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Richmond houses to come down today for shopping centre

By Stephen McDougall
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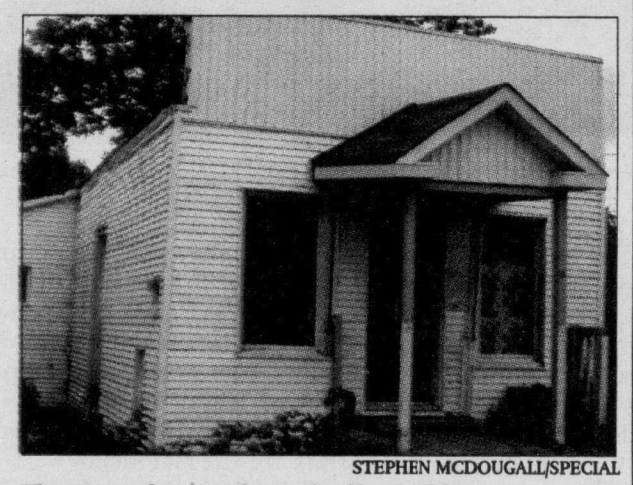
At least six old houses along College and Craig streets in Richmond will be demolished today to make way for a new shopping centre, according to the town's economic commissioner Martin Lafleur.

"The houses have to be demolished if the new shopping centre owner is to have extra land to set up an auxiliary store as well as parking space and room to expand at a future date," said Lafleur on Tuesday.

"We hope that other stores will spring up there as the centre becomes popular."

The centre is to be built on a commercial lot bordered by Principal, Craig and College streets.

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STEPHEN MCDOUGALL/SPECIAL

The town's former telegraph office building

First in Quebec to use biodegradable grocery bags

Environmentally-friendly bioplastic bags are reusable, recyclable and compostable

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Starting in mid-October, Sherbrooke's La Grande Ruche will become the first store in Quebec to offer biodegradable grocery bags to its clientele.

The environmentally friendly BioBags, made from corn starch and synthetic polymers, were developed in Norway. The new "bioplastics" are 100 per cent compostable and biodegradable and do not contain any genetically modified organisms (GMOs). When decomposed, they become fertile compost. The bags, which do not degrade during normal storing, can also be reused, recycled and burned.

BioBags will be offered to Grande Ruche clients at a cost of 20 cents apiece, but customers will be able to choose traditional plastic or paper bags at no additional cost and many prefer to use their own reusable cloth ones, said store manager Michèle Gagné.

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Pierre Morency and store manager Michèle Gagné show off Quebec's first biodegradable grocery bag which will be available at Sherbrooke's Grande Ruche.

Novare means business

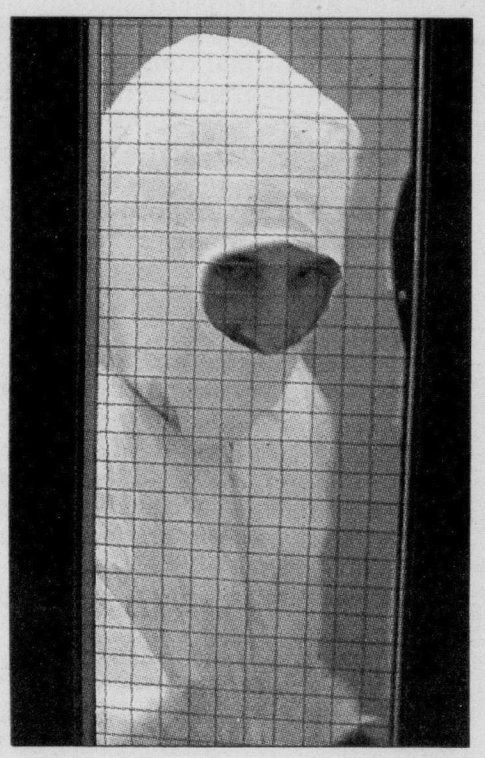
Local initiative designed to keep ideas and money in region

By Tom Peacock

Spin-offs are, according to the dictionary, benefits or products produced incidentally from a larger process.

A new initiative in the Sherbrooke region hopes to turn spin-offs from research at universities and institutions in the region into profitable

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TOM PEACOCK

Karl Gagnon gets dressed in the foyer of the dust-proof clean room at Bishop's University. Novare will help market the project

Deep Roots



STEPHEN MCDOUGALL/SPECIAL

It was a rollicking good time for Ste-Agathe residents celebrating their town's 150 year heritage. See page 9 for story.

Auction provides more fun than finds

Not-so-rare paintings found at local home decorator store

By Sharon McCully

The public's insatiable appetite for recapturing days of yore when handcrafted furniture graced sunny parlours and fine bone china was showcased in elaborately carved buffets, has resulted in a boon for antique dealers and auctioneers. But while one man's trash can be another man's treasure, sometimes one man's trash just becomes another man's trash until a new buyer comes along.

Trading on the public's dream of finding a pearl in the oyster, Encans Richard, a Montreal company which bills itself as an estate auction house, has been holding well-publicized estate auctions in Montreal and outlying regions.

In June, Encans Richard booked a huge conference room at the Delta Hotel in Sherbrooke and sent out thousands of glossy invitations in a blanket mailing to Townshippers.

The invitation promised loads of fun and excitement as participants bid on antiques and new production furniture, art, sculptures, collectibles and carpets. There was also to be "a magnificent selection of high quality bronze sculptures, original oil paintings in museum frames and limited edition prints."

Fun, excitement, antiques and original art.

Not only was it too much to miss, I brought company.

My Gaspe roots lured me to catalogue number 571 – fishing boats; an 8 X10 oil on canvas in gold leaf museum frame. The bidding started at a mere $35 and there didn't seem to be a lot of interest in the painting from the 100 or so bidders in the room, although the auctioneer was bubbling with excitement. It went to $45. I bid $50. The auctioneer looked around. Sold for $50. Plus GST, PST, 10 per cent buyer's premium for a total of $63.27. I was a happy customer.



PERRY BEATON/SPWECIAL

Oil painting also available at local store for one-third the price.

Until I saw an entire rack of the same paintings at Bouclair. The 5 X 7 version of the 'oil on canvas in gold leaf museum frame' was selling for $17.58. The lot number on the back was identical.

This was a great mystery to Richard Hachem, owner of Encans Richard who just yesterday sent me a 'preferred customer' invitation to another auction in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

"Our items are purchased from art galleries or from estates," Hachem said in a telephone interview. "I can't understand it, he said, as he took the address of the Sherbrooke Bouclair store.

Hachem was also at a loss to explain the vast quantity of 'original, limited edition, Group of Seven prints with seal' which sell at the auction for $130-$150 but are available through wholesalers or on e-bay for roughly $30.

Hachem said he purchased the limited edition prints from Gallery Dixie in Toronto.

A search failed to turn up a Dixie Gallery in Toronto, but a wholesale distributor of Canadian art on Dixie Road in Toronto said his company sells prints in bulk, including Group of Seven prints, but they are 'open editions, unsigned by the artist'. (At Encans Richard's auction, I purchased one large, and two small original, limited edition, Tom Thomson Group of Seven prints with seal' – $297.)

Hachem insists his limited edition prints are the real McCoy.

Which was not, unfortunately, the case with the Fabergé eggs.

Hachem said his company refunded one buyer following an auction in Mt. Tremblant for the purchase of bogus Fabergé eggs. The big spender had purchased all 20 eggs on the auction block. Hachem said the 'rare' eggs had arrived at his warehouse in a crate on the Thursday prior to Sunday's auction and he had not had time to have them authenticated. He said when he discovered the eggs were plastic, he issued a full refund to the buyer. "It's not ethical to sell something that's not real. I called the customer and offered a refund."

Fabergé-like eggs sell on the Internet for $18-30. Bidding at the auction was hitting Birks prices. These are rare exceptions, Hachem said, adding the furniture pieces found at the auction are excellent buys, acquired through estate or liquidation sales and sold to bidders at record prices.

He said it was not unusual that many of the larger items purchased at the Sherbrooke auction were returned to the Encans Richard truck, and reappeared at subsequent auctions.

"Some people don't have the means to transport what they buy, " Hachem said.

An employee of Encans Richard who organizes the auctions in each town also noted that some buyers ask the auctioneer to resell the items they've purchased, on reserve for them.

The employee explained for example, that a large four-poster bed which was featured prominently and sold at auctions in both Sherbrooke and St-Jean, was not the same bed. "When you look really close, he said, you'll see it's not the same. I had 20 of them and I have three left in the basement," he said.

The next occasion for loads of auction fun and excitement is this Saturday, Oct. 4 at Relais Gouverneur, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Once again, Encans Richard is offering 'a large selection of antique furniture, authentic hand-knotted rugs, estate collection of crystal, porcelain and Fabergé eggs, as well as a large selection of original oil on canvas paintings in museum frames and signed limited edition prints by Group of Seven artists'.

I've had enough fun for awhile.



Frames came from the same batch.

Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of showers. High 11. UV index 1 or low.
Thursday: Cloudy with 70 per cent chance of showers. Low 2. High 7.
Friday: Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of showers. Low zero. High 11.
Saturday: Periods of rain. Low 7. High 14.
Normals for the period: Low 3. High 15.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



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Included in that lot is the former Bédard Park, which will be dismantled for the project. It will be replaced by a smaller park at the corner of College and Bédard streets after the centre is constructed.

The auxiliary building and extra parking spaces will be built on the other side of College from Craig to just beyond Stanley St.

Along with the six houses being torn down will be three garages once used by private mechanics.

Lafleur denied rumours that the centre would mean the cutting off of College St. from Stanley to Craig to traffic.

"We insisted on keeping College open to traffic in order to prevent snarl ups," he said.

"We are also going to put back the traffic light at the intersection of College and Craig that we removed last year.

"The streets around the centre may only be two lanes, but we don't think there will be traffic jams."

Lafleur refused to identify the name of the owner, arguing it was a private deal and it was up to the owner to come forward. Rumour has it the centre will be owned by a major grocery chain. Calls to such chains as Provigo, Loblaws or Maxi to confirm their involvement were not returned by press time.

Lafleur confirmed that some of the houses being demolished were over 100 years old, but argued they had little, if any, heritage value.

"Besides, the houses were not part of a heritage zone for the town, so we were not obliged to save them," he said.

According to Richmond Historical Society member Don Healy, one of the smaller houses on College Street used to be the town's first telegraph office in the early 1800s.

"It used to be on the main street near the railway line," he said.

"Then when telegraphs were replaced by more modern equipment, someone moved it to College St. for a residence."

But Healy was more concerned about how the project was handled by the town, arguing many residents were left out of the picture.

"All kind of rumours circulated through town that College St. would be cut off or rerouted, leaving residents with one less exit from their neighbourhoods," he said.



STEPHEN MCDOUGALL/SPECIAL

The former Bédard Park will be removed and replaced with a smaller version.

"By keeping this project a virtual secret, all kinds of trouble was caused."

Healy maintains the town should have made the plans for the project available to the public so that suspicions would not have arisen.

"It was handled like it was top secret," he said.

"Apparently, the town merchants new about it, but said little.

"It makes me wonder who is calling the shots in this town: the council or big business."

Lafleur argued the project was given a low profile in order not to scare away the centre's owner. And because it was a private firm investing its own money and nothing from the public, there was no need for public hearings.

"We had public hearings on the Intermodal train system because the town, the province and the federal government all have public money in the project," he said.

"But there is nothing in the Cities and Towns Act that requires us to make private deals public."

But the town did have to change the zoning of the houses from residential to commercial last spring before the owners could sell their homes to the centre's owner.

He said the zoning change was made using a municipal bylaw that was not challenged by the area residents.

He added the town did not have to expropriate any property for the project. He said the owners of the houses now being demolished each agreed to sell to the centre's owner.

"Officials from the town and the company did keep the project somewhat secret at first, saying only the land was needed for a big project," said Lafleur.

"But when they finally signed the sales agreements, the house owners knew it was for a shopping centre."

He said the house and garage owners were told not to discuss the sale of their properties with each other. Lafleur said the centre's owner feared the land could have been snatched up by a speculator who would ask for more money for it.

Lafleur said the final plan for the center was completed on Sept. 25, a week after the houses were sold to the centre's owner.

He admitted the Oct. 1 deadline for vacating their homes was too short.

"We had difficulties verifying the titles and deeds of some of the properties being sold," he said.

"At the same time, the centre's planners wanted to get started on demolition as soon as possible."

Jacques Morisette, an owner of one of the six houses, said he was not forced to sell his home for the project. He was told last March by town officials that a project was coming and would he like to sell his land for it.

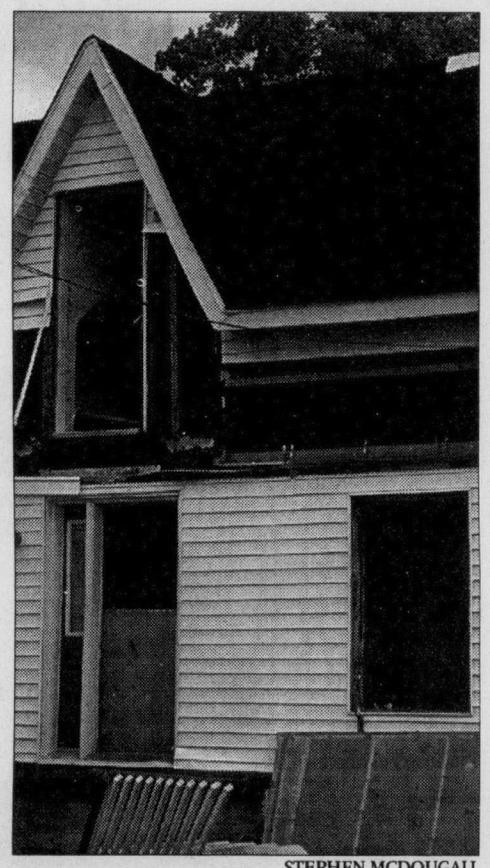
"My wife and I had been thinking of selling, but not just now," he said Tuesday as family members stripped his 1938, two-storey red brick building of its windows.

"They offered us a good price and said we could take anything from it that we wanted. That meant the windows and the fixtures and even the heating system.

"That means a little more money in my pocket."

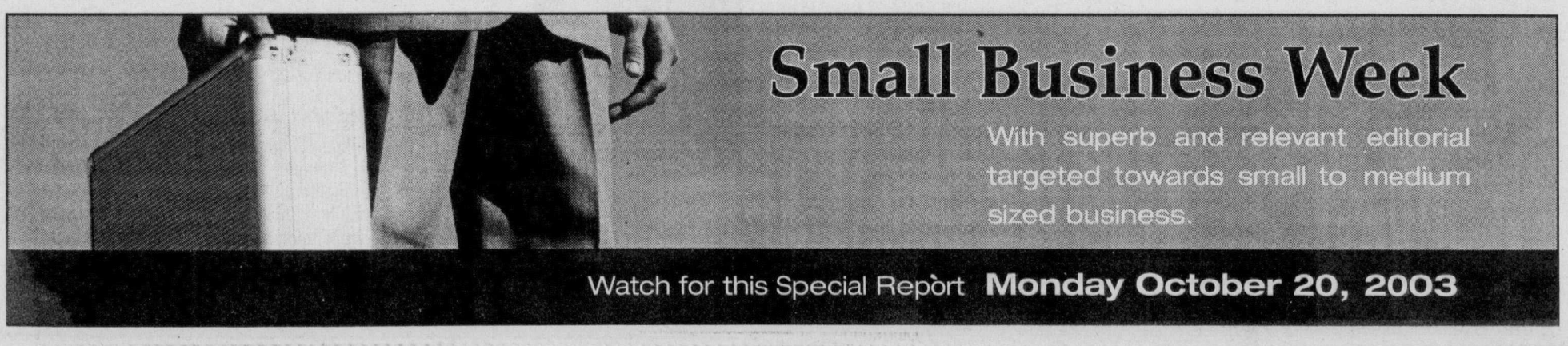
Morisette's only objection to the sale was the 10-day deadline to vacate the house.

"That does not give you much time to move out your things, find a new place, then strip the building. But we managed," he said.



STEPHEN MCDOUGALL

One of the houses slated for demolition today.



Bromont to use Internet to consult residents

By Maurice Crossfield

The Town of Bromont is set to embark on a revision of its land management regulations, and will be using the Internet to help garner input from the public.

"We're just being logical with the tools we have here," said Bromont mayor Pauline Quinlan. "We have already used the Web site to consult the public on our floral emblem and our cultural policy. It was only natural to open it up for consultations on the town planning."

This fall the revision of the zoning and land management practices of the municipality will begin with unofficial public information meetings for each sector. A total of four meetings will be held at the Bromont town hall, each one for a specific sector. At the meetings, residents will be able to learn about the land management plan, and offer their views.

"People can come to any of those meetings," Quinlan said. "But they will be more focused on issues in that area."

Following those meetings, a draft of the new land management legislation will be posted at the municipality's Internet web site, www.bromont.com. In the following weeks, residents can then consult the document and write in their comments and criticism on the proposed changes. No time to attend a consultation meeting? The document and the chance to comment will be open online around the clock.

"We are trying to keep our leadership role while at the same time trying to understand generally where our citizens want to go," Quinlan said. "We also want to keep a vision of how our town should look in 20 years."

Quinlan said she is unaware of any other municipality holding such an electronic consultation.

Once the online consultation is complete an official public consultation will be held, as required by law. Quinlan said a final version will probably be passed at the January council meeting. After getting the approval of the Haute-Yamaska MRC, the bylaw changes will then have to be put to a registry to see if enough people want to force a referendum. Only then will the changes become law, probably in February or March.

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Quinlan said Bromont residents are increasingly using the town's Internet site to learn more about municipal affairs. Over 1,000 residents are registered with the town, getting the municipal newsletter, public announcements and council meeting follow-ups via E-Mail.

"Our citizens are using the web more and more," Quinlan said. "We are finding our citizens are more informed and they seem to like it."

Quinlan said the land management revision will be an important tool in the future development of Bromont. She noted that the entire region is changing, raising many questions for the future.

"It's quite a challenge to develop and at the same time to try to preserve," she said.

Quinlan also noted that when it comes to keeping the feel of the village of Bromont (formerly West Shefford), the municipality will be referring to the written history of the town, authored by Winona Matthews, who recently turned 90."We will be using it a lot," Quinlan said of the historical text.

Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation makes generous donation



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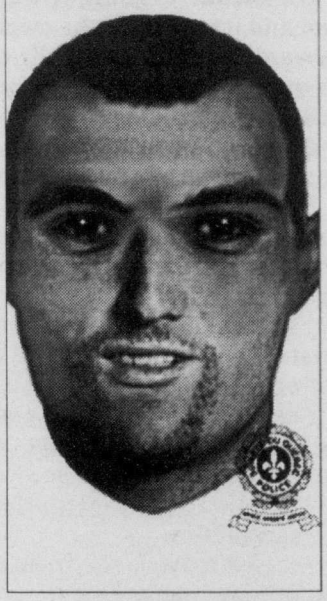
Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation members Heather Stewart, Jim Atto, Gordon Zakaib with Magog Hospital Foundation treasurer Raymond Courey. The donated funds will be used to create a new radiology room.

A new radiology room has been set up at Hôpital La Providence de Magog, thanks to funding provided by the Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation. A $195,000 donation was made by the Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation to the Magog Hospital Foundation. The Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation made the donation in light of the fact a large number of English-speaking clients use the hospital.

Esther Paquette, program head at the Centre de Santé Memphrémagog, expressed gratitude on behalf of users and staff for the significant contribution. The former radiology room had been in service for 20 years.

Jacques Marcoux accepted the donation on behalf of the Memphremagog health centre.

Police seek public's help



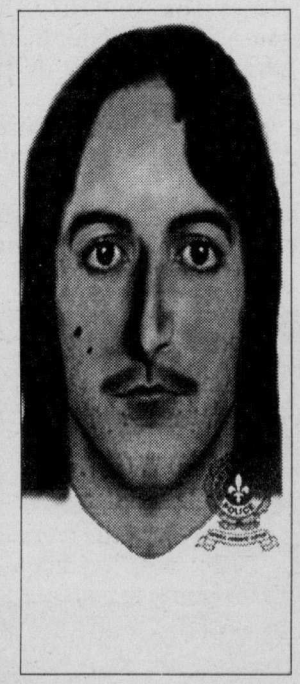
The Sûreté du Québec is seeking help in finding a man who robbed a dépanneur in Ste-Cécile-de-Milton on Saturday night.

At about 10 p.m. the man showed up at Sylvain Roy's general store at 48 Principale Street, just as it was closing. He managed to get the two employees to let him in, then pulled out a metal bar and demanded the day's receipts.

He then left the scene with a few thousand dollars in cash. The clerks didn't see what direction he fled in or if he was in a car or not.

The robber is described as between 25 and 30-years old, weighing about 66 kilos (145 pounds). He was about 1.57 metres tall (about 5 foot 5), with brown eyes and short brown hair. He was wearing a blue, white and mauve windbreaker.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to call the SQ's Haute-Yamaska detachment, asking for Sgt. Guy Lemelin, at (450) 539-3252. Or call the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800.



The Sûreté du Québec is seeking the public's help in finding a man who robbed a man on Branderick Road in Shefford Township on Sept. 7.

At about 5:30 the robber showed up at the residence of a man in his 60s, and was let inside. Once inside, a struggle broke out, with the attacker demanding money from the victim. The robber went so far as to hold the man's hands on a burning wood stove for several seconds.

"We are talking third degree burns to his hands," said SQ spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel.

The thief then made off with a few hundred dollars. The victim did not know who his attacker was, but he gave police enough of a description to put together a composite sketch.

The attacker is described as about 30-years old, and 1.73 metres (about 5 foot 10) tall. Weighing about 66 kilos (145 pounds), he had shoulder length brown hair and two moles on his right cheek. He was driving an older model white Chevy Cavalier with a feather or rainbow decal on the side.Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Guy Lemelin of the Haute-Yamaska SQ, at (450) 539-3252, or the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800.

Bishop's solar panel project attracting attention

By Tom Peacock

Professor Mihai Scarlete from the Bishop's University chemistry department might be onto something very big in terms of alternative energy.

He and his undergraduate students have been experimenting with solar panels, and according to the professor, they have increased the efficiency of the current models available on the market by 30 to 40 per cent.

"Is it revolutionary? That depends," said the professor. "We do have the potential to double power over price. But it depends on how good we get at doing this on a large scale."

So far, the findings of Scarlete and his students have been strong enough to attract the attention of the local scientific and business communities, and a new initiative in the region designed to bring the two communities closer together called Novare.

Novare was created to facilitate the process of bringing the products of successful research projects at local institutions to the marketplace. Scarlete's solar panel project is one of the first that has caught the attention of the Novare Committee.

"If he can make something cheap, then he's got something the world needs," said Jonathan Rittenhouse, vice-president of Bishop's University and a Novare committee member.

During an interview in his office on the second floor of the Johnson science building, Scarlete explained how the project began. First, he said, he and his students developed the material.

"I knew the material could be important for electronic applications, but I wasn't thinking of solar cells," he explained.

Scarlete took his new material to Professor Cetin Aktik at the University of Sherbrooke. "He said I should use it to develop solar cells, although this is not the device I had in mind," Scarlete explained.

A partnership soon sprung up between researchers at UofS and Bishop's, and students from the UofS Chemical Engineering department were farmed out to Scarlete to help control research conditions for the solar panel project.

Ever since, Bishop's and UofS students have been working together year round in the tiny dust-proof room on the top floor of the Johnson building, trying to perfect the solar panel technology.

Karl Gagnon, 21, came to Bishop's from Farnham in search of a stimulating academic environment and small class sizes. Judging from his level of interest in Scarlete's solar panel project, he got what he came for. On top of a full course load, Gagnon is still working every night on the solar research prcject he joined last May.

"Dr. Scarlete approached me at the beginning of last year, and right away I said, yes," he said.

The chemistry student gave The Record a tour of the dust-proof room, called a "clean room". Wearing a special dust suit, Gagnon pointed out the furnace where polymers are applied to small silicon plates in eight-hour cycles.

The top-secret specifications of the process are patent-protected and stored on a computer in the clean room. Conditions are modified in the furnace every couple of days in an attempt to "improve opto-electronic properties.

"There's always room to improve, but we have achieved some results we are somewhat pleased with," Gagnon said mildly through his dust mask. "As for doing it on the scale we want, we still have a lot of work to do."



TOM PEACOCK

Mihai Scarlete (centre) in his office with chemistry students Karl Gagnon and Megan MacNeil.

NOVARE:

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business ventures...in the region.

The non-profit initiative, dubbed Novare, wants to keep all the benefits from local research, all the spin-offs, in the the Sherbrooke region, instead of selling them to the highest bidder south of the border.

"What do we have?" asked business man Serge Racine, president of the Novare committee, which includes many big names in the local business and education communities. "We don't have mines. We don't have any oceans. But what we do have are our universities and our institutions."

Racine explained that there is a gap in the local structure, a gap that Novare hopes to span by creating a bridge between researchers and entrepreneurs.

"We want to assure a good idea from Estrie isn't sold somewhere else," he said.

Novare will improve the conditions for business starts based on spin-offs, and it will provide advice, financial support and other services to the spin-off companies.

Racine also outlined a plan for a massive "technopark", which will be called Novare City, a 150,000 square-foot complex, where everything will be available to facilitate the relationship between important research and big business.

"In Europe, they are called Business Innovation Centres," he said. "There is nothing like this in Quebec.

"Here, we have research and development existing separately. We want to have research and development together."

Novare is a three-pronged organization: Novare Inc. is the strategic entity which will bring municipal, university and business people together. Novare City is where the work will take place, and Novare Capital is the non-profit fundraising body which will support the whole initiative.

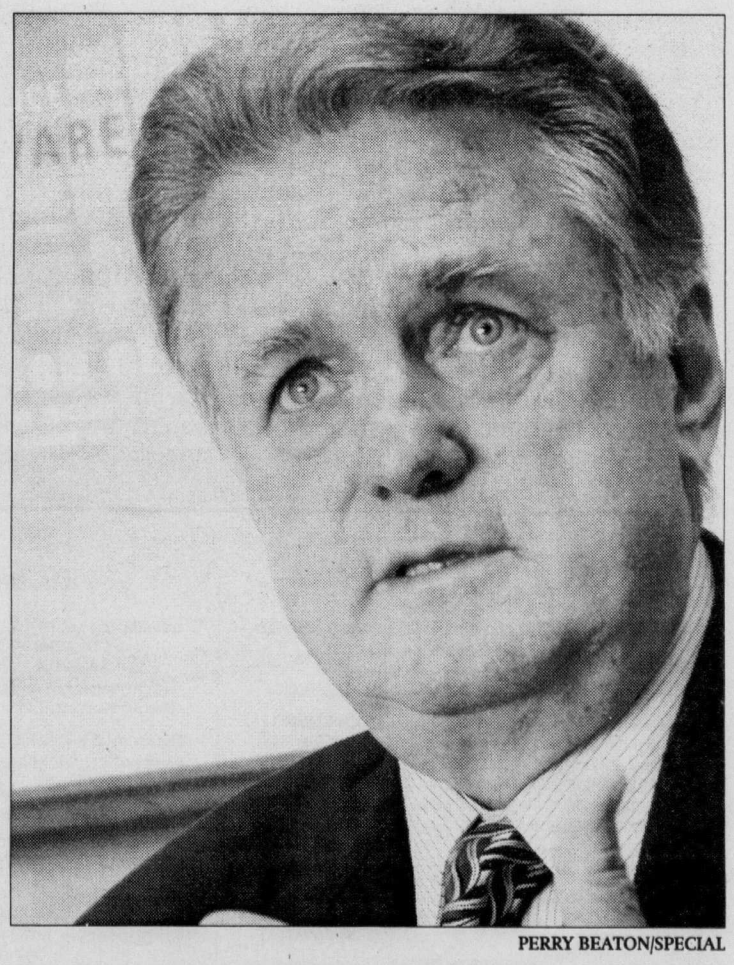
Novare was the brain child of the University of Sherbrooke's former vice-rector, Jean Nicolas. The administrations of both local universities are encouraged by the initiative, mainly because it will mean more money available for seeing research through to its final stages.

"Many people have good ideas," said Bishop's University's vice-principal, Jonathan Rittenhouse. "And for every hundred ideas, there's one successful one. But it's hard to produce it so that the idea can come to market. It's hard to produce it in a profitable way."

Rittenhouse said Novare will help provide each school with help "in terms of patentability, further money to get something to the prototype stage, and advice to get it past the prototype stage to see if we can start producing this. '

"You need angels to provide money," he explained. "Universities don't have that kind of money. They have to rely upon business interests and investors. The idea behind all the Novare components is to provide an environment for the potential success of ideas.

"Why not," he asked, "keep the company that's going to produce a better widget in Sherbrooke?"



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Serge Racine, president of the Novare committee, says region must capitalize on its two universities.

Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How are you Mister Minister?

Open letter to Environment Minister Tom Mulcair

On Thursday afternoon we (the Missisquoi Bay conservation group) met with Mr. Cusson, of the Montérégie Environment Department. Once again, we sat politely listening to Mr. Cusson and his two colleagues. We thought he was listening to us, but in reality, he was just a mirage. He was here - but not here. Just like you were - during our private meeting this summer. From my experiences in the Mid-East, I have learned that mirages seem to disappear, then reappear, when the heat is turned up. There is something to be learned from that. After our cottage meeting with Cusson, we went to the Bassin Versant meeting (fiasco), at the Spa. We were glad we attended because, during a break, a group of frustrated business owners from Venice came over and asked if there is anything that our group can do to help save their future. Witnessing this meeting, they concluded that all the talk from this summer was just that - talk! We also came to the same conclusion, (especially after you didn't have the courtesy to follow up after our private meeting). We were waiting for your words of support. Where were you Minister Mulcair? We waited for two months! But this is bigger than any one man. We knew what to expect from the Bassin Versant meeting, but out of respect for Mr. Cusson, and our supporters, we felt we had to attend. We wanted to take what would become our last look, at the workings of the government, to confirm whether they were a progressive party representing the best wishes of all the people of Quebec, or a party run by big business - for big business. The obvious conclusion broke our hearts, while strengthening our resolve. There is a saying, that I am sure you have heard. 'If you want it done right, you have to do it yourself.' This Sunday, our spokespersons will be attending a meeting at my cottage, on the shores of Missisquoi Bay. Our goal, to begin with, will be to form a province-wide awareness group, (independent of government funding), to inform and educate all of Quebec, about the future of their environment and the health risks from pollution, and, those responsible for protecting the status quo. Since the ministry has taken us for granted, and treated us like idiots, we have no choice but to take it upon ourselves to protect the health of all Quebecers, and inform them on how to use their energies to that end, through us. The situation in Missisquoi Bay is drastic. But the Liberals continue to cater to big business and puppet environment groups supported and funded by the government. In the back of our minds, we knew this would happen, but we wanted to give you an honest chance to show all of Quebec your policies. Now that you've had your chance - it's our turn. Do you feel our new group will be embraced by the populace? I certainly do, we found that out this summer. The people of Quebec are looking and ready for a party that represents their health and environmental concerns, both of which go hand-in-hand. We tried our best to work honourably for all the people, and with no personal gain. All we want is what is our right, clean drinking water and a healthy future for our children. So who does the Quebec Liberals truly represent, not us, that's for sure. This region has become the armpit of Quebec, thanks to political bungling and self-interests. It looks to us like this sad saga will continue, unless our group rallies the voice of all Quebecers, who wish to be treated like human beings and not have to drink water with pig crap or chemical cocktails in it. It should be an interesting next few months, wouldn't you say? Seeing how the people reacted to our summer campaign, who do you feel the populace will support? Bureaucrats, or people willing to put their lives on the line for their children's future? Do you think, or want to gamble that we will falter? What if we don't? Where will it go from there? All the way to Quebec City? Maybe!

We will lead the next leg of our campaign with zeal, compassion and honour, against the polluters, and those that endorse them. We wouldn't do this if we felt we wouldn't win. Have a nice autumn - but remember, don't touch the water, don't drink the water (even after boiling), don't swim in the water, don't eat the fish, and don't let your pets near the shore.

ROBERT J. GALBRAITH.
Spokesperson for Missisquoi Bay

Gone, but not forgotten

DEAR EDITOR,

Since leaving the Eastern Townships last week, the extremely gifted, and simply marvelous individuals involved in the making of the film "Secret Window" have left quite an array of bright lights in their wake. Through their stay, the crew, directors assistants, director and of course, the legendary Johnny Depp, managed to rekindle our child-like desires to dream.

Fortunately, I was cast to be an extra in the film. I wish to thank these people responsible for giving me the experience of a lifetime! As many others, I have always dreamt of the glittering, glamorous world of Hollywood. It was inevitably being front row and center, viewing the fantastic and rigorous hours of time, energy and dedication, that allowed me to transform from dreaming to doing. It is almost inconceivable the amount of patience and attention to detail actually required, by director David Koepp, who I believe is a genius motion-picture director. I feel very indebted to have had the chance to witness this cinematic masterpiece in motion, it was the most thrilling and extraordinary experience one could possibly imagine!

The one thing I do not appreciate however, are unfair and biased comments such as, "Johnny Depp was kept from the beautiful ordinaries by hordes of handlers." That is not true! Every single person treated myself and everyone around them with the utmost respect and hospitality. The directors assistants, security guards and publicists were not trying to isolate Mr. Depp and bully spectators around, nor were they striving to disillusion the press and demean the right to freedom of speech. They were simply attempting to pull off a difficult multi-million dollar endeavor without a hitch. Above all, they went out of their way to avoid any inconvenience to the town, its citizens and initially their star actor and director.

Once again, I happened to be quite fortunate that day, as I met the fabulous Johnny Depp himself. I can say without a doubt that Johnny Depp is the most talented, intelligent, inspiring and charismatic human being I have ever had the honor to meet. He took the time to talk with me and motivate me to go after my dreams. He did not give off the slightest pretense of being ethereal, reclusive or self-centered, as most celebrities are portrayed. He only radiated the luminous glow of success and to me will remain one of my greatest role models as an actor.

In conclusion, I just want to reaffirm my sincere gratitude to Grand Slam Productions, the remarkable David Koepp and my idol Johnny Depp for having brought a little magic into our hearts and upheld the fundamental principle that anything can happen and all dreams are possible. To this team of professional movie wizards I say: you came, you left you shall never be forgotten!

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Perspectives

A legal nightmare finally ends

Reviewing the facts

Just as Marc Decelles, 62, was scheduled to stand trial last Tuesday in Cowansville, visiting prosecutor Julie Beauchamps stood in the courtroom and declared,"Your Lordship, the Crown has no proof to offer." Whether she knew it or not, her solemn words put an end to Decelles's long legal nightmare. As required by law, Provincial Judge Conrad Chapdelaine, acquitted him on the spot .

There was no public explanation, much less an apology and within seconds the next case on the court role was called.

How could such an insignificant incident lead to criminal charge and thus to a long legal nightmare? After all, Marc Descelles hardly fits the profile of the typical accused, quite the contrary. After retiring as a federal income tax investigator he became a vocal environmental activist in the Town of Brome Lake. To promote his various causes he participated in numerous TBL committees and still does. Paradoxically, just before the incident , he remitted to the council members a summary of the recommendations of his ad hoc committee pertaining to the TBL Master Plan.

Over the last 20 years, he faithfully attended scores of TBL monthly town council meetings and in doing so, earned the reputation of asking tough questions. On the other hand, his persistence to obtain answers did little to enhance his popularity among some of our local politicians .

His legal nightmare began on the evening of Nov. 4 , 2002, when he resolved to stress the importance of banning the use of fungicides within 300 meters of Lake Brome. He choose the occasion of the monthly town council meeting to make his point and decided to rely on a few minor theatrics.



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

When it was his turn to address the councillors during the question period he left his seat wearing a pair of beige plastic surgical gloves, a painting mask around his neck and a pair of clear working goggles over his forehead and slowly walked over to the table where the six councillors were sitting. Practically everyone present at the meeting recognized him.

Decelles then approached Councillor Robin Moore who was responsible for TBL environmental affairs and handed him a sealed cardboard box . He explained that inside the box was another one which he had found in the ditch alongside Domain Brome Road and which contained, according to the label , Tersan (r) 1991 Turf Fungicide , a powder substance for pest control .

Following a short conversation with Robin Moore who clearly wasn't pleased by his theatrics, Decelles returned to his seat, at which time the question period had resumed .

Because TBL council had long since adapted the open practice of tape recording their question periods, the entire incident, which lasted less than a minute, was recorded .

As for the sealed box, as soon as Decelles returned to his seat Robin Moore placed it on the floor next to his chair where it remained for the duration of the public meeting .

None of the councillors suggested that the box be removed from the room. No one left the room as a result of Decelles's intervention and at no time did any of the councillors recommend that the meeting be suspended or that the hall be evacuated.

As for Mayor Stanley Neil, who presided over the council meeting, at no time did he order or even request Descelles to leave the hall with or without his box, which he was empowered to do by law had he believed that Decelles had disturbed the sitting of the council.

On Nov. 7, while attending an unrelated meeting with the TBL town clerk, Decelles was informed by then TBL Police chief, Richard Burcomb, that a criminal charge of disturbing the peace had been authorized together with an arrest warrant by the local prosecutor, Me Bernard Monast. Burcombe instructed Decelles to present himself at the Cowansville courthouse at 10 a.m. As with all arrest warrants, it had been formally issued by a Cowansville justice of the peace after a police officer alleged under oath that he had reasonable grounds to believe that the offence had been committed and that furthermore, the arrest warrant was necessary in the public interest.

In the presence of Me Bernard Monast, Mr. Burcombe and the justice of the peace, Decelles was arraigned on the criminal charge of causing a disturbance during the November council meeting by "impeding or molesting the persons who attended the meeting as well as members of the Council " .

In order to secure his release, Decelles, who was not represented by an attorney, had to agree in writing to a series of conditions which included a promise not to attend TBL council meetings, not to communicate with Robin Moore and to remit any firearm that he owned to the local police.

These conditions remained in force until last Tuesday .

It was subsequently determined that shortly after the November council meeting, a complaint had been made to the TBL municipal police force. A TBL local police officer was dispatched to the hall and upon his arrival, requested and obtained written statements from one councillor, the town clerk, the mayor and town manager.

As for the sealed cardboard box that had been handed over by Decelles to Robin Moore, the SQ took custody of it the very same evening.

Pursuant to their analysis it was determined that the contents contained nothing more than Turf Fungicide.

On Nov. 10 , Decelles appeared before local Judge, Donald Bissonnette who set his trial for Jan. 10 , pro forma. As with all criminal cases, the delay was to allow his attorney to take cognizance of the Crown's evidence. Following two additional court appearances, his trial was finally set to proceed on Sept. 23

As for the condition that he remit his firearms to the Knowlton police - after diligently complying with it, he was promptly charged ,much to his consternation, under the Criminal Code with not having a proper registration certificate. However, when prosecutor Beauchamps declared last week that she had no proof to offer, he was immediately acquitted by Judge Chapdelaine along with the charge of disturbing the peace.

NEXT WEEK , PART 2- WHY DID DECELLES END UP IN SUCH A MESS?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trees in response to climate change

DEAR EDITOR,

I was pleased to read your coverage (Sept. 22) of the World Forestry Congress under way in Quebec City.

This event is the largest "Carbon Neutral Conference" in history. A carbon neutral conference offsets the Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions generated by holding the event (heating and cooling of the buildings, food preparation and transportation as well as air travel by delegates) by planting trees. Trees are natural absorbers of CO2.

13,645 trees will be planted by the Tree Canada Foundation near Sudbury to counter the approximately 7,967 tonnes of CO2 the 5,000 delegates will generate.

Since 1997 the Tree Canada Foundation has planted 3,298,607 trees as a response to climate change. Beyond tree planting, their recent successes

include carbon neutral conferences such as the 44th Annual First Ministers Conference, the Boreal Forest Expo and the Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention's Annual Meeting.

To find out more about the Tree Canada Foundation or Carbon Neutral Conferences visit our web site at www.treecanada.ca or call us at (613) 567-5545.

JEFF MONTY R.P.F.
President

Seeking info on Overseas Club

DEAR EDITOR,

The thought has occurred to us that some residents of the Quebec City region might have moved into your subscriber area, and might have some memorabilia and records that we are trying to find. Briefly, the details are as follows:

We are trying to find memories and records of an active 1940s-1950s women's club in the greater Quebec City area, called the 'Overseas Club.' They sent clothing parcels for bombing victims in the UK, sailors' comforts (HMS Flint), and later held local meetings for war bridges. Readers who have or are aware of memorabilia elsewhere, would please write to: K.Arthur, PO Box 72, Finch, Ontario, K0C 1K0.

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More emphasis must be placed on dental health

For some it's in competition with the rent and food: Dentist

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Not a day goes by that Dentist Louis Dubé doesn't have to pull the tooth of a patient in his east-end dental clinic.

"That's deplorable," remarks Dubé, the Sherbrooke dentist who just began his term as president of the Canadian Dental Association.

Dubé said there are many causes for the multiple extractions which could be prevented. And those are among the issues he is tackling as the new head of the Dental Association.

Dubé has just returned from an international dentists' convention in Australia where he was one of a handful of Canadian representatives. Among the resolutions passed by the World Dental Federation was one to encourage municipalities to add fluoride to the drinking water.

Despite some controversy, Dubé said the fluoridation of municipal water is still the most economical and effective way to prevent cavities among the population. The CDA insists that more than 50 years of research throughout the world has demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of fluorides in the prevention of cavities.

In Canadian cities like Trois-Rivières/Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Laval and Calgary, where the water is fluoridated, Dubé said there are hardly any cavities. "But here in Sherbrooke's east end, not a day goes by that I don't have to pull a tooth."

Dubé said that over the past few years, there has been a lot of progress in dental technology. But that has not necessarily translated into better dental health for Canadians as government funding for dentists' visits have been continually cut.

"In the past, the public system was focused on prevention," he said. "But now, with budget cuts, we do more intervention."

When he set up his practice a little more than two decades ago, the provincial government covered two visits a year with a check-up and a cleaning for children up to the age of 16. Today, Quebec only covers a single check-up, without a cleaning, for children 10 and under.

"There is a portion of the population that simply does not have access to dental care," the dentist adds.

Dubé said the poor in Canada get access to dental care thanks to the social safety net. Workers for large companies get coverage thanks to company benefits that include dental care.

"But for most seniors, single-parents families, and individuals who work for smaller companies without few benefits, the dentist is in competition with the rent, the groceries and other living expenses," Dubé said. "For those people it's not always easy to see a dentist."

This week, Dubé and other members of the dental association were in Ottawa to make a presentation to the standing committee on finances on the importance of dental hygiene. While the federal government is not directly in charge of such matters, it does transfer money to the provinces and it administers some programs for Aboriginals, Dubé explained.

Dubé, who has been on the executive of the Canadian Dental Association since 1994, was elected vice-president in 2001 and was president elect for the last year before stepping into the new job. He also sat on, and chaired, a number of dental association committees before moving up the ladder.

At the age of 45, Dubé, who has been dubbed "the long-haired guy from Quebec" is one of the youngest dentists ever to chair the association.

He explains most of his predecessors were first elected president of their provincial associations and have more career years under their belt before moving on to the national level. In Quebec, they have a distinct procedure.

Dubé was the Estrie representative on the provincial association from 1992 to 2000 and from 1994 to 2000 he sat on both executives.

Because of his youth, and the fact that he was still establishing his practice, Dubé often brought a different perspective to meetings. That got him noticed.

"I wasn't afraid to say what I thought ," he said, adding that he does not like to be controversial. "I'm a consensus guy."

Because of a change of schedules for general assemblies, Dubé will be in the post till the end of May. "It will be a shorter term, but more intensive."



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Dentist Louis Dubé brings a different perspective to association.

BAGS:

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The store also sells small and large biodegradable bags for composting and garbage bins as well as large ones to collect fall leaves. Other products made from the same material that are available, but not yet on the Quebec market, include biodegradable plates, utensils and take-out containers for use in cafeterias and restaurants as well as disposable diapers and doggie doo-doo bags.

The natural food co-op on Bryant Street, which has been certified organic since 2002, offers a large selection of organic foods. According to Gagné, using the biodegradable bags continues the store's mission to provide healthy foods, nutritional education, cooperative, and awakening environmental responsibility.

Gagné said the store did a customer survey in which 80 per cent of the store's clientele said they would support the use of biodegradable bags. Two-thirds of customers said they were willing to pay more to support the use of environmentally-friendly grocery bags.

Gagné said many of those who did not support the biodegradable bags are those who prefer to reuse grocery bags or use their own cloth bags. The bags cost 28 cents apiece and the store picks up the rest of the tab, Gagné said, noting the co-op will use about 500,000 bags a year. The cost of plastic bags is about three cents apiece.

BioBag's exclusive Quebec distributor, Pierre Morency of Nova Environcom, said the cost is sure to drop as more stores adopt the bags and the volume of sales increases. He notes Morency said he is negotiating with other stores and grocery chains. The potential market, just in Quebec, represents billions of bags.

According to figures provided by Recyc-Quebec, Quebecers use some 1.1 billion grocery bags a year. And that's a conservative estimate. Morency notes that some 2.2 million Quebec families use at least 10 bags a week, not including separate bags for fruits and vegetables. Most of those bags end up in landfill sites.

Morency said the bags are a better choice than paper ones. "Even through paper ones are biodegradable, they require forests to be cut down." BioBags also use about one-fifth less space than papers bags in solid waste creating less material to compost or recycle.

Morency said the bags have been used in British Columbia and Ontario for the past three years and for more than a decade in some municipalities in Europe. They are also used in the United States, Japan, Taiwan, India and Australia.

"We are no longer at the pilot project stage," he said, noting the bags are now being used on four continents. "These bags have proven themselves as an excellent alternative to plastic."

Morency said Ireland recently applied a 15 cent tax on plastic bags, reducing their use by 95 per cent in the span of a few months. He notes that in Bangladesh and Taiwan, plastic bags are outlawed altogether.

Morency said the bioplastic technology has arrived on the market at a good time, as Quebec attempts to reduce the amount of solid waste buried in landfill sites by 60 per cent before the year 2008.

GSI Environment has been testing the bags at an industrial composting site in Lachute, Quebec. Company spokesman Eric Cormier said the BioBags are ideal for composting yard waste and other organic waste because they eliminate the cost and hassle of debagging.

"Plastic bags are a composter's nightmare," he said, adding that eliminating plastic bags is costly and time-consuming. Debagging costs about $15 to $25 a tonne.

He also notes that plastic bags leave residue in compost and that consumers don't want any foreign objects in their garden compost.

Cormier said the biological grocery bags were almost gone in 15 days and after 20 days there was no visible trace of the sacs remaining. Morency notes that leaf bags, which are made of thicker bioplastic, take five or six weeks to decompose.

Morency said that once Sherbrooke introduces a municipal composting program, citizens will be able to put their waste on the curb in the compostable bags. Citizens composting their kitchen waste and other organic garbage can toss them on the compost pile or in the compost machine.

150th is special for Ste. Agathe's Anglophones

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
STE-AGATHE-DE-LOTBINIÈRE

Judy Campbell is a proud native of the town of Ste-Agathe-de-Lotbinière, but she never took part in the town's autumn festival. But this year was different. The town turned 150-years old and it reminded her that it was the same amount of time since the Campbell family settled in Quebec.

So last weekend, she donned pioneer garb, agreed to sit on a hay bailer and have her brother Leo Campbell tow her and several other family members through the streets of the town while fellow residents cheered her on.

"We have always been proud to be residents of Ste-Agathe and of Quebec," she said Sunday.

"But this is the first time we have gotten together to celebrate the town's 150th. We now realize our family has been here all that time."

According to family members around her, the Campbell family arrived in Quebec from Scotland "some nine generations ago."

Since then, they have operated farms in Ste-Agathe or moved to nearby towns. But Judy Campbell said they never felt unwelcome or isolated in St-Agathe.

"When I was growing up on our farm on St. Peter's Range, there were many Scotch and Irish families next to us, and francophones were just down the road," she said.

"It's still is a solid community for us, and we have many activities here to keep us busy."

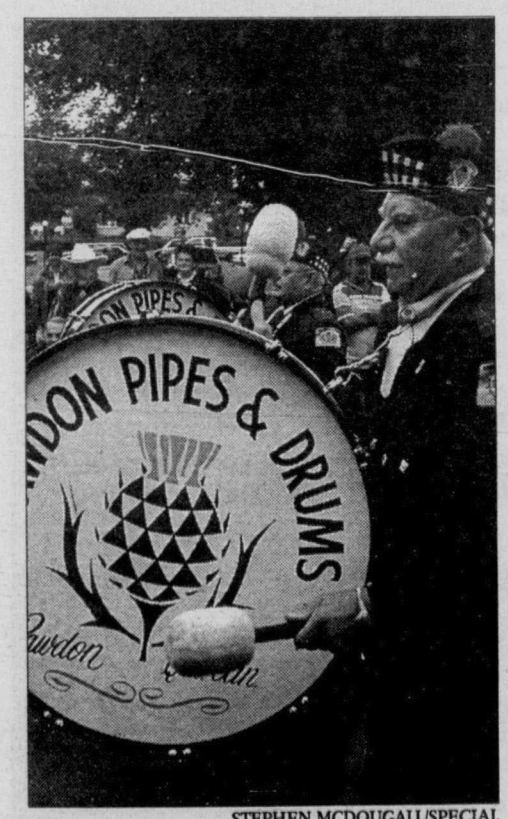


STEPHEN MCDOUGALL

Kevin Campbell drives his antique International tractor.



St. Agathe Mayor Lisa Thivierge (left) and MRC prefect Rénald Mongrain flank Lieut. Gov. Lise Thibault on the podium platform.



STEPHEN MCDOUGALL/SPECIAL

A member of the Rawdon Pipes and Drums band keeps the beat for his fellow marching musicians.

Last Sunday's two-mile long parade was enough to keep most of the town's population of 1,350 busy, even with an overcast sky and plenty of rainfall. The town was ready to have the parade even in the rain, with hundreds of cars parked along the way and residents donning rain coats and carrying umbrellas.

At 1:30 in the afternoon, as the parade was about to wind down Gosford St, the clouds thinned out long enough for the numerous floats, antique cars, tractors, horses and marching bands to pass by without getting wet.

The rain did not prevent Danville resident Don Patterson from driving for over two hours to bring his family and his 1941 John Deere tractor to Ste-Agathe and join in the parade.

"I like the roar of the crowd when I pass by," he said.

"When I restore and show off my tractor, I am trying to keep what is rare. I feel the people of Ste-Agathe are trying to do the same thing. We both treasure our past and want to preserve it."

Also joining in the festivities was provincial Lieut. Governor Lise Thibault, who was accompanied by 82 security personnel from the Levis municipal police, the provincial police, the RCMP, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Ste. Agathe fire department.

And though she sat in her wheelchair under a canvas, and was joined by Ste-Agathe Mayor Lisa Thivierge and local MRC prefect Rénald Mongrain, she did not avoid the sights, sounds and smells of the parade.

Loud truck horns were accompanied by the thick steam cloud of a 1918 International tractor and the heavy smoke from a portable sugar camp stove on a float celebrating the area's maple syrup producers.

"Sometimes, I think the people watching me are just here to watch the parade," she joked.

"In a town as warm as this, how could I even think of worrying about my security."

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Lieut-Gov. Thibeault said she had to travel three-and-a-half hours from her home to get to St Agathe, but added that is a normal part of her day. She estimated she travels 12,000 kilometers each month to attend community events in different parts of Quebec.

"When Prime Minister (Jean) Chrétien asked me to do this job, he warned me that it would mean a lot of travelling around the province," she said.

"I go to about 800 different community events each year and I love it. It is the only way to really see what Quebec is all about."

After surviving the parade, Thibeault was surrounded by well-wishers who wanted a handshake or to pose with her for a picture. It took well over half an hour to move her 15 metres from the visitor's podium to the street curb so the town's Knights of Columbus corps could give her an honourary sword salute.

"I want to be the Lieut. Governor of every town in Quebec," she said.

"The only way you do that is to be there when they need you, like today."

A featured band in the parade came from Rawdon, Quebec in order to show homage to Thibeault and to the town's Scottish and Irish pioneers.

"We've only been doing this about nine years and parades are what we do best," said David Irons of the Rawdon Pipes and Drums marching band.

"Playing the pipes and the drums in the traditional way is how we remind people of our culture and how valuable it is to us."

Band parade leader Bill DiMaurizio said the members wear a kilt sporting the special green plaid Quebec tartan that is registered in Scotland.

"The kilt and the pipes come from Scotland, but our Tartan and our home is in the heart of Quebec," he said.

Ken Powell, a beef farmer in St-Agathe, believes anglophones have a future in the town, even if they are few in number now.

"My family has been here since the 1850s and my youngest daughter Allison said she wants to stay in this town," said Powell after the parade.

"Our farm has been handed down from family member to family member and we think it will continue to do so. We are bilingual and we don't face language tensions like they do in the cities. I think this is the place to be."

Local historian Pat Fowler said anglophones and francophones have always had good relations in St. Agathe.

"When the first council was created in 1855, the mayor was francophone and the council seats were occupied equally between English and French," she said.

"This part of Quebec had been part of the St. Croix Seigneurie and started receiving Scottish and Irish immigrants around 1815. Not much has changed since then."



STEPHEN MCDOUGALL

Proud participants pose with Lieutenant Governor Lise Thibault

Eastman antique show: An encounter with the past

In the presence of Quebec's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Lise Thibault, Eastman will stage its 12th antique sale and exhibition on Oct. 31, Nov. 1st and 2.

"Objects of the past resonate with life and history," says Madame Thibault, an amateur collector herself. "They deserve our care and respect."

In this spirit, exhibitors will present a vast array of exceptional quality and diverse pieces.

Decorate, collect, invest, bring life to your home.

Some 30 top antique dealers will exhibit their precious pieces at what is reputed to be one of the most important antique show in Quebec. Guest-exhibitors not only come from all over the Eastern Townships, but from Trois-Rivières, Châteauguay, Québec, Lavaltrie, La Malbaie, Montréal, Saint-Sauveur and even from Ontario. The show will be held in two venues: the Parish Church Hall and Eastman's Golden Age Club. Heirloom pieces include: furniture, art, lingerie, jewelry, vintage books, toys, glassware, china. On Friday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. the Honourable Lise Thibault, will officially open the exhibition.

How much is this piece really worth? How often have you wondered about the exact historical and market value of one your family heirloom? Well, two expert appraisers, Brian Davis and Mario Wilson, will be on site to answer your queries from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at La Tourangelle, 359 Main Street. The fee is set at $3 a piece and on Sunday, this gourmet restaurant will serve their old-time brunch. Welcome to all!

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Hurricane Juan levels famed Public Gardens

By Richard Foot

Halifax staggered through the second full day of its state of emergency Tuesday, as tens of thousands of people remained without power, and the deaths of three more Nova Scotians were blamed on the havoc wrought by Hurricane Juan.

A mother and her two toddlers died in a row-house fire early Tuesday in west-end Halifax which neighbours are blaming on untended candles — a source of light for most of the city since the hurricane swept across Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on Sunday.

Fire officials aren't certain that candles caused the fire, but did confirm smoke detectors in the home were not working because they had been powered by electricity rather than batteries.

One other home caught fire Monday night as a result of candles, but its residents were safely evacuated.

As the city coped with its third night of blackout conditions, Halifax police issued a warning that gangs of young people were roaming the streets, attracted by the darkness, the tangled web of broken trees and downed power lines that littered the city.

"Keep your teenagers home," said Police Chief Frank Beazley. "Keep them off the street. There's no lights, it's black out there. We're very fortunate we haven't had any major accidents to date."

Officials with the provincial utility, Nova Scotia Power, are concerned that dangling power cables and upturned trees will lead to further deaths in the coming days. More than 150,000 homes and businesses across Nova Scotia were still without electricity Tuesday evening.

Utility officials say it will take until next week to restore power completely, in part because many homes have had their individual connections broken from the main lines. The company now wants residents to hire private electricians to hook up power lines leading to their homes.

"Customers must contact a qualified electrician and deal with the damage that's done to their house. Once that's been done then we will be able to restore power fully," said utility spokesman Chris Huskilson.

Elsewhere in the city hundreds remain huddled in shelters after losing the roofs of their homes and apartment buildings. Most schools and offices remain closed, and hospitals cancelled all but emergency surgeries.

At fishing communities southwest of Halifax, shocked fishermen waded along the shore trying to salvage the splintered remains of sunken boats, broken fishing sheds and destroyed lobster traps. The Halifax West Fishermen's Association issued a call for financial help from the federal and provincial governments to give stricken lobster fisherman some means of setting their traps when the season begins in November.

A catastrophic scene greeted the huge crowds that peered on Tuesday through the iron gates of Halifax's Public Gardens — a beloved 128-year-old Victorian sanctuary whose towering elms, oaks and beech trees were laid to waste by the hurricane. "We wanted to see the damage before it gets all cleared up," said Sylvia Hall. "It's very sad to see such devastation."

Recovery efforts across Halifax are also being complicated by a curious new problem — crowds of storm gawkers coming out to see the carnage.

"There are a lot of hurricane rubbernecks," said Mark Sanford, who has been supervising a crew of Nova Scotia power workers since Monday. "There are just too many gawkers plugging the streets and the intersections where we're trying to repair the lines. We're waiting now for our army guys to arrive to contain these sites so we can concentrate on our jobs."

About 800 reserve and regular soldiers, some from Gagetown, N.B., have been deployed across greater Halifax to help in the clean-up effort. On Tuesday, some worked at Fairview Cemetery — homes to dozens of graves of Titanic victims — where uprooted trees have lifted headstones out of the ground.

In spite of the crisis on the ground, Halifax has basked under warm sunny skies since the storm. On Tuesday, thousands of residents, without offices and jobs to attend, spilled onto the streets to photograph and gaze at their devastated city.

On the city's waterfront, where a two-metre ocean surge ripped up wharves, blew out restaurant windows and sank boats, wide-eyed crowds wandered among the debris.

Nova Scotia Power officials have pleaded with people, mostly in vain, to stay home until line crews can restore electricity and remove broken trees and hazardous power lines from the streets.

"Sightseers have us very concerned," said utility spokeswoman Margaret Murphy. "If we can warn people to stay away from downed wires we may save a life."

Crowds have also created huge lineups at the three or four Halifax gas stations that have been able to offer fuel, and other basics through the crisis.

But Sanford, said the lineups have prevented many utility bucket trucks and other essential vehicles from filling up.

"Fuel is an incredibly difficult thing to deal with right now. People just won't stay home — many of them are lining up at gas stations just to get a cup of coffee.

"I think the scale of the hurricane just took everyone by surprise. It's the sort of situation we normally see only on TV, in places like North Carolina — it's not the kind of thing we're used to."

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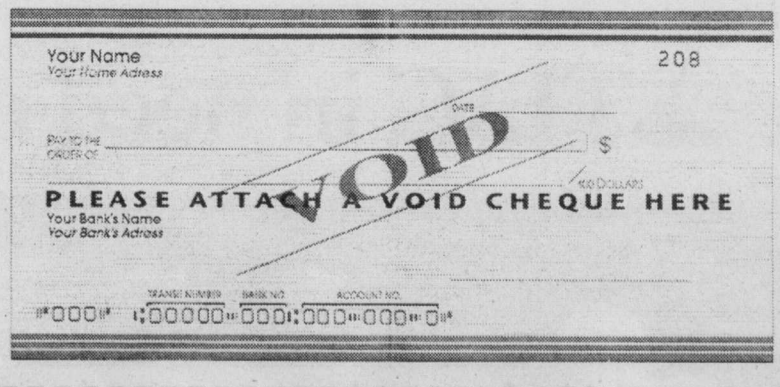


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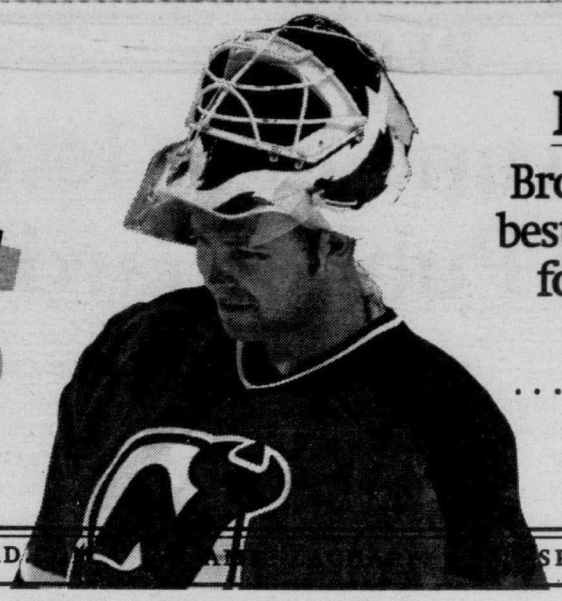
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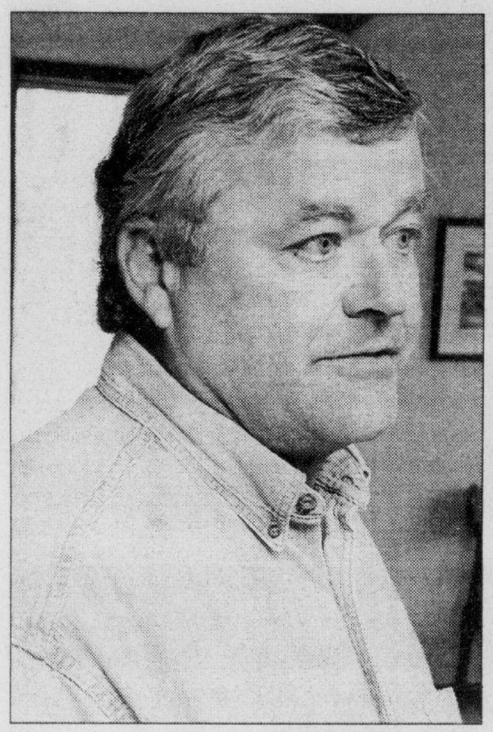
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Bishop's adds three to its Wall of Distinction



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Tom Allen is one of three new inductees to the RBC Wall of Distinction at Bishop's University.

Ann Fitzgerald Rajan, Tom Allen and Blair Shier will be immortalized on Oct. 4 by Bishop's University when they join a varied group of former athletes and administrators on the RBC Wall of Distinction.

Fitzgerald Rajan, a star and team captain on the Gaiters' basketball and soccer teams of the early '60s, contributed in a variety of ways to the development of women's sports at the Lennoxville school. Besides an outstanding athletic career, she was a two-time Most Valuable Player for the basketball team, Fitzgerald Rajan also won the President's Prize for her outstanding contribution to University life.



BU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Ann Fitzgerald Rajan

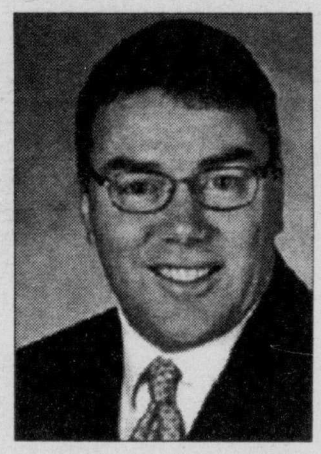
Shier was an outstanding post player on the Gaiters' basketball team until his graduation in 1979. He led the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union in rebounding with an average of over 18 rebounds per game in 1976-77, the same year he was named Bishop's Male Athlete of the Year. He also played for the Gaiters' football squad, and was later drafted by the Canadian Football league's Edmonton Eskimos in 1979.

Allen is no stranger to today's players. The Lennoxville resident ended a 35-year association with Bishop's in December, 2001 after filling every role possible on the field, ice and in the school's athletic department.

The former linebacker and forward on the men's hockey team joined the sports department as Director of Athletic Facilities and assistant football coach in 1979.

In that same year, he was named Director of Athletics at Bishop's and for the next decade was considered to be one of the finest athletic administrators in Canada, even working a two-year stint as president of the CIAU (1997-99). He also coached the Gaiters' football squad for three seasons.

The Wall of Distinction was started in 1990 to honour athletes, teams, coaches and administrators who made special contributions to the Bishop's University Department of Athletes.



BU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Blair Shier (football/basketball).

The trio will also be acknowledged at halftime of the Gaiters' homecoming football game against the Montreal Carabins. Kickoff for Saturday's game is at 1 p.m.

ETIAC in need of high school coaches



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

BCS ran away with a narrow 27-20 win over Stanstead College in ETIAC football action Friday.

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Volunteer coaches are the lifeline to any high school sport program. That's particularly true in the Eastern Townships where the five member schools are struggling to maintain the high level that has characterized their interscholastic programs for decades.

While the member schools have always tried to fill their coaching needs with its faculty and staff, there is now a pressing need to enlist help from local communities.

Richmond Regional High School has been hit the hardest, and is in desperate need of coaches for their soccer and basketball teams. There are similar needs for basketball coaches at both Bishop's College School and Alexander Galt Regional High School.

Any interested parties should contact Bob Halsall (Galt) 5630770 ext. 230; Anne Nixon (Richmond Regional) 826-3207; or Jeff Bray (BCS) 566-0227 ext. 218.

FOOTBALL

In week two of ETIAC football action, BCS outlasted Stanstead College 27-20 on Friday to go 2-0 on the season. Stanstead dropped to 0-2. On Saturday, CVR trounced Galt 39-0 to also go 2-0. Galt fell to 0-2.

This week, CVR visits Stanstead College today a 4 p.m. On Saturday, Stanstead returns to the field, this time visiting BCS at 10:30 a.m. Also on Saturday, Alexander Galt visits CVR at 1 p.m.

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

In Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference (ETIAC) soccer action this past week, the Galt Pipers senior boys captured the Massey-Vanier Invitational tournament.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Is the No. 1 pick ready for the NHL?

By Jim Matheson

The big question facing Marc-Andre Fleury, the No. 1 pick in June's NHL entry draft, is whether or not he's good enough to play in the National Hockey League at the tender age of 18.

"He's good, real good," said Thornton, the Bruins captain, who got seven or eight minutes of ice time a night from coach Pat Burns back when he was an 18-year-old in Boston.

Fleury has stopped 50 of 53 shots in two exhibition games, including holding off the Boston Bruins when they had Thornton, Glen Murray and Sergei Samsonov in their lineup.

Still, the former Cape Breton Screaming Eagles netminder is entering an elite class. Only four goalies in recent memory have been able to break into the NHL the same year they were drafted. They include Tom Barrasso, who was 18 with the Sabres in '83, Grant Fuhr, who was 19 with the Oilers in '81, Dan Blackburn, who was 18 and a backup with the Rangers in 2001; and Rick DiPietro, who was 19 and played 20 games but only won three for the Islanders.

So far, they haven't even started negotiations with Fleury's agent Allan Walsh (who also represents unsigned stars Marian Gaborik and Martin Havlat), but they may get to it this week. They have already opened up a spot for him by trading Johan Hedberg to Vancouver over the summer.

"I know Mario (Lemieux) is high on him," said Fuhr of Fleury.

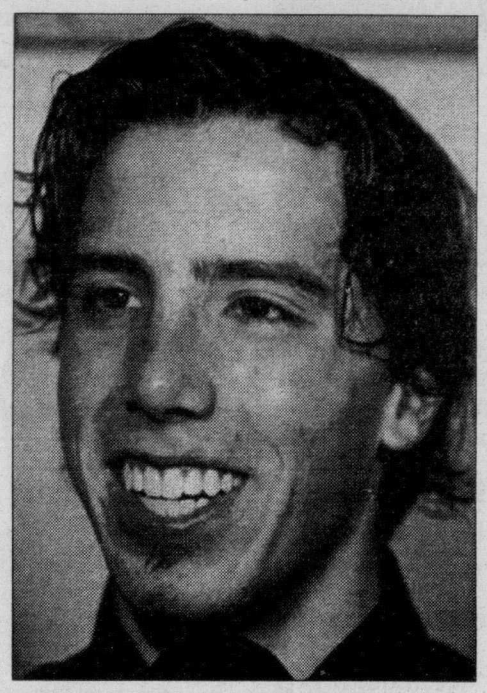
Penguins goalie coach Gilles Meloche doesn't think Fleury has many flaws; he's technically strong and very quick. But he's not so sure the kid shouldn't be back in junior in Cape Breton for one more season, presumably for his own well-being. He thinks Fleury will play 15 years or so in the NHL, so what's the rush?

And as history has shown, he may have a point. Patrick Roy was drafted in '84 by Montreal, but went back to his junior team in Granby for 44 Quebec League games before going 10-3 for the Canadiens' AHL farm club in the playoffs.He made the jump to Montreal a year after he was drafted.

Martin Brodeur was drafted by New Jersey in the first round in 1990, but spent the next two years in junior and a year in the minors. He didn't make the NHL until he was 21.

Fuhr was that rare bird who went straight into the NHL with no pit stops along the way.

"I think Fleury will be fine. I say give him a chance (NHL)," said Fuhr, who had the good fortune to join an Oilers team that was on the rise in 1981; one that could score goals — unlike the Penguins, who had 189 goals last year.



CANWEST NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

Marc-Andre Fleury will be facing an uphill battle for a regular spot in the Penguins' line-up.

"I think a key with an 18-year-old is having a good partner, somebody to learn from," added Fuhr. "I was lucky. I had Ronnie Low."

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FOOTBALL

Bertrand, Jean CIS players of the week

Staff

Laval Rouge et Or quarterback Mathieu Bertrand and Concordia Stingers defensive back Atony Jean have been named the Canadian Interuniversity Sport athletes of the week.

Bertrand showed why he is touted as the premier quarterback in CIS' Quebec conference on Sunday afternoon after leading the Rouge et Or to a 92-3 trouncing of the Bishop's Gaiters. The fifth-year Physical Education student completed 23 of 29 passes for 408 yards and five touchdowns in only three quarters.

The Chambly native also ran in two touchdowns himself as he added 22 rushing yards on three carries. His quarterback efficiency for the day was 254.39.

Jean, meanwhile, led his No. 6 Stingers (3-1) to a 46-1 victory over the McGill Redmen (1-3) on Saturday.

The fifth year Sociology major from Montreal had four solo tackles and two interceptions that he returned on 133 total yards. Jean's first pick of the day opened the scoring for the Stingers as he returned a Dave Campbell pass 87 yards to pay dirt.

Concordia's strong defensive squad limited the Redmen to five first downs, allowing only 23 yards passing and 78 net yards on offence.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Mixed results for Pipers senior boys

HIGH SCHOOL:

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Davey Comeau's scored on the fifth shot of a shootout to lead the Pipers to a 1-0 win over Heritage Hill School. Alex Cunnington, Shawn Champigny, Jeremy Roy and Alex Garard scored single goals as Galt downed Centennial High School in the semi-finals.

The host Vikings dropped a 3-0 decision to Heritage Hill before rebounding with a 4-1 victory over Centennial in the consolation final. Phil Bertrand scored twice, while Tyler Staton and Jeremy Bedard chipped in with a goal apiece.

The Pipers didn't fare as well in Montreal, as they managed just one tie in four contests at the Loyola Invitational.

They started the tourney with a 1-0 loss to Lower Canada College, and suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the host Warriors. The Pipers then played a pair of games against the Loyola JayVees, tying them 2-2 before dropping a 4-3 decision in the consolation finals.

Cunnington led Galt with three goals, while Champigny, Garard and Patrick Dewey each scored a goal.

Staton scored all three goals to spark the Massey-Vanier senior boys to a 3-2 win over a team from Richford, Vt.. Staton and Jeremy Chisholm also tallied a goal apiece as the Vikings edged BCS 2-1. Mike Schultz scored the lone BCS goal.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The Massey-Vanier senior girls got single goals from Cheryl Spratt, Cindy Reynolds, and Chelsea Harding to defeat Heritage 3-2. Reynolds recorded a shutout the day before as the Vikings and Crusaders battled to a 0-0 tie. The Galt senior girls, meanwhile, played Stanstead to a 1-1 tie.

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Mark Ingralls scored twice and Nate McKee added a single as the Massey-Vanier Vikings knocked off BCS 5-1. Mick Hebert notched the game's only goal.

Alex Morley also picked up the shutout as the Vikings blanked Stanstead 1-0.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Lisa Hey, Jess Adams, and Lizzie Allen all scored goals as the Massey-Vanier junior girls downed Stanstead 3-0. Also, Sarah Baxter, Grace Herring, Stephanie MacDonald and Tina Sangster s provided the offense with a goal apiece as the Pipers defeated Richmond 4-0.

BANTAM GIRLS SOCCER

Ada Campos has been a scoring machine for the BCS bantam girls squad. She tallied four times in a 6-1 win over Stanstead, and added another three goals in a 6-1 victory over Massey-Vanier.

Sophie O'Reilly and Sarah Bernard scored in both games, while Maribel Vidal added a single in the Massey-Vanier game. Meagan Michaud and Valerie Abern scored for Massey-Vanier and Stanstead respectively.

BANTAM BOYS SOCCER

George Cheab and Carlo Arroyo exchanged goals as the BCS and Stanstead bantam boys teams tied 1-1.

Matt Lefebrve and David Hickman also scored to spark the Vikings to a 2-1 win over BCS. Brandon Wickins scored for BCS.

MLB DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Twins lead Yankees 1-0 (best of five)
- *Twins 3 Yankees 1*
- Twins @ Yankees, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.
- Yankees @ Twins, Oct 4 (TBD)
- Yankees @ Twins, Oct. 5 (TBD)*
- Twins @ Yankees, Oct. 6 (TBD)*

Boston Red Sox vs Oakland Athletics
- Red Sox @ A's, Oct 1, 10 a.m.
- Red Sox @ A's, Oct. 2, 4 p.m.
- A's @ Red Sox, Oct. 4, (TBD)
- A's @ Red Sox, Oct. 5, (TBD)*
- Red Sox vs A's, Oct. 6, (TBD)*

Chicago Cubs vs Atlanta Braves
- Cubs @ Braves, Sept. 30, 8 p.m.
- Cubs @ Braves, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.
- Braves @ Cubs, Oct. 3, 8 p.m.
- Braves @ Cubs, Oct. 4 (TBD)*
- Cubs @ Braves, Oct. 5 (TBD)*

Giants 2 lead Marlins 1-0 (best of five)
- *Giants 2 Marlins 1*
- Marlins @ Giants, Oct. 1, 4 p.m
- Giants @ Marlins, Oct. 3, 4 p.m.
- Giants @ Marlins, Oct. 4 (TBD)*
- Marlins @ Giants, Oct. 5 (TBD)*

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Phinney, Bellerose get weekly honours

Matthew Phinney and Marie-Eve Bellerose are the Bishop's Gaiters' Male and Female Players of the Week respectively.

Phinney, a six-foot-three, 220-pound flanker on the men's rugby team, was a dominant force in Bishop's 21-0 victory over Concordia Sunday afternoon.

Bellerose, a native of Sherbrooke, played two exceptional games for the women's soccer team over the weekend. The midfielder has already been recognized on three separate occasions as player of the game, and her ability to create offensive opportunities are what makes her an outstanding team leader.

Als' Miles receives defensive honours

Defensive back Barron Miles of the Montreal Alouettes is the Canadian Football League's Defensive Player of the Week.

Miles had two interceptions in the Als' 30-17 win over Hamilton last week.

Calgary running back Saladin McCullough gets the nod on offence thanks to his two-touchdown performance in the Stampeders' 26-21 loss to the Ottawa Renegades. Mccullough had 19 carries for 161 yds and two receptions for 17 yds.

The Eskimos' Dorian Boose is the Lineman of the Week, while the Renegades' Lawrence Tynes gets the award on special teams.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

• **SOCCER: 2:30 p.m.,** UEFA Champs. League, Matchday 2: FC Porto vs. Real Madrid, TSN.

• **BASEBALL: 4 p.m.,** Major League Baseball NL Divisional Championship Series, Game 2, Florida Marlins at San Francisco Giants (best of five), Sportsnet; **8 p.m.,** Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves, Sportsnet.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

• **ETIAC FOOTBALL: Wednesday,** CVR at Stanstead College, 4 p.m.; **Saturday,** Stanstead College at Bishop's College School, 10:30 a.m.; Alexander Galt at CVR, 1 p.m.

• **UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY: Friday,** McGill University at Bishop's Gaiters, Optimus Field, Lennoxville, 7 p.m.

• **UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER: Friday,** Bishop's Gaiters at University of Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.

• **UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER: Friday,** ETS at University of Sherbrooke, 9 p.m.

• **LHSMQ HOCKEY: Thursday,** Verdun at Sherbrooke St-François, 8 p.m, Lépolod Drolet Palais des Sports. **Friday,** St-Georges at Thetford Mines, 8:30 p.m.

• **LHSP HOCKEY: Friday,** East Angus at Asbestos, 8:30 p.m.; Waterloo at Lac-Mégantic, 9 p.m.; Coleraine at Valcourt, 8 p.m.; Coaticook at Windsor, 8:30 p.m.; **Saturday,** Coleraine at Disraeli, 8 p.m.; Valcourt at Magog, 9 p.m.

• **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Saturday,** Valleyfield Braves at Champlain Cougars, Léopold Drolet Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, 7:30 p.m.

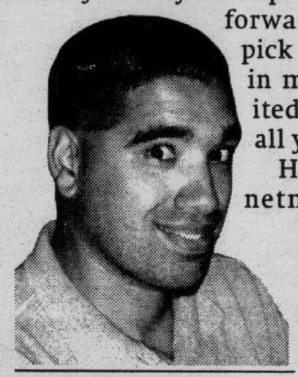
• **UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL: Saturday,** Montreal Carabins at Bishop's Gaiters, Coulter Field, 1 p.m.

SPORTS COMMENT

Netminders essential to fantasy teams' defence

It's time to evaluate the National Hockey League's masked men.

Goaltenders are an essential part of any fantasy hockey line-up. While you can count on forwards and defencemen to pick up your offensive stats, in most leagues you're limited to two netminders for all your defensive numbers.



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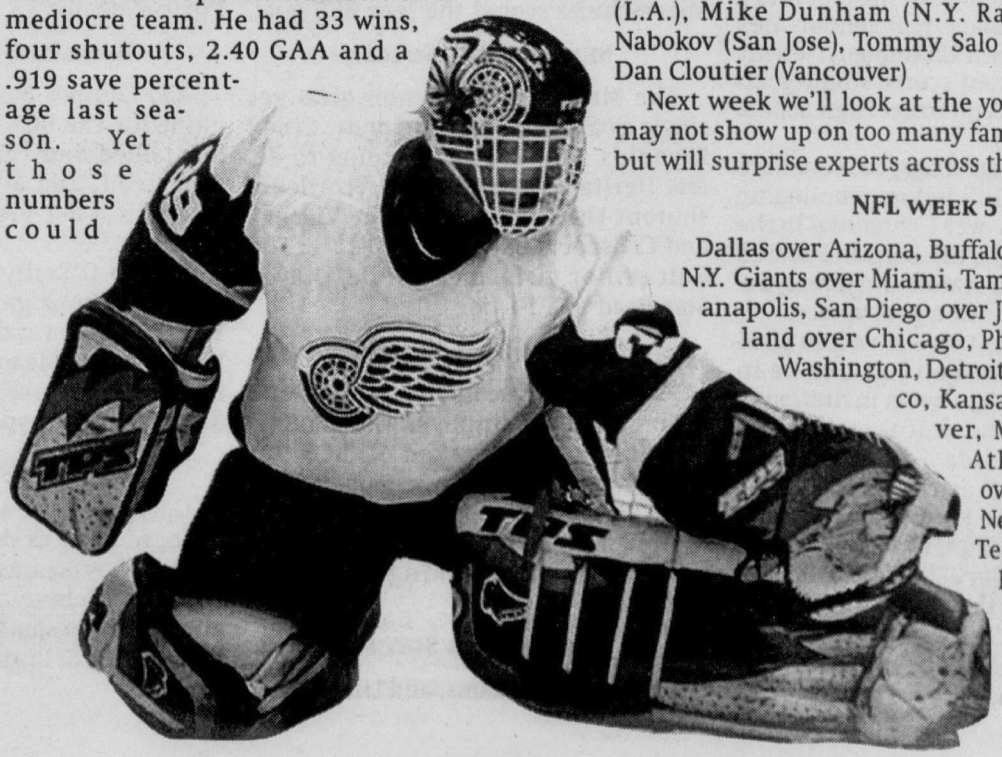
Here are the top fantasy netminders. These are the guys that will get you points in those important categories, including wins, save percentage, goals-against-average and shutouts.

• **MARTY TURCO, DALLAS:** The Vezina Trophy finalist led everyone last season with a 1.72 goals-against-average and .932 save percentage. Turco is a solid goalie who benefits from playing behind an experienced, tough defence. While he probably won't post the same numbers this season (31 wins and seven shutouts), he will help you in every category.

• **MARTIN BRODEUR, NEW JERSEY:** The league-leader in wins (41) and shutouts (nine) should continue to dominate NHL snipers. With the retirement of Patrick Roy, Brodeur is now the best money goalie around. He also had superb 2.02 GAA, and won his third Stanley Cup.

• **PATRICK LALIME, OTTAWA:** Although not always mentioned among the best, Lalime put up incredible numbers again in 2002-03, including 39 wins (second in the NHL), eight shutouts (second), a 2.16 GAA (fifth) and a .911 save percentage. His confidence should be higher this year after a successful playoff run.

• **OLAF KOLZIG, WASHINGTON:** Godzilla continues to rack up solid numbers on a mediocre team. He had 33 wins, four shutouts, 2.40 GAA and a .919 save percentage last season. Yet those numbers could slip this season as the Caps go with at least two young defencemen in the starting line-up.



• **DOMINIK HASEK, DETROIT** (pictured): The Dominator is back, but! Hasek rejoined the Red Wings after a tumultuous one-year retirement. The former Vezina and Hart Trophy winner hasn't looked too sharp in the preseason, but maybe that's just him playing mind games with NHL snipers and opposing coaches. Will get a ton of wins thanks to the Wings' high-octane offence, and a low GAA thanks to a great corps of bluliners, including Derian Hatcher and Chris Chelios.

THE NEXT BEST

• **ED BELFOUR, TORONTO:** Had surprisingly great season with 37 wins, seven shutouts, a 2.26 GAA and .922 save percentage. However, age should finally catch up to him. His numbers will drop slightly.

• **JEAN-SÉBASTIEN GIGUÈRE, ANAHEIM:** The Conn Smythe Trophy winner had 34 wins, eight shutouts, a 2.30 GAA and .920 save percentage last season. However, the Ducks will come back to Earth this year, much as the Carolina Hurricanes did in 2002-03 after reaching the NHL finals the previous season.

• **NIKOLAI KHABIBULIN, TAMPA BAY:** The Bolts are talking about trading the workhorse, but that would be a mistake. The Russian is very good.

• **CURTIS JOSEPH, DETROIT:** He will get his minutes somewhere once he is traded. Still a prime goaltender.

• **JOSE THEODORE, MONTREAL:** Going with my heart here. Theodore cannot be as bad as last season, so expect his numbers to be somewhere in between his 2001-02 stats (30 wins, 2.11 GAA and a .931 save percentage) and last year's season to forget (20 wins, 2.90 GAA and a .908 save percentage).

Here are the guys you'll want to consider if you've reached the end of your fantasy hockey draft and you still haven't taken a goalie, or two: Brent Johnson (St. Louis), Roman Cechmanek (L.A.), Mike Dunham (N.Y. Rangers), Evgeni Nabokov (San Jose), Tommy Salo (Edmonton) and Dan Cloutier (Vancouver)

Next week we'll look at the young players who may not show up on too many fantasy hockey lists, but will surprise experts across the NHL.

NFL WEEK 5

Dallas over Arizona, Buffalo over Cincinnati, N.Y. Giants over Miami, Tampa Bay over Indianapolis, San Diego over Jacksonville, Oakland over Chicago, Philadelphia over Washington, Detroit over San Francisco, Kansas City over Denver, Minnesota over Atlanta, Carolina over New Orleans, New England over Tennessee, Green Bay over Seattle and Pittsburgh over Cleveland.

LAST WEEK: 7-7. OVERALL: 39-21.

Birth

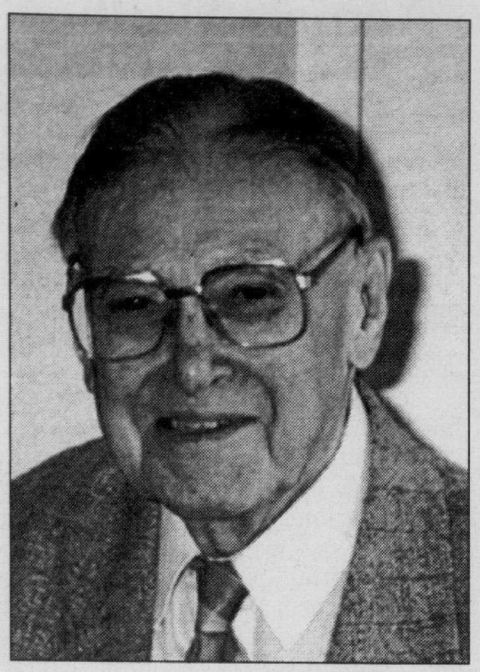
DEMPSEY - Kevin and Wanda (Bourque) of West Brome are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Mabel, born at the B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville, August 21, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. A little sister for Samuel. Proud grandparents are Joan Mortimer, Chateauguay; Roy Bourque, Lacolle; Ray and Janet Dempsey, Inverness. Great-granddaughter for Margaret Dempsey, Inverness.

Death



MAGOON, Evlyn Jessie (nee Dyer) 1918-2003 - Peacefully at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital on Monday, September 29t, 2003, in her 86th year, Evlyn Jessie Dyer, devoted and loving wife for 53 years of the late Quincy Magoon. Predeceased by her sisters: Edith and Bertha, she leaves to mourn her daughter, Marie-Marion, her sisters: Gladys, Winnie and Marjorie, her brother, Gordon Dyer, her sisters-in-law: Bernice, Alice and Mary, her nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 4 Vale Perkins, Mansonville, Que., J0E 1X0, tel.: (450) 292-3204, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: info@desourdywilson.com, where family and friends may visit on Tuesday, September 30th, 2003 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Family and friends are asked to meet at the Mansonville United Church on Wednesday, October 1st, 2003 at 2 p.m., for the funeral service, Rev. Ryk Allen officiating. Please note: Donations in her memory to the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3, would be appreciated by the family.

Death



SIMMS, Sydney 1910 - 2003 - On Saturday, September 27, 2003, Sidney passed away at Carewest Signal Pointe Nursing Home in Calgary at the age of 93 years. Sidney was predeceased by his wife Alice (who died March 8, 1996). Sidney leaves to mourn his daughter Beverley (Jim) Cowley and his son Jim (Heather) Simms; grandchildren David (Lorie) Cowley, Susan (Trent) Threadkell, Denise Spenard, Jeff (Jill) Simms, Tyler Simms, Michael Simms, Sarah Lessard; and seven great-grandchildren. Sidney was born in Brighton, England on August 12, 1910. He grew up in Brighton during World War I and in 1918 he lost his father, who served in the British Army in Mesopotamia. His widowed mother brought Sidney to Canada in 1924, and his brother Bill came the following year. They lived in Montreal, Quebec where Sidney studied graphic arts and learned the printing trade. Sidney was a generous person with a good sense of humour. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, travelling and taking photos. He has always loved animals. In 1935, Sidney married Alice Armstrong. Two years later they moved from Montreal to Granby, Quebec, where they lived for forty-one years. Sidney worked for the Granby Leader Mail for several years before he started his own business, "Simms Printing Company Ltd". Sidney and Alice, with their two children were active and well respected in the Granby community. Sidney became a prominent businessman who participated in many organizations, including Kiwanis Club, Granby Manufacturers Association, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and the Boy Scouts Association. Sidney and Alice were both supportive and active at St. George's Anglican Church. Sidney, as Rector's Warden of Archdeacon I. M. Lidstone was involved in Synod in the Montreal diocese. Sidney also became a Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Granby. Printing was Sidney's passion for over fifty years of his life. With courage, determination and Alice's hands-on support, the business he began in a three car garage and the "dining room" bindery grew into a significant printing and publishing facility. The beginning wasn't easy with Sidney selling and producing orders while Alice helped with bindery operations and bookkeeping. Sidney believed that the key to success was keeping at the cutting edge of modern printing technology. He led the way as printing advanced from the use of the linotype through to computer technology. Some employees he trained stayed loyal to him throughout his career moving with him to "Payette and Simms Printing and Publishing Company" in Montreal in the 1970's. In 1978, Sidney and Alice moved from Granby to Kingston, Ontario, where they made new friends and enjoyed semi-retirement. Their contribution to the Kingston community included volunteer work. In 1991, Sidney and Alice moved to Calgary to be near their children and grandchildren. Sidney and Alice had been married sixty years when Alice passed away in 1996. Sidney spent the last three years of his life residing at Carewest Signal Pointe Nursing Home. The family thanks the caregivers for the loving care they gave to Sidney in his "final home". Sidney will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends. Funeral Services will be held at Leyden's Funeral Home "Chapel of Remembrance" (17th Avenue and 2nd Street SW) on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., with a reception and interment to follow. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made in Sidney's memory directly to St. George's Anglican Church (130 rue Principale, Box 1062, Granby, Quebec, J2G 9G6) or to the Salvation Army. To e-mail expressions of sympathy: leydens@telusplanet.net subject heading: Sidney Simms. Arrangements entrusted to LEYDEN'S FUNERAL HOME, Calgary. Telephone: (403) 228-4422.

Card of Thanks

EASTMAN - I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for all the cards and phone calls I received for my 80th birthday. Many, many thanks to all my family and friends for making my "surprise" party such a success. Also many thanks to all my grandchildren for the beautiful yellow roses I received. As well as my thanks to others for my plants and other gifts I received. God bless you all

PEGGY EASTMAN

In Memoriams

BELLAM, Wayne - In loving memory of a dear husband and dad who passed away October 1, 1994.
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Your life was like the gracious rose
From the bud to full blown glory
When the petals age and close
We will always tell your story.

by
HELEN SLAKA

Card of Thanks

DAVIDSON - The Rev. Wilmur Davidson wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all who were involved in organizing a delightful tribute to his ministry held at St. George's Church, Granby on Sunday, September 28 at 11 a.m. The occasion was to celebrate fifty years of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in the deanery of Brome-Shefford. The event began with a Service of Holy Communion followed by a delicious fellowship meal in the hall with approximately 150 people in attendance. I received a beautiful gift plus a generous sum of money. This expression of love by all who were present made it an occasion which I shall never forget. May God bless you all.

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Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003

Several new avenues for personal advancement can open up for you in the year ahead. Two might have to do with work-related projects, but one will involve something private that brings you great joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you want to experience a true sense of fulfillment today, strive to do things that are of genuine service to those you love. Nothing will give you more pleasure than making this person happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you find yourself in the position today of having to make a choice between two social activities, select the one that will offer the most spirited, buoyant people and action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may discover today that a household item you thought was worthless (and that you were thinking about discarding) has great commercial value when a buyer happens along and offers to buy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Have your cell phone handy today when you leave the house or office, or let others know where you can be reached. An unexpected call could prove to be very beneficial to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Remain alert today for unusual trends that could spell big gains for you in some manner, because material conditions look exceptionally favorable for you in unexpected ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll derive more enjoyment today if you leave lots of room for being able to take advantage of unscheduled activities. Sometimes life can plan your agenda better than you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Do not pass up any help being offered to you today out of pride or some secret personal reason. There could be a surprisingly happy outcome to this person's intercession.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Work on ways to advance your latest idea or interests. You're likely to be far more fortunate today with new projects than you will be with spending your time on one of your older endeavors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This might be one of your lucky days, as circumstances could place you in the right place at the best possible time to reap some kind of unique benefit where your career is concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could bump into an associate today who has been looking for someone just like you to handle an unusual opportunity that she or he has stumbled across. The coalition will be extremely effective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A very fortunate happening for you today isn't apt to come through anything you've done, but through someone else's efforts, yet you'll fit into it perfectly and be invited to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you happen to be participating today in some type of competitive social sport, chances are you'll be lucky at drawing the perfect partner, whose talents compensate for your weak points.

She has hit a new low

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: This past week, my dear mother passed away. My son's ex-wife, "Lulu," also paid her respects. It didn't bother me that she showed up at the cemetery, although it seemed a bit inappropriate that she brought along her fiance and their new baby.

After the funeral service, our immediate family members went to my sister's home to talk and get a bite to eat. All of a sudden, we saw Lulu walking up the driveway. She rang the bell and asked to join us. Of course, we had no choice but to let her in. Here's what really burns me. During dinner, my sister handed me a crumpled piece of paper that Lulu had passed to her. It was an invitation to Lulu's upcoming wedding.

My family and I were shocked. This woman always has been selfish, but what kind of person hands out wedding invitations in the middle of a funeral? I'm sure there's no etiquette rule that covers this. Am I being too hard on Lulu, or is she as shallow and insensitive as I believe? — Upset Up North

Dear Upset: No, you have it right. Lulu has hit a new low on the scale of common decency, and we don't have to consult an etiquette book to know it.

Intruding on your family grief and using it as an occasion to celebrate her upcoming wedding was unconscionable. Breathe a sigh of relief that she no longer is part of your family.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Semantic Sally in Atlanta," who wanted to know the origin of the phrase "toe the line." (She thought it was "tow the line.") The phrase comes from our British cousins. In the House of Commons, the seating is in a square, and there is a white line that goes all the way around the front seats.

The rule is that no member of the House of Commons may step over the white line when speaking. Evidently, at one point, the House had problems with politicians deck-ing one another. Here's a related anecdote: During WWII, newspapermen would be "called on the carpet" to account for their stories because their toes could not cross the white line.

We get many of our sayings from Britain, and when I visited there two years ago, I was amazed to discover the original meanings. — An American in Bermuda

Dear Bermuda: Thanks for the history lesson. Here are two more:

Dear Annie: The expression "toe the line" comes from Marquis of Queensbury rules in boxing. Each boxer must inch up to a chalkline between the fighters. When one boxer could no longer "toe the line," he was defeated. — Washington, D.C.

Dear Annie: That expression was first used by a British executioner who drew a chalk outline on the trap door of the gallows, where prisoners were to place their toes. The obedient prisoners would comply, whereas the less agreeable ones would not, and would be punished with a less comfortable death. — Hangman's Fan in New Hampshire

Dear Annie: I was bothered by the woman who claimed that you could tell a man was single if his clothing didn't smell like fabric softener. The idea that single men don't use fabric softener (if they ever do the laundry) borders on the sexist.

I am a 47-year-old single male, and most of the men I know do their own laundry, cooking and cleaning. Single men certainly know how to run a household — including adding fabric softener to the rinse water. — Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Dear Mich.: We heard from several men who said they are quite capable of doing the laundry, including using fabric softener. Of course, this only means it is harder for women to find those single men based on their scent, which is too bad.

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

Granby Young in Heart

The Granby Young in Heart met in the United Church Hall on Wednesday, September 17, 2003.

President Eleanor Hope opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed 34 members.

Happy Birthday was sung to all those who celebrate birthdays during the month of September 2003.

There were 2 tables of 500 and the winners were: 1st prize: Deny Van Doorn, 2nd prize: Frank Hope.

There were 4 tables of Bridge and the winners were: 1st Vivian Miller, 2nd prize: Millie Doe.

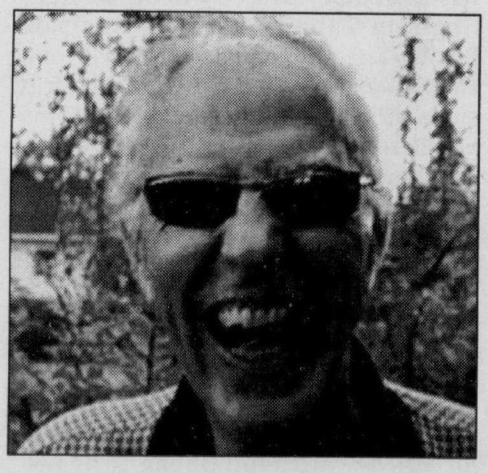
The Game Room - 10 people and the winners were: 1st prize Hap Ladd, 2nd prize Jan Van Doorn.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, october 15, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Patricia J. Hansford

Happy 75th Dad!



Paul V. Delaney

"Still Crazy After All These Years"

Your kids,
Anno
Chris
Mark
James
Lousie
Bob

Ascot Women's Institute meeting

Members of Ascot W.I. met at Margaret Hall's apartment in Lennoxville on September 4th. At 2:00 p.m. President Marion Annesley opened the meeting, welcoming members and thanking our hostess. The Collect and the Salute to the Flag were repeated. Marion read the poem "Treasured Friends." Roll Call was answered by four members who showed mementoes of their school days. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. A letter was received from Eunice Brown thanking us for our items donated for the resident's store. Marion reported on the proceeds from the County Food Sale on Friendship Day, Margaret Hall reported on the F.W.I.C. Convention held at Bishop's University.

Convenors' Reports: Agriculture - Margaret Hall reported good attendance at the local fairs. She mentioned that the U.S. will not accept imports of live cattle from Canada. Thousands of animals will be slaughtered in Western Canada. Health and Community Living - Marion Annesley reported on the new radio-oncology wing at the CHUS. They will be able to treat another four hundred patients a year when the work is done around December 20th. The Geriatric Institute is holding their fund raiser. Education and Personal Development - Margaret Hall spoke of zero tolerance for bullies at schools. She also told us about the extra costs that parents are obliged to pay for school supplies, two to three hundred dollars apart from clothes. School bus drivers are taking refresher courses. publicity and Awareness - Orma sent report of meeting to the Record. Social Services - Margaret Hall had sent out sympathy cards and birthday cards. A card was signed for Brenda Lyons who had just lost her sister. Funds were voted to the Social Services convenor for her expenses. Margaret Hall gave the report of the County meeting Ascot Branch will host the next meeting on November 11th. Margaret read several letters of appreciation from people who had attended the Convention and had stayed with the Annesleys.

A donation was received from tne Nguyen family in memory of Jennie Pearson. A motion was made to send this money to the Alexander Galt Bursary Fund.

Our next meeting will be held on October 2nd. There will be a White Elephant Sale for World Food Day.

Marion read "The Last Word" a moving story that illustrates the value of friendship, about a student who saved another from suicide.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments served by our hostess, Margaret Hall assisted by Marion Annesley.

Orma Kingsley

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

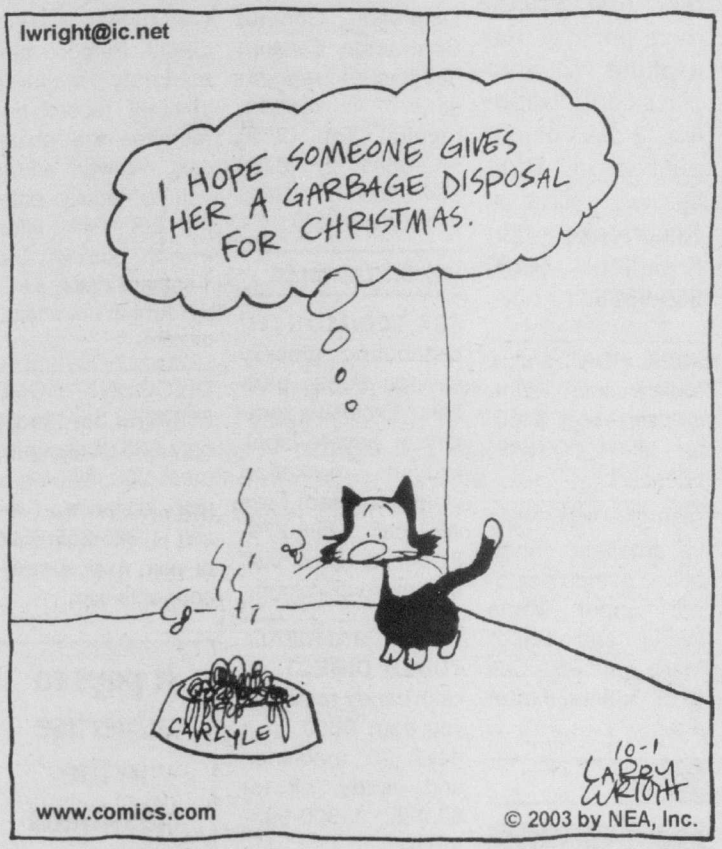
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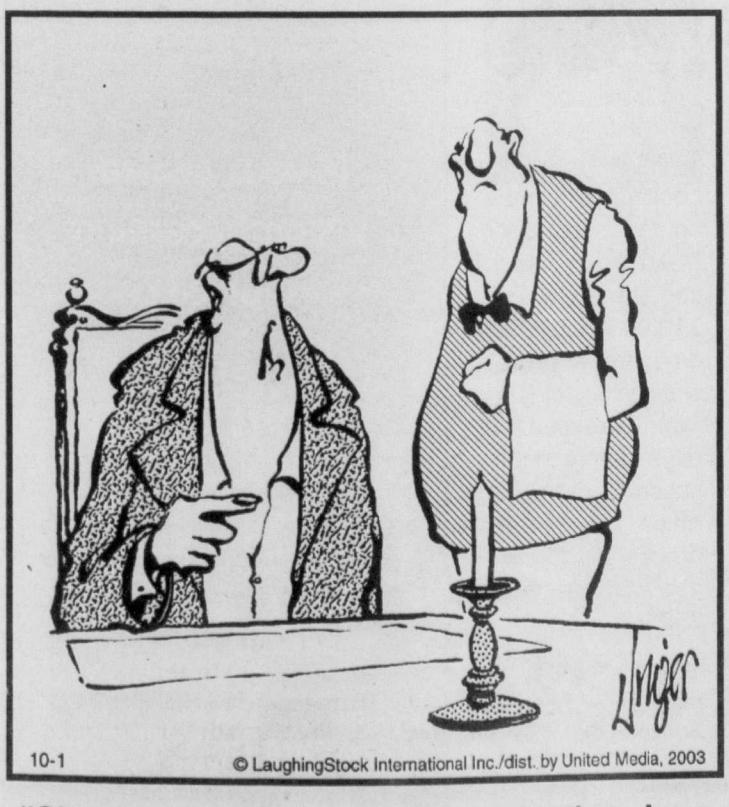
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An information meeting and discussion of the submitted ideas will take place at the Centre Communataire Mgr. Thibault on Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

Up to eight from nine is great

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned that if you locate an eight-card major-suit fit, that suit should usually be trumps. It is not always true, but the exceptions are hard to spot. However, if you have a nine-card (or better) fit, it is almost certain that the hunt for the trump suit is over. Once every few years, you will see a deal that should be played with a different trump suit, but don't even agonize over it. You should just worry about how high to go in the nine-card (or better) fit.

Here is an interesting deal along these lines. If you were South, what would be your basic plan in four spades after West has led his singleton club?

North made a limit raise, promising at least four spades and 10-12 support points.

You win the first trick, draw trumps, run the rest of the clubs ending in hand, and play a diamond toward dummy's king-jack.

If West wins with the ace and shifts to a high heart, you will probably have to hope West has that ace too. But here, West plays low. You guess to put in the jack (say), but East wins with the queen and leads the diamond ace. What now?

You should calmly discard a heart! This leaves East endplayed. He must either open up hearts, which allows dummy's king to score, or concede a ruff-and-sluff.

Note two points. If you make the mistake of ruffing the diamond ace and leading a heart, West should go in with the 10. Also, five diamonds is cold for East-West, but it is difficult for them to enter the auction.

St. James Guild

FOSTER

On Sept. 10th, ladies met at the church hall. Frances Johnson opened the meeting with the usual prayers. The minutes of the August meeting were read and accepted as read. Only seven members present.

May Banks gave the treasurer's report. Muriel Whitehead gave the correspondence report.

Thinking of you cards had been sent to David Price and Adeline Jones. A get well card had been sent to Dick Eldridge.

A sympathy card sent to Dominique Beaudry and family in the loss of his wife Lucille.

A sympathy card sent to the family of the late Voneta Whitehead.

May read an amusing article she ha found, and we enjoyed a laugh.

There will be two more card parties one on Sept. 29th and one on Oct. 27th

Frances adjourned the meeting, sec onded by Carol Dunn. We then repeate the benediction.

Elvia Johnson was hostess for the afte noon, serving a delicious lunch, enjoye by all. Frances and the ladies thanke Elvia for the tasty and refreshments sh had served.

Next meeting on Oct. 1st at lunch time Hosted by Stella Mizener and Katie Jones

Stella Mizener, secretar

Sherbrooke - Bulwer Ploughman's card party

The Sherbrooke - Bulwer Ploughman's Association had a card party on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, at the Ives Hill Community Hall. Cards were played at nine tables. Prizes went to the following: ladies - Yvette Hoy, Helena Banfill and consolation to Winnie Paterson. Gents: Herbert Winget, Archie Nelson and consolation to Cassey Vriesendorp. First drawing went to Herbert Winget, second to Marie Hartwell. Prizes for the most skunks went to Herbert Lilley. Door prizes were won by the following: Violet Thorneloe, Dorothy Vachon, Alic O'Connor, Esther Cote, Herbert Lilley Bernard Laberee, Dorothy Marlin Everett Vachon, Gertie Raymond, Mari Hartwell, Yvette Hoy, Helena Banfill Dorothy Shattuck.

Mac Fraser thanked everyone fo coming.

On behalf of the association w would like to thank everyone for provic ing food and door prizes.

Dianne Kirby
Secretary/Treasure

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5 Red planet
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17 Roam
18 Sp. maiden
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20 With 59A, homemaker?
23 Cleave in two
24 Kind of release or box
25 NYC arena
28 Cogito __ sum
30 Courteous
32 "Cakes and __"
35 "48 Hrs." star
38 Winglike structures
39 Homemaker?
43 God of Spain
44 Beet extract
45 That woman
46 Sandinista leader
49 Rugged cliff
51 Born in Paris
52 Much less cordial
55 Dark olive brown
59 See 20A
61 Jeweler's weight
64 Alda of "M*A*S*H"
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68 Age after Bronze
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71 Elizabeth of "Lone Star"

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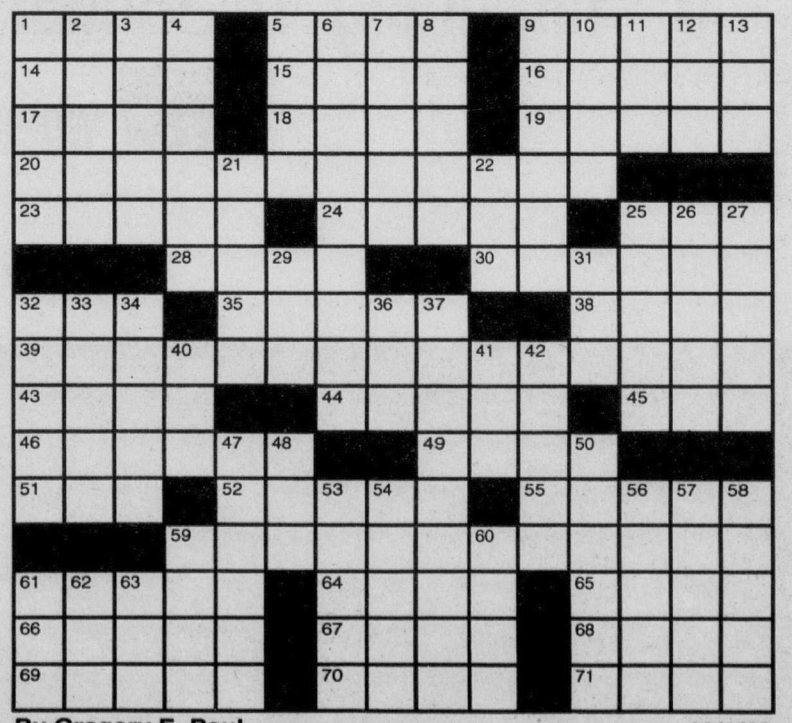
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11 Freudian topic
12 Bovine chew
13 Driver's peg
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47 Florentine painter
48 Perform
50 Spread rumors
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54 Perry or Havelock
56 Routine duty
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63 Zombie ingredient

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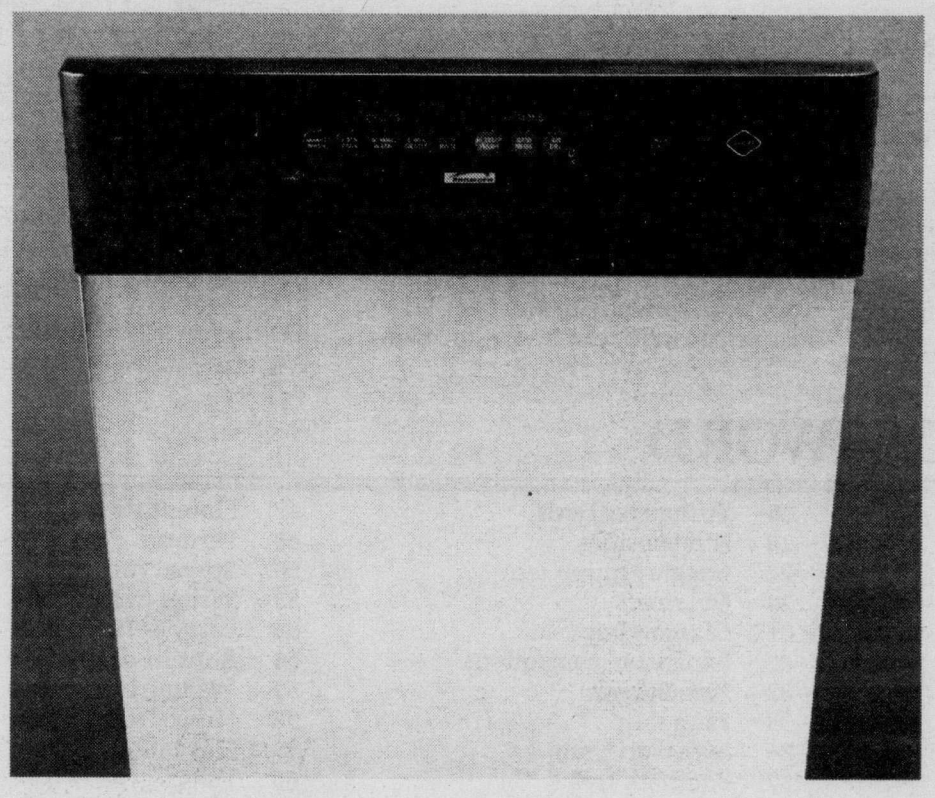
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