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Police arrest suspect in armed CIBC robbery

Staff

Police wasted little time in arresting the man suspected of holding up the CIBC in Cowansville on Monday.

Tuesday morning Sûreté du Québec officers pulled up in front of 209 James Street in Cowansville, arresting Aimé Parent, 45, who was outside. After bringing him in for questioning they raided his apartment, uncovering a few pounds of marijuana, ready for sale.

At about 2 p.m. a man entered the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in the Domaine du Parc shopping centre, just a few blocks away from Parent's apartment. The robber showed no weapon, presenting a bag and demanding the contents of the cash drawer. Money in hand, the robber then fled on foot.

SQ spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said the Regional Investigation Bureau headed up the investigation, which quickly pointed them towards Parent.

"So far we have not found any weapon, so we think he used a phony," Ruel said. He said the robbery netted little more than a few hundred dollars.

Parent appeared in court in Granby Tuesday afternoon, where he was charged with armed robbery and possession of marijuana with the intent to traffic. He was then ordered held pending a bail hearing.

Investissement Québec launches \$6.8 million lawsuit against ACI

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Investissement Québec has filed a whopping \$6.8 million against ACI Telecentrics claiming the Minnesota-based telemarketing firm failed to deliver the number and quality of jobs it promised for call centres in Sherbrooke, Caplan and Vaudreuil.

But it appears highly unlikely the government will be able to squeeze any money out of the company that put the government on hold while it systematically closed call centres. As a former company official noted: "They better get out the vaseline."

Josée Beland, a spokeswoman for Investissement Québec, told The Record on Tuesday that ACI did not fulfill the obligation of its subsidy agreements which was to create full-time jobs that would last a minimum of two years.

According to its contracts with the government granting agency, jobs that were subsidized by Quebec taxpayers were also supposed to provide employment for a minimum of 27-hours-a-week, 45-weeks-a-year.

"In all, Investissement Québec paid out some \$2.9 million for 393 jobs for which those terms were not respected," Beland said while summing up the lawsuit. The contracts were not respected either in the number or the duration of jobs - which have since disappeared.

After some drastic downsizing and cuts in pay, ACI finally disconnected its phones this April, throwing more than 100 people out of work in Sherbrooke and dozens more in the Gaspé hamlet

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FILE PHOTO

After some drastic downsizing and cuts in pay, ACI disconnected its phones, packed up and left town last April, throwing more than 100 people out of work in Sherbrooke



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Surprise packages receive warm welcome

"Oh, aren't they cute!" exclaimed my calm and collected cousin. She was referring to the three fat, furry kittens that had come waddling to the barn door.

"You should send them back to Nancy!" she stated.

The vision of sending such a surprise gift to unsuspecting family members sent shivers down my spine. "We can't do that," I protested, "it wouldn't be fair."

"Hey, that's a grand idea!" my partner-in-life responded. "They're building a big, new barn. They'll need some cats to fill it."

"She'd do the same to you! In fact, she's done it," our visitor asserted. Well, not exactly.... It is true that my curious cousin has presented us with boxes of bunnies, ducklings and chicks on various occasions in the past, but most of them were expected and never has she given us cats - young or old.

"Why not?" urged her sister, my ob-

jections falling upon deaf ears. And thus began the saga of Boots, a black, longhaired feline with a daub of white on her chest and a few white toes.

On the appointed day, my calm cousin's spouse dropped by to collect the parcels we were sending off on the journey to Lake Huron. (My curious cousin had agreed to provide a home for some of our doves.) At 10:30 that evening, the phone rang.

"I don't even care if I woke you up!" said a firm, cold voice on the other end of the line, with no greeting whatsoever.

"Oh, hello! No, you didn't wake us. Ah, your delivery arrived, did it?" I spoke in the quietest, calmest tone I could muster. I hadn't expected this reaction. I felt like I was walking on eggshells. This wasn't going to ruin a



SUSAN MASTINE

good friendship was it? I worried.

"Yes, it did!!!" she responded. And then she giggled, "They're so cute!"

A week later, we received a card from my calm and collected cousin. Inside was a note, "You should have seen Nancy & Steve's eyes when they saw three crates in the trunk - and then you should have heard them when one crate started to meow. It was great fun!"

The kittens (we had sent two of the three) had only been in their new home a few days when there was an accident. Boots fell down the stairs. At first, it seemed that she had broken her leg. There were brief discussions as to her future - should she be put out of her misery? Wouldn't her sibling be lonely without her? The decision was made to put a splint on her leg and hope for the

best. Steve, who is allergic to cats, carried her around all day in the pouch of his sweatshirt.

The following morning, disaster had struck. In the night not Boots, but her sister had suddenly died, with no prior sign of illness. Boots has continued to thrive and has learned how to win the hearts of those around her.

Last weekend my curious cousin's grandson asked, late into the evening, "Nanna, can I have a sleepover?"

She answered, "Yes, but only if you go to bed right away."

She finished her hand of cards, and then went to tuck him in. Curled up on the bed, under his arm was Boots. My cousin gently lifted the kitten up.

"Nanna, can Boots spend the night with me?" Up until then, Boots had been sleeping in the garage.

"Oh, alright. Let me take her to her litter box first."

"Thanks, Nanna."

Get wise... immunize

The Centre de santé et de services sociaux du Val-Saint-François is offering a free vaccination service against the flu to the following categories of people: all those aged 60 and over; those with heart or pulmonary chronic disease, asthma, diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, or with other serious medical conditions; and finally those living with people affected by a chronic disease.

Flu immunization clinics will be held over the entire district served by the Carrefour de la santé et des services sociaux. Please note that these free clinics are held without appointment. All persons, other than the targeted population, who wish to be vaccinated against the flu, can receive the vaccine for a \$10 fee. You may come directly to one of the scheduled clinics:

RICHMOND

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to 5:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Centre, Gouin Street

WINDSOR

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 1:30 pm. to 4:30 pm
Centre régional Le Bel Âge, 6th Avenue

VALCOURT

Monday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14 1:30 to 4:30
Municipal Hall, St-Joseph Street

STOKE

Thursday, Nov. 3, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Community Center, Main Street

Immunization against pneumococcal infection is also offered to people with certain chronic diseases and to all those aged 65 and over. Most people need this vaccine only once in their lifetime.

Fundraising Event



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Paul Milliard, member of the board of the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute (IUGS) and organizer of last week's benefit dinner and concert, Marcel Camden, president of the Foundation, Rita Lafontaine, honorary president of the 2005-06 financial campaign and Denis Lalumière, director general of the CSSS-IUGS enjoyed the presentation last Saturday evening by les 3 Divines à la Soirée de Oscars featuring mezzo-soprano Nancy Roy, soprano Julie Perron and pianist Caroline Tellier.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. Showers beginning in the morning and ending in the evening. High 8.

Thursday: Cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers. Low 2. High 6.

Friday: Cloudy. Low 2. High 9.

Saturday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low 2. High 12.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



ACI:

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of Caplan. The Montreal-area centre in Vaudreuil had already disconnected its phone line in the summer of 2003.

Before ACI suddenly pulled the plug on its two remaining calls centres, Investissement Québec had already sent a formal notice demanding repayment of subsidies for all three centres noting ACI failed to respect the conditions attached to the millions in taxpayer subsidies it received.

NEW APPROACH

But the sudden shutdown in April caused the provincial granting agency to chance its tactics. Because there were no longer any jobs to protect, it finally decided to play hardball with ACI.

In Sherbrooke, grants for 600 permanent jobs were authorized when the call centre, ACI's first venture north of the border, opened its doors in 2000. Since then, Quebec subsidized 526 jobs at \$6,500 a pop and is now seeking \$1.133 million for 136 jobs for which subsidies were paid to ACI.

In Caplan, grants for 500 jobs were authorized. According to Beland, Investissement Québec paid subsidies for 165 of them and is claiming back some \$196,000 for 35 jobs.

"We should only have paid for 126," Beland said.

In Vaudreuil, the government agency pre authorized grants for the creation of 625 jobs. It should have subsidized only 126, but ACI made claims for and received subsidies for 348 jobs.

Not only is Investissement Québec reclaiming the \$2.9 million in subsidies for jobs that did not meet contract conditions, the lawsuit is claiming the full reimbursement of handouts to ACI. In case of default, a contract clause allows Investissement Québec to demand reimbursement of job creation subsidies in whole or in part.

SUIT FILED SEPT. 28

The lawsuit names ACI Telecentrics of Quebec as well as its mother corporation in Minnesota. Investissement Québec has had no news from ACI since the lawsuit was filed in Superior Court on Sept. 28. In fact, they have not heard from the company since April when it packed up its files and phones and skipped town.

While Investissement Québec just filed its lawsuit, the government and its granting agency have known for years that ACI was in serious trouble.

A special report in The Record in July 2003 reported that ACI showed little or no profit before coming to

Canada and that the company came here to profit from subsidies.

After a month of research looking into ACI and its financial statements, The Record reported ACI could not capitalize on its investments without generous grants from a number of provincial, federal and U.S. state agencies which were used to offset expenses and labour costs.

In fact, ACI used government subsidies to grow its businesses and keep them afloat. Without a steady infusion of cash from provincial and federal grants it would be pretty much out of business, financial statements clearly indicated.

IN ONE DOOR, OUT THE OTHER.

At the time, The Record also reported the Canadian call centres were not living up to the conditions of their lucrative subsidy agreements. Despite its obligation to maintain jobs for which it had received a financial contribution for a minimum of two years, ACI had a high turnover rate. Disgruntled workers complained the company was kicking people out the back door while bringing new ones in the front to take advantage of government grants.

We also reported the company was in dire financial straits and could easily be forced into bankruptcy if Investissement Québec demanded a reimbursement of its subsidies. And while the company was hemorrhaging money and profits were virtually nil, corporate directors including Chief Executive Officer Ric Diamond were voting themselves huge salaries and bonuses.

Not only was all of that information available on the Internet for all to consult, as ACI's main stakeholder north of the border, Investissement Québec received copies of all annual and quarterly reports.

Following The Record's investigative report, it became increasingly clear that ACI would not maintain its promises, and was having a hard time surviving despite the considerable corporate welfare it received.

JOB CUTS

The telemarketing company announced last fall it was cutting 200 jobs here and some more in Caplan. Later, in February, it informed its re-

maining workforce, including 192 employees in Sherbrooke, that salaries would be slashed by 20 per cent and that the company would no longer contribute to employee benefit packages for medical, dental and life insurance premiums.

It was a far cry from ACI's opening which was attended by then Finance Minister Bernard Landry and a number of federal, provincial and local dignitaries and government officials who all vaunted the merits of the call centre and the hundreds of job opportunities it would provide, particularly for local anglophones.

The drastic downsizing caused Investissement Québec to sit up and realize the file was unraveling. It finally forwarded the ACI file to lawyers who decided to demand a refund on disbursements.

CASH STRAPPED

Following Investissement Québec's first demand for reimbursements last

fall, ACI CEO Diamond told The Record the company could not afford to reimburse Quebec and that doing so would compromise the future of its ill-fated call centres in Quebec. Following the predictable shutdown in April, Diamond told Global News the company had no money left to pay severance pay to its employees.

WORKERS SEEKS COMPENSATION

And while Investissement Québec seeks to recover its losses, employees in Sherbrooke and Caplan are also trying to obtain severance pay which the company claimed it was too broke to pay.

While ACI offered to pay employees their last week of wages, the company denied them the severance pay they are entitled to by law.

Quebec's Commission des Normes du Travail estimated the global claim against ACI for workers in Sherbrooke would amount to about \$400,000 - the equivalent of 12 weeks pay for some 120 workers. Claims are based on the last week of work and workers, who had been making about \$10 an hour, received a 20 per cent pay cut in February a few months before the shutdown.

Company president Ric Diamond did not return The Record's calls.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2005

Bresee team kicks off campaign in Sutton

Sutton incumbent mayor Winston Bresee has announced his running mates and unveiled his platform for the Nov. 6 elections. "We took our time, verified each other's interests and goals, and came up with a team that represents all of Sutton," says Bresee.

The Bresee Team is composed of Michael Herman, Charles Weldon, Jocelyne Bonneau, Valerie Horne Godue, Roland A. Renaud, and Phil Lechasseur.

MICHAEL HERMAN

Michael Herman has been a resident of Sutton since his parents bought Turkey Hill Farm 37 years ago. He says he will work toward fiscal prudence, careful development, and the further improvement of roads and medical and emergency services.

"I am an active member of the community and I feel that my nine years of farming and working in maple bushes, 30 years of successful business

management, plus my involvement on the boards of many provincial, national, and international organizations will be a great asset to the council and to Sutton," Herman notes.

CHARLES WELDON

Charles Weldon has lived in Sutton for 20 years. "I have found it a great place to live. I intend to contribute to making it an even better place for our children," Weldon affirms.

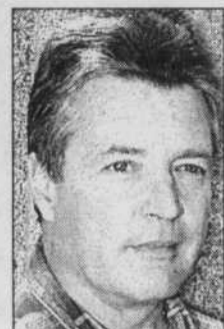
"I will work hard to implement novel ideas within the new urban plan and zoning that favour intelligent development with a strong conservation focus regarding our unique landscape and cultural heritage."



Jocelyne Bonneau



Phil Lechasseur



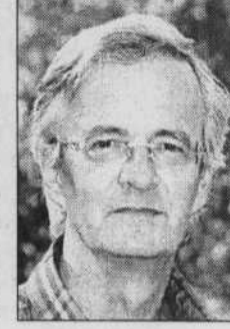
Michael Herman



Charles Weldon



Valerie Horne Godue



Rolland A. Renaud

JOCELYNE BONNEAU

Jocelyne Bonneau has been a Sutton town councillor for the past three years. She was involved in the Villas des Monts de Sutton housing project and says she will continue to work toward more affordable housing. Bonneau also wants to improve the town's parks and recreational facilities.

VALERIE HORNE GODUE

"From the word go in a new mandate, I would jump into the next issue of

Sutton Plus, which I had the pleasure of launching in 2002," promises Valerie Horne Godue, a Sutton resident since 1983. Horne Godue's other priorities include road and waterworks infrastructure improvements, and supporting the Arts and Culture Committee.

ROLLAND A. RENAUD

A retired scientific photographer at the University of Montreal, Rolland A. Renaud has also worked with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). He and his wife have lived in Glen Sutton for the past three years. Renaud is particularly interested in public safety and the preser-

vation of wildlife and Sutton's natural capital.

"We are going through a period of change and we have choices to make. We must make the right choices," Renaud insists.

PHIL LEVASSEUR

Phil Lechasseur lives in Sutton with his wife and his two young children and has worked in customer service all his life. "I chose to live here for the diversity of people and the balance between conservation, development, arts, and tourism. This is what I want to preserve and grow, while ensuring that the average person can make a living here," Lechasseur explains.

CAMPAIGN

Bresee himself is banking on his 24 years of experience in municipal affairs in Sutton. He says his availability and project management experience will be an asset to the taxpayers during the wire-burying project in 2006, which includes updating Sutton's water supply systems and residential hook-ups, as well as roadwork.

Among the Bresee administration's ac-

complishments of the past three years are: the building of a municipal garage; the implementation of door-to-door recycling in the village; and the continued purchase of tracts of land on Mont Sutton to assure their protection from commercial development.

Over the next four years, the Bresee Team promises to: re-develop the Filtext site to the expand the commercial area and increase parking spaces; implement a government-subsidized affordable housing project; open a position for recreation and social co-ordinator; and use the federal government gasoline rebate to complete the rebuilding of the Scenic highway.

The Bresee Team will be holding meet and greet sessions Saturday, Oct. 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the community centre at 132 Mont Echo Rd.; Saturday, Oct. 29 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Auberge Glen Sutton, 1388 Missisquoi Valley Rd and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 2 Curley St.

There will also be a debate between Bresee and his opponent Ken Hill this Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. in the gymnasium of Sutton elementary school.

Scotstown has full slate of candidates

By Brion Robinson

Scotstown's mayoral hopefuls are facing off over a new fresh water system and cost cutting as councillor candidates compete for all the remaining seats.

The municipality is one of the few where every seat is being contested.

Municipal councillor Solange Bouffard said she wants to continue her municipal work as mayor.

"I'm looking forward to finishing what we've been working towards over the last three years," she said, noting a new fresh water system for the municipality is one of her top priorities.

The municipality's new \$2-million-fresh water system should be completed within a year.

Bouffard, a lab technician who has been a councillor for years, said a mayor doesn't manage a town but works with council to get things done.

"Councillors need to work together," she said, noting despite any changes, the new council should work well together.

"We're a municipality of about 615 people and most people get along," she said. "There shouldn't be any problems with new council members."

Bouffard's opponent, Myriam Sainson, who has more than 20 years experience in federal and provincial politics, also said the fresh water system is among her top priorities. But she said council needs to make budget cuts to help pay for it.

"Organizations we don't need are getting big grants," she said, noting the municipality's economic development society received \$70,000 last year to upkeep parks and bike trails.

Some of her "budget trimming" includes merging two secretarial jobs into one and reducing funding for the economic development society.

"We need more of this money invested in the economy," she said, noting the loss of some 100 jobs at the Shermag furniture factory in the winter has been a hard economic blow.

Sainson said the abandoned building

can still attract new businesses and as mayor she will encourage new industries to set up shop in the tiny municipality.

"We need to rebuild our economy," she said, noting the community still has potential to grow.

Besides a new mayor, the council may also have many new faces. No councillors have been acclaimed and candidates are competing for four of the council's six seats.

Mark Hart, Sainson's husband and the only anglophone is facing Michael Boulanger for Seat #1.

Michel Beauchemin, Jean Langlois and Lucien Lauzon who are competing for Seat #2.

Seats #5 and #6 include the only councillors elected in 2003.

Incumbent Jeanne D'Arc Chevanel-Guillette defends her seat against Sébastien Gabanna and Rémy Beauchese.

Councillor Jacques Duchesneau faces Daniel Gaudreau for Seat #6. brobin-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Mayoral candidate Myriam Sainson and husband Mark Hart, who is running for a seat on council.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2005

Waterville mayoral race focusing on water, roads

Council acclaimed with two new councillors

By Brion Robinson
SHERBROOKE

Waterville's mayoral incumbent Gérald Boudreau said he's been mayor for the last dozen years because he knows how to get things done.

Boudreau, who has faced major op-

position from some English-speaking residents and history buffs after council decided to change the name of a stretch of road named after pioneer Gilbert Hyatt to Route 143, said both sides have reached a compromise.

He said the town will continue with the name change and will erect a \$5,000 monument in honour of Hyatt and early settlers near the covered bridge on Milby street.

Although Boudreau said both sides are satisfied, the name change has been deemed illegal by Quebec's toponymy commission, which is charged with place names in

Quebec. It is up to the commission to officially change the name.

Despite these recent issues, Boudreau said he has done a good job, noting some major projects completed in the last few years such as the construction of a municipal garage and purchase of a new fire truck, without taking out any loans.

"The municipality's coffers are in good hands," Boudreau said, noting one of the major issues facing municipal council is the new fresh water system. The plan will cost the municipality thousands and they only have a few more years to get water pumping. Government regulations are calling for a new system by 2008 and council is looking at digging wells in the area because

filtering water from Massawippi Lake could be too costly.

In addition, Boudreau said he wants to see a partnership with three levels of government for hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix King Street.

Boudreau's opponent, Sébastien Manseau couldn't be reached for an interview before press time.

Although the mayoral campaign is in full swing, the council has already been acclaimed.

Councillors Bastien Nadeau (Seat #3) and Nathalie Dupuis (Seat #6), Antoine Deacon (Seat #1), Gladys Brun (Seat #2), Gordon Barnett (Seat #4) and Gilles Charest (Seat #5) were all acclaimed.

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ELECTION NOTEBOOK

Stanstead mayoral candidates debate

The Business Association of Stanstead (AGARS) will host a forum/debate among mayoral candidates for the mayor's seat in Stanstead on Nov. 6. There are three candidates running for office: Robert Sheldon, Jody Stone, and incumbent, Raymond Yates, all of whom are expected to be present for this event.

Members of the community are encouraged to join local journalists to pose questions to each of the candidates. The debate will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Beebe Town Hall (above the Caisse Populaire) at 7 p.m.

Coaticook gets new mayor, half of council seats contested

Staff

Coaticook's new mayor, Bertrand Lamoureux may be working with some new councillors following November's municipal elections.

Half of the town's seats are being contested and just two of six seats have been filled.

Newcomers in this election include Charles Poulin and André Marois, who are campaigning for Seat #1.

Other races include incumbent Michel Viens and Sylvain Véronneau who are competing for Seat #3. Incumbent Luc Demers and Raynald Drolet are facing off for Seat #4.

The town's acclaimed council members include Madeleine Drolet, Lionel Giroux and Gaétan Labelle.

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On writing

The author George Orwell says that to assess a writer's motives you must examine his early development. I believe there is truth in that, certainly for others if not for me. In fact I am hesitant about even labeling myself as a writer, although I have been doing it all my life and for a host of different motives.

Attempts to pierce the cloudy memories of my youth yield very little – except to say that things seemed a lot purer and freer of criticism. I always enjoyed reading and in high school I liked writing essays. I still recall that I sometimes had to read out my efforts occasionally for the edification of fellow students in English literature. Ah the caring Sisters of St. Joseph! How they influenced, and embarrassed us all. I don't deny there was some pride, but the vivid memory is of embarrassment. (At what age do we stop blushing?) Poetry would have been worse, I suppose, but back then any writing undermined the macho image I sought to cultivate. I don't know about winning the young girl's attention. I suspect that it probably works for the youth of today, if not in my time. ("Yeah baby, I'm a sensitive troubled writer. Yeah, I suffer, I feel things more deeply than others.")

The truth is that as the years follow swiftly one upon the other I feel less confident about the way things were

back then in matters of the heart. Today I am even more uncertain of the way things are. Like the economist John Kenneth Galbraith I seek out information about the benefits of growing older, and appreciate anything he has to say about aging and matters of the heart. "I have," he says, "searched diligently to discover the advantages of age, and there is, I have concluded, only one. It is that lovely women treat your approaches with understanding rather than disdain."

Not only was Galbraith the most readable of economists, he wrote with wit, courage, and insight, and books such as *The Affluent Society* (1958) still make exciting reading. He serves as a beacon for all writers – but especially those who can take complex material and make it sing. Economists still owe him a debt, and the best of them readily concur. He wrote for colleagues, the public, the ages; – and in a manner that was always original, accessible, and enjoyable. I love in particular his response to a compliment received about the skill, fluidity, and ease with which he expressed himself. "Yes," he said, and then added, "Of course, that's after the eleventh draft."

I had my first short story published in the early 1960s. I admit today it was



TOM
CAVANAGH

not much, but there is a nice and improbable footnote. More than thirty years later my eldest daughter had her first story published in the same magazine. What a strange and pleasant sensation for us both when we discovered the coincidence.

At one point early in my teaching career I decided that I would try to publish at least one article a year. I did not always manage, but it certainly kept me honest. The goal did not relate to the publish or perish syndrome in academe. In CEGEP no such pressure exists. (More is the pity.) My motivation arose in part from a belief that since I was judging the quality of writing of others (younger though they might be) it seemed only proper that my own skills should be steadily honed and tested. Again, it keeps you honest and guarantees an unwavering level of comfort, sympathy, and confidence in when passing judgment on others. I also admit to the insecurities and anxiety prone temperament of all good Catholics. We need back-up plans. You never know when your cover might get blown. So keep the resume in top form, and remember that publications impress others, in addition to providing something interesting to talk about in the interview for a new job. Assuming you make it to the interview.

There is truth in the last passage, but more needs to be said about motivation for writing. In the course of earning my daily bread and raising a family there was never enough time for my penchant/passion for writing. Passion is the best word. I can spend hours happily in the process. I forget about food and drink, and bask in a kind of

satisfaction that seems unlike other forms of endeavour. (Of course I cannot speak for painters, sculptors, carpenters, etc.)

I realize that the excitement of deciding on the best word, best construction, most apt metaphor, most effective introduction, etc. does not set all hearts beating faster. But for a writer the process approaches the sublime. The pleasure is hard to describe. Perhaps images are best. A spider spinning a web. A deer blissfully grazing in a field of clover alongside a silent stream. And the writer at his desk with the whole English language at his disposal to sample and savour.

A few final observations are essential. For all the rewards it is desperately hard work. Make no mistake. For journalists in particular there is little room for error or explanation with those 900 word limits, – which I often ignore. Finally all writers need certain questions at eye level above the desk to periodically jerk us back for a cold skeptical reality check. "Will the reader keep reading?" "Will she turn the page?" Answers are never definitive, but the questions need to be asked.

The last word goes to Lynn Freed a writer and teacher of creative writing. It may seem a bit romanticized as she speaks of the force that makes writing essential, and the writer's struggle to find his/her voice; – but it is good.

"The writer must be in love with the language, with the words themselves, the sound of the words on the page, the music they make in meaning. He must love them not so much in order to express the self as to discover a self, and through it, his province, his territory, the territory of his story."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appreciate The Record

DEAR EDITOR,

I want to thank you for reporting the article in the Sherbrooke Record, Sept 19, 2005, "Today's Kids." I had set it aside to read when I had more leisure time to "really read it."

Thank you for your insightfulness.

I don't write much English anymore. I appreciate The Record also for the many political reviews one finds there. What is really behind the disinformation we get on television which is growing daily especially from our ministers? We can tell now they're lying about something.

Yours truly,

LILY FULLER
Drummondville

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What happened to all the good news?

Have you ever asked yourself why so much bad news is reported by the media? From what we read in newspapers, hear on radio, and watch on television, this year has been an *Annus horribilis*. First, it was all about the war in Iraq, then the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast followed by the deadly mud slides in Guatemala and now the deadly earthquake in Pakistan. If that isn't enough, hardly a day goes by that we aren't reminded of the danger of the bird flu reaching our doorstep. What happened to all the good news?

Most editorials and columns are alike. Every day some government official, company or political party is slammed for having made a "wrong", "bad", "abusive" or criminal decision. My columns are no better- I too have done my share of criticizing.

YOUR FAVORITE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

If you have any doubt as to how much bad news is reported, I challenge you to a little test. Take any one of your favorite national print newspapers and rate all of the news items, events and stories according to whether they amount to good or bad news. If you don't want to read the stories, just look at the headlines. Sports and financial stories aside, I bet the unpleasant ones win hands down.

TELEVISION AND INTERNET NEWS ARE NO DIFFERENT

If television represents your number one source of news as is the case for most of us, I challenge you to try the same test with your favorite evening newscast. Just calculate the airtime de-

voted to good news and you will reach the same conclusion. Those of you who take your news off the Internet, try searching through the Goggle headlines and again you will know what I mean.

There can be no mistake - what we learn from the media is pretty darn grim. When the news doesn't focus on wars, hurricanes and earthquakes much of the coverage deals with crimes of every sort, motor vehicle accidents, airplane crashes, job cuts, divorces, fuel and job shortages, budget deficits, lock-outs, strikes, police investigations and health care problems.

TOP 10 NEWS STORIES IN 2004

The situation is no different in the U.S. Take their top 10 news stories for the year 2004. No matter what source you rely on, the news was all about soaring oil prices, hurricane destruction, flu vaccine shortage, violence in Iraq, genocide in Sudan, the death of PLO leader, Yasser Arafat and former president, Ronald Reagan, earthquake and tidal waves in Asia and the 9/11 Commission Report.

Does all this mean that we live in a pretty pathetic and mixed-up world or that most editors believe we're simply not really that interested in good news? Before I attempt to answer, let me tempt you with another challenge.

YOU'RE THE EDITOR

Let's assume you were in charge of a bureau of reporters - how would you modify the news coverage? Would you



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

instruct them to seek out a giving teacher or nurse and have them write an inspiring story? How about a column regarding a coastal region down south where there hasn't been a single hurricane. Why not go one step further and have your star reporter write a series of stories about various politicians and civil servants who never abused their powers or expense accounts. With similar stories, the odds are that your newspaper would die a slow economic death.

If you are one of those TV viewers who wants more good news, how about asking the manager of your favorite station to follow the Newfoundland example and devote the last five minutes of local news to congratulating smiling couples on the occasion of their 50th or 60th wedding anniversary. I'm sorry to say in Quebec, any such coverage would go over like a lead balloon.

WHAT CONSTITUTES NEWS

Part of the answer as to why so much bad news is reported by the media has to do with the definition of what constitutes news. Despite different wordings they all refer to the element of new information about specific and timely events. The one I like defines news as, "a report of recent occurrences; information of something that has lately taken place, or of something before unknown"

In the news gathering process, it has been said, time and time again, that news is not judged as being "good" or "bad," but by its importance and truth.

Translation: bad or negative news is part of the Good News. As one New York city editor said, "When a dog bites a man that is not news, when a man bites a dog, that is news."

MIRROR OF SOCIETY?

Let's admit it - the world is full of bad news and as long as the media has a duty to mirror society we shouldn't be too surprised by what we read, see and hear. On the plus side, by being well informed we can make proper judgments and wise choices. If you are still not convinced, just think of the many wrongs that have been righted in our society thanks to their exposure by the media.

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS

However, it isn't just that simple. Economics also has a lot to do with why so much importance is attributed to bad news. The simple fact is that bad news is often more appealing than good news. Any national newspaper, television station or news radio station oblivious to this fact could have a hard time finding advertisers. How else can you explain the importance attributed by the media to the subject of crime? The more vicious or grotesque the crime, the higher the public profile of the accused or victim, the more we want to be informed. Political scandals have an even higher appeal, especially when they involve abuse of power, wealth and sex.

Back to the question - what happened to all the good news? For those of us who still want to change the world to a better place, we don't really care that much.

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BRIEFS

Tractor trailer tips on 55

The northbound lane of Autoroute 55 was closed for several hours Tuesday evening after a transport truck overturned.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said early indications are the load of rolls of paper probably shifted, causing a loss of control. The driver of the tractor-trailer truck escaped uninjured.

The autoroute was closed and traffic diverted to Highway 143 while the mess from the crash was cleaned up.

Granby clothing store robbed

The Granby Police are investigating an armed robbery at the Reitman's store Monday afternoon.

At about 3 p.m. a man entered the Granby clothing store armed with a hand gun, demanding the contents of the cash drawer. The clerk obliged and the man then fled on foot. The

amount stolen was not released by police.

Granby Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels said the man had been seen hanging around the parking lot of the store before the robbery. He is described as a man in his 30s, about five-foot-five inches tall wearing dark clothes.

This is the second time in less than a year that the Reitman's store has been robbed. Anyone with information on this robbery is asked to contact detective Serge Mailhot of the Granby Police at (450) 776-8333, extension 607.

Windsor employees consider pressure tactics

After 33 negotiation meetings, town of Windsor union employees have had enough. The employees have given permission to their negotiating committee to begin using pressure tactics in talks with the town. The mandate received 94 per cent ap-

proval from union members. It stops short of advocating a strike.

The union said that in 2004-2005, municipal employees removed snow from Windsor streets, saving the municipality about \$50,000. The union said the town is trying to give a three-year snow removal contract to a private company.

Church service

The Church of St. Luke, 120 rue des Pins, Magog, will hold its fourth "Francophone Anglican Service of Holy Eucharist" on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. with The Reverend Joanne Brousseau officiating.

Rev. Brousseau, formerly of Magog, is a priest and incumbent of St. James the Greater of Thetford consisting of seven parishes.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service

The Reverend Joanne Brousseau will be available for media interviews after the service.

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ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF GRANBY

The Alzheimer's Society of Granby and surrounding region is seeking volunteers to work with people with Alzheimer's as well as their families.

Location: Granby and surrounding area

Skills: An understanding of French is essential. Training is provided.

For more information, contact George Courville, Townshippers' Association's Montérégie Network Coordinator at 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422) or gc@townshippers.qc.ca, or Camille Girardot at (450) 777-3363 or alzheimer-granby@bellnet.ca.

AVANTE WOMEN'S CENTRE

Avante Women's Centre is seeking volunteers on an occasional basis for numerous tasks. The Centre is also presently seeking a volunteer computer

tutor.

Location: Bedford area

Skills: no special skills are required
For more information, contact George Courville, Townshippers' Association's Montérégie Network Coordinator at 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422) or gc@townshippers.qc.ca, or Gayl Rhicard at (450) 248-0530 or avantegayl@bellnet.ca.

ON VOLUNTEERING

"Top benefits of volunteering: More than three quarters (79 per cent) of volunteers said that their volunteer activities helped them with their interpersonal skills, such as understanding people better, motivating others, and dealing with difficult situations. Just over two thirds (68 per cent) of volunteers said that volunteering helped them to develop better communication skills. Sixty-three per cent

reported increased knowledge about issues related to their volunteering." Source: Giving and Volunteering.

ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER BANK

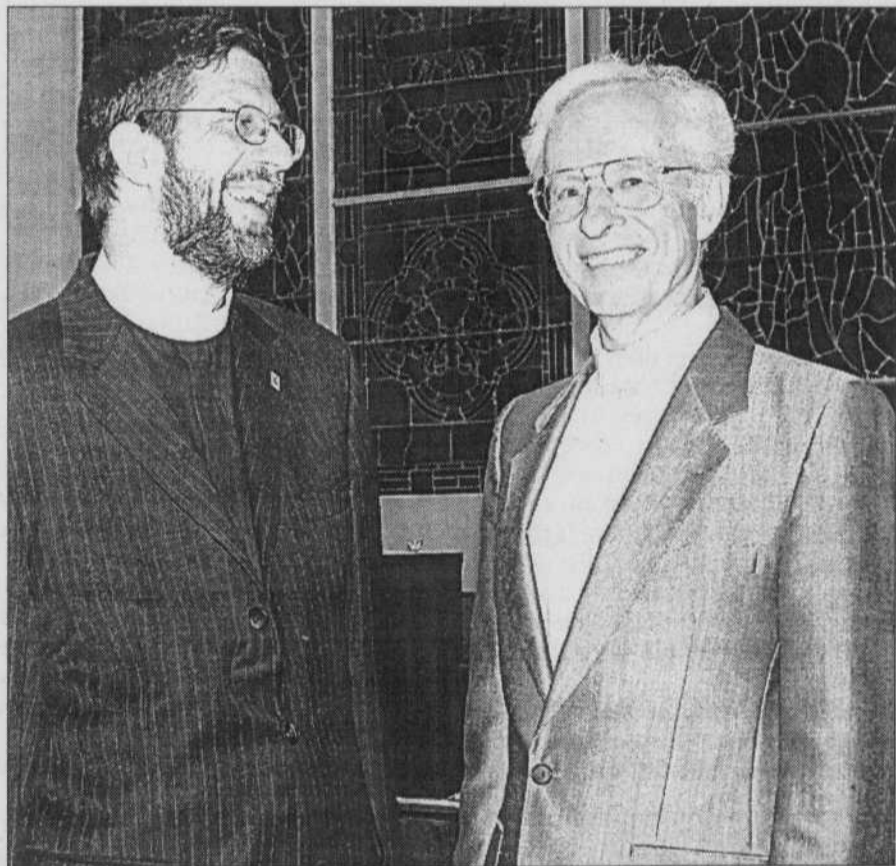
The Volunteer Bank is an initiative of Townshippers' Association and was created as a result of a need expressed by English speakers to become more involved in their community, as well as to provide English-speaking volunteer support to community groups and organizations.

Do you have a special talent, skill, or

service you would like to provide on a volunteer basis? Is your group or organization looking for a few good volunteers? If so, contact Evelina Smith, Coordinator of Townshippers' Association's Volunteer Bank at 566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182),

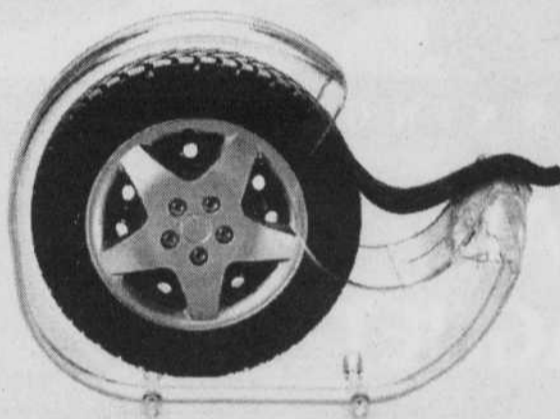
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Presbyterian Synod Meets



BRUCE PATTON/SPECIAL

Some 50 representatives of Presbyterian congregations across Quebec and Eastern Ontario met this weekend at St. Andrew's Church in Lennoxville to participate in their annual synod. According to its pastor, Rev. John Barry Forsyth, offering to host the event gave the congregation an opportunity to put the new building on display. The last time a Presbyterian synod was held in Sherbrooke was 25 years ago, in 1980. The event marked a special occasion for the moderator of the synod, Rev. John Vaudry. A native of Lennoxville, Rev. Vaudry, the son of Fred and Catherine Vaudry, attended Lennoxville High School until the end of grade 10 after which he completed his high school education at the newly-opened Alexander Galt Regional High School. He subsequently obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bishop's University before attending McGill University where he received his Master of Sacred Theology degree. Rev. Vaudry is currently the pastor of the Côte-des-Neiges Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Pictured are Rev. Vaudry (left) with St. Andrew's pastor Rev. Forsyth.



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To fall or not to fall: the threshold of balance recovery

By Nadine Fortin

Do you limit your activities when winter and cold weather shows up? Like many

older people, are you afraid to slip and fall when you are walking on icy sidewalks? It is true that falls can have very serious con-

sequences. Indeed, in 2001, reports from the Institut national de santé publique du Québec showed that falls were the most important causes of death, hospitalization, treatment and disability from non intentional injuries.

To better understand why older adults fall more often and fall more easily than younger ones, many researchers have studied the loss of balance and the ability to recover balance when an individual undergoes a small or medium postural perturbation such as tripping, slipping.

These studies have shown that elderly people often have to do more than one step to recover their balance. The direction of the loss of balance also has an impact on the ability to recover balance. Furthermore, a sideways loss of balance increases the risk of a hip fracture. These studies have also helped to identify nearly sixty risk factors for falls such as a weak muscular strength, long reaction time, attention problems, etc.

Unfortunately, few researchers have studied the ability to recover balance when a person is subjected to large postural perturbations where it is not always possible to avoid a fall.

A team from the Research Centre on Aging of the Health and Social Services - University Institute of Geriatrics of Sherbrooke and the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Université de Sherbrooke is interested in answering that question. The leader of this group is the engineer, Cécile Smeesters. She wants to know what the threshold of balance recovery is, to better understand the causes of falls.

Professor Smeesters does not want to study only the loss of balance. She has thus developed a laboratory to study falls in a safe way. She likes to compare the study of falls with the training of an athlete, specialized in 100 m races, who would like to run a marathon. If the runner wants to complete the distance, he will have to prepare himself as a marathon runner does. If he continues his training on short distances he will never finish the marathon.

In practical terms, the members of the research team observe, measure and analyze the movements done by a person who

is trying to avoid a fall when placed in a situation of great imbalance. Younger and older men and women have already contributed to the advancement of scientific knowledge on balance recovery by participating in this research project. Their contribution is helping to determine the effect of the postural perturbation, the effect of limiting the number of steps and the effect of the loss of balance direction on the ability to recover balance to avoid a fall.

The main objective of Cécile Smeesters's work is to determine the motor (e.g.: muscular strength), perceptuo-sensory (e.g.: time of reaction) and cognitive (e.g.: attention) skills that influence the most the threshold of balance recovery.

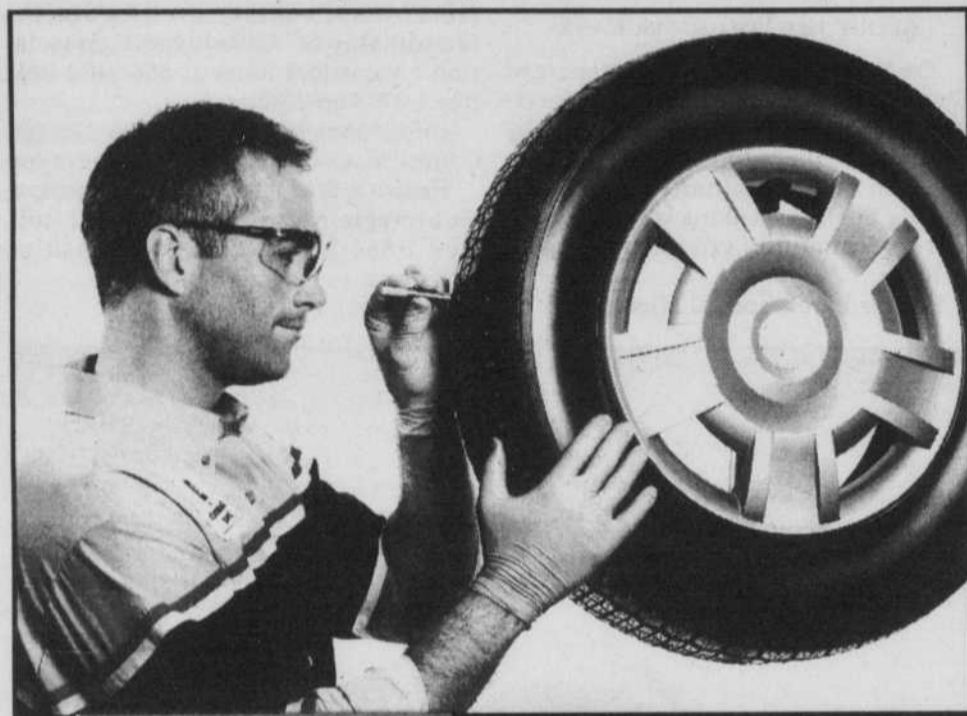
Her preliminary results have shown that the threshold of balance recovery is not affected by the postural perturbation or limitations on the number of steps. However, the direction of the loss of balance does have an impact. Therefore, it is possible that different skills influence the ability to recover balance in different directions.

CONFERENCE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND BALANCE AND FALLS

If you would like to learn more on the subject and see the different studies that are going on in her laboratory, Cécile Smeesters is going to give a conference entitled "To fall or not to fall: the threshold of balance recovery", on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m., at the Amédée-Beaudoin Community Centre in Lennoxville. Admission is free for all attendants. This activity is part of the CSSS-UIGS's Board of Governors.

LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS

The research team of Cécile Smeesters is always looking for healthy women and men, aged between 65 and 85 years old, who would like to contribute to the advancement of scientific knowledge on balance recovery. An amount of \$20 per visit is offered to cover the travel expenses of the participants. For more details, call Valérie Tremblay-Boudreault, physiotherapist and research officer, at telephone number (819) 821-1170 ext 2414.



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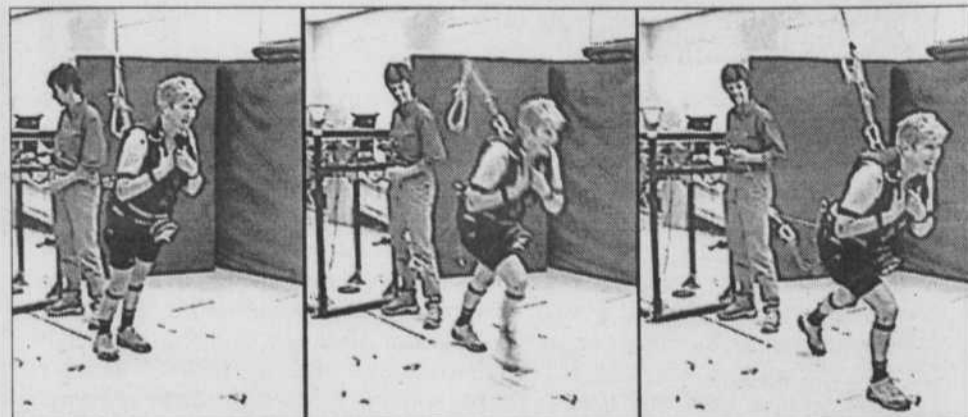
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Jennifer Kang: A force for the future

By Patrick Lavery
LENNOXVILLE

Jennifer Kang is proud to be a tree-hugger. It says so right on her shirt. As president of the Bishop's University Environmental Committee, Kang was instrumental in setting up a composting program and battery recycling program at the school. But Kang is more than just a passionate environmentalist.

In her five years at Bishop's, Kang has been involved on some 35 clubs. The average student may participate in two or three over the course of their university career. The clubs that she participated in are quite diverse. Kang edited the Bishop's student handbook, making several changes to the content and look of the book. Last year she edited the writing magazine *The Mitre*, the oldest university literary magazine in Canada. With no experience, Kang tried out and made the school's women's rugby team.

"I'm active in many areas," she said. "Some clubs I play a smaller role and others, like the environmental committee, I get really involved. It's the reason I came to Bishop's. I knew I could get involved in things I like and that I could try new things."

Kang was recently honoured by the Forces Avenir organization for her outgoing nature and commitment to improving student life at Bishop's. Forces Avenir seeks out Quebec students who work to enrich their own lives as well as the people around them. It awards a scholarship to the person they think best displays these qualities. Kang wound up a finalist, earning a \$2,000 prize.

With a little prompting from Bishop's Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Stevenson, Kang applied to the organization.

"It was a very extensive application process," she said. "I had to prepare a comprehensive C.V., shoot a video about myself, and eventually there was an interview with people from Forces Avenir. It was really intense."

Overall, nine finalists were picked, including Kang. "I thought my chances were good," she said. "I was daunted a little by the other finalists. Some were involved in big projects.



PATRICK LAVERY

Bishop's University education student Jennifer Kang was recognized for her outstanding involvement in student life at Bishop's University by Forces Avenir.

One, a University of Sherbrooke student, had worked with NASA and the Canadian Space Agency on his project."

Kang is still proud of her achievement and the recognition she's earned with the award.

"It's nice to know efforts like mine are recognized and appreciated," she said.

Through her involvement in Forces Avenir, Kang said the organization is willing to sponsor her to visit high schools in her hometown of Pickering, ON, to talk about her experience and encourage students to get active and involved in community projects.

"There is always something left to be done," she said. "You look at the state of the environment, the atmosphere, our air, our drinking water, it all ties in to equality and equity."

Kang is finishing an education degree at Bishop's. "I want to be able to teach kids about the world around them," she said. "I want them to know that the food on their table comes from somewhere. I think some of that knowledge has been lost."

Kang quoted a statistic that shows children can recognize 40 corporate logos by the time they enter kindergarten but can't recognize eight types of birds that live in their region.

For Kang, the choices people can make to have a better environment are simple. "A lot of people choose not too," she said. "It can be something as easy as learning what day to recycle in your neighbourhood. You can reduce the amount of waste you produce by changing your buying habits."

To promote good ecological thinking among students this year, Kang convinced the student council to hand out reusable coffee mugs to new students, rather than the traditional plastic beer stein.

"The school was looking to reduce drinking and this was one way we thought we could promote better living," she said.

Kang said she still has several projects she'd like to see move forward before she graduates from Bishop's in the spring. Given her record of achievement, it's hard to imagine she'll leave them by the wayside. plavery@sherbrookerecord.com

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Research shows shared suppers stave off stress, delinquency

By Misty Harris

Family dinner hour, once an institution in Canadian homes, is becoming a quaint relic among time-starved parents and kids. This according to at least a half-dozen recent reports from top universities, research firms and think-tanks, all of which paint a picture of families in crisis at the dinner table.

Or, more accurately, away from it.

The latest studies - one from Harvard Medical School, the other from Columbia University - cite the family-dinner deficit as a contributing factor in childhood obesity, teen substance abuse, poor academic performance and increased household stress.

The problem has apparently grown to such proportions that a Canadian company - with written support from Prime Minister Paul Martin, no less - is organizing the country's first National Family Dinner Night. M & M Meat Shops is asking parents to make pledges on its web site to dedicate the evening of Nov. 3 to breaking bread with loved ones.

While the online formality might sound silly to some, experts say a modern family needs all the help it can get when it comes to organizing dinner.

"Kids are participating in a ton of extracurricular activities these days," says pediatrician Elsie Taveras, lead researcher of the Harvard study of 14,355 youth. "You can imagine how that increased demand on our time is impacting the ability to get anyone together, let alone an entire family."

A survey released this week by Decima Research for the Holmes Group (marketer of Rival Crock Pot Slow-Cookers) indicates more than half of Canadians feel they don't have time to plan or execute a dinner event for family and friends. A full 30 per cent cited dinner preparation as the most stressful element behind such a gathering.

A separate survey of Canadian women, released this week by Leger Marketing for Palm Canada, similarly found 21 per cent of married moms consider putting dinner on the table to be the most stressful activity in their day.

But Taveras's report, published in this month's issue of the journal Pediatrics, nonetheless calls for doctors to recommend family dinners as an ongoing health

initiative.

"We understand the stresses and demands on people's time," says Taveras. "But our work has shown that if you eat family dinners more often, you have better diet quality and you're less likely to be overweight."

In Canada, there are even "coaches" available to get you started.

Lynn Fraser, founder of Families Are Worth It in Edmonton, says part of her job as a work-life balance coach is to teach families how to plan a meal. She covers everything from turning off the TV to changing "dinner logistics" (for example, eating dessert first) to offering conversation starters.

"It's really easy to put on a pot of frozen vegetables and boil them in the water," says Fraser, who's helping promote National Family Dinner Night. "But when you're feeling stressed, even a simple, straightforward task like that is overwhelming."

Miriam Weinstein, author of the new book *The Surprising Power of Family Meals: How Eating Together Makes Us Smarter, Stronger, Healthier and Happier*, says people claiming to be "too busy" or "too stressed" to plan a family dinner need to reevaluate their lifestyle.

"Schedules are a reflection of our priorities," explains Weinstein, a mother of two. "We brag now about how busy we are, how little time we have for anything, and it becomes self-fulfilling."

While she admits a "seamless, 90-minute dinner" is highly unrealistic, Weinstein believes it's within everyone's power - and in every family's best interest - to attempt regular sit-down suppers.

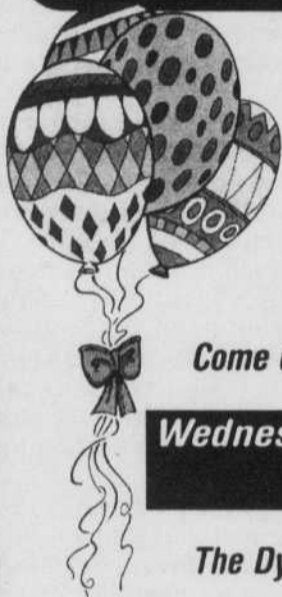
Pointing to a study released in September by the National Centre on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, she notes that family meals are even proven to curb risky behaviours among youth. Compared to teens who have five or more family dinners a week, the report found young people who have two or less family meals are three times likelier to try marijuana, 2 1/2 times likelier to smoke, more than 1 1/2 times likelier to drink alcohol, and almost 40 per cent less likely to receive A's and B's in school.

A study conducted last year by the University of Minnesota drew almost identical conclusions.

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Football doing just fine in Quebec

Football remains the fastest growing sport in the province and nowhere is that more noticeable than at the university level, where 60 per cent of Quebec teams are ranked nationally, and two other teams, the Bishop's Gaiters and Sherbrooke Vert & Or, are building for the future.

Bishop's and Sherbrooke have shown improvement this year, but Laval still dominates the university circuit.

A common refrain heard on campus at Sherbrooke and Bishop's is that both squads are relatively young.

The Vert & Or hold most of the cards in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Quebec conference.

When the dust clears a week from Saturday, Sherbrooke should have clinched its first post season berth since rejoining the university ranks three years ago.

Sherbrooke doesn't even need a win to clinch a playoff position. If Bishop's wins this Saturday against the Acadia Axemen and Sherbrooke loses to St. Francis Xavier, the fourth and final playoff spot will be decided Saturday night at University of Sherbrooke Stadium.

However, the Gaiters will not only have to win then, they will need to win by at least 20 points to advance to the second season. That is unlikely.

Yet both teams can be proud of their accomplishments in developing the two youngest rosters in Canadian Interuniversity Sport. The Vert & Or roster lists 43 first- or second-year players highlighted by two former Champlain Cougars, offensive lineman Francis Daneau and Sherbrooke native, wide receiver Samuel Giguère.

But it is at the other side of town where youth truly reigns. The Gaiters have 38 first- or second-year players and a majority of them are fresh out of high schools outside Quebec. They are two or three years younger than their counter-

parts who entered university following CEGEP.

At least eight of the Gaiters' kiddie squad have started this year and the strength of the group was clearly demonstrated earlier this week when Jamall Lee and Kyle Jones were named the QUFL's Players of the Week.

Lee, an 18-year-old running back from Port Coquitlam, B.C., rushed for 222 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Gaiters to a 27-4 win over McGill Redmen on Saturday. He was named offensive player of the week. The six-foot-three, 210-pound first-year humanities major scored on runs of 61 and 14 yards to lead the Gaiters to their first win of the season.

Jones, a 19-year-old linebacker from Mississauga, Ont., was named the defensive player of the week after registering eight solo and one assisted tackles and an 85-yard interception return that sealed the Gaiters win. The six-foot-two, 200-pound first year business student also had a sack and a tackle for a four-yard loss.

The Gaiters are most likely a year away from the playoffs but with another strong recruiting class this winter, former Canadian Football League all-star and current Bishop's head coach is on track to restoring the school to prominence on the Canadian university football scene.

While Bishop's and Sherbrooke make strides towards being a championship team, the two-rime national champion Laval Rouge et Or keep rolling on.

Pierre-Luc Yao and Nicolas Bisaillon both gained over 100 yards on the ground to lead Laval to a 33-3 victory over Sherbrooke Saturday on a rain-soaked field.

The Rouge & Or racked up their 15th consecutive overall win, one short of their own CIS record set during the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

Most impressive than their national titles and winning streak, is their depth. Their dominance could last for a long time as head coach Glen Constantin continues to attract quality players from Quebec and beyond.

On Saturday, Constantin started freshman Cesar Chavez, a Mexican native, at quarterback in place of fresh-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Despite winning their first game of the season this past weekend against McGill, the Bishop's Gaiters are long shots to make the playoffs this season.

man sensation Benoit Groulx. While heavy rains put a damper on Laval's passing game, the Rouge et Or stayed on the ground, compelling just five of 13 pass attempts.

Yao carried the ball 21 times for 139 yards, including a 74-yard scamper that opened the scoring. Bisaillon added 124 yards on 14 carries.

Sanchez, on a two-yard run late in the second quarter, and Guillaume Allard-Cameus, on a six-yard run midway through the final frame, also scored for the Rouge et Or.

While the Sherbrooke squad played well, neither they nor Bishop's can compete at this time with the powerful Laval machine.

The Rouge et Or, who defeated the Gaiters 61-15 earlier in the season, controlled Saturday's game from the opening whistle and forced the Vert & Or to concede four safeties as a result of poor

field position.

Sherbrooke starting pivot Marc-André Tougas was held to 75 yards on five-of-18 passing and was intercepted four times, twice by veteran Jean-Philippe Lanthier. Leading rusher Diego Ratelle was held to 39 yards on eight carries.

The stingy Rouge et Or defensive unit leads the CIS for the third straight year with an average of 11.33 points allowed per game, having conceded only 68 points thus far in 2005. Laval allowed an improbable 67 points all season in 2004 (8.38) and 86 in 2003 (10.75).

Laval is a shoo-in to win its record-setting 16th consecutive win on Saturday during a visit to the McGill Redmen, who have floundered on and off the field. As Bishop's and Sherbrooke build their programs from the ground up, the Rouge et Or remain the team to beat not only in Quebec but the rest of the country as well.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK



Crofton, Lee are week's best

Basketball player Emilie Crofton and running back Jamall Lee are the Pilsen Pub Gaiter Athletes of the Week for the week ending Oct. 16.

Crofton, a 20-year-old English Studies student from San Jose, was selected on the All-Star Team of the 2005 Lady Gaiter Converse Invitational Tournament this past weekend at Bishop's. She led the Lady Gaiters in scoring in each of their three games this weekend, posting totals of 19, 16 and 13 points.

Lee rushed for 222 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bishop's Gaiters to a 27-4 win over McGill Redmen Saturday. He is now ranked third in the QUFL with 533 yards in six games.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

- **TENNIS: 1 p.m.;** ATP Masters Series Madrid, TSN.
- **SOCCER: 2:30 p.m.;** UEFA Champions League, Chelsea vs. Real Betis, TSN, RDS.
- **BASEBALL: 4 p.m.;** National League Championship Series, St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros, Game 6 (if necessary), TSN, RDS.
- **HOCKEY: 7 p.m.;** National Hockey League regular season, N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, TSN.

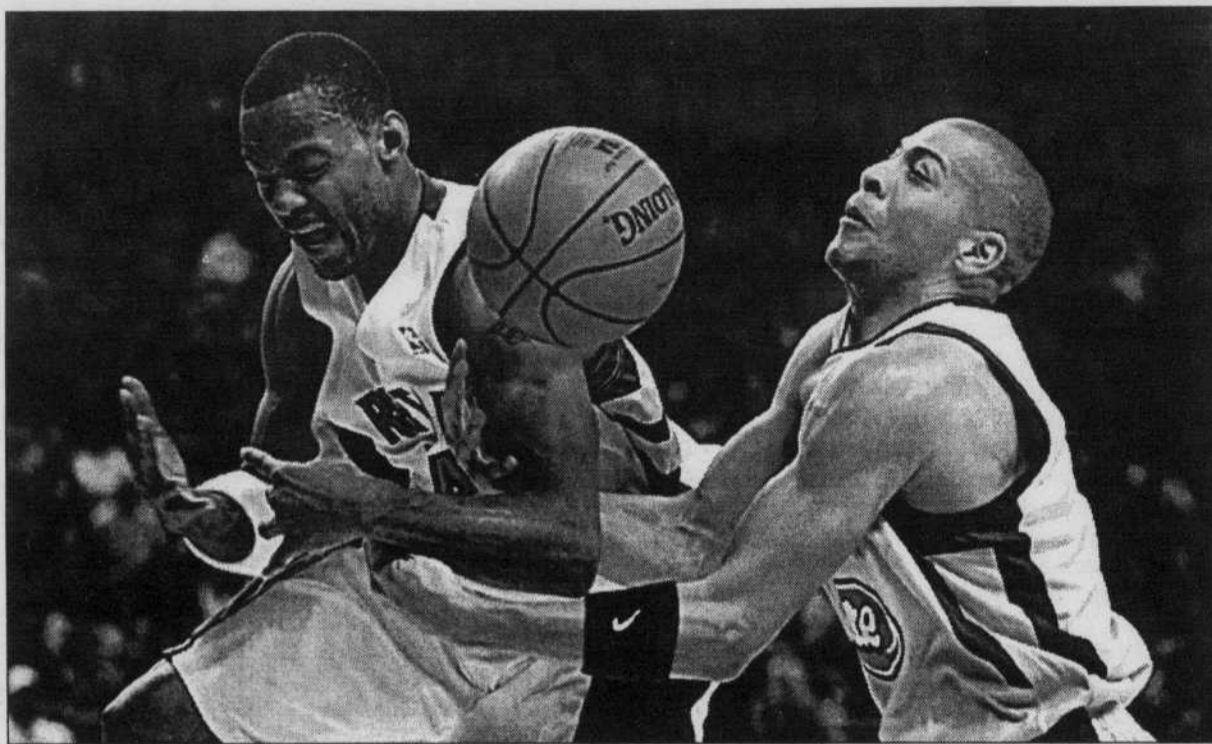
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UPCOMING

- **MEN'S JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Sunday,** Granby at Champlain Cougars, Eugène Lalonde Arena, Sherbrooke, 7:30 p.m.
- **UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL: Saturday,** Acadia Axemen at Bishop's Gaiters, Coulter Field, Lennoxville, 1 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S CEGEP AAA BASKETBALL: Friday,** Sainte-Foy at Sherbrooke Volontaires, Collège de Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S CEGEP AA BASKETBALL: Friday,** Sorel-Tracy at Champlain Cougars, Lennoxville, 7 p.m.
- **MEN'S CEGEP AA BASKETBALL: Friday,** Sorel-Tracy at Champlain Cougars, Lennoxville, 9 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY SOCCER: Friday,** Bishop's Gaiters at Sherbrooke Vert & Or, Sherbrooke, 6 p.m.
- **Sunday,** McGill Martlets at Sherbrooke Vert & Or, Sherbrooke, 1 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY SOCCER: Sunday,** McGill Redmen at Sherbrooke Vert & Or, Sherbrooke, 3 p.m.
- **MIDGET AAA HOCKEY: Saturday,** E.S. Notre-Dame at Magog Cantoniers, Magog Arena, 2 p.m.
- **Sunday,** E.S. Notre-Dame at Magog Cantoniers, Magog Arena, 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Some advice for Raptors fans
— don't expect too much

CANWEST NEWS

After winning only 33 games in 2004-05, the Raptors are struggling again. They are 0-3 in preseason action.

By Bruce Arthur

Well, it's not like Rob Babcock didn't warn us. Sort of. If the Toronto Raptors wanted to take any remaining expectations for the season and drown them in a bucket, then they could hardly have done a better job than they did Sunday afternoon. Losing a meaningless pre-season game to future free agents in Utah Jazz uniforms was one thing; losing to Boston in New Hampshire another.

But a 105-103 loss to Maccabi Tel-Aviv? At home? With Chris Bosh, an all-star in waiting, playing 45 minutes?

Yes, the crowd was pro-Maccabi. (Hey, fans love a winner.) But being the New York Yankees of the Israeli League is, with all due respect, the equivalent of being the New York Yankees of Double-A. Congratulations, but it's a long way to the big time.

Or at least it used to be.

"Last time I checked, the USA didn't win the (Olympic basketball) gold medal, did they?" asked Raptors coach Sam Mitchell on Monday. "Maybe the rest of the world has caught up."

Well, they may have caught the back of the pack on Sunday. And remember, Maccabi has been playing together for months, the Raptors for weeks. Still, the loss was relatively historic, but the bigger picture is this: the Raptors are not, as currently constituted, very good. They are 0-3 in the pre-season, and Babcock's honest assessment of his team from last month — that they would struggle to match last season's win total of 33 — should, at this point, be embraced.

To illustrate the point, take Rafael Araujo. (Comedians, professional and amateur, please hold off on following that sentence with "Please!"). The second-year centre was the No. 8 pick overall last year, and here are his numbers in three exhibitions: 36 total minutes, four-for-10 shooting from

the field, with more fouls (11) than points (10), and more turnovers (10) than rebounds (eight). He is floundering out there like a buffalo on ice skates, and at this admittedly early stage, actually looks worse than he did last season, which ended with him being booed off the floor by Toronto's persistently loyal fans.

When asked, Araujo still sounds confident — a sharp contrast to his tentative demeanour on the floor — but admits this NBA stuff is not easy.

"It's hard to play centre in this league," said the baby-faced Brazilian, who is at least an inch shorter than his listed height of six-foot-11. "It's not like I'm Shaq. Whenever you get in there, you try to do your best. I think any big guy in the league has high expectations, because it's a hard position to play."

Of course, Araujo — or Hoffa to those who know him — didn't force the Raptors to take him at No. 8, which has contributed to the oversized expectations.

Babcock, the man who made the pick, did admit that the big man is behind schedule. There is a comparison, rightly or wrongly, between this particular Raptor administration and its first draft pick. Both are working hard to get better, bit by bit. Both are trying to do the right things, the right way. But at this juncture, neither is very good at it, or seems to have an idea how to get there.

That being said, the Raptors, with Bosh and two first-round rookies and two more picks next year, would seem to have a better chance of success than Araujo. But right now, the talented, desire-filled, exemplary Bosh isn't the face of the franchise. Hoffa is.

"We haven't given up on him," said Babcock. "Would we like him to be farther along? Absolutely. He hasn't developed to the point we thought he would at this point. But we haven't given up on him."

—CanWest News Service

Compton County Historical Museum Society's Annual Fall Cavalcade

Thursday, October 6, a beautiful summer like day, members of the Compton County Historical Museum Society embarked for their annual fall cavalcade. The Melbourne Municipal building was chosen for our meeting place at 10 a.m. From here, with Don and Esther Healy of the Richmond/Melbourne Historical Society as our guides, we visited the Ebenezer Cemetery, a short distance from their museum. The Healys gave a most interesting and informative history of both this cemetery and the former church nearby.

We next visited the Kirkdale Holy Trinity Anglican Church, marveling at its beautiful Memorial windows, and the adjoining cemetery. This is also in the Ulverton area, where we were shown the newly restored United Church, built in 1842, with its cemetery.

At lunchtime, we enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Lefebvre at the Municipal building, a former local church, which is now shared by both the United Church Women and the Anglican Church Women of this area. It has a large cemetery in the back and the famous castle-like Wadleigh house across the street. We were pleased to have stories, history, etc., by Mrs. Lefebvre, Raymond and Elizabeth (Moore) Mastine and Ron Husk which proved most intriguing.

As we left Ulverton, we stopped at the former Congregational Church Cemetery,

which is on a very steep bubble-like hill in a very hilly countryside. One wondered how they ever made it up with a casket. According to legend, an Indian chief is buried in this cemetery.

As we travelled on, we enjoyed an amazing view of the St. Francis River. Next we visited the Husk private cemetery. It is very small, neatly fenced, where Ron Husk's ancestors were buried. The old flat stones had been encased in cement to keep them upright and preserved. A new monument had recently been placed there, also within the fence, with all the names clearly engraved. This cemetery, on part of the original Husk farm, where Ron grew up and attended school. As a young boy, he had a harrying experience while travelling to school by boat.

Farther down the St. Francis River had been the Jutras Ferry, which crossed to Kingsley. Here, George Pinchin remembered helping herd cows across the river.

At L'Avenir, we stopped at St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery. The last stop on the tour was a guided tour of the Ulverton Woollen Mill, which was both interesting and educational.

After a very rewarding beautiful day, much appreciation to our guides for their commentaries, everyone headed for home.

by Nina Rowell

Birchton UCW meeting

Eleanor Taylor hosted the Oct. 4th meeting of the Birchton UCW group at her home on a Tuesday afternoon. Six members and one guest attended. Rena Halsall presided over the business meeting, opening it at 2 p.m. with members repeating the UCW purpose. The devotions were led by Serena Wintle who read the 91st Psalm and then based her meditation on the subject of angels. She pointed to the fact that many people only think of angels at Christmas season but there are many other references in the bible of these heavenly creatures appearing to bring aid and comfort to people. A hymn was sung, "Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love," followed by a prayer, and then we were very pleased to have our young guest, Erica Taylor, play two piano selections of the hymn tunes entitled "There is a Balva in Gilead" and "I come to the Garden."

Minutes of the last June meeting were read by the secretary Marion Sparkes, and the treasurer's report was presented by Serena. Plans were made for our annual Autumn afternoon tea and food sale to be

held in the Birchton church hall from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 22. We also were reminded of the "visitors night" of Bulwer's "Carry-on-Gang" group, and were told that the Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial Executive Meeting would be held in the Bulwer Community Center on Nov. 7. We have been asked to provide sandwiches or casseroles for both of these Bulwer events.

At the close of the business meeting the program was an account by Helen Taylor and Serena Wintle of their recent trip by bus to Boston and then on a huge cruise ship to St. John, NB, Halifax, NS and other places in the Maritime provinces. Their only disappointment on this tour was that they did not go to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. because of the danger of the impending hurricane! Among other passengers on this tour were Gilbert Wintle of Birchton and Janet McAuley of Scotstown.

At the close of the afternoon's meeting pot-luck refreshments were provided by Eleanor, Rena and Marion and much conversation was enjoyed over the tea cups!

Eleanor Taylor

Death

GAGE, Viola Louise Boomhour - Passed away peacefully on October 11th, 2005 in her 89th year at the I.U.G.S. Youville Pavillon, Sherbrooke, QC following a lengthy illness. Viola was predeceased by her devoted husband Stanley Gage and survived by sisters-in-law: Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Louise (Louie) Gage and Mrs. Thelma Gage. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at the Stanbridge East United Church, Stanbridge East, QC on Saturday, October 22nd, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Interment of the ashes will follow at a later date. A special thank you is extended to Mme Claudette Glaude for her many years of caregiving and love. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, 1434 Ste-Catherine St. West, Montreal, QC H3G 1R4. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, QC. Tel.: 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca

Death



PARTRIDGE, William John (Bill) (1913-2005) - Passed away peacefully at the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, Que., on October 16, 2005, in his 93rd year, William (Bill) Partridge, devoted husband for 65 years of the late Evelyn (Buddy) Clark. Dear father of the late John, Peter (Linda), Wayne (Barbara) and Jean (Larry), cherished grandfather of Curtis (Mandy), Lindsey, Greg, Sara (Steven), Jennifer (Shawn) and Darin (Laura). Bill also leaves to mourn his sister Lillian (Cyril) and Ruby, his sisters-in-law Eunice (Danny) and Joan (Wesley), his nephews and nieces, numerous other relatives and his dear friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que., tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, email: info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial where family and friends may visit on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be on Thursday, October 20 at 11 a.m. from St-Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton. Please note: Thursday, day of service, family and friends are invited to meet at the church. Heartfelt thanks from the family go out to Barbara Partridge, Joanne Dartois, also the doctors, nurses and personnel of the B.M.P. Hospital and the C.L.S.C. la Pommerais for the professional and loving care given. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3 would be appreciated. (Forms available at the funeral home).

In Memoriams

BENNETT - In loving memory of our beloved mother and father: Winnifred Aulis Bennett who left us October 19, 2002 and Arthur Bennett who departed on November 10, 1997.

Our memories will never fade.
Dearly missed, lovingly remembered by
THE BENNETT FAMILY

WATSON, Delbert - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who left us October 18, 1972.

When thoughts go back
As they often do,
We treasure the memories
We have of you.

GERTRUDE (wife)
AND FAMILY

Birchton Eleanor Taylor

The Dean Taylor family spent a wonderful holiday trip recently. They travelled to Bar Harbour, Maine. There they camped and the highlight of their holiday was a voyage by catamaran boat to watch whales and dolphins.

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The dishonorable discharge may be old news, but...

Dear Annie: Please help. I may have made a huge mistake, and now I don't know what to do about it.

I am a 40-year-old female, married for one year to "Yancy." I have no children of my own, but my husband has a 14-year-old son from his first marriage. Yancy and I had a whirlwind romance. He totally swept me off my feet. I love him very much. He is kind, considerate and extremely loving, and we have a wonderful marriage. But now I'm not sure I can trust him.

We dated for six months before we married. I recently found out from his ex-wife that he was dishonorably discharged from the service — and that he's been terminated from nearly every job he's held in the past 13 years for lying or suspicion of theft. Nothing has ever been proven regarding the theft, and frankly, I don't believe he would steal anything.

I told Yancy that even though this all happened before we met, I was uncomfortable that he withheld the informa-

tion. He replied that he didn't think it was relevant, since it was so long ago. He swore there was nothing else he hadn't told me and promised never to lie to me again.

I am so confused. My first marriage was physically and mentally abusive, so I question my judgment. Did I go from the frying pan into the fire? — Wounded in Love

Dear Wounded: Maybe. It's possible that Yancy has turned over a new leaf, but unfortunately, his word is no longer good enough. The dishonorable discharge may be old news, but his job history is another story. Since you haven't had any problems in your 18 months together, we vote for giving him the benefit of the doubt, but let him know that one more surprise means counseling, and possibly a lawyer.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Wife of Sad Dad in Colorado," who said her husband wanted to stop giving gifts

Annie's Mailbox

to the teenage children because they never sent thank-you notes, school pictures or report cards.

The reason the kids don't include Dad is because he has chosen to be elsewhere. Mom is the one who works full time and still manages to go to all the basketball games, school plays and band concerts. It's not Dad who drives miles every day so they aren't late for practice. It's not Dad who keeps their schedules straight, makes lunches, buys school supplies and attends teacher meetings.

If the kids have quit calling, maybe they're tired of hearing about Dad's latest cruise when they're worrying about paying for college. Parents reap what they sow. — Total Mom in Ohio

Dear Mom: You have a point, but most readers said we gave the impression that the boys didn't have to write thank-you notes. Hardly. We said such things need to be taught or they aren't likely to be done. Here's more:

From Memphis: You said the writer was expecting too much from teenage boys. Wrong to the infinite degree. It IS the mother's fault, and the boys are being raised to be ungrateful. If they are still harboring resentment because of the divorce, they should get counseling. It's even possible they aren't getting the gifts. Maybe Mom is some sort vengeful viper who wants the boys to think Dad is a jerk.

Midwest: I think a little humor would help. Dad should phone his sons on his birthday and announce that he's calling to collect his "Happy Birthday" wish. He might let them know that he then expects them to call him when their birthdays are approaching to remind him to send a gift. No call, no gift. I think you get the drift — be proactive, let them know in a positive way, and make fun out of it.

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

Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club news

The Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club and the Ayer's Cliff Fifty Plus, enjoyed a summer outing, June 29, 2005 to Quebec City and the Island of Orleans.

The one stop in Quebec City took us atop the 725' observatory.

It offers stunning views of the city and the surrounding area.

The afternoon activities began with a dinner of tasty québécois food on the island. We were entertained by a young man who played a button accordion, toe-tapping tunes.

After dinner, with a guide on board, we toured the island making a few stops along the way.

The island is a classified historical site,

Lordy, Lordy Chris McNab is 40!



Have a great day.
Love and best wishes
from your family and friends

length 34k, width 8d, the full tour 67k. The guide gave a detailed account of its history.

Along the road, circling the island, farm houses, manor houses, flour mills, and churches offer a showcase of local architecture spanning over three hundred years. We stopped at a winery, learned something of the art and came away with a number of bottles, the sampling did it!

The taste buds were again tested with a stop at a bakery and a chocolate boutique.

The work of over sixty artists and artisans established here, covers a large spectrum: painting, sculpture, weaving, wickerwork, ceramics, woodwork and jewellery. With great creativity the islanders have transformed many of the local products into enjoyable fine foods: maple products, jellies, jams, ice cream, breads, pastries, cheese and many other mouth watering treats.

After a light supper near Quebec City, we hit the road for home port having enjoyed the events of the day.

How does one savour the memories of a weather perfect summer?

Garden plants thrived, seeming to grow almost as you watched.

Colourful fresh fruits and vegetables were canned to be enjoyed over the winter months. gardening is hard work, we often complain of aching bones. Think for a moment, this saying may come to mind "It beats eating a snowball this winter."

Although we know the pace is slower as summer fades, many clubs shift into the swing of things after a summer break. So it is with the Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club. Seventy-eight members and guests gathered at L'Epervier, September 28 for the first Fall luncheon and business meeting.

We were pleased that Mr. and Mrs. André Langevin accepted an invitation to

attend this luncheon, regrettably, Mrs. Langevin was unable to join us.

The day's activities began with a buffet of chicken with biscuits, mixed vegetables, coleslaw and the birthday cake aglow with Fall colours. July and August celebrants gathered to receive belated greetings in song, Lucienne Laberge, Genevieve Shepherd, Fernand Ladouceur, Jean and Roger Tétreault, Ronald Clark, Karl Burezyk, André Beaudin, Wilma Cushing and Murray Derby, September: Shirley Desruisseaux, Gertrude Adam, Rita Brus, John Sharpe, Marilyn Andrews and Betty Flanders.

Following the luncheon, the president, Frank Peters, introduced our invited guest, André Langevin, major of Coaticook. Mr. Langevin will not seek another mandate in the upcoming election. Barbara Sharpe voiced a few remarks on his 26 years of service, four as a councillor and twenty-two as the mayor, emphasizing his accomplishments, notably his strong attachment to young families. On behalf of the club, Barbara thanked him for the long-term financial support of our special activity program.

As a token of our appreciation she presented him with one of her watercolour paintings depicting a family, entitled "Papa nous a peints." Mr. Langevin expressed his thanks for the gift and further thanked the members for their willingness to co-operate in the development of many projects with special mention of the deliberate choice of action taken by the Sisco United Church congregation.

Thereafter, John Sharpe, introduced Charles Poulin who will take up the challenge to gain Seat #1, as a councillor. He concluded his remarks with the promise that if elected, the club will receive financial assistance as in the past.

A short business meeting was called to order by Frank Peters. He welcomed all,

including two new members, Patricia and Edward Bryant and a guest, Marj Keeley. The May minutes were accepted, motion to adopt by Margaret Cheal, seconded by Roger Tétreault. The treasurer's report, accepted as presented, motion seconded by Margaret Stone.

Reports: Visiting: Three members reported by Shirley Desruisseaux on the sick list, Gilberte Smith, Frances Mayhew and Lucille Gagnon.

Refreshments: Geraldine Peters, convenor, reported October menu as, cream of vegetable soup, assorted sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres and birthday cake. The Christmas dinner, December 7.

Travel: Convenor, Barbara Bellows, mentioned two upcoming day trips, October 13, cranberry fields and crafts in the Drummondville area, October 20, Baldwin Mills, Beebe area, dinner at Dufferin Heights Country Club, contact 849-7329. Frank asked for a minute of silence as we remembered four members who have recently passed away, the Vice-president, Lloyd Hyatt, William Sharpe, Keith Andrews and a former member, Florina Drew. May beautiful memories of family and friends give them strength during these difficult days. Mervyn Drew mentioned that the Christmas cake sale is under way, contact 838-5603.

Elections will take place in October. Committee appointed.

Our photographer, Elsie Mayhew, expressed the desire to resign.

Door prizes were won by Patricia Bryant and Elsie Moore.

Halloween is fun time, on October 26, bring your jokes, poems, a source of merriment, like bobbing for apples to the sound and movement of music.

There being no further business, Lorraine Sharpe adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting, Wednesday Oct. 26.

Submitted by Leta Dustin, secretary
C.A.S. Citizens Club

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

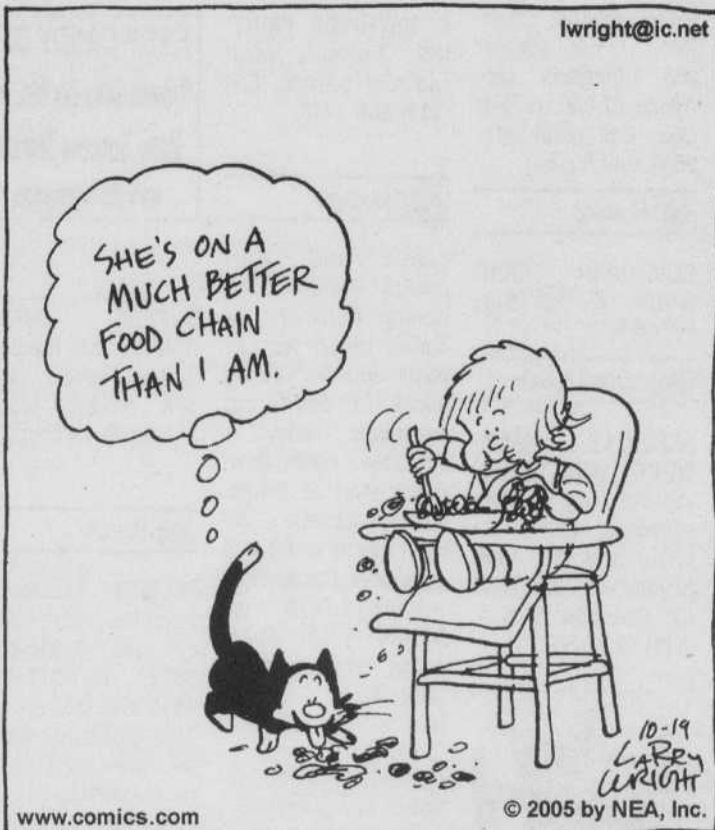
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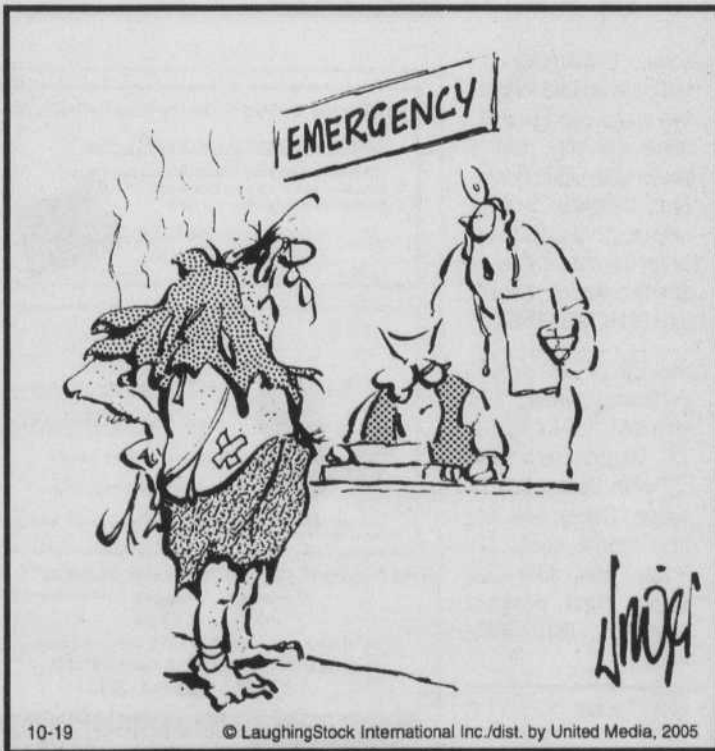
PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "I saw reporters cry ... and deputy sheriffs." — Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, on Hurricane Katrina's aftermath

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KIT N' CARLYLE



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"Leave him for a moment, Joyce. I want you to type this letter."

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS



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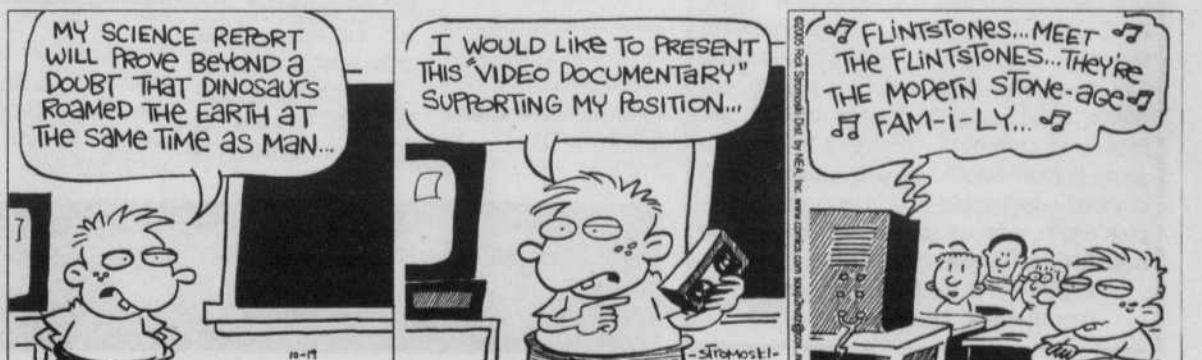
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Your Birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Chances are you'll be better at managing the affairs of others today than you may be at handling your own business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Where important decision-making is concerned today, there will not be anything wishy-washy about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - It'll be important to you to put your working hours to worthwhile uses today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You're a good organizer to begin with, so today you won't hesitate to step in and do what you have to do in order to restore order in chaotic situations created by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Although you may be reluctant to commit yourself to a project you know will be monumental, once you do, you will not easily be dissuaded from moving off your course of action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Being restricted or having to stare at the same four walls too long could depress your spirits today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Whereas yesterday you may not have been able to get in touch with the art of accumulation, today will be a different story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Sometimes it is essential to put other things aside and focus on your own personal interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You're one of the lucky ones who usually isn't distracted or disturbed by surrounding circumstances, but today you'll be able to get more done working in a quiet environment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Involving yourself in new projects or tasks today will help refurbish your outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Others may be overwhelmed by too many challenges today, but this isn't likely to be true in your case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - All you have to do is keep your cool and use your common sense to handle any critical situation that should develop today.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, West, East, and South hands with cards and dealer information.

That is clever. In life and bridge, two halves usually make a whole - as in this deal, which occurred on the e-bridge network.

I must admit that I cautiously passed. We were dead! South opened one no-trump and North raised to game.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005

Two halves make a whole stopper

By Phillip Alder

John Updike wrote, "A healthy male adult bore consumes each year one and a half times his own weight in other people's patience."

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Roloids rival
5 Swiftly
10 Hide away
14 Name's 1st letter
15 "Doone"

DOWN

- 33 Deadly fly
35 Pirouette
38 Courtroom decorations?

ACROSS

- 18 Tiger's org.
19 West of "My Little Chickadee"
24 "Little Lupe Lu"

DOWN

- 44 Maxims
45 NY's Zee Bridge
46 Assert without proof

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

Grid of solved crossword puzzle words like SCARF, AFRO, SPIT, ARBOR, REED, PORE, FALCON, RAVEN, LOON, EWES, EATS, EARNS, BOSH, PAS, STALIN, ELEPHANT, TALON, EROS, RAH, IBIS, DOVER, OOK, KEMU, LOG, BIDE, PINED, LONEWOLF, CEDARS, SHE, RYAN, CREPE, BIAS, ASIA, ROBIN, WRENT, HRUSH, ALOE, HANK, AGILE, MEND, ODDS, TOTEM

Grid of crossword puzzle clues with numbers 1-70.

By Phillip J. Anderson

10/19/05

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Memorial Service held at Robinson Residence

Once again the Robinson Residence for Seniors, Cowansville, showed that it is a home, where staff and residents care about each other, when on October 1, 2005, a Memorial Service was held for Miss Verna Cathcart, who died on June 25, 2005 after making the Residence her home for the last four years of her life.

The living room and sunroom were filled to overflowing, with residents, family and friends keeping Matron Margaret Beattie and staff doing their best to make sure that everyone was made comfortable.

The living room, where the service took place, had a collage of pictures of Verna and a table on which stood a tall candle.

Reverend Wendy MacLean, Emmanuel United Church, welcomed everyone and said that it was a privilege to serve at this service. She had had the joy of getting to know Verna, while she resided at the home and remarked that Verna life was evident by the many, who had shown up to honour her. She began the service with the lighting of the candle, repeating John 11, 25-26 "I am the Resurrection and I am Life said the Lord....." and saying, "What a great comfort it is to hear these words of live, life and glorious resurrection."

Reverend Wendy continued by welcoming all, including Verna's two nephews and two grand-nieces.

Verna's nephew, Wilson Collins reflected on Verna's life and presented a lady of great faith, knowledge and many

interests. He spoke of the trunk, made by her father, which Verna treasured.

Verna's great-niece, Jodie, remembered the many special gifts, which she had received over the years and regretted that distance had kept them apart, unabling her to have the pleasure of her company more often.

Reverend Wendy MacLean took up the idea of Verna's trunk and said that like Verna, we all have special trunkis, held in our hearts, which hold our dreams, hopes, an abundance to share with others and a spot for the many things, which must be left behind. She thanked God for Verna's life especially, as Jesus had asked us to live as teacher and student, which Verna followed. She asked God to remember the family, her "family" in the Home and her many friends in the community.

Vernas' nephew, Carey Collins read one of Verna's favourite poems, "The Road Not Taken - Two roads diverged in a yellow wood. And sorry I could not travel both, And be one traveller, long I stood. And looked down one as far as I could, To where it bent in the undergrowth. - Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same - And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back - I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence; Two roads diverged in a wood and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference. Robert Frost

We were asked to repeat the 23rd Psalm from memory and it was surprising how well it was done. Once learned in Sunday School, one never forgets

The service closed by all repeating An Irish Blessing - May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind always be at your back, May the sunshine warm upon your face, the rains fall softly upon the fields, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit while enjoying the tasty refreshments following the service.

The board, represented at the funeral by Gary and Bev Crandall and Evelyn Lewis, is very pleased that Margaret Beattie, after over twenty years of service at the home, has accepted the position of Matron. Thank you Margaret, you are highly respected and loved by, not only the board, but by the residents and staff.

As the fall is here, the residents are finding that the comforts of the home make it enticing to want to stay inside more, so why don't you plan to drop in any afternoon for a visit and, if around three p.m., you'll enjoy a great cup of hot tea. If you would rather check it out, the number is 450-263-4404.

Meryl Nutbrown

Evelyn Beban Lewis

Eustis Card Party

Ten tables gathered for an afternoon of "500" at the Parish Hall in Eustis on October 14, 2005.

Ladies first prize was won by Alison Watson with a score of 5940. Laurette Rediker came second with a score of 5340. Low score was claimed by Dora McCourt.

Men's first was won by Marian St. Onge (playing as a man) with a score of 5580. Second prize was won by Dot Archer (playing as a man) with a score of 5460. Low score was claimed by Alan Bullock.

The nine of hearts prize was won by Laurette Rediker. Maria Samson won the marked plate prize. Other special prizes were awarded to Esther Côté, Laurette Rediker, Everett Vachon and Bev Haefeli.

Door prizes were won by Royce Wallace, George Peasley, Jean Monty, Gertrude Nutbrown, Jack Haefeli, Archie St. Onge, Fern Lapointe, Sam Lake, Mary Shepard, Ferne Harvey, Hazel Swett, Bev Haefeli, Esther Côté, Len Swallow, Beulah Turnbull, Lois Leney, Ethel Burnham, Dorothy Vachon, Garth Call, Casey Vriesendorf, Pat Gillam, Gerry Swallow.

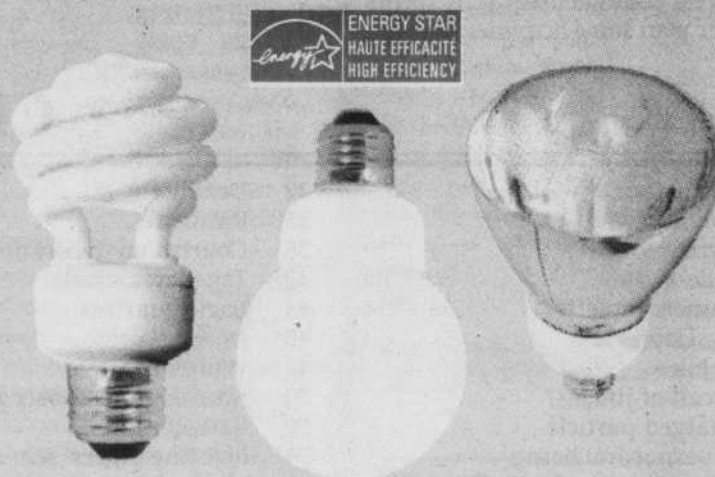
Thanks to the helpers Patty and Gertie, Len and Gerry, Midge and René and to all others who brought food and prizes. The next card party will be on October 28 at 2 p.m.



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