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Rock Forest fire destroys storage warehouse

By Doug McCooye

On Tuesday afternoon, a major fire completely destroyed the storage units at Boxinn, a storage warehouse in Rock Forest.

A little before 1 pm, the Sherbrooke fire department (SPCIS) responded to a call at the establishment located at 5533 Bourque Boulevard. Citizens who were passing by alerted authorities.

"The flames were visible when we arrived, and the fire was particularly hot today," said Gaetan Drouin of the SPCIS in an interview with The Record, noting that the temperature was as high as 600-degrees Fahrenheit in certain spots.

The Sherbrooke station sent all of their available units to the scene. Two units from Lennoxville and one from Brompton also assisted in combating the blaze. In all, some 70 firefighters helped get the fire under control.

The last flames were extinguished at around 3:45 pm and as of this writing, firefighters and investigators were still on the scene.

No one was injured in the blaze that claimed all 66 of the building's storage units.

The cause of the fire is still unknown. "We have not completed our investigation or calculated the damages, considering an inventory of all of the stuff that was stored has not yet been completed," noted Drouin.

Council opts for Ombudsman

Some opposition remains



DOUG MCCOYE

An Ombudsman for the city was one of mayor Bernard Sévigny's major projects. Council voted to create the position on Monday.

By Doug McCooye
SHERBROOKE

On Monday night, the Sherbrooke city council voted 13 to seven in favor of creating the position of an ombudsman at City Hall.

The vote comes after the council held a lengthy committee-of-the-whole meeting last week that saw Rodrigue Lessard, director general of the City of Saguenay ombudsman office, give a presentation and answer questions put forth by the councillors on the topic.

The council then debated the issue and appeared very-much split on the creation of the ombudsman position.

"At the end of the meeting last week, we said that we would take a week to think about it before voting on it at tonight's council meeting," said Mayor Bernard Sévigny on Monday. The mayor, who championed the position during his 2009 election campaign and spearheaded a similar proposal that was rejected by the council in 2007, opened the regulation proceedings by explaining the logistics and, in his eyes, the im-

portance of such a position. The ombudsman's office will serve, essentially, as a citizen's protector. With certain restrictions, citizens who feel slighted by a decision made by a City of Sherbrooke service can present their concerns to the ombudsman's office that will then decide whether the complainant has any merit. If the ombudsman finds that a given citizen was slighted, they will offer their recommendation to the proper city officials to fix the problem.

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A man and his bike

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Due to the St-Jean-Baptiste (Fête Nationale) holiday, the Record will not be published tomorrow, June 24. Our regular weekend edition will be published as usual on Friday.

Mary Martin at Brome County Museum



Renowned Townships artist Mary Martin will be holding her 30th Annual Exhibition through the next two weekends at the Brome County Museum.

Martin, who lives in Dunham, is well known for her work in oils and watercolours and her steadfast annual presence at the Brome County Museum has seen over 2500 pieces of her depictions of rural life and nature sold into local homes where they quickly become treasures.

The exhibition opens with a reception Friday evening from 5-7 pm, and continues until July 4. The Museum is open daily from 1 pm until 5 and is located at 130 Lakeside in Knowlton.

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Bike and Rider partners for 70 years

By Gordon Alexander
RICHMOND

Wilfred Lancaster's vintage CCM bicycle won't give up on him and he won't give up on it. They have been road-mates for over 70 years.

Wilfred, 83, has never owned a car and all these years has relied on his old CCM bicycle that he bought second-hand from a farmer in Ste-Christine in 1939 for \$45.

"Back then new ones from Eaton's were \$54," Lancaster said.

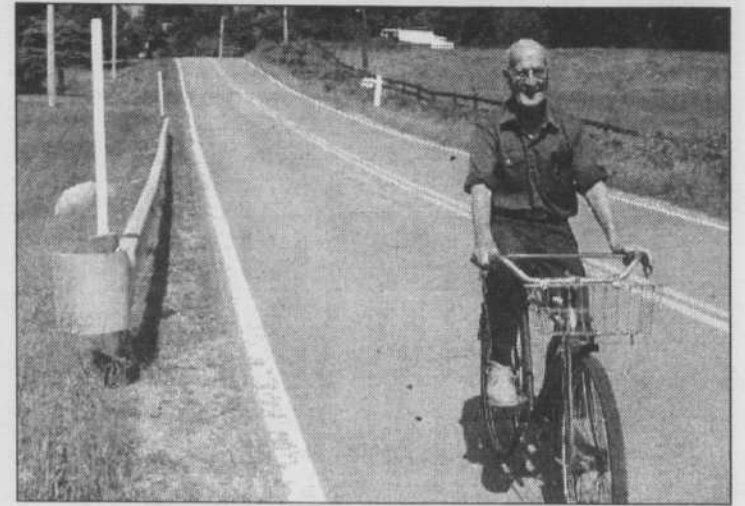
"I have never owned a car and imagine that over the years I have saved quite a bit of money," he added, smiling.

Lancaster retired as a maintenance worker at the Wales Home in 1992 where he had worked for over 38 years. The Wales Home was only an easy one-mile bike ride away from Lancaster's home on Rt 243 just outside the Janesville section of Richmond. Wilfred used to ride his CCM to and from work, winter and sum-

mer, walking only when the snow got too deep.

The old CCM is heavier than today's state-of-the-art alloy frame street models but in spite of 70 years of wear runs like new and pedals easier than it did when Lancaster bought it back in his teen years. Lancaster continues to do his own maintenance as well as occasionally making his own performance-enhancing modifications.

The bike has a heavy-duty trussed fork, a double cross bar, extra wide handle bars and a "Dutch Hub" for improved



GORDON ALEXANDER

Wilfred Lancaster has been riding his old CCM since he bought it, second hand, 71 years ago.

braking power, he says.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Townshippers' Association has received new employment postings from the provincial and federal governments. You can obtain more details by contacting the Association's Information & Referral Service at 819-566-2182 (1-877-566-2182) or: info@townshippers.qc.ca.

Quebec Public Service

Socio-Economic Assistance Officer

The Employment Ministry seeks socio-economic assistance officers for eventual occasional and regular employment.

Location: Estrie and Centre-du-Québec administrative regions

Closing Date: June 28, 2010

Competition Number: 214R-7006007

Qualifications: Candidates must possess a college diploma in social work, delinquency intervention, special education, social research, paralegalism, accounting and management techniques, insurance and financial counselling, or business management. They must also have zero to eleven years pertinent experience as a socio-economic officer.

For more information: 1-514-873-9752.

Constable (Peace Officer)

The Quebec public service seeks constables for eventual occasional and regular employment.

Location: all administrative regions of Quebec

Closing Date: June 28, 2010

Competition Numbers: 303G-1103508

Qualifications: Candidates must possess a high school diploma.

For more information: Gabriel Boutin, 418-646-6777 ext. 30168.

For a complete listing of provincial employment opportunities, check out the government website at www.carrieres.gouv.qc.ca.

Federal Public Service

Local Census Office Manager

Statistics Canada is presently seeking a Local Census Officer Manager.

Location: Drummondville

Closing Date: June 23, 2010

Reference Number: STC10J-010480-000007

Selection Process Number: 10-STC-EA-751161

Qualifications: Candidates must possess experience in planning and implementing projects, as well as managing human resources and budgets. Bilingualism is imperative.

Accommodations And Telecommunications Officer

Canada Revenue Agency is presently seeking an Accommodations and

Telecommunications Officer.

Location: Open to persons residing in Asbestos, Coaticook, Lac-Mégantic, Magog, Sherbrooke, Windsor, and East Angus.

Closing Date: June 25, 2010

Advertisement Number: 00009382

Selection Process Number: 2010-9382-QUE-3431-9382

Qualifications: Candidates must possess a high school diploma. They must also have recent and significant telephony experience in delivery of "voice" telecommunication services in a Centrex or PBX switching environment, implementation of "voice" telecommunication projects, troubleshooting, technical advice and delivery of training on "voice" telecommunication projects. They could also have recent and significant accommodation experience in the management of office accommodation or implementation projects.

No experience is required if a candidate has a college diploma in interior design, architectural technology, electronic voice technology, or other related field.

For more information, or to apply online for this position, go to the Service Canada website at www.jobs.gc.ca. When applying, make sure that all questions are answered, or else your application will be discarded.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"(T)he Association has played a pivotal role in shaping a dialogue on how services are provided in minority language communities"

Partnering in Townshippers' Evolving Association



KEEPING IN TOUCH

TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

The world has changed considerably since 1979 when Townshippers' Association came into being. Think plaid suits,

8-track tapes and long sideburns. Thank goodness things change! One thing that hasn't changed is Townshippers' Association's ability to adapt and its commitment to taking a community-oriented and collaborative approach to working with all its partners. Not simply working for the rights of the English-speaking community, the Association has played a pivotal role in shaping a dialogue on how services are provided in minority language communities. Indeed, governments at all levels have turned to Townshippers' for input on a variety of issues that affect the English-speaking community in Quebec.

This collaborative approach has guided Townshippers' Association's involvement in the fields of health and social services, youth, culture and heritage. It has continued to guide the



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION
Townshippers' summer students.

Association as we have expanded the

range of services we provide. Throughout our growth, membership has played a vital role in allowing us to stay effective and connected to the community we serve. In recent years, membership has declined. There are a number of explanations for this. The most obvious one is the aging of the population and the migration of young adults from the community. But we know there are many folks out there who, for one reason or another, haven't got around to giving us a call. So as we begin the summer holidays, we would like to invite you, new and returning members, to partner with us in our evolving association. We can call it Co-evolution.

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Sherbrooke to create Ombudsman position

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As described in the regulation, "the ombudsman is a court of last resort at the end of the chain of communication between the citizen and the municipal administration. It will receive the applications once the people responsible have exhausted all of the possible administrative options."

A number of issues cannot be handled by the ombudsman's office, including criminal or penal matters, work relations, disputes between fellow citizens, and issues on any subject that falls outside of the City's capabilities.

The ombudsman's office will consist of an administrator who will work part-time, three days a week for an annual salary of \$35,000. This administrator will receive the applications, analyze them, and, if necessary, meet with the complainant to discuss the issue. The administrator will then meet with the City

Hall officials involved with the particular case and will either decide to throw the case out or put it forth to a group of three commissioned volunteers who have expertise in the given issue.

According to the mayor, these volunteers will be taken from a bank of ten people, chosen by the city based on their experience. "Most of the time they will be retirees who will have large expertise in a particular subject, like urban planning, environment, etc," he explained.

The ombudsman office's annual budget is \$50,000.

Following the mayor's opening remarks, the topic was opened up to the council for discussion.

Councillor Louida Brochu gave a lengthy speech on the importance of the position, noting the conflict of interest that councillors can have with certain dossiers.

While many agreed with Brouchu's take, the council was definitely divided

on the issue for a variety of reasons.

Nicole Bergeron said her opposition to the position was a matter of principal, saying that an ombudsman is unnecessary. "I don't think the people in this city have trouble accessing their councillors to discuss issues (...) Maybe that's true in Montreal or Quebec (City), but that's not the case here."

Montreal and Quebec City were the first two cities in the province to employ an ombudsman, creating the positions in 2003 and 2004 respectively.

"The machine is large, and errors get made, that's normal," said Rémi Demers, who voted in favor of the position.

Roger Lebreque, who voted against the ombudsman position in 2007, said that he had changed his mind, noting that "even when you work 100 percent" on some dossiers, mistakes happen. He also called the position "necessary" for the city.

Jean-Francois Rouleau, who voted against the posi-

tion, said that "we are all ombudsman" and that they were elected as councillors to regulate these sorts of things. "We're not perfect in Sherbrooke, I understand that. I know that there is room for improvement. But I believe that there are better ways of doing it."

By the end of the hour-long discussion, sixteen council members had weighed in on the topic, presenting solid arguments for both sides.

After the council verbally cast their vote and city registrar Isabelle Sauvé officially announced the results, the citizens in attendance burst into happy applause.

A survey conducted by SEGMA in October 2009 showed that 62 per cent of Sherbrooke residents thought that the City should create the ombudsman position.

On Monday night, 65 per cent of the council agreed with them.

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Bike and rider

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The only problem is that I can't get tires for it anymore. It runs on 1 1/2" x 28" tires and the only ones that seem to be available today are 1 1/2 x 26". Lancaster said. "These poor old tires are getting pretty bald, but I'll just keep looking for new ones... I know I'll find some" he said.

"It is heavier than most bikes but it pedals very well... I ride it everywhere including up to my friend Marion's house 2 miles away in Richmond," he said. "I have a basket and a rear fender rack and still ride into Richmond to get my groceries," he added.

"When I kept 250 hens at home I used to take 50 dozen eggs a week to the Wales on my bike... I never broke an egg," he said with a smile.

"Someone once gave me another CCM but it was not as good as my old CCM I had bought in 1939... it has been a good friend" he said.

Canadian Cycle Manufacturing Company (CCM) bicycles were manufactured between 1910 and 1911. Double or twin bar bicycles were produced from around

1917 to 1962. From 1939-1945 during the Second World War, CCM's cycle's manufacturing facilities were taken over by the Canadian government and declared an essential war service. In 1937 CCM stopped manufacturing bicycles and focused their efforts exclusively on Hockey Equipment.

In 1983 the Company declared bankruptcy and assets of CCM were purchased by the Quebec firm, Procycle, which has acquired rights to a number of cycling brands for use on various lines of bicycles. In 1999, CCM turned 100 years old having manufactured over 10,000,000 bikes in Canada.



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Crime bill carries \$5.5-billion price

Provinces to pay more than half

By Janice Tibbetts
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

OTTAWA - Canada's parliamentary budget officer projects that one new law-and-order bill will require 13 new federal prisons to house more than 4,000 additional offenders.

In a report released Tuesday, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page concluded that the additional cost to the penal system will be \$5.5 billion annually by 2015-2016.

"The provinces and territories are expected to shoulder more than half of the extra costs."

Page's analysis could reignite a long-standing dispute with provincial governments, which for almost four years have been lobbying for additional federal funding to help pay for Conservative government measures to put more offenders in prisons and jails and to keep them there longer.

"Our government fully recognizes that Ontarians want safe communities and that there is a cost attached to ensuring this occurs," acknowledged Laura Blondeau, a spokeswoman for Rick Bartolucci, Ontario minister of community safety and correctional ser-

vices.

"Ontario will continue to do its part, but fully expects measures initiated by the federal government will be accompanied with the resources needed for implementation."

Page's report deals with one new law, that took effect in February and stripped judges of their discretion to hand down sentencing credits, on a two-for-one basis, to compensate for time spent in pre-sentence detention.

Several provinces have pushed hard for elimination of the credit. The federal government has rejected the pleas for more money, saying that the provinces are obliged to absorb costs for measures they have sought and that will benefit communities.

Provinces are responsible for jails, in which offenders serve sentences of less than two years, while the federal government oversees penitentiaries, where prisoners serve terms of two years or more.

Ending two-for-one credits, which were designed to compensate for the comparatively harsher conditions of pre-sentence custody, is one of several Harper government law-and-order initiatives. Other measures, which are winding their way through the parlia-

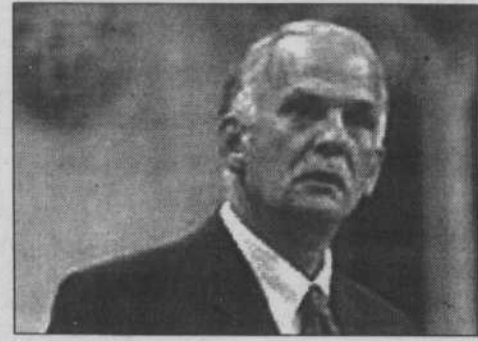
mentary process, include proposed legislation to curtail conditional sentences served at home, and to impose automatic jail terms for a variety of drug-related crimes.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, as a pre-emptive strike against Page's report, publicly confirmed in late April that the government has budgeted \$2 billion over five years for the new law eliminating two-for-one credits.

That estimate was a sharp increase over an initial budget of \$89 million for one year.

Toews acknowledged he has a "good idea" of the overall cost of the entire crime-and-punishment agenda, but that he did not want to share the information.

Toews also has said that "our government is prepared to pay the cost to keep dangerous offenders in prison."



COURTESY

Public Security Minister Vic Toews says he has a 'good idea' of the total cost of the government's law-and-order initiatives, but he'd rather not share that information with the people whose money he'll use.

Critics contend the government is going down the same road as the United States, which is now retreating from tough-sentencing initiatives because they are expensive and have failed to reduce crime.

Liberal public safety critic Mark Holland, who asked Page to analyze the cost of the new legislation, said the law-and-

order agenda will be "crippling" for a deficit-ridden government.

He noted that Page's report covers only one bill, so the entire government tab will be much greater.

"Trying to get Parliament to vote in the dark, to approve billions and billions of dollars in bills without any costing of the implications is completely irresponsible," Holland said.

Page intends to release future reports estimating the costs of other federal law-and-order bills.

New Bombardier chalet aims to connect young and old

Corrinna Pole
SHERBROOKE

A generous \$500,000 donation from the J. Armand Bombardier Fondation to the Vitae Fondation will result in the creation of a day camp aimed at combating isolation while creating a bridge between troubled youth and the elderly.

The main function of the chalet, will be to host intergenerational activities between the Centre jeunesse de l'Estrie (CJE) youth and the 450 residents of the CSSS-IUGS many of whom live with physical or cognitive limitations

As grandparent figures, seniors can contribute ideas for listening, sharing, wisdom and tolerance without judge-

ment while organizers of the clinical program hope the youth will connect with those losing their autonomy by sharing their enthusiasm and their dreams.

Visitors will share meals, picnics and recreational activities, sports, nature watching and socializing.

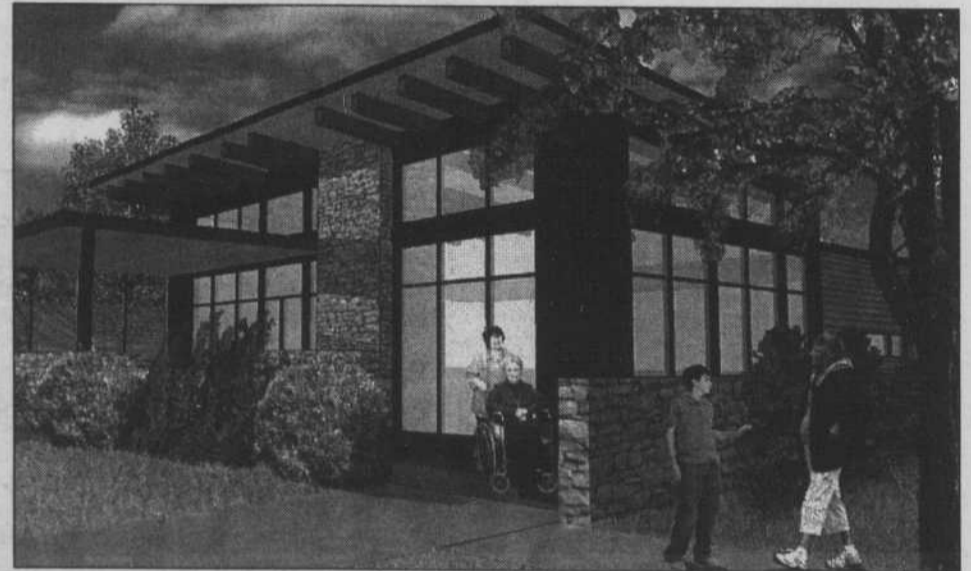
"This is a unique opportunity to offer our youth the chance to have meaningful experiences with people from the community to increase their social skills to facilitate their transition to independent living," said Marie Caron, CJE director general.

For the CSSS-IUGS residents especially who struggle with many physical limitations, the chalet will provide a location

to recharge for a few hours or a day.

"I welcome the completion of this project that we have dreamed of for many years," said CSSS-IUGS director Carol Fillion in a statement. "It will significantly improve the quality of life for residents of our four shelters by allowing a new range of physical activities in an environment that is safe and inviting."

Relatives and friends of residents can also enjoy the location to celebrate important events like birthdays or marriages,



COURTESY

The J. Armand Bombardier Chalet will host inter-generational gatherings to help reduce isolation

with family, in a suitable and secure environment.

The plans for the construction of the Chalet J. Armand Bombardier, named after the famous Townships inventor, were unveiled Tuesday morning.

Using environmentally friendly techniques the 200 square meter single level building will be constructed on more than two thousand square meters of land overlooking Lake Magog in Sherbrooke.

The all season structure has been designed by Espace Vital's architect Paul Faucher to ensure it can accommodate needs of the CSSS-IUGS residents with diminished autonomy through providing such features as low maintenance non slip flooring and ground level access to the building.

The chalet will have five rooms and two restrooms fitted for individuals with reduced mobility. A resting room will be

fitted with a bed rail and a lever to help individuals transfers between the bed and wheelchair.

The building's main feature will be a wheelchair friendly activity room with large lake view windows and a gas fireplace, which can accommodate 35 people.

The kitchen, which will be connected to the activity room, will include an adapted counter and the dinning room, with balcony access, will have both adapted and portable tables.

The exterior space will consist of parking for five cars and two CSSS-IUGS adapted buses, a playground, swings, outdoor fireplace, lakeside covered balcony and marked trails.

Construction is expected to begin this August and organizers hope to welcome the first guests this December.

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Lepage sentenced to 42 months

By Doug McCooey
SHERBROOKE

Daniel Lepage - the man convicted in April for possession of a narcotic with intent to distribute related to a major drug bust in November 2005 - was sentenced to 42 months in prison on Monday in a Sherbrooke courtroom.

The November 2005 raid of Lepage's sailboat repair shop at 9900 Bourque Boulevard in the Deauville district revealed an underground bunker that housed a sophisticated aeroponic facility.

In total, authorities seized nearly 3,000 cannabis plants and a large quantity of cannabis seeds, an amount valued at around \$6 million.

At the time of Lepage's arrest, officers from the RCMP, Sûreté de Québec, and Health Canada were blown away with the magnitude of the facility. "It's like something out of a James Bond movie," said Sherbrooke police spokesman René Dubreuil of the operation in 2005.

During sentence recommendations in late April, crown prosecutor André Campagna suggested Lepage serve five years in prison, citing the complexity of the operation and the amount of cannabis seized as justification. Despite Lepage having no prior criminal record, Campagna said that the magnitude of the operation showed that the accused had experience in drug production and trafficking.

Lepage's defense lawyer Michel Dussault did not submit a precise suggestion at those hearings, opting instead to list other cases of a similar nature where the defendants were only sentenced to between one and two years in prison.

Lepage has already filed an appeal of April's guilty conviction. He is calling in to question the legality of the raid conducted at his establishment.

For its part, the prosecution could file an appeal of Monday's decision that was rendered by presiding Quebec Court judge Michel Beauchemin.

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Motorcycle accident leaves Bury man in serious condition

Doug McCooey

A 67-year-old Bury man is in serious condition following a motorcycle accident on route 214 on Monday evening.

It was at around 8 pm when the driver lost control of his vehicle near the railroad located just before the route 214/108 junction near East Angus. This portion of the two-lane highway is currently undergoing some asphalt work. As a result, the lane the victim was traveling in is about three inches lower than the other.

Anne-Julie Hallée, a Lac Mégantic resident, was driving in her car with her parents, about 300 metres in front of the motorcyclist, when she saw him lose control of his vehicle in her rearview mirror. As she explained to The Record on Tuesday, the victim was traveling when the front wheel clipped the slightly higher side of the road, causing him to lose control.

"I don't know if he was looking to pass me or what, but he was getting closer," she said.

"There was work being done in that portion of the road and there were big chunks of asphalt missing," explained Louis-Philippe Ruel of the Sûreté du Québec. "He probably didn't see it and lost control of his vehicle."

The victim was ejected some 50 feet from his seat, falling down the embankment and into a deep ditch, ten-feet below road level.

"When I saw it happened I screamed 'Oh my God! Oh my God!' and pulled over immediately," recounted Hallée. While her mother made the 911 call, she got out to help the fallen man. "I got out and looked around for him but couldn't find him. I yelled out 'Is there someone?' but he either didn't hear me or was unable to answer."

It was at this point that Hallée



COREY BELLAM

Road conditions may have played a role.

noticed a pair of jeans in the ditch below.

"I ran over to the ditch and yelled down that we were getting help. My parents flagged down some vehicles to warn them to slow down and some stopped to help."

Hallée went down the embankment to help the man, but when she saw his condition, she recoiled in horror and raced back up. Another man who had pulled over went down to stay with the victim.

"He was conscious the entire time. He kept asking if someone was going to help him."

The ambulance arrived about twenty minutes later and the victim was taken to a nearby hospital to be treated for head injuries. While SQ officer Ruel said the injuries suffered were serious, the man's life is not in danger.

While there is an on-going investigation into the incident to ensure that speeding was not involved, the condition of the road itself is the suspected cause of the accident.

Keeping in Touch

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To learn all the benefits of membership contact Evelina Smith at 819-566-5717 (1-877-566-5717) or info@townshippers.qc.ca.

As Townshippers' Association continues to evolve, we look forward to partnering with you. In addition to membership, here are a couple of ways you can take part in our continued growth now.

COFFEE MORNING IN COATICOOK

Coffee mornings, Townshippers' Association's popular outreach initiative, continues to serve up a steaming pot of gatherings this summer. The next coffee morning takes place on Tuesday, July 6 from 10 am to 12 pm at the community room of the Coaticook Town Hall, 150 Child Street in Coaticook.

We are partnering with Service Canada and Mental Health Estrie. So grab a friend and come and join us. Yes, there will be plenty of Joe and refreshments. For more information, call 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717) or e-mail db@townshippers.qc.ca.

TOWNSHIPERS' DAY...GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE...SHH!

Preparations for our 31st annual T-Day are well under way. Danville is this year's host and to honour their 150th anniversary, our theme is, "Celebrate the Townships and Danville's 150th / Fêtons les Cantons et le 150e de Danville." The Silent Auction has always been a favourite event at Townshippers' Day. For this year, Townshippers' Association invites members of the community to donate a little something special to make this silent auction the best one ever. Stumped for ideas? Last year, the silent auction had a variety of items including gift certificates for oil changes, large pizzas, bowling games, subscriptions to newspapers, books, office supplies, leather jackets, garden hoses, kitchen electronics, cruises and even train tickets! To learn more about T-Day events including the silent auction, visit www.tday.ca or contact Kate Wisdom at Townshippers' Association's Montérégie-East office, 450-242-4421 (1-877-242-4421) or kw@townshippers.qc.ca.

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"(G)overnments have become more addicted to the gambling habits of their citizens than the gamblers themselves and find themselves in an uncomfortable, but lucrative, dilemma"



Oddly foolish

Mike McDevitt

Last April, a 32-year old unemployed welder bought a couple of lottery tickets at a gas station. The next day, he was \$41.7 million richer. It's the stuff that dreams are made of.

Not according to Queen's University mathematics professor, David Thomson, however, who calls the lotteries a "voluntary tax on the stupid."

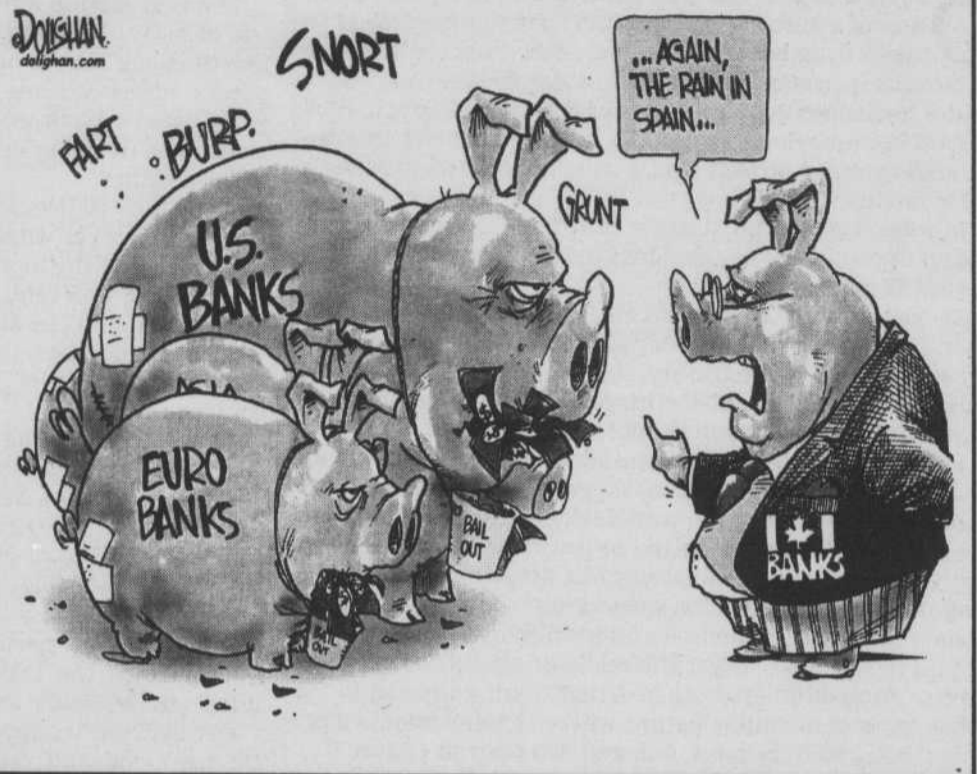
As a mathematician, Thomson can't help but look at the odds, which for the \$50 million Lotto Max stand at 28 million to one. Now, statistics are remarkably fudgy things at best (the universe is statistically empty) and although the chances of winning are insignificantly improved if you actually buy a ticket, the chances of losing are absolute if you don't. So, optimists that we are, Canadians are lapping up tickets at an astonishing rate, spending over \$124 million on Lotto Max tickets last week alone. This figure doesn't include the hundreds of other lottery games available across the country.

It is interesting that Thomson used the term 'voluntary tax' in his condemnation of the games, as that, in fact, was the name given to Canada's first government run lottery devised by Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau to help fund the 1967 World's Fair. The "Voluntax" was allowed to run for a while, doling out its now-laughable grand prizes of \$100,000 until the provincial government jumped on its high moral horse and decided that only provincially-run games would be allowed. Since then, governments have become more addicted to the gambling habits of their citizens than the gamblers themselves and find themselves in an uncomfortable, but lucrative, dilemma.

Besides lotteries, there are now provincially-run casinos across the country and governments have tried to solve their moral problem by taking a tiny percentage of the profits they earn from public betting and schlepping it back into anti-gambling addiction programs - sort of the way a drug dealer might toss a looney at a homeless person. It doesn't help much, but it does assuage the conscience.

In his diatribe against the lottery, Thomson spouts the usual statistical legends: How one is more likely to get struck by lightning, twice, than to win a lottery jackpot or, on the cosmic scale, hit by an asteroid. On the other hand, people get hit by lightning on a regular basis and many have been hit more than once. We don't recall hearing about anyone being hit by an asteroid recently, but then again, people disappear all the time, too, so who's to say?

As a scholar, Thomson is aware that people don't really give a rodent's rectum about the odds and don't really expect to win. What they do expect - and get - is the strange pleasure to be found in planning how to spend a ludicrous amount of money that we haven't earned; to be generous to family and friends (all of whom get something) and perhaps to fund a new hospital ward in Somalia. People don't pay to win, they pay to dream and if the government is the true beneficiary, so much the better. Money we give them is money they don't have to steal.



Letter

EDITOR:

Let everyone who got to see the musical 12th of never, realize how fortunate they were to see such a wonderful production. All of the people involved from the director to the band to the students, and everyone else who I do not have the

space to mention here did such a great professional job. BRAVO!BRAVO!

I hope you all get a chance to be in another great production. Thank you all.

R. S. YELLIN

Average litre gas price remains just under \$1

FINANCIAL POST

OTTAWA - Aside from a major plunge in gasoline prices in one eastern Ontario market, fuel prices in Canada remained fairly stable over the last week, according to a price survey.

Energy consultancy MJ Ervin & Associates said Tuesday the average price of regular gas across the country is 99.9 cents, up 0.9 cent from a week earlier. It marked the fifth straight week the average price have been in the 99-cent range.

There was a major dip in prices in Kingston Ont., where the average rate fell 17.1 cents to 76.2 cents a litre. It was the biggest weekly decline among the 60 communities profiled, and also the lowest average price overall.

The priciest market remained Yellowknife at \$1.186 a litre, unchanged from last week. The biggest rise from week to week was in Quebec City, where the average gas price jumped 7.1 cents to \$1.063 a litre.

Looking at some of the other major markets across the country: Victoria's average gas price stayed at \$1.109 a litre; Vancouver was up 1.1 cents to \$1.141; Calgary was down 0.6 cent to 87.8 cents; Edmonton was down 0.1 cent to 86.7 cents; Saskatoon was even at 98.9 cents; Regina was down 1.4 cents to \$1.002; Winnipeg remained at 94.8 cents; Toronto was up 1.9 cents to 97.2 cents; Ottawa was up 1.5 cents to 95.6 cents; Windsor, Ont. was up 2.8 cents to 90.6 cents; and Montreal's average gas price was up 0.6 cent to \$1.053 a litre.

MJ Ervin's records show the average price of gasoline a year ago was \$1.03 a litre. At that time, crude oil was in the \$65- to \$70 US-a-barrel range. On Tuesday, it closed at \$77.21 US.

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SHEILA QUINN

Dear RRHS Graduates of 2010,

For four years now, you have shared your teens with me. While many of you expressed happiness in doing so, with frequent visits, none of you had much of a choice. I was, after all, your high school librarian. You were stuck with me, perched stool-top in the fish-bowl library, the axis of the school's second floor.

On Friday evening you will parade into Richmond Regional High School's gym, a grand group approaching ninety students - twice the number of my graduating class at the same school an astounding nineteen years ago this week. I'm not sure if you're aware of it, but this is when you officially become ghosts. When you live in a place so distinctly, prevalently, when you are so alive somewhere, you leave something behind. Not just the amazing Grad Wall, with your signatures, it's far greater than that. Something in the

current that runs around the upstairs and downstairs, as you walked laps at recess and noon hour. Something in the classrooms where you sat, staring out the window, fighting sleep, passing notes, staring at the classmate you had a crush on, and of course, learning. No matter where you find yourself post-secondary, you spent time learning here.

The light bulbs of your minds switch on, on a daily basis, in classrooms, hallways, the gym, the cafeteria, and there was electricity about your presence that the staff recognizes when it leaves the building. That energy comes from so many things - your youth, the intensity of your minds. There was a distinct hum about the place when you were here.

Here, you were learning in a way that is now over for you. The education to come will not be related to the same kind of structure and discipline that you experienced in high school. You are about to boldly go forth and figure out what you really love, what you're really good at, and also, what you don't enjoy, and what you're not good at. This is a responsibility, and also a gift. You will all continue to learn. There are some real growing pains looming, there will be some stumbling, some homesickness.

You are leaving behind space for other things to exist. New students will come to RRHS in the fall who will never know your roles at RRHS. Next year's graduating class will fill the gaps left by you, as class leaders, teasers, troublemakers (occasionally all three). Even your room at home will change. Remember that all of this may be a challenge for your family. Remind them that

you love them, and express that you appreciate what they have done for you.

What you had while in high school will always exist, however. Whatever the experience was, it can't be erased. High school years are meant to be good, bad, in flux, challenging, depressing, exciting, and shared. Whether you got along with your classmates or not, something about the roles you played in each other's lives will stay.

There is an imprint between you all, and this may be the longest stretch of time you spend with one group of people, for better or for worse. What is certain is that this was your youth. As is common in our ETSB schools, some of you have gone to school together since kindergarten.

In the time within these walls, some connections evolved considerably. Friendships change, deepen, grow distant, end, begin. It's a formidable challenge being associated with a group of people, their idea of who you are and your impressions of them for so long. There will be an aspect to this new phase of your life that will be refreshing. You'll be allowed to change. You will no longer be stuck with all of the things that you remember about one another any more. No one will know that you had a crush on your student teacher in grade five and that a classmate found the note in which you declared it, no one will remember that awful dance where everyone got mad at each other and cried, no one will remember those jeans in grade seven that didn't quite fit. Your classmates will be a storehouse of these segments of time, however, and they'll

remember the good memories too. The pep rallies, the fundraisers, the activity days, the many firsts, the music, and when you see each other again in the future, when this is all more firmly the past, you will laugh and cry and laugh until you cry about who you all were.

On a more personal note, among so many great memories over four years, I'll remember Mathew-Claude's steady character, the closeness of the groups of girls, the mischief of the groups of boys, Rock's determination, Justin's big shadow, reliable wave and smile, Nico's random acts of hilarity, Hudson's ever-deepening voice and purpose. I'm grateful for getting to know Chase's hidden exuberant side, Chanel's flailing dance past the windows in greeting, Josh's sense of style and "All the Single Ladies" routine, Julie and Christina's love of pie, Chris's "V" symbol, and Kristofer's lightning ability to solve a Rubik's Cube. To Ryan and Ashley, your daily stops at the library for all of these years have made an impact that can't be replaced. I'm so proud of all of you.

You were memorable. You will be missed. You will be remembered. We'll be pleased to have news about you, so keep in touch. Now go out there, and take on the world. Even when you're afraid, challenge yourself. When you don't know what to do, ask for help. Even when you're lonely, you're never really alone. When you make mistakes, and you will, admit so at least to yourself and learn from them. We have all learned from you. Go out there and be yourselves. Congratulations! You made it!

Sears Canada issues safety recall for girls' sleepwear sets

Sears Canada Inc. today has issued a safety recall for P JAMMERS girls' sleepwear sets and alerted customers of a potential safety hazard. It has been discovered that the sleepwear sets do not meet flammability-testing standards required by Sears.

The P JAMMERS sleepwear sets were sold in little girls' sizes: small, medium and large and in girls' sizes 4 - 6x, at Sears Canada retail stores between April 1, 2010 and June 18, 2010. The Sears regular selling prices were \$14.99 and \$16.99. The Sears item numbers are as follows:

64577, Dark Pink; 64579, White Butterfly; 64578, Pink Flowers; 64580, Dark Pink Birds; 64581, Pink Flowers; 64582, White Butterfly.

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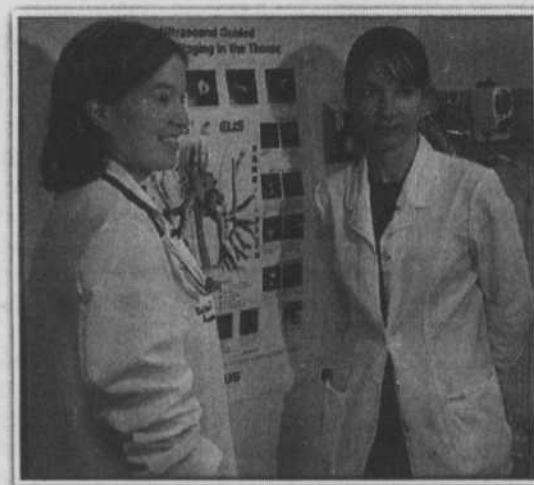
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Pictured are Dr. Nicole Bouchard and Dr. Julie Deschênes, pneumologists.

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Canada strengthens sanctions against Iran

By Juliet O'Neill
Canwest News Service

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a tightening of Canada's existing sanctions against Iran's nuclear industry Tuesday, just days before he is to host a G8 summit where heightened pressure on Iran will be a prominent international security theme.

If Iran continues to develop nuclear capability, "the consequence is frightening," Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said at a news conference.

Canada is joining the United States, European Union and other players in implementing a recent United Nations Security Council resolution aimed at pe-

nalizing Iran on grounds it has failed to co-operate with the International Atomic Energy Agency and to comply with requests to halt uranium enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

But Canada's measures do not go as far as some other countries and Cannon said Canada "remains open" to implementing additional sanctions if diplomatic efforts continue to fail.

Canada already has previously imposed sanctions that prohibit trade with Iran in equipment or services related to the nuclear energy industry; freeze assets and ban travel by persons listed by the security council as being involved in Iran's nuclear program; and prohibit any compensation claims by

Iran or individuals as a result of those sanctions.

Harper said the new measures further limit Iran's access to uranium, nuclear materials and technology both directly and through third parties, such as key members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

"These sanctions are designed to restrict Iran's nuclear program and are in no way intended to punish the Iranian people," he said. "Instead, these targeted measures are meant to send a strong signal to Iran that the international community expects Iran to meet its international nuclear obligations. They send a message to all states - particularly those with nuclear aspirations - that international standards cannot be

flouted without consequences."

Foreign Affairs says previous sanctions were imposed on grounds Iran failed to comply with Security Council resolutions requiring co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and suspension of all uranium enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

"Our government, therefore, welcomed UNSC Resolution 1929 on June 9, 2010," Harper said. "Today, we have fulfilled our obligations by establishing the necessary regulations to implement the decisions in UNSC Resolution 1929, and have amended our existing regulations to include these latest sanctions."

Lotto Max 'voluntary tax on the stupid,' Canadian mathematician says

By Carmen Chai
Canwest News Service

Playing the lottery is participating in a "voluntary tax on the stupid" and Canadians have better odds of being hit by an asteroid than winning the jackpot, a Queen's University professor and mathematician says.

"I don't play the lottery. It's a waste of time and almost anything else you invest in has better odds of making money," said David Thomson, a statistics professor.

Canadians have a one-in-28-million shot at the \$50-million bounty, which has remained unclaimed for the third week in a row, but Thomson believes players are more likely to get hit by an asteroid before matching all seven numbers.

He said the odds are that it could take 86 million years for a person to get the perfect combination if they bought one ticket a year and "if you bought lotto tickets for 86 million years that gets you back before dinosaur extinction."

If everyone in the US and Canada bought a ticket, four people would win, Thomson deduced.

He said Canadians have "moderately" better chances of getting hit by a bus twice or struck by lightning twice before taking home the \$50 million.

"How many people have been hit by buses in Toronto? And every year, people get struck by lightning. Lots were just playing golf or taking refuge under a tree," Thomson said.

"This is a voluntary tax on the stupid because you don't have to buy it and you don't expect to win."

Still, with the odds stacked against them, Canadians remained optimistic. The Lottery Corporation said sales increased by 40 per cent last week - the country spent \$124.2 million on tickets.

But none led to the \$50-million windfall, although 30 Canadians became millionaires overnight, each defying their one-in-600,000 odds to cash in on million-dollar Maxmillions "consolation" prizes. There were 45 Maxmillions up for grabs.

Another \$50 million is on the line for the June 25 draw with Maxmillions awards climbing to 55 for a \$105-million payout, now the largest-ever pool of lottery prize money offered in Canadian history.

Sarah Kiriliuk, an Ontario Lottery and Gaming spokesperson, said the organization "really wants" somebody to win.

"We're in a bit of a jackpot drought right now. This is unprecedented territory," Kiriliuk said.

She rejected Thomson's beliefs that Canadians are wasting their time and money.

"People wait to see if their numbers are winners and that's why they play. There's this excitement that you could be the winner, but first you need a ticket," she said.

Cameron Blair, a 32-year-old welder, bought a few from an Edmonton gas station at the end of April after he was laid off from his job.

The day after the lottery draw, he was \$41.7 million richer.

"If it wasn't for the fact of me losing my job, we wouldn't all be here," Blair told a news conference in May.

NDP asks Ottawa to step up to the plate: "protect the food" Canadians eat

By Sarah Schmidt
Canwest News Service

The federal government should adopt a national food strategy so local farmers can make a living off the land and consumers know what's in the food they eat, according to a report released Tuesday by the NDP.

In addition to enacting legislation so food is properly labelled with information on its origin, its nutritional value and whether it is genetically modified or not, the government should offer incentives and design tax policies to promote local food production, processing capacity and distribution networks, such as farmers' markets and agricultural co-operatives.

"Food is not only fundamental to healthy living but it is fundamental to a healthy economy. Urban or rural, Canadians want their government to step up to the plate and develop a national plan to protect the food we eat and promote the food we produce," New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton told reporters in Ottawa.

The \$100-million blueprint is the culmination of a two-year "Food for Thought" tour led by NDP agriculture critic Alex Atamanenko, who hosted public forums in 28 communities across the country. The initial idea, a tour of six towns during the summer of 2008, grew into a much larger project because of public interest.

"Over and over again, the common theme was people were telling us we need some kind of a Canadian food strategy - that we're in the process of losing control over our food supply. In

other words, we're losing our food sovereignty," said Atamanenko, MP for the southern Interior of British Columbia.

This means developing and implementing an alternative and appropriate food safety regulatory regime for small, farm-gate operations and by analyzing the impact of our trade agreements with other countries on our farmers with an eye to see if they could be renegotiated to create a more stable marketplace for farmers, said Atamanenko.

"We have orchardists that are growing top quality apples in British Columbia that are thinking of plowing their fields under because they're not going to make any money. And they're not going to make any money because we're allowing subsidized apples to be dumped from the United States into Canada."

Federal government institutions should use local sources for their food supplies and encouraging other levels of government to do the same, the report also states.

"Throughout the tour, Canadians told us that when it comes to food, we have to start thinking locally," said Atamanenko.

The NDP plan comes after the Liberals outlined in April a five-point plan to encourage Canadians to eat better while at the same time boosting the agriculture sector.

Dubbed "Rural Canada matters," a Liberal national food policy would include \$80 million for a Buy Local Fund to promote farmers' markets and \$40-million to help low-income children access healthy foods.

Zoo animals found safe

By Max Harrold
Canwest News Service

Three missing zoo animals - two camels and a tiger - have been found safe and sound in Quebec and are already back in their home zoo in Ontario.

Two camels, named Todd and Shawn, and a three-year-old tiger named Jonas, were found in their trailer Monday night between 10 pm and 11 pm on Route Doyon in St. Edmond de Grantham, about 95 kilometres northeast of Montreal, Quebec provincial po-

lice Sgt. Richard Gagne said.

A member of the public called police to tell them about the trailer's location, Gagne said, without providing more details.

He said the animals seemed to have been fed and the tiger was in its cage in-

side the trailer.

The truck that was stolen Friday had been recovered Saturday morning in Ste. Eulalie, 73 kilometres from the scene of the theft in the town of St. Li-boire.

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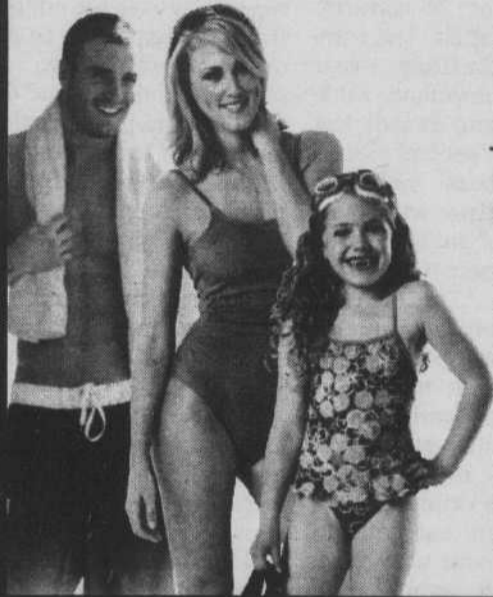
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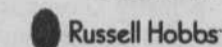
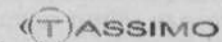
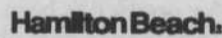
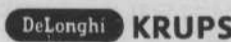
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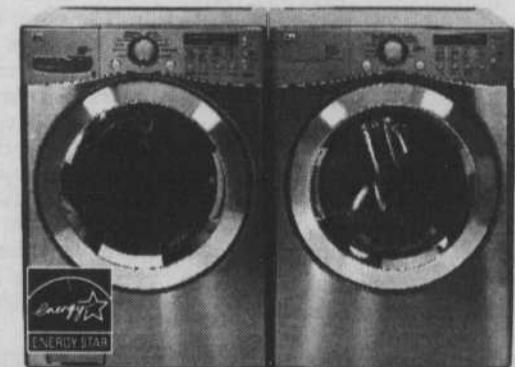
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2011 electric Smart fortwo; getting a positive charge from well-grounded car



Smart Electric 2

By Gabriel Gélinas

Canwest News Service
New York City:

In 1882, Thomas A. Edison founded the first central power plant in the United States. By 1910, half of the cars running around New York City were electric-powered. But the fate of the electric car was sealed by Cadillac's invention of the electric starter for its internal-combustion-engine cars and electric cars soon fell by the wayside. Now, 100 years later, the electric car is making its comeback as automakers jump back on the electric car bandwagon. Among them is Mercedes-Benz, which has announced plans to build 1,500 electric Smart fortwos. The second phase of a public trial will see 45 of these cars running on Canadian roads in the fourth quarter of this year.

Why a Smart electric car and why now? The answer put forth by Pitt Moos, product manager for Smart electric drive, is that it was always the first intention of Nicolas Hayek, the founder of the Smart car venture, to produce an electric or a hybrid car. His vision did not at first materialize because the technology was not ready and there was no market for an electric car at the start of the project. This, he says, explains why the Smart cars were produced solely with internal-combustion engines. However, now that the technology is available and consumers are ready to consider an electric vehicle, it is time to move ahead.

The electric Smart fortwo will not be sold outright in Canada but rather leased over a four-year period to corporations, which will account for 80% of the clientele, as

well as individuals, which will comprise 20% of the lessees. No pricing information has been revealed for the lease of the electric Smart fortwo in Canada, but the plan for the U.S., which gets 250 cars, is already in place. It involves a US\$2,500 downpayment and a US\$599 monthly lease payment for 48 months. These figures take into account the US\$7,500 grant awarded to buyers of electric cars by the U.S. federal government as well as other incentives provided by various state governments. Each Smart fortwo electric car will have a four-year warranty.

So much for the economics; what's it like to drive? The electric Smart fortwo drives like a heavier and slower Smart fortwo because it is heavier - by 308 pounds - and slower, given the output of its electric motor is only 41 horsepower compared with the 70 hp of the conventional Smart car. However, the torque of the electric Smart fortwo is rated at 88.5 pound-feet, which is 20 lb-ft higher than that of the conventional Smart.

From a standstill, the electric Smart fortwo gets off the line rather briskly, but it can only manage a zero-to-60-kilometres-an-hour time of 6.5 seconds. Top speed is limited at 100 km/h.

The range of the electric Smart is 135 km on a full charge, which represents roughly four to five hours of operation at typical city speeds, according to Moos. Charging times will vary depending upon the power source, but it is estimated the battery can be charged from a 20% to an 80% level in three and a half hours. That's when it is plugged into a 220-volt outlet - which is similar to

the outlet used by a typical home electric clothes dryer - and charged from a 0% to 100% level in eight hours.

The basic concept put forth by Smart for its EV is "drive by day, charge by night" - the driving pattern of most commuters. It does take a while to get used to driving an electric vehicle and the so-called "range anxiety" is definitely a factor for first-time users who tend to fixate on the readout of the gauge indicating the battery's state of charge. During the initial trial of the electric Smart fortwo in the UK, which is still ongoing, 87% of the users said they were anxious about range at the start of the program.

That number has dropped to 17% after two years of use. A new iPhone application has been created so users can monitor the charging status, the time remaining to a full charge and the estimated available range.

Driven around the streets of Brooklyn, the electric Smart fortwo was perfectly at ease. I never felt that more power was needed as the car was able to match the flow of traffic without a problem. However, the real thrill of driving the electric Smart fortwo does not come from its performance but rather with the feeling that you are getting away with something. That's because, for now, at least, electric power is much cheaper than gasoline. Add to that the fact that the car is very quiet, even at speed, and completely silent at a standstill and you get a very positive feeling behind the wheel.

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Canada slips to third in honouring summit pledges

By Juliet O'Neill
Canwest News Service

Canada slipped to third place after the United Kingdom and Japan in a ranking of how well G8 countries and the European Union complied with their 2009 summit pledges.

The decline in ranking was released in a report Monday, just days before Prime Minister Stephen Harper hosts the June 25-26 summit in Huntsville, Ont., where accountability is a major theme.

The report by the G8 Research Group at the University of Toronto says Canada fulfilled 17 of 24 commitments made at the last summit in L'Aquila, Italy, a year ago. But its compliance ranking dropped and Canada lost its traditional second place.

"G8 members' ranks are roughly in line with past final reports," said the summary of the nearly 400-page assessment. "The United Kingdom has maintained its traditional first place, while Japan has risen to second. Canada, historically in second place, has slipped to third - a rank it shares with the European Union."

John Kirton, the political science professor who heads the research group, said Canada's performance was "a little bit disappointing" because normally the G8 host country performs better during the year it is running the show.

The group has been tracking the G8 countries plus the European Union compliance with summit promises now for 14 years.

The US ranks fourth, France and Germany tied for fifth, Russia sixth and Italy, where the 2009 summit was held in L'Aquila, ranks last.

The research group's academics and students examined the follow-up by G8 governments and the EU on 24 priority commitments from 254 pledges made at the L'Aquila summit.

As a group, the G8 and European Union was given an average score of +0.53, which the authors said, "is on par with scores in previous years."

That's on a scale where +1 indicates full compliance, 0 partial compliance and -1 failure to comply.

Canada fully complied with 17 of the 24 commitments, ranging from finan-

cial and regulatory reform and opening doors to foreign direction investment, to boosting resources for renewable energy and an array of foreign aid and development pledges.

The one commitment on which Canada failed, the report said, was to refrain from raising trade barriers. The researchers cited Canada's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel products and the banning of flavoured tobacco products, mostly imported from the United States.

Among commitments where compliance was partial or still underway were new initiatives for energy efficiency, assistance to developing countries to fight forest degradation and deforestation and participation in creation of long-term financing mechanism for African-led peace support operations.

Canada's overall score fell to .67 from .75 the previous year when compliance with pledges from the 2008 summit in Japan was measured.

Kirton said a rise in an average compliance among all G8 countries plus the European Union indicates "the summits are still worth doing."

He said the increased compliance might be the result of a broad accountability report that G8 officials worked on. The report released Sunday did not rank the countries but laid out their activities in great detail and showed a multi-billion-dollar shortfall in official development aid pledges.

"That which is measured is treasured," Kirton said.

Scores were .83 for the United Kingdom, .75 for Japan, .67 for Canada and the European Union, .63 for the United States, .42 for France and Germany, .33 for Russia and .04 for Italy.

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Governor General lands UN post

By Tobi Cohen
Canwest News Service

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean is heading to the United Nations as a special envoy for Haiti when her mandate as the Queen's representative in Canada ends in the fall.

The Prime Minister's Office has confirmed Jean will become a special envoy to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - a job that will involve promoting and seeking donor funds for reconstruction efforts in her native Haiti, which was ravaged by a massive earthquake in January.

Sources in the PMO say Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been negotiating to get her the prestigious post for some time.

"The Governor General's grace during

the Haitian earthquake crisis is obviously something very personal to her," said an official at the PMO.

"I really think Canadians across the country were overwhelmed by her strength and compassion during that crisis and were very proud to have her as our Governor General and the prime minister wanted to ensure that she continues to represent Canada."

According to UNESCO, the role of a special envoy is to help carry the organization's message around the world.

"UNESCO special envoys are exceptional personalities whose input into the organization's work is invaluable," the UNESCO website states.

"Through their professional activities and their personal charisma, they help ensure that UNESCO's message is heard

worldwide."

UNESCO special envoys are often chosen for their name recognition and their role model capacity.

Known for her intelligence, grace and charm, Jean would appear to fit the bill by many accounts.

Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, she immigrated to Canada with her family in 1968.

Fluent in five languages, she studied in Montreal and Italy and spent eight years working with Quebec battered women's shelters before becoming a prominent journalist with Radio-Canada and CBC Newsworld.

She was sworn in as Governor General in 2005 for a five-year mandate that ends in September.



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Governor General Michaëlle Jean

Wait times drop for prospective immigrants, especially skilled workers: analysis

By Norma Greenaway
Canwest News Service

A federal move to fast-track handling of prospective immigrants with job skills needed in Canada has been pivotal in cutting in half the overall processing time for immigrant visas since 2005, a new analysis shows.

Immigration consultant Richard Kurland, who conducted the analysis, said Monday the processing time for applications overall dropped to 26 months in 2009 from 50 months in 2005.

The decline can be traced mostly to federal legislation implemented in 2008 that committed the government to speedier handling of applications from foreign workers deemed skilled as chefs, steamfitters, nurses and in 35 other designated occupations, Kurland said.

They are given preference over foreign workers in the queue who do not have work experience in those occupations. Canada issued 14,917 visas to foreign workers who met the new criteria and their families last year.

Skilled worker applications now are being approved in about seven months, a dramatic decline from the five or more years it used to take for them to get through the system, Kurland said.

"Skilled workers are no longer facing very poor service from Immigration Canada," Kurland said in an interview from Vancouver. "Our immigration system has gone from being a supertanker that needs three days to stop or to turn, to being a nimble rabbit."

Kurland said, however, there is a downside to the "good news story" because progress on the foreign worker front has not been matched by progress on reuniting families.

"Here's the thing in the closet," he said. "We have parents and grandparents waiting for over a decade (to immigrate), which is not very helpful for family reunification. Economy trumps family."

Liberals and New Democrats have

long accused the Harper government of giving family reunification short shrift in the quest to lure highly skilled and educated people to Canada.

A spokesman for Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Kurland's findings on wait times show the government is on the right track with its plan to make Canada more attractive to the world's "best and brightest" people.

Alykhan Velshi was unapologetic on the subject of family reunification, saying processing times have been reduced in some regions since 2004.

"We continue to process applications from family members, particularly from spouses and dependent children, but attracting immigrants who are most likely to help grow our economy remains our focus," Velshi said in an e-mail.

Toronto MP Olivia Chow, the NDP immigration critic, said many immigrants have been waiting five or more years to have their parents accepted in Canada.

Chow also cited the case of a Toronto neurosurgeon who last week abandoned Canada for the United States after giving up on what had been a three-year effort to get his wife accepted in Canada.

"So, yes, if you're part of the 38 professional categories, it's faster," she said. "But Canadians need their loved ones in Canada."

She also said fast-tracking of people from the designated occupations has not eased a huge backlog of skilled workers who applied to immigrate to Canada before the new system went into effect in February 2008.

Liberal MP Jim Karygiannis, also of Toronto, accused the government of having a "designer immigrants" approach to Canadian immigration that hurts family reunification. "Skilled workers once they immigrate to Canada need to be joined by their families," he said.

Omega-3 may fight depression: study

By Katherine Wilton
Canwest News Service

Omega-3 supplements have proven effective in treating depressed patients who do not also suffer from an anxiety disorder, a study involving Montreal researchers has found.

The study explored the effectiveness of fighting depression with Omega-3 supplements rather than anti-depressant drugs such as Prozac or Paxil.

"Many of these (alternative) treatments have not been adequately evaluated," said Francois Lesperance, director of the study and head of psychiatry at the Universite de Montreal hospital centre.

A total of 432 participants in Quebec and Ontario took part in the four-year study. For eight weeks, half of the participants took three capsules a day of Omega-3 Emotional Balance, a fish oil supplement with high concentrations of EPA, the fats found in fish. The other half took three capsules of a placebo consisting of sunflower oil flavoured with fish oil.

At several stages during the eight weeks, participants were asked to fill out a questionnaire that evaluated their symptoms of depression.

"Overall, we found there was a small trend favouring Omega-3 over placebo, but it was not statistically significant," said Nancy Frasere-Smith, a McGill University psychiatry professor involved in the study.

However, a subgroup of depressed patients who didn't also suffer from an anxiety disorder saw their depression symptoms decrease after taking the Omega-3 supplements compared with those who took the placebo.

Other, smaller, studies have suggested that a deficit in polyunsaturated fatty acids of the Omega-3 group may predispose individuals to disorders such as depression.

The results of the Canadian study do not mean that depressed people will feel better if they eat large quantities of fish, which is high in Omega-3 fatty acids, researchers noted. The fish oil supplement used in the study had higher concentrations of Omega-3 than is available from an average diet.

Lesperance said it is difficult to study whether dietary intervention can prevent depression or other diseases, because these types of studies are complicated to carry out in a controlled setting.

He said a depressed patient who wants to try the supplements should first consult with her doctor.

This is the first large study examining the impact of Omega-3 supplements on depression. It was conducted by researchers at the Universite de Montreal, McGill, Queen's and the Universite Laval.

The study was published this month in the online Journal of Clinical Psychiatry. About 70 per cent of the cost of the study was covered by the French firm isodisnatura, which manufactures the Omega-3 supplements.

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Local Sports

"I had several universities contact me about playing hockey, including three from Canada, but Norwich was the best fit for me."

Sharman recruited for Norwich hockey program

Ayer's Cliff native joins powerful NCAA program

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record

When Brittany Sharman was entering her final year at Alexander Galt High School two years ago she was faced with a difficult decision - finish her 11th grade and high school career at Galt or spend grade 11 at Stanstead College.

"Choosing to go to Stanstead my senior year was a very difficult decision for me," Sharman said in a recent interview. "I really enjoyed Galt, the teachers and coaches there were excellent. But when Stanstead College offered me the opportunity to attend their school I looked at it as a new challenge and something I wanted to try."

Sharman liked it so much that last summer she decided to return to the private school for an extra year of scholarship and sports.

"I decided to take grade 12 at Stanstead because I knew it was the best option for me," Sharman explained. "The classes are small and the teachers do a great job preparing you for university. At Stanstead you are given every opportunity to succeed, they show you the right way to do things but at the same time encouraging you to discover your way to do things."

The prep school also exposed the Ayer's Cliff native to students from around the world.

"Stanstead College is a great place to go to school, there are so many kids from different countries, and it has been great to learn about their customs and culture."

The school has also enabled Sharman to continue her athletic career. During her two years at the border school she played soccer, hockey and rugby, picking up two major awards in the process. In March she made history by winning Stanstead's first Most Valuable Player trophy for girls' hockey.

Head Coach Marie-Jo Gaudet remarked that the Grade 12 captain and Major 5 winner had more ice time than any other player, was a great mentor to the younger girls and had developed as a person and a player over the past two seasons.

Earlier in the year she received a Senior S for her "grit and determination to win" on the soccer pitch.

Playing hockey at Stanstead also enabled Sharman to be scouted by university hockey coaches, which led to an offer to attend Vermont's Norwich University.

"I had several universities contact me about playing hockey, including three from Canada, but Norwich was the best fit for me," Sharman said. "It has the program I want to study, the campus is beautiful and the hockey team is very competitive."

The Cadets were one of the better Division III teams in New England, posting an

overall record of 20-6-5 (13-3-3 in league play) and reached the National Championship game where they were defeated by Amherst College 7-2. Four members of the 2009-10 squad were named to the All New England team and head coach Mark Bolding was voted by his peers as the Division III Women's Ice Hockey "Coach of the Year."

Norwich University was originally a military school and today incoming students must follow one of two paths - traditional or military. Regardless of the path chosen, students are challenged with leadership experiences and receive a balanced, rigorous education that allows them to act as well as think, and to execute as well as conceive. The university offers 29 undergraduate degrees, 32 undergraduate academic programs, and 11 masters level academic programs, as well as numerous co-curricular activities designed to challenge and reward students.

"Because I am Canadian I will be a civilian student, but I am looking forward to studying and living with the cadets," Sharman said "I am sure their discipline will be very impressive."

Sharman plans to take advantage of the school's highly rated physical education program.

"I will be studying physical education at Norwich with a minor in athletic training," she said. "When I finish university I want to come back to the Townships to teach and coach."

As for the summer Brittany plans to work and pre-



COURTESY STANSTEAD COLLEGE

Brittany Sharman

pare for her rookie season at Norwich.

"This summer, when I am not working I will be training for hockey season," Sharman said. "The Norwich hockey coaching staff has prepared a training manual for each player to follow this summer. If I am lucky I will be playing some hockey this summer too."

James, Granato make history with Hall of Fame nominations

Canwest News Service

Angela James and Cammi Granato, two key characters in the U.S.-Canada women's hockey rivalry, made history on Tuesday when they became the first women nominated to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

James and Granato were joined in the players category by former Minnesota North Stars and Detroit Red Wings sniper Dino Ciccarelli, and former Red Wings general manager Jimmy Devellano and the late Daryl (Doc) Seaman, who helped bring the Flames to Calgary from Atlanta.

James, 45, of Toronto was a pio-

neer in women's hockey, beginning her career in the Central Ontario Women's League in the 1970s and '80s before winning four world championship gold medals (1990, 1992, 1994 and 1997).

"On behalf of everyone in women's hockey, I am truly honoured," said James. "As a kid I went to the Hall and was in awe of those who had been inducted. I am delighted to be able to join them."

Granato's 15-year career with the U.S. national team was highlighted by winning a gold medal at the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan.

Cup-winner Niedermayer announces retirement

By Dave Gross
Canwest News Service

While the Hockey Hall of Fame announced its inductees for 2010 on Tuesday, you can rest assured three years from now the name Scott Niedermayer joins the honoured ranks.

The celebrated blue-liner called it a career Tuesday after 18 National Hockey League seasons with the New Jersey Devils and the Ducks. He'll remain with the Ducks in a consulting role.

"I took some time because I wanted to make the right decision," Niedermayer said during a news conference at the Honda Center. "Everyone knows that a few years ago I was debating this as well and I wanted to take the proper amount of time to weigh everything. There's a lot that goes into this type of decision."

"At this time it just feels like the right decision."

Niedermayer, 36, played for just the two NHL clubs in his lengthy career - 13 with New Jersey and five with Anaheim.

He won three Stanley Cups with the Dev-

ils.

The Edmonton native's last league triumph was in 2006-07 with the Ducks, who he joined as a free agent in the summer of 2005.

"It's not just scoring the goals, it's knowing what it takes to being a winner, and Scotty did," Ducks General Manager Bob Murray said.

Wherever he played, teams excelled.

Niedermayer won a Memorial Cup with the Kamloops Blazers of the Western Hockey League in 1991-92 where he was also named tournament MVP.

The next season, Niedermayer was named to the NHL all-rookie team as a Devil.

Niedermayer was a key cog for Canada in its gold-medal winning team at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games. Eight winters later at the age of 36, Niedermayer, as team captain, played key minutes for Canada in its gold-medal triumph in Vancouver becoming the only player in history to win two Olympic gold medals and four Stanley Cups.

Death



**Ruby Ann
(nee Jones)
QUINN**

Passed away peacefully on June 18, 2010 in her 88th year at the palliative care unit CHUS Hotel Dieu after her confrontation with cancer. Beloved wife of Thomas Quinn, whom she married 70 years ago Dec 7, 1940. Loving mother of son Gary Quinn (Anelise) former daughter-in-law (Andree), loving mother of daughter Sandra Kinkead (Gordon), dear grandmother of Kimberly (Yvan) Darlene, Claudine (Bob), Christine

(Christopher) and Thomas. Dear great-grandmother of Kevin, Vanessa, Quinn, Aidan and Paige. Ruby is survived by her brother Gerald Coates (MaryAnn). She was the sister of the late Beverly Ann Runions. Left to mourn are many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbours. Ruby was a devoted caregiver to her husband Thomas, an adored model mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Resting at Cass Funeral Home 3006 College St, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) Qc (819)564-1750 www.casshomes.ca http://www.casshomes.ca

Visitation on Friday, June 25, 2010 from 10 am - 12 pm followed by service in the funeral home chapel. Interment of ashes will take place in the Cataraqui Cemetery in Kingston, Ontario at a later date.

In lieu of floral tributes, donations to either the Canadian Cancer Society 3330 rue King ouest, bureau 130, Sherbrooke (Quebec) J1L 1C9 or the Alzheimer Society Estrie 375 rue Argyll, Edifice Norton, Local 0725, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1J 3H5 would be most appreciated

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Death



**Ray
WARD**

Peacefully at the Domaine de La Sapiniere, East Angus. Que surrounded by his sisters on Sunday, June 20, 2010 at the age of 69 years. Ray Ward was the son of the late George Ward and the late Clara Sylvester.

Ray was the beloved husband of the late Anne Cole and was the cherished brother of Bernice (Sydney), Linda (Denis) and Jean (Jay) and was predeceased by his sister Beverley. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends.

In respect of Ray's wishes a private graveside service will be held at a later date.

As memorial tributes, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 rue King Ouest, Bureau 130, Sherbrooke, QC J1L 1C9 or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, 2630, rue King Ouest, Bureau 100, Sherbrooke, QC J1J 2H1 will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Death



**Diane
(DeeDee)
HOWELL**

Pacefully at the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 surrounded by her family and

friends after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 67 years. Diane (DeeDee) was the best friend and wife of Terry Howell. DeeDee is survived by her brother Bobby and several cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Earl Dawson and Eugenia Wypruk. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 50 Craig St. Cookshire, Qc (819) 564-1750, www.casshomes.ca on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Friday, June 25, 2010 at the Trinity United Church, 190 Principale St. West Cookshire, QC JOB 1M0 from 1 to 2 p.m. Rev Wendy Evans officiating assisted by Rev Barbara Willard. Interment in the Island Brook Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Island Brook Cemetery Association C/O Neil Burns, 1382 Rte 212 Newport QC, JOB 1M0 or the Trinity United Church (BBCI) C/O Donal Parsons, 2010 Eastview St. Cookshire, Qc JOB 1M0 will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Brieflet

July 1st the Richmond 4-H Club is holding their Annual Ice Cream & Strawberry Social at 7:00 pm, at the Richmond Fairgrounds. Admission charged.

Memorial Services

LUXFORD, Doris - Reminder for the Memorial Service that will be held on Saturday June 26, 2 p.m., at Westbury Cemetery, East Angus.

RAMAGE, Agnes Helen (1914 - 2010) - A Memorial Service will be held at St. Georges Anglican Church, Georgeville, QC, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010 to celebrate the life of Agnes Helen Ramage (Ruby) who passed away on February 3, 2010. Venerable Stuart Martin officiating. Hymns entrusted to Sarah Hoblyn. Interment of Ashes in MacPherson Cemetery, Georgeville. Reception following service at Georgeville Community Centre.

In Memoriam

NELSON, William -
*Those whom we love go out of sight,
But never out of mind:*
With fond and loving memories of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away five years ago today; June 23, 2005.

SHIRLEY,
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and FAMILIES

In Memoriam

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

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

Dearly loved and sadly missed by
your daughter/sister LINDA BOCKUS,
granddaughter BONITA
and
great granddaughter JEOVANNA.

Card of Thanks

SIMONS, Wayne - We sincerely thank all those who visted, sent flowers, made donations, sent cards or took part in the services either at the Cass Funeral Home in Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) or at the Anglican Cemetery and Church Hall in Thetford Mines. Special thanks to all those who participated in the excellent luncheon at the Anglican Church Hall in Thetford Mines. To the staff at both the Connaught Home and the Grace Christian Home, Wayne was always very appreciative of the great care he received.

Thank you.
Gratefully,
THE SIMONS AND KEZAR FAMILIES.

Card of Thanks

RAND, Hilda - We wish to express our sincere thanks for all the kind expressions of sympathy, beautiful flowers, donations, calls, messages, delicious food brought to our homes and a special thanks to the Catholic Church for letting us use their facilities to honour Mother's life. A very special thank you to Rev. Wendy Evans, David and Carlyle McBurney and Bruce Rand of New Jersey for a very personal & touching eulogy. Many thanks to the U.C.W and those who travelled so far, also many thanks to the C.L.S.C for the care mother received. It was all gratefully appreciated by the families.

THE BERWICK &
GRAPES FAMILIES

In Memoriam



CODDINGTON, Joyce - In loving memory of a dear lady whom God called home on June 24, 2007.

*Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there,
The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows.
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.*

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What happens if she gets pregnant and marries this idiot?

Dear Annie: Last week, our 22-year-old grandson flew in for a visit from college. We celebrated with lots of barbecues and swimming. The entire family was here for the weekend — our older son, his live-in girlfriend and her 17-year-old daughter, along with our younger son, his wife and their three teenage girls.

On the morning of my grandson's departure, he noticed that a \$100 bill from his wallet was missing. He also found a hair barrette on the floor near the dresser.

The 17-year-old is the only child who wore barrettes. But our 16-year-old granddaughter has a history of lying. None of the bedroom doors has a lock, and with all the confusion of changing clothes after swimming, anyone could have entered the bedroom and stolen the money.

We reimbursed our grandson for his loss, but here is our dilemma: Our sons were notified of the missing \$100, but they both said they did not believe their children were involved. We don't know if either of the girls in question was told.

Do we broach the subject next time we are in the company of either of the girls, or should we just let it go and do a better job securing our money when they are in the house? — Saddened

Dear Saddened: Four teenagers and four adults were guests in your home, and any one of them could have taken the money. You have notified your sons, and the rest is up to them. Unless you want this to become an issue every time you see the family, you will have to let it go. Sorry to say, the next time the kids visit, you might want to lock up any rooms that have valuables in them.

Dear Annie: My husband has subscribed to adult magazines since the early 90s. I have no problem with that, but I hate that he collects the magazines and stores them in dozens of boxes in our garage, taking up space we could use for other things.

At any given moment, there are 10 such magazines in bathrooms frequented in some cases by guests, and also by our growing children. I have spoken to him about this, and he either changes the subject or tells me to stop nagging. He says the magazines will be collectors' items one day. Is this true? Could I just toss them?

I am ready to take whatever action is necessary to get the magazines out of my home, even if it means I have to do it without his knowledge. I know more will take their place. — Hate the Trash

Dear Hate: It's possible these magazines may someday be worth money, but probably not as much as your husband believes. Suggest he check out their value online, and if he still plans to sell them, they need to be in good condition, not scattered around the house. Tell him to rent storage space elsewhere, or you will throw them out. Then he can decide how much they are worth to him.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Concerned Grandparent" really aggravated me. She asked whether a 7-year-old girl was right to tell Dad that she saw her mom kissing another man. I agree that a 7-year-old couldn't possibly know what sort of response is appropriate. However, you blamed Dad for not controlling his emotional outburst, which was directed at the child. At no point did you address the cheating wife.

She is the only guilty party in the entire mess. The father's reaction was understandable. But it's the mother who caused the problem. Quit covering for the bad behavior of cheating wives. — Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Lafayette: No one's covering for anybody. The question was how to help the child. After three years, Dad still cannot control his reaction in front of his daughter, which makes her feel responsible. The entire family needs help.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are at the end of our rope with our 18-year-old

Annie's Mailbox

daughter, "Kate," who just graduated from high school.

Kate has been dating a 21-year-old man for more than a year. She met him at my husband's work. We don't dislike "Todd," but he has no ambition and is extremely lazy. Six months ago, Todd lost his job. He made no attempt to get another and didn't even apply for unemployment benefits. He cashed in his 401(k) and managed to blow \$11,000 in two months. He doesn't even own a car.

Todd managed to get rehired with the same company in another state. Now Kate has thrown her entire future out the door. Instead of going to college, she is planning to move in with Todd.

Kate is living in a fantasy world, thinking Todd can support her. We have tried explaining that she shouldn't toss a college education out the door for any man, but she won't listen and accuses us of wanting her to fail. We have done a lot for Todd, trying to help him mature. However, my husband is hearing from Todd's new boss that he is close to losing his job again. My daughter is fully aware of this, but thinks she can motivate him. She actually calls him every morning to wake him up.

I know the answer is to shut down the gravy train to shock Kate into realizing how hard life will be. But how do you let your child make such a huge mistake? What happens if she gets pregnant and marries this idiot? — Feel Like a Failed Parent

Dear Parent: We suspect part of Todd's appeal is that you are so opposed to the relationship. It's time to refocus on helping your daughter prepare for her new life. Discuss in a matter-of-fact way what kind of job she thinks she is capable of getting and how much she thinks she will earn. Teach her how to prepare a budget.

Ask whether she plans to get pregnant and how that will affect her financial situation. Tell her you love her and wish her well. When she sees that her

decisions are entirely up to her, she might wake up. And who knows? Maybe Todd will surprise you.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently visited the beach house of some friends. While there, I met an interesting lady who stuttered. At first I thought she had had too much to drink, but after 15 minutes I realized she had a speech impediment. I've never met an adult who stutters. At times it was very uncomfortable because I knew the word she was trying to say but could not get out.

Would it have been rude to complete the word for her, or should I have let her work through it? I felt very awkward. — Uncomfortable in Florida

Dear Florida: It is best to allow a stutterer to complete the word on her own, no matter how long it takes. If you expect to see this woman again, or if any of our readers would like more information, we recommend the Stuttering Foundation (stutteringhelp.org) at 1-800-992-9392.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Bummed Out in Bradenton" was, as usual, right on. However, I would have added, "Don't ever give up."

My son was also 27 when he was released from prison for the second time on drug-related charges. It took two three-year sentences for him to realize he did not want that kind of life. I came close to giving up many times, but I knew his potential.

He completed his GED in prison and, the day after his release, enrolled in a community college. There he met a lovely girl whom he married. He went on to get a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and now holds a great position with a well-known corporation.

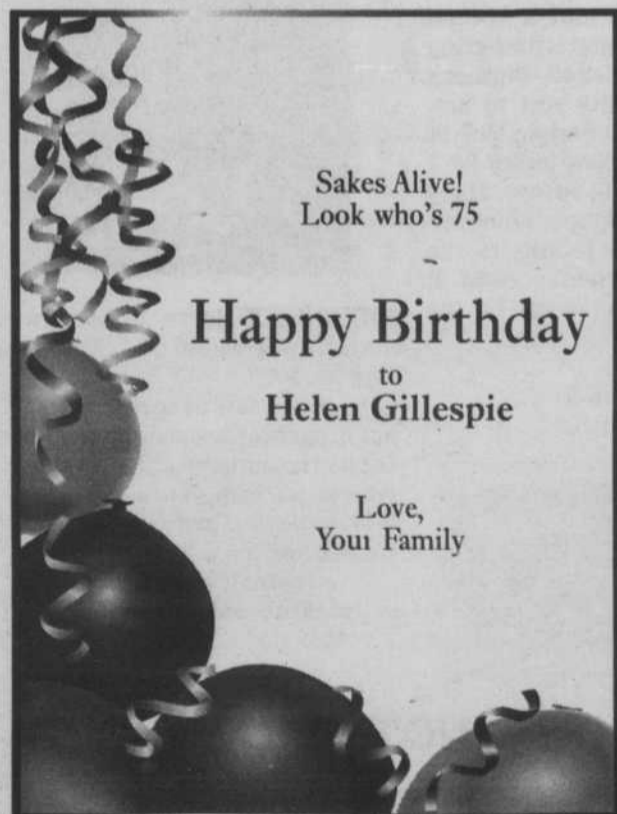
As proud as I am of his accomplishments, I'm even prouder of what he has overcome. — Glad and Thankful

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


Sakes Alive!
Look who's 75

Happy Birthday
to
Helen Gillespie

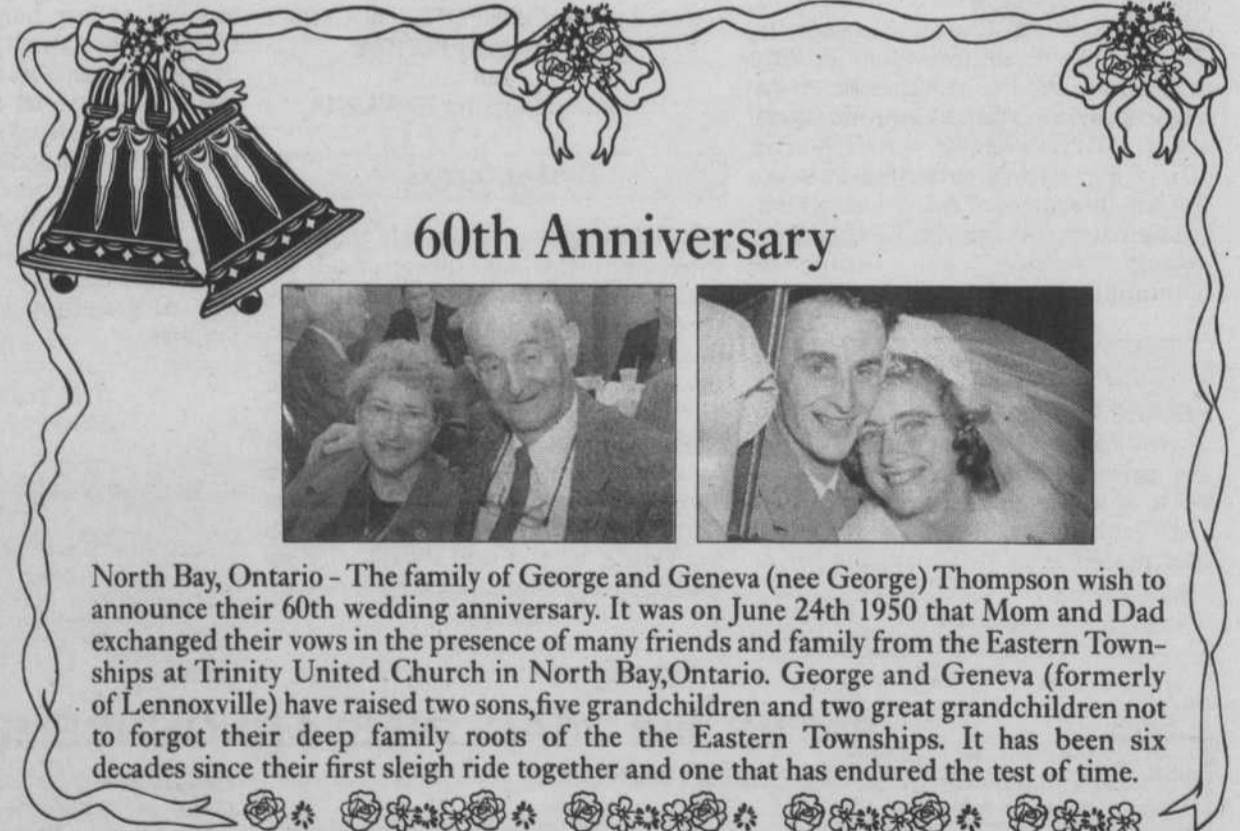
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

"ENR GYB FNK VYB STOLR NOGIRHU
UPTENRT KBVR ENR RUUKTE DREI
CYOBUPH OI ENR GYB FNK FOHH
FOB." - IOT TKDRT JYBBOIERT

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "People in Michigan, you Tiger fans... you've given me so much warmth, so much affection and so much love." - Ernie Harwell

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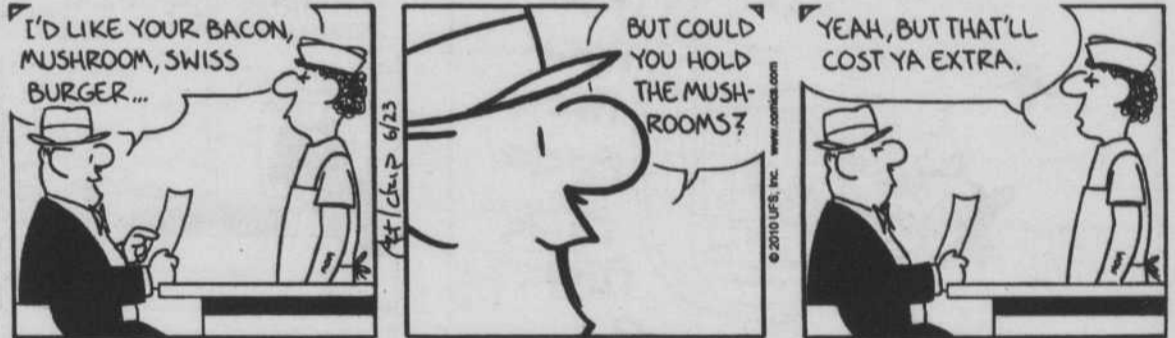
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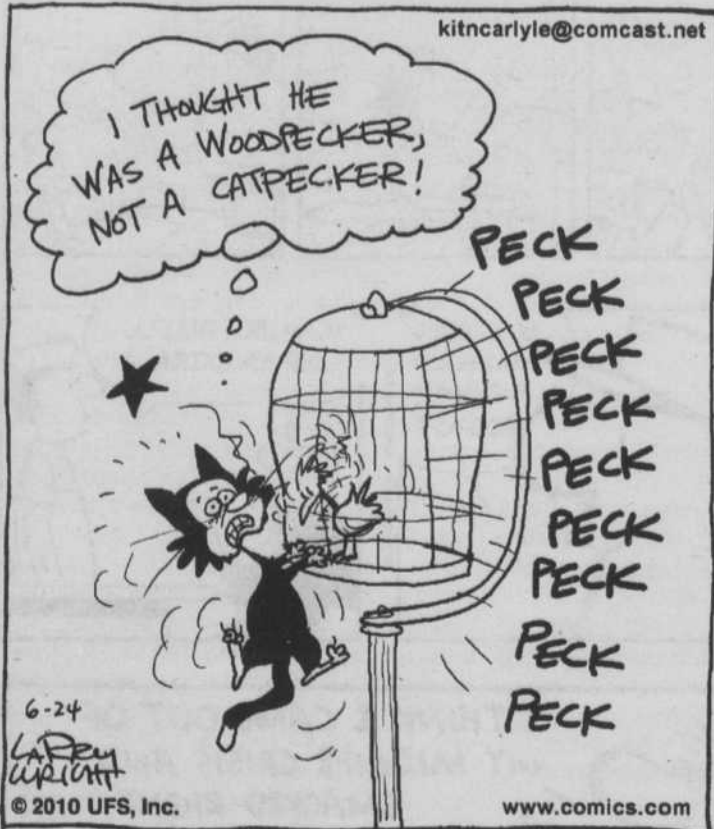
Today's clue: B equals M

"GCGO W THHA FOHUY DHJ IWO'S
SHJIP SPG YSWXY, LJS KS UHO'S
FGGN SPG UKYG TXHB SXDKOR." -
PWXXD WOZGXYHO

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win." - Sir Roger Bannister

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HERMAN



"If you find a pork chop in your soup, it belongs to table nine."

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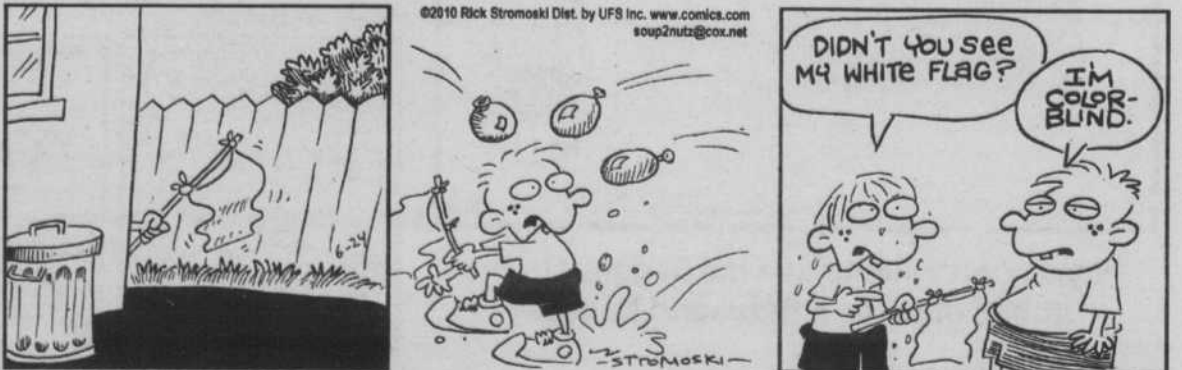
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Wednesday, June 23, 2010

A variation on the theme

By Phillip Alder

North 06-23-10			
♠ Q 4			
♥ J			
♦ Q 10 6 2			
♣ A K 9 8 5 3			
West		East	
♠ 10 7 6 5 2		♠ J 9 8 3	
♥ 10 7 6 5 2		♥ A 9 4 3	
♦ A 8		♦ 5	
♣ 2		♣ 10 7 6 4	
South			
♠ A K			
♥ K Q 8			
♦ K J 9 7 4 3			
♣ Q J			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	All pass
Opening lead: ??			

Edgar Allen Poe wrote, "There are certain themes of which the interest is all-absorbing, but which are too entirely horrible for the purposes of legitimate fiction."

Based on the popularity of no-holds-barred horror movies these days, that dates Poe. (He died in 1849.) This week's columns have a certain interesting theme: suit preference. Where does it occur in this deal? What should West lead against five diamonds?

North should open one club. The major-suit honors might be worthless, but North has a comfortable two-club rebid should South respond one heart or one spade. When, though, South bids one diamond, North raises that suit. Then South uses Blackwood before passing out five diamonds when he learns that two aces are missing.

West, now knowing his partner must have an ace, can see how to defeat the contract: his trump ace, partner's ace and a club ruff. So West leads his singleton club. What should East do?

First, he should realize his partner has led a singleton. With Q-J-2 of clubs, West would have led the queen; and with a doubleton, West would have led the higher card. Next, East must recognize that West wants to know where East's entry lies. Since East has his ace in hearts, the lower-ranking of the other two side-suits, he must play his club four at trick one. (With the spade ace, East would play the club 10.) Then West will grab the second trick with his diamond ace, shift to a heart, and receive the club ruff that gives the defense the setting trick.

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

A greater emphasis than usual could be placed on your social life in the year ahead. You could end up playing a more serious role in the affairs of special friends, which would end up affecting your own situation in a most positive way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - It wouldn't hurt for you to try something different when it comes to a goal you're trying to achieve that has to do with your work or career - larger than usual gains could be realized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Take some time to reorganize your affairs and it will pay off handsomely, both with your relationships with others and what you get out of it. A fresh approach can do the trick.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Things could start to pay off in two separate arrangements that you've been diligently laying the groundwork on in hopes of making things easier for yourself. You'll see the first signs today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Because you and others with whom you've been partnered have been working well with each other, Lady Luck could soon be pitching in and providing you with her benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - By handling things so adroitly lately, you have generated opportunities for yourself where your work or career is concerned. You could realize a payoff by means of larger earnings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't hesitate for one minute to get involved in a larger-than-life endeavor, even if it means scrapping some little jobs that haven't paid off. In your instance, bigger is better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Someone who has been a recipient of your generosity may be trying extra hard to work out a special deal just for you. Good deeds you've done for this individual are coming home to roost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - If you're asked to take on a special position or participate on a committee of some importance, don't hesitate to accept, even if it means shelving a less significant project. It'll pay off big for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - There are some days that are simply more fortunate for you career-wise and/or financially, and this could be one of them. If you have anything good going for you, tie it down now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Go ahead and shoot for the moon, because Dame Fortune is with you in going after a large target. The only important thing is that you keep an open mind about what you can acquire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Things orchestrated by others are likely to turn out to be more fortunate for you in the long run, so don't hesitate to hitch a ride on some else's bandwagon if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Being in the company of one who is energetic and has high hopes and aspirations will rub off onto you. This person's eagerness to achieve will inspire you to create some ambitious goals of your own.

Thursday, June 24, 2010

You can depend on those who have assisted you previously to once again help you fulfill your ambitions in the year ahead. However, it will become important for you to find some way to reciprocate or show your appreciation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Something good you hadn't expected could offset a small but nasty encounter you may experience. In fact, if it weren't for this small boon, this day could have been ruined for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - If you want the type of results you're hoping for, weigh and balance each and every issue with careful consideration. Any movement made in a hasty fashion could be a mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - When it comes to doing your work, your attitude about the project will make all the difference as to whether or not you consider it to be nasty job or a fun challenge. You pick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Unless your appraisals of others have a ring of sincerity about them, it isn't likely you'll win the respect of your peers. If you're smart, you won't use sheer flattery in any form.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - You're not likely to take objective criticism too well, so be careful how you respond to people who offer advice only to help you. Don't complicate things for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Pay heed to the suggestions of trusted allies, because there is every reason to believe that their thinking could help to improve your ideas. Welcome collective thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - For the sake of your budget as well as your peace of mind, don't spend more than you can comfortably afford. Snapping up too many bargains could turn into a liability.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - If you have a schedule mapped out for yourself, don't allow an idler to attach him/herself to you. This person will do nothing except be dead weight and slow you down.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - When it comes to any intuitive perceptions you get concerning your family, don't hesitate to act on them. Your insights could be far more valuable than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Make sure you build your premises on sound reasoning and not merely on wishful thinking. What you desire can be realized, but your methods need to be based on practical considerations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Don't be so tightfisted that you cut yourself off from all heartfelt considerations. You won't go wrong if you spend on what your heart and head tell you is a compassionate matter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Beware the naysayers and negative Nellies, as you're all too likely to subscribe to their outlook. Believe in yourself, not the gloomy prognostications of others, and everything will come out to the good.

Melbourne Ridge Women's Institute

Our June meeting was held June 8 at the Nelson's guest home. Pauline was thanked for being our hostess. There were 8 present including 2 guests. The Collect was repeated. The motto for June was "Get someone else to blow your horn it will carry twice as far". The roll call was to give a garden tip.

One minute of silence was observed in memory of our deceased member Josie Fowler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Pauline Nelson.

One of today's guests, Noreen Wilkins, a former member, was presented with a 50 year pin that she had earned.

Correspondence was a letter from the Youth Fair asking for our support. It was agreed we would send a donation. Joan M. moved we send this donation and Susan seconded it.

Treasurer Pauline read her report. Birthday wishes were sung to Susan Matinee.

On May 22, before Jose passed away, we all gathered in her room at Richmond Foyer and presented her with her 25 year pin.

Thank you notes were signed for Doris Stevens and Marion Mountain. A get-well card was signed for Grace Johnston. Sympathy was sent to Josie F. family.

Jean Delany won the drawing. Pauline visited our friend at the Wales Home and Shirley Nelson will go this month.

For crafts, Joan Morrison showed 2 pairs of beautiful embroidered pillow cases.

New business was to make plans for the June birthday party at the Wales Home.

A litter was read from Meals on Wheels asking for a donation towards the purchase of a new stove. Susan M. moved we send a donation and Shirley Nelson seconded it. All in favour. It will be sent in memory of Josie who worked with Meals on Wheels.

The next meeting is July and August. A trip will be planned and the members notified.

Shirley Fowler,
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CROSSWORDS

Across

- 1 "Stay" singer Lisa
- 5 DeMille with an Oscar
- 10 Short pans?
- 14 The Dixie Chicks, e.g.
- 15 Wet, in a way
- 16 Essence
- 17 Bell sound
- 18 Make a delivery?
- 19 Salinger title girl
- 20 Confident
- 23 "In a sec"
- 25 Sierra Club founder John et al.
- 26 Second-counter's opening
- 31 Inventor Howe
- 32 Bonehead
- 33 Fontanne of Broadway
- 34 Mix
- 35 High-quality cotton
- 39 Son of Sarah

- 40 Cream dispensers
- 41 Evaluation by co-workers
- 45 Cut into slices
- 46 Materialize
- 47 Professional hitter?
- 52 Ahmadinejad's land
- 53 Nut-yielding tree
- 54 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 57 Telescope part
- 58 Carpenter's machine
- 59 Rows
- 60 "___ Anything": "Oliver!" song
- 61 Each of the four longest puzzle answers has two pairs of them
- 62 Fargo's st.

- 30 Landscaper's supply
- 34 Jamboree gp.
- 35 Lift weights
- 36 Sting victim's wail
- 37 Actress Suvari
- 38 Galileo's sci.
- 39 Burned up
- 40 Recipe amts.
- 41 Like socks, hopefully
- 42 Trip to the bank, say
- 43 Nonetheless
- 44 Pane holders

- 45 Common cook-off dish
- 48 Skilled
- 49 Neptune's realm
- 50 Match makers?
- 51 Hurt
- 55 Procter & Gamble detergent
- 56 "Shoot!"

Down

- 1 Inc., in London
- 2 What Pizarro sought
- 3 Brain
- 4 Under-the-bed hider
- 5 Partner of Seals
- 6 Tombstone lawman
- 7 "Later!"
- 8 QB's misthrows
- 9 Cleaning compounds
- 10 Exhausts
- 11 Dirt
- 12 Scapulae-to-ulnae bones
- 13 Mushers' vehicles
- 21 Luau souvenirs
- 22 Discharge
- 23 Christmas air
- 24 Without siblings
- 27 Marner of fiction
- 28 Think tank output
- 29 Subsequently

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Across

- 1 Chain of hills
- 6 Top rating
- 9 Startle
- 14 Stay a step ahead of
- 15 Tribe that fought the Navajo
- 16 Soaked
- 17 Beatles classic
- 19 China's Zhou ___
- 20 Covers
- 21 Very long time
- 22 Woofer's output?
- 23 Code word
- 24 Stevie Wonder classic
- 26 Thor's father
- 28 Hot
- 29 What peddlers peddle
- 31 Bank leader?
- 33 Genesis twin

- 37 "Annie" classic
- 40 Celebratory feeling
- 41 Bit of naughtiness
- 42 Sharp
- 43 Dover domestic
- 45 WWII gun
- 46 "Dirty Dancing" classic
- 51 Coming-out party?
- 54 American elk
- 55 Robert Morse title role
- 56 Efficient
- 57 Two little words?
- 58 Sinatra classic, and hint to what's missing from this puzzle's other classics
- 60 Snazzes (up)
- 61 A-line line
- 62 Offer, as one's two cents
- 63 Hot meeting?

- 18 Night light
- 22 Astringent
- 24 Bass or drum
- 25 Blast cause, briefly
- 27 Some cops
- 29 Rug
- 30 Ga. airport
- 31 Regular duty
- 32 James's creator
- 34 News promo
- 35 Take the stage
- 36 Mandolin kin
- 38 As a friend, to Fifi

- 39 "High Noon" actress Jurado
- 44 Regular alternative, informally
- 45 X-rated stuff
- 46 Unexpected climax
- 47 In better health
- 48 Bond creator
- 49 "... O, be some ___ name": Juliet
- 50 Bowler's division
- 52 Puckish
- 53 Has-___
- 56 Astringent compound
- 58 Nevertheless, briefly
- 59 Baths

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- 1 "Fantastic Mr Fox" author Dahl
- 2 Home to more than a billion
- 3 Beating one won't get you anywhere
- 4 Half a 1950 musical
- 5 Center opening?
- 6 Teach privately
- 7 Centric opening
- 8 At birth
- 9 Actress North, once touted as "the new Marilyn Monroe"
- 10 Kind of man or game
- 11 Narnia lion
- 12 Fix, as a slot machine?
- 13 Uplift

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