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Virtual reality hitting the U of S campus

By Carly Grossman
SHERBROOKE

The world of virtual reality is no longer just the stuff of sci-fi thrillers.

This fall, the University of Sherbrooke will be offering a new degree program that will touch on this techno fantasy world — among other things.

François Deschênes, a professor in the department of mathematics and information, has conceptualized a program in Imaging Science and Digital Media (ISDM), and it's the first of its kind in Canada.

Students will be able to take a variety of multimedia courses that can be used in everything from video games to medical imaging.

"It's unique to Canada, there's no other program like it," explained Deschênes, from his cramped office at the University. "In Quebec we have cinema production, video and electronic arts and in Sherbrooke, we have the expertise, so it's an ideal place to teach it."

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Spared from frost, Townships has berry good season

By Rita Legault
WATERVILLE

While strawberry farms in the prairies near Montreal were partly damaged by late frosts that wiped out part of the crops, farmers here in the Townships are enjoying their best season in years.

Here strawberry plants are heavy with plump and luscious berries, just awaiting pickers.

"We did have some damage, but not as much as the flatlands near Montreal," said Strawberry farmer Richard Wera, who operates a U-Pick farm just outside Lennoxville.

And while the season began late in the rest of the province, the berry season began early in the Townships and has been going strong since. Wera said he is having a much better than anticipated season.

The frost, and the negative publicity it generated, has caused producers from the nearby Montérégie to suffer.

Consumers heard about the frost, and there are fewer berries in the fruit and vegetable markets and grocery stores in Montreal, so they haven't bothered to come and pick. Now the berries are ripe and may rot in the fields.

But there are no strawberries rotting in Wera's Waterville fields.

"We weren't hurt by that," Wera said, adding that he does his advertising in the Townships where repeat customers show up early every summer to pick their berries for jams, preserves, sun-daes and the ever-popular strawberry shortcake.

Wera said his farm was even favored by the shortage of berries in grocery

stores early in the season. "They were not in the stores so people tended to go and pick their own."

Wera said that a couple of times, he has been forced to close his fields for a day to allow the berries to ripen.

Wera said there are more pickers and a smaller yield forcing berry growers in the area to close their fields to let the strawberries ripen, something that has not happened frequently in the last years of plenty. And with fewer berries there is much less spoiling and people pick more carefully.

"When there is a heavy crop, there are a lot more berries left over," he said.

Wera said that because of the light rains and frequent sunny days, the berry has a good quality. "This year they are very sweet," he said.

The prices are good too. Despite a shortage of berries elsewhere, U-pick

farmers are charging \$2.25 a kilo (about \$1 a pound). That's up 10 cents since last year when they were \$2.15 a kilo.

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RITA LEGAULT

According to farmer Richard Wera, the berry season began early in the Townships and has been going strong since.



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Animated condoms carry anti-AIDS message

By Michael Smith
BANGKOK

Three animated condoms named Stretch, Shaft and Dick are putting a light-hearted spin on the battle against AIDS.

"They're non-threatening," says Ottawa filmmaker Firdaus Kharas, and that's why they are able to get across a message about preventing infection by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"Obviously, they don't look much like condoms — they have arms and faces and they talk," Kharas says. But more importantly, they take an often-taboo topic out of the closet and make it both funny and easy to understand.

So far, the so-called Three Amigos have taken South Africa by storm; the South African Broadcasting Corporation is now running the 60-second adventures of Stretch, Shaft and Dick up to 20 times a day.

In a country where frank discussion of sex is rare, there has been only one complaint: "An American Baptist wrote to say that abstinence was the best way to go."

"I wrote back and told him that not getting in a car was probably the best way to avoid dying in a crash," Kharas says. "But if you're going to drive, you put on your seat belt."

South Africa is one of the countries hardest hit by the worldwide epidemic of HIV and AIDS — the United Nations estimates that one in five people is infected.

"It's heart-wrenching," says Kharas.

That's why — when he was approached by a writer at a South African trade show — he leapt at the chance to produce the Three Amigos series of public service announcements (PSAs).

Now, Kharas is here at the 15th International AIDS Conference to try to expand their reach to the rest of the world. His goal — if he can find enough support — is to have Stretch, Shaft and Dick seen in 100 countries, heard in more than 40 languages, and reaching one billion people.

So far, the Three Amigos is both a highly successful multinational collaboration, with a heavy Canadian flavour, and a shoestring venture that's being run pretty much from Kharas's Ottawa home. If someone wants information or copies of the spots, he says, "my wife and I fill in the envelopes in our basement and send them out."

Except for two small grants, Kharas says, financing for the entire project has come out of his own pocket; he estimates he's spent about \$100,000 so far. And much of the work on the project has been volunteered: "I cajole people," he says.

Ontario's Omni TV has helped with money to translate the Three Amigos spots into 40 languages, Kharas says, and when that work is complete, there will be more than 900 individual spots, ranging from 15 seconds for the European market to a full minute for South Africa.

"It will be the largest PSA behaviour modification program in the world," he says. "We'll be able to reach 80 per cent of the world's people in their own language."

Already in South Africa, the Three Amigos speak English (in both Canadian and South African accents), Afrikaans, Zulu and Sotho.

This meeting, held every two years, is often dominated by heated discussion of how to get anti-HIV drugs to the estimated 38 million people around the world infected by the virus. While vitally important, Kharas says that discussion often misses the point.

"This is a preventable disease," he says.

While the World Health Organization is trying to get anti-HIV drugs to three million people by the end of 2005 — the so-called 3X5 initiative — more than 10 million people are expected to be infected in the same time.

Kharas sees work like his as "a huge opportunity" to make inroads in the epidemic, "not just doing documentaries and influencing politicians, but actually affecting the course of the issue. What we need is mass education."

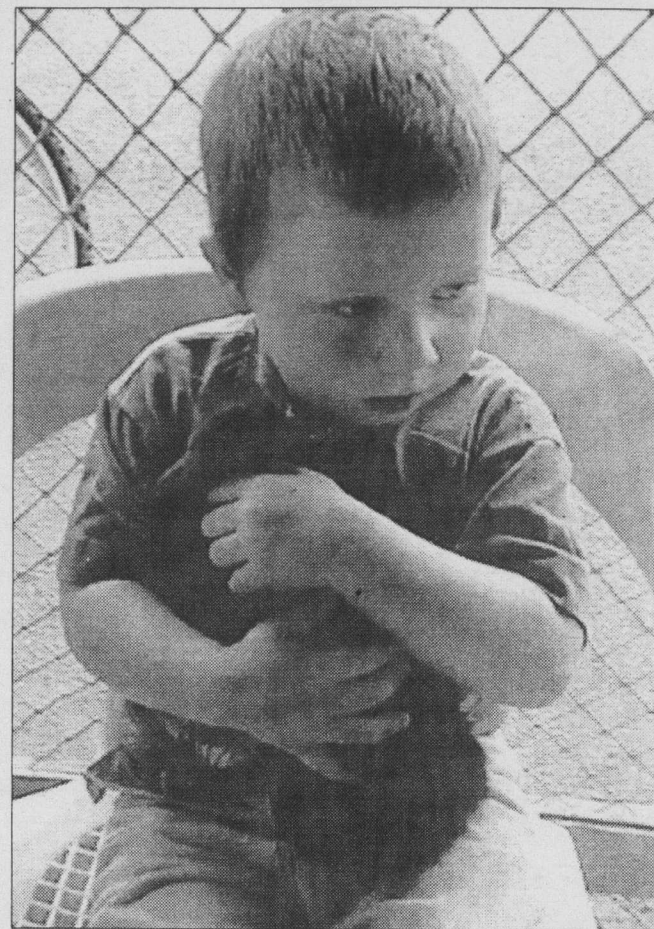
At the same time, the other main approach to preventing infection — a vaccine against HIV — is as far away as ever, researchers said.

"The world is inching toward a vaccine," said Seth Berkley, president of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, "when we should be making strides."

Berkley released a somber report, saying that global efforts toward a vaccine remain inadequate, even though 14,000 people a day are being infected by the virus. The report called for a doubling of the \$650 million US a year spent on vaccine research.

—For CanWest News Service

Everybody Loves Bunnies



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/CORRESPONDENT

Russel Frost's petting farm was a hit at Richmond en Fête last weekend. Stores opened their doors and people dodged rain showers as local merchants did their best to get into a party mood. Mother Nature didn't co-operate very well, resulting in smaller crowds and a rather subdued party atmosphere. However, showers and thunder storms didn't deter the folk from coming back time and again to cuddle baby bunnies, touch the curly fleece on Frost's pet sheep and sometimes, try to butt heads with the miniature goat family. Nearby, a tent sheltered a few courageous merchants and artists along with quite a number of townsfolk out for specially priced hot dogs and local music. A clown was on hand Saturday along with a face-painting artist in spite of showers and rumbles of impending downpours. Richmond town counsellor Natalie Lussier said with a shrug, "Oh well, next year will be better. You can't control the weather. Next week will probably be beautiful, just wait and see." Main Street was well prepared for the event. Plenty of flowers on lampposts, wind sox and decorations had all been added to a rejuvenated Main Street where many merchants are in the final stages of store-front renovations.

Weather

Today: Cloudy with sunny periods. 60 per cent chance of showers in the morning. 30 per cent chance of showers in the evening. High 26.

Wednesday: Cloudy. Low 14. High 25.

Thursday: Cloudy. 70 per cent chance of showers. Low 13. High 23.

Friday: Showers. Low 15. High 21.

Normals for the period: Low 11. High 25.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Mondial des Cultures On Until July 18



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The 23rd Mondial des Cultures takes place in Drummondville until July 18. It welcomes people from around the world to share their dance, music and culture. Seventeen dance troupes from 16 countries gather to perform, entertain and teach everyone who attends their unique culture. Musical fireworks, games for children, delicious food and international artisans all accompany the festival. For more information, visit www.mondialdescultures.com.

Most charges against Pelletier don't stick

Staff

Behind bars for the last 17 months and acquitted of most of the charges against him, Roland Pelletier will learn his sentence for assaulting his ex-girlfriend and breaking into her home later this week.

Last Friday Quebec Court judge Raymond Beauchemin found Pelletier, 31, not guilty of 18 of 23 charges against him. While sexual assault and sequestration charges were not proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the judge did find him guilty of assault, armed assault, breaking and entering and mischief for damaging a police car.

In January, 2003 a 38-year-old woman went to police alleging Pelletier, who has a violent criminal past, had repeatedly raped and assaulted her for nearly two years after their relationship soured. A warrant was issued for the arrest, and he was caught a couple of weeks later as he fled from her apartment.

Since then Pelletier has been held in custody. Under court rules the time served before a verdict counts for double, or the equivalent of 34 months. That raises the possibility Pelletier could be released soon after receiving his sentence.

In his decision judge Beauchemin cited a number of contradictions which he said raised doubts about Pelletier's real actions. He noted that the woman often went back to Pelletier after the alleged acts, and was slow to press charges. He did however note that many of the defence arguments were not credible.

Sentencing arguments will be heard at the Granby courthouse on Wednesday.

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Unlike the stores, where prices fluctuate based on availability and demand, the prices at fields remain the same throughout the season, Wera said.

Wera's father started the U-Pick business in the late sixties. At the time, his motivation was not the lack of farm labour, which was still pretty plentiful.

"At that time the problem was marketing," he said, adding that his father felt buyers were taking advantage of farmers who had to bring their berries to Montreal and were not always offered a fair price for their produce and labours. That's when he decided to sell directly from the farm.

"One year there were not many berries in the store and so many people showed up at the farm, they couldn't keep up. That is when people offered to help pick their own and a business was born.

After that, in the seventies, there were traffic jams of people on weekends showing up to pick their own berries. The Wera's then perfected their system of parking next to the fields and drive-through scales stations where pickers pay for their produce as they leave.

On Monday morning, consumers were driving in and back out again because the fields were closed in the morning to allow the berries to ripen.

Right now, the fields are pretty dry and Wera is hoping meteorologists have predicted correctly and that some rain will come this week. A few days of rain will mean good picking next weekend,

he forecasted.

Wera said the weekends tend to bring parents with children.

"In the week its the serious pickers — the lady of the house comes to pick without the children. That means fewer people and more picking."

Wera has 30 acres of strawberries for picking and another 30 that will be ready next year when the current field is plowed under and planted with something different as Wera rotates his crops.

Wera said the berries in his fields are not sprayed with any pesticides or fertilizers during the fruit season. They are only treated during the flowering, which makes the fruit free of dangerous pesticides.

That's good news for pickers doing quality control in the fields as they sample part of their crop.

Wera has planted two varieties including an early berry and a later variety. That means the season will likely last till July 20 or 25.

The Wera farm also has a crop of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans, onion and leeks and even Chinese "daikon" radishes that will be ready for early August.

After the Record's interview with Wera, our reporter got work picking a basket of berries to share with her colleagues. She has two pieces of advice: Avoid picking berries at high noon on a hot, sunny day; and, don't wear your brand new pair of khakis to go berry picking.

For more information (in French only) about berries, advice on buying and picking, recipes, as well as a list of U-Pick farms in the Townships, visit the Quebec berry producers website at: www.frais-et-framboisesduquebec.com

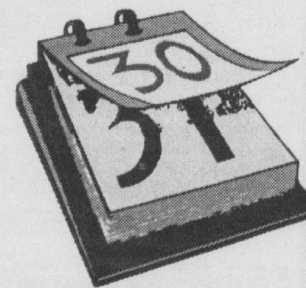
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Danville's Trinity United gets new steps



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

About 40 members of the Trinity United Church stood on the new steps last Sunday for photos. The new steps are wider and have better lighting.

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
DANVILLE

For many Christians, climbing up the mountain to be closer to God is a symbolic goal. For the members of Danville's Trinity United Church, just getting up the steps to their second story chapel is enough of a goal most every Sunday morning.

Now, the task is a bit easier given the construction of a new set of steps in front of their church on Grove St.

"The new steps are wider and less steep," said Marlene Brown. "It seems like the whole entrance to the church is more open and welcoming. We hope our members will like it."

The project took over a month to complete. Church members decided the old, crumbling stone walls on each side of the former, narrower steps could not be restored. So they opted for wider, concrete steps with steel railings at ei-

ther end and lampposts at the base to help people see the steps better at night.

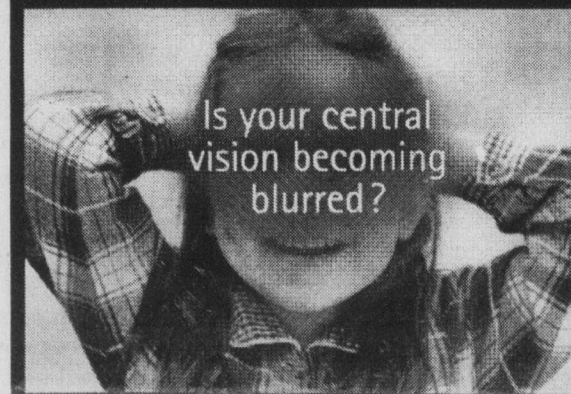
The project cost about \$15,000, with some of the money being donated by non-church members. According to Rev. Reginald Jennings, the Danville Caisse Populaire donated \$1,000, while Yvon Valliere, local member of the Quebec legislature, chipped in another \$1,500.

"A few members disagreed with the idea of new steps," said Jennings. "But this was a collective decision of the membership. They, plus residents of the town, helped get this project completed quickly."

The Trinity congregation has been making strides in recent years to make sure there is better access to their historic, 129-year-old church.

Three years ago, it raised money to have an elevator installed in the back of the church so that handicapped and elderly churchgoers could get up to the second floor chapel for services.

"Watch me, Grandma!"

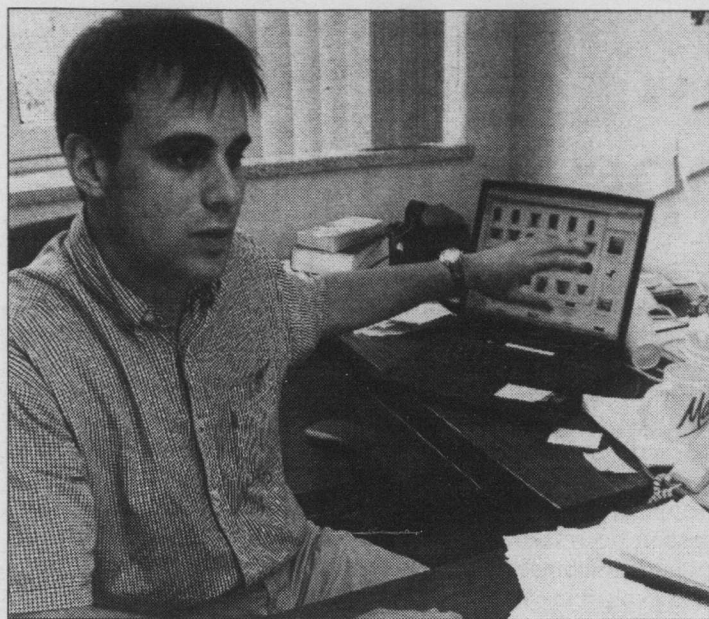


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In June, 29-year-old professor François Deschênes received an \$83,626 grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

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And Deschênes is an ideal person to teach it. In June, the 29-year-old tech whiz received an \$83,626 grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to further his research at the University.

Carmen Charette, vice president of the CFI, says he was one of three recipients from the University of Sherbrooke.

"The research of each of the recipients has to be leading edge and highly innovative," said Charette.

"We were also looking for projects that were beneficial to Canada and the world."

While he continues his research, Deschênes says he is looking forward to sharing some of his knowledge with his students.

Part of the program will show them how to detect images that may not be clear to the naked eye.

"Imagine you're driving in a rainstorm and you have zero visibility," explained Deschênes, excitedly. "We want to create the technology for a driver to see beyond what's directly in front of his windshield. Same with a surgeon — with computers, we want to increase a doctor's visual perception when he's operating on a patient."

Deschênes says students are already expressing an interest.

"When we go to CEGEPs, we meet students interested in film and video games, and even people studying fine arts who tell me they want to push the boundaries, but need the right tools to take their art further," said Deschênes, adding the program will admit around 60 students and currently has eight professors.

He also said the University of Sherbrooke will be partnering up with Bishop's University in Lennoxville in an effort to admit anglophones to the unique program.

Deschênes said he's happy the two universities will be working on this technology together.

"It's just another stepping stone."

BRIEFS

Eaton woman killed along Rte. 108

A 37-year-old woman from Eaton was killed late Sunday morning when she was driving along Highway 108 in Eaton.

Kathleen Whyte slowed down to make a left turn into her driveway, when another car tried to pass her, said Const. Richard Bourdon of the Sûreté du Québec.

Bourdon said it was a third car that crashed into Whyte's vehicle. Whyte was brought to hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The two passengers from the other vehicle were injured. Neighbours say they have concerns about the safety of Highway 108.

Edwin Bailey, who lives on the same road where the accident occurred, said cars and trucks do not always follow the speed limit.

"There are a lot of trucks loaded with logs and they're traveling fast, with cars coming fast, too," said Bai-

ley, adding construction along the highway has also made for dangerous driving conditions.

Road repairs on Valley Road

Motorists using Route 215 between Brome and Sutton are advised that the highway will be undergoing repair work in early August.

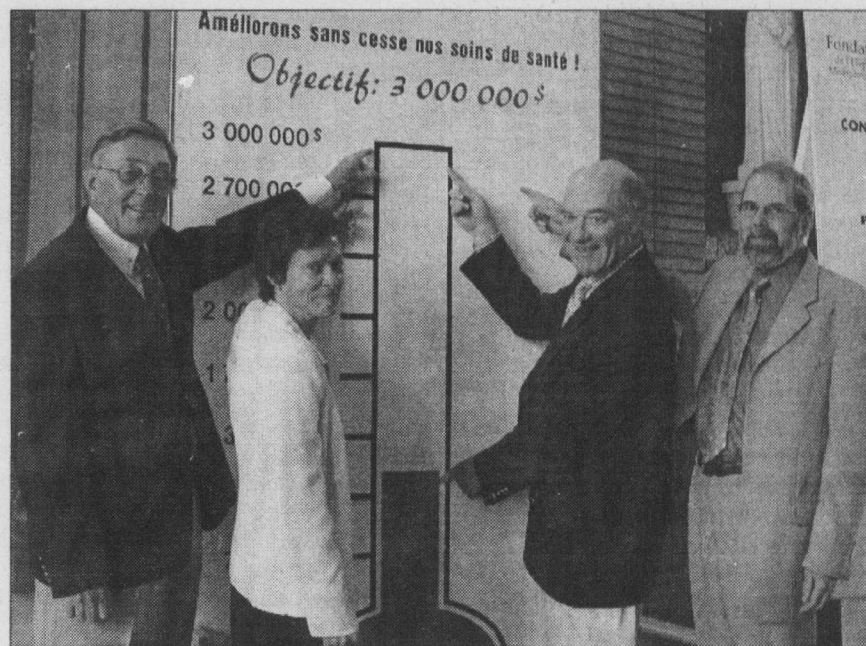
The work, which is slated to begin on Aug. 2, will involve major roadwork between the intersection of Patch Road and the intersection of Stagecoach Road.

That is the final, 2.5 km stretch of the 215 between Brome and Sutton to undergo major repair work over the last three years.

The work has been contracted out to DJL Construction Inc., and will generally be carried out between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

One lane will remain open, with signalers directing traffic at those times. Access to properties along the route will be maintained.

\$3 Million is Magog Hospital's Goal



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Memphremagog Hospital Foundation launched its fundraising campaign recently with a goal to raise \$3 million. On Monday, the Royal Bank Financial Group made a donation of \$50,000 to the hospital.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Wednesday, July 14
In Sutton;
 Organized by the mayors of Sutton and Abercorn;
 At the Canadian Legion at 2 Curley Street;
 From 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 Objective: 100 donors
In Weedon;
 At the Lions Club;
 Notre-Dame du Sacré-Coeur school at 211 St-Janvier Street;
 From 2:30 to 8 p.m.;
 Objective: 100 donors
Thursday, July 15
In Sherbrooke;
 Association Régionale des Éducateurs

et Éducatrices Physiques enseignants de l'Estrie (FEEPEQ)
 Place Belvédère
 340 Belvédère South Street
 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Objective: 250 donors;
Friday, July 16
In Sherbrooke;
 Association Régionale des Éducateurs et Éducatrices Physiques enseignants de l'Estrie (FEEPEQ);
 Place Belvédère;
 340 Belvédère South Street;
 From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
 Objective: 250 donors.
Tuesday, July 20
In Drummondville;

City of Drummondville Fire Services at the fire station at 310 Cockburn St.;
 From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
 Objective: 400 donors.
Wednesday, July 21
In Magog;
 Les Galeries Orford located at 1700 Sherbrooke St.;
 From 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.;
 Objective: 120 donors
In Ascot
 At Les Copains d'Ascot;
 Précieux-Sang Church;
 785 Thibault St.;
 From 1:30 to 7 p.m.;
 Objective: 100 donors.
Thursday, July 22

In Magog;
 At Les Galeries Orford;
 1700 Sherbrooke St.;
 From 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.;
 Objective: 120 donors
In Cowansville;
 Hosted by the mayor of Cowansville;
 At Le Domaine du Parc (in the mall);
 175 Principale St.;
 From 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.;
 Objective: 195 donors
Friday, July 23
In Magog;
 Les Galeries Orford;
 1700 Sherbrooke St.;
 From 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.;
 Objective: 100 donors

Perspectives

Shoplifters come in all shapes and sizes

Last Thursday's court appearance in B.C. of former NDP MP Svend Robinson did more than highlight the crime of shoplifting. It confirmed, once again, that there is no such thing as a typical accused shoplifter or "shop thief" as the retail industry prefers to call the offenders.

Although he wasn't physically present in the provincial courthouse, it helped to put an end to the national debate over why it was necessary for the B.C. government to appoint a special prosecutor.

Robinson isn't the first politician to have a brush with our shoplifting law. One only has to think back to 1982, when then Parti Québécois cabinet minister Claude Charron pleaded guilty to shoplifting a \$120 sports jacket from Eaton's.

Eight years later, Robinson's fellow New Democrat Lorne Nystrom was found not guilty of shoplifting contact lens cleaning tablets worth \$7.79, but only after attorney Clayton introduced expert testimony to support the "honest mistake" defence.

If Robinson, 52, pleads guilty on Aug. 6 as his attorney publicly implied, it will be made clear to the judge that he is well on his way to being rehabilitated.

Not only did he return the stolen merchandise within days of the incident, he called a nationally televised news conference in his Vancouver-area riding of Burnaby-Douglas at which time he confessed to having "pocketed" the ring and apologized.

Whether or not he was hoping to win the public's sympathy, his emotional statement had the effect of beefing-up an already watertight case against him. It also closed the door to any defence except perhaps, non-insane automatism which is akin to an involuntary act.

Judging from the media reports, there seems to be little or no dispute over the facts.

The incident in question took place on Good Friday in the Aerocentre Build-

ing in Vancouver International Airport's south terminal during a public jewelry sale.

The sale, which was sponsored by Public Works and Government Services Canada through a private auction company, consisted of unclaimed abandoned jewelry and watches. Not only were all interested purchasers obliged to sign in, the entire area was under electronic surveillance.

Not too surprising, the auction house noticed the theft while reviewing the video surveillance tape which it subsequently handed over to the RCMP.

Coincidence or not, within 48 hours Robinson turned himself in to the police. Whether he realized he would be caught or had a change in heart, we may never know.

As for the ring in question, some media reports have valued it as high as \$50,000. One newspaper article referred to it as a platinum ring with a large, emerald-cut diamond, and sapphire and ruby bracelets with diamonds. Apparently he had been searching for a ring for his partner some weeks earlier.

What could have possibly motivated a 25-year veteran of federal politics to risk his career and reputation by committing such a common but shameful act?

Although shoplifters represent every age group, race and income level, they can be divided between professionals and amateurs. While organized professionals steal for a living, which can be extremely lucrative, amateurs steal for numerous reasons.

They include shoplifting for the thrill of it to trying to get something for nothing and saving a few bucks.

Contrary to the myth, those who feel compelled to steal things that are of little or no use to them such as kleptomaniacs, make up less than 10 per cent of all shoplifters.

Another group of amateur shoplifters

is composed of persons who in all other respects are ordinary, law-abiding and otherwise persons of impeccable character. More often than not they commit the crime at a time of extreme emotional or financial stress.

One psychiatric theory attributes their behaviour to "acting out" in an attempt to get an instant lift from their depression.

If we are to believe Robinson when he tried to explain his act during his emotional mid-April press conference, he would belong to this category. After describing how he placed the

jewelry in his pocket and walked out, despite the presence of surveillance cameras, he qualified his act as being "totally inexplicable. Something just snapped in this moment of total, utter irrationality."

Before the incident he said he had been suffering "extreme stress and emotional pain" which he attributed to a hiking accident he suffered several years ago.

"Immediately upon leaving the premises I realized that I must return the jewelry," only he was "too afraid to go back."

Assuming Robinson pleads guilty as is expected, he has little reason to be concerned about winding up in jail. The ring already cost him dearly if only because his shame and humiliation forced him to withdraw from the recent federal elections.

While shoplifting normally refers to the theft of merchandise of less than \$1,000, a person with Robinson's impeccable record is unlikely to receive anything more than a fine and a probation order.

If it wasn't for the high value of the ring and the fact that the judge must impose a penalty to deter such crimes, Robinson would be a good candidate for either a conditional discharge or one of the alternative measure programs that allow certain suspects to bypass the judicial system. Where such programs exist, they provide counseling support and treatment and act as an alternative to tying up our costly justice system.

As for the controversy over the B.C. government's decision to appoint a special prosecutor instead of a career prosecutor, much of it can be attributed to the public's failure to understand our justice system.

By appointing an outside prosecutor just as it did when former B.C. premier Glen Clark was charged with breach of trust, the B.C. Department of Justice was hoping to avoid the appearance of improper influence in the administration of justice and more particularly in the charge assessment process.

Such an approach is relatively common throughout Canada, particularly when a suspect is a lawyer who happens to be well known if not admired by the local prosecutors. In Robinson's case, he was all three.

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Golden Jet making stopover in Milby

By Scott McLean

Despite being on a publicist's nightmare of a promotional schedule and a new job as commissioner of the upstart World Hockey Association, Bobby Hull will take time away from his North American press junket to make an appearance in Milby.

With him comes a child's ransom in hockey memorabilia.

Hull will be in Milby this Sunday, July 18th, to help raise money for the one-room school house in Milby, currently run by the Little Forks Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. The memorabilia will be available at an auction, with the proceeds going to the school house's continual restoration and yearly operation.

The event will take place at the school-house, located at 2185 McVety Rd. in Milby, at 3 p.m. on July 18. Tickets for the event are \$25, but included in the price is a barbeque and a chance to bid on classic memorabilia such as a Rocket Richard autographed jersey, alongside Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Hull signed paraphernalia, to name just a few names of an all-star line-up.

Hull himself has been busy promoting the WHA, one of the first players to make the jump to that league when it was originally founded. Hull left the Chicago Blackhawks for the then expansion WHA Winnipeg Jets for a whopping million dollar contract at the time.

This new incarnation of the WHA has six franchises, including one in Quebec City, and is trying to capitalize on a work stoppage next season in the NHL.

The schoolhouse had its grand opening on June 22, 2002, and has been operational for the past two years as a tourist spot. The goal of the school house reopening was to demonstrate to children what it was like to go to school with eight classes in the same room. The building, which was purchased by the UELAC in 1995, was moved in 200 metres in 1996 to ensure its survival because of an eroded drainage ditch under its original base.

"Right now the budget for keeping the schoolhouse up and running is about \$3,800 a year, for the public liability insurance, the electricity, phone etc," says auction organizer Bev Loomis. "But ideally we would like to raise more money because we have a number of other projects we would like to accomplish, some other workshops for when school children visit like teaching them how to make natural ice cream or churning their own butter."

The schoolhouse doubles as a community hall for the UELAC and other groups for meetings and will hopefully be used for workshops in the future.

"Stan Groves is going to be involved, and a lot of other hockey players in the



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The Milby school house will be getting a visit from Bobby Hull. Hull will be bringing hockey memorabilia to be auctioned in support of the operating costs.

area," says Loomis of the fundraiser. "We are really trying to get the word out, really it is an affordably priced meal alongside what is going to be a re-

ally good time. We are even bringing in an auctioneer. We had originally slated it to be a silent auction, but this is going to be even more fun."

Navy pondering new type of ship

By David Pugliese

The Canadian Navy is looking at a new type of ship that could be used for sovereignty and security missions in coastal waters and potentially go to sea with mixed military and civilian crews.

The ship would fill the gap that exists between the navy's current fleet of coastal defence vessels and its frigates. The coastal defence vessels are considered too small to handle rough seas while the frigates, more than capable of doing sovereignty patrols, are considered too expensive to operate for that type of mission.

One naval analyst estimated that 12 of the new vessels could be purchased for \$500 million, a relatively inexpensive amount in terms of the billions of dollars that would usually be spent for a fleet of warships. The reason for the lower price tag is because the ships, dubbed off-shore patrol vessels by the navy, won't need to be outfitted with sophisticated weapons and missiles or designed to withstand the rigours of combat.

But with a smaller crew — estimated in the area of around 80 instead of the 235 sailors needed for a frigate — they

would be much cheaper to operate for missions within the country's 200 nautical mile economic zone.

Navy officials stress that no decisions have been made on whether there is a need for the new type of ship. But they acknowledge the idea is being studied as part of the navy's requirements to meet both new security missions closer to home in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks while still maintaining a capability to respond to a crisis overseas.

"These vessels will not have the same sophistication as a frigate because they're not exposed to the same level of threat," explained Navy Capt. Kelly Williams, director of maritime strategy. "What it would do for Canadians is to provide for enhanced responsiveness and enhanced presence on both coasts."

He noted the existing coastal defence patrol vessels can't handle rough seas off some parts of Vancouver Island and the Grand Banks off Newfoundland. The federal government has recently increased its efforts to monitor foreign fishing off the Grand Banks.

The navy is hoping to have its report on what the fleet of the future should look like, and whether that should in-

clude the new ships, finished in about five months.

Williams said the government's direction in improving security for Canada has the navy working more closely with other federal agencies, including the RCMP, Coast Guard and Fisheries department, particularly at the military's operations centres which monitor air and sea approaches. That close working relationship might be transferred to the offshore patrol ships.

"There's an opportunity to investigate some real innovative and futuristic manning opportunities with the Coast Guard and perhaps some other government departments," added Williams. "Once we work in a more co-ordinated and coherent fashion in the operations centres, the ability to extend that transformational thinking out to the ships is going to be the next natural flow to that."

But naval analyst Richard Gimblett said mixing civilian and navy crews will have its problems.

"Civilian government employees are unionized," he said. "Canadian Forces people are not."

"Most of the time it could probably work out but pretty soon people are going to start comparing paycheques

and how many hours they spent on watch," added Gimblett, a retired navy lieutenant-commander. He is now a research fellow with Dalhousie University's centre for foreign policy studies.

Gimblett said he is concerned the government will take the financially easy route and jump at the chance to buy a relatively inexpensive fleet of vessels. It might then tie up the more sophisticated frigates which cost more to operate, he added.

Gimblett said it makes sense for the federal government to operate both the new offshore patrol ships and the frigates but he doesn't see that as happening since it would require the expansion of the navy.

What makes more sense, given the government's track record of limited defence spending, is to use the frigates for the sovereignty and security missions but with only a minimum crew, Gimblett said.

That, however, would require a substantial reworking on how the navy crews its ships as sailors not serving on board a vessel at a particular time would be already assigned other jobs, he added.

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Increased business inflation expectations a sign Bank of Canada will boost interest rates

By Eric Beauchesne

Higher prices for energy and other commodities have boosted business inflation expectations, the Bank of Canada said Monday in reporting on the findings of its latest survey of business managers.

However, they expect competitive pressures will limit their ability to pass on higher costs to their customers, it added in a report that was seen as providing the bank with more evidence to support a hike in interest rates but not before September.

"In terms of Bank of Canada policy, the survey is one more piece of evidence that the current two per cent overnight rate setting is no longer appropriate," said Claudia Lokody, economist at Merrill Lynch.

"It suggests that the bank will start to send signals to that effect as of next week," said TD Securities economist Marc Levesque.

"Inflation expectations have risen since the last survey, reflecting recent increases in energy prices," the Bank of Canada said. "Still, the majority of firms surveyed expect inflation to be within the bank's inflation-control target range of one to three per cent."

The bank's first opportunity to raise rates comes next week and while it is not expected to do so then, analysts anticipate it will indicate that it is looking at starting to raise rates in September.

The bank also releases its latest Monetary Policy Report next week, outlining its own assessment of the economy.

Business bosses, meanwhile, are "somewhat more optimistic" in their assessment of the domestic economic outlook reflecting their increased confidence in the global recovery, the central bank said.

A greater proportion, however, also expect inflation to be in the top half of the central bank's target range or even higher, it said.

They also expect their costs will accelerate over the coming 12 months but

anticipate that competitive pressures will force them to limit the increase in their own prices, it said.

"As well, businesses report that pressures on production capacity have intensified," it added.

"Labour shortages, however, are largely unchanged and remain relatively moderate."

Most also expect to increase employment, although only modestly, it added. They expect to be granting larger wage increases as well, but again the size of these increases will, for the most part, also remain modest.

Company managers are generally upbeat about their future sales volumes, it added.

"Reflecting their increased level of comfort regarding the outlook, businesses have raised their investment intentions significantly."

More managers, especially in construction and transportation, report that they would have difficulty meeting an unexpected rise in demand, suggesting they are already facing increased capacity pressures, it said.

"There is much less slack than the Bank believed just a quarter ago," noted Nesbitt Burns economist Sherry Cooper.

"Businesses now believe that there is much less spare capacity than before, they have upgraded the outlook for sales and investment spending, and have also ramped up their inflation forecasts based on higher energy prices."

However, that was not the case in Ontario, where the survey suggested there is still unused capacity, the central bank said. The percentage of firms facing labour shortages is also largely unchanged from three months earlier, with the shortages most often mentioned in the service and construction sectors.

The survey of just over 100 managers in selected firms and regions, designed to identify underlying trends in the economy, was conducted between mid-May and mid-June.

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Lennoxville business owner promotes town business

*'I didn't speak a word
of English — the com-
munity taught me,'
says Fleuriste
Lennoxville owner*

By Jen Young
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
LENNOXVILLE

Fleuriste Lennoxville will be moving to a bigger and better place — right next door, into the old Homestead.

Owner Claudette Beaudry said she wouldn't have it any other way.

"Lennoxville has become my home, even though I don't live here," said Beaudry. "The community and business opportunities here are incredible, so when I had to move, I knew I wanted to stay here."

When Beaudry decided she wanted to open a florist shop 20 years ago, she was a little nervous about Lennoxville since she didn't speak a word of English, but she knew other francophone business owners who promoted the area. She decided to take the chance.

"Before I came here I couldn't speak a word of English but over the years my customers have taught me," she said. "It was as though the community just adopted me and they have continually supported me. My customers have become my friends."

The Homestead building has peaked Beaudry's interest in the past. In fact, this will be the third time that she looks into it.

"The first time was when the Wool Shop closed," she explained. "I wanted it because it was right next door, it had more visibility right on Queen Street, and the fact that clientele keeps growing I needed the extra space. But my lease was not up for three more years."

The second time was after the



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Fleuriste owner Claudette Beaudry knew that she was going to have to move her Queen Street boutique because business demanded it so when the Homestead building became available she knew it would be perfect.

Homestead closed.

"The owners wanted to sell everything, including the inventory, but after thinking about it I knew I was just not the collectible type and I passed again," she said. "But this time the timing is perfect."

Beaudry broke her leg recently after a fall down the stairs at her current building. There is only one floor in the Homestead.

"Some people say that this may be bad luck since it didn't work out the first times but I say the third time is the charm."

In her 20 years in business in Lennoxville, Beaudry has seen her share of trials and tribulations, but she said through it all she has been mostly impressed with the very strong sense of community.

"It's a happy, friendly town," she said. "The one thing that I have seen that I haven't liked is other business people that move into Lennoxville but don't pay the community back."

Beaudry said that Lennoxville have

supported her and that is exactly what she does in return.

"I do my groceries, banking, and anything I can right in town," she said. "They have given me their money so I will do the same. It makes me angry when I talk to francophone business owners who don't give any money back to the town that supports them; it's not fair."

She has begun her moving process and expects to be fully installed by Aug. 2. The business hours and telephone numbers will all remain the same. The only inconvenience will be changing one number on her address, but in light of all the perks, Beaudry said she could never complain.

No change since demerger results

By Jen Young
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
LENNOXVILLE

No upheavals or consequences have come about due to the outcome of the June 20 demerger referendum.

The first town council meeting after the vote went smoothly and there are no outbursts from upset citizens logged into its minutes.

"A few people have taken the time to say that they are glad that it went the way it did," said borough president Doug MacAulay. "The Yes Committee of course would have preferred it the other way, since they put a lot of work into getting people out there to vote, but now it seems as though everyone is just working towards the future."

MacAulay says that the City of Sherbrooke and its council were the most pleased with the outcome.

"They really wanted to have Lennoxville as part of the city," he said. "They have always said that Lennoxville is a jewel of a community because of its English population and its bilingualism. They are very positive and happy to keep Lennoxville. All people involved are concerned about making this work for everyone."

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The Spiral Staircase: a summer read for thinkers

"Most reading does not change us; it ends up as food for our boredom."

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Since there is no excuse for boredom, Good Reads offers you, instead, food for thought in the form of Karen Armstrong's *The Spiral Staircase*.

This is an autobiography of the writer who gave us *A History of God*, and is also a continuation of *Through the Narrow Gate*, which chronicled the seven years Armstrong spent in a convent. T.S. Eliot's poem cycle, *Ash Wednesday*, is the author's inspiration. It provides a loose structure to the book as well as being a great source of metaphors, in particular the central one of the spiral staircase — a life of turning, turning, covering apparently little ground, but rising steadily nevertheless.

Having left the convent in despair,

Armstrong re-enters the world in 1969 only to find it has completely changed, and she is dangerously uninformed. She had never even heard of the Beatles.

What ensues is, as she puts it, "my climb out of darkness." She perseveres in the world of academia, believing this is her calling, but is warned repeatedly not to pursue an academic career. Oxford's door finally closes unconditionally when she fails (unjustly) her thesis. At the same time she is struggling through fainting fits, hallucinations, and missing blocks of time. She spends several years dealing with obtuse psychiatrists, all the while fearing an unbalanced mind, until finally she is diagnosed with epilepsy and the attacks are controlled by medication.

Armstrong's secular life is a series of attempts to find her way, only to meet with one dead end after the next. "I longed to be like everybody else, with a warm family life and a successful career." But this was not to be. Eventually one gets the sense of a cosmic hand leading her away from 'the usual reign' towards what will ultimately bring her both inner peace and outward success: a career in writing.

What makes this book a true joy to read is Armstrong's unflinching honesty. She learns the truth of the paradox Eliot expresses in his poetry: it is only when you give up hope and accept your situation in life that hope reappears. Her ultimate discovery: when you follow someone else's path, you are liable to go astray.

Other books by Karen Armstrong in the Library's collection include *A History of God* and *The Battle for God*.

ENDNOTES

- From July 13 to Aug. 7 the library will be open Tuesday to Friday, 10a.m. to 3 p.m. We are closed on Thursday nights and Saturdays. Regular hours resume on Aug. 10.

- Don't forget about our Summer Reading Program. Kids, write reviews of your favourite books and bring them to the library. Your review will be put on display, and may be featured in a special edition of *Good Reads*.

- The Brown Bags book club will resume meetings on Sept. 8.

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

Submitted by Michelle Barker

GOOD READS

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ESL students welcomed in style



JEN YOUNG/SPECIAL

Champlain has again begun their English Second Language summer courses and welcomed 150 students in style, namely by a large welcome sign in front of the Winder Street residence building where they will be lodging, some for two weeks, some for three.

Students of all ages who wish to catch up on their English have signed up for another summer program of ESL. The two-week intensive course, which costs \$1,100, has finished and new students are now unpacking to begin a three week session in hopes of learning English. The three-week course costs \$1,600 and will end July 30.

Some DJs moving on, new ones welcome

We are in our summer mode at CJMQ, playing a lot of new CDs and some syndicated programming as well.

Three of our DJs had shows on CJMQ for quite some time have recently moved on. DJ Killer Pumpkin has moved to Québec City after being on CJMQ with his metal show since 1998. We will miss his show, as well as his presence here. His delivery was always excellent and he showed a great knowledge

of classic rock, as well as metal music. We all wish him well as he attempts to move on in the field of radio after getting his start at CJMQ.

Lisa Doell has moved to Montreal, getting ready to continue her education at a Montreal university. Lisa hosted the show *In Motion*, which aired on Saturday nights from 6 to 8p.m. for the past four years. Lisa played a mixture of rock, punk, and other music. A lot of the music had a Christian theme. We will miss her show and her sparkling personality; however, we are sure that she will be successful in anything she chooses.

Finally, we all bid our last farewell to Tom Vandermeulen. Tom and his wife moved to Ontario. He did the show called *Just a Memory* for the past seven years. Tom always did an excellent job and also volunteered on the CJMQ board for many years.

Congratulations to Adam Henebury and Joel Heath for their fantastic work on covering the news on elec-

tion night, June 28, from the CJMQ booth. Adam is the president of the board at CJMQ and recently graduated with a degree in political science.

Joel is the business manager here at CJMQ and Joel also recently graduated with a degree in the field of politics. The two made a great team and shared their knowledge of politics with the audience, and kept everyone up-to-date on the election results as they came in.

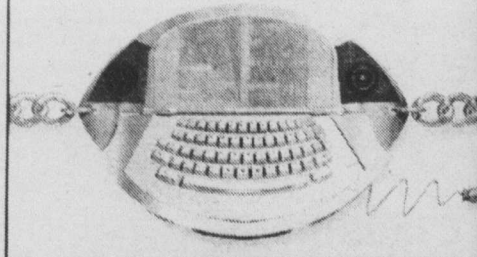
Recently CJMQ was very fortunate to receive two large donations of music on vinyl. Thanks go out to George and Yvette. CJMQ is one of the few stations playing music on vinyl sometimes, depending on the DJ. If anyone has records in good condition and would like to donate them to the station, please do give us a call at 819-822-9600 ex. 2689. We would love to receive them.

Welcome to JF Coley, a new DJ. Coley just released his first CD called *Extended Play*. Coley is a native of the Townships and is also a music teacher at Alexander Galt School. Listen to him on Sunday night. His blues show is sure to rock.

Finally, if anyone else would like to come and volunteer at CJMQ, now is a good time. We have extra time in the summer to train people and welcome new voices and different types of music.

—Submitted by Maureen Dillon
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Day camp co-ordinator Bates gives her last year her all

By Jen Young
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Scraped knees, misbehaving campers, and parental concern are just daily life for Lennoxville day camp co-ordinator Helena Bates.

In the past four years Bates has dealt with her share, but this year is her last. She says she plans on giving her all for the campers.

Bates says that each year the camp keeps improving and so far this year is the best.

"What's important is that the kids

have fun and learn at the same time," said the Bishop's student, who is not only the camp's coordinator but also acts as a form of principal. "We invested extra efforts into this year's camp."

Day camp organizers increased the maximum capacity of campers that could register from 175 last year to 185, keeping in mind all the fire and safety regulations that are in place when using the community centre on rainy days and outings.

This year's 21-member staff includes 14 carefully selected coun-

cilors, who are able to meet the needs of francophone campers, three day-care guardians, two drama leaders, one assistant co-ordinator, and Bates herself.

Each member endured two full weeks of training as well as planning, which Bates says was the most important.

"Planning is stressed to the councilors because a well planned day makes it easier for the leader and ensures a more enjoyable day for the kids."

If the pool, crafts and trips don't have campers going home bragging of

a fun day, then the sports clinics do. These clinics not only allow each youngster a chance to learn a new sport, they also strategically teach team spirit and cooperation.

Day campers are preparing for their first field trip next week when they will go to the Galaxy cinema to catch a flick.

Bates encourages feedback from parents and can be reached at the borough office at 819-569-9388. She is also usually at Centennial Park in the mornings for drop-offs and in the afternoons for pick-ups.

Taking it off for TV

By Robin Summerfield

David weighs 439 pounds. The 43-year-old has heard it all: fat jokes, snarky comments, insults, snide remarks. He ignores the pointing and whispering. With the exception of one short period in his life, he has been fat since junior high when at age 13 he weighed 200 pounds and had breasts.

"You build up a wall. You don't let people in easily," says the father of one, without any tone of self-pity. "I don't have a lot of close friends."

His circle of friends, or at least the number of people who will recognize him on the street, is about to widen dramatically. David will strip down, stand on a scale and lay his weight problem out for millions to see.

David is one of 10 Canadians in Taking It Off, a weight-loss reality TV series currently shooting its fourth season in Calgary.

The Edmonton-produced series, which now has a following around the world, puts being fat and struggling to take off the pounds on the tube. This is dieting, exercise and lifestyle changes with no airbrushing and fat-friendly lighting. Nothing is out of bounds in this documentary-style reality series. The show strips down to the stomach rolls and back fat, the sweaty workouts, the midnight snacks, the cravings and the carrot sticks. With cameras rolling and crews following participants up to 12 hours on shooting days, there is nowhere to hide.

"Their struggles are what really makes the show," says executive producer Margaret Mardirossian of Anaid Productions in Edmonton.

"We're not looking to humiliate anyone," Mardirossian says. "We're not voting anyone off the island but what we are saying is that (being overweight) is a problem that needs to be overcome."



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Contestants for the new season of Taking it Off are, from left: Jaclyn, David, Zo, Lindsay and Trina.

To that end, participants sign on for six months of shooting. A casting call earlier this year in Calgary and Halifax whittled the field from about 330 hopefuls to this season's 10. Five participants are from Calgary and the remainder from Halifax.

Last month in Halifax, participants weighed in and were put to two exercise tests, a relay race and swimming laps with cameras rolling. Weigh-ins every two weeks will track progress and problems throughout the six-month process.

Participants come to the table with their own eating, exercise and lifestyle plan. Some, like David, will use variations of the Atkins low-carb plan or other sensible eating plans. A trainer and nutritionist guide participants in the initial stages of the series but for

the most part, they are left to follow through and navigate their weight loss.

The motivation, say past and current participants, comes in part from the knowledge that millions will watch the pounds come off — or not.

Besides watching the series, the public can follow participants' progress and e-mail encouragement via www.takingitoffonline.com, where a current weight loss log is kept.

But does the Taking It Off formula really work?

One year after taping began and six months since wrapping, season three participant Daryl Tancowny shed 66 pounds (29.7 kg) from his 388-pound (174.6 kg) frame. The 27-year-old Edmontonian is still committed to taking the pounds off inch by inch, which is his preferred method of tracking

weight loss.

Encouraging e-mails, recognition from strangers on the street and even catcalling from women push him to keep up the battle of the bulge, he says.

"These girls were yelling 'Big Sexy' off the pier," Tancowny, an avid jetski-er, recalls with a chuckle. "It's a good time and the compliments add to the motivation."

It's the stories of ordinary people of all shapes and sizes and from different backgrounds that really draw viewers to the show, says Mardirossian.

"There are no shows on television that show what goes on in the minds and lives of people trying to lose weight."

Cracking a pun, she adds: "There's a real appetite for this."

The show expanded its casting call to two cities this year and went from 30-minute to one-hour episodes, which begin airing in January, 2005. The current series, which airs Wednesday evenings in Canada on Life Network, is also seen in Australia, all over Europe, the U.S., and the Middle East.

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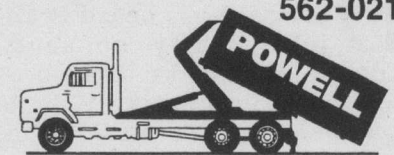
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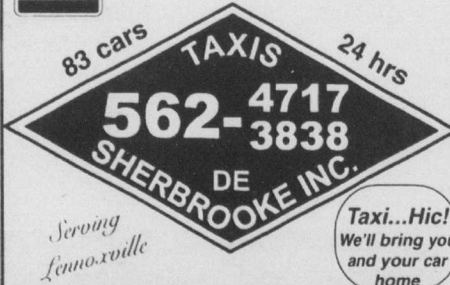
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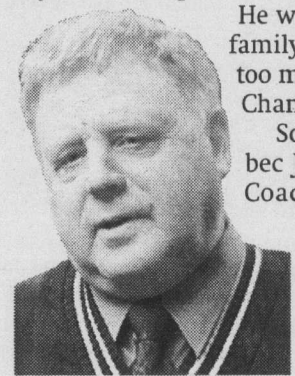
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Lebeau's return to coaching is good for hockey

Last year, when Stéphan Lebeau was considering a coaching career, he had concerns about the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and its rigorous travel schedule.

At the time, Lebeau was coaching the Champlain College Cougars and was the talk of the Sherbrooke area after leading the Lennoxville school to the Eastern Canada Midget Championship and a berth in the Royal Bank Cup.



MIKE HICKEY
 FROM THE BLEACHERS

He was also the father of a young family and was weary of spending too much time away from his wife Chantal and son Jeffrey.

So after being named the Quebec Junior Hockey AAA League's Coach of the Year in his rookie season, Lebeau stepped away from hockey for the second time in three years and tried his hand as sales manager for a local radio station.

Twelve months later, Lebeau is back in hockey as the head coach of the QMJHL's Victoriaville Tigres.

Ironically enough, Lebeau replaces Judes Vallee who will be behind the bench of the Champlain Cougars this fall.

Lebeau, who doesn't make rash decisions, decided that hockey is still a big part of his life and when the Victoriaville head coaching position opened up last month he applied for it and was given the job.

"When I was working at the radio station Monday to Friday with three weeks of holidays, the travel in the Quebec Major didn't seem that bad," Lebeau said in a telephone interview. "I left hockey for a year and I discovered that it was still a part of me, I still had a passion for the sport."

That passion began as a bantam player in St. Jerome and continued as he moved to Magog, Shawinigan and eventually to Montreal where he realized his childhood dream of playing in the National Hockey League.

Lebeau was a talented and intelligent player, but his size left him undrafted after a standout career with the QMJHL's Shawinigan Cataractes.

"I remember going to the Montreal Forum for the draft," Lebeau said last year. "I knew that I was better than most of the players that were picked that day."

He described that day as one of the worst in his life, but he used the snub as motivation and it wasn't long before he was wearing the Red, White and Blue of the Montreal Canadiens.

He spent six seasons with Montreal (earning a Stanley Cup ring in 1993) before moving to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and finishing his pro career in Switzerland.

His playing days over, Lebeau moved back to the Sherbrooke area and took a year off to try and decide what direction to take with his life.

Two years ago, he accepted Sylvain Laflamme's offer to coach the Cougars as the Lennoxville CEGEP took the big step of joining the QJHAAAL.

Lebeau was a natural as he guided the Cougars to a league title, the Eastern Canadian championships and a strong showing in the Royal Bank Cup.

Now he is back in hockey and approaching a new challenge, revitalizing the fortunes of the Tigres who failed to make the league playoffs last season.

"I haven't seen my team play yet so it is hard to evaluate them," Lebeau said recently.

What he does know is that he has a lot of experience on the blue line.

"I have two 20-year-olds and three 19-year-olds on defence and my goalie is experienced," Lebeau explained. "The rest of the team is mixed, not a lot of experience but they aren't rookies either. We will be competitive."

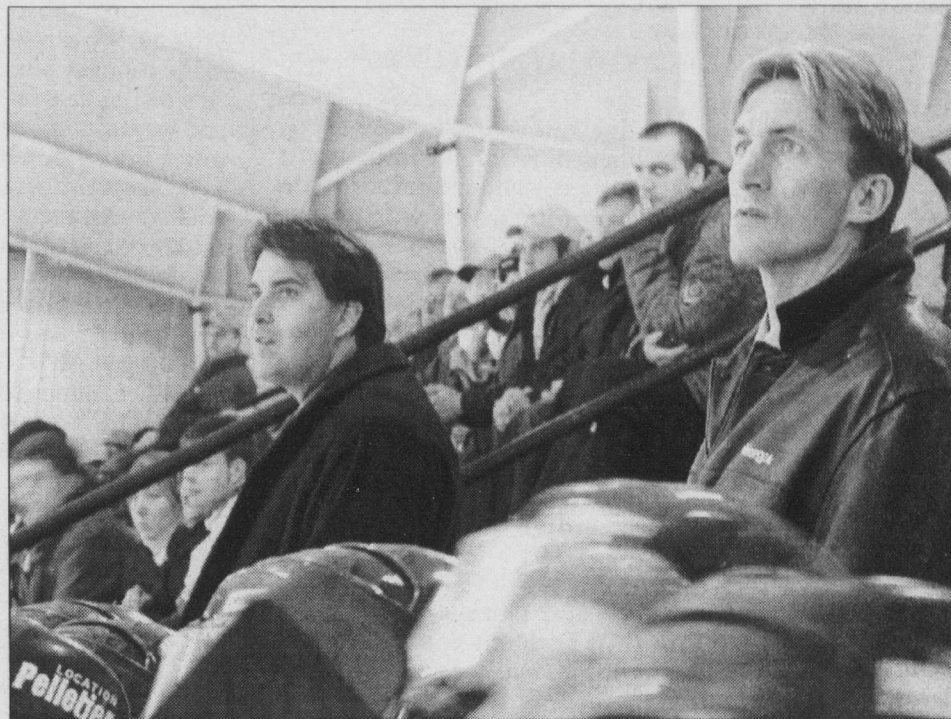
They will also be disciplined and well coached.

Lebeau demonstrated with Champlain that he has the ability to teach and motivate young players and he also showed a commitment to skills and team play.

IS JOB A STEPPING-STONE FOR THE FORMER MAGOG CANTONNIERS STAR?

"I am looking to spend some time in the QMJHL and see where it leads," Lebeau stated. "Coaching jobs in the NHL are often given to people because of who they know rather than what they know, but if an opportunity presents itself I would be interested."

For now Lebeau is concentrating his efforts on making the Tigres a winning team. His return to the QMJHL is a good thing for the league and hockey in the Eastern Townships.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Former Champlain coach and Montreal Canadiens forward Stéphan Lebeau (right) is looking forward to taking over the Victoriaville Tigres of the QMJHL this season.

Olympics — no place for parents

By Jason Fekete

"Celebrate humanity" is the exalted slogan of the Olympics. But with the Athens Summer Games only one month away, those celebrated sentiments are being impugned by athletes' proud parents who are living a financial nightmare just to watch their sons and daughters compete in Greece from Aug. 13-29.

Politics and corporate profits — not the the spirit of internationalism and sport — sit atop the podium of priorities, parents and athletes say.

Even the mayor of Olympia, the ancient village that gave birth to the Olympics 2,780 years ago, has said he will boycott the Games because he's not getting a free ticket.

Yet, the competitors' parents, more than anyone, are feeling the brunt of the exorbitant Olympic rings.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Bessette headed to Athens

Knowlton cyclist Lyne Bessette officially received her invitation to the Athens Summer Olympics Monday. Bessette — along with Manon Jutras of Drummondville and Sue Palmer-Komar from Ontario — will compete for Team Canada. Both Bessette and Palmer-Komar will compete in the time trial and road race. The only Canadian woman to win a World Cup race this season, Lachine's Geneviève Jeanson, was left off the team.

Eric Lucas to buy Interbox?

RDS is reporting that Ste-Julie boxer Éric Lucas, who owns a home in the Townships, is close to buying Interbox. With his promotional company currently under bankruptcy protection, Interbox owner Hans-Karl Muhlegg said Monday he will present shareholders with a proposition very soon.

According to RDS, Lucas' bid could be accepted as early as in three weeks, unless a better offer is submitted before then.

Lucas, 36-6-3 in his career, has not decided whether he will step back into the ring anytime soon.

Matvichuk headed to New Jersey

The New Jersey Devils shored up their defence on Monday, signing unrestricted free agent blueliner Richard Matvichuk, according to Sports Radio 1310 in Dallas.

It is a four-year contract worth \$8.5 million US.

Matvichuk, 31, made \$2.2 million US last season with the Dallas Stars. He spent his entire 12-year career with the team, scoring 38 goals and 167 points in 733 games.

Sillinger inks two-year deal with Blues

The St. Louis Blues locked up veteran centre Mike Sillinger over the weekend, as the unrestricted free agent agreed to a two-year contract with the team. Sillinger, 33, played in 16 games for the Blues last season, collecting 10 points (five goals, five assists). St. Louis registered an impressive 10-4-2-0 record with Sillinger in the lineup. Prior to joining the Blues, Sillinger spent the majority of last season with Phoenix, recording 14 points (eight goals, six assists), along with 54 penalty minutes in 60 games played.

The five-foot-11, 196-pound centre recorded his first career NHL hat trick in game three of the Western Conference Quarterfinals on April 12 versus San Jose, a 4-1 victory at Savvis Center.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

- **JUNIOR ELITE BASEBALL:** Tuesday, Laval Associés at Sherbrooke Bombardiers, Amédée-Roy Stadium, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m. **Friday**, Longueuil Ducs at Sherbrooke Bombardiers, Amédée-Roy Stadium, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.
- **JUNIOR LACROSSE:** Tuesday, Sherbrooke Extreme at Windsor Eagles, J.A. Lemay Arena, Windsor, 8 p.m. **Saturday**, St-Hubert at Sherbrooke Extreme, Julien Ducharme Arena, Fleurimont, 8 p.m.
- **SENIOR LACROSSE:** Thursday, Longueuil Patriotes at Windsor Eagles, J.A. Lemay Arena, Windsor, 8:30 p.m.

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In their quest to watch their world-class athletes perform, moms and dads are faced with unloading tens of thousands of dollars for one week's accommodations and tickets to Olympic events.

Corinne Rainsforth, mother of judo athlete Keith Morgan — one of Canada's best medal hopes — was forced to scrap her trip due to the insurmountable costs. Instead, she'll watch it on television.

"We were prepared to spend \$10,000 for accommodations and flights. Now we're looking at \$20,000. We can't afford that much. I don't know many people who can afford that," Rainsforth says. "It's one of Keith's last international competitions and we want to be there. But I'm not going to borrow a ton of money to go for eight or nine days."

Rainsforth, 51, and her second husband Rex had booked accommodations aboard one of the many cruise ships that will be parked along Athens' beaches, however, the company went bankrupt.

She wasn't charged for her lost reservations, but booking a hotel means sacrificing more than \$1,500 per person for each night. So she subsequently abandoned the trip and \$2,000 in airfare that couldn't be refunded.

One of the largest contributors to the mounting costs is the cancellation of the Olympic home-stay program, which billeted for free two family members of visiting athletes with local residents.

The program was an overwhelming success in the Sydney, Atlanta and Salt Lake City Games, for example, but got snubbed by the Athens organizing committee.

Rainsforth can attest to the financial necessity of a home-stay program.

She lodged for free with billets when she made the trip to Atlanta for the 1996 Summer Olympics. However, she decided against travelling to Sydney for the 2000 Games, largely due to the financial barriers, even with the billeting program being offered.

The Canadian Olympic Committee, she says, could do a lot more to ensure parents make it to Athens.

"Quite frankly, (the COC) doesn't care whether or not we go. We're just little people," she charges. "The Olympics aren't about the athletes anymore. It's all about big money."

Greek culture, and not corporate profits, is the

reason the billet program isn't being offered to needy parents, insists Jackie DeSouza with the COC.

"We were told that it's just not a part of the culture in Greece," says DeSouza, the COC's communications director. "This is not something people do, to open up their homes for others to come and stay."

Nola and Wes Shewfelt also feel the financial pinch. The couple is spending what would be a downpayment on a home to watch their son Kyle compete for a medal in gymnastics.

They are staying in a hotel in Greece for 13 nights, which will cost at least \$6,000, while the airfare will add another \$5,600 onto the bill. Spending money, ferry rides to their hotel and events tickets to gymnastics and a handful of other sports adds another \$10,000 to the bill.

In total, the Shewfelts expect to drop upwards of \$25,000 to witness the Olympic humanity.

"It's an incredible amount of money. For the people that don't believe in credit cards — there's no way you can do it," says Nola, who admits the home-stay program would have been an attractive option.

Shewfelt says she knows the COC is financially strapped but believes more can be done for athletes' families, including helping to procure tickets and inexpensive accommodations.

"They treat the athletes well, but as far as the people that helped them get there — forget it, there's nothing," she says.

Another parent struggling to get to Athens is Jeff Stone, who's daughter Kylie is Canada's top female gymnast. As a single parent, Stone couldn't afford the trip to Athens to watch his daughter, so friends stepped in and organized a fundraiser to ensure he's cheering on his daughter in person.

Officials with the COC say they are handcuffed by limited funding and a host city foreign to the billeting concept.

Chris Farstad, the COC's director of athlete relations and a former Olympian, says the competition often takes a back seat to money-making exercises.

"The Games aren't just about the athletes. It's about the Games. It's big business," he says.

The families who do make it to Athens will be invited to Canada Olympic House for parties and to watch the numerous sports on TV, as a home away from home, Farstad says. As for the parents unable to shoulder the financial burden of the Games, he says the COC can't act as a travel agent.

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Card of Thanks

CHAPMAN - I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who visited me, sent flowers and cards and for the many phone calls during my recent stay in hospital. You brightened my day and helped in my recovery. A special thank you to Rev. Davidson for his many visits and prayers. Rev. Rick Gariepy, Rev. David Lambie and Rev. Wendy MacLean Rennie for their visits and prayers. To the nurses on the second and third floors, the aides and the therapists, a tremendous "thank you" for the wonderful care I received. They were always there to assist and comfort when needed. Each and everyone of them is a tribute to the B.M.P. Hospital. Thank you all - Merci a tous!

JOHN CHAPMAN
Waterloo

Births

APPELBLOM-HARRIMAN: Aaron and Tanya announce the birth of Carmen Cynthia, born July 2, 2004, 7 lbs. 1 oz., at Ste-Croix Hospital, Drummondville. Sister for Justin. Grandparents David and Kathy Appelblom, Richmond, and first granddaughter for Norman and Margaret Harriman, Ulverton. Great-grandmothers Bernice Wilkins and Nellie Davidson, Richmond.

COATES - Chanelle, Shayla and Levi are excited to announce the arrival of their brother, Dawson Clifford Holmes Coates, on Saturday, July 3 at the Centre de Maternité de L'Estrie in Sherbrooke. Dawson weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces at birth. Proud parents are Erin Holmes and Scott Coates of Way's Mills. Happy grandparents are Stan and JoAnne Holmes of Barnston West and Mac and Jean Coates of Lennoxville.

Cards of Thanks

DURRELL - We would like to sincerely thank all our friends and relatives who showed such kindness following Eleanor's death on May 26 and those who attended the graveside service for her on June 5, 2004. We thank all who sent food, flowers, cards of condolence and those who made donations in Eleanor's memory to the B.M.P. Hospital Foundation. We are grateful to Dr. Barakett, the nurses and staff of the B.M.P. for their compassion and care during Eleanor's stay. We especially thank Evelyn Durrell for being at Eleanor's side, attending to her personal needs, day and night. Our gratitude goes to Rev. Ryk Allen for his prayers and thoughts on Eleanor's life at the service, which we found comforting. To Connie and Holly, who prepared and served the lovely lunch after the service, thank you so much. Such thoughtful kindness from everyone was appreciated and the memory of it will remain in our hearts.

KENT AND FAMILY

GALE-BECKETT: Just a note to say thank you to all my family and friends for all the flowers, cards and cookies that I received while I was in the hospitals, also thanks to all those who looked after me in the C.H.U. and also the Youville Rehab Centre.

AUDREY

Deaths

DEADMAN, Kathleen - Accidentally on Sunday, July 11th, 2004 in her 38th year. Kathleen Ann Whyte beloved wife of Murray Deadman and loving mother of Lea, Maya, Lucas and Kaylee and stepmom of Marjorie; cherished daughter of the late Howard Whyte and the late Monica Murray of Hemmingford, Que., predeceased by her brother Kevin. Kathleen also leaves to mourn her father-in-law Ira Deadman and mother-in-law Marjorie Reed, her brothers and sisters: D'Arcy (Pattie), Doreen, Arlene, Errol and Garry and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Homes Inc., 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., 564-1750. Time and date in Thursday's notice.

FINLAY, Mabel - Suddenly at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que., on Sunday, July 11, 2004 in her 88th year. Mabel Everett, beloved wife of the late Herbert Finlay; loving mother of Richard (Carol), Dennis (Susan) and David (Patricia); cherished grandmother of Jason, Gregory, Michael, Kevin and Steven; great-grandmother of Raegan and Dylan. Mabel was predeceased by her brothers and sister: Harold, Roderick, Maurice, Ernie, Donald and Margaret Falt; she will also be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held in St. Antoine cemetery, Lennoxville, Que., on Thursday, July 15th, 2004 at 11 a.m. As memorial tributes, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Homes Inc., 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., 564-1750.

Deaths

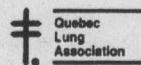
HODGE, Lincoln - Suddenly in Sawyerville on Sunday morning, July 11th, 2004. Lincoln Hodge at the age of 79, son of the late Harry Hodge and late Matilda Blair, husband of Annie Gilbert, brother of the late Sterling Hodge (Aura). Lincoln will be sadly missed by his three sons: Lynn (Georgia), Brian (Carmen) and Ricky (Nina), granddaughters: Angela (Yvon) and Nancy (Wayne); great-grandchildren: Lee-Anna, Bradley and Tyler and his companion Elizabeth and special friends Samantha and Shawn, also many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. We can all take comfort that his passing was peaceful and that he was able to do what he so enjoyed to his very last day, helping mend (broken fences). A private family service will be held at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to the Sawyerville Elementary School P.P.C. committee c/o Carolyn Bowker, 101 North River Rd., Sawyerville, Qc, JOB 3A0, would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Homes Inc., 15 Station St., Sawyerville, Qc, 564-1750.

McCULLOCH, Glenn Franklin Alexander - Passed away after a courageous fight with cancer at Cambridge Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, June 30, 2004 at the young age of 49 years. Beloved father of Jason, Melanie and Kimberly. Beloved son of Janet and Derek Conner. Beloved son of Alex and Micky McCulloch. Beloved brother of Tommy, Jan and David, Hazel and Phil, and Lisa. Beloved partner of Annette and children Nicolas and Lincoln. Beloved friend of Jocelyn and mother of his children. Beloved nephew of Auntie Frances and Uncle John. Glenn also leaves his many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and a list of friends that could go on forever. His love, laughter and kindness will be sorely missed by all. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Toronto or Montreal Sick Children's Hospitals would be greatly appreciated. Glenn loved children and never ever wanted them to suffer. We will be having a memorial service on July 24 at the United Church in Stanbridge East (his home town) at 1:30 p.m.

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**IVES HILL**

Card parties at Ives Hill Community Hall on Friday, July 16 and Friday, July 30 at 2 p.m. Sponsored by Milby Women's Institute.

GEORGEVILLE

St. George's Anglican Church Summer Bazaar on Wednesday, July 14 at Murray Memorial Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tea will be served from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Homemade articles, baking, craft supplies, treasures, men's table and more.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold Blood Pressure Clinics on the following dates:

LENNOXVILLE: On Tuesday, July 13 only at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE: No clinic in July. Will resume on August 24.

AYER'S CLIFF

The U.C.W. of Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff, will host a Bake/Craft Sale and Coffee Party, Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Also, a Sale, same place and time, sponsored by the congregation. Home baked breads, sweets, baked beans, etc., along with crafts, jewellery, new and nearly-new items and other articles. All welcome.

NORTH HATLEY

The North Hatley Community Centre is having a Benefit Night of "O Coward" at the Piggery on Friday, July 16 at 8 p.m. By supporting us, you are also helping the Piggery Theatre and the Township Stage. For tickets, please contact Jane

Perry-Gore (819) 842-4665 or Gwen McKnight at (819) 842-1670.

COOKSHIRE

Vacation Bible School at Cookshire Fair Grounds from July 26 to 30, 9 a.m. to noon. For ages 4 to 12. Information: Roberta Sylvester (819) 889-2608. Advance registration recommended. Spaces limited.

BALDWIN'S MILLS

Decadent Dessert Party and Silent Auction, Sunday, July 18, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the United Church. Sinful desserts for charity by The Ladies' Group. Silent auction to benefit the Church Restoration Project.

HATLEY

Hatley United Church Ice Cream Social and Sale, Saturday, July 17, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and strawberries, live music and bargains!

WATERVILLE

An Ice Cream Strawberry Social will be held at St. John's Church Hall, 60 Compton St., Waterville on Thursday, July 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by St. John's A.C.W. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Members of the Uplands Garden Club are reminded of the outing to the Colby-Curtis Museum on Saturday, July 17 at 2 p.m. The tea and garden tour should prove to be a pleasant outing. Please confirm your reservation with Helena Brodie at (819) 346-3696 as soon as possible.

MILBY

A Fundraising Mechoui BBQ will take place Sunday, July 18 at and for the benefit of the Hyatt One-Room Schoolhouse, 2185 McVety Road, Milby. Special Guest: Bobby Hull, NHL & WHA Hockey Star, will be present. Activities to begin at 3 p.m. with a Silent Auction of Hockey Memorabilia along with a short Live

Auction. Music and liquid refreshments also available. Dinner, served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., will consist of barbecued beef, pork and chicken, roast potatoes, coleslaw and rolls. All topped off with a dessert consisting of sponge cake, fresh strawberries and whipped cream. To avoid disappointment, reserve tickets by calling Bev Loomis (819) 346-6746 or Grace Cote 562-7434. Tickets are also available at Tri-Us in Lennoxville.

BURY

There will be a Social Evening at the Bury Town Hall with "O. T. Country": Terry Howell, Dave McBurney, Art Little and Perry Beaton, on July 17 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 'New and Old' country music. Eugene Naylor will be there to call square dancing. Admission charged. Proceeds to benefit the Bury United Cultural Center. Yahoo! Everyone welcome.

SUTTON

Annual Book Sale at Sutton Library, John Sleeth Centre, 7 Academy St., Sutton, Saturday, July 17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Huge selection of English and French books. Book donations gratefully accepted now and can be dropped off at the Library. Call John at (450) 538-2333.

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Melbourne Ridge Women's Institute

Our June meeting was held at the home of Janine Sterl on the 23rd instead of the first. Susan Mastine opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking Janine for having us. We then repeated the Collect. The motto was: "A hug is the perfect gift - one size fits all and nobody minds if you exchange it." Roll Call: "Bring two birthday cards for the Wales Home birthday party" and was answered by members.

Minutes were then read and approved. Treasurer's report was favourable. Pennies for Friendship were then collected. Susan said we were unable to go to the Clariol plant so we decided to go to Crystal Mines on August 25th instead. Correspondence was verbal: thank you from Mr. Gibson and Bert Blake, thank you from Muriel McMorine and also a thank you from Vera Miller.

Reports: Janine told about her trip to Nova Scotia. Joan held a contest about Prime Ministers with Chris Blake being first and Shirley Fowler being second.

A get well card was signed for Martha Roy. Chris Blake to see the forgotten patient. Joan Morrison gave a report on the Wales Home birthday party. Joan also gave the convention report as Chris had forgotten her report at home.

Our assessment is to go up the first of the year. Our combined July and August meeting is to be held on Monday, July 25th at 11 a.m. After the meeting we will have our picnic along with races and candy for the kids. Susan then adjourned the meeting.

*Christina Blake,
secretary*

Mom has overstayed her welcome

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for three years, and we have a 6-month-old son. The problem? My wife's mother is living with us.

Last year, we invited my MIL (and her two large dogs) to move in so that we could help her get back on her feet. Mom had been on welfare, and we opened our home until she could find a job. She pays us a little rent each month.

When my wife became pregnant, I informed my mother-in-law that she had nine months to move out. It has been nearly 15 months, and Mom hasn't budged. Last week while shopping, my wife noticed a store with a sign for part-time help. She pushed her mother to go in and get a job application. The next day, Mom was supposed to return the application to the manager, but she refused to go back to the mall. Our neighbors often inform us when people are looking to hire temporary help, but Mom never follows through.

Mom has so much stuff stored in our

house that we no longer have access to our basement or

garage. And her dogs have done a lot of damage to our carpets and doors. My wife and I want to be able to raise our child in peace. Are we the bad guys for asking her to move? Can I get a moving van, load up her stuff and move it to a storage area? — Canada

Dear Canada: Mom obviously is reluctant to find her own place when yours is so inexpensive and offers security. Your wife should be the one to discuss this with her mother. She must make it clear that Mom has overstayed her welcome.

It sounds as if Mom has some emotional issues that are hampering her ability to support herself. She could use some counseling (check the YWCA, United Way or a local women's center), and couple it with an ultimatum that if she doesn't make a serious effort to find a job, you will be forced to make good your threat to load up the moving van.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Perplexed in Iowa," who is a widow and wants to remarry without losing her widows' benefits.

Benefits are established to help those who are truly needy, not those who merely feel a sense of entitlement. If her fiancé is willing and able to support her, or if she is able to seek employment elsewhere, she should get married and stop accepting money from Iowa's hard-working taxpayers. — Unsympathetic in Florida

Dear Florida: You weren't the only one who thought "Perplexed" should stop looking for government assistance once she remarries. But not everyone agrees:

From Maryland: You told "Perplexed" that the government "has unwittingly created an incentive for seniors to live together without the benefit of marriage." The government has NOT done

this "unwittingly." It has been done on purpose to save the government money — the same money that was paid into Social Security by "Perplexed's" late husband to provide for her. She is entitled to her late husband's Social Security whether or not she remarries. He worked for it; he earned it; he wanted her to have it. Period. I dare you to print this.

Kansas: You suggested "Perplexed" contact clergy to perform a religious marriage that would not be civilly recognized. I am a reverend. Please be aware that in my state, any couple identifying themselves as married ARE civilly married, with or without a ceremony. Some states consider you married if you live together. If Iowa is one of those, "Perplexed" should be wary of cohabiting with her fiancé if she does not want to lose her widows' benefits.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: X equals L

"CW FT, CGT IPTHZYTS DK RSY
CGT JZDT IPTHZYTS DK NTPT
SWC IPZVTH CW OT NWS, OLC
R YLCK CW OT YWST."
- MTPRXY P. BWPY

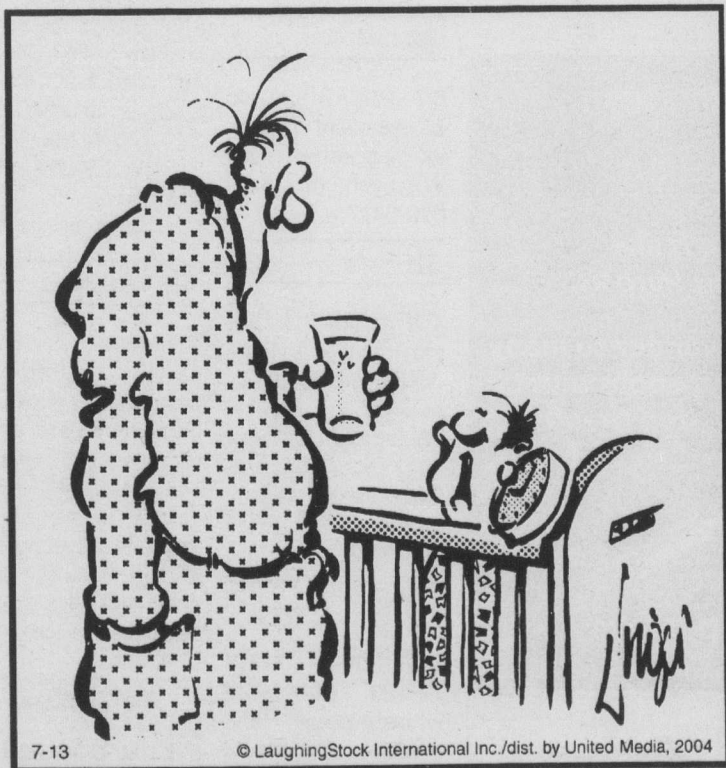
PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "Life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it." - Football coach Lou Holtz

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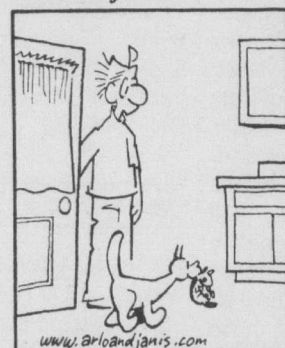


"One minute, 52 seconds. I could have died of thirst!"

ALLEY OOP



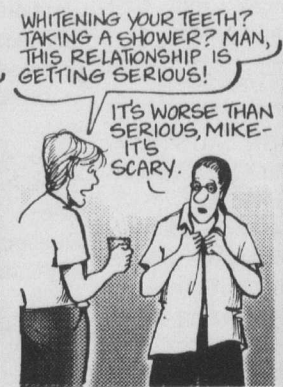
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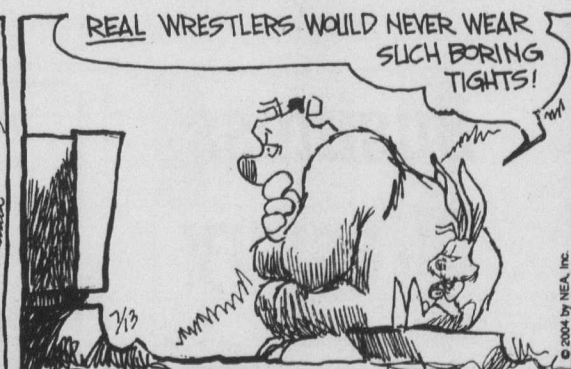
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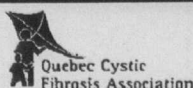
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Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

CANCER (July 21-July 22) - Be careful not to be too sensitive today when associating with friends, or you may turn a fun time into an uncomfortable one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - This should be a successful day when working with associates, but pride can be your Achilles' heel and cause you to look for scapegoats if things don't come off as perfectly as you planned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You know the proper course of action that needs to be taken today to fulfill a goal, yet for some reason you could act against your better judgment. Be sensible in all you undertake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be sure to reciprocate in a similar fashion today to those who go out of their way to be helpful to you when you need it. A failure to do so could work against you in other ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Today it is far better to say "no" rather than make a commitment to do something that, in reality, you know you can't. Be aware of your limitations and 'fess up to them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - If you can't change the direction of the wind, adjust your sails. You can get more accomplished today by doing what needs to be done rather than waiting on others to help you move along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You may be a good organizer and leader today, but you also need to be a good contributor as well. Instead of bossing others around and telling them what to do, set the example.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - If you find yourself involved in some form of friendly competition today, keep everything light and breezy. Don't allow yourself to get uptight and be a poor winner or loser.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Try to operate on a strict schedule today or else, by the end of the day, duties that still need to be attended to may begin to overlap others that also must be completed at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Your instincts are in good working order today and will direct you to do the right things in matters that are important to your well-being. Don't let anyone influence you to do otherwise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Innately, you are a generous and giving person, but today there is a strong possibility that out of jealousy you might step out of character and be a bit stingy to a friend who doesn't deserve it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Let a situation that is doing a good job of running smoothly take its own course today. If you step in and try to make changes for the sake of change, you will botch things up royally.

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

North 07-13-04			
♠ A Q 7 4 3			
♥ J 7 5			
♦ J 10 8 5			
♣ 4			
West		East	
♠ 6		♠ K 2	
♥ Q 10 8 2		♥ K 9 3	
♦ A 7 4 3		♦ 9 6 2	
♣ J 6 5 2		♣ K Q 10 9 7	
South			
♠ J 10 9 8 5			
♥ A 6 4			
♦ K Q			
♣ A 8 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 2			

You are sitting East, hovering over that dummy. Against four spades, your partner leads the heart two. After declarer calls for dummy's five, which heart would you play?

North's immediate raise to four spades is pre-emptive. He will usually have at least five spades, but limited high-card power.

West's heart-two lead tells you that South probably has ace-third. West wouldn't underlead an ace at trick one against a suit contract. And assuming the two is fourth-highest, South started with three hearts.

If it transpires that you need only one heart trick, playing the king would be right. If West has queen-empty-fourth, putting in the nine at trick one lets declarer win with the 10. He may then establish a discard for his remaining low heart. But that is unlikely. Here, going up with the heart king - third hand high - gives away the contract. Declarer wins with his heart ace and in the fullness of time loses only one spade, one heart and one diamond.

However, if you put in the heart nine at trick one, you establish two heart tricks to go with the spade king and diamond ace.

This is the rule: When dummy has one honor, third hand holds a higher honor, and dummy plays low, (normally) third hand saves his honor when he can insert a nine or higher.

Is it time for high or middle?

By Phillip Alder

This week, we are looking at finessing against partner. (At trick one, third hand plays a lower card than his highest.) Yesterday, we had a clear-cut example. Today's deal, though, might make you think for a while.

Look only at the North and East hands.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Window part
- 5 Shut noisily
- 9 Bucolic valleys
- 14 Petition
- 15 Gdansk man
- 16 Eyeball-bending pictures
- 17 Food thickener
- 18 Word before beer or canal
- 19 Loan-sharking
- 20 1961 Rock Hudson movie
- 23 Period of note
- 24 Kickoff aid
- 25 ___ of the blue
- 26 Long time
- 29 Busybody
- 31 Pub missiles
- 33 Mathematician Byron

- 34 Noah's craft
- 36 Actress Farrow
- 37 At the summit
- 38 Reggie's sobriquet
- 42 Spill the beans
- 43 Bo's number
- 44 Kander's partner
- 45 Peanut product
- 46 Amos Alonzo of football
- 48 Third planet
- 52 Grounded bird
- 53 Wisc. neighbor
- 54 Notes of scales
- 56 Be obligated to
- 57 1968 Sandy Dennis movie
- 61 Cuban sendoff
- 63 Keokuk's state
- 64 Qualified

- 12 Be human?
- 13 Hog home
- 21 Be taken aback
- 22 Undergo a genetic change
- 27 Olfactory stimulator
- 28 Short snooze
- 30 To-do list item
- 32 In the company of
- 35 Boiling pot
- 37 "S.O.S." pop group
- 38 Leave with a limp
- 39 Trick of the eye
- 40 Chronologically unbroken

- 41 More than chunky
- 42 Bunion's place
- 46 Tijuana snooze
- 47 Warnings from a boxer
- 49 Robin Hood, for one
- 50 Dozen
- 51 Controversial doctrine
- 55 Skirt
- 58 Whittler's material
- 59 Rex Harrison's son
- 60 Trading center
- 61 Egyptian viper
- 62 Recombinant letters

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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A	C	U	T	E		L	O	O	P		E	L	I	S
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E	N	D	S		C	R	A	W		C	R	I	E	R
R	O	S	S		H	U	R	L		H	O	L	D	S

- 65 Nose
- 66 Canasta display
- 67 Ups the RPMs
- 68 Bamboo lover
- 69 Option word
- 70 Three-spot

DOWN

- 1 "American Beauty" star
- 2 Veep from Tennessee
- 3 Jack-tar
- 4 Fabled dawdler
- 5 Spending binge
- 6 Circled
- 7 Scads
- 8 Like a shooting star?
- 9 Has suspicions
- 10 Basilica part
- 11 Worthy of the greatest honor

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Stanstead North Women's Institute meeting

The June meeting was held at the Mansur schoolhouse on June 17. President Elane called the meeting to order and we repeated the Collect. The roll call was answered by seven members naming a former teacher at the school. The minutes were read and approved. It was noted that Mrs. Eileen Dezan had brought two classes from Ayer's Cliff to visit the school on June 3 and June 8. We hope that this tradition will be carried on and that other schools will use this opportunity to teach history to the youngsters, who all seem to enjoy it.

Everyone was pleased with the articles in the Stanstead Journal and the Record regarding the classes at the school, and the generous donation granted by the Townshippers Foundation. This grant was very much appreciated by all.

Elane thanked everyone who had helped with the final clean-up on May 25, and especially thanked Irene Sheldon who did all the papering. The wallpaper had been donated by Doris Gosselin, Louise Peasley and Elane. It was noted that the exterminator had

been to the school on May 7 and eliminated the carpenter ants. Elane showed three membership certificates that had been received honoring those with long memberships. These had been framed by Irene Sheldon. Two were for Doris Gibson, one for 60 years and one for 65 years. The other one was for Irene Johnston for 55 years. Irene agreed to deliver the ones to Doris while Phyllis will deliver the one to Irene Johnston. The treasurer's report was read and all are anxious for the restoration work to begin.

Velma read an article about washing melons, cantaloupe, etc., before cutting. They must be washed in cool water and scrubbed! Phyllis told us about rust flies on carrots and how to avoid them. Carrots can be stored in the refrigerator during the winter months.

A light lunch was served which included a delicious berry cake made by Velma. The next meeting will be held in August at Velma's cottage at the lake.

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