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Paradis denies advance knowledge of scandal

Consequences of corruption worry lone Liberal from Townships

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

While opposition MPs in Ottawa decided whether or not they will bring down the government over explosive testimony at the Gomery Commission last week, Brome-Missisquoi MP Denis Paradis denied any knowledge of corruption in the Liberal sponsorship program.

Paradis was among those mentioned last week when previously restricted testimony before the commission investigation was released.

During much-anticipated testimony by former Goupaction president Jean Brault, the ad executive alleged that Liberals pressured him to hire John Welch, who was chief of staff to Paradis when he

was minister of state of Financial Institutions.

Testifying before the Gomery Commission, Brault said he was pressured by Liberal officials in 1996 to put Welch on his payroll.

Records show Welch was paid \$97,000 for what Brault described as bills for fictitious professional services. Brault said he was unaware of any work Welch did for Goupaction. He said his real job was to organize for the Liberals in Quebec.

The explosive testimony in Montreal created aftershocks in Ottawa and caused the suspension of Welch, who is now chief of staff for Heritage Minister Liza Frulla.

On Thursday, Frulla's director of communications Jean-Philippe Côté, defended Welch saying: "They are allegations, and nothing we have heard allows us to believe that they are well-founded facts.

"They are the allegations of someone who essentially named the telephone book in order to defend his own name," Côté said.

Paradis said that despite some media reports, he did not recommend Welch for the job. He said he that when his former chief of staff went to work for Goupaction he didn't know Brault or the company.

"I met him once, after Welch has been working there for six months.

Paradis said that Welch, who has hired a lawyer to defend himself, denies the accusations that he was working for the Liberals while on Goupaction's payroll.

"Mr. Welch categorically denies what Brault said there," Paradis said, noting he believes his former right-hand man. "Welsh said that when he was paid for Goupaction he worked for Goupaction and that he was not working for the Liberals at the time.

Paradis said he was not aware of anything until the sponsorship scandal became public.



FILE PHOTO

MP Denis Paradis says he did not recommend John Welch for a job.

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Ride Down Memory Lane



STEPHEN MCDUGALL

Marjorie and Jim Bell take a Sunday drive in their "1896 Ford" while their neighbours turn their heads and watch in amazement. For the story please see Page 5

Did Liberals get help from Goupaction in byelection?



FILE PHOTO

If paid Liberal organizers were here, where else were they? -Bloc Québécois MP Serge Cardin

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Goupaction president Jean Brault last week revealed a Liberal organizer was on his payroll during the 1998 Sherbrooke byelection called to replace former federal Conservative leader Jean Charest.

In testimony on April 4, Brault was asked about expenses by Liberal organizer Alain Renaud who spent a month in Sherbrooke working on the campaign of Liberal candidate Robert Pouliot.

"Indeed, among the accounts submitted by Mr. Renaud, he mentioned that he would include in his expense account rather large fees for his participation," Brault replied to a question from commission counsel Bernard Roy. "I think he spent a month there."

"If that's the case, those are electoral expenses that were not declared and were assumed by Goupaction," concluded MP Serge Cardin, when asked to comment.

"And if paid Liberal organizers were present in such a way in the 1998 byelection, were they also

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10-digit local dialing coming to 819, 450 regions

Businesses and consumers should start preparing now

Starting in June 2006 the population of the regions served by area codes 450, 514 and 819 will be asked to dial 10 digits, the area code followed by the phone number, for all local calls.

10-digit local dialing is being introduced in these regions in response to the strong demand for new phone numbers and to provide a uniform local dialing method across neighbouring regions. 10-digit dialing also paves the way for the addition of a new area code '438' a few months later on the Island of Montreal, as the 514 code will soon reach capacity.

These measures are the result of a decision by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). 10-digit dialing has already been introduced in many Canadian regions,

and will soon be the norm across North America.

The Telecommunications Alliance, a grouping of Canada's major telecommunications companies, is spearheading an information campaign about 10-digit local dialing aimed at business and residential customers. In order to ensure a seamless transition, businesses and consumers are encouraged to start making the necessary changes right away.

START GETTING READY NOW

Starting now, people should reprogram their systems, functions and equipment to comply with 10-digit dialing. Most telecommunications companies have already prepared their networks for this local dialing method," declared Johanne Lemay, telecommunications analyst and spokesperson for the Telecommunications Alliance, in a news release. "In particular, companies that use numerous

telecommunications systems and devices should take the necessary steps to update their equipment right away. They cannot afford to wait until the last minute."

Consumers should add the appropriate area code to programmed numbers on all their telecommunications devices and also ensure their security or alarm systems are compatible with 10-digit local dialing.

NEW AREA CODE ADDED IN MONTREAL

Starting in October 2006, a new area code '438' will be added in the 514 region using the overlay method. This means the new code will coexist with the current code and will cover the same geographic area. The overlay method has no impact on existing phone numbers, a great advantage. The new code will be assigned only to new numbers.

When a new area code is added using the overlay method, 10-digit dialing be-

comes mandatory for all local calls. The same phone number can then exist in two separate area codes. In order to provide a uniform dialing method across neighbouring regions, 10-digit local dialing will be mandatory throughout the 450, 819 and 514 regions.

CHANGES IN OTHER REGIONS

The population of the regions served by area codes 450 and 514 in Québec, and 519 and 613 in Ontario will also adopt 10-digit local dialing in June 2006. The introduction of 10-digit dialing in the 819 and 613 regions means the same 7-digit phone numbers can be used with the corresponding area codes in neighbouring areas such as Ottawa and Gatineau, where local calls currently require only seven digits. This will free up thousands of additional telephone numbers and mean new area codes will not be required for these regions in the short term.

Students from 12 local schools to help wildlife

The St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club and Environment Canada's Eco-Action program are sponsoring the Wildlife Gaining Ground (WGG) Initiative in 12 elementary schools across the Eastern Townships this April

The WGG initiative was developed by the Earthvalues Institute (EVI) and promotes the naturalization of backyards. Each simple action that benefits wildlife is a step towards conservation and a healthy relationship between society and nature. EVI wishes to record and tally all actions taken to help wildlife aiming for 500 or more actions. The Earthvalues Institute is a Quebec-based non-profit environmental education charity whose mission is to teach and model a new way of living, focused on sustainable development and leadership

for change.

Kat Usher of the Earthvalues Institute will be introducing the WGG initiative in local schools this April using an array of props including live animals, stuffed specimens, forest floor material and slides. "The idea behind this initiative is to give students the power to make a difference for the natural world" explains EVI executive director, Chris Adam. "The WGG initiative provides youth with a sense of hope through tangible action for change. We encourage people to register with the WGG to join a collective, working together towards gaining back some habitat lost to development."

"We have received hundreds of responses from the students over the past 15 years after workshops by the Earthvalues Institute. The students'

interest in the Natural world has increased substantially thanks to these presentations. We look forward to continuing this popular tradition for years to come and encourage both the youth in our community and their families to take part in the Wildlife Gaining Ground initiative," says Frances Whittle, president of the SFVNC.

Participants this year will be given a Wildlife Gaining Ground guide that will help them bring the message home to their families. Contained in the guide are complete instructions on how to create wildlife habitats such as allowing a section of the lawn to naturalize into a flower meadow, the installation of a backyard pond and the building of animal homes such as bat houses and bee boxes for the solitary and friendly mason bee.

Students will leave the session understanding the causes of the decline in wildlife populations and be energized to roll up their sleeves and take concrete action that helps wildlife.

Anyone interested in joining this important initiative can log onto www.earthvalues.org/wgg.php for an online version of the Wildlife Gaining Ground guide. Participants are encouraged to register their actions for wildlife with the Earthvalues Institute.

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Earthvalues Institute: 450-658-8614

Chris J. Adam, executive director - chris@earthvalues.org

Kathleen Usher, school tour coordinator - Kathleen@earthvalues.org

Weather

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Winds north 30 km/h. High 6.

Wednesday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 2. High 9.

Thursday: Sunny. Low minus 4. High 8.

Friday: Sunny. Low minus 4. High 11.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



PARADIS:

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Paradis said he has been shaken by allegations of corruption over the past months.

"This is not a glorious moment for politicians," he added.

Paradis claimed that at that time, no one could have guessed what was happening, aside from those involved in the scheme.

"Everyone thought they were respectable people and respectable companies," he said. "When this came out afterwards it was really discouraging."

"No one could have imagined there was this kind of corruption behind the sponsorship program unless you were involved," he said. "How could we know? How could I have known as the MP for Brome-Missisquoi?"

Paradis said that when it's all over, he expects 15 or 20 people who filled their pockets at taxpayers' expense will be

found. He said it won't be politicians, but ad agency people who abused the system.

In the meantime, Paradis said he is concerned about what could happen if the opposition decides to topple the ruling minority Liberals and trigger a spring election.

Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe said Sunday the Liberals "no longer have the moral authority to govern", but that his party hasn't yet decided whether to act on an earlier threat to introduce a motion of non-confidence in the government. Such a motion would require the support of the Conservatives.

Paradis said that while the Bloc Québécois wants an election, he does not believe taxpayers do.

"The population doesn't want an election. They want to get to the bottom of things."

Paradis, who said he is working hard for his riding, said everything except for Gomery, is getting drowned out. He said recent news about Lake Champlain

from the International Joint Commission on Boundary Waters was buried under massive coverage of the sponsorship scandal.

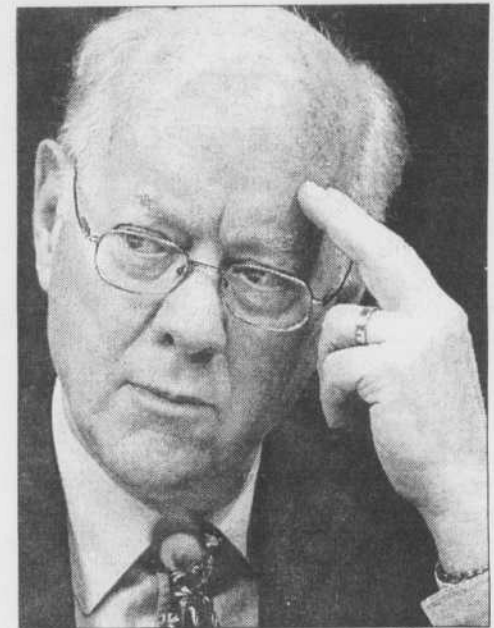
Paradis said he got involved in politics 10 years ago to work for his riding and for Liberal values.

What scares him, he said, is what would happen in Quebec if a snap election were called. He said the Bloc Québécois could win even more seats and Quebec's voice in the House of Commons would be diminished.

"If we end up with a Péquiste (Parti Québécois) government in Quebec and a reinforced Bloc in Ottawa, that would add to the winning conditions for a referendum on sovereignty."

And of course, Paradis barely hung on to his riding while other local Liberals were all dethroned by Bloc candidates.

In the meantime, he said the Conservatives are looking at their position outside of Quebec and not sure if they can win enough seats to unseat the Liberals.



CANWEST

Justice Gomery lifted a publication on most of Groupaction president Jean Brault's testimony. In it, Denis Paradis is named.

CARDIN:

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here during the election in 2000 and the election in 2004, he wondered?

The Bloc candidate, who won the by-election and was reelected in the following general elections, also questions if such organizers were on hand during elections elsewhere in the province.

Renaud, a former Groupaction marketing staffer and Liberal lobbyist, who testified before the Gomery Commission on Friday and Monday, brought allegations much closer to former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's inner circle.

Renaud said that bureaucrat Chuck Guité, who was responsible for the program from 1997 to 1999, confirmed to him that a number of contracts were approved by Jean Pelletier, Chrétien's former chief of staff.

In the light of such allegations, Cardin said his party will consider later today whether it will present a motion of non-confidence.

Cardin believes it's their duty as an opposition party to bring into question the morality of the minority Liberals, but that Bloc MPs will have to take a number of things into consideration, including whether or not Canadians want to go to the polls.

"The population voted for a minority government and they knew it wouldn't last four years," he argued, adding an election would be the best way to test the integrity of the ruling Liberals.

Such a motion would not bring down the government because the Conservatives have vowed to vote against it, he admits.

"It would be in their interest to sup-

port it," he said, but noted the Tories are basing their decision on the polls. He said the Conservatives do not want to force an election if they are not certain of winning - especially in swing ridings of Ontario.

"My personal opinion is that it's our responsibility to demand integrity from our government leaders," he said. "If the Tories don't follow, at least we will have done our job."

Cardin admits there would be a risk that an election would end or interrupt the Gomery Commission and prevent Canadians from getting at the whole truth.

On a more personal note, a sudden vote would force Cardin to make a choice about his own political future.

Cardin, who confided to La Tribune that he is seriously considering a run for the mayor's seat, said he has till the end of May to decide if he will leave federal politics to throw his hat into Sherbrooke's municipal election race this fall.

A run for the mayor's office will depend on whether or not another candidate comes forwards to challenge Jean Perrault, he said, acknowledging that he has been approached by opponents of the current mayor.

Cardin said he wants to decide where he can best serve his constituents and continue to fight for sovereignty. It's a choice he may be forced to make sooner rather than later if matters continue to heat up in Ottawa.

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Bedford to host T'shippers Day 2005

Honeymooners to co-chair popular event

It's official! Bedford will host Townshippers' Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at the popular Bedford fairgrounds.

"Bedford hasn't hosted T-Day since 1990 and we felt it was high time we returned. Many people remember that particular T-Day as the wettest in history. It rained cats and dogs, but we didn't see them because of the wind," joked Heather Bowman, President of Townshippers' Association.

"With the wonderful amenities of the Bedford fairgrounds, we promise that no one will get wet this time around."

This year's Townshippers' Day will be co-chaired by Kevin Craft and Guylaine Beaudoin. The young couple were married March 26 in a unique mountain-top wedding, and are looking forward to working together.

"The fact that Guylaine and I will be working together as co-chairs of the committee will be interesting. I think that having honeymooners in charge will be a first in the history of T-Day,"

said Craft. "Being able to host T-Day in Bedford is wonderful, fantastic! As soon as Bedford came up as a possible location for the event, we just had to jump on board. T-Day is such a wonderful opportunity for Townshippers to discover or rediscover a different corner of the Townships every year. We love our town and want to show it off."

Bedford is located about 40 kms south-west of Brome Lake, 10 km from the U.S. border. It is a picturesque and historical town, famous for the Bedford Agricultural Fair, the oldest fair in Quebec.

"The Bedford fairgrounds are ideal and the community support we are receiving demonstrates Bedford's long tradition and enthusiasm for hosting special events," said Bowman.

T-Day 2005 will include the customary exhibits, entertainment, and activities that have brought Townshippers back year after year. However, this year's co-chairs have a few ideas of their own.

"We want to put greater emphasis on youth and family, with more activities geared towards children and young people," explained Craft.

"I think this is a great direction to take," said Bowman. "We know that young English speakers and young families often feel disconnected from the community because they are demographically under-represented. Many Townshippers view T-Day as a kind of homecoming. For younger members of the community, it will be unique chance to get together for the first time. I'm looking forward

to seeing what the committee comes up with in this respect."

For more information about Townshippers' Day in Bedford, contact Kate Wisdom at Townshippers' Association's Cowansville office at (450) 263-4422, toll free 1-866-263-4422, or email kw@townshippers.qc.ca.

This year's T-Day will be co-chaired by Kevin Craft and Guylaine Beaudoin. The newlyweds look forward to working together on a project dear to both of them.

BRIEFS

Police on the look out for fraudulent cheques

The Sûreté du Québec is asking people in the Estrie region and throughout the province to be on the look out for a scam involving false government cheques and people pretending to be Canada Post workers.

SQ spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel said there have been cases reported in the Estrie region but he couldn't give any exact figures.

Fraud artists pretending to be Canada Post workers contact their victims to verify their address before mailing them false government cheques.

A few days later, another person claiming to be a tax collector for the government contacts the same victim. The impersonator tells the victim

the amount on the cheque is too high and asks for a reimbursement.

The SQ is asking people not to cash their cheques or reimburse any money to anyone claiming to be a tax collector.

Government cheques from Quebec contain various images with the Quebec flag only visible under a light source. The warning about the flag is also written on the back of the cheque.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact the SQ at 1-800-659-4264.

Classes cancelled at Massey-Vanier today

Massey-Vanier high school students don't have school today because the teachers on the French side are on strike. Appalachian Teachers Association president Peter Langford said he had assurances from the president of the French-language union that the picket line would be gone just before 9 a.m., giving Eastern Townships School Board teachers the freedom to go their classrooms. Instead, Langford said, the board decided last Thursday to cancel classes. "It's a shame to lose a day," he said. Rotating strikes by teachers began Monday and will continue over two weeks. The ATA will strike April 19. The teachers are currently participating in "Nostalgia Week," which Langford calls a rediscovery of old means of communication and teaching — in other words, foregoing e-mail in favour of the phone and face-to-face meetings, and computers in favour of books and blackboards.

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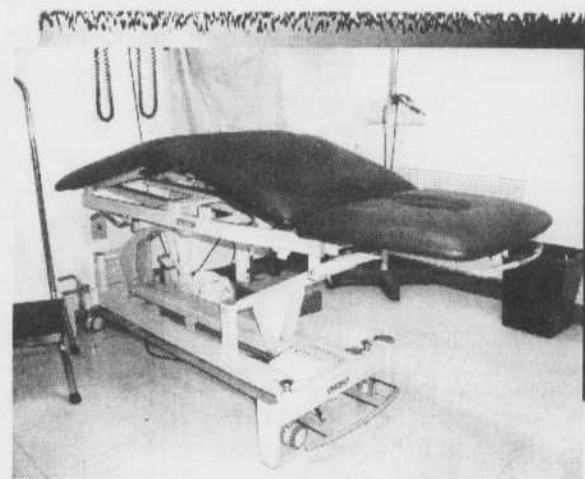
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Danville man recreates the past with 2005 Ford

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
DANVILLE

It seats two people snugly, it can get up to about 30 kilometers per hour and it has no steering wheel. Henry Ford, meet your rival James Bell.

"It's supposed to look like an 1896 Ford and whenever I go out with it, people keep asking me what year it was made," said Bell.

"I tell them 2005 and they just shake their heads in disbelief. They think I'm pulling their leg."

But Bell is right, his buggy-shaped automobile was built this year, from just after Christmas, 2004 to mid-March, 2005.

Bell loves old machines. Over the years, he has restored old tractors, gasoline generators and other farm equipment. He has also had a passion for lawn tractor equipment when he was a grass cutting and lawn maintenance contractor.

Now semi-retired and driver of a local school bus, Bell has more time to build vehicles of the past.

"I did not do this one alone, you know," he said last Sunday during a tour of his neighbourhood with his wife Marjorie. "My son Martin helped build the roof cage and Francis Bernard found some headlights for me. Marj found the horn in St.



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

James and Marjorie Bell enjoy a ride in the past.

Hyacinthe.

"I just took a lawn tractor motor and built a chassis and wooden body for it."

The car-buggy vehicle is set up just as simple as Henry Ford did for his first commercial models. The steering is done by holding a large rod with a knob at the end

of it. The accelerator is a old tractor handle sticking out from under the seat. Another, longer handle to the left of the driver manages the six-speed transmission. Two pedals, one marked "clutch", one marked "brake" start and stop the vehicle for the driver.

"The brake is a single disc attached to the rear axle," said Bell. "At these speeds, I don't need that much braking power. I suppose I could always have an anchor put in the back just in case."

One thing missing on the vehicle is a starting crank, which was a common feature on Ford cars up until the 1930s, when electric key starters were offered. Bell can start his vehicle with a lawn tractor starter, or if that does not work, he can push it down a hill and kick in the clutch.

Another thing not featured is a speedometer, which was not really needed in 1896 when most cars could not get past 30 kilometers an hour and speed laws had not been invented.

"The next thing I need to do is get it fully licensed," said Bell.

"I now have a limited 'V' license for parades and exhibitions, but I would like to use it for short trips in town to shop or visit friends. It takes a lot less gas than my truck."

Bell said he has more time to recreate old, simple classic cars and is already thinking about a request from a friend to build a World War II jeep.

"It needs more parts and work than this one, but it is not impossible to do," he said.

"Making this buggy proved that."

Leucan lining up people for annual head shaving

By Maurice Crossfield

Spring is in the air and with it comes the summer hair cut. And for several hundred people in the region, including Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur, that means getting your head shaved to raise money to help kids with cancer.

"When I was at the hospital I visited every department, every room," said Paul Bergeron, president of the recruitment campaign and former director general of the Granby Hospital. "The most stirring was the pediatrics. There you saw so many courageous children."

For the fifth year Leucan, which supports children with cancer and their families, is holding its "Défi Têtes Rasées. The idea is simple: See how much people are willing to pay to have you shave your head. The money goes to help patients and their families with information, equipment, support, therapeutic messages and more.

This year the emphasis will be more on the quantity of cash than on the number of heads that will gleam in the June sun. And if the event raises more than \$250,000, Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur will step up to the barber's chair to shed his salt and pepper locks. "I didn't hesitate to accept, it's an excellent cause," Brodeur said.

Brodeur said throughout his youth all of the men in his family went bald, while he hoped he'd be able to hang onto his

hair. He still has a full head of hair, at least until June 12.

"I'm sure we will reach the objective," he said, noting that his wife and children are proud that he's willing to be the next shining beacon in the National Assembly.

Four young people who have battled or are battling cancer are acting as the spokespeople for the event: Emilie Dagenais, 6, Marie-Pier Rodier, 11, Kevin Jutras, 11 and Erik Gaudet, 22. In Gaudet's case he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at age 16. Years of treatments and an eventual bone marrow transplant have kept him alive, and today he trains five days a week to play baseball.

New this year will be the chance to get your hair removed by a celebrity shaver: Taking out the clippers will be boxer Eric Lucas, retired Montreal Alouettes players Bruno Heppel and Philippe Giard and Granby radio newsman Gilles Dion. They will be joined by a team of more experienced hair stylists.

After raising the money the willing victims will gather at the Granby Zoo under a tent sponsored by Schick razors, or at Meubles Denis Riel in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Those not getting their heads shaved can stand back and watch the fun, make a last minute donation and purchase hats, aprons bandannas and keychains with Leucan's logo on it.

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How to lose Quebec: The story of a PM and his golf balls

It's all becoming clear now. Former PM Jean Chrétien's amusing little story of the golf balls before the Gomery Commission in February was really a parable.

"After the [1995 sovereignty] referendum, we realized that we needed to take action to win the hearts and minds of Quebecers," Chrétien told the Commission. And so the story begins.

He set out to create a country where flags, kissed by the sunshine, fluttered in the wind wherever people walked.

He sponsored shrimp festivals and rodeos and auto shows so that wherever Quebecers went to enjoy themselves, they would see symbols of Canada.

He financed sports competitions and music competitions and hot-air balloon festivals so that through their pastimes, Quebecers would come to love Canada.

And he bought golf balls, and signed them and gave them away, because powerful U.S. political leaders from small-town America did the same and they were much admired and their country was strong and united.

Whereas his government had, through indifference, neglect, and arrogance, failed to respond to Quebecers, desire for concrete political recognition of their unique status as a French society on an English continent and failed to recognize the lingering resentment from the collapse of the Meech Lake Accord, Chrétien thought he could heal those wounds with baubles and trinkets.

So he entrusted the sponsorship program to underlings and set aside \$250 million so they could win back the hearts and minds of Quebecers and restore his place in history.

It never worked. It never could have worked, because its premise was flawed from the start.

The operative words used by Chrétien were "after the referendum." After the referendum was too late. By then, his place in history had been sealed as the prime minister who almost lost the country.

In and of itself, the sponsorship program was pretty innocuous. Since it came after the referendum, which had left everyone emotionally tired and drained, it was destined to fall upon deaf ears. When it was finally noticed, it was a subject of either humour or ridicule.

But as we know now, the sponsorship program was more than just an ineffectual waste of taxpayers' money. After the Auditor-General's report and months of testimony at the Gomery Commission, we know millions of sponsorship dollars were misspent, misappropriated, or maybe even illegally diverted into the pockets of friends of the regime.

"If it weren't for my personally monogrammed golf balls, there's no way Quebec would still be part of Canada today," Chrétien told Judge Gomery as he concluded his telling of the story.

Of course, the minority government of his successor, Paul Martin, is teetering on the brink of defeat. The Quebec Liberal government of Jean Charest, for reasons of its own ineptness, is staring into the same abyss. The Opposition PQ is counting the days until it regains power and can call another referendum. And support for sovereignty is creeping higher.

Things are headed in exactly the opposite direction to what Jean Chrétien pretended, and therein lies the moral to his story.

No matter how much political power a leader of a government may think he has, there is no substitute for honesty, integrity, and meaningful gestures. You can't build a country with monogrammed golf balls.

COLLATERAL CORRUPTION

Kickbacks, bribes, phoney invoicing, phantom employees - those were just some of the techniques used to grease the wheels and launder the money under the federal Liberals' sponsorship

program.

But testimony last week by former Groupaction Marketing President Jean Brault and ex-Groupaction employee Alain Renaud splattered the Parti

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Québécois as well.

Between 1996 and 1998, the PQ received about \$100,000 from Groupaction, which was hoping to extend an ad contract with the SAQ, which didn't happen.

At first, PQ Leader Bernard Landry vigorously denied the claim, only to admit later that it was possible. Not only possible, as it turns out, but true.

PQ officials have since confirmed it has traced some of the money, which was contributed on behalf of Groupaction by its employees.

Premier Charest also has some explaining to do. Brault said he funneled \$50,000 in 1998 to Quebec Liberals through Groupe Everest, the firm which handled communications work for Charest when he became Quebec Liberal leader. The firm's founders also worked with him when he was federal Conservative leader. An ex-Everest vice-president, Michel Guitard, currently works in the Premier's office.

Interestingly, neither Liberal nor PQ members said a word about the deepening scandal last week in the National Assembly. The issue only came up once, when ADQ MNA Janvier Grondin asked if the government would launch an inquiry into Groupaction's PQ contribution. Liberal House Leader Jacques Dupuis brushed it aside.

If Landry thought he could use the scandal to dig the grave a little deeper for Charest's Liberals, he now doesn't have that option, having been tarred with the same brush of presumed corruption.

He's quickly gone into damage control, promising to identify the Groupaction contributors of "dirty money" and to give the money back. Quebec Liberals have promised to do the same thing.

Both Landry and Charest say they are open to plugging the loopholes in Quebec's law on political contributions. The law only allows individuals to make donations, up to a maximum of \$3,000.

However, testimony at the Gomery inquiry shows that corporations can circumvent the law by getting a bunch of individuals to make donations and then reimbursing them.

Landry, by the way, had the entire weekend to argue his party's cleanliness. While Premier Charest and ADQ Mario Dumont went to Rome for the Pope's funeral, Landry declined the invitation, saying "I prefer to stay in Quebec" to be "with Quebecers" in commemorating the Pope's life.

In fact, he preferred to be with péquistes. Needing to shore up his shaky leadership, Landry couldn't afford to pass up the party's Super Saturday and Sunday when it held six crucial regional assemblies leading up to its June leadership review.

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Perspectives

Canada needs to debate university funding

The exhilarating, if exhausting, health care debate during the last five years squeezed out other priorities from the national debate. One of those was funding our armed forces; another was university education.

The debate around our armed forces and national security is well underway, but some provincial governments have run beyond their credit limit on university education and would rather not discuss it. In fact, the last time the issue was thoroughly aired was in the 1950s and 1960s, when a wave of postwar children – today's baby-boomers – started clamouring for space in our universities.

Governments responded 50 years ago with a huge investment in buildings and teachers, and crisis was averted. But in the last 10 years, another increase in enrolment has coincided with the government austerity that hit in the mid-1990s. This has left universities, especially in Quebec and Ontario, clapped out and scratching for funds.

In the 1980-81 academic year, the number of students at Canadian universities (full-time equivalents; the definition on which funding is based) was 450,000. By this year, the figure was 860,000, nearly double in 24 years. Yet between 1980 and 2004, there was a 20 percent reduction in government investment per university student in our four-year public institutions. By comparison, in the same time period the US government's investment per student

increased by 25 percent.

According to the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, when government funding and tuition are calculated, US four-year institutions enjoy an annual advantage in funding of \$8,000 per student, on average, compared to Canadian universities.

In the case of the University of Alberta or McGill University, in order to close the funding divide per student between the US and Canada, about \$200 million more per year would be required. While a \$200 million increase may be unrealistic, half of that, or \$100 million, is not.

The question then becomes: where will the money come from? In recent years in Britain and the US, it has come from higher tuition, combined with more generous bursaries and loans, especially for poorer students. But in Canada, provincial governments, at least those in Quebec and Ontario, have balked at higher tuition fees as well as at more government support for universities. (Ontario is considering a new report on university financing by former NDP Premier Bob Rae.)

Last October, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty ordered a two-year tuition freeze at Ontario universities, where tuition fees now average \$4,900. The move has thrown university planning in Ontario into turmoil. In Quebec, the gov-



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ernment of Jean Charest has frozen tuition fees for Quebec residents at \$1,690, with the result that some programs are being gutted and the universities cannot afford to replace retiring or leaving professors or even pay for routine maintenance of buildings.

Tuition fees seem to be a stickler for political leaders in Canada, even though Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair introduced them recently in Britain for the first time as a way to finance high education, a priority for his government. In the US, while tuition fees go up, so does the number and availability of loans, bursaries and other forms of aid for students.

Harvard University, for example, charges US\$28,000 for tuition and US\$41,000 (C\$49,200) for the complete package, including residence. Other American universities, including state universities, charge from US\$20,000 (C\$24,400) to US\$30,000 (C\$36,600). The same package (tuition and residence) costs about C\$12,000 at the University of Alberta or the University of Toronto – one quarter of that at Harvard.

But Harvard, like most American universities, offers an abundance of loans, bursaries and scholarships to deserving students. More than two-thirds of Harvard students are helped financially. The average amount of assistance is US\$30,000 per student.

In the US, they have chosen to set a high tuition fee and help those in need with financial aid that comes from the universities themselves, from governments and private sources. It allows the universities to innovate and grow. In Canada, it is difficult for universities to innovate, much less grow, when governments are starving them.

And if universities don't innovate and grow, our economy will stagnate. As Thomas Courchene said in a study of how globalization affects human capital: "Canada must strive to become a state of minds, since democratizing the access to human capital and skills acquisition in an information era is key to generating wealth creation, to combating inequality, to raising living standards and to enfranchising individuals as citizens."*

In the new information and globalization era, for Canada to prosper, our universities must prosper

Thomas J. Courchene, "Embedding Globalization: A Human Capital Perspective," Policy Matters, March, 2002 (www.irpp.org/pm/archive/pmvol3no4.pdf).

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The menagerie expands

He stirred suddenly in the middle of the night. He had sensed something moving under the covers. When he awoke, he felt something soft in his hand.

He had his suspicions, but flicked on the light to be sure. It was, indeed, one of his pet's babies, escaped from its enclosure – a four-week old rat! The young ones had become more mobile, no longer lingering in their nest, obviously wanting to explore their surroundings. It was now apparent that the cage bars were too far enough apart to keep the little ones within.

How many of the 12 baby rats were now running around his room? He put the escapee that had awakened him back with its mother and began to search – under and over and on top of everything – to find one other little one on the floor. Then he counted the lot of them – and found 13! Could there be even more, he wondered, as he crawled back to bed?

The next morning, furniture was moved ever so gingerly to ensure that

there were no more run-aways out and about. Then attention turned to the main mission of the day – to fix up a new home for the rats. The weekend report from my curious cousin confirmed that momma rat and her babies are now safe inside an aquarium that is covered with mesh. These pet rodents belong to her son, not mine. Whew!

Not that there are no rodents in our son's menagerie. His are called degus and are housed in a wire cage in the bird building, not in the house. Another whew.

Degus are native to Chile and are said to be not only very intelligent – able to distinguish objects, people and sounds, but also very sociable. They have been linked to the rat, gerbil and squirrel families, yet some say they are closer in behaviour to rabbits.

Their looks are far from endearing. Tweedy brown in colour, degus, also



SUSAN MASTINE

known as Chilean squirrels, are furry – even at birth. They have chipmunk cheeks, long whiskers, yellow-orange teeth, quite big ears, cream-coloured bellies and a long, rat-like tail that ends in a little bristle. Some say degus resemble gerbils; others see a likeness to chinchillas.

These critters like to burrow, to climb and to collect and mound up twigs (in their native land, they are often identified as pests who intrude into orchards, tunneling throughout). When degus walk, they hold their tails straight up in the air. When they climb, they wave their tails to help keep their balance. Sometimes they walk around on their hind legs.

A degus' diet may include rabbit or pig pellets, hay and vegetables. They sleep only for short stretches of time, both day and night. And they make a variety of sounds: they whistle, they warble and they beep.

When they are feeling playful, these rodents will circle their cage, climbing around and around the wire, working their way upwards. Although degus are sociable, they prefer darkness and often hide in their hay. Which makes it difficult to count them. The eight in our pen suddenly turned into nine last week. One would think that we couldn't count

People do keep the strangest pets. Like the 15-year-old who adopted one of her dad's baby chicks (he raises meat chickens). She kept it in the house and even took it to bed with her at night. Until she could no longer cope with the brown gifts being left on her pillowcase. Yuk.

Guess where that chick ended up as it sprouted feathers and lost its baby fluff? In my curious cousin's barn, where it hid away from the other fowl, hiding in a corner. Now it's at ease under a heat lamp, with a rabbit as its companion. What's next, I wonder?

Terry Fox is a household name 25 years later

By Mike Beamish

When his second son, Terry, was born in Winnipeg on June 23, 1958, Rolly Fox was missing in action.

Imbued with the prairie stubbornness that is a Fox family characteristic, Terry arrived into the light without the immediate presence of his dad. It was a common practice in the 1950s for a woman in labour to go it alone.

Their rented house, at 518 Gertrude Avenue, was later bulldozed and used as the site for a relocated elementary school. On the exact location today, where infant Terry dutifully played with a set of blocks in his high chair, sits a public playground named for the one-legged runner whose Marathon of Hope for cancer research 25 years ago has grown from cause to myth to legend to historic archetype, a symbol for what Canadians want themselves to be.

Looking back, Betty got an inkling of the determination that was to mark Terry's life when she watched him slowly, painstakingly stacking his wooden blocks only to see them crash to the floor. They'd be gathered up and he would start over, a cycle that would repeat itself again and again.

"Terry would just start over until he got it right," Betty says. "When he went on his [cross-Canada] run, a lot of that came back to me. Once Terry made his mind up to do something, there was no stopping him."

Rolly, who worked as a switchman for the Canadian National Railway, as his father and grandfather did before him, met Betty, a student hairdresser from Melita, Man., on March 9, 1956. This date sort of picked itself as an unforgettable one in the Fox family. March 9, 1977, was the day that Terry's right leg was amputated above the knee at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster following a diagnosis of bone cancer.

Terry, older brother Fred and younger siblings Darrell and Judith grew up at 3337 Morrill Street in Port Coquitlam after Rolly and Betty Fox moved the family west. In 1966, they decided to make it a one-way trip, settling, initially, in a rented home in Surrey.

Terry was 18, a first-year student at Simon Fraser University, when his cancer was discovered. Three years later, on April 12, 1980, he went to the rocky shore of the Atlantic, dipped his artificial leg into the harbour of St. John's, Nfld., turned and headed toward his final destination, Port Renfrew, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, the final patch of pavement before the vastness of the Pacific.

During the months when Terry was playing wheelchair basketball and planning his great adventure, letting only a couple of trusted friends in on the secret, he deliberately misled his parents, telling them he was in training for the Vancouver International Marathon. When he finally revealed his true intentions, it was not the news a mother wanted to hear.

"I told him, 'You stupid nut, why can't you just run across B.C. and raise money, that way?'" Betty remembers. "Well, of



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Betty Fox has never had time to truly grieve for her son.

course, he had the answer: 'It's not just B.C. people who get cancer, mom.' "The only way to stop him was to tie him down," Rolly adds.

Back then, running across Canada was a novel concept. The suggestion that somebody could do it on one leg, running a marathon a day (26 miles, 385 yards, 42.195 kilometres) was considered daft. Terry sent out letters, soliciting financial aid from Canadian companies for the charitable cause, but he ran into considerable skepticism. Air Canada declined to comp his ticket for a flight to Newfoundland. Pacific Western Airlines was more obliging, but its route system went only as far as Winnipeg. Luckily, a White Rock travel agency stepped in and agreed to pay for the other half of his trip east.

Ford of Canada jumped on board, however, outfitted a camper van for Terry and his friend Doug Alward (who drove while Terry ran) and had it waiting for them on their arrival in St. John's. Safeway Canada supplied food vouchers but they were useless. The grocery chain didn't have stores in eastern Canada. Imperial Oil gave them a gasoline credit but it was exhausted by the time Terry and Alward made their way through 966 kilometres (600 miles) of sleet, rain and the desolation of Newfoundland.

There is an innocence to the scene that is more than nostalgia. Dodging 18-wheelers, operating on hope and a shoestring, Terry benefited from the many kindnesses of Newfoundlanders who took him into their homes and gave him food, lodging and a warm bath.

Terry's bold and touchingly naive quest is a case study of how an individual can not only move a mountain, but turn it upside down. If there was a philosophy behind the action, it was a commitment to the greater cause of

eradicating cancer and making his own short life more meaningful.

Only a handful of media people took notice of Terry's honorary send-off from St. John's on that cold and raw day in 1980.

Now, in retrospect, his campaign through the countryside, large cities and whistlestops of Canada is recalled as one of the reaffirming moments in Canadian history.

The fact that he was stopped short of his goal, after cancer was diagnosed in his lungs, outside of Thunder Bay, Ont., only served to accentuate the noble qualities that have made him a figure of world stature.

Every September, from B.C. to Bangladesh, people take part in the Terry Fox Run which, through pledges, has raised more than \$360 million for innovative cancer research.

For two decades, Betty travelled on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation to foreign lands and glimpsed first-hand the power of her son's story, which is universal in appeal.

In Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, 5,000 participants turned out on run day, and officials had to surround her with a protective cordon as people reached out to touch her.

"It was amazing," she says. "They were calling out Terry's name, their knowledge of what he did made me understand the magnitude of what he'd done. They raised so much money when they didn't have a dime themselves. God bless them. The response from people in Third World countries has been wonderful."

For Rolly and Betty Fox, Tuesday's 25th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope is another opportunity to reflect on the passage of time and the son who seems as close to them, spiritually, as he did in life. Had he lived, Terry would have turned 47 this year, two years older than Rolly was when his son set out in 1980.

"Those are things that make you think," Rolly says. "It doesn't seem like 25 years at all. I try not to think a lot about what Terry would be like today. It hurts too much. I've often said, I'd rather have Terry here than the money. Definitely. We'd give up all of that \$360 million to have him back."

Twenty-five years ago, Terry dipped a jug into the Atlantic, filled it with sea water, and intended to keep it as a souvenir until he completed this journey. His intention was to empty it later over the seawall in Stanley Park as a symbolic gesture after he'd finished the run.

A few years ago, Rolly, who had never walked around the seawall before, decided to give it a try while Betty was attending a meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Vancouver.

Isadore Sharp, the founder of the Four Seasons chain, had earlier lost a son to cancer and galvanized Toronto's corporate elite to support the run.

Later, before Terry's death, Sharp made a personal promise to help arrange an annual event in his honour, the first of which began in 1981.

"I needed a rest, so I decided to sit down on one of those benches they have every 100 feet or so," Rolly says. "I just didn't know which one it was going to be. Guess what? I sat down and saw that it was dedicated to Terry. I broke down. It was the darndest thing."

Following Terry's death on June 28, 1981, Betty ended up living a life she didn't seek, one for which she was singularly unprepared.

In what has been a whirlwind, often demanding, but eventful and rewarding public life, she has travelled abroad many times, visited Canada's far north, been introduced to royalty, schmoozed with politicians and corporate bigwigs and developed a public speaking style much like Terry's - sincere, heartfelt, emotional - the need for more money to stop cancer's spread clearly enunciated.

Twenty-five years on, Terry's loss still cuts like a knife.

"We did not have any bereavement time," she says, her eyes welling. "I was so involved with the funeral arrangements, with the Cancer Society, helping out, and then all of a sudden I was asked to become part of the run."

"For 24 years, I've travelled. I've been the lucky one, able to talk with others about Terry, able to share other people's problems with cancer. I don't know if I'm that lucky now. It's hard to explain. I'm still involved with the Terry Fox Foundation and other things that come across my desk. But it's an ongoing thing. I'm still dealing with it every day."

When Terry was growing up in Port Coquitlam, he would sometimes hike to a spot overlooking the peacefulness of the town cemetery on Oxford Street when he needed time to be alone and think. He is buried today in that grassy resting place. Rolly is in the habit of visiting the site at least once a month. "In my mind, I'm visiting Terry," he says. But Betty finds it too painful to go any more.

With nine grandchildren of her own curious about the uncle they never knew, she is used to answering questions from the younger generation learning in school about the contemporary model of a Canadian hero - her son.

"What sports did he play?" Soccer, rugby, basketball.

"Did he have a pet?" Cats named Mickey and Bimbo.

"What was his favourite dessert?" Chocolate cake.

"What was his favourite snack food?" Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

After 25 years, the name Terry Fox is as readily recognized today as it was in the summer of 1980. If it is said that in his short life he did as much as any man to influence Canadian youth through his example, it's no exaggeration. "I'm really proud and very happy that Terry's run is still going on," Betty says. "As much as Terry's not with us today, he still is. He's my guardian, my angel in heaven, whether anybody believes it or not."

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New bike lane in works for bridge

*\$1.5 million to make Lennoxville
bridge safer,
arches will stay*

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The provincial ministry of transport has deemed the highway 108 bridge with large arches next to Lennoxville's Bishop's University has to be rebuilt for safety reasons as soon as possible.

"Bridges throughout the Townships get studied every year and every three years they receive a general investigation for safety reasons," said ministry spokesman Jacques Garant, adding that the arches will remain even after the renovations. "We pay extra attention to the bridge near Bishop's because of the high number of trucks and circulation it endures. We found that the structure is rusting out and needs to be rebuilt soon. We hope it happens this year, but it will most likely be done next year."

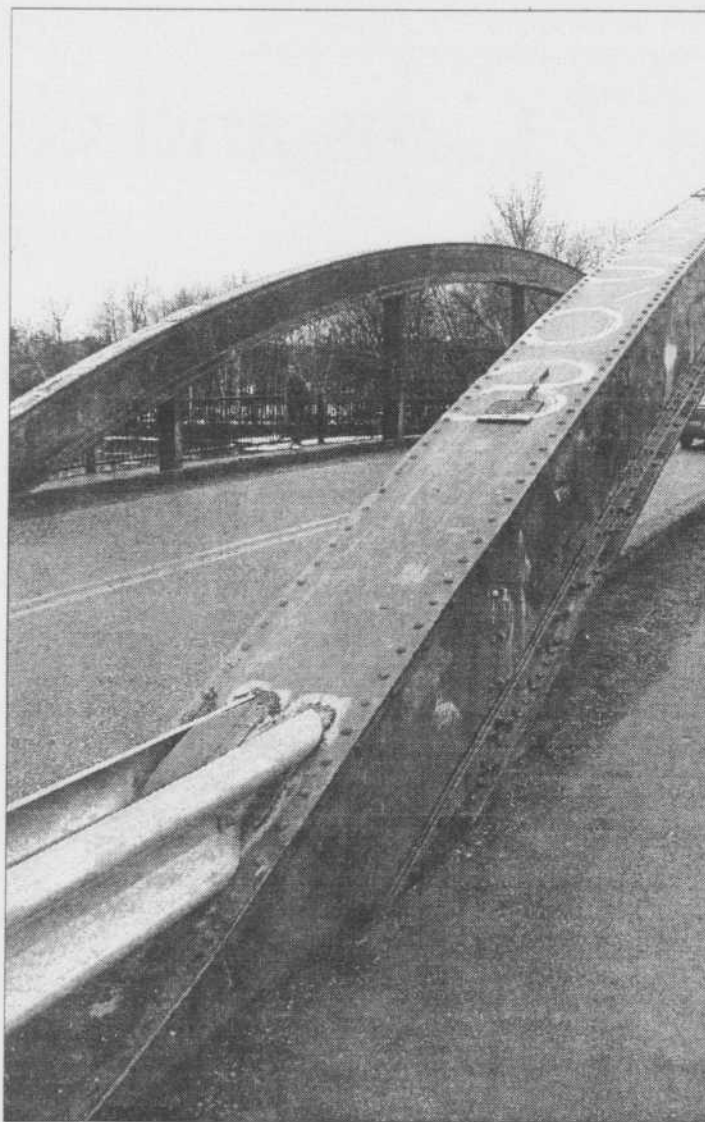
Garant says the bridge is secure enough to make it until its scheduled repairs, which will cost approximately \$1.5 million.

The bridge will get a makeover with new pavement, a rebuilt structure, new sidewalks, and the addition of a bicycle lane. Whether the large arches, which regularly fall victim to vandalism and purple paint jobs, stay or not took much deliberation.

"It has been decided that the arches will stay," said Garant. "Originally, we thought of removing them because they present a danger if students crawl on them. After meeting with the university and the borough, we decided the arches should stay, mostly because they are repairable. The bridge will last years after it is repaired and given a new coat of paint."

Garant says that if the opportunity comes up for the ministry to make a formal demand for the funds to go a head with the project this year, they will take it.

He added that once the construction starts workers will be doing their best to minimize any inconvenience to residents as possible. One lane will always be left open.



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This colourful bridge on Route 108 next to Bishop's University needs to be repaired.

Bishop's compost project hits snag

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Bishop's University's latest three-week kitchen waste pilot project has come to a temporary halt, although participants are convinced the information gained is extremely beneficial.

"The project has come to a grinding halt but it worked," said director of facilities Kit Skelton. "The purpose of a pilot project is to gather information and we did. Before we had no idea how much kitchen waste was being generated on campus. Now we know that we can fill approximately one brown compost bin a day, and seven a week."

Skelton said certain times of year can generate up to two or three bins a day. Skelton also explained that while the project was conducted under cool temperatures, it is heat that has posed serious problems.

"We need to refrigerate the bins in the summer to fight odor and germs. It's a question of sanitation," said the Environment and land use committee member.

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He ends up on an Ontario farm and eventually becomes a journalist, editor and author who comes to know every prime minister from Louis St. Laurent to Paul Martin.

• *This Terrible Business Has Been Good to Me*, by Norman Jewison: This is the memoir of the filmmaker best known for *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Moonstruck*, and *A Soldier's Story*. As expected, the book offers a behind-the-scenes look at how

Jewison has made his movies, and many anecdotes about the famous actors he's worked with. But he is also strongly committed to social causes and has spent most of his life fighting against racism and injustice.

• *Strange Affair*, by Peter Robinson: This is the 15th novel in the Alan Banks series. Dedicated Robinson fans will be pleased to learn it is considered one of his best. Banks is struggling to put his life back together when he gets a mysterious call from his brother in London. But when Banks goes to London, he finds the flat unlocked and his brother gone.

The opening reception for Adopt-a-Book takes place on April 14, at 7 p.m., but you can come into the library anytime through April 16 to adopt a book. This event helps us keep library shelves

stocked with the newest releases for adults and children in both French and English.

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What can you do? Choose from the books on display and donate the cost of the ones that appeal to you. The library keeps the book, and you get to be first on the list to read it. Refreshments will be served during the reception. We hope to see you there.

Anyone who has good books languishing on their shelves (we're talking failed Christmas presents) and wants to get rid of them, the library is accepting donations for both Adopt-a-Book and the soon-approaching book sale.

BOOK ENDS

• *The Townshippers' English Speaker's Guide to Life in the Eastern Town-*

ships is now available at the library, free of charge. Come in and take a look.

• Library members can now join the Bishop's University Library for only \$5 (a savings of \$20).

• The next meeting of the Books and Brown Bag Lunches reading club is April 13, from noon to 1 p.m. at the library. Bring your lunches and a favourite book and join in our lively discussions. Everyone is welcome.

• Our next children's activity will be on April 23, at 1:30 p.m. Join us at the library for a puppet show and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

For information on all library events, call 819-562-4949 or visit www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca. You can also contact us by e-mail at bibliolen@netrevolution.com.

—Submitted by Michelle Barker

Bunny Hops for a new grill

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Lennoxville Elementary School is asking all dancers to pull out their limbo shoes for this Friday's Spring Fling Dance to raise money for a new kitchen stove.

The annual family dance asks participants to make a donation at the door for three hours filled with Bunny Hops, Limbo, the Macarena, and more in hopes of replacing the kitchen stove that makes it possible for hundreds of students to get hot lunches. A new stove would be ideal, but enough donations to purchase a newer version would be very much appreciated.

The evening begins at 5:30 and dancers will have the opportunity to enjoy a meal of hotdogs, chips, and a drink or they can pick up a quick snack from the canteen on the premises.

Everyone is welcome to the school gymnasium, however, organizers ask that minors be accompanied by an adult and that no one go outdoors until the dance is over.

Cops and clowns gain trust

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Last Friday's Wellness Clinic held at North Hatley Elementary introduced close to 20 toddlers and their parents to Kindergarten.

School principal Kandy Mackey said that though the event may not have confirmed new registrations for next year, it did give the small school some much needed exposure.

"One mother asked where she could register but then we found out that her child was not eligible due to a language issue, but the idea of the clinic was mostly to give children and their parents beneficial information no matter which school they choose," said Mackey, who is also principal at Ayer's Cliff Elementary. "It was great just to give our little, hidden away school some exposure."

Parents took the time to have their little ones finger printed for an identification book that would help them and police if the child ever went missing. An RCMP officer manned the ID table, and having him there calmed some nerves.

"One little boy didn't want to go in but when we told him there was a police officer inside he changed his mind," Mackey said. "We had a clown greeting them as they came in so all the children were very excited. As they were leaving some were even referring to the Pre-Kindergarten class as their own. That was nice to see."



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An RCMP officer was on hand to fingerprint kids for an ID book.

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"We're working on coming up with ideas on setting up a refrigeration unit that will accommodate 20 bins or so, and perhaps having the compost picked up more often."

Presently, Fertilal Bromptonville trucks come once a week to pick up the waste. Skelton said the compost plant is one of the finest he has ever seen but with

it comes a cost that also has to be studied.

Because Bishop's is an institutional organization it has to pay for compost pick-ups, which brings in a weekly bill of \$15 for the truck trip and \$6 per bin. Sherbrooke has supplied the bins for the pilot project but the cost of the refrigeration unit will have to be sought out.

Sherbrooke section chief (residual materials) Odile Goulet explained that she is not familiar with the request for refrigeration from the composting plant but does know that residents will

be able to compost soon with no worry of refrigeration or cost.

"The municipal composting project will start in 2007 and it will allow residents who live in buildings with four or less dwellings to have their compost picked up once a week in the summer and every two weeks in the winter — at no cost," said Goulet. "Institutions have to pay for pick up, but we will have a contract with the plant so citizens can compost for free."

Goulet said each residence will be

equipped with a double-lined composting bin, but where the land and waste will be delivered to has not been decided.

"The city has a contract with Fertilal right now but that could change. There will be no charge for citizens regardless," Goulet concluded.

This is good news for environmentalist residents but does not solve problems for Bishop's. According to Skelton, composting is important, especially now that the school knows how much can be recycled.

A weekend of trash talk

Mostly McDonald's garbage and beer bottles picked up

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Saturday's warm and sunny temperatures inspired many residents to tackle some spring cleaning in homes and garages throughout the borough. It didn't stop there.

In fact, over 50 people met at the Amédée Beaudoin community centre, chose a pick and a few garbage bags, then spread out over the borough to make streets and parks cleaner for everyone.

The borough provided the equipment and safety guidelines. Participants got some exercise while doing their part to keep the community clean.

The group of volunteers was comprised mostly of Bishop's University representatives, members from borough council, youth centre teens, more than 20 Alexander Galt High School football players and regular citizens.

After about 90 minutes all teams met back at the centre for a group photo and free refreshments, while swapping stories of gross and interesting items found.

Among the items found was a mattress, a watch, a wrench, and various car parts, while the most interesting was a \$526 check found near the mailboxes on Queen Street.

Participants from the youth centre said most of the garbage was from the McDonald's restaurant, while others observed a very high number of beer bottles.

According to organizers, there were more volunteers than last year but less garbage was collected.

Borough president Doug MacAulay speculated that less garbage meant there has been less littering.

"It's a good sign that there was less garbage this year," he stated as he handed in his rake and pick. "In a town of only 5,000 residents the amount of garbage we picked up today is incredible. It's nice to see so many people show up today that care about their community. If everyone picked up one piece of garbage off the street or out of a park a day then we would have a much cleaner town."

"We appreciate the participation from local organizations because it shows that they appreciate help that we have given them."

Trying to pay the borough back, in one way or another, is exactly why Ian Breck said most of his 25 Galt football players signed up for the day.

"Why the players wanted to help out is very simple," said football coach Breck who, along with his wife Kathy, also volunteered to talk trash for the day. "Last year we wrote to the borough asking for financial support to purchase newer and safer equipment and the borough was very generous. Some players don't even live in Lennoxville and they wanted to come to show their appreciation. This was a valuable lesson for the kids."

Breck and MacAulay share the same philosophy about the event having a positive effect on the future.

"Who knows, maybe later on when these kids that helped out are in college and live down near the university and they remember to pick up a piece of trash on the ground they can provide leadership to others," Breck said. "The kids had fun and they got to see the results of their efforts."

Participants also learned some valuable composting tips, like adding newspaper or egg cartons to composting takes away odor, and that if every Canadian used fluorescent, energy saving light bulbs it would be the equivalent of taking 66,000 cars off the road.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The borough's annual rubbish round up saw more than 50 volunteers toting garbage bags and rakes on Saturday

Mental Health Estrie finally open for business

Mental Health Estrie held its founding meeting in Lennoxville on April 6 after four years of efforts to offer help to English-speaking individuals and families dealing with mental illness in the region.

A community organization committed to helping English-speaking families in the area manage the impact of mental illness, Mental Health Estrie provides support, information and education to family and friends as well as to the individual who is ill. The organization is trying to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness through public awareness activities and works in partnership with professionals in the field and other community organizations to promote services for mental illness.

The services of Mental Health Estrie include support groups for families, friends and individuals coping with mental illness, a lending library of books and videos, telephone assistance and referrals, informa-

tion and educational events.


Members of the newly elected board of directors are: Jo-Anne Anderson of Richmond, Esther Barnett of Milby, Lynne Beattie of Canton de Hatley, Sherry Delisle of Lennoxville, Barbara Drexel of Sherbrooke, Lynn Ross of Magog, and Norma Salisbury of Waterville.

Those who wish to know more about the work of Mental Health Estrie should call 819-565-3777; e-mail mentalhealth.estrie@bellnet.ca or visit the office at 257 Queen Street, Lennoxville. All inquiries are treated confidentially.

The list of newly elected directors and the founding members of Mental Health Estrie are Lynne Beattie, Esther Barnett, Norma Salisbury, Jo-Anne Anderson, Sherry Delisle, Lynn Ross, Judy Ross and Barbara Drexel.

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INSIDE
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Martin Brodeur
and Simon Gagné
will lead Canada
at the World
Championships
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Tiger, Women's hockey a real treat to watch

There was some riveting television drama this past weekend as sports fans were treated to two exciting events.

The first was Saturday's gold medal game at the Women's Ice Hockey World Championships where the hockey gods finally looked down favourably on a talented American team. The second was Tiger Woods' stroll Sunday afternoon to the Masters title.

TIGER TAKES TITLE

I am not a big fan of watching golf on television but Sunday's back nine at Augusta featuring Woods and Chris DeMarco was riveting. First, Woods made a miraculous shot from



MIKE HICKEY
FROM THE BLEACHERS

the rough on 16 that paused at the lip of the cup for a couple of seconds and then, like in the golf movie *Caddyshack*, dropped in. The only thing missing was Bill Murray and Rodney Dangerfield. Then on 18, DeMarco chipped out of a sand trap and saw his ball hit the cup and then spin away — denying him an opportunity to win his first major.

GOLDEN MOMENTS

For years there has been little to separate the Americans and Canadians yet Canada has eight world titles and an Olympic Gold while the U. S. has had to settle for only a one major tournament title — a gold medal at the 1998 Olympics in Japan.

As I watched TSN's excellent coverage of the Women's Ice World Championship final I was reminded of a newspaper column that used to hang from the girls' physical education office at Alexander Galt High School. It was about the USA's 1999 World Cup soccer victory. The writer boldly predicted that women's sports would become the equal of male sports.

The essence of the story was that the World Cup tournament and final game

in which the Americans emerged victorious in a shootout before a capacity crowd and a worldwide television audience would change the way people viewed women's sports forever.

A professional women's soccer league, set to begin later that same year, and the creation of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) would give women two professional venues to strive for. No longer would pro sports in North America be solely the domain of men. No only would women be able to make a living in athletics, they would also receive their fair share of media attention and corporate sponsorship and endorsements.

Those wishes have yet to materialize as both professional leagues have struggled to find their place in the North American mosaic.

I thought about the impact on the 1999 American win while Canada and the U.S. played perhaps the best game in the history of women's hockey.

The game featured the ingredients that make hockey a great game, skating, shooting, passing and great goaltending. While some fans of the local North American Hockey League might be turned off by the absence of fighting and purists would argue that a game of that magnitude should not be decided on penalty shots, the shootout did provide a dramatic end to an outstanding game.

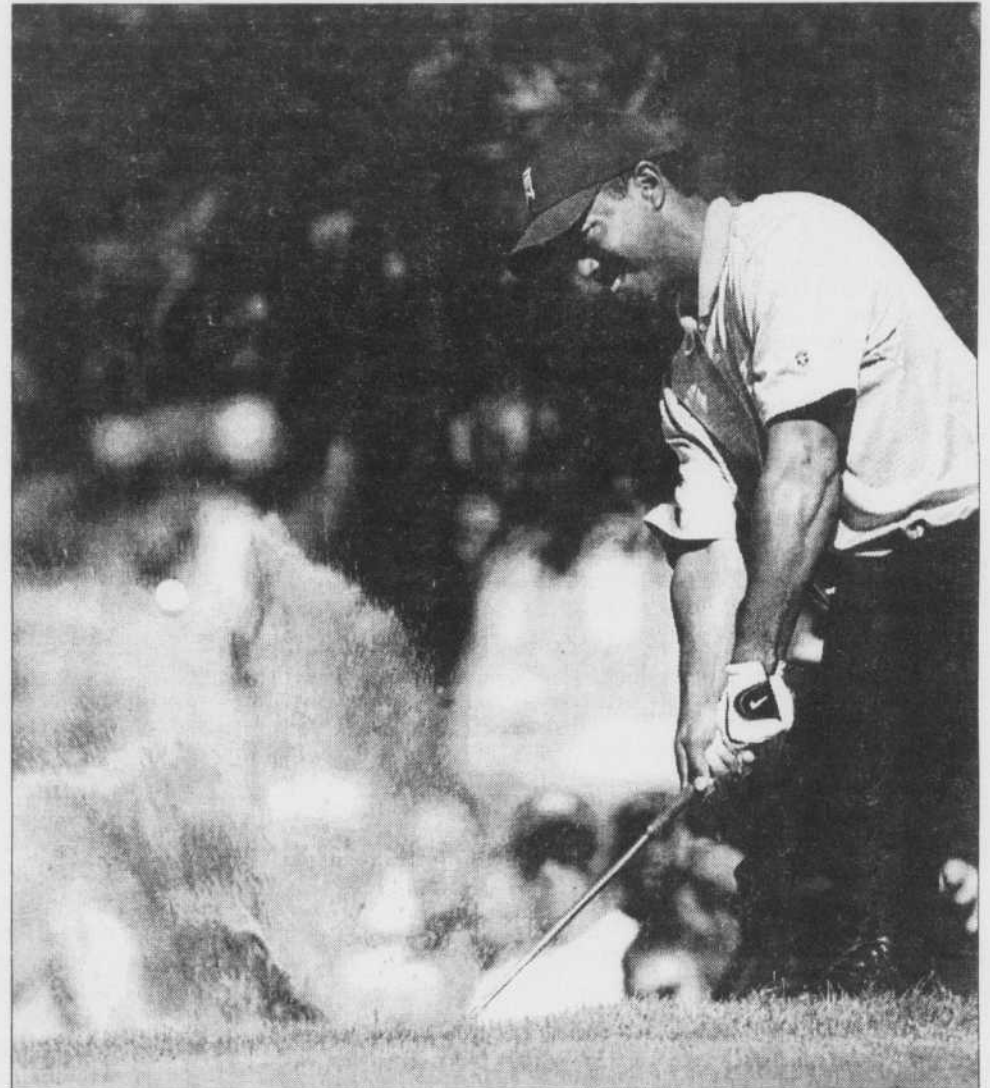
Canada didn't deserve to lose but neither did an American side that had the better of the play for most of the game.

The contest will have a profound effect on women's minor hockey in North America, and should also help in the game's development in Europe.

But like soccer and basketball, professional women's hockey is unlikely to grow in this continent and perhaps that is the way it should be.

Professional male sports continue on an unfortunate spiral where entertainment value supersedes the game itself. Television time-outs for purposes of revenue ruin the flow of the game and announcers become shrills promoting sitcoms and reality shows.

Fundamentals and the concept of team play have given way to the quest



CANWEST NEWS FILE PHOTO

Tiger Woods captured his fourth Masters title with an extra-hole win over Chris DeMarco.

for superstars and individual statistics. Fans who used to live and die with their team's fortunes are now more concerned about how their fantasy teams are doing.

Which brings about the beauty of the women's sport and Team Canada in particular. These elite female athletes inspire to be the best they can and along the way most of them are forced to use their athleticism to attain education or life skills that will help them when their playing days are over.

The purpose of any sport is not to produce professional athletes or land endorsement contracts. It is meant to provide its participants with physi-

cal activity, booster self-esteem, develop concepts of teamwork and most of all, to make sure participants are having fun.

A lot of those concepts are lost on the men's side where money and personal glory have become more important than the commitment to the team. Fun is often replaced with unrealistic expectations.

The beauty of Saturday's hockey game was that two talented teams played with the same goal, same commitment. At the end of the day there was a winner and loser on the ice but off the ice there were only winners. And that is the way sport should be.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Brodeur, Smyth to lead Canada

Canada's entry for the upcoming World Hockey Championship will be long on international experience. Of the 22 players named to the team on Monday by general manager Steve Tambellini, 19 have represented Canada at previous international tournaments.

In goal, Martin Brodeur will be backed up by Roberto Luongo, Canada's winning goalie for the world championship in 2003 and 2004. The third goalie will be Marty Turco.

On defence, Canadian World Cup members Scott Hannan, Ed Jovanovski, Wade Redden and Robyn Regehr will be joined by Sheldon Souray, Chris Phillips and Dan Boyle.

Edmonton's Ryan Smyth will be joined at forward by Shane Doan, Kris Draper, Simon Gagne, Dany Heatley, Kirk Maltby, Brendan Morrison, Brenden Morrow, Rick Nash, Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and Mike Fisher.

Canada still has to name one additional player prior to its first game of the tournament on Saturday, April 30th versus Latvia in Innsbruck, Austria.

While the team is missing the likes of Mario Lemieux, Joe Sakic, Chris Pronger and Jarome Iginla, seven of the players named won gold on last year's Canadian squad at the worlds including last year's MVP Dany Heatley.

The Canadian team will hold a training camp in Calgary starting April 13 before playing a pair of exhibition games against the United States in Halifax and Quebec City. The team will then travel to Europe where they will face Latvia and the Czech Republic in a pair of pre-tournament games.

Jagr set to return to Russia next season

Jaromir Jagr has re-signed to play hockey with Avangard Omsk of the Russian Super League should the NHL lockout spread into the start of next season.

Jagr spent this past season with Omsk after NHL owners locked out players following the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement. He scored 16 goals and 22 assists in 32 games to lead the team into the semifinals before being eliminated.

Jagr was to have to been the highest paid player in the NHL this past season at \$11-million.

Sosa says he will retire before 40

Sammy Sosa says he will retire from baseball before his 40th birthday, even if he fails to reach 700 career home runs. The Dominican slugger, who is 36, is in his first season with the Baltimore Orioles after playing the last 13 years with the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa, who has 574 career home runs, said he won't worry about reaching 700 if he isn't close before turning 40.

On TV

TUESDAY

- **TENNIS: 12:30 p.m.;** ATP, Tennis Masters Series Monte Carlo, early rounds, TSN.
- **SOCCER: 2:30 p.m.;** UEFA Champions League, Bayern Munich vs. Chelsea, TSN, RDS.
- **BASKETBALL: 7:30 p.m.;** National Basketball Association, Toronto Raptors at New York Knicks, Sportsnet.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Hockey woes nothing new, according to archives

By Hugh Adami

It's wishful thinking, but wouldn't it be something if the ghosts of professional hockey's early days could go back in time to save the National Hockey League season?

Think about it: Just as NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is about to announce in February he is cancelling play for 2004-05, the ghosts travel through time to last September. Using their spiritual powers, they get rid of the acrimony that exists between the league and the players' association to help bring a quick resolution and avoid a lockout — just minutes before the old collective agreement expires at midnight Sept. 15.

Imagine: Had there been some sort of spiritual intervention late last summer, today would have been the last day of the 2004-05 regular season, and many of us would have been waiting impatiently — woo-hoo towels in hand — for Wednesday and the start of the NHL playoffs.

Instead, the lockout continues and there is talk of a second season being wiped out.

Perhaps those hockey ghosts would be surprised that Bettman did what he did in February. Maybe they would be just as surprised that the players did not bend more to placate the owners and save the season.

But what probably wouldn't surprise them is what brought 2004-05 tumbling down: Money and the general feeling among owners that players earn too much for franchises to break even or make a reasonable profit. Just like today's NHL team owners, those with teams in the early 1900s thought they were paying their players too much.

Stories found in 160 years of the Ottawa Citizen's archives reported that salaries had jumped five-fold for the Ottawa Senators in the first 10 years of the 20th century. Owners throughout the National Hockey Association, predecessor to the NHL, was standing firm in its determination to bring wages down in order to save franchises.

"Best hockey players received \$200 season 10 years ago," said a headline from a Dec. 10, 1909, story that began with this dire warning: "If hockey salaries continue to increase, we'll have to go into bankruptcy," remarked an officer of the Ottawa club yesterday.

The article continues: "Ten years ago, when the teams were supposed to be 'simon pure,' it was considered good going if the clubs were able to hand each of their players \$100 'on the side' at the end of each season. It soon got to \$200, and six years ago (Ottawa players) received something like \$250. The Ottawa salary list this year (1909) will come to about \$15,000."

Six years later, with salary costs hovering around what they were in 1909, an April 10, 1915, story once again warned of pay cuts: "There will be a general reduction in salaries throughout the National Hockey Association next season was the prediction made yesterday afternoon by one of the directors of the Ottawa Hockey Club."

And, similar to the whinings of modern times, the Senators of old complained injuries not only affected the team's roster, but its payroll, as well.

"They were obliged to carry a larger squad than ever and injuries to some of the players necessitat-

ed frequent shifts and the acquisition of one or two new men."

The 1915 story also implies Ottawa fans weren't fickle then — which is quite contrary to what we hear about today's fans.

"The support of the Ottawa public was splendid. Had it not been for the manner in which the people of the city patronized hockey, it would not have been possible to produce a winning team."

And where have we heard this one before?

"The Ottawa club showed, however, that it was out to please its patrons. Had they desired, they could have operated the club at a much lighter expense and would have had large dividends to declare. Fortunately, for local hockey enthusiasts, they chose the other course."

Back then, there was no talk of using replacement players if the regulars refused a pay cut.

"The Ottawa club is prepared to treat its players fairly, as has been done in the past, but some of our men were not reasonable this winter," said then team president Newellen Bate. "Fortunately, we are well supplied with young material and those who demand such big salaries, henceforth will be passed up altogether."

The 1915 Citizen story also warned of the possibility of a salary cap — the main issue behind the present NHL dispute. Of course, back then, the NHA didn't have a union to worry about.

"It is probably that a salary limit will be adopted before next winter. One was in vogue in 1911 and the Ottawa players then received \$625 each."

There is even something for players such as New York Islanders forward Alexei Yashin to digest, in case he ever tries to bolt on a team again, like he did with the Senators. In a 1909 wire story from Montreal, former player, coach, team executive and builder Art Ross was on the "warpath" trying to set up a new team in the Canadian Hockey Association.

"The people he intends to wage battle against are the contract jumpers," said the story.

"Let any man who has any business with the All-Montreal club, beware," Ross said. "We will stand no nonsense, and when a man signs a contract with us, we mean that he shall stand by that."

Lawsuits, boardroom battles, falling attendance and problems brought on by the First World War, such as a shortage of talented players, killed the NHA in the fall of 1917. The NHL was formed in its place, made up of four teams from the old league with one exception — the Toronto Blueshirts.

Blueshirts owner Eddie Livingstone had been a thorn in the NHA boardroom and was in the process of suing the old league over several issues. In dumping Livingstone and his team, the owners had finally realized that it was best to work together in protecting their common interests.

Eighty-eight years later, the NHL's current owners appear united in trying to extract from the players' union various concessions, which they say are necessary to protect their franchises and the league. Their refusal to budge so far has helped kill a season, but they insist the league will eventually come out of this dispute much stronger.

Too bad the hockey ghosts didn't speed up the process.

—CanWest News Service

Military Whist night at the Oddfellows, Knowlton

There were 16 tables of Military Whist waiting to play on Tuesday night. Annie and Roger were on hand to take charge.

First prize went to table #2 for a score of 42 flags for Capt. Adeline Jones, Nellie Williams, Stan and Gerald Copeland; Prize #2 for a score of 41 flags went to table #8 to Capt. Doreen Gibbs, Ethan Perkins, Stan O'Brien and Annie Jones. The booby prize was won by table #4 for 18 flags for Capt. Stella Mizener, Ann Foster, Sid de Solla, Katie Jones.

Door prizes went to Sid de Solla, Earl Talbot, Audie Mullarkey, Nancy page, Diane Sirois, Anne Foster, Alfreda Neil, Adeline Jones, Jeanie Royea, Eva Page, Doris Wilson, Audrey Rhicard, Barbara Tremblay, June Call, Amanda Strueule, Stella Mizener, Larry Royea. The box of groceries went to Alice Mullarky, Rita Bouibrick and Earl Tabbot took the last two prizes. A delicious lunch followed. See you all next week.

Edna Badger

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And you cannot call your soul your own.

There's one that sparkles, and shines so bright,
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There's one of yellow, sunshine bright, a never ending party
No caring for right or wrong just a party, hearty, song.

There's one of pearl gray,
And it seemsthe right way you work, both night and day,
You have no time for God or man.... and fellowship you don't understand.

But there's one bottle hidden way in the back,
Up in a corner, on its own little rack.
Its colour is like a rainbow, it's a cure for them all.
It's a blessing from our Saviour Jesus, when He died to save us all.
So chose the rainbow bottle, don't put the others to the test.
Just give your life to Jesus, and He will do the rest.

Poem written by E. T. Writer, Elizabeth Haskell

Birth

DUNN - Anna is as excited as her parents, Vanessa and Steven, to announce the arrival of her brother, Lucas James Robert, 4 lbs. 9 oz., and her sister, Ella Michelle, 4 lbs. 12 oz., on March 31, 2005 at the CHUS Fleurimont. Proud grandparents are Mona and Yvon Lessard of Sillery, Quebec and Carol and Jeff Dunn of Richmond, Quebec.

Deaths

HARMER, John Malcolm - Passed away suddenly in Montreal, Que., on April 6th, 2005 at the age of 59 years. Beloved son of Katherine Arobel Graham and the late Malcolm Kenneth Harmer. Much loved brother of Thomas Albert. He will be sadly missed by his aunt Thelma Picken, cousins Linda Kay (Kelly Ross), Barbara Ann Picken, Mary Lou (James Kominek), Brenda Lee Picken-Zeran, Susan Jane (Mario Gubbels) and Robert Picken. Mourned also by other relatives and many friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where family and friends may visit on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2005 at 2 p.m., in the funeral parlor with the Rev. Keith Dickerson officiating. Interment of ashes in the Malvern Cemetery at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to the Quebec Diabetes Association, 8550 Pie-Dix Blvd., office #300, Montreal, Quebec, H1Z 4G2 would be appreciated by the family. Tel.: (819) 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca

Death

HAEBERLIN, Shirley - Passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 7, 2005, in Ottawa in her 91st year. Born in Lennoxville, Quebec, beloved wife of the late Norman White and the late Paul Haeberlin. Loved mother of Scott (Anthea) of Thornbury, David (Jane) of Barrie and Toronto, and Jodi of Ottawa. She will be missed by her cherished grandchildren, Tova, Tecia, Tory, Jordan, Jake, Lesley, Tyler and Blake. Shirley was a proud graduate of McGill (1936) and through her life she was an accomplished horsewoman, an avid skier and curler, a golfer, a talented seamstress, a committed gardener and a devotee in her later years of foreign travel. She spent her retirement in her much loved North Hatley where she contributed her efforts to the North Hatley Improvement Society and the summer market. She spent her final years at the Colonel By Residence in Ottawa where she made new friends and received good care. She was a woman with a wonderful, positive spirit and a smile for everyone. Arrangements in care of the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, Ottawa. Memorial service at a later date in North Hatley. Donations can be made to the North Hatley Library, Main Street, North Hatley, Quebec J0B 2C0. Condolence/donations/tributes at: mcgarry-family.ca (613) 233-1143.

HARMER, Malcolm Kenneth - Passed away peacefully at the Riverglen Haven Home in Sutton, Ontario on April 5th, 2005 at the age of 82 years. Beloved husband of Katherine Arobel Graham, much loved father of the late John Malcolm and Thomas Albert. Fondly remembered by his sister Thelma Harmer Picken and his nieces Linda Kay (Kelly Ross), Barbara Ann Picken, Mary Lou (James Kominek), Brenda Lee Picken-Zeran, Susan Jane (Mario Gubbels) and nephew Robert Picken. Predeceased by his parents Kenneth and Aleta (McKeage) Harmer and his brother-in-law Calvin Picken. Mourned also by other relatives and many friends. The visitations were held on Saturday, April 9th, 2005. The funeral service officiated by the Rev. Robin Hearder was held on Sunday, April 10th, 2005 in the Chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home, Sutton, Ontario. Interment of ashes will take place at the Malvern Cemetery, Lennoxville, Que., at a later date.

In Memoriam

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AYER'S CLIFF

Turkey Supper with all the trimmings on Saturday, April 23 at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff. Two settings 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Reservations only. Call Wendell Cass (819) 846-7180, Mervyn Drew 838-5603 or Alfred Keeler 838-4953.

MAGOG

St. Paul's A.C.W., 211 Pine St., Magog will hold their annual Chicken Pie and Casserole Supper on April 14 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please note change of date from 16th to 14th of April. All welcome.

RICHMOND

The Richmond 4-H Club will be hosting its annual card party on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond Legion. Light lunch and prizes. Proceeds to the 4-H Club. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. Prizes and lunch. To reserve a table, please call Helen (819) 569-3598 or Emily

562-8683.

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

LENNOXVILLE: On Tuesdays, April 12 and 26, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE: On Tuesday, April 26 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

NORTH HATLEY: On Friday, May 6 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Monday, April 18, Quebec Sherbrooke Presbyterial United Church Women annual meeting, Lennoxville United Church. Registration 9 a.m. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Sharon Moore-Laberee. Light lunch available. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

Are you ready to be confirmed into the Anglican Church? Are you 11 years old or older, or an unconfirmed adult? Classes will start shortly. An information meeting for candidates will be held on Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in St. Anne's Church, 171 Principale Street South, Richmond. Bring your Mom and Dad along and see what it's all about. For more information, please contact Rev. O'Donnell at (819) 826-5115.

SHERBROOKE

The Nurse's Alumnae Association of the former Sherbrooke Hospital will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April

19 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Residence. The hostesses for the evening will be Shirley Hopkins and Carol Hobbs.

WARDEN

500 card party at the I.O.O.F. Hall, sponsored by Waterloo Lodge #27, 209 Main St., Warden on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and prizes.

NORTH HATLEY

The Lake Massawippi Area Historical Society cordially invite everyone to a general meeting to be held on Thursday, April 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Church Hall, Capelton Road, North Hatley (next to the Town Offices). Several guest speakers have been invited, and refreshments will be served.

BULWER

Bulwer Q.F.A. meets on Thursday, April 14 at the Community Centre starting at 8:30 p.m. All welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

NORTH HATLEY

Rummage Sale, Community Centre, 3127 Capelton Road, Saturday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food Sale on Saturday. Articles appreciated, Friday, April 22, before 2 p.m. Sponsored by Hatley Centre W.I.

HATLEY

Luceon on Wednesday, April 20 starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Hatley Anglican Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

DANVILLE

Come and enjoy a Sugar Shack Meal on Saturday, April 16 at the Danville Curling Club. To reserve tickets call (819) 839-2554 or 879-7798. Curling Finals at 6 p.m. followed by an evening of enter-

tainment.

CHERRY RIVER

Cherry River Gospel Chapel will be holding Special Meetings from April 23 to 28. April 23: Men and Ladies Breakfast, 8 a.m., at Parkside Ranch; meeting at 7 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday, April 24, Supper at 5 p.m. with meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Parkside Ranch. Nightly meetings will be held at the Chapel at 7 p.m. from April 25 to 28. For more information call Ron at (819) 843-3492 or Carl 843-8940.

LENNOXVILLE

Literacy in Action in Lennoxville is bringing Laubach Tutor Trainers to give a free, 2-day workshop in May. Interested persons wishing to become a volunteer tutor and assist in raising literacy levels of the adult Anglophone population within the Eastern Townships region should call Kathy at (819) 346-7009 for more information.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Mom's feelings are less important than the way she treats you

Dear Annie: A year ago, my mother-in-law had a stroke. Her husband was in a rehabilitation center, and I spent hours helping her pack so she could move to be closer to him. Two days after she moved, I went to her house to pick up a book and let myself in with a key

she had given me. I meant to leave her a note, and when I picked up her writing tablet, I noticed that she had written some very unflattering words about me. I was hurt and angry, and left in tears.

I always thought my mother-in-law was lovely and kind. I still can't believe she would write something so mean, especially days after I busted my behind to help get her packed. My husband says to get over it, that it was her personal journal and I shouldn't have seen it. Well, too late for that.

Now, whenever I see or speak to my mother-in-law, I suspect she is faking her feelings, even though she tells me constantly that she loves me. Since the episode with the journal, we've had a few run-ins, although when she recounts the incidents to my husband, her version is a bit different from mine. My husband told her to quit complaining to him about me, and she stopped.

I want to tell her what I saw and call her on the carpet, but I'm afraid it could bring on another stroke. Holding this in is making me nuts, not to mention the fights that have brewed between my husband and me because I'm so angry with his mother. I can't stay away from her because we have a newborn, and I don't want to withhold the baby from

Annie's Mailbox

her. Please help. — Devastated DIL

Dear Devastated:

Many people are unaware that a stroke can create changes in one's personality. It's quite possible that your mother-in-law does love you, but has moments when she is not so rational.

Mom's personal feelings, however, are less important than the way she treats you. We all occasionally have unkind thoughts about people we love, which is why diaries are for the writer's eyes only. If you fear discussing this with Mom could bring on a second stroke, it might help to unburden yourself to a friend, your clergyperson or a trained counselor.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a woman whose husband had driven her to tears by buying her a Barney sweatshirt and flannel nightgown, which led her to shop for her own gifts the past 17 years. You said she's "learned how to turn lemons into lemonade."

I know I'm violating the Code of Male Silence by telling you this, but her husband performed one of the Seven Secret Disciplines: "When called upon to shop, buy the worst thing you can imagine. That way, she will never ask you to do it again." HE turned lemons into lemonade. Fortunately, he is married to a

woman who loves the stuff. (P.S.: Nothing, not even Alberto Gonzales' Torture Squads, will get the other Six Disciplines out of me, so please don't ask.) — Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Santa Fe: We suspect the others are along the lines of, "When asked to do the laundry, make sure to bleach everything." Thanks for a good laugh.

Dear Annie: I have been at my job for 22 years. There are girls in my office who wear perfume and put on scented hand cream four or five times a day. It drives me nuts. I have allergies, and these multiple scents burn my nose and make it hard for me to breathe.

I talked to my boss, and she said to talk to the girls. I did, and they stopped for a while, but then started up again. I am ready to leave. What can I do? — Nancy

Dear Nancy: Ask them again. There are dozens of fragrance-free lotions available, and perhaps you could buy one for the office and ask the girls to use it so your allergies don't act up. If that doesn't help, inform your boss that you have done your part and now it's her turn. The workplace should not be a health risk for you.

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

Happy 1st Birthday



to Maranda Weare

Love Mommy and Daddy
Shayne and Matt

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: G equals B

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- XOR XONOJ

"Z KMO MR SMFO NZCON RMRO."

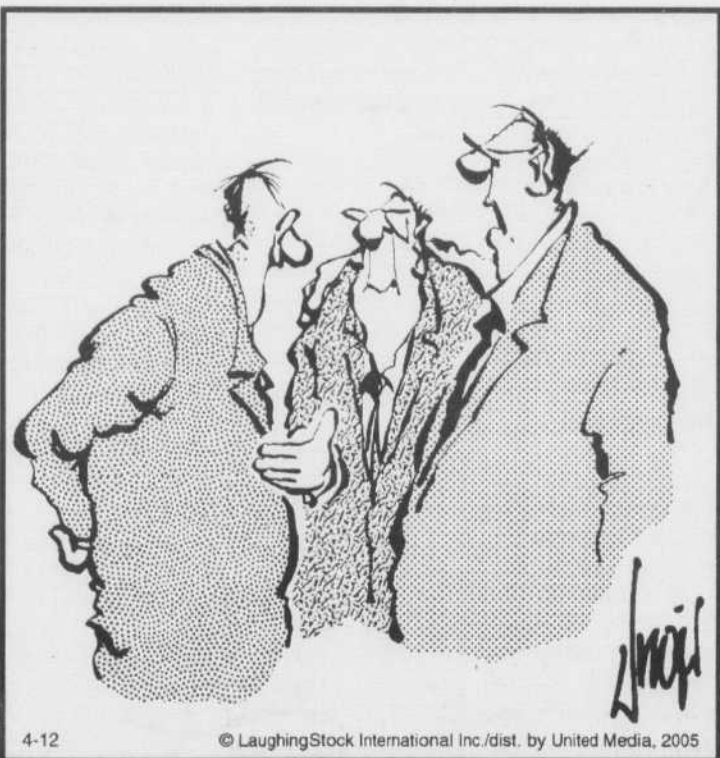
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "It isn't hard to be good from time to time in sports. What's tough is being good every day." - Willie Mays (c) 2005 by NEA, Inc. 4-12

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PUBLIC NOTICE is also given that the said by-law is now on file in the office of the Director General/Secretary-Treasurer at the town hall, 220 Principale St. East, Cookshire, where any interested persons may have access to it during normal office hours.
Given at Cookshire-Eaton, this 12th of April, 2005.
The Director General/
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Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Paint your canvas with bright colors using bold strokes today because your larger, positive ideas will have greater chances of being successful than your puny ones would.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put any uncertainties behind you, especially when dealing with unique features that pop up in your commercial transactions today. There's a chance you'll get far more than you expect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You have those extra special qualities going for you today that can make you a big winner. You should be quite lucky in endeavors that you personally manage, so be sure to call the shots.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Envision matters that may be iffy but important to you as working out to your complete satisfaction today. Once you get the picture, proceed free from doubt and you will succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you find it necessary to influence a particular group today, single out the key persons who can make things happen and work in conjunction with them. Too many people can muddle things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your chances for success will be considerably enhanced today because of Lady Luck intervening on your behalf whenever a sud-

den adjustment arises and has to be made. She'll steer you right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In your major endeavors today, try to keep the broader picture before you at all times. Any smaller fragments will fall into place once you establish and secure the general outline.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your intuition is keenly honed today and you should be able to detect what lies beneath the surface, even when you have only sketchy information upon which to draw. Trust your senses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Show a willingness to make compromises or concessions when needed without being asked and you could gain an important ally as a result. Make the initial gesture and all will follow suit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lady Luck will be doing her best to help keep you a length or two ahead of the competition today, but you'll have to first be willing to run the race. Use her to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Quick thinking may get you out of some rough spots today, but you can't make it a habit to depend on last-minute decisions. What works one moment will lose its advantage the next time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Early happenings may not be indicative of the outcome of events today, so don't let things discourage you. Lady Luck will step forward and help when you need it if you keep the faith.

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both					
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2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass		
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass		
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass		
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass		
Opening lead: ♦ 9					

Second hand low is a good old rule, / And third hand high if you're no fool; / But dummy is there for your inspection; / Use common sense to make exceptions.

A limerick has five lines and rhymes in an a-a-b-b-a sequence. That verse, not a limerick, is from Mary Swain Wagner's "Auction Bridge Rhyme and Reason," published privately in 1925. The author, who lived in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was an activist for women's rights.

In this deal, is second hand low the correct trick-three play for East? Against six spades, West leads the diamond nine. Declarer takes the trick, plays a heart to dummy's ace, and calls for a trump.

After South opens two clubs (strong, artificial and forcing), North's two-heart bid is a positive response, which promises at least eight points (or a great seven) and five or more respectable hearts.

If declarer plays quickly, East has to decide whether to stop and think. If it is vital to duck, he wants to do it without apparent thought. However, if that is wrong, he prefers to take time to work out why it is necessary to win the trick.

Here, East needs to realize that declarer cannot get back into the dummy. So, it is common sense for East to win with his spade ace, after which declarer must lose a second trump trick. But if East plays second hand low, declarer would run dummy's spade, then call for another trump, and claim.

A verse from an old booklet

By Phillip Alder

In some ways, the most interesting "limerick" submitted for my Christmas Competition came from Donald K. Wand, of Ocean City, Md.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Engaged in battle
- 6 Railroad hitchhiker
- 10 Gillette razor
- 14 Alan Ladd classic
- 15 Author Haley
- 16 Unflappable
- 17 Tarnish
- 18 Last breath
- 19 Encryption
- 20 Double-play precluder
- 23 Deal in used goods
- 24 Salty seven
- 25 Quench
- 28 Intervene
- 32 Jolson and Hirt
- 35 Yup's antonym

- 37 Drunkard
- 38 Double jeopardy precluder
- 42 White poplar
- 43 Preliminary race
- 44 Neg. opposite
- 45 Fix potholes
- 47 Strainer
- 50 Former small import car
- 52 Exodus pharaoh
- 56 Double promotion precluder
- 60 Actress Gilpin
- 61 Winchester rival
- 62 Ouzo flavoring
- 63 Pathogenic microorganism
- 64 Chinese leader?
- 65 Renowned
- 66 Basilica area

- 26 Gary of golf
- 27 Fencing foils
- 29 Cheap books
- 30 Aoki of golf
- 31 Huey Lewis and the ___
- 32 Hebrew month
- 33 Service station job?
- 34 Drain slowly
- 36 Morales of "La Bamba"
- 39 Kindergarten period
- 40 Musical show
- 41 Howard or Isaac

- 46 Escape hatch
- 48 Unoccupied
- 49 One-sharp key
- 51 Of vision
- 53 Malicious ill will
- 54 Someone ___ (not ours)
- 55 Burpee purchase
- 56 Chick's chirp
- 57 Makes mistakes
- 58 Gossipy Barrett
- 59 Not left out of
- 60 Org. of Couples and Toms

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Buzzing with activity
- 2 Clan chief
- 3 Homeless children
- 4 Potts and Lennox
- 5 Pass gossip
- 6 Arduous
- 7 Norwegian king
- 8 Poe poem, with "The"
- 9 Some daisies
- 10 Charge with
- 11 Chisel or hammer
- 12 Went for a spin
- 13 "Cakes and ___"
- 21 Argentine plain
- 22 Dustin in "Midnight Cowboy"

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By Victor Fleming

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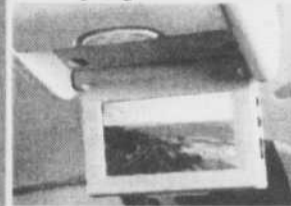
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- AM/FM/CD stereo
- Advanced multistage driver and front passenger airbags
- Sentry Key® engine immobilizer
- City: 12.2 L/100 km (22 miles per gallon), highway: 8.2 L/100 km (34 miles per gallon)
- Roof rack

Purchase for
\$19,898*

Lease the Grand Caravan for **\$359†**

per month, 48-month lease, \$0 security deposit, \$0 down payment.

DVD player included!



Additional 11 inches in length

2005 Dodge Grand Caravan

Same features as the Caravan, plus:

- Entertainment group with DVD player
- Tri-zone temperature control with rear heater
- 4-wheel anti-lock braking system
- 16-inch aluminum wheels
- 60/40 split folding rear seat
- Keyless entry
- Power driver's seat
- And 4 bucket seats!

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