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## Lucky To Be Alive



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Michel Légère (pictured) and his family were evacuated from their Bromptonville home early Tuesday morning when their car exploded in the driveway. The Légères had just returned from a family vacation and were asleep. They were awoken up by neighbours pounding on the door. No one was hurt, though the car was destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is being investigated by fire officials.

## Magog father charged with incest

Staff

A 41-year-old father from Magog, who has been arrested and charged with incest, will be in court in Sherbrooke today for a bail hearing.

The accused, who cannot be identified to protect the identity of his alleged victim, is apparently a Magog area merchant.

The man is charged with repeatedly assaulting his own daughter over a six-year period between 2000 and 2006. The alleged incidents began when she was just 10 years old.

The victim, who is 16 years old today, went to police in February to complain that her father had physically assaulted her, Capt. Yves Denis of Memphremagog police told The Record.

Capt. Denis said a police investigation uncovered evidence of incest and led to charges this week.

The alleged victim has younger sisters. The inquiry did not uncover any evidence they had also been abused, Denis said.

Denis said that while incest is a heinous crime, the alleged incidents bear no resemblance to the horrific case of Renald Côté.

Côté is the Magog father who was found guilty (along with his two sons) of a 17-year reign of incest and terror towards his daughter Isabelle. The abuse in that case began when the girl was four years old and ended on her hospital bed when the trio were arrested while she was undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.

The accused in this case, who has no criminal record, was arrested in Magog on Friday and arraigned at the Sherbrooke courthouse on Monday morning where he was remanded into custody until today's bail hearing.

## Police pounce on postal bandits in Brome-Missisquoi

By Maurice Crossfield

Two people have been arrested in connection with a slew of postal thefts in Brome-Missisquoi.

Claude Lemaire, 45, and Tammy Anne Deslongchamps, 35, were arrested Saturday morning and appeared in

court to be charged on Monday.

The two are accused of having broken into mailboxes to steal cheques, bank account numbers and credit card numbers. The card and account numbers could then be used to defraud

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## Local Entrepreneurs, school officials visit Canadian Forces Base

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The provincial chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC), province of Quebec, Jean Fournier invited businesspeople of the Quebec City, Drummondville, Sherbrooke and Trois-Rivières areas to assist in training reservists at the Canadian Forces Base Valcartier. The CFLC is formed by a group of civilian businessmen who voluntarily devote time and energy to promote the Primary reserve (the military working part-time in Canada) and the value of the reservists' instruction in their civilian working environment. The involvement of the CFLC is to encourage employers to allow the reservists to take leave in order to participate in training and the military operations without jeopardizing their civilian work. The reservists were from the 62e Field Artillery Regiment of Shawinigan, the 6e Field Artillery Regiment of Quebec City (Lévis), the 2e Field Artillery Regiment of Montreal and the 52e Medical Field Ambulance of Sherbrooke. From the left to right: Ernest Garbutt, Ronald Canuel, director general of the Eastern Townships School Board, Chantal Beaulieu of the ETSB, Véronique Fournier of Ski Exp-air and Michel Carpentier, president of Services Conseils Michel Carpentier.



## Come dance with us

The Sherbrooke Snowshoe Club is holding a fifties-style rock-and-roll dance on May 13 at 1900 Prospect St. in Sherbrooke.

Founded in 1897, the Sherbrooke Snowshoe Club is requesting official recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest snowshoe club in the world.

Townshippers' Association is partnering in their alcohol-free fundraising event. It will feature an antique car display with music from CJMQ prior to 8 p.m., when the Mid Life Crisis Band takes the stage. Tickets can be purchased from the Lennoxville office of Townshippers' Association, \$10 per person or \$18 per couple.

For more information, please contact Ron Smith at 819-562-3659 or Doug Beattie at 819-346-5301. Come dance with us on May 13, at the Snowshoe Club!

### WORK WITH US

Are you interested in joining an active Board of Directors for a strong community-driven organization? Would you like to become involved in an organization committed to serving the Eng-

lish-speaking population of the historical Eastern Townships, working in areas of health and social services or arts and culture, and beyond? Are you concerned about our community,

its people, its leaders? Do you have ideas that no one seems to hear?

Now's your chance!

The Board of Directors of Townshippers' Association is actively looking for candidates. April 25 is the deadline to submit a nomination form, signed by five people. The nomination form is available by contacting the Lennoxville office at ta@townshippers.qc.ca or by calling 819-566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717). Nominees and nominators must be members in good standing of the Association.

The Association's nominating committee, chaired by Michael van Lierop, is seeking three new members under the age of 35, in order to make the board more representative by age. The board consists of 15-29 people, some of whom will be current directors returning for another term.

In the past year, topics for discussion

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have included strategic plan and objectives, the development and vitality of the Townships English-speaking community, youth engagement, employment and entrepreneurship, arts and culture, community involvement (T-Day, of course!) various government policies, and all the myriad projects undertaken by the Association on behalf of and in support of the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships.

Board members are asked to attend up to 10 evening meetings per year, usually held in Magog, to help host Townshippers' Day and the annual Outstanding Townshippers Banquet and AGM, and to take part in the work of one of the Association's committees.

You have ideas and suggestions for change? You have input and are interested in getting involved? You want to join a group of people who are committed, who are proud of their community, and who want to help it develop and flourish? Come on Board!

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Townshippers' Association encourages Townships women to take advantage of the Sherbrooke and District University Women's Scholarship Foundation's Marlis & Sigrid Wehr Mature Student Award. It is destined for a woman at least 21 years of age from the Eastern Townships who is returning or has returned to studies after a significant lapse in education. The Foundation also offers the Diana Mackay-Kuilman Memorial Prize, for a woman from the Eastern Townships who wishes to further her education in a health care profession or in occupational therapy.

Applicants must be in need of financial assistance. They are asked to write a letter describing their aims, their intended course of study, the name of the institution, the estimated cost of study and what the award would mean to them.

They are also asked to include an estimated budget of income and expenses. For further information or to submit a nomination, send your questions to wendy.king@usherbrooke.ca. The deadline for nominations is May 1.

## Weather

**Today:** Increasing cloudiness. Sixty per cent chance of showers late in the day. Wind south 30 km/h. High 20.

**Thursday:** Showers. Low 7. High 13.

**Friday:** Sunny. Low zero. High 11.

**Saturday:** Showers. Low plus 5. High 10.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Turner calling on parties to begin youth movement

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

Federalism is alive and well in Quebec, says Canada's 17th Prime Minister John Turner.

Turner, who gave a lecture at Bishop's University on Tuesday, said the emergence of the Conservative Party of Canada in this province gives voters a federal alternative apart from the Liberals. "If they deserve to govern they will govern," he said. "It's a good thing for the country."

However, the former Liberal leader said his party is still the best party to lead Canada.

"The party where I belong better start waking up," he said, noting the Liberals need new members, followed by a revision of its party policy and then a newly elected leader.

Turner said the party is "going in reverse" by electing its leaders first. He said that as a former Liberal leader he would not publicly support any particular candidate but he did note that Stéphane Dion would make a good leader.

However, he said he was "disappointed" that other party members, including John Manley, Brian Tobin and Frank McKenna, decided not to enter the leadership race.

Turner, who was elected to Parliament in his early thirties, said Canada's government needs more young faces.

He said when he won his seat in the 1960s people were honoured to serve in Parliament. He said it was not uncommon to have young and single Members of Parliament who felt they could make

a difference.

But now things have changed for the worse. He said many young people will not enter politics because they can't afford to campaign or they don't think young MPs have the same influence in Parliament. He also said the media is constantly finding new ways to make private lives public which can also discourage many young people from entering politics.

He added that bringing new blood to parliament should be a priority for all parties.

"We have to get the younger generation more involved in the political process," he said.

Turner admitted that public life is not easy but politicians do make a difference. "There is nothing that resists a good idea," he said.

Turner said a fundamental part of successful governing is maintaining a close relationship with colleagues.

"In order for it (a relationship) to work you have to bring something to the table," he said.

He referred to the rocky relationship between former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and former U.S. President Richard Nixon.

Turner said he trusted the president and the two men often worked out deals together.

During one meeting, Turner said Nixon told him he was at a disadvantage because he had no witnesses when deals were being signed. "If I thought I would need witnesses I wouldn't be

here," Turner told the president.

Turner said this level of trust is lacking between both governments and this does not help solve problems with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which he opposed as leader of the Opposition.

As Opposition leader in the 1980s and '90s, he said the agreement led to the abandonment of Canada's political sovereignty to the United States.

Turner maintains that it was a bad agreement because it excluded antitrust clauses and subsidies and gave the United States the right to renegotiate its terms.

"The United States Congress hasn't surrendered any power at all," he noted.

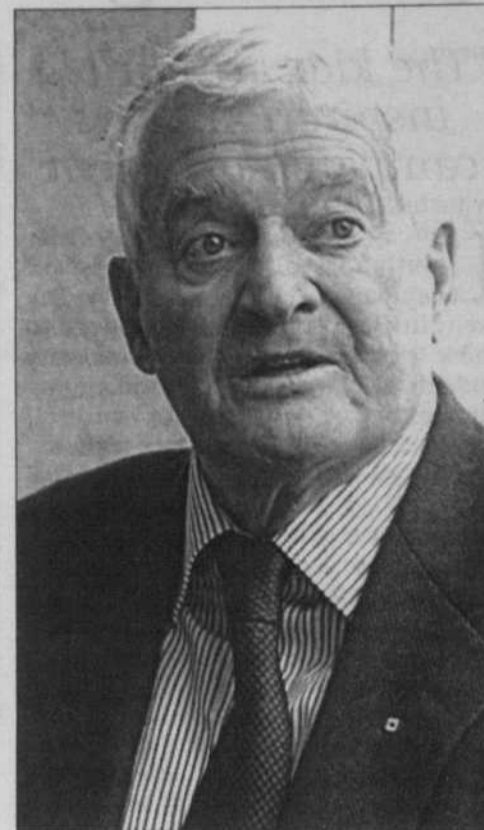
Turner said the agreement will continue to be a problem while Canada tries to maintain sovereignty over its energy and fresh water resources.

"Trust has to start at the prime ministerial and presidential level," he said.

Since retiring from politics, the 76-year-old lawyer has been active in many democratic projects all over the world.

In 2004 Turner headed the delegation of Canadian election monitors to Ukraine to monitor the presidential runoff vote of Dec. 26. It was the first mission of the new Canada Corps.

Turner is also a member of several Boards of Directors for several large Canadian companies and continues to travel the world.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Turner, who gave a lecture at Bishop's University on Tuesday, said the emergence of the Conservatives gives voters a federal alternative apart from the Liberals

## Volunteers, donations needed for cemetery

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Members of the Holy Trinity Maple Grove cemetery society are calling for volunteers and donations to help them maintain the historic 166-year old grave site.

"We are having a clean-up day on Saturday, May 20, and we could certainly use some extra hands," said Dufferin Annesley. "There are fences to put up and mend, top soil to put down, brush to cut and stones to wash. The more people we get, the more we can get done."

The cemetery dates back to the start of the Upper Ireland Anglican parish in 1839. Annesley estimates there are about 400 graves on the site.

"Many of the relatives are gone now, but many come back for a downhome visit and we are hoping some of them might be interested in helping us out," said Annesley. "When the Maple Grove church opens its doors for special services, they get people coming from as far away as Alberta, British Columbia and even California."

The cemetery society was created about three years ago after the Maple Grove Heritage foundation was formed to preserve the 106-year-old Anglican Church situated next to the cemetery. The



COURTESY LINDA HOY

The Holy Trinity Maple Grove cemetery dates back to the start of the Upper Ireland Anglican parish in 1839.

church plans to have up to six events this year for present and former parishioners.

The cemetery and church are located on the Gosford Road (highway 216), south of the crossroad of Craig and Bennett Roads (highways 216 and 265) near the town of St-Ferdinand.

For more information, contact Dufferin Annesley at 819-569-3840 or e-mail the society at mcac@canada.com or www.maplegrovecemetery.ca. Donations can be sent to Donald Stewart at 745 Maheux St., Thetford Mines, QC, G6H 1S7.

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# Shaving heads to help children fight cancer

*"The kids are our big inspiration," says campaign president*

By Joshua Bleser

Leucan Montérégie kicked off its sixth annual "Défi têtes rasées" campaign Tuesday in Granby. The event invites people to raise money and shave their heads as an act of solidarity and empathy with children undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer. It has raised over \$800,000 since 2001.

All proceeds go toward Leucan Montérégie's programs and services for young cancer patients and their families. Among these are a respite camp, trips to the zoo, professional massages, and financial help with transportation, accommodations, and other medical costs.

"(The challenge) has really been the driving force behind Leucan Montérégie," explains the organization's president, Lorraine Deschênes, adding that the event accounts for more than half of the total funds raised by Leucan Montérégie.

Last year's challenge saw 529 mops lopped in Granby and St-Jean, raising a total of \$273,403. This year, a new site has been added at Les Promenades St-Bruno, and organizers are setting the bar at \$350,000.

"We've got our work cut out for us,



JOSHUA BLESER

Leucan Montérégie "Défi têtes rasées" president Jean-François Perreault with the youth spokespeople for the Granby edition, Samuel, 9, and Christine, 19. "The kids are our big inspiration," Perreault affirms.

and lots of cash to raise...(but) we are very, very confident that we'll reach (our goal)," declared Jean-François Perreault, the president of this year's campaign. "The children are our big inspiration." Montérégie is where the head-shav-

ing challenge all began, when Serge Tremblay, a businessman from the area, felt compelled to do something to support courageous children battling cancer. In 2003, the Laurentians followed suit, and last year the event was held in

ten of Quebec's sixteen administrative regions, shaving 2,260 heads and raising \$850,000.

This year's youth spokespeople for the Granby edition are Samuel, 9, and Christine, 19. After five years in remission, Samuel recently received the news that his fight is not over. Throughout it all, Perreault says, Samuel and all the other children who share his plight maintain a *joie de vivre* that we lack and have become, by virtue of this, virtual idols."

This year's honorary campaign president is Jonathan Pomerleau, sales director for the Granby radio station, M105, and the vice-president of the young entrepreneur's group, Génération Avenir. He promises to "jump into the project with both feet" and to "undertake the challenge with gusto."

The hair will fall Sunday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Palace Theatre's Schick Stage (135 Principale). The entire Coiffure Unique team, as well as a "hall of fame" of shavers, will be on hand once again. For more information, call Johanne Roy at 450-378-5509, toll-free at 1-866-378-5509, or e-mail monteregie@leucan.qc.ca.

Shags will also be sheared at the Carrefour de l'Estrie June 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Suzelle Lacroix at 819-563-1909, or e-mail estrie@leucan.qc.ca.

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## Battling breast cancer, one step at a time

By Claudia Villemaire  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
RICHMOND

When the weather is reasonable and there's a bit of time left over after a busy day, you might see her, walking the hills and valleys that eventually tumble down to Spooner Pond, just a few miles from Richmond.

It seems like a quiet stroll, an amble past peaceful knolls and babbling brooks. But that's not quite the story.

Judy Frost is getting conditioned. She's walking a little further every week, preparing for a giant challenge, one she's now familiar with, a 60-kilometre walk for a great cause.

The Weekend to End Breast Cancer which brings women of all ages, sizes and conditions to Montreal's Olympic Stadium, ready to spend an entire weekend walking out to Dorval and back, raises millions of dollars and brings thousands of walkers determined to give their all toward treatment, research and prevention of the dreaded disease.

The funds raised go directly to the Jewish General Hospital, where cancer research is on-going and considered some of the most advanced in the field.

"The funds also help pay for care and treatment, as well as cost incurred by patients and families travelling to this world-

famous care centre," Frost explained. Frost, along with three other local women, took part for the first time last year.

"It was the most moving experience of my life," she recalled, emotion still running high as she remembered the tremendous energy and courage which seemed to bring life and hope to the 2,000 women gathered for the walk last year.

But, one doesn't just sign up for this event, with good intentions the only requirement. Each participant must raise at least \$2,000 before she can participate. She must plan fundraising events, canvass her community, involve family and friends as support groups and try to get in shape for an itinerary that will take them up and down hilly side streets, require them to sleep overnight in a two-person tent, finance their own gear and, hopefully, cross the finish line in reasonably good shape.

"We sang, we laughed, we talked to total strangers lined up along the streets who offered drinks, food and, especially encouragement," Frost described. "And arriving back at the stadium through the marathon gate and finding thousands of people in the stands, on their feet, applauding and congratulating every new arrival was a very emotional time for us all.

"There were food and drink stops set

up every few kilometres, medical services at meal stops and, in my case, family turning up regularly to cheer us on."

Frost remembers the wonderful support of her own community that made achieving her goal of \$2,000 possible. She remembers her friend Heather Lunan who appeared at her tent site, offering massages to tired bodies and legs.

"The organization was incredible. There were vans and motorcycles patrolling beside the walkers constantly. I did work up a good sized blister on one heel but it didn't take long to find help, medical attention and welcome relief," she said.

With memories like that, of course, Frost has signed up again. Fundraising for this year's event is already started. And, in keeping with a tradition started last year, Frost, family and friends will bag groceries at the Richmond Maxi beginning on Thursday.

"Anyone wishing to help out is more than welcome, even for a short time. We're there Thursday, Friday and Saturday," she explained. "Why do I do it. Well, my mom's birthday is Aug. 1. She's a breast cancer survivor having gone through the surgery 30 years ago. This year she'll celebrate her 80th birthday so I do it for her, and her example that this cancer can be beaten."



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/CORRESPONDENT

Judy Frost is headed to The Weekend to End Breast Cancer in Montreal.

Interested people who can't do the walk can still participate with donations to Frost's required fund, or perhaps, turn up this weekend.

"But people who'd like to help should call first so I can schedule when they're available," she said. "A big thank you goes out to each and every one who helped in any way last year, and thanks in advance for everyone's support this year."

For more info or to offer help, call 819-848-2938.

# Former AQ leader defends Harper's strategy

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
DANVILLE

Former Alliance Quebec president William Johnson has expressed support for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's appeasement strategy for Quebec, arguing any concessions given away to the province are minor.

"He will not fall into the game of courting nationalists that (former Conservative PM Brian) Mulroney did," said Johnson, who headed the now-dormant English-language lobby group in the late 1990s.

"Anything conceded to Quebec will be minor and will not create a special status for the province."

He said the two promises Harper made to Quebec in last week's throne speech about a voice in the United Nations' UNESCO organization and a redress of the so-called fiscal imbalance will not give ammunition to separatist forces.

"Harper knows the dangers of dealing with Quebec," he said. "For any nationalist in the province, any concession is never enough and Harper will take care not to go too far."

Harper has no choice but to tackle the fiscal imbalance issue raised by

both the Parti Québécois and Liberal governments, given that former Prime Minister Paul Martin repeatedly cut transfer payments to the provinces when he was the federal finance minister.

"Given the federal debt and the limited amount of surplus money, he will not be able to give Quebec all its wants, but he'll have to give them something to prove federalism does work," said Johnson. "As for UNESCO, it is a minor organization in the United Nations and Harper is not going to give Quebec any special status on this issue."

"He'll probably find some jurisdiction the province already has for the UN and recognize it. To go any farther would cause problems with the other provinces."

Johnson, an ardent Quebec federalist, changed the approach of the AQ when he was elected its president in 1998. He made it more of an activist group that challenged the anti-English policies of the Quebec government. This earned him the nick-name 'Pit-Bill' Johnson by his detractors. He presently writes a political column for various newspapers including The Globe and Mail.

Johnson argues Harper has to sup-

port Quebec Premier Jean Charest because the latter faces an election soon and the federal government does not want to have to deal with the separatist PQ. He also needs to increase Conservative support in the province to gain more seats if his minority government falls within the next two years.

"He would have to be tough with a PQ government because he does not want separation and he does not want a special status for Quebec," said Johnson. "He knows he will have to support Charest even if he is now unpopular in the province."

If a PQ government were to be formed and wanted another separation referendum, Johnson said Harper would have to enforce the Clarity legislation brought in by the Liberal government eight years ago. The law, passed by the former government of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, is used to check any move by Quebec to declare a unilateral declaration of independence.

Johnson said Harper introduced a private members bill when he was first an MP that was even stricter than the present Clarity law.

Under the law, the federal government would be allowed to ignore a yes

win in a referendum if it believed the question was unclear for the voters.

The law has been sharply criticized by both the PQ and present Liberal governments in Quebec.

Johnson argues the present Conservative party is unlike the former Progressive Conservative party that Charest was once leader of in the mid-1990s.

In a column he wrote in 2003, Johnson argued the Progressive Conservative party had opted to give Quebec a special status in exchange for a pass on future separatist referendums. He said this policy had been part of the Progressive Conservative party platform as far back as 1967 when Robert Stanfield became party leader.

"The party was willing to recognize Quebec as one of the two-founding peoples of Canada, which meant Quebec would get more powers than the other provinces," said Johnson. "The two founding peoples idea is a myth that Harper rejects. But it is something Charest uses to keep himself in power."

"Harper may be a provincialist because he advocates more power for the western provinces, but he would never give Quebec any special status."

## Danville boil-water advisory lifted for now

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Residents of Danville no longer have to boil their tap water before drinking it, according to town manager Michel Lecours.

"We have lifted the boil-advisory because the last tests indicate the water is clean and the work on a section of the filtration plant is completed for now," he said.

But he is asking residents to limit their water consumption for this week because town workers are cleaning out a section of the water reservoir on Nicolet Road.

"The cleaning will take a few days and means we have to empty about half of the reservoir's capacity, so we will have less water to distribute," he said. "It should not disturb the pressure too much, but as a precaution, we ask people to keep their consumption to what is necessary this week."

Lecours said residents face another water restriction notice after Easter when the final phase of refurbishing of the filtration plant will start.

"We will be sending notices to residents in the mail at or before April 24 and will tell them at that time how many days the advisory will be in effect,"

he said. "The work requires shutting down the system and trucking fresh water in from another town, so supplies will be limited for a several days."


The boil-water advisory started in the last week of March when workers at the filtration plant had to break up and replace concrete floors and fittings and could not prevent dust particles from entering the water system. The advisory was sent out as a health precaution, said Lecours.

The filtration plant rebuild started last fall and is supposed to be completed before summer. It is costing the town \$1.4 million.

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# Community Forum

## An old-school demagogue

Just as the murder of Canadian tourists Nancy and Dominic Ianiero in Mexico exposed that country's collapsing justice system, the killing of the Faddoul brothers should open our eyes to the roiling nation of Venezuela and the misrule of its president, Hugo Chavez.

We are so focused on events in Afghanistan and Iraq that we lose sight of what is happening in our own hemisphere. In Venezuela, a country with one of the world's largest known oil reserves, citizens are subject almost daily to "express kidnappings."

One moment you're sitting in your

car and the next you're being taken at gunpoint to an ATM where your captors drain the account. Maybe you'll live, maybe you'll die.

Fifty per cent of Venezuelans reportedly live in poverty despite the oil wealth. And they are led by a man who prefers to blame capitalism for all ills rather than take real measures to alleviate them.

Chavez shamelessly panders to anti-Americanism. On the weekend a group of his supporters chased the U.S. ambassador out of a poor Caracas neighbourhood. The diplomat was distributing baseball bats and balls to

children, and for this Chavez is threatening to expel him from the country.

The United States can hold its own with Chavez. But it is what he is doing regionally that ought to make Canadians sit up and notice. By some accounts, he has spread the equivalent of \$25 billion since 1999 across the hemisphere. He has purchased \$2.5 billion worth of Argentina's debt. He has \$3 billion worth of Brazilian oil tankers. He has provided eye surgery for poor Mexicans and home-heating oil for poor Americans.

On the surface, some of these ventures may appear to be a good use of Venezuela's oil wealth, but even his supporters wonder why he isn't fixing problems at home first.

It's hard not to conclude that Chavez's main aim is to raise his own profile and strengthen his influence. We fear, and so do others, that Chavez's oil money is being used to grease the export of his eccentric and anachronistic socialist ideas.

Oil wealth is something Canadians understand. Alberta has the tar sands, but unlike Chavez the Alberta government is building up its infrastructure and taking care of its citizens.

Canada sees its natural resources as a means to improve the quality of life of Canadians, not as an instrument to destabilize and interfere in other countries.

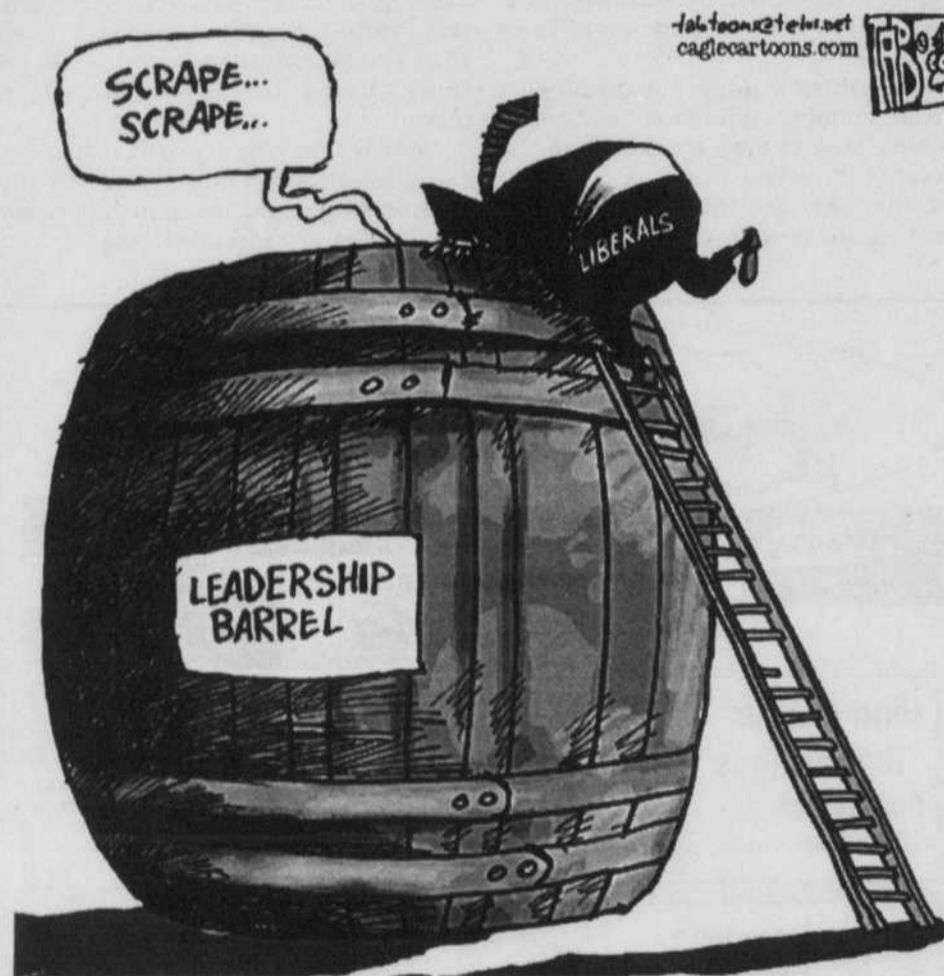
In this, Venezuela is more like the oil-rich countries of the Middle East. Chavez has provided unofficial refuge to FARC, whose members, specialists in drug smuggling and kidnapping, have been terrorizing people in neighbouring Colombia.

Chavez's meddling in Mexican politics has damaged diplomatic relations with Vicente Fox's government. Chavez has sought advice on nuclear technology from Iran and has bought military helicopters from Russia.

Finally, he has sought out a strategic alliance with his aging mentor, Cuba's Fidel Castro, who presumably is thrilled to have his revolutionary ideas bankrolled by enormous oil resources. Chavez has learned from Castro the art of jailing political opponents.

The political direction in many Latin American countries is still unclear, but in Venezuela we know what we see — an old-school demagogue.

—CanWest News



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Help available for former Santana employees

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with sadness that we note the recent closure of Santana, footwear manufacturer and former employer of well over 150 people from the Sherbrooke area.

Fortunately, the spring months tend to offer strong employment prospects in the Estrie region. Job Links offers free employment support services to the English-speaking community and we welcome any former Santana employee who may like some help in their job search process.

In addition to support for resume writing, cover letters and interviewing techniques, guidance and career counselling is available along with a variety of other support services.

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Sincerely,

NANCY BEATTIE

Employment counsellor, Job Links

#### Daffodil Day a success

DEAR EDITOR,

To everyone who purchased a bouquet of daffodils we want to express our sincere gratitude. Daffodil Day, March 30, was such a success! Flower sales totaled \$20,160 — an increase of \$2,445 over last year.

Funds raised help to fund cancer research and support people living with cancer. The daffodil represents hope and renewal for the many thousands who have been touched by cancer.

This successful campaign which encompassed Birchtown, Bury, Earlstown, Hatley, Huntingville, Lennoxville, Milby and North Hatley would not be possible without the support, time and dedication of the drivers, canvassers, distributors and any other volunteers who have helped with this worthy cause.

Thank you everyone.

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# Discovering a Malibu treasure, Part II

In last week's column I was about to reveal the pith and substance of our exciting discovery in Malibu, only I ran out of space.

As you may have guessed, Part I was little more than a disguised technique to build up your interest and at the same time, let you know more about how we spent our week in the little town of 13,000, better known as the paradise for movie stars.

Our discovery actually begins on a Sunday morning when we were standing on the sidewalk next to the private entrance to the exclusive Malibu Colony gated community. While I was gazing at a mansion that looked more like a castle perched high up in the Santa Monica coastal mountains, I noticed a gentleman in his fifties walking briskly in our direction and decided to ask him if he knew who owned the property.

The fact that the castle was such a contrast with the more common Spanish Mediterranean architectural style made it stand out like a sore thumb. To make a long story short, it turned out he was a business man from New York who had moved to Malibu and who had earned his Masters in psychology at McGill University.

After patiently and graciously answering our questions he confessed that it was his first time he ever spoke to strangers on a Malibu street. Before continuing our ride he insisted that we visit the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area which he explained was the world's largest urban national park.

As he swept his hand across Malibu's entire coastal mountain range, he suggested we take a drive into the region. We thanked him for his advice knowing very well that we weren't about to disconnect our motorhome to visit the region and continued our bicycle ride to the Malibu Lagoon State Beach.

Once we passed the entrance, we noticed a sign referring to a weekend shuttle bus linking a series of state parks with names such as Backbone

trail, Corral Canyon, Malibu Creek, Paramount Ranch and Peter Strauss.

Alongside was a large map showing the rectangular shaped bus route which covered part of the region previously mentioned by the Malibu businessman. As a further coincidence, a uniformed park employee then explained to us that if we wanted to stay on the bus for the entire two-hour circle not only could we take our bikes for the modest amount of \$1 each, we would see a slice of the 150,060-acre Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area that was truly a world of its own. As you can well imagine, we were on the next bus.

And what a ride it was! If we thought we were impressed by the Malibu's rugged coastal mountains our reaction paled in comparison with what we were about to see. It would be no exaggeration to say that from the air-conditioned comfort of our powerful 20-passenger bus, the panoramic views of the mountains and canyons were absolutely stunning.

Within minutes from the Pacific coast we were treated to a diverse landscape that included everything from steep rocky canyons, grassy rolling hills, verdant valleys, dense chaparral (meaning place of the scrub oak) and flowing sycamore-shaded creeks.

Throughout it all were beautiful state parks, clusters of houses and some of the tallest mountain peaks we had seen since we drove to Alpine from Arizona.

I subsequently learned that the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area contains six cities, one town, and numerous small communities, one reason being the dozens of highways and freeways that snake through the region.

I wouldn't recommend our bus ride for the faint of heart. While the paved roads were excellent, many of the hills were subject to sharp elevations and re-



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mained as such for miles. Time and time again we drove around treacherous cliffs without shoulders, guard rails or walls, through narrow tunnels and around sharp turns and often at a speed which scared the daylights out of me.

While instinctively tightening my seat belt, I dreaded to think what could happen in the event a blowout, collision or worse, if our driver suffered a heart attack.

As much as pedaling around Malibu offers an ideal way of sightseeing and navigating the many streets we had no intention of tackling the bus route on our bikes. Good physical condition or not we would have spent most of our time walking while pushing our bikes up the steep grades.

It didn't take us long to realize why the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area receives over a half million visitors per year and it isn't just a

question of jaw-dropping views.

An elderly lady passenger confirmed what we could see with our own eyes, namely that a huge part of the wilderness acres was ideal for hiking and backpacking.

With much enthusiasm she told us that from personal experience the area contained a multitude of trails, from easy walking paths to strenuous challenging climbs for experienced backpackers. Aside hiking, she added, the other popular activities included camping, fishing, horseback riding and wildlife viewing.

Even though we are no longer in Malibu, we haven't forgotten how lucky we were. Had we not met the businessman from New York or decided to stop off at the Lagoon State Beach we would have left Malibu no wiser to the fact that against the backdrop of the spectacular coastline was another treasure, no less valuable.

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# Our School's Page

## LENNOXVILLE ELEMENTARY

### BETTY LOGAN WALK-A-THON

On March 21, the students of LES spent the entire morning of their religious project day doing a walk-a-thon to benefit patients in the oncology department at the CHUS hospital in Fleurimont.

Each student walked a long five-kilometres loop around various streets and made an effort to honour a teacher that has been supportive of the school for many years, Betty Logan.

She played a major role in the entire community for children who had her as a kind supply teacher to others, who knew her from the past as a wonderful confidant and friend. Throughout the day, community members, retired teachers, and the entire body of students walked with pride, as they knew they were accomplishing something big.

Each time the students and community members passed a certain booth, their cards, which stated the organization they were doing the walk-a-thon for, were punched. They meandered around time after time and every one of the walkers put in a tremendous effort to do their best.

People were able to talk amongst each other and when the day was concluded, everyone had given smiles to the walk, which made it not only a successful walk, but also a happy one at that, where everyone went out of their way to have great time.

I know that most of the students will remember this day for their entire life, as a day full of promise, hope, and fantastic memories. The sights, smells, and sounds observed during that walk took on a unique significance that day to everyone.

After all, they weren't walking for enjoyment or relaxation, fortune or fame, but for all those people suffering from cancer today and the forever wounds it causes family and friends.

On behalf of the school, special thanks goes to Mrs. Monty, her Grade 5 class, and every student and volunteer that played an enormous role in the success and organization of this event. It was a great opportunity to learn and discover that we can accomplish great things if we reach out not only as individual, but also as a community — a wonderful community!!!

—By Leah Davidson

### MEDALS

LES boys won gold medals at the Jeux du Québec games held at Le Triolet High School in Sherbrooke on Sunday, Feb. 24. They were coached by Mike Hickey to a successful gold medal finish after playing three games.

As well, the LES girls won a silver medal after playing three games under the coaching of C. Murphy and C. Clark. Congratulations to all players and coaches!

LES is proud of your skillful playing and sportsmanship!

### WINTER FESTIVITIES

If you drove up Academy Street on Tuesday, Feb. 21, you would probably have seen and heard over 100 kids laughing on sleigh rides, sliding on flying saucers, and playing active outdoor games. That was because all 365 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 were participating in a creative tradition that is celebrated greatly at LES — the winter carnival activity day.

Every year, students spend several hours visiting specially selected indoor and outdoor carnival stations and have a wonderful time. This year was no different.

All morning, the Grade 6 leaders led around the Snowflakes and Snowballs (grades K-3) to student-run activities like twister, the obstacle course, and tug-of-war.

The excited older students got their chance to act like mini-teachers and teach younger grades how to enjoy each activity properly. Although it was challenging at times, the Grade 6s managed to find it a productive learning experience and did a magnificent job!

In the afternoon, it was the Icicles' (Grades 4-6) turn to have a great time and take a break from their heavy workload in the morning with marvelous teacher-run centres. They too were a lot of fun and the students seemed eager and enthusiastic to partake in them.

All in all, the day ran very smoothly and all the children went home with terrific memories of yet another fantastic carnival. It wouldn't be possible, though, without the constant help of Debbie Pellerin, the Blake family, and all the other students and staff, who gave up their time to make this day an extreme success!

On behalf of the school, we'd like to personally thank you for your dedication and hope you join us next year for another awesome day of winter festivities.

—By Leah Davidson



# Canada does grate at world cheese-off

By Charles Mandel

Don't blame Mario Pelosi if he feels like a big cheese. The cheese maker with Toronto's International Cheese Co. Ltd. was one of five Canadians to walk away with a gold medal at the recent World Cheese Championship in Wisconsin.

"What makes a great cheese maker? It's got to be in your heart," Pelosi said Tuesday. "You have to have passion for it."

Pelosi's ricotta cheese narrowly won best of class, beating a California ricotta with a score of 98.60 to 98.55. That's all Pelosi, who's been in the cheese business since age 12, needed, in order to win his glass-encased gold medal.

In Wisconsin, judges sniffed and nibbled their way through 1,795 entries from 19 countries, according to marks based on appearance, smell, feel and taste.

Americans dominated the competition with 27 gold medals in the 47 categories, while the Dutch came second with six golds. Canada, which produces some 366,000 tonnes of cheese annually, placed third overall.

"This is the granddaddy of contests," said John Umhoefer, executive director of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, sponsor of the competition. "It's the oldest, the largest. To win here inside the industry is quite prestigious."

Umhoefer said Canada has a good reputation for cheddars and that Quebec's specialty industry is well regarded, but even with 152 entries this year the Canuck contingent could only pull off the five golds.

Competition is stiff, according to Umhoefer, who said the Swiss dominate the Emmentaler category, for example, while the U.S. excels at particular American styles of cheese.

"It's difficult to win a medal at this competition." That's all the more reason Pelosi should be pleased. The 41-year-old handcrafts his cheese at his 16-person company.

"You have to be willing to go the extra step, not just an assembly line type of thing. I'm an owner, but I'm hands-on. If you were to come visit us, I'm in the back slugging away."

In some ways, the victory was sweet revenge for Pelosi, who entered the competition once before — eight years ago. That time things didn't work out so well.

"I had made a specific cheese, a romano," Pelosi recalled. "I babied it. When you ship something, you make sure it's nice, clean, presentable. It was beautiful."

But when the score cards came in, the judges took off a point-and-a-half, claiming that Pelosi's romano had a speck of mould on it. Pelosi said the mould wasn't present when he shipped the cheese wrapped in newspapers in its Styrofoam cooler.

The mark made the difference between becoming a world champion and not placing.

"I didn't think nothing of it," Pelosi said. "I was a little bit upset and I didn't enter for several years."

Pelosi's artisanal approach to cheese was unusual among the Canadian medal winners in Wisconsin. Corporate giants Saputo and Agropur picked up the medals for mozzarella and cheddar extra sharp respectively.

Saputo has 8,500 employees in Canada, the United States and Argentina, while Agropur announced in February that its sales surpassed \$2 billion. But Manon Goudereault, a Saputo spokeswoman, said the corporation emphasizes craftsmanship.

"We still have some specialists in cheese and they are teaching the youngest people to make sure we produce the same high-quality cheeses."

—For CanWest News Service

## BOXES:

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their victims, while the cheques could be cashed by a simple forged signature. Just how much the suspects benefited from the thefts is not yet known.

"We believe the arrest will allow us to close about 80 files," said Lt. Richard Burcombe of the Sûreté du Québec.

Those files were opened for each person who had their mail stolen over the last month.

Over the last several weeks the mail thieves struck dozens of times, prying open mailboxes across Brome-Missisquoi. The thieves opened mailboxes in apartment blocks in Cowansville, and hit community mailboxes in a number of towns including Cowansville, Brome Lake, Sutton and Mansonville.

They even went so far as to raid postal boxes at the Knowlton and Mansonville post offices. The majority of the thefts happened late at night.

Saturday morning SQ patrollers were called to an apartment block in Cowansville by a person reporting they were watching a theft in progress. The thieves, a man breaking open post boxes and a woman waiting in a nearby car, saw the caller and fled.

The SQ, which was already suspicious of Lemaire and Deslongchamps, went to their apartment on Brown St. in Cowansville where Lemaire and Deslongchamps were arrested.

Lemaire was released on a promise to appear in court again on May 11. Deslongchamps will remain in custody until Thursday, at which time she will return to court for a bail hearing.

Other arrests and other charges in connection with the postal thefts may be added in the coming days.

## BRIEFS

### School bus fender-bender

Nine Magog children were taken to hospital Monday morning when the school bus they were on was rear-ended by a person driving a Jeep Cherokee. The children were released with no injuries.

Memphremagog police believe the driver of the Cherokee wasn't paying attention and missed the bus's flashing lights and stop sign.

The bus was stopped close to the Canadian Tire store on Sherbrooke Street in Magog, picking up students on its morning route.

### Correction

The information accompanying a photo in The Record (April 11, Page 5) mistakenly noted that a baby Albino whitetail deer had been seen in the Richmond area, the animal had in fact been seen in Texas. The Record regrets the error.

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# More dads helping to look after kids

By Karen van Kampen

With an arm grasping his 14-month-old daughter, Grace, Ryan Luhnning sauntered into a room full of photographers.

The Calgary actor was dressed up as a pirate to promote the play *Treasure Island*. When it was time for his sword fight, the first-time dad handed Grace to the costume designer and the little girl took her lunch in the green room.

Then there was the time Ryan was acting in a show and his wife Carolyn's public relations company was putting on a media call for Calgary's Ground Zero Theatre, where Ryan is artistic director.

Carolyn couldn't get a babysitter, so she laid out Grace's blanket in the lobby, set up her portable DVD player and handed the little girl a cookie. Carolyn raced into the next room, set up the scene for the TV cameras and ran back to her daughter to find her happily munching.

When Carolyn has to juggle her roles as mother and business owner, "I make no apologies for it," says the 34-year-old.

"It's a reality of the situation," adds Ryan, 33.

Ryan and Carolyn are among a growing number of parents who share equal responsibility for child care. This type of tag-team child rearing is gradually redefining the parameters of parenthood.

According to a 2004 report from the Vanier Institute of the Family, the amount of time women and men spend on parenting is undergoing a period of convergence, with women doing less than they have in the past and men doing more. (However, women still take on the bulk of child care — an average of 6.1 hours a week compared to 3.9 spent by fathers.)

The reason for the change has been the huge increase in the number of women in the workforce. In 1976, less than half of married women were working outside the home; by 1998, 77 per cent were.

That has led to the rising numbers of Canadian fathers who claimed or planned to claim paid parental benefits — 10 per cent in 2001, up from three per cent in 2000, according to a 2003 article in the Statistics Canada publication *Canadian Social Trends*.

And about one in 10 fathers take a formal leave from work to stay home and care for their newborn, according to Statistics Canada.

A 2000 study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development found fathers were more involved in child care if they worked fewer hours than their spouse, were younger than other fathers and if they had high self-esteem. The study also found men spent more time caregiving to sons than daughters.

And Statistics Canada's 1999 General Social Survey on Time Use reports 42



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Ryan and Carolyn Luhnning take equal responsibility for caring for daughter Grace. "I want to develop a relationship with my daughter," says Ryan, 33.

per cent of mothers and 55 per cent of fathers said the one activity they would spend more time on if they could would be "more time with family and friends."

Take 38-year-old Greg Steinraths. In the summer of 2005, six months after his son, Caleb, was born, Greg changed places with his wife, Kelly, taking a six-month paternity leave.

A couple of guys at Greg's strategic planning office had already taken a paternity leave, and told him how great it was. His employer was also supportive.

"I thought, what a great opportunity. Let's share this," he says. It was a chance for Greg to bond with his son, and, he says, "It was a riot."

During her six-month maternity leave, Kelly developed a routine for Caleb, getting him used to a feeding and sleeping schedule. A lot of time was spent at the doctor's office for initial checkups and immunization.

Then the couple had a month when they were both home with their son. Greg learned the schedule while Kelly tried to wean herself off her role as primary caregiver.

"This was very hard for me," says

Kelly. It was, in fact, much harder than she had initially imagined, even though she knew her husband was looking after Caleb.

Caleb made Greg's job easy. By three months, the little boy was sleeping through the night. When Greg took over, he was sleeping from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. During those six months, Caleb was up fewer than 10 times during the night.

Every morning, Greg would plunk Caleb into his stroller and go for a long jog. Back at the house, Caleb would have a nap while Greg tidied up.

After lunch, the guys would have a good play. Once a week, they would head downtown to meet Kelly for lunch.

In the afternoon, they'd go for a one-hour walk with the two dogs. If he wanted to do some errands on his own, Greg would take Caleb to either set of grandparents, who both live five minutes away.

Greg continued Caleb's music class, and most of the time, he was the only dad in the room. More dads showed up to the library reading class, says Greg, maybe because it was on Friday.

Ryan can also relate to being the only dad in the room. During "mom and tot" classes, mothers ask him, "Where's your wife?" To which Ryan replies, "I am the wife today."

But this doesn't bother him. When he thinks of guys who are hands-off when it comes to raising their children, Ryan wants to tell them, "You're totally missing out on great things."

If he does see another dad with his child, Ryan says a knowing look passes between the men, as if they're thinking, "We're with our kids today. Good for us. That's pretty cool."

For a while, there was another dad who came to Ryan and Grace's *Gymboree* class, and sometimes there are other dads at the play area in a nearby shopping mall. But they're usually not as hands-on as Ryan, who's right in there with his daughter, "climbing and crawling around on the floor," he says.

Ryan's decision to share child care isn't about balancing the books. "I want to develop a relationship with my daughter," he says. "I want to see her every day."

—CanWest News Service

# Work-family-personal balance benefits all in office

By Jennifer Newman and Darryl Grigg

In today's workforce, juggling family and work demands is no longer the sole responsibility of the employee.

With shifting demographics in the workplace (most notably, that the number of women and men in the workforce are nearly equal), the corporation that wishes to succeed now has to get involved.

According to U.S. psychologist Diane Halpern at Claremont McKenna College, 66 per cent of married women with a child under two now work outside the home, compared to a generation ago, when just 18 per cent of mothers with children under one year were employed.

Women are catching up and surpassing men in many so-called traditionally male occupations. Halpern observes in her report, published in the American Psychologist, that women today are more likely to be formally educated and hold managerial jobs than men.

More women are obtaining university degrees in professions such as law and medicine, once considered exclusively male preserves. Women comprise half the medical and law school grads and 78 per cent of veterinary-school graduates in the U.S. Women are obtaining 63 per cent of all doctorates in health sciences and 44 per cent of all doctorates in biological and life sciences.

So, what happens when these bright, educated, competent young women want to have families? The baby boomers will be retiring or cutting back (by 2010, 20 per cent of all workers in the U.S. will be 60 or older). Meanwhile, employers have become increasingly dependent on these capable young women's skills. If the organization is stuck in the past and considers family-friendly work environments a frill or responsibility of the worker, it will flounder.

Smart companies will adapt and bring in programs and policies that highlight work-family-personal balance. And the successful ones will have to blend work and family demands seamlessly to retain and attract highly skilled female talent.

Men, too, may demand more from companies in this regard. However, experience shows women take on the majority of the child-rearing functions and will want support to carry out their dual roles.

This will be of benefit to the workplace and society as a whole. Research shows children are not harmed by having two working parents. In fact, a lack of financial well-being is more harmful to children than living in a home where both parents work.

Research indicates a child whose mother works outside the home will demonstrate greater academic achievement and fewer behavioural problems such as smoking, early sexual intercourse, alcohol and marijuana use and

risky behaviours in general.

Fathers of children growing up in dual-income homes do more housework and are more involved at home than their fathers were. Children with involved fathers experience less likelihood of smoking cigarettes and drug and alcohol use. They tend not to drop out of school, show better school attendance and less risky behaviour, have higher college aspirations and are more likely to grow into compassionate adults.

But is it really the employer's job to help parents raise the next generation? Some may well ask why companies should be responsible for staff's procreative choices.

The answer is they can't afford not to be involved if they wish to attract and retain staff and cut costs. For example, Halpern estimates that unscheduled absences of one to five days cost employers approximately four per cent of their payroll per year. This works out to \$1,760 per employee earning \$40,000 per year. Payroll costs are exacerbated by reductions in production and decreased customer service due to sudden absences.

Since these absences are usually due to breakdowns in child-care arrangements, staying home with sick kids or a crisis with elderly parents, creating flexible work policies, work-from-home programs and the like could result in savings to the employer. Even if these costs are reduced by one-fourth, that means a \$440 savings per year per employee.

Halpern notes that when companies give employees time off to care for sick family members or provide staff with the ability to choose when to start and stop their workdays, fewer workdays are missed and staff put in a full day. They are more loyal and committed to the employer. They work harder for the organization, especially when meeting deadlines. They show fewer signs of stress and are more satisfied at work.

Organizations serious about partnering with staff who care for children and elderly parents will become increasingly creative. They will try to help staff get everything done, at work and at home.

This will mean not only instituting flex-time and other family-friendly programs, but bringing in a new approach to team work and redefining personal time versus work time. Although not every company will have the resources, organizations could consider bringing in laundry services, housekeeping and car washing as well as grocery shopping or meal services to help overloaded parents and caregivers. Company daycares or after-school programs, on-site nursing and tutors may be the answer to working-family demands.

The world of work and home will become amalgamated in the future and the separation between the two spheres will probably become a thing of the

past. And companies employing the next generation can hardly afford to

stay stuck in the past.

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## BCS' shines at final high school swim meet

### Crusaders eye berths in provincial championships

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Bishop's College School swim team continued to dominate at high school competitions as it picked up a total of 18 medals at the Sport Scholaire swim meet finals held last Saturday at the University of Sherbrooke pool complex.

While Saturday's event was the last meet of the season, the local swimming organization will now select an Eastern Townships team that will represent the area at the provincial championships that will be held April 22-23 at the U of S pool.

The Crusaders were at a disadvantage at the start of the event because meet rules only permit a maximum of four individual events for each swimmer. That meant the club's six swimmers were registered in 20 races but they still came away with 13 gold medals, three silver and two bronze.

Jennifer Harding and Laura Logan-Chesney led the way with four gold medals apiece in their respective age categories. Harding came in first in the bantam girls category in the 100m backstroke, the 50m backstroke, the 100m intermediate medley and the 50m fly.

Logan-Chesney was equally proficient in the junior girls category with gold medal performances in the 200m individual medley, the 100m individual medley, 100m breaststroke and the 50m breaststroke.

Ryan Rodriguez took home three gold medals in the 200m individual medley, 100m individual medley and 200m freestyle and a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke.

Sarah Mastilar captured two gold medals in the 200m individual medley and 100m freestyle and silver medals in the 100m backstroke and the 50m backstroke in the senior girls division.

Marie-Pier Bertrand added to the medal count with a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke in the junior girls and 10-year-old Ryan Harding won a bronze medal in the 100m individual medley in the bantam boys category.

Harding is a student at Lennoxville Elementary School but swam for BCS in this one meet.

"The five swimmers from BCS and Ryan were bril-



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The BCS swim team (left to right): Marie-Pier Bertrand, Ryan Harding, Ryan Rodriguez, Sarah Mastilar, Laura Chesney-Logan and Jennifer Harding.

liant on Saturday night," BCS swim coach Lynn Harding said Tuesday. "They knew what they had to do and just did it. I am very pleased with each and every one of them, and they deserve the recognition for their perseverance and hard work."

The swimmers for the provincial championships are selected by a point system that is cumulative over the entire season. The top overall times in each event are given points five through one with five points awarded to first place.

The top 10 athletes in each age category are then selected for the regional team and each swimmer will be permitted a maximum of four individual events or the combination of three individual events and two relays at the provincial meet.

The provincials are open to developmental and Provincial Level-1 swimmers. A Developmental swim-

mer is one that trains 2 to 5 hours a week, and is usually a beginner swimmer while a P-1 swimmer is one that is usually at least 11 years old and has earned qualifying times in certain events.

P-2 swimmers are Quebec's top athletes and include swimmers that compete out of province and at national and international meets.

According to coach Harding, each BCS swimmer has a chance of representing the Eastern Townships Team, with the exception of Jennifer Harding who is classified as a Provincial Level 2 Swimmer.

The high schools adopted the ruling banning P-2 swimmers a few years ago to encourage grass-root swimming.

Over the years, the swimmers from the Eastern Townships have continually improved and are competitive against other regions.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

**Big bucks elude Fleury**

Early this season, the absence of Marc-André Fleury in the Pittsburgh Penguins' lineup was blamed on his incentive-laden contract.

The Pens' accountants needn't have worried. Most of those bonus bubbles have burst.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports that the native of Sorel, will earn about a quarter of his possible bonus money – or \$760,000 US out of \$3.04 million.

Fleury will probably get a bonus of \$380,000 for playing more than 1,800 minutes, and an identical payment for his save percentage (89.6 per cent). But he didn't rank among the NHL's top 10 goalies, earn 20 wins or post four shutouts, other benchmarks in the contract.

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**Fears may ground O'Neill**

After 10 NHL seasons, Jeff O'Neill is seriously contemplating retirement. The former 40-goal scorer with Carolina has had a miserable season in Toronto; he's been a healthy scratch five times and went 12 straight games with out a goal in mid-season. The death of his brother Don last summer hasn't helped matters.

And then there's the biggest problem – his fear of flying. If airplane travel is terrifying for O'Neill, then flying over water is impossible for the Richmond Hill, Ont., native – so much so that he's never been able to represent Canada at the annual world championship.

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**Japan's Kanemoto new iron man**

Japanese "iron man" Tomoaki Kanemoto played his 904th consecutive game on Sunday to set an unofficial world record in baseball for durability. The 38-year-old Hanshin Tigers outfielder eclipsed Cal Ripken Jr.'s Major League Baseball record of 903 games without missing an inning. Kanemoto's streak began in July 1999 while he was with the Hiroshima Carp.

Former Baltimore Oriole Ripken appeared in a record 2,632 consecutive games, regardless of innings played, between 1982 and 1998.

Kanemoto broke the old Japanese mark of 700 straight games held by Tigers infielder Hideshi Miyake in August 2004.

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**Eto'o subjected to racist chants**

Barcelona's Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o was subjected to racist abuse from Racing Santander fans during their Primera Liga match on Sunday.

Eto'o was subjected to further abuse as the game continued. He had acted angrily in his goal celebration running to the touchline and kicking the corner flag.

In February, Eto'o tried to leave the pitch after being racially abused by Real Zaragoza fans.

The three-time African Player of the Year was convinced to complete the game, but Zaragoza were fined 9,000 euros (\$12,505 Cdn) by the Spanish Football Federation.

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CFL FOOTBALL

**Bonuses, contract issues  
dog Renegades  
dispersal draft**

By Matthew Sekeres

Say this about the Canadian Football League: If its dispersal-draft response was akin to its franchise-saving response, the Ottawa Renegades would be playing football this year.

Instead, the names of 51 former Renegades will be examined by the league's eight remaining teams Wednesday, a gut-wrenching exercise for the players and for Ottawa fans.

The draft will last until teams stop making selections. All players not selected become free agents.

The rest is not so tidy.

Teams selecting players who have already received bonus money will have to repay those bonuses to former Renegades owner Bernie Gieberman, who is refunding season-ticket money and paying coaches' severance.

The draft announcement came less than 24 hours after the CFL and its teams decided not to fund the Renegades through 2006, collapsing the franchise indefinitely. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats own the first pick, but this is no ordinary draft, meaning quarterback Kerry Joseph and wide receiver Jason Armstead are not necessarily the top two picks.

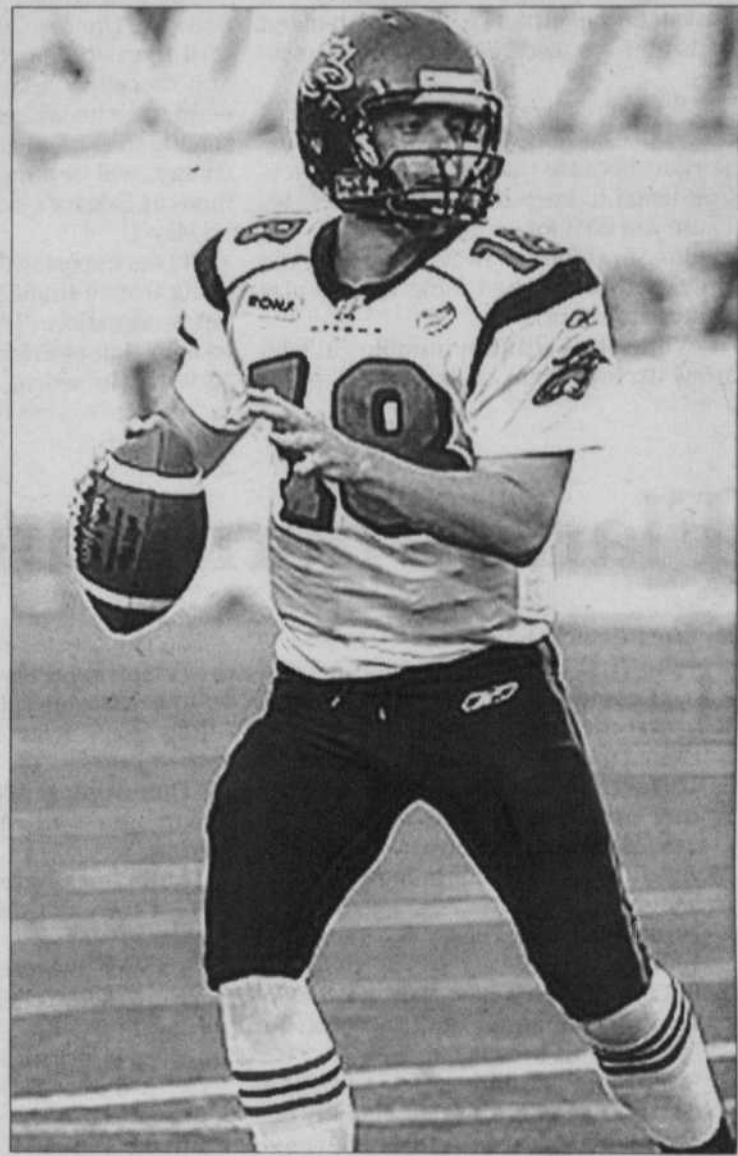
There are financial factors to selecting Joseph that may prevent the Ticats from drafting him and then trading the quarterback to another club. Armstead is the best bargain, at \$95,000, but he also renegotiated a richer contract this past winter, though he might be surprised to learn it was not registered with the league.

Specifically, whoever selects Joseph will also pick up a \$75,000 tab in the next week, and \$125,000 more during the next four months. Joseph is due a \$25,000 roster bonus on Saturday, and the drafting team will also be forced to repay \$50,000 in bonus money.

All told, Joseph is due \$350,000 this season, which is franchise-quarterback money, so expect him to land with either the Winnipeg Blue Bombers or Saskatchewan Roughriders, who hold the second and third picks.

"I wouldn't want to be in a situation where there is clearly a committed quarterback," Joseph said Monday. "I know Hamilton is committed to Jason Maas, so I know it will either be Winnipeg or Saskatchewan."

"In Saskatchewan, I am very familiar with the offensive co-ordinator (former Renegades assistant Tommy Condell), and Winnipeg is a team I consider on the rise. I'm more familiar with the Saskatchewan system, but, if it is Winnipeg, hey, that is professional sports."



OTTAWA RENEGADES

Renegades quarterback Kerry Joseph will be an expensive selection for the team that picks him up in the dispersal draft.

The list of available Renegades includes 45 players from the existing roster and six players whose CFL rights remain with Ottawa. The latter group includes defensive lineman Israel Idonije, an intriguing Manitoba prospect who plays for the National Football League's Chicago Bears.

Only players with contracts approved by the league are available for selection. That list does not include veteran offensive linemen Sandy Annunziata and Chris Burns, both of whom believed they were under contract. Armstead and others players might be under the impression that deals negotiated this winter had taken effect.

On Monday, some players and agents were informed CFL commissioner Tom Wright had recently used special authority to spike those contracts. As expected, the news prompted angry responses, including one from powerful player

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## UNIVERSITY SPORT

# Small-town hoops phenom among student-athlete award finalists

By Lauren MacGillivray

If she wanted, Sarah Crooks could form an entire basketball team made up of her siblings.

The 22-year-old University of Saskatchewan athlete is the fourth-oldest of 12 and has seven brothers and four sisters.

"You were always taking a back seat," she said. "Nothing you did was overly important because there's 12 others of you. You learn to keep things to yourself because you do it for yourself."

But Sarah broke away, becoming the only member of the Crooks clan to play university hoops.

While she's still the humble gal who grew up on a farm in Fife Lake, Sask. —

population 38 — she's being thrust into the limelight as a Female Athlete of the Year nominee for the 14th annual Borden Ladner Gervais Awards.

The four female and four male nominees for the top 2005-06 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) athletes were announced Monday in Calgary. The two winners, who will each pocket a \$10,000 scholarship to encourage post-graduate studies, will be announced during a ceremony at Calgary's Jack Singer Concert Hall on May 1.

"It's so important to me, especially with being from a small town," Crooks said of her nomination. "It's like putting myself back in that position, like being in Grade 12 with the world in front of you and

pushing yourself in any direction and seeing where you can go."

The six-foot-two post led the Huskies to their first ever Canada West title and first CIS championship berth since 1982. She was named conference and CIS women's basketball player of the year and conference defensive player of the year, and made CIS first-team all-Canadian.

Meanwhile, Trinity Western University volleyball player Chris Meehan is the male nominee for Canada West.

The fifth-year, six-foot-seven middle/right side will graduate from the business program as the most decorated student athlete in Trinity history. This season he led the Spartans to their first ever CIS title and earned CIS first-team

all-Canadian and CIS championship MVP. He led CIS in blocks per game (1.33) and total blocks (73).

"It's an absolute honour to be considered for this award," said the 22-year-old from Clearwater, B.C. "I think any time you recognize that level of athletics and combine it with things like leadership and academics as well, it's a real honour to be recognized as a whole person."

Other female nominees are: Kate Allgod, Brock, hockey; Marylene Laplante, Laval, volleyball; Janice Ashworth, Dalhousie, cross-country. The other male finalists are: Osvaldo Jeanty, Carleton, basketball; Mathieu Poitras, McGill, hockey; Daniel Monid, N.B., swimming.

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## NHL

# Flames nominate Yelle for Masterton Trophy

By Scott Cruickshank

The first morning Stephane Yelle showed up for work, he had 16 stitches over his left eye and a built-in fan club in the dressing room.

This was back in October 2002, shortly after the Calgary Flames had shuttled Derek Morris, Jeff Shantz and Dean McAmmond to the Colorado Avalanche in exchange for Chris Drury and Yelle. Drury, everyone knew.

Yelle, less so.

But that day, his new National Hockey League colleagues couldn't wait to weigh in on his behalf.

"Stephane is a bigger factor in the trade (than people think), especially because he's a great penalty-killer, because he's great on faceoffs. He's hard to play against," Craig Conroy said at the time. "Everyone's talking about Chris Drury — obviously, an unbelievable player — but Stephane Yelle is definitely going to make this team better, too."

Since then, the Flames personnel has changed drastically.

Yet, the respect remains for Yelle, who, Monday, became the Calgary Flames nominee for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, which goes to the NHL player "who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey."

"He exemplifies the lunch-pail, 9 to 5, punch-in and punch-out, type of guy," said Darren McCarty. "He's going to get overlooked for individual awards ... but we know how valuable he is in here. He's the guy, if you're in war, who's going to throw himself on the grenade and not think twice about it."

For the Masterton, each chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association selects one player. The reporters, voting again, select a from the 30 nominees in June.

"The ultimate team player," captain Jarome Iginla called Yelle. "He's very deserving."

The Flames have produced two victors — Lanny McDonald (1983) and Gary Roberts (1996).

"It's nice to be recognized for things like that," said Yelle. "Hockey's been my life ... for my whole life. I've put a lot of time and effort into it."

In 70 dates, Yelle has produced 18 points.

But he's plus-11 — only Marcus Nilson's rating, plus-13, is better — with 95 hits and a team-high 557 faceoff wins. And, of course, there are those 53 blocked shots, all, seemingly, off the kneecap or ankle.

"The guys in this room appreciate what he does out there," said Robyn Regehr. "He does get a little recognition outside of this room, but a player in his position? That's just the way it is. They usually fly under the radar."

Usually — but not always.

When Yelle returned from an early-season ankle injury — yes, he'd been felled by a blocked shot — and happily chucked his carcass in front of the first slapper he saw, the Saddledome faithful gave him a grateful earful.

Drafted 186th overall by the New Jersey Devils in 1992, Yelle completed his Ontario Hockey League career with a 104-point campaign for Oshawa in 1994. That summer, New Jersey and the Que-

bec Nordiques swapped 11th-round picks — and the Devils threw in Yelle.

Still a gunner, Yelle chalked up 33 points in 40 games for Cornwall of the American Hockey League.

"Then I got to Colorado where there was a lot of offensive skill," said Yelle. "We had two really offensive lines ... and there was a hole for me. I fell into it."

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agent Gil Scott.

"I was told by the league that (Wright) has executive power to decline any contract," said Scott, who represents two Ottawa players in limbo plus a who's who of CFL players and coaches. "The league needs to stand behind those contracts. Nobody informed me, the player, or, as far as I am concerned, the team."

"The fact that the team made the announcements on these signings was good enough for me. There is a right and wrong way to handle things, and, on this issue, the league needs to do the right thing."

Annunziata, a Scott client, is due \$20,000 on Saturday. Armstead is also due a bonus.

"Our legal counsel is aware that there are some issues with some of the contracts," CFL Players' Association president Stu Laird said. "We'll contact those players, get that information and forward that information to our legal counsel."

CFL spokeswoman Alexis Redmond said the league regularly communicated with clubs on contract matters, not with players and agents.

The status of player contracts is one of several issues the CFL community is grappling with in the aftermath of the Renegades' termination Sunday, and it looms as the most uncertain.

For the players, the dispersal draft will bring clarity, but not necessarily stability.

"There is uncertainty and frustration," Joseph said. "I know a lot of guys are wondering about their careers, where they will be playing football, or if they will be playing football."

Glieberman has committed to a \$200,000 severance package for the coaches, a rare step by an outgoing CFL owner. The money carries head coach John Jenkins and his six assistants until Aug. 31.

That had been a sensitive issue among CFL coaches, as former Toronto head coach Gary Etcheverry says he's still owed as much as \$300,000 from the Argonauts' operation that went bankrupt in 2003. That prompted Montreal Alouettes head coach Don Matthews to denounce the league at the 2004 Grey Cup and later pursue a coaches' association with his colleagues.

Glieberman also said a plan to refund roughly 2,000 Ottawa season-ticket holders about \$800,000 would be announced in seven to 10 days.

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Death

**CHARBY, Shirley** (1933 - 2006) - With very heavy hearts, our beloved and cherished mother peacefully passed away at La Providence Hospital in Magog on April 8, 2006 at the age of 72. She leaves to mourn her 10 children: Bev (Jean), Junior (Wanda), Ricky (Kim), Susie (Kelly), Dusty (Val), Terry (Connie), Candy (Brahim), Rossy (Paul), Lisa (Ronald), Jenny (Rick) (Ronald), 38 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren. Special thanks to Maurice for the lovely card and roses. To grant her last and final wishes, she will be cremated, no funeral service and no graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory to the Cancer Society, would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged by the family.



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Death



**ELLIOTT, Goldie** - Peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family and dearest friends on Saturday, April 8th, 2006 at La Maison Aube-Lumiere. Living in Sherbrooke. The family will receive condolences in presence of the ashes at Coopérative funéraire de l'Estrie (Galt), 1011 Galt St. West, Sherbrooke (Quebec) J1H 1Z9, Mr. Claude Roy, director, tel.: (819) 565-7646, fax: (819) 564-7138, e-mail: info@coopfuneraire.com. Visitation hours: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home on Galt Street. The ashes buried at Elmwood Cemetery. Goldie lived life to the fullest. She especially enjoyed her world travels, her exceptional garden, her volunteer work at the Argyll Hospital as well as the hours spent tutoring at the Sherbrooke Elementary School. She will be sadly missed by all whose lives she touched. Goldie Elliott, loving mother of Sheryl Rands (deceased), Christopher Ricken (Ginette Leroux), Elizabeth (Peter Fitzsimons), her brother and sister, Jean Tear (deceased) and Maurice Elliott (deceased). Cherished by her 13 grandchildren: Shawna, Charles (Ariel Spaulding), Isabelle (Christian Girard), Tracy (Chris Edwards), Eva (Cedric Gagnon), Elliott, Wayne, Vicky, Patricia, Crystal, Mira-Jayne, Elizabeth and Shannon. Proud great-grandmother to Dominic, Mathieu and Kaylee-Vie. As memorial tribute, donations to La Maison Aube-Lumière, 220, rue Kennedy Nord, Sherbrooke, QC, J1E 2E7 would be gratefully appreciated.

Death



**HODGE, Mary Frances** - Passed away peacefully at the Foyer Richmond on Sunday, April 9, 2006. Mary Frances Skerry in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Merrill Hodge, dear mother of Helen (James Sargent), Stephen (Valerie), Charles (Lucille) and the late Anthony; cherished grandmother of Stuart, Jennifer (Derek Young), Andrea, Melanie, Darren, Pamela and Christine; great-grandmother of Samantha and Katie Sargent and Kimber Young. Mary was also the sister of Gerald (Marie Berthe) and the late John Andrew and Kevin Skerry; sister-in-law of Doris (Kenneth Stevens), Jean (Marshall Hutt), Joyce (late Clifford Mastine), Viola (late Keith Hodge), Audrey (late Leslie Hodge) and late Fran and Kenneth Hodge. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Princielle St. S. Richmond, QC, Tel.: (819) 826-2502 / www.casshomes.ca on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 7 to 10 p.m. A funeral mass will be held in Ste-Bibiane Church, Richmond, QC on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. with Father Benoit Houde officiating. Interment in the Trenholm Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Quebec Parkinson Society, 402-1253 McGill College, Montreal, QC, H3B 9Z9 or to the charity of your choice, would greatly be appreciated by the family.

Death



**SPARKES, Bonnie** - Peacefully, at the I.U.G.S. Youville Pavillion, after a lengthy battle with M.S., on Monday, April 10, 2006 in her 50th year, Bonnie Susan Vintinner, beloved wife of John Sparkes and dear mother of Krista (Kevin Mackey) and Lori. She is survived by her sister and brother Sharon (Gary Barter) and Randy (Gerri Lasenba). She was the cherished daughter of the late Phil Vintinner and Elsie Gagné. She will be sadly missed by her father and mother-in-law Robert and Marian Sparkes as well as her brothers and sisters-in-law Clifford (Tracy), Donna (Gerry), Bruce (Chantal), Steven (Lyne), Trudy (Scott) and also by her aunts and uncles and many nieces and nephews. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere, Lennoxville 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca, where friends and family may visit on Wednesday, April 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, April 13 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Lennoxville United Church, with the Reverend James Potter officiating. Interment to follow in the Grace United Cemetery, Brookbury. As memorial tributes, donations to the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute Foundation Youville Pavillion, 1036 Belvedere St. South, Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 4C4 or to the M.S. Society of Quebec, Branch 2000, 4909 Magloire St., bureau #1, Rock Forest, QC, J1N 1M5, will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Brieflet

LENNOXVILLE

A ham and Turkey Bingo will be held at the ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

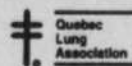
Graveside Service

**BARNES, Charles (Charlie)** 1911-2006: A graveside service of the cremated remains of the late Mr. Charles Barnes will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 2 p.m., Knowlton Protestant Cemetery, Knowlton, QC. Rev. Wilmur Davidson officiating. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Denis Meunier Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, QC. Tel. (450) 266-6061. Fax.: (450) 266-6057. E-Mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com. Robert Farnam, Funeral Director.

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 AND FAMILY

## Granby Young in Heart

The Granby Young in Heart met in the United Church Hall on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

President Eleanor Hope opened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. and welcomed 18 members.

Happy Birthday was sung to Eleanor Hope on the occasion of her March birthday.

There was one table of "Bridge" and the winners were 1st prize, June Sparling and 2nd prize, George Waugh.

There were two tables of "500" and the winners were 1st prize, June Sparling and 2nd prize George Waugh.

There were two tables of "500" and the winners were 1st prize, Frank Hope and 2nd prize, Real Babineau.

There were 6 members in the game room and the winners were, 1st prize, Mathilde Matthiesen and 2nd prize, Jan Van Doorn.

The meeting was followed by a light lunch with the table being decorated for St. Patrick's Day.

On Monday, March 20, 28 members enjoyed lunch at Erabliere Bernard.

Shuffle Board is played every Monday in the United Church Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Young in Heart will be held in the United Church Hall on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Margaret Turnbull

# A reason that makes the trip worthwhile

**Dear Annie:** My 60-year-old niece, "Louise," is being married for the first time. She lives out of state, and the whole shebang is being planned as if she were some 20-year-old blushing bride.

Louise always has been a loner. She's industrious and proper, but not particularly close to her family, although she's on good terms with them. However, I am disenchanted with the sparse attention she pays to her aged mother (my sister), who lives in the same town. Louise never goes out of her way for any of us. I have never seen the inside of her home, and she hasn't been in mine for many years, although when I visited her mother a while back, Louise did drive across town to spend a few minutes with me.

I feel friendly toward Louise, but not overly obligated. However, the entire clan expects me to attend the nuptials. I am in my 70s, divorced and in excellent health. However, I don't like the idea of a six-hour drive all by myself, and I hate large airports. There is no direct flight to the town where she will be married, and even if I were willing to fly there, I'd still have to rent a car and drive for a while.

Common sense tells me that a civil ceremony with a handful of people would have been more appropriate, but it's not my call to make. I don't want to offend anyone, but do you think sending a gift and card would suffice? — Aging Uncle

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Uncle:** While we think getting married for the first time at the age of 60 is a reason to celebrate, we understand why you don't want to make the trip. Is there anyone from your area who might be willing to travel with you? Are there family members you'd like to see who would be in attendance? If you can't find a reason that makes the trip worthwhile, sending a gift and card is perfectly fine.

**Dear Annie:** I am a veteran of two services. I served in the U.S. Army, saw combat, and when the Army discharged me in early '44, I got to thinking about all my friends still in the fight, so I decided to help them. I became a merchant seaman carrying the goods and supplies required by our troops.

To get to my problem, I see mentions of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and even the Coast Guard. Never do I see merchant marines mentioned in any columns, not even yours. I think it is high time we paid some respect to the 9,500 mariners who gave up their lives so that our troops could have the materiel they needed to fight. — Proud Merchant Seaman in Sun City, Calif.

**Dear Merchant Seaman:** The merchant marine delivers military supplies to our forces overseas, and our armed services could not manage without

them. In World War II, mariners suffered the highest percentage of casualties of all five branches of the armed services. We owe them a great deal.

**Dear Annie:** As president of the Well Spouse Association, I would like to respond to the letter from the 53-year-old man whose spouse had a stroke and is now totally paralyzed and in a nursing home. You referred readers to our organization.

The Well Spouse Association is a non-profit group for the support of people married to, or partners of, persons with chronic illness and/or disability. Our motto is, "When one is sick, two need help." My heart goes out to the gentleman who wrote in.

I would like to add that we do not act as a matchmaking service. I invite him and other well spouses to join the WSA and find people who are living through similar circumstances, and who will listen. — Richard Anderson, President, WSA

**Dear Richard Anderson:** Thank you for clarifying that. Again, those who are interested can contact the Well Spouse Association at [www.wellspouse.org](http://www.wellspouse.org) or call 1-800-838-0879.

Happy Passover to all our Jewish readers.

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

## Milby Women's Institute meeting

The April meeting of the Milby Women's Institute was held on April 6th at the home of Gloria Matheson. Winnona Kirby opened the meeting by thanking Gloria for hosting the meeting after which the Mary Stewart Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship were repeated. Roll call was answered by 7 members giving garden hints.

The Motto for April: If you ever wonder what the world is coming to, re-

member that your grandfather thought the same thing.

We were glad to welcome back Marina Evans, secretary who read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Marjorie Sutor read her report on the finances. Marina Evans read the correspondence which was a thank you from Marjorie White and an invitation from the town of Waterville for 2 members and their spouses or friends to attend a dinner for Volun-

teers. Mildred Cairns, Marjorie Sutor, Evelyn Sutor, and Winnona Kirby will attend.

For Agriculture and Environment, Meryl Nutbrown read some articles for Ruby Booth who was not feeling well and could not attend the meeting. One article was a report from the Q.F.A. Ayer's Cliff Branch and the highlight of their meeting was a talk by Karolyn Kirby who has been a 4-H member for a number of years. She ex-

plained the benefits of 4-H and showed pictures. The second article was about the bird flu found in several Asian and European countries but not yet in North America.

For Education and Personal Development, Evelyn Sutor mentioned Award's Night at Alexander Galt School. She mentioned that two different groups of students held garage sales to raise money for trips to Switzerland and Italy.

For Publicity, Meryl Nutbrown said that she has sent in the meeting reports to the Record and she thanked our local newspaper for its continued support. There was no report for Health and Community Living. Mildred Cairns read another ten years of Milby W.I. history, from 1951-1961. For Safety, Marina Evans reminded everyone of the dangers of smoking, especially in bed. She said that stairs and entrances should be kept free of articles to prevent mishaps.

It was moved by Meryl Nutbrown, that bills covering the cost of entertainment for the 75th Anniversary be paid. This was seconded by Mildred Cairns. Winnona Kirby thanked Gloria Matheson for calling everyone as usual. The meeting was adjourned by Winnona Kirby.

The mystery parcel was won by Meryl Nutbrown which was provided by Stella Matheson. A delicious lunch as served by Gloria and her daughter Stella.

Meryl Nutbrown

## Surprise 80th Birthday Party Invitation

The family of Ruby Booth would like to invite you to the Ives Hill Hall on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m.

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by Luis Campos

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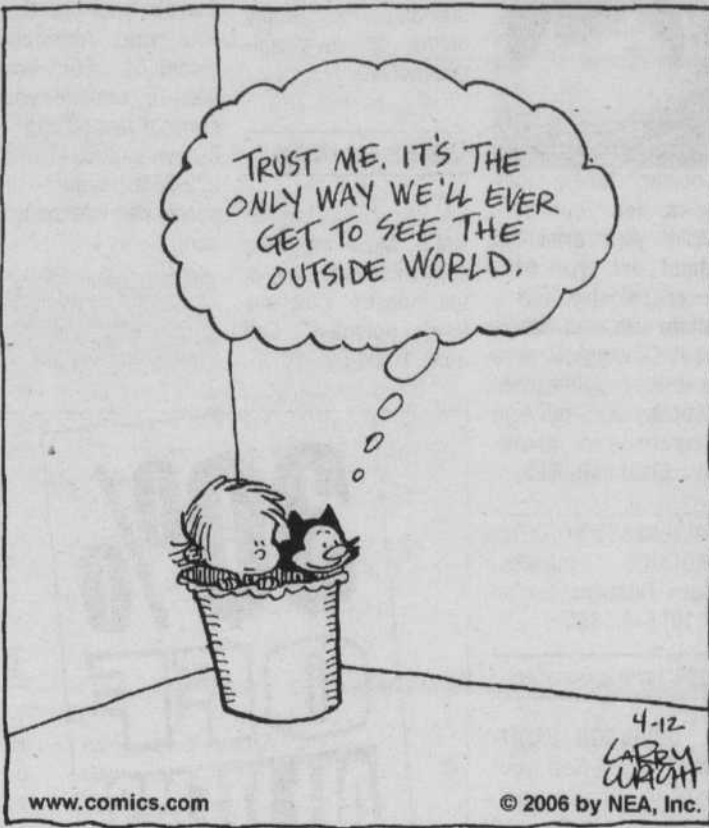
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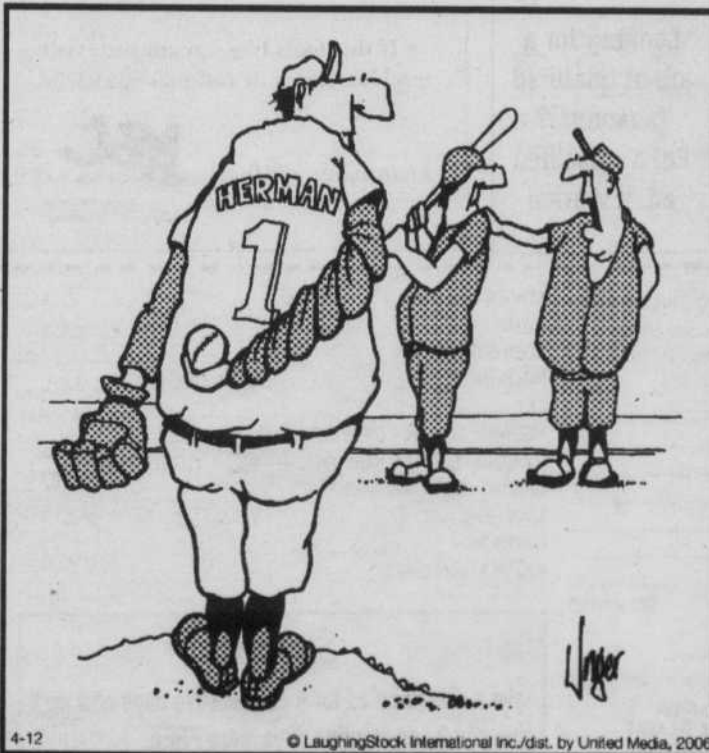
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Before signing any agreement, study carefully all the fine print in order to get both sides of the picture. If there is a glitch, chances are it will be among the little details everyone ignores.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Team up with your co-workers in order to accomplish a major goal that could be of great benefit to all. Leave all the minor jobs until another day, when nothing much is going on.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You have a quality that enables you to teach the younger set or the less experienced in notable ways. The three "R's" may be: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — A matter that has been disturbing for the family can be ironed out successfully - as long as you keep things in perspective. Don't overlook life's small joys while working on the big woes.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unfortunately, you may find that you'll have to be a bit more assertive than usual in order to advance a personal interest. However, to be effective, use your mind, not your muscle.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If all you've got are small gains, don't knock them because pennies have a marvelous way of adding up. The trick is to save them and

not spend everything you have the moment you get it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Remember there are always people who come up with reasons why you can't do what you want to do. Establish your own agenda, instead of letting others write the script for you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep to yourself delicate matters that you know others can make hay with, especially if what you know involves another. Hold yourself to the highest standards and never betray a trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't sit on a matter about which you have high hopes of achieving — but don't know how to go about it. Don't waste time waiting for inspiration; begin, and inspiration will find you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If your ears are ringing, it may be because the buzz is all about you. However, if you could hear what they're saying, it would give your ego that large boost it needs right now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By giving as much attention to the things that are right in your life, you see things clearer, which gives you the large lift you need.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be extra observant on what and how much you spend for things; you will learn something about how you can spare yourself a lot of grief over always having an empty wallet.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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tween two teams in Oxford. One East managed to find the defense that made his partner's life easy; the other did not. If you had been East, what would you have done? Defending against three no-trump, your partner leads his fourth-highest heart.

Even if you open one no-trump with the old-fashioned 16-18 points, that South hand is sufficiently strong, the good five-card club suit being worth an extra point. North correctly ignores his diamond suit. When two balanced hands face each other, diamonds should be left for engagement rings and tennis bracelets, not for naming in an auction. (Show a minor when thinking about a slam or when your hand is very unbalanced.)

It looks natural to win with the heart ace and to return the heart nine, the higher of your two remaining hearts. And that is exactly what one East did. But West, who knew he had no entry, ducked South's queen to retain communication with his partner's hand. Unfortunately, though, declarer immediately claimed nine tricks: three spades, one heart and five clubs. West permanently stopped communicating with this partner and found a new one!

The other East foresaw his partner's problem. At trick two, he cashed the diamond king. Then, when East returned the heart nine, West took the trick with his king and returned a diamond to defeat the contract.

## Make life easy for your partner

By Phillip Alder

Viscount Edward F. Wood Halifax, then the chancellor of Oxford University, said, "I often think how much easier the world would have been to manage if Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini had been at Oxford."

This deal took place in a match be-

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Propels skyward
- 6 Camera setting
- 11 Six-pt. plays
- 14 Delete
- 15 La Scala offering
- 16 Paris pal
- 17 Lesson from Aesop
- 18 Entices
- 19 Grave letters
- 20 Pitt/Jolie movie
- 23 Make lace
- 25 On the ocean
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- 27 Discharges
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- 33 Tropical rodent
- 36 Business ventures for couples
- 41 Aquarium fish
- 42 In agreement
- 43 British P.M. and family
- 46 Fills with thin mortar
- 47 Eliel Saarinen's son
- 48 Sitarist Shankar
- 51 \_\_\_ Gatos, CA
- 52 Main/Kilbride movie
- 57 Cop call
- 58 Comic Williams
- 59 Eccentric
- 62 Part of AT&T
- 63 Samuel of the Supreme Court
- 64 John of pop music
- 65 Exist

- 23 Abound
- 24 Farming prefix
- 28 Stopping place
- 29 Salon lotion
- 30 Public vehicle
- 31 Perfume ingredient
- 33 IRS mo.
- 34 Tibetan gazelle
- 35 Harvest goddess
- 37 Sot's shakes
- 38 Wheel of fortune?
- 39 Within: pref.
- 40 Hr. with a shrink

- 43 Synagogue platforms
- 44 Ballerina or gazelle, e.g.
- 45 Fit for cultivation
- 46 Beat it!
- 48 Overzealous
- 49 Japanese dog
- 50 Poisonous secretion
- 53 Whiskey shot
- 54 Negri of old films
- 55 Some digits
- 56 Quiet period
- 60 Lobster eggs
- 61 Tolkien's tree

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 6 Pleats
- 7 Foam
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By Phillip J. Anderson

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**Dunham Women's Institute**

The meeting of the Dunham Women's Institute was held on April 5, 2006 at the home of the President, Judy Jones, in West Brome. The co-hostess was Jean Page.

The President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and welcomed everyone.

The Mary Stewart Collect and the Salute to the Flag were repeated in unison.

Motto for the month: What really counts is what you learn after you know it all.

Roll Call: What was your favourite subject in school and did it later play a part in your life?

This roll call was answered by 14 members with answers such as, Mathematics, Literature, Home Economics and Recess.

In the absence of our secretary, Noreen Craig, the May minutes were read by Pearle Yates. They were accepted as read and signed by the president.

The Treasurer, Pearle Yates, gave a very promising report with a substantial Bank balance.

Correspondence: An invitation was received from the Abercorn Branch inviting us to the Brome County Women's Institute's Annual meeting. It will be held on April 27 at 9:30 a.m., in the Abercorn W.I. Hall. The price of the catered meal is \$9.50. Anyone planning to go must let Pat Lahue know before April 17th.

A thank you was received from Ruby Sherrer for a best wishes sent to her while she was hospitalized, also, a thank you from Thelma Doherty for a card sent on her birthday.

A motion was made by Christine McLaughlin and seconded by Noreen Doherty that we have a garage sale on May 27, 2006, at the United Church, Dunham from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be bake table. Final arrangements at the May meeting.

The Dunham Women's Institute will celebrate our 95th Anniversary with a Tea Party on August 5, 2006. Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Place: The home of Joyce Proctor Martin. Dress: Hats mandatory, Period costume optional. Carol Phillips offered to print the invitation cards which will be sent out shortly.

It was moved by Anne Lipowski and seconded by Barbara McGibbon that Treasurer, Pearle Yates, purchase Easter treats and napkins for the dinner trays at the B.M.P. Hospital.

Registration forms for the Quebec Women's Institute's Convention were handed out. It is a one day convention this year on June 3rd. Our president, Judy Jones, will attend as our delegate.

The Floating prize was won by Pearle Yates.

The meeting was adjourned and turned over to the Education and Personal Development Chairperson, Anne Lipowski. Anne spoke about the history of Islam and the Moslem Religion.

After grace was said a delicious lunch was served of sweet breads, cheese and crackers, cookies and a cuppa.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Anne Lipowski with co-hostess Joyce Proctor Martin. Program: Publicity and Awareness.

*Jean Reid Page*

*Publicity and Awareness Chairperson*

**Stanstead Chapter IODE**

April 3rd, President Monica Lester called meeting of this hundred year old organization to order. Dedicated members said the IODE prayer in unison.

Lester welcomed visitors Marge Keeley and Helen Little.

Secretary Arnelie Farfan read minutes of the last meeting.

Sandra Harrison, member, announced yearly comradeship luncheon will be held June 22 in Knowlton, guests most welcome.

Aurelie Farfan read correspondence report, condolence letter to member Ruf and get well to card to member Mansur at Wales Home.

Treasurer Gertrude Ketcham read report.

The induction of a new member well known local artisan and sheep specialist Jean Cass, Elizabeth Ostiguy read the mission of IODE to improve the quality of life for children and those in need. The vision of IODE was also read, which is to improve physical and emotional health to all Canadians within unified country. Declaration was read by Lester and significance of the badge was read

by Rheta Taylor.

Service report was given by Rheta Taylor saying Le Hotel Dieu received eight pairs of used eye glasses.

Annual bridge party for the conclusion of the Marathon Bridge year will be held on May 8 at 7 p.m. at Centenary Church, Stanstead.

President Monica adjourns the meeting and thanks Tea Hostesses Rheta Taylor and Theresa Wallace.

Guest speaker Head Master Aichael Wolfe accompanied by Douggie Ross gave a very enlightening speech on the organization Orbis, we learn that Orbis plans a learning course in Opthmology in the developing countries. Doctors give up their time to teach the medical procedures. The preventable eye blinders can be helped at an early age, where twenty million patients have been treated.

Elizabeth Ostiguy thanked the headmaster of Stanstead College and showed where we as an organization could discuss the part we may play in this important venture of Orbis.

*Elizabeth Ostiguy*



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