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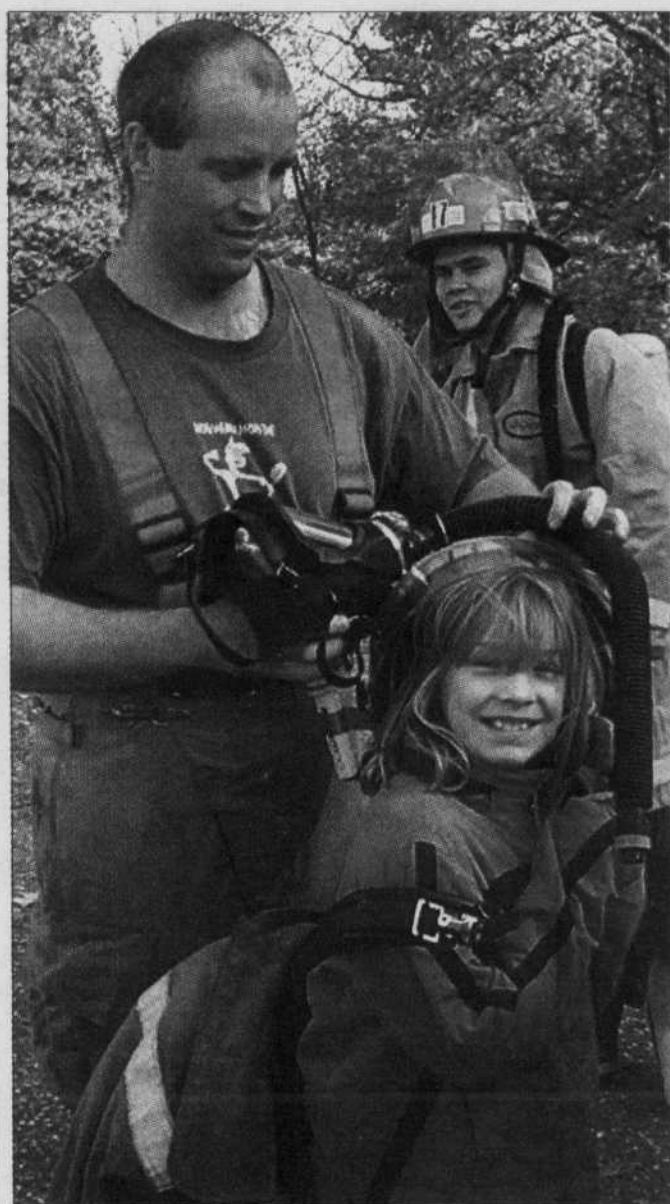
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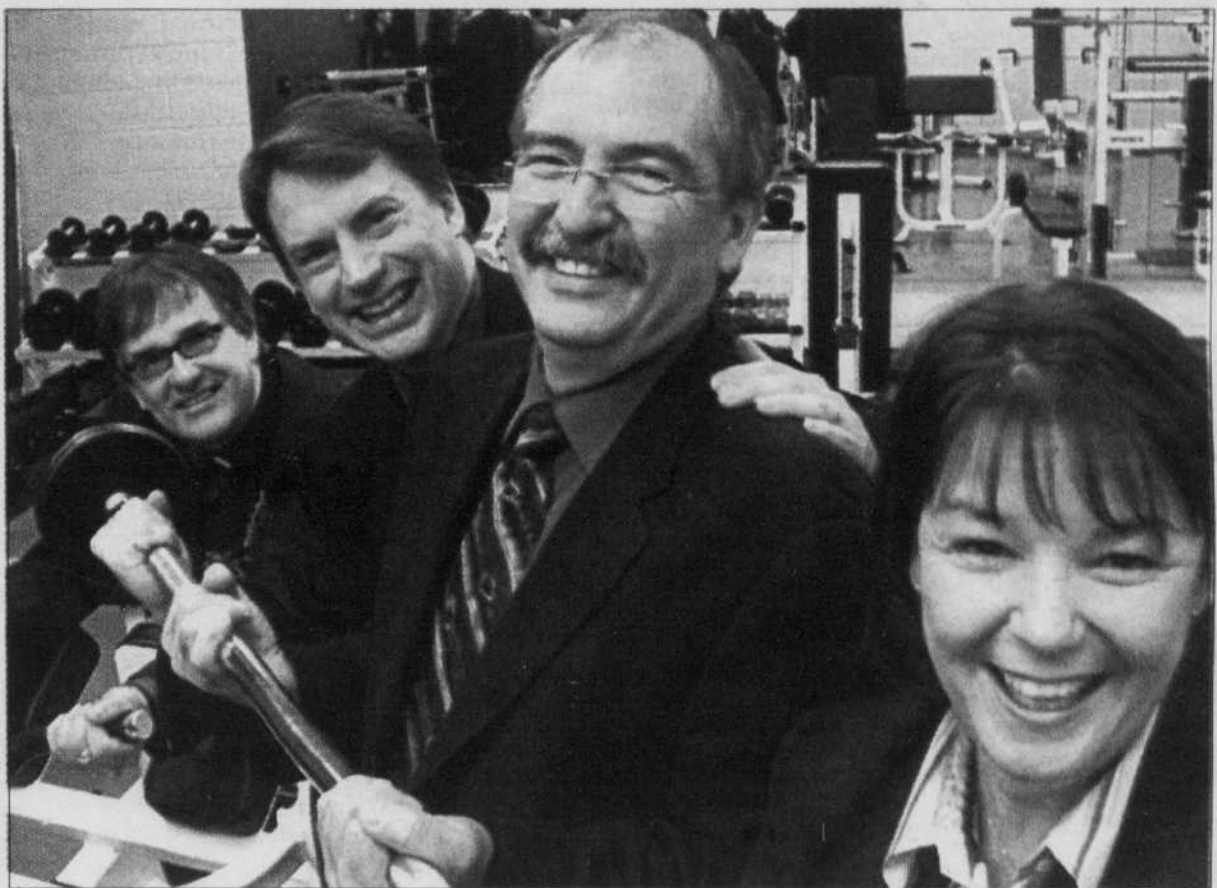
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Learning The Ropes



Shana Gaudreau gets some help gearing up from Bury firefighter Eddie Jacklin. The firefighters made a visit to Pope Memorial earlier this year to talk about fire protection.

CHUS sports centre revitalized



PERY BEATON/SPECIAL

Dr. Réjean Hébert, U de S rector Bruno St-Marie Bédard, Denis Lalumière, director of the CSSS-IUGS, Patricia Gauthier, director general of the CHUS unveil plan to revitalize the sports centre.

New tool in effort to reduce obesity in employees

By Patrick Lavery
 SHERBROOKE

With recent reports stating Canadians are getting heavier, three

Sherbrooke institutions are offering a new option in the battle with obesity. The Centre Hospitalier Université de Sherbrooke, the centre de santé et de services sociaux - Institut geriatrique universitaire de Sherbrooke, and the University of Sherbrooke have joined forces to revitalize the sports and health centre at

the CHUS's Fleurimont Hospital. The idea was first broached by CHUS director Patricia Gauthier, who brought it to University of Sherbrooke rector Bruno-Marie Bédard. The Geriatric Institute was also approached and came on board.

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Townshippers' volunteer bank

INCOME TAX CLINIC

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Location: Training will take place at the Association's Lennoxville office.

Dates: Feb. 3 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers must attend both dates.

Skills: Some knowledge of income tax is preferable, but not essential. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Evelina Smith, Townshippers' Association's Volunteer Bank Coordinator at 566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182) or info@townshippers.qc.ca.

ASSOCIATION DE PARENTS DE PERSONNES HANDICAPÉES DE BROME-MISSISQUOI

The Brome-Missisquoi Association of Parents of Handicapped People, a non-profit organization working with the families of children with physical and mental handicaps, is seeking volunteers on an occasional basis for various tasks.

Location: The office is located in Granby and serves the Montérégie region.

Skills: Respect, patience, maturity, open-mindedness, and a willingness to help others

For more information, contact George Courville, Coordinator of Partners for Health & Social Services - Townships-Montérégie Network at 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422) or gc@townshippers.qc.ca, or Julie Desgranges at 266-1566 or apphbm@bellnet.ca. Their web site is www.apphbm.com

ON VOLUNTEERING

"Volunteering—either through individual or group action—is a way in which human values of community, caring, and serving can be sustained and strengthened; individuals can exercise their rights and responsibilities as members of communities, while learning and growing throughout their lives, realizing their full human potential; and, connections can be made across differences that push us apart so that we can live together in healthy, sustainable communities, working together to provide innovative solutions to our shared challenges and to shape our collective destinies."

Source: Universal Declaration on Volunteering adopted by the Board of Directors of the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) January 2001, The Netherlands

ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER BANK

The Volunteer Bank is an initiative of Townshippers' Association and was created as a result of a need expressed by English speakers to become more involved in their community, as well as to provide English-speaking volunteer support to community groups and organizations.

Do you have a special talent, skill, or service you would like to provide on a volunteer basis? Is your group or organization looking for a few good volunteers? If so, contact Evelina Smith, Coordinator of Townshippers' Association's Volunteer Bank at 566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182), info@townshippers.qc.ca, or George Courville, Coordinator of Partners for Health & Social Services - Townships-Montérégie Network at 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-

Community Aid is all about sharing



Lennoxville and District Community Aid

Left: Claude Beaugard of Community Aid in Lennoxville is showing off the wonderful gift received from 17 women of Bishop's University, who baked cookies and donated these to the Meals on Wheels program in Lennoxville.

Right: Clients and volunteers of Community Aid enjoyed a great afternoon Dec. 15 where 175 people shared the holiday spirit.

RECORD GIVEAWAYS

The Record has ski lift tickets to give away to loyal Record readers. The first is a pair of lift tickets for Mont Orford which can be used for a day on the slopes before April 30 if the weather co-operates.

The second is a pair of tickets for day or night skiing at Montjoye, the Eastern Townships' premiere family hill. To qualify, send this coupon to The Record before Feb 10.

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Sunday: Cloudy with 70 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 6. High minus 2.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Suicide's terrible toll

Staff

Appearances can be deceiving; 200,000 Quebecers contemplate taking their own lives each year. The Quebec Association for the prevention of suicide will draw attention to this fact during suicide prevention week Feb. 5-11.

Each year, thousands of families and friends are shocked by the suicide of a loved one and are consumed by guilt that they were unaware of the signs and symptoms of distress.

In Quebec, four to five people take their own lives each day, many of them youths and seniors.

According to statistics provided by the coroner's office, 60 people in the Estrie region took their own lives in 2004 (85 per cent of them were men), and in 2005, 54 people died by their own hand, seventy-seven per cent of them men. A large majority of the deaths were by hanging - 20 men and six women hanged themselves in 2004 in the Estrie region and 18 men and seven women hanged themselves in 2005.

Most shocking perhaps is the number of children who took their own lives in the Estrie region: two between the ages of 10 and 14, and four between 15 and 19. In

all, 11 people under the age of 25 died by suicide in 2004 and five in 2005. Others in the prime of their lives from 25-44 opted to take their own lives: 26 in 2004 and 21 in 2005.

Each suicide touches an average of eight-10 people closest to the deceased. It's estimated one in six Quebecers will experience the loss of someone close to them as a result of suicide.

"When experiencing the feeling that something is not quite right, family and friends shouldn't be afraid to inquire a little deeper and ask some serious questions. Follow your intuition," says Louise Levesque, president of the regional association of community mental health organizations, and director of JEVI, Suicide Prevention Centre for the Estrie region.

Help is available from anywhere in Quebec for those contemplating suicide or those who are concerned that someone close to them is thinking about taking their own lives. Call 1-866-appelle (277-3553) and your call will be directed to the suicide prevention centre closest to you. The service is free, available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. It's also confidential.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Medical students Pierre Luc Benoit, Alexandre Proulx and Viviane Bourassa, along with comedian Alexandre Leclerc and public health director Alain Rochon help draw attention to this year's suicide prevention theme: Appearances can be deceiving.

Quebec grants training money to Danville businesses

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Two Danville companies are the recent beneficiaries of a provincial government job retraining fund for employees.

Conversion Kingsey Inc. and Geoffroy Sawmill Inc. received retraining grants totaling \$117,860 in order to bring their employees' skills up to date.

"If these companies are to improve their competitiveness, their employees

need to be up-to-date in their training," said Yvon Vallières, the local member for the Quebec legislature who handed out the money to the two companies.

"If these companies have better trained employees, they stand a better chance of remaining competitive in their markets."

Conversion Kingsey is a subcontractor for Cascades Paper and transforms wood products into tissue paper. It received \$32,738 to help retrain its 25 em-

ployees. Geoffroy Sawmill received \$85,122 to help retrain its 40 employees who make shipping pallets and specialized wood products.

Money for the retraining fund comes from provincial government taxes on Quebec companies that invest less than one percent of their total salaries for job training.

Started in 1997, the fund has doled out \$223 million in retraining projects to over 6,000 employers in the province

BRIEFS

Super Bowl party

Super Bowl Party at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo on Sunday Feb. 5 starting at 5 p.m. Game starts at 6 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Cost, \$5. Everyone is welcome!

Anglican parish of Brome

Sunday, Feb. 5 - Church of the Ascension, West Brome, 10 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. Deacon P. Tidman.



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Minister wants new way of choosing government

By Brion Robinson
SHERBROOKE

A new system of representation in Quebec's government could revitalize voting in the province, says the Minister responsible for reform of democratic institutions, Benoit Pelletier.

"There's a gap between the number of votes and number of seats in the National Assembly," he told *The Record*, noting a new system of proportional representation would better represent voters.

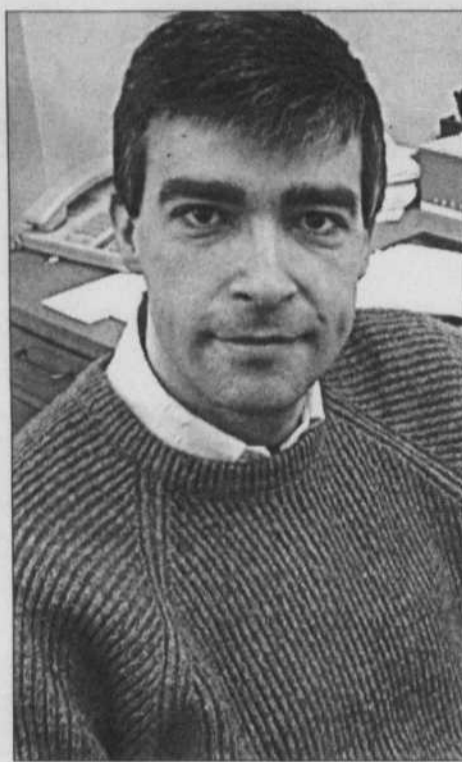
Under the new system, ridings would disappear (but a sense of the regional would be maintained) and seats would be awarded based on the percentage of the popular vote.

"It's fair and democratic," Pelletier said. "The party with the most votes gets to govern."

Pelletier said this would be good news for parties including the Action démocratique du Québec which receive a modest percentage of the popular vote but have few seats in the National Assembly.

He also referred to past elections when the provincial Liberals were unable to form a government despite winning the popular vote.

Under the current first-past-the-post system a citizen votes for a candidate in his or her riding. The candidate is usually



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Bishop's University political scientist Gilbert Gagné isn't convinced change is necessary.

affiliated with a party. The candidate, sometimes running against three or four

rivals can win with one-third of the vote. The party with the most candidates (not the greatest percentage of the popular vote) is elected to the National Assembly and forms the government.

Pelletier is part of a massive 17-member public commission that is holding open hearings on electoral reform in the province.

Information gathered from the hearings will be used to make any changes the commission deems necessary.

Pelletier said this is the largest public commission ever assembled with nine parliamentarians and eight randomly selected citizens representing various regions around the province.

This is the first time citizens have been included in this type of commission and the minister said their input will add an important element to the final report.

Pelletier isn't the first minister in Canada to talk about changing the electoral system. Politicians in other parts of Canada including Prince Edward Island and the Yukon have also talked about changing their vote representation. The new system even came to a vote in British Columbia last spring but was rejected.

Although the minister supports proportional representation, he isn't proposing the purist form of the system.

He supports semi-proportional representation that allows a portion of the Members of the National Assembly to be chosen proportionally.

The problem with a purely proportional system is it usually leads to coalition governments, rarely a majority government, which can reduce political stability.

Despite the possible benefits of a new form of representation, political scientist Gilbert Gagné isn't convinced this is such a good system.

"A proportional system of government in Quebec could cause a lot of problems," he said noting one of the biggest may be a lack of change in parliament.

"Very few voters change their allegiance to a party," he said, noting a party could keep its standing for too long.

He said the current system works well because it opens up parliament to change.

"I'm satisfied with the option to alternate within our system," he said. "If we're not happy with our government, we can replace it."

Pelletier and the rest of the commission's members are expected to hear from more than 500 people from around the province.

The consultation starts Feb. 7 in Sherbrooke at 9:30 a.m. at the Hotel Delta on King Street West.

Neighbours assist police

By Maurice Crossfield

It seems Steve Aubin can't get folks to look the other way when the police are chasing him.

The 21-year-old appeared in court in Granby Wednesday where he was charged with car theft and possession of break-in instruments. He was ordered held until a bail hearing on Friday.

Aubin was driving in Granby at about 10:20 a.m. Tuesday when he was stopped by police near the intersection of Laval and Chateauguay Streets. Rather than surrendering peacefully, Aubin decided to flee on foot into the surrounding neighborhood.

For the next 20 minutes Aubin ran around the neighborhood, pursued by nearly a dozen police officers, some in cars and some on foot. His attempt to escape was made more difficult by local residents who saw what was going on and signalled information to police from their windows and balconies overlooking the scene.

"We had some really good coopera-



Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels

tion from the residents," said Granby Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels. He said those residents had a good view of the scene, and were able to point out where he was hiding or running. Police officers were finally able to move in and arrest him.

Aubin spent the remainder of the day Tuesday in questioning by police. Desautels said the arrest has allowed police to solve about ten crimes, mostly car thefts in Granby, Bromont and Victoriaville. The car he was initially stopped in Tuesday morning had been stolen the previous day in Victoriaville.

Police have also linked Aubin to burglaries and theft from cars. There are also fraud cases to which he may be

linked. Though only charged with a single count of auto theft and possessing the tools to do so, more charges will likely be added to his file in the coming weeks.

Granby Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels said observant residents helped police track down the fleeing car thief.

CENTRE:

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"The whole thing only took a few months," said Béchard. "This sports centre will be a marker in the region."

The CHUS-Fleurimont sports centre was repainted, the ceiling was replaced and minor renovations were made to make room for the new equipment that was coming in.

"Everything is state-of-the-art," said Gauthier.

The centre is located in its own building, the first one that visitors pass when driving onto the campus. A weight room has been assembled, including both training machines and free weights. Adjacent to it is a cardio room, complete with treadmills, stationary and reticulating bicycles and cross-training machines. A multi-purpose room is located on the second floor of the building for different classes and activities. Béchard said the total cost of the project ran about \$15,000.

Gauthier said the three institutions wanted to provide a place for their employees to engage in physical exercise and take advantage of living a healthy lifestyle.

"The centre will also be open to the families of employees," she said. "This centre meets one of our goals to provide a healthy workplace."

Béchard said the benefits of having a new gym

available to employees will go beyond the obvious physical health benefits.

"Exercise, playing sports, are great ways to work off stress," he said. "Also, people will be able to socialize. We are planning a diverse array of activities to offer, so no one should be able to refuse taking part in at least one. With people from the hospital, geriatric institute, and university mingling, it will change the relationship we have with each other."

Denis Lalumière, the director of the CSSS-IUGS said that the new sports centre will promote their 0-5-30 program for citizens.

"We encourage people to use zero tobacco products, eat five fruits or vegetables every day and do some sort of physical activity 30 minutes a day," he said. "These three simple ideas can lower the risk of illness immensely."

Béchard said he expected word of mouth to help draw people to the new centre.

"We are going to encourage our employees to come here or to the facilities we have on our western campus (the university)," he said. "As more and more employees take up exercise programs and participate in activities here, that will influence their friends and families to get into sports and exercise."

A full-time trainer will be on hand at the new centre everyday. The trainer will help new members develop an exercise regimen that best suits them. The cost for employees is \$180 for the winter and summer. For members of the public, the cost is \$214.

Pair program provides peace of mind for single seniors

By Maurice Crossfield

In its first year of service in Granby Program Pair hasn't had to respond to any elderly people in need, but its supporters insist it brings peace of mind to the elderly population it serves.

"From 2001 to 2004 we grew from 434 subscribers to 1,346," said Denise St-Pierre, provincial president of Pair. "From 216,063 calls to 531,289 and 44 rescues, eight of them in 2004."

The idea behind Pair is simple, yet effective: A computer automatically phones the subscriber at a specific time each day or every week. The subscriber answers the phone, indicating that all is well. If the subscriber doesn't answer the call then the police are dispatched to check on the person. If the person has become ill or otherwise unable to get to the phone, police will be on hand to help.

In its first year in Granby the results were more modest, with 16 people signing up for Pair. Over the last 12 months they got their daily calls, and on 14 occasions alerts were sounded. Fortunately for the subscribers, none of those alerts were for life-threatening situations, but rather for situations where the subscriber forgot to advise Pair that they were out of town, or they otherwise missed the call. The average age of a Pair subscriber in Granby is 77.

"The demand for the service will grow in the coming years," said Granby Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels, noting that with the ageing population, more and more elderly people

will be living alone. Having someone check on them every day can make a difference, especially when friends and family members can't do so. It can even help them continue to live at home longer, an important issue for many seniors.

St-Pierre said the Pair program is now trying to be recognized by the provincial health ministry as a home care service. That would equip it with funding and a permanent place in the array of services available to the elderly.

"The provincial Pair committee was created in April 2000 and is made up of 33 accredited agencies," she said, noting that police forces, CLSC's and volunteer centres have gotten involved. The service is now available in some 200 municipalities. In Granby it is operated by the Fondation Pierre Jules Crevier.

"... Our goal is the same, to allow the elderly and people with health problems to live in their homes without worry, without extra cost," St-Pierre said. "The mission of the Provincial Pair Committee is to 'promote the Pair program in Quebec,' this automated call service which saves lives."

For more information on the Pair program in Granby, or to find out if the program is available in your area, call (450) 375-5599.



Supporters of the Pair Program say it provides peace of mind for the elderly or ill who live alone, making sure they are checked up on regularly.

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Creativity

I have known and worked alongside many smart people in my life, but few creative ones. The distinctions between smart and creative are not always immediately apparent, although we can say both are intelligent. The difference, as I see it, is the spark of originality. The creative ones see what we all see, but think what nobody has thought before.

I believe too, that the creative types probably need more time alone than most of us. I felt it in reading an obituary notice on the playwright Wendy Wasserman who passed away last week. She once remarked: "The trick is not to get frightened. There's nothing wrong with being alone." She confessed to bad choices, and offers comfort to others in her work. Zillions of people feel the exact same way about their past choices too.

The most creative person I have known and worked with is Dr. Fred Goodman, formerly of the University of Michigan, now retired. He worked all his life in education and was particularly active in the design and use of simulation games for learning. I too worked in the same field and for years we both served in various capacities on the board of NASAGA, the North American Simulation and Gaming Association. As a result of these shared interests I came to know and associate with many gamers of varying skills and reputations over three decades. Fred was the best of quite a stellar group.

After a seven-eight year lapse we recently reconnected for lunch in California. As often happened in the past, before leaving, I picked up his place mat filled with scribbles, sketches, and diagrams he made to clarify points. It serves as a souvenir of the intellectual roller coaster ride with a creative friend about many things, fools and kings - and education.

It is not easy to convey the excitement

of personal exchanges with creative thinkers. One often hears the phrase: "I guess you had to be there", and I suppose you do. But I am still going to risk failure and make two attempts.

Number one. Fred has a minister friend whose congregation was dwindling away. He sought and followed Fred's advice to involve his flock more actively. The process is too complicated to go into detail, except to say that the congregation is now expanding as they become more directly engaged in the services. The passive reading and listening to the expert has given way to a more meaningful interactive experience. This was how Goodman as an educator worked with his students all his life at Michigan.

Number two. Years ago we were engaged in a long and divisive discussion about intellectual property rights and ownership. This is an issue for gamers particularly because once games and game designs are "out there", it is very difficult to retain control or ownership. Below is a brief extract on Fred's thinking. (Note it is a short piece from a five-page email. He admits to rambling a bit, but it is a good example of the creative mind in full-flow operation.)

"As an 'educator' I have always been considered a bit of a threat to 'trainers' for I feel it is incumbent upon me to give ideas away in a fashion that increases the odds that someone sooner or later can't even remember that he got it from me. I say 'incumbent upon me' because (1) I feel that is what I am paid to do. (2) I agree with psychiatrists who assert that if a patient attributes his cure to the psychiatrist, he's not fully cured. (3) As a teacher, my fondest hope is that my students perform better than I do, (as would be the case for any



TOM
CAVANAGH

decent violin teacher). (4) I have trouble imagining why I should worry about people taking ideas of mine seriously and using them, developing them creatively, and shaping them to their own ends... Having said that... I understand fully and am certainly not angry at trainers who must be directly compensated for their efforts in order to survive... nor (are) trainers doing anything less important or less worthy than educators. Indeed, as the saying goes, "some of my best friends are trainers", and I even have a son whom I admire who makes his living that way".

There is a belief that creative acts often occur out of the blue - the so-called "Eureka!" moment. Recent research indicates otherwise. Newton probably was groping around and towards the idea of gravity for years before the apple fell on his head. As Noble Prize laureate John Polanyi says: "Most people who run into a pub screaming they've just found the secret of life have already been to several pubs and are drunk." Goodman's insights and creative work in gaming are not just chance and hazard. He was a gamer all his life.

Nevertheless there is the phenomenon of 'divergent thinking'. Some people, unconventional thinkers, can make connections. Most of us fail to. I think of those years of dragging luggage around England, France, Italy, almost tearing my arms out of their sockets. Meanwhile in airports beautiful stewardess tripped smartly by rolling their luggage easily along behind them. How many millions of us for how many years

witnessed those handsome ladies before someone finally made the connection. Why not put wheels on all luggage? Duh!!

So where does this leave us? A divided world with creative thinkers on one side and we mere mortals on the other. I think not. We all have creative capacities, and older people apparently are particularly adept based on extensive and varied life experiences.

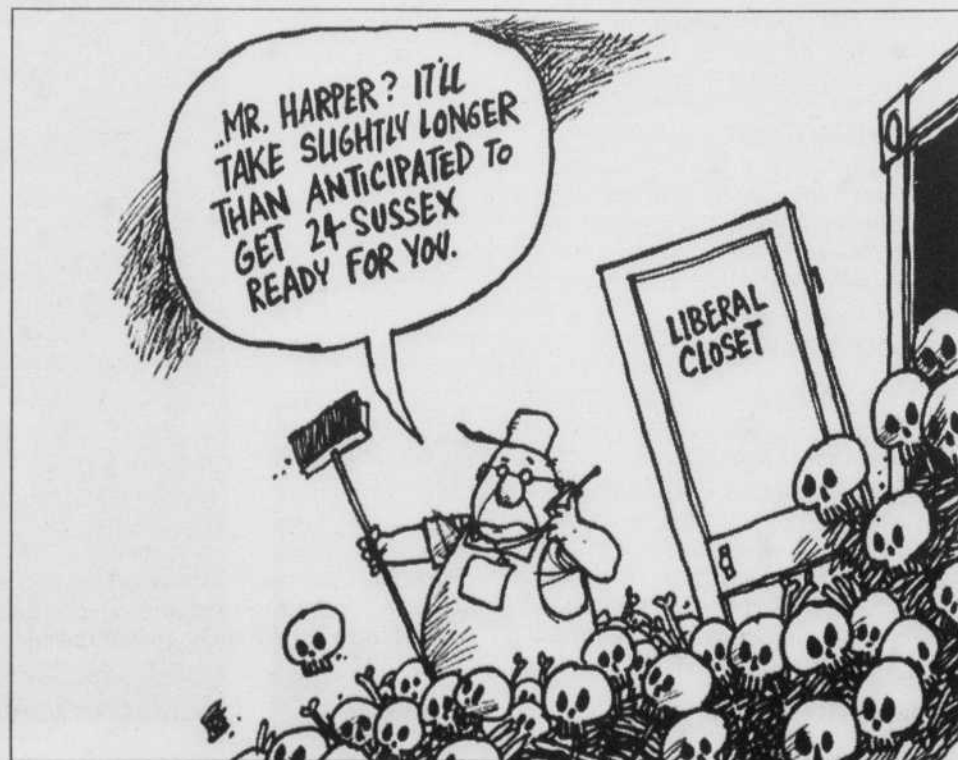
In addition we all can improve our creative capacities. The Time magazine cover story of Jan. 6 offers a series of suggestions, some of which I pass on below. Free of charge.

- (1) Beware of multi-tasking. One thing at a time is best.
- (2) Concentrate on a few fields. Stick with things you love or enjoy.
- (3) Work hard. Remember genius is 1 per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration.
- (4) Generally, the more ideas the better, but evaluate them rigorously. Reject the bad.
- (5) Take risks. Expect to make mistakes.

The Time story, "How To Sharpen Your Mind," is not bad, but it's still Time. They say networking, sharing ideas, and interacting with others helps creativity. Probably so, but I prefer the poet, Bukowski's, outlook:

*"in their case
as in mine
they will find
that madness
is caused by not
being often enough
alone."*

- (Bukowski, "the way is now.")



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Zipper ties: yes or no?

You may have seen them, probably in not-better department stores everywhere. Usually they're next to the real ties, hanging sheepishly from their hooks, as if saying, "Sure, we're real ties, all respectable-like. We'll fool everyone, just like a really fine toupee."

Of course, we all know there is no such thing as a really fine toupee.

If you haven't seen one, a zipper tie comes pre-knotted on a loop you slide over your head. In the skinny end of the tie is a zipper. You simply slide the knot up to your throat, lock it in place and, voila, the perfect knot, the perfect length. You kind of have to marvel at the technology, the same way you marvel at cheese-stuffed pizza crust... not that

you'd actually want to eat it.

As a commercial Internet site mentions, the zipper tie has "the ease of the clip-on with the style of a knotted tie."

It's that conjunction of "clip-on" and "style" that has me worried, for I am a zipper tie owner.

I'm also wondering why there is virtually no discussion of zipper ties anywhere on the Web, other than "Zipper Ties at Cheap, Cheap Prices!" Are men secretly ashamed about wearing these pseudo-ties? Usually, though, when there is a secret shame, someone somewhere is mocking it. Someone like me, for instance.

So I guess I have to take a stand.

But first some perspective: Five months into my new job, I no longer fret about getting dressed in the morning, mainly because standards, like the creases in my pants, have slackened. But there is still the morning struggle tying



ROSS MURRAY

the tie. I can tie a knot. It's getting the length just so that's tricky. My morning tie-tying routine usually goes like this: Tie tie. Too long, re-tie. Too short, re-tie. Yell at kids, re-tie.

So the pre-knotted tie my mother gave me for Christmas solves pretty much the last stressful aspect of the morning dressing routine. But are people laughing at me behind my back, I mean other than for the usual reasons? Is the zipper tie an acceptable alternative, like plastic corks in wine bottles, or an abomination of taste, like wine-in-a-box?

To help me decide, I asked some tie-wearing men. For some, the topic dredged up painful memories of clip-ons past. Some sneered but could not give a firm reason, although you could sense that they felt there was something low-brow about the zipper tie, like it was something you would wear to the

Nascar Cotillion and Tire Show. Some had never heard of it. One colleague said, "It takes a big man to wear a zipper tie," and I think I know why.

For style to truly be style, it has to be as difficult as possible. It should involve some pain, sweat and yelling. This is more evident for women, for whom fashion dictates that they occasionally have to tape their breasts together. Thankfully, men rarely have to tape anything together. We just have to worry about lapel widths and being sure to wear clean socks. The tie is one of the few things we really have to work at. Take that away, and it's too easy. Wear a zipper tie and you run the risk of being shown up as a shirker. A shallow shirker. And shallow shirkers are shunned. It's shameful.

Bottom line, a tie should reflect the wearer. In this case, a zipper tie is a cheap, corner-cutting fraud without much character. In other words, it's a perfect fit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where is the respect for pioneers

A lot of dedicated individuals worked very hard and they followed the government procedures to have this sign erected and made legal.

The Town of Waterville did not follow procedure and they removed the sign without the Commission de toponymie permission.

How would the Commission de toponymie react if the Town of Stanstead removed the new sign for Route #55; which is now called Joseph-Armand Bombardier because of complaints they received from American truckers or tourists for example and to appease them erected a monument in Mr. Bombardier's memory somewhere in the Town of Stanstead as this is where Route #55 starts.

I personally lobbied for four years to get Route#55's name changed to read: Taylor/Bombardier; but the Commission went with only Mr. Bombardier's name. Selt Taylor who was born in Stanstead, invented the "first Canadian car." Why couldn't the Commission have used both of these inventor's names? Their inventions both made a definite impact on the movement of goods and people in the townships as well as the rest of Canada.

I feel the Commission de toponymie is catering to various lobby groups and ignoring historical value. Again Gilbert Hyatt is part of the Townships' heritage and the sign should stay up.

Please support the sign being put back up by contacting the Commission de toponymie.

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Poor old Montjoye, or Hillcrest as I knew it as a young boy growing up and spending most of my youth skiing on it slopes.

There was hardly any overhead expenses to operating the the ski hill, as there were only rope tows and a pamolift with a small cantine and ski shop at the bottom of the hill.

This hidden jewel became the home of Anne Heggtveit after she won a gold medal at the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley, U.S.A. I am sure she chose Hillcrest because of its unique simplicity and the natural beauty of the area.

Every time I pick up The Record there is another article on the destruction of the area. Capleton Bridge burned down, slag from the old copper mines going into the river and now the cutting of old growth timber that has taken years to grow. All of this tree cutting we are told for the benefit of the tourists by the park's management. It's too bad the park's management didn't consult with "Mother Nature" who would have suggested they disturb the park as little as possible and we all know Mother Nature has been a wonderful custodian of the area for thousands of years. Once the park and ski areas are destroyed, the management won't have to worry about attracting tourist and skiers as there won't be any around. Too bad there are such short-sighted individuals on the management board.

DON MARTIN
Melbourne, Ontario

Pets need smoke-free environment

DEAR EDITOR,

Smokers are in a snit over the forthcoming laws regulating the puffing of their fumes in public places. I must admit that I heartily approve of the law. But what about the second-hand smoke that filters into apartment hallways and under non-smokers' doors? Smokers are often de-sensitized to this, and when a rumpus is raised by the non-smoker, the smoker gets very uptight and sometimes belligerent. These are the all too apparent and logical side-effects of residue smoke.

But I want to raise another issue: what about our pets? Have animal rights people thought about the poor canary who can no longer calm the nerves of her household by a cheerful song because she has a tracheotomy? And then there is poor pussy who has inhaled every one of her mistresses' three daily packs, and is now coughing up tar-coated hairballs... And poor Bowser the spaniel who now is on inhalers to help ease his emphysema... I know these are extreme cases, but what about the lungs of those poor pets? I count myself lucky to be able to live and function in a (now) smoke-free environment, but what can be done about the rights of those poor beasts who have to endure pack after pack, many of them in two and three-room apartments? They can't run away from it!

Perhaps activists might reconsider their stand regarding the seal-infested ice floes and concentrate on what in many cases is either next door, or per-

haps even right beside them - their darling pet.

GLENN COATES
North Hatley

A warm thank you to La Piazzetta for Generosa Day

Dear Editor

This year's Generosa Day was the best ever. A total of \$6,370 was raised to benefit the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute Foundation.

Thank you to all those who supported our cause by enjoying a delicious Generosa pizza on Jan. 30. You helped the Foundation to improve the quality of life of the beneficiaries in our four pavilions: Argyll, D'Youville, St-Joseph and St-Vincent.

We would like to thank Nicolas Huard, Sylvain Gobeil and Marcel Noël, co-owners of La Piazzetta in Sherbrooke and their employees who did a valiant job all day long. Thank you to Michel Vachon, vice-president, Soutien au développement des affaires Estrie, Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec who went out of his way to make this day a success. He delivered the merchandise!

Thank you to the owners of other Piazzetta restaurants who came to Sherbrooke to help deliver the pizzas around town. Last but not least thank you to our volunteers Jean-Claude Tremblay, Jacques Bégin and Lise Perreault.

HEATHER BOWMAN
Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute
Foundation

Our School's Page

POPE MEMORIAL

YEAR OF THE VETERAN

An assembly was held to honour the veterans from our area and to give the children a chance to ask the veterans and their wives questions about life in the war. Roscoe Morrison told the children about life in the air force. His wife, Gladys, talked about how women went to work to help the war effort. Kay Olson talked about life here in Canada during the war and Robert Harper talked about training in England and landing on Juno Beach on D-Day. Then they answered many questions from the k-6 students. Poems created by cycle three students were read to the veterans. Drawings, as well as thoughts and impressions of the war, created by Cycle one and two students, were also presented to the veterans. Although not all the veterans could make it that day, Kay Olson stated that the poems and drawings would be put in the Bury Legion hall for all to see. The children sang "Blowin' in the Wind" to close the assembly. After the assembly, the children were so impressed with the veterans and their wives that they asked if they could have their autographs! They are pictured here lining up to make sure that they get a signature from each of their heroes!

BURY FIREFIGHTERS VISIT

Pictured above are fire chief Darcy Eryou, firefighters Michael Goodin and Rocky Coates, as they teach the kindergarten class what to do in case of fire. Full suits were worn so that the young



COURTESY POPE

Students lined up to get autographs from the veterans.

children would become familiar with how they looked and would feel safe to go to them during a fire. Outside, a demonstration of the different sprays for different fire situations was given. Terry and Mike Goodin gave Jonathan Grenier a chance to hold the hose. Meanwhile,

Eddie Jacklin helped students, such as Shana Gaudreau, (pictured on front) into suits to let them see how heavy the fire outfits are to wear. We thank the volunteers from the Bury Fire Department for teaching our students so much about how to keep safe during a fire and also for

teaching them about the valuable community service of firefighting.

CYCLE TWO SCIENCE

In the classroom cycle two students learned about the water cycle and why it is important not to waste water. Students completed surveys of their own water use and thought of ways to reduce it. In the picture, Brooke, Emilie and Becky conduct an experiment about water while Victoria, Krista and Sierra look on.

CHANGE OF PRINCIPALS

We were sorry to hear that our principal, Gail Kelso, had been reassigned. Mrs. Kelso led our school with energy and enthusiasm. This resulted in many positive changes for our school - the homework program, the fitness program - yoga after school, to name a few. Gail had been building relationships with the students and although here for only a year and a half, I'm sure they will miss her too. Gail is pictured handing out a bursary to a former Pope Memorial student. We all wish her the best in her new assignment.

After speculating on who would be our new principal, we were happy to hear that Luc Rodrigue would be coming back to our school. Luc taught FSL here for many years and was heavily involved in community and extra-curricular activities. Welcome back, Mr. Rodrigue!

-Submitted by Jocelyn Bennett



COURTESY POPE

Students learned about the importance of water in science class.



COURTESY POPE

Firefighters help children learn about fire safety.

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Storyteller Burns puts life into literacy

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Haskell Library recently played host to a visit from accomplished storyteller/guitarist/poet Peter Burns. The event was timed to coincide with the celebration of Family Literacy Day which was held nationally on Jan. 27.

It wasn't long before Burns took control of a room filled with adults and children from both sides of the Vermont-Canada border.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Young Jadan Boucher (left) and his mom Kristy were glad they were on hand to see the show.

"I have been a storyteller for many years. Telling stories can take many forms. The idea is to keep it simple and interactive. Keeping it simple can be quite entertaining and a definite challenge to one's thinking," explained Burns.

The staff at the Haskell Library couldn't have been happier with Burns' visit. His ease in communicating with both children and adults was a definite asset as a storyteller. The interactive nature of his performance was a visual example of how literacy, especially within a family circle, can become a wonderful entertaining and learning experience.

"I really enjoy working with audiences that are made up of both adults and children of all ages. The dynamics are so different from that of a classroom filled with school children. It is very rewarding to see the light in their eyes as they become involved with the stories," added Burns.

At one point, Burns told the story of mythical characters who came down from the mountains but none of them knew anything about what to do with shoes. He asked the children to tell them how to wear them. Burns soon had everyone laughing and giggling because he followed their instructions literally. The children eventually realized just how important it is to carefully choose words, especially when it comes to giving instructions.

Burns also recreated several of his tales in rhyme, to the delight of his audience.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Peter Burns' antics were not only very funny, but also educational.

Councillor wants to start jogging/running club

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
STANSTEAD

Rookie Stanstead town councillor Michelle Richard is looking into the possibility of starting a jogging/running club.

"I feel strongly that not being from here (Stanstead) has its advantages — it gives me and others like me a fresher

view of what Stanstead has to offer. It is with this in mind that I have looked into starting a jogging/running club in Stanstead. (Local fitness centre manager) Christiane Ouellet has offered to help me and provide access to training facilities for those involved," explained Richard, adding she has been in contact with similar clubs and has received helpful information.

She hopes to hold a registration event around the middle of March, with the actual club's activity taking place once a week, starting near April 1.

Richard envisions two separate programs — beginner and advanced.

Richard has always tried to keep herself in good shape (she spent over 25 years in the military) but has not been able to maintain the same level of fit-

ness since she injured a knee. She has been walking by herself but would like to encourage others to join her.

She would also like to see the group connect with other groups of this nature throughout the region. Richard feels it is a great way not only to promote Stanstead but to visit different places.

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Relaxation in a bottle... and dishes that sparkle too

Modern technology never fails to excite me with the new tools it comes up with to make my life easier and better.

Just last weekend, I was shopping at the supermarket and realized that we were running out of liquid dish washing soap. I noticed that one brand, a name brand, was on sale and came in a wide variety of scents: Cucumber, lemon, etc. Then I noticed the very last one, aroma therapy... and the label said anti-stress.

Now, just imagine the multi-tasking possibilities here. I can actually wash a pot and relax at the same time. Yes, there's a sucker born every minute but the bottle is on sale and promising me those scented bubbles will fight my stress. How can I resist? Can this be false advertising? Not in Canada.

Ever since childhood, there's a side of me that... now, this is hard to confess to such a wide audience, but here goes: There's a side of me that likes commer-

cial. I've always known why. Commercials have happy endings and I want to believe that happy endings are possible.

Sixties commercials never failed to have happy endings. If the lady switches to the right brand, everything is right. If the neighbour's sheets on the clothesline are cleaner than your sheets, you listen to her advice, buy the detergent and then your family really, really loves you. Buy that whitening toothpaste and you get the boyfriend, the big job, the trip to Florida and the luggage.

Commercials make life seem so simple. If you have the money, there's always an easy solution.

Life is very busy these days so if a dish washing soap can lull me into a state of bliss two steps up from comatose, why should I resist? Of course, it's all fun

and games till we find out the secret ingredient in the soap is illegal.

All kidding aside, stress is a very real problem. Just the other day, a friend passed on a news headline to me that says most teenagers are so stressed out and depressed that if they were in this condition 20 years ago, that state of mind would require professional help. Nowadays, we just accept it.

One journal states that the rate of teenaged depression may be as high as 20 per cent.

It does go on to say that many of these cases will be short-lived but if you think of the pressures that teenagers are under between school, sports, extracurricular activities along with the strain in relationships among family and peers, this figure is not so surprising.

After all, we expect 16 and 17 year olds to pick an area of concentration in

CEGEP. I barely know what I'm doing with my life now. How can we possibly expect kids to figure out what they want to do at such a young age when they can barely decide which jeans to wear to school? That's stress.

Now I know better than to suggest that if we get teenagers to wash our pots and pans with anti-stress aroma therapy dish washing detergent, their stress will go down the drain with the grease, dirt and grime. I don't think this one has a happy ending.

Advertisers will keep stressing our kids and us because we can never have enough and all the bottles of aroma therapy soap won't make us stop and realize that maybe, just maybe, there are a lot of whistles and doo-hickies that we really don't need.

If we're not stressed, we're not spending.

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NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Councillor Michelle Richard takes not only her position on town council very seriously but also her campaign promise to find ways of creating a better Stanstead.

Signing up will cost \$20, to cover the cost of T-shirts and other items and services. Richard's ultimate goal is for members to participate, as a group, in the 5km course at Borderfest 2006.

Richard feels the proposed club is not only good exercise, which leads to better health, but is also a great way to get to know people from many different avenues within the community.

Wind of change at Chez Serge

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Over the past few weeks, news has trickled down the local grapevine that Chez Serge had been sold. It turns out the local gossip got it right. The popular diner is now in the hands of Lana Whipple and Robert Bronson.

Chez Serge has served the Beebe sector of Stanstead throughout the summer season for over 30 years.

Whipple and Bronson are not newcomers to the area. Their involvement in community activities has been apparent for many years, not only through the Granite industry but also recreational clubs and special events put on by the Town of Stanstead.

"I have tried doing other things but I always seem to come back to working with the public. I really like the people. I started working as a dishwasher when I was 12 at a place a lot like this one and I think I have been working ever since," explained Whipple.

"While this time may be a little different as we are the owners of this place, I am very familiar with this type of business. I will miss the regulars at Dufferin Heights, like the Monday night Rotary Club members, but hopefully they will come by and check out what we have to offer."

While Whipple and Bronson have kept many of the aspects of the former establishment the same, they have knocked out a couple of walls and the bathrooms have been moved to the rear of the building to allow for more seating in the dining area.

With this cozy new look, comes a staff of new faces which includes Whip-



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

(left to right) Lana Whipple, her daughter Page and Bonnie Drew were on hand opening day to greet their new customers.

ple, Bonnie Drew, Nicole Stebenne and, of course, Bronson who is on hand when it comes to renovating, peeling potatoes and cleaning the fryer.

Chez Serge we will be open from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"We will offer most everything the previous owners had on their menu, with a few additions. We will have a breakfast menu and homemade specials throughout the week. There will be a family special and Friday night will be my traditional spaghetti night," added Whipple.

Whipple even encourages people to call ahead, especially those who work nearby, to place their order as a means of cutting down on the hectic noon hour rush. She is also ordering a soft ice-cream machine that should be here in time for the warmer weather.

Even though it involved a series of frustrations, the new owners decided to continue operating under the name Chez Serge because it has been a familiar name within the area for so many years. They were also able to keep the same phone number to make it easier for customers to reach them — 819-876-2171.

Stanstead fire department looking for solutions

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Residents learned recently that Stanstead is presently negotiating with the surrounding communities of Ogden, Stanstead East and Barnston West in an effort to establish more efficient fire protection services.

Currently, Stanstead uses its fire equipment and manpower to cover fires within the three areas – charging the municipalities for each visit.

Due to ever increasing demands placed on local fire departments by the provincial government, Stanstead council longer believes the municipality is able to shoulder such a heavy burden alone.

“Due to new government laws on inspections and updates of vehicles, air packs and other equipment, not to mention increased standards of training, it was necessary to come up with a new policy concerning fire coverage to neighbouring municipalities,” explained Stanstead fire chief Pierre Sansfaçon.

The new laws and standards drastically increase the cost of operating a fire department. This is why I felt the need to submit a budget this year that is 84 per cent higher than that of previous years. The increase should create a steady balanced budget, in this department, by 2008. Stanstead had been operating on a fire protection budget based on figures that were more than 15 years old. It will no longer be possible for Stanstead to bear the larger share of these expenses and still remain afloat.”

Ogden Mayor Michael Sudlow first heard of the proposed increase in a fax sent to his municipality. On behalf of the residents of Ogden, Sudlow approached Stanstead council to protest the projected figures.

He and several of his municipal councillors met recently with Stanstead council members to discuss the issue.

At the end of a very extensive meeting, no concrete arrangement had been set up but dates for future meetings were discussed with the hope the parties involved could come to a mutually beneficial agreement in the near future.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED

According to Sansfaçon, the current pumper was built in 1980 with the actual pump dating back to 1977. According to government regulations, the oldest of these two pieces of equipment must not be more than 30 years old if the unit is to be used as first responders.

By 2007, the pumper will be 30 years old and the town will have to replace it. The extent of the training required by each firefighter has also undergone many changes, therefore adding to the extent of the operating costs. It is the government’s intention that all firefighters receive an equal standard of training.

“Elsewhere in Quebec, the fire protection budget works out to 5 to 6 per cent of the total annual budget. That would be 5 to 6 per cent of the budget for Stanstead, not including the other towns that, realistically, should pay an equal share for the same services,” said Sansfaçon, adding that one suggestion would be to create a regional force.

JAWS OF LIFE

Stanstead firefighters will attend an intensive 24-hour course pertaining to the Jaws of life. The instructional part of the course will take place this Friday and Saturday while the practical portion has been scheduled for mid-March, when the weather should be more kindly toward outdoor activities. The firefighters will be divided up into groups to facilitate their learning experience. The course will be given by certified instructor Michel Ouellet of Cowansville.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

When one of his men suggested a weekly indoor hockey game, Stanstead fire chief Pierre Sansfaçon was quick to get on board for something he feels will not only be good for department morale but also keep his men in good physical shape.

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Government information

Free, universal chickenpox vaccination programme

The chickenpox vaccine provides effective protection for 95% of the children who receive it. This is why the Comité sur l'immunisation au Québec has recommended that it be added to the calendar of vaccinations for Québec children. As of January 1, the vaccine is available free to children who have reached 12 months, the age at which other vaccines are to be administered. It is also offered to children who have not received it at the time of their scheduled visit before entrance into school. Chickenpox is an extremely contagious illness which most children get sooner or later.

Symptoms? Chickenpox causes fever and rash, but complications such as ear infections, pneumonia and encephalitis also occur, which is why it is so important to get vaccinated. In Québec, such complications lead each year to the hospitalization of between 400 and 500 persons, especially children, and even one or two deaths. Adults who have not received the vaccine may do so if they meet certain conditions. You may obtain additional information concerning this new programme by visiting the website of the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux at : www.msss.gouv.qc.ca.

Organ and tissue donation : how to signify your consent

Quebeckers can now signify their consent to donate organs and tissue by registering their names with the Registre des consentements au don d'organes et de tissus de la Chambre des notaires du Québec (www.cdng.org). This is a new, convenient and indisputable way to make known your wishes and to ensure that they are respected when the time comes.

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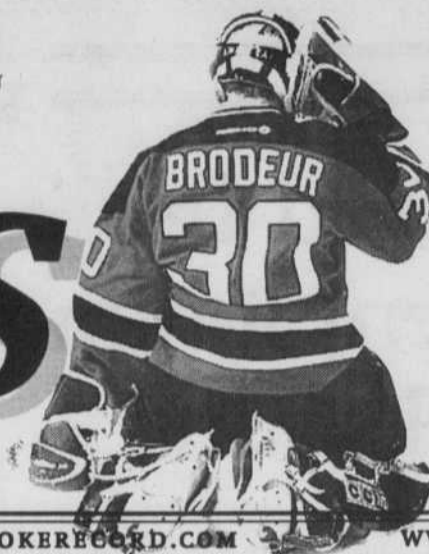
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Lennoxville headed to provincial championships

Cheal rink pursues dream of playing in the Brier

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Last year, following its exciting championship win at the Canadian Legion championships, the Lennoxville team of Jeff Cheal, Matt McCrea, Evan Mooney and Danny Comeau expressed a long-term goal of someday representing Quebec in the Brier and perhaps winning Canada's biggest curling event.

"It was our goal when we put the team together," Mooney said Tuesday in an interview.

An admirable goal but one filled with plenty of obstacles for a rink that is limited in the number of tournaments in which it can compete in

against elite Quebec and Canadian rinks.

While each of the four members agreed to play together in more tournaments and increase their time practicing at the Lennoxville Curling Club, they also face the reality of conflicts with full-time jobs, family commitments and in McCrae's case, full-time studies at Bishop's University.

Then a replacement had to be found when Comeau took a year off — Ayer's Cliff's Brad Lassenba was recruited.

Undaunted, the Cheal rink entered the regional tournament in Danville last month and defeated Dwayne Fowler's Danville rink 5-4 in the finals to capture the Estrie championship and earn a berth in the provincial championship to be held in Sept Iles Feb. 6-12.

"If we advance to the Brier I would be accomplishing a life long dream... but just going to provincials for Estrie in the

men's division for the first time should be a great learning experience for me," McCrae said

Winning the regional was the first step toward a Quebec title but things will get a lot tougher beginning Monday when the Lennoxville boys play their first match. Instead of six rinks there will be 20 teams divided into two pools. Six teams, three from each pool, then advance to the playoffs.

Not only are there a greater number of teams, but Lennoxville will be up against more experienced competition.

"There will be at least six teams that play regularly in money tournaments, teams that are used to playing in elite tournaments," Mooney explained. "Our goal is to be one of the six teams that make the playoffs and to do that we need to have at least a 6-3 record in the round robin."

While many rinks will be flying to

Sept Iles, the Lennoxville rink will leave Saturday morning by car and hope for good weather and clear roads for its estimated 11-hour drive. The rink continues to receive financial support from various local supporters, but the expenses of fielding a competitive rink are a problem. Of course employers and professors have also been supportive of the rink.

"School is very time consuming to be sure, things like papers, tests, and finals are hard enough to juggle with working part time," McCrae said on Wednesday. "Luckily, my profs are very understanding about my curling, and adapt their schedules so I don't miss too much."

"I try to throw stones as much as possible before work or school during the week so I am ready for tournaments on the weekends. My parents are also very supportive of my curling and I wouldn't be able to do it without their help."

Impact re-signs midfielder Fukasawa

Montreal club launches stay in school program

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Despite the fact that the 2006 season is still months away, the Montreal Impact continue to be in the news. On Tuesday, the club announced that Japanese midfielder Masahiro Fukasawa has signed a new one-year contract; a deal that also includes a one-year option.

Yesterday the team held a pair of press conferences at the respective English and French school boards in Montreal to launch its new stay-in-school program.

"We are truly happy to know that we will be able to count on Masahiro in 2006," Impact head coach Nick De Santis told the media there. "He is an offensive midfielder who brought a whole new dimension to the club with his speed, and his exceptional technical strengths."

"He is a disciplined player with a good attitude and he is very much appreciated by his teammates in the dressing room. The fans love him as well. The year of experience he has gained playing soccer in North America in 2005 should be of tremendous benefit to him for this upcoming season."

De Santis will now be able to count on the two players who were named the Impact's Co-Newcomers of the Year last season. Fukasawa was picked for the award along with Lars Lyssand, a midfielder and de-

fender who will be into the second year of a two-year contract.

Fukasawa is not only talented but durable as well. Last year he was only of two Impact players, along with Mauro Biello, to play all of the team's 28 regular-season games. He was also one of nine Montreal players to earn 15 starts or more, with 16. He scored one goal and added an assist in 1,708 minutes of play.

Before joining the Impact last year, Fukasawa played nine seasons in the Japanese Professional Soccer Association (J-League). He has also played as a pro in Argentina.

It has been a busy off-season for the Impact who also announced the signings of midfielder Kirk Wilson, who will play a first season in Montreal in 2006, while Biello and goalkeeper Greg Sutton signed new contracts with the team.

The Impact will kick off the 2006 United Soccer League season on April 23 in Florida, against the expansion Miami F.C. The Montreal club will play the 13th home opener of its history at Claude-Robillard Sports Complex on May 21 against the Minnesota Thunder. The club is still hopeful of playing a regular season game in Sherbrooke this summer although a date has yet to be finalized.



MONTREAL IMPACT

Japanese midfielder Masahiro Fukasawa has signed a new one-year contract. It's a deal that also includes a one-year team option.

Lady Gaiters Grab Top Recruit



COURTESY BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

It was a double dose of good news for the Bishop's University women's basketball team this week. First, the Gaiters entered the national Top Ten poll for the first time this season. Bishop's currently sits ninth. Also, Rod Gilpin's team has successfully recruited Cécep de Sherbrooke guard Katy Germain for next season. A five-foot-eight native of Val d'Or, Germain is the third major recruit to commit to Bishop's in the last few weeks — Amanda Piribauer of Kingston, Ont. and Mélanie Ouellet-Godcharles of Cécep Montmorency are also on board for the 2006-07 season. Germain is currently the third best scorer in the tough Cecep AAA league (15.9 points per game) and leads the league in made and attempted three pointers (she is 26 of 58 for a 45 per cent average).

HOCKEY

Selanne in flap over Finnish netminder

By Joe O'Connor

Teemu Selanne doesn't get it. He does not understand how a National Hockey League goaltender who is healthy enough to start almost every game for the Calgary Flames can declare himself unfit for service when his country calls.

When Selanne and his fellow Finns are fighting for an Olympic medal in Italy this month, the man they count on most, Miikka Kiprusoff, will be on holiday somewhere — resting an aching hip that is not so painful it keeps him out of the Flames net.

"I was a little surprised to hear that he is not coming (to the Olympics)," said the 35-year-old Anaheim Mighty Ducks forward, who will be competing in his fourth Winter Games. "He is playing every night. And I am just very disappointed, because he has been the man for us for a long time, and he was so good in the World Cup, too ..."

"I have always looked at it is a big honour to go and play for your country — and especially the Olympics."

Kiprusoff isn't the only goaltender to beg off Olympic duty.

Atlanta Thrashers' Kari Lehtonen opted out because of a troublesome groin, meaning Finland's great hope in net is Philadelphia Flyers rookie Antero Niittymaki, who is 18-8 with a 2.92 goals-against average this NHL season.

An Olympic medal of any hue will only add to what has already been a remarkable year for Selanne. Two nights ago, in front of a packed house at Arrowhead Pond, he scored twice to lead the Ducks to a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

The goals, Selanne's 24th and 25th of the season, lifted the Helsinki native to the 1,000-point plateau for his career, a benchmark reached by only six other players born outside North America (the others are Peter Stastny, Jari Kurri, Alexander Mogilny, Sergei Fedorov, Mats Sundin and Jaromir Jagr).

Selanne leads the Ducks with 49 points in 49 games after signing a \$1-million one-year contract with the team during the off-season.

Considering his age, his reconstructed knee, the compressed schedule he has to look forward to after the Olympics, and the legitimate shot the Ducks have at securing a post-season berth, Selanne had a hockey bag full of excuses he could have given the Finnish national team had he wanted to get out of going to Turin.

"The schedule is so tough right now, especially for the guys who are going to go to the Olympics ...," Selanne said. "But, on the same hand, it's an honour to be there. Even if it's a tougher season, I think in the future you're going to look at it as a great experience."

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Villanueva picked for rookie squad

Toronto Raptors freshman Charlie Villanueva was one of nine players named Wednesday to the rookie team for the NBA Rookie Challenge, part of the league's all-star festivities. The game, which goes Feb. 17 in Houston, features the league's top rookies taking on a team of second-year players and serves as a prelude to the NBA all-star game Feb. 19.

Villanueva will be joined by Milwaukee Bucks centre Andrew Bogut — the first overall pick in the 2005 draft — and New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul, who leads all first-year players in points (16.3), assists (7.4) and minutes played (35.8). The second-year all-stars will be led by Orlando Magic power forward Dwight Howard, Philadelphia 76ers swingman Andre Iguodala and Chicago Bulls teammates Ben Gordon, Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni.

Chelios named U.S.A. team captain

The NHL's elder statesman has been put in charge of leading a revamped U.S. Olympic hockey team. Detroit Red Wings defenceman Chris Chelios was named captain Wednesday of the U.S. entry at this month's Winter Games in Turin, Italy. It will be his third stint as U.S. captain at the Olympics, after leading the squad to a silver medal at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City and serving as captain in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

On TV

THURSDAY

- **GOLF: 4 p.m.;** PGA FBR Open, first round, TSN.
- **HOCKEY: 7 p.m.;** National Hockey League regular season, Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins, TSN.
- RDS: 7:30 p.m.;** Ottawa Senators at Pittsburgh Penguins, Sportsnet.

FRIDAY

- **GOLF: 4 p.m.;** PGA FBR Open, second round, TSN.
- **BASKETBALL: 7:30 p.m.;** National Basketball Association regular season, L.A. Lakers at Charlotte Bobcats, Sportsnet.
- **HOCKEY: 7:30 p.m.;** Quebec Major Junior Hockey League regular season, Drummondville Voltigeurs at P.E.I. Rocket, RDS.

Around Town

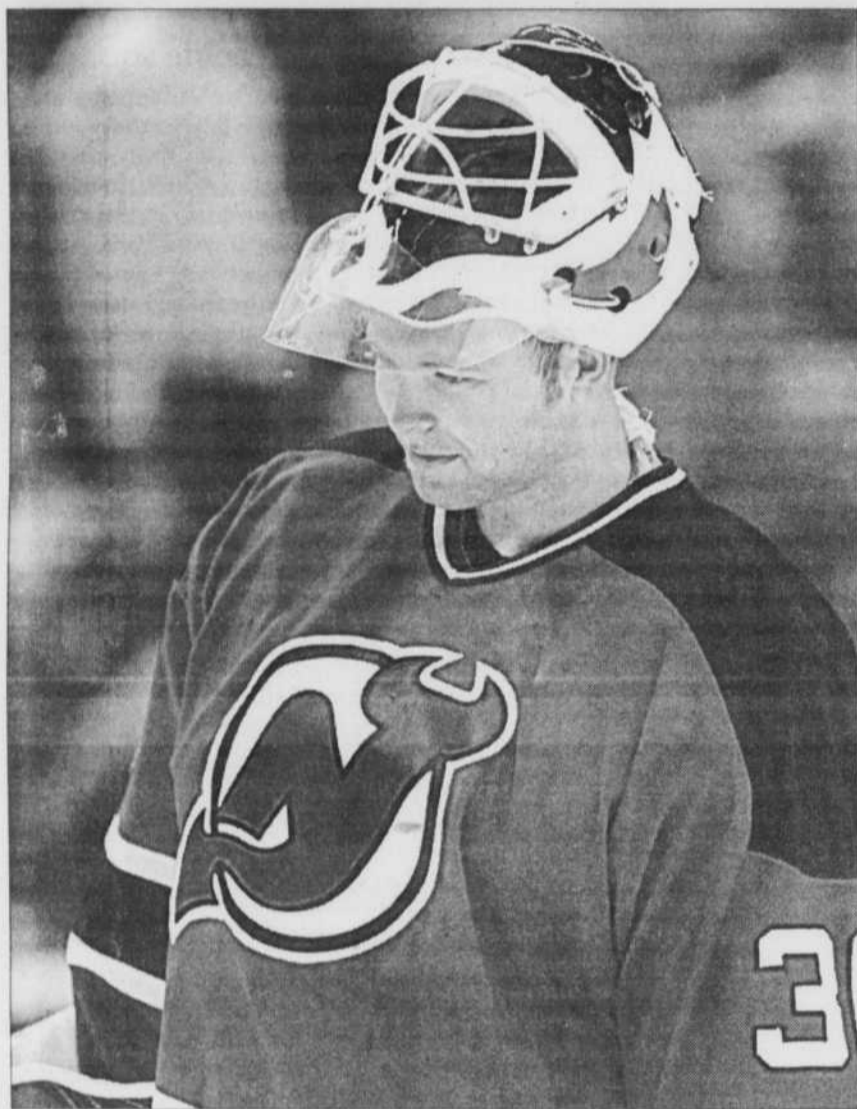
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UPCOMING

- **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Sunday,** Kahnawake at Champlain Cougars, Eugène Lalonde Arena, Sherbrooke, 7:30 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL: Friday,** McGill Martlets at Bishop's Gaiters, Mitchell Gymnasium, Lennoxville, 6 p.m.
- **MEN'S UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL: Friday,** McGill Redmen at Bishop's Gaiters, Mitchell Gymnasium, Lennoxville, 8 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL: Saturday,** UQTR at Sherbrooke Vert & Or, University of Sherbrooke, 1 p.m.
- **MEN'S UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL: Sunday,** Montreal Carabins at Sherbrooke Vert & Or, University of Sherbrooke, 3 p.m.
- **SENIOR HOCKEY (NAHL): Friday,** Thetford Mines at Sherbrooke St-François, Léopold-Drolet Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.

OLYMPICS

Family pride on line for Brodeurs in Turin



FILE PHOTO

Martin Brodeur and dad Denis share something special — Olympic gold.

"The ultimate humiliation came at the 1956 Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy, when the Soviet Union, with a retooled team of bandy players, and the United States both defeated Canada (represented by the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen) in men's ice hockey."

—From *Canadians and the Olympics*,
by Bruce Kidd.

By Cam Cole

I'll bet that's not the way the story is told around the kitchen table when Marty Brodeur is back home visiting his dad, Denis, who played in goal for the first Canadian hockey team in Olympic history to win neither the gold nor the silver medal.

Father and son probably don't pore over the gory details from '56, either, when Denis Brodeur lost a fly ball in the sun — they played outdoors back then — en route to a 4-1 defeat by the Americans, and never saw the ice again in the tournament. Keith Woodall played the last three games in goal, according to Canadian Olympic team records, winning two of them and losing the gold-medal decider 2-0 to the Soviets.

So the legend of Denis and Martin, the first père-et-fils hockey players to win Olympic medals, has some gaps in it. But families don't rub these things in.

"I didn't see my dad play," the son said Tuesday. "I wasn't part of his career — he did it way before I was born (in 1972), but I think more than the average person, I was exposed to the Olympic factor."

The good parts of it, anyway.

When the Dutchmen came home from Cortina d'Ampezzo in February of 1956, nobody in Canada was bragging about their having won the bronze medal. Lost the gold, was more like it. Canada always won at Our Game. It had

captured the first four Olympic tournaments by an aggregate score of 209-8 over all comers.

The only blemish had come in 1936 at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany — a fluke, really — when the Halifax Wolverines were supposed to represent Canada but demanded to be paid (the greedy buggers), so they were banished from the Olympics, and replaced by the Port Arthur Bearcats, who proceeded to get beat 2-1 by a team of ringers from Great Britain, 11 of whom were Canadians.

Other than that, it had been nothing but gold, up to and including the Edmonton Mercurys' triumph in 1952.

So, if you're a glass-half-empty kind of person, you might say Marty's dad was part of the team that stopped the streak, and plunged us into a 46-year drought — and you might also say that ending it with a gold medal in Salt Lake City was the least Denis Brodeur's boy could do for his country.

We only mention this today because Tuesday's National Hockey League conference call featured Martin, the New Jersey Devils' franchise 'keeper who has only recently turned his season around and begun to play like the goalie Canada is clearly going to need in Turin.

The way defencemen are going down — Vancouver Canucks' Ed Jovanovski with abdominal surgery, Anaheim's Scott Niedermayer teetering on whether to have his knee surgically repaired, and first alternate Bryan McCabe of the Toronto Maple Leafs having missed the last nine games with a variation on the abdominal/groin/hernia theme — Brodeur may have to be extra special, or risk having Canada's gold-medal streak end at one.

The potential replacements begin with Ottawa's Chris Phillips, Calgary's Dion Phaneuf and Tampa Bay's Dan Boyle, but whoever fills in, the priority is to be healthy upon arrival in Turin, because Canada plays five games in seven days to start the tournament.

When Brodeur's father played, Canada had five games in its first six days. In the fifth game, he gave up a screwball goal to the Americans, a puck lofted high in the air from the U.S. end that he lost in the sun as he came out to play it. The puck struck him in the shoulder, an uncovered American shovelled it into the open net and, like Tommy Salo vs. Belarus, Denis Brodeur was the goat. Or one of them.

Only it's 50 years later, now. Time blurs the sharp edges, smooths over the rough spots, and that's how it's supposed to be, with families.

The son is going back to Italy — 350 miles or so, as the crow flies, from Cortina — and taking his father. Not to make amends, but to relive the good things Denis Brodeur remembers about his two weeks in the Italian Alps.

For the Brodeur family, the score was settled in Salt Lake City. Win or lose, Turin will simply close the circle.

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Open Trails: 10 Lifts: 3
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Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 31
Open Trails: 41/56

Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONTJOYE

Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 3
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 18
Open Trails: 14/27

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Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 13
Open Trails: 37/44

Lift Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BURKE (VERMONT)

Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 3
Open Trails: 27/43

Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SKI BROMONT

Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 9
Open Trails: 36/72

Lift Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SUTTON

Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 4
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 25
Open Trails: 50/53

Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Hilaire-Noble wedding



Nathalie St. Hilaire and Rick Noble celebrated their wedding vows on September 3rd, 2005. The wedding took place at the Christian Advent Church in Danville, Quebec, with family and friends attending. Nathalie is the daughter of Helen Johnston and Bruce Banfill of Richmond, Quebec. Rick is the eldest son of Paster Mitch and Patricia Noble of Simonds, New Brunswick. Rick and Nathalie are happily residing in Montreal.

Card of Thanks

DAVIDSON - I would like to thank all those who sent cards and made telephone calls at the time of the death of my brother, Gerald Blodgett, in December. I would also like to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, food, phone calls, flowers and prayers during my recent illness. To Rev. Jim Potter for his visits and to the doctors and nurses at the Hotel Dieu Hospital for their excellent care. Last, but not least, to my family for all their help, care and concern. Your kindness was much appreciated.

MABEL DAVIDSON

A Blaze of Glory

*She had expressive green eyes that
shone in a blaze of glory
As splendour like a bliss of heaven teas-
es in radiant beauty
With a musical note of gleeful laughter
teases with temptation
In such a way as if making the sun-
shine even in the rain.*

*She had expressive green eyes that
shone in a blaze of glory
Golden treasured ideas shaped waves
praiseworthy wit I seemed
To be addicted to her and hoped to feel
her love's desire for me
With all my wit I said I woo thee, she
responded with hugs and said me too.*

*From a blaze of glory miracles do hap-
pen like a golden hand guiding
It felt like a Magi's touch spreading a
gift of heaven pleasing me
News like miracles spread like wild fire
and both hearts feel the flame
To joyously propose to unite together
in a blaze of glory forever.*

*I have yearned for this moment since
your green eyes shone blazes
Of fire in the ceremony of prayers that
girdle lovers together forever
She looked as beautiful as the coun-
tryside as I walked by her side
I'll forever love her expressive green
eyes that shone in a blaze of glory.*

Harold Hodge

Time

*Let us revel in our time,
In the days that come and go,
How precious is that time
For who cares to make it so.*

*For there'll be an end to time
When we have to let it go,
Then how more precious is that time
We all, will come to know.*

Marg Miller
Bedford, Quebec

Death

LOVEGROVE, Betty Irene (Desruisseaux) - Betty Lovegrove of Fredericton, NB and formerly of Bathurst, passed away surrounded by her family at the age of 76 on January 30, 2006 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton. Born in Cookshire, Quebec on April 28, 1929, she was the daughter of Leon and Pearl (Laing) Desruisseaux. Betty is mourned by her four children: son Chris (Sylvie Roy) of Bathurst; daughter Pamela Gonnason (Trevor) of Fredericton; daughter Kim Schnarr (Jim) of Fredericton; and son Michael (Terri Elhatton) of Moncton. Betty dearly loved her three granddaughters, Heather and Megan Gonnason of Fredericton; and Nika Lovegrove-Roy of Bathurst. She is also survived by a special niece, Debbie Cilles of Lennoxville, Quebec. Betty was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Len, in May 2005. She was also predeceased by her parents; brother Charles (Sonny); and her sister Roberta. Betty was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Betty had a long nursing career ending as the occupational health nurse at Brunswick Mining in Bathurst. She enjoyed many years of nursing at the Chaleur Regional and Hotel Dieu Hospitals in Bathurst in the emergency and operating rooms, and also at the Youville Hospital in Noranda, Quebec. She was involved in the St. John Ambulance and also played a role in the development of the Nepisquit Family Services in Bathurst. She was a member of the Retired Nurses Association. Prior to her nursing career, she taught school in the Eastern Townships. Not one to rest for long, after retiring from nursing, she decided to begin a new career working with her son in his photography business. She loved to play shuffleboard, knit, read and play any kind of board game. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Elhatton's Funeral Home. The funeral will take place on Thursday, February 2 at 11 a.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, King Avenue, Bathurst with Rev. Rod Black officiating. Burial will be in St. Alban's Cemetery in the spring. For those who wish, remembrances to the Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family. Personal condolences may be offered through www.elhatton.com

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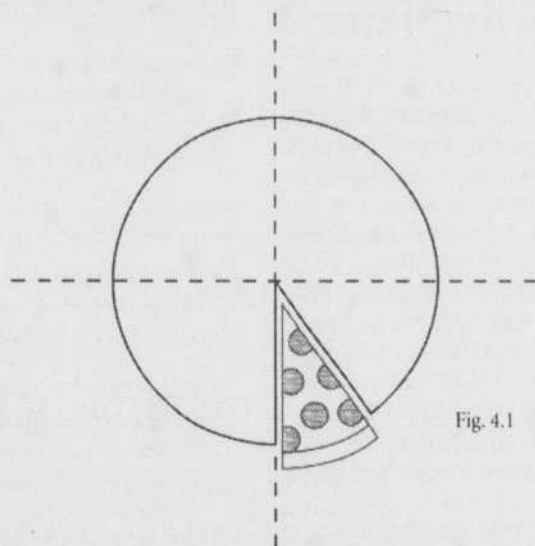


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TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

LENNOXVILLE

84 Queen St., St. George's Afternoon A.C.W. will hold a 500 and Bridge card party on Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m. Lunch and prizes. All Welcome!

WATERVILLE, HATLEY, NORTH HATLEY

Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge: Worship services on February 5: Waterville 9:30 a.m.; Hatley 9:30 a.m. North Hatley 11 a.m.

DANVILLE

The U.C.W. is sponsoring a Military Whist card party on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. For reservations please call (819) 839-3777.

AYER'S CLIFF

Valentine's Brunch at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, February 12 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

St. George's Church Hall, Valentine Tea with Mini Food and Craft Sale on Saturday, February 11 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fun and prizes. Sponsored by the Parish Guild. Everyone welcome.

BULWER

Annual Sugar Social on Sunday, Feb-

ruary 12 at 2 p.m. in the Bulwer Community Center, Jordan Hill Road. Along with the maple taffy-on-snow, there will be doughnuts, pickles and beverages. Admission charged.

SHERBROOKE

Monday, February 6, 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian United Church Women Executive meeting at Plymouth-Trinity United Church, Sherbrooke. Bag lunch, soup and beverage provided. Please send a delegate from your U.C.W.

LENNOXVILLE

Bi-annual meeting for the election of Officers and Directors for A.N.A.F Unit 318, 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on February 4, 2006 at 2 p.m. sharp. All voting members: dues have to be paid as of date to vote.

LENNOXVILLE

Ham and Turkey Bingo at A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on February 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

Sherbrooke Christian Women's Club is holding their next meeting on February 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville. For reservations, contact Lina Viscogliosi at (819) 847-3388 by noon, Monday, February 6.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold Blood Pressure clinics on the following dates:

LENNOXVILLE: On Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Waterville from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NORTH HATLEY: On Friday, February 3 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Sacrament of Communion and Sunday School on February 5 at 10 a.m. Rev. James Potter, (819) 565-8449.

MELBOURNE/RICHMOND

The Lennoxville and District Women's Center is offering a Tile Painting Workshop on February 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 108 Lay Road in Melbourne. Richere will show you how to transform an ordinary ceramic tile into a work of art using glass paint in vibrant colours. All supplies included in the cost of the workshop. Call us at (819) 564-6626 to register.

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Hunting

*I used to hunt, it was a thrill,
'Twas in our blood, we loved to kill.
We threw rocks, and sharpened sticks,
It was the way we got our kicks.*

*Birds that really did no harm,
The swallows nesting on the barn.
Woodpeckers tapping on a tree,
All became prime game for me.*

*At ten I got a twenty-two;
And then the harm that we could do!
We shot everything that moved,
And of course, our aim improved.*

*We worked up the whole food chain,
Squirrels and rabbits then were slain.
Porcupine were easy prey;
There was a bounty in our day.*

*Then one day I saw a hare,
I took aim, he just sat there.
For the first time, before I shot,
I seemed to have a second thought.*

*"He's pretty cute, I'll just aim wide."
But I hit him, he cried and died.
And though I didn't say it out loud,
For the first time, I wasn't proud.*

*I keep on hunting, for back then,
It was the way we proved we're men.
But I shot only game to eat,
And it was no longer such a treat.*

*I must admit, there was the thrill,
Of that first deer and that big kill.
And for some years I tried my luck,
In hopes of bringing down a buck.*

*But now there was no need for food,
And I was seldom in the mood.
Now when I saw a creature die,
Somewhere inside I'd start to cry.*

*Though I have friends who go hunt
still,
I know I'm through, and never will,
Pick up a tool with thoughts of harm,
As I go roaming on my farm.*

*Now that I'm grown I realize,
What mother meant by civilized.
Every creature has its place,
And what we did was wanton waste.*

*I still go out and search for birds,
And spy on young deer in their herds.
But I no longer need to kill them,
I just capture them on film.*

Wayne Robinson

Hatley-Stanstead Women's Institute

After being postponed twice due to bad weather, the newly formed Hatley-Stanstead group held their meeting January 12, 2006 at the Anglican Church Hall in Hatley. There were 11 members present.

Nominations for 2006 were made. Elvera Patterson remained as President, Irene Humphrey remained as President-Elect, Velma Eryou became First Vice-President. Mildred Roarke remained Treasurer and Mildred Miller remained as Secretary.

The committees are as follows: Gertrude Ketcham and Frankie Stuart - Heath and Community Living. Irene Humphrey and Mildred Roarke - Education. Phyllis Dustin and Velma Eryou - Agriculture. Jackie Tilton and Elane Wilson - Publicity.

The programs for the coming year were planned.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by the Hatley Group. The next meeting will be held on February 2 at the home of Mildred Roarke when Valentine baskets will be prepared.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to restore the Mansur School, all who donated money, supported our fundraisers and given encouragement.

Much has been done and we are proud of our little school house. More needs to be done, especially securing the bricks, but we have not been able to find someone to do this for us. It appears that it is not a big enough job for most masons. The group will continue to do what is needed and we hope to hold an Open House this summer.

Jackie Tilton,
Publicity.

Military Whist Party

Military Whist party at Oddfellows Hall in Knowlton. The Tuesday night's party was hosted by the Friday Nights Social Club of Knowlton. There were 15 tables despite the nasty weather.

The first prize went to table 6 to Capt. Nancy Page, Martha Dudley, Peggy Page and Arthur Hall, with 43 points. Second prize went to table 14, Capt. Yvette McElreavy, Doug Talbot, Alfreda Neil and Earl Whitehouse, with 41 points. The consolation prize went to table 3, Capt. Virginia Clifford, Elvia Johnson, George Bailey and Rita Bowbrick, with 15 points.

Door prizes were won by Annie Jones, Merlyn Sturtevant, Ethan Perkins, Don Page, Amanda Streule, Nancy Dixon, Art Hall, Alfreda Neil, George Bailey, Dorothy Premont, Peggy Battley, Norm Allair, Allen Badger, Rita Bowbrick, Pat Benoit, Josy Streule, Jean Royea, Lawrence Marsh, Gladys Cook, Marcel Premont, Gerald Copeland, Martha Dudley, Stanley Copeland, Arnold Fletcher.

The grocery box went to Bob Newell. We had a delicious lunch and went home. See you next week.

Edna Badger

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by Luis Campos

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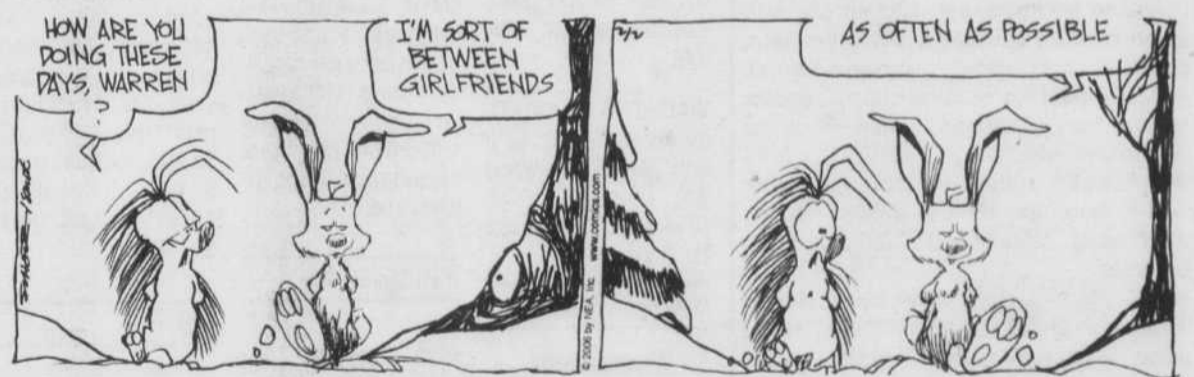
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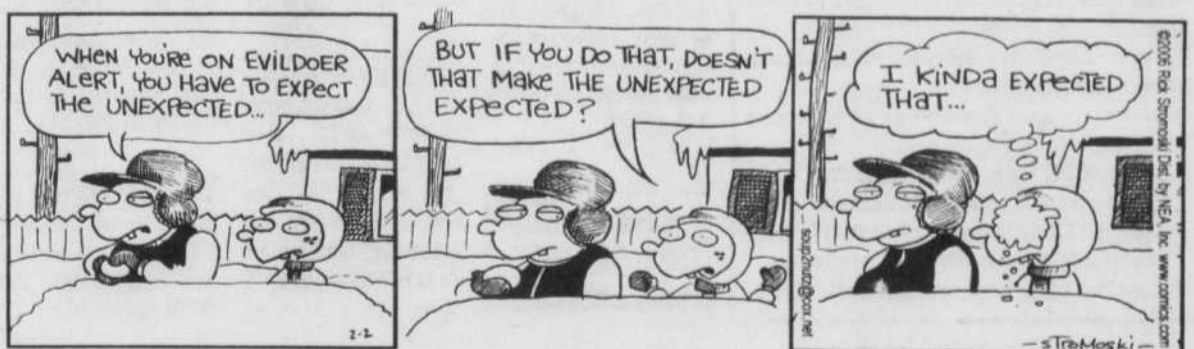
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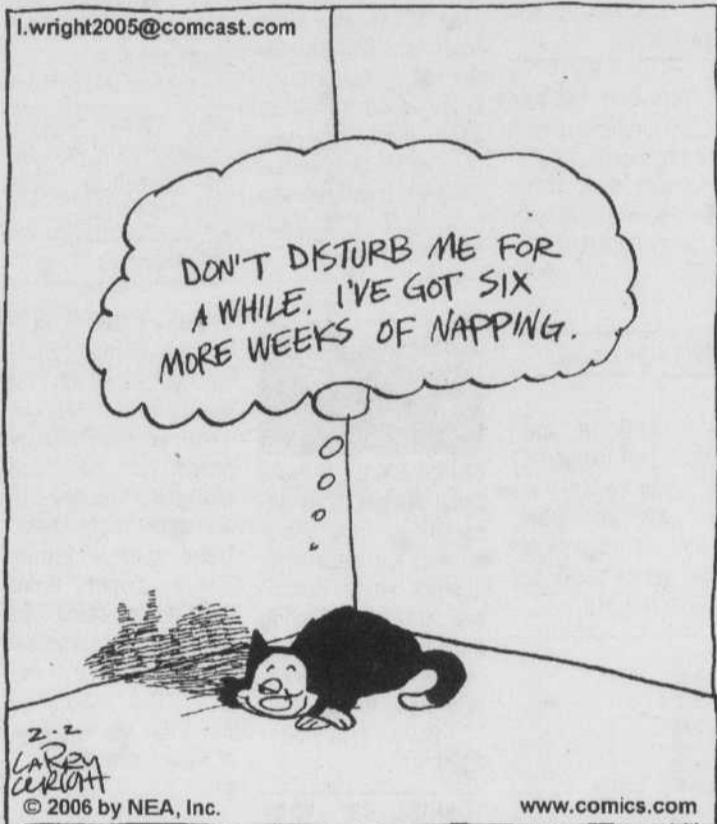
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Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try not to be reluctant today about sharing what you have with another. If you stop and remember what this person might have done for you, you'll have no trouble having a change of heart.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could be greatly influenced by the company you keep today. Fortunately, you'll be associating mostly with nice people, but if one happens to be a bit selfish, stick with the majority.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If there is a major ambition you're desirous of bringing to fruition today, do not allow yourself to get sidetracked by emotional outside influences. Focus your eye on your own target.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let someone stir things up and create complications for you today just because this person doesn't like certain people you're involved with. It's his or her problem, not yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There are a few people who would love to trip you up today and may even try, but they'll have no success. A little deft maneuvering on your part will enable you to skip right over them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The reason you've been unable to resolve a certain problem could be due to the angle from which you've been viewing it. A fresh slant can provide that elusive an-

swer you've been seeking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't snarl things for yourself today by seeking a complicated answer to a career matter that's bothering you. Chances are it's some little hidden thing that is at the core and can be easily fixed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your performance level is apt to be up a few notches today, so try to make the most of it. Yes, you might make a boo-boo or two, but they can easily be corrected as you move along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something you thought could be easily accomplished today may contain a snag or two and unless you realize it's only that, you could complicate things. Keep everything in perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In order to further a personal interest today, you may be required to take a chance now and then. If you feel the odds are in your favor, don't be afraid to gamble on what you think is right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is one of those days when it is important to keep the sales slips and/or warranty of anything you buy, especially if it is expensive. There's a strong chance you may need one or both.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be more interested in furthering a personal interest today than you will be at making friends. However, if you put your mind to it, you can still do both with equally good results.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006

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South			
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Dealer: West Vulnerable: Both			
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	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ K			

the play in four spades? West leads the club king.

After three suits have been bid around the table, if the fourth player doubles, it is called snapdragon. It shows length in the fourth suit and tolerance — typically honor-doubleton — for partner's suit. When fourth hand instead bids the fourth suit, he is warning of shortness in his partner's suit.

West's two-heart rebid guaranteed four-card support. With only three hearts, he would have made a support double. (Conventional doubles get everywhere!) East competed to three hearts because he knew of a nine-card fit. With nine trumps, bid to the nine-trick level.

In four spades, you have only nine winners: seven spades, one diamond and one club. You must establish a long diamond. Since that will require ruffing three diamonds in hand, you will need four dummy entries: three for the ruffs and one to get to the established card. Those four entries must be the diamond ace and three spades. So you must not draw an immediate round of trumps. After winning with dummy's club ace, cash the diamond ace and ruff a diamond in hand. Play a spade to dummy's eight and trump another diamond. Lead a spade to dummy's 10 and ruff a third diamond. Finally, cross to the spade king and cash the diamond jack, discarding a loser. Nicely done.
Vulnerable: Both

To snapdragon or not to snapdragon

By Phillip Alder

British psychologist Havelock Ellis wrote, "Jealousy, that dragon which slays love under the pretense of keeping it alive."

This deal does not contain a dragon, but an extension called a snapdragon. First, though, how should South plan

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Milk type
 - 5 Piercing remarks
 - 10 Dregs
 - 14 Queen Boleyn
 - 15 Vigilant
 - 16 Black as pitch
 - 17 Hoarfrost
 - 18 Gymnast Comaneci
 - 19 Idyllic place
 - 20 Start of Evan Esar quote
 - 23 Intuits
 - 24 Gender
 - 25 Masseur's milieu
 - 28 Sundance Kid's girl
 - 31 Moolah
 - 33 Related (to)

- 37 Messes up
- 39 Mollycoddler
- 40 Part 2 of quote
- 43 Speak from a soapbox
- 44 Calendar confines
- 45 Sicilian resort
- 46 Kind of republic
- 48 Faded and dull
- 50 WSW opposite
- 51 Harem room
- 53 Writer Anatole
- 58 End of quote
- 61 Eager
- 64 "Casablanca" co-star
- 65 Go by Greyhound
- 66 Entice
- 67 Rub out

- 25 Become established
- 26 Clean one's feathers
- 27 Main trunk
- 29 Low card
- 30 Moved in a curved path
- 32 Protuberance
- 33 Sun-dried brick
- 34 Sacred text of Islam
- 35 Puerile
- 36 __ bene
- 38 Char slightly
- 41 Mortise's partner
- 42 Conscripts

- 47 Befuddled
- 49 Bikini part
- 52 Love to pieces
- 54 Come to terms
- 55 Artless
- 56 Apple drink
- 57 Febrero preceder
- 58 Ripened
- 59 Teheran's country
- 60 Formerly, formerly
- 61 Stout alternative
- 62 Doll's date
- 63 Mine find

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- DOWN**
- 1 Rani's wraps
 - 2 Stiletto or dagger
 - 3 "Newsboy" painter Henry
 - 4 Track events
 - 5 Handrail
 - 6 Banned insecticide
 - 7 Cincinnati ballplayers
 - 8 Manchester men
 - 9 Remained
 - 10 Place
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 - 12 __ out a living
 - 13 Alternative wd.
 - 21 Professional charge
 - 22 Binary compound

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The TrailBlazer SS is the real deal



The 2006 Chevy TrailBlazer SS blasts from 80 to 120 km/h in just 4.6 seconds, which is fast enough to blow the doors off some supposedly superior competition.

By Graeme Fletcher

For CanWest News Service

At one time, the Super Sport moniker stood for something special - the 1970 Chevelle SS 454 and its 450-horsepower, big-block V-8 being the epitome of what the SS designation meant. However, between then and now, the art of SS-ing a vehicle seems to have become more about decal engineering than a real re-do of a specific model. The introduction of the Cobalt SS hinted at what GM could do when it put its mind to it; the TrailBlazer SS is proof positive.

From the instant you crank the engine to life, you know you're in for a special ride.

Aside from its bold, monochromatic look, which is stripped of the usual visual clutter such as side mouldings and a roof rack, and the wheel arch-filling 20-inch rims, the TrailBlazer SS is the real deal.

To begin with, it's fitted with a Corvette-derived 6.0-litre V-8, complete with a cold-air intake. In spite of its overhead valves and complete lack of sophisticated technology, electronic throttle aside, this engine still manages to churn out 395 h.p. and 400 lb-ft of torque. Now, if you think the SS's portly 2,064-kilogram curb weight puts a damper on outright performance, you'd be dead wrong - the SS is like greased lightning, while a wonderfully guttural roar emanates from its chrome tailpipes.

From a standstill, the stallions whisk the SS to 100 kilometres an hour in just 6.3 seconds. Better yet, when you are trying to merge on to the highway and some dink attempts to block your passage, you simply nail the gas and the SS blasts from 80 to 120 km/h in just 4.6 seconds, which is fast enough to blow the doors off some supposedly superior competition.

To put its passing prowess into perspective, this \$53,345 SUV is 1.8 seconds

faster than the \$97,250 Range Rover Sport (6.4 seconds) and 1.5 seconds quicker than the \$126,900 Porsche Cayenne Turbo (6.1 seconds). Stick that in your pipe and smoke it!

Power is put to the pavement through a heavy-duty four-speed automatic, limited-slip rear differential and a performance-oriented, full-time all-wheel-drive system. At the heart of this system is a Torsen centre differential that, under normal circumstances, splits the power 33/67 front to rear. If wheelspin becomes a problem, it can alter the split to a more even 45/55. Factor in the traction control and monster P255/50R20 tires and getting the SS to chirp its rubber in a straight-line drag is a futile effort.

When it comes time to go hauling into a corner like a hooligan, again, no problem - the manner in which the TrailBlazer SS handles itself at the ragged edge is nothing short of amazing. And, remember, I'm talking about an SUV here. Cranking up the spring rates, dropping in larger anti-roll bars and lowering the ride height - 25 millimetres up front, 45 mm in the rear - make a tremendous difference.

Where the base TrailBlazer feels as though it's about to cock a tire and roll over - even at moderate speeds - the SS remains commendably flat at silly ones. Likewise, where the base unit has virtually no feel or feedback from the steering, the SS has tons, including decent on-centre feel when highway cruising. And, when you do manage to screw it up, GM's StabiliTrak is there to save the day. Just don't bend the laws of physics too far.

All lovely stuff aside, where the SS really comes into its own is when pressed around a race track. It is, by the way, completely useless if you're looking for an off-road truck. The lateral grip when cornering is great, there's plenty of grunt when hauling out of it and, when serious speed

needs to be scrubbed, simply bury the brake pedal and the SS obeys.

The latter is yet another marked departure from the mortal TrailBlazer. Rather than having a spongy pedal that's difficult to modulate, which invariably means the anti-lock system jumps in prematurely, the SS's pedal is firm, so it's easy to find the threshold. With stops measuring 39 metres from 100 km/h, the SS is on par with the Range Rover and within spitting distance of the Cayenne.

So far, I've only talked about the sporty side of the SS. On the flip side, it comes with a nicer interior that includes bolstered front buckets finished with a suede central insert, making them much less slippery whenever the trigger is pulled. Similarly, the instrumentation is comprehensive - the silver-faced tachometer stands in stark contrast to the rest of the dark dials - and the controls are logically placed. The drawback is the whole lot looks as though it was cobbled together over a pint of Guinness. There are way too many different bits and pieces to lend a cohesive look.

The SS also does the SUV thing very well, with no compromises in versatility or flexibility. With the 65/35-split seat backs upright, the SS holds 43.7 cubic feet of stuff. Fold them down and it swallows 80 cubic ft. of stuff. In fact, it is actually a bit easier to load because of the lowered ride height. It will even tow a 2,954-kilogram trailer when properly equipped.

The TrailBlazer SS is arguably the best ride in GM's bloated portfolio other than the Corvette. The fact that it makes mincemeat of some SUVs costing twice as much and more is the icing on a sweet set of wheels. If only GM could distill the essence of SS and put a tiny drop of it in every one of its cars, its future would be decidedly rosier. One can only hope.

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Sympathize, saying you understand

Dear Annie: Recently, a family friend stayed for a few weeks with my husband and me. "Renata" has had problems with drug dependence in the past and has been diagnosed with a chemical imbalance, which she treats with drug therapy. She recently went back to her husband and children.

After Renata left, I discovered that several bottles of medication were empty, including strong narcotics that had been prescribed for my husband after an operation last year. Neither my husband nor I had taken any of the medicine, and no other visitors have had access to the cabinet.

We are completely stressed out about how to proceed. We don't want Renata's husband to decide he's had enough and leave her, but we are concerned for her children. Should we tell her husband? Confront Renata? Any guidance would be appreciated. — Know Too Much in Virginia

Dear Virginia: Tell Renata, calmly, that after her visit, you noticed several strong medications were missing from your cabinet. Sympathize, saying you understand how difficult addiction is and if she took the medication, you want to help her, and you also are concerned about her children.

Renata may become angry, and keep in mind, it's possible she didn't ingest the pills, even if she took them. Either way, don't argue with her. Offer her information on support groups like Narcotics Anonymous (na.org), P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409, or Families Anonymous (familiesanonymous.org), P.O. Box 3475, Culver City, CA 90231-3475 at 1-800-736-9805. Keep in contact with her, and if you notice anything amiss, by all means, talk to her husband about your concerns.

Dear Annie: I am a single, working mother and recently hosted a graduation party for my daughter. My ex-husband and I worked together in order to show our daughter that we value everything she's accomplished.

We chose a restaurant that had a wide range of prices. However, my sister and her family did not bring a gift or a card, and they ordered the most expensive items on the menu, including wine and a pricey dessert. They were the only ones to get the whole nine yards. They didn't offer to pay for their extras, and believe me, they can easily afford it.

At this point, is it too late to say anything to them about it? I felt they acted very selfishly and took advantage of me. Any thoughts? — Used and Abused in Los Angeles

Dear Used: While it would have been gracious and proper for your sister to bring a gift, not to mention eat within reason, you cannot force guests to do either. It's still possible that your sister will send a gift for her niece's graduation, but we don't recommend you invite her out for a meal without a bank loan.

Dear Annie: Please alert your readers that the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act prohibits college professors and administrators from contacting parents without student consent. That means it is an invasion of the student's privacy to speak to parents about a possible behavioral problem.

The Act does allow parents to be called if there is imminent risk of suicide. But early warning signs, such as unusual sleeping and eating patterns, or failure to attend class, often do not qualify. Some universities now send the parents of freshmen a consent form by which students waive their rights to this privacy, although some universities mandate that permission must be granted for each individual incident. It is important to find out how FERPA is interpreted at your child's institution, and I urge your readers to call a staff member. Even if the staff member can't share information with you, that individual can still reach out to your child. — Linda Danford, Dept. of Classical Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Dear Linda Danford: For many students, college is an emotional roller coaster, and parents should be able to help their children. Thank you for alerting our readers to the availability of these forms.

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