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LISA-MARIE BOULANGER

Not all of us live in the house, but the owners of the house that I stop at call me Sweetie Pie anyway.

Faithful Friends...

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HE SAYS,
SHE SAYS...

"I needed nine nights a week to get everything done in those days."

-Russell "Fluff" Bassett

(THE RECORD, APRIL 7TH)

**Grass fires
aren't just for
summer time**

Potential hazard until leaves come out on trees: McKenna

By Jessica Brown
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
BROME LAKE

If you thought grass fires only happened in hot, dry climates, think again. Grass fires are happening more frequently than most fire services would like to see, mostly because they are almost always caused by human negligence.

"We've had already two fires this spring," says Hugo Briere from the Brome Lake Fire Service. "People think just because the ground is wet and the grass surrounding the fire is damp, it's less dangerous, but it's not."

Often, he states, people gather a big pile of leaves, twigs and branches that have fallen on their property over the winter and set it ablaze. The heat of the fire quickly dries the surrounding ground and grass and it takes just one spark to set the surrounding grass on fire.

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Novice A champs crowned



After three weeks of ice action, the Sherbrooke-Ouest Hockey Expert were crowned Novice A Tournament champs. For more see page 10.

Games coming to Sherbrooke

By Corrinna Pole
SHERBROOKE

The city of Sherbrooke won the bid to host the high-level multi-sport 2013 Canada Summer Games. The official announcement was made yesterday morning by Michelle Courchesne, the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports at a press conference held in Quebec City.

A Sherbrooke delegation consisting of Sherbrooke mayor Jean Perrault, Jean-François Rouleau, President of Excellence Sportive Sherbrooke, and Jacques Petit, Director General Excellence Sportive, traveled to Quebec City for the announcement. Premier Jean Charest was also present.

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TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

The Hunt is on for Outstanding Townshippers

By Kate Wisdom, Community and Culture Coordinator

Could someone you know be honoured this year? Townshippers' Association's annual Outstanding Townshippers awards highlight contributions made to the life of the Eastern Townships English-speaking community. The awards aim to recognize fresh approaches and creativity in community service as well as long-term dedication. Nominations are invited from a variety of fields: health and social services, recreation and liveable communities, volunteerism and education.

If you have someone in mind for the 10th annual Outstanding Townshippers awards, please contact 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717) or kw@townshippers.qc.ca to request the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is April 30. The selected Outstanding Townshippers for 2009 will be honoured at the 30th Anniversary Awards Banquet and AGM at Estrimont Suites and Spa in Orford on Friday, June 12.

Townshippers' Association's youth leadership awards are back for 2009 with a new name!

By Michelle Lepitre

Since the inception of the Townships Leaders of Tomorrow Awards in 2005, we at Townshippers' Association have had the pleasure of meeting so many great young leaders that we have realized the title "Young Leaders of Tomorrow" is no longer fitting for our youth leadership awards initiative. The number - and quality - of the candidates nominated over the past three years has made it abundantly clear that our young Townshippers are much more



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION
Joan Thomson, one of the 2008 Outstanding Townshippers award recipients. Who will they be in 2009?

than just the leaders of tomorrow... they are already leaders, today!

Since the goal of our youth leadership awards is to celebrate and encourage leadership among English-speaking youth, we have decided that a name change is the best way for us to properly

reflect this reality. As a result, the awards have been renamed the Young Townships Leaders Awards.

Because 2009 also marks the 30th anniversary of Townshippers' Association, this year's edition of the Young Townships Leaders Awards promises to be extra special. To celebrate this important anniversary, the 2009 Young Townships Leaders Awards ceremony will take place on Friday, June 12th, the same day as the Townshippers' Association AGM and the Outstanding Townshippers Banquet. It is our sincere hope that holding all three of these events in one day will encourage the leaders in our Eastern Townships English-speaking community - both the young and not-so-young - to get to know each other and celebrate their many achievements together.

Young Townships Leader Awards nomination forms are now available, so be sure to get one and nominate a young leader that you know. Who is eligible? Anyone between the ages of 15 and 35 who is a resident of the Eastern Townships and has carried out some kind of action or initiative demonstrating leadership within the Eastern Townships English-speaking community over

the past two years. Your collaboration will help us support and recognize the young leaders in the Eastern Townships who are working hard to make a difference in OUR communities! The nomination period for the Young Townships Leaders Awards is open until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 but don't delay; get a nomination form today.

To receive a form (or to get additional information about the awards or the nomination process), please contact Michelle Lepitre at Townshippers' Association's Lennoxville office at 819-566-5717 (toll-free 1-866-566-5717), by e-mail at: ml@townshippers.qc.ca or visit our website: www.townshippers.qc.ca.

The 2009 Young Townships Leaders Awards are made possible in part by the generous financial contributions of Canadian Heritage, NAV Canada and other supporting partners.

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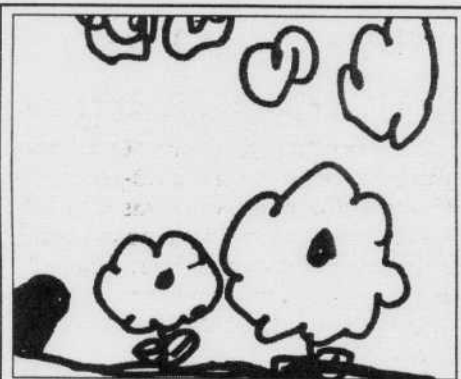
A yappy discovery in Stanbridge East



The photos of the five coyote pups were taken last spring in Stanbridge East by Cheryl Garrick Rhicard. She came upon them behind her home while she was hoping for a chance to learn more about photography. The parent coyotes made their den at the base of a tree, the pups being inquisitive, peered out at her. Cheryl never saw the adults, but she imagines they were close by and watching her every move. Their distinctive serenade, consisting of short yaps, whines, barks to mournful howls, is heard often by many in our area. Submitted by Thelma Rhicard.

Thank you for the submission Thelma.

You don't have to be a professional to snap photos of the Townships and The Record invites you to share your snap shots of landscapings, buildings and anything else with others. Email your Kodak moments to jyoung@sherbrookerecord.com or send them to 1195 Galt E, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1H 5L6. A different photo taken by Townshippers will be printed daily.



'APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS,' MACKENZIE WROTE

Five-year-old MacKenzie Achilles of Stanstead has given The Record this masterpiece depicting your weather forecast.

If you would like to depict the Townships weather via a drawing, send them to 1195 Galt East, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1G 1Y7. Don't forget your name, age and address.

Weather

Today: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of flurries or rain showers. High plus 3.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with 40 percent chance of flurries or rain showers. Low minus 1. High 7.

Friday: Cloudy with 30 percent chance of flurries or rain showers. Low zero. High 6.

Saturday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 6. High 7.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Foreclosure blindsides single mother

'I wanted something better for me and my children...'

By Corrinna Pole
COOKSHIRE-EATON

Every time you turn around it seems as though another neighbour, family member or acquaintance is coping with financial stress. Loss of income, increased expenditures, and a fledgling economy can create serious financial difficulties that could result in the foreclosure of your home.

Seeing a family evicted from their home, and everything they find solace in, is heartbreaking and on one damp day in March, The Record bore witness to this human tragedy first hand.

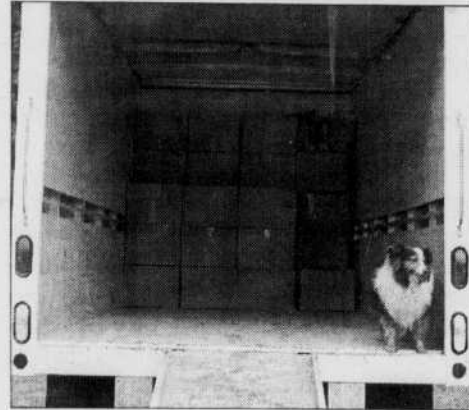
Wendy Laro was living in her Cookshire-Eaton home with her 13-year-old son and two teenage exchange students who were here to learn and study in a local Anglophone school, when she was evicted in the end of March. When the English mother received a French eviction notice the week before, she scrambled to find help. With no family in the area she was unable to find any assistance, and not knowing where to turn, Laro telephoned The Record in a desperate plea for Anglophone guidance.

Her story is not unique. Following a divorce, Laro began a mission of self-improvement. After raising her children, the mother found herself alone in child rearing and needed to become not only the caregiver, but also bill payer.

"I wanted something better for me and my children," she says recalling her 2007 situation. "I bought the house then."

After using her divorce settlement to pay for half of her home outright, the RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) mortgaged the rest and she began a quest to earn her high school diploma; she was successful. At the time, she and her teenage son had settled into the house and both were finding more and more solace in the comfort of their home. While her son began high school, Laro enrolled in the Vocational Training Centre with the aspiration of becoming a nurse.

After graduation, she was hired to work at a local retirement home as a licensed practical nurse and began the difficult, while she never complained, night shift. As she continued to balance work and raising a teenage boy she learned of the government organization that sees children fostered by local families to attend local schools to learn English. After working out the details, Laro anxiously awaited her visitor when the organization contacted her for assistance. They needed to find a last minute foster home for another exchange student whose family was unable to fulfill their contract last minute. Without a



CORRINNA POLE

The family's belongings were loaded onto a truck and hauled away. Falling behind with the bills could happen to anyone, and foreclosure becomes a real possibility.

moment's hesitation Laro accepted and both students moved in.

With Laro working nights and all three teenagers attending the same school, mounting lawyer fees pertaining to the divorce caught up with the 45-year-old mother and five months ago she began to fall behind on her \$741 a month mortgage payments.

"RBC was willing to meet me face to face to accept the mortgage but I don't know why no one called me when they saw my payments falling behind," said Laro. "Nobody called me. I knew I was behind, but I was going to pay it all off as soon as I finished paying off the lawyers. I was prepared to pay the interest. The first time I heard of all of this was on a Friday when they sent me a letter telling me I had until Thursday at 5:30 p.m. to get out of my home."

The day after receiving the foreclosure notice the single mother frantically tried to find answers and halt the procedure. Unfortunately for her, unless she could come up with the outstanding balance quickly, according to the lawyers and notary, there was not much that could be done.

In an attempt to uncover answers for Laro, a few days following her initial request, The Record contacted her Cookshire-Eaton MP France Bonsant.

"She should call her municipal office and ask for someone who speaks English," stated Bonsant's political media representative Etienne Vezina. "She can also contact her Liberal MNA at 819-875-5410, and she can call our office and talk to Sylvie Desjardins. She speaks English and may be able to offer some assistance. Unfortunately there is no such thing as Federal assistance for these types of personal problems between people and the bank."

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Emotional MacAulay hangs up 16 year hat

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Long-time Lennoxville mayor and borough president Doug MacAulay is finally hanging up his hat.

After 16 years in municipal politics, an emotional MacAulay announced to Sherbrooke city council Monday evening that he would not be seeking re-election in November 2009.

"I'm looking at pursuing some other interests in my life," MacAulay told The Record yesterday. "In 16 years, you miss a lot of family functions you wish you could have attended."

MacAulay, who also works as a fitness trainer, is waiting on his seventh grandchild in May. Another four years in politics would take him into his 70s, which signaled to him it was time to relax and enjoy spending some more time with his family.

MacAulay entered municipal politics in 1994 when Lennoxville was still its own municipality, elected as a councillor in 1994 and then as mayor in 1997. When the community amalgamated with the city of Sherbrooke in 2002, MacAulay became chairman of the borough of Lennoxville.

"I've met so many great people," MacAulay said. "It's just been a very positive experience for me."

With news of Sherbrooke winning its bid to host the 2013 Canada Games, MacAulay knows the impact on his borough will be huge, especially the role Bishop's University will play. He hopes to see the ongoing project to beautify the downtown area of Lennoxville move ahead in time to welcome the Games.

Whoever succeeds him as borough chairman will have to "make sure that Lennoxville gets its fair share of what's out there," MacAulay said.

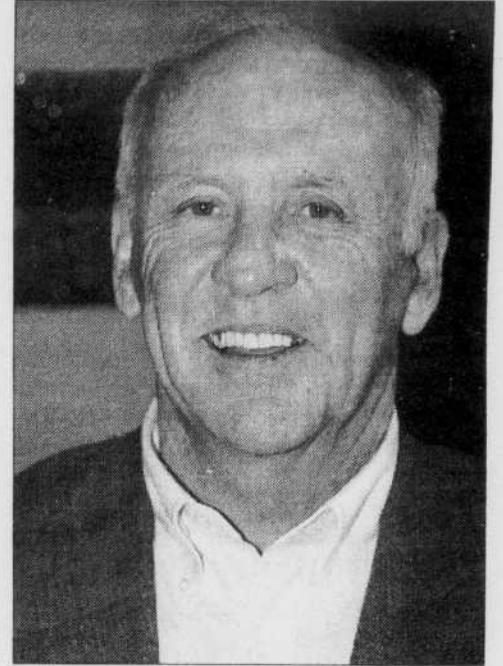
David Price, a former Lennoxville mayor and potential successor to MacAulay agrees. Price has not announced his candidacy in the November municipal elections, but says he's taking "a serious look at it."

It was Price that recruited MacAulay to run for council initially, inviting the then-Champlain College teacher to diversify Lennoxville's council during the 1990s.

Now, it seems the two may be passing the torch again.

"Doug has been a devoted mayor and borough president," Price said. "With major changes going on at the city level, (his successor) has to make sure Lennoxville retains its place in this city."

Price served as Lennoxville mayor until he resigned to run in federal politics in 1997.



AL BARBER

"In 16 years, you miss a lot of family functions..." Doug MacAulay said.

Elected in the Compton-Stanstead for the Progressive Conservative Party in the 1997 federal election, Price switched allegiances to the Liberals and was re-elected in the 2000 general election. Price was defeated in the following election in 2004 by the Bloc Québécois' France Bonsant.

Price currently serves as vice-president of the Corporation at Bishop's University.


If he decides to run municipally, Price says he will announce his candidacy at the end of June.

ARREST

Cowansville man arrested on multiple charges

Cowansville (JB) — The SQ (Surete du Quebec) arrested a 33-year-old Cowansville man, who was wanted on three warrants; drug possession, assaulting a police officer, and failure to appear in court, on Monday night. Police were called to an apartment for a case of conjugal violence. He was arrested on sight and charged with causing bodily harm, uttering death threats, possession of contraband cigarettes, and drug possession.


His victim was brought to the hospital where she was treated for wounds to her face.



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Planes grounded, study underway

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

The daily flight connecting Sherbrooke to Toronto has been grounded, again, this time likely until the fall.

After an almost three-month long hiatus, Sherbrooke's Economic Development Corporation (Innovation et Développement économique Sherbrooke) signed a new contract for air service with Pascan Aviation, a small company serving the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region.

But three weeks after the new flight schedule got off on the ground in mid-March, the service fared so badly the airline has cancelled flights indefinitely.

"We met with representatives last week, and it was Pascan who decided to stop the daily flights," said Pierre

Boisvert, chair of the corporation that oversees Sherbrooke's airport in Cookshire-Eaton. "Together, we realized that we had a big problem."

First, Boisvert said, starting flights so late in the New Year meant that many of the local companies that normally use the flight had already made alternative travel arrangements.

Early morning flights were also replaced with an afternoon flight that landed in Toronto around 4:30 p.m., forcing businesspeople to spend the night in Toronto and take a mid-morning flight back to Sherbrooke. The previous flight left Sherbrooke at 7:00 a.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m.

The other problem was a lack of advertising in Sherbrooke, Boisvert said, leaving potential customers unaware of the new flight.

All of those factors meant that Pascan's 18-seat aircraft was picking up

fewer than three passengers per flight.

"We've decided to take some time to rectify these problems," Boisvert said, adding it won't likely be until September that the service returns. "Right now, anything is possible."

A representative from Pascan Aviation was unavailable to speak to The Record yesterday.

Former carrier Air Sherbrooke, which began service in 2005, ended 2008 with a major deficit. The contract between Aéropro and Air Sherbrooke ended on December 31st. The airline, financed in part by the city of Sherbrooke, is said to be making arrangements with all of its creditors.

In the meantime, the Conférence régionale des élus de l'Estrie has been mandated to prepare a study on the economic impact of Sherbrooke's airport on the surrounding area it serves, due to be completed in May.

The organization's director general, Marie-Hélène Wolfe, said the study will determine what sort of renovations are needed to maintain the airport as an effective transportation link to and from the region.

This study will help to influence the next step in deciding the future of the region's air service, Boisvert said.

GRASS:

This happens even if the grass is green, and it happens even faster if there is wind.

"This wouldn't happen if the person, who started the fire properly supervised the blaze," says Briere. "But they walk away and when they check again, the fire is out of control."

According to Stanstead, North Hatley, and Ayer's Cliff fire department chief Mike McKenna, he "thankfully" has not seen any spring blazes in either of his municipalities. However, he, like Briere, has been encouraging residents to exercise extreme caution.

"Now until the leaves come out is the worst time for grass fires," he explains. "The grass and leaves are left on the ground from last fall and people try and burn them and the fire spreads. We are asking people to be very careful during this time of year."

If you are planning on burning leaves and branches on your property, the fire department urges you to obtain a permit, through your town hall. The purpose of the permit is two-fold. The first is just in case a neighbour sees smoke and calls the fire department, they are aware and do not rush out. They can verify if it is a planned blaze. And secondly, the department is aware of the exact address should the blaze become out of control.

"Grass fires will destroy everything in their path and fast. We've seen them burn buildings and cars," Briere says.

Outdoor fires require a nearby garden hose, buckets of water or a fire extinguisher. A rake or broom is also recommended for putting out embers that fall nearby.

Briere adds that as the weather gets warmer, more and more Townshipers will be thinking steak and hotdogs on the barbecue. He says now is a good time to make sure all is safe. Often critters, like mice or squirrels find the location a perfect place to nest for the winter and bits of twigs, fluff and other items, not to mention the squatter, might still be inside when you set it ablaze for the first time.

"A visual inspection is a good idea to make sure everything is in good working order, but we also suggest checking for gas leaks."

To check for gas leaks, a solution of dish soap and water can be put around the gas connections. If a leak is present, the solution will bubble around the connections. They should be repaired before cooking up your first summer burgers.

-With files from Jen Young

Moving on up

Sherbrooke police find new home

By Joe Strizzi
SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke police department will be moving its headquarters in 2010 to a brand new facility, according to the city of Sherbrooke.

Officials announced on Monday that construction of the new building, costing approximately \$25 million, is scheduled for completion on rue des Forges, right in the heart of the Saint-Pierre district, by mid-October of next year.

"The ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for some time in early June," said Pierre Boisvert, municipal councillor for Mont-Bellevue, who is particularly pleased with the relocation as the construction will be a part of the revitalization effort of one of his districts. "The part of Galt that is nearby is in real need of revival, and the new police station along with other efforts like the Complexe des Nations, will provide a much needed enhancement to the neighbourhood."

The new location will consist of commercial and residential edifices, slated to cover 95,665 square km, and will be



Artist's rendering of SPS headquarters.

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constructed on the present site of Bourque Metal, at 575 rue des Forges, which is a subsidiary of Alcide Bourque, a commercial and industrial metal recycling company.

Initially, the new general headquarters for the SPS was proposed for the old Ingresoll Rand facility, but constructing the new building at that location would have taken too long, forcing officials to select an alternate site.

"Bourque Metal has even agreed to move their operations three months early in order to satisfy our completion deadline," said Boisvert. "This location isn't as centralized, but it is still downtown, and very close to the Palais de jus-

tice, which will help avoid potential delays for the police."

In the end, the new construction will actually save the city approximately \$5 million.

According to Boisvert, discussions for a new facility began 15 years ago, when space was becoming a problem. Then in 2002, the SPS were forced to bring on more personnel with the amalgamation of the boroughs into one, larger city.

"The actual building housing the Sherbrooke police department was built for 100 officers,

but now there are over 240," said Serge Paquin, president of Sherbrooke's public security committee. "Analysis of this undertaking was conducted thoroughly over the years. Now, officers who are tripping over each other at the inadequate Marquette headquarters will find a more viable workspace."

It will also allow for the re-assembling of the entire police force. The environment safety division began working out of an office at 65 Belvedere Street when it was formed in February 2008 before moving to the present Hooper building locale. The new facility will bring all divisions under one roof.



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I'm not sure that anyone can help but hopefully they can at least point her in the right direction. There's been a big spike in unemployment and times are getting tougher everywhere."

Though she made the calls, nothing proved successful enough, and time was against her.

Her son was home alone at 8 a.m. when the French-speaking bailiff arrived that Thursday morning with a hired moving crew to pack up the contents of the Laro house.

"They knocked on the door and asked if my mom was here and then they said they were going to put our stuff outside

on the street," said the teenager, who was both sad and angry as he held on to his dog in the driveway while strangers began packing their belongings and placing them outside of the house. "I asked them to wait until she got home."

Laro, who was hoping and praying that either the lawyers or notary would provide some assistance that day, was still at work when she got the news.

"My son called me at work," said Laro, who was clearly shaken. "He told me they were here taking our stuff. I have nowhere to go."

As the eviction team continued packing under the watchful eye of bailiff Rock Guertin, who like the movers spoke no English, René Lavigne a Cookshire-Eaton representative arrived to notify Laro, in English, that they would put cones around the boxes that were left on the side of the road, but if they were not picked up they would be disposed of.

After contacting the municipality, Lavigne offered to store Laro's items in a storage facility at the Sherbrooke airport. She could later reclaim them after paying the fees for the movers and the time of the three Cookshire representatives that were present. Storage fees would also be waived if she paid within 30 days. With no other alternative she accepted the offer.

"This sucks," said Lavigne as he walked away. "(An eviction) is rare but I've got a feeling we're gonna see a lot more. So many people are losing their jobs."

While Guertin allowed the family to enter the home to collect a few belongings, which is not normal protocol, he stated that repossession is never easy for anyone.

"This isn't easy to do," he said as Laro pulled in from work. "But when you don't pay then the bank takes the house. It's understandable how people can get into these situations, but what can you do? I feel bad for her, this isn't ideal for anyone. The times are getting harder and harder for people. I remember having to repossess a home a while back and it was a pregnant girl, who only spoke English. That was very difficult. It's not easy. We repossess a handful of cars a day."

Not all of Laro's personal belongings fit in the moving truck, forcing the movers to pile much of it on the side of the road. Due to the excitement and heartbreak of the situation, Laro was not even sure what was left for garbage.

She maintained through it all, which included scrambling through boxes and bags for clothing, that the bank did not attempt to notify her of the impending foreclosure threat.

Head of RBC Media Relations Stephanie Lu, says the bank makes every effort to contact clients. Confidentiality prevents the bank from discussing specific accounts, but they did explain their process for delinquent mortgage payments.

According to Lu, the bank will observe a client's account for a deposit, if no payment is made or the client does not call after receiving notices in the mail, the company will start calling the client several times a week and attempt to leave messages.

Lu states the company will call until the account is 60 to 90 days in arrears and if there has been no contact or arrangements made then the file is given to a lawyer to start the formal process.

"From there we provide the appropriate legal notices and the entire process is

governed by the legal system," Lu explained to The Record. "Typically, in Quebec this is closer to 120 days and therefore it is 180 to 210 days past due at the very earliest before possession is taken. The client is notified and is entitled to appeals."

Lu points out that it is never the desire of the bank to repossess.

"At any time in the process we want to work with the client and we do our best to make arrangements where feasible to avoid having the person leave their home," Lu stated. "Our actions will vary depending on the willingness and ability of the client."

Contributing to the reality of working nights and raising children, Laro does not speak, read or understand French. She maintains that documentation, when she ever received it from her bank, the lawyers, and the court were sent to her in French, including the eviction notice that she needed to have explained.

According to Lu, the bank offers services and documentation in the language chosen by the clients. However, Laro says when she contacted the bank to make arrangements the agent couldn't speak English.

"The system totally sucks in Quebec," said Laro who felt discouraged. "If I was French I wouldn't have gone through the same thing."

With the help of the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre and other members of the community Laro has not lost hope and she says she's too stubborn to give up after everything she has already accomplished.

"I think if I was living in a different town I would move," said Laro. "Lennoxville has opened up a lot for us and if not for the people here I wouldn't have made it. I'm hopeful because of the people who pulled together to see that I

and the kids wouldn't be on the street."

Laro, still working, and the children, still attending school, are together and temporarily staying in a local house, which was donated to them to use. She has yet to retrieve her personal belongings from storage, but she says she will continue to fight this until she gets answers.

FORECLOSURE Q&A

(CP) — The Record spoke with Kristen Scheel, Senior Media Relations Officer for CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), about the company's default management and claims process.

Q. What happens if someone approaches the bank/lender looking for some flexibility in repaying the loan, and the bank is not willing to be flexible?

A. Each situation is different, however CMHC does provide Approved Lenders with tools and flexibilities to assist responsible borrowers facing financial difficulties. Lenders are expected to use best efforts to try and resolve mortgage arrears and work with borrowers to find viable solutions to rectify the mortgage default.

Q. Once the house has been foreclosed, are there any options/recourse that the homeowner can take to get some of the money back that they have already paid?

A. Under certain specific circumstances, borrowers may have some legal options available to them. Borrowers may wish to seek legal advice to help them understand the options that may apply in their particular situation.

COMMUNICATION CAN AVOID FORECLOSURE: CMHC

(CP) — In the face of troublesome financial times, the CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) has launched a campaign to help inform cash strapped homeowners of available options.

The consumer outreach launched by the national housing agency, helps borrowers understand the importance of working with lenders to find solutions if they are facing financial difficulties.

"We want to remind people that the best course of action is to speak to their lenders at the first sign of financial difficulty," Mark McInnis, CMHC Vice-President of Insurance Underwriting, Servicing and Policy, stated in a recent press release. "With early intervention, cooperation and a well executed plan, you can work together with your lender to find a solution."

The CMHC advises homeowners to talk to their lender at the first sign of financial difficulty, clarify their financial picture and stay informed about available options and resources.

Every lender is different, but homeowners may find tools at their disposal to avoid foreclosure. Here are four tools provided by CMHC-insured mortgages that may be available.

- Skipping a payment: Some lenders may offer greater payment flexibilities especially if previous lump sum prepayments have been made or if an accelerated payment schedule has been previously chosen.

- Extending repayment period: Though homeowners would like to pay off their home in a shorter period of time, lengthening the amortization period means lower monthly mortgage payments.

- Adding missed payments to balance: Some lenders will allow you to add amounts in arrears to the mortgage balance and spread it over the remaining repayment period.

- Negotiate a payment plan: Approach your lender with your financial situation and special payment arrangements may be made but it is up to the homeowner to take these first steps.

More information and resources are available at www.cmhc.ca search keywords "mortgage payment difficulties", or at 1-800-668-2642.



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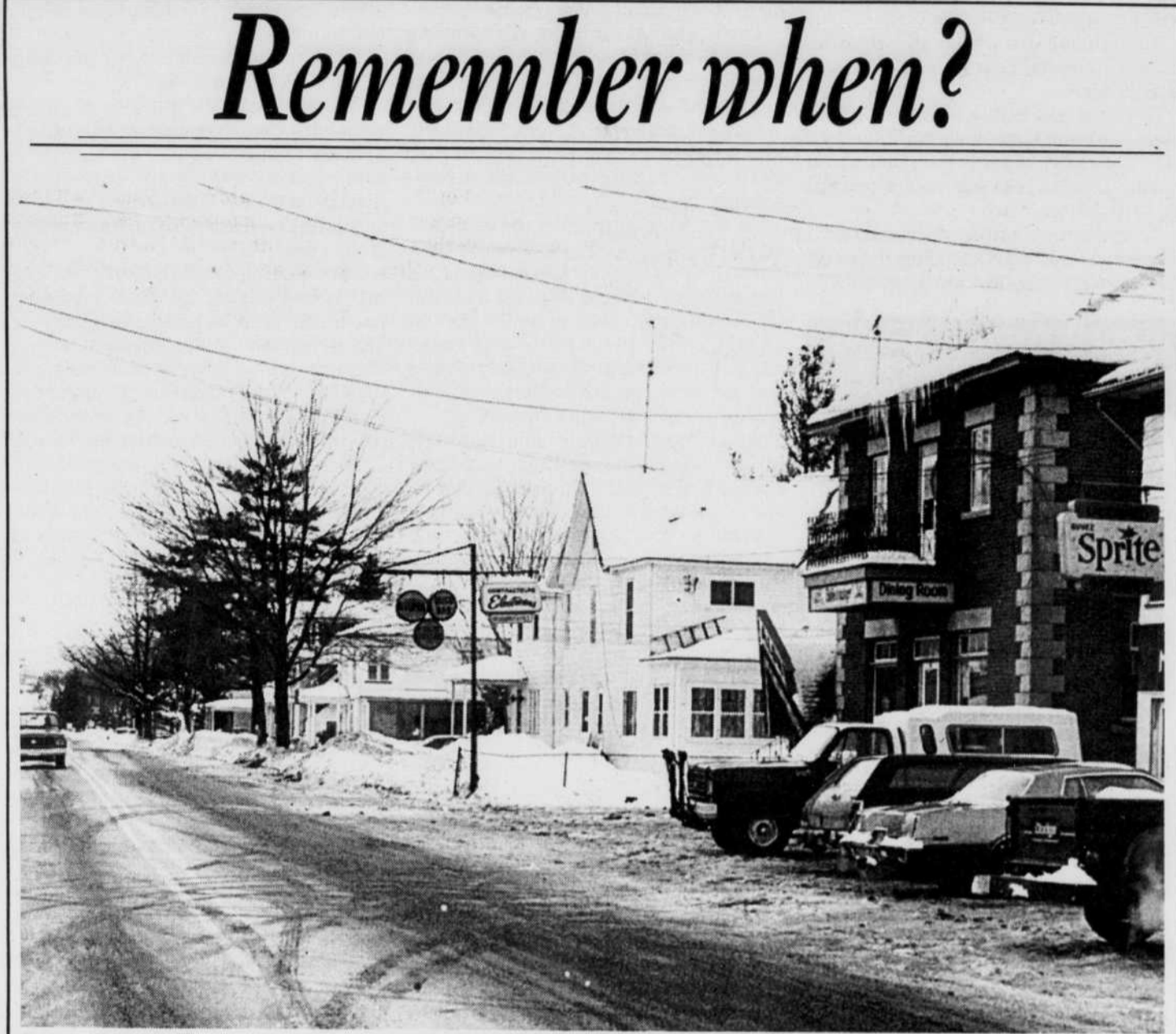
LETTERS

God help the US of A

Man-made global warming is just a front for the David Suzuki's of the world to turn the west from capitalism and free markets to all out socialism - communism. It's all about control with these fanatics. They want control of every aspect of our lives so they can dictate what we can and cannot do or say. They would like to see us all living in a global village (government housing) where we would be in the "system" where they could control the amount of food, water, gas, electricity, etc. that we consume. Those of us living in rural areas who are self sufficient stand in the way of what they wish to accomplish. One way they could accomplish this is to continue raising our property taxes to the point where we can no longer afford to live outside of this (global village). The carbon tax that they are proposing will take away our freedom of movement. The more gas your vehicle takes, the more tax you will have to pay. This means no more Sunday drives or cross country trips to Wally World with the kids in that gas guzzling SUV or motor home. They will continue raising this tax on our vehicles until we will no longer be able to afford to drive them. But have no fear, the government will be more than happy to sell you a little (green) electric car (the US government now owns Detroit) to get you around that (global village) and only around the village because these tiny little shoe boxes are designed for just two or three people so you can forget about that family vacation to Wally World.

These socialist-communists alone do not pose any threat but now that they are in positions of power, they can use the government as a means to promote their agendas. It's not global warming that we should be fighting, it's these radical environmentalists with their (one world government) views that we should be waging war against.

The US currently has a war brewing from within over the radical shift to the left that the new Obama White House is currently taking towards socialism, global warming and not to mention bankrupting the country with massive spending. He is going to be spending



Do you recognize this location? Is this an old photo? If you have any information about where this is or when it was taken email us at newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com or call 819-569-6345.

more money (on loan from China) than all the previous presidents combined since Washington. The whole (change you can believe in) that Obama was preaching about in his campaign is now making many people think twice about this "new change" they voted for. God help the USA.

TERRY JENKIN
Lennoxville

Should we move to get English bills?

My husband and I moved to Sher-

brooke from the US a little over a year ago. For the first year we lived in Lennoxville and had no problem getting anything that we needed in English. Neither of us spoke any French so it helped us out alot living in Lennoxville. Back in October we bought a house maybe 5 minutes from Lennoxville in what we are told is considered Mt. Bellevue. Recently we received some correspondence from the city and since it was in French my husband called to ask for the form in English. He had to call three times before they could find anyone who could speak to him in English. He was then told that they didn't have forms available to us in English. We have been told by many people that we can get our municipal taxes and forms from the city in English. My husband was told that you can only get these things in English in Lennoxville. Where we live they are not available, 5 minutes away. We have no idea what any of our tax forms say for our municipal taxes. We are not sure if this is really true. We were under the impression that we were supposed to have rights as well. I am sure that we are not the only English who live outside of Lennoxville and we have been wondering why the city can not just use a little white out and send us the forms. A friend, not believing this, took me over to the office just beside our house, the lady there also said

that these things were not available where we live. Again we are not positive that these things are available to people in Lennoxville, but if they are why aren't they available to us as well. In speaking to our friends here they told us to contact The Record. So that is what I am doing. The City of Sherbrooke has really made us feel like they don't care about us or want us here, unless we can be contained to a specific area. I really feel like this should change. Is there anything that can be done? Are we supposed to move so that we can receive bills that we can understand?

KERYNA STUTTS
Sherbrooke

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If raising children was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called "labour".

-Submitted by Doug Fletcher

Statistics is the science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions.

-Submitted by Elsie Linholm

Send your favourite quotes or food for thought to newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com or fax to 819-569-3945.

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WON:

"That's how we knew we won," joked Perrault at a celebration ceremony held at the Delta hotel yesterday afternoon.

Standing in front of a banner reading "Now for tomorrow" and while proudly displaying the Canada Games flag, Perrault thanked the individuals who helped earn the city this illustrious honour and congratulated the competing cities for their energetic campaigns.

City councilors, businesses, the media and citizens banded together in their efforts to secure the bid collecting 22,614 supporting signatures, exceeding the objective of 15,000, and presenting them to the bid committee last February.

The CGC (Canada Games Council) had narrowed their selection down to three cities: Sept-Îles, Des Laurentides and Sherbrooke. In the final tally, Sept-Îles received 741 points out of a possible 1,000, Des Laurentides earned 840 points, and Sherbrooke was awarded 872 points.

Rouleau noted that the support of the anglophone community played an important part in winning the bid, which will bring English speaking tourists from across the country.

"Thank you to the English community for your support," said Rouleau. "We had a bilingual bid and we made it together."

Hosting the national event will boost the athletic, tourist and economic sectors of the region and the city will benefit from government grants of up to \$15.3 million for operations and \$6 million in facilities.

The 2013 summer games are anticipated to take place the first two weeks of August 2013 and will feature 19 sports divided into two competition blocks, including new events; fencing, golf and yachting for athletes with a disability.

It is anticipated, more than 3,500 athletes, 860 trainers, an estimated 1,720 representatives and observers along with thousands of visitors will stimulate the economy.

Almost all of the region's facilities, as well as those in Coaticook and Magog, will be used to host the close to 20 elite national competitions at once. The main competition, training and lodging sites would include the Université de Sherbrooke (who would also host the opening ceremonies in the outdoor stadium), Bishop's University, Sherbrooke College, the Triplet, du Phare and Alexander Galt high schools and Bishop's College School.

Bishop's University will act as the Athletes Village for the games accommodating 4,500 young athletes, trainers, coaches and their families according to Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Stevenson.

"This will mean about 3.5 million dollars in revenue to for accommodations, food and such," said Stevenson. "That is about 100 athletes per week for two weeks."

"This is a great moment for Bishops," said Michael Goldbloom, Bishop's University Principal. "We're glad we played a part in this bid and we can't wait for 2013 to get here."

The university has taken an active part working towards the bid contributing a million dollars in goods and services towards improving the residences, parking and facilities according to Gold and will host tennis, basketball and soccer events.

"It's good for Bishops to make a contribution to the city," said Goldbloom. "We draw students from across the county and to have an event that will bring even more youth to your campus, and their brothers and sisters, who may one day attend the school. We know that once they see the campus they fall in love with it."

Sprints around the school have been high since the announcement, although there is a lot of work yet ahead, but the school looks forward to the challenges.

"Since the announcement I've received one email after another congratulating us," said Stevenson, who worked on the bid committee. "The mood is great (at Bishop's). We are really happy, lots of hard work went into this."

The Sherbrooke bid community will now work on transforming itself into a organization committee as it plans for the upcoming event. Their first focus will be to create a group of representatives that will attend the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island this summer and take advantage of the mentoring program offered by the Council.

NEWS BRIEFS

BALLAST unleashed by SQ

Victoriaville (JS) — The Sûreté du Québec investigated three businesses and one residence in the Bois-Francs region yesterday, looking for falsified documentation along with stolen and rebuilt vehicles.

This major operation was the result of an investigation conducted by Quebec City police over a one-year period.

Over 40 officers and investigators stormed Garage Labbe on rue Cartier in Victoriaville, the used car dealership Denis Fortin on rue Notre Dame West in Victoriaville, and Automobiles Stephan Jackson along route 116 in Princeville.

Police also examined a residence in Princeville belonging to Stephane Desharnais, a resident of Farnham in the Estrie region. The 35-year-old is considered the brains behind the outfit, and is being sought by the SQ.

Operation "BALLAST" is targeting the capture of all the principal members of this criminal outfit, and is expecting to make approximately 10 arrests as a result of the action. At press time, no one had officially been put in custody, but a total of 10 separate charges could be laid upon those individuals involved, including receiving and fabricating falsified documentation.

At last count, 16 luxury vehicles were seized by police including, a Hummer H2, six Cadillac Escalades, a Ford F350, four GMC Sierras, three Chevrolet Silverados, and one Chevrolet Equinox.

Police also found 500 cannabis plants in Quebec City tied to this particular criminal organization.

Additional year to murder sentence

Magog (McD) — A man convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in 1991 has had an additional year tacked onto his sentence after having been found guilty of inciting a minor into sexual contact.

Gaëtan Lavallée, 47, was living in a half-way house when the alleged offences occurred.

Lavallée was stopped by police in July, 2008 with the young girl in his car. He explained himself at the time by saying he believed the girl to be 18. His parole was lifted immediately upon charges being made. He subsequently pled guilty in Superior Court and was handed the additional year sentence by Justice Conrad Chapdelaine.

Lavallée met the girl in an internet chat room and electronic communication soon become in-person meetings. These meetings were consensual according to officials.

Lavallée became eligible for parole in April, 2003 and was living in a half-way house when the offences occurred. He would meet the girl in a local park.

Lavallée was convicted of the stabbing death of Robert Goulet in Magog in 1990 during the course of a robbery.

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The Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement will hold an information session:

Wednesday, 29 April 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Municipal Hall
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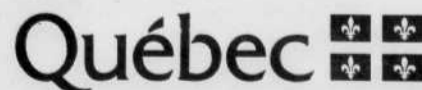
Any person, group or municipality may submit an application in writing to Line Beauchamp, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, to request the holding of a public hearing on this project; this application must be made by no later than 22 May 2009 and sent to the following address: Édifice Marie-Guyart, 675, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 30^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7.

7 April 2009

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Did you know?

(CP) — "Smigus Dyngus" is an ancient Polish Easter Monday tradition where people pour or splash water (at one point perfume) on each other. Tradition states that girls who get caught and soaked with water will marry within the year.



Faithful Friends... Out of the Blue

Spring Fe" Fur", Part One

The Winter snows are melting and the mud and the rains have arrived. It has been a long winter for our "furry" family members too. They are all looking like they could benefit from a spring cleaning.



The question is, do we wait until the ground has dried up or do we get our appointment for the "doo" now? Good question! You can always make an appointment, being a busy time of year, not leaving it to the last minute means not having to wait when you can't stand to look at your buddy anymore, or smell them!

Basically it depends on your type of dog and lifestyle. We tend to want

to clean the house, car and dog around the same time. Who wants to do the spring cleaning or vacuum your car when Fido is tracking it all back again or maybe he smells like something you forgot in the back of your fridge.

As a pet owner of longhaired and shorthaired breeds, there are advantages to both. Example: if your shorthaired dog likes to walk in the woods and fields you will probably wait it out until things dry up. If you bathe your own dog you will probably do this a few times in the next month. Use a good non-soap based shampoo and rinse well. Most importantly, dry your dog well! Hotspots (rash) may occur if he or she is left damp. Longhaired dogs drag more mud and dirt on them and this post-season mud smells pretty bad! Taking the hair off now can benefit your daily clean-up time in the nest and it is much appreciated in the "lap-dog" breeds.

Always consider that if you waited out the winter, those general needs such as nails, ears and glands need to be attended to. The lack of foot care in a dog can lead to more serious problems with their "gait" leading to joint pain later.

Also remember your friend doesn't know they have an odour offensive to you. Be patient, we will get over the hump and summer is coming!

Oh yes, this time of year is also the time when our other animal neighbours come out after a long winter too. You know the types; the black and white guys with the lovely odour. The best cure is first to be on the defensive, do not let your dog out at night or early morning unattended, otherwise those odours you are waiting to get rid of will be around for a long while.

Give them all a Hug, Sara

Sara Hawe has 30 years of grooming and pet care experience.

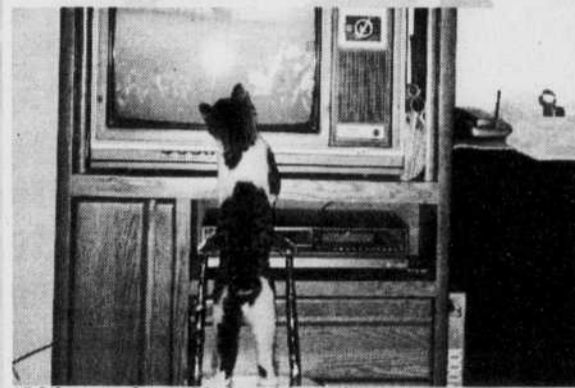
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The big dog thinks he's a small dog



Duke is the very calm and gentle chocolate lab, and the fierce and fiery Jack Russel Terrier is Petrie. The big dog thinks he's a small dog and the small dog thinks he's a big dog! Pets of the Lynch family in Richmond.

Only Mickey for me



"I like watching Mickey Mouse." This is the cat that Axelle gave me.

-Ethel Mastine, Danville

Tarzan and Demon



This is a photo of Tarzan and Demon. They live in Waterville with owner's Steve and Dana Dingman. They are 6 and 2-years-old. They love to play together and destroy the house. They eat like pigs, but are spoiled beyond belief. When mom and dad brought home a new baby in July they were worried how the boys would handle having to share the attention. But they now think baby Lexie belongs to them. They let her hit them and pull their hair and just keep coming back for more. These two tiger cats have made our lives very interesting and keep us laughing. They are great pets and we love them.

I hope to see my babies in The Record's pet corner soon! Thanks so much and keep up the good work. I really enjoy reading about everyone's pets.

I'm the cutest. No, I am

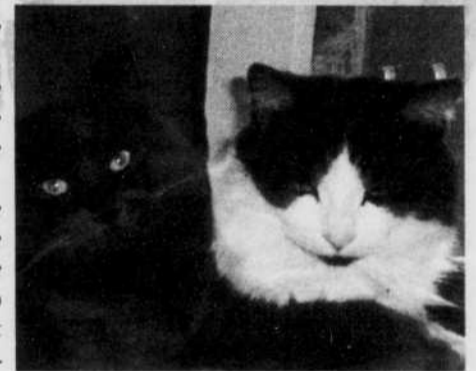


Here is a picture of my 2 babies; Kayla and Georgy. They look so innocent in this picture, but really there is no stop to their playing. I adore them. What they are saying in this picture is: I'm the cutest, aren't I mom?

-Jacqueline Ross, Richmond

GRAND kitties

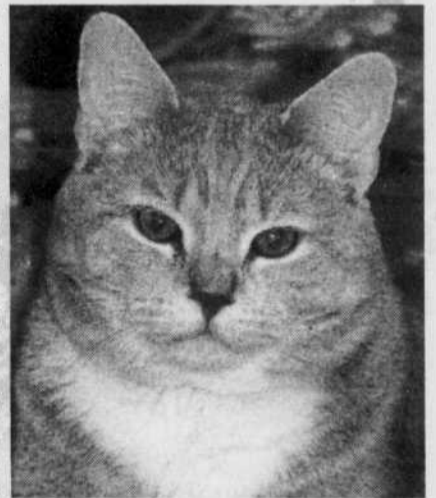
Here are my grand-Cats. Thumper, the grey fluffy one and Conan the tuxedo cat. They love spending time in front of the window so they don't miss any squirrel action.



-Marguerite Ramage

Cuddles gets lots of cuddles

My name is Cuddles, I was rescued from a tree after being up there so high for over three weeks. Thanks to a nice man that was brave enough to climb the 50 ft. tree over hanging the river and brought me down. I was so hungry and getting weak. I was too frightened to come down. When I got down no one knew where I came from so nice people adopted me and gave me a happy and comfy home to stay in. They tell everyone I have filled a void in their lives and they love me. And you know what? I love them too. I live in Canton Bedford now with Carolyn and Brian Bowen.



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From print to local airwaves for DH

The year: 1984-85.

The place: A certain 11 year old girl's bedroom on Laurier Street in Richmond.

The tape recorder is rectangular and simple. The quality is decent, size and shape make it easy to carry around. Record, Play, Rewind, Fast-Forward, Stop and Pause are its few features, with a small volume dial. I learn quickly how to operate it, and soon, I'm recording my own shows. I aspire to babysit, and my Cabbage Patch Kid (the bald little Mark Eldon) and other dolls perform the roles of my children. Voice actor, techie, production manager, program manager, deejay...I am a happy cast of one.

Flash forward, the late 90's to 2001 found me fulfilling a dream - I became involved in community radio at CJMQ, located on campus at Bishop's University at the time. Two community-related radio shows, and a children's show with one of my best friends, Natalie Archambault provide an incredible outlet for creative energy. I felt so comfortable behind the mic, and thrilled to be operating equipment to fully produce shows.

Eight years later, I find myself with the amazing opportunity to work in radio again. Connecting with Dave Teasdale and Maureen Dillon at the new CJMQ has ignited an inferno of excitement, and added a whole new wing to the Dishpan Hands franchise. What began as a facebook video blog, done with exactly the same goal as the shows on my little black tape recorder, brought me the opportunity to develop this column, and now Dishpan Hands is making its way to the airwaves! Wednesday mornings find you reading about people, places and things of all types here in the DH column - now Wednesday nights can now find you listening to interviews with



DISHPAN HANDS

the very people you read about - CJMQ 88.9 fm will now be home to a Dishpan Hands radio show on Wednesday evenings from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. starting tonight!

CJMQ has gone through considerable changes since the days of being on campus. The station is now located on Queen Street in Lennoxville, with a smart and brightly coloured office flanking the new production studio and booth. Dave and Maureen are hard at work logging unthinkable hours as the volunteer powerhouse team behind the station. Projects abound, and the future is bright at this friendly, English community radio station. Local artists have a space to sell their wares, at no charge, and their music is placed in playlists on regular rotation.

In past columns, I've quoted the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." A similar quote could be, "It takes caring people to build a community." We are so fortunate in the Townships to be surrounded by community builders, like Dave and Maureen, who not only believe in the power of radio, but in the magic of the 'Ships!

A lifelong obsession with music contributes greatly to my enthusiasm for producing the DH radio show. With emphasis on the Canadian music scene, some familiar sounds will be paired with new music that has you rocking out and believing in new music again. Live interviews and performances will be heard on a regular basis, as well as phone interviews, contests, with room for special requests, and visits from the occasional recurring characters.

Tune in tonight for Episode Zero of Dishpan Hands, and be in on history - DH hits the CJMQ airwaves on 88.9 fm, from 9:00 - 11:00, or listen live online at <http://www.cjmq.fm/>.

Coming next week: Autism Awareness Month brings together some very special people, who reflect on their adventures with Autism.



SHEILA QUINN

What the...?

The Lord created man in His Own image, we are told, but apparently that wasn't good enough for one cleric, who decided he needed a little makeover.

The Rev. William Blasingame, 66, former pastor of Staten Island's historic St. Paul's Memorial Episcopal (Anglican) Church stands accused of stealing more than \$84,000 in Church funds to pay for some non-divine intervention - plastic surgery, Botox injections and prescription drugs. He also apparently used some of the money for club memberships, car insurance and expensive clothes.

Obviously borrowing from Tammy Faye Bakker's keen theological insight that "God doesn't want his people to be poor," Blasingame took it a step farther in assuming He doesn't want his people to be ugly, either.

Blasingame evidently cooked the books on two Church accounts over which he had control. One was meant for Church maintenance and upkeep (Botox and plastic surgery) and the other was for providing stipends to the parish's poor and needy (\$245 shoes).

Despite his penchant for a splendid personal appearance, Blasingame's residence turned out to be less so. "We had to have five 40-yard dumpsters to take out the debris," said Senior Warden and Treasurer Richard Mingoia. "Animal feces, liquor bottles, you name it. I can't even describe the horror scene."

Investigators are still perusing the parish's books. Blasingame, who resigned on January 1st, has since undergone treatment for chemical abuse and mental illness.

His next court appearance is May 12th, plenty of time to get a good tan.

(McD)

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Gaiters recruiting for next season

Zachary-Cy Vanasse
LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's Gaiters men's basketball team is currently in the recruiting process for next season. The Gaiters finished fifth in the QUBL this season, falling short of a playoff spot, and they'll be looking to improve on that going into next year.

"Our major priority right now is a point guard who can come and have an impact right off," said Gaiters head coach Rod Gilpin, "mind you those guys are hard to find, and get to commit. Everyone is looking for one of those players out there."

So far in the process, the Gaiters have looked to make some important strides forward in their rebounding abilities and their size, something Gilpin felt was a weakness.

"That's one area that we've looked to improve on," he said of the team's play under the rim.

The Gaiters hope to get some help rebounding from Jeremy Leonard-Smith, a 6'3" offensive guard from Ottawa, who has committed to attend Bishop's University in the fall.

"Jeremy's a really good defender," said Leonard-Smith's future head coach, "for example last year with in 'AAA' his main role on his team was to defend the other team's best player." Leonard-Smith is coming off a strong season with OFSAA 'AAA' champion St. Matthew's and he also played with the Ottawa Guardsmen club team. "He has good offensive skills, but I really like the way he defends, rebounds and has physical presence as a perimeter player" said Gilpin, "He has good O-skills, but his strength is on the defensive end."

Also committed to the Gaiters for next season is Pat Shier who will undoubtedly add size to the Gaiters roster. At 6'5", 235 pounds Shier will add an excellent physical presence. A player Gilpin described as a "sort of rugged post player." Shier is the son of two-sport Gaiter Wall-of-Famer Blair Shier, and played



PERRY BEATON

Gaiters will miss strong play of team MVP Junior Nicolas next season.

basketball with Capilano College in North Vancouver last season.

"Pat, again, brings a physical presence and is a very good rebounder," said Gilpin. "That helps us ad-

dress our greatest weakness, which is physicality and rebounding."

The Gaiters still feel as though they have plenty of work to do on the recruiting trail and in the coming weeks they hope to announce that some more players have committed to the Gaiters for next season. "We still need to add more help," said Gilpin, "and we have word that we are very close to adding a 6'7", 235 pound post as well."

As for the current roster players, the team is already working towards next year according to their coach. "Our guys are in the weight room and we train and condition twice a week as a group. The guys are working hard and find the speed and agility stuff we are doing pretty challenging. I feel confident they will all return next season stronger and faster."

At last week's Bishop's sports gala, several of the players from the men's basketball team were recognized with awards. Rookie D'Arcy Nash, who came to the team from Bishop's football, was awarded the Bishop's University Freshman Athlete of the Year Award. Another Gaiters rookie, Tim Hunter, took home the hardware as the recipient of the Bradley J. Jones Newcomer of the Year award for a season in which he was named a member of the QSSF All-Rookie team.

Also recognized were Tim McAleenan, who received the Michael Fontaine Memorial Award as the most improved player, Rob Findlay was awarded the Garth Smith Award for demonstrating leadership and dedication and Junior Nicolas was recognized as the team's Most Valuable Player.

"(He) led us all season in scoring, assists, steals and minutes played" said Gilpin of his MVP. "He matched a career high with 36 points in a win over last season's CIS finalists, Acadia. (He is) one of the most exciting guards in the CIS and a First Team QSSF all-star for the second year in a row. Junior had an excellent career as a Gaiter and will definitely be missed."

Athlétiques BRP dust off their gloves

Zachary-Cy Vanasse
SHERBROOKE

With the coming of spring, baseball is back on the sports menu and Sherbrooke's Athlétiques BRP are preparing for the upcoming season, which begins on May 10th against the Longueuil Ducs.

Prior to the March draft, BRP general manager Mathieu Rochefort traded Maxime Favreau to the Saint-Eustache Bisons in exchange for a first-round pick. Favreau had been acquired by the BRP earlier in the off-season.

In the draft, the BRP selected Kevin Lecompte second overall, with their first-round pick. The 22-year-old shortstop played with the Trois-Rivières Aigles last season. "He's also a right-handed pitcher who hits well and has good legs," commented Rochefort following the draft. The BRP also brought back third-baseman, 20-year old Simon Poissant Laberge. Laberge had been dealt to Trois-Rivières before last season's trade deadline.

In the second, round the BRP made three selections, picking 20-year-old pitcher David Durand, 18-year old shortstop Michaël Laprise and 18-year-old pitcher Frédéric Charlebois.

The BRP also picked up two players from their midget 'AAA' team. Olivier Therrien, a right-handed 18-year-old pitcher, was selected by the Athlétiques in the third round while first baseman, 19-year-old Alexandre Larrivée, was taken in the fourth round of the draft.

"We're very happy with our picks," said Rochefort, "from the seven players that we had wanted, we were able to get six of them." He then added, "There are some other things in the air right now, but nothing concrete. There could still be more changes, for the better, for the team we put on the field."

The BRP are currently in training camp in Granby and have lined-up a pair of pre-season games against the Sherbrooke Expos on May 3rd and the Granby Guerriers on May 6th.

NOVICE CHAMPIONS CROWNED

(ZV) — After three weeks of novice and pre-novice hockey action, the Magog Novice Hockey Tournament came to an exciting and dramatic overtime conclusion on Saturday with the Sherbrooke-Ouest Hockey Expert claiming the crown as the Novice A tournament champions.

The tournament win was Sherbrooke-Ouest Hockey Expert's third tournament crown of the season. They defeated the Marieville Castors 2-1 in the Magog final and were afterwards awarded with their championship banner by the Magog Cantonniers' president Olivier Tremblay. "It was quite the game," said Tremblay after the celebrations had settled down, "and the little guys gave all they had to get this victory."

The Castors scored first in the final game, but Hockey Expert were able to tie the score 1-1 and force a dramatic overtime, where they managed to find the back of the net first and claim the championship. The Castors earned their trip to the finals thanks to a 4-3 semi-finals win over the Granby Aigles while Hockey Expert downed the Trois-Rivières Sieurs in their semi-final, also by a 4-3 score.

Death



MAYHEW, Fernande (born Bergeron) Peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on April 4th, 2009. Fernande Bergeron Mayhew at the age of 79, dear mother of Diane(Daniel), Patricia(John) and Steven(Cathryn), loving grandmother of Jonathan, Devon, Paul, Callum, and Liam. Loving daughter of Denis Bergeron and Diana Robitaille, survived by her sisters and brothers, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and all her nieces and nephews. Resting at the: Résidence Funéraire Steve L.Elkas Inc. 601 Rue Du Conseil, Sherbrooke, tél: (819)565-1155 téléc: (819) 820-8872 www.steveelkas.com Affilié à la C.T.Q. Visitation on Thursday, April 9th from 11:30. A ceremony will be held at the funeral home on the same day, at 13:30. A special thanks to the ICU staff at the Montreal Neurological Institute for their care and support. As memorial tributes, contributions to: Association Québécoise pour la Fibrose Kystique 425, rue Viger Ouest, Bureau 510 Montréal, Qc, H2Z 1X2 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Death



PEABODY, Rev. Gordon Shepard - Unexpectedly and peacefully in Ottawa on Monday, April 6, 2009, aged 81 years. Beloved husband of the late Lyn Ruth (nee Jackson). Loving father of Melanie Tweedie (Paul) of Port Hope, Ontario. Dear brother of Barbara Nicholl of B.C. and will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, Monica, Philip, Debbie, Linda, Sharon, Sutherland and Robert. Gordon was ordained as an Anglican Priest in 1965 and was a Shepherd to parishes in the Perth and Renfrew area, Ottawa and the Province of Quebec. Family and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral, 420 Sparks Street, Ottawa on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Christ Church Columbarium Fund or the Garden Fund would be appreciated. Condolences / Donations / Tributes at: mcgarryfamily.ca 613-748-1200

Death



POMYKALA, Stanley (1928-2009) On April 3, 2009 passed away at age 81. Beloved husband of 54 years to Christine Borkowski. Cherished father to Henry (Ewa) and Eddie (Heather). Special thanks to the staff and doctors at the Polish Canadian Institute where he resided for nearly 22 years. A private family funeral and burial will be held Monday, April 20 in Montreal. A donation may be made to St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, 3830 Lacombe Ave., Montreal, Quebec, H3T 1M5.

In Memoriams

BRYANT, Gordon - In memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away April 8, 1992.
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NANCY, ED
ALLAN and CHARLES (grandchildren)

CHARBY, Shirley - In loving memory of a mother and grandmother who passed away 3 years ago today.
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JENNY, BONNIE, CHICO

Card of Thanks

GILLAM, Bill - I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for the support from family and friends at our home and in the hospital during Bill Gillam's courageous battle with cancer. Thank you to Dr. Nicole Bouchard, Dr. Bromwick and the nursing staff at the CHU. A special thank you to Dr. Josée Beaulieu and the nursing staff at the Coaticook Hospital. Their care and kindness for Bill was incredibly wonderful. Thank you to Bruce and Patty Gillam, they were always there for us. On behalf of the Gillam family, thank you for the acknowledgments of sympathy, donations to the Cancer Society, food, telephone calls and support. It is difficult to find the words to express our appreciation for your kindness and support

Sincerely,
MARGARET PEHLEMANN GILLAM
JUANITA and JOHN PATTON
THE GILLAM FAMILY

Cemetery Meeting

The Duboyce Cemetery Co. will hold its Annual General meeting April 11, 2009 at 10 a.m. at 30 Foster Street, Foster. All members welcome.

Lennoxville Golden Age

March 1/09. Members met at the usual meeting place (United Church Hall). Seven tables of 500 cards - high lady: Marion Annesly, 5400; men's: Fred Burns, 4019; ladies' low: Mildred Cameron, 2320; men: Allan Davidson, 2300.

Tables were decorated in the spring mode - bright green with daisy napkins. Really, spring is blooming.

Supper being ready, grace was said by Donna (pres.). A casserole supper was served along with mixed veggies, coleslaw, home-made rolls, etc., Chocolate cake with mousse topping, tea and coffee. Delicious meal enjoyed by ninety-two members. Thanks Peggy and girls. Much appreciated.

Door prizes: Grace Daigneault, Mary Lou Burns, Lucille Blair.

Members attending sugar party April 7, meet at Uplands for 11:15 a.m.

Next meeting April 14 - Bev Sterling and Aida Hicks table setting.

Meeting April 14 Military Whisk. Table one are asked to bring prizes.

Enjoy the spring weather.

Margaret Vintinner

Eustis Card Party

Nine tables of card players gathered at Eustis Hall on April 3, 2009 to play the game of "500".

Ladies first prize was won by Helena McComb with a great score of 7080. Second prize was won by Lillian Sharman with 6140 and Ruby Simpson took home the consolation prize.

Men's first prize was won by Gertie Hetherington (playing as a man) with a score of 5780. Second prize was won by Gordon Humphrey having a score of 5420. Bud Wing won the consolation prize.

The 9 Clubs Prize was won by Isabel Nelson. The 9 Spades Prize was won by Helena McComb. There was no winner of the "any ten bid" prize. The two marked plate prizes were won by Louise Peasley and Esther Côté.

Other special prizes were won by Richard Hartigan, Ruby Simpson, Isabel Nelson, Jane Curtis, Irene Sheldon, Mayotta Taylor, & Allan Bullock.

Thanks to all for coming and for helping in any way and those who donated their time. We appreciate the faithful who come to play cards and help us raise funds for the Eustis Hall. The next card party will be held on May 1st, 2009.

Meryl Nutbrown

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She seems very self-absorbed

Dear Annie: I have a wonderful boyfriend I'll call "Ray." We have a lot in common and are very happy together. Though we have not yet committed to anything permanent, we both want marriage and have discussed it.

However, there is one thing we don't have in common — our religion. It doesn't bother us (we actually have fun discussing our different beliefs), but it could pose a problem if we decided to marry. We've already agreed that a wedding in a neutral location would be ideal. The problem is, we have no idea who would perform the ceremony.

Neither of our families knows we are of different faiths, and we prefer to keep it a secret. Is there such a thing as a "neutral" ordained minister? One who can marry us without the involvement of religion? We don't want a courthouse wedding to be our only option. — It's All About Love

Dear About Love: There are plenty of nondenominational ministers who can perform a ceremony that will have spirituality without a specific religion. Look for a justice of the peace or a Universal Life minister, or Google "nondenominational officiant" to find other alternatives. Check with your local county clerk's office to make sure the ceremony will be legally binding.

However, we question any marriage that begins with secrets. Please be mature enough to tell your families and handle the consequences. And if you ever plan to have children, the decisions about their religious upbringing (or lack thereof) could have an enormous impact on your marriage and the relationships you have with family members. Minimizing it now will only create bigger problems later.

Dear Annie: My problem concerns a friend I don't feel close to anymore. Over the years, our paths have diverged, mainly because I'm now married and "Laura" is still single. When I talk to her, it's never a real dialogue. I pick up the phone and she launches into whatever is bothering her.

The other day, all I heard about were Laura's job worries and romantic woes. She's been after some guy who's told

Annie's Mailbox

her he is only interested in friendship. If I try to say anything,

she interrupts and talks more about herself.

Annie, I thought friendships were give and take. I've been out of a job for months, my husband and I have some major repair bills coming up, and I'm worried about my mother. Laura knows about my problems because I've mentioned them in my e-mails, but she doesn't seem to care. It's all about this guy and her job. Do I just stop talking to her? — Not a Real Friendship

Dear Not: Laura seems very self-absorbed. Tell her directly how hurt you are that she seems uninterested in your life, although she may not respond well. If she continues to irritate you, we recommend you scale back on the communication.

Don't e-mail or call as often. If she calls, listen for a few minutes and then tell her nicely that you are busy and have to get off the phone. Sorry to say, not all friendships stand the test of time.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Happy American Bachelor," who can't get past the second date and says he's given up on women.

Could it be this guy has unrealistic standards? In my experience, it seems like most guys look for a 20-something long-legged blonde, preferably resembling a Barbie doll. He said he doesn't have much dating experience and proposed a few times. Is he latching on to women too soon, scaring them off?

I, too, am frustrated. I may not be drop-dead gorgeous, but I am funny, smart, love sports and have many interests. I'm tempted to give up, too, but something tells me to hold out hope. — 37, Single and Disappointed

Dear 37: People who can't find romantic partners often are looking in the wrong places, missing a delightful interior because they are too focused on a gorgeous exterior. We hope one of those "many interests" will lead you to a friendship worth exploring.

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

Luncheon and card party held

HUNTINGVILLE

Another card party was held at the Houle home on March 31, 2009, with proceeds for St. James Church Compton, and the Sunshine fund. Bunnies, chickens and colourful Easter eggs decorated the rooms.

After a delicious meal of baked beans, casseroles, salads, rolls and pies, the card games began.

Highest score: George Peasley, score 5960; second: Isabel Nelson, score 5520; third: Helena McComb, score 4760.

The consolation prize went to Sue Nichols, who also won the prize for the most skunks (2).

The Guessing Game (no. of teabags in a jar) was won by Ruth Charleau.

Special prizes: grocery box was won by Sue Nichols; a clock with extra batteries was won by Helena McComb.

Door prizes were claimed by Isabel Nelson, George Peasley, Harris Alsson, Louise Peasley, Elsie Mills and Helena McComb.

Once again, many thanks to Nilda, Pat and Ruth for all they do.

"Planning Ahead!" at Shebrooke Christian Women's Club

March winds blew in Julie Marcoux with all her new creations. It was exciting to see all that could be done by recycling materials. We saw, touched and learned about "Art and Beads Creations". Musicians, Joanne (on keyboard) and daughter Catherine Bélair (with violin) played the old favourite for St. Patrick's day, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and later on played "Knowing You, Jesus". Our speaker, Leslie Buchanan

talked about having "A new life creation!" She shared life memories, the value of friends, that life is not always easy and how we can change our focus for the better.

Ladies, are you planning ahead for a summer garden? If you have never come to CWC now is your chance. There is no membership. All women are invited to the next get together. We plan to have lots of fun on Thursday, April 9. Richard Goodhue is going to talk about planting some giant pumpkins. Soloist Melissa Fafard, who is now living in Pincourt, Qc., is coming especially to sing for our group. Mary Harbinson, our speaker will talk about a good plan for life!

All the fun starts at 9:30 a.m. at A.N.A.F. (Army Navy Air Force) Hut, 300 St. Francis Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville). The \$6.00 entrance fee includes the program and a light snack! We are a very welcoming group and look forward to seeing you there. You'll be glad that you came.

Submitted by Nadine Fafard



Mom, Joanne Bélair on keyboard and daughter, Catherine on violin



Artist Julie Marcoux with her recycled artwork

Trenholm Ucw

Members of the Trenholm UCW met at the home of Lillian Blanchette on Monday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. President Doris Stevens opened the meeting with the repeating of the "Purpose" and the "Lords Prayer". 7 members answered the roll call and over 40 visits to church families, local retirement homes and/or hospitals were reported. Treasurer, Lillian Blanchette, read her financial report, and secretary, Debbie Knowles-Johnston, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The date of the annual Trenholm United Church Pork BBQ was set for Saturday, May 16th (4:30 - 6:30 p.m.). Details for the barbecue were discussed and assignments will

be distributed at our next meeting on April 20th. 150 tickets will be available through advanced sales. Posters with details will be posted about town. Marge Abercrombie reported sending get well and thinking of you cards as well as delivering a "sunshine gift" to a church member who had been hospitalized. Thank you cards and notes had been received for cookies that were delivered to 21 church and community friends and families. One member advised us that due to health issues that she would not be able to physically or actively participate in many of our UCW activities. She did plan to continue attending meetings and would help us out as long as she did not have to stand. She was assured that her health came first and foremost, and that she would still be a very valuable asset to the group. Lillian and Debbie along with a church board member will approach the municipality with the hopes that we will be able to get permission to drill a well for the church. Our first church service for 2009 will be our Easter Communion Service which will be held at 1:00 on April 12th. It will be followed by our usual "Cookie Hour" get-together. As there was no further business the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Submitted by Debra Knowles-Johnston,
Secretary

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by Luis Campos

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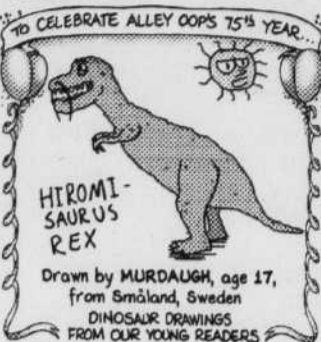
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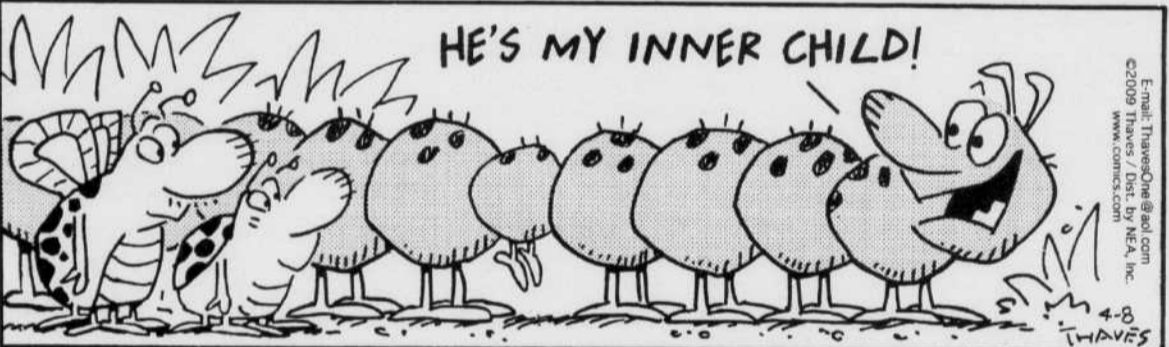
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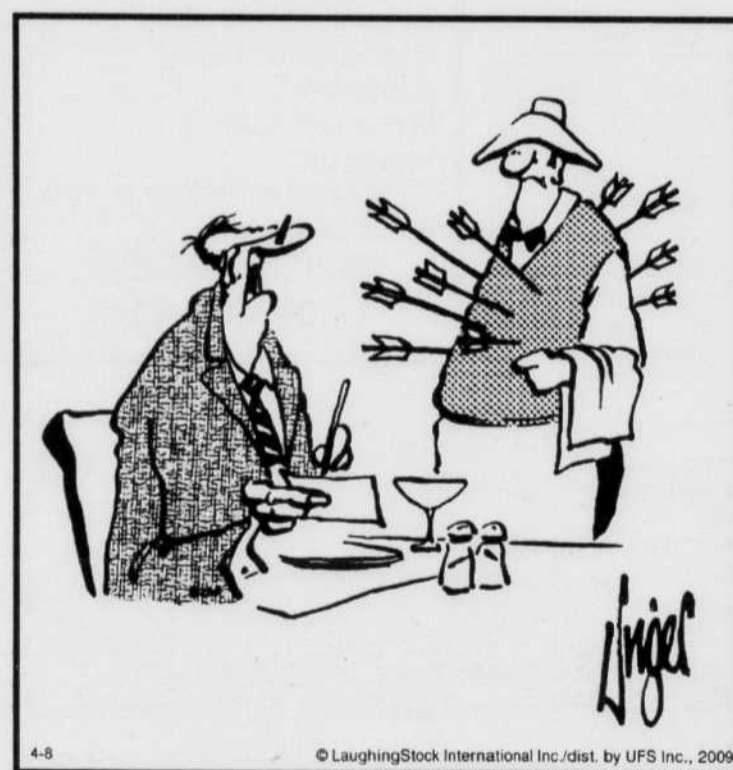
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Richmond Young Women's Institute

The Richmond Young Women's Institute met on March 2, 2009 at the home of Marge Lancaster. The President, Janet Banfill, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated and the Motto on the Month was "A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory". The roll call, name a favourite Irish Person, was answered by 8 members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Rhoda Blake Hudson.

Janet gave the treasurers report as Mona was absent.

Norma Morin thanked everyone for putting on the lunch following her husband Paul's funeral. About 130 people were present. Janet handed in some bills for payment. Rhoda gave the dates for the local Income tax clinics. The group was asked if we wanted to participate in an Information Day scheduled for April 22. It was thought that this should be a county project with all branches participating. We were also asked to submit the name of a member who would be honoured at the Volunteer Supper which will take place on April 23. The name has to be submitted before March 31.

The W.I. Convention at Macdonald College will take place on May 30. Registration forms are to be sent by April 15th. The institute has been asked to make center pieces and provide a history of each institute branch.

Convener reports were given.

Agriculture: Elizabeth read a report on Coaticook Ice Cream production.

Education: Marge read an article on brail signs.

Janet, Elizabeth, Marge, Norma M. will attend the County meeting on March 21. Other members will help at noon with the Chicken Pie dinner. Food was solicited for about 40 people.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. Monies were collected and Pat won the floating prize. Janet thanked Marge for having us and everyone enjoyed lunch and our social time.

Debra Knowles-Johnston, Publicity

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