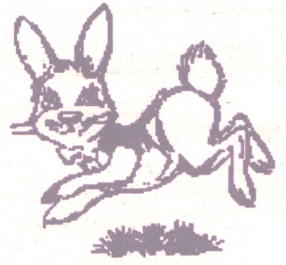


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SPRING TRADITION, AS IT WAS

by David Wright

Spring is finally here. The hot sun warms the air and offers an invitation I can't refuse; so come and sit with me on the back porch; we'll soak in that hot sun. Got to get those vitamin D you know, I need to build up strength; those mounds of vegetation will not clean themselves up once the snow melts away.

Will you look at that! See that white smoke rising over there on the left? That's got to be coming from my

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Photo: Dave Wright

Spring is here! And with it comes the annual temptation of maple syrup.

Let us not forget their supreme sacrifice

A moment of remembrance and reflection. Let us not forget these men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for all of us. I believe they did get their message out there, think before going to war.

This photo was taken right after a student demonstration in Lennoxville during a winter cold February day. I could see one set of foot prints going up to the monument where a student had brushed off the wreath that has been standing silently on guard since Remembrance day services. Respect was shown.



Lennoxville Men Open Curling Bonspiel



"The Pie Bonspiel" 230 curlers being piped down Queen St. into the United Church in Lennoxville to enjoy all the pies they can eat. There was 22 senior teams and 36 regular teams.

Consideration for Cats

by Julie Kielly

He arrived home late after a long day on the road. It was bitterly cold. As he pulled into his driveway he noticed a cardboard box on the edge of his lane. Getting out to check the contents, he was dismayed to find another litter of kittens. What was so disturbing about this find was that they were frozen, literally FROZEN, to death. One kitten appeared to be alive and was rushed inside only to die minutes later.

You may be asking yourself the obvious questions. Who would do such a thing? Who would leave helpless kittens, in a box at the end of a long lane, in sub-zero temperatures? These people,



whoever they were, probably went off feeling confident that the kittens would be taken care of and they were feeling guilt-free. They need to know that these poor kittens never stood a chance against the elements. They also need to know that they are responsible for the death of these helpless creatures! Their actions were cruel to both the kittens and the per-

son who witnessed this inhumane act.

Finding abandoned cats in our area is nothing new. Cats and/or their kittens are being dumped regularly beside houses, outside of shelters, and at the dogcatcher's. Our municipality has nothing

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To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people for their support and kind condolences that extended to my family, which was appreciated.

My mother, Geneva Martin (nee Harvey) was born in Sutton and raised on the family farm. The Harvey family settled in the Farnham Corner area in 1804.

Upon graduation from Sutton High School she went to Macdonald College to get her Teaching

Certificate and she started her first teaching position in Farnham Corner. She taught for a total of 35 at Waterville, Sherbrooke, Mitchell, East Ward, West Ward and Cookshire schools before she retired. She even taught me at East Ward School. She was very proud of her teaching career.

Mother was very organized; not only did she teach, but she helped do the accounting books for my 's car business in Sherbrooke for over 25 years. She also raised 5 children, Donna Pidoux, Marlene Martin, Don (Bud) Martin, Brenda Martin and Bonnie Martin.

My mother's true courage was strengthened when Bonnie passed away. Mother also took an active role in the lives

of her grandchildren. Mother always had time to listen.

My mother was nominated to receive the Air Canada "Heart of Gold Award," in 1988 for her good in the community. She organized many fashion shows at Sherbrooke High School and organized "hot lunches" for the students. She also cooked suppers for the boys of the Sherbrooke Hi Y Club. She unselfishly gave her time and emotional support to her friends. I remember my mother telling me about a lady who had a severe stroke which paralyzed most of her body and had left her unable to hardly. While she was in a nursing home, my mother thought a budgie bird would be good for her and maybe she might regain some of her speech. The management of the home said, but my mother 'stood her ground' and the management finally gave in.

My mother was a fun loving resilient woman living life to the fullest. She started 'Curling' when she was 72 years old and she was a member of the Lennoxville Curling Club for next 15 years. While a member, she helped raise funds to improve the facilities. She recognized that the club was an importance meeting place in a small community where people could get out, makes friends and have some fun.



Once during a competitive bonspiel she told her crew that there could only be one or two winners; so she said, "Why 't the rest of us have fun?"

She organized card parties for the Masons in Lennoxville where people could socialize with friends and keep their minds active.

She also helped the Lennoxville United Church with various activities.

Above all her family and friends were the most important things in her life and a great role model for her chil-

dren.

I had asked my mother why she did all these things and she said it brought her a lot of pleasure and she enjoyed it.

Geneva, passed away February 21, 2003 peacefully at the Connaught Home in North Hatley.

She lived her life to the fullest and she gave love, help, comfort to her family, friends and community.

Greatly missed by family and friends.

Submitted by her son,
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neighbor's sugar house. Can't wait for the smoke to come this way, once you smell it you will not forget it. Sugar shack smoke has a sweet smell to it, not like the smoke from chimneys in the winter. It's a sweet smell, a sort of mix between sweet vapors from the boiling sap and the burning of sugar maple tree. Yes sir! hear the tractor and the four wheeler through the maple grove? That's got to be old Joe and his son-in-law setting out to retrieve the sap from the buckets. Funny though, I don't hear any noise coming from Bert's lot on the right. He has a maple grove too, and he sells maple syrup every spring. Come to think of it, I remember that last summer he had mentioned he was thinking of going high-tech, well he must have done it. Can't say I like the looks of a maple grove all tied up with tubes. If his sap is collected in tanks and trucked away to some high volume processing sugar house, like so many other farmers have done, there won't be any sweet smell coming from that direction. I wonder if Bert just won't end up dismantling the old shack and boilers?

Call me an old fool if you want but it saddens me to think that the old fashioned way of sugaring is disappearing. Already gone are the old

wooden buckets, rare are those who still use a horse drawn sled and soon we won't even see any buckets hanging from maple trees either. My grandchildren memories at the sugar shack will be quite different from mine, just like mine are sure different from those my grandfather had. I know some maple sugar producers who got rid of hundreds of galvanized sap buckets when they converted to the pipeline system, they barely got fifty cents a piece for them. Now you see them selling for fifteen dollars at flea markets as recycled antiques, they've become flower pots hanging on patio walls. Don't you think that a maple grove with hundreds of sap buckets hanging from huge maple trees looks better than one strewn with tubes running from one tree to the next?

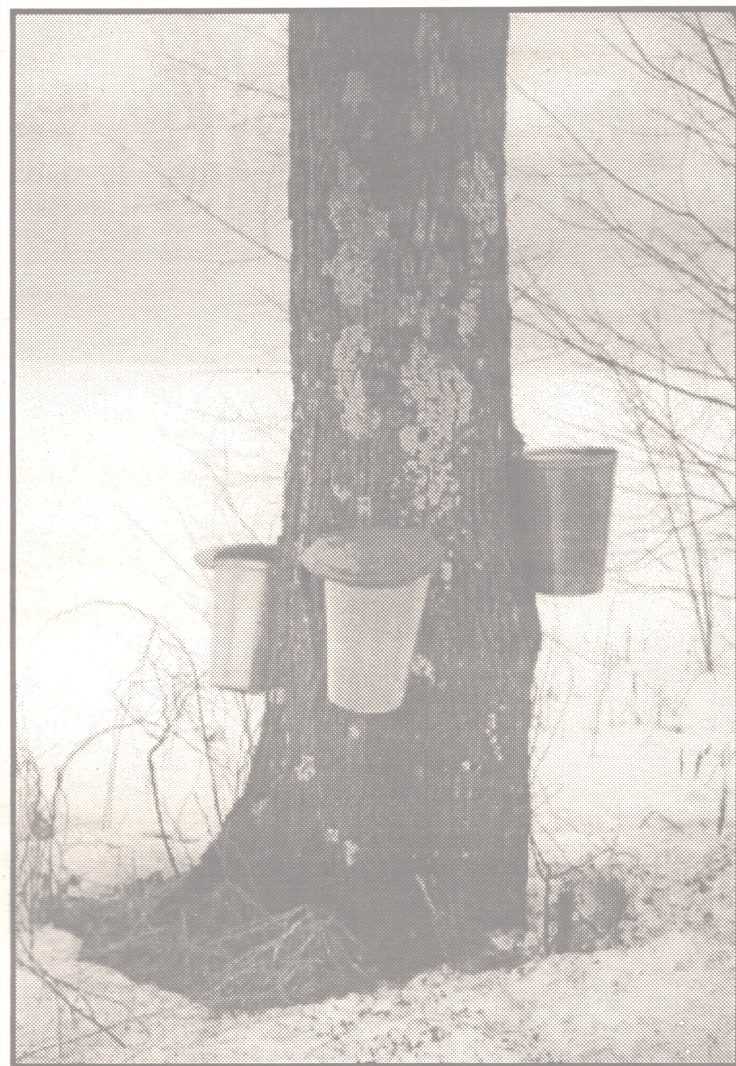
I remember as a young boy I used to go out to Warren and Ross Savages' farm, on the Johnville Corner, to help them gather the sap by hand. I remember their father, Dawson, standing on the horse drawn sled with the big container in the back, steering the two horses on the main snow covered lanes through the woods. The snow was piled up on both sides and then there would be a small opening with a path leading to each tree. We would trudge through the snow

with our five gallon pail, believe me when the pail was full, it was heavy, especially when it was full before you got to the last tree on the path. I'll admit now, I fibbed some when I said that some buckets were emptied. The hardest part was returning to the sleigh without losing all the sap. The horses were edgy waiting for us; steam was coming out of their nostrils and off their backs. They were chopping at the bit, but Mr. Savage had them well in hand. They would look at us as to say "can't you go faster, we've been waiting all winter for this?". Well! I can tell you now, by the end of this workout I too was steaming. My clothes were soaked, but sitting next to the boilers it didn't take long to dry off. I can still remember all of us sitting on a board against the sugar shack wall watching the wood burning in the boilers. It was like a modern sauna with the steam rising to the opening in the roof with the difference that it had a sweet smell of sugar. At the end of the day we would sit down to an unforgettable meal topped off with black molasses cookies, which by the way I have tried to copy without success. That's another story my children could tell you about.

You have children don't you? Well I suggest you take them to an old fashion sugaring camp, if you can find one, where they still use horses to gather the sap. Horses have a way of leaving a pleasant impression on the young ones.

I have just learned that Mrs. Lorna Savage has passed away recently, may she rest in peace. Every spring I remember the good times I had at the Savage's farm. Thank you for the memories.

My sincere sympathy go out to Audrey, Ross, Warren and Elain.



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Lennoxville's Church Street Cafe

by Janice LaDuke

March 7th's Church Street Café was an evening of great music, but getting to it was somewhat of a comedy of errors. Perhaps that is not quite right, though, because it all started with an early morning phone call on Wednesday from Sandy Ward's Dad to say that she was in the hospital and wouldn't be able to play at the Café as planned on Friday night.

Sandy is a talented singer and a very professional performer. She fronts the country rock band Roadhouse and has been on stage since she was very young. She does a beautiful unplugged set when she comes to the Café, usually with Phil Patton on guitar and Perry Beaton on bass. Needless to say, we were very disappointed to hear that she wouldn't make it Friday night, and very sorry to hear that she was not well. We're hoping she'll be feeling better soon, and we'll do our best to book her in next season.

So then began the phone calls. David and I had recently been to a beautiful show that Elaine and David Vachon did at a small dinner/music venue in Stanstead. So, knowing that they had some material all worked up and ready to go, we gave them a call. No go. Elaine would be out of town for the weekend.

David then called Ron Haynes of Stanbridge East and received an encouraging response. David was able to reach Perry Beaton and get his blessing; and then, after tracking down Terry Howell at the bowling alley in Sawyerville, (and reassuring him that his weekend guests weren't arriving till' later, David having spoken to Deedee first) we got his thumbs up. By the time David spoke to Ron again, he had lined up Jimmy Brownrigg, so that was a band and a set. The Church Street Café would go on.

The other half of the

evening was to be Will LeMaistre & Marie-Clo Benoit with Daniel Hache. They played our stage a couple of years ago and did a wonderful set of traditional Quebecois, Celtic, and Cajun tunes with Will on guitar and vocals, Daniel on percussion, and Marie-Clo on fiddle and of course, her beautiful voice. Then there was Will and Marie-Clo's young baby who would sometimes be heard, between songs, just a-howling. She was a lovely baby and she was being rocked in the loving arms of a very capable friend, but to no avail. It may well have been the thoughtest set Marie-Clo had ever done.

That was a couple of years ago, that baby is now a very active two-year-old, and Will and Marie-Clo have had a second child... When I asked Nancy Nourse at the Record if she had spoken to Will and Marie-Clo about Friday night's set, Nancy told me that yes, she'd called and spoken to Marie-Clo alright, but at the time Marie-Clo was in the midst of pie-making with a very enthusiastic two-year-old assistant. Marie-Clo would have to call Nancy back. When she did call back, Marie-Clo said that she had decided to let Will and Daniel do the set without her. She could not go through a repeat of her last Church Street Café performance, and she could not leave her babies at home in Sutton.

That was a great disappointment. David did speak to Will after that and gave him a hard time about leaving the best part of his act at home, but Marie-Clo's decision had to be respected.

So with all this going on, along with our regular day-to-day late winter scrambles to survive, I never did call CBC Radio with our Public Service Announcement. That part of our publicity just did not happen this month. The Record article that we try to get into Tuesday's Lennoxville Link section did not appear until

Friday, but it did appear and for that we are grateful. I didn't get anything out to the Stanstead Journal (I need to get that in at least a week in advance). But the show would go on...

David usually does the set-up for the Café on the Friday afternoon with two of our most faithful volunteers, Ken Madakoro and Brian Creelman, and for the past three months my brother has come down from Cornwall, Ontario to help out. Set-up involves moving fifty card tables and about a hundred and twenty chairs from the church basement up to the hall, with the help of an elevator. It also involves moving in and setting up the sound equipment. Then there are the tablecloths and candles... This Friday, Ken was doing a set with Jackie Hyman for International Women's Day at the Lennoxville Community Centre. Certainly a commendable excuse for not devoting his entire afternoon and evening to our Café, and he did help with the chairs and tables in the afternoon. My brother couldn't make it down from Cornwall at all, and so we were down to David and Brian and myself for the final stages of set-up.

Just to add to the stresses of the day, I forgot to call Lorraine's Patisserie with our order for baked goods on Friday morning. By the time I remembered, about mid-afternoon, they were down to one-and-a-half dozen doughnuts! If you've never been to the Church Street Café, you may not realize how important, and how good, those doughnuts are. Could the show go on without at least four dozen of those doughnuts? We had plenty of squares and cookies, and someone even brought in a pan of homemade brownies (all very scrumptious, but somehow they could not replace those doughnuts!). By this time, I realized that this was how the night would go. Nothing was going to come easy.

At about seven-twenty our faithful crowd began to stream in. Luckily, our dedicated mug washing volunteers, Marjorie Bruhmuller and Jim Kanner, came in with the box of spanking clean mugs and they promptly took over running the bake table. I usually do it, but I had to cover the door. Brian usually does that, but he had to help David with the sound equipment and moving in more chairs. Ken and my brother usually do that, but they weren't there...

Finally, the lights dimmed and the musicians were introduced. The music began. Perry Beaton, Ron Haynes, Jimmy Brownrigg, and Terry Howell launched into their first song. Terry bellied right up to the mike to do his lead, just as David had instructed him. The Café has just purchased a second mike specifically for this purpose. Now, I could hear Terry's guitar and it sounded good to me, but then I saw David running up to the stage, and then he was right out on the stage fiddling with the mike mid-song! What the heck is he doing, I wondered. The song ended, and David sheepishly, apologetically, addressed the audience. "Forgot to turn the mike on."

Now, Ron and the boys did a great set, but they were winging it. "Well, now," Ron would say, "have you got a song, Terry?" Terry shakes his head. Ron, turns to Jimmy. "Jimmy, what about you?" Jimmy shakes his head. "Well, then, ..." says Ron, and off they went into another perfectly rendered tune. How do they do it? They sounded great, and the audience was clearly enjoying the music, but it seemed to me that they were enjoying this repartee between songs every bit as much! You could not rehearse this kind of act. It only worked because it was genuine!

They started off with a couple of tunes that are on The Country Coffee House cd, a recently released live recording of music from the

Stanbridge East Coffee House. Tunes about home: "My home in the Townships, "Clarenceville", "Carmanville", and "Leonard." Then Ron did his "Reining horse song," and later Jimmy did a superb take on "Me and Bobby McGee." Somebody broke a string in there somewhere, but that was just par for the kind of night it was.

Brian Creelman turned to me at one point and asked, "Are you sure we're in the right church?"

The boys finished with a wonderful fiddle tune, then were dragged back up (not kicking and screaming) to do an encore, "Moving on."

Will and Daniel's set was interesting and funny and just excellent. They did a number of Cajun tunes which Daniel prefaced with some hilarious translation work. "The beans are not salted." sticks in my mind. And Daniel can really do that Cajun wail. The crowd was very amused and Daniel was hamming it up some, but he really did get that authentic Cajun sound.

The Cajun tunes were interspersed with some lovely Appalachian tunes sung by Will, including one that I know as "Once I knew a pretty girl" from an early 1960's Joan Baez recording. Will and Daniel finished their set with a chain gang song from the deep south. I missed Marie-Clo's voice, but truth to tell, if I hadn't known what was missing...

So the evening went off with plenty of minor glitches but no crises and the crowd left, after the traditional Church Street Café routine of staking chairs, folding tables and tablecloths, still a-humming and a-smiling. David and I made it home by about midnight, and after a strictly medicinal nip of Jack Daniels, we knocked out. Another Church Street Café be-

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hind us, and another coming up...

The next Church Street Café will take place on Friday, April 4, with Bill Garrett and Sue Lothrop to fill the evening with music that runs the spectrum from traditional to jazz to folk, classic country and bluegrass. The Café takes place in the Gertrude Scott Hall of Lennoxville United Church, at the corner of Queen and Church in the heart of downtown Lennoxville. Coffee, apple juice and munchies will be available. This is a smoke and alcohol free venue. Come early for a good seat!

THE BLACK CAT

Books aligned spine to spine. Promised ideas and things unthought. Music soft as an Irish soprano's heaving breast, permeating the musty warm odor of pages held captive by covers, fanciful and plain.

Were they higgledypig or was there chaotic order? Was title or author the guiding concern? Where was the price? The long haired lady knew that and so much more; you could read it in her open natural smile.

The writing group met on Mondays and the published collection was for sale. Did I want to look it over? Authors are an insecure lot; but of course, it would be educational to read other expressions of the human story. With trepidation and concern for my vulnerable

ego, I made the very private journey into the heart of The Black Cat.

Not long into the book I was caught up in a kind of kindred familiarity. The sounds of a Summer Cottage gritting against my moist sneakers. A cruel sun laughing at my freckle camouflage. Debris floating into my eyes as I dove too near the bottom. A flood o memories; not of Quebec, but Michigan.

The music was soothing and of folk heritage. Was this the voice of The Black Car lady or merely her inspiration? Was it French or English that created that mantilla like gauze of civilization? What did it matter, the language of inspiration. What did an individual language have to do with beauty; with truth?



The charm of the The Black Cat used book shop is located on Queen St. in Lennoxville.

Later, I returned to commit my worldly resources in exchange for my own private copy of Taproot II. I read of old soldiers and towns changing names; of dyslexia and death; of hope and sorrow. I learned how much we are alike under a veneer of cultural difference.

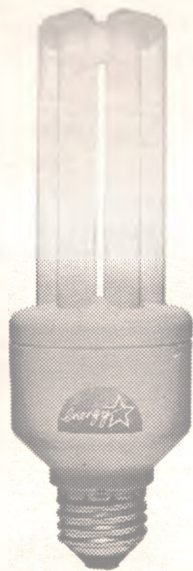
Ideas and thoughts, aligned like books on the shelf, ordered by music; cataloged by commonality.

Le Chat Noir creeps through my mind on velvet padded feet; purring softly, rubbing sensually against my bent knee.

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Confronting the inner child

Review of Girl From the South
By Joanna Trollope

McArthur & Company paperback, 311 pp., copyright 2002. Cover price \$24.95, available at Chapters and online at www.chapters.indigo.ca.

Reviewed by Denise Dawn Hubert

Rating: Three and a half stars out of five — Pop psychology and soap opera aside, there is a point to be extracted from this book!

Their biological clocks are ticking, but their inner child is still hurting. The cast of characters in Joanna Trollope's *Girl From the South* would make ideal fodder for the late-1980s pop psychology guru John Bradshaw.

The core characters are essentially thirty-something-year-old children. Some recognize the unresolved troubles of their respective childhoods, while others don't. Meanwhile, they are caught

up in problems that need solving today. In London, Henry isn't ready to marry Tilly after living with her for nearly eight years. In Charleston, South Carolina, Gillon is working and single, and faced with her family's old-fashioned notions about a woman's place in the home, and a younger sister who is already living up to the ideal.

When Gillon goes to London for a new job and a change of scenery, she meets up with Henry and Tilly. She

becomes the inadvertent spark that sets off a chain reaction, sending each of the three on a journey to confront their inner child, as Bradshaw might well have advised. Their travels set them on a collision course with family, friends, social expectations and with each other.

Gillon's antiquated family members back in Charleston face a parallel conflict, also stuck in the ruts of their past. In a slower, more thoughtful fashion, Gillon's grandmother, parents and siblings make inner journeys that they reflect upon and discuss, moving at their own pace toward a new world where there are no confining gender or racial stereotypes. This is difficult for them, as they remain in a pocket of society where these views are acceptable.

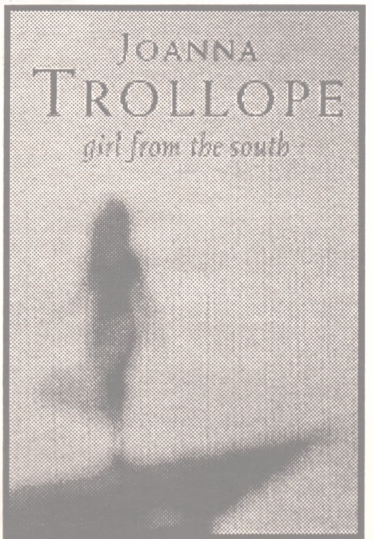
The tangled web Trollope weaves makes it easy for readers to slip into the lives of her characters, wanting to follow the story along. Although we know within the first third exactly how the book will end, we follow

along to see how it plays out.

On the other hand, Trollope's writing is so deliberate as to seem pre-determined. When she snaps us back to the present with no transition from the prior train of thought, we uncomfortably become self-conscious readers, aware that she's providing background information. Trollope is constantly reminding readers that we are indeed reading.

Furthermore, unless we take exception to the new values infiltrating Trollope's Charleston, that is, freedom and equality for all human beings, this book is not a challenge to its readership. It is soap-operatic, pop-psychological entertainment.

That is not to say that the book does not carry a message. If we take her characters as archetypes, she clearly illustrates that many adults never really grow up, and that people must confront new views throughout their lives. The text offers no solutions, but shows that people first need to realize their immatu-



rity and prejudice on their own, and that they next need to cope with these problems as individuals.

For neo-Platonist readers, who will look to the state to understand the structure of the individual, and to the individual to understand the structure of the state, it is quite clear that Trollope's observations can be applied to current activities in the political sphere. Waging war on Iraq to bring about regime change, for example, and to open the eyes of Anti-Americans to the ideologies of the West, simply cannot work. Trollope shows us that ideological change and personal growth are processes unique to individuals. Even assuming Western ideology is indeed correct, those who refuse it must examine their own lives and thoughts to realize they are wrong — we cannot show them.

Despite these implications, the bulk of the audience for romantic fiction like *Girl From the South* is not looking for expositions on the futility inter-cultural warfare. Rather, they are more likely to be attracted by the distraction Trollope's dramatic soap opera plot offers. They will bite their nails at turns of the narrative, but will eventually close the book with a smile and say, See, it all worked out.



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Kahlil Gibran,
"The prophet"

To seek buried or hidden treasure is challenging and fun. The annual Easter egg hunt brings squeals of delight as each gaily decorated egg is discovered nestled in its' hiding place. As we watch our happy children running hither and thither, we are seeing a very basic truth of human nature. We are explorers, seeking the hidden, traveling into undiscovered areas, mapping the unknown and in quest of the treasure trove. Our eyes have now turned to the universe, and with our astounding telescopes pointing towards deep space, we are being shown vistas of incredible,

breath taking beauty and mystery. Our nomadic feet are itching to hike these passageways in the heavens.

Unbeknownst to most, however, is the universe that lies within the human landscape. We too swirl with small galaxies, buried treasure and undisclosed pathways. Many are the guides who have already mapped out this rugged terrain and are willing and eager to help you find the way, yet it is you who must take the first step. What is this treasure that awaits you within?

It is your Spirit, your personal connection to a universe of life transforming guidance and information about yourself. So let us embark on a treasure hunt of fulfillment, inner peace, and quiet joy. Each and every one of us has a purpose, a reason for being here, and until it is discovered, life can be-

come a pursuit of empty pleasures and harmful pastimes. Until that purpose is discovered, there yawns a space of unfulfilled dreams and a painful yearning for an unknown "something."

As a teacher of spirituality, I have had the honor of speaking with many people on a profound level of reality. Countless times the same story is whispered in my ears: "I have no time for this search for Spirit. I will do it when I retire, when the kids are older, when....when....when." At this time in our human history, I believe that this is a hunt that must no longer be put off. We have arrived at a crossroads in our development and if one is not prepared to meet the severe challenges that face us now as a society, then we will fall to the wayside. Twenty five years have passed since I began studying the spiritual

path and humanity has grown in leaps and bounds. We care for our environment, protect our animals, and are striving to feed the hungry of our world. Many studies say that we are on the cusp of an evolutionary step upwards in our consciousness. To join the stream of evolving humanity - we must be spiritually awake and this can so easily be accomplished, if you dare to take this trek into your uncharted spaces.

Experience an unprecedented journey of self-discovery by the simple act of beginning your own treasure hunt within. Start a journal, learn to meditate, watch your dreams, are all pathways to awareness of your real self. Every day we make choices on how to spend our precious allotment of time. Exploring your Spirit can be the most interesting and exciting time well spent, even if you can commit to only half an hour

a day. Therefore, perhaps instead of watching the television until you fall asleep, try reading an inspirational book, or listening to beautiful music. When you wake up in the morning, record any dreams you may recall, or just journal your inner feelings and desires as you sip that first delicious cup of coffee. Get to know yourself well and you will have met the best friend you could ever need. Inside of us is a wealth of wisdom and goodness. A treasure hunt of immeasurable nuggets of gold awaits those who are courageous and willing to travel the path less beaten. Here is where you will find your fountain of youth, endless entertainment, and the pride of successfully achieving your purpose in life.

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When does the PR Card become mandatory? Permanent residents returning to Canada as of December 31, 2003, by airplane, boat, train or bus, must show their PR Card to carrier personnel when boarding to prove their permanent resident status in Canada.

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Becoming Canadian. Many permanent residents who can become Canadian citizens are encouraged to apply for their citizenship.

How can you get a PR Card? Application kits are available through Citizenship and Immigration Canada's web site (www.cic.gc.ca) or by calling the PR Card Call Centre (1 800 255-4541).

Applications are being processed based on your year of landing. Check the chart to see in which month you should apply, and apply early. For example, if your year of landing was 1998, you should submit your application in May 2003.

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Birch Sap Sugaring Off

No other tree has been used so extensively as the Birch tree. Known as Lady of the Woods by the Celts this valuable species is well known and documented for its historical, cultural and commercial uses. Many medicinal, food and other uses have been made of the leaves, sap and bark.

In 1995, nine countries were represented at the First International Symposium on Sap Utilization held in Japan, where Canadians and Americans were present. The symposium focused on birch sap and its uses. Aside from pharmaceutical application, the best use may have been in Scotland with their Silver Birch Wine!

Birch sap has been used through the ages and is still being collected to make wine, beer and soft drinks as well as health tonics. It is still commonly used in Finland as well as in other parts of the world as a beverage and a tonic. The commercial availability of birch sap as a beverage has been very limited due to the perishable character of the product, the primitive nature used for the

collection and bottling processes, and the short collection period. In Siberia it is bottled with the addition of citric acid and sugar and sold as a good spring tonic. In the Ukraine region of Russia sap from several species of birch is collected on a large scale and used to make wine, soft drinks and health aids.

Although not a recent discovery (native Americans being the first to make syrup out of birch and maple sap) there is now an emerging market for birch syrup on our continent. Alaska is promoting birch syrup and derivative products as an exciting, unique, and new flavor. Sophisticated sap processing setup have been in existence in Alaska since about 1968. This product is rather new on the market it will take some time before it is known. There may already be some artisans experimenting and producing birch syrup in our region. As the interest for the product will grow so will the number of producing artisans. Eventually we may see birch syrup on the shelves of specialized stores.

Birch sap tapped directly

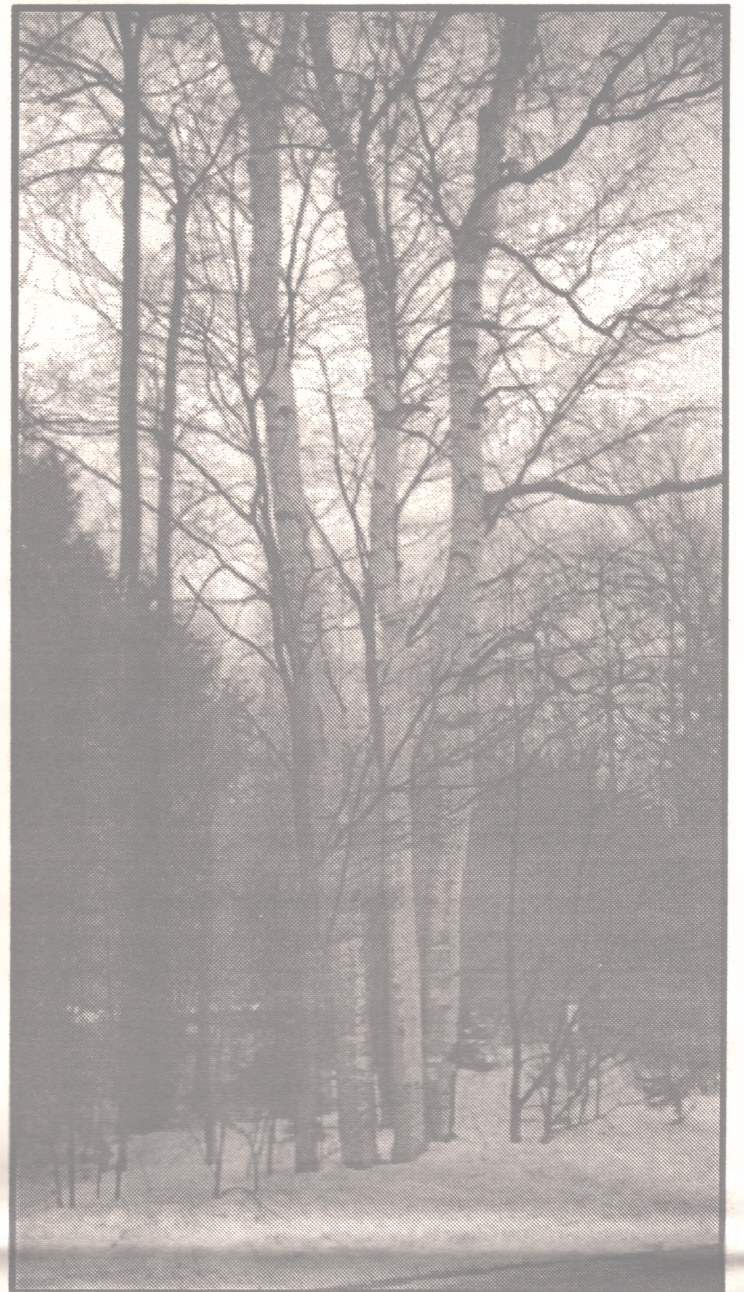
from the tree is almost imperceptibly sweet and is more dilute than maple sap. It contains honey sugars glucose and fructose (fructose, due to its chemical structure, is more easily digested and assimilated by the human body), whereas maple sap contains mostly sucrose. The birch sap has 0.5 to 2.0% sugar, by weight. To make a thick syrup, the birch sap must be boiled down to decrease its volume by 30 to 40 times whereas maple sap needs only 25 times concentration

The collecting season is rather short lasting 2-3 weeks, until the trees bud, at that point the sap becomes milky and bitter. Each tree produces approximately 3/4 gallon of sap/tree/day. The sap from any type of birch will do and can be collected in the same way as maple sap. It is however recommended to use plastic taps and collecting containers as birch sap contains citrus fruit acids.

It takes an average of 100 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of birch syrup. Maple syrup, by comparison, averages 40:1. Concentrating the sugar to 67% by evaporation gives the syrup its color and distinctive flavor. It has a rich, spicy-sweet flavor somewhat like molasses. Birch syrup is high in vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C, potassium, manganese, thiamin, and calcium.

Birch sap is collected by drilling a hole about 80 cm (30 inches) from the ground and 1 cm (1/2 inch) in diameter and 4-6 cm (1 1/2 to 2 inch) deep hole. It is wise to boil all the equipment to protect the tree from the introduction of fungus and other diseases. Tapping the trees does not injure them and it is recommended to plug the holes at the end of the season to prevent injury to the tree.

If the syrup is not cooked long enough, it will be too



watery and will most likely ferment. If it is boiled too long it will turn to sugar. A few sugar crystals formed around the outside edges of

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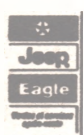
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baking powder
pure maple syrup
vanilla
egg

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a square pan, 8"x 8". Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Spread into prepared pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes. Cut into squares while still warm.

Makes approximately 16 bars.



Flowers and Birds

By David Donnachie



I grew flowers, enjoyed the hours
 Now I've got another task to do.
 The cold days of Autumn take beauty away
 I must say good-bye to summer's flowery days.

The birds of summer would sing to me
 I can hear but silence now.
 The music now comes from the noisy snow plow,
 I hear no mooing of the cows.

How do you say goodbye to Autumn;
 Summer's beauty too?
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Consideration for Cats

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set up to deal with cats and refers all calls regarding stray cats to our dogcatcher. If the person wants the cat picked up it is at their own expense. Then he has the impossible task of finding it a home. A local shelter has over 100 cats at the moment and they are receiving calls regularly looking for homes for more unwanted cats and kittens. There are just too many cats out there for the shelters to handle. Although Refuge RR for Horses is not a cat shelter they are fielding calls because there is nowhere for concerned people to go for help. The Refuge currently has a set of kittens that were dumped in a remote area. Luckily for these little creatures, they were discovered by people with good hearts who took the time to seek out help. After being turned away from other groups, they contacted the Refuge. A second batch of kittens were discovered in the same area only weeks later. The first batch have been sterilized

and are now recovering from their surgeries. We hope to place some of them soon but as everyone knows, there are only so many homes out there and there are only so many cats we can comfortably take into our homes. Those that do not get placed will become part of the completely sterilized cat colony that inhabits the Refuge's large barn, haylofts and heated feed room.

"It is so hard to turn our back on any of them. Each one of these little, intelligent and loving animals is no different than your cat at home and they all deserve a chance at a good life."

-R. Blickstead of Refuge RR for Horses

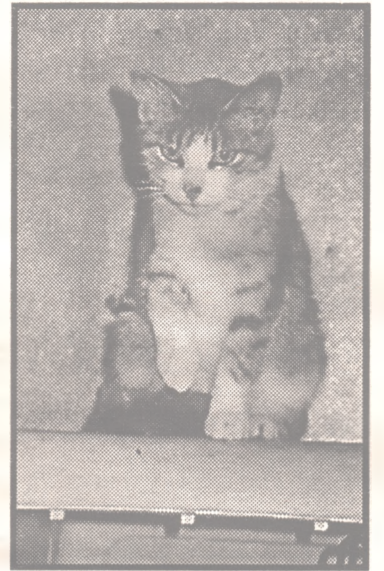
Along with pet owners dumping their cats or new litters, we are also seeing an increase in feral cats in the area. Feral cats are untamed domestic cats and are the result of pet owners abandoning their cats or re-

fusing to have them sterilized. Feral cats live in groups called colonies and can be found in most cities, towns, and some rural areas. A lot of people have the false notion that cats are independent and can survive on their own if they are dumped or deserted when their owners move away. The sad truth is that many of these abandoned felines die mercilessly from starvation, exposure, or disease.

There are kind individuals who are feeding some of the feral cats in our area and some have even begun the slow and costly process of sterilizing the members of their colony, at their own expense. These are incredibly responsible people looking after the health and well-being of the colony. It is unfair to accuse people who feed feral cats of being part of the problem. These are caring people who cannot stand by and watch animals starve to death. They are well aware that there is a need to stabilize the population but it is an expensive proposition for a few individuals to take on. The town knows sterilization is the answer but does not have the budget. So, what do we do? Do we have all stray cats rounded up and destroyed? One municipality's

idea to try to control the population is to introduce a new by-law allowing a maximum of two pets per household. So they are now licensing cats as well as dogs. They have a contract with a dog catcher that picks up stray dogs and cats. The licensing program pays for the dog/cat catcher. What happens to the cats they pick up? A few kittens get placed but the majority, along with mature cats, are destroyed! Is this the only answer? What are the alternatives? We believe the answer is the sterilization of all pets and strays.

Sterilizing strays is the only humane way to stabilize their numbers and this in turn reduces the number of unwanted cats in shelters. Perhaps the licensing money, which is currently being used to pay for pick up and disposal of the cats, would be better spent if it were directed toward a trap, sterilize and release program. Such a program now exists in St-Lazare. That program is run jointly with the municipality and an animal organization. There is nothing stopping the same program from being set up in all areas that have feral colonies and caring citizens who are willing to work with the municipality on a



sterilize/release program. Similar programs have been set up in many cities in the United States and have resulted in big drops in feral populations as well as a decline in the pick up and euthanasia of unwanted cats.

In order for the above to work we would also need low-cost spay and neuter clinics available in all municipalities. Most people aren't aware that there are already spay and neuter clinics in Montreal and on the South Shore. These clinics are part of a program called SPAY/CANADA run by The Bond Foundation. This foundation believes the reduced rates will encourage pet owners to sterilize their pets. They have contacted veterinarians in many municipalities to request that they join the effort to reduce the feline population. To find the clinic closest to you call The Bond Foundation at (514) 935-5029.

To be part of the solution, be a responsible pet owner and have all your pets spayed or neutered. Encourage your veterinarian to participate in a low-cost spay/neuter program in your community. It is absolutely essential that more clinics get involved. There are solutions but we, the citizens, have to initiate it within our own communities.



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The Accipters

by: Tom Moore



The hawks (or diurnal raptors to be technical) can be broken into a number of families: eagles, harriers, kites, buteos, falcons and accipters are found in North America, with a total of 24 different species. Each of the families has physical characteristics tailored to their prey and hunting technique, although all have strong legs and sharp talons for catching and holding (and in some cases killing) their prey and a strong hooked beak. All have eyesight estimated to be 4 to 8 times that of humans.

Only 3 species in North America are of the "accipter" family: the Sharp-shinned hawk, the Cooper's hawk and the Northern Goshawk. Accipters hunt from concealed perches, often at forest edges and clearings. Short, frantic chases, often through brush and branches, conclude with accipter's powerful feet and talons clutching the victim, often in flight. The kill is accomplished

with the sharp claws, the hooked beak being used only for tearing the prey apart for feeding. To enable such high speed chases accipters are relatively long-tailed and short-winged.

All these birds feed primarily on smaller birds: the name chicken hawk has often been applied to all three. Insects and small rodents are only a small part of the accipter diet. In winter the appearance of Sharp-shinned or Cooper's hawks at bird feeders is not uncommon, leading to anger and frustration as the small birds are



forced to flee from repeated attacks. Birds Of America, published in 1917, states: "...few birds of prey are more beneficial than harmful. ...but three hawks deserve destruction- The Sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk and Goshawk." In the rural, agricultural society of the time loss of chickens was a serious matter!

Although the Goshawk is easily differentiated from the two smaller birds by its size (21" height, 40" wing-span), the Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks can be challenging to identify. Plumage is similar regardless of age, and although the Cooper's Hawk is larger than the Sharp-shinned (16" height vs 11"), male-female differences in size can make size alone an unreliable identifier. The tail tip, rounded on the Cooper's and square-edged on the Sharp-shinned, is a fairly reliable identifier.

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Fishing Hotspots in Franklin County, New York

By John A. Viau

If you're new to the area and you're thinking of doing some exploring for new fishing spots, here are some of the best.

One of the biggest rivers in Franklin County is the beautiful and majestic Chateaugay River which carries its way through some of the prettiest scenery in the Northern Adirondacks.

This pristine mountain flow offers Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Brook Trout in abundance and has

many public access sites with lots of parking.

The Old Forge access site at the Brainardsville Dam has picnic tables, barbecues and public washrooms. You can fish above the dam for Rainbow Trout, Bass and panfish and below the dam and as far downstream as you feel like hiking for Brook Trout and trophy sized Brown Trout.

The Deer River is another public fishing stream which has lodging nearby as well as

campsites and bait and tackle shops nearby. Here the fishing is excellent for Lunker Brown Trout.

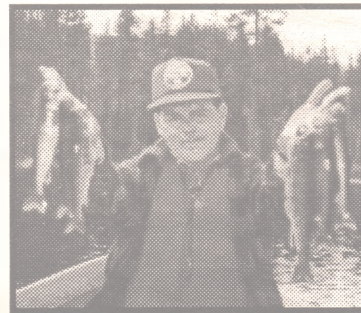
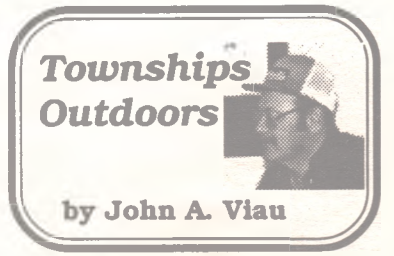
The Little Salmon River which crosses U.S. Route 11 one of the major highways in the area is another public fishing stream with lodging nearby and superb fishing for trophy Brown Trout.

The Little Trout River which traverses U.S. Route 11 between Chateaugay, New York and Malone, New York offers both Brown and Brook Trout and is one of the most picturesque fisheries in the North County.

The Raquette River in the most southern part of

Franklin County offers top-notch fishing for Brown Trout, Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass. There is lodging nearby, primitive campsites, car top boat access, a boat launch with ramp and bait and tackle shops nearby.

The Salmon River is one of the major rivers in Franklin County and flows almost halfway across the county. This is a public fishing stream with lots of access, campsites and nearby lodgings. Here the major species are Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout and both are stocked heavily by the D.E.C. at the many public access sites. I've seen Browns of up to 5 lbs and Rainbows of 3 to 4 lbs. caught regularly. Last April one angler from Montreal



Bill Carr showing off his day's catch.

had a stringer of 5 Browns, the biggest of which was 6 lbs and the smallest about 3 lbs. Total weight of the 5 fish just over 20 lbs. The angler was an expert fly fisherman and probably the most talented angler I've ever seen use a fly rod. This is the kind of fishing you'd think you'd have to fly up to Alaska to experience. But in reality it can be had just a few miles from Downtown Malone, New York.

If you want to fish for Brook Trout on one of the nicest streams in Northern New York give the North Branch of the Saranac River a try. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

If you're a lake fisherman give Lower Chateaugay Lake a try for Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Perch. There is large boat launch

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A beautiful waterfall from Franklin County

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with a ramp, there are bait and tackle shops and boat rentals on U.S. 374 and several top notch restaurants offer fine dining.

Lower Saranac Lake is one of the largest lakes in Franklin County and has superb Adirondack Mountain scenery and great fishing for Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass and Panfish. There are lodging facilities nearby, campsites, a boat launch with ramp, boat rentals and bait and tackle shops nearby.

Meacham Lake is another very large lake that sits roughly square in the middle of Franklin County. Meacham offers trophy size Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass and Panfish. It is easily accessible by Route 30. It has lodging facilities nearby, campsites, a boat launch with ramp, boat rentals and bait and tackle shops nearby.

Tupper Lake in the southwest corner of Franklin County offers anglers, Wall-eye, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike and Perch. This is a large body of water with many beautiful bays and coves that are just begging to be explored and fished. Tupper has lodging facilities nearby, campsites, a boat launch with ramp, boat rentals and bait and tackle shops nearby.

All of these lakes and rivers are just waiting to be fished and enjoyed and this




Robert Welsh and his fishing reward from Franklin County

is just a small sampling of what Franklin County, New York has to offer the fishermen.

More detailed information can be acquired by contacting the Department of Environmental Conservation at RAY BROOK,

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Sportsmen mourn the loss of Andre Pouliot

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Andre was well known and deeply respected in the local outdoors community.

Andre was a keen outdoorsman who spent his whole life in the outdoors. He was an expert trapper who ran a long and productive trap line for many years.

One of his favorite sports was waterfowling and he was a dedicated and proficient hunter of Canada Geese. He could call them in from miles away and make them land almost exactly where he wanted them. He was a crack shot and didn't believe in wasting shells.

Another of his passions was deer hunting and every fall. Andre and his sons would be out in the deer woods harvesting their winters meat.



Andre was also an avid fisherman who could catch walleye even when other fishermen couldn't get a bite.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him.


Andre is survived by his wife of many years Claire Laberge, his sons Gilles and Alain and his daughters Ghislaine, Jocelyne, Sylvie and Bridgette

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Townshippers, Association, released today a list of 17 centres throughout the Eastern Townships where interested volunteers can pick up a hardcopy of the World Youth Championships Volunteer Application Form. Townshippers, is an official partner of the 2003 IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics, coming to

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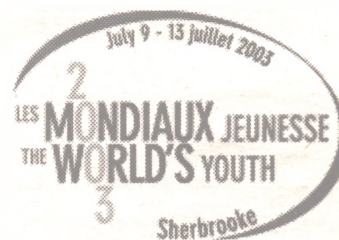
The Association is actively recruiting English-speaking volunteers for this special youth-oriented event. A task force of volunteers has distributed the forms throughout the region to the various pick-up points. Over 300 English-speaking volunteers are needed in July, for

activities in 33 major areas of areas of operation. The registration form lists these options so registrants can select their top three choices.

Interested persons age 16 and older are encouraged to complete the form and return it to Townshippers, Association by mail or in person (100-257 Queen Street, Lennoxville, QC, J1M 1K7). The form can also be downloaded off the homepage of the Association, website (www.townshippers.qc.ca), printed out, completed, and returned to Townshippers. For more information on the Championships, visit the website at www.sherbrooke2003.ca. And for details about volunteering, contact Townshippers, Association at (819) 566-5717 or toll-free 1-866-566-5717.

"With a region as large as the Eastern Townships and a widespread English-speaking community, distributing any type of hardcopy documentation is no minor undertaking. Just to get these forms out into the hands of potential volunteers has been a major challenge", said Heather Bowman, member of the recruitment task force and Townshippers Vice-President and Chair of the Community & Culture Committee. "We've really had to rally the support of many people and organizations everywhere to make this happen".

"The participation rate of the English-speaking community here in the Townships remains fairly low," remarked Michael van Lierop, Chair of the Townshippers of Tomorrow Committee.



"I don't think the Association has ever embarked on a recruitment campaign of this magnitude, especially on such short notice and within such a compact time frame. To get 300 people to at least tentatively commit to volunteer some of their time three months down the road is no easy task."

Where to find a World Youth Volunteer Application Form:


- Austin- Marché Austin, 2200 chemin des Pères
- Magog- Dépanneur Ben, 130 chemin Southière
- Cookshire-IGA Cookshire, 115 Principale E
- Cowansville- Townshippers, Association Office, 203 Principale
- Cowansville- Office of Denis Paradis, M.P., 104 Sud- Suite 101B
- Georgeville- Georgeville General Store, 4675 chemin de Georgeville
- Lennoxville- Townshippers' Association, 100-257 Queen
- Lennoxville- Bishop's University & Champlain College (Sportsplex, Library, Student Centre)
- Magog- Office of Denis Paradis, M.P., 20 Laurier
- Mansonville- Maison Reilly, 302 Main St.
- North Hatley -Accommodation Massawippi, 45 Main Street
- Richmond-Richmond Hardware Store, 220 Principale
- Richmond-Papeterie 2000, 68 Principale
- Sawyerville- J.A.Lowry Ltd. & Marché Tradition, 2 chemin
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Recorded live at Grove Hall in Huntingdon, Quebec, Canada on December 29, 2000.
Produced and mixed by Christopher Pennington, Studio Powerhouse.
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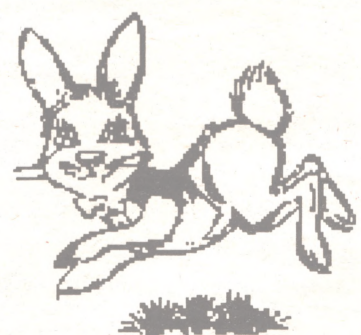
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