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# Longtime MNA tries for 7th term

## Gagnon-Tremblay hopes for votes

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

After a half-dozen mandates in the National Assembly, St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay is going for another kick at the can.

A longtime fixture on the local political scene, the 66-year-old has represent-

ed the riding in Quebec City since 1985. And Gagnon-Tremblay has held a number of important jobs under premiers Jean Charest, Daniel Johnson and Robert Bourassa.

Appointed the first woman leader of the official opposition in Quebec history while Charest was awaiting his own election to the National Assembly in 1998, Gagnon-Tremblay was the first female finance minister, and has held a number of other top jobs including

deputy premier, immigration minister, and Treasury Board president.

But Gagnon-Tremblay told *The Record* her main job has always been that of MNA for St-François, the provincial riding that includes the east end of Sherbrooke as well as Lennoxville, Waterville and Coaticook. "After that, if the premier wants to give me additional responsibilities, that's up to him," she said.

Gagnon-Tremblay, who received a

seventh nod from the local riding association on Sunday night, said there are still many challenges to meet both in Quebec and in her riding. That includes completing a major overhaul of the health care network which, she said, is still the government's top priority and a major concern for her own riding.

But mainly, the seasoned MNA said she wants to run again because of her

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## Zoom Zoom



The 25th edition of the Grand Prix Ski-doo de Valcourt included the first free-style competition in its history. Va-voooooom! See page 13!

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**Missing woman sought**

Sherbrooke police are looking for a 29-year-old woman who went missing over a week ago. A police report said the woman, Danaël Perron-Arbour, left her residence Saturday, Feb. 10 and was expected to arrive in Montreal Feb. 13. The report states the woman may have been in contact with her boyfriend in Montreal. Police say the family fears for Perron-Arbour's life.



She is described as weighing about 120 pounds and is about 1.7 metres (about 5.5 feet) tall. She has blond hair and brown eyes and speaks French (and is pictured). Call the Sherbrooke police at 819-821-5555 and ask for Sgt. Daniel Savard.

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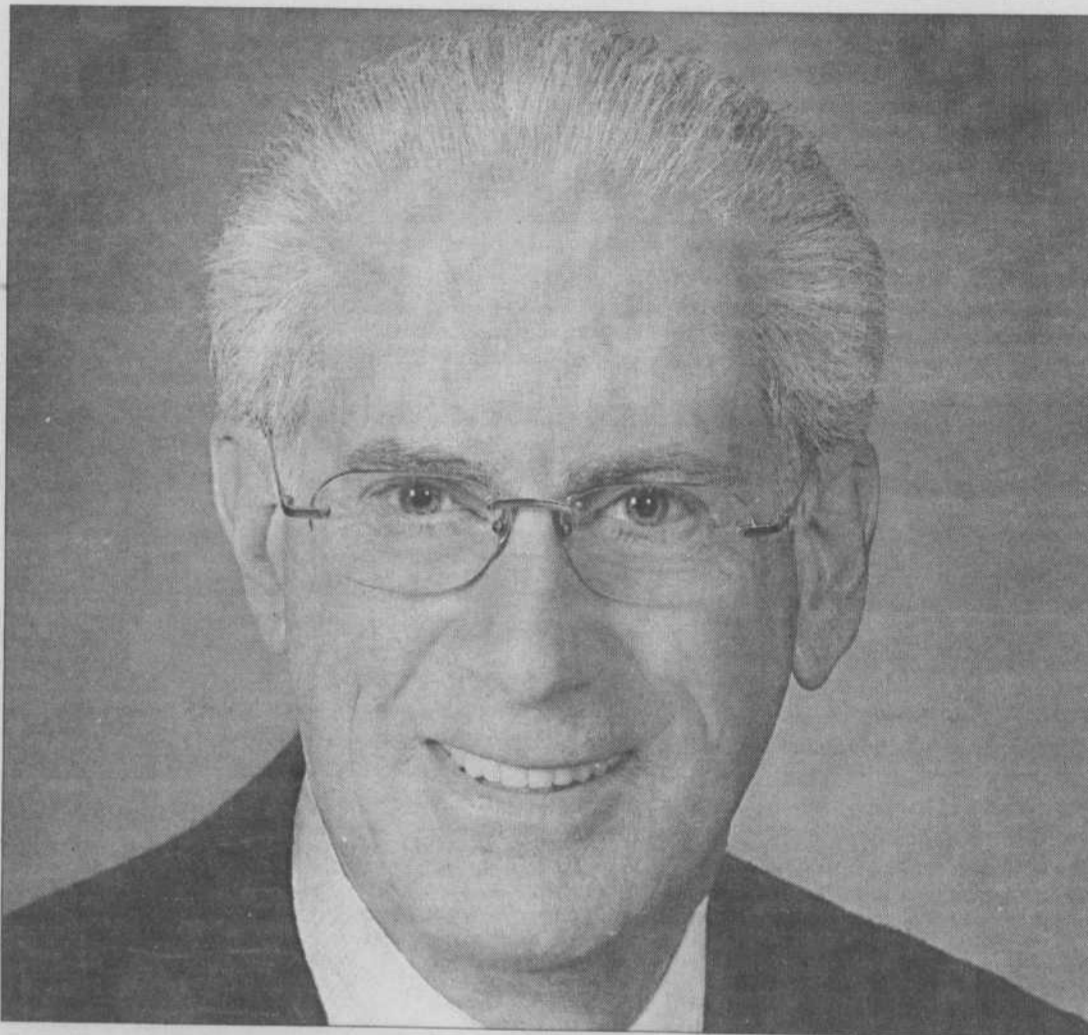
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**Money, Money, Money**



COURTESY

RBC Dominion Securities' Jacques Laverdure, in the Sherbrooke office, received the title *Conseiller Émérite of the Year* at a Montreal event held earlier this month and sponsored by *Finance et Investissement* magazine. Some 2,000 of Laverdure's financial industry peers voted on the award. It was presented by Groupe Transcontinental president René Marcoux at a reception attended by Quebec revenue minister Lawrence Bergman.

**Weather**

**Today:** Snow, up to 10 cm. High minus 7.

**Wednesday:** Cloudy with 40 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 5. High minus 3.

**Thursday:** Cloudy with 30 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 13. High minus 5.

**Friday:** Periods of snow. Low minus 17. High minus 9.

**Ben by Daniel Shelton**



# Torn over tuition

*Bishop's student government has yet to stake out a position*

By Brion Robinson  
SHERBROOKE

Bishop's University's 2,000-odd students are divided on the issue of raising Quebec's tuition costs, says the president of the Students' Representative Council.

"We can't say right now how to define ourselves on the issue," Kevin Mailloux told *The Record*.

During an unofficial election launch, Quebec Premier Jean Charest announced the government's plans to raise Quebec tuition fees by \$100 per year over five years.

Charest also promised to reinvest about \$1 billion in the province's Cégeps and universities. He said the government will bump loan plans to ensure students get their education no matter what their financial situation may be.

Mailloux, who has been speaking with people around the English-speaking campus on the issue, said students haven't been able to reach a consensus about upping the cost of their education, or keeping a 13-year-old tuition freeze.

The 24-year-old student president, who studies sociology and Spanish, said those in favour of the proposal say more money invested back into loans would help the more cash-strapped get a degree.

According to Statistics Canada, Quebec's tuition freeze has kept the cost well below the national average.

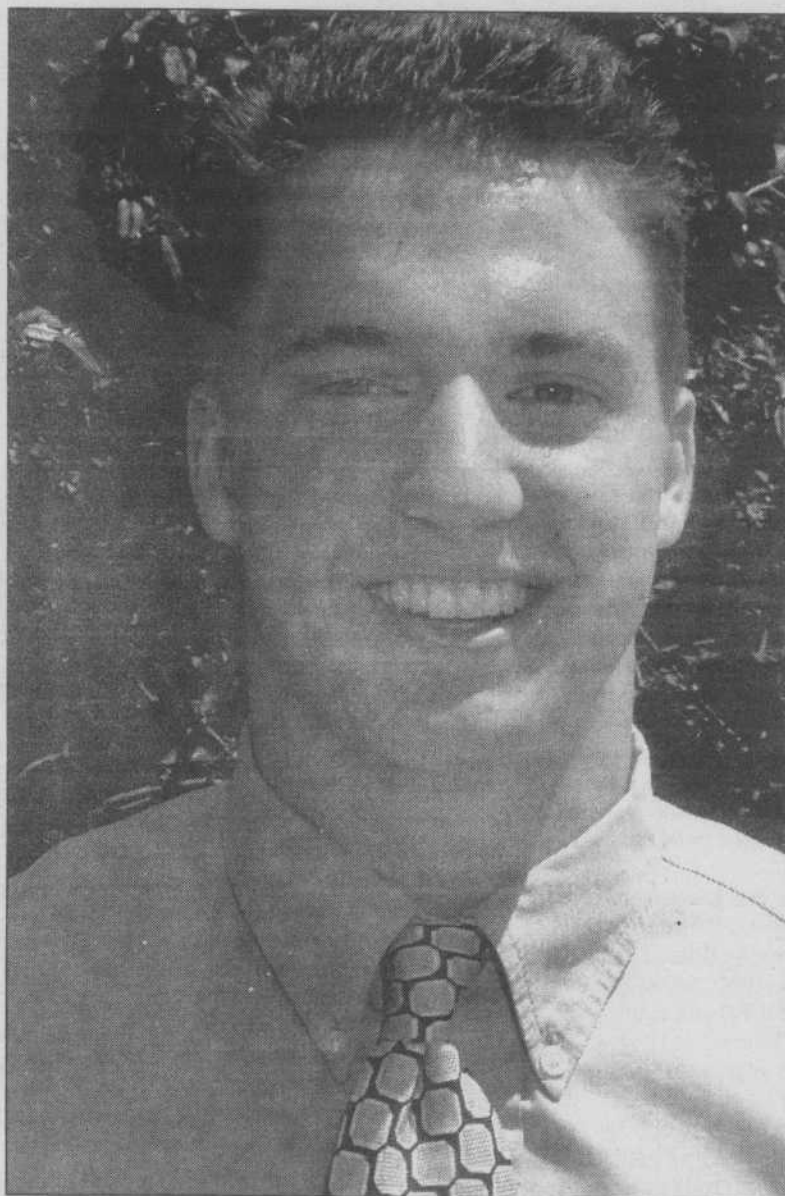
"Quebec undergrads will continue to pay the lowest fees in the country as a result of a tuition freeze for Quebec residents that has kept fees at less than half the national average since the late 1990s," the federal agency states.

It also said that Quebec's 2006-2007 average tuition rate was recorded at \$1,916. That's almost \$700 less than its closest cost rival, Newfoundland and Labrador. The average highest annual tuition cost was in Nova Scotia at \$6,571.

Six provinces experienced tuition fee hikes this year. The cost jumped the most in Prince Edward Island at 6.4 per cent (for an average tuition of \$4,947).

Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador and Manitoba have maintained a tuition that's below the national average.

No one from Quebec's Liberal government was available for an interview with *The Record* be-



PERRY BEATON

Bishop's student council president Kevin Mailloux says he's taking the pulse of the campus.

fore deadline.

However, Pierre Reid, Quebec's former education minister and the Oxford Liberal Member of the National Assembly, said Sunday tuition hikes are necessary to provide a high level of education within the province.

He also noted tuition will remain relatively low in relation to other provinces.

"In the rest of Canada the average tuition for a semester is \$5,000 and rising," he said. "In five years our tuition will hardly be over \$2,000."

Members of the University of Sherbrooke's student association, Fédération étudiante de l'Université de Sherbrooke, were unavailable for comment. But the FEUQ has demanded tuition fees remain as they are.

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## Child is killed by train

Staff

A 10-year-old boy was killed near St-Polycarpe, a town west of Montreal, when the snowmobile he was driving was hit by a train Sunday.

Sûreté du Québec spokeswoman Chantal Mackels said Pierre-Luc Desrochers, who was too young to drive the machine, was travelling alongside the tracks.

"He was driving along the train track and when he swerved around a snowbank he was hit and died on the scene," Mackels said.

Provincial police are investigating the accident. It's illegal for children under the age of 16 to drive snowmobiles.

## Teen survives snow burial

Staff

An 18-year-old Johnville man is in good condition after being buried by more than 10 feet of snow for almost an hour Sunday.

Sûreté du Québec spokeswoman Chantal Mackels said a snowboarder, Kevin Ramsay, was climbing a snow-covered gravel hill when the snow gave way and he was buried.

She said the gravel hill was on private property and two wandering snowboarders weren't permitted to be on it.

Mackels said the man's friend was covered in white stuff up to his waist.

"Ramsay's friend had a cell phone and called for help," Mackels said, adding the fire department, police and friends rushed to the scene to help find the buried snowboarder.

She said that after 45 minutes, Ramsay's unconscious body was pulled out and transported to the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke.

Mackels said Ramsay regained consciousness at the hospital and had no serious injuries. She said he was expected to be released late yesterday.

## Police seek leads in car bombing

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

There are still no leads in the investigation into the bombing of a police car in Sherbrooke last Wednesday. The Sûreté du Québec was back with its mobile investigation unit in the parking lot of the BeigneBec on King Street West where a police mini van exploded into flames, injuring the police officer on board.

Debris from the explosion also flew through the windows of the doughnut shop and other businesses, as well as at (and sometimes through) a half dozen cars parked in the mini mall.

Police want to speak with any

customers of the BeigneBec or passersby who may have witnessed the explosion, said SQ Sherbrooke spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel.

Any information could help police uncover clues as to the culprit or culprits who placed the bomb under the cruiser.

Ruel said the mobile unit may be back in Sherbrooke Wednesday.

In the meantime, he said anyone with any information about the explosion can call police toll free at 1-800-659-4264.

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affection for Jean Charest and her desire to be part of his team.

"I have a lot of respect and admiration for him and he deserves the confidence of the population for a second mandate and I want to serve beside him," said the MNA, who was among the top Grits who courted the former federal Tory leader to come and head the Quebec Liberal Party following the departure of Daniel Johnson.

Gagnon-Tremblay said health care is a major priority in the Sherbrooke area where the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke is the main employer. The CHUS is about to expand its territory to offer specialized and super-specialized care to a wider region, and she said the hospital must have the capacity to play its larger role effectively and ensure access to its services.

She said the region, which has one of the highest drop out rates in Quebec, must also focus on education and training tomorrow's workforce.

Gagnon-Tremblay said that when she was first elected in 1985, the then-Liberal government faced the challenge of converting the economy. Now, in 2007, the economy must adapt anew. "We must modernize our equipment to face the challenges of globalization," she said.

Gagnon-Tremblay, who is facing opposition from East-end Sherbrooke councillor Mariette Fugère (on the Parti Québécois ticket), said the battle is not won.

"I am confident, but careful," she said. "Elections are never won in advance. It's the work that determines the outcome."

Gagnon-Tremblay admits that with six wins under her belt, she has an advantage (previously, she was a municipal councillor in Ascot Corner, a notary, a flight attendant and an executive secretary). But, she insists, her main advantage is the Liberal's record in office.

And while the Liberals want to continue delivering the goods, "The PQ is only interested in sovereignty," she said.

Gagnon-Tremblay said the Liberal's

upcoming election campaign will centre on six priorities: health, education, helping families, creating wealth, sustainable development and the environment, as well as reinforcing Quebec's cultural identity.

When accused of not delivering on past health care promises, Gagnon-Tremblay is adamant that the Liberals have made a difference with reinvestments in health care as well as programs to reduce wait times for cancer treatments and hip and knee replacements and cataract surgery.

"We are not finished yet," she declared, noting the Liberals cannot swiftly "change directions of a such a big boat — especially since the PQ left it in such bad disrepair. We [cannot] switch direction overnight," she said, noting the Liberals have only had four years, and it takes seven to train a doctor.

"We will need three more years," she said, and was critical of a PQ plan to save money by allowing doctors and health professionals to retire while cutting spots in medical schools.

Gagnon-Tremblay said her Liberals have also reinvested \$1.6 billion in universities and more in colleges and professional training in trade programs and high schools.

On the issue of the environment, Gagnon-Tremblay said she does not think voters in her riding will hold the sale of Mount Orford against her or her party — despite an electoral pledge by Charest that he would not sell the mountain unless there was a wide social consensus in favour of it.

"The government had no choice," she said, noting a previous PQ regime signed the lease with the current operators and that Quebec was forced to buy back the equipment.

Gagnon-Tremblay insisted the state has no business running a ski hill and a golf course and that, after lots of studies, the government took an honest, principled decision to sell.

"Sometimes government have to take decisions, even when there is much opposition," she said. "We took a decision



PERRY BEATON

St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay says she has affection for Premier Jean Charest (who represents the neighbouring riding of Sherbrooke).

in the interest of the whole population and not for the benefit of a few individuals."

As for election timing, Gagnon-Tremblay didn't even attempt to keep that a secret. That cat was let out of the bag a

long time ago.

"Tomorrow (Tuesday) we will adopt a budget, after that we could be on the election trail pretty quickly," she said.

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# French struggle to preserve English landmark

*Spaghetti dinners,  
even*

By Gordon Alexander  
ST-FELIX-DE-KINGSEY

A structurally beautiful 166-year-old wooden Anglican church sits at the intersection of two remote country roads on the outskirts of St-Felix-de-Kingsey, a nearly 100 per cent francophone Catholic community.

In spite of the church's architectural beauty it's crying out for a new coat of paint and new stained glass windows. And this French-speaking community is struggling to help preserve this cherished anglophone landmark, the old St. Paul's, Sydenham Anglican church, built around 1840.

After more than 100 years serving a rural anglophone community, it was closed in the mid 1950s (other than for an annual harvest or Thanksgiving service).

"The church was never deconsecrated but just closed," said Elizabeth Moore Mastine, treasurer of the church and cemetery restoration committee. "That is why we can still have marriages, funerals, and baptisms there, which has happened periodically.

"The altar and pews are still there even though Thanksgiving is the only service celebrated during the year, usually presided over by the Rev. Andrew O'Donnell from St. Anne's Church in Richmond."

Elsewise, the 55 remaining living descendants of the church's founders attend Anglican services in Richmond, Danville or Dennison's Mills. These families include the Mastines, Moores, Shaws, Taylors and Lockwoods.

Over the years, vandals have broken the church's stained glass windows and the bell was stolen. On the grounds is an old cemetery, the resting place of parishioners from that era and some of their descendants.

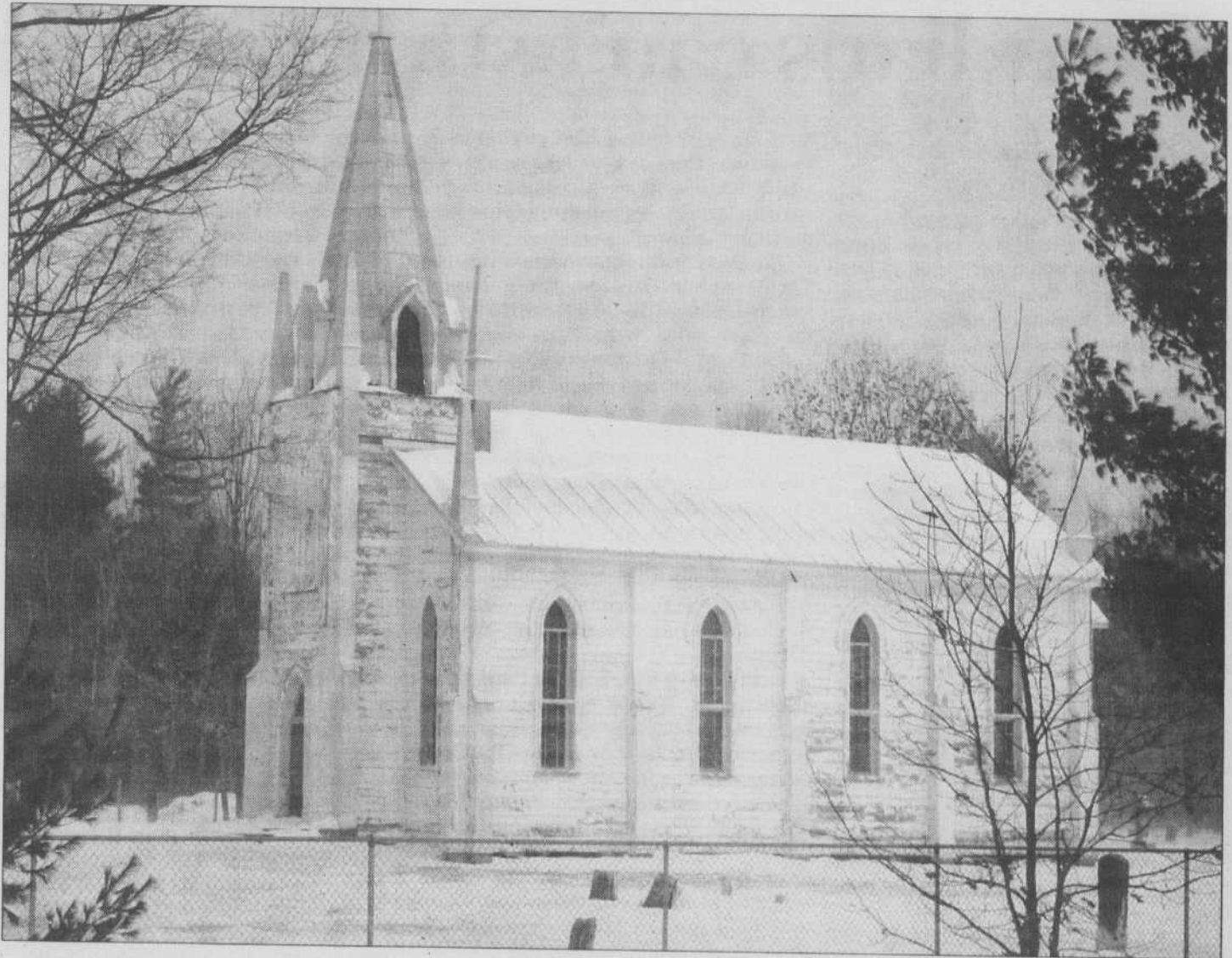
"There have been a few burials in the old cemetery after the church was closed, the last one being in 1996 when we buried my father," Mastine said.

St. Paul's was designed by William Footner, who was born in London in 1799. Footner emigrated to Canada and settled in Sherbrooke where he is credited with designing the William Street Courthouse. He later moved to Montreal where his many landmark works included the Bonsecours Market and St. George's Anglican church.

St-Felix's largely francophone residents embrace the anglophone heritage which they really see as a part of their own, and are pleased to call anglophones their good friends, brothers and sisters. The town's francophone-majority cultural committee had St. Paul's Church and cemetery declared a historical site, making it eligible for grant money from the Fondation du Patrimoine Religieux du Quebec.

And an application for financial help was approved. "To date we have only received a fraction of the estimated cost from them, but at least it has permitted us to have a new roof installed," Mastine said.

The program, designed to preserve religious heritage, was established in 1995



GORDON ALEXANDER

*Catholics and Protestants, francophones and anglophones, are all working to save their community's Anglican heritage.*

by the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec and some \$147 million has been spent so far across the province. The ministry provides up to 85 per cent of costs for restoration projects.

Eligibility for funding is extended to religious communities, congregations and parishes of all faith traditions who possess religious buildings, furnishings and artwork. Included under these guidelines are official places of worship and other religious buildings (rectories, convents, monasteries) constructed before 1945, and used for religious purpose for 50 years and having heritage value.

The foundation's principles of conservation and restoration include repair, rather than replacement, of deteriorated architectural elements, the use of traditional materials, and the retention of the original design, textures, and colours, avoiding any change that is not documented by historic photos, archival documents, or surveys of the building.

The local heritage committee has been frustrated by the slow pace with which the funds are being forwarded. Earlier this month, anglophone Anglicans and francophone Catholics held a bilingual ecumenical service at the St-Felix Parish Church, preceding a fundraising spaghetti lunch at the Eugene-Caillé Community Centre a block away.

The town's ex-mayor Denys Fontaine, an avid supporter of the restoration project, thanked his Anglican friends for inviting local francophones to the dinner. The entertainment was multicultural too, with a country-western singer

from St-Brunswick who recently moved to the area, accompanying francophone singer Jeannie Cash. Jeannie could not speak English but performed a repertoire of Johnny Cash songs with a touch of a Southern American accent. This was followed by Irish step dancing by girls from nearby Richmond and some Quebec folk and Willie Lamotte songs from a local francophone guitar picker.

"We hope this spaghetti dinner will net us at least \$1,000 for the church and are so grateful that the whole town and our friends and neighbours in other communities showed up to support us in this restoration project," Mastine said. "We think we now can finish paying for that new roof that was installed last year.

"Meanwhile we want to paint the building, replace the windows and front door and steps, and someday replace the stained glass windows," Mastine said.

"We have applied to the fondation for further funding to help cover some of these costs but if we want the work done we will probably just have to raise the money ourselves," she added.

The funds needed include the \$545 yearly insurance premium on the church and cemetery and an estimated \$400 to cover the seasonal cost of keeping the grounds mowed, according to Mastine. "We rely on and are more than grateful for all the volunteer work cleaning the church, as well as keeping the grounds and cemetery maintained."

One hundred years of the church's records are being kept in the Anglican archives at Bishop's University in

Lennoxville. "Because of their age and condition they are sealed and not open for viewing, unfortunately.

"The last Vestry book listing marriages, births and deaths are kept with us locally," Mastine added.

Completion of the restoration project seems to be quite a few spaghetti dinners short of a done deal but determination is spelled the same in French as it is in English — especially in St-Felix-de-Kingsey.

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# Community Forum

## Canadians can't stuff their RRSPs

... because taxes gobble their money

The prime marketing months for mutual funds are January and February when a third of all purchases of these investments are made. So it comes as no surprise that financial institutions have launched their seasonal campaign to convince us to make contributions to registered retirement savings plans, particularly to the ones they are selling.

An illustrative example is a report from CIBC World Markets that presents some sobering statistics about Canadian readiness for retirement. Only 38 per cent of Canadians between the ages of 25 and 64 made an RRSP contribution last year and the median amount of RRSP investments of just \$30,000 per household suggests insufficient overall RRSP savings, according to the report by senior economist Benjamin Tal. Older Canadians — 55 to 65 — have more, but their median of \$60,000 would provide only a few thousand in income a year.

Moreover, median contribution as a share of median income has been falling and was below six per cent as of 2005, a full percentage point lower than the 1999 level.

Although RRSP contributions are expected to reach about \$33 billion for the

2006 tax year, unused RRSP contribution room has grown to \$491 billion, an average of \$23,696 for each contributor, because Canadians do not invest the maximum allowed.

The participation rate for low-income Canadians aged 35 to 64, those earning less than \$30,000, is 20 per cent, a figure the report called "remarkably low."

Well, duh! The reason low income Canadians don't invest in RRSPs is because they don't have any money. That puts them in the same boat, albeit a leakier one, than most Canadians who can't make larger RRSP contributions because they can't afford to. And they can't afford to because more than half their income is being taxed away by three levels of government.

The federal government has rendered the RRSP all but useless for low-income Canadians.

First, there is little gain for them from an RRSP contribution because any benefit is relative to their marginal tax rate. Second, when they cash in their RRSP on retirement, the income it provides will trigger a clawback of their Guaranteed Income Supplement to the tune of 50 cents on the dollar. Factor in the income tax on retirement income and the senior who scrimped and suffered to contribute to an RRSP may see only 25 cents of every dollar saved. Finally, the income from an

RRSP could make them ineligible for any income-based assistance programs, such as Pharmacare.

In order to take advantage of the maximum contribution allowed for 2006 — \$18,000 — an RRSP investor would need earned income of \$100,000. According to Statistics Canada, the average after-tax income of a Canadian family of two or more people is \$59,900. To add insult to injury, a mutual fund management fee of two per cent a year can reduce the value

of the investment by 40 per cent over a working life.

The main reason Canadians either don't contribute the maximum, or don't contribute at all, is not ignorance, neglect or ambivalence, but rather that governments have confiscated their income. Governments don't have to educate the public about the importance of saving for retirement; they have to cut taxes so Canadians have the means to do so.

- Vancouver Sun

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Lies, election promises and the environment

DEAR EDITOR,

The Tuesday, Feb. 13 *Record* provides the reader with profiles of some very unconvincing ecological politicians.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been converted to the cause and is giving just enough money to Premier Jean Charest for him to crow about his success, just before the election is announced, of course ("Kyoto cash"). It is amazing how a man, who not very long ago considered the Kyoto Accord a commie plot, and the other, the prime mover behind the effort to carve out a part of Mount Orford park to turn it into a commercial enterprise, now attempt to pass themselves off as eco warriors.

On the next page of *The Record* local Richmond Liberal MNA Yvon Vallières describes how he is going to improve the environment ("Dangerous corner to get traffic light").

He is in the process of arranging for the construction of a gas station in Melbourne next to the junction of Route 55 and 143. According to the article, "This is a joint government and private industry project and will require the construction of a new highway ramp." Does this project sound like a good environmental or economic move?

Do we really need a government-subsidized gas station and (undoubtedly) an accompanying chain restaurant with its own tax-paid ramps between Sherbrooke and Drummondville?

Most people have the foresight to tank up before they go on the 55. There is already a gas station at the junction of routes 55 and 116, only two miles down the road from the selected site, and there are others quite close to the 55 all along this section.

There is an already existing provincial *Halte* nearby for truckers and others to pull over.

This cannot be called an isolated area with miles and miles without a gas station. The short-term financial benefits just happen to occur in the

agricultural minister's riding — just a coincidence, I am sure.

There may be a certain logic having gas stations along the 401 where the volume is heavy and some sections isolated, but regulars on even this major route often use in-town gas stations because the price is cheaper. I assume that the Ontario government makes money by licensing these outlets. I doubt that they are subsidized by the government. If this Melbourne gas station is such a good idea, why doesn't some entrepreneur foot the entire bill?

As for Vallières' claim that 40 "new jobs" will be created, that is a hoot of an imaginary number. The government should run social agencies: they should not interfere with the market economy. This enterprise will steal money and jobs from the existing garages and restaurants. More travelers will not be on the 55 because there is a tacky and garish chain restaurant on the side of the road. The money that is spent there will be less money spent elsewhere, leading to fewer hours of work for the people presently employed. Perhaps Richmond can add another vacant building or empty lot to its collection.

The local Richmond politicians supported the elimination of a green space to build the ugliest tin building in Quebec, according to *l'Actualité* magazine. I assume that they also encouraged the SAQ to leave their locale and build an unnecessary ugly box next to the tin building. Why a monopoly that sells bottled liquids with preservatives in them needed a new building to sell its wares is beyond me, but that is how the government spent our tax money.

Now they want to provide some businessmen with a lucrative no-lose contract. Sounds a lot like that business deal in Orford. Once again the taxpayers will bankroll these brave businessmen who destroy a little more nature to put up their unnecessary buildings.

Quite simply, anybody who values the environment and proper spending of our tax money should not vote Liberal provincially.

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# The clatter clanged, the cat scrambled

## Who's responsible?

The loud clatter caught everyone by surprise. The ginger-coloured cat dashed upstairs. Neither he nor any of the three adults in the house at the time had been anywhere near the source of the noise. One person was in the same room — but at the opposite end, near the stove preparing supper. The other two were seated on the living room sofa quietly watching television.

The crash had taken place in the kitchen between the basement door and the doorway to the living room, near the bureau where the telephone and the radio are located.

It took but one step into the eating area for the matriarch to realize what had happened: a huge bare space on the wall stared back at her. The picture frame that had been hanging there since before she moved in had suddenly and inexplicably fallen to the floor.

The 20 x 24-inch black and white photograph of the old house taken decades ago, before major renovations to the exterior had been done, was unscathed; miraculously, the glass was unbroken. But the wide wooden frame had been gouged in several places.

Why had one of the screws supporting the heavy wire holding it up pulled out after 27 years? Was the spirit of the house trying to get our attention? Or to tell us it was time to do more work on the house?

My theory? The stress and strain caused by the frequent daily opening and shutting of the basement door over the years had taken its toll. Some people agree with me, but we'll never really know. The dilemma now is, do we try to repair the frame and cover up any sign that it ever fell, or do we leave it as is, as a reminder of its mys-



SUSAN MASTINE

terious fall to the floor?

I had been determined to sail through this winter in high spirits. With the sun often brightening the landscape, so little snow and the mild temperatures in most of December and January, the season seemed to be flying by like a breeze. Then Mother

Nature stepped in... to remind us that there really are four seasons in this country. She was determined to display all of the characteristics of winter in full force — frigid temperatures, howling winds and all of that white powder — creating havoc on the roads, fashioning drifts in driveways and designing snow swirls in open spaces.

The Highland cattle with their very short legs struggled to trudge through the snow.

Four mourning doves huddled on the back of the old chair; only a half-

inch of the top was visible. The plate of sunflower seeds on the seat was covered with at least two feet of snow.

The grey squirrels had only to stand on their hind legs to reach the hanging bird feeders. The whistling winds seemed to suck all of the heat up the chimney, making adding wood to the fire a nearly hourly chore. It was weather that discouraged outings of any kind.

Being housebound for days can be a tad disheartening. The question of the week was how to avoid cabin fever, prevent the winter blues and beat off the doldrums. Fortunately, there were animals to visit in the barn, the dog to hug, loved ones to call, friends to invite over, renovation projects to plan and — hopefully — execute, games to play, movies to watch, jigsaw puzzles to do, photos to take.... And now it's only a month until the first day of spring!

# BC police say Hells easier to charge

## More victims, witnesses come forward

By Jonathan Fowlie  
VANCOUVER SUN

Police in B.C. say it is becoming easier to bring charges against members of the Hells Angels, and they are using the recent arrest of a prominent local chapter president as an example of what is possible.

"We've been successful in putting some charges before the courts and washing away some of the thoughts and beliefs people have [about Hells Angels being untouchable]," said Insp. Gary Shinkaruk, head of the RCMP's outlaw motorcycle gangs investigational unit.

"For a long time — for decades, literally — these guys have been able to prosper and live off a reputation," he said in an interview Friday.

"We are starting to see a little bit more of people willing to come forward," he said, explaining each new prosecution of a Hells Angels member helps police convince other victims it is worthwhile, and safe, to come forward.

Shinkaruk said the change in attitudes began in the case of Rick Mandi, a Hells Angels prospect who was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison after a kidnapping and violent assault in 2001.

Shinkaruk said that case, two major enforcement projects and other prosecutions have helped people realize police can lay charges against members of the Hells Angels, and that those who testify will not face serious repercussions as a result.

"With each victory we have — and a victory being someone coming forward and we get a charge laid — people start having a little more faith in our ability to protect them and to bring these things into court," he said.

"Most people are still reluctant for a

lot of [reasons]," he added, acknowledging there is still a long way to go, "but we are starting to see a little bit more of people willing to come forward."

In the most recent case, Shinkaruk said two members of the Hells Angels White Rock chapter have been charged with break and enter and assault with a weapon.

Shinkaruk said the victim of the alleged assault, a Surrey man whose name he did not release, called police while the incident was taking place. He said the man was allegedly attacked in his own home on Jan. 17, and was left

with numerous non-life threatening injuries, including severe bruising to his head, arms and legs.

Four men now face charges in relation to the attack, including Douglas (Doc) Riddoch, 57, who Shinkaruk says is the president of White Rock Hells Angels chapter and a prominent national figure in the organization.

"Nationally, Riddoch is very well known," said Shinkaruk.

"He's been an Angel for a long time. He's respected in that world and it [his arrest] does yet again send a message, even within the Angels, that nobody is

untouchable."

Also facing charges is Villy Roy Lynnerup, 42, a Hells Angel who is facing a number of charges relating to other incidents.

Lynnerup was arrested by Langley RCMP Jan. 31 after someone complained he had been threatened by the member of the Angels White Rock chapter. He has been charged with kidnapping, unlawful confinement and uttering threats in connection with an incident in Langley Wednesday.

In the Eastern Townships, the Hells Angels chapter is located in Sherbrooke.

# 'Mom' Boucher was a celebrity

## Fans would wave

By Paul Cherry  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

When he was at the height of his power as a Hells Angel, Maurice (Mom) Boucher would sometimes ride around the working class Montreal neighbourhood he grew up in in his souped up 1935 Oldsmobile.

Much to the astonishment of police investigators who had him under constant surveillance during the latter part of the biker war, people from Hochelaga Maisonneuve would sometimes wave enthusiastically when they saw the Oldsmobile ride by. It was easily recognizable with the words Mom's Machine painted on the side and a front licence plate that read "Kill 'em all".

Now, almost five years after Boucher was convicted of attempted murder and two counts of first-degree murder, Quebec's revenue minister is seeking to take ownership of Mom's Machine, as well as other assets belonging to the biker.

The revenue minister recently filed the request, in Quebec Superior Court as part of a claim alleging Boucher owes more than \$500,000 in taxes on undeclared revenue.

It was done just days before the Crown prosecutor's office in Montreal dropped 23 criminal charges against Boucher. The charges were related to Operation Springtime 2001, the roundup of the members of the Nomads chapter and its underling gang the Rockers on a variety of charges including murder, drug trafficking and conspiracy to do both.

Boucher is currently behind bars at a federal penitentiary

in Ste. Anne des Plaines, about 40 kilometres north of Montreal, where he is serving three life sentences for ordering his underlings to murder prison guards.

He is not eligible for parole until 2022 and will likely remain in custody for the rest of his life. Because of this, the Crown prosecutor's office in Montreal saw little point in pursuing another costly trial against the Hells Angel. But in dropping the charges the government was also required to lift seizure orders on assets seized from Boucher during Operation Springtime 2001.

The revenue minister's request is based on an auditor's estimate that Boucher made more than \$1 million in drug trafficking in 2000, a year when Boucher declared no revenue at all. The estimate was based on evidence the Surete du Quebec gathered while investigating Boucher and his Nomads chapter.

Other items on the list besides the Oldsmobile are; Boucher's home in Contrecoeur, just outside of Montreal, where he lived with his wife, a home in Boucherville, Que., where his mistress lived, a Brekenridge-model mobile home and jewelry.

From 1990 to 1998, Boucher officially stated on his income tax forms that he made a little more than \$41,000 while claiming to hold a variety of jobs, including car salesman. That contrasted greatly with evidence heard in the megatrials that followed Operation Springtime 2001. For example, accounting software seized during the investigation revealed the Nomads chapter made \$8 million in profits on their large-scale cocaine deals alone between Nov. 10 and Dec. 19, 2000.

# Our School's Page

## ALEXANDER GALT REGIONAL HIGH

### CYCLE ONE SCIENCE FAIR

On January 18th 2007, the Cycle One students of Alexander Galt Regional High School participated in the second annual Science Fair. The students presented their projects to peers and teachers but also to their families and our friends from Lennoxville Elementary. Ms Jennifer Meagher and her fellow Cycle One Science teachers organized this year's event.

Certain students decided to do their projects in French, such as Alexandre Veilleux and Samuel Vaillancourt ("Electricite sur demande"), and Bianka Croteau ("Une cellule qui sort de l'ordinaire").

The Regional Science Fair, which is going to be held March 16 to 18 at the Université de Sherbrooke, will be open to the public, and we encourage the community to come support the students.

Last year Alexander Galt was the first and only English school to attend the regionals, although we are not sure whether or not we will be the only English school again this year. Returning to the regionals for a second year are Brooke McKinven and Ashley Young Shelden with a project entitled "The Strop Effect".

As a school, we are proud to be able to send several exceptional projects to the Regional Science Fair. If you want information on the Regional Science Fair you can go to [www.exposciences-bell.qc.ca](http://www.exposciences-bell.qc.ca). Photos of the Science Fair held at Galt will be posted on the school website.

We would like to thank the family and friends who came to visit. We feel the Cycle One Science Fair was a huge success, having that we received several positive comments from fellow teachers and family members. The Cycle One Science will be held annually at Alexander Galt in the future.

By: Hillary Paintin

Here are the list of Galt students who will be attending the Regional Science Fair, listed by science teacher, student's names, name of project, and Level.

Mr. Dubois, Samuel Domon, Aerodynamisme (French), 1

Mrs. Meagher, Sarah Binette and Kristel McCutcheon, Tin roofs: no fears, no tears, 1

Mr. Winkvist, Cheyanne Norrie and Danika Montgomery, The effects of subliminal messages, 1

Ms. J. Crook, Leah Davidson and Margot Dudgeon, Does music help plants grow?, 1

Ms. Elst, Devon Ochman and Jeffrey Gauthier, Magnetic "Trainsportation", 2

Ms. Elst, Veronica Enright and Katrina Grey, How the body reacts to lack of water and salt, 2

Ms. Vallee, Emily Williams and Madhiha Taseen, Reaction to cellphone, 2

Ms. Vallee, Alesandre Veilleaux and Samuel Vaillancourt Electricite sur demande (French), 2

Ms. Vallee, Bianka Croteau, Une cellule qui sort de l'ordinaire (French), 2



CHRIS GARBUTT

Representing the victorious Gremlins, Vice-President Kindja Muray and President Samantha Labonte were presented with the new Carnival Shield. Go Gremlins!

Mr. Hynd, Brooke McKinven and Ashley Young Shelden, The stroop effect, 2

Mr. Winkvist, Rachael Plamondon, Colour blindness, Cycle 2

Mr. Winkvist, Chelsea Laberee and Danielle Lumley, The placebo effect, Cycle 2

### GALT SHIELD

Chris Garbutt, who works in the library at Alexander Galt, had the idea to design a shield with a medieval theme.

With that thought it progressed into a Galt shield using the school colours, blue and yellow. It was shaped and fabricated by Christian Glaude and Robert Doyon from vocational education. The shield represents the meaning of Alexander Galt to the attending students and four words have been chosen to express four concepts. Those four words are Friendship, Education, School Spirit and Sports, which will be placed in the quadrants on the shield. Right now the goal is to find meaningful symbols to represent the chosen words.

It will be painted and decorated by Caitlin Thomson and friends, who also made a beautiful shield for the Winter Carnival. The shield that was presented to the winning Carnival team has all the team colours and pictures of the Gremlins, Armadillos, Leaping Lizards and Tasmanian Devils in the four quadrants.

At this time, the Galt shield is a work in progress and is currently on display



CHRIS GARBUTT

Sleigh rides around the school are a Winter Carnival tradition.

in the library. When the shield is completed it will be encased in the library until another place is chosen for it to be permanently displayed.

Katelyn Warnholtz

### GALT WINTER CARNIVAL

This February 9th, students and teachers came to school clad in their team colours for the annual Alexander Galt Regional High School winter carnival. The week had been packed with events leading up to Carnival Day, such as the lip sync, the penny race, relay races, etc. The four teams participating (Gremlins, Armadillos, Leaping Lizards, and Tasmanian Devils) fought for victory.

February 6th the competition got off to a fierce start, as Devils claimed number one spot in the lip sync with their choreographed "Men in Tights" dance. Their victory continued throughout the week, keeping them in first place all the way through Thursday.

The other three teams were not willing to give up yet though. With a sudden burst of strong will, the Gremlins won the free style dance and the woodmen competition along with many

other events Friday. This being said they were able to snatch the number one spot away from the Devils and win this year's winter carnival.

In the beginning the Devils were also winning the penny race, but due to a large amount of sabotaging the Gremlins came in first. The whole school raised a total of \$897 in carnival week!

Carnival Day got off to a good start; with nice (but cold) weather they were able to hold all the outdoor events. The day started with a pep rally for each of the teams, all distinguished by blue, purple, green or red clothing. Afterwards the games began. Fifteen minutes after two o'clock music began in the gym, and people gathered to hear the results of Carnival 2007. Mr. Ribaux and Ms. Thibault presented the trophies and a new school Carnival Shield was also presented. The Gremlins were announced the winners with 403.5 points, having only beaten the Devils by three points. Talk about a close score!

The Monday after Carnival, the winning Gremlins gathered in the cafeteria for a celebration cake.

Winter Carnival was a blast, packed with exciting events for everyone. On behalf of the whole school body we'd like to thank the students, teachers and Bob Halsall for organizing this event and making it possible!

### STUDENTS MEET AUTHOR

Sutton has always been a place where many "think outside the box" kind of people congregate. Artists, poets, writers and visionaries tend to gather there to dwell in its quiet simplicity. The sights and sounds of the quaint little town are inspiring to all.

Ms Stephanie Brown's Secondary three class at Alexander Galt had been studying mystery novels for this term. The intrigue of murder and unanswered questions was too bold to pass up. After immersing ourselves in the shadows that are mysteries, we had the amazing chance January 12th to visit a novelist herself.

Louise Penny, author of two crime novels and winner of the New Blood Dagger for best first crime novel, lives in beautiful Sutton. After meeting Ms. Penny, we sat down with sandwiches and soft drinks to hear of her life full of ink and paper. Louise Penny was an inspiration to us all. Being in the more journalism-focussed English program, we all were interested to hear about her life as a radio host and journalist as well as her amazing writing career. Louise Penny began working with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Toronto. From there, she went where her job led her, which happened to be (in the end) Montreal. Her radio career ended there, and she soon began writing.

I am quite sure that her meaningful words sunk deep into everyone's minds that January afternoon.

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## Borough awards night is opened to all

### Outstanding citizens honoured

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Lennoxville's 16th annual awards will be given out this Thursday night — and for the first time ever, everyone is welcome to witness the ceremony and encourage the winners.

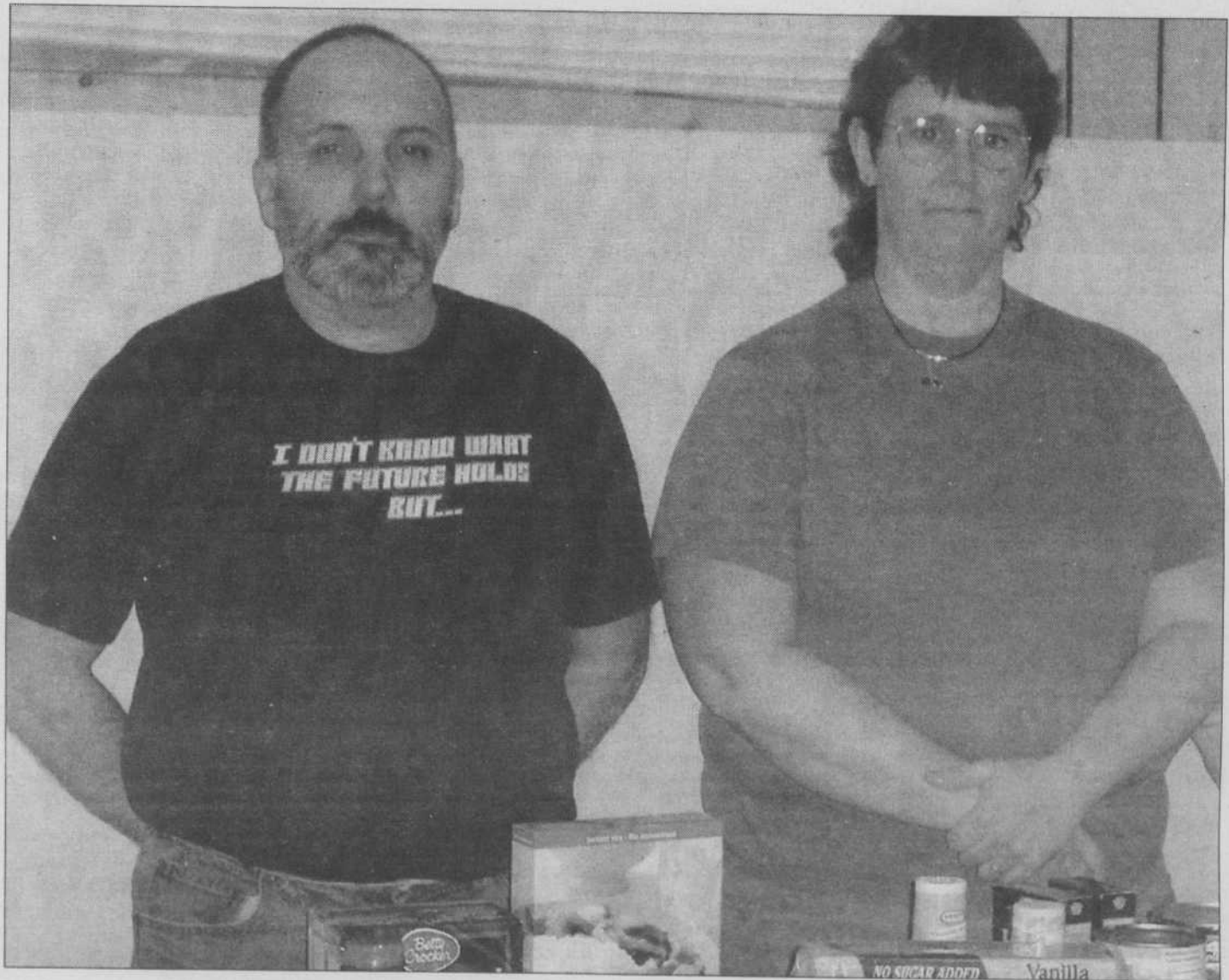
In the past, the borough-sponsored event kept the winners secret until the night of the unveiling, and only the honoree and the person who nominated them was invited to partake in the ritual. But this year the organizing committee decided to invite well wishers.

The event begins with the awards for outstanding citizens in different categories. This year there were no nominations for the Art and Culture or the Business Development and Urbanism categories, but the others have been allotted.

Former Alexander Galt Regional High teacher and current Tai Chi instructor Janet Angrave is being recognized for her citizenship and volunteer work.

For his dedication to the Lennoxville Centennial Pool, Mitchell Young is being awarded in the category of sports. Tom Bertram will be in the spotlight in the field of education, while the stage will have to make room for Mary Monty and her entire Lennoxville Elementary grade 5 class, who will receive the award for young leadership.

The category of heroism is usually a hard one to fill, as there have been a number of years when no nominations have been received at all, but this year the Bishops' Student Patrol will take home the honour for their hard work



JEN YOUNG

Sue and Perry Comeau will be given the Donald Patrick Award.

during community events to keep the public safe.

The prestigious Donald Patrick Award will follow these awards. The title has been given to deserving citizens since 1982 in honour of the late Lennoxville pharmacist who, for years, was an active

supporter of local causes and organizations. This year Sue and Perry Comeau have merited the award for creating the Cornerstone Food Bank that helps dozens of local families and individuals who are finding it hard making ends meet.

The Feb. 22 evening begins at 7 p.m. at

the Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre (behind the borough hall); the ceremony concludes with catered refreshments and photos. It's free to attend. For more information contact the borough office at 819-569-9388.

## Beating break boredom with basketball

### Getting your coach potato to move

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

March break approaches and some parents are wondering what they will do with their children, who are more than likely planning on a lot of

PlayStation and sleeping in. But March Break Basketball Camp organizer Mike Hickey says couch potatoes should get active.

"More and more parents are both working and need somewhere for the kids to go," said Hickey (who also covers local sports for *The Record*). "It's not good for the kids to spend so much time in front of a television. They need

to be doing exercise and parents will have to pay for a babysitter or daycare anyway, so I think that is why the sports camps are so popular."

Hickey's basketball camp runs from March 5 to 9 and offers the basics of basketball, and he talks about the "fun" in fundamentals.

"If there is no fun then kids won't PLEASE SEE MARCH BREAK ON PAGE 10

# The golden pig blesses babies twice

## A lucky year

**K**ung hei fat choi! On Saturday night at midnight, the Chinese New Year officially began, though the holiday itself is celebrated over several days. This is the year of the pig and anyone who happens to be born in this year will be easy-going and lucky. In fact, it is the year of the golden pig which makes these babies twice blessed.

Chinese families would have spent last Friday cleaning their homes and washing their clothes. On the night of the New Year they gather for dinner. On Sunday morning, the first of the New Year, parents give their children a red packet that contains lucky money. The day after, it is important to avoid arguments. The following three days are spent visiting, and on the last day families will celebrate everyone's birthday. To find out more about life in China,

come to the library where we have some excellent books on the subject. From Dawn to Dusk in China: A Day in the Life of Wang Ying Yan (1989) is by Rick Morris and is worth picking up for the photographs alone, which tell a rich story about this country. We see Wang Ying Yan take the bus to school and follow her through her long day, which includes raising the Chinese flag and stopping the school lessons for eye exercises (to relax the strain caused by reading and writing). In mid-morning, everyone takes part in 10 minutes of exercise to music.

Some of the children's traditions are similar to ours. They play with yoyos and know the game scissors, paper, stone. Some are unfamiliar. Children play a game called hsiang-chi, or elephant checkers.

Julia Waterlow's China (1989) is another informative source with excellent

## GOOD READS

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photographs.

## LITERARY EVENT TONIGHT

Everyone is welcome to join us at the library tonight (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. to welcome author Ginette Bureau for an evening of reading and discussion (in French). Bureau is the author of several autobiographical stories that include: *Mona, Je t'aime la vie*, and *Des lendemains pour Francis*. All of these books share the theme of believing in life, and promoting love and sharing between people. After the reading, refreshments will be served.

## BOOK ENDS

- The next Books and Brown Bag Lunches meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring a book you have enjoyed and, of course, your lunch.
- The next children's activity will be

on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the library. This month's theme is inventions.

• The library meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the library.

• On Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., Pam MacLean will speak at the library about playwriting. Everyone is welcome.

• A reminder to library users: parking is located behind St. Antoine's Church. Please do not park at Tri-U's unless you are just dropping off books, and in that case please park at the far end of the lot (away from College Street).

For information on all library events, call us at 819-562-4949 or visit our website, [www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca](http://www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca). You can also reach us by e-mail at [bibliolen@netrevolution.com](mailto:bibliolen@netrevolution.com).

-Michelle Barker

## Student Spotlight



COURTESY

Not only is Bishop's University's Chris Bell focusing on his degree in business and administration, but the Economics honours major is also helping local anglophone businesses stay afloat. Bell is the president of the campus group ACE\*Bishop's (that stands for Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship). "I saw a tremendous opportunity to help local entrepreneurs and help educate youth," said the 22-year-old Ottawa native. "We have been able to help older business owners around the Townships who lack business skills that weren't necessarily available when they started. Some older entrepreneurs don't even own computers." Bell is presently consulting with a Stanstead and Lennoxville business in an effort to make the company stronger, as well as working on a project that will help lower energy consumption and help the environment.

(By Jen Young)

# Reading is too important

## Organizer determined to rebuild

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

**T**he Lennoxville Reading Circle, where youth meet once a week for fun-filled reading mentorship, has hit its share of snags this year, but coordinator Barbara Kott says she won't give up.

"Everything is disorganized right now," said the 20-year-old Bishop's University philosophy student. The sponsoring group has changed, "and we no longer have a place to hold the meetings, but we will keep working because I think reading is very important."

The circle, which for the past couple of years has involved Bishop's folk walking local youths to the community centre for an hour of reading, was a project associated with Bishop's Frontier College club, but due to a lack of funding it is now under the wing of the BUMT (Bishop's University Mentorship and Tutoring).

"We need to start our own fundraising and organize the Reading Circle from scratch," said Kott, who has been mentoring youth for the past several years. "Because we were late getting started we no longer have the community centre to hold the circle in so we also need to find a new meeting place."

Kott, who is also a member of the BUMT executive, said statistics show children learn more when they are having fun. "This is different than just tutoring," she said. "We get to know the students more and it's more of a fun environment. We help them see that it is fun to read. I really enjoy helping and watching the kids learn to read. It's really rewarding."

Four tutors are prepped and ready to mentor once the logistics are all worked out, and Kott hopes for a full season next year.

"This year we will hopefully get it off the ground for the second semester," she said. "But we really hope to have everything worked out so we can start next year for the whole year."

The circle usually runs from November through to April, but at this point Kott and her fellow mentors are hoping to get at least a couple of meetings in. For more information, contact the BUMT at 819-822-9600, ext. 2305.



FILE PHOTO

The goal is to instill a love of reading.

## MARCH BREAK:

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do it," said Hickey, who has organized the event for the past six years. "There is a huge emphasis on team work, while learning the basics of a sport that many kids don't get enough of a chance to play."

The camp begins at 8:30 a.m. each day and parents are asked to pick up their b-ballers at 3:30 p.m. at Alexander Galt Regional High School. Last year the sporting vacation saw dozens of players and Hickey said this year he will only accept 45 registrations.

"The kids that come are from Grade 4 all the way to last year at high

school," says the former Canadian Olympic Team coach. "Different coaches and athletes help out each day and we want to make sure that each camper gets the proper personal instruction they need to play and learn the sport."

Hickey has also planned on having different guest speakers come in, like Champlain College's Steve Cassivi and Bishop's University coaches Rod Gilpin and Eddie Pomykala. There'll be lots of games and prizes.

The kids are asked to bring gym clothes, good sneakers, and a packed lunch. Registration costs \$165 for the week; for more information call 819-829-2175.

# Boxing fundraiser brings out the finest

## Get ready to rumble

I've always been the first to point out an outstanding community oriented gesture, and just when I was feeling as though my little Lennoxville community was slacking on standing out above the crowd, an 18-year-old rejuvenated my pride in being a Lennoxvillian. I was also reminded of how friendly and caring this small town can be.

I've met some pretty impressive, kind, funny, and devoted people since I've been in the public eye for... well, a long time, and I have to say that when a youth or young adult does something out of the ordinary to help others I get goose bumps.

But on Feb. 9 at a boxing fundraiser held at the Greenridge Baptist Church, those same familiar goose bumps were more like pterodactyl mountains.

I'll be honest. When I was preparing to head out I was dragging my feet just a little, because at night my energy level is not at its regular bubbly best, and my cheeks are already sore from smiling all day. But smiling that night was as natural and painless as my goose bumps were. Lennoxville's Josh Currie recently cel-

brated his 18th birthday and came up with the idea of holding a fundraiser for the Cornerstone Food Bank, which brings vital help and support to dozens of struggling families in our area. As his mom, Heidi Currie (a Lennoxville crossing guard for many years) said, the now young adult has always joked with his dad, Steve, about being able to knock him out.

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So this fundraiser was meant to kill two birds with one stone. A handmade ring was made, helmets and boxing gloves were sought, and the event began with the ringing of a bell.

Food Bank co-organizer and announcer Perry Comeau welcomed all to the Friday Night Fights. Referee Dale Dueck

took the mic and yelled an impressive "Let's get ready to rumble" and brought young brothers, Marcus 'Tigerfoot' and Lucas 'Mr. Perfect' Comeau into the centre of the ring. He reminded them of the rules, and they were off.

Their gloves seemed bigger than their heads, but they put on a good show.

Though a sucker punch made for a bloody lip for Brandon 'Butterbean'

Wilms, he and Andrew 'Jackhammer' Jackson walked out of the ring with the same friendly smiles they walked in with. The same was true for Ryan 'The Roaring Lion' Comeau and his friend Kevin 'The Truth' Smith.

At the last minute girls wanted in on the action, too. Sammy 'The Smurf' Rivett and Magalee 'The Punisher' Plante learnt quickly how boxing could very possibly be a man's sport. Sammy said after her three one-minute rounds that she had never boxed before and didn't have much interest in

ever doing it again.

After a brief intermission came the main attraction.

In the red corner was Josh 'Twinkle Toes'. Being rolled in on a wheelchair was Steve 'Crusher' Currie. The duo obviously rehearsed some of their match since they made the audience laugh out loud many times, but the punches were still heart felt.

After three rounds, which included fake blood and fake teeth being spit out by The Crusher, judges John and Judy Jenson agreed that it was the birthday boy who demonstrated impressive jabs and upper cuts. He was given a home-made championship belt and Dueck paraded him, with his right glove in the air, around the ring. The audience then stood to sing 'Happy Birthday' to the champ and it was then that I realized the whole thing, from the first idea to the end, was a huge display of a caring community.

Josh, your initiative brought the food bank \$70 and eight bags of donated items that will go to keeping families fed. Congratulations. But you also gave myself, and all the other spectators, an enjoyable Friday evening out and reminded me all over again about what a small town is actually capable of.



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## Free-style snow sledding in Grand Prix

### Swirls and flips

By Claudia Villemaire

VALCOURT

Plenty of new snow and milder temperatures last weekend brought record crowds out to the birthplace of the snowmobile to watch the traditional program of thrills, spills, extreme speeds and, this year, an exhibition of snow sledding prowess in the first free-style event to be held at the Grand Prix Ski-doo de Valcourt.

SnoCross, the winter version of motorcross, attracted competitors from many states south of the border as well as entries from several provinces. Manoeuvring a course featuring moguls ranging in height from a few meters to several meters high meant that competitors sometimes reached heights of 20 feet or more as they manipulated powerful snow sleds through the obstacle course located inside the oval ice track.

The new free-style competition was a winner with the crowds, whose delight with the air swirls, backward flips by drivers and seemingly impossible moves while airborne brought over 20,000 cheering fans to their feet.

Of course, the highlight of every Grand Prix, now celebrating a quarter-century of international events, is the Formula 1 race, the last and most important in the three-day program. This race, the final after qualifying heats during the two previous days, brings the professional racers who, like their Formula 1 car counterparts, are chasing the World Championship. The race in Valcourt is the seventh in the series of eight held across Canada and the northern US each year.

Points are accumulated, strategies carefully planned, motors fine-tuned with the eyes and ears of the experts who accompany these professional teams concentrating on nothing else. Prize monies are in the thousands but, during a tour of the paddock where racing team outfits are on display, visitors to this area can only wonder at the expense (notwithstanding the talents of each and every competitor).

Saturday's champions were the well known Wahl family of Minnesota with Terry and Dustin vying for first place in the 440 Pro Champ division.

The Wahls are no strangers to this town, participating almost every year in several divisions since the contest's in-



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Sleds jumping 20 feet in the air left spectators gasping for more.

auguration 25 years ago.

Winners in the first free-style event were Jay Quinlan of Colorado, Ross Mercer from Yukon and Heath Frisby from Idaho. The final SnoCross race turned into a fierce battle between Dominic Beaulac and Andrew Ranger. The race, on the snocross oval inside the ice track, was an exciting event as spectators watched these two competitors managing several passing manoeuvres while negotiating this challenging oval.

Finally Beaulac just managed to slip into first position followed by Ranger and Daigle. TJ Gulla won the Pro Stock National driving a Polaris and Denis Eckstrom came a close second, also on a Polaris sled, heading up a class of 15 in the final which made for tight groupings, plenty of snow dust flying and danger always as extreme speeds into corners increased the need for absolute control of these high performance machines.

As the last of the spectators left the stands and the sound of the high-pitched racing motors died away, organizers were smiling once again as another highly successful snowmobile-racing weekend came to a close.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

# Cougar cagers split twin bill

## Hockey loss to Lachine

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College men's and women's basketball teams improved their playoff positions Friday night when they hit the road and swept a doubleheader from the Cégep Victoriaville Vulkins. The women snapped a three-game losing streak with an impressive 79-51 victory over Victoriaville. Andreeanne Paquin led a well-balanced Cougar at-

tack with 23 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Valérie Langlois added 10 points to the winning cause while newcomer Dominique Menard and rookie Anne Sophie Parent had six points apiece.

"We came out slow and were letting Victo get some easy shots off," head coach Steve Cassivi said. "We were letting them stay in the game. The second half proved to be more successful when the girls stepped up their defence and started to shut down Victo's offence. With more intensity on the defensive end, we were able to score some easy baskets and started to pull away. We saw some great play offensively and defensively from last year's all-star Andreeanne Paquin.

"We'll be preparing for Shawinigan and Granby all week and close out the regular season next Wednesday against Drummondville."

The men's team overcame a sluggish start to post a 94-71 win over the Vulkins behind the 32-point performance of rookie Jerald Greenidge. Former Alexander Galt Regional High School star Sam Gele added 17 points to the winning cause while Abel Boucher collected 12 and Max Fortin chipped in with 10.

"The other team was much more ready for the game; they played tough and played hard," Champlain head coach Glen Faucher said. "We stayed with them but were soft on rebounds and passes and we turned the ball over too many times due to carelessness. A lot of credit should go to the Victoriaville squad; they have a lot of heart and great attitude but are just lacking in talent."

Faucher added that Greenidge and Gele continued to lead the Cougars.

"Jerald Greenidge dominated the key tonight and was, by far, the best player on the floor," Cougar head coach Glen Faucher said after the game. "What is even better than his talent is his

attitude and personality. He is mature, friendly, works hard, is fundamentally sound and he's talented. He's the full package and should be recruited to play university in Canada for all of those reasons. Sam Gele continued to play well for us at both ends of the court. He has scored 50 points in the past two games."

### HOCKEY

In hockey action the Cougars dropped a 4-1 decision to the Lachine Maroons Friday night in Montreal despite out-shooting their opponents 31-17. Lachine took a 1-0 lead in the final minute of the first half when Andy Desrosiers beat Champlain goalie Olivier St-Onge.

The Cougars tied the game 43 seconds into the second period on Jonathan Provencher's 17th goal of the season but the Maroons responded with three unanswered goals. The Cougars' inability to capitalize on their scoring changes was highlighted by the fact that they were 0-7 with the man advantage. Despite the loss Champlain continues to hold a two-point lead over the Granby Inouks in the battle for fourth place in the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League's Sherwood Division, although Granby has a game in hand.



PERRY BEATON

The Cougars played a home game against the Mustangs and few weeks ago.

## Snowboarders win

Christelle Doyon and her Canadian National Snowboard team mates are in Asia where they continue to gain valuable international experience and are challenging the best snowboarders in the world. Doyon, who won two medals in competitions in Canada, failed to reach the podium this past weekend but the Sherbrooke teenager continues her development as one of Canada's elite snowboarders. It was still a successful weekend for Canada as Ontario's Matt Morison took first in the Parallel Giant Slalom while Maëlle Ricker and Drew Neilson, both of B.C., captured gold the following day.

"I'm really stoked with today's win," said Neilson. "Our boards were really fast, and I had a great qualifying run. I made one mistake in the first round, but managed to pull through and didn't lose a heat for the rest of the day."

"Since the X Games I've started focusing on being at the bottom and getting through the finish line instead of worrying about other things, and it worked for me today."

On the women's side Ricker, who finished fourth in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, conquered the competition. From the first race through to the finals, Ricker was in top spot, and beat out American rival and current Nokia Snowboard FIS World Champion, Lindsey Jacobellis to finish the day in style.

"It was a really good course," said Ricker. "I only rode one time trial in the morning, and got out of the gate pretty fast. I raced against Lindsey in the semi-finals and the finals, and beat her both times. It felt really good."

It was an impressive day for the entire Canadian team, with nine of 10 team members advancing to the finals.

Doyon, who failed to reach the finals on Saturday, bounced back with a strong performance Sunday.

Back home, the government of Quebec announced last Wednesday that it will make a strong contribution to the training and development of Canada's future snowboard athletes. The funding, which was announced in a ceremony with Québec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport Jean-Marc Fournier, is directed to the Québec Snowboard World Cup Corporation, and will total \$653,938.

Stoneham Resort has been selected to host the 2007 Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup Finals from March 15 to 18, with a provision that it upgrade facilities to conform to Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) specifications. This contribution will allow the Halfpipe at Stoneham Resort to be upgraded to not just current FIS standards, but to the specifications which have been established for the Halfpipe at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. "This contribution from the Quebec government will enable the CSF to stage the 2007 Snowboard World Cup Finals in Quebec, at Stoneham Resort," said Tom McIlffaterick of the Canadian Snowboard Federation. "It will also provide Canadian athletes with an incredible opportunity to train and compete in conditions which match those they will be experiencing at the upcoming Winter Olympic Games."

The new facilities at Stoneham will not only be used for World Cup and other competitions, but will also serve as a National Snowboard Training Centre for Canada's athletes in the Halfpipe discipline.

-Mike Hickey

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Snow, last 7 days (cm): n/a  
Open trails: 16/16

**MONT ORFORD**  
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 4  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 89  
Open trails: 48/56

**MONTJOYE**  
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 76  
Open trails: 31/31

**OWL'S HEAD**  
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 88  
Open trails: 44/44

**BURKE (VERMONT)**  
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 3

Snow, last 7 days (cm): 94  
Open trails: 45/45

**SKI BROMONT**  
Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 4  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 51  
Open trails: 104/104

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Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 7  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 94  
Open trails: 53/53

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**Bits of Nostalgia**

From the Sherbrooke Daily Record of June 29, 1925.

**BURY**

A meeting of the sports committee for the church picnic to be held on Dominion Day in the Bury Memorial Park was held on Friday evening, and a very comprehensive programme was drawn up. There will be races for all ages, jumping contests, putting the shot, tug-of-war, a two mile bicycle race, obstacle race and other stunts. Games for all and two baseball games. The first ball game commences at 10 a.m. between Brookbury and Bury. The second game will start at 4 p.m. with Scotstown playing Bury. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in all the fun. Refreshment will be served on the grounds and the Bury Brass Band will discourse sweet music.

The July meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in the Bury Memorial Park on Friday afternoon, July 3. A picnic munch will be served and each member is asked to bring a cup and saucer. Should the weather prove unfavorable for a picnic, the meeting will be held in the Sunday School room of the Bury United Church.

Wednesday, July 1st, being a public holiday all the Bury stores will be closed. Out-of-town residents should bear this in mind.

From the Sherbrooke Daily Record of July 6, 1925.

**DOMINION DAY PICNIC WAS HELD AT BURY**

Enjoyable Time Spent by United Church Sunday Schools - Programme of Races and sports run Off - Two Baseball Games Staged - General Notes.

**BURY, July 6th** - The Dominion Day Picnic of the United Church and Sunday Schools held in the Memorial Park here was a tremendous success. Favored with a fine day, a large crowd turned out from all the surrounding districts. The programme of games and sports as arranged had to be cut to some extent on account of time.

Shortly after ten o'clock, the proceedings opened with a baseball game between Brookbury and Bury. The game was greatly enjoyed, both by the players and the spectators. It ended with a victory for Bury, the score being 21 to 6.

Following the ball game, and while the preparations for the picnic lunch were under way, the contests of throwing the hammer and putting the shot were held. In throwing the hammer, which weighed sixteen pounds, the following distances were made: George Harrison, 48 ft. 10 inches; Gordon Dougherty, 44 ft. 6 inches; E. M. Wilson, 42 ft. 6 inches. Throwing the hammer backwards over the head: E.M. Wilson, 37 ft. 1 Inch; Colin Vintinner, 37 feet;

Gordon Dougherty a close third.

After lunch, it was found that time would not allow for the congregational meeting, and the sports were continued. The first event was the pole vault. Mr. Dane D. Smith came first with 7 ft. 7 inches, closely followed by Clarence Vintinner.

The running high jump was won by Percy Armstrong who cleared the line at 4 ft. 9 inches.

The young men's tug of war on the second pull was won by the team captained by Percy Armstrong.

Baseball again became the order of the day. Scotstown being lined up against Bury. A fine game was played, and for the second time that day, Bury came out victorious. While this game was in progress, the races for the younger folk were run off on another part of the grounds.

The committee who had charge of the arrangements, desire to take this opportunity to thank the Park Committee for staking out the grounds for the cars and for the sports and Mr. Carlos Stokes for cutting the grass. Also to thank in the name of the community at large the Bury Brass Band for their excellent services during the afternoon, which tended so much to the enjoyment of all.

The Ladies' Aid also wish to express their appreciation for the patronage extended to their booths; a sum of over \$80.00 was taken in, which, after paying all expenses, will still leave a nice sum to add to the treasury.

**General Notes**

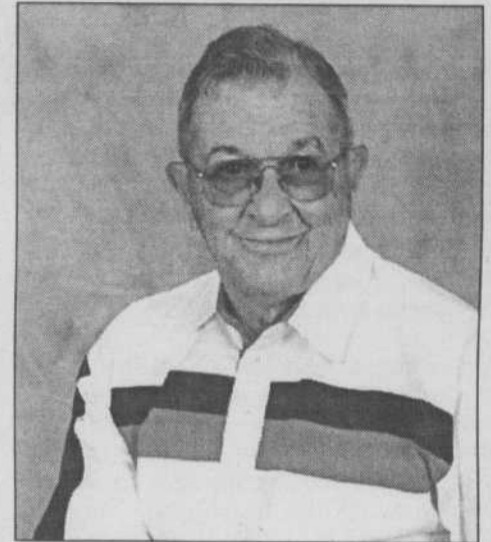
Thursday was nomination day for School Commissioners. The retiring commissioners are Messrs. Adolphus Pehlemann and John F. Martin. The question of building of the consolidated school at Brookbury was made and issue, and the retiring commissioners who were nominated for another term are being opposed by the nomination of Mr. Harold Olson and Mr. John F. Pehlemann. Accordingly there will be a poll held on Monday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Town Hall. Voting will be by ballot. Only rate payers who have paid all school contributions are eligible to vote.

Contributed by  
Nina Rowell

**Death**

**ANNESLEY, Irma Marlene (nee Chesbro)** (Former Proprietor of Cintar Graphics Ltd.) - Suddenly and unexpected, at her home, Hawkestone, on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at the age of 63. Irma Annesley, formerly of Sharon and Scarborough, beloved wife of Doug Annesley. Loving mother of Cindy Marlene (Garry) Kearns of Madoc, Tara Lee (Henry) Annesley-Francisco of Newmarket. Cherished grandmother of Kayde, Brooke and Cutter Kearns and Logan Annesley-Francisco. Dear sister of Evelyn and (Drew) Sleeper of Abilene, Texas, Eldon (Joe) Chesbro of St. Petersburg, Florida, William (Bill) and (Carnie) Chesbro of Burlington. She will be sadly missed by their families and close friends. Cremation has taken place. Friends and relatives may call at the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St., N., Orillia on Friday from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 885 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Scarborough on Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Toronto Humane Society or The Arthritis Society would be appreciated. Messages of condolence are welcomed at [www.mundellfuneralhome.com](http://www.mundellfuneralhome.com)

**Deaths**



**PAGE, Clayton (1917-2007)** - It is with deep sadness that our family announces the passing of our beloved father, Clayton, who died peacefully at Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Loving father to Susan and Vance and daughter-in-law Linda, brother to Hollis and brother-in-law to Doreen, former husband to the late Oprie and father to the late Bradley. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren: Steve, Tim, Jody, Keri, Trevor and great-grandson Nicholas. He will be remembered with affection by his many friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Grace Anglican Church in Sutton on Monday, February 26, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Society, Section Cowansville, P.O. Box 131, Cowansville, QC, J2K 3H1 would be appreciated (forms available at the church). Funeral arrangement entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville QC, J2K 2N5. Tel: 450-263-1212, Fax: 450-263-9557, e-mail: [info@desourdywilson.com](mailto:info@desourdywilson.com) Dignity Memorial.

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PAT COTE

**ENRIGHT** - I would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists of B.M.P. Hospital who gave me such excellent care while I was a patient there. To everyone who remembered me with flowers, cards, visits and phone calls - thanks. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

MARY (DUNN) ENRIGHT

**STEIN, Anne** - Passed away at the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital, Sherbrooke, QC on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Jim Stein. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 rue Principale Sud, Richmond, QC. Tel.: (819) 826-2502 / [www.casshomes.ca](http://www.casshomes.ca) where friends may visit on Thursday, February 22 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. John Barry Forsyth officiating. The interment of ashes will take place in St-Andrew's Cemetery, Melbourne, in the spring. Donations in Anne's memory may be made to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte. #243 North, Richmond, QC JOB 2H0, or to the St-Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Memoriam Fund, c/o Vickie Baldwin, 9 Thomas St., Richmond, QC. JOB 2H0

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### DANVILLE

Don't forget the Danville Asbestos Trinity United Church Sunday School will be sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Everyone welcome. Admission charged.

### NORTH HATLEY

St. Barnabas Anglican Church welcomes you to their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on February 20 at the North Hatley Community Centre from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pancakes, syrup, sausages, baked beans and more. Admission charged.

### RICHMOND

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 20 at 5 p.m. at Richmond Melbourne United Church. Admission charged, family rate also available. Proceeds go to Youth Work.

### LENNOXVILLE

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### LENNOXVILLE

Ham and Turkey Bingo at ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Sherbrooke on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20 at Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission charged. All are welcome!

### SHERBROOKE

Monday, February 26, 9:30 a.m., Quebec/Sherbrooke Presbyterial United Church Women Executive meets at Plymouth-Trinity United Church, Sherbrooke. Bag lunch (soup and beverage provided). Please send a delegate to plan for the future of our organization.

### AYER'S CLIFF

The general meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #128, Ayer's Cliff will be held on Thursday, February 22. Please note that the meetings will now start at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid is hosting an information session for natural caregivers (you may be a spouse, child or a friend). This month's topic is "Respite Care". The event is open to the public and is free of charge. It will be held on February 23 at the Masonic Hall, 2003 College Street, Borough of Lennoxville, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call 819-821-4779 and ask to speak to Tiffany Blinn or Sylvie Fowlis.

### HATLEY

Luncheon on February 21 at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Church Hall, Hatley.

### LENNOXVILLE

Military whist (Men's Renovation) at the ANAF Hut, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 2 PM. To reserve a table, please call Helen at 819-569-3598 or Emily at 819-562-8683. You can also call if you want to play & don't have a full table. Everyone welcome. Prizes & lunch.

### BURY

Ash Wednesday, St. Paul's Church, Bury is having a Supper at 5:30 p.m. There will be Imposition of ashes during the Holy Communion service and Laying on of hands for healing and wholeness. All welcome.

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### FITCH BAY

Saturday, February 24. Every Saturday night "Salute to Quebec Seniors", live music sessions, at the Catholic Church Hall in Fitch Bay, 7 p.m. Admission charged.

### LENNOXVILLE

The Students' Representative Council at Bishop's University will be holding either a 4 km or 8 km Run on March 31 to benefit of the Quebec Breakfast Club, an organization that feeds 14,250 children every day. The run will commence at 10 a.m. at the Optimist Fields followed by a

prize ceremony, barbecue and live band beginning at 11:30 a.m. To register, go to [www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=2701](http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=2701). For more information, call Myriam Dumont, Race Director, 819-564-5920 or email: [kverheyden03@ubishops.ca](mailto:kverheyden03@ubishops.ca)

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St. Patrick's Brunch at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, March 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu: Bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, fruit cocktail, juice, coffee and tea. All are welcome!

### LENNOXVILLE

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## Her odor was so bad I couldn't breathe

**Dear Annie:** My youngest child is 13 and the only one left at home. We live in the country, and our only neighbor has a daughter, "Beth," the same age. The girls ride the bus together and hang out after school and on weekends.

Beth is not very clean and has a terrible odor. My husband took the girls in his car once and had to roll all the windows down because he could not stand the smell. It bothers my daughter, but she feels bad for Beth because people make fun of her at school.

Yesterday was the last straw. Beth came over and the girls were making cookies. Her odor was so bad I couldn't breathe while being in the same room with her. It was awful. After she left, I had to spray my house with air freshener.

I'm angry with Beth's parents because they don't teach her about bathing regularly and ignore how this affects their child's self-esteem. Do I say something to the parents? Do I tell my daughter she can't have Beth come over anymore? How should I handle this awful, uncomfortable situation? — Holding My Nose

**Dear Holding My Nose:** You are in an excellent position to teach this girl about hygiene, and we hope you will have the compassion to do so. Say kindly, "Beth, you may not be aware that you have a slight odor. How often do you

## Annie's Mailbox

shower? Do you wear deodorant? Is your underwear washed daily?" Would you be willing to let her use your shower when she visits, keeping deodorant in the bathroom just for her? It's worth the embarrassment of mentioning it if you can be a positive influence in this girl's life. (It's also possible Beth has a medical condition that produces the odor. If so, suggest to her parents that she get a referral to an endocrinologist.)

**Dear Annie:** I know a lot of women share two last names, usually a maiden name hyphenated with a married name. My situation is different.

I was married for many years to "John Smith" and was recently divorced. My children are now grown, and I'm planning on getting married again soon to "Bob Jones." My ex-husband and my future husband and I are all close friends, and we get along great. Once I marry Mr. Jones and take his name, would it be proper to use both last names, even though neither is my maiden name? My ex-husband has not remarried, so there wouldn't be another woman using his name. — To Add or Subtract

**Dear Add:** Yes, you can be Mrs. Smith-Jones. Hyphenated names are a relatively recent trend, and people have been making up the rules as they go along. Many women choose to keep the name

of their ex-husband when there are children from the marriage, or because they have established an identity with that name. If Mr. Jones doesn't mind, neither do we.

**Dear Annie:** I feel sorry for "Torrance, Calif.," who said men hate going clothes shopping with their wives. He does not have a good, strong marriage.

Since I work two jobs and my husband is disabled, our quality time is limited to nights and weekends. We run our errands then, and sometimes I must pop into a store to get a new outfit for work. My husband has good taste and is not shy about telling me if something doesn't look right, or if the color doesn't suit me. I certainly don't bring him in the fitting room, and I don't second guess his opinions. We also make trips to the hardware store.

It's not just about what you buy. It's about spending time together and about input from your spouse. — Half of Duo Shoppers in Florida

**Dear Half:** To each his own. "Torrance's" preference not to shop with his wife has nothing to do with the strength of his marriage. Since you and your husband enjoy shopping together, however, we think you should continue. It's rather sweet.

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

## Birthday

Congratulations to  
Lloyd Mayhew  
for your 80th birthday  
on February 20 -  
our dad, grandpa and great-grandpa.

Love from Skip, Lianne,  
Dusti, Laura,  
grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren

## Emmanuel United Church

### COWANSVILLE

After the church service on Feb. 4, 2007 at Emmanuel United Church with our minister Rev. Wendy McLean we went downstairs to partake of a delicious lunch provided by Residence Principale - compliments of Christine Perron which we all enjoyed immensely.

We watched a video about the Stephen Lewis work concerning "AIDS" in Africa. We were appalled at the circumstances - a very sad situation. We were particularly upset to see grandmothers burying their children and then to have to bring up their grandchildren. Some members that attended were interested in organizing a "Grannies for Grannies" Club to raise Funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

June Royea  
Publicity Convenor

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: Y equals P

"P J P M R Y R L R M X E K O R M Z R J P P M P B E P A ." - Z P M L D W E A A E M U P L " C P Z R J P B P H H Z P P M P B D , R M K Z P E A N A ." - Y X U X ( C R F H W P F F D )

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "I have a vision of an America that is, in Bob Dylan's phrase, busy being born, not dying." - Jimmy Carter

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YOU'RE TH' ONLY ONE FOR ME!



REALLY, ALLEY?



ARLO & JANIS



THE BORN LOSER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



GRIZWELLS



SOUP TO NUTS



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# Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007

The year ahead could be the one you've been waiting for, where great strides and advancement can be realized in your chosen field of endeavor. Where you once found obstacles strewn in your path, you will now find opportunities.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Financial proposals brought to you by others could prove to be profitable, so don't judge a "buck" by its cover and listen attentively, even if it comes from a least-expected source.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Your best chances for success will come from working on endeavors where you can take personal control. Don't let anybody move in and try to usurp your way of doing things.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Someone you may not be aware of who knows your needs is apt to be looking out for your best interests. He or she has what it takes to make it possible for you to hold a winning hand.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You'll be at your best mingling in the pleasant hustle and bustle of social gatherings. So don't turn down any invitations, even if you have to clear your calendar to do so.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Dame Fortune will clear a path for you in order to help fulfill your goals and ambitions. Don't be afraid to think in large measure and go for things that are bigger than life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you

may have to maintain a flexible attitude to do so, treat events philosophically and you'll find everything will work out advantageously. Move as opportunity directs.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Joint ventures look particularly promising, mainly because you'll associate yourself with someone who is privy to inside information that will work on your behalf.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The only thing to keep in mind when involved in an important partnership arrangement is achieving desirable results, not who plays a leading role.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because you're willing to work hard for what you hope to achieve in life, you can make a success out of most anything to which you put your mind. Go for something big.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When planning a social activity, it would behoove you to include someone you just recently met to whom you're attracted. It's an especially good day for cultivating friendships.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An especially large opportunity could come your way through a least-expected source or individual, so make it a point to be warm and pleasant to everyone you encounter now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should your restless nature give you an urge to put things aside for the moment and scoot off to someplace different for fun and excitement, do so. You've selected a good day.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007

North 02-20-07			
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♦ 8 6 3			
♣ A 7 5 4 3 2			
West		East	
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♣ J 9		♣ Q 10	
South			
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♦ A K Q 2			
♣ K 8 6			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

only imagination but also visualization — picturing where the missing key cards are lying. A pictorial memory is a big advantage because then it is so much easier to "see" an opponent's hand is your mind's eye. In this deal, though, seeing the opponents' cards is less important — you must pay careful attention to your own.

You reach three no-trump. West leads the spade king. What is your plan? How would it differ if West had led a diamond? What do you think of North's raise to three no-trump?

At the risk of making you feel as if you are watching Miss America, let's take those questions in reverse order.

North has too weak a hand to contemplate five clubs as a final contract, so he should raise to three no-trump and hope for the best. (Yes, I know that five clubs makes here, but that isn't the point!)

You have seven top tricks, so need to make use of dummy's clubs. After a diamond lead, you would duck a club, guarding against a 3-1 split. When West leads a high spade, though, you cannot afford that luxury. You must run the clubs, hoping that they break 2-2. But that is not all: If you are careless, the suit will become blocked. You must cash the king before leading the eight to dummy's ace. When the opponents' four cards do divide 2-2, you can run the rest of the suit (starting with dummy's seven, of course) for at least 11 tricks, and probably 12 if West discards a diamond.

## Imagination and visualization too

By Phillip Alder

Cynthia Ozick wrote, "To imagine the unimaginable is the highest use of the imagination."

At the bridge table you must have not

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 "\_\_\_ la vista, baby!"
- 6 Bivouac
- 10 Summit
- 14 Diarist Nin
- 15 On the briny
- 16 Singer Young
- 17 The three things to hit
- 20 Soccer passes
- 21 Golfer Gulbis
- 22 Dipl. address
- 24 Opera song
- 26 Italian seaport
- 27 Podium
- 29 Off-road 4-wheeler
- 30 Gaucho milieu
- 33 Fem. labor grp.

- 35 Giggle sound
- 37 Hit by Ronny & the Daytonas
- 38 Web places
- 39 Rock composer Brian
- 40 Japanese wrap
- 42 Japanese wrap
- 43 \_\_\_scarum (reckless)
- 45 Come to a point
- 46 Volume identifier
- 48 Some Ga. Tech grads
- 50 Sported
- 51 British noble
- 52 Marquis de \_\_\_
- 54 Half of a fly?
- 55 More clouded with sediment
- 58 Dey TV series
- 60 The three things to hit

- 10 Turkish capital
- 11 The three things to hit
- 12 Longish skirt
- 13 Other
- 18 Gumbo veggie
- 19 Most overused
- 22 Prolific U.S. inventor
- 23 California beach
- 25 Thoroughfares
- 28 Nor. neighbor
- 31 Different ones
- 32 Evening do
- 34 Greet and seat

- 36 Macaulay Culkin movie
- 41 Detroit labor grp.
- 44 Roone of TV sports
- 47 "Quantum Leap" star
- 49 Mt. Rushmore state
- 53 "\_\_\_ Dream," Lohengrin aria
- 55 CEO's job
- 56 Fertilizer compound
- 57 Baseball stat
- 59 Irish Rose's guy
- 61 PAU's successor
- 62 Singer Brenda
- 63 Mormon ltrs.

### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 64 Diner offering
- 65 \_\_\_Carlo Menotti
- 66 Felt unwell
- 67 Spoken fanfare
- 68 In \_\_\_ (in actual being)
- 69 Tennis champ Monica

### DOWN

- 1 Uris novel, with "The" Gasteyer of "SNL"
- 2 The three things to hit Heyerdahl's "Kon-\_\_\_"
- 3 Pet protection org.
- 4 Feline minder
- 5 Gray shade
- 6 Nasty
- 7 Due

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