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Asbestos man arrested for Internet child porn

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A 55-year-old man from the Asbestos area, who was using children in his entourage to produce pornographic pictures and videos to distribute on the Internet, has been arrested after a Cyber-space investigation that began in France.

The suspect, who cannot be identified to protect the identity of his young victims, is expected to be charged at the Sherbrooke courthouse this morning with producing and distributing child pornography, said Sûreté du Québec spokesman

Louis-Philippe Ruel.

The victims, three young girls who were close to the suspect, were remanded into the custody of child protection authorities yesterday afternoon. Ruel could not say how old the children are or what their relationship to the suspect is.

"We want to protect the children as much as possible from the repercussions of the case," Ruel said, adding that the young victims will be met by police investigators in the next few days.

The investigation began when French

police uncovered pornographic material that seemed to be coming from Quebec. French authorities contacted the Cyber-space crime unit of the Sûreté du Québec in Montreal which eventually traced the material to a home in the Asbestos area.

On Tuesday investigators from Montreal, the regional crime investigation unit and the Asbestos MRC descended upon the suspect's home where the man was arrested.

Yesterday's raid, which went well into the evening, sought to recoup as much ev-

idence as possible. By the end of the day, police likely seized the suspect's computer and any other material used to produce and disseminate the pornographic material.

In the meantime, the presumed pedophile was brought to SQ headquarters in Sherbrooke for questioning. The suspect was expected to be transferred to Talbot jail to cool his heels overnight while awaiting a court appearance this morning.

The man, who was not known to police, didn't have a criminal record.

Eyes that Bind



FERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Sandra Turgeon of the Mira Foundation in Sherbrooke said that, while the organization provides dogs free of charge to the visually impaired from around the world, the dogs are hardly free at the start. "We had a garage sale fundraiser last summer," she said, "and we were able to raise about \$17,000. That's enough for us to buy one dog." For the full story, please see Page 5.

SARS scare scuttles seniors' shopping spree

Prescription drug trip to Canada cancelled

By Debbie Tacium Ladry
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

A proposed trip to Quebec in early July by a group of Vermont seniors, accompanied by state Congressman Bernie Sanders, was recently cancelled due to the Canadian connection with SARS. The seniors had been hoping to fill their prescriptions and purchase cheaper Canadian pharmaceutical products.

A number of trips had been planned by individual Congress members across the Northern U.S., but fears of

the respiratory virus, especially with regard to the already fragile health of many seniors, has put the entire plan on ice. At least for the moment.

"Unfortunately, these trips have been completely cancelled," said Michael Behan, legislative assistant to Congressman Sanders. "We can't mobilize the whole U.S. to change people's minds about this issue. The Congressman could make a trip, with or without seniors in the future, but there are no immediate plans."

The ever-increasing price of pharmaceuticals, coupled with rising Medicare costs and the plethora of new drugs

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Eastern Townships Tourism Supplement

From hiking to biking, golfing to sailing, shopping to swimming, this supplement has all the ingredients for a great summer guide

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Successful Townshippers: Nominate yourself

Or someone you know

Aug. 31 is the deadline for submitting nominations to the project Townships Success Stories. Townshippers, young or old, professionals or entrepreneurs, artisans or musicians, businesses or organizations, you're all invited to submit an application. Forms are available from Townshippers' Association at 100-257 Queen, Lennoxville, or 203

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TOWNSHIPERS' IS STILL LOOKING FOR:

VOLUNTEERS! Volunteers for the World Youth Games in July are still being recruited as Townshippers, works hard to encourage the participation of English-

speaking people. A training session for volunteer drivers will be held Saturday June 21 at the World Youth Championship offices at 2424 King West from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is still time to get involved.

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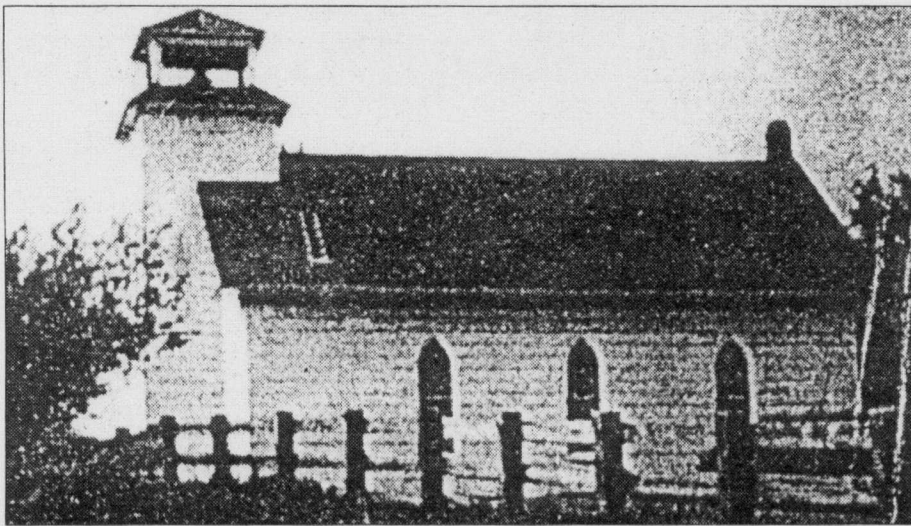
Townshippers' Association is inviting Townships authors, musicians, publishers and artists to participate in our 2003 Townships Expressions project, which promotes and sells participants, works. All proceeds from these sales are returned to their creators.

A new book called Windmill Acres just arrived and is for sale at Townships Expressions. The author, Esther Mason, writes of her experiences on a farm from the early 20th century and chronicles the routine and daily happening of farm life. The book is \$10. For more information call Townshippers, Association at Lennoxville 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717) or Email: ct@townshippers.qc.ca.

Thanks to CEDEC and to the Ayer, Cliff Elementary School for inviting Townshippers' Outreach Committee to participate in their 'Our School Community' asset mapping project. The event was an opportunity to allow

students, staff and the families of Ayer's Cliff Elementary to identify, explore, and interact with the people, places and things that make their community a special place. The project is based on the recognition that young people who are able to understand and participate fully in their community are better equipped to live and find work in our region. The Outreach team was Kim Bailey and Shannon Keenan. They took with them lots of information and Townships Heritage WebMagazine mouse pads. If your group would like a visit from Townshippers, Outreach Team, contact Shannon Keenan at 566-5717, (toll free 1-866-56-5717) or email: ta@townshippers.qc.ca

Future art Centre



A Windsor committee has been working for a year to transform the little white church of St. Andrews in Windsor into a centre for art workshops and summer theatre. The project is slated to begin in August with completion in September. Four rooms will be available to users of the centre. A large room with a seating capacity of 80 will be available for art exhibitions, theatrical productions and courses in painting, dance, singing and music. The committee is offering the public an opportunity to support the project by purchasing one of nine windows of the future art centre at a cost of \$500. A receipt for tax purposes will be issued and a plaque in the name of the donor will be affixed to the window for a period of two years.

Sherbrooke officers plead not guilty to use of force

By Nelson Afonso

The five officers accused of using abusive physical force to subdue a man outside a bar and at the police station last October pleaded not guilty to various charges in a Sherbrooke court Tuesday.

The incidents occurred on Oct. 27, in a patrol cruiser and at Sherbrooke's police station, when the five officers arrested Hugo Lemay in downtown Sherbrooke. Lemay alleges the five officers used excessive force, including using a baton, to detain him. He eventually lodged a complaint with the Justice Ministry which led to an investigation of the officers by the Longueuil municipal force.

Represented in court by their attorney Ronald Picard, Hughes Re, Pierre Bégin, Denis Turgeon, Guy Hovington and Marc Mongeau are each facing three counts of assault. Picard, who got a copy of the Crown's case against his clients on Friday, asked Quebec Court Judge Danielle Côté

for a judge and jury trial. Both parties will be back in court on Aug. 28 to set a date for the trial.

Investigators believe the incident was provoked by a fight that implicated Lemay and all or some of the officers in question the day before the Oct. 27 incident.

Although suspended without pay by the city for the duration of the court proceedings, the remaining 125 unionized Sherbrooke police officers unanimously agreed in May to contribute a percentage of their weekly salary that will be used to pay the five accused.

Not impressed with the suspension without pay, Picard pointed to a similar case where another Sherbrooke police officer was acquitted which shows that punishing the officers before a verdict is rendered can be dangerous for the force's morale. "You have to be very circumspect in the way you handle this," warned Picard.

Weather

Today: Sunny. Increasing cloudiness near noon followed by 40 per cent chance of showers in the evening. Winds southwest 20 km/h. High 24.

Thursday: Cloudy. 40 per cent chance of showers. Low 12. High 20.

Friday: Sunny. Low 8. High 21.

Saturday: Sunny. Low 9. High 22.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Sherbrooke to be a safer city

Community collaborates on intervention plan

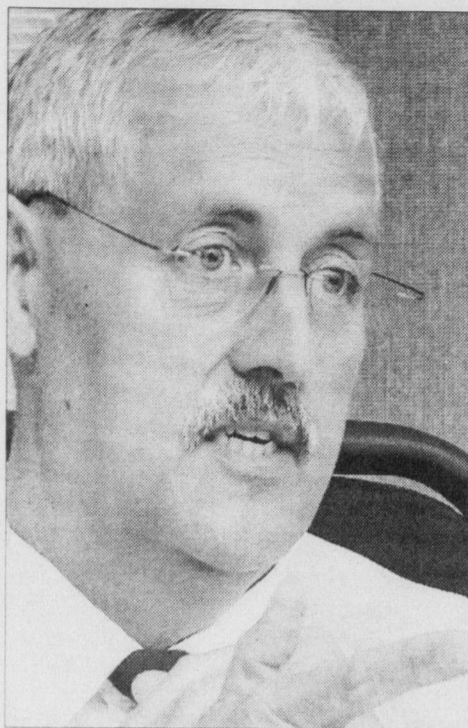
By Kate Shingler

Next Monday, it will be one year to the day that Julie Boisvenu, a 27-year-old Sherbrooke woman, went missing after a night of celebrating with friends in downtown Sherbrooke. Her body was discovered by a cyclist one week after her disappearance.

Hugo Bernier, a former Lennoxville resident, is accused of kidnapping and murdering Boisvenu, along with a host of other charges.

The Boisvenu family is marking the anniversary of her death with a series of awareness-raising activities, in conjunction with the Sherbrooke police department, the borough of Mont Bellevue, the local development committee, and a rape crisis centre, Centre D'aide de Lutte Contre les Aggressions à Caractère Sexual (CALCACS).

The CALCACS information kiosk at Carrefour de l'Estrie and the awareness campaign in downtown Sherbrooke later in the evening of the anniversary is part of the family's attempt to keep the issue of women's safety in the foreground of public discourse.



FILE PHOTO

As of Monday, Sherbrooke police officers have been taking to the streets in the centre-ville regularly - police chief Michel Carpentier.

In a written statement released by Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, Julie's father said that it is important to remember Julie, and all women who die violent deaths.

"The activities slated for June 23 re-

mind us that the brutal deaths of Julie Boisvenu and Isabelle Bolduc will never escape our memory and that these memories bind our conscience and our collective solidarity forever."

The memory of these two women, he wrote, should continue to motivate us in our efforts to make Sherbrooke a good place to live.

"One year after her death, our family is touched that Sherbrookers have not forgotten Julie. We are also appreciative of the the efforts city administrators and business owners in the downtown area have made to improve the security in their neighbourhood," he said.

As part of the bid to make the city secure, a walk safe program is being organized. Sherbrooke police officers will make a tour of the downtown core on foot, as part of the new plan of action launched by the team. The move to upgrade security was proposed last year by the municipal council.

"For several years, the City of Sherbrooke has made an enormous effort to make the centre of town a safe and desirable place to to patronize," said Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault. "Measures like these undertaken by the downtown area indicate that no effort will be spared in this drive to improved the safety of Sherbrooke residents." As of Monday, Sherbrooke police officers have been taking to the streets in the centre-ville regularly, according to po-

lice chief Michel Carpentier.

Starting June 22, two students for the Sherbrooke police academy, Technique policière du Collège de Sherbrooke, will patrol streets, municipal parking lots and city parks.

"The municipal parking garages are places that are not well lit, and can sometimes make people anxious. It is evident that regular visits by our patrollers in these areas will help ensure a sense of security in the citizens who frequent the parking lots," noted Serge Paquin, president of the Mont Bellevue borough.

CALCACS director Josée Anctil said she hopes the public will come to realize that keeping women safe is everybody's responsibility.

Proceeds from a car wash fundraiser Saturday organized by Boisvenu's sister Isabelle went to the rape crisis centre. Staff at Bar les Graff, where Isabelle works, is hosting a fundraiser Thursday night. All tips will be donated to CALCACS. The money raised for the non-profit organization will go towards a new program to raise awareness of date rape drugs.

At 8 p.m., June 23, a commemorative ceremony to honour Boisvenu will be held in front of City Hall.

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Magog employment news not all bad

CLD to help place workers from Barmish

By Tom Peacock

The prospects for the workers who will leave the Barmish garment factory in August could be a lot worse, according to Ghislain Goulet from the Memphremagog regional development council.

"We have the chance right now to attract at least one or two companies to the area by the end of the summer," said Goulet, adding that the names of these companies must remain confidential for now.

Goulet said the Memphremagog CLD, in conjunction with the municipality, is taking a two-pronged approach towards

the problem of what to do with the 90 workers who will be pounding the pavement once the Barmish factory closes in August.

The CLD has begun contacting manufacturing businesses in the area who will likely be recruiting in the fall. Two potential employers are Godet in Magog and Jomac in Stanstead.

Also, the CLD is trying to draw new companies to the area, in particular a company to occupy the soon-to-be vacant Barmish factory.

Lots of projects are underway," Goulet said. "But our priority is to help those who will lose their jobs.

Goulet said there is a good chance that the Barmish factory, set to close on Au. 8, will be taken over by a new manufacturing company. "There are not many empty industrial spaces left in Magog," he said.

Representatives from Riviera Inc., the

company which manufactures men's trousers at the Barmish factory, told Goulet and Magog Mayor Marc Poulin they would provide the exact measurements of the factory to the municipality by this Friday.

"Once we have the specs, we can start trying to find a buyer," said Goulet. "I'm sure the site can be converted for many different uses."

According to Goulet, the majority of the 90 employees who were laid off by Riviera Inc. when they cut their Magog operations in half in February have already found work.

He said the employment situation in Magog has gotten slightly worse since 2001, when the unemployment rate was calculated at 6.5 per cent. "It's probably at 7.5 per cent now," he said, owing to the downsizing of some businesses and an influx of new workers.

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Impressions from Juno Beach

A Magog woman returns to the land her husband helped to save

By Liam Roberts

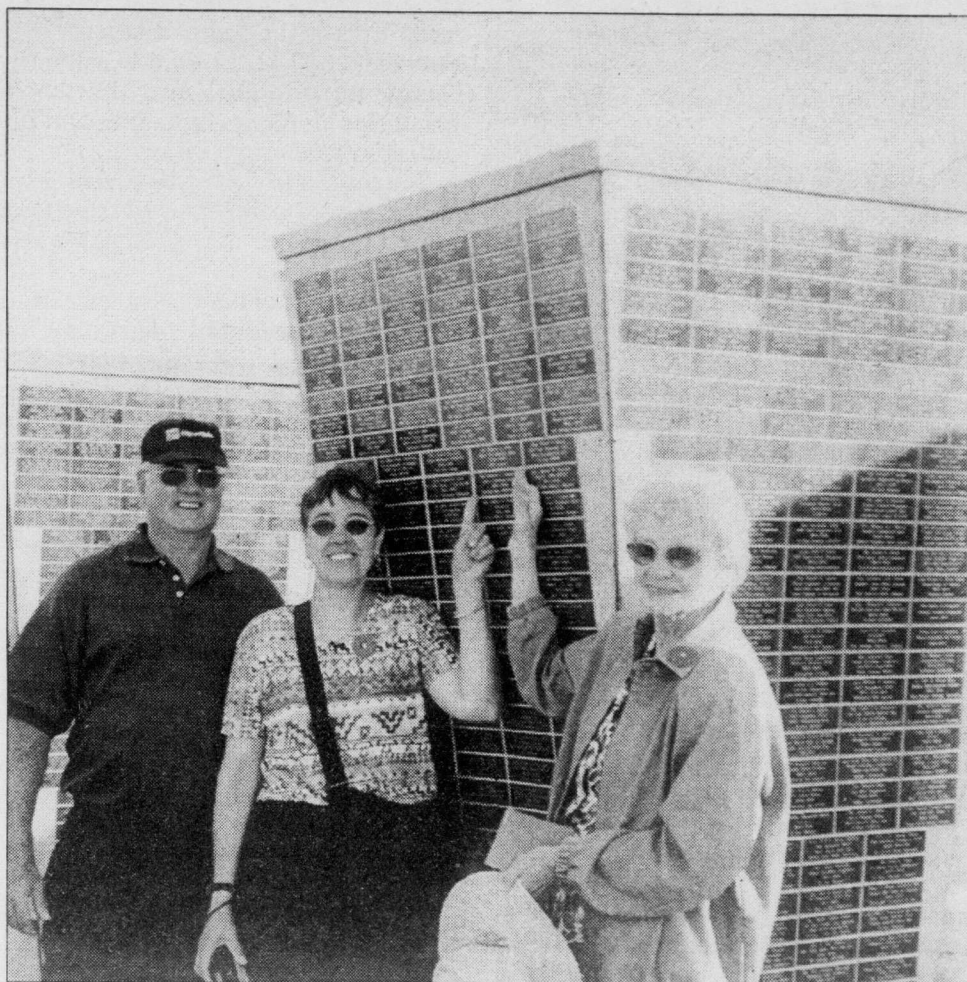
Each June, another D-Day anniversary passes, leaving in its wake vivid memories for veterans and their families from coast to coast: even more so when they return to the site of the invasion itself.

More than one million Canadians fought in the battle, with over 40,000 losing their lives, in what is widely considered one of the most successful contributions to the Allies' efforts this day. Over the years, many veterans have made the journey back to the coast of Normandy to revisit the site of their heroic affront and to pay tribute to friends lost in battle, while many others found the very thought of returning simply too painful.

For Magog's Sgt. Charles Kirby, who served in the medical corps during D-Day, revisiting the area around Juno Beach was never an option. His memories of caring for the sick and mortally wounded on the battlefield, recalled wife Winifred Kirby this week, were too overwhelming. "He never wanted to go back," she said. "He never talked about it. He never even wanted to go to England after that, because that's where he had been stationed. Even those memories were too much."

As such, Winnie never gave a second thought to visiting these countries either. They were married in 1942 and, after combat was done, raised a family and spent their lives in blissful distance from Europe and all the horrors of the war.

D-Day anniversaries, though, continued to come and go. When Charles Kirby passed away four years ago, afflicted with Parkinson's Disease, Winnie found herself just as reluctant to let Charles' experiences fade away as Charles had been to relive them. News came up that Canadian veterans were raising funds to build a war museum, the Juno Beach Centre, on the coast of Normandy, and Winnie's interest was piqued. At 82, she decided to help sponsor the project by buying a commemorative brick to be used in the museum's construction. "I thought it was a nice



Yvon and Joan Bergeron with Joan's mother Winnie Kirby in front of one of the brick monuments at the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy.

way to help them out," she said.

The museum's unveiling was set for this past D-Day anniversary, and daughter Joan Bergeron, also of Magog, said that it might be a nice idea if they went over to see it themselves.

Winnie agreed. Along with Joan and her husband Yvon, she spent two weeks in France for the first time in her life, touring the country, visiting its chateaux, meeting friendly people, and queuing up early for second-row seats at the Juno Beach Centre's launch at Courseulles-sur-Mer. "I was very surprised when we got there," Winnie

said, "to see that the town of Magog, the Canton de Magog, and Lennoxville's Legion had bought bricks of their own. It was very nice to see." While she looked around to see who else had made it from the Townships, she wasn't able to discern anyone from the roughly 3,700 people who attended the ceremony.

"The ceremony itself was very lovely, but very emotional," she said.

The Juno Beach Centre is meant to serve as both a war museum and an educational facility, designed to remind visitors of the deeds done by Canadians who took part in the war effort. While the federal government contributed \$3 million so far, most of the funding came from the private sector, with \$12 million in donations from volunteers and companies. Townships' Ted Rogers, the project's assistant director for the Quebec region, said that donations from companies finally started pouring in during the last three months. "Wal-Mart committed to donate about \$1.5 million, and then they all started kicking at the last minute," he said.

Winnie said that the centre is "beautiful," but that for her, her travels around Normandy were just as important a part of the trip. "We went to Dieppe, Falais, and other places the battles were," she remembered. "And I thought to myself, 'My husband had been in those places.'"

"I'm so blessed to have had the opportunity to go, and I'd go back tomorrow if I could," she said. "In a way, we were sorry that Charles never did get a chance to go back. It's not like it was when he was there. Everything is built up and so beautiful now, and everyone is so kind. It must be a different world from the one he knew there."

While there are no immediate plans to go back to Juno for the 60th D-Day anniversary next year, she affirmed that she will always keep her souvenirs - three small stones from a Normandy beach, and the visions of her brick in the centre's wall. "We do have addresses from people who want us to go back," she said. "I never would have thought."



Winnie Kirby points to an inscription on the plaque from Townshippers' Association which appears next to one from the Sherbrooke Fusilier Regiment.



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COURTESY WINNIE KIRBY

Guide dogs see no borders

by Liam Roberts

The newest dog in Mira's training program in Sherbrooke is named Canton, in the hope that, wherever in the world the dog goes, its owner will be reminded of where it came from.

It's a tradition at the local Mira Foundation branch to suit their dogs with local monikers, as the seeing-eye dogs they train end up in the service of the visually impaired from not only Quebec, but Ontario, the Maritimes, Brazil, Mexico, and France. It's an organization which manages to see far across borders, while keeping its roots here at home.

Sandra Turgeon of the Mira Foundation in Sherbrooke said that, while the organization provides dogs free of charge to the visually impaired from around the world, the dogs are hardly free at the start. "We had a garage sale fundraiser last summer," she said, "and we were able to raise about \$17,000. That's enough for us to buy one dog."

This coming Saturday and Sunday, they will be holding another fundraising garage sale, hopefully in aim of buying an additional trained dog. The highly sociable and trainable breeds that Mira uses range from Labradors to big poodles, the latter of which have the added advantage of being non-shedding. "The poodles are perfect for those with allergies," Turgeon noted. "We also have a very sociable breed created at Mira, we call the 'Labernese'." A hybrid of Labrador and Bernese Mountain, the Labernese was a creation of Mira founder Éric St-Pierre in 1991.

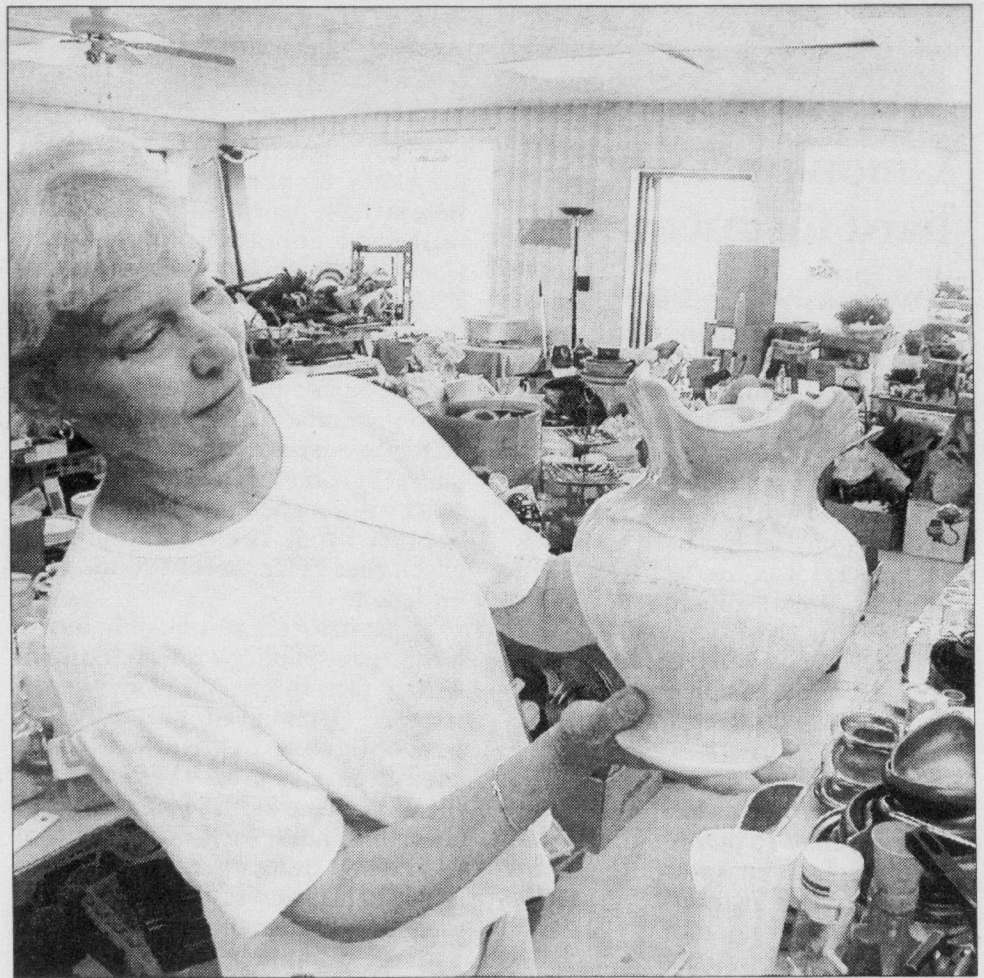
The real training of these dogs doesn't happen until their second year, allowing them a somewhat natural and playful puppyhood. After birth, they're kept in a Mira nursery for two months

before moving to a foster home to live for the duration of its first year. Turgeon noted that it can be difficult for families to let the dogs go back to the centre after a full year together, but that acting as a foster family is one of the most valuable contributions that can be made to the organization. "Lots of people do it," she said, "and it's an important step in the development of our dogs." Most costs of caring for the dog are taken care of by the Mira Foundation and by Iams Canada.

Training and mastery of several environments then goes on for six to eight months, with dogs learning how to function in paddocks, kennels, city streets, and various situations, learning commands through thorough repetition. From here, dogs are ready to be matched with new owners. "The dogs have to have a rigorous training, but the owners also have to learn how to use the commands," Turgeon said. "Some of our clients have never owned a dog before in their lives." She added that compatibility of dog and owner also has to be taken into account, and that as needs vary from the partially blind to the deaf and blind, specific training exercises dictate which dogs go where, and with whom.

In any case, Turgeon affirmed that all their dogs are "incredible," and are capable of performing remarkable feats. "A couple of years ago in Trois-Rivières, a dog saved its master's life by pushing it away from an oncoming car, killing the dog. It was the ultimate sacrifice. That took the owner a long time to get over," she said.

Mira hopes that this weekend's garage sale will help the organization to raise the necessary funds to obtain and train even more incredible dogs.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Mira hopes this weekend's garage sale will help the organization to raise the necessary funds to obtain and train these incredible dogs.

She noted that, while the upcoming sale will feature everything from spoons to furniture, all donated by volunteers, people will need to come down in order for the event to be a success. "The more people that come, the easier we can get a dog," she stated.

"Last year's sale went on for three days, but this year's is only two. If we don't get enough funds, we may have to hold another sale in September."

For more information, contact Mira in Sherbrooke at 572-7230.

Route 410 extension taking a new turn

City of Sherbrooke puts freeze on building in sector

By Nelson Afonso
ASCOT

The Transport Ministry's current plan to extend Autoroute 410 may take cars and trucks directly between two residential neighbourhoods, and that has many residents upset.

While the original plan (1995) called for the highway path to cut through agricultural fields, then along Montée Ascot and Bel-Horizon Street, the current extension plan would have the highway run from where the 410 presently ends, then in between the Indiana and Ivoire neighbourhoods, and finally along Bel-Horizon all the way to Lennoxville.

A local representative for the Transport Ministry (MTQ) was at a Borough of Mont-Bellevue council meeting (Ascot) Tuesday and reassured residents that the final plan has not been determined, and that they will get their say in the process.

"We will determine the best solution. It might be this one or the one we abandoned, or it could even be a solution somewhere in between," Louis Ferland assured the 50 or so residents who attended the meeting at the former Ascot Town Hall. MTQ will hold a consultation and information session in late August or early September in the area, both alternatives will be presented. Ferland added the current project's social and environmental impact are still being studied.

Convinced the project will only scare away potential home buyers and make land in the proposed area almost worth-

less, resident Gilles Daoust called on the City of Sherbrooke to fight for the initial project, a plan he called less disruptive to the quality of life of the people who live in the area.

Fellow resident Pierre Bourque visited 52 homes in his neighbourhood on Sunday and found that many homeowners are worried about the project. Many have put renovation or construction plans on hold because of the uncertainty.

Ferland reminded those in attendance that only a corridor has been determined so far, and that the exact path of the extended 410 within the corridor has not been finalized. Residents will get the opportunity to suggest alternatives at the late-summer meeting, he added.

The final decision on the corridor and the path will then be submitted to the Environment Ministry, which will

then, in turn, have an opportunity to ask questions and propose alternatives. Eventually, the project will be subject to environmental impact hearings (BAPE).

The issue was amplified this week when the City of Sherbrooke, conscious of the possible complications, put a freeze on issuing building permits in that sector of Mont-Bellevue. Forty residents made the trip to Sherbrooke City Hall on Monday to ask Mayor Jean Perreault to take a stand against the proposed path.

"The city's urbanism committee does not have all the details yet. The city will slowly develop its stance and then express it to the Ministry," said Mont-Bellevue borough president and Sherbrooke city councillor Serge Paquin, adding that the extension is necessary to ease truck traffic in and around Lennoxville.

Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Union prez works hard for members

DEAR EDITOR,

When were journalists given the freedom to publish personal conclusions on issues? Shingler's article "Unionization may leave some cooks jobless" had to be one of the most partial, poorly written, and badly researched articles sent to The Record's press. And while I appreciate The Record's publishing Barbara Heath's response, I was further troubled to read Mr. Drew's subsequent letter to the editor, "Not enthralled with union." When were defamatory remarks considered appropriate for publication, dare I ask legal?

While Mr. Drew has every right to voice his opinion, i.e., that he does not want to pay union fees, he does not have the right to publish untrue statements that clearly attack the reputation or character of TRUSS representatives, namely Barbara Heath. If Mr. Drew had done his homework (as he so claims) he would know that TRUSS representatives are not paid per se for the work they do. They do not stuff their pockets with union money. The statement that union and insurance fees are "my union...trying to overcharge my boss for my work so (they) can collect their dues and insurance (their pay cheque)" is downright fallacious. The further comment "Now I am paid 17.44 so you (the union representatives) can have a job" is utterly ridiculous. Barbara Heath is an Administrative Technician, i.e., an employee of the ETSB, and not a full-time union executive. Any time that she must devote to union responsibilities that fall within her work hours (meetings, arbitrations, etc.) are recompensed to the ETSB. I also know for a fact that she spends many late nights and weekends working for her mem-

bers, countless hours she is not paid for. I know for a fact that if Mrs. Heath were actually paid for all the hours she works as a union representative, it would total a whole lot more than her ETSB salary. I know because I am a former member of the union and I have asked these questions of her in an effort to better understand how the union operates and where my union dollars were spent. I know because she has spent countless hours helping me. And I was a mere one of many. I know because I took the time to double-check these facts before submitting my letter.

Journalists are responsible for informing the public by researching and writing facts in a balanced and impartial way. Opinion columnists are likewise obliged to publish facts when they choose to avail themselves of them. It is an editor's responsibility to check for and/or excise statements of defamation from articles or letters received. This is no easy task. The line separating statements of personal experience or opinion from slanderous remarks can be thin. I don't see this as the case with Kate Shingler's article and Mr. Drew's letter. The mere semblance of a fact is not a fact. A fact must be supported. Personal opinion masked as fact or a statement of fact that is unsupported are dangerous indeed.

As a sometimes-contributor to The Record, I respect your expertise as an editor to ensure that anything I submit does not cross the threshold of misinformation. As a subscriber to the Record, it disappoints me to see that unsupported or unsupported statements, bad quotes, and partial reporting have lately been the trend.

TANYA BOLDOC

Editor's Note: None of the facts in Kate Shingler's story, 'Unionization may leave some cooks jobless,' were

refuted in TRUSS president Barbara Heath's lengthy letter of response, which, in fact, was longer than the original story. Ms. Heath, it seems, would have preferred a more positive spin to her comments. Sorry.

ETSB has demonstrated openness and understanding

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with regret that I read your editorial of June 9, in which you express serious concerns about the manner in which the Eastern Townships School Board has progressed with the implementation of the Dennis McCullough - Enhanced Learning Strategy (ELS). The Council of Commissioners, as well as our employees, has closely monitored the feedback that has arisen both within our schools/centres and communities.

From the first announcements in January 2003 to today, we have demonstrated openness and understanding to issues that have arisen surrounding the ELS. I have visited several Governing Board meetings to answer questions and concerns about the ELS. Not only that, but I, the Director general Mr. Canuel and Mrs. Beaulieu, the Assistant Director general attend the monthly Central parents' Committee meetings where all aspects are discussed. Staff and parents who know our efforts are however concerned that The Record chose, over the last four months, to barely mention any of

the public feedback that we have distributed throughout our network of schools and centres. At each public school board meeting since January 2003, our Director general has given a report that responds to almost every issue that has been brought forth in your newspaper. Your reporter, who attends most of the meetings, was also given copies of these documents, with the hope that our responses be included in her articles. Up to today, such has hardly been the case and of more concern, when this was mentioned to the reporter, the answer was that The Record was not the spokesperson for the ETSB. Your editorial seems to be contradictory to that position.

This can only lead us to conclude that providing a form for exchange in your newspaper somehow serves another purpose than that of giving good information to the communities we serve. I invite your readers to write to me at the board office in Magog for our responses to concerns about the ELS and it will be a pleasure to send them these documents.

The recently held trip to Maine for close to 50 teachers, administrators and parents was an unqualified success, yet mentions of such an important event received only minimal reporting, with a more negative focus on media being excluded from schools. As for the oft-repeated comment of "well orchestrated media events", our schools and centres have clearly indicated that such visits require careful consideration and planning. The Eastern Townships School Board only hopes that you share our belief in respecting such requests.

MARGARET FAULKES,
Chairman, ETSB

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Perspectives

Still hooked on RVing

Beware! This column contains no legal or political commentary. It is solely aimed to provide wanabee RVers (recreational vehicles owners) an inside scoop on what it is like to travel in a Class B motorhome.

As for my expertise on the subject, it derives from owning a 19-foot-7-inch model for almost a year and having lived in it for close to three months when we traveled to and in Florida, last winter. Not only did we survive, the experience was so pleasant we will soon set course for Nova Scotia.

In case you are asking yourself why any rational person would be willing to exchange the privacy and space of their home in favor of a vehicle the size of a living room, don't worry, you are not the only one. However, in our case the answer is quite simple. Being retired, we can "ride away" whenever we get the lure of the open road, see beautiful landscapes and visit new towns and all the while enjoy the comforts of home.

Depending on where we travel our RV becomes our cottage by the sea, our cabin in the woods and our hotel by the lake. At this very moment we are parked in Vermont, right next to Lake Champlain where I can observe a half dozen sailboats gently bobbing on their buoys.

Talk about simplicity - whenever we arrive at a new destination we never have to pack or unpack suitcases. As for our clothing, cooking and bathroom supplies, everything is stored and always ready for us. The same is true for our bicycles which are securely tied to the exterior rack. On short trips like this one, we almost always leave with the refrigerator full of home-cooked meals, all of which eliminates the need

to eat in restaurants.

We hardly ever stop at campsites while on the go since our RV is totally self-contained thanks to a propane tank, two slide-out batteries and a 2.8kw generator located underneath the floor. Free overnight parking is still available at most Wal Marts and large truck stops.

Flying Js are particularly RV friendly as they provide fresh water, laundry facilities, showers, Internet access and free dump stations.

Since everything I have written so far could just as well apply to any RV, why are we so hooked on a Class B RV? In case you have no idea what a class B motorhome looks like, just visualize a sleek looking ambulance in the 21' range and slightly more than 8' in height. At last count there were at least 11 different manufacturers to choose from.

Because they are designed to use every inch of space, Class Bs have all of the conveniences of most luxury motorhomes. The end result is a vehicle that has gross vehicle weight near 9,200 pounds and a V8 360-cubic inch engine capable of doing 15 miles per gallon.

Despite being more expensive per square foot than the "Big Boys" of the motorized RVs, it is precisely because of their size and shape that the Class Bs are so popular. They are much easier to drive to out-of-the-way-sights, in heavy traffic and to park in tight spaces.

For those of you who have no idea what our "home on wheels" looks like from the inside, allow me to give you a guided tour. You will notice that every-



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

thing is in white including the white oak European-style cabinetry. Directly behind the driver and passenger seats which can be rotated to accommodate a small portable table, is the galley/ kitchen. Despite its limited size, the galley is equipped with a sink, microwave oven, two-burner stove and a 3 cubic foot 3-way refrigerator.

Over the side entrance is the monitor panel which, like a nav station on a boat, allows us to check the levels in our fresh, gray and black water holding tanks, monitor the charge level in our batteries. One switch is to start the generator, the other to ignite the hot water heater.

Built in the ceiling where the headroom is exactly 6-feet-high, is an extremely efficient thermostat controlled fan which exchanges the air within seconds. At the same time it eliminates the need to always depend in warm weather on the roof installed air conditioner.

Opposite the kitchen pantry is our self-contained bathroom which includes a sit-down shower, sink and medicine cabinet. At my height, however, learning to bend over is a must because of the contoured ceiling.

The cozy aft section was one of the main reasons why we were immediately attracted to our particular model. It reminded us of the forward cabin in our old Dufour sailboat. However, instead of a double V berth we have two settees with bolsters separated by a night table which convert into berths for sleeping and provide great sleeping comfort. Once the small round table is

set up between them the section is instantly transformed into our dining room. As for entertainment, besides our books, magazines and radio, mounted in the wall are a 13" television set and VCR.

When it comes to writing, all I have do is plug my laptop into the inverter and hope for some inspiration. By closing the curtains I can be completely immune to what goes on outside.

Don't get me wrong, when it comes to living in a small RV for long periods, I wouldn't recommend the experience to every couple. Not everyone can cope with living in a small space, much less be happy. For that reason alone it certainly helps to have a good sense of humor. If you need space for privacy, or if you like to accumulate things, a Class B motorhome like ours may not be your cup of tea. As for overnight guests - forget it - most Class Bs are simply too small.

The trick for two adults to be comfortable over long periods is by following a well defined routine and knowing who does what, when and how. Dividing up the inside chores and taking turns doing them can do wonders. Equally important is learning not to bring unnecessary items. This is where a checklist can be very handy. Another trick is to maintain everything clean and free of clutter. This helps to reinforce the illusion that there is a lot more space.

As for our trip to Florida, let me just say that it was great to get back on the road. Four years had already slipped by since our six-month trailer adventure to California with Charlie, our then aging Boxer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All child care options should be explored

DEAR EDITOR,

Re: Quebecers marching for universal day care

Quebec heavily subsidizes only one style of child-rearing, excluding those children cared for by grandmas, tag-team parents, parents in home-based business, home-schoolers, parents whose part-time paid work is only during school hours, dads or moms at home. Day care proponents deserve support but not because they use day-care - because all kids are society's investment.

Day cares are not the only places of

early childhood education or of women having career options. We feel a universal program should equally fund all kids. Parents who do not use daycare are time-strapped, unfunded and not in recognizable associations so they are often unconsulted and ignored. Yet all parents and their kids deserve equal benefit under the law. Charest would be wise to open up options. Senator Landon Pearson is asking what type of National Action Plan for Children parents want but has made little effort to hear from other than the daycare lobbyists. With very little time and no financial help, ordinary parents are also speaking. <http://www.petitiononline.com/kids1st/petition.html>

BEVERLEY SMITH

Kids First Parent Assoc. of Canada

One man's leek experience

DEAR EDITOR,

As a small boy after sugaring on the farm, when we were gathering the buckets and spouts to be washed and stored in the sugar house for the next year, some of us would find and eat a few leeks. The fun was to make sure the other members of the family got a good whiff of our breath when we got back to the house. It was pretty bad.

Now many years later I don't care much about eating them. The plants have always held a fascination for me though, and I have been concerned that they would be over-harvested. So for several years in the fall, I have been digging a few bulbs from places where

there are lots of them and replanting them, just one here and there in the same type of woods, where there are no leeks. They love to grow under butternut trees as well. Just make sure if you plant under butter trees or any other trees for that matter, that there is a good layer of leaf mulch on the ground. The best time to dig a few for replanting I have found is in late September. That will make you pay attention to where the bulbs are. You can replant some of the seeds from the plants that you dig of course. This is not rocket science. If you can plant crocus or tulip bulbs in the fall and have flowers in the spring, you can give the leeks a helping hand.

CAROL O'BRIEN
Sutton

Brome Lake Ducks named business of the year

By Tom Peacock

Knowlton's best known business has earned the top prize at this year's edition of the Brome-Missisquoi "Doors to the Future" Excellence Gala. Brome Lake Ducks Ltd. picked up the "Enterprise of the Year" prize as well as the top prize in the Agri-food category at the awards ceremony held at Massey-Vanier Regional High School last weekend.

"We're floating on air now," said Brome Lake Ducks marketing director Bruno Giuliani. "Everything is going our way."

The company recently invested \$2 million in a massive expansion project, and doubled its capacity.

Over the last three years, Giuliani said, the local company has increased its

sales from 1.2 million ducks to 2.2 million. The local fowl is now being sold all over the world, with particularly strong markets for the distinctive bird in both Japan and Mexico.

Brome Lake Ducks started in 1912 as a family business. It's been at the same location on Centre St. in Knowlton since 1914. After being hit hard by the depression, the family farm was bought out by investors.

Recently, the company has been hard at work promoting its produce in Quebec, Giuliani said. "We're going on the radio, we're doing a lot of publicity. We want it so when you go in and see Brome Lake Duck in the store, you recognize it."

• The Passerelle des Moussees daycare centre in Lac Brome was recognized for

its excellence in the field of human resources. The award was given due to the high quality of the workplace afforded the centre's employees.

• Alpha Vico Inc. in Farnham was awarded special recognition for its work in importing and exporting school furniture. The company, which employs 70 people, exports its products across Canada and the United States as well as to South Africa and Costa Rica. Alpha Vico also does a lot of work in South Africa and Central America helping the local populations set up factories to produce their own equipment for schools.

"It was very encouraging to receive the award," said Gilles Berthiaume, the company's president yesterday. "It's not easy to be in importing and exporting nowadays, so recognition like this en-

courages us to continue our work."

• Other winners at the "Doors to the Future" Gala:

Arts and Culture: La Petite Église de Farnham

Retail (1 to 10 employees): La Rumeur Affamée de Sutton

Retail (11+ employees): IGA EXTRA Daigneault de Cowansville:

Agricultural business: Ferme L. Campbell et fils inc. de Ste. Sabine

Manufacturing (1 to 50 employees): Les Entreprises Camlen de Lac Brome

Manufacturing (51+ employees): Armoires Cuisines Action de Ste. Sabine:

Service business (1 to 10 employees): Eastern Townships Regional School board's Distance Learning Program

DRUGS:

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available for treating various ailments, has made retail drug prices a very hot political issue for American seniors. The Alliance for Retired Americans, a lobby group based in Washington, D.C., states on their Web site that "The reason prescription drugs, including those manufactured in the U.S., are cheaper in Canada, is largely because the Canadian government regulates pharmaceutical prices to keep them affordable for its national health care system." A table of comparison between U.S. and Canadian prices for 20 commonly used drugs is then provided, prices current as of April 2003. The drug Tamoxifen, used to combat breast cancer, is almost 10 times as expensive to purchase in the U.S., but most products listed are about twice as expensive in comparison to Canadian prices.

In 2002, the "Rx Express", was hailed as the largest ever series of coordinated bus trips to Canada to buy prescription drugs. The 375 participating seniors saved over \$500,000 (US). These determined folk traveled an average of 277 miles, riding 14 hours on a bus to make their purchases in various Canadian locations.

With such savings, it is understandable that seniors consider it worth the trip. And one such trip that did take place this year was by Maine seniors who rode into St. Stephen, N.B., on May 28. The reason this particular group was unruffled by the SARS scare is related to the fact that there are no reported cases of the virus anywhere near the Atlantic provinces. Nina Quirion of the Maine Council of Senior Citizens participated in the organization of the bus trip. According to her, "[seniors] just see a doctor in Maine (who has a licence in both Canada and the U.S.), then we come and get our prescriptions filled across the border at Calais (St. Stephen). It was a very nice trip, everybody had a nice time. [SARS] never entered our conversations."

Differences in price				
Drug name	Prescribed for	Common dosage	U.S. price	Canadian price
Celebrex	Arthritis relief	200 mg/30 capsules	\$85.99	\$44.76
Lipitor	High cholesterol levels	20 mg/30 tablets	\$107.99	\$64.21
Prevacid	Ulcers	30 mg/30 capsules	\$134.99	\$62.76
Prozac	Depression	20 mg/90 capsules	\$302.97	\$140.69
Tamoxifen	Breast cancer	10 mg/180 tablets	\$340.77	\$39.19

Source: Alliance for Retired Americans website: www.retiredamericans.org, Canadian drug prices obtained from the Canadian Drugstore, Inc., U.S. prices from www.drugstore.com and www.CVSpharmacy.com

But she understands the concerns of other groups, who must visit a doctor in a Canadian medical clinic before proceeding to a pharmacy. "They [the Congress members] have to claim liability, and in regards to seniors, they didn't think it was a good idea to bring them into Canada."

"I get calls every single day from seniors who want to go on our organized bus trips. We try to do this twice a year, if we can raise the funds."

The money they raise is used for bus fare, meals and the overnight stay in New Brunswick. Individuals are responsible for their own pharmaceutical purchases. This year, Quirion, as well as Maine Congressman Tom Allen and Michael Michaud, accompanied 18 seniors into Canada. The savings were impressive: \$19,002 for the group, a per-person savings of approximately \$1,500 for six months worth of pill-popping. Quirion says that one man saved enough to pay for his homeowner's taxes plus his home heating costs for the winter.

"The prices are still going up. Pharmaceutical companies are fighting us every step of the way. In Maine, we're just working on a law to disclose how much money they (the companies) spend for gifts. They'll go to a doctor's office and buy meals for everybody at the Olive Garden. They offer doctors trips, condos on the islands out in the Caribbean, all the perks. God only knows, but they want to get the ear of the doctor."

One of the Senior Citizens' Council's biggest beefs is the issue of generic drugs. Quirion mentions the example of Prilosec, a drug used to treat heartburn. "That just went generic four-five months ago. Now they have Nexium, but it basically has the same ingredients as Prilosec! The Medicaid pays for very low income earners. They'll no longer pay for Nexium, they'll pay for a generic, but a doctor has to prescribe it." She wonders how much doctors are being influenced by the "gifts" of pharmaceutical companies, to prescribe a newer, name-brand version of a generic drug.

On May 17, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favour of another Maine pharmaceutical initiative, to be put in force next summer. This law is supposed to bring prices of pharmaceuticals down, and generic drugs may be discounted by as much as 60 per cent, bringing prices closer to Canadian ones. There is also supposed to be a discount of 15-20 per cent for name-brand drugs. Quirion says that these changes promise to make a big difference for American seniors, but that they will continue to come to Canada as long as there is a possibility of further savings.

While Maine seniors are set on New Brunswick, there is still a possibility that groups from Vermont or New Hampshire may come to either the Townships or to Montreal for their prescription drug needs, but not in the near future.

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Solutions for those irritating online pranks

By Andy Riga
CANWEST NEWS

You didn't ask for them, they waste your time and they're tagged with subject lines such as, "check this out."

No, they're not spam, but they may be worse. They're online hoaxes that spread like wildfire, at times causing needless panic, consternation and frustration.

Most urge you to immediately forward the message to everyone you know. Some particularly nasty alerts about "undetected new viruses" tell you to delete a crucial bit of your computer's software to avoid what turns out to be non-existent threats.

Yup, there sure are some meanspirited people out there.

More surprising, perhaps, is how gullible we are, even though such pranks have been around for years and are easy to avoid.

Have you heard, for example, Ottawa actually wants to impose a five-cent-per-email tax?

Maybe because it's just idiotic enough for a politician to propose, but the Canada Post e-mail tax hoax has had a long life, having bounced around since 1999.

"That one speaks directly to a fear

people have _ that something they've become accustomed to is suddenly going to attract various charges," says Barbara Mikkelson, co-founder of Snopes.com, a popular directory of urban legends and hoaxes.

Virus hoaxes also play on a prevailing fear of hackers eager to trash hard drives.

"The problem is that there are a number of very real viruses out there, as well," says Mikkelson, an Ottawa native who runs Snopes with her husband, David, from their Los Angeles home.

"And it can be hard for people to tell the sheep from the goats."

Hoax writers "craft messages with a certain amount of psychology in mind," says Chris Belthoff, a Boston-based security analyst at Sophos, a maker of anti-virus software.

He points to the widely disseminated "Good Times" hoax as an example. It claims to put your computer's central processing unit in "an nth-complexity infinite binary loop which can severely damage the processor." Computer experts know its nonsense, but others were duped.

"People think if they don't pass it along, they're doing a disservice to others," Belthoff says.

Virus hoaxes are sometimes tailored

to take advantage of the latest news obsession. Subject lines have included Osama vs. Bush, Foot and Mouth Virus Warning and Iraq War.

Time is often of the essence.

"When you read, 'This virus is spreading quickly, so everybody needs to know about it,' it's almost 99.9 per cent of the time a hoax," Belthoff says.

But many are still hoodwinked. Sophos's help desk gets more calls about virus hoaxes than individual real viruses.

The scares are costly to business. Employees waste time forwarding useless messages, putting an unnecessary strain on networks and storage. "If I forward an e-mail to everybody I know, I might hit 'Forward All' to my entire company," Belthoff says. "I just sent out an e-mail to 10,000 people."

To complicate matters, some virus writers latch onto previous hoaxes to spread their wares.

"AOL4FREE," for example, started as a hoax virus warning. Soon after, a very real virus was spread using the same message. The difference was the virus included an attachment that, when opened, deleted all the files from hard drives.

There are steps you can take to avoid

falling victim to a hoax.

- Go to Google.com or another search engine and type in a phrase from the e-mail or its subject line. Hoaxes are well documented by anti-virus companies and reputable hoax directories, so if it's fake, you'll soon know.

- Visit Snopes.com. The 2,000-article site, organizes items by topic, from autos to weddings. For virus hoaxes, click on computers.

- Turn to sites run by anti-virus software makers Sophos, Symantec and McAfee. They track hoaxes and maintain long lists of them online, complete with descriptions.

- Never open an attachment unless you are expecting it. It might appear to be from someone you know, but some viruses spread themselves by tapping into address books.

- Sophos suggests companies create virus-hoax policies forbidding users from forwarding warnings except to the employee who looks after anti-virus issues.

- Snopes.com: www.snopes.com

- Sophos: www.sophos.com/virusinfo/

Symantec: <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html>

McAfee: <http://vil.mcafee.com/hoax.asp>

Cross-media convergence urged

By Joe Paraskevas
FOR CANWEST NEWS

Cross-media convergence could provide a means of survival for newspapers hit by declining readership, an industry executive said Tuesday.

Government must set aside any prejudice towards convergence as newspapers face challenges from other sources to the ways they deliver their content, said Anne Kothawala, president and chief executive of the Canadian Newspaper Association.

"The first task of any newspaper is to survive, and to survive it must adapt," said Kothawala, whose group represents the editors and publishers of 82 English and French daily newspapers in Canada.

"If newspapers are to maintain long-term viability, public policy must allow newspapers room to adapt their business models to changing circumstances, including in potentially dramatic ways, and not lock them into any one business model from a romanticized past," Kothawala said in an address to members of the Senate committee on transport and communications.

Canada's best-known examples of media convergence are BCE Inc., which owns the Globe and Mail and CTV Inc., and CanWest Global Communications Corp., owner of the Global television network, 11 major Canadian daily newspapers, including the National Post, and other international media holdings.

Last week, the House of Commons heritage committee recommended the federal government temporarily disallow new broadcast licences to be issued to companies with both print and broadcast holdings.

But Kothawala said newspaper circulation has seen a "steady decline" in the last several years, after falling five per cent between 1991 and 1993. The cause in the early '90s was the introduction of the GST, she added.

The latest drop in readership - just as in viewership of television - could be attributed to the rise of the Internet, Kothawala said. Fluctuations in the price of newsprint and volatile advertising sales have also added pressure to newspaper operations, she said.

Cross-media convergence could be one solution for companies trying to survive, she said.

Kothawala's remarks met with opposition from some members of the Senate committee.

"Why do you support the centralization of news gathering, news dissemination, news production as part of a corporate culture?" asked British Columbia Senator Pat Carney.

She responded by saying that cross-ownership has allowed newspapers to develop stronger brands "and to really cross-promote and to tell Canadians about what content they're going to be covering.

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Ardent separatist Pierre Bourgault dies, age 69

Born in East Angus

By Alan Hustak
CANWEST NEWS

Pierre Bourgault, the provocative left-wing journalist and architect of the Quebec separatist movement, died Monday of what officials say was a chronic pulmonary infection.

He was 69.

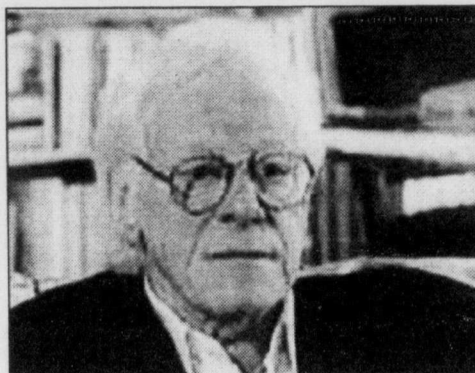
Bourgault will be remembered as a galvanizing public speaker in both English and French who fought for a unilingual French Quebec. He came in on the ground floor of the Quebec separatist movement in 1960, when he joined the fledgling Rassemblement pour l'indépendance nationale (RIN), one of three early separatist groups. Within three years, he was party president.

He was the best, fiercest, most explosive political orator Quebec has produced in the last half of the 20th century," journalist Benoit Aubin once said of him.

"He is Quebec's official separatist icon: the standard against which others gauge their level of militancy."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest described Bourgault as "an ardent defender of the French fact and a free spirit. He never left anyone indifferent."

Bourgault gained notoriety in 1964, when he helped organize a demonstration against a visit by Queen Elizabeth II



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Pierre Bourgault was powerful orator.

to Quebec City, an event that has gone down in the history books as le Samedi de la Matraque—the Saturday of the Nightsticks. In fact, Bourgault had sent his followers home before the queen arrived, but when demonstrators were clubbed by police, Bourgault was blamed for the conflict.

In 1966, the RIN contested the provincial election and the party gathered six per cent of the vote. Bourgault himself came second in the Duplessis riding on the North Shore, south of Labrador, where he polled almost 40 per cent of the vote.

The following year, he negotiated with future premier René Levesque, culminating in the disbanding of the RIN and its replacement with what would become the Parti Québécois.

Although Bourgault sat on the PQ's national executive, Levesque never liked him and quickly shuffled him to the sidelines of the nationalist movement.

Bourgault was arrested for his part in the 1968 St-Jean Baptiste riot in Montreal, when Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau refused to budge as demonstrators tossed Molotov cocktails at the reviewing stand. Bourgault was later acquitted on charges of inciting the incident.

Bourgault was always a contradiction. In spite of his hard line on Quebec independence, he translated Prime Minister Lester Pearson's mem-



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Never radical or violent in his views.

oirs into French, as well as Pierre Berton's railway saga, *The Last Spike*. He counted Liberal Premier Robert Bourassa among his loyal friends.

His siblings all married anglophones and moved to the United States. And in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Bourgault wrote a column in English for the *Montreal Gazette*.

A firebrand on the hustings, he was warm and unfailingly polite in private. He was a gourmet cook, played the piano and even wrote a song, *Entre deux joints*, that was recorded by Robert Charlebois. He liked nothing more than tending the trees and flowers on his farm near St. David de Yamaska.

He was homosexual, flamboyant at times, but never as radical or violent in his political views as he was sometimes made out to be.

As journalist Michel Roy once wrote in *Le Devoir*, "Bourgault became the victim of his image. Some people followed him because they believed him to be more radical than he really is."

Bourgault was born in East Angus, Que., on Jan. 23, 1934, and was educated by the Jesuits at College Jean-de-Brebeuf in Montreal. He considered becoming a priest.

His politics, he said, were shaped from age nine, when his father, a court clerk, was transferred to Cookshire, then predominantly English-speaking.

According to Bourgault, the Protestant clergyman told his parishioners not to rent to the Bourgault family because "if one French-speaking family were allowed to move into town, it would spell the end of the neighbourhood."

It was his first encounter with prejudice, but not his last. He joined the Canadian Army in 1952 and became an artillery officer posted to Manitoba. It was that experience that led to his becoming a separatist.

"In the army, French-Canadians studied in English, were commanded in English and were despised in English," he said.

Bourgault left the army and began his journalistic career as a television broadcaster in Trois Rivières in 1956. He later worked for *La Presse*, the separatist



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An excellent teacher.

daily *Le Jour*, the *Gazette* and the *Journal de Montreal*. He was editor in chief of several nationalist papers, including *L'Indépendance* and *Point de Mire*.

When he was hired to write a column for the *Gazette*, he noted it was "to the pleasure of some, and to the distaste of many, English and French alike."

He did it, he explained, not because he needed the money, but because "a shouting match is better than the dreadful silence that sows distrust between partners and turns true friends into enemies."

His political career began with the RIN in 1960, but disillusioned with what he saw as the Parti Québécois's compromises, he retired from political life in 1973. However, Bourgault remained a formidable influence behind the scenes, and was seen as the conscience of the PQ's left wing.

He joined the Université du Québec à Montreal as a communications professor in 1976, where his students described him as an excellent teacher.

In 1977, he was named to the board of directors of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

In the 1980 Quebec referendum, he campaigned for the Yes side in various CEGEPS (junior colleges). When the Yes side lost, he was the first to demand that Levesque resign as premier.

In 1984, Bourgault joined radio station CKAC as a political commentator.

He was acclaimed for his work as an actor in Jean-Claude Lauzon's 1992 movie, *Leolo*, in which he played a sensitive young boy's literary mentor.

Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau appointed Bourgault as his communications adviser in 1994. But Bourgault quit shortly after, when his remarks about anglophones created an uproar.

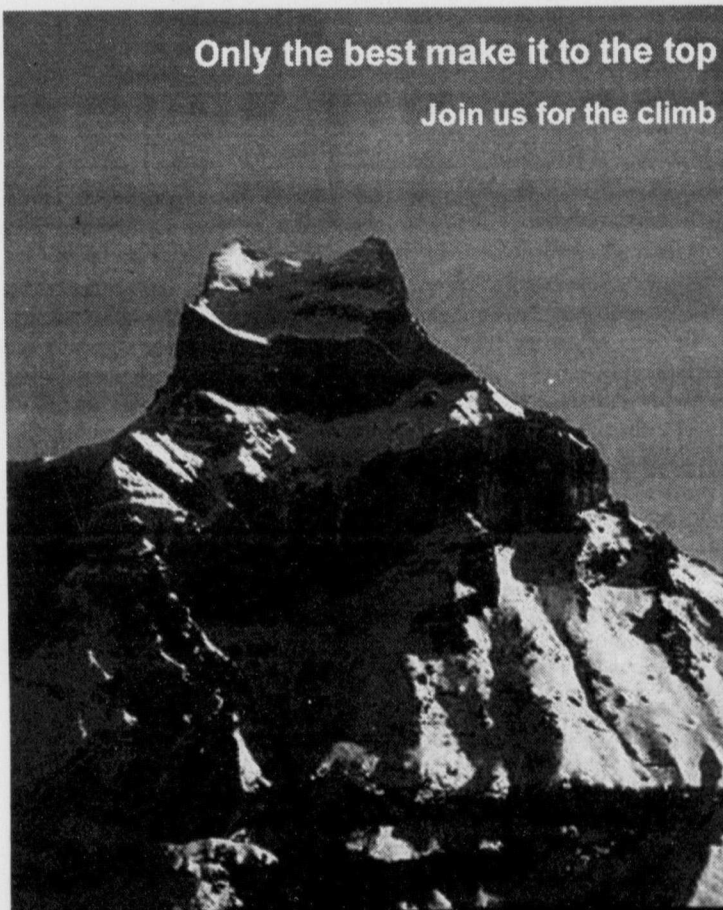
What he said was: "If a vast majority of franco-Quebecers vote Yes and are prevented from (becoming sovereign) because the English vote against, then it's a dangerous situation."

Bourgault was accused of being a racist, and to avoid embarrassing the government, he resigned.

He went to work as a columnist for the *Journal de Montreal* in 1996. He wrote his last piece for the paper on June 7.

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Alberta study recommends full-time kindergarten

By Anne Marie Owens
CANWEST NEWS

An author of a new study on learning in kindergarten says schools should immediately implement full-day, five-day-a-week programs.

Currently, most children attend kindergarten for half-days every day, or for full days every second day.

But the Alberta study found that full-time attendance had a dramatic impact on children's mastery of key learning skills, particularly reading, and may be an important influence on their ability to succeed in the first years of school.

The study raises the question of whether it may be a mistake for schools to hold back on kindergarten time, as they may end up eventually paying the costs for students lagging behind.

Jose da Costa, an education professor at the University of Alberta and one of the authors of the study, said the evidence should compel educational authorities to implement full-day, five-day-a-week kindergarten immediately, particularly for schools in low-income neighbourhoods.

The study, which tested the performance of 532 kindergarten students from 26 classrooms across Edmonton, found those in the full-day programs were much better at identifying letters of the alpha-

bet, sequencing letters to form words from memory, assembling a repertoire of words necessary to become readers, and developing an understanding of some of the conventions of the printed word - all the prerequisite skills for reading.

Students in 11 of the schools received normal half-day programming, which results in 475 hours of instruction throughout the course of a year.

The other children attended full-time, five days a week.

The funding for the extra class time came from anonymous benefactors and a government grant.

The children in the full-day programs received more than double the hours of learning of the children in the half-day programs.

Many of the schools selected for the full-day funding included children from low-income or "educationally disadvantaged" families, while the majority of students in the half-day programs came from

middle-class or high-income homes where children were generally provided with more opportunities for learning.

"The changes are actually quite phenomenal," da Costa said. "At the beginning of the year, the middle-class children in the half-day programs were significantly more advanced than those put into the full-day programs, but by the end of the year, all of those differences were wiped out.

"The full-day kindergarten experience enabled pupils of low socio-economic status or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds to catch up

to and, in almost all cases, exceed the skills prerequisite to reading acquired by (higher-income, educationally advantaged) pupils."

Many schools and school boards have moved to the alternating full-day kindergarten system, in which children come to school three days one week and two the next, to save money on busing costs and alleviate the child-care juggle for working families.

Janette Pelletier, a professor at the Uni-

versity of Toronto's Institute of Child Study, said although the research shows the benefits of full-day, every-day kindergarten, "the jury is still out" on whether there are any merits to half-day versus alternating full days.

"An important consideration is whether 10 alternating full days equals 20 half days of learning time," Pelletier said. "My sense is no, because we need to differentiate the full-day program to meet children's holistic needs of fatigue, interest, etc. ... The full-day, every-day kindergarten is rarer, but this is obviously ideal. Children have the continuity, the extra time in the learning environment, the familiarity of the teacher and peers for full days and a greater number of opportunities for learning."

She said a growing number of Ontario educators are starting to see kindergarten as the beginning of preparation for the province-wide testing in Grade 3.

"Kindergarten teachers still espouse the philosophy of play-based learning, but it is increasingly seen less in practice due to accountability demands. I think many feel that this is regrettable," Pelletier said despite all the studies investigating the optimal time spent educating the youngest students, what matters most at this stage still is the teacher."

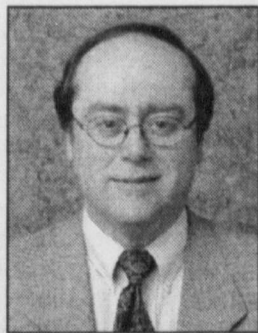
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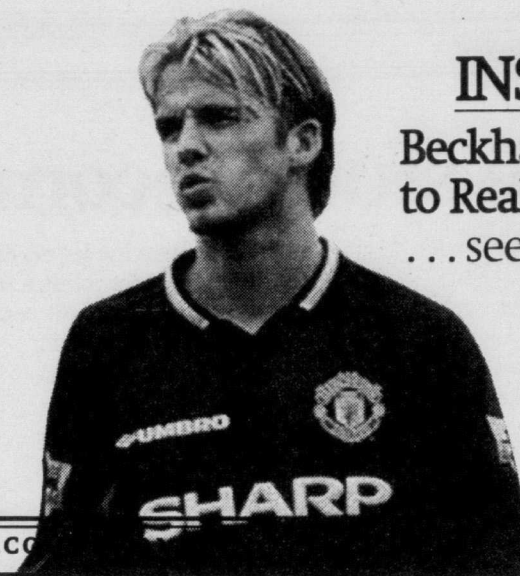


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STUDENTS' EDITOR

Bessette's win gives teammate the title

Manon Jutras finishes second to Katie Mactier

By Mike Hickey
 SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Lyne Bessette is literally riding on a high. After winning the Wachovia Liberty Classic in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania earlier this month, the Knowlton cyclist managed to rebound from a sub-par performance in Stage I of the Nature Valley Grand Prix to capture the race's final stage last Sunday.



COURTESY SATURN

Bessette finished ninth overall in Minneapolis.

With the late stage win, Bessette finished a respectable ninth overall in the prestigious women's cycling event. More importantly, she also helped teammates Katie Mactier and Drummondville's Manon Jutras to finish first and second in the overall standings.

With less than three laps to go in the Stillwater Criterium, a 1.25-mile course along the bluffs of the St. Croix River, Saturn's Bessette came from behind to pass leader Karen Bockel of Rona-Esker's and pull away for a 28-second victory that finished on a 24-percent grade hill.

Bessette became the fourth different Saturn rider to win in as many stages.

"We had a really good race," Bessette said.

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Jumpers gather in Bromont



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Bromont International president Roger Deslauriers and Michel Lapierre have been overseeing the equestrian centre's first major course overhaul since the 1976 Olympics. Pictured below, former NHLer Dale Hawerchuk will be watching as three of his horses will be competing.

By Maurice Crossfield

Some 350 of the world's top show jumpers will be in Bromont over the next few days for the annual International Bromont.

This year, riders will be competing from Canada, the U.S., France, Belgium, Colombia and Uruguay. As International Bromont president Roger Deslauriers explained, this competition will be particularly important for the Colombian team. That's because their best riders here will go on to represent Colombia at the Pan Am Games later this summer.

This year, riders will be trying out a new course, the first complete rebuild of the Bromont show jumping site since the 1976 Olympics.

"We had a problem this year getting three good days in a row," Deslauriers said.

The new course, which workers were still putting the finishing touches on Tuesday, meets the rigorous standards of the World Cup. However, Deslauriers had

some bad news for the event: Due to a lack of sponsorship the Quebec Cup, which included the Bromont venue as well as Quebec City and Boisbriand, has been canceled. For Bromont that means about 100 fewer horses this year. "But we will live with that," he said.

Added Mario Deslauriers, who will be riding as well as providing commentary for the Journal de Montreal: "I think the riders will appreciate the work done here in Bromont."

Attending the event for the first time in many years will be Brome-Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis. His daughter, H el ene, will be competing while he watches from the stands.

"I'm usually in Quebec City at this time," Paradis said. "This will be my first chance to see her perform here."

Although he won't be riding, Hall of Fame hockey player Dale Hawerchuk will be busy watching the three horses he's brought to the International Bromont.



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Hawerchuk, who scored 518 goals and registered 891 assists as an aggressive centre for the Winnipeg Jets, Buffalo Sabres, St. Louis Blues and Philadelphia Flyers, hung up his skates in 1997 in favor of horse farming. Owner of a horse farm during his Winnipeg years, he revived that interest on retirement, and now owns an equestrian centre north of Toronto.

Today, Hawerchuk's interests are focused on breeding, training and showing horses. He and his wife Chrystal are also involved in an artificial insemination business.

Among the main events will be the Speed Derby, held on Saturday at about 2 p.m. The event will feature a \$25,000 purse.

The jewel in this weekend's crown, however, will be the World Cup Qualifying Event on Sunday. This event will feature some of the top riders in the world, competing for \$60,000 in prize money. Among some of the most prominent riders will be Hugh Graham, Keane White, Beth Underhill, Eric Lamaze, Jim Henselwood and Mario Deslauriers.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Perseverance pays off for Als running back

By Arash Madani
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
MONTREAL

During a career that has included head coaching stints with seven Canadian Football League teams and 10 Grey Cup rings with four of them,

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success has been based on the natural ability of his team's stars.

"Running backs are born with a gift to be running backs," said the veteran coach. "They're not coached to be great. It's an instinctive thing."

So one year after hoisting the Grey Cup for a record-tying fifth time, and then losing both Lawrence Phillips and Thomas Haskins to Western Division teams, Matthews has handed the ball off to an athlete who has waited the last half-decade for this very chance.

Eric Lapointe, who began playing football in Brossard, then emerged as a talent at CEGEP Vieux Montreal only to be bounced throughout the CFL, is finally getting his chance at a starting job.

"The running back position is a gift that you're born with. It's not something you develop," continued Matthews. "You either have it or you don't, and he's been very fortunate to be able to be born with the instinct to be a great running back and he has it."

Lapointe, a native Montrealer who grew up in Lac-St-Jean and never picked up a pigskin until he was a teenager, started for the Alouettes in their season opener against the Calgary Stampeders last night.

"I'm really excited — that's the one thing I can say. I've waited for this mo-

ment a long time," said Lapointe prior to Tuesday's game. "It's a dream come true, actually."

The fantasy that became reality didn't come easy, nor without struggle or perseverance. Lapointe's pro career nearly ended before it began.

After being named the best university football player in Canada in 1996 and 1998, Lapointe was scooped up by none other than Don Matthews, then with the Edmonton Eskimos, in the third round of the 1999 draft.

Yet only a few days into training camp, months after breaking a national collegiate record for most rushing yards in a season and second most in a career, Lapointe was released with the first wave of cuts by Edmonton.

Matthews knew little of the feisty Canadian, and Lapointe was at a career crossroads. Would pro football be in the cards for a kid who had still never gotten a chance at playing in the CFL?

"There's not too many players who finally have the chance to go pro, and sometimes you have a chance to make a camp, but you never know what's going to happen after that," recalled Lapointe. "That was the case for me. I got released from Edmonton early, but in the back of my mind I knew I wanted to play pro ball."

Lapointe was used to adversity. At Mount Allison University, where the determined tailback emerged as a football phenom, the six-foot-one, 206-pounder partially blew his ACL during his junior year. Then, after a quick recuperation, Lapointe broke his arm on the eve of the Mounties' berth into the Atlantic Bowl national semi-final.

So after receiving his one-way ticket out of Edmonton, Lapointe realized that the pros was just another ball game that he had to persevere through. Instead of returning home after being cut by the Eskis, Lapointe received a call from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats that would change his career forever.

"You don't know what's coming in a pro camp," said Lapointe. "Once I saw the reality of a pro camp, I was shocked. I did-

n't know what to expect and it was harder than I thought.

"As soon as I got released from Edmonton, I went back to Mount A and that same day I received a call from Hamilton wanting me to go to camp with them. I have to admit I was unsure — they were calling me in due to injury. And if I played a game, I would be done my college (eligibility). I didn't know what to do at the time. But I was happy I went to Hamilton — and I got to win a Grey Cup there."

Not only did Lapointe end up in Steel City, but he emerged with one of the most incredible turnarounds for a Week 1 cut ever. In his opening CFL start, the kid many had written off for pasture ran 18 times for a career-high 139 yards against Saskatchewan. In doing so, he gained notice from everyone around the League. Including the coach who released him, Don Matthews.

"That was probably one of the errors of my lifetime," admitted the coach. "I drafted Eric Lapointe, and tried to turn him into a fullback. That was certainly an overlook on my part. I watched him get a start immediately in Hamilton, and saw him rush for 190 yards, and I was like 'Duh...'. I've been an admirer of him ever since."

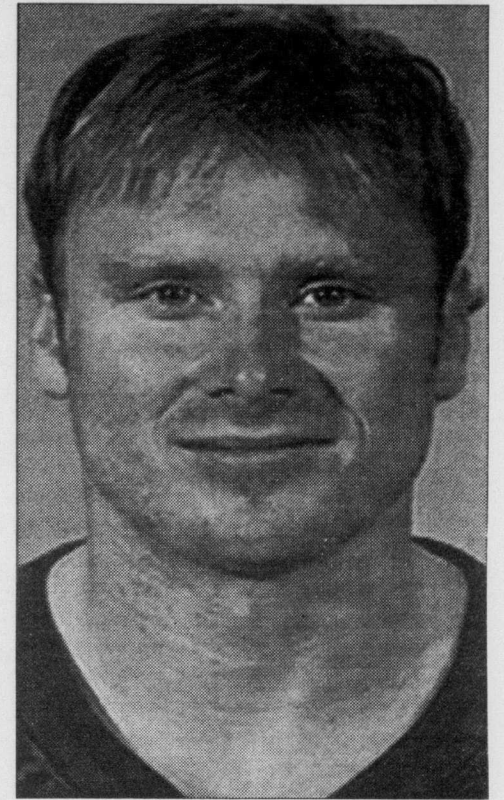
The championship title run in 1999 was memorable. Ranked 11th in the CFL in rushing with 691 yards, the future looked promising.

Until the next bout of adversity, that is. The next season began with a trade to Toronto, where for 11 games Lapointe was used sporadically by the Argos. Doubt clouded over again.

Yet the Als still believed in the Mount Allison grad, scooping up the utility man to back-up Mike Pringle, Thomas Haskins and Lawrence Phillips.

And again, just when it appeared as if Lapointe's time had come in 2002, when Pringle went down and Phillips went AWOL, Lapointe's luck went sour once more. A blown out knee in September ended what became the Grey Cup winning campaign for Lapointe and the Als.

Now, with Pringle, Phillips and Haskins all gone to teams in Alberta, Matthews has



COURTESY CFL

Eric Lapointe is getting his first chance at a starting job in his hometown of Montreal.

not hesitated in deciding who his starter would be. In fact the coach that sent Lapointe packing in 1999, maintained throughout the off-season, then training camp, that it would be the hometown boy who would carry the load for the defending champions.

"Last year I said he was a quality back and a featured back in the CFL, and I still believe it," said Matthews.

From the depths of despair, on the brink of being a CFL casualty, to the fulfillment of a lifelong dream, Lapointe is starting to finally believe.

"If it would be up to me, I'd like to stay here the rest of my career," said Lapointe, who works in finance during the off-season out of his home on the South Shore of Montreal. "My friends and family are here, and what could be better than playing for your home town team?"

RUGBY

Canada bands together on eve of match with U.S.

By Howard Tsumura
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Tight-knit off the field, Canada's men's rugby team has been spending the past few days making sure they're every bit as close on it as they prepare to face the United States at the Churchill Cup international test tournament which continues tonight (8 p.m.) in Vancouver.

"We're trying to clean up our porous

defence," stressed Canadian head coach David Clark on Tuesday in the aftermath of a 43-7 loss Saturday to England 'A' in the first game of the tri-nations tournament.

"We've done a lot of work on that this week, and we want to make sure that we're very secure and tight around the rucks and mauls."

The Canadian men need a win tonight to stay in contention for a spot

in the June 28 Cup final. On Saturday, England faces the U.S., and the teams with the two best records advance to the final. Canada beat the U.S. 26-9 and 36-13 in World Cup qualifiers last summer, although both countries have found their way into the draw this October in Australia.

On the women's side, tonight's first game (5:30 p.m.) features world No. 5 U.S. against No. 2 England, which beat

Canada 10-5 on Saturday. A win tonight would propel the English into the Cup final on June 28. Canada and the U.S. square off on Saturday.

Missing a large portion of the team that helped Canada to a 5-1 record in World Cup qualifying matches this past summer, Clark acknowledged that the English side Canada faced Saturday was a lot further ahead, having already played a number of matches.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Madrid hits jackpot with Beckham

Real Madrid has agreed to a deal with England captain David Beckham, Spanish news reports said Tuesday. Spanish radio network Cadena Ser reported that Madrid will sign the Manchester United midfielder on a four-year contract for a transfer fee of 25 million euros (\$46 million Cdn).

The network said Beckham will be presented in Madrid on July 2 at the club's headquarters after a routine medical check.

The 13-year veteran of Manchester United and captain of the English national team reportedly fell out this year with United coach Alex Ferguson. The English champion said it was listening to offers for the coveted player.

Thornton remanded on charges

Boston Bruins captain Joe Thornton appeared briefly Tuesday in a courtroom in his home town on charges of assaulting a police officer after a bar fight.

Justice of the peace J.P. Senachin issued a remand after lawyer Douglas Gunn, who was representing Thornton and his brother John, and assistant Crown Attorney Bill Tymchyshyn agreed on the adjournment to July 8.

The charges were laid following an incident in a bar on May 17.

The Thorntons were arrested following a brawl at Burty Bob's Two, a downtown St. Thomas bar. Police were called when bouncers were unable to break up the fight. Officers were knocked to the ground, but there were no serious injuries, police said.

Raps to announce O'Neill hiring

The Toronto Raptors are likely to hire Kevin O'Neill on Wednesday, ending weeks of speculation about the head coaching vacancy.

The team has called a news conference for 3 p.m. EDT Wednesday, when they're expected to make O'Neill's hiring official.

O'Neill, known as an outspoken and intense coach and a tireless worker, replaces Lenny Wilkens, who spent three seasons with the Raptors before parting ways with the team at the end of the season.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

• **BASEBALL:** 7 p.m., Major League Baseball regular season, Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles, Sportsnet.

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UPCOMING

• **HUNTINGTON CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE:** Wednesday, Hound Dogs vs C-Weed's, 7 p.m.; Tankers vs Roadrunners, 8:15 p.m.; Thursday, Brew Crew vs Les Bats, 7 p.m.; Hound Dogs vs Wild Bunch, 8:15 p.m.; Friday, Sopranos vs Com. Granite, 6:30 p.m.; Com. Granite vs Angeles, 7:45 p.m.; Looney Tunes vs ETFS, 9 p.m.

• **JUNIOR ELITE BASEBALL:** Saturday, Saguenay Paramédic Voyageur at Sherbrooke Bombardiers, Amédé Roy Stadium, Sherbrooke, doubleheader starts at 2 p.m.

• **QUEBEC SENIOR MEN'S LACROSS:** Friday, Shawinigan Lightning at Windsor Eagles, J.A. Lemay Arena, Windsor, 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S CYCLING

Saturn's result thanks to team effort: Mactier

BESSETTE:

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Added Mactier of her team's stage results in the NVGP. "It's great. Now we are in a situation where we can go to any race and be a threat."

Besette finished an uncharacteristic 43rd in the first stage Friday, which turned out to be a disaster for the Saturn team. They had three riders in a 14-rider pack, but the best that Saturn could get was a third-place finish for Mactier as Diet Rite's Tina Mayolo-Pic came in first.

It was a different story in Stage 2 as the Eastern Townships duo of Jutras and Besette finished 1-2 in Friday's time trials, while Mactier was third. Jutras recorded the best time of the day at 12:06, beating Besette by 10 seconds while Mactier came in at 12:20.

"I think we will be riding (the stages) as we have been since March," Jutras said. "We approach every race to win."

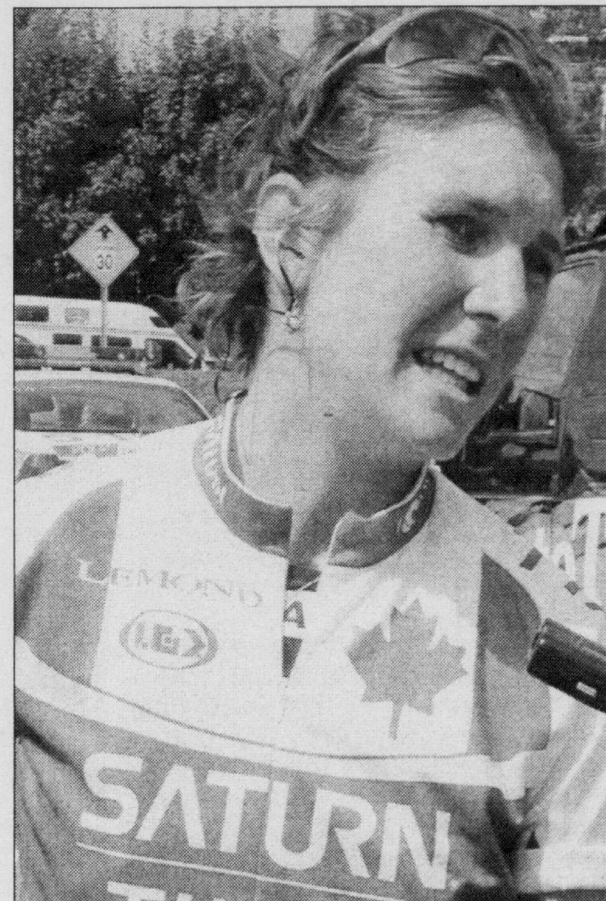
Besette and Jutras finished 22nd and 39th respectively in the third stage as Saturn's Ina Teutenberg put on a clinic, capturing the race in a breeze, while the rest of the Saturn team concentrated on protecting Mactier's red jersey.

On Saturday, Mactier did more than just defend the red leader's jersey, she also built up a commanding lead. On a day when she could have sat safe and let her team do the work, Mactier attacked on the hills, and then attacked in the flats of the finishing circuit en route to the win. Mactier finished 23 seconds ahead of Jutras, and more than one minute ahead of her nearest threat for the overall lead.

The winning break occurred about 47 miles into the race when the leaders, still 1:52 ahead of the pack, entered the third and last climb of the day, an ascent that stretched for nine miles and pitched at six per cent for a 0.9-mile section. T-Mobile's Katrina Grove initiated the action, but it was Saturn that found their groove.

"Ina (Teutenberg) made a good call to set a good tempo up the hill," Mactier said.

With that, Besette and Jutras attacked, followed by Bockel. Mactier remained close behind with T-Mobile's Dotsie Cowden. However, the two



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Besette helped control the final stage of the Nature Valley Grand Prix so Katie Mactier could ride off with the overall win.

were still ahead of the main pack, and when Mactier shook loose of Cowden, she bridged with the help of Besette, and then made it a Saturn-controlled pace.

"We knew we wanted to control the race," Jutras said.

Added Mactier: "From that moment on the hill, it was just attack, attack, attack. That strategy proved successful as the Saturn team demonstrated once again that they not only have some of the best women's cyclists in the world, but that they also committed to the success of the team."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Finals ratings worst ever

Spurs/Nets series watched in only 6.5 per cent of homes

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

ABC's television ratings for the National Basketball Association Finals between the San Antonio Spurs and New Jersey Nets were the lowest for any North American sports championship other than hockey's Stanley Cup.

The Walt Disney Co. network's telecasts of the six-game series won by the Spurs on Sunday

was watched in an average of 6.5 per cent of homes in the 107 million U.S. households with televisions, according to Nielsen Media Research Inc.

The rating is lower than every Super Bowl, World Series, NCAA basketball championship game and college football championship game. The previous low for an NBA Finals came in 1981, when the Boston Celtics beat the Houston Rockets in six games and drew a 6.7 rating.

Some weeknight games that year were telecast on tape delay following the nightly news.

Compton Historical Society holds meeting

Members of Compton Historical Society met on Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the home of Doris Banfill in Milby, with an attendance of 12.

The president, Russell Nichols opened the meeting, and the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A note was read from Allan Banfill, thanking the members for Get Well Wishes.

Pat Hurley wrote to Heritage Canada, about having our book, "Reflections of Compton" translated from English to French, but hasn't received a reply yet.

Russell spoke briefly about a meeting he attended at the Hyatt School House, about Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network.

St. James Church in Compton is open to the public every Sunday until Thanksgiving, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

It was suggested that we submit an article to local newspapers, every 1-2 months, about bygone days of this area.

Russell reported on the Heritage meeting for the Coaticook MRC, that he attended recently at St. Venant de Paquette.

All agreed that it would be a good idea to photograph and catalog many of the old farms and buildings in this area. (Compton Township) One of the members informed us that there is a day set aside for this type of activity, sponsored by the Coaticook MRC. This year, it takes place Oct. 5. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Michèle Lavoie will represent our group, by taking part in a cancer walk-a-thon, later this month in Coaticook.

Open House at the Louis St. Laurent Museum on July 1st, all are welcome, entry is free.

Our next meeting, Aug. 2, at the home of Robert and Beverly Nichols.

Following adjournment, delicious refreshments were served by our hostess Doris, and helpers, and a social time was enjoyed by all.

Get well wishes go out to Mildred Cairns, one of our members, who recently had a bad fall, and suffered broken bones.

Sunshine Baskets were delivered to 2 of the members this week, Allan Banfill and Bea Markey, who have both had surgery.

Sue Nichols

Birchton

On Sunday, May 4, Serena and Gilbert Wintle were in Bowmanville, Ont., to attend the baptism of the infant son of Tara and Kevin Wintle. Rev. Brian Gee officiated and the baby received the names Callum Kenneth George Wintle. The godparents were Gayle Wintle Donald, who is also Kevin's godmother, and Greg Kydd. Callum wore a kilt of the MacLeod tartan for the occasion. Following the service, Tara and Kevin entertained several family members and friends at a buffet luncheon at their home. Members of the Wintle family present for this joyous occasion were Gayle and Kelsey Donald of St. Catharines, Ont., George Townsend, Marilyn, James and Jonathan of Smith Falls, Ont., Lesley, Jim, Andrew and Rachael Brock, of Richmond, Que. Serena and Gilbert returned to St. Catharines, with Gayle and visited other relatives in the area. En route home they called on Anne and Kelly MacKenzie in Tweed.

Serena Wintle and Sandra Morrison of Bury attended the 89th Annual Convention of the Quebec Women's Institutes at Macdonald College. Serena has completed her second term as convenor of Citizenship and Legislation. Sandra will continue with Education and Personal Development. The W.I. convention is long days full of activities. Each year Dean Buzzard entertains the ladies for afternoon tea which is always very pleasant. She was also guest speaker at our banquet.

Convention is a time to meet old friends and make new friends. It is a time to realize the accomplishments of the past year and to plan for the next year. The members of Quebec are looking forward to the convention to be held at Bishop's University, June 22-28 when Women's Institute members from across Canada will be attending this important event. We are also hoping to welcome many friends as our guests.

Submitted by Serena Wintle

In Memoriams

BOCKUS - In loving memory of my family; father, Charles Allen (Charlie), who passed away on June 17, 1991; mother, Mary Margaret MacLeod, who passed away on June 22, 1998; and sister, Christine Elizabeth (Che-Che), who passed away October 13, 1963.

Oh what I wouldn't give and more To see you all as I come through the door,
Greeting me with your cheery smile We'd sit and talk for a long, long while.
All of us together in the same old way Would be my fondest wish today.
Dearly loved and sadly missed by your daughter/sister

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Card of Thanks

PINCHIN - Thanks to Judy and all the staff of the Grapes Home for the wonderful care I am getting there. Thanks also for the wonderful party Judy put on for my 92nd birthday. It was a wonderful large gathering of all my relatives and friends. Thanks also for all the beautiful cards and presents.

MARJORY PINCHIN

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Connie Girard

843-6671

Magog's Colette Lemay had a fall and sustained facial injuries which required stitches. All the best Colette for a speedy recovery. Take care!

Word has been received that a former resident of Magog, Ruth Dingham now residing in Edmonton, Alberta (St. Albert) is hospitalized as a result of a stroke. Best wishes for improved health real soon from relatives and friends in Magog and area.

Recent supper guests of Nellie and Herb Hudson at their summer home on the Bay of Fitch Bay were Marguerite Cooper of Erin, Ontario and Marlayne Hudson and Albert Boucher of Magog.

Deaths

BOYD, Violet (nee Rhicard) 1914-2003 - Passed away at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, Que., on Sunday, June 15th, 2003, at the age of 88, Violet Rhicard. Loving mother of William Boyd of Massachusetts and DeLores Weicunas of Connecticut. She also leaves to mourn her three grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, her sister Merle Barton of Massachusetts, her nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends. Predeceased by her friend, Lawrence Rhicard. A private service will be held at a later time. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Désourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: info@desourdywilson.com, Dignity Memorial. Donations in her memory to the Brome County Historical Society, 130 Lakeside, Knowlton, Que., JOE 1V0, would be appreciated by the family.

MARSHALL, Mabel Collins - Passed away in her sleep at the CHUS Hotel Dieu Hospital on Thursday, June 5th, 2003 in her 102nd year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Marshall. Predeceased by her parents James Collins and Susan Hall, one sister, Evelyn Cathcart and her three brothers: Clarence, Stuart and Leslie. She is survived by her sister, Lilian Richard, Cowansville, Que., and one sister-in-law, Jean Collins of St-Lambert, Que. She was a loving aunt to her nieces and nephews. In honouring Mabel's wishes, a graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2003 at 1 p.m., in the Malvern Cemetery, Lennoxville, Que., with the Rev. James Potter officiating. Family and friends are invited to a reception at the Lennoxville United Church following the service. Donations in Mabel's memory may be made to the Friends Cemetery, c/o Robert Strange, sec/tres., Campbell Rd., Brome Lake, Que., JOE 1R0, or the charity of your choice which would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Homes Inc., Lennoxville, Que., (819) 564-1750.

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Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Look for the key to open the suit

By Phillip Alder

John Boyle O'Reilly, an Irish author and poet, wrote this stanza:

"You gave me the key of your heart, my love; / Then why did you make me knock? / Oh that was yesterday, saints above! / And last night — I changed the lock!"

At the bridge table, finding the right key to open the door to the other hand may be vital. Here is an example. Sitting South, how would you plan the play in five diamonds? West leads a club, East winning with the queen and continuing with the king.

The declarer was Jan Wohlin (woe-lean); who died in 1999. He was on the Swedish team that won the 1952 European Championship, but is best-known for composing wonderful declarer-play problems.

Wohlin could see 11 tricks via one spade, five hearts and five diamonds. But to cash those five hearts, he needed a dummy entry. And so, anticipating the likely 3-1 diamond break, declarer discarded a low spade from the dummy instead of ruffing the second club. Then, when East continued with the club ace, Wohlin ruffed in hand with the diamond nine.

Now it was easy to draw trumps in three rounds, unblock the ace-king of hearts, cross to dummy by leading the carefully preserved diamond five to dummy's six, and run the rest of the hearts.

Note that East defended well by playing the second club. If South had ruffed it in the dummy, the contract would no longer have been makable.

She is in desperate need of assistance

Dear Annie: I think someone may be stalking me. "Bernice" and I are related by marriage and used to be friends. One day, her behavior changed from friendly to bitter, jealous and verbally manipulative. She began sending me e-mail messages accusing me of all sorts of bizarre things. I decided to terminate the relationship and wrote Bernice a nice but firm letter, explaining I wished her no ill will, but I could no longer tolerate her behavior.

That is when weird things began to happen. Bernice began to talk to all of the family members, saying I was cruel, harsh and had stopped speaking to her for no reason. I saved the e-mail corre-

Annie's Mailbox

spondence between us and allowed the family to read her wild ramblings. I began to get phone calls with someone breathing on the other end, and then the breather would hang up. I assumed it was Bernice. She also began to send me cards via e-mail, including weird religious tracts.

Although there have been no threats of violence, or any indication that she plans on doing me harm, I am becoming concerned. I have ignored her e-mails, but they continue to arrive on an almost daily basis. Other family members dismiss Bernice's behavior, saying

she is a little troubled and I should forget about it.

I believe Bernice is obsessed with me. Should I continue to ignore her behavior and hope it stops? — Uneasy in Philly

Dear Uneasy: Bernice sounds mentally unbalanced, and there is real potential for harm. Authorities recommend that victims of stalking contact their local police as well as a crime victim assistance program. Meanwhile, keep copies of those e-mails, and have your answering machine pick up her calls. The tapes and printouts will provide a record for the police. Other recommendations include getting a dog, taking a self-defense class and alerting neighbors to the situation. Under no circumstances should you have any contact with Bernice.

Since Bernice is a family member, however, please encourage the relatives to consider getting her some psychiatric help. She is in desperate need of assistance.

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship for almost eight months with a married man. His wife has already asked him for a divorce. "Fred" comes over to my house every day. I make him a pot of coffee, he eats my food, uses my telephone to call his out-of-state family and friends, and smokes my cigarettes. When we go out, we use my car. Fred always arrives empty-handed, promises to do things and never does. He goes home every night to his wife, pays all his household bills and gives his wife money for expenses.

Fred keeps telling me how much he loves me and would do anything for me, but he doesn't think of milk, coffee or groceries. I am in debt, and he knows I'm living on my charge cards. Please help me. — Can't Say No in New York

Dear Can't Say No: If you can't say "no," say, "Fred, I can no longer afford this relationship. Call me if your situation changes." He's taking advantage of you, and you know it. Find your backbone, and send him on his way.

Dear Annie: Please help us solve a disagreement at work regarding white shoes. One group says they may be worn between Easter and Labor Day. Others say it's Memorial Day and Labor Day. Can you clear this up for us? — Monett, Mo.

Dear Monett: Most etiquette experts say not to wear white shoes before Memorial Day or after Labor Day, unless you live in a resort area or you need white shoes to match your wedding dress.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Thayer Family reunion

The Thayer Family Association of Lower Canada-East and VT. will hold its 106th yearly reunion at Prouty Park Beach in Newport, VT., on August 3rd (Sunday) this year. Starts at about 9:30 a.m., until whenever. The family celebrates the ancestors/descendants of Perley and Hannah (Liscomb) Thayer who came to Stanstead in 1817 from Woodstock, Conn. Over the years, half of the

family remains in Canada and the others went back over the border to VT. and NH as well as "branching" out from there to many other States.

For further information you can contact Kim Nichols at e-mail address: kn4tfa@yahoo.ca or Dave Thayer at thayersds@cs.com.

Kim lives in Cowansville and Dave in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

95th Birthday Celebration



May 13th was a highlight in the life of Helen McElroy, when she turned 95 years young.

Helen, who now resides in the Sutton Foyer, lived her life in Dunham, and everyone knows and loves her, and especially remember her for taxi-ing them to Montreal for special appointments, air flights, and many local trips.

Her good natured personality and willingness to help and do for others made her many friends. She always loved and still loves to play cards and

attended the surrounding towns for their card parties and at the weekly Senior Citizens.

When planning her celebration, which was held at the Chinese Restaurant in Cowansville, she invited a few of her friends who she had played cards with, and some she knew who were having birthdays in the month of May.

Members of her family were able to share this special day with her. Her brother Rob McElroy and sister-in-law Elizabeth, from Lachute, and his son Arthur and daughter Anne-Marie from Ottawa, her brother Herbert McElroy, Waterloo, Que., and his son Terry McElroy from Hartford, Conn.

Others who were happy to be part of her celebration were: Bill Bates, Mary Lou Bouthiette, Claire Beauregard, Marie-Claude Demers, Helen Dymond, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davignon, Junior and Barbara Harvey, Margaret Johnson, Richard Lacroix, Marcelle Ledoux, Yolande Lefebvre, Shirley Lord, Monique and Morris Piette, Marion Robertson, Beatrice Russell and Helen Slackta.

Teresa Kopf dropped by and presented her with an orchid, but was unable to stay.

Helen was the recipient of several gifts, one of which was a picture of her family which was most pleasing to her. She graciously thanked everyone for coming and the hopes that they'd all enjoyed themselves.

And, we did, Helen!

Submitted by Barbara E. Harvey

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

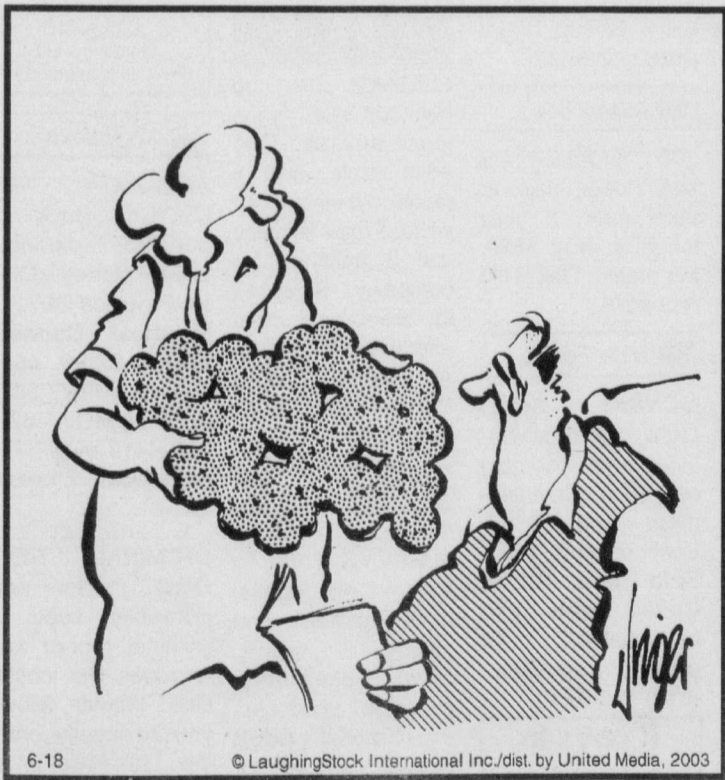
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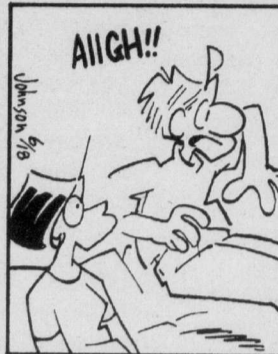
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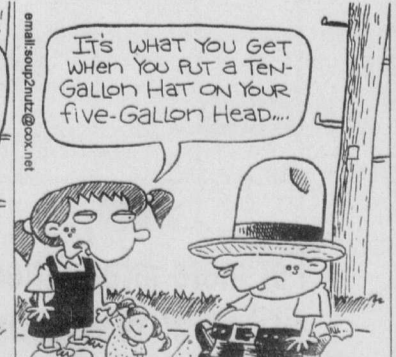
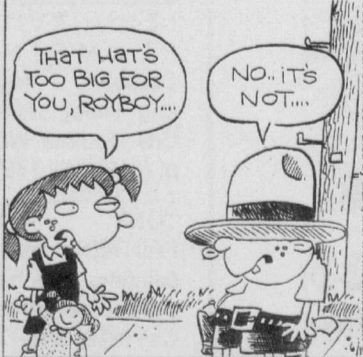
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Sutton Women's Institute meeting

On June 10th, Cora Hazard welcomed the members of Sutton W.I. to her home with Bid Lachapelle her co-hostess.

Ten members were welcomed by the president Reda Lewis with a special welcome to Jean Logan, she also thanked the hostesses at this time. Several have had reports or visited with Dorothy Lawrence; she is now at the Residence Principal in Cowansville and is improving nicely.

The meeting opened at 1:35 p.m., in usual manner with the Collect Motto: Happiness is in the comfortable companionship of friends. Roll Call: Tell how you use the C.L.S.C. Services and are you happy with them? Many good words were expressed by all members for the excellent work done by the C.L.S.C. their services are appreciated.

The minutes were read by Kathy Edgar and Cathryn Royea gave her fi-

ancial statement.

Thank you notes were read from Ruby Sherrer and Doris Wallet. Lois Day expressed her thank you by phone for a lap robe from the members.

Cathryn R. gave a brief talk for Community Living. She passed out to each a Tourist Map for Brome - Missisquoi, Route des Vins, these maps are available at the Sutton Tourist Office. She mentioned some of the activities at the Municipal Park on Western St. Baseball for all ages, a new soccer field, etc. Check the Tourist Map, it will keep you busy!

New business: The July meeting will be held at Reda's Home, it will be a picnic (weather permitting) all members assisting.

Cards were signed by all for Dorothy L. and Lois Day.

The collection were taken by Cathryn, the W.I. Grace was repeated. Delicious sweet breads were enjoyed with cheese and of course tea. Each thanked the hostesses after a pleasant afternoon.

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

It behooves you in the year ahead to keep nurturing those seeds you've planted. Many things that seemed mired in mud will suddenly spring to life and produce a plentiful harvest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - When confronted by a situation similar to one you've encountered and mismanaged previously, you'll make sure not to repeat the same mistakes again today. You've learned your lessons well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Pride can be your worst enemy, so today, if a concerned friend wants to do something for you, don't allow vanity to stand in the way. Good things could happen for you if you'll let

them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today, forge ahead on that alliance that you've been considering. It might turn out to be an important establishment and may cement strong links that will prove to be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Perform your work today as if it were the most important thing you could do. Later, when the results of your efforts become known, praises will quickly turn into raises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Bold measures might be called for today in order to advance a personal interest. If it is important to you, and you truly believe in what you're doing, don't hold back on ways to accomplish it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Loose ends concerning a financial matter that you

might have had trouble tying up can now be knotted together. It will give you peace of mind to have it completed once and for all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Owing to your ability to be able to judge events accurately, you could have an edge over your competitors today. You'll know how to use this asset to distance yourself from the pack.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Keeping the profit motive uppermost in your mind will motivate and encourage you to be more industrious today. Your timing is great, because the cycle is excellent for accumulation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Although people already seek out your company, today you could find yourself more in de-

mand than usual. If you can take a little time off work, spend it with some with pals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Leave your fears and apprehensions behind you today and stop worrying about the outcome of events. They are all figments of your imagination and have nothing to do with reality. You'll do fine.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Something you've desired may not be as far out of reach as you think if you can combine action with vision. As long as you're conceptualizing, dream big.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - There isn't much you can't do once you put your mind to it, and today, if you're prepared to work, you're objectives can be achieved. However, aim high so you can accomplish big things.

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