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It's over

Old Boys keep camp

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The Supreme Court of Canada has put an end to the legal saga surrounding the ownership of the St-Pat's Old Boys camp in Stoke. On Thursday, the court turned down an application by Excavation Charles Grenier to appeal a series of lower court rulings that annulled the controversial sale of the 250-acre camp to the Stoke entrepreneur. That decision returned ownership of the camp to the St-Patrick's Academy Old Boys Association once and for all, said the group's lawyer Jean Beaudry.

"Hallelujah, I knew Good Friday was coming," Old Boys vice-president Fred Scott exclaimed upon learning the news from *The Record*.

"We were pretty certain we would win," Scott said. "When we went to the Court of Appeal it took five minutes for them (the three appellate judges) to say these are the rules of the association and they were not followed."

The legal drama dates back to 2002, when one faction of the Old Boys Association, led by second vice-president Gerry Largy and secretary Maurice Galvin, sold the camp to Grenier for \$230,000. They claimed the sale, passed at a meeting of five of six executive members on Feb. 27 of that year, was legal and above board.

But four days later another faction of the organization, led by president George

PLEASE SEE
OLD BOYS
ON PAGE 4

No paper Monday

The *Record* will not publish on Monday, April 9.

The staff and contributors wish all our readers a happy Easter and a relaxing long weekend.

'Ears To You



PERRY BEATON

Lennoxville's Mary Price was out in her yard yesterday putting the final touches on her Easter snowbunny.

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Tolérance Zero shuts down in Lake Megantic and Thetford Mines

A non-profit that kept drunk drivers off the road by taking them home has suspended its operations in 11 Quebec municipalities, including in Lake Megantic and Thetford Mines.

"It's very unfortunate, it's a very sad day," said Tolérance Zéro communications director Yannick Poisson. "These drunk drivers are going to be back on the roads."

But he said the financial survival of the whole was a priority. The group lost a \$150,000 grant from the SAAQ, the province's automobile insurance agency, and had to make cut-backs — or risk shutting down entirely.

The Lake Megantic and Thetford Mines chapters were both losing money, Poisson said. They totalled about 500 members (who bought \$40 annual memberships to help cover administrative fees) and drove home some 3,000 people in the last year. Those driven home are asked to make a donation that pays for the volunteers' gas and time.

The Tolérance Zéro service continues in Granby (450-578-1911), St-Hyacinthe (450-513-2411), Victoriaville (819-758-0780), Drummondville (819-469-4811) and Sherbrooke (819-562-7699).

Galaise leaves for Quebec

The Centre arts d'Orford is losing its director general to Quebec's symphony orchestra.

Sophie Galaise was hired on at Orford in 2003, and a year later took on the additional role of artistic direc-

tor. She leaves for the Orchestre Symphonique du Quebec on April 30, but will continue to do some Orford work until the end of the season.

Limocar is sold

Sherbrooke-based bus company and transportation provider Limocar has been sold.

It operates the Sherbrooke-Montreal inter-city bus connection, among other routes. The company is also "a leading school bus operator in the southwestern Montreal and Sherbrooke areas," according to a prepared statement announcing the sale.

Limocar was founded in 1979 by Claude St. James and Michel Laroche, who are selling 100 per cent of the shares to TRANSDEV International Public Transportation Group, which runs "bus, tram, rail and river ferry transport networks in France, the United Kingdom, Portugal, Italy, Germany and Australia...."

"The acquisition of Limocar is TRANSDEV's first entry into the Canadian transportation market."

The purchase price was not revealed. Sellers St. James and Laroche will continue to be involved with the company they founded, sitting on the new Canadian board of directors and through Gestion Limo-Billier, their joint real estate company that manages Limocar's facilities.

Weedon's new jobs

The municipality of Weedon has received a shot in the arm with a half-a-million-dollar investment into the expansion of Pro-Bois André Rousseau inc., which has already added 14 new jobs to the local economy.

Co-owner André Rousseau expects the factory will hire up to 16 more employees in the coming weeks; he started off with nine staffers.

The business sends its wood products to the United States, and used the cash injection (from three local economic development agencies) to invest in new

machinery and a bigger space.

Cops on the roads

The Sûreté du Québec wants drivers to know that extra officers will be on the area's roads for the long weekend.

Every long weekend, police ask drivers to stop taking stupid chances while behind the wheel, and every long weekend some drivers ignore the plea.

During this time last year, six people died in traffic accidents on provincial roads.

Art for Alzheimer's

The Estrie Alzheimer Society will hold its 16th annual art auction this coming Wednesday.

The fundraiser starts off with a cocktail and wine and cheese tasting, followed by the sale of 58 donated pieces of art.

All monies raised go back to the society's local works.

Tickets are \$60 and available by phoning 819-821-5127. The event begins at 5:30 on Wednesday, April 11 at the Delta Sherbrooke.

A meal fit for a shelter

The Hill Top Sugar Bush in Dunham will host two fundraising meals on Monday for a local women's shelter.

Cook Sara Teneyck said she'll be preparing "the traditional sugar house meal — omelette, potatoes, carrots, beans, ham."

And perhaps most importantly, there'll be sugar on snow, she laughed on Thursday, "since we finally have snow. It's gorgeous today."

Teneyck said the Hill Top had been running out of the white stuff, that had been stored in a freezer since the warmer weather had arrived. But now they're all stocked up with snow again.

All profits from the meal will go to Cowansville's Horizon Pour Elle shelter.

The food will be served at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 9. The cost is \$20, and it's best to reserve. Call 450-295-2270.

The Hill Top Sugar Bush is located on Symington Road in Dunham.

Seeking young mothers in the town of Bury

A Tools for Life project will be launched in Bury, and 12 young mothers are needed.

"Participants will explore parenting roles and career options, define personal goals, develop employability skills, resume high school studies, grow a garden, and learn new skills in a fun-filled and supportive environment," according to a press release.

It's an intensive 11-month training ground.

"The project will run for 30 hours a week and participants will receive an income which will be arranged on an individual basis. We are presently seeking potential participants and those selected will be strongly motivated to move forward in their lives in terms of education and employability."

Those who want to participate in Tools for Life must:

- have at least one child under the age of 10 in their care
- be between the ages of 16 and 30 at the time of selection
- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (and be legally entitled to work in Canada)
- not currently be working or receiving Employment Insurance benefits
- have not yet completed Secondary 5 (and not currently be pursuing full-time academic studies)
- demonstrate a desire to become employed or gain further education and skills upgrading.

The project begins in mid-April and will take place at Fabrique de la Paroisse Saint-Raphael in Bury.

Pre-school aged children can be placed in an on site daycare. Mothers of children between 5 and 10 years of age are admissible to the project, but must organize daycare outside the project during the summer months for their school-aged children.

For a one-page application form or more information, call the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre at 819-564-6626 or pop into Bury's Pope Memorial Elementary, the Emploi-Quebec office in East Angus, or the CSSS in either Cookshire or East Angus.

Simoneau's back

Estrie teachers have reelected Sylvie Simoneau to the presidency of the Syndicat de l'enseignement de l'Estrie.

The French-language teacher's union represents some 3,000 people working for the school boards of the Région-de-Sherbrooke, des Hauts-Canotons and des Sommets.

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Weather

Today: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of flurries. Wind west 20 km/h becoming light in the evening. High plus 1.

Saturday: Cloudy. Low minus 7. High plus 3.

Sunday: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of flurries. Low minus 6. High plus 1.

Monday: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of flurries. Low minus 4. High plus 5.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



TCE contamination costs \$150,000 a month

Province picks up tab

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

Waterloo's water woes are turning out to be costly, but the mayor assures that no one will have to go without. "We got a shipment last night and one more this morning to be sure we can get through the Easter vacation," said Waterloo Mayor Pascal Russell. "If people need water they just show up with their identification cards."

Despite its 4,500 residents having to get by on bottled water since the announcement that the system was contaminated with the toxic solvent trichlorethylene (TCE) on March 23, Russell said things have gone fairly smoothly to date.

"We had a public council meeting this week and no one came to complain about it," he said. "Our public workers are doing a great job, the town hall employees are doing a great job and we are pleased that people are satisfied."

Russell said in the early days of the water restriction, the municipality calculated an average of 2.2 litres of water per person per day. He explained that at the time Waterloo had no reserve capacity, and wanted to make sure everyone got some water for drinking and preparing food.

All of that bottled water has a cost. Looking at a 10-day period covering the cost of the water, the salaries of the volunteer firefighters doling out the H₂O and so on, Russell said the operation will cost about \$150,000 a month. That doesn't take into account upgrades to the municipal water treatment facility, or the cost of investigators' efforts to find the source of the TCE contamination.

"I met with Mr. Bonnardel (the newly-minted Shefford MNA for the Action Démocratique), and he assured us that the arrangement with the government to cover 100 per cent of the costs will be respected," Russell said. "So it's not going to sink my budget."

Meanwhile investigators have been looking into the history of the various industries that have operated in the immediate vicinity of the Taylor well. Russell

said they have also hired a geologist and a lawyer, both of which will be necessary when taking soil samples from private properties. The investigators have also begun questioning former employees of the businesses to see if there were any past chemical spills.

For the latest on Waterloo's water problems, get on the Internet and go to www.ville.waterloo.qc.ca.



DAVID ANDERSON/FILE PHOTO

Firefighters load water into cars in Waterloo. Residents continue to wait for the okay to drink their tap water.

Boucher under fire

A *Tribune* newspaper has reported that the Parti Québécois's Sherbrooke riding association has called for an investigation into one of the party's own candidates. The ethics of long-time PQ MNA Claude Boucher (narrowly defeated in Johnson on March 26 by an Action Démocratique candidate) are being questioned because of a Christmas card comment he sent to Liberal Premier Jean Charest. Translated into English, the Yule message wishes for a provincial election in 2007, and suggests a trade: if the Charest Liberals leave Boucher alone in Johnson, he'll help Charest be re-elected in the riding of Sherbrooke.

A copy of the card was obtained by the French-language daily during the election campaign, but editors decided to hold off on reporting its contents until after the vote.

Boucher has said the comment was a joke.

The PQ riding association isn't laughing. It has asked high-ranking party officials to open a formal investigation into what appears to be a sign of "either a lack of judgement or of disloyalty towards our organization, as well as towards the election workers in the riding of Sherbrooke."



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Jones, first vice-president Scott, and Richard Parenteau, argued proper procedure had not been followed. They sought and obtained an immediate Superior Court injunction to block the sale, which was finally annulled in 2005.

But Grenier took the matter to Quebec's Court of Appeal where, in October 2006, the lower court's decision was confirmed: the camp had been sold and purchased in bad faith.

Once again Grenier appealed, taking the case to the highest court in the land. Yesterday, three Supreme Court justices announced they would not allow Grenier's lawyers plead the case.

Old Boys president George Jones told *The Record* the membership will

now be convened and members will vote on the future.

Until now, a temporary court order allowed the executive to run the camp, but the association could not hold any meetings or make any changes until legal proceedings were concluded once and for all.

"We'd like to try and bring the camp back to what it used to be," Jones said, noting that recently it has mainly been used as a municipal day camp. He would like the camp to be open to Scouts and other groups as it was in the past.

"We're going to give this camp 100 more years," promised Parenteau.

Parenteau closed the door on past trials and tribulations and said it was time to plan for the future. "It's not time to look in the rear view mirror

anymore. It's time to look forward."

Parenteau said the Old Boys will have to look at setting up some sort of nonprofit foundation to ensure the long-term future of the camp.

"My generation is the last generation of Old Boys," he said, recalling the school closed its doors in 1969. "After us there is no one left to pursue it."

Parenteau has a proposal to invest at least \$3 million into the camp.

In the meantime, Scott said the Old Boys will go ahead with long-delayed plans to build a playground.

Before the controversial sale of the land and the injunction that put it on hold, Grenier had a contract with the camp to excavate part of the property to build a new playground with soccer fields as well as tennis and badminton courts.

The 2002 Superior Court injunction did not prevent Grenier from continuing excavation, but in 2005 Quebec's farmland protection board, the Commission de protection du territoire agricole, decided Grenier contravened the law by removing sand and gravel from 2.78 hectares of the property and ordered the land be restored.

In the meantime, the Environment Ministry confirmed it is investigating to determine if Grenier was illegally operating a sand and gravel pit on the site.

Old Boys lawyer Jean Beaudry said that while the saga surrounding the ownership of the camp property is over, the legal nightmares are not over for the association and its executive.

Beaudry told *The Record* there are still a half dozen legal actions pending, including the most recent one where Grenier is attempting to get the courts to declare he owns the property where he has been operating a

quarry.

"We're being sued for everything under the sun," said Jones, noting he is not too worried about the remaining legal battles in the light of yesterday's decision. "We did everything legal(ly)."

Grenier and his company Excavation Grenier earlier filed a pair of lawsuits against George Jones and Fred Scott for trying to prevent him from operating his quarry on the disputed land.

In the first action, Grenier's company is seeking \$100,000 in lost revenues, \$100,000 in expenses to restore the land, as well as \$50,000 in exemplary damages. In the second, Grenier is seeking \$250,000 in damages, claiming Jones and Scott acted in bad faith in launching legal proceedings against him and his company.

Jones and Scott are also being sued by Old Boys Gerry Largy and Maurice Galvin. In one suit, they are demanding to know what has happened with the association's money since 2002. In another, they are each seeking \$85,000 for damages to their reputations.

Beaudry said that in all, there are some \$1.5 to \$2 million in lawsuits pending — and he has yet to receive a cent for more than four years of legal work.

"They have a lawyer with a big heart, because I have not been paid to date," Beaudry said, noting he won court costs for the Superior and Appeals Court cases that Grenier will have to pay some day soon.

"They are just trying to discourage us. They know the association has no money and they figure Beaudry will give up some day," the lawyer said, noting he has not intention of giving up the war until it is won. The remaining court battles could drag on for another two years.

"But the worst is over with," Jones said. "Now we will be able to move ahead."

The St. Pat's Old Boys Association includes all the graduates from the now-defunct English Catholic secondary school in Sherbrooke. There are hundreds of members from coast to coast, including more than three dozen local members.

The association has been running the summer camp on the shores of Lake Stoke just outside Sherbrooke since 1954.

Charles Grenier did not return *The Record's* calls.

We could not speak with his lawyer Ghislain Richer, either. His law partner explained Richer was on leave.

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Caught with coils of wire

Arrests in copper theft

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

Six people are facing criminal charges in connection with the theft of large rolls of copper wire from a Pacific Street warehouse in Sherbrooke this week.

"We aren't sure of the exact date or time of the theft, but the complaint was filed yesterday afternoon," said Sherbrooke Police spokeswoman Const. Maryse Boulanger.

In the hours that followed, investigators tracked down enough information to get a search warrant for a residence on 7th Ave. North. There they recovered 10 rolls of copper wire, initially stopping nine people, three of whom were later released.

Six were slated to be arraigned Thursday afternoon on a variety of charges that included breaking and entering, theft and possession of stolen goods. Boulanger said other charges and arrests may follow as the investigation continues.

"For the moment we don't have anything to indicate a connection to other thefts," she said. "It is too early in the investigation for that."

Boulanger also said there's nothing to indicate a connection to the recent theft of the bell from the Plymouth-Trinity United Church. That bell was recently recovered when police alerted a Montreal-area scrap dealer.

"The bell was made of bronze, and thefts of bronze are quite rare," Boulanger said.

Police will, however, be looking at that theft and other recent metal thefts to see if there is a connection to the Pacific Street burglary.

Thefts of various metals, particularly copper and aluminium, have become more popular in recent months do to rising prices of the metals.

Sherbrooke zoning referendum

City launches campaign

Staff
SHERBROOKE

The City of Sherbrooke has launched an information campaign on its zoning plan in preparation for the May 6 referendum. The city is providing a website with details of the urban plan, but so far the link to the English version is not operational. It should be online by the end of next week, city officials said.

The web pages can be accessed directly at www.plandurbanismesherbrooke.com or through the city's website.

The site has information about the plan and also provides an e-mail address and a phone num-

ber where citizens can get specific questions answered.

The city will hold three public information sessions where citizens can come and meet urban planners and ask questions. They will be held on:

- Sunday, April 22 at the Armand Nadeau pavilion in Jacques Cartier park between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 24 at City Hall on du Palais from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Sunday, April 28 at the Rock-Forest/St-Élie/Deauville borough office, 1000 rue du Haut-Bois North between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The website also has details about the referendum and its rules.



PERRY BEATON

Town planner René Girard (with the microphone) helped launch Sherbrooke's referendum information campaign yesterday.

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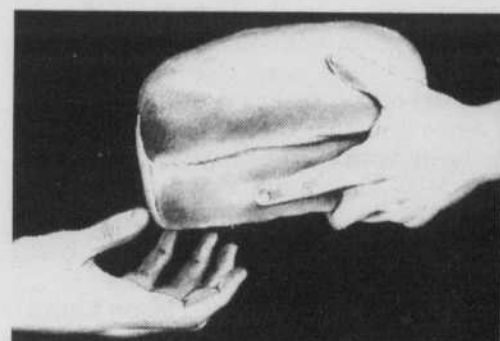
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on Business

Thursday, April 12th, 2007, the Chamber of Commerce of Brome Lake will hold its second Business Dinner presented for the business community of the Town of Brome Lake. This year, the principal theme of the evening will be the presentation of the new project that the Chamber and the Town will launch in 2007, more precisely, the Historic Walking Tour in Brome Lake and its positive affect on tourism and our economy for all the Villages of the Town of Brome Lake.

We are pleased to announce to you that Mr. Alain Larouche, General Manager of Tourisme Canton de l'Est will be our guest speaker. The evening is presented by: Desjardins & Cie, La Caisse Populaire de Waterloo.

It will be held at: Auberge Quilliams, 572 Lakeside Rd., Brome Lake, Thursday, April 12th, 2007. The evening will start at 6 p.m. Followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m. (\$50/person)



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Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knowlton's bell still missing

DEAR EDITOR

Good news for Sherbrooke's Plymouth-Trinity United Church ("Historic church bell found", April 2 Record) but, after a very long time, Knowlton's stolen church bell still has not been recovered.

All right, that's not our modern Eastern Townships village but the original Knowlton, in the county of Dorset, England. Some time in the 18th century, thieves made off with Knowlton's bell, most likely planning to sell it overseas. Maybe the bell could have ended up gracing some church in New England or even Lower Canada!

However, the thieves were caught in the act and chased as far as a place called White Mill where they tossed their stash into the River Stour. Sinking fast in the mud, the bell proved too heavy for the locals to retrieve and may still be there today. The incident is recalled in the lines:

Knowlton bell is stole
And thrown into White Mill hole
Where all the devils in hell
Could never pull up Knowlton bell.

Once a thriving village, Knowlton had been all but wiped out by the Black Death in 1485, but the church, set in the centre of concentric circular burial mounds dating back over 4,500 years to Neolithic times, continued to serve nearby villages until it fell into disrepair over 200 years ago. My wife and I have been wintering in nearby Bournemouth and visited the Knowlton Rings, as they are called, bringing back a few snapshots of the site, including the church ruins.

LIONEL ALBERT
Knowlton

She's 80, and still waiting

DEAR EDITOR

This is a copy of a letter sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

I was truly honoured and privileged to receive your best wishes and warmest congratulations on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I wish to thank you for your kindness.

Am I not right in saying when you made the promise to grant the VIP [pension] to all the veterans' widows back to the Second World War and Korean War, your intention to keep this promise was genuine, honest and sincere?

Yet these veterans' widows are still waiting for you to keep your promise. Their trust in the Conservative government most certainly [must be] wavering more each day, and can we blame them?

In 2006 you asked the minister of Veterans Affairs to make up a package for the VIP for veterans' widows and also to cost it out — which the Hon. Gregory Thompson did.

How much longer do these veterans' widows have to wait for the VIP which they are entitled to, to be granted to them?

The occasion of my 80th birthday would be greatly enhanced by you keeping the promise you made grant the VIP and enable these veterans' widows to stay in their own homes. You would also avoid spending an extremely larger sum of taxpayers' money by preventing the veterans' widows from having to be institutionalized. If they are treated with equality and justification, they may regain their trust in you.

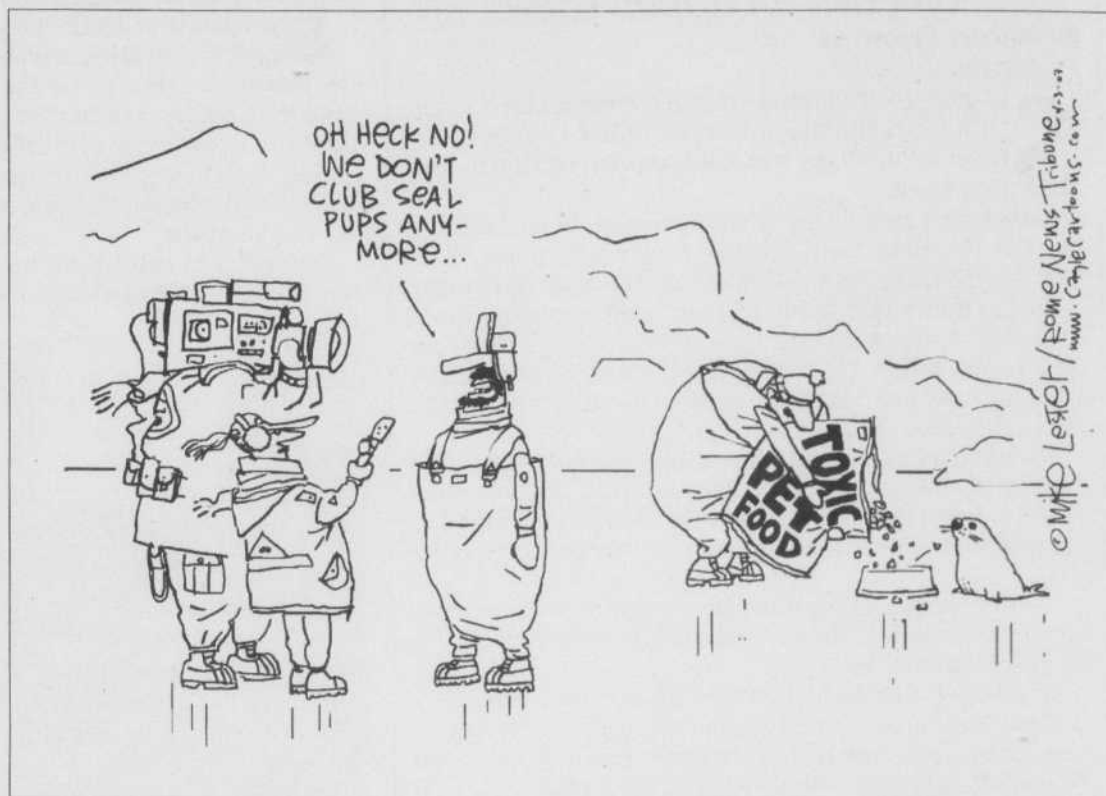
A promise made needs to be kept.

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's lavish spending on tax cuts and tax benefits unfortunately as always do not benefit the majority of Canadian citizens, especially citizens who are struggling to survive on poverty incomes.

How many seniors are able to save on their pittance of an income to benefit from tax cuts promised in the budget?

Where is the response of the government to meet the needs of all Canadian citizens?

JOYCE CARTER
Nova Scotia



Cemetery upkeep in Ayer's Cliff

DEAR EDITOR

Brown's Hill Cemetery near Ayer's Cliff could use your help.

If you have relatives buried in this cemetery or wish to help preserve this site, please consider giving a donation to help with maintaining this old burial ground, the final resting place of many early settlers of Stanstead County.

Please send donations to me c/o 2011 Dubreuil, Apt. 1, Sherbrooke, J1H 3T7.

LETA DUSTIN
Secretary treasurer
for the Brown's Hill Cemetery

Not just her

DEAR EDITOR,

With regard to the photo and caption, "Thanking North Hatley volunteers" (April 3 Record), I would like to make a correction.

While I am responsible for the Parcs & Loisirs file at the municipal level, by no means do I work in a vacuum. On behalf of the Municipal Council of North Hatley, I would like to acknowledge the Village Improvement Society members who faithfully maintain tubs of flowers in our parks, as well as the beautiful flower boxes along the bridge in the village. Our hats also go off to our Merchants Association whose members have been very involved in organizing our joyous display of Christmas lights. Volunteerism is essential in order for citizens to be proud to live in any community. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful corner of the world, filled with a dedicated group of people who give unselfishly of their time to keep it that way.

CARROL HALLER
Municipal councillor

Village of North Hatley

The daffodil update

DEAR EDITOR

To everyone who purchased a "bouquet" of daffodils we want to express our sincere gratitude. Daffodil Day, March 29, was such a success! Flower sales totaled \$18,000!

Funds raised [go to the Canadian Cancer Society and] help to fund cancer research and support people living with cancer. The daffodil represents hope and renewal for the many thousands who have been touched by cancer. This successful campaign which encompassed Birchton, Cookshire, Earlstown, Hatley, Huntingville, Lennoxville, Milby and North Hatley would not be possible without the support, time and dedication of the drivers, canvassers, distributors and any other volunteers who have helped with this worthy cause.

Thank you everyone.

PAM EBY, DONNA MCKELL, PAT SMITH,
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Apply their way

DEAR EDITOR,

The city of Sherbrooke is now accepting applications for student summer jobs ("Last chance for summer jobs", March 29 Record). But only online applications will be accepted.

One would think that our computer-driven efficiency would free up some time to easily deal with the occasional hand-written application.

Apparently not!

Efficiency; we chase it but do we ever catch it? We hopelessly confuse convenience with efficiency.

JASON KRPA
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'I started seeing landscapes that weren't there'

Hurricane Goldfinch hits the Caribbean

On my last day in the Caribbean, I sat in an outdoor restaurant eating fresh red snapper and drinking a non-alcoholic but utterly delicious mango smoothie. The palm trees were flapping in the warm wind and all around me people were talking loudly and in a variety of languages and accents. I soaked it all in and burnt it into my memory because I knew that in a few short hours, I would be leaving an area of the world that I had fallen completely and irrevocably in love with.

The Leeward Islands that I visited — St. Marten, Saba, Statia, St. Kitts, Nevis and St. Barths — were lush with beautiful beaches. Most of the islands had huge spans of uninhabited areas making them feel as if they were almost undiscovered. What made the trip more exciting was the way that I visited these islands, on the Lord Sheffield, a 72-foot brigantine or Tall Ship.

Chaperoning eight teenagers is also a tall order, but I traveled with a truly delightful group from Bishop's College School who were as enthusiastic as I was to learn what sailing a Tall Ship was all about. Their humour and eagerness to help one another made it a dream trip.

My primary fear was completely fulfilled. On our first sail, I followed my hairdresser's advice by eating very little before and taking two Gravols, accompanied by a fruit juice.

In my case, this was a very, very big mistake. Our passage took six hours and I was either hanging off the rail vomiting, right within full view of the captain, or lying on my back cracking jokes and groaning on the bench next to the captain. I have never been so ill in front of a complete stranger. The crew were so kind to me and took care of me like a baby.

When we arrived at Saba — if I win a lottery, that's where I'm moving — the crew pulled out snorkeling gear for our first activity, snorkeling in a coral reef. Once the boat stopped, I felt completely better and there was no way that I was going to miss out on this as I had always wanted to see a coral reef.

I swallowed back my fear of sharks and barracudas and jumped into the water with the kids. After swallowing a lot of seawater as well, I finally got the knack of breathing through a pipe with a minimum of panic and managed to see the reef as well as a school of neon bright blue fish. I didn't see much else as I am as blind as a bat without my glasses but the kids saw a sea turtle and were pretty satisfied with that.

The second day, I snacked all through the sail and drank either Sprite or Mountain Dew and found my secret to avoiding seasickness, eating and drinking. I never had a problem after the first day. We started getting instruction in which lines pulled up or down which sails and we drilled this several times a day. I'm afraid that I was the leader of the remedial group, especially when it came to knotting and coiling lines. The kids helped me out with great patience.



COURTESY

Yo ho ho and a bottle of Graval: fifty-something and sailing on a Tall Ship.

Finally, the time came for the overnight sail to St. Barth's. Nothing can beat the thrill of traveling in the dark with the moonlight shining on the water and no sound but the waves. Well, there were sounds. At around 1:30 a.m., we saw a cruise ship in the distance and I said out loud how surprised I was that you could hear the music from the ship from so far away. Everybody just looked at me. Uh-huh, no music.

One of the students said that she heard a wolf cry and that she heard her cell phone ring three times. I also started seeing landscapes of Caribbean towns that just weren't there. The sea definitely plays tricks on you at night.

Just before 2 a.m., the winds died and rain came pelting down. Our watch captain ordered us to bring in the sails... us, the remedial group. We sprang into action. Confused action, but action nonetheless. One of the male students was everywhere at once, helping out the perplexed among us. At one point, the barbecue in the back of the ship was crashing down on the dinghy that we were trailing. Veronica, the first mate, yelled at one of us to get to the stern and try to help poor Jennifer who was desperately trying to pull the dinghy along the side of the boat. All of us had untied our lines and we froze as we looked at each other. Do we let go? Finally, I thrust my line into the hand of Max-

ine, a German student, and yelled, "Hold this." I ran to the stern of the boat wondering why I, a 52-year-old weakling, was going but by the time I got to Jennifer, Veronica had gone to her assistance and the two young ladies saved the day.

We got the sails up and stood there drenched, our clothes feeling like they weighed 25 pounds more than they did before, but most of us felt that was the highlight of the trip... except for maybe our last sail when we charged into the harbour of Grand Casse at seven knots with the railing of the boat right at the level of the sea.

Captain Rob and Veronica said that they had never seen the boat heel at such a sharp angle.

My favourite book in the Chronicles of Narnia has always been The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. I cannot believe my luck, that I actually got to live a modern-day version of it in the company of eight funny and highly intelligent teenagers and the quirky crew of the Lord Sheffield.

If you are headed down to St. Marten, do check out the website, www.lordsheffield.com, as Captain Rob runs day trips that sound as if they are almost as much fun as our own adventure. You can book via Internet.

Now I want sailing lessons for my birthday!

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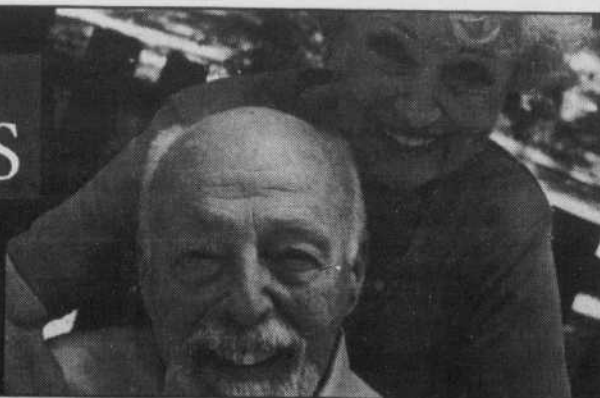


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said that rat poison was found in the pet food, and now as I write this a chemical used to make plastic (that's also used in other parts of the world as a fertilizer) has been found in dead pets, and in tested pet food.

The ingredients used in our beloved pet's food is not regulated by any inspection standards. I for one believe this is the time for us as consumers to demand that this change right now. For many years I have seen this coming, and started feeding my animals homemade food way back in '96.

They seldom get commercial dog food, except for a few dry pieces every morning to help keep their teeth clean, and one dog biscuit every night.

For a long time now I have warned that much of our food supply is coming in from countries that do not respect the same regulations we do here in North America. For example, many South American countries still use DDT, a chemical banned here in Canada and the US. Besides this dangerous insecticide, there are hundreds of other cancer-causing chemicals that are still used and often abused in other countries.

The original the pet food recall involved contaminated wheat gluten, used as a thickener. Most human processed food has this ingredient.

My question is, are we testing every source being added to products that goes into human food? And if they found something, could they let us know without causing a nationwide panic?

Do you buy canned vegetables grown, processed or packaged in China? If so ask yourself what kind of hygiene and other health regulations do they have there? When a country does not care about what is in the food they feed their own people, how can we have any amount of faith that they would follow restrictions when growing, harvesting and processing our food supply? Maybe it's time to support local growers, and those who are trying here within our own countries to process healthy food items without chemicals and additives.

There are many struggling organic farmers and processors right here in North America trying hard to improve what we eat.

Finally people's eyes are being opened to the dangers of trusting foreign suppliers for ingredients for making pet food and many people are now searching for recipes about how to make their own.

Please don't just feed your pets what you are eating, instead either read books or Google "Dr. Richard Pitcairn", and you should get recipes and instructions for making healthy well balanced pet foods. I have used his books for many years to help me take care of my pets' medical needs and diet.

THE WORLD UNDER THE SEA

The latest report out about the world's oceans and seas is not promising, and it looks like we humans should have acted a lot earlier to reduce the damage we are doing to all the world's bodies of water. Fish stocks are diminishing fast, and chemicals are changing the sex of some species, which will eventually cause more varieties to become extinct.

Some thought that farming fish was the answer, but whatever type of fish or seafood that has been farmed has turned out to be loaded with toxic chemicals. According to the Public Citizen, a non-profit research organization, the aquaculture industry uses all of the following chemicals in great quantities: therapeutants (antibiotics), various algicides and pesticides, disinfectants,



ANNA MAY KINNEY

1.5 billion people depend on fish or seafood for protein.

detergents and other water and soil treatment chemicals.

One of the most serious problems is the use of chloramphenicol. This antibiotic has proven to cause an extremely serious human disease called "aplastic anemia". This happens when bone marrow stops producing red and white blood cells. This is an irreversible and fatal condition that can occur weeks or even months after someone was treated with chloramphenicol.

Researchers warn that very low concentrations of chloramphenicol can be enough to trigger this fatal disease, and that there should be a total ban on its use. In 2002 report released by the University in Bangkok it was stated that the occurrence of aplastic anemia in Asia is about three times what it is in the West.

Asians eat more farmed fish and seafood in their daily diet....

The EU has acted to protect it people by subjecting imported seafood to strict testing to ensure there are no traces of chloramphenicol contaminants. And in 2002 inspectors ordered the destruction of three large consignments of shrimp from India. Canada and Japan have since joined in the ban on chloram-

phenicol, but what about all the other known toxins that are present in farmed seafood? Will anything be done to protect the consumer from them?

MILLIONS OUT OF WORK

We all know too well what can happen to a community when a resource depended upon for sustainable development suddenly disappears, as with the cod fisheries along our East Coast, and now hitting the crab and lobster

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Police praise informant's help in Hells' raids

Drug crimes alleged

By Shane Dingman
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
TORONTO

Declaring Thursday a "good day for policing," Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino said Thursday that police have put a major dent in Hells Angels operations across Canada with a series of dramatic raids that ended with the arrest of 16 full-patch members of the Hells Angels motorcycle club, with two more still on the wanted list.

The arrests in the Toronto region coincided with similar arrests in British Columbia and New Brunswick. (The Sherbrooke chapter in the Eastern Townships was not raided.)

"It's a good day for policing in Toronto, a good day for policing in Ontario," Fantino said Thursday, a day after the raids.

"I believe that we have to continue the attack on organized crime however it's manifested, and we owe the citizens of our community no less."

In addition to the arrests, three properties — the Hells Angels clubhouse on in downtown Toronto, a one storey, red-brick house in Scarborough, Ont., and a house in Barrie, Ont., — have been placed under a restraining order on allegations they are related to drug crimes.

OPP Inspector Dan Redmond bristled at questions from the assembled media that the seizure of the downtown Toronto clubhouse was more photo opportunity than policing necessity.

"We had business at the clubhouse and the media attended," said a tight-lipped Redmond.

"It's a significant day, it's the biggest chapter I've seen, certainly in Ontario, maybe in Canada," he added. "The flagship chapter has been taken out. And we have their chapter so they no longer have a home."

All told, 39 search warrants were issued. There were 27 raids across three provinces resulting in 31 arrests and 169 charges.

Yves Lavigne, an author who has specialized in the Hells Angels, said the operation will not chase them out of Toronto. "There is no such thing as a death blow to the Hells Angels. We're stuck with them for life," he said Thursday.

The Toronto clubhouse was the very same raided by police in 1979 when it was home to a motorcycle club that has since become part of the Hells Angels, and police trumpeted that as the death of the gang. "That tells you a lot right there," he said.

Redmond alleged the raids should prove that the group's main income is in the drug trade. "The rhetoric that the Hells Angels are just motorcycle enthusiasts is not true," he alleged. There are weapons, drugs, and violence related to the Hells Angels.

Weapons, along with quantities of cocaine and GHB, known as a date rape drug, were allegedly found during the raids.

Details of the raids were not released until Thursday's press conference for reasons of operational security, Redmond said. "By 10 p.m. (Wednesday) night we

still had officers in the field, we wanted to wait 24 hours to make sure that all our officers were safe and we had accurate information for the media."

The name of the operation, Project Develop, came about when the OPP developed an informant into a police agent, Redmond said.

"This person came forward to us and agreed to become a police agent — they were exposed by one of their own."

The B.C. raid

By Kim Bolan
VANCOUVER SUN

Two British Columbia Lower Mainland men linked to the Hells Angels were arrested Wednesday after an 18-month investigation that saw police in Ontario raid clubhouses of the biker gang and detain dozens of associates.

In the B.C. part of the lengthy multi-agency probe, full-patch Hells Angel Vincenzo James Sansalone, of the Haney chapter, has been charged with conspiracy to participate in a criminal gang and conspiracy to traffic narcotics.

Alleged Hells Angels associate Omid Bayani has been charged with conspiracy to traffic.

Both men are expected to be taken to Toronto to face their charges, along with at least 30 others who were picked up in the massive sweep dubbed Project Develop.

Police were answering the phone at Sansalone's \$700,000, two-hectare hobby farm Wednesday afternoon.

When *The Sun* asked for Sansalone, the man answering, who did not identify himself, said: "I'm sorry he's not at home right now. Any message?"

The major project also involved officers from the RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency and several municipal police forces in Ontario.

The highest-profile target was the downtown Toronto clubhouse, where police broke through the wall with a giant hook attached to a truck and entered through a white-tiled bathroom.

From the sidewalk a toilet could be seen through the puncture mark, surrounded by plaster, insulation and other debris as police milled about outside.

Last month, the proceeds of crime unit of the federal Justice Department moved to prevent the corporation that owns the clubhouse from selling it.

Alarmist headlines with icons of red blinking police lights blared from the website for the Toronto Hells Angels. It claimed that "Ontario police and other forces are smashing their way through the Hells Angels World today."

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PERRY BEATON

Members of the Coalition SOS Parc Orford held a press conference yesterday to say they wanted to meet with Quebec's three major political party leaders to get the scoop on the privatization of a chunk of the park, which the group opposes. They hope the surprise election results, leaving the Liberals with a minority government, will lead to change on the Orford dossier.

Dope dealers continue to feel the Burn

More arrests

Staff

To date, Sherbrooke Police have arrested 17 people in connection with its Project Burn anti-cocaine investigation. The 17th arrest took place Wednesday. While earlier raids and arrests netted significant amounts of cocaine and cash, this week's police action was simply to arrest yet another suspect, said Sherbrooke Police spokeswoman Const. Maryse Boulanger.

Project Burn has kept police busy.

On March 28 a series of raids in various Sherbrooke boroughs, including Lennoxville, resulted in the arrest of 15 people, a dozen of whom were arraigned on drug-related charges. Police also seized \$100,000 worth of cocaine, \$8,000 worth of marijuana and hashish and \$6,400 in cash.

Then, acting on information garnered during that same operation, police raided a warehouse on Evaris Leblanc Street soon after. There they turned up a kilo of cocaine worth an estimated \$100,000 and \$350,000 in cash.

Also recovered in the raids were scales, bags and other items used to weigh, package and sell the illegal drugs.

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With almost one and a half billion people around the world depending on fish as their main protein source, most of these being some of the poorest people on earth who can not afford to turn to another source of protein and have few options, the sudden decline in fish stocks will result in mass starvation on a level the world has never seen before.

Next week: Killing off a species one fin at a time.

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Not about victory, but about obligation to the dead

Even Hitler saw beauty in Vimy memorial

By Richard Foot
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Among the countless people who've marvelled at the great Canadian monument on Vimy Ridge in northeast France, none are as infamous as Adolf Hitler, who strode among the monument's shining white walls in the spring of

1940 as his conquering army swept toward Paris.

This weekend, thousands of modern-day visitors, including Queen Elizabeth and scores of Canadian school children, will also gather there for a grand ceremony to remember the events of another war, and the remarkable Canadian achievement there 90 years ago this Easter.

Hitler's visit to the site has been largely forgotten in Canada today.

And what many of this weekend's pilgrims won't know is that the monu-

ment itself, which some consider the greatest war memorial ever built, has a history all its own, as turbulent and compelling as the famous battle it honours.

When the First World War ended in 1918, the high escarpment at Vimy was a scarred landscape of shattered trees, artillery craters and crumbling trenchworks, still holding the remains of some of the 3,598 Canadians who died capturing the ridge in the four-day battle of April 1917.

Vimy was one of eight battlefield

sites in France and Belgium where Canada sought and received permission to build memorials in honour of its 66,000 fallen soldiers in the Great War.

While Britain, Australia and South Africa hired a common group of Commonwealth architects to construct their battlefield monuments in Europe, Ottawa took a different approach. It announced a Canada-wide competition for the design of a national memorial to be built at Vimy Ridge, considered the site

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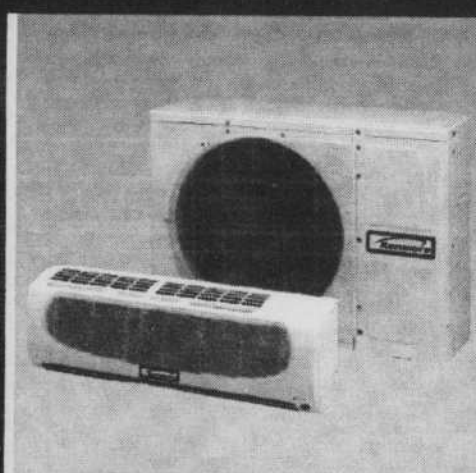
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VIMY:

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of Canada's greatest wartime triumph.

The undisputed winning design, chosen in 1921 from among more than 100 entries, was a daring proposal by Walter Allward.

A renowned Toronto sculptor, Allward had already designed the South African War monument, which still stands today on University Avenue in Toronto.

But unlike his South African memorial — a stone pedestal adorned with bronze soldier-statues, which reflected the Edwardian and Victorian tastes of the pre-war period — Allward's Vimy submission was radical in style and breathtaking in scope.

"It was like no other war memorial that had gone before," says Jacqueline Hucker, an art historian in Ottawa who served on the conservation team that recently restored the Vimy monument.

His Vimy design used the clean lines and interpretive figures of classicism.

His monument was also huge. Its twin pylons — symbolizing Canada and France — rise 30 metres above a sprawling stone platform. It's adorned with sculpted figures symbolizing peace, sacrifice and mourning.

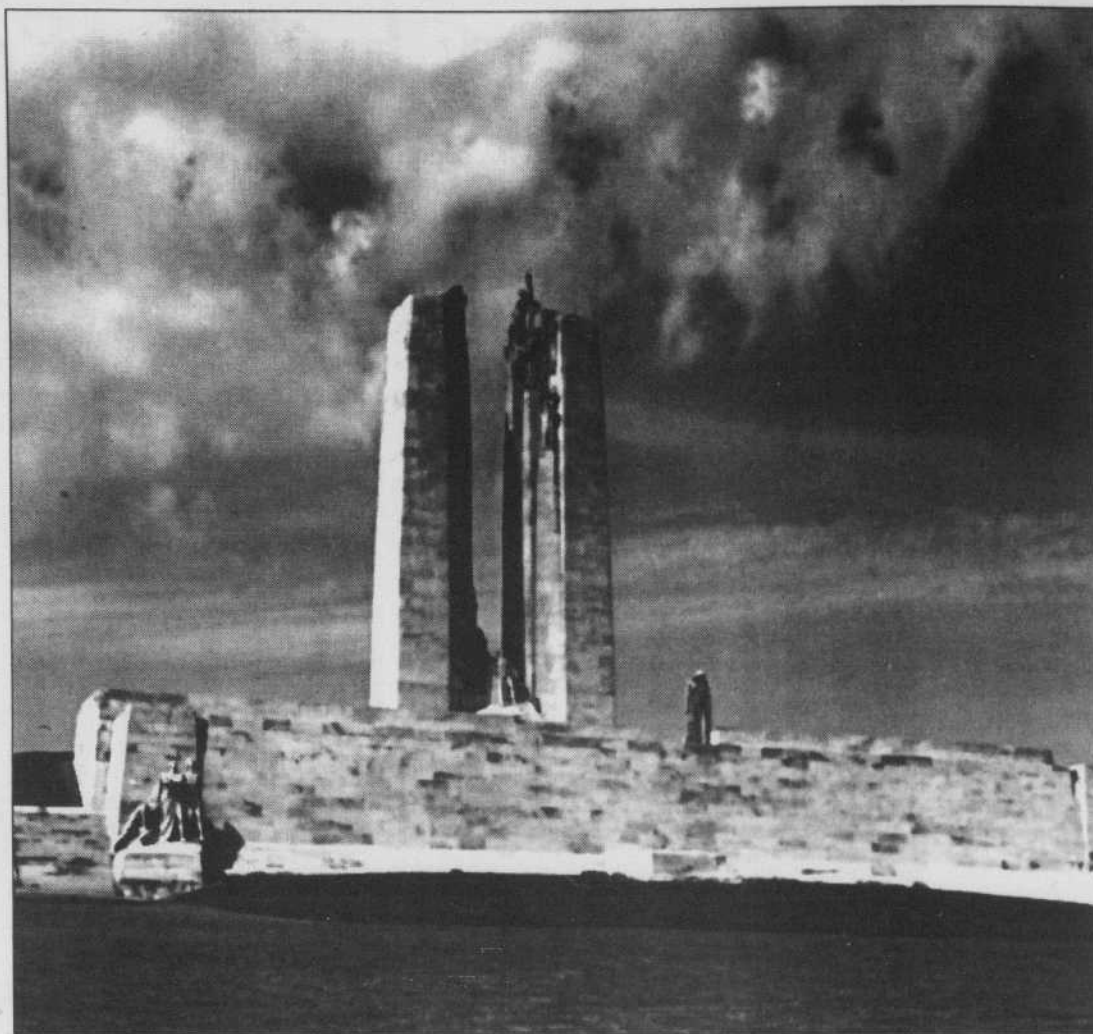
Allward said the idea for the monument was inspired by a dream he'd had during the "blackest" days

of the war: in his dream, Canada's soldiers were saved by legions of dead comrades, rising up from the battlefield in their thousands to rescue the living.

For the first time, says Hucker, there was a war memorial not devoted to triumph or the glory of a great military leader, but to a profound sense of duty towards

the legions of ordinary men who filled the ranks of the dead.

Hitler ensured that the Vimy monument survived the war.



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"Vimy is not a victory monument. There are no signs of victory there at all," she says. "It expresses our obligation to the dead, and the grief of the living — sentiments of sacrifice that you do not see in war memorials until this time."

Building the monument was a mammoth, 12-year undertaking, supervised by Allward himself.

Because the ground on Vimy Ridge was scattered with live shells and the remains of fallen soldiers, the foundations had to excavated slowly, with picks and shovels.

Allward scoured war-torn Europe for the ideal stone veneer with which to cover the monument and sculpt its 20 large figures. He finally settled on a limestone quarry in Croatia, whose stones had been used by the Romans in the third century, to build the Emperor Diocletian's palace.

After years of public anticipation, 3,000 Canadians boarded ships in Montreal and crossed the Atlantic for the unveiling of Allward's masterpiece, on July 26, 1936.

"Around us here today there is peace, and rebuilding, and hope," said King Edward VIII, standing that day beneath the great, limestone walls, exquisitely inscribed with the names of 11,285 Canadians who had died in France in unknown graves.

"In dedicating this memorial to our fallen comrades," the King said, "our thoughts turn rather to the splendour of their sacrifice, and to our consecration of our love for them, than to the cannonade, which beat upon this ridge a score of years ago."

The monument became an instant icon for Canadians, a symbol of the notion that Canada had matured into an independent nation during the war. It also became a popular tourist attraction in Europe, visible for kilometres around the French countryside.

Yet, only three years later, Europe was again at war, with Hitler's Panzer divisions sweeping across France, pushing the beleaguered British soldiers onto the beaches at Dunkirk.

As France fell under Nazi occupation, anxieties mounted in Canada about the fate of the Vimy memorial.

Allward tried to calm fears, saying he knew when he was building the monument that the area around Vimy might one day become a battle ground again.

"So we carved the figures of stone instead of casting them in bronze," he said at the time. "Bronze figures might be melted down for munitions."

By June 1940, Canadian newspapers began running dramatic accounts of the monument's destruction by the invading "Huns" and "Barbarians."

"Vimy Memorial Smashed by Nazi Bombers," said the Montreal *Daily Star*.

Canadians were appalled and outraged.

HITLER'S VISIT

In response, Hitler himself decided to visit Vimy Ridge — his first journey to France since the start of the war — to prove news of the monument's destruction was false.

German newspapers published photos of him, accompanied by a retinue of Nazi officers in ankle-length leather coats, walking among the white pylons and touring the nearby trenches.

Unlike many French war monuments the Nazis did tear down, the Vimy memorial carried no messages of Allied triumph over Germany.

"It was dedicated to sacrifice, loss of life, and remembrance," says University of Ottawa historian Serge Durflinger.

"Hitler admires it immensely, he says so at the time. As a result, the Germans respect the memorial all through the war."

Still, Canadians weren't convinced until the area was recaptured by the Allies in 1944.

Lt.-Gen. Harry Crerar, commander of the 1st Canadian Army, inspected the memorial a few days later, landing there in his personal airplane.

"Not a bomb nor a shell has fallen near it," wrote Canadian war correspondent Ross Munro when he also visited the site soon after its liberation.

"From three miles away we saw the memorial sparkling in the sunlight.... There was a cathedral-like quiet. The new front mercifully passed by Vimy. The new war hadn't wrought its destruction on this hill of valour."

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Faucher steps down from Cougar coaching job

He felt more like a supervisor

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The short but very successful Glen Faucher era at Champlain College is over after one season. Champlain Lennoxville athletic director Sylvain Laflamme announced yesterday that Faucher and assistant coach Dave McBride would not be returning to coach the men's basketball team.

While their time with the Cougars was brief, the two made an impact on the Cégep AA program. Despite dealing with a number of injuries throughout the year, the Cougars posted a 10-4 record, good for third place in the Estrie circuit. They advanced to the regional

playoffs in Quebec City, and they were also selected as the league's Most Sportsmanship Team, a reflection of the coaching staff.

"I was pleased with the men's basketball season this year," Champlain athletic director Laflamme said Thursday. "We were 10-4 on the season and I thought the team took it to the next level. It is disappointing that Glen and David will not be back because they did a good job."

While the reasons for their surprise departures were varied, time commitment was certainly a major factor.

McBride, who was recently appointed director of Advancement at Bishop's University, explained that his new work responsibilities made it impossible for him to continue with the team.

"It was a tough decision to step down after one year as I really enjoyed being

back in the gym, working with basketball players again after so many years," McBride said.

"Unfortunately the demands of my new role means I have far less time to dedicate to Cougar basketball. If we ask our players to commit fully, then the same should be expected of coaches; I just can't do that in the next few years."

"It is sad that Glen Faucher is stepping down as I think he is truly one of the great young coaches in the area — there is no doubt in my mind he could have built a dynasty if he were staying on."

As for Faucher, the combination of time commitments with his teaching and family responsibilities combined with frustration over practice attendance forced him to leave a coaching position he thoroughly enjoyed.

"I want to make it clear that I am not

leaving because I've been fired or that I am angry or spiteful in any way, shape or form," Faucher said earlier in the week.

"This was a great year. We had a wonderful group of guys on the team, who worked hard and were committed to getting better individually and as a team. We had great success; unfortunately we had a rough four minutes in our first regional playoff game which effectively ended our season."

All things being equal, Faucher would have remained on the Cougar bench for several years but there were also frustrations.

"I had a fun time coaching the Cougars this year but found it difficult in two ways: time away from home and commitment of the players. If everyone

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PERRY BEATON

Ben Youssef Meité and Marie-Christine Pruneau (at left) picked up top athlete of the year awards at the University of Sherbrooke's annual honours this week. At right, David Foley and Katie Proteau were honoured as the school's most outstanding student athletes.



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on the team was 100 per cent committed perhaps my decision would be different, but that's not the case.

"Too many players missing practices makes me feel less like a good coach and more like a supervisor of whoever shows up that day.

"I'm not the best coach in the world but I feel like I have plenty of experience both as a coach and as a player and many times this year I felt like I was wasting my time."

Getting a full complement of players at every practice was a constant problem.

"There were too many days with just six, seven, eight or nine players at practice," Faucher said. "Funny, I can't remember any game where we had so few players?"

"I knew what I was getting into. I knew how much time it would take. I gave my time and made coaching basketball a priority in my life. I tried my best."

Still, Faucher was typically philosophical about a season that had its ups and downs.

"We could have done better in the playoffs if we were prepared but we weren't," Faucher added. "Life goes on."

"We had an excellent season; we played hard and respected our opponents and the referees. I like everyone on the team as people but as players, some need to understand the word 'priorities' a little more, especially when it comes to playing on a cégep basketball team."

Faucher added that he leaves Champlain with good memories.

"I truly enjoyed the players on the team. They definitely deserved the sportsmanship award. They were super kids and we had lots of laughs and good times, both on the court and off. I would like to thank my assistant coach Dave McBride for being such a tremendous help this year. Dave assisted in many more ways than simply offering sound basketball knowledge. We had a great time coaching these guys together. I would also like to thank Sylvain Laflamme for the opportunity and for all his help organizing games/ref/buses/hotels, etc."

In the final analysis, Faucher feels that coaching is a lot more than wins and losses.

"I've been a coach for the past 13 years and in that time I've tried to help youngsters become better basketball players and team players and I tried my best to throw in a life lesson whenever possible. I have excellent memories from my coaching career and most of them are of the relationships made with some truly amazing young people, people who taught me as much, if not more, than I ever taught them."

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An active life doesn't have to end at 100

One century and counting

By Chris Zdeb
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

How many centenarians are there? And, are they really able to exercise? First off, there are lots of centenarians — 3,795 across the country, according to the 2001 Canadian census. And with those 85 and older being the fastest growing age group in the country, there are going to be lots more.

Are they able to exercise? You bet they are. For example, Lilian McCullagh, 103, does 30 minutes of chair yoga a week, along with all the walking she does around McQueen Place Lodge in Edmonton where she lives. The retired country school teacher has been active all her life and used to lead students in exercise.

"(Yoga) makes you so that you can move around any old way and not feel stiff," McCullagh says after a recent class, demonstrating the fluidity of motion in her shoulders, arms and upper body as she speaks.

The fact is that people are living longer. The average Canadian lives to the age of 81, up from 78.8 in 1998, and the number is expected to continue climbing.

The human body is designed to last 120 years, but thus far, genetic limitations and diseases prevent the vast majority of us from making it to our 100s, says Dr. Lesley Charles, a geriatrician at Grey Nuns Community Hospital in Edmonton.

People such as Lilian McCullagh have essentially won the lottery of life. Yes, they have longevity genes on their side, but to reach this age they also must have made some good lifestyles choices throughout their lives, to not have major co-morbidities (one or more disorders or diseases)," Charles says.

Some 100somethings may have minimal arthritis and are at greater risk for neurological problems such as dementias. They may begin to develop some Parkinson's symptoms, but it all depends on the individual, she says.

Centenarians will suffer heart attacks and strokes, but if they haven't suffered any of these diseases earlier in life, their risk is definitely less than what it is in the younger age groups.

"In terms of activity, just like for all the other ages, we advocate that people who are 100 or more should remain as active as they can within their co-morbidities.

"That's going to keep them, wherever it is they're living, in the most independent level they can live at, for as long as possible.

"But we know that keeping active physically will also help their cognition and their memory," Charles says. "The research has shown that for people to live beyond age 65 without significant diseases they need to keep active, eat well — all the stuff we all keep hearing, but it's the truth."

Some centenarians may be bed-bound, and may just be able to exercise within the bed, she says.

"Others might walk and we encourage them to walk as much as they can. And others may be able to do actual exercises."

Physicians generally recommend the

latter group become involved in a supervised activity such as chair yoga, led by a certified instructor, as opposed to just exercising by themselves, Charles says.

Society generally thinks older people are less healthy and more frail than other age groups, but an active 103-year-

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A knee raise is the sort of exercise that a 100-year-old can try, and it's done while sitting, to ensure balance.

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old can actually be fitter and more flexible than a sedentary 20something or a deconditioned 50-year-old.

Eating healthfully, and exercising at every age, adds years to your life, but more importantly it adds life to your years. Yoga instructor Ken Strachan, who is brought in by McQueen Place Lodge to teach the chair yoga class, sees it in the facial expressions of every person who takes it.

"We all need that physical workout to keep our bodies moving, but by the end of the class they're much more attentive, so mentally it's definitely a workout as well," he says.

His classes focus on stretching, flexibility and balance and he often hears from people, including those that have had strokes, who have seen an improvement in their mobility.

"I found out we don't have to stop exercising at a certain age — 90 or 100. You just keep moving and you still enjoy it," says Strachan who is constantly impressed by the progress of the old.

"There's no end to the benefits of exercise if you do it properly and if it's done on a regular basis."

Start slow, do as much as you can and you will get better with time, Strachan says.

THE EXERCISES

Here are three exercises/stretches from Strachan's chair yoga class.

• Cat Stretch

Chair yoga instructor Ken Strachan has Lilian McCullagh, 103, start by sitting forward in a hard-backed chair, warning her to be careful about her balance. He has her keep her back straight and place her hands on either side of the chair back. She then raises one arm in front of her before bringing it up above her head and looking up, while arching her back slightly. McCullagh then lowers her arm, drops chin to chest and rounds her back out, before repeating the stretch with the other arm. It's a great workout for the spine, he says.

• Knee Raise

To stretch out her lower and upper back, Lilian McCullagh, 103, sits in a chair, back straight, then raises one knee to her chest and holds it with both hands. She then lowers her knee and repeat the exercise with the other leg. To engage the upper body, chair yoga instructor Ken Strachan has McCullagh hold her raised knee with one hand, while stretching the arm on the same side of the body, palm out, behind her. To increase the range of motion, Strachan tells her to look over her shoulder at her hand. McCullagh then returns to starting position and repeats the exercise with the other leg and arm.

• Double Arm Raise

Lilian McCullagh, 103, starts by sitting with back straight and hands on her knees. Chair yoga instructor Ken Strachan has her extend her arms in front, then raise them above her head, bringing palms together. McCullagh says the exercises keep her limber to play pool. "But since I broke my hip, I don't play as well as I used to," she says.

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Tears may dry,
But silent thoughts
And precious memories
Will never die.*

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CHARBY, Shirley - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who left us one year ago, April 8, 2006.

Loved forever and always,
JENNY, BONNIE, CHICO

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*Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the voice we loved to hear;
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach.
Sweet to remember him who once was here*

And who, though absent, is just as dear.
Remembered today and always.

LAIRD, SYLVIA,
AMANDA, ANDREW

MONTEITH, William - In loving memory of husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 9, 1996, eleven years ago.

Memories that will last forever.

ROSE (wife)
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(children)
JENNIFER & SARAH
(grandchildren)

SMITH, Darcy - In loving memory of a dear son, brother and nephew who died accidentally on April 6, 1986.

*Life goes on and years have passed
But treasured memories always last.*

Lovingly remembered by
MOM, DAD
AND FAMILY

TURNER, Emerson Hunter: August 25, 1908 - April 6, 1987. In loving memory of a dear stepfather and grandpa.

*It's hard to believe 20 years have passed
Often we reminisce of your witty and mischievous way... and laugh.*

Forever cherished in our hearts.
ARTHUR & ROBIN McKELVEY (WHIPPLE)
AND FAMILY

Birth

BROADBENT-HOWALD: Angi and Brad are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Owen Bradley Douglas, on January 11, 2007. The proud grandparents are Jeanette and Doug Broadbent, Lennoxville, Quebec and Nancy and Earl Howald, Bakers Lake, Ontario.

Death



BELL, Ethel (Susie) Harding - A longtime resident of Huntingville, Quebec. Peacefully on Sunday, March 25, 2007 with her family at her side at Wentworth Lodge, Dundas, Ontario. Ethel (Susie) Harding in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late William (Bill) Bell. Loving mother of Mary Bell Gagne of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC, Richard Bell (Darlene Brown) of Whitby, ON, Alice "Bunny" Abbott (Darrell Abbott) of Freelon, ON. Fondly remembered by 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren: Michael (Gabriel, William), Darrin, Kevin, Douglas (Jennifer) (Aerin, Caleb), Wendy (Meagan, Scott), Lori (Blair Bowman) (Katelyn), Jason (Andrea). Survived by her sisters Rae Banks from Farnham, QC, Mary Moores from Matapedia, QC and her brother Stanley Harding from Kingston, ON. Also left to mourn are many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Interment of ashes at a later date in Huntingville. Baygardins@cogeco.net.

Brieflet

DATE CORRECTION

Please note that the Sherbrooke Lions Club Spaghetti Supper will be held on Thursday, April 12 (NOT April 26), 6 p.m., in the basement of Marie-Medatrice Church, 3025 Galt West, Sherbrooke. All proceeds go towards the blind and visually impaired. Tickets: Lion Denise Neron 819-823-1741, Lion Jacques Paquette 819-821-4276 or 819-820-0212, Lion Denis Corbeil 819-563-0386.

Death

O'DONOUGHUE, Dr. Robert (1927-2007) - Peacefully, at the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, in his 81st year. Dr. Robert O'Donoughue, loving husband for 55 years of Gwen Clarke. Dearest father of Carol (Ron), Clark (Phayao), April (Frank), late Katy and Robert Jr. He will also be missed by his grandson Christopher, dear family member George, his brothers, his sister, and their families, his nephews and nieces, numerous other relatives and friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 109 William St., Cowansville, Quebec, J2K 2N5. Tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial on Friday, April 6, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a liturgy from the chapel of the funeral home. Burial of the ashes will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory to the B.M.P. Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Quebec, J2K 1K3 www.bmpfoundation.ca would be appreciated by the family. (Forms available at the funeral home).

Cards of Thanks

DUNLAVEY, Mae - The family of the late Mae Dunlavy wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and support during our hour of need. To those who paid tribute at the church, for masses, flowers, donations and cards and to those who brought food to our homes, our sincere thanks. Thanks also to Rev. Benoit Houde, the Sisters' for the lovely music, to Elsie Kerr and helpers for the wonderful lunch after the funeral and also to Barry Evans and staff for their kindness. Please accept this as our personal thanks to one and all for all your kindness.

RAYMOND & MARJORIE DUNLAVEY
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PARKER - My heartfelt thanks to my family and friends who came from far and near to help me celebrate my 85th Birthday. Many thanks for the flowers, cards, gifts and phone calls. It was a great day that I will treasure always. Thanks again and God bless you one and all.

FERNE

Death



ROWLAND, Margaret - Peacefully at the Grace Christian Home, Sherbrooke following a brief illness on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the age of 79. Daughter of the late Marjory Griffin and the late Thomas Rowland. Margaret leaves to mourn her cousin Meryle Labonté (Rodger Heatherington) and family, Randi Ellen, Richard Morris (Pascale) and Derek Jon (Barbara), cousin Karen Labonté MacLeod and family, Marie McCarthy (Tom), Sandra Paz (Ernest), Lynette Gilmartin (Chad) and families, along with many other relatives and friends. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Grace Christian Home Staff for the tender loving care they provided to Margaret. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC, J1M 1T9. Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca A graveside service will be held in Westbury Cemetery, on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Donations to the Grace Christian Home, 1501 Campbell Ave., Sherbrooke, QC, J1M 0C1, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Card of Thanks

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Cancer cure causes more pain Church Directory

DEAR DR. GOTT: I can't get this on paper and to you fast enough. In a recent column on ovarian cancer, a survivor described pain diagnosed by her oncologist, correctly, I feel certain, as neuropathy. I, too, am a cancer survivor (breast) for nearly five years. I had the benefit of wonderful doctors who took time to explain everything they could about



PETER H. GOTT, M.D.

chemotherapy and its side effects. They did not, however, know or think to mention the pain that would set in just after the chemotherapy ended and which continues in a much lesser form today.

My feet were so sensitive to pressure that getting up in the night to go to the bathroom sometimes brought tears to my eyes. Using my thumbs was so painful that I couldn't open our storm door by depressing the latch button in a normal manner. I had to use the knuckle of my index finger. When I mentioned this to my oncologist, he indicated he was hearing more and more similar complaints with certain chemotherapy regimens. When the pain began, it involved even my knees briefly, and I was certain my cancer had returned and was in my joints.

My family and I felt panicky, and I went to my family doctor, who did X-rays and could find nothing. That left me with the fear and not much help. He thought my age (late 50s) might have brought on some mild arthritis. It wasn't until I began listening to patients in the oncologist's waiting room at annual checkups that I started to realize how prevalent this problem is and how little is said to patients about it, leaving them fearful and sometimes without responsive pain management. I ultimately found relief in knowing this is a chemotherapy side effect that normally diminishes with time. Exercise and occasional over-the-counter analgesics work wonders.

You may be interested to know that many of the cancer survivors I've discussed this with have mentioned other neuropathic maladies associated with their chemotherapy regimens. They've also experienced loss of rectal-area muscle tone, resulting in untimely and embarrassing discharge and more.

Please publish this soon so chemo patients like the lady who wrote to you know they should seek diagnosis and treatment. What they are experiencing is most likely part of the cure and not a return or worsening of their cancer. Perhaps it will also assist some of your readers to help people close to them suffering the concern and pain of this side effect.

DEAR READER: I hope that other readers can benefit from your unpleasant post-chemotherapy experiences. This issue needs to be fully addressed with each patient who receives chemotherapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a senior. I just spent six days in the hospital due to di-

verticulosis. I'm not eating seeds or peanuts. One doctor told me not to eat salads. I'm having a scope test in June. I am hoping I don't have to have surgery. What foods should I stay away from?

DEAR READER: Diverticulosis is common. It consists of small sacs that form in the colonic wall. Ordinarily, there is no pain.

However, if pieces of undigested fiber become lodged in the diverticular sacs, infection can ensue. Called diverticulitis, the condition can cause tiny abscesses that lead to considerable discomfort.

Specialists often recommend that patients avoid food such as nuts, and fruits and vegetables that contain small seeds (tomatoes, etc.). As an alternative, you should chew your food more thoroughly. Ask your doctor about this. In addition, have the colon study. Surgery should not be necessary if your problem is merely diverticulosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 85 years old and have been unable to perform sexually for several years. My wife and I have discussed this, and she has assured me that it is not important. However, I recently overheard a conversation with one of her friends that leads me to believe otherwise.

I have discussed this problem with my doctor, and he assured me that in my present physical condition and with reasonable restraint, the danger is minimal, so he gave me a sample of Viagra. The results were disappointing. I would be interested in your comments on this subject.

DEAR READER: I am tempted to diagnose you with a common condition called TMB, or Too Many Birthdays! Seriously, I don't know any men in their 80s who can still perform at a normal level.

But there is hope, including devices and sex aids, such as the vacuum pump. I recommend that you ask your physician to refer you to a urologist, who will examine you, test you and advise you of your options.

P.S. I wish I had been a fly on the wall during the conversation that you overheard. Perhaps you might consider an open discussion with your wife regarding her expectations (and yours), her concerns and her sexual needs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in tick country, close to Old Lyme, Conn., where tick inspection and removal have become routine.

We fully agree with your recommendation to grab them with tweezers close to the head and pull. However, when the creature is embedded firmly or is a very small deer tick, the head is left behind, buried in the skin.

To overcome this, the creature is anesthetized by applying an alcohol-soaked (rubbing alcohol, gin or whisky) cottonwool swab for a minute or so, after which the whole tick can be pulled out easily.

DEAR READER: As a general rule,

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leaving the tick's head in the skin, while removing its entire body, is harmless: Your skin will reject it sooner or later, and the head itself will not cause Lyme disease.

However, if you choose to inebriate the tick first, fine. At least it will die happy after a martini or two.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I always enjoy reading about all the mystical cures for muscle cramps in your column. No one seems to know the explanation of how they work — whether quinine tablets, bars of soap or whatever. I have had periodic muscle cramps since childhood.

As a veterinarian, I treated a number of cases of azoturia (Monday Morning disease, "tying up syndrome") in horses. This condition involves muscle cramps, lactic acidosis and necrosis (death) of muscle cells, among other abnormalities. If not treated early, it could result in the death of the horse. Sodium bicarbonate (Arm & Hammer baking soda) given orally was one of the treatments employed. I got to thinking about the physiology course I took in veterinary school, where we learned about the

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equation that explained the way the body keeps the proper acid-base balance in tissue cells. I began taking 1 level teaspoon of baking soda in a small glass of water whenever I got cramps, with complete relief within five minutes.

Apparently, the treatment doesn't have any grave side effects, since I have used it hundreds of times over the past 40 years. Although the complete answer may be rather complex, I attribute this to restoration of the normal acid-base balance within the muscle cells. My case doesn't speak for all cases of muscle cramps, but I thought you might be interested. Also, it has occurred to me that the condition may have a possible genetic link, since some horses seemed more prone than others. Possibly the same may be true with humans.

DEAR READER: I'm always fascinated to learn of diseases and disorders in animals that may also be present in humans. Baking soda appears to have helped you with your Monday Morning disease, without significant side effects, so I agree with your plan of using it when needed. Thanks for writing.

Spring is here! at Sherbrooke Christian Women's

On another nice and crisp snowy bilowy March morning, 115 ladies hoped to be encouraged that spring would be just around the corner! We did get a glimpse of hope of spring with lovely, colourful, potted roses as centerpieces on bright green tablecloths. Ladies were so surprised that there were so many door prizes to be won (12 in total!).

Thank you to those who generously made donations. It's so nice to see so many first timers. We hope you felt welcomed and met new friends. "Weekenders" representative Joyce Spink showed us bright and colourful spring fashions that can be easily mixed and matched. Several ladies from our group modeled the outfits. Maybe we have some budding models. Thanks to all who helped out with the show. John Foster got us into the St. Patrick's Day

mood with Irish tunes like "Cockles & Mussels, Peggy O'Neal & When Irish eyes are smiling." Our speaker was Nadine Fafard who spoke on the topic "You're a Somebody!" She spoke about how at one time she felt alone and had a low self-esteem as she was growing up, until at a certain point in her life, when she decided to accept God's gift of love, Jesus. Coming from a Jewish background, that was not an easy decision, but she was confident that Jesus was the savior for both to the Jew and the gentiles (non-Jews). She explained how God loves us so much that He sent his son to prove it. God treats us like a "somebody!"

At our next get together "Spring is here!" on Thursday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the A.N.A.F., 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. We will discover the beauty of wood carving. Debbie Everett will bring samples of her work and explain how to carve. You won't want to miss soloist Tanya Mueller. She is very talented townshipper from Stanstead. Our speaker will be Irene Williams for Ottawa and speak about a life changing discovery.

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Submitted by
Nadine Fafard



Joyce Spink from Weekenders



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March's Coffee House was overflowing with musicians and fans. Great entertainment from Ron Haynes and friends; the Gagné brothers and sister, Donny and Terry Hatch, Tom Kilbride, Steve Miller, Bill McMurray, John Petronka, Betty Piette and Dave Hébert and Ernie Schumacher. Ron left early as his

wife Betty was home recuperating from a quadruple by-pass operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital. It was rough going for awhile but she is feeling much better now although an eye problem is troublesome. Best of wishes Betty, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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There's more happiness in giving than receiving the Bible says
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Send expression of your love with happy salutations and greetings.

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The heart of understanding acquires knowledge and forgiveness
Don't be led into Satans' lair by being selfish and unfeeling
Do not let your faith be shaken but in all things pray and be strong.

Put up with one another and be easy to forgive and repent if you're wrong
Have intense love for one another because love covers a multitude of sins
But sin not and you'll have less need of repentance.

Put up with one another and happiness is what yourselves make it, its true.

Written by
Harold and Eloise Hodge
Lennoxville, QC

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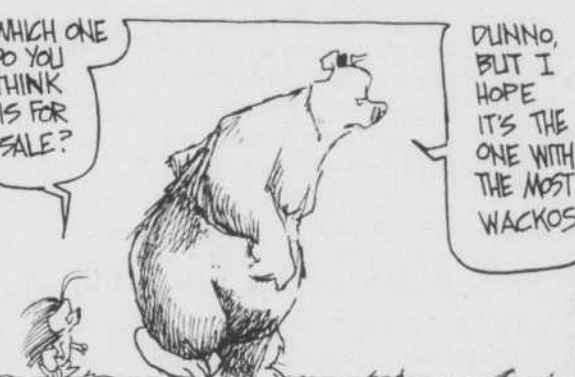
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He treats my parents horribly

Dear Annie: I have an older brother who is 38. "Elton" has suffered from depression for a long time. In earlier years, he got help, but now he refuses and is convinced everyone is out to get him.

My problem is, he uses the family members for his needs only. He treats my parents horribly. He lived with them for almost two years (between jobs) and wouldn't help out at all, not even cleaning his own room.

Now Elton is upset with me because I don't want to argue with him over the phone. It was about some really unimportant matter, and when I told him I wasn't interested in a fight, he slammed the phone in my ear. I can no longer deal with the hurtful things Elton does to me, and he's been abusive like this for years.

Right now, I am taking a break from my brother. My parents, however, do not like this decision. They always want me to be the one to say "Sorry," even if I don't owe him an apology. They also don't like the idea of my brother not seeing my kids. They feel this is good for him, almost like therapy.

How do I stand up for myself when everyone else bends to my brother's every wish for fear he'll do something irrational? — Trying to Stand in Illinois

Dear Illinois: Elton sounds more than depressed. He sounds mentally ill and apparently has little control over his emotions and actions. While he should not be using your children as "therapy," it might help you and your family to understand more thoroughly what is going on so you can respond appropriately. Please contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at

1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) and ask for assistance.

Dear Annie: The husband of one of my best friends recently passed away. "Arlene" asked if I would like some of his ashes. I explained to her that I find the thought of having someone's ashes in my home not only a bit gruesome, but a constant sorrowful reminder of that person. Well, she sent them to me, anyway.

Luckily, she sent them to my office, which is where they remain, because I don't want them in my house. The package is still sitting, unopened, in the bottom drawer of one of my file cabinets. I again told Arlene that I'm not comfortable with his remains, and she said I need to "get over it."

I'm going on a cruise in the near future and thought I might scatter the ashes at sea (which was actually the deceased's request), but if I tell Arlene, she'll be insulted and upset. She wants me to HAVE them and KEEP them!

Do you have any suggestions as to how I might "dispose" of this issue? — New York

Dear N.Y.: Arlene is being selfish to insist that you cherish these ashes as much as she does, and you are under no obligation to do so. Tell Arlene you are going to honor her husband's wishes and scatter his ashes at sea. If she becomes upset, let her know the alternative is to return the ashes to her. Period.

Dear Annie: This is for "Frustrated in Florida," who thinks staying with her gay husband is somehow "protecting" her teenage children. Wrong. I was the gay husband in a similar situation, and

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can tell her that the best thing to do is openly discuss the situation with a competent therapist.

One day, the children will learn their father is gay. Dealing with the situation now will allow them to guide their kids through this difficult revelation. It also will open up new prospects in their own lives. They both crave what's been missing.

My wife and I ultimately divorced, and our children are now well-adjusted individuals in their 20s who enjoy good relationships with both of us, and my ex-wife has found happiness with a man who truly loves and appreciates her. — Happy Now

Dear Happy: Thanks for sharing your story. We are sure it will help others in the same situation.

Dear Annie: I'm 29 years old and getting married soon. All my friends are into tattoos and multiple piercings. I have remained ink free, with only two earrings.

I dearly love my friends, but their artwork and piercings are getting a bit scary, and they just keep adding more. I'd like my wedding day to be normal and have the pictures reflect that. I don't want my friends showing up with their tongue studs and belly rings hanging out, or their arms showing every snake, dragon and fairy.

I'm sure they don't consider what their skin will look like in 50 years. My grandpa has a mermaid dueling a flaming dragon on his shoulder, but his skin sags, and it looks like a floppy fish dodging a fire.

I don't want to act all prissy. I just

want a nice affair where the guests are wearing normal clothes without every earring they own in their lips, eyebrows, cheeks, ears and nose. — No Ink for This Bride

Dear Bride: If any of these friends are attendants, you can tell them what to wear. Otherwise, clothing is dictated by the formality of the event — for example, "black tie optional" requires the men to wear suits at the very least. Beyond that, you don't get to tell your guests how to dress, even if that means six rings in their lips and snakes curling down their bare arms. Try to remember these are your friends. Someday, you'll look back on those pictures and smile. Promise.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "More Considerate," who questioned why sick people don't stay home. Several years ago, the company I work for took away our 12 paid sick days and replaced them with four paid-time-off days. This means we have eight fewer paid days to stay home if we (or our children) are sick. — Working in South Dakota

Dear S.D.: We know many bosses expect sick workers to come in, or they refuse to pay them. We also heard from readers who said teachers put the same pressure on children by expecting perfect attendance. We agree this can be unreasonable and actually damages productivity — sick people can't work as hard, and they infect others. But in social situations, please, people, stay home if you aren't feeling well.

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

Your Birthday

Friday, April 6, 2007

Even though the accumulation of financial returns looks quite encouraging, take care not to spend your money as fast as it comes in. This is a period when you should be building a nest egg for future security.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should you have to deal with someone you know from past experience is difficult to be with, be prepared to take his or her behavior in stride. Turn the other cheek, not your back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone you like a lot will not take kindly to you being too possessive or controlling. Tone it down a bit. When there are too many strings attached, a relationship can be strangled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your wits about you and use your sense of humor to offset someone who is openly hostile to you and others. It will completely disarm this individual's jabs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even though you believe your way of doing something is far better than those of another, don't attempt to make over this person in your image. Let others sink or swim in their own fashion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Steer clear of high rollers if you simply can't afford to keep up with their lifestyle. One of two things could happen: You will go broke, or holding back will embarrass you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You know better than to allow yourself to speak out against your spouse in public. No matter how right you are, it will do nothing but make matters worse and place you in a bad light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be conscious of what you're working on, even those tasks that are routine. There's a chance a serious mishap could occur when you take your mind off what your hands are doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The quickest way to sink your ship is to allow a hole in your budget to keep on leaking. Plug it up as soon as you see the first drip, or you're likely to go down with the continuous drain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If a matter needs tending and you're running out of time, keep your cool. Panic will likely only create additional headaches.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No matter how much a thoughtless associate might anger you, under no circumstances should you reply in kind. Bite your tongue or you'll end up being just as wrong as he or she is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — No matter who is trying to pressure you into parting with something that means a lot to you, don't yield to his or her harassment. You'll greatly regret it if you let go of your resolve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You might have a difficult time discerning between whether you are being just plain aggressive or properly assertive. On the other hand, others will instantly know the difference.

Saturday, April 7, 2007

Because you are prepared to work for what you want out of life without expecting things to be handed to you on a silver platter, large gains can be made in your field of endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You have the remarkable capability of focusing on your own self-interest while satisfying the desires of others, doing so in ways where you won't spread yourself too thin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There's a chance some extra responsibilities could be dumped in your lap, but you won't mind a bit. When challenged, it'll bring out your best and you'll look like a star to everyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are capable of handling two totally different projects simultaneously, as time will prove. You're likely to take on a new endeavor while handling an old one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Conditions are quite favorable for you where your earning capacity is involved. If you don't see an increase in your paycheck, you're apt to make a number of purchases out of savings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Get out and circulate with people, especially those you want to impress. You can express yourself better than usual and will have a talent for making and developing friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone who feels under obligation to you for something you did is likely to go out of his or her way to reciprocate in a manner that'll please you. Don't reject this person's efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although those with whom you spend your day may have a slightly sluggish tempo compared to yours, it'll prove to quiet your nervous system and relax you in ways you never expected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even though it may not be your motive to figure out ways to realize some financial gains, you'll perform in a manner that will attract material rewards and put a smile on your face.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You should be able to gain some personal knowledge about dealing with people who mean a lot to you. It may not be anything you didn't know before, but a way to use it more richly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Measures can be taken to alter something you've been anxious to change for the better, but didn't know how. Once you figure it out, you'll be surprised with the ease it can be accomplished.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Because you're able to see both sides of an issue, you're not likely to be overwhelmed by problematic developments that arise. With your neutrality, nothing will spoil your day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You won't have to get stubborn about things in order to realize a gain in your business transactions. You'll recognize what is a bargain to begin with and what isn't.

Sunday, April 8, 2007

There is a good chance two situations you were unable to successfully handle in the past can be worked out to your satisfaction. Your accomplishment will be outstanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Even if you think you could help someone, keep your opinions to yourself and say nothing at all. Instead of being pleased you spoke up, the person could be miffed that you interfered.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be polite and listen, but follow your own ideas and instincts instead of letting a know-it-all lead you off course. It's a good bet that he or she will be totally wrong and get you in deep trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a good chance you'll achieve what you go after, but don't be disappointed if everyone doesn't applaud your accomplishments. Keep your mind on the victory, not the protest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your own judgment can be relied upon where important decisions are concerned. It isn't likely you'll trust it. You could listen to and follow some poor advice given by another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't worry about how long something takes you to accomplish, just work on it until it is finished. Being a clock-watcher will continuously disrupt you and slow down your project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you make an allowance for the frailties of others, relationships with family or friends aren't likely to run too smoothly. Tolerance brings all together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Remember another who is doing some work for you can't read your mind, so if you want things exact, be explicit in your directions. Otherwise, you're apt to be disappointed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If a friend or loved one is guilty of some kind of minor infraction, respond to it with understanding and magnanimousness. Reacting with disdain will put a wedge in the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's good to be price conscious, but if someone is already doing his or her best to give you a good deal, don't badger the person even further into doing more for you. Be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You might meet someone to whom you're attracted, but don't assume the other person feels the same way about you. If you misread his or her reaction, you could embarrass yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though you could come out on the plus side of the ledger when it comes to some type of financial transaction, you still may not be satisfied. Expecting too much leads to letdowns.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Go ahead and use a bit of showmanship if it would serve to bolster your image, but keep it in good taste or the results of what you hoped to achieve could turn out to be just the opposite.

Monday, April 9, 2007

Both your popularity and your career could reach new heights in the year ahead. It's possible you may meet someone who will influence you in ways that would have an overall positive effect on your affairs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — By being a keen observer of people whose work you admire, you will be able to successfully copy the method or procedure that performs so well for them and apply it to your own affairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're on your toes, you will be able to observe some subtle changes occurring now that could make it possible for you to share in a harvest from seeds sown by another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't turn down any invitation you receive that would take you to places where you can meet and make acquaintances whose contacts could be valuable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are likely to be far luckier than usual in dealings you have with some influential people who could help you advance your work or career. Don't be intimidated by titles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By no means should you take outlandish risks, but this is a better day than usual to take a wise and calculated gamble on that which could produce something you've wanted dearly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Coordinate your desires and efforts with someone you consider to be a good colleague. If you agree on a course of action, what you both want can be collectively attained.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is one of those days where, with a small amount of effort, you can actually receive something of truly great value. Test it by putting yourself out when dealing with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Give top priority to matters that involve a chance to better your financial position or add to your resources in some manner. You can be luckier than you could imagine in this venue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — By putting yourself out and doing everything possible to make others happy, you can assure yourself personal fulfillment and satisfaction. Thoughtfulness promotes great joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A situation that is personally important to you, and has caused you some trepidation lately, is likely to take a turn for the better. What transpires will bring you much relief and delight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try not to concern yourself too deeply with personal concerns. Instead, take an interest in conditions that collectively affect you and your colleagues. Much good could come from it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Overall conditions that relate to your work or career look particularly promising, especially where large goals are concerned. Follow through on anything that could fulfill your ambitions.

Friday, April 6, 2007

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Four-card support, delay a raise

By Phillip Alder

The opener bids one heart or one spade. When responder has at least four-card support for his partner's

major, he normally immediately announces his excellent support. But with the right hand, he should adopt a two-step process, first making a strong jump-shift. This shows some 13-16 high-card points with either an excellent one-suiter (a six-card or longer suit headed by at least the K-Q-J), or a prime two-suiter (in principle, five-plus cards in his suit and four-plus cards in opener's suit).

With the one-suiter, the responder rebids in his suit or in no-trump. With the two-suiter, he supports his partner's suit on the second round — as in this auction.

Although most pairs would stop in six spades, seven is a good contract. It needs diamonds 3-3, or diamonds 4-2 and East to have the heart king, or East to have the K-J of hearts. That's about a 67.6 percent chance.

Here, though, you are in six spades, not seven. West leads a trump (not his singleton when partner cannot have an ace). You draw trumps, then you try the diamonds, getting the bad news. Suddenly it looks as though the contract depends on one out of two heart finesses. But whenever you face this position, attempt an endplay. After the last diamond honor (on which you shed the heart two), play a club to your ace and ruff the club three in the dummy. Finally, play a heart to your 10 or queen. Although the finesse loses, West is trapped. He must either return a heart into your tenace or concede a ruff-and-sluff.

Monday, April 9, 2007

		North		04-09-07	
		♠ 10 9 2			
		♥ 7 6 4 3			
		♦ J 5			
		♣ 10 9 8 3			
West				East	
♠ 4				♠ 8 5	
♥ Q J 10 8 5				♥ K 9 2	
♦ 8 6 4 3				♦ K Q 10 9 7	
♣ Q 7 4				♣ 6 5 2	
		South			
		♠ A K Q J 7 6 3			
		♥ A			
		♦ A 2			
		♣ A K J			
		Dealer: South			
		Vulnerable: Both			
South		West		North	
2 ♣		Pass		2 ♦	
6 ♠		Pass		Pass	
				East	
				Dbl.	
				Pass	
Opening lead: ??					

Help partner lead with a double

By Phillip Alder

Oscar Levant, who died in 1972, was a pianist, composer, author, comedian and actor, more famous for his mordant

character and witticisms on the radio and in movies and television than for his music. For example: "I once said cynically of a politician, 'He'll double-cross that bridge when he comes to it.'"

The defenders are the underdogs at the bridge table. But sometimes they can successfully cross up declarer with the aid of a double — as in this deal.

After South opened two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing, and North responded two diamonds, usually indicating 0-7 points, East doubled to show diamonds — a so-called lead-directing double.

South might have rebid two spades, and he might have settled in four spades, but he decided to go for the jackpot, leaping straight to six spades. He was thinking that a good partner would hold the club queen.

Without East's double, West would have led the heart queen. This would have given South an easy time. He would have won with his ace, drawn trumps, and played three rounds of clubs. Then declarer, using the spade 10 as the entry to the dummy, would have discarded his losing diamond on the established club 10.

But after a diamond lead, the slam was sunk. South won with his ace, cashed his spade ace and club ace, then played a spade to dummy's nine. He continued with a club to his jack, but West won with the queen and led a second diamond to defeat the slam.

A double of an artificial bid shows length and strength in that suit.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Mine vehicle
- 5 Check
- 9 Disconcert
- 14 New Rochelle college
- 15 Section of a window
- 16 Two-door vehicle
- 17 CARP
- 19 Encrypted
- 20 Knack
- 21 Fomenting
- 23 PIKE
- 26 Trendy
- 29 Put on the feed bag
- 30 Nickel or dime
- 31 Set down
- 34 Olfactory triggers
- 38 Wind dir.

DOWN

- 39 RAY
- 41 Food from taro
- 42 Puccini classic
- 44 Trilled
- 45 Trepidation
- 46 Have bills
- 48 Minor missions
- 50 FLOUNDER
- 55 Locate precisely
- 56 Cut stubble
- 60 Incendiary crime
- 61 BASS
- 64 Actress Witherspoon
- 65 Fabric pieces for stuffing
- 66 Trifling
- 67 Politician Kefauver
- 68 Village People letters?
- 69 Kind of dive or lake

- 25 Campus honchos
- 26 Rapper Tracy Morrow on stage
- 27 Prohibition
- 28 Contends
- 32 Heat and Magic org.
- 33 Supergiant star in Cygnus
- 35 Aboveboard
- 36 Course
- 37 Round Table titles
- 39 Surgeon, slangily
- 40 Farming prefix
- 43 Put together
- 45 Understands

- 47 Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
- 49 Reddish brown
- 50 Let live
- 51 Wears out
- 52 Not mounted, as a gem
- 53 Finish not later than
- 54 First-stringers
- 57 Once more
- 58 Wang of fashion
- 59 Utopia
- 62 & so on
- 63 School grp.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Lovers' spat
- 2 Muddy
- 3 Actress
Magnani
- 4 University of
Wisconsin city
- 5 Fancy tub
- 6 Sigma follower
- 7 Chinese leader
Zhou
- 8 London length
- 9 Familiarize
- 10 Raised
- 11 Broadcast
element
- 12 All done in
- 13 Boundary
plant
- 18 Courter of
rhyme
- 22 — pro nobis
- 24 Humdinger

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By Arlan & Linda Bushman
Chicago, IL

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Schooled
9 David's poetry
15 Holy smoke!
16 Greek island
17 Capital city founded in 1960
18 Gruff
19 Shower, of a sort
20 Poles tossed by Scots
21 Poetic pieces
22 Affirmative vote
24 Buck's tail?
25 100 yrs.
26 Psychedelic drug
29 Neighbor of Minn.
31 Part of GPA
32 Old French coin

- 33 Pair of letters sounded as one
37 Even score
38 Belg. location
39 End of a fib?
40 Feathery scarf
41 Old
43 Actor Wallach
44 Camera letters
45 Kind
46 Male child
47 Foil material
48 Disgruntled
51 ___ Mahal
53 Assign a location
54 Quick impression
56 Cities in Texas and Kansas
60 One holding a claim on

- 9 Small sin
10 Chapter of the Koran
11 First Muslim caliph
12 Also-ran
13 D.C. subway system
14 Authority
23 Provides with a trait
26 Cautious
27 Carved figures
28 Dan of "Peyton Place"
30 Once more
34 Like a teetotaler

- 35 Courteous formality
36 Stable worker, at times
42 Never-ending
48 Port ___ cheese
49 Express a viewpoint
50 Staggers
52 Singer Joplin
53 Tennis star Monica
55 Old TV comic Imogene
57 Ruination
58 Scholar of Islamic law
59 ___-majesty

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 61 property
62 Unidentified
63 Loosen, as
64 boots
65 To some extent
66 Units of
67 magnetic flux
68 College period

DOWN

- 1 Rub with
liniment
2 Reckless one
3 Forgiven, in a
way
4 Attorney's
workload
5 Inter ___
(among other
things)
6 Turn, as soil
7 Actress Arden,
casually
8 Sweetie or
honey

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By Tom Pruce
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4/7/07

ACROSS

- 1 Swindle
7 The Racer's Edge
10 Difficult undertaking
14 Comparatively senseless
15 Court
16 Annapolis inst.
17 Decorative horizontal band
on a wall
18 Tirana man
20 Billfold fillers
21 Golden years
23 Soon afterward
25 Color alterer
26 See eye to eye
29 Spinoff of "Alice"
31 Horned vipers
35 Trap activator

- 37 Floor exercise
39 Take off on foot
40 Euphoria
42 Zoo denizen
43 Like some jobs or jokes
45 Old-time seller of animal in-
nards
47 Egyptian god of the sun
48 Juliette Low's org.
49 Dress panel
50 Phobia
53 Temporary shelter
55 Game for voyeurs?
59 "Othello" role
63 Practice a play
64 Sustains
66 City on the Oka
67 Ending for a belief

- quaff
22 Structure starter?
24 Shaped with an ax
26 Courtyards
27 Struggler's sound
28 Old detergent brand
30 Latvians
32 Frauds
33 Contents of cocoons
34 Depleted
36 ___ du Diable
37 Luau fare
38 Release a catch
41 Fuming

- 44 Diamond area
46 Lurer
48 ___ Isle, MI
51 Pollution monitoring org.
52 Month in Paris?
54 Idle and Ambler
55 Hit signs
56 MD athlete
57 Syngman ___
58 ___ Sabe
60 Autobahn auto
61 Handle
62 Greek bone
65 ___ for profit

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