffat, Deane (Doreen) Moffat, Barry (Patricia) Moffat, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by first husband LT. Arnold M. Goode, RCR and second husband Robert J. Moffat, brothers Harold and Sterling Waite and sister Rosamond (Smith). A Memorial Service will be held on Monday August 30 at 10 a.m. at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff. Burial at the Ayer's Cliff Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society or to Beulah United Church Memorial Fund.

**Cards of Thanks**

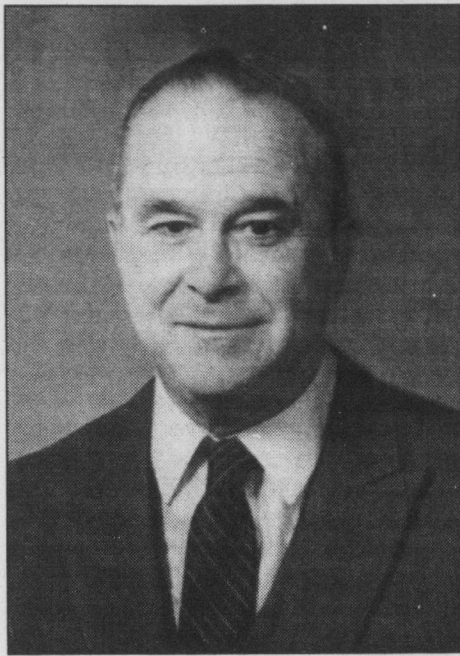
**NOEL** - We wish to express our sincere thanks to our four daughters, Linda, Carmen, Carol, Donna and their mates, as well as our five grandchildren, for the beautiful family celebration for our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 21 at the home of Donna and Bill. A special thanks to all those friends and relatives who sent cards and telephoned with best wishes - these personal thoughts were so very much appreciated by us both. It was a day we will remember forever!

RITA & NORMAN NOEL  
Richmond

**PROVIS** - We wish to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy at the time of the death of our dear love one, Marion Provis. We extend our deepest appreciation for flowers, phone calls, letters, food and donations. A special thank you to Sharon McMorine. Thank you to the nurses and staff at the Pavilion Richmond.

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AND GRANDCHILDREN

**Death**



**HAMILTON, James Kenneth, 1922-2004** - Passed away peacefully at home in his 82nd year, with his family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Phyllis Buchanan, and devoted father of Heather (David Gill), Wendella (Stéphane St-Pierre), Ian (Candace Silliphant), Dawn, loving grandfather of J.K. and Michael. He also leaves to mourn his sister, Shirley Powers, and brothers, William (Bette Saunders), Douglas (Barbara Quaile), as well as sisters-in-law, Ardice Buchanan, Mary Mandigo, and other relatives and friends. Thanks to the family and the friends who helped us during this difficult time. Special thanks to the nurses, doctors and night attendant of the CLSC de la Haute-Yamaska for their continuous support during Ken's illness. Cremaon was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Family will receive condolences on Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes (angle St-Jude N.), Granby, tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393 [www.famillebessette.com](http://www.famillebessette.com) Memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2004, at 2 p.m., at the Granby United Church. Family will be present at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment at Pinewood cemetery in Granby. In his memory, donations to the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation or to the CLSC de la Haute-Yamaska would be greatly appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home or the church.

**Death**



**LUBECKI, Mrs. Sara Elizabeth Miner, 1912 - 2004** - Deeply loved and sadly missed. Sara Elizabeth ( Betty ) Miner Lubecki passed away peacefully at home in Granby, Que., August 24th with her son William and daughter Maria at her side. Betty was born in Granby, June 17th, 1912, daughter of the late W.H. Miner of Granby and the late Mabel Chambers of Peterborough, Ontario, attended Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal and graduated from McGill University in 1935. Following university, Betty began working in Social Services and as a Girl Guide Commissioner. At the outbreak of World War II, Betty joined the British First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (F.A.N.Y.S.) where she served until the end of the war. In 1944 in England, she married her beloved husband, the late Kazimierz Leopold Lubecki, of Krakow, Poland. In February 1946, she

with her husband returned from Britain to Canada and settled in Granby. Betty was a member of the Granby Congregational Church, later the Granby United Church of Canada, President of the United Church Women's Association, President and founding member of the Granby Museum, founding member of the Canadian Woman's Club of the Yamaska Valley, and served in the Canadian Red Cross and the Granby Library. Betty who was the widow of her beloved husband, the late Kazimierz Lubecki, and sister of the late John Miner is survived by her son William and her daughter Maria of Granby; her grandchildren, Anne-Marie Hiley, Wiltshire, England, Thomas Ashcroft, Montreal, and Sara Lubecki, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.; her great-grandchildren David and Elizabeth Hiley, Wiltshire, England; her sister Mabel Eleanor Miner Nicholls, Merrickville, Ontario; her sister-in-law, Joan Redpath Markham, Waterloo, Ontario and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Wladyslaw and Maria Lubecki, Limanowa, Poland, as well as her numerous nieces and nephews. Betty is resting at her home, 209 old Shefford Rd., Granby, Qué. Visits may be made at her home August 28th and 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be held in the Granby United Church at 2:00 p.m. August 30th. In appreciation, donations may be sent in remembrance to the Canadian Red Cross, 6 Place du Commerce, Verdun, Que. H3E 1P4, or to the Salvation Army, 2050 Stanley, #400, Montreal, Que. H3A 3G3. Funeral direction: Maison Funéraire, Girardot & Menard Ltee, 170 Dufferin Street, Granby, Que., J2G 4X3. Tel : (450) 372-4498, fax : (450) 372-2738 e-mail : girardot-menard@bellnet.ca

**Magog and Area Connie Girard**

Herb and Nellie Hudson have had a very busy summer thus far. They went camping at Burke Mountain and visited with Ann and Lyman Dunn at Granby, Vermont. Nellie's aunt Uldeane Willey and friend Dr. Catherine Balentine of Rochester, New Hampshire came to Magog and had a special treat when the former's lifelong friend, Eileen Lacoix and her daughter of Sherbrooke came

for tea! They looked at photos and remembered the good old days! The Hudsons and their guests attended Sunday services at St. Paul's United Church where Uldeane's step-grandson Rev. Dr. Deane Moffat delivered the sermon. also attended and Dean's brother, Wallace and his wife Patty were all invited to the Hudsons for a social hour. Much enjoyed indeed.

**RATES and DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES**

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**WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY**  
Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge: Worship services on August 29: Joint service of worship in Waterville at 11 a.m. Guest speaker: Nancy Montgomery. She will be speaking about her recent trip to Zambia for "Beads of Hope".

#### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Worship on August 29 at 10 a.m. Guest preacher will be the Rev. Martyn Sadler. Refreshments to follow. Rev. James Potter, (819) 565-8449.

#### ACTON VALE

The 140th annual Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church of St. Mark, 705 Wurtele St., Acton Vale, will take place on Sunday, August 29 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Canon William Blizzard will officiate. Rev. Ruth Matthews, le Pere Claude Prefontaine and Rev. Pierre Paul Lafond will be assisting. Mrs. Eunice Lloyd will play the organ. David Eaves and Marie-Paule Labrecque will read the lessons. Margie Gillis will dance. Following the

service, everyone is invited for refreshments in the Wurtele Garden. Any baked goods or articles would be appreciated for the "white elephant sale" in support of the church fund repairs and upkeep. Friends and relatives are welcome. Info: (450) 546-3674.

#### ULVERTON

Summer Barbecue at Ulverton United Community Church (Route 143 north of Richmond) on Saturday, August 28 starting at 5 p.m. Barbecue pork, salad, rolls, dessert, tea, coffee. Music and entertainments! Admission charged. Details: (819) 826-2469.

#### MARBLETON-BROOKBURY

Sunday Church services at 9:15 a.m. at St. Paul's, Marbleton and at St. Philip's, Sawyerville and at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's, Bury and at St. Peter's, Cookshire and at 7 p.m. at St. John's, Brookbury led by Lay Readers Jane Bishop, Sheila Bellam/Lydia Judge, Serena Wintle and Mac Fraser/Joyce Beaudoin. Everyone is welcome.

#### MELBOURNE RIDGE

Join us at Melbourne Ridge United Church on Sunday, August 26, 7 p.m., for another old-fashioned Hymn Sing. Select your favourites from the Hymnary or Songs of the Gospel. Guest musician. Refreshments after the service.

#### STANSTEAD

Fall Fashion Show / Breast Cancer

Fundraiser on Saturday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Border Curling Club, 26 Principale, Stanstead. Advance purchase only. Tickets available at "Figures" and "Sears" in Stanstead. Information: (819) 876-7009. Refreshments provided.

#### SAWYERVILLE

Annual Roast Turkey Supper at the Sawyerville United Church on Thursday, September 2 from 4 p.m. on. Menu: Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, homemade rolls and pies. For reservations please call: 4 p.m., Claris Phillips (819) 889-2947; 5 p.m., Mable Mackay 889-2628 or 6 p.m., Glenna Evans 889-2247. Additional settings without reservations until all are served. Sales tables. All are welcome.

#### BROOKBURY

Join us for a Soup and Salad Lunch at 12 noon and 500 card party to follow on Friday, August 27 at the Brookbury Community Center.

#### RICHMOND

Figure Skating Club "Les Turbillons" de Richmond will hold registration on Thursday, August 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Richmond Arena. 3 course try-out for beginners. Start of the season: September 14, 2004. For more information, contact Marianne Blom at (819) 826-5693.

#### DANVILLE

The Danville Curling Club is holding

their annual Beef Mechoui on Saturday, August 28. The bar will be open at 4 p.m. with supper being served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. For tickets and information contact: Albert Gillim (819) 879-7798 or Marilyn Mastine (819) 839-2554.

#### WARDEN

Military Whist card party, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 209 Principale, Warden. Benefit of the Cantons Maple Leaf No. 4. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome.

#### BALDWIN'S MILLS

United Church Ladies Group Tea Room and Bazaar, September 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Stonehouse, 1953 chemin Lyon. Baking, herbs, preserves, souvenirs, books, puzzles, rummage, treasures for all. Tea will be served in the garden.

**This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$6.00 fee, \$9.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$12.00 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.**

## Ask if she needs help with her finance

**Dear Annie:** My siblings and I are worried that our mom is being asked to give more than a tithe of her income to her church. Please don't think we are looking for an inheritance. We have good jobs and don't need her money.

Former parishioners have told us that Mom is being taken advantage of. She is beginning to sell her assets in

order to pay her regular living expenses, even though she and

our deceased father had good retirement plans. Her accountant, by the way, is also a member of her church.

Is there anything we can do, or should we stand aside since it is her money? — Connecticut Children

### Annie's Mailbox

the state regulatory agency or the AICPA (aicpa.org). However,

it is possible that Mom is selling her assets voluntarily in order to contribute more. The only way to find out is to ask her. Please don't wait.

**Dear Annie:** I am at my computer giving some advice to "New Jersey," whose husband's family history puts him at high risk for prostate cancer, but he refuses to see a doctor because he is too embarrassed and doesn't want anyone touching him. That's too bad, because he can be sure the mortician is going to touch him — and sooner than he thinks.

This man knows he is showing symptoms, yet he does nothing. Thank you for telling him to look into information available through the American Cancer Society. Years ago, my husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Very little information was available to the public at the time. He had surgery, follow-ups and 12 years of office visits in order for this information to be compiled.

Please tell "New Jersey" to have her husband read this and think about his wife and family. If he cares about them, he will do whatever is necessary to stick around. — Lived Through It in Michigan

**Dear Michigan:** Our readers were quite concerned about this man's willful disregard of his health and hoped he would change his mind soon. Here's one more:

**Dear Annie:** I would like to say something to "New Jersey's" husband: The

only embarrassment you will suffer is when others find out you did nothing to protect your health. Your doctor visits are private, and members of your immediate family will know only that you are going in for a checkup.

I also am at high risk of developing prostate cancer because both my grandfather and father died of it. My father fought the cancer for over seven years. During that time, I had many opportunities to tell him I loved him. He showed me many strengths by not quitting, denying or looking for false hope. I miss my father greatly, but his lessons are ingrained in me.

At the age of 37, I began regular prostate checks. I am now 45. A digital exam may be uncomfortable, but it is not painful. A PSA blood test is done along with all my other blood work. I am on the right track to discover prostate cancer early enough to beat it if it comes knocking on my door. I want to tell him: Be strong, get yourself checked, and live life to the fullest. — A.M.

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### Elsie Neil has moved

Ms. Elsie Neil is pleased to announce that she has taken up residence at The Wales Home in Richmond. She may be reached at Room #3., 506 Rte. 243 N, Richmond, Que., JOB 2H0. Tel.: 819-826-1478.

### Happy Birthday

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by Luis Campos

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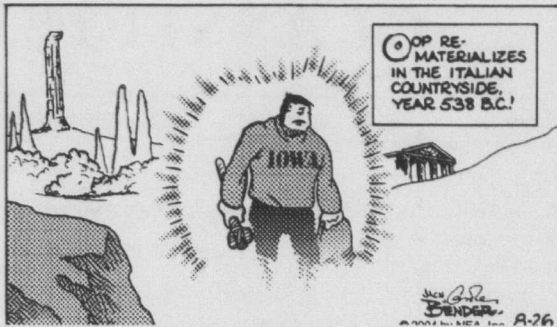


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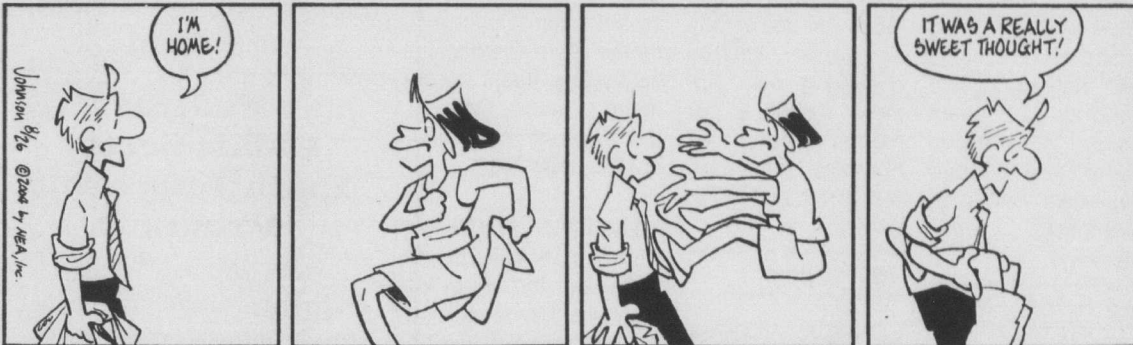
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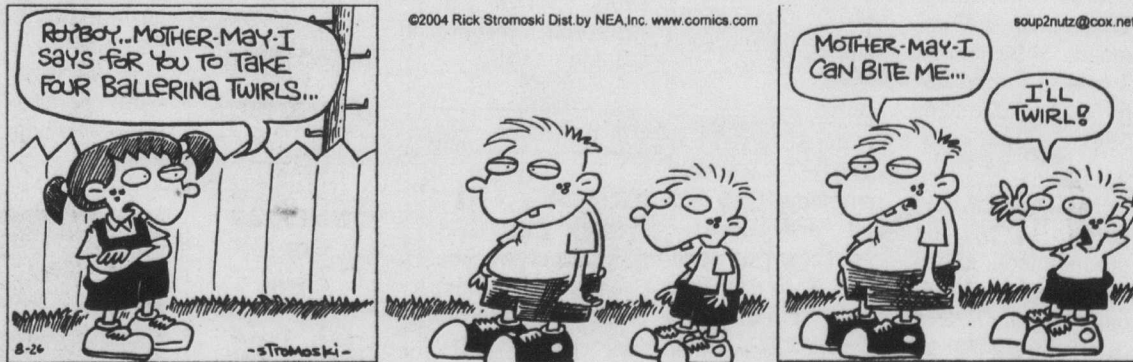
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050 Rest Homes

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COOK WANTED for full time position, with or without experience, willing to train. Need to be serious, hardworking, with a good memory. Fax C.V. to (819) 846-0142 attention Debbie or bring to Restaurant Deli Train, 739 Principale North, Richmond.

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EXPERIENCED TRUCK MECHANIC needed in Foster. Salary according to experience, preferably bilingual. Class 1 driver's license will be an asset. Opportunity for driving heavy tow truck. 40 hours a week. Contact Terry or Evelyn at (450) 539-2812.

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145 Miscellaneous Services

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190 Cars For Sale

2001 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF TDI for sale. Manual transmission, ABS brakes, power doors and locks, silver, cassette player, 6 CD changer. Very good condition, clean, non-smoker. 147,000 km. \$15,500., negotiable. Call (819) 826-6737.

230 Tires

WINTER TIRES with wheels and VW caps, 195/65/15, Nordic Icetrac, like new. Fits on 5x112 bolt patterns: VW vans and Passat, Audi. \$475. Call (819) 566-0446.

250 Cameras

NIKON F401 35 mm camera with 28-80 Vivitar and 80-200 Sigma lenses, large Nikon SB22 infrared flash, carry case, approx. 10 years old, excellent condition. \$350. negotiable. Call (819) 566-0446.

275 Antiques

WE BUY from the past for the future, one item or a household, attic or basement, shed or garage. We like it all, give us a call. BluBarn Antiques (819) 884-2151, (819) 837-2680.

290 Articles For Sale

ATTENTION STUDENTS! You need furniture? Go to Lori's Place in Eaton Corner. She has computer desks, chairs, kitchen sets, beds, bureaus, etc., etc. Info: (819) 875-3587.

BOOKS, ARTWORK, records 33 1/3, new and used designer clothes, Glassware collection from around the world \$1,000. Cash only. Call (450) 266-4205.

290 Articles For Sale

ELECTRIC STOVE, 24" Viking, good condition, \$75. Call (819) 569-5277.

TRAILER - All steel frame and box, with low sides, 6x10. Call (819) 884-2227.

WOOD FOR SALE: for fire and construction. Kitchen table with 4 chairs, T.V., washing machine. Call (819) 572-1158 after 6 p.m.

295 Articles Wanted

PAYING CASH for horse hay, year round. Need small square bales, 40 lbs.+, stacked, tight cords, no dust, 700 bale load. Call (819) 876-5872.

325 Poultry

20 WEEK OLD Red Pullets for sale. Call (819) 842-2025 after 6 p.m.

330 Pets

BEAUTIFUL GERMAN SHEPHERD, female, born August 3, 2003, registered, vaccinated and tattooed, looking for a good home. \$650. Call (819) 826-6088.

340 Garage Sales

**BEEBE**  
Garage Sale to benefit the **Frontier Animal Society** will be held on Saturday, August 28 at 1 Bigelow, Beebe at 8 a.m. No early birds please. Items include exercise bike, slide, dishes, lamps, books and many other household items. Info: (819) 876-5016 or 876-7785.

340 Garage Sales

**MASSAWIPPI**  
3 day sale, August 27, 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 3255 Route 143 (Massawippi). Tools, dishes, books, old bottles and much more. No early birds please!

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# Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although attempting to do things the easy way today is likely to have the greatest appeal for you, unfortunately you'll discover one after the other that all these paths lead down dead end streets.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It is always a mistake to underestimate the caliber of your competition, and today will be no exception. Persons you think you can vanquish in the early rounds will take you to your limits.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It will prove to be exceptionally important today that you keep an open mind at all times. Having preconceived negative ideas will work to your detriment and cause avoidable problems.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Before an old obligation rears its ugly head today and weighs heavily on your shoulders, bite the bullet and take the positive steps needed to eliminate it once and for all. You'll feel better for it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Promises made to you by others should not be too heavily relied upon today. This is particularly true if they are from those who have let you down previously. Be your own person.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be on guard from the onset of your day or else you are quite likely to do things that do not serve your best interests. However, by late after-

noon or early evening things could turn around.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's wonderful of you to want to be nice to others, but getting involved in situations today that are replete with boring types will prove intolerable. Instead seek lively, fun-loving companions.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Unless you are truly motivated today, chances are you're going to have a tough time getting yourself into high gear. Sadly, success will be denied you if you use only half-measures.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — For reasons known only to you, the probabilities are that you will view yourself as an underdog today. Just remember negative thinking will always produce negative results.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — The family budget will suffer today if either you or your mate breaks down and purchases something on which you had both agreed to do without for the present. Keep your pledge.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Try not to be stubborn and uncooperative today when dealing with others. If you are, there is a strong likelihood that they will find ways to exclude you from the group activities of the day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — It will prove extremely unwise to procrastinate about things that you know must get done today. Time that you think you have at your disposal will fly like the darkness before the dawn.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004

# A tough auction, a testing contract

By Phillip Alder

All week, we have been looking at fourth-suit game-forcing. The opener bids two different suits, and the responder bids the other two suits. The fourth call is artificial and forces to game. Usually, the responder is uncertain as to which game will be best. But sometimes he will be thinking about a slam. Here, he is doing both!

First, though, West leads the club king against seven diamonds. How should South plan the play?

After the first three bids, North has his eyes on three no-trump, but he doesn't have a stopper in the unbid suit, clubs. So, he wheels out fourth-suit game-forcing. However, South rebids his second suit, showing 5-6 in spades and diamonds. (With 5-5, South would have opened one spade.) Now North has a rethink. His hand has become phenomenal for play in diamonds, the known nine-card fit. So, North agrees that suit. South, with nothing better to do, admits to holding the club ace with his four-club control-bid (cue-bid). Finally, North uses the Grand Slam Force, asking his partner to bid seven with two

				North 08-26-04	
				♠ A K	
				♥ A K 5 2	
				♦ K 6 4	
				♣ 8 7 5 2	
West			East		
♠ J 9 7 2			♠ 10 5		
♥ 10 8 6 4 3			♥ Q J 7		
♦ —			♦ 10 8 7 3		
♣ K Q J 9			♣ 10 6 4 3		
				South	
				♠ Q 8 6 4 3	
				♥ 9	
				♦ A Q J 9 5 2	
				♣ A	
Dealer: South					
Vulnerable: East-West					
South	West	North	East		
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass		
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass		
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass		
4 ♣	Pass	5 NT	Pass		
7 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass		
Opening lead: ♣ K					

of the top three diamond honors — perfect!

The key in the grand slam is to draw one round of trumps using an honor from hand. Then, when the 4-0 break is exposed, declarer unblocks dummy's spade honors, trumps a club in hand, ruffs a spade with dummy's diamond king (to avoid an overruff), plays a diamond to his nine, draws trumps, and claims.

# CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- 1 Health resort
- 4 Thicket
- 9 Forces out
- 14 Craving
- 15 Beyond the suburbs
- 16 Progeny
- 17 Bottom line
- 18 Bikini, e.g.
- 19 Roman courtyards
- 20 Start of Dave Barry quote
- 23 Crenshaw or Hogan
- 24 "\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
- 25 District
- 28 Yawned
- 32 Durante feature
- 36 Tiniest
- 38 Torn down in London

- 40 Londoner's last letter
- 41 Part 2 of quote
- 44 Brief life?
- 45 Grant recipient
- 46 Ray
- 47 Places to stay the night
- 49 Less common
- 51 Approach
- 52 Important time
- 54 Letter from Athens
- 56 End of quote
- 65 Leaves out
- 66 Indian bread?
- 67 May celebrant
- 68 Search
- 69 Analyze chemically
- 70 \_\_\_ tai (rum cocktail)
- 71 Sign on a door
- 72 Grazes
- 73 Ed or Mel of the diamond

- 25 Suspect's story
- 26 Spruce juice
- 27 Jackson's Secretary of War
- 29 Field of activity
- 30 Debt settler
- 31 First name in cosmetics
- 33 Endangered layer
- 34 Actress Berger
- 35 Artist Degas
- 37 Kennedy or Koppel
- 39 Lake maker
- 42 Sacred text of Islam
- 43 Veranda

- 48 Finalize
- 50 Peruse again
- 53 Stairway piece
- 55 Low cards
- 56 Popular knowledge
- 57 Infamous Ugandan Idi
- 58 Sort through
- 59 Steffi of tennis
- 60 Ponder
- 61 Church part
- 62 BB supply
- 63 Half a satyr
- 64 Give off

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- 1 Harmony, briefly
- 2 Equal
- 3 Feed the pot
- 4 Shipping container
- 5 Excursion
- 6 B.C. or Ont.
- 7 Mall happening
- 8 Raines of old films
- 9 Missouri tributary
- 10 Start of a recovery
- 11 Rani's wrap
- 12 Minnesota ballplayer
- 13 Hosiery mishap
- 21 Discomfit
- 22 Cowboy's showcase

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## Reilly House events

The Reilly House Committee have held two meetings in the Tea Room on June 10th and August 5th, 2004, with excellent attendance.

Following the usual agenda it was noted that the Financial Reports were well done and were accepted on both occasions as presented. There are many details to attend to regarding the Information Center and the Learning Center. Volunteers are always welcomed in any department, especially the Tea Room, the Clothing Second Hand Department, Porch and Basement sales areas - just visit to see where you might fit in! Special events like the most successful strawberry social might interest part time workers. There is always something happening at Reilly House, browse in the Book Corner, examine brochures and knic knacks, make new friends over a cup of coffee or tea.

At the August meeting the important item was finalizing details for the Bar B Que Roast Dinner during the Multicultural Festival.

The date for the next Reilly House Committee Meeting is October 7th at the Tea Room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Bertha Nichols Smithers

## I Search

I search and search for my friend  
But I could not found him.  
I went upstairs, downstairs and in basement, indoor and outdoor.  
I search, I could not found my friend  
I search for him at the mailbox.  
I asked the mailman  
If he saw my friend  
No I didn't see your friend  
I talk to the farmer  
I asked the farmer were he worked  
If he saw him  
No I didn't see your friend.  
I search and search but I didn't find my friend  
I went to the bench were watch the birds.  
But I sat and talked to birds.  
And I feed them.  
I search I search,  
Than I walk down the lane.  
And I open the gate.  
I have no more search  
I found my friend  
A tear sleded down my cheek  
Just for a day I forgot.  
Now leaves for your blanket  
Stone for your pillow  
I forgot, now you are walking with God.

Patricia Howe

## July and August U.C.W. meeting

On July 8th, 2004, hostess Viola Knowlton welcomed three other UCW members: Roseleen George, Lila McCoy and Merry Webb; and three guests: her daughter, Rhoda, Mary Jones and Rev. Ryk Allen into her home at Knowlton's Landing for the regular United Church Women's usual noon meal and business afternoon meeting. Many absences were due to medical reasons. The bountiful noon buffet was much enjoyed. Viola was capably assisted by Rhoda and Mary.

Following President Roseleen's welcome the worship included a message: "Message of the Rainbow" from Minutes for Mission. The offering was received and dedicated. Greeting cards were sent to: Ainslie Young (birthday); Merton Bailey and Donald Cote (get well) and an anniversary wedding card to Walter and Bertha Smithers. A sympathy card to Maurice and Mary Jewett for the loss of his sister Hilda Jewett Cousens.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and adopted. It was moved by Lila and seconded by Viola that outstanding bills be paid. Following a brief social discussion - the next meeting was set for August 5th at Roseleen's home at the usual time. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

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The United Church Women met at

Roseleen's home on August 5th just before noon. The President, Roseleen, and four members: Mimi Laliberte, Lila McCoy, Kathleen Barnett and Bertha Smithers; one guest: Rev. Ryk Allen were present.

Following the singing of "Grace" all sat at table to partake of delicious salads, cold cuts, veggies, dips, pumperknikle bread pieces, cheese, tea, coffee, cookies and butter almond cake furnished by Lila McCoy. Kathleen produced her camera to record the occasion, lest we forget!

Opening the business meeting with the smiling welcome and U.C.W. Purpose Roseleen asked Bertha to lead worship. "Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love" opened, followed by Matt 5: 3-10; a story: "Better Than Television"; Hymn "What A Friend" and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Offering and Pennies received and dedicated. The Roll Call was followed by Roseleen's version of the July minutes.

Events in the near future: September 2 will be our next U.C.W. meeting, October 23rd: Russ Coates and Gordie Fuller present Gospel Music at the Mansonville United Church, and November 6th: will be the United Church Fall Turkey Supper.

There being no Penny Fair today the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Bertha Nichols Smithers



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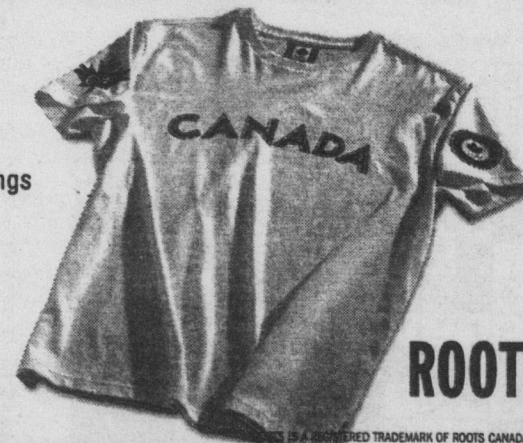
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