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Roof for Nikitotek stage approved

By Evan LePage

It has been a contested issue within the city council for months, but the Nikitotek stage will now officially get its roof.

Sixteen of the 19 city councillors voted in favour of allocating the contract, valued at just under \$360,000 to Artotech Intégration inc. during Monday night's city council meeting.

Unsurprisingly, councillor Jean-Francois Rouleau, who has vocally opposed further investments in the stage and any performances there, made his opposition known again on Monday as did a few other councillors.

"When I consider that this amount represents 15 kilometres of sidewalks, especially in a city that considers itself a "friend of the elderly" city, and that young families could have had a sufficient budget for sidewalks to allow them to move around safely, for me (the roof) is an expenditure that is not appropriate," Rouleau said before voting against awarding the contract.

Rouleau was joined by councillors Nathalie Goguen and Pierre Tardif in voting against the financial allocation, which still passed easily.

The majority of councillors expressed a point of view that the roof investment was necessary to advance the city's tourism portfolio.

Mayor Bernard Sévigny said that tourism was a file the city needed to support and was no different than community projects or sports arenas in that sense.

"The roof will be there next year, in two years, in three years, in four years, and we will be able to bring perfor-

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Sherbrooke turns red as students march



EVAN LEPAGE

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Between 4,000 and 5,000 protestors flooded the streets of Sherbrooke with red Wednesday afternoon before convening on premier Jean Charest's office in the second major protest against tuition hikes in the city this week.

Students from Quebec, Montreal and across the province reached the city on

dozens of busses to join their Sherbrooke colleagues in the march, organized by the Quebec Federation of University Students (FEUQ) and the Université de Sherbrooke Student Federation (FEUS).

"The goal again is to remind people that the heart of the problem is the accessibility of education and if they are ready to talk about it we are ready to talk about it as well," Martine Des-


jardins said before the demonstration. "Loans and bursaries are not a cure-all, it only affects 30 per cent of students. What do we do with the remaining 70 per cent?"

Desjardins added that the three major student associations in the province were asking for a sit down to discuss all matters of university financ-

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Transience: An exhibition at Studio Georgeville

Beginning April 7, Studio Georgeville will display new work by two exceptional artists of Scandinavian origin—painter Sigrid Fisher and textile artist Margrethe Ulvik. Their exhibition, titled *Transience*, explores the fragility of our planet, and its underestimated strength to survive and transcend strain.

"We live surrounded by marvellous potential metaphysical reality, particularly in nature," Fisher says. "We need to show a faith for the future in seemingly impossible conditions created by modern society."

Fisher and Ulvik share similar backgrounds. As children, they had the freedom to wander the countryside, as well as the encouragement to develop their artistic skills. Through these circumstances both women developed confidence in their process, and respect for their chosen medium. Though very different in their approach—Fisher's work is more introspective and contemplative, Ulvik's, more extroverted and interactive—both artists seem to have simultaneously arrived at some important mutual artistic positions and values.

This collaborative exhibition is new to the two women. "I'm thrilled to be showing with Sigrid Fisher," Ulvik says. "I've

long admired her work."

The effect of the combined sculptures, paintings, and drawings of this exhibition are subtle and minimalist, yet as stirring as any wilderness journey. Ulvik, who incorporates into her sculptures a wide range of grasses and other found materials, sometimes weaves vine-like strands suitable for building a nest. Fisher draws natural objects, including nest-like structures, in shades of taupe and charcoal, and she creates paintings that have a natural, tactile feeling that makes the viewer want to reach out and touch them.

"The works shown in this exhibition," Fisher says, "depict earthly matter that makes up the vulnerable cover that forms over the earth with every passing season."

Both artists see their role as a conduit for the message of their material. Neither begins an individual work with a strong sense of the outcome; nevertheless, the work assumes its own definite direction. Ulvik explains: "Like nature, I find the purpose of my creation in the material I work with. By contemplating the material, I discover new ways of expressing myself, which brings me to the next stage in my artistic research."

In exploring the connection between the ephemeral and the underlying architecture of nature, Fisher is clear about what her art attempts to do. "When working with nature, one has to be aware of not artistically immersing oneself in nature's glory for decorative purposes. The act of reforming nature in our image robs nature of its spirit, and the connection of one facet with another. It is more interesting to show nature's architecture with authenticity."

Though subtle and outwardly modest, *Transience* carries an impact, alerting us to the vulnerability of the natural world, while at the same time giving us hope for the resiliency of our planet.

The exhibition runs from Saturday, April 7, to Sunday, April 29. Everyone is welcome to attend the vernissage on Saturday, April 14, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Artists Sigrid Fisher and Margrethe Ulvik will be present.

Studio Georgeville, 20 Carré Copp, is open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on upcoming events, please call 819-843-9992 or visit www.studiogeorgeville.com.

Submitted by Heather Paterson

Osher Institute presents War of 1812 anniversary lecture

This year is the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, and the Newport/Derby / Stanstead chapter of the Osher Institute is pleased to welcome Jim Manson, Professor of History, Champlain College of Vermont-Montreal to discuss "The War of 1812 and its Impact on Relations between Vermont and the Eastern Townships" on Wednesday, May 9.

Professor Manson has lectured extensively on relations between the Eastern Townships and the New England states, including the Marion Phelps Eastern Townships Lecture Series, sponsored by the Brome County Historical Society in Knowlton. He is the author of the 2001 book *The Loyal Americans of New England and New York: Founders of the Townships of Lower Canada*.

Other Osher Institute lectures by

Township residents include artist Denis Palmer, who has been drawing and painting the people and events of Sawyerville for the past 30 years. In his talk on Wednesday, April 18, Mr Palmer will discuss the manner in which the people seek to maintain harmony with their surroundings, and their responses to change and the passage of time.

On Wednesday, April 25, Professor Daniel Miller, of Bishop's University will speak on the topic "The Exodus from Egypt: History or Legend?" Also from Bishop's University, Professor of Music History and Literature Jack Eby will return to the Osher series with his May 16 lecture titled "The Amazing Hildegard of Bingen: 12th Century Feminist," chronicling the life of the Middle Ages (1098-1179) scholar, theologian, author, composer, artist

and one of the most dynamic personalities of her time.

All lectures in the series are scheduled for Wednesdays beginning promptly at 1 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room of the Hebard State Office Building, 100 Main St., Newport, VT. Individual lectures are \$5 per person, which includes refreshments following the lecture.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

The mass of students nearly filled the parking lot around the premier's office, which was blocked off by fences, barricades, and a riot squad.

Sherbrooke turns red

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ing, the management of funds and the accessibility of education, and until that time they were ready to continue their fight.

"There are still many students on strike who are ready to stay on strike until they open discussions," she said, emphasizing that the movement was not waning. "We're going to multiply our actions in the coming days to prove to them we are determined."

The group assembled on the campus of the university, which was closed earlier in the day in light of the planned demonstration.

At around 1:45 the march started and the sea of red chanted, cheered and danced its way down University Boulevard towards Galt Street, escorted by police vehicles and steadily picking up passer-bys as it progressed.

The protestors took Galt until Belvedere, which they took to reach King Street. The march line was several hundred meters long and protestors had already reached King by the time the tail of the march reached Belvedere Street.

A second group of around 100 demonstrators joined the larger march at the intersection of King Street and Belvedere, further bolstering the impressive numbers.

The group of university and CEGEP students were joined by a significant number of high school students, many professors, parents and even pets, including an alpaca. A group of kayakers also followed the demonstration as it passed by lac des Nations.

The march continued all the way up King to their final stop at Jean Charest's office beside the Delta Hotel at the Centre des congrès.

The mass of students nearly filled the parking lot around the premier's office, which was blocked off by fences, barricades, and a riot squad.

There they chanted and cheered and student representatives encour-



PHOTOS BY EVAN LEPAGE

aged them not to give up their fight against the tuition hikes. The demonstration concluded at around 4:30.

Despite the mass of people, there were only a few incidents to report.

Police arrested at least three individuals largely as a preventative measure. These individuals said they were in favour of tuition hikes, appeared at the head of the march and allegedly tried to incite the large crowd. Officers asked them to leave to diffuse the situation, but they were ultimately arrested.

A group of approximately 40 students also briefly occupied the office of UdeS rector Luce Samoisette near

the beginning of the event.

Police presence was heavy throughout the day, though most of the police effort was simply put in to blocking traffic around the marchers.

A Sûreté du Québec helicopter could be seen surveying the situation from overhead.

Despite the lack of serious incidents, the demonstration caused heavy traffic issues. The Sherbrooke Transport Service announced early in the day that clients should expect extensive delays and route changes in light of the event.

Roof

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mances, musicians, singers, actors; so I think we accomplished our goal," he said before the vote.

The city had issued the call to tenders for the roof project last month and it received only two proposals.

A proposal by Construction G & L Geoffroy inc. had an estimated cost of over \$390,000, while the proposal from Artotech Intégration, at just under \$360,000, actually came in a few thousand dollars below the city's initial estimate for the roof, earning them the contract.

With taxes, the cost of the removable roof will exceed \$395,000.

In the last four months the city has invested in the area of \$850,000 into the Nikitotek venue and the shows to be performed there this

year.

In December, it was announced that the City of Sherbrooke would be investing \$375,000 in to promotion for the Les 7 doigts de la main show Traces.

On Mar. 19, the city council voted in favour of allocating over \$70,000 to the para-municipal organization Animation centre-ville to allow it to schedule a variety of shows on the downtown stage next August. That allocation was also opposed by Rouleau, Tardif and Goguen.

All of these performances required a roof on the Nikitotek stage, and the fact that the city's financial contribution to Les 7 doigts de la main and Animation centre-ville were approved before the funding for the roof had

even been voted on made councillor Marc Denault uneasy.

While stating that he agreed the roof was a necessary investment, Denault said before Monday's vote "The only thing I find unfortunate is that we have in front of us a done deal. We already sold a show to people that requires a roof on this stage and now today we are moving on the resolution."

Sévigny responded to Denault's comments stating "The city did not put before you a done deal. You can vote against it tonight if you want to."

COUNCIL NOTES

Councillors discuss future

During the heated discussions surrounding the CSAM recommendations Monday night, two councillors revealed information regarding their future with the city. Brompton borough president dispelled rumours that she would be heading a political party to take on mayor Bernard Sévigny in the next election. Roger Labrecque also brought up during the discussion that he did not fear for his job because he would be retiring after his mandate. Mariette Fugère hinted at the same thing, saying she did not know what her future held.

A lengthy council meeting

Monday night's city council meeting lasted over four hours, making it one of the longest meetings in the last decade. The CSAM discussion itself lasted in the area of two and a half hours, meaning dozens of citizens who attended the meeting for that purpose, including members of the Lennoxville residents association, were at city hall until nearly 10 p.m. A few citizens even stayed for the entire meeting, prompting councillor Louisda Brochu to congratulate them on their patience and determination to participate in municipal affairs.

Legal fees exceeding \$600,000

It was revealed Monday that the City of Sherbrooke has spent \$641,000 in legal fees in the hopes of being reimbursed part or all of the \$16 million it lost in the Norshield affair. It has been over six years since the city invested \$16 million into Norshield hedge funds only to have that money disappear in transfers to the Bahamas and Barbados. A citizen asked, for the second consecutive council meeting Monday, how much the city had spent on legal fees thus far. Councillor Pierre Tardif revealed that the sum had reached \$641,000. The city is pursuing the Canadian arm of institutional investment firm Mercer for having poorly counselled the administrators dealing with those city funds.

Community garden opened in Beckett

The Beckett sector of the Jacques-Cartier borough will officially be opened in June. Thanks to over \$90,000 in investments, prospective gardeners will be able to set aside a patch for their vegetables in an area near the Beckett woods. The borough will be hosting an information session for those interested on Tuesday, Apr. 10, at 7 p.m. at the borough community centre on Portland Street in room 120-121. For more information citizens can phone 819-822-6060.



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Lean times for Richmond Cadet Corps

By Claudia Villemaire
Record Correspondent
RICHMOND

It seems as though cadet corps have been in just about every small town and city for close to 75 years. There was a time if a town didn't have a corps of its own, just about any event or special occasion meant sending out urgent invitations to nearby corps, encouraging an appearance of these 'spit and polish' teenagers, marching smartly and even, sometimes, bringing their own band.

But times have changed and, at least in the Richmond region, the nearly-sixty-strong cadet corps has gradually become smaller. Roll call this year barely registers fifteen young people, putting the future of this group in question in spite of the excellent record and individual awards chalked up through the years.

Lieutenant Commander James Paixao, charged with overseeing the Eastern Townships Cadet Leagues, was in Richmond recently, meeting with the Royal Canadian legion here as well as Richmond Regional High School administrator, principal Beaulac. Commander Paixao, once a cadet himself, is passionate about the organization which brings knowledge and skills to its members. "It costs nothing to join and this is the only federal program totally supported by the government. Uniforms, equipment - whatever is required for approved activities is free for the teenager who is looking for adventures such as winter camping or learning how to handle and care for firearms, just to name a couple of the activities listed on the program."

Most people think joining the local



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Commander Rejean Peloquin, commander of the Windsor Cadet Corps and Francis Asselin, interim Commander, Richmond Cadet Corps.

cadet corps is the first step to making the military a career. There's even the worry these young people will eventually be encouraged to join active forces, perhaps go into battle or a war-related activity. Commander Paixao underlines the wide difference between the military and the cadet corps program. "The goal in the cadet programs is to motivate cadets to improve their physical fitness, to work harder at their academic studies and eventually, to give back to their com-

munity through volunteerism. This program is the largest federally sponsored youth program in Canada and includes the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets - a national program for the 12 to 18 year olds, offering a variety of fun, challenging and rewarding activities while they learn about the sea, army and air activities of the Canadian Forces.

The Richmond Cadet Corps 2894 is struggling. To ensure the programs are available, officers and community vol-

unteers are trained to provide the leadership and training that's needed. Because support seems to be flagging locally, commandants and personnel have either moved away or simply given up, membership has continually decreased for a couple of years now.

"We are hoping to get approval for a new program that's available to local students who struggle with their studies and the stress of peer pressure. Here, at RRHS, students with learning difficulties could, through the corps, qualify for scholastic credits, which is often all it takes to encourage them to stay in school and get that all-important Level V certificate. Of course, the local school boards have to approve such a program."

Every cadet corps also has an umbrella organization which contributes time and money toward special activities and events. Simon Langeveld, vice president at Branch 15, is the Legion representative in this area. "We always provide a certain amount of money for these activities which might be a special night at the movies or an outdoor activity not included in the usual program. But, with numbers dwindling and motivation in the corps at a very low ebb - the lack of interest in the community to learn about the corps and what they could do to help - all adds up to the legion questioning the future of this corps and whether it can be kept going."

This weekend, the Corp's traditional fund raising campaign kicks off at the MAXI grocery store where cadets will bag groceries and come armed with pamphlets and information about their corps. They'll be spiffy with uniforms pressed and boots polished - attempting to prove that joining the corps is the first step in what could be several years of adventures, training, challenges, summer camps and outings with numerous awards up for grabs.

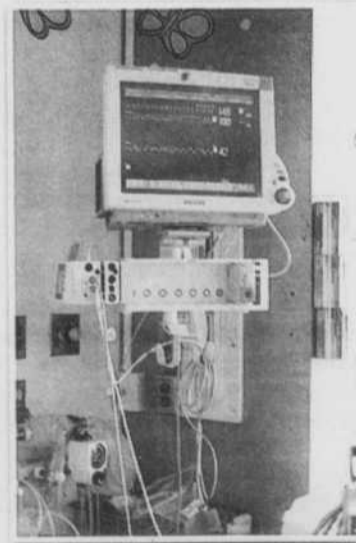
Anyone interested in more information or to volunteer as an officer, (there's training required but some remuneration is available), the website is available. cadet-info@forces.gc.ca or call 1 800 627 0828.

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Community pools open for Easter

Sherbrooke's Montcalm and du Phare pools are offering a swim period for Easter weekend, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9.

The City of Sherbrooke's recreation department has announced that the regular open swim periods for families will continue during the free swim, with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 8, when both pools will be closed. The Sherbrooke-resident price is \$2 for kids and \$4 for adults. The non-resident price is \$4 for kids and \$7 for adults.

Swimmers are reminded that bathing suits and caps are mandatory and that an adult must accompany children under age 7.

For more information call 819-821-5890.

Youth centre coordinator ready to make mark

By Corrinna Pole

Just days into the job, Lennoxville Youth Centre's new coordinator, Kohl Kelso, was able to enjoy one of his better functions when he accepted a \$1,500 grant from the Townshippers' Foundation at their annual luncheon in Magog on Tuesday.

For the 22-year-old Waterville resident, it was an exciting introduction to his new job at the Queen Street centre.

With the departure of Rachel Hunting to her new post as Townshippers' Association's executive director, the native Townshipper acknowledges he has some pretty big shoes to fill. But with the support of his "really great colleagues," Kelso believes he's up to the challenge.

"Obviously were sad to see Rachel go, she's been an integral part of the centre and a great leader," Kelso said, adding that he is happy, excited, motivated and ready to make his mark.

Coming from a family of educators, the graduate of Champlain Regional College started studying elementary education at Bishop's University. After a year he had a change of heart but he transitioned his experience working with youth into a position as one of the centre's three animators.

Although he had never stepped into a youth centre before and admits he held many of the stereotypes until then, Kelso found his niche and has enjoyed seeing the teen members grow.

"Our job is to support youth and it's really fulfilling for me to see them experience things they might not get to do with family and experience something different," he explained. "Some of them might not have the family support that they might need, it's important to me that they have the chance to feel that support and encouragement to succeed."

Thanks to the efforts of his predecessors, the com-



CORRINNA POLE

From animator to coordinator, Kohl Kelso is ready to get to work for local teens at the Lennoxville Youth Centre.

munity opinion of teens is steadily improving. Now Kelso would like to work on the centre's image.

"We're not a drop-in centre, I think that's one of the most common misconceptions out there and one that I used to hold," he said. "We have a code of conduct, we have a mission statement, we're very structured and there are rules that have to be followed. When members join they have to sign a code of conduct and they are expected to follow it."

With the support of animators, members from 12 to 17 years old are encouraged to get involved in the community and organize their own activities, all with a design of empowering them and helping them grow into responsible citizens.

It may not be a drop-in centre, but animators try to support teens when faced with problems such as drug or alcohol use, cyber intimidation

or healthy choices, which Kelso notes is a trending issue this year.

"We're in such close proximity to fast food restaurants that I rarely see kids coming in with carrot sticks. Instead they come in with boxes of fries," he said.

With the recently awarded grant being directed towards kitchen renovations, equipment purchases and things like new cupboards, Kelso hopes to see Hunting's longtime kitchen project finally realized.

"My main focus is to get the space functional so we can start giving cooking lessons and hopefully make it a weekly thing," said Kelso.

Although the roughly ten members will continue to be involved locally in events like the upcoming borough garbage roundup, the teens have been inspired by the journey of one of their own and are starting to plan a humanitarian trip to go to New Orleans to help hurricane Katrina victims next year.

"For the longest time we've focused locally, which is great, I appreciated that we come together as a community, but I like that the kids are looking to the world beyond," Kelso said.

Of course a continued good relationship with the community helps. Giving nod to those in the borough who have supported the teens' bottle drives and bake sale fundraisers, Kelso noted that the non-profit organization always welcomes support.

"The government of Canada is slowly removing pennies from circulation so if anyone is looking to get rid of their penny collection they can drop it off," he said with a smile. "And we are always collecting bottles."

Man gets notice from city for poking employee

After he two-finger poked a city employee during a heated discussion in March, a citizen who regularly speaks at council meetings has been sent a notice from the city requiring him to immediately leave the premises at the end of any municipal event.

Following the public consultation on the René-Lévesque Boulevard project on Mar. 20, resident Denis Pellerin stuck around to further discuss the project with city officials.

Pellerin says that he got into a discussion with the city's assistant general director René Allaire over whether part of the proposed boulevard fell outside of the urban perimeter.

This is when Pellerin claims that Allaire began to disrespect him, calling him a whiner.

"I told him he was very impolite and very unpleasant to act like that," Pellerin said, adding that Allaire called him a liar for his claims regarding the urban perimeter. "Not that I was mistaken, but that I was a liar, something he repeated at least two times."

But Pellerin said that city councillor Serge Forest backed up his argument during the discussion. When he was proven right, he said he touched Pellerin's shoulder with two fingers twice and said "You should look at your plans."

Those two instances of physical contact earned Pellerin a city notice preventing him from staying after any city-organized event is over, including public consultations and council meetings. If he does not follow this rule he will reportedly be banned from city events.

The notice, Pellerin believes, amounts to intimidation.

"I believe that all citizens, of which I am one, who are invited to a public consultation session, have the right to free expression. Plus, after being invited to do so on multiple occasions by the mod-

erator and mayor, citizens can exercise this same right after the session is over," Pellerin said Monday. "Also, (citizens) have the right to be treated with respect even if their opinions do not please certain officials or elected representatives."

Pellerin has since filed a complaint against Allaire. During Monday night's council meeting he took to the microphone to ask how the city was proceeding with his complaint.

Executive committee president Serge Paquin responded saying the matter was being looked into and that a complaint had also been lodged with the Sherbrooke Police Service.

"We were informed that after the consultation on the Rene-Levesque Boulevard, there was an exchange between you and Mr. Allaire. The conversation was heated and during this conversation you made a physical act in his regard, and this in front of witnesses. Consequently you received the notice from the City of Sherbrooke," Paquin said. "We have asked you for your collaboration to do what 95 per cent of citizens do while participating in public consultation sessions and city council meetings: that when the meeting is over you leave the location."

Another citizen came to Pellerin's defence however, saying that it seemed as though the city was trying to muzzle someone who frequently criticizes them during council meetings.

"There is one thing that is absolutely intolerable," Paquin responded. "The city of Sherbrooke has the responsibility to ensure the safety of all its employees and it is not tolerable to physically touch an employee, so we're taking measures that it will not happen again."

The citizen felt the approach was a little heavy handed considering Pellerin only poked Allaire though, and quipped "If I cross Mr. Allaire I'll be sure to keep my hands in my pockets."

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EDITORIAL

Some doctors say they do the tests because their patients expect them and that they help to establish trust.

Evidence based medicine long overdo



By Ivy Weir

Not a moment too soon, evidence based medicine is creeping into the system. It is the discipline that insists on proof that time honoured medical practices and procedures are actually effective. It can come as a surprise that so little of what we hear and believe are, at best, based only on an educated guess. Sound science is said to dictate only 15 per cent of all medical decisions. A new drug might have been laboratory tested but not necessarily on humans. When it is launched it falls within an experimental phase. Some years later, when it is removed from the market following proven secondary effects, its demise becomes evidence based. Think thalidomide.

The magic of the Xray considered so safe as to be routinely used to verify a

well-fitted shoe, was later discovered to emit such harmful rays that lead vests to protect technicians became an evidence based, obligatory custom. Hormone replacement therapy, a misnomer from the outset since hormones didn't need replacement, were found to increase the mortality rate and were suddenly dropped when the evidence could not be denied. Science had spoken.

Then the mammogram joined the conversation! All new procedures are necessarily experimental. At the outset, all women over forty were to line up for the procedure once a year. After a few studies, the prescription changed to every year for women over fifty. Then with even more information, one every two years was deemed adequate. Some doctors are already prescribing the procedure only when it is specifically indicated, to maximize benefit versus risk. Pathologists have confirmed that autopsies performed on 85 year old and even older women have revealed the presence of malignant breast tumours in situ for many years while the patient died of other causes. Of even greater import, substantial studies have shown that those who have regular mammograms don't out-live those who don't. The solid evidence has called

for revisiting the premise on breast cancer.

Let's look at the annual physical checkup. There is no evidence that the person who follows the recommended practice increases longevity. Nor is the quality of his/her life in any way improved. All that has happened is that he has cluttered up the system and allowed himself to be exposed to the risks involved. In a series of reports that began in 1989 and is still continuing, a U.S. Agency on Health Care Research and Quality, found little support for many of the tests included in a typical physical exam for symptomless people. There was no evidence that routine pelvic, rectal and testicular exams made any difference in overall survival for those without symptoms. On the contrary, such tests can lead to false alarms along with a round of expensive and risky follow-up tests. Some doctors say they do the tests because their patients expect them and that they help to establish trust.

Some trust! Let healthy individuals stay away from the doctor. In his book 'Overdiagnosis', Dr. Robert Welch suggests just that. He, himself, had not seen a doctor for professional reasons for years and did not see any evidence to change his habits. If he had devel-

oped some abnormal symptom, then, of course he would have consulted. It is a good model. A doctor is trained only in diagnosing and treating disease, not in good health. The only way an individual will belong among his clients is for him to make you sick. Nor is the conclusion a new one. In his book 'Confessions of a Medical Heretic' the late Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, a physician in good standing, expounded on the same subject in 1980. Other doctors, some newly minted, are joining the evidence based model.

Dr. Brian Goldman, host of the CBC's 'White Coat, Black Art' broke the story of preventable medical errors some six months ago. It has now been taken up by others. This month it became the cover story of 'The Walrus'. What many have long suspected has been officially confirmed. With 24,000 of us dying each year because of preventable medical error, our decisions promise to depend more often on consulting only when we are ill. Those doctors who have broken the mold to level with us just as though we were intelligent adults, deserve our undivided admiration.

Keep in mind that a person who walks into the hospital and leaves via the morgue has not been helped.

Letter

DEAR EDITOR:

I enjoyed Mr. Leggets letter of March 12, (Slant, oversimplify, discredit and intimidate - Page 6) although I am not sure whether he is discussing the government's immigration requirements or the state of organized religion in the Eastern Townships. I wrote the following some time ago, and vacillated. I am sending it now, and invite others concerned to continue the discussion.

Now we hear of another church closing. Over the years, it has been the circulatory system of a local culture, a point of focus and forum for community engagement of persons with one another, of fellowship through shared

work and shared rest, to maintain this forum, to care for those in need, and for the elderly, to train and encourage the young.

Left behind are architectural gems, visible evidence of what the community could once achieve. Soon, this charge will pass to others, if there are others to take it, and these new doyens may look askance at us as we share our version of the story, as the lifeblood of the past dries to the dusty remains found in the official record and a shortened list of credible witnesses.

What of the less visible community which is left behind? Can we believe in its future when belief and striving in that belief has only brought us where

we are? Hope, with its lesser attachment to outcomes, may survive after belief merges with madness. The community, or its descendants, may rise from the ashes of today's dying light. (I steal shamelessly from the words of others long dead and unable to defend themselves). Maybe then the church will be back, if we have any money. In the meantime, through dark and difficult times, we may perhaps find Christ-like examples elsewhere.

Let me close by suggesting that it is not the message but the model of church life which is leading to our churches' decline. Rural folk of all ages still say in overwhelming proportion that they believe in God. Why then are the churches being attended only by golden agers and a handful of children under 12 years of age whose parents are willing to take them? I believe it is because the few churches remaining do so because of their trust funds, which reduces the scope of the church folks' work together to seasonal decorating, cleaning (this is often contracted out), the pulling together of an occasional choir, which I am sorry to say does not practice enough (until we embrace Skype, we could not practice regularly because we all live so far away from each other now), and attending a few meetings for the oversight of the funds, and keeping ahead of needed repairs which church members supervise and

do not do themselves. While having the funds to pay for this work unburdens the mind in the short term, the benefits of having to go begging in the community for qualified workers and volunteer assistants is a stronger, younger and more enduring community. When the trust fund runs out, we find we have forgotten how to be a poor church, and have not the young folks to carry on. The church is a victim of its wealth.

I believe that Church still offers a broader, more inclusive local forum, better positioned to function as such than any other organization currently existing in our communities. If we do believe this, the time is now to envision a future other than the inevitable one. We need to find roles for young and middle-aged people that only young and middle-aged people can do, that suit the life stages of growth, development and achievement, and for persons of all walks of life. There are ample funds to make a difference in the local community and around the world.

If we still believe in natural centrality of the church as a local institution, in rural communities in which people have opportunities to know their neighbours, let's not at this time be humble and appear invisible, but take stock of our virtues, feel comfortable in these, and show some spirit.

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Thanks to the waving, the chatting and the strain-free exercise, I've resigned myself to the walks, and I grudgingly admit I enjoy them.

The walking dad



ROSS MURRAY

My wife has kind of a reputation. Like many reputations, it was earned shortly after we moved to Stanstead, and again, like most reputations, it's been hard to shake.

My wife is The Woman Who Walks. Deb's the US Postal Service of walkers: neither snow nor rain nor heat nor annoying children shall stay her from the swift completion of her appointed rounds... with the stupid dog... and sometimes me.

"Are you coming for a walk?" she asks. "But it's cold out," I say. Or drizzly or hot or partly icky with a chance of yuckiness.

"Come on, it'll be good for you. Look at that flabby butt."

While it's heartening to know that after all these years she still maintains some interest in my butt, this isn't what persuades me. What persuades me is the fact that this is essentially my only exercise, and if it weren't for my wife's initiative, I'd probably be dead. Perhaps not dead, but quite possibly something resembling a skinnier Jabba the Hutt, using my floppy flipper hands to update my Facebook status to read, "Feeling extra gooey today."

"All right, I'll come," I say. "But I won't enjoy it."

This isn't true at all. Once we're out the door (and as long as Deb holds the stupid dog's leash), the walks can be quite pleasant. We catch up, we make plans, we laugh about the ingenious ways we continue to mess with our children.

Plus, we get to wave at passing cars. As I've mentioned before, when I first moved to Stanstead, I was stunned by how much waving I had to do. People I had barely met would wave at me as they drove by. And I quickly learned that this is serious business. Fail to wave, and you can quickly earn a reputation as a snob.

That's why you sometimes have to employ the pre-emptive wave. Deb and I will

be walking, a car will pass and I'll wave. "Who was that?" Deb will ask.

"I have no idea but it might be someone," I'll say.

Half the time, we're just waving at tourists, which may be why Townshippers have a reputation for being so friendly. We're not friendly; we're just nearsighted.

Thanks to the waving, the chatting and the strain-free exercise, I've resigned myself to the walks, and I grudgingly admit I enjoy them. They've become part of the daily (or in my case, quasi-daily) routine.

My problem is that they keep getting longer.

Just like Deb has her walking routine, she also has her designated route. Initially (and get out your Google Maps if you'd like to follow along), the walk was down Pierce, south on Dufferin, looping around Mountainview, north again on Dufferin, across Fairfax, down Ursulines and back to Pierce by crossing the autoroute (as long as there weren't any cops).

But several years ago, Deb started going beyond Mountainview down to the bike path (*la piste de dog poop*).

And then she started hooking onto

the bike path further towards Rock Island by first taking the old four-wheeler trail through the abandoned tree plantation (*la piste de résistance*).

Then she added the Terrill loop, which you can access off Dufferin via the small path beside the Catholic church, a path I imagine is ideally suited for underdressed drinking (*la piste to the gills*).

And then, the final amendment, the ultimate agony, she added the long, boring walk to the dead end of Dufferin and back, where there are very few houses, little traffic and barely a soul to wave at.

For reasons that I can't fully explain, I hate this dead end stretch.

"No, not the dead end," I sometimes say at the intersection, mentally stomping my little foot. "I hate the dead end."

"You don't have to come," says Deb calmly, continuing her appointed rounds.

It's true. I could turn and head back. But I could really use the exercise and the time with my wife. Plus, if there's one thing worse than the ever-extending walk, it's walking home all alone.

And nobody wants to be known as the Flabby Butt Man Who Walks.

Jeffrey mine lays off 50 workers temporarily

By Stephen McDougall
Record Correspondent
ASBESTOS

The head of Jeffrey mine is denying rumours that the layoff of 50 workers for the month of April is being caused by potential investors backing out.

"We have not lost any of our financial partners," Bernard Coulombe told the Record Wednesday morning.

"The layoffs are temporary because we do not want to run out of money too soon before the final financial deal is made.

"At the same time, we still have another 50 employees who are getting the mine ready for this summer."

The mine is presently waiting for a final financial package from a small group of international investors that will provide a minimum \$25 million needed to restart the mine's underground shaft.

The investment is also required by the provincial government before it will agree to back loan guarantees worth

\$58 million to expand the mine and hire up to 400 workers.

Coulombe said the present mine workers are being paid from money provided by the interested investors.

"We are now using money from a bridge loan the partners have provided us," he said.

"It is being used to get the mine ready while the partners complete their negotiations with each other.

We want to make sure the money is used wisely and that we do not lose key people."

Coulombe admitted the negotiations for the \$25 million financial package is going slower than he expected.

At least three times in the past year, the deal was said to be imminent by Coulombe and other industry officials, only to be delayed by continued negotiations with the various, unnamed investors.

He again argued progress has been made in getting serious partners to invest in his mine.

"When we started offering investment opportunities in 2008, we had ten

companies in such countries as Brazil, Mexico, China and India," he said.

"Then that was reduced to seven companies, and now it is down to three or four. But they still have to work together and that is where the final negotiations are at."

Coulombe also admitted some of the initial investors were hesitant with their money due to bad publicity over the fireproof mineral fiber.

"Some of the initial investors were intimidated by the anti-asbestos lobbyists," he said.

"They were afraid that the Canadian government would be convinced by this lobby to ban our fiber.

But we know that Resources Canada is not crazy. They realize if they ban asbestos, then there will be calls to ban other mining materials and the whole mining sector will be threatened."

Chrysotile asbestos fiber is considered safe for industrial use if handled carefully, according to the provincial and federal governments. The industry has long argued the dangerous asbestos fibers, known collectively as amphi-

boles, have been banned from Canada since the late 1970s.

The anti-asbestos lobby, made up of many environmentalists, lawyers and medical professionals, along with fiber-ailment victim groups, have rejected those arguments. They have asked for a complete ban on chrysotile fiber in Canada, arguing it is responsible for thousands of deaths each year in other countries. They often cited a World Health Organization's annual death toll estimate of 100,000, which Coulombe is now challenging.

Last month, he asked the federal government to investigate the death toll estimate issued by the WHO, which is part of the United Nations.

"These are exaggerated estimates that have little basis in fact," he told The Record.

"We want Ottawa to ask the WHO to provide more proof based on fact, not fantasy."

Officials at Balcop Inc., the Montreal company that wants to take over running the mine, could not be reached for comment at press time.



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The Border Report

"Many people have come up to me and asked me to change my mind."

Taxpayers to council Make a decision on town hall move

By Matthew Farfan

It's time to make a decision. That seems to have been the message that Stanstead town council took away from the handful of taxpayers who expressed themselves this week on the council's idea to move the town hall to the old post office building on Phelps Street.

This question has been bandied about for over a year now, and people are getting impatient with the indecision on the part of the councillors.

Phelps Street resident Frances Bonenfant, for example, wanted to know why council had not made up its mind after all this time.

"Haven't you had a study done on this?" she wanted to know. "I am very frustrated."

Louise Souigny, another resident who lives near the old post office (and possible future town hall), wanted to know why the question was even still on the table, given the fact that no money

had been allocated in this year's budget for moving the town hall.

Mayor Philippe Dutil responded that although no money had been budgeted, the town wanted to see what the final costs of a move would be, adding that there might just be enough money in the town surplus.

Councillor Jody Stone added that most projects are actually not pre-budgeted but paid for out of surpluses.

Annoyed by this line of argument, Bonenfant commented that, "it's all from the same pot anyway; it's all taxpayers' money. Whether it's been budgeted or whether it's from the surplus, it's still our money."

At that point, Dutil appeared ready to adjourn the meeting for five minutes, so that the councillors could talk among themselves and finally make up their minds. After a brief discussion, however, a decision was postponed.

"We'll decide next week," the mayor said.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW FARFAN

Council has been indecisive for over a year on the town hall move.

Tim's, truckers and tourists

What will replace the Imperial?

By Matthew Farfan

All kinds of rumours have been swirling about what will replace the soon to be demolished Imperial Motel at the north end of Stanstead. One story has it that a MacDonald's will be setting up shop once the motel is gone; another that a Tim Horton's will be opening up. So far, however, these stories seem to be just rumours.

At the town council meeting this week, several residents inquired about the plans for the motel property, which is owned by Petro-T.

Mayor Philippe Dutil responded that

these were questions for the developer and that no permits, even for the demolition of the motel, had been issued.

"We don't have any control what goes up there," Dutil said. "It's private property."

When asked by the Record about the tourist bureau that had been promised by Orford MNA Pierre Reid; that was supposed to have been incorporated into the new multimillion dollar truck weigh station and exit (the one that no one likes) north of town, but that is apparently no longer in the plans, Dutil said that that

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Mayor changes mind, will run again

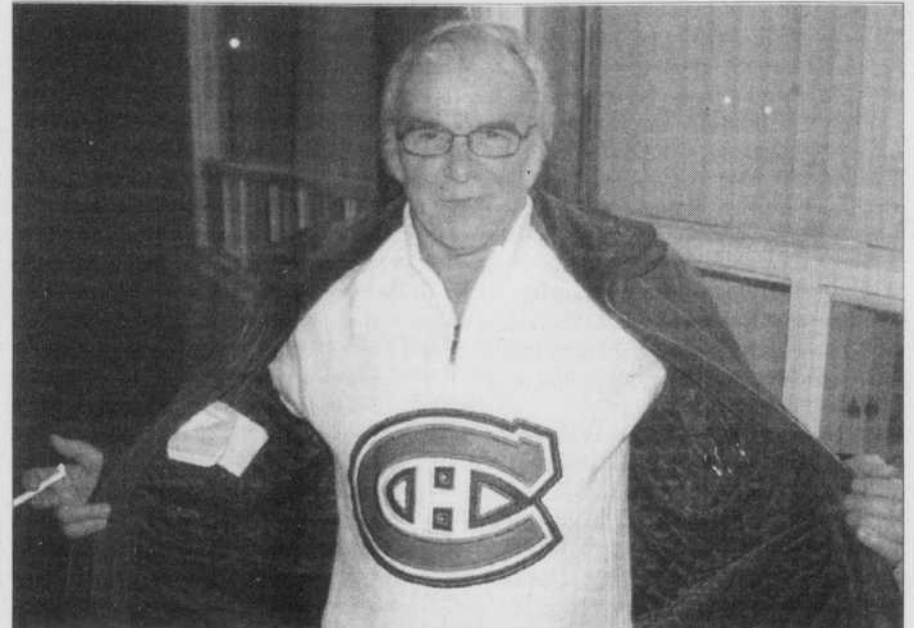


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Habs fan and mayor Philippe Dutil says he wants to keep being mayor.

By Matthew Farfan

Stanstead Mayor Philippe Dutil was looking decidedly more relaxed at this month's town council meeting than he was just three short months ago when he told the Record in no uncertain terms that he would not be running in the next municipal election.

Back in January, a haggard-looking Dutil stated categorically that he was "fed up" with people calling him at home or coming up to him and criticizing him for every little thing. "You can put it in the paper; I've got 21 months to go; after that, I'm not run-

ning again; I don't need this," he told us at the time. And no, there was no way he would ever reconsider; his mind was definitely made up, he assured us.

Now, Mayor Dutil has reconsidered his fatigue-induced decision. Following this week's Monday night meeting, he told the Record that he would run again after all.

As to what prompted the about-face, Dutil claimed that since his statements were published in this newspaper in January, "Many people have come up to me and asked me to change my mind." How many? we asked. "At least a hundred," he said.

Memorial softball tournament

By Matthew Farfan

The Stanstead Men's Softball League will be holding a ball tournament in memory of the late Dan Dubois, who died accidentally in Stanstead a few weeks ago. The tournament is being organized to raise funds for the education of Dubois' two young children.

At this week's town council meeting, league member Ben Kramer asked the council if the town would be willing to help out, mentioning that the league had already sent the town a letter to that effect.

"We're hoping to have the field repaired by May 18; we hope to be able to use the park for free; we'd like you to make sure the kiosks are in good work-

ing order, including the bathrooms and the kitchen; and we're asking your permission to hold a dance at the park, as well," Kramer explained. "We'll take care of the liquor license."

In response to the request, the town has agreed to help out. Mayor Philippe Dutil told Kramer that the municipality would help out with the dirt for the ball field. He also promised that the league could have the use of the park for free, that the dance would be allowed, and that the town would provide a crew to help out with the cleanup on the Monday morning.

Kramer promised that in return for its help, tournament organizers would mention the town in announcements "at least ten times."

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Colby-Curtis re-opens next week

1812 talk coming up

By Matthew Farfan

Closed since the beginning of December of last year due to a budget shortfall, the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead reopened for the season this week. Spring opening hours, according to museum receptionist Jeanne-d'Arc Clowery, are from 1 to 5 p.m., the hours increasing when the summer season arrives.

The Stanstead Historical Society, which runs the museum, will also soon be beginning its series of lecture luncheons with a talk by distinguished McGill University history professor Desmond Morton. The luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m., and will be held at Christ Church Hall, at 548 Dufferin in Stanstead. The focus of Professor Morton's presentation will be, "How Lower Canada Saved Canada in the War of 1812."

According to Morton, "because British governors like Murray and Carleton defied their transatlantic bosses and sustained the Catholic Church and the seigneurial class, Lower Canada had an efficient, well-trained militia in 1812, and the war with the United States began with victories at Michilimackinac, Detroit and even on Lake Erie. Thanks to de Salaberry's victory at Châteauguay, the most serious American threat to Canada collapsed late in 1813 and Canada was never again in real danger. Does the fact that Ontario was the chief beneficiary of Lower Canada's valour explain why almost no one in Canada knows who really won the War of 1812?"

The year 2012, of course, marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, and many events are taking place across Canada this year to mark the occasion. (And since this famously misnamed war actually lasted until 1815, there will be a whole



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Professor Desmond Morton will speak in Stanstead on April 14.

three more years to mark its anniversary.)

The Hiram Mills Emeritus Professor of History at McGill University, Desmond Morton came to Montreal in 1994 to found McGill's Institute for Canadian Studies. Previously, he was a professor of history at the University of Toronto. Born in Calgary, Morton is a graduate of the Collège militaire royal de St-Jean, the Royal Military College, Oxford University, and the University of London. A prolific author, he has written many books and articles on Canadian political, military and industrial history. Professor Morton is a summer resident of Georgeville.

For more information on the Stanstead Historical Society's opening hours or its upcoming lecture series, call (819) 876-7322.

Albert Brandt reaches Diamond Club

With more than 1400 people in attendance at the 29th Gala des MAX/IMM RE/MAX that took place at Montreal's Palais des congrès February 18, local real estate broker Albert Brandt made his entrance into the prestigious Diamond Club, RE/MAX QUÉBEC's highest annual distinction.

This reward - a first for RE/MAX D'Abord inc., and consequently in the Eastern Townships - crowns Brandt's best annual performance, ranking him 4th among 3,235 individual agents in Québec in 2011.

The Gala des MAX/IMM is first and foremost a unique opportunity to recognize the tireless efforts of the brokers and agencies who contributed to the success of the RE/MAX network during the last year. It is also an elegant and prestigious evening that is a source of inspiration and motivation for all members of the network. Surrounded by his children, Philippe, Marie and Caroline, his wife and everyday indispensable partner, Carole Larochelle, and his secretary, Nady Côté, Albert Brandt accepted the trophy with great pride.

For Brandt, whose real estate career spans 25 years in the very region where he grew up, this reward marks an important milestone. "How could I not be proud of this accomplishment? Having reached the highest level, being recognized by my peers, that's what "a recognized name, synonymous with excellence stands for. The trophy of which I am most proud is the recognition and the confidence my clients have given me time and time again. So I would like to express my warm and sincere thanks to my valued clients, and to my family and all who surround me for their support. I couldn't have reached this milestone without them."

Tim's

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idea had been scrapped.

"Transport Quebec no longer wants to build tourist bureaus at truck stops because they say they encourage drug trafficking and prostitution," Dutil said. The mayor went on to say, however, that the town was "working hard" to get the tourism bureau moved from its current location in the no-man's land on Autoroute 55 between Stanstead and Ayer's Cliff to a new location on the Petro-T-owned lot, i.e., the Imperial Motel property.

So, despite having no control over what happens with private property, the town (the mayor said) has made two trips to Quebec City in an effort to get the province to move its tourism bureau (the one that because of its location completely discourages tourists from visiting Stanstead) to the Petro-T property.

Where exactly the tourist bureau would fit in relation to a Tim Horton's, a Mac-Donald's and (if the town gets its way) a hotel, is not clear.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW FARFAN.

The Imperial Motel property may soon be home to a donut franchise. Or perhaps even a tourist bureau.

Local Sports

"Zach always liked basketball. He started playing at a young age in our backyard on a small Fisher-Price net. As soon as he could he started playing in elementary school."

Local basketball player excelling against the odds

By Jesse Feith

When watching Zacharie Bérard play basketball for this year's Champlain Cougars, it takes the first year player to be open for a smidgen of time before one thing becomes unavoidably noticeable—that he is as pure of a shooter as you can find.

Which, in its most simple of definitions, means the following in basketball: when Bérard is left open by the opposing team, he more often than not is good for two or three points depending on where his two feet happen to be placed on the court.

That is the first thing onlookers notice when watching the first-year Cougar play basketball, the second thing is less discernible and much less related to the sport itself: an earphone-like wire attached to a small black box on the side of his head. His hearing aid.

Bérard happens to be partially deaf, an aspect of his life that he never allowed to affect his love for the game, sticking his mind to it and overcoming the odds to become a college basketball player. He was born with the partial handicap, and his condition worsened at a young age.

"I was born with a hearing disability but it wasn't that bad, it got worse early until the age of five when I was diagnosed with profound deafness. Basically my ears couldn't keep up. I went to Quebec City when I was seven for my implant operation. I had to stay there for two months afterwards for speech therapy and to adapt to my surroundings," he said in an interview.

Bérard kept up his therapy back in his hometown of Granby over the next two years, all while continuing to develop what was quickly becoming his passion—the sport of basketball.

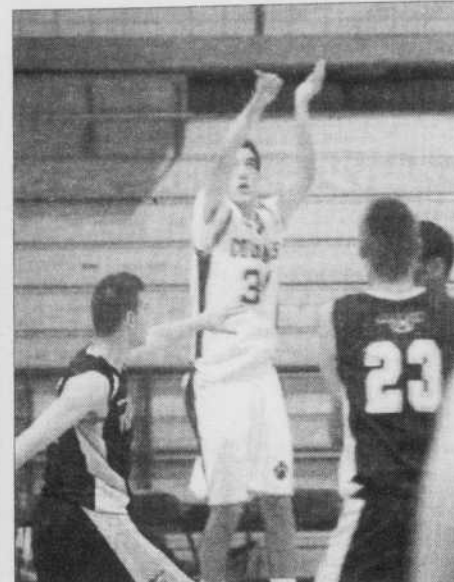
"Zach always liked basketball. He started playing at a young age in our backyard on a small Fisher-Price net. As soon as he could he started playing in elementary school," said Bérard's mother Nicole.

Bérard was first approached to play for his school team in grade four, when his gym teacher saw him playing and asked him if he would like to join the squad. "In the beginning we were told he had to completely avoid any contact sports, but when he was young there wasn't necessarily that much contact at that level so we weren't too worried. Someone has suggested to us that he wear a sort of rugby-like helmet when he played, but that didn't last very long because it got too hot and he really didn't want to wear it," added Bérard's mother.

Despite his hearing disability, he was enrolled in a regular elementary school, then College Sacré-Coeur, École Joseph-Hermas-Leclerc and finally Massey Vanier for his last year of high school. "My parents wanted me to have a normal childhood as much as possible so I was enrolled in regular school like everyone else. I just had to use an FM System to help me hear my teachers," he said, with his mother echoing the same idea. "It was a conscious decision to



Granby native Zacharie Bérard, number nine, posing with the rest of the Canadian Junior National Deaf Team at the Junior World Championships in Poland in 2010.



Bérard provided consistent outside shooting for the Champlain Cougars all year round in his rookie season with the team.



Bérard (fourth from left) with the rest of the Canadian Junior National Deaf Team at the Junior World Championships in Poland in 2010.

have him attend a regular school here in the area or else we would have had to move to Montreal, or have him spend countless hours travelling back and forth from school."

Before basketball became his main focus, Bérard first got involved with deaf sports through track and field. It was while competing in track at the Panamerican Games for the Deaf in Washington back in 2005 that he first realized that there was a deaf basketball team that he could potentially play for.

Bérard's first involvement with deaf basketball however only came back in 2008 when he participated in a nationwide deaf tournament in Newfoundland. "It was really an eye opening experience for me, I had never been around other deaf people in this way. I was the only one who was only partially deaf, so I picked-up some sign language to try and communicate with everyone."

The coaches liked what they saw in the young player during that tournament out East and in the winter of 2010, he was asked to try out for Canada's team that would be participating in the deaf World Junior Championships.

"We had practices in both Montreal and Edmonton during the winter, and then in the summer of 2010 we went to England to play an exhibition game against them before going to Poland for the tournament," said Bérard. As a

team, Canada didn't do too well as they finished in the bottom half of the standings. But the Granby native played well for himself, coming off of the bench and contributing to the team's offense with his stellar shooting much like he did this year for the Cougars. The overall experience of the tournament also left him wanting more.

"It was just like living the dream out there. We'd wake up in the morning and eat at an all you can eat buffet before going to shoot-around practice, coming back to eat at a buffet again for lunch and then playing in the games in the afternoon or at night."

When you watch Bérard play, you would never guess he had a hearing disability. But when he is out on the court, there's a lot more going on in his mind than what meets the eye. "Obviously there have been some obstacles, but I don't really rely on my hearing when I'm playing. There's always too much background noise with the fans, the bouncing balls, all the yelling going on. It's just too much. Especially at the college level where the crowds are bigger, there's a lot more noise. I try to pick out the voices I know I need to hear and focus on them," he explained.

Whereas Bérard had a clear explanation of how he handles everything out on the court, his mother—just like many others who have ever played the sport—can't quite explain it as easily. "I've al-

ways wondered how he does it out there without being able to hear everything properly, it's almost as though he's developed a sixth sense over the years," she says.

Back in 2008, when Bérard was just starting to get involved with deaf basketball himself, another major development for the sport was happening at the same time. In March of that year, Lance Allred became the first legally deaf player to step onto a National Basketball Association court when he suited up for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Allred played less than five minutes in his debut and missed his only field goal, but the impact his presence in an NBA game had on the deaf sports community was immeasurable.

"I know a lot of my friends on the deaf teams who really look up to him as a source of inspiration. When you're young you look for someone to follow, and he was a great example that anything can be accomplished," said the Cougars' shooting guard.

With that in mind, Bérard has two years left to play with Champlain before seeing where his talents will lead him to. He'll spend this summer training with a different team however, as he readies with the rest of the Canadian Junior National Deaf Team as they prepare to head to São Paulo, Brazil from June 12-24 for the 2012 Panamerican Games for the Deaf.

Waterloo News

Corey Dalton and Karen Scanlon of Burlington, Ontario, spent the weekend with us and did some skiing at both Bromont and Orford. We are sorry to hear that Lucille Aitken is a patient in Granby Hospital. Our get-well wishes go out to her. Jo-Ann Arnott has returned from Eureka, Missouri, after spending two weeks with Julie and Jerry Diekmann, sons Kenny and William and the new little fellow, Theodore, who was born while Jo-Ann was there.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Janet Russell Tucker, although this should have been printed a while ago as her death was not recent. Herman Page passed away a couple of weeks ago and our thoughts are with his family also.

Belated birthday wishes to Rose Monteith in Cowansville who celebrated her birthday on January 27. As you all can see I'm late which is not out of the ordinary for me.

Judy Dalton

St. George's, Ayer's Cliff card party

April 2 was a little cooler day than two weeks ago, but we had nine tables of keen players for our 500 card party.

The winners were as follows:

Ladies' high - Betty Davis, ladies' second - Marion St. Onge, ladies' low - Elvera Patterson. Men's high - Harris Olsson, men's second - Archie St. Onge, men's low - Bob Nish. Food basket - Isabel Nelson, Marked plates - Bob Nish, George Peasley. Skunk - Elvera Patterson, 9 No Trump - Mac Juby, Trick with the 4 of Hearts - Clarence Rolleston, Jelly Bean Guess - Hugette Morgan.

Each person went home with a door prize and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope to see you again on April 16, 1:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall, Rosedale St., Ayer's Cliff.

Submitted by
Greta Nish

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Obituary

Betty Young Smith
September 3, 1934 - February 22, 2012

Betty Smith, 77, went peacefully to her rest on Wednesday morning, February 22, 2012. Betty was born in Marlinton, Quebec to William and Esther (Robitaille) Young.

She was married on June 23, 1956 to Allan Smith in Stanstead, and they had three daughters, Cindy of Pointe Claire, QC, Debbie (Denis Blouin) of Pierrefonds, QC and Lisa (Marc Stratton) and granddaughters Sara and Hanna of Brockville, ON.

She worked in Rock Island at Kaiser's & Spencer's until she married, and moved briefly to New Brunswick with Allan. On returning to Quebec, they moved to St. Laurent where she was employed at Canadair until Cindy was born, and then became a stay-at-home mom and homemaker, never to return to the work force, choosing to remain an excellent homemaker. They lived for over 30 years in St. Laurent, Fabreville and Pointe Claire until 1989 when Allan took semi-retirement and they moved back to Beebe where they made their home.

After moving back to Beebe, she became very involved with the Christ Church ACW/Guild, and spent many volunteer hours working in the Thrift Shoppe, and with the ladies at their sales and catering events, her pride was in taking care of the food table. She was a member of the Friday Morning Bowling League which she got much enjoyment from, she also enjoyed the monthly ladies birthday luncheons. She enjoyed the many trips that she made with Allan and family, and especially the

two trips in 2010 and 2011 with all the family to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Betty was held in very high esteem, as shown by the many tributes received, and the large turnout for the funeral.

Card of Thanks

SMITH, Betty Young (1934-2012). We wish to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for all the kindness shown during Betty's recent illness. Thanks to everyone for all the visits, calls, cards, food and compassion shown during this difficult time. Special thanks go to the nurses and doctors of the sixth floor of the CHUS Fleurimont, and especially to Dr. Masse and all the nurses of the palliative care unit of the Magog Hospital, who caringly made Betty's final days as comfortable as possible. Special thanks goes to Rev. Curtis Patterson for all he did, the ladies of Christ Church ACW/Guild for the wonderful lunch provided, Leslie and Janie for all their support, organist June Patterson, and the ladies choir from Ayer's Cliff, Clint Rowsell for his extra effort, and to everyone who visited and attended the funeral. Please accept this as our thanks to everyone for all you did, and the numerous donations made to Christ Church Stanstead and other charities.

ALLAN AND FAMILY

Death



Mary Marguerite SAFFORD

Passed peacefully in her one hundred and third year on March 31, 2012.

Mary was born and raised in Sutton Junction and moved to Montreal where she worked at Sidbec-Dosco for 40 years before retiring to Cowansville. She was very involved in her church and volunteered for many organizations including driving for Meals on Wheels until the age of 90.

Mary is survived by her sister Helen and many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. She will be fondly remembered and deeply missed. Mary was the glue that held our family together.

Visitation will be at Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 rue Buzzell, Cowansville on Saturday, April 7, 2-4 p.m.

The family wishes to thank the Résidences Cowansville C.r.p. for their excellent care.

A graveside service will be held in Sutton in June.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to can donate to the charity of their choice.

"Mary was the glue that held our family together."

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RICHMOND

Our annual Roast Beef Supper will take place at the Richmond-Melbourne United Church on Saturday, April 14 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come and enjoy roast beef and all the fixings, with a vast assortment of homemade pies. Admission charged. All are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Easter Tea at UPLANDS (9 Speid St., Lennoxville). Come by on Saturday, April 7 or Sunday, April 8 between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and enjoy a special tea service to celebrate Easter! For more information or to make a reservation, please call (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Exhibit - UPLANDS is proud to present the work of well known local artists Denis Palmer (watercolour) and Réjean Côté (pottery) in its contemporary art gallery. The exhibit will run until May 27, 2012. Uplands is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The centre is located at 9 Speid Street in the borough of Lennoxville (Sherbrooke). For more information, please call (819) 564-0409 or visit our website www.uplands.ca.

SHERBROOKE

Advance notice. The Anglican Church of the Advent, 473 Bowen St. South, Sherbrooke, invites you to their annual Spring Salad Bar Tea on Saturday, April 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Salads, ham, rolls, cakes and squares. Home baked items on sale. Everyone is welcome.

SHERBROOKE

Spaghetti Supper fundraiser, Saturday, April 14, Plymouth-Trinity United Church, 380 Dufferin, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menu: spaghetti with meat or vegetari-

an sauce, salad, rolls, gourmet dessert table; coffee/tea/juice. Information: 819-346-6373; 819-346-7750.

BULWER

It's spring and the 500 card parties will be underway again at the Bulwer Community Center, sponsored by the members, on Thursday, April 5 & 19, at 2 p.m. Admission charged to play cards, includes a light lunch and distribution of prizes. All welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 256 Queen St., Lennoxville, 819-569-3100. Minister: Rev. John Barry Forsyth. Organist: Anthony Davidson. April 5 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church. April 6 - Good Friday Ecumenical Morning Service, 10:30 a.m. at Plymouth-Trinity United Church. April 6 - Good Friday Evening Tenebrae Service, 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church. April 8 - Easter Morning Service, 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew's Church.

DANVILLE

A Flea Market will be held on Saturday April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 136 Grove Street. For reservations please call 819-839-2581 or 819-434-1005.

STANSTEAD

Ham Shoot Dart Tournament, proceeds will be divided between Sunnyside Grade 5-6 Trip To Quebec City and a Trust Fund for The Late Dan Dubois Children's Education, on April 6, 2012 at the Stanstead Legion. Registration starting at 7 p.m. Games starting at 8 p.m. 401 Double in /Double out. Bring your own partner Male/ Female. Admission charged.

AUSTIN

500 card party at Austin Town Hall on Saturday April 14 at 7 p.m. Benefit of the East Bolton Cemetery Association. Lunch and Prizes. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

CFUW Sherbrooke & District Grannies will hold a Nearly New Sale at the Amédée-Beaudoin Centre in Lennoxville on Friday, April 13 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds of this upscale clothing sale go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation for African Grandmothers. For information, contact 819-

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AYER'S CLIFF

Spring Brunch on Sunday, April 15 at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your special someone and enjoy a delicious meal of bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real maple syrup, homemade baked beans, toast, jam, fruit salad, coffee, tea and juice. All are welcome!

NORTH HATLEY

Holy Week Celebrations at Ste-Elisabeth de Hongrie Catholic Church, 3115 Capelton, North Hatley. Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. All welcome.

GEORGEVILLE

St. George's Anglican Church, Georgeville welcomes you to the following services for Holy Week. Thursday, April 5, 4 p.m., Maundy Service, Holy Communion. Friday, April 6, 4 p.m., Good Friday service with music and meditation. Sunday, April 8, 10 a.m., Easter Day Service, Choral Holy Eucharist with the Ven. Dean E. Ross officiating, Rev. Dr. Deane Moffat guest preacher, Rev. Doreen Moffat assisting, with Sarah Hoblyn, organist and choir director.

SHERBROOKE

The Anglican Church of the Advent, 473 Bowen St. South, Sherbrooke welcomes you to Easter Day Service of Holy Communion, April 8, at 8 a.m. The Ven. Dean E. Ross officiating.

AYER'S CLIFF

Turkey Dinner on Sunday, April 22, starting at noon, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Rosedale St., Ayer's Cliff. Benefit for Christopher Shelden's Class Trip. Advance tickets: Debbie Smith 819-876-7308.

LENNOXVILLE

Ladies, you're invited to the April 12 meeting of the Women's Connection at the A.N.A.F. "Hut", 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke, 9:30 a.m., for a Fashion Show with the "Hatley Outlet". Enjoy pianist/soloist, Donna Forde of Magog, who will also be the guest speaker, her topic: "Lifestyle Changes." If you're not on a "meeting reminder" calling list, make reservations/cancellations by call-

ing Pat Bryant 819-562-8560 by Sunday, April 8.

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SAWYERVILLE

Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for the Sawyerville Elementary School on Saturday, April 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Catholic Church. Menu includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, juice and dessert. Everyone welcome.

DANVILLE

Advance notice. Rummage Sale of Spring and Summer clothing and miscellaneous items at St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, du Carmel St., Danville on Friday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., only. Coffee and muffins available. All welcome.

BULWER

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

MELBOURNE

Good Friday service, April 6, at 7 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1169 Route 243, Melbourne with Glen Sampson. Easter Sunday service, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. All welcome.

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Do I let the dream die and accept reality or keep encouraging him?

Dear Annie: I've been with my husband for 15 years. He has many good qualities, but he has always struggled with shyness, low self-esteem and awkwardness. When we got together, he promised to be the financial provider. He started many careers, all of which fizzled. Twice he's had yearlong gaps where he was unemployed. Right now, he works a minimum-wage job.

We are both in our mid-30s and recently had our first baby. I am resentful and angry that I had to return to work and put the baby in day care. I missed my baby's first steps and first word. I feel robbed of time with my child.

My husband says the difficulty of being the provider has been too hard to overcome. He wants me to let it go and move on. But, Annie, he is perfectly capable of making it happen. I never wanted to be "Mrs. Career," and now I feel trapped. He always has excuses for not choosing a career. He has abandoned

me to carry this financial burden on my own.

I have seen a few counselors, who say to keep encouraging and believing in him, but my baby is nearly 2, and my husband is not making any effort. My father worked two jobs, and he says there's something wrong with a man who can't provide for his family. I tend to believe him. Do I let the dream die and accept reality or keep encouraging him? — Sad Wife

Dear Sad: There are worse things than being the main breadwinner and putting your child in day care. But the resentment and anger are problematic, and encouragement only goes so far. Please insist that your husband be evaluated for adult ADD, and also that he get some career counseling as well as therapy to work on his negative, self-defeating attitude.

Dear Annie: My father is dying of cancer. According to the doctors, he doesn't

Annie's Mailbox

have much longer to live.

Dad and his second wife have been married for nearly 60 years. She has some dementia. My two younger half-brothers have told me she will get very upset if my daughter and I go see Dad. My stepmother and I have never been close, but she was always very sweet to us in the past. I don't want to upset her, but at the same time, I want to see my dad, and my daughter wants to visit her granddad before he passes. We were able to see him for a short visit in the hospital, and once we came over when his wife was out of the house.

I know this is a stressful time for the whole family. I don't think Dad has much more time, and I will be upset if he dies and I haven't had a chance to say goodbye. What should I do? — First Born

Dear First Born: Go anyway. If you fear it will derail your stepmother, ask one of her sons to please take her out for

dinner or shopping so you can stop by with your daughter and say goodbye. Give them two or three possible time options, and insist that they select one within the week. Our thoughts are with you.

Dear Annie: Here's one more about naming a pet the same as a person. Years ago, I had a cat named Charlie. He was not allowed on our sofa. One day, a business associate stopped by and was sitting on the sofa talking to my husband. I walked into the living room and saw our cat jumping onto the couch. I yelled, "Charlie, get off of that sofa," and the visitor suddenly jumped to his feet in confusion. I had forgotten that his name was also Charlie. I quickly apologized. — Still Chuckling in Pennsylvania

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

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by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "You always get a special kick on opening day ... You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid." — Joe DiMaggio

TODAY'S CLUE: C equals M

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Lennoxville Golden Age

March 20 - Being on holidays, Joan took over for me. Thanks Joan. Here is her summary.
One table of Scrabble and 8 tables of 500 were played. New member Greta Nish.
Welcome back Eula Cathcart. Ada Hicks brought a guest, Jean Hicks of BC.
Kay Hartwell and Ferne Lapointe set tables.
Jim Strickland is at the Youville Hospital for therapy and Bill Heyman had knee surgery.
A thank you was received from L.E.S. for the donation to the Breakfast program.
Table 3 to bring prizes.
Winners of cards were ladies high Kay Taylor with 5200, ladies low Grayce Betts 3220. Gents high went to Gordon Humphrey with 5180, gents low Robert Davis 2680.
Supper was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, corn, coleslaw, homemade ketchup, cookies, fruit salad, rolls, tea and coffee. 80 members enjoyed this meal.
Door prizes went to Pearl Custeau, Dufferin Annesly, Winnona Kirby and Mary Simons. Other prizes: Joan Cruickshank, Robert Hall and Margaret Hall.
Thanks Joan. I guess you covered it all. Very good work and thanks again.
God bless all. See you next time.

Submitted by Margaret Vintinner

Cribbage Tournament held in honour of Barb and Dale Leonard

A cribbage tournament was held at the A.N.A.F Unit #318, "The Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. A total of 42 people played, members and guests alike.
This tournament was in honour of Barb and Dale Leonard. The scores were unbelievable, 3 first place winners with perfect games and two second place winners. This is an all time record!
First place winners were: 1) Lillian Corrigan and Connie Vernham, 2) Fred Cross and Perry Hodge and 3) Marie and Andrew Letemplier, with a perfect score of 726.
Second place winners were: 1) Margaret and Keith Vintinner and 2) Phil Hopkins and Bob Dohl with a score of 723.
Third place winners were Danny Leonard and Scott Muth with a score of 700.
A half-and-half was drawn in 2 parts: the first winner was Mike Williams and the second winner was Kevin Fleury.
Kevin generously donated maple butter and taffy. These prizes went to Trudy Rand and Richard Doyon.
Carolyn and Danny accepted the donation on behalf of the family and informed us the proceeds are to be donated to Team Hope for The Relay for Life.
I wish to thank everyone for their participation.

Submitted by Colleen Matthews

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Women's Connection



"The Late Bloomers" lead the Irish music sing-a-long.

The last Women's Connection was held at "The Hut" on St. Francis St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on March 8, the theme being a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. On entering, one was met with a festive "wearing o' the green". A good number of the 70 guests in attendance were Irish - for one day at least - by the colour of the clothes they were wearing.

After an abundance of door prizes were given out, everyone joined the "Late Bloomers" as they played for a

lively sing-a-long of Irish music which added to the fun.

Denise Dubois from Sherbrooke was introduced and she talked about how she got started sewing the beautiful and unique handbags she had on display. They were of professional quality and workmanship. Although she spoke French only, Chairlady, Carol Gosselin, did an excellent job of translating for us. During the short break for a second cup of coffee and another little snack, ladies

admired and bought their favourite "one of a kind" handbag to take home.

The morning's speaker was none other than our very own Nadine Fafard of Lennoxville. Although she'd spoken a number of years ago, she still held the attention of her audience as she told yet another part of her life's story.

This month Women's Connection is having a Fashion Show with items from "The Hatley Outlet" in Lennoxville, on Thursday, April 12 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

at the A.N.A.F. "Hut", 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke. Come! Live it up! Who knows, maybe you'll win one of at least 3 door prizes! Bring along a couple of friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or juice and a little something tasty made by the ladies who work so faithfully at the "Hut". As you relax, you'll be serenaded by soloist, and speaker, Donna Forde of Magog.

There is no membership, but a small entrance fee at the door.

Submitted by
Sheila Andrews



Speaker, Nadine Fafard speaking to her attentive audience