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Popularity threatens wild leeks

Take a few, leave the rest, suggests conservationist

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Every May, as the trees start to bud and flower, Townshippers begin foraging through the woods and riverbanks for nature's spring bounty, including fiddleheads, morel mushrooms, and that much sought-after Québécois delicacy, wild leeks.

"Before the leaves come out, on the slopes where maple trees grow, wild leeks begin peeking through the earth," says Ayer's Cliff biologist Beth Girdler. "It's so easy to spot. The leaves just stand out, it's such a lovely colour."

With broad grass-green leaves that smell of garlic and onions, the wild herb grows in fragrant patches mainly in the moist environment and rich soil of hardwood and maple forests.

Wild leeks look a lot like green onions or scallions, but the non-domesticated vegetable has a more pungent flavor reminiscent of a mild garlic bulb. While they have been known to Québécois and country folk

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Ayer's Cliff biologist Beth Girdler worries that foragers who do not respect Mother Earth's bounty, may cause endangered plants to disappear.

Popular yo-yo balls could cause strangulation

Health Canada is warning Canadians that a toy commonly known as a yo-yo ball may pose a strangulation hazard to children.

The yo-yo ball toy is made of a soft, extremely pliable plastic and consists of a liquid-filled ball attached to a stretchy plastic cord that has a finger loop on one end. The toy comes in many colours and designs, e.g. spiked ball, eyeball, happy face. It is also referred to as: yo-ball or water yo-yo ball.

The toy presents a strangulation hazard due to the highly stretchable plastic cord which, when swung overhead, stretches to a great length because of the weight of the ball at its end. When the ball is swung overhead, as children like to do, the stretched cord can become wrapped around a child's neck, and, as the cord recoils, it tightens. The resulting tight wrap and the sticky quality of the plastic cord make it very difficult to remove. This may lead to injury or strangulation of the child.

To date, Health Canada has not received complaints of any serious injuries in Canada with this product. However, there have been several reports, in Canada and other countries, of the cord becoming wrapped numerous times around a child's neck. In many cases, an adult was required to remove it. Due to the serious nature of this hazard, the sale of this toy has already been restricted in the United Kingdom and France.

Health Canada advises Canadians to avoid purchasing the yo-yo ball toy and to safely discard any that have been purchased. For information, contact Health Canada Product Safety at (514) 283-5488.

Shefford T'ship cleans up dead animals

By Maurice Crossfield

The dead animals found in a ditch on a back road in Shefford Township have been cleaned up, but police aren't expecting to catch the perpetrators anytime soon.

Sunday Record photographer David Anderson was walking with his sons on Golf Course Road, not far from the Waterloo Golf Course. Noticing a dis-

gusting smell they soon found several dead animals lying in the ditch, including a calf and a dog. After taking some pictures Anderson contacted the police.

Tuesday Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said two patrollers went to the site with two investigators. They examined the area and took photos.

"Unfortunately there were no elements to allow us to pursue an investigation," Ruel said. He said the animals had evidently been there for several weeks, and the scene yielded no clues as to who may have been responsible.

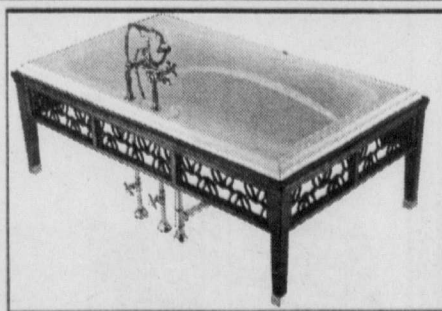
"A file has been opened and if similar things happen again we may be able to pursue an investigation," he added.

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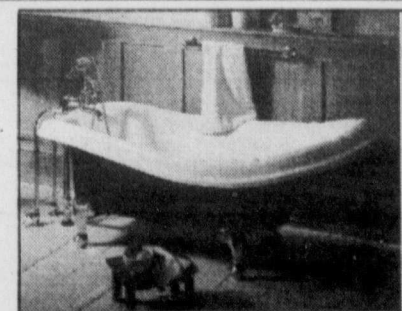
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We have a new list of volunteer positions with 24 different areas where your skills or interests can be matched with a specific job. If you are interested in cultural and intercultural activities, you can help welcome the delegates and accompany them during their stay. Interested in finances and accounting? We need a currency exchange counter clerk who will exchange American and Canadian currency. You can be an information officer, helping to provide general information on World Youth Activities or usher spectators to their seats.

In the general services department, you can prepare a detailed schedule of the deliveries of goods and give the schedule to the services who will be receiving them. More interested in technology? We need a Computer Service Mobile Team. To be a member of this team you must have good knowledge of hardware and software - and you must know Office Suite.

These positions are just a few examples of what you can do. For more information or to register as a volunteer, just drop by our office at 257 Queen, tel: 566-5717, (toll free 1-866-566-5717) or e-mail: ct@townshippers.qc.ca.

Athletics will be in Sherbrooke from July 9 to July 13. More than 40,000 spectators are expected in Sherbrooke for the event. Please join us in helping to host this exciting event.

BENEDICTINE MONK TO PERFORM

As part of its fundraising activities, The World's Youth 2003 is inviting the public to two special activities, the World's Youth 2003 Presidents' VIP Cocktail Reception and to the recital-performance, entitled Splendor, of Dom Minier, a Benedictine monk, at the University de Sherbrooke Cultural Centre.

The World's Youth 2003 Honorary President, Normand Legault and the two co-presidents, Bruno-Marie Béchar and Jean Perrault, invite Townshippers to join them today at 5 p.m., at the Université de Sherbrooke's indoor stadium. A visit of the new athletics stadium, where some 1400 international athletes will participate in the 3rd IAAF World

KEEPING IN TOUCH

TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Youth Championships in Athletics, is scheduled during the cocktail reception. After the visit, a recital performance featuring Dom Minier will be held at 8 p.m. at the U de S Cultural

Centre.

Tickets for this entire event are \$100 and include admission to the recital-performance at the Cultural Centre. Tickets are on sale at the 2003 World Youth's offices at 145 Sauvé Street, Sherbrooke (573-2003 ext. 1635).

For those solely interested in the recital-performance of Gregorian chants by Dom Minier, a Benedictine monk from the Saint-Benoit-du-Lac Abbey, it is possible to get tickets for \$30 each. Tickets are on sale at the Cultural Centre (820-1000).

TOWNSHIPS EXPRESSIONS

A new cookbook, incorporating several delicious recipes from around the Townships is now available at Townships Expressions. The book entitled, Eastern Townships Traditional Cooking, by Micheline Mongrain-Dontigny, has a collection of more than 100 typical recipes such as corn chowder, chicken pie with biscuits, raspberry flavoured smoked duck, rhubarb cob-

bler and peppered maple sugar pie. You will also discover a food history of the Eastern Townships and a repertory of delicious food products made by artisans of the region. Drop by our offices in Lennoxville, 257 Queen, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to browse through the selections.

OUTSTANDING TOWNSHIPERS BANQUET

Don't forget to get your tickets for the banquet on June 6. Phone the Association for reservations. Tickets are \$30 each, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Lennoxville 566-5717 (toll free

1-866-566-5717) or Cowansville 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422), or email ta@townshippers.qc.ca.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED

Townshippers' Association has a summer job, as a research assistant, for a student with at least two years of university studies. For details, please email Rachel Garber, Executive Director, at exedir@townshippers.qc.ca, or call 566-5717 (toll free 1-86-566-5717). Applications will be considered in the order of receipt.

Volunteers sought for mock trial

Staff
The Quebec bar association, in conjunction with the University of Sherbrooke, is looking for local volunteers to participate in a one day simulated trial in French. The exercise, offered to lawyers with five to 10 years experience who want to improve their performance in the courtroom, will take place from Aug. 3 to 9 in Sherbrooke.

The week-long workshop will culminate in a series of mock trials, to be held Saturday Aug. 9.

Coordinator Stéphane Reynolds, a civil litigator with

Gélinas and Associates in Sherbrooke is looking for 88 volun-

teers to play witnesses, and 60 volunteers to serve as jurors. Volunteers must be able to com-

Courtroom simulation is a great way to learn what goes on during judicial proceedings.

teers to play witnesses, and 60 volunteers to serve as jurors. Volunteers must be able to com-

municate in and comprehend French at an advanced level.

"The public can participate to see what the process is like," said Reynolds in a telephone interview with The Record yesterday. People who are not involved in judicial proceedings of their own do not have a sense of what goes on inside the courtroom and the mock hearings are a perfect opportunity, he added.

The annual event is in its 21st year.

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Q I heard that there is a new booklet out from the Minister of Transport called "Driving in Quebec." Can I get this in English?

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Do you have a question? Would you like a prompt, courteous, confidential answer - in English? Simply give Townshippers' Association a call at 566-5717 or toll free 1-866-566-5717 and "Ask Us!"

Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy. 70 per cent probability of showers. High 13.

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Normals for the period: Low 4. High 18.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Reporter's lies tarnish profession: Journalism prof

By Kate Shingler

A young New York Times reporter resigned last week after reports of lying, falsifying information and deceiving his colleagues, editors and the public at large surfaced, placing the highly reputable newspaper at the centre of a media storm and raising questions of accountability as well as journalistic integrity.

Jayson Blair's recent articles on the Washington sniper case received top billing in the Times, making the front page more than once in the past six months. As a national reporter he also covered high-profile news stories on the war in Iraq, including the return of injured U.S. soldiers and a funeral service for a soldier killed in Iraq.

In an internal inquiry, staff reporters uncovered new mistakes in at least 36 of the 73 articles Blair wrote for the paper since late October, according to a lengthy account detailing the affair published in the paper's Sunday edition, May 11.

Director of Concordia University's journalism department, associate professor Dr. Enn Raudsepp teaches a class on ethics in journalism. Calling the Jayson Blair case "shocking", Raudsepp said the repercussions will be felt by the journalism community as a whole.

"The paragon of virtue, the acme of journalistic responsibility, The New York Times, is shown to be blemished," he said in a telephone interview with The Record Tuesday. "It is going to take a major effort to convince people that this is not the standard, it is an aberration."

Comparing the level of deception to former Washington Post reporter Janet

Cooke's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1980 story about a fictitious 8-year-old heroin addict, Raudsepp said Blair's is a case that "shakes the foundations of journalism."

Flaws in the system are partially responsible, Raudsepp said, acknowledging that technology allows reporters to be constantly in touch, through laptops and cell phones, without editors ever knowing precisely where they are.

The Times reported Blair likely filed stories from his Brooklyn home when he claimed to be on assignment in Texas, Maryland and other states.

"He convinced people that he was on the scene, when he was in New York City," said Raudsepp, who said that he believes increasing pressure placed on journalists to produce a lot of colourful, and dramatic copy can lead to falsifying information.

"In order to get to (a paper like the Times) you have to produce something really memorable," noted Raudsepp. "It's ironic - though I don't know what it says - that both (Blair and Cooke) were young blacks, who were extremely ambitious, who wanted to get ahead and who unfortunately succumbed to the temptation to fabricate."

But, the New York Times, he added, is supposed to be immune to that.

A former reporter and copy editor for The Montreal Star, The Toronto Telegram and The Globe and Mail, Raudsepp said while he does blame Blair's editors, ultimately the responsibility lies with Blair.

"Editors have to make good choices when hiring, basically you have to trust your reporters," said Raudsepp. "(Blair

obviously was a practiced con artist. It is very hard to defend yourself against someone who is intentionally trying to deceive you."

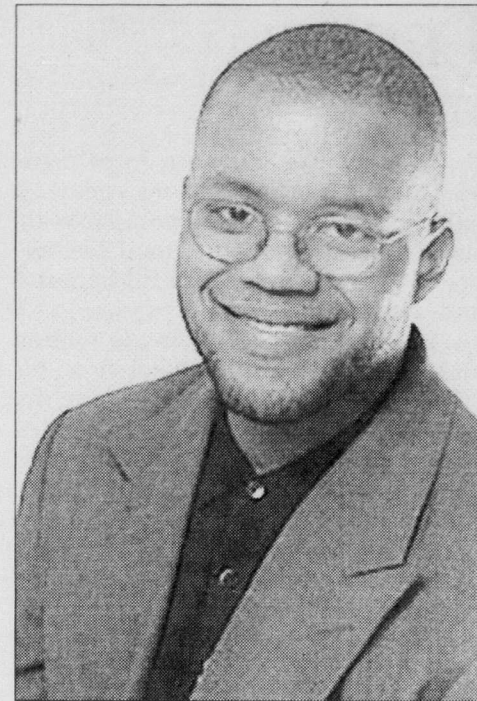
On the Times Web site, under a heading that reads: "Correcting the Record: Times Reporter who resigned leaves long trail of deception," are links to the paper's comprehensive coverage of itself. Included are all of Blair's articles published in the Times dating back to October 2002, and an e-mail address where readers can write to the paper about any unnoted inaccuracies in Blair's stories.

A link is also provided to the online NewsHour interview executive editor Howell Raines gave on May 9. During the 15-minute interview he said the Times is "an institution dedicated to openness" and called Blair's behaviour "pathological."

Raudsepp said these kinds of falsifications are nothing new. "What is surprising is that it happened at the New York Times, which we are led to believe is one of the most thoroughly edited newspapers in the world."

Occasional spot checks on sources could help monitor reporters' work, Raudsepp said, but, in the fast-paced world of daily newspapers the kind of extensive fact-checking found at publications like Readers' Digest, or The New Yorker, is just not possible. With 375 reporters, 700 editors and support personnel, The New York Times is a veritable institution.

"It is so large, so impersonal - it is easier to fall between the cracks," explained Raudsepp. "The bottom line is it's up to the reporter's integrity."



Journalist Jayson Blair misled editors, public.

Cheque-writer sought

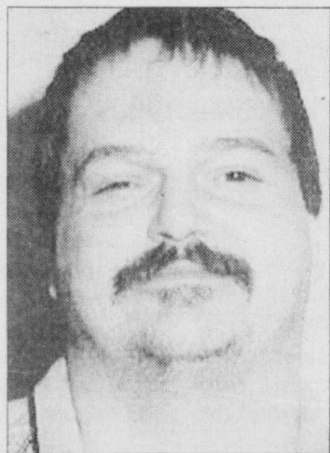
Sherbrooke police are seeking the public's assistance in locating a suspect in connection with a series of fraudulent cheques passed in a Sherbrooke-area depanneur.

Several warrants have been issued over the past several months for the arrest of Jacques Veilleux's by various police detachments.

According to police, the suspect would buy various items and pay by cheque written for an amount exceeding the purchases, taking the rest in cash. In several instances, he would act as though he knew the owner in order to justify the transaction with store clerks. The suspect apparently used several names including Daniel Boutin.

Veilleux is 41 years-old, 5-feet-seven-inches tall with varying appearance -sometimes appearing with a beard, moustache.

All information can be transmitted in confidence to police at 821-5544.



POLICE PHOTO

Police seeking Jacques Veilleux.

BRIEF

Missing student located 48 hours later

Staff

A Champlain student who went missing last week for approximately 48 hours was found unharmed, confirmed the CEGEP's campus residence director Peter Bélanger yesterday.

Notices alerting other students and staff of the missing young man were posted in the sports complex the CEGEP shares with Bishop's University. The Sherbrooke police department was informed of the missing student, and worked with the individual's parents and Champlain administrators to locate him.

Bélanger said that "end of semester pressures" contributed to the student's disappearance.



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'There used to be a rule: Pick one, leave one'

LEEKs:

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throughout the Southern Appalachians for generations, more recently wild leeks have become popular with fine chefs and gourmet food purveyors of wild delicacies like fiddleheads and wild mushrooms.

Picked early, the bulbs are tender and tasty. With an oniony taste and a sharp garlic aroma, wild leeks are delicious as a raw crudity and the tender leaves can be used in a salad. Like their cultivated cousins, wild leeks can be added to soups, casseroles and potato dishes, or cut up and sauteed with other vegetables. They can also be pickled or dried for use later in the year.

VICTIM OF ITS POPULARITY

But this bounty of the earth has become a victim of its own popularity as a growing number of leek lovers and over-zealous pickers - especially those harvesting for commercial sale - have rendered the pungent and popular "ail des bois" (garlic of the woods) scarce by cleaning out whole patches of the plant, sometimes called wild garlic.

"People just don't take some, they take the whole thing," laments Girdler, an ardent conservationist.



The bulbs of wild leeks are tender and tasty with an oniony taste and a sharp garlic aroma



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Wild leeks can readily be found in the woods of the Eastern Townships - but not for long if foragers overpick.

"There used to be a rule: Pick one, leave one. Now people don't respect those kinds of rules. They just take it all out in a garbage bag."

In order to stem an alarming decline in the precarious plant population, the provincial wildlife ministry has declared wild leeks, known by its Latin genus as *Allium tricoccum*, a vulnerable species.

STRICT CONTROLS

Since 1995 the sale of wild leeks is strictly prohibited and there are strict controls on harvesting it under Quebec's *Loi sur les espèces menacées ou vulnérables*. The annual limit is set at 200 grams per person - the equivalent of about 50 tiny bulbs. The law includes stiff fines that vary from \$500 to \$20,000 for individuals and from \$1,000 to \$40,000 for companies for a first infraction.

The Direction de la Protection de la Faune of the provincial wildlife ministry has been rigorously enforcing laws governing wild leeks, conducting air surveillance of known patches of the plant, and sending out forest foot patrols to ensure people respect the laws and limits.

During the spring of 2002, wildlife conservation agents seized some 20,000 bulbs of wild leeks from four dozen individuals who surpassed the permissible picking limit for the en-

dangered plant. The culprits were charged with illegal possession of an endangered species.

Thousands of the seized bulbs were given to volunteers who planted them in appropriate areas under a reintroduction program started by Environment Quebec and Montreal's Biodome to stem the decline of the heritage plant.

Used by early immigrants, wild leeks can readily be found in the woods of the Eastern Townships. The wild onions are a native North American plant that grows throughout the Appalachian mountain range from Canada down to South Carolina - especially in areas where there are concentrations of sugar maples and other hardwoods like beech and hemlock.

In the south, they are known as ramp or ramp scallions and each year in the mountains of West Virginia, festivals sprout up to celebrate the wild vegetable - a stinky, spring tonic used as a folk medicine to ward away colds, the flu and pesky neighbors.

ALSO KNOWN AS WILD GARLIC

Further north, in the Great Lakes region, they are called wild leeks and in Quebec, the plant is known as *l'ail des bois* - often translated as wild garlic.

In the Townships, wild leeks can be found all over the place, including the banks of the St. Francis River and off

the shores of Lake Massawippi.

Like spring crocuses on your lawn, they are the first forest plant to come up in spring, and with bright green leaves they are easy to spot on the brown forest floor, said Girdler.

Like onions, scallions, chives, the edible bulbs aren't as big and plump and juicy after the plant flowers, she said. After a while, as the trees bloom and the shade invades the forests, they leaves turn yellow and the plants disappear.

"Like spring flowers, they die back, but it's important for them to be left alone as the dying plant stores energy in the bulb for the next spring," explains Girdler, adding that it can take from six to nine years for the plant to achieve full growth.

"They propagate much like tulips and crocuses, by the bulbs splitting," she said, adding that while they can be grown from seed, it takes much longer. "And if you wipe out the whole patch, there aren't any seeds left either."

TAKE ONLY A FEW

Girdler suggests that foragers pick five per cent of a clump, leaving it strong and able to persevere.

"It's like thinning carrots. You should take a few at random," she said, suggesting that foragers treat nature like they would their own garden.

"More and more people are less and less respectful of how these things get here and how they continue to exist," Girdler said. "All people need is a little respect and common sense - that's all."

And not only are wild leeks being picked out of existence, their habitat is also disappearing, she remarked.

"It grows in maple bushes and they are disappearing too," Girdler said. "We're surrounded by forests and it looks like we are safe, but bit by bit, with the popularity of hardwoods, the habitat is disappearing too."

KNOW REGULATIONS

As the wild leek seasons begins, wildlife protection officials are advising foragers to get to know regulations and picking restrictions and to respect them. They are also encouraging people to blow the whistle on plant poachers who are endangering the survival of the vulnerable species through abusive picking or the illegal commerce in wild leeks.

Anyone wishing to report illegal cultivation of wild leeks can contact the provincial anti-poaching (S.O.S. Braconnage) toll-free line at 1 800 463-2191 or contact their local wildlife office. For more information about wild leeks, call the provincial wildlife ministry office at 1 800 561-1616 or check out their Web site at www.menv.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/especes/ail/

Bee parasites will affect more than honey prices

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Two parasitic mites that have killed more than half of the province's bees last winter and this spring will affect more than just the price of honey, says beekeeping expert Jim McKeage.

"With fewer bees, many fruits and some vegetable plants will not get the pollination they need to grow, so there could be a shortage of fruit and vegetables later this year," he predicted.

"The bees do more than produce honey, they are the ones that bring pollen from one plant to another. This is a crucial link of nature."

McKeage has been a beekeeper in St. Lazare, west of Montreal, for close to 30 years. He said the mites came to Canada in the last five years from the southern U.S. by travelling from bee to bee in a steady northern migration.

"The cold climate in Canada does not seem to affect them," he said.

MIGHTY MITES

One mite, known as the Tracheal mite, blocks the bees airflow and causes it to become weak and slow down its wing movement. With slower wing movement, the bees create less heat in their hives and can freeze or catch a virus and die.

The second mite, called the Varroa mite, lives on the outside of the bee and sucks its plasma.

"The mites don't kill the bees, but they make them so weak they cannot function for long," said McKeage.

"It is normal to lose a lot of bees as the older ones die, but this time, whole hives are dying because the mites hit the young and old alike."

He said one keeper near St. Lazare had 530 hives last year and is now down to 16. Another had 60 hives and lost them all.

Jean Marc Labonté, president of honey maker Labonté Miel Inc. in Victoriaville, said the lack of bees has caused the price of honey on the store shelf to double since last fall.

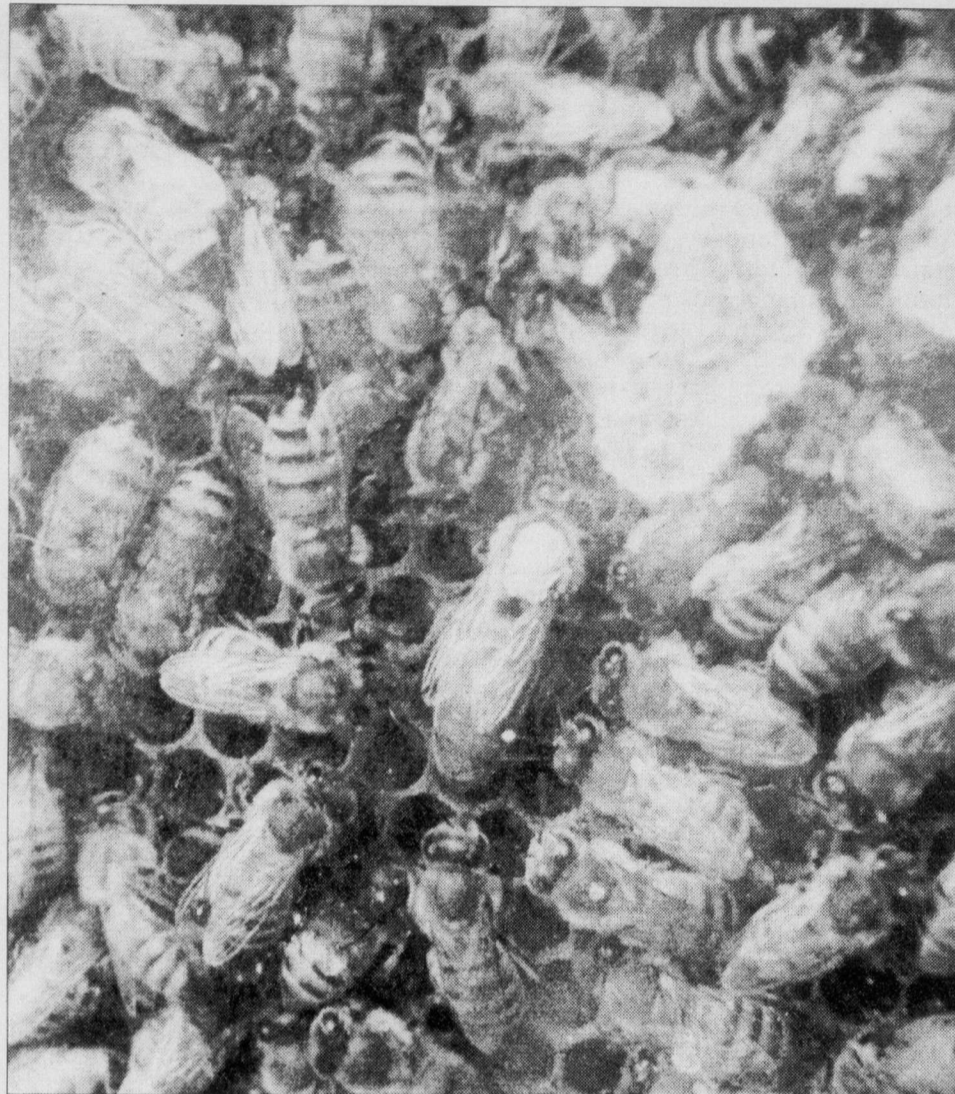
"It went up by 60 percent before December, then jumped again by 40 percent this spring," he said.

"One kilogram of honey used to cost \$4.99 last year. Now it is over \$10. That is much too much."

Labonté agrees with McKeage that the lack of bees will affect the pollination of fruit and vegetable plants. Apart from being president of Labonté Miel, he is also head of a federation of 100 beekeepers in Quebec and has received urgent calls this spring from fruit growers wanting bees to pollinate their crops.

"Our idea was to import bees from parts of the U.S. which had become immune to the parasites, but we can't get permits from Agriculture Canada," he said.

"They argue that the U.S. keepers use



FILE PHOTO

The mites don't kill the bees, but they make them so weak they cannot function for long' - Beekeeper

too many pesticides that could affect our bee populations here.

"I think they have their heads in the sand and don't want to take action."

USE OF CHEMICALS

Labonté argued many American beekeepers have survived the mite plague by alternating and experimenting with different pesticides and herbicides.

"Some keepers who almost went out of business two or three years ago are now back in business and their mite problems are behind them," he said.

"We should take advantage of that and import their bees, but the government is ignoring us."

Labonté said the only bees AC will allow in to the country are from New Zealand, but he said they are also infested with the parasite.

Labonté argued the AC policy of closed borders has caused the Quebec beekeeping industry to shrink. He said there were up to 120,000 hives owned or run by 4,000 keepers 10 years ago. Now, the number of hives is less than half and keepers have been reduced to 400.

"My two sons have 4,000 hives and the parasites have reduced that number to 1,500 hives," he said.

"We need to import bees or the ten

employees they have will be laid off soon."

McKeage said one solution to the problem is to import bee semen from other countries that have not been affected by the parasites. He said the University of Guelph in Ontario is studying a Buckfast bee from England and a select number of colonies from Russia that have been able to resist the mites.

Another solution is to use Formic Acid, a substance found in honey that is harmful to the mite.

COSTLY SOLUTION

But McKeage said the acid solution is expensive, because it costs about \$4 per colony of bees. A colony consists of roughly 15,000 bees. A beekeeping hive can contain between three to six colonies. A beekeeper with 500 hives can see a Formic acid bill of well over \$12,000.

Another solution is to place screens on the bottoms of the hives with sticky paper underneath them that can trap the mites as they fall from the hives. But McKeage said that method is slow because many mites fall from one bee to the next and never leave the hive.

"For one mite that is trapped, there are about 200 mites that are still in the

hive," he said.

One beekeeper who has not been as affected as others is Jean-Pierre Chapleau from St-Adrien de Ham, near Wotton. A beekeeper since 1977, most of his 1,000 hives set up near Sherbrooke and the St. Francis Valley areas of the townships have been protected because of a natural method called "Integrated Pest Management" or IPM.

"I have not lost any hives, but some of the colonies did become weak because of the parasites. The rest were freed because of IPM," he argued.

Chapleau said the IPM method included trapping the mites with bottom screens as well as using formic acid, but also concentrated on finding out which bees were stronger at resisting the mites.

"It meant a lot of hours studying the bees and selecting which ones were strong and which ones were weak at defending themselves from parasites," he said.

"I lost less than 10 percent of my production, whereas a lot of other keepers lost more than half."

He said many keepers were depending on synthetic pesticides to solve the problem, only to learn that the mites soon became immune to them last year.

"They were looking for one solution to solve all their problems," said Chapleau.

MULTI-PRONGED ATTACK

"I learned that no one solution would do that. You have to use several methods to reduce the number of mites and let the bees become stronger and use their own natural defences."

Chapleau added that he is opposed to importing bees from the U.S. because of the risk of other diseases or pesticide residue being brought in.

"The American keepers are heavily into using chemicals on their bees and I for one do not want that imported here and affecting my hives," he said.

"My method may be more time consuming and labour intensive, but it means we have bees that are stronger and free of chemicals."

Chapleau points to a recent restriction on the importation of honey from China. The restrictions were imposed by Canadian food inspectors after they found traces of the chemical Chloramphenicol in the Chinese honey.

According to McKeage, that import restriction and the present mite problem has caused a "double whammy" for honey producers and consumers.

"Many of the major food producers such as Weston and Kelloggs use honey in their products, so the price of their products will shoot up this year as they pass the higher price of onto the consumer."

He added the lack of pollination could mean higher prices for such fruits as apples and berries and such vegetables as pumpkins, squash and cucumbers.

Community Forum

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shock and awe – Living in a rural fog

DEAR EDITOR,

I am in shock and awe after reading the latest news of the ongoing campaign by the Eastern Townships School Board to introduce laptop computers into its schools. Both parents and the individual schools are now being asked by the ETSB to come up with more funding to make up for the financing deficit (\$300,000) that the school board projects in implementing the laptop program for the next school year. Meanwhile, there is no mention of the projected deficits for the following years of the laptop initiative. Based on the present financial model used by the ETSB, it can be assumed that these deficits will be considerably more (in the millions), as the laptop program is implemented in more schools and grades/levels.

When the laptop initiative was first announced in January, we were told that there would be three sources of funding to finance this project (\$12.5 million over 5 years). The funds would come out of the ETSB's present operating budget (more cutbacks to services), from a new foundation, and from a loan (what happened to this?) approved by the Ministry of Education. There was never any mention of parents and/or the governing boards participating in the proposed funding package. It seems obvious now that the ETSB does not have a coherent and realistic plan in place to finance this major capital expenditure over the next five years. As the laptop program is expanded in the following years, there will have to be more cutbacks, and teachers and parents will no

ETSB instead chose an exclusive and unilateral strategy. At the same time, some of the local media (The Record) were brought on board and embedded with the school board as part of its campaign to sell the laptop mission. While teachers and parents were kept in the dark, journalists were researching and writing articles, and editorials were being prepared as part of the media blitz that would accompany the launch of the laptop campaign.

Now these same parents and teachers, previously excluded from any consultations, are being asked to support the school board as it tries to make up for its lack of financial planning and funding deficit. Go figure!?

Ironically, at the same time as the school board was planning to launch its laptop initiative, there was already a consultative process at work in the ETSB schools. The START program was initiated by Mr. Canuel with a mandate to find out what the teachers are doing in their classrooms that the school administrators don't seem to know about. This exercise of having teachers talk to teachers is budgeted to cost almost a million dollars over two years. Yet, at the same time, the school board chose to ignore these same teachers when it came to planning to impose such a major change in teaching as the laptop program, knowing very well that this new teaching strategy would impact directly on teachers and their pedagogical mandates.

There is something wrong with this picture and I don't get it. But hey, what do I know? There is a lot I don't understand about the ETSB and what it is doing these days!

However, to give the school board credit, many of us may have been swayed by some of the more "compelling" arguments on the merits of the laptop program; such as.. It is "inevitable." It will bring "prestige" to the school board. It is a "done deal." It is "coming anyway" even if the governing boards don't want it.. and, It will somehow "level the playing field" with our city cousins. Well I have to admit that I did not know that I was living in such a rural backwater. Thank you, Mr. Canuel, for the elucidation. There must be a lot about city living that we Townshippers just don't know about.

Parents and teachers have voiced concerns with respect to the lack of professional and human resources in the schools, large classes, cutbacks in services, and failing infrastructure. While dismissing and ignoring these

concerns, Mr. Canuel has clearly stated that his agenda envisions a change in the priorities of budget allocations; from spending on professional and human resources to the new priority of spending on (laptop) technology. His rationale is based on the premise that hiring new teachers and reducing class sizes will not help students achieve their potential, and that this "could be a recipe for very negative outcomes". The Record Jan 30.

With near evangelical zeal, we are being asked to take a giant leap of faith in embracing this major change in educational philosophy. Mr. Canuel IS touting this unproven teaching technology as a panacea for all that ails our educational institutions. Problems of excessive class size, lack of professional teaching and support resources, lack of funding for extra curricular activities, failing infrastructure, etc., will all be miraculously solved by Apple Inc. We are being told that we will just have to have to wrap ourselves in the flag of technology and then everything will be fine.

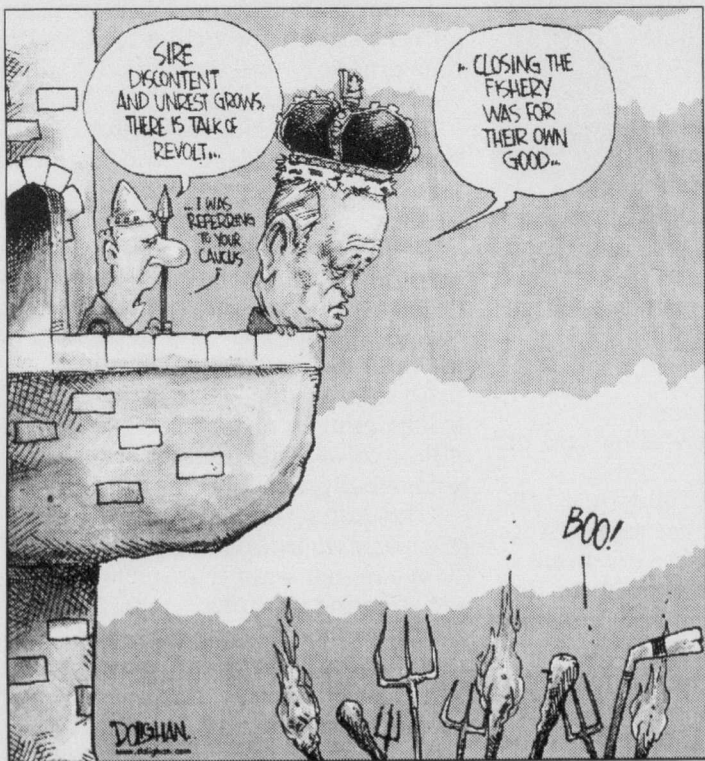
While the ETSB seems to be winning the war in its laptop campaign, it is unfortunate that it had to choose a strategy of such condescending smugness and cynicism towards the school community and its constituency—the tax-paying public. In the process, the school board is undermining whatever merits the laptop initiative might have.

At the end of the day, the only certain beneficiary of this campaign will be Apple Computer Inc. which, no doubt, will be good news for its shareholders. But what about the shareholders of our educational institutions? Mr. Canuel and the school board have been dismissive of their constituency.

As well, by having subverted any meaningful consultation and dialogue, the ETSB has undermined the commitment and dedication of its teaching and support professionals, as well as many concerned and involved parents. In fact, the lead story and headline on the front page of last Thursday's (May 8) Sherbrooke Tribune was an article on the total lack of consultation by the ETSB and how its teachers have become "irritated" and "bitter".

How much more collateral damage will be inflicted in this ongoing campaign? Or is this all just part of having to live in a rural fog?

ANGUS CURRY
Eaton Corner



doubt be asked to provide even more funding to make up for the inevitable deficits.

Before launching the laptop campaign, Mr. Canuel and the school board chose to circumvent any consultative process with its teaching professionals and parents. Rather than seeking an inclusive coalition of support from the school councils (teachers), and governing boards (parents and teachers), the

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Perspectives

Scott Peterson was a natural suspect

When the media spotlight focused on Scott Peterson, the 30-year old Californian accused of murdering his pregnant wife and unborn son, the public reacted with more than just anger and disgust. Those who knew little about spousal homicides could hardly believe that a husband was capable of killing his pregnant wife.

On the other hand, for those of us who have had to deal with the conduct of humans at their most deviant, Peterson was a natural suspect. Having prosecuted my share of degenerate wife abusers I know for a fact that while his alleged conduct was horrible it was not without precedent. Such crimes occur far more often than most people realize.

If Scott Peterson was a suspect from the outset of the criminal investigation, it was in no small part due to decades of homicide statistics. These statistics which governments regularly compile have, day in and day out, assisted police investigators in the pursuit of wife killers. They serve as a reminder to criminal homicide investigators that whenever a wife is murdered the odds are much higher that she was slain by a current spouse or an ex-spouse than by a stranger.

Therefore, when Lacy Peterson vanished before Christmas under suspicious circumstances, it was reasonable to expect that the investigation could lead to her husband, despite his public pleas to help locate her.

In recent years the proportion of homicides committed by an acquaintance or family member in Canada has remained close to 80 percent. In 2001 alone, only 13 per cent of all solved homicides involved strangers. Forty-five per cent were committed by an acquaintance and 43 per cent by a family member.

The situation is not much different in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Justice statistics, more than 33 percent of all the women slain

nation wide were killed by their husbands or boyfriends, past or current.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation contends that every day four women are murdered in the US by their husbands or boyfriends. On that basis alone, the accumulated number of victims is greater than the number of soldiers killed in the Vietnam War.



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

WIVES ALSO MURDER THEIR SPOUSES

In part because of a few high profile murder trials the general impression is that husbands murder wives considerably more than wives murder husbands. On the basis of a 1994 US Department of Justice study this was proven to be untrue. The study analyzed 10,000 cases involving family murders and found that women accounted for more than 40 per cent of defendants in murder cases.

In Canada, the proportion of wives who murder their husbands is closer to 25 percent. Of the 2600 spousal homicides recorded since 1974, seventy seven percent have been against women. In 2000, three in four victims of spousal homicide were female.

MURDER OF PREGNANT WIVES

If Scott Peterson is found guilty of murdering his pregnant wife, it will not come as much of a surprise to experienced criminal prosecutors and investigators. Homicide statistics prove that most pregnant women are also killed by people they know such as husbands or boyfriends.

According to a 2001 study published by the Journal of the American Medical Association, approximately 20 per cent of Maryland women who died during pregnancy were murdered. This finding appears to support other studies that have found that homicide is the leading cause

of death among pregnant women outside of medical complications.

In a study published by the Department of Justice Canada's Research and Statistics Division in December 2001, pregnancy was considered as one of six factors why females are at a greater risk of being murdered by their intimate partners. The other risks include separation or divorce, presence of guns, alcohol abuse and a history of violence.

SPOUSAL HOMICIDES

Just as most victims know their killers, most homicides arise out of disputes between family or friends. This is especially true when it comes to spousal homicides.

According to the Canadian Department of Justice's Research and Statistics Division, between 1991 and 2000, 58 per cent of spousal homicides followed a history of reported domestic violence. A further breakdown of the numbers indicated that the most frequently cited motives in cases of spousal homicides were arguments (46 per cent) and jealousy (21 per cent).

The US Justice Department report on "murder in families" suggests that spousal murder is "primarily a psychological issue of pervasive familial violence on all sides, generated by the passions of family interaction."

Despite the different reasons why men kill their spouses, some experts contend that all spousal homicides share one common denominator, namely the need for control.

WHY PREGNANT WIVES?

Anyone who believes that pregnancy necessarily acts as a restraining factor against abusive partners is mistaken. In a relationship already undermined by spousal abuse, pregnancy is just as likely

to lead to an escalation of violence. This fact was made crystal clear by the U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary when it concluded that nearly 50 per cent of abusive husbands batter their pregnant wives.

According to psychologists, in relationships where domineering men are violent towards their intimate partners, pregnancy can make them feel that they are not getting the attention they deserve and that they are losing control over their partners. In their twisted state of mind, murder becomes the ultimate demonstration of their obsession to control.

Other cases have involved husbands who murdered their pregnant wives out of the belief that their wives and unborn children had become an obstacle to the type of lifestyle they wanted. In many such instances the husbands were engaged in an extramarital affair.

Finally, there have been cases when the murder of pregnant wives was strictly money-driven.

SCOTT PETERSON CASE

Although Scott Peterson confessed to having carried on an adulterous affair just weeks before his wife's disappearance that alone does not prove that he was the author of his wife's murder. Still, the District Attorney is bound to develop the infidelity theme before the jury in order to establish motive.

Undoubtedly, as the criminal case develops before a court of law, many of us will be acting as armchair jurors, prepared to weigh the evidence and to determine if Peterson fits the classic mold of a wife killer.

Lest it be forgotten, if he is found guilty, he will join the ranks of countless other degenerate wife killers who had previously sworn an oath to love and honor their victims in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hep C is silent killer

We now stand at the precipice of a grave threat to our public health. It affects people from all walks of life, in every province and territory unless we do something about it soon it will kill more people the AIDS, SARS and the West Nile virus combined. This virus is the leading cause of liver transplants in Canada. Many are suffering because of the alleged criminal actions of members of the Canadian civil service and the Canadian Red Cross.

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) resides in the liver of infected individuals for decades, and it is difficult to detect. Giving little notice when entering the body or at-

tacking the liver, the virus has reached epidemic proportions in Canada and worldwide, infecting between 210,000 and 275,000 Canadians - up to 70 per cent of Canadians who have hepatitis C are unaware of its presence.

Loss of productivity, quality of life, and other negative results experienced by those infected and affected by HCV impact negatively on all Canadians. Hepatitis C is a blood-borne infectious disease of the liver that affects millions of Canadians and many more millions of people worldwide, and is the leading cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer. It is also the number-one reason for liver transplants in Canada.

On an average it takes about 10 to 20

years for serious symptoms such as jaundice, fatigue, dark urine, abdominal pain, loss of appetite and nausea to occur (however some HCV patients experience symptoms immediately with rapid disease progression). At this point, when patients learn their livers are failing, their only hope is often a liver transplant. But now early detection and treatment is possible through increased public awareness and primary care physician utilization of HCV tests. Although some people may experience symptoms such as fatigue and jaundice following initial infection with the hepatitis C virus, many others do not recognize symptoms as being Hepatitis C symptoms for many years. Because the disease progresses slowly in the body,

symptoms can appear 20 - 30 years after the initial infection. It is also estimated that there are up to 8,000 new HCV infections each year in Canada of which approximately 2,000 are clinically recognized acute cases.

Approximately 10 - 20 per cent of persons infected with hepatitis C develop cirrhosis of the liver. Canadians impacted by Hepatitis C, if they had the energy, would be dancing if their federal government spent 1 per cent of what they have budgeted this year for SARS, West Nile and HIV-AIDS.

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Our School's Page

LENNOXVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On April 25th Cycle 2, year 1 (Grade 3) students from LES travelled to Waterloo Elementary to compete in the ETSB Math Competition.

The team placed second for overall points and took home the first place trophy in the Team Points Section.

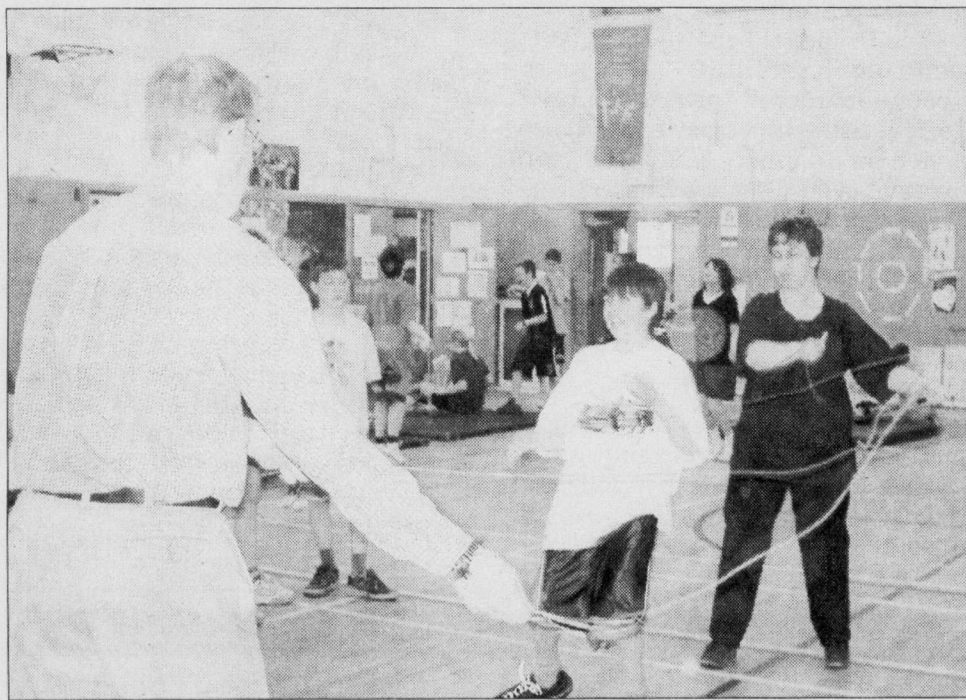
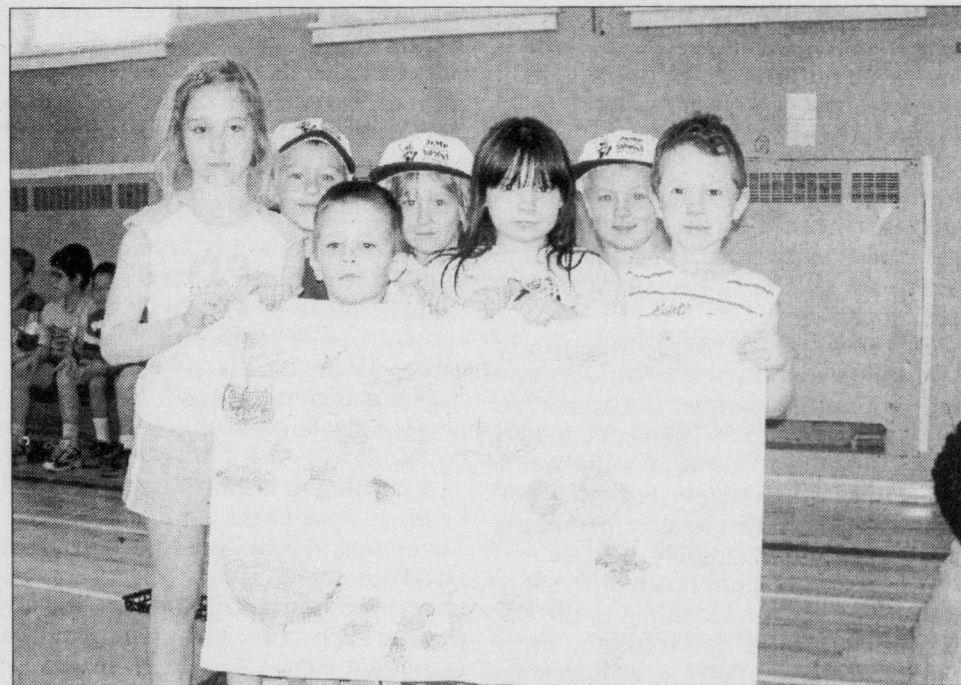
Congratulations to Ryan McLean, Josh Sukhedo, Leah Davidson, and Kyla Wilson for their great team work and success!

The "cycle" pictures are the teams that won a prize for their Poster Making, Cooperation and Team Work during the Skipping Event on April 29th.

Sherley Francius (right) skips for heart research.

Mike Bradley and France Gagne turning Double Dutch for Jason Ochman, during the skipping event. (below)

The respect assembly shows Jackie Lougheed and LES principal Pat Mogensen at the monthly mssembly. This months theme is "Respecting Yourself". Piano players were featured. (Below)



Step into the past at Stanstead Borderfest

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
STANSTEAD

The theme for Borderfest 2003 is Proud of Our Roots and the organizing committee has unveiled a host of festivities to celebrate local heritage. The majority of activities planned for June 7 will take place on the grounds of the Collège des Ursulines. A family-style event with everything from taste-testing foods of yesteryear, dancing, music, kiosks, games, a skateboard competition and climbing wall at Collège des Ursulines and more will ensure there's something of interest for all ages.

"We are very pleased that Borderfest is now in its fourth year. Our theme 'Proud of our Roots' was chosen because of Stanstead's custom of sharing, and the richness of this border community that has endured through generations. It's a community that transcends borders," noted Chantal Millette, festival co-ordinator.

Borderfest 2002 saw the origin of a 5 km Road Race through the streets of Stanstead which proved to be of great interest. The parade and opening ceremony followed by the 'Stentors' drum and bugle corps' and the taste-testing tent will provide the entertainment for the morning. In the afternoon, there will be games for the children, booths and guided tours highlighting Stanstead's rich heritage. For those who long for yesteryear, will be treated to a visit to an authentic Loyalist camp, carriage rides, and a performance by the Medieval dance group, Solunne Medieval, which will present an interesting mix of the medieval with a touch of fantasy.

Under the creative eye of entertainment organizer Luc Goudreau, the evening will start with Wind River Band (playing traditional, bluegrass and gospel music), followed by a special performance by students of the Collège des Ursulines, written and arranged by the students themselves, and then Buck Shot (local country band). To top it all off, Mike Goudreau and Josée Beliveau



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Festival co-ordinator Chantal Millette is grateful for support from sponsors and volunteers.

will offer oldies from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

"I am really pleased to see the high level of co-operation, energy and volunteerism that the people of Stanstead exhibit on a regular basis and especially in planning an event such as the Borderfest," said Stanstead Mayor Raymond Yates. "We are also very pleased to see that Gary Kellogg of the North Country Chamber of Commerce of Newport, Vt. is on board again this year. We are proud of the close relationship we have held in the past and continue to have with our American neighbors," he added.

Colby Croft Museum curator Monique Nadeau Sommier expressed her delight at being able to be part of Borderfest festivities.

The museum will offer three exhibits, Friendlier Border, Granite: A Favourite, and Conversations at Stanstead, highlighting one of the rare heritage buildings with its original interior intact. A historical tour of Stanstead will be provided including 'visits with members of the original founding families'.

Organizers say come rain or shine, Borderfest will take place.

Millette said the success of the event is due in large part to support from many local organizations and business who sponsor the event, including Town of Stanstead, Caisse populaire de Stanstead, MRC Memphremagog, Collège et communauté des Ursulines, Ecole Jardin-des-Frontières, La Baie de Sherbrooke, Solun ne Medieval, Illusion Sport, Centre de Sante Memphrema-

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Members of the Medieval Dance company will perform at Borderfest 2003.

ANIMALS:

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Ruel said the area appears to have been used as a kind of unofficial dump site, where people would get rid of branches, scrap metal, and apparently animals.

After verifying the scene the SQ contacted the municipality of Shefford Township. Sylvie Gougeon, Shefford's director general, said the town contacted the environment ministry, and were advised to go ahead and clean up the area.

"After lunch the animals were removed and taken to an authorized site," Gougeon said.

That's good news for the local watershed. The ditch flowed into a nearby marsh, which in turn connects to a stream that flows into nearby Waterloo Lake.

Though those responsible may never be found, it is likely to change the practice of disposing of dead animals by illegal dumping. In past years farmers were paid a small fee by collection companies who would then render the dead animals to make a meat bone meal, used in pet and farm foods, and even cosmetics and lipstick.

However concerns over the practice, due mainly to the so-called mad cow disease (bovine spongiform encephalopathy), have led to a drop in demand for meat bone meal. Now farmers must pay to have their dead animals taken away, or bury them according to a strict environmental

Necessity is mother of invention

By Jeff Holubitsky
CANWEST NEWS

Jason Beck learned from experience what happens when you don't have a good idea to stand on.

The finishing carpenter was installing moulding in a stairwell in 1995 when the scaffolding supporting his stepladder gave way.

The 25-year-old from Camrose, east of Edmonton, fell a little more than three metres, but his ankle was shattered. The accident put him out of work for five months as he endured a series of operations to rebuild the joint with metal screws and bone from his hip.

The fall also got him thinking about an invention he had been pondering for months— a device to make ladders stable and safe on uneven ground or steps.

"I thought, why don't they make ladders with adjustable feet," he said Monday. With his new idea, he would no longer have to dig holes or find blocks of wood to keep his ladders level. It would save time and prevent accidents.

He called his father Hal, an inveterate tinkerer and window blind installer, and the journey of the

LevelLadder from idea to production began.

After eight years of trial and error, numerous safety and engineering tests, the field trials of prototypes and a big financial commitment by the Becks and a Calgary backer, a shipment of the devices is expected to arrive in Canada by the end of the month. The Alberta Construction Safety Association and the Canadian Safety Association have approved the product.

"One thing you have to have is a sense of humour, because it can be overwhelming," Hal said. "Eight years ago, when Jason phoned me, if I would have known what we would have gone through, I would have hung up on him."

After unsuccessfully trying to handle everything on their own, the pair connected with Prairie Mountain Marketing, the company now offering the LevelLadder.

The device is being distributed by Guillevan International, a Montreal-based safety supply company, and will be sold primarily to construction and industrial clients. The Becks also hope to see them sold in retail building stores in Canada, the U.S. and possibly

Europe. The devices cost \$120 each.

The product consists of two strong aluminum extensions that can be bolted to the legs of an extension ladder. Both sides can slide down by as much as about 22 centimetres and automatically lock in place, giving the ladder a solid footing on sloping ground or even stairs.

The Becks said large companies, such as Atco, smaller contractors and even fire departments have tried the device.

Camrose contractor Laurie Adamson bought several from an earlier production run and is waiting to buy more to put them on all the ladders his crews use to install siding and eavestroughs.

"I've kept my eyes open and I haven't seen anything else like it," he said. "I've been telling guys to get them, because once you've got them on they are just so handy and you use them all the time."

As for the payoff, the Becks won't discuss numbers. Hal said he always had a dream of starting a thriving family business and thinks he's getting there. "We have a lot of work to do yet, but we now have people around us who have the same values as we do."

Clogging on the high sea



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

The fancy footwork of the Rainbow Country Cloggers (pictured is the Lennoxville group) entertained fellow passengers aboard the Norwegian Cruise ship "M/S Majesty" on its return trip from Bermuda May 10. Jim Naylor, who heads the group, also led the on-board clogging workshops which attracted cloggers from the Townships, northern U.S. and Ontario. Along with a full roster of activities — including, parties, entertainment, fun-in-the-sun and shop-until-you-drop opportunities — the cruise line furnished cloggers with a private workshop area in the Disco, a cocktail party in the Royal Fireworks room and performance time on stage near the pool. Practicing on the high seas proved particularly challenging, albeit highly entertaining for onlookers, as more than a few high waves and tilting decks lurched hitherto-straight lines into dance pile-ups.



32nd EDITION OF THE BUFFET DES NATIONS WATER : Source of life

Organized by the **Service d'aide aux Néo-Canadiens**, the 32nd edition of the Buffet des Nations will be held on Saturday, May 24, at the CAP (gymnasium) of the College de Sherbrooke.

The **Buffet des Nations** is unquestionably the biggest annual intercultural gathering in the Sherbrooke region.

With the theme **Water: Source of life**, the evening is under the honorary presidency of Jacques O'Bready, president of Sherbrooke's Cité des Rivières.

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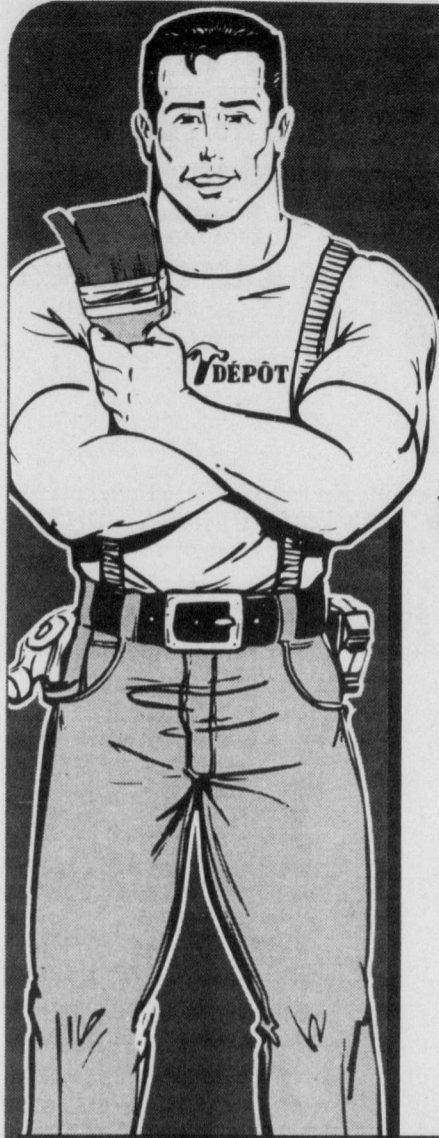
As usual, door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. The meal will be preceded by an aperitif and followed by a folklore presentation and a disco for dancing.

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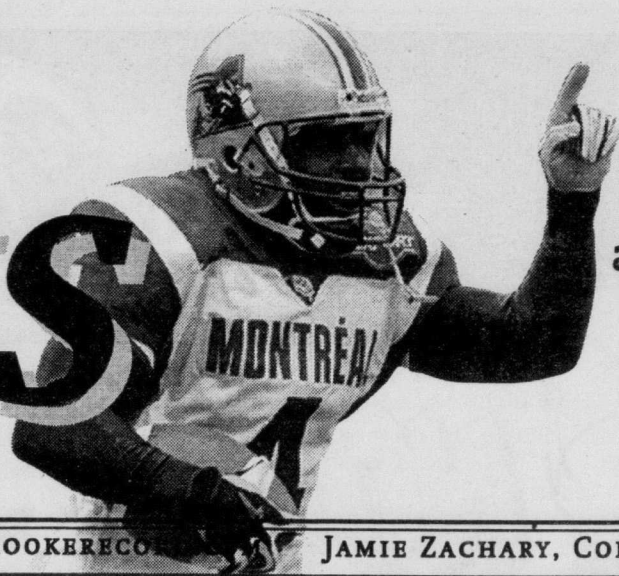


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Extremists drive for success across the Sahara

Quebecers take part in Trophee des Gazelles

By Philip A. Godin
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT
 KNOWLTON

Ask Knowlton's Bohdana Zwonok, a diminutive flight attendant whose energy output can rival nuclear fission, what her latest dream was and the response comes without hesitation.

"Of course, it's to complete this year's Trophee des Gazelles car rally."

She is referring to the eight-day, 2,500-kilometre automotive excursion that takes 74 two-women teams across the Moroccan Sahara desert on a wilderness-only joy ride the equivalent length of an off-road trip from Montreal to Miami.

Zwonok and teammate Maryse Lafitte left Montreal on April 9 and made their way to North Africa via Paris, Lyon, Albertville, and finally Sète

in France. The pair then crossed to Tangiers where they then drove to Morocco for the April 17 start of the rally.

Finishing in 40th, the Lafitte-Zwonok team fared better than average, considering the number of contestants that did not complete the rally at all.

The martahon event took the pair to within 10 km of the borders of Algeria, a part of the Muslim world that harbours less than friendly sentiments toward "western infidels". Not the kind of place these two North American women would feel comfortable traveling alone, but their drive to succeed eclipsed any such apprehensions.

In fact, of all the concerns that swirled about in Zwonok's mind before the race, personal safety didn't seem to be a big one.

"Morocco is like the Switzerland of North Africa," she explained during a last minute interview before her departure. "The people there consider themselves more Mediterranean than Arab."

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COURTESY MARYSE LAFITTE

Zwonok took a few moments off to mock getting in a few downhill runs on the sand moguls of the Sahara desert, on skis given them by Fred and Lillian Korman of Owl's Head in Mansonville.

Combined drivers to square off in Bromont



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Can-Am FEI Combined Driving Event organizers Michel Lapierre and Roger Deslauriers presented Bromont mayor Pauline Quinlan with an equestrian yearbook on Tuesday.

By Maurice Crossfield
 BROMONT

Some of North America's best combined drivers will be in Bromont from May 23 to 25 for the Can-Am FEI International Combined Driving Event.

"This year we have improved all of the hazards," said Can-Am FEI president Roger Deslauriers of the course, designed by Christian Jseli of Switzerland. "We have improved the technicality of the hazards so that each one is nearly double the difficulty of last year."

The sport of combined driving was first popularized by Prince Philip two decades ago. The sport, like Formula 1 racing, has evolved both in popularity and in technology. Though not well known outside equestrian circles, its popularity continues to grow.

The Bromont Can-Am FEI will feature 45 teams from across Canada and the U.S.

An example of combined driving technology can be found in the carriages used. Looking only vaguely like their ancestors, these "vehicles" are

equipped with independent suspensions, disk brakes and wheels designed to get the most out of the course. The harness is designed to disconnect easily in case of an accident. Meanwhile, the navigator shifts from side to side to keep the vehicle balanced in the corners.

"The vehicles are designed to facilitate the work of the horses," explained driver Michel Lapierre. "This is not the cart my father used to go to the store."

The teams consist of two horses, a driver and a navigator, taking part in three events: On Friday, things begin with the driven dressage event. In this event the horse must go through a number of maneuvers where poise and control are key.

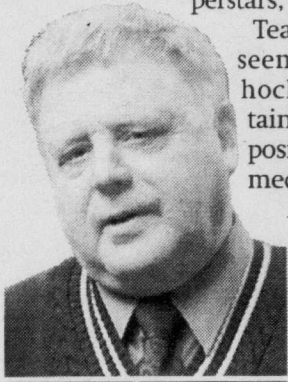
Saturday will feature the most spectacular event, the cross country marathon. In this event the teams must come in between a minimum and maximum time, covering 27 kilometres and negotiating their way through eight hazards.

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

Proud of Canada, wherever they finish

Team Canada's gold medal performance at the 2003 World Championship in Helsinki proved once again that teams, and not individual superstars, win titles.



MIKE HICKEY
FROM THE BLEACHERS

Team Canada's roster hardly seemed like a Who's Who of hockey greats, and they certainly didn't blow away the opposition in the preliminary or medal rounds.

After tying Denmark 2-2 in the round-robin portion of the tourney, they went to overtime twice in the championship round, including Sunday's dramatic 3-2 win over Sweden in the title match.

The team was void of National Hockey League all-stars, but if nothing else the gold medal finish demonstrated that Canada still has more depth than any other hockey-playing country in the world. And when the assembled players buy into a team concept the way the 2003 squad did under coach Andy Murray, the prospects for a medal are very good.

To his credit team, GM Steve Tambellini invited players who were still hungry and more interested in extending their season a few more weeks than getting an early start on the off-season.

Name the top five goaltenders in the NHL and you probably won't come up with the likes of Sean Burke and Roberto Luongo. Yet it was that pair that was responsible for the Canada's victory.

Burke won the starting goaltender job, and was outstanding as Canada advanced to the gold medal game. However, when a groin injury left him less than 100 per cent, Murray had no qualms over inserting Luongo into the net for the biggest game of his life.

The Florida Panthers netminder was victimized for two early goals as Sweden took a quick 2-0 lead. Yet the Quebec native kept Team Canada in the game with some outstanding saves in the second and third periods. Luongo shut the door the rest of the way, allowing his team to tie the game in regulation time and Anson Carter to record his dramatic game-winning goal in overtime.

The play of Canada's goaltending duo clearly shows that if nothing else our country possesses so much depth that they can leave Curtis Joseph, Patrick Roy, José Theodore and Ed Belfour at home and can still get quality goaltending.

Although Canada may have lost its place as the most dominant force on ice, hockey is still our game, as shown in Helsinki. While we no longer win every Olympics or World Championships, our country still enters most international events as the favourite.

Sunday's victory was recorded on the front page of most of our country's daily newspapers as hockey fans took pride in Team Canada's accomplishment. But what if Sweden had won in overtime, on a fluke goal no less the way the Champlain Cougars were defeated at the Royal Bank Cup last Saturday? Would the country still feel the same sense of pride, or would they be finger-pointing at the players and coaching staff?

We should demonstrate our pride in our national athletes when they represent our country with pride, determination and hard work. The Junior National team that captured the silver medal in Halifax in January weren't losers, they just came up short in the final game of the tournament/

We won't always gold not should we expect it. What we need from our athletes is a commitment and strong effort every time they don a Team Canada jersey. If we get that, the medals will take care of themselves.

HORSE DRIVING

Drivers stay true to the sport

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"The obstacles are almost all near the (the Bromont Olympic Site) stadium," Lapierre said.

The final phase on Sunday will see the teams go through an obstacle course where control is key. Cones with water filled tennis balls balanced on them must be passed without knocking them to the ground.

The winners are determined based on penalty points awarded in all three events.

Lapierre said a number of factors can affect performance, from the skill of the driver to track conditions to the frame of mind of the horses.

"You can do well in dressage and well in the marathon. Then if you knock two or three tennis balls down on Sunday, your weekend is over."

The teams must also ensure their horses are well treated. During the marathon a 10-minute rest is required, at which time the animal is checked by a veterinarian. The vet can, if he decides, not allow the team to continue. The horses are also checked after the event as well.

The prize is little more than a winner's ribbon. Organizers say the combined drivers do it for the sheer pleasure and chance to compete.

The Can-Am FEL, in its second year at Bromont, will be held with the help of about 60 volunteers. Event co-ordinator Jacqueline Côté said volunteers are still needed, particularly for the marathon event. Anyone interested can call 450-534-0787.

To mark the event, Deslauriers and Lapierre presented Bromont Mayor Pauline Quinlan with an equestrian yearbook covering 2002-2003, which will be made available at the municipal library.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Haskins out for the season

After signing with the Edmonton Eskimos in February, running back Thomas Haskins will be forced to sit out the entire 2003 season after successfully having a tumour removed from his brain in March.

Shortly after signing with the club, the veteran started experiencing headaches and went to the doctor to have it checked out.

He was prescribed some medication but the pain continued. Haskins visited the emergency ward at a hospital, and an MRI revealed he had a brain tumour.

Doctors performed surgery and removed the tumour. The surgery was a success and he is expected to fully recover, but will not play this season for the Eskimos.

The six-year veteran of the defending Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes is coming off his best season as a receiver with 68 catches for 941 yards and seven touchdowns. The Richmond, Va., native also had 55 carries for 316 yards and three touchdowns.

Sharks name Doug Wilson new GM

Former NHL defenceman Doug Wilson, the original captain of the San Jose Sharks and the director of pro development for the team for the last five years, has been named the club's new general manager.

Wilson, a 45-year-old native of Ottawa, fills the void created when Dean Lombardi was fired March 18.

Other finalists for the position were Vancouver's David Nonis and St. Louis' John Ferguson Jr., who are directors of hockey operations for their respective teams. Nonis was interviewed twice.

Wilson won the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman after scoring 39 goals and amassing 85 points in 1982 with the Chicago Blackhawks, the team he broke into the league with in 1977 directly out of the junior Ottawa 67's.

Roy won't decide on future yet

Patrick Roy will wait until the end of the NHL playoffs before announcing whether he will retire.

The 37-year-old star for the Colorado Avalanche has spent 18 years in the league and is the NHL's winningest goaltender.

Roy is a co-owner of the Quebec Remparts and has returned to his home city to watch the junior hockey team play in the Memorial Cup tournament beginning Saturday.

Roy aims to take a front-office job after he ends his career. Remparts general manager Raymond Bolduc has one year left on his contract and has said he will retire when it is up.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

- **SOCCER: 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.**, UEFA Champions League, semi-final B, Juventus vs Real Madrid, TSN, RDS.
- **MLB: 7 p.m.**, Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Toronto Blue Jays, Sportsnet.
- **NHL PLAYOFFS: 9 p.m.**, Western Conference finals, best-of-seven series, Game 3, Minnesota Wild at Anaheim Mighty Ducks (Ducks lead 2-0), RDS.

Around Town

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ENDURANCE CAR RALLY

Racers faced uphill battle to the finish line

GAZELLES:

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"Besides, the king has promised that nothing will happen, maybe because of a rumour that his daughter is on one of the teams."

In fact the rumour turned out to be unfounded, although a post race story has another member of the Royal family dune bugging her way around the course. The experience has been an eye opener for the pair.

"When we decided to enter, we didn't realize there were in fact two races," Zwonok said.

What Zwonok characterizes as the first race was the quasi-non stop search for financial contributions to cover the estimated \$40,000 that the privilege of competing cost each pair of contestants.

"No matter which way we looked for

money, we were in a no-win situation," Zwonok continued. "When we approached manufacturers of cosmetics, they told us that our sport was too masculine. When we approached manufacturers of automotive products, we were told that we were too feminine."

Although they finally struck pay dirt when major sponsors Québecor World inc. and Ron Blair's Lakeview Inn in Knowlton came on board, the project was still over \$8,000 in the red as of race day. What didn't help them was the habit the pair developed of donating a fair portion of the funds they collected to charities along their way.

Nonetheless, armed with an apparently endless supply of optimism and enough equipment to see them safely across the Sahara Desert, the duo bravely entered the race. As it turns out, optimism and hard heads were good things to bring along, because what awaited this odd couple in Morocco would have abated the fire burning in the most enduring of hearts.

The team got up at at 4 a.m., just in time for one team member to gulp down free coffee. With that comes the bleary-eyed task of jotting down reams of co-ordinates, checkpoint locations and distances delivered in the still of night by event organizers.

Getting the details straight was crucial, not only to remaining in the race, but actually surviving. The desert is after all a huge lot of sand where a car can easily disappear. The only Global Positioning Systems (GPS) allowed in the rally are reserved for emergency purposes, the use of which leads to an automatic disqualification.

Then the day's driving begins, with the knowledge that along the way there will



COURTESY MARYSE LAFITTE.

Bohdana Zwonok and teammate Maryse Lafitte take a moment to pose with local children while competing in the Trophée des Gazelles car rally across the Moroccan Sahara desert.

only be four or five site markers by which the team will be able to judge whether they are on the right track or not. And if they are not on the right track, there's the less than comforting knowledge that they could be just about anywhere else.

Then competitors face the inherent perils of driving a diesel-powered all-wheel drive Sports Utility Vehicle up the side of one sand dune and then down another, over and over again.

"We had trained in the mechanical repairs we expected to have to face during the rally," said Zwonok.

Of course there is the perpetual digging the vehicle out of either canyon-sized sand drifts or the ever popular muck-filled quagmires that dot the route. Both of these events take the fine art of shovelling to new heights, offering a plausible explanation as to why seven of last year's top 10 finalists hailed from Quebec.

Also on the team's equipment list was a pair of snowmobile tracks to be used in sand the same way traction-aids are used in snow back home.

Unfortunately for Zwonok, this particular form of entertainment ended up with her stabbing herself in the thigh with the utility knife she carried "just in case".

If that weren't enough, while the teams were busy hauling themselves into, over and out of a plethora of natural obstacles, they had to contend with skin stripping sandstorms.

And then there was the local wildlife to consider. When asked about the infamous humidity-seeking fur clad spiders, whose leg-span can comfortably

cover a dinner plate, Zwonok's bravado took hold.

"Nothing to it! To my nieces I'm known as the aunt that eats insects," she said, referring to the snack menu offered at Montreal's Biodôme.

At days' end, teams recorded their times, food and anecdotes were shared while vehicles were refueled and prepared to repeat the entire ordeal the following day.

For anyone considering the 2004 edition of this venture, Zwonok has some advice: "You can't get into something like this if you're afraid of scorpions and snakes. We are excellent shovelers, gentle drivers and can navigate anywhere using only compasses and maps. That's what you need at a minimum," she said.

Clearing her audibly sand-congested lungs, Lafitte offered up one of those memorable sentences that only those of a certain breed can relate to.

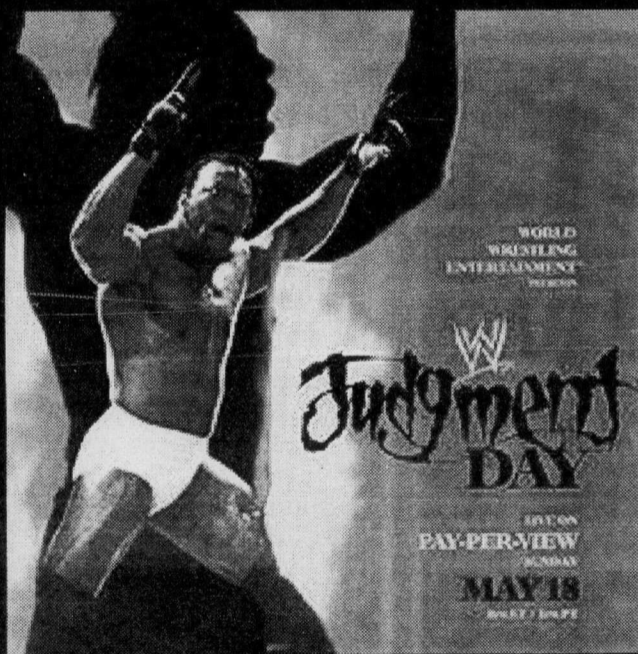
"It is really very difficult. You have to live it to appreciate how hard it is to get through it, day after day, all alone in the middle of nowhere. It's really demanding and I love it."

When asked about prizes, Zwonok spoke confidently about the experience leaving her and her navigator all the more fulfilled as individuals.

In other words, there is no cash involved. In fact, once the cost of the entire venture has been met, Zwonok and Lafitte have promised to donate any remaining funds to Montreal's Sainte-Justine Hospital for children.

Donations are therefore still welcome and can be addressed to Bohdana Zwonok, 603 Lakeside, Foster JOE 1R0.

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Obituary

LYMAN JOHN MARSHALL
 1908 - 2003

Lyman John Marshall passed peacefully away at the Wales Home, early in the morning of Sunday, March 9th, 2003, after being a resident there, for only two months. He had been born at Henderson Vale on April 12th, 1908, the fourth child of the late John A. Marshall and his wife the late Charlotte Henderson. He is survived by two brothers: Russell (Lois) and George (late Edna), and two sisters: Erma (late Joseph Canning) and Charlotte (late Lyman Little). He was predeceased by Edna (Peter Ward), Harry (Rose) and Allan; also survived by several nieces, nephews and many friends.

His remains rested in the I.O.O.F. Hall in Inverness on Tuesday, March 11th, where friends and relatives came to pay their last respects and offer condolences.

On March 12th, a funeral service was held in Christ Church, Lower Ireland, with the Reverend Rodney Clark officiating, assisted by the Reverend Ross Davidson. The hymns sung, favorites of the deceased, were: What a Friend We Have in Jesus, The Old Rugged Cross and Rock of Ages, with Lise Fallot at the keyboard.

Bearers were friends of the deceased: Raymond Dempsey, Dale Cox, James Wright, James Allan, François Tétreault and his nephew, Lyman Canning.

Burial took place in the family plot in Christ Church Cemetery. On return to the I.O.O.F. Hall, a delicious buffet was served by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, assisted by ladies of the community, to the many people, who had come to bid farewell, to an old friend.

Lyman had spent almost his entire life on the farm, where he had been born, and together with his brother Russell farmed the Marshall Homes-read. In 1994 he moved to Inverness Village, where he continued to live with Russell and Lois. Failing health had made it increasingly difficult for him to function, but he retained his good memory and keen sense of humour to the end.



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Birth

ALLANSON - Brent and Tammy are proud to announce the arrival of Benjamin Douglas, May 12, 2003 at the Sturgeon Hospital, St. Albert, Alberta. First grandchild for Mark and Carol Allanson (formerly of Sherbrooke), and first great-grandchild for Bruce and Audrey Allanson.

Death

BRACEY, Earl Frank - World War II Veteran, Retired, Federal Department of Public Works, Kingston, Ontario - Peacefully and with dignity at St. Mary's-of-the-Lake Hospital, on Thursday, May 8, in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Rhoda (Ewens), cherished father of Judy Hume (Ron), Kingston and Dianne Bracey, Calgary. Dear grandfather of Debbie McBride (Todd), Calgary and Donna Arsenault (Vic), Crapaud, P.E.I. Great-grandfather of Warren and Amy McBride, Calgary. Survived by his sister, Florence Jasper, South Bolton, Que., and nephews: Robert, George and Kenny Jasper. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. There was no visitation and following cremation, a graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 13.

Cadets Corps 2874 Richmond

Notice to the people of Richmond.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 15, is no longer the local sponsor for the Cadet Corps 2874 Richmond as of May the 5th, 2003. It is with much regrets that we have to accept the Army Cadet League's decision. The corps has only fifteen (15) cadets in its rank and this is low to have an efficient cadet corps.

Many thanks to all the local organizations that have helped the Legion in supporting the corps during the past years.

*André Berger, President,
 Royal Canadian Legion
 Branch 15
 Richmond, Que.*

Death

ROBERTSON, James (Retired CNR engineer) - Peacefully at Knowlton House on Monday, May 12, 2003 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Marion (Bower) Robertson. Dear father of Joan (David Berry) and the late Heather. Grandfather of Brian (Norma), Susan (Leon), Peter and Linda (Jason) and great-grandfather of Kristina, Melissa, Stephanie, Heather and Madison. Jim also leaves to mourn his sister, Isabella and brothers, John and William. Predeceased by his brothers: George and David and his sisters: Isabel and Agnes. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 31 Principale South, Sutton, Que., tel.: (450) 263-1212, where friends may visit on Thursday, May 15th, 2003 from 7 - 9 p.m., and on Friday, May 16th from 12 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Grace Anglican Church on Friday, May 16th at 2 p.m. Interment at Grace Anglican Cemetery in Sutton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Legion in Sutton or the charity of your choice.

Card of Thanks

TRACY, Antoinette (Lague) - We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, relatives and neighbours for their support, sympathy, flowers, mass offerings, cards, food and phone calls upon her departure. Special thanks to the Desourdy Funeral Home. Your support was greatly appreciated.

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The important thing is not to give up

Dear Annie: You give lots of valuable advice to people every day. Can I give you some? You often tell folks with problems to "get therapy." Granted, therapy can often resolve personal issues. However, it can be very expensive (believe me, I know). So here comes the advice: Stop telling people to get therapy. — Small Town, Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: People who have long-standing problems are not going to solve them by reading two lines of advice in their local newspaper. Under those circumstances, we can only hope to steer them in the right direction and encourage them to get further help.

You have brought up a point that bothers many readers, however, and we'd like to address it. In fact, your letter arrived in the same batch of mail as this one:

Dear Annie: Again you advised a writer to find a good therapist. Could you please use a column to tell people how to actually do this? The process of finding someone to bare your soul to can be daunting.

There are different degrees and licenses, different specialties and different prices, and it can be confusing. An outline of the system would be helpful. Thanks for your good work. — Madison, Wis.

Dear Madison: We appreciate the opportunity to educate

our readers. When we say "get therapy," we usually mean marriage counselors, family therapists, child psychologists, social workers or psychiatrists. All will discuss your problems and offer suggestions, but only psychiatrists are licensed to prescribe medication. For example, those who are having marital difficulties can see a psychologist who specializes in that field. Those who are depressed might benefit more from seeing a psychiatrist in order to receive an antidepressant.

The easiest way to find a therapist is to ask your family physician, a friend or a relative. Your insurance carrier may have a list of approved psychiatrists. You also can contact your local hospital or look in the phone book under "Mental Health."

There are fine organizations that can refer you, such as the United Way, The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Salvation Army, the YMCA and the American Association for Marriage

Annie's Mailbox and Family Therapy.

There also are countless online support groups that can be helpful.

Therapy does not have to be expensive. The Alliance for Children and Families (formerly Family Service America) offers low-cost assistance for those who cannot afford much. (For more information, log on to www.alliance1.org.)

Also, it may take more than one try to find a good match. Not every therapist will be suitable to your needs or personality. Don't be afraid to try someone else. The important thing is not to give up.

Dear Annie: I was shocked to read about the beauty salon operator who became angry with a 13-year-old girl who

started doing the crossword puzzles in the shop magazines. Does she not realize she not only alienated the original customer, the mom, but a future customer as well?

I am the owner of a small salon, and I welcome all the kids. Many have since become very good clients. In fact, we have customers who go back three generations. A wet noodle to that salon operator. — D.G., Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

Dear D.G.: You are wise to understand the value of those future customers, no matter how young they are. Thanks for writing.

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

Trinity Anglican Church welcomes "Canada's Hat Ladies"

The Friendly Society of Trinity Anglican Church, Cowansville organized, with the support of the church members, two teas, one at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m. on April 12, 2003, where all were entertained by Canada's Hat Ladies and their Mobile Millinery Museum.

The Sheila/George Barker Hall was beautifully decorated with small straw hats tied to the pulled back curtains allowed the geraniums on the window sill to show their glory also. The tables, centered with candles, had serviettes placed in holders topped with hats. Hats were also placed here and there around the room.

During the tea, Norma Shephard and Linda Francis from Burlington, Ontario, entertained the ladies with both their beautiful hats and stories. Norma did the talking, while Linda demonstrated the merchandise and dressed the models, who were Laurie McAsey, Marion Hunter, Gladys Dustin, Marilyn Campbell and Evelyn Lewis. As Norma described the hat and its history, Linda placed it on the model's head wearing gloves, as hats, in order to be preserved should not be touched by bare hands. The models then strolled throughout the hall so that all could see the hats

and admire them. Linda picked each hat to complement the model, her dress and the hat she modeled. Both Norma and Linda wore fashionable dresses of a past era with large hats decorated with feathers and flowers.

Started in 1999, because of an interest in hats and having purchased one described as "one green monstrosity" at a Thrift Store, the museum took off. They now have over 1000 hats and about 4000 pieces of clothing and accessories.

Wanting to educate and inspire others, they began showing their collection at charity shows and senior citizen homes and now have a real thriving business on their hands, which keeps them busy as they travel throughout Canada entertaining at teas, weddings, museums, conventions, etc. One has only to be in their company, for a short time to grasp how much they enjoy what they are doing and how they feel that what they are doing was planned and is being planned for them by God.

Everyone, who attended the tea really enjoyed herself/himself by the remarks one heard as she or he were leaving, also questioning as to where hats could be purchased today now that one had seen how attractive they were and maybe should consider wearing them again.

Many thanks are due to those, who worked so hard, so all could enjoy such a lovely afternoon, the ones, who made the decorations and decorated the hall, set up the tables and those who furnished the delicious sandwiches and squares. Our hats are off to you.

Evelyn Beban Lewis

Five Generations



Hi, my name is Maylee Virley-Hodgins. I am the fifth generation of the Yetter family. I am sitting on my great-great-grandmother Grace's knee and my great-grandma Margaret Blair is at her right. My mom Stacey Virley is beside her and my grandma Penny (Olsson) Virley is tickling my left shoulder. I want to take this opportunity to say hello to all my family and friends, and wish you all well.

Happy 80th Birthday

to "Almost - Twin" cousins

Agnes (Bowker) Buck of Sawyerville, on May 24

and

Evelyn (Bowker) Boynton of Victoria Corner, N.B. (formerly Bury) on May 21

With love from family and friends

Happy Birthday Richard!

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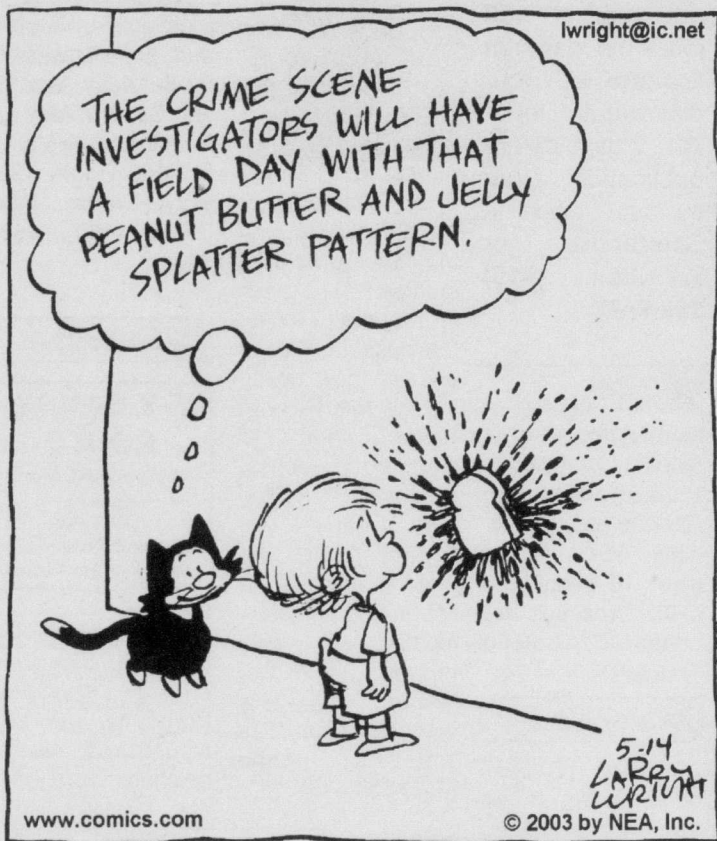
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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: I equals P

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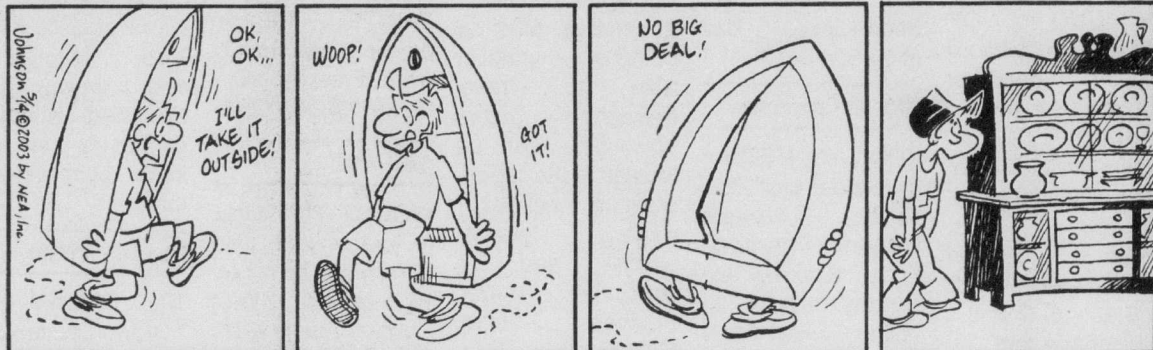


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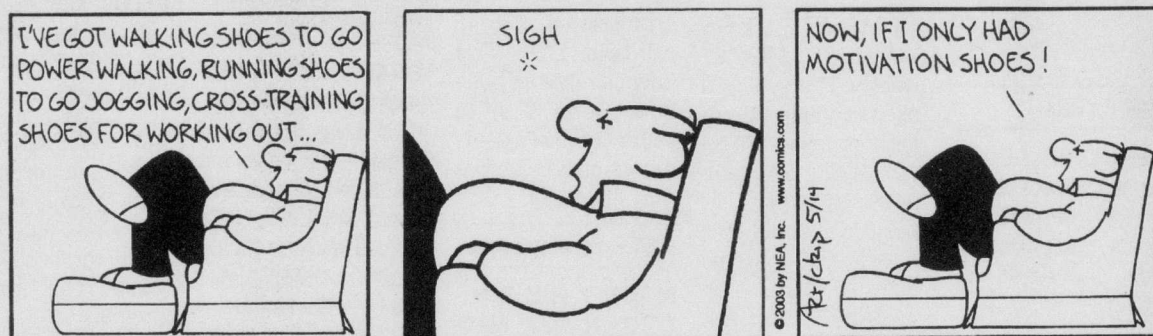
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294 Events

MOUNTAIN DEW is back! Bishop's University Pub, May 23, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. \$5.00 at the door. 18 years and over. Proceeds for Lennoxville Calorie Counters.

295 Articles Wanted

LOOKING TO BUY good quality horse hay, solid bales, preferably stacked. Call (819) 876-5872.

Organizers of **Music Fest 2003** (May 31 and June 1, Ayer's Cliff Fairgrounds), to benefit the **Children's Wish Foundation**, are looking for help with the event: **donations** of items for the silent auction, financial **contributions**, **volunteers** for children's games, Dollar Store items for children's game prizes (various ages). If you would like to help, please call (819) 823-2009. Website: www.themusicfest.org

300 Machinery

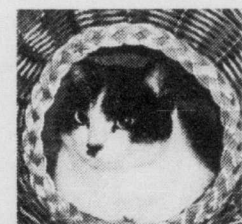
DISC HARROW "Bushhog", 13 ft. wide, complete with finishing harrow attached. Call (819) 562-6432.

315 Horses



Ayer's Cliff Horse Show, June 2002. I HAVE FINISHED my M SC post-grad studies in International Business in France and am now traveling the Nile River in Egypt, then to Northern Africa, Scotland, London then home for Bryorny giving birth in early June. Mr. E. Martin and I are very excited. I have missed my riding friends, my furry friends and max. See you soon. **Anna** (450) 538-3387.

330 Pets



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TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, layers, fancy chickens and poultry, quails, doves, pheasants, peacocks, etc. Mason's Feather Farm, Lennoxville, (819) 564-8838.

345 Flea Markets

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Sherbrooke - Bulwer Ploughman's Military Whist

The Sherbrooke - Bulwer Ploughman's Association hosted a Military Whist on Saturday, May 10th at St. George's Church, Lennoxville. There were fourteen tables of players. Prizes went to the following: Two tables with a high score of 27 points. One was Gerald Fowler, Marie-Berthe Skerry, Mona Garnett and Gerald Skerry. The other was Gertrude Nutbrown, Irene Young, Thelma Gilbert and Muriel Winslow. Third prize with 25 points went to Gwen Des-

jardin, Mildred Cameron, Ellean Palmer and Wilma Gingras. Low-score honors were won by Evelyn Bennett, Yvette Hoy, Sylvia Gilbert and Ester Cote.

Door prizes were won by Wilma Gingras, Gerald Lilley, Muriel Winslow, Giselle Danforth, Gertrude Nutbrown, Sylvia Gilbert, Harris Olsson, Yvette Hoy, Grace Betts, Violet Thornloe, Marion St. Onge, Ester Cote, Evelyn Bennett, Alice Maskell, Rita Burczyk, Karen Patterson, George Peasley, Ruby Booth, Elvera Pat-

erson, Ellean Palmer, Lina Jenne, Helena Banfill, Chester Hartwell, James Patterson, Marie - Bertha Skerry, Dorothy Marlin and Lorelei Patterson.

The drawing was won by Karen Patterson.

Jennifer Kirby, one of the two contestants for the Canadian Ploughing Competition, spoke about her experience ploughing over the past ten years and her enthusiasm for the upcoming trip in June.

Mac Fraser, president and Jennifer Kirby, vice-president thanked everyone for coming and supporting the contestants.

On behalf of the association I would like to thank Marion St. Onge and Ruby Booth for organizing this event and for all who provided food and door prizes

Dianne Kirby
Secretary/Treasurer

Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

There will be ample material rewards for being ambitious and industrious in the year ahead. You can accomplish most anything for which you're prepared if you're willing to pay the price and not look for something for nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - If you need a favor from a pal today, be up front about what you want from him or her. Being cagey or disingenuous about what you're angling for can cause resentment, not support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Usually you're pretty surefooted about yourself and what you expect from your efforts as to the outcome of events, but today

any optimism you display might be just a facade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - It's one thing to offer advice to others, but it's another thing to suggest that which you wouldn't do yourself. If it's only blarney you're handing out, instead of examples, it'll be resented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Generally you're pretty quality oriented when it comes to making any purchases, but today due to impetuosity you might make a purchase that isn't worth what it's wrapped in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You may have to take care that you don't visibly place your self-interests far above the needs of others today. You won't win any popularity contests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You could

have a knack for creating your own problems today. Take the time to consider what the consequences or penalties are apt to be as a result of poor action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - If you don't know what to do about a bad financial situation, you may be better off doing nothing today or you could end up putting good money after bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't expect to achieve your career goals today solely on the basis that everybody thinks you're a neat guy or gal. The competition is very keen and you're going to have to compete against the best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Chances are if you have a hunch something in which you're involved isn't good for you, you probably will be right.

Don't act in ways contrary to what your inner voice is telling you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - It's always good to be optimistic, but never to depend solely on wishful thinking, especially if a critical situation is involved. Stay with what you need to do every step of the way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - The smartest thing you can do today is not look for anyone on the outside to bail you out. This could be one of those days where everybody is simply tied up with their own affairs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Have some kind of back-up system ready to go if you attempt to experiment with new methods or materials today. Chances are you're going to need to jump in quickly and save the day.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 The other white meat
- 5 Baby powder
- 9 Thanks, in Quebec
- 14 Panache
- 15 Pastoral narrative
- 16 Geometry calculations
- 17 Dimensions
- 18 Blissful cloud
- 19 Disciplined training
- 20 Radiates certainty
- 23 Embodies
- 24 Garnet's color
- 25 Engine part
- 29 Mournful utterance
- 31 Shade provider
- 34 Flip a lid off

- 35 Stain on Santa's coat
- 36 Blackthorn
- 37 Projects charisma
- 40 Tough journey
- 41 Contends
- 42 Top
- 43 Landscaping shrub
- 44 Places
- 45 Except
- 46 Cruet contents
- 47 Troy, NY school
- 48 Elicits bravos
- 57 Haughty
- 58 Ages and ages and ages
- 59 My golly!
- 60 "JFK" director
- 61 Rip apart

- 25 Crack filler
- 26 Accustom
- 27 Spiral pin
- 28 Sherman or panzer
- 29 Tiny specks
- 30 Expressions of delight
- 31 Fill with high spirits
- 32 English aristocrats
- 33 Written reminders
- 35 Hissy fit
- 36 Synagogue
- 38 Early-stage seed
- 39 Like dance caps

- 44 Filch
- 45 Overturns
- 46 Threatened layer
- 47 Avignon's river
- 48 Vague recipe measure
- 49 Countertenor
- 50 Zip along
- 51 Poet Teasdale
- 52 Abound (with)
- 53 __ my lips!
- 54 Folklore monster
- 55 Homeless child
- 56 6/6/44

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 1 Cozumel cash
- 2 Hodgepodge
- 3 Heckle
- 4 Patella's place
- 5 Destroyer, slangily
- 6 Tijuana ta-ta
- 7 Swann or Redgrave
- 8 Staff sign
- 9 Drive crazy
- 10 Goofed up
- 11 Restraining influence
- 12 Math subj.
- 13 Archipelago member
- 21 Mall units
- 22 Very angry

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