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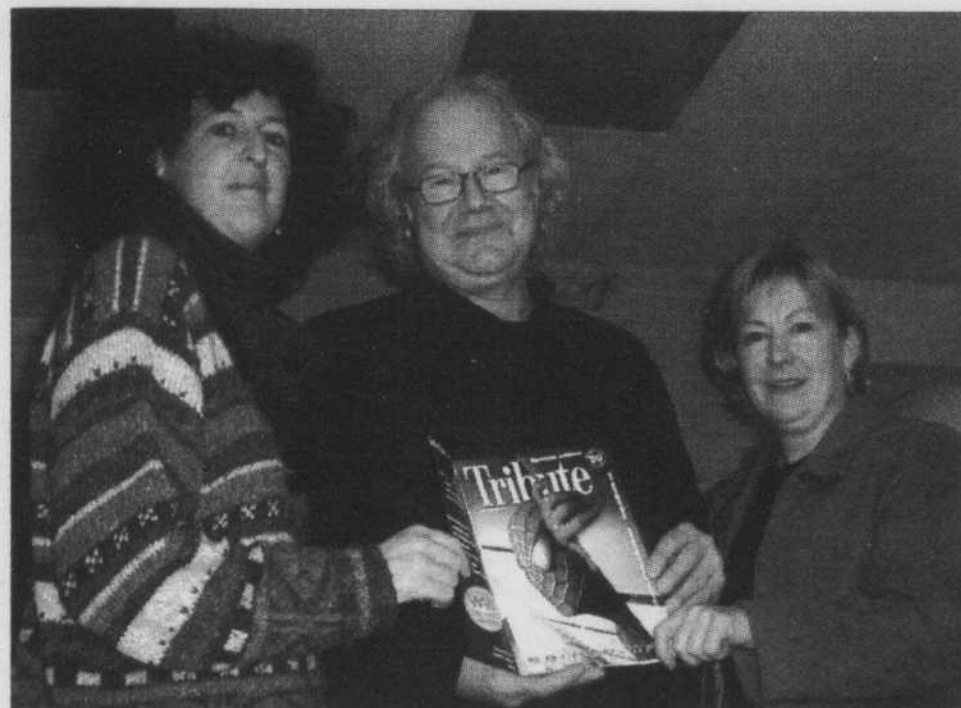
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English movies must be profitable for 3 weeks



DANIEL HUOT

Cinéma 9 manager Louise Trottier and Galaxy Entertainment representatives Ken Prue and Cindy Morris show off a copy of Tribute magazine containing the picture of Spiderman, the next expected English-language movie showing in Sherbrooke.

Officials explain the lack of English flicks in Sherbrooke

By Daniel Huot
SHERBROOKE

Cinéma 9 manager Louise Trottier candidly admits she prefers to watch movies in their original English-language version rather than in the translated French versions shown in her own theatre.

"Sometimes I don't go see movies in my own theatre," she said. "It's as if you muted somebody's voice. The voice has its own style and tone. You sort of ruin it. In the end, it's always the same people who do the translations. I know that Yves Corbeil does Robert Deniro. It's also a question of authority. The actor has his own soul."

But getting more English movies in Sherbrooke theatres can be financially problematic for movie distributors, despite the presence of a large pool of bilingual residents.

"We do more in French than in English except Lord of the Rings," Trottier noted. "It grossed 65 per cent of the French version instead of the usual 30 to 45 per cent."

That 65 per cent figure is considered outstanding for an English movie in the Sherbrooke area. However, if the movie had been a flop, the theatre's owners would have lost more money than with the French version of the same movie.

"An English movie will die sooner than the French version, and our distributors know it," said Trottier. "We have to show a movie for a minimum of three weeks, so if the movie dies, we have a problem."

Most English movies gross in between 45 to 50 per cent compared to the French movie in its first week. After that, figures can drop or remain the same.

"Sometimes the comment I get is that the English version doesn't stay long on the screen, but if the movie doesn't gross in profits, it has to be pulled off the screen," Trottier noted.

SEE MOVIES, PAGE 3

Former Brown Shoe workers appeal to local companies for jobs

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

Spurred on by financial help from the provincial government, a group of former Brown Shoe workers have launched an appeal to local employers to consider hiring their members.

"It is important that these workers find new jobs as soon as possible," said Onil Proulx, head of the H.H. Brown Workers Retraining Committee.

"It's important for our local economy because these workers have skills that can be used by other companies."

Last Tuesday, the provincial government said it had \$548,000 available for job searching as well as for salary subsidies for any company that hires a former Brown Shoe worker. The government was ready to pay half of the workers' salaries for a minimum of 10 weeks. The

duration of the subsidy would be lengthened if the new job required more retraining time.

The retraining committee was set up in October, 2000 soon after the American company H.H. Brown Shoe announced it would close its factory by the fall of 2001. The eventual closure last Nov. 15 put 355 people out of work.

Since the October, 2000 announcement, 277 of the Brown Shoe workers have signed up for retraining programs and lessons on how to find new jobs said Proulx.

He added since last November's closing, only 54 people have found new jobs and another 32 are now enrolled in training courses.

"The rest are actively looking for work," he said. "Many of them are in their late 40s and mid 50s."

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Murder suspect arrested

Staff

A 21-year-old man was charged with first-degree murder and faces life behind bars in connection with the brutal death of Fernand Robert, a Granby resident in his seventies.

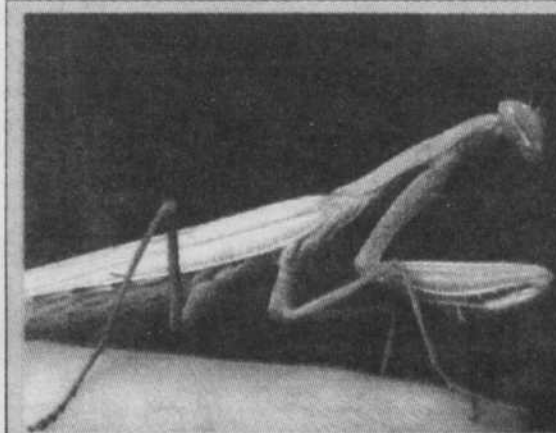
"The Sûreté du Québec's major crimes unit arrested Sonny-Jean Martin," said SQ spokesman Roger Phomasin.

Martin, who is unknown by police, is described as the victim's room-

mate. Phomasin was unable to provide a motive for the crime, but a dispute concerning money between the two men is reported to have possibly occurred.

Robert was murdered while walking in a Granby park. He was knocked on the head with a sharp object. A preliminary autopsy report concluded the victim didn't die from bullet wounds.

Meanwhile, Martin remains in custody at Sherbrooke's Talbot Prison.



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The changing face of fishing

I'll have to admit that, at times, I still take my fishing rod and poke it over the side of the boat just to see how deep the water is, especially if the water has some colour to it and I can't see the bottom too well.

I know that it's a lot easier to look at my electronics, but if the water is seven feet or less and I'm using a rod that's at least seven feet long, I just can't help using that old style of checking depth. I guess some of the things you learn as a kid really do stick with you.

The way fishing equipment has

changed since I was a boy has certainly been an amazing evolution. Back in the early years when I first started fishing, my friend and I bought a homemade, eight-foot, flat-bottomed plywood boat with no motor, that cost us \$25. I don't think you could buy the plywood

for that price these days! I can remember arguing with my buddy over who would fish and who would row. Since he was a year and a half older than me, he'd usually win the argument because he had seniority. I'd end up rowing and he'd get to cast until he'd caught a few fish, then we'd switch. We didn't have electric motors in those days so it was up to the guy with the oars to position the boat so the other guy could fish.

Talking about electric motors, I first started using them back in the '70s. I'll never forget how incredible it was to have an electric motor so that I could quietly ease along weed edges, shorelines, points and other structures. Most of the early electric motors

were pretty underpowered when you compare them to today's models. I can remember when motors with 36 pounds of thrust, that ran on 12 volts, were considered top of the line. Nowadays you can get electrics that put out over 100 pounds of thrust and run on 36 volts. These new motors are so powerful that you can actually troll with them.

When I started fishing, a depth finder was either your anchor or a heavy sinker tied to your fishing line. Many fishermen would mark their anchor lines with paint, felt-tipped pens, or by tying knots every foot or two in order to get an idea of how deep the water under their boat was. The introduction of sonar units in the '70s re-

ally revolutionized the way we fished.

The first units were flashers, and they could show the depth of water quickly and accurately. You could move the boat across a point or shoal and get a real good idea of how steep the breakline was just by watching how fast the light on the dial moved. If you used these flashers enough, you could actually tell if you were over a hard or soft bottom, you could mark weeds and rocks, you could see schools of baitfish and you could even mark individual fish. Flashers were soon followed by paper graphs that showed the bottom as a picture. It took a lot of the guesswork out of interpreting what was under the boat. Now, liquid crystal display units have pretty well replaced paper graphs. Ironically, a lot of anglers are now using modern flasher units as their underwater eyes.

The other giant leap in fishing electronics has got to be the Global Positioning System, or GPS. As a youngster fishing on Lake Erie's Rondeau Bay, I had a few hotspots that I used to fish, but finding them was always difficult. I can remember lining up objects on shore to try and position myself through triangulation. I'd look in one direction and pick an object on shore like a tree, house, boat dock or anything else that was recognizable, then line it up with something else behind it. Then I'd look 90 degrees away and try to line up two more objects. By running an imaginary line along these two sight lines until they crossed my position, I'd have a rough idea of where my spot was. Even then, I'd have to spend a lot of time in the general area trying to find the exact rock pile, drop-off or weedbed. And, this system was useless if I couldn't see the shoreline clearly as was often the case on rainy or foggy days, or when I was out fishing early or late in the day.

With today's GPS units, all I need to do is punch in a saved location and the GPS will guide me to within a few yards of the exact location, day or night, and in any weather conditions.

People always talk about the good old days, and in some ways I guess they were. When it comes to fishing equipment though, there's no question that anglers are a lot better off then they were when I was a kid just a few short years ago. Well,

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5333	\$ 250
333	\$ 50
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Ben by Daniel Shelton



Conley Street vandals strike again

Lennoxville business owners fed up

By Daniel Huot
LENNOXVILLE

Accountant Sylvain Bouchard went to work Friday morning in relatively good spirits, but that all changed when he discovered that two windows were smashed and a verandah broken at his office at 5 Conley St. in Lennoxville.

"We're starting to find this annoying," said Bouchard. "I'd say we haven't completely resolved the problem. We need a sentence that will give the vandals a good lesson once and for all."

Bouchard rents his office from the owners of Blanchard Litho, a print shop located on the same property. Over the past nine months, the property has been vandalized at least six times.

Company president Andrew Blanchard said he's nearly had his building set on fire, as well as having his garbage bin set on fire, windows shattered twice and verandah pulled onto the street and set on fire once.

"The deductible is \$1,000, and the damages are always under the deductible, so we pay out of the company's

pockets," he noted. "It's possibly the same person, because it's always the same kind of act — broken windows, nothing stolen, broken railing."

It is frustrating to get calls early in the morning just to deal with it. It's something I don't need in my life."

Blanchard said he'd like to see criminal charges pressed against those who commit the random acts of destruction. The man who removes the snow from the print shop's parking lot noticed the windows were broken in the accountant's office between 4:15 and 4:30 a.m. Friday morning.

Bouchard said he's willing to join the town's citizens committee aimed at curbing vandalism if it can help resolve the problem. He reminded that his car was also broken into and that he had his cellular phone stolen last summer.

Vandalism on Conley Street has been an ongoing problem to local business and property owners. Other sectors in the town have also had more than their fair share of destruction.

John Spik and Bobby Cooper, both 19 and from Cookshire, and Steven Aldrich, 18, of Lennoxville will appear in courts on separate dates, Jan. 31 and Feb. 6, in connection with an unrelated series of vandalism incidents in town



BRUCE PATTON/CORRESPONDENT

Accountant Sylvain Bouchard was the latest victim of vandalism on Lennoxville's Conley Street Thursday night. The property that he rents out has been vandalized six times in the last nine months.

MOVIES:

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The immediate solution for English-speaking and bilingual audiences who want their share of original-language showings is to rely on highly publicized blockbusters. Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter are just the latest examples in this trend. The next will be Spiderman, which is expected to hit Sherbrooke May 3.

Galaxy Entertainment, the company which owns Rock Forest's Cinéma 9 as well as two other theatres in Quebec and 15 across North America, is also aware of the conundrum.

"We get the message on the Web site," said Ken Prue, a marketing and communications agent for the company. "We hear the message and know a larger cinema is what we need."

Prue added Galaxy Entertainment is currently examining the possibility of expanding the nine-room theatre to 12 rooms.

"We believe stadium seating is the feature that makes us appealing to our audience," said Prue. "The experience has to be better than the one at home. The primary target is 16 to 24-year-olds. Eighty-five per cent of those people go to movies frequently."

With spread-out seats and a 12-inch height difference between each row, Galaxy Entertainment is striving to keep its audience as comfortable as possible. The goal is to get baby boomers to visit the theatres as much as possible. Seating ranks as a top concern for moviegoers, Prue noted.

Meanwhile, Prue said Galaxy Entertainment is considering creating a marketing plan to attract moviegoers to its screenings of English-language movies. The magazine Tribute, which features movies and actors, might soon end up in mailboxes of English-speaking residents when a blockbuster is expected to pop up on screen.

A long-term solution towards finding a way to accommodate the best of both

worlds in Sherbrooke is to change projector formats, Prue said.

"Film has been in use for almost a 100 years now," he added. "The industry will shift to digital in the upcoming years. It will make it possible for us to address this problem."

The advantage of digital compared with film is that it works like a DVD. People who own DVD players already know that they can program the language in which they wish to listen to their DVD-Rom. With a digital projector, the idea is similar.

"We could play the English versions in the afternoon and the French in the

evening," said Prue. "The technology is not in cinemas yet."

That would mean English-language rolls of film would not have to be shipped to theatres. All digital projections would have a bilingual potential.

Prue acknowledged Sherbrooke's present case is particular.

"To my knowledge, I don't know any retailers that are fabulous at what we are discussing right now," he said. "Most cinemas are either English or French. It's really hard to be fabulous at two things."

Both Prue and Trottier said they don't think it would be feasible to open an English-language theatre in Sherbrooke.

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Too early to say if emissions harmful: Mergler

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
ASBESTOS

Although the production of PCBs, HCBs and other toxic organochloride substances poses a global danger for human health, it is too early to tell if those same substances being emitted out of Magnola's smokestacks pose any risk for the local population, a neurophysiologist from the University of Quebec at Montreal said last week.

"There is a body of evidence that shows there are adverse affects for human health caused by organochlorides," said Donna Mergler.

"But we still don't know if that means Magnola is potentially dangerous or not. We will have to keep monitoring them and the local environment closely before we know."

Mergler, the third specialist invited by local environment group Coalition for a Clean Magnola to speak to local residents, added that Magnola "appears

to have the will to contain its emissions and keep organochloride production to a minimum."

Speaking to an audience of 25 people, Mergler argued that the majority of organochloride pollution cannot be traced to local sources when studied by health specialists. She cited recent studies performed on pregnant women living near the St. Lawrence River where PCB concentrations are higher than normal.

"Even then, it was determined that 89 percent of the PCBs could not be traced to local polluters," she said. "The majority of the PCB contamination seemed to be coming from other places in North America. Is it being transmitted in the atmosphere or by some other means, we don't know."

Regardless of its source, she added, PCBs can accumulate in animals and humans and cause health problems over time.

Studies made on specific groups in Japan, Taiwan, Germany and the Netherlands indicate that PCB accumulation in humans can affect fertility, hormonal glands and mental development in children.

"In a study done on 171

women and their newborns in Germany, it was found there was a negative relationship between PCB accumulation and the intellectual and motor skill development in the children aged up to three-and-a-half years," she said.

"There are now ongoing studies in Canada and the U.S. to see if PCBs may be linked to hyperactivity in children."

Magnola, which uses an electrochemical process to transform asbestos waste tailings into magnesium metal, claims its smoke emissions of PCBs and HCBs are minimal and won't affect the local wildlife.

At full capacity, Magnola officials say the plant will emit three kilograms of PCBs (polychlorinated byphenyls) and 21 kilograms of HCBs (hexachlorobenzenes) into the air each year. The rest, they say, will be stored in water basins. Currently, the plant is operating at about 35 per cent capacity.

But the the small amount of emissions has not been acceptable to the Coalition, which wants all PCB and HCB pollution in the area eliminated. In March, 2000, it asked federal environment minister David Anderson for a judicial investigation of the plant in an effort to have it closed. The minister refused the coalition's request.

When asked if Magnola's emissions were a threat to the local community,

Mergler said it was too early to tell.

"Because of the potential danger, the local environment needs to be closely monitored by everybody, including citizens groups like the Coalition," she said.

"If we need to make magnesium, we should produce it safely. If not, then maybe we can do without it."

Did that mean local residents were now human guinea pigs while ongoing environmental testing proceeded?

"We are all guinea pigs," she responded.

Alain Bergeron, head of Magnola's environment department, said Mergler's position was balanced. He argued that while Canadian companies like Magnola and its parent company Noranda have been trying to reduce their pollutants, U.S. and Mexican companies have relaxed their efforts.

"Even if reducing emissions is on the top of our lists, it isn't for many companies south of our border," he said.

Bergeron said Magnola is still searching for the technology that would some day eliminate the need to produce PCBs and HCBs as pollutants.

"We agree with Mergler that these elements are dangerous, but we are doing all we can to keep them at a safe minimum," he said. "Someday, maybe we can eliminate them altogether."



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Gov't programs unable to help older workers

BROWN SHOE:

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Proulx said apart from the salary subsidy, there are no government programs available to help the older

workers slip into early retirement or create work for them. Many of them, he said, are passed over by companies who view them as unfit for physical labour or unable to understand new computerized technology.


"We would hope that some of the older workers can find jobs in retail stores or in offices, or maybe set up their own businesses" he said.

The committee has relied heavily on Emploi-Quebec, the provincial labour exchange, for retraining programs and help in finding new jobs. Emploi-Quebec officials estimated the cost of that help at just over \$150,000.

Proulx said the committee has also got job-searching help from Richmond's Industrial Renewal Committee and the economic development office of the Val St. Francois Municipal Regional Council (MRC).

"If any company in the Richmond area, the Asbestos area, or anywhere in the Townships has need of experienced factory workers, then please contact us," he said.

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CSC offers advice, publications on preventing falls

Staff
One in three seniors will fall this year, but the Canada Safety Council is hoping to improve on that statistic.

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"A bad fall can force an older person to move from their home. In many cases, simple changes can prevent a fall from ever taking place."

According to the CSC, caring for the elderly often falls on the shoulders of their middle-aged children. These people are often unfamiliar with what's

available to make homes safer for seniors.

According to 1996 Stats Can data, 1.3 million women provided care to an elderly person with a long term health problem. In 1999, a Conference Board of Canada survey found that one in four employees reported providing care or support for an elderly person.

The CSC can be of help. At its Internet Web site, www.safety-coun-

[cil.org](http://www.safety-council.org), you can find financial help and practical assistance. There are also tips on how to prevent falls and make homes safer.

Also available is a 24-page guide on home adaptations from the Canada

Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and a 48-page Safe Living Guide published by Health Canada.

You can contact the CSC at 613-739-1566, or by e-mail at csc@safety-council.org.

Snowmobile thief caught in the act

Staff
Apresumed snowmobile thief was caught with his hand in the cookie jar by Sherbrooke Regional Police Force officers out on a Saturday to Sunday stakeout.

The 21-year-old suspect, who was out on probation and who will likely be charged this morning, was reportedly in the act of stealing a pick-up truck that had a trailer with a snowmobile on it near the Delta Hotel in Sherbrooke.

"Our night team was out targeting potential snowmobile robberies, since this is the season," said Sgt. Danny McConnell.

Unfortunately for the would-be robber, police saw him committing the act and promptly arrested him with equipment valued at \$50,000 in his possession. He spent the remainder of the weekend in police custody.

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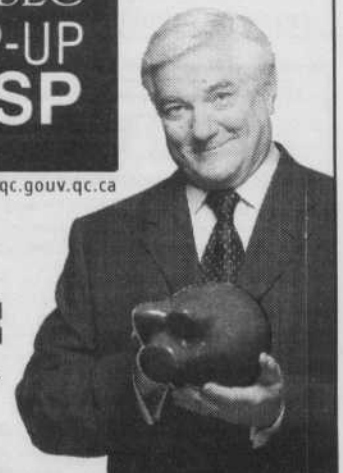
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EDITORIAL

Vandals can't survive without followers

It's time to separate the chaff from the grain and isolate vandals in this town from their followers.

Vandalism, unlike other crimes where perpetrators are singularly blinded by passion, greed, jealousy or vengeance, is a collective crime with the vandal driven by a need to destroy what others have built and earn acceptance for it from an audience of passive followers. That's why they never act alone. Without a cheering section, vandals are just your garden-variety yahoos on a rampage.

They are the bored performing for the bored; the uninspired leading the uninspired, the loser pumping himself up before a group of losers.

We all know the type. The kid who walks along the beach looking for someone else's sand castle to kick in because he doesn't have the patience or motivation to build his own. The tough guy who shows his mettle by knocking the head off a snowman the children in the neighbourhood spent the day building, or uprooting carefully planted flowers in gardens and streetside pots that took weeks to blossom.

Vandals desperately need to destroy what others have created, to take what others have and they use all manner of excuse to justify their actions: too much to drink, it's Saturday night, just kidding around, boys will be boys.

By slinking around after dark wreaking thousands of dollars of destruction on their neighbours, vandals in the town of Lennoxville have earned a reputation as guys who can

... let's see ... break a window and run? Spray paint and run? Scratch a car and run? Steal equipment and run? Kick over lawn decorations and run? Set fires and run? Destroy playground equipment and run? Break beer bottles where children play and run?

Some may even graduate from college and university with a well-honed ability to run and hide.

What's perplexing is the parties to these senseless and costly acts haven't clued in to the fact they are perceived by their peers and the public not as daring youthful pranksters, but pretty much as pin heads, social misfits and criminals. And that includes those in the peanut gallery who provide the incentive to perform, and the bystanders who don't blow the whistle on them.

It's highly unlikely a lone vandal would steal wooden pallets, drag them to a residential street and light them on fire in the middle of the night. But throw in a few people suffering from low self esteem to guffaw about what a brave stunt it is to steal pallets, set them on fire on a residential street in the middle of the night, and you've got the right formula.

The town's approach to curbing vandalism must be two-pronged: first to isolate the followers and provide an outlet for them to channel their energy in a more positive and productive way and second, to use the full force of the law to crack down on those cowards who hide under the cloak of darkness to destroy what others have built.

SHARON McCULLY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The dubious plight of the Anglo film-goer

DEAR EDITOR,

At long last, the controversial issue of English-language films in the Sherbrooke area has been given the sort of attention it deserves. While the issue does not revolve entirely around what has become the focal point of most everyone's disappointment and frustration - that being Cinema 9 in Rock Forest - it clearly has much to do with it. Indeed, it was not so long ago that upon its entrance into the Sherbrooke movie market, Cinema 9 committed itself to both the Anglophone and Francophone public by claiming it would screen English films frequently and in sufficient turnover as to provide variety. While the first two years of operation saw a concerted effort to do so, ever since the closing of its closest competitor - the Cinemas Carrefour de l'Estrie - Cinema 9 seems to have lost sight of this commitment. In the past year alone, the number and variety of English films screened in Sherbrooke overall could be counted on both hands.

This is as troubling as it is deceptive. Within the Sherbrooke metropolitan region, English-speaking people represent approximately 8 percent of the total population or some 11,000+ people; a similar percentage applies to the entire Eastern Townships, certainly those areas within a 45 minute drive of Rock Forest. Does that mean that one film in nine is a generous reflection of this population? No, not at all. In fact, if one were to consider the number of bilingual Sherbrookeois, one would be dealing with a percentage of the population likely twice or three times that number. Time and time again vast numbers of Francophones admit to preferring films in their original language format, even if that implies - as it usually does - a desire for English films. How awful it must be to have Sir Ian McKellan's incredible voice dubbed over in Lord of the Rings, or little Daniel Radcliffe's ideal personification of Harry Potter, to use such topical examples.

It is a vicious downward spiral, for the movie theatre as much as for the community at large. If Cinema 9 cannot make any profits showing English films, they are forced to show fewer English films, and if fewer films are shown, fewer people go, and as a result, even less money comes from this crucial demographic. Of course, retaining the same English film for eight weeks does not exactly help either, a practice it

seems more intent on keeping up appearances rather than serving a dynamic clientele. How many times does one want to see any given film, no matter how good it is? Anecdotal evidence suggests this depressing spiral has resulted in an overall sense of helplessness - those who used to see films regularly do not anymore; entire groups of people (such as Bishop's and Champlain students) give Cinema 9 scant consideration due to its absolutely horrid reputation in terms of English film screenings; and those who might like to begin watching English films, such as the younger generation, are growing up with no alternative other than paper-view at home or making a treacherous winter drive into Montreal.

Although Cinema 9 must be commended for its professionalism - generally speaking - in responding politely to many, many unpleasant phone calls and emails from irate customers, it should also be reprimanded for extricating itself from its past commitments, and denying an entire community access to something that for so many is a quintessential cultural activity. Is it Cinema 9's responsibility to serve a mandate as broad as that? Some might say no, but clearly being the only cinema west of Maison du Cinema in downtown Sherbrooke, a theatre with an equally poor reputation for English film screenings but simply less public scrutiny, implies a monopolistic control over a marketplace, a control it wields garishly by lamenting the woes of providing services to an English - and French - clientele and effectively repudiating the basic notions of good business management. Perhaps Cinema 9 is in cahoots with the linguistically-challenged health officials in Quebec City... one cannot be sure.

Still, happy customers quite naturally result in happy return visits, and a happy business. If the financial feasibility of showing English films at Cinema 9 has been compromised in recent years, it is of their own doing. If the English movie-going public can rely on a steady flow of one or two films a week, in their own language, changed frequently enough to provide variety and decent turnover, it is an almost sure bet that they will come. And perhaps then, once and for all, this ridiculous issue can be laid to rest. Enough with the rhetoric, and the knee-jerk excuses. This community challenges Cinema 9 to step up to plate and deliver the goods.

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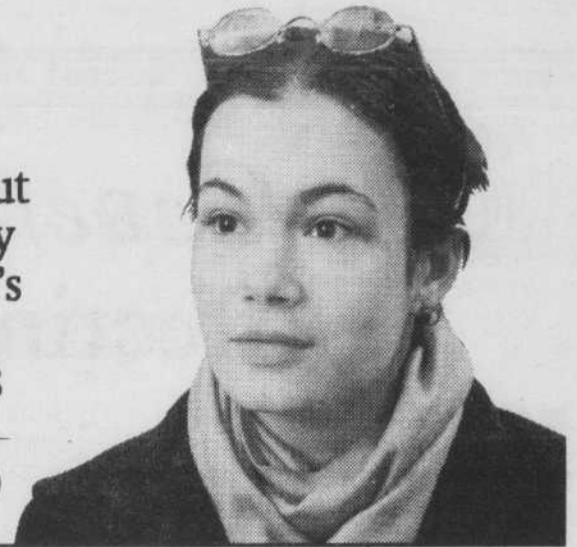
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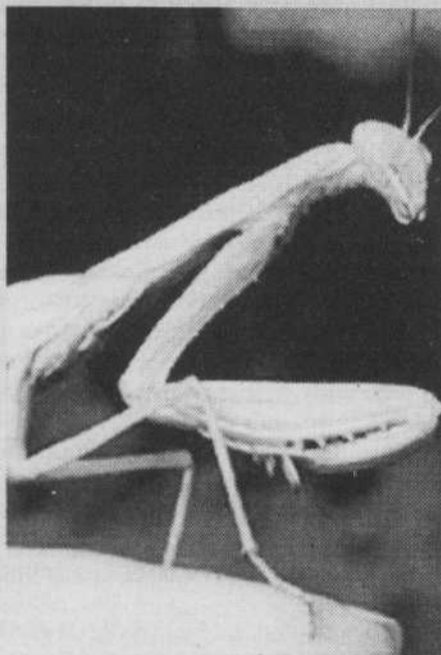


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Doing what comes natural

By Claudia Villemaire
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
MELBOURNE

Joanne Marcil is a dyed-in-the-wool back-to-the-lander. Organic farming is her mainstay and outdoor, year-round activities are her passion.

So it was only natural when Marcil and her husband moved onto a nearby farm, determined to become certified organic beef and garlic producers.

"We were living in Montreal. But it was

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our dream to become organic farmers and when we moved out here to re-start an old farmstead, our friends and family thought we had slipped over the edge," said Marcil, who has also been president of Club de Ski de Fond Richmond-Melbourne for the past three years.

Of course, all work and no play is not a wise choice, especially with three young children, so Marcil and her husband began skiing the cross-country trails near their homestead in Melbourne.

"It wasn't long before we began coming into the clubhouse, and, you know what happens when new people make comments or give opinions, the members invited us both to join the board.

"Actually, the club was in a bit of a slump. We were down in membership due to adverse weather conditions. The ice storm was devastating of course, but we had had a couple of poor winters before and the storm was followed by a couple more. We would just be whipping the trails into shape and then would come thaw and melt everything."

The popularity of cross-country skiing has waxed and waned since it began about 25 years ago.

"And you must remember we are not a provincial park, subsidized by the government," she said. "Nor do we have any other attractions here such as snow-boarding, ski-skating or alpine skiing. We have no lakes or much accommodation either."

Marcil was quick to point out, however, that a nearby B&B had recently opened, making a weekend of skiing much more accessible.

"But there has been a lot of work done



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/SPECIAL

Club de Ski de Fond Richmond-Melbourne president knows all about adversity. It was only three years ago that she joined the cross-country skiing club that was recovering from several poor winters.

here by volunteers who wanted to develop the best trails in the area," she said.

"We have a narrower track than the skate-skiers, but it is a double track. The trails are worked on every year. They are graded and levelled and improved with the comfort of the skier and his or her expertise in mind.

"You have to remember we are located in hilly terrain. These are not flat trails, but even the simplest one can be a bit of a challenge. We try, on the expert trails, to keep a degree of difficulty that will test experienced and semi-professional skiers too — quite a challenge each year."

Among the changes this year, the club has taken over the management of the restaurant, traditionally contracted to the private sector.

Funding is always a problem, so the local ski club is volunteer-run. Money is spent on grooming equipment which is run by volunteers. Patrollers are, for the most part, also volunteers.

There is also a heated waxing shed, equipment rental and a grand hall where a fireplace sets the mood, and the restau-

rant and bar are well-equipped.

"We do rent this building for private parties or wedding receptions during the summer, but people don't realize we are open seven days a week during the winter," added Marcil.

"The trails have been open for some time now and are in excellent condition. Yes, we've had a bit of rain and mild weather, but the temperature here is about one or so degrees colder than downtown. And in the woods, the trails are protected quite a bit from the ravages of rain and such.

"Another thing people don't realize is that we are not an exclusive club or a government subsidized organization. This club is the local people's project, a non-profit organization supported by the community and the club members and daily visitors."

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Affecting change over the airwaves

By Amber Phalen
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS

This is the studio," beams Marvin Hanke, as we walk through the Story Workshop Educational Trust (SWET) offices. "It's not quite finished."

Faded orange curtains hang loosely from ropes in this small room where some of Malawi's most popular radio programs are produced. Professional sound proofing insulation is not readily available in this small Central African nation.

Dressed in a black and brown traditional Malawian mu-mu, Hanke moves into the control room. He seems very comfortable sitting in front of the giant Mackie digital soundboard. "It's our newest addition," he says, the smile taking over his face.

Hanke has many reasons to smile. He is the Managing Director of SWET, one of the fastest growing and most successful non-governmental organizations in Malawi.

Malawi is a developing nation struggling to keep its balance in the face of AIDS, poverty, and a newly established democratic government. Story Workshop tackles these issues head-on, producing entertaining programs that are later broadcast by the Malawi Broadcasting Corp.

Two of the programs use songs, proverbs, drama and poems in a radio soap opera format. "The style we use is to give entertainment with a message," explains Hanke. "This is the first time we've had 'edutainment' in Malawi."

Zimachitika, which means "these

things happen" or "such is life" in Chichewa, the predominant language in Malawi, is the best-known program. First aired in December 1997, the program focuses on rural development and food security and attempts to link Malawian cultural heritage to social change.

The characters of Zimachitika inhabit the fictional Malawian village of Mbonekera. Story themes range from agriculture, agroforestry and the environment to community organization and governance, credit and household resource management, and gender equity.

One special topic that is dealt with on a continuing basis is that of HIV/AIDS. Zion, one of the main characters, is HIV-positive and provides a strong role model for those living with HIV. She lives a busy and active life despite the disease.

This kind of positive role model is necessary in Malawi. Almost 16 per cent of the population is HIV positive, according to a recent UNAIDS report on the epidemic. Many people working in the development field feel that the reality is closer to more than 50 per cent. In Canada, the figure is 0.3 per cent.

Much of the information offered to developing nations on topics such as safe sex is often lost in the messages delivered by international donors, says Simon Sikwese, one of the scriptwriters at SWET. He explains that there always seems to be an impasse when international aid organizations attempt to "educate" villagers.

"There is a reason why the villager

cannot accept the (donor's) message," he says. "The conflict is between the messages and what people believe in."

For example, he says that many Malawians believe that pneumonia is caused by a knife being pointed at a person's chest, "because pneumonia feels like a stabbing pain in your lungs." This kind of cause and effect logic is hard to break when trying to get people to wear warmer clothing to avoid illnesses.

SWET has found a solution to this impasse. "We use culturally-based tools that the audience can accept," explains Hanke.

"When we use proverbs and fables they (villagers) feel that it's coming from themselves," Sikwese adds. "The proverbs are from their own language. It's the kind of stories they tell when they speak. They enjoy it more because it's talking in their own language."

Extensive research is done both before and after broadcasts. SWET staff members travel to rural areas to discuss the problems that Malawians encounter daily. "We go to the rural villages to find out how they think those issues can be resolved realistically," says Hanke. "It comes from them, we don't impose our message upon them."

Once the research is complete, scriptwriters like Sikwese compose the radio shows. "It's where I get more ideas and improve on the stories," he says. "Scripts should not just be read, but should speak."

It is for this reason that he pays close attention to the ways that people speak, often drawing on colloquial slang that

is used in the villages.

The running of an organization like SWET requires the hard work of employees and volunteers alike. Canadian Mark Chan started as a volunteer, but has been hired as a full-time employee, assisting in the development of Story Workshop and its technological infrastructure. The soft-spoken Edmontonian originally came to Malawi through a World University Services of Canada (WUSC) internship. WUSC is an international development organization that receives support from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

"My first big job was to design a big database which would provide a correlation between listener participation and geographic distribution," he explains. "Statistically, (the listener database) shows that tens of thousands of Malawians from almost every socio-economic stratum are not only listening to the programs, but learning and participating."

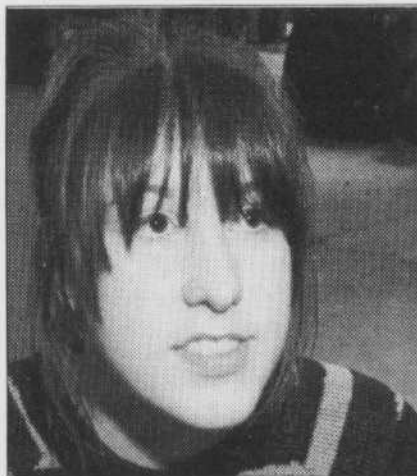
Louise Keyworth, the project co-ordinator of the Story Workshop Action Theatre Project agrees. "I've been here five months and I've yet to find a Malawian who doesn't know about Zimachitika," she says.

(Amber Phalen is 25 years old. A graduate of journalism from Concordia, she went to Malawi on a WUSC internship program.)

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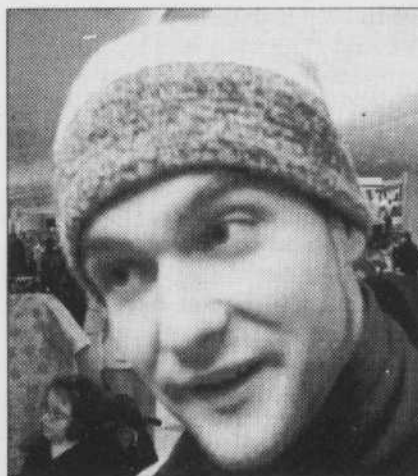
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"Television would be my choice. It's hot and there are a lot of cool shows like the Power Puff Girls."



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ETIENNE PELLETIER, SHERBROOKE
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SAMANTHA HALFYARD, SHERBROOKE
"I like books. There are so many different kinds to choose from. The Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul series is very good."

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Unearthing treasures in your own backyard

Nature's Way



Bugging our bugs Part II

Creating an army of defence

To you, the backyard garden is a place where you relax, read a good book, sip iced tea on a hot day — an overall peaceful paradise.

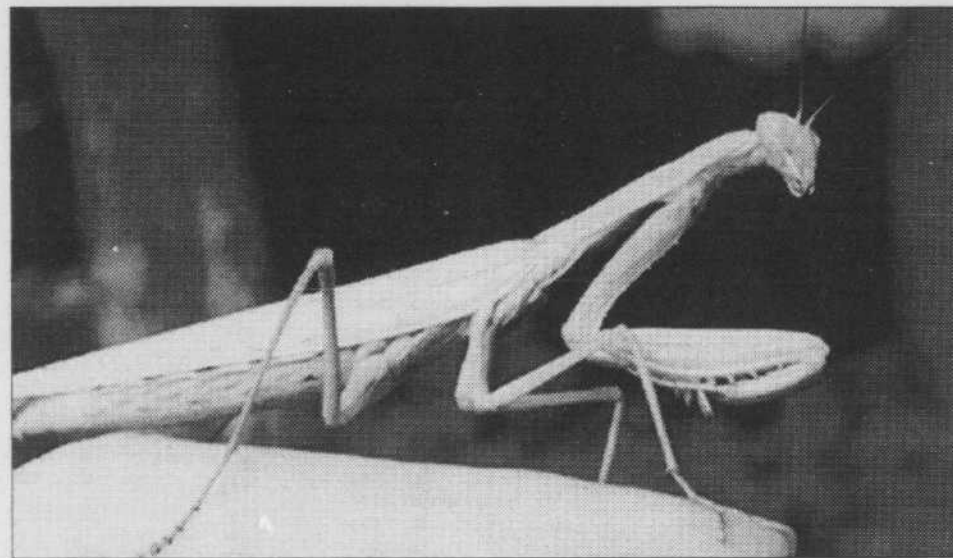
But hidden under the leaves and within the soil, lurks a raging battle for survival. There you will find an army of beetles, aphids and worms all struggling to find food, which, unfortunately, may be your friendly vegetable patch.



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You may be thinking: "I can't stand bugs, why would I want to add more of them to my garden?" For years, farmers and gardeners have taken the quick remedy of using pesticides. While they do kill bad bugs, we have come to learn pesticides do a lot more than get rid of a few undesirables. Besides poisoning the air you, your family and pets breathe, pesticides often kills birds who dine on the poisoned pests, contaminate water supplies and sadly kill the beneficial insects that could help you control your pest problem without the use of chemicals.

Lately, more attention is paid to alternative methods of pest control, yet one of the most environmentally responsible methods we have to use is biological pest control, meaning using a



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The praying mantis, a slow-moving insect that typically stays in the garden as long as food is available, it's one of the most valuable insects to home gardeners as a general predator.

pest's natural enemy to reduce its presence in your vegetable or flower garden. It is just a matter of learning what you need and how to employ them.

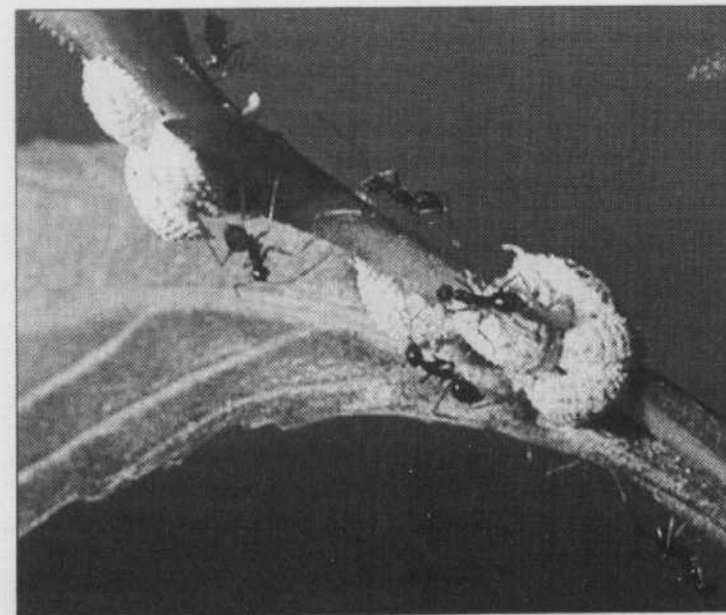
With a good system of bio-control, you won't notice the tiny insects added to protect your plants. In fact, you'll feel more relaxed, knowing that you won't have to keep the kids or pets away from areas previously sprayed with chemicals.

Like I mentioned in the first part of this series, ladybugs are one of the best general predatory insects we have around, meaning they consume a large quantity of many types of pests.

Another general predator is the praying mantis, which feeds on aphids, beetles, caterpillars, chinch bugs, Colorado potato beetles, leafhoppers, hornworms, leafrollers, squash bugs, thrips and whiteflies, thus making it one of the most valuable insects to the home gardener.

The praying mantis is a slow-moving insect that usually stays in a garden as long as food is available. Young mantises live on soft-bodied insects such as aphids and leafhoppers.

The diet of a mantis expands with maturity to include beetles, chinch bugs and tent caterpillars. Mantis egg cases can be purchased



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Mealybugs can be found on stems and leaves, and look like a cotton mass with a fluffy, waxy coating.

bright orange mite (0.5 mm./1/20 in.), and larger than two-spotted mites. *Persimilis* breeds twice as fast as the spider mites to provide a fast knock down. These mites do not form webs, but use webbing to move along the plant to capture the spider mites. Shipped as adults in shaker bottle with vermiculite.

MEALYBUGS

These can be found on stems and leaves and look like a cotton mass with a fluffy, waxy coating. They are oval white insects that are very slow moving. A mealybug will reproduce in a month and its eggs can survive through warm winters.

MEALYBUG CONTROL: CRYPTOLAEMUS MONTROUZIERI: Mealybug predator is a small (three mm/1/6 inch) black lady beetle with an orange head. Larvae look similar to mealybugs with a white, hairy, waxy film. *Cryptolaemus* feed on mealybugs, long tailed mealybugs, aphids and soft-shelled scales. They are available as adults or larvae.

WHITE FLY

White flies can be found on lower leaf surfaces. Nymphs are small and flat with visible beaks that suck plant juices. Tiny white flies leave a shiny secretion trail that can mold, eventually leading to plant death. Strong soapy water sprayed on plants eliminates mold formations.

WHITE FLY CONTROL: White flies are naturally attracted to the colour yellow and can be trapped using yellow sticky cards. Another recommended method for reducing white fly numbers is to purchase predator insects, they can eat 150 to 600 white fly eggs a day. You can use yellow sticky cards as a monitor system — it's a quick way to know if you have a potential problems.

ENCARSIA FORMOSA: Whitefly parasite is a small 3.1 mm (1/8 inches) black and yellow wasp that lays its eggs inside whitefly scale (egg/nymph). The whitefly scale becomes blackened when parasitized.

Encarsia is attracted to the smell of honeydew made by the whiteflies. This is one of the most economical insects to order. They arrive as blackened whitefly nymphs on cards with hangers and cost about \$16 for 1,000 *Encarsia* eggs. Release *Encarsia* at the first sign of whitefly infestation.

DELPHASTUS CATALINAE: Whitefly predator is a minute black lady beetle that lays many eggs as long as whitefly populations are high. Feeds on whitefly eggs, such as sweet potato whiteflies and spider mites.

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between November and May for "planting" in your garden. Each egg case contains between 50 to 400 eggs, and take between two to eight weeks to start hatching. Once they begin, the process is completed in about two hours.

SPIDER MITES

These pests can be seen on the underside of leaves with yellow specks visible on the leaf surface. Spider mites are about the size of a pinhead with small clear to amber eggs.

Heavily infested plants should be removed immediately to stop the spread of mites. Predator mites work well for spider mite infestations; within four weeks you should observe a dramatic decrease in the amount of spider mites. Organic insecticide soaps can be used prior to predator release, but caution must be used for sprays can kill off beneficial bugs and may have residual effects.

SPIDER MITE CONTROL: If you have a large ladybug population, catch and release some in the infested area, our friend the Ladybug is very efficient in getting rid of unwanted spider mites.

STETHORUS PUNCTILLUM: Spider Mite predator is a small (0.85 mm./1/30 in.), black lady beetle. Its larvae are gray in colour with many hairs. Both adult and larva feed on spider mites. Shipped as adults.

AMBLYSEIUS FALLACIS: Spider Mite Predator is a small (0.5 mm./1/64 in.) cream-coloured, pear-shaped mite that are very active. They feed on mites such as red, two-spotted, European, spruce and strawberry mites. Can feed on alternative food sources, such as pollen and nectar.

PHYTOSEIULUS PERSIMILIS NEW ZEALAND: Spider Mite predator is a



Technology & You *Travelling on the information superhighway*

Tech Roundup – January 2002

Wear your computer, it's chilly out

Hitachi of Japan, in conjunction with Xybernaut, a US-based firm, is about to release a mainstream, commercially viable wearable personal computer.

Although plans were to have this ready before year-end 2001, it seems this interesting little device should be ready

for serious shipping no later than the second quarter of 2002.

Including a head-mounted display unit and a headset that will give people the illusion of a 13-inch colour monitor screen in front of their face, the wearable PC – to be called 'Poma' in the North American market – allows the users to view high-resolution graphics, or essentially what you have come to expect on a normal desktop or laptop display.

With a pocket-size computer processor, Hitachi hopes the wearable PC becomes a mainstay of life – indeed, a lofty goal in this age of fly-by-night gadgetry – whereby users will wear it to work, to surf the Internet, play games, or entertain in innumerable ways.

The machine is operated via a handheld optical mouse, which leads to the inevitable question, will this be the next road hazard?

At a cost of \$1,499 U.S. a unit, its pricing reflects its cutting edge nature while retaining some credibility by providing decent computing power, though hardly anything remarkable. The wearable PC runs on the Windows CE operating system and



MICHAEL VAN LIEROP

is based on a Hitachi 128MHz Risc processor with a relatively puny 32MB of RAM, while including slots for Compact-Flash cards and USB.

Clearly, the point is to provide a seamless degree of mobile computing and information gathering. If it works half as well as Hitachi claims, it might just take off, at least a little. Certainly, its potential is as high as that of the somewhat ubiquitous handheld device.

THE SPECIFICS

- Main Unit/ CPU (P00049) - 10.9 oz. (including battery), 128 MHZ 32bit RISC processor, 230MIPS, 32MB RAM, 32 MB ROM Type II Compact Flash Slot, built-in charger, USB port, headphone jack
- AC/DC Adaptor/Charger (P00051) - Worldwide Voltage, Input Voltage - 100 - 240 AC, Output 10volt 1.0 amp
- Battery Pack (P00057) - Lithium-ion, 7.4 volts, 1300 milliamp
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- Head Mount Display (P00050) - 2.8 oz., 640X480 VGA Full-Color, Diagonal View of 30 degrees, Liquid Crystal on Silicon Display, Forehead support for safety and image stability, wearable with eye glasses, cable length - approximately 4 feet
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Tech toys are big hit

By Steve Makris
SOUTHAM NEWS

If it runs on batteries or a wall outlet, you will find it in Las Vegas at the 2002 International Consumer Electronics Show.

More than 1,800 worldwide exhibitors show their best in hopes of tapping into an estimated \$100-billion U.S. annual consumer electronics industry in North America.

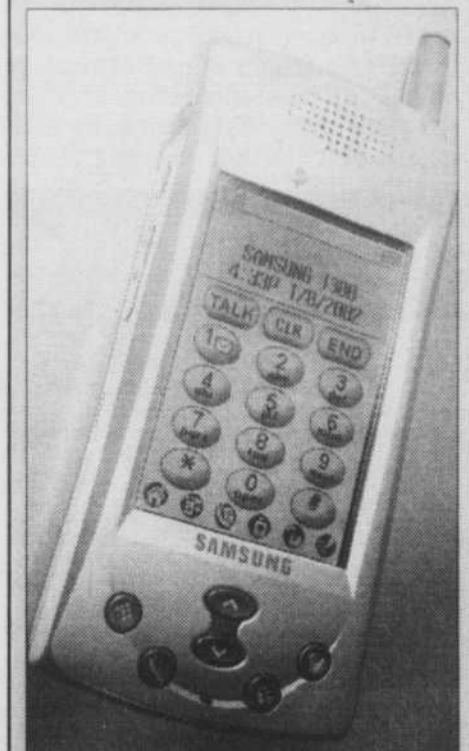
The newest technology in computers, home appliances, stereos, car entertainment, digital music, wireless communication and more is scrutinized by 100,000 industry professionals from 110 countries.

Here you will find Microsoft's Bill Gates showing off his vision of the future or a family-run operation from Korea selling plastic cellphone covers.

There are even a few notable Canadian products.

What is hot this year? Smart devices that combine Palm and cellphone functions, personal digital music players as well as new ways to communicate without wires, and to get things done while at work and at play.

Some of these products will not even make it to a store, but others will surely start hitting the streets next month, or perhaps find a spot under the Christmas tree, only 11 months away!



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The Samsung i300 is a combined cell phone and Personal Digital Assistant running on Palm software.

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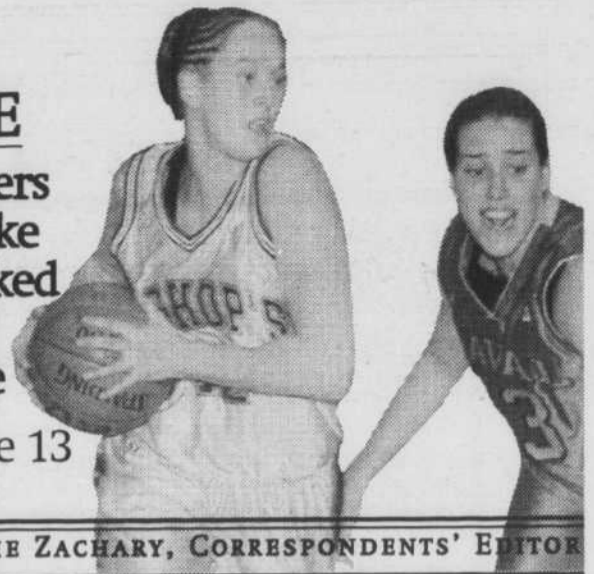


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Gaiters play well but drop pair of games

Bishop's show grit against nationally ranked opponents

By Mike Hickey
 SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

One of the problems in playing in the Quebec University Basketball men's league this year is that Bishop's must play five games each against two nationally ranked powers — the McGill Redmen and the Laval Rouge et Or.

The Gaiters had the unenviable task of playing McGill and Laval over a three-day period this last weekend, and al-

though the Gaiters played very well at times, it would not show up in the league standings.

Bishop's lost to McGill 77-71 Thursday night, and then lost 73-59 Saturday evening at home. In each game, the Gaiters faced line-ups with superior athletic talent, which proved to be the difference in the end.

"McGill is so talented, there is no other way to put it," said Bishop's head coach Eddie Pomykala. "In last night's game, they blocked shots inside that affected our inside game."

Defensively, the taller Redmen intimidated the Gaiters with blocked shots while at the offensive end, every time

they needed a score, a different player would deliver the goods.

"Take someone like Domenico Marcario," Pomykala said. "We hold him to three points in the first half and he ends up as their leading scorer. Here is a guy that can light it up quickly and score 10-12 points in a matter of minutes. He is not the only one on the team who can score like that, the whole team is like that."

The Gaiters cut the lead to a single point, 72-71, in the final minute of play on a three-pointer by David Suzuki, but couldn't get any closer. Forced to foul the Redmen, McGill remained com-

posed, made its free throws and came away with the six-point win.

The Gaiters weren't as sharp Saturday night as Laval took advantage of numerous turnovers to record its second win of the season over the league's hardest working team.

Unfortunately, the Gaiters need more than just hard work to beat the likes of McGill and Laval. They had to play error-free basketball and it also helps to be a little lucky.

"We have to do a better job of handling the ball and making decisions," a disappointed Pomykala concluded after Saturday's loss.

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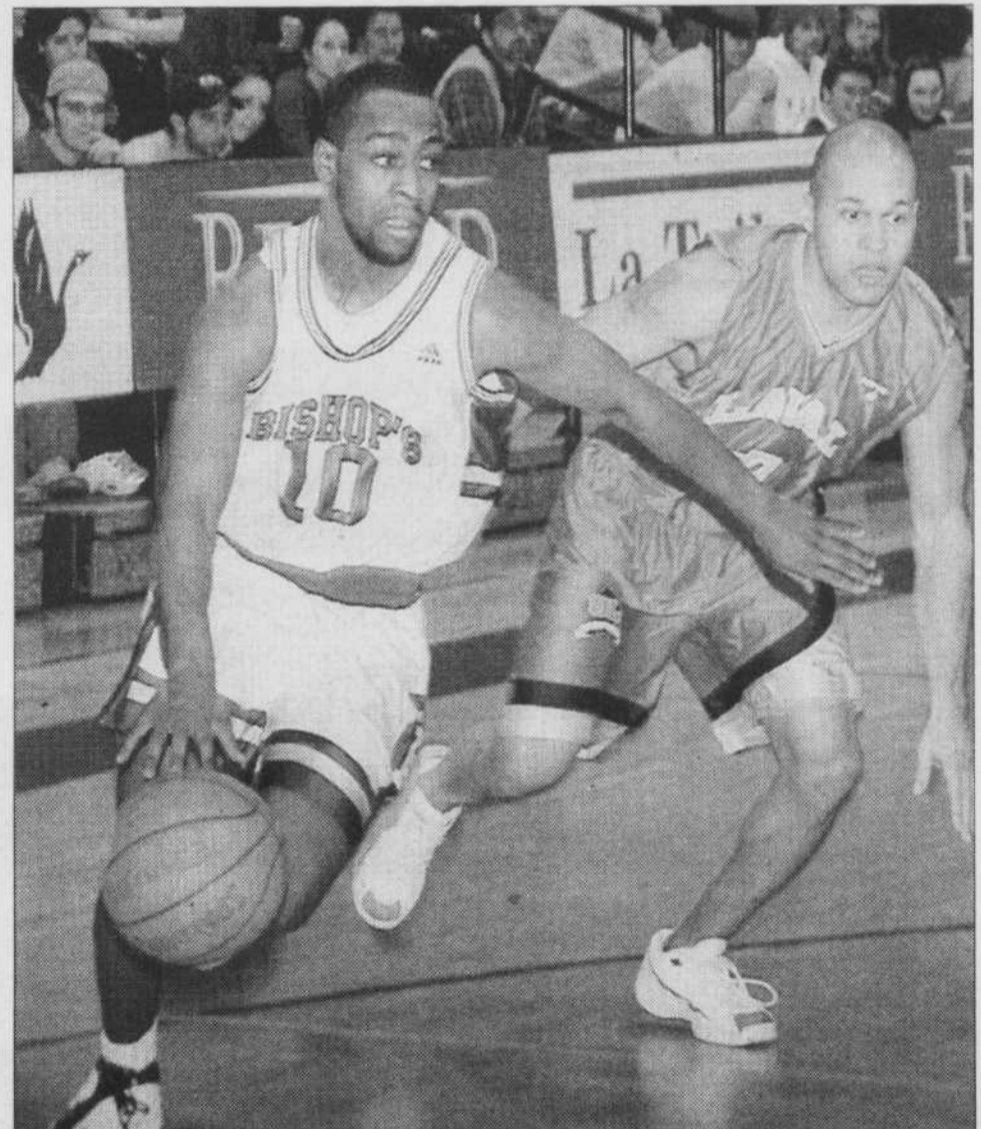
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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Shaune Brade and the Gaiters played well against McGill Thursday in a 77-71 loss before dropping another just a day later against Laval.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Le May Doan is world champion

Canada's Catriona Le May Doan and Jeremy Wotherspoon won the women's and men's overall titles, respectively, at world sprint speed skating championships Sunday.

Le May Doan, who will be Canada's flagbearer at the opening ceremonies for next month's Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, captured a 500-metre event Sunday in 38.10 seconds. Le May Doan, the 1998 Olympic 500-metre champion and world record-holder in the event, claimed the overall title ahead of Andrea Nuyt of the Netherlands and Anzjelika Kotyuga of Belarus.

Wotherspoon, of Red Deer, Alta., won a men's 1,000-metre event Sunday to clinch the overall crown.

Steelers advance to AFC title game

The Baltimore Ravens' reign is over, done in by the same shortcomings that characterized their tumultuous season as defending Super Bowl champions.

Stopped by three first-half turnovers, a variety of costly penalties and the complete lack of a running game, the Ravens were unceremoniously bounced from the playoffs Sunday in a 27-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It proved to be a fitting end to a season in which the Ravens were stretched to the final day before qualifying for a playoff berth.

Baltimore (11-7) beat an injury-depleted Miami team in the opening round, but all the problems that plagued the Ravens during the season resurfaced in glaring fashion at Heinz Field.

Elvis Grbac was intercepted twice in the first half as the Ravens fell behind 20-0.

Grbac finished 18-for-37 for 153 yards and three interceptions. He ended a rocky first year in Baltimore with 21 interceptions and just 15 touchdown passes.

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NHL: 7 p.m., Ottawa Senators at Philadelphia Flyers, Sportsnet.

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Gaiters giveaway

The Record has two sets of free tickets to the Feb. 14 Bishop's Gaiters vs Concordia Stingers men's and women's games, as well as the Feb. 16 Gaiters vs Laval Rouge et Or men's and women's games. Contest ends Feb. 11.

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Double disappointment

By Mike Hickey
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENNOXVILLE

It was a tale of two teams this weekend as the Bishop's Gaiters women's basketball team dropped a pair of league games to the McGill



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Catherine Charbonneau's late basket tied the score against Laval Saturday. The Gaiters lost 65-51 in overtime.

Martlets and Laval Rouge et Or.

It was a sluggish Gaiters team that dropped a 74-61 decision Thursday night in Montreal to the second-place Martlets. Turnovers and bad decisions on offence paved the way for the Gaiters' third defeat of the year to the scrappy McGill squad.

"We weren't ready to play and it showed," head coach Rod Gilpin said after the game. "We committed too many turnovers, and didn't execute on offence. We are capable of playing much better."

The Gaiters did play a lot better two nights later at the Mitchell Gymnasium when they took the undefeated first-place Rouge et Or into overtime before losing 65-51. The Gaiters, who gave the Rouge et Or all they could handle in regulation time, had nothing left in overtime as Laval dominated the five-minute period.

In reality, the Gaiters should have won in the dying seconds of the game, but were victimized by a strange call from the referee. What appeared to be a Laval foul with four seconds left in the second half and the score tied at 51-51, a violation was called against Bishop's.

Instead of shooting foul shots, the Gaiters were forced to defend a last second shot by Laval. Bishop's stopped the Rouge et Or, but were drained physically and emotionally by the time the overtime began.

Castors still struggling

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Castors' winless streak reached six games Saturday night when the QMJHL team battled the visiting Cape Breton Screaming Eagles to a 4-4 tie at the Palais des Sports.

Speciality teams accounted for three of the four Sherbrooke goals, and allowed the team to escape with a point in a game dominated by the Screaming Eagles.

François Bélanger's shorthanded goal midway through the third period tied the game at 4-4, and sent the contest into overtime where nothing was decided.

Cape Breton took a 1-0 lead in the opening period on a power-play goal by Jean-François Dufort. Sherbrooke tied the game five minutes later when Bertrand-Pierre Plouffe scored his second goal of the season while the Castors were killing off a penalty to Pierre-Luc Courchesne. Sébastien Courcelles' 12th

goal of the season provided the Castors with a 2-1 lead, but Cape Breton quickly tied the score on Dufort's second tally of the contest.

Newcomer David Chicoine and Cape Breton's Guillaume Demers exchanged power play goals as the two teams went to the locker room for the second intermission tied 3-3. Chicoine, a Rocky Forest native, has now scored in each of his three games in a Castors uniform, giving him 19 on the season.

Maxime Lessard gave Cape Breton a temporary 4-3 lead with a goal at the 4:54 mark of the third period. But Bélanger responded with the goal that allowed Sherbrooke to come away with a much needed point.

Both teams played cautious hockey in OT. The tie left Sherbrooke seven points behind the Rouyn Noranda Huskies in the battle for the seventh and final playoff spot. Cape Breton outshot the Castors 42-32, but Castors netminder Drew MacIntyre had another strong outing with 38 saves.



MARC PROULXCORRESPONDENT

A goal by François Bélanger gave the Castors a 4-4 tie against Cape Breton at the Palais des Sports.

The pride of a community

By Claudia Villemaire
MELBOURNE

Nestled in the hills that lead travellers west and eventually to the Montreal plain, tucked into the shadow of the mountains and valleys that open on to the vista of the St. Francis River Valley, the Richmond-Melbourne Bellevue Cross-Country Ski Club chalet is almost a surprise as one climbs

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up from the river, heading toward the sunset. But this multi-windowed clubhouse was the culmination of a dream. Georges-Henri Poulin, always an active community-minded citizen, had a vision he shared with the Richmond-Melbourne Chamber of Commerce in the organization's goal of boosting the tourism industry in the area.

"Yes, you could say it was a dream. You know, cross country skiing was not very well known in Quebec back in the late 1970s," recalled Poulin, admitting he always loved skiing and outdoor sports.

"But we had no possibility of downhill skiing here, no mountains high enough and no developers interested in this aspect of the sport. The only feasible type of skiing here would be cross-country, something me and my family and friends had already been doing without benefit of dressed trails and all that, for several years."

But Poulin didn't give up easily. He and other members of the Chamber of Commerce, his family and friends came up with an idea that a club could be successful in the area.

"We began with our starting point in the parking lot of the Melbourne golf course. Folks would come by the carload, fumble into their skis beside their vehicles, rattle across the road and spend the day on and around this golf course, known for its hills and valleys," he added.

"We rented the pro shop at the clubhouse for a couple of years and we had so many people coming out we soon needed more room and better facilities."

Organizers were already beginning the daunting task of seeking out landowners and getting permission to cross private property. Money was all but non-existent and the usual trail-clearing tools were in short supply.

"We managed to find enough money to purchase a couple of chain saws and axes. And the first 13 kilometers of trail were finally cleared that second year," Poulin added. "We used an Alpine snowmobile, you know, the one with two lags made for a few years by Bombardier, to groom this trail, and we were on our way."

Club founders never imagined such a small group of organizers could be so successful but before long, membership

numbered in the hundreds and the future of the club looked promising.

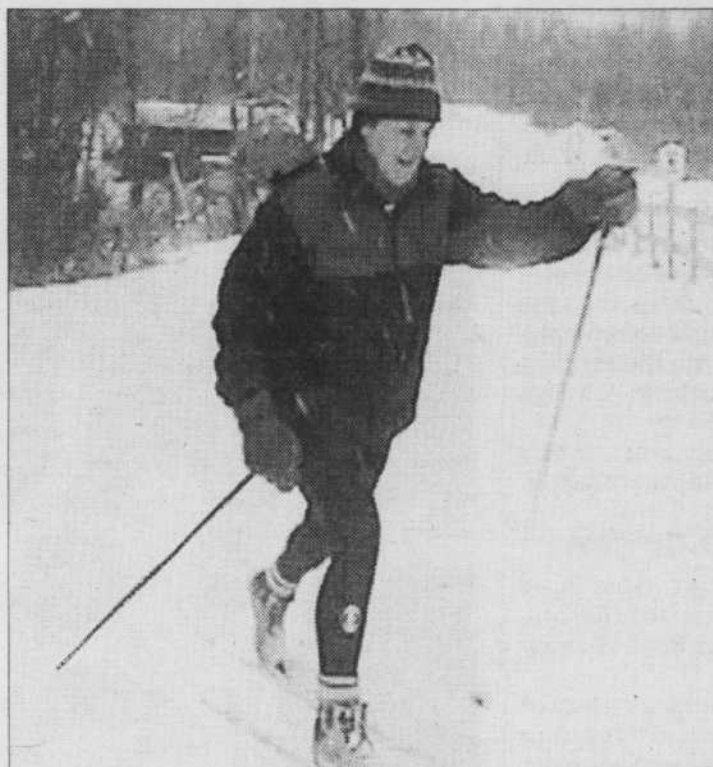
"Then, the nightmare began. Highway 55 planners swarmed all over the territory. The first plan would take this new road smack down the centre of Melbourne village, wiping out our trails along with much of the residential area. We were dumbfounded," he continued.

Poulin, the Chamber of Commerce and a bevy of concerned citizens' groups united to protest the location of the proposed highway. Petitions were circulated, meetings called and local residents, backed by the strength of a united citizenry and local organizations, finally persuaded road engineers and planners to move their road up and away from the river.

That was a major coup and the Bellevue Cross-Country Ski Club members and board were elated, but not for long. "This new route would cut right across our trails, which, by this time, were three times longer. We thought perhaps a large culvert where a smaller one was planned would be the answer to the problem of getting across this highway," Poulin said. "We were very concerned as the one overpass nearby was often overlooked by skiers who would attempt to flip-flop across a major highway."

Poulin, still president of the club, was in a quarry. Trails couldn't come towards the river to avoid crossing the route, and other highways blocked their path in every direction but a westerly one. "There was really only one solution. Find a piece of land across the new route and build a clubhouse."

"Where would we find just under \$100,000 to build a decent chalet, purchase the land, do all the things required these days



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE/SPECIAL

The Bellevue Cross-Country Ski Club offers two heated chalets where skiers can stop to lunch or rest and two unheated shelters as well.

such as running water and a filtration field, and make the changes necessary to our trails," added Poulin.

"By this time, we were well equipped to groom trails, we had an enthusiastic group of volunteers who had worked long and hard to make those trails among the best in Quebec and the club membership was still growing."

The board of directors was not interested in making a loan, the provincial government didn't seem interested in spite of numerous pleas and the situation looked hopeless.

"So, I called on our MNA, Yvon Vallières, filled all the applications and backed all my requests with the support of the club," said Poulin. "Until one day, on the first or second of March I think,

Yvon called. He could raise just under \$40,000, but the structure had to be three-quarters completed by March 31.

"Well, it was like being picked up high in the air and then dropped again. We needed much more money to complete the chalet and we had so little time."

Poulin spoke faster and faster as he recounted the scramble to raise more funds, the call for tenders for the building, finalizing the deal to purchase the land, and finally, after holding a raffle to raise money, inviting local people to invest towards the project.

In the end, the clubhouse took shape. Plumbing and wiring came next, the government grant came through, financing goals were met and the Bellevue Cross-Country Ski Club was once again up and running.

By early summer, the club had a chalet, perched on a corner lot with room for a small garage and shed and ample parking. "What a challenge, but we did it and we were pretty proud," Poulin laughed, rubbing his head, still not believing how the community supported this seemingly impossible project.

Today, Poulin is just a Board member. After over a dozen years at the helm, Poulin, retired now, enjoys getting out on the trails where the avid cross-country skier can explore 88 kilometres laid out in 15 trails.

There are two heated chalets where skiers can stop for lunch or rest and two unheated shelters as well. Today's skiers are secure in the knowledge there are always patrollers out there too, prepared to help out any way they can.

And Poulin can go cross-country skiing any day he wishes, across snowy valleys and gliding silently through wooded glades on meticulously groomed trails that rank among the finest in Quebec, surely smiling all the way.

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Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 35
Open Trails: 29/32
Lift Hours: N/A

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 46
Open Trails: 49/52

Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 30
Open Trails: 20/20
Lift Hours: N/A

OWL'S HEAD
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 55
Open Trails: 41/41
Lift Hours: N/A

SKI BROMONT
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0

Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 45
Open Trails: 45/45
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SUTTON
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (Cm): 72
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24hrs (Cm): 0
Snow, last 48 days (Cm): 20
Open Trails: 74/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

In Memoriams

DAVIS - In loving memory of a cherished father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Lincoln A. Davis who left us January 20, 1991.

Sincere and true in his heart and mind
Beautiful memories he left behind.

Sadly missed, forever remembered
SHARON & HEATHER (daughters)
HEIDI, WENDY,
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GUY - In memory of our loved one, Luela Pearl (Johnston), who passed away January 21, 1998.

We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have not been forgotten
And you never will.

Lovingly remembered by
AUDREY and LAWRENCE
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LINDA and DON
and their families

KERR - In loving memory of our dear parents and grandparents, Gracie Johnson, who passed away May 24, 1950; Florence Johnson, October 28, 1977; and Howard Kerr, January 21, 1990.

Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses them more than us.
And when old times we oft recall
That's when we miss them most of all.

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Card of Thanks



"I have joined
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and I await
those I love"
(Bossuet)



While we were saddened by
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on October 30, 2001

Your sympathetic presence, your encouraging words brought us comfort and hope. For this show of friendship and brotherhood we say an emotional and sincere thank you.

his wife: SUZANNE
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the spouses as well as the
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Please consider these thanks as personal.

Death



BIRON, Miss Thérèse - Peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital on Thursday, January 17, 2002. Miss Thérèse Biron of North Hatley at the age of 84 years. She was predeceased by her brother and sisters; Léone, Simone and Gertrude. She leaves to mourn her sisters; Fernande (William Nichols), Isabelle (Late George Streeter), her brothers; Marcel (Georgette Bélanger), Guy (Marianne David), her nephews and nieces; Constance, Laurent, Jean, Jacques, Roger, Denise, Pierre, Robert, Richard B., Johanne, André and Hélène, as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends. Miss Biron (Terry) worked at Clark's Pharmacy in Lennoxville for many years. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 11:00 a.m., at the St-Elizabeth Church in North Hatley. The family will be present at the Church at 10:00 a.m., to receive condolences from relatives and friends. Interment will be held at the North Hatley Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be sent to La Maison Aube Lumière, 220 Kennedy St., North, Sherbrooke, J1E 2E7 or to The Heart Disease Foundation of Quebec, 2630 King St., O., Bureau 150, Sherbrooke, J1J 2H1 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to La Coopérative Funéraire de l'Estrie, Sherbrooke, Que., Martial Théroix, pres., tel.: 565-7646, fax: 565-7844.

Cards of Thanks

BAMPTON - A big thank you to our family and friends who made our 50th anniversary a day to remember.
SARGE & PAULINE BAMPTON

MORRISON - I would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness during the illness and death of my brother Oliver. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

RAYMOND MORRISON

Deaths

COLE, Milton - Peacefully at South Huron Hospital, Exeter, on Friday, January 18, 2002. Milton "Milt" Reid Cole of Riverview Estates, Exeter, formerly of Cambridge, in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Joan Coucill (Whalley) Cole. Loved father and father-in-law of Alan and Wanda Cole of Blenheim, Gary Dale and Grace Cole of Cambridge. Loving poppa of Kellen and Marshall Cole, Geoffrey and Ashleigh Cole. Dear brother of Margaret Majaury of R.R. #1, Thedford. Predeceased by his sister Vivian Davidson (1991). A memorial service will be held at the Hopper Hockey Funeral Home, 370 William Street, 1 west of Main, Exeter, on Sunday, January 20, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Tim Connor officiating. If desired, memorial donations to South Huron Hospital or charity of choice would be appreciated. Milt served in WW II with the Royal Highland Regiment (Black Watch), 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment in the Korean War and post-war years 1st Canadian Guard.

ELVIDGE, Barbara Ann (nee Layton) - Passed away at the Brome Mississquoi Perkins Hospital, Cowansville, Que., on January 19, 2002 in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of Duncan and loving mother of Patricia (Dannie), Carolyn (Dan) and Judy (Stephen). Wonderful grandma of Greg, Katie, Amanda, Matthew, Emily and William. Fondly remembered by her sister Joan and her brothers Robert and Philip. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at Emmanuel United Church in Cowansville at 2 p.m. Her family will greet friends an hour before the service. Donations in her memory may be made to the BMP Foundation (950 Principal, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3) or The Montreal Association For The Blind (7000 Sherbrooke O., Montreal, Que., H4B 1R3). Arrangements entrusted to Denis Meunier Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, Que., tel: 266-6061, fax: 266-6057, e-mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com

DOUGHERTY, Stuart - Peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Sunday, January 20, 2002 in his 78th year. Stuart Thomas Alexander Dougherty, beloved husband of Audrey Parsons, of Bury, Que. Dear father of Robert (Linda), Milton, Ont., Mavis (Alvin) of Bury, Que., David (Helene), of Oakville, Ont., Joyce (Larry O'Sullivan) of Mississauga, Ont., and cherished grandpa of Douglas, Tamara Quinn, Angela, Brent, Julie-Anne, Philip Dougherty, and Brendan O'Sullivan. Dear brother of Carmen (John Clough), Cowansville, Que., Ethel (Howard Smyth) of Brookefield, Nova Scotia, Evelyn (Everett Davies), London, Ont., Muriel (Gerald Benjamin) of South Wood Bury, Vermont, Herman (Sylvia) London, Ont., Harvey (Eleanor) St. George, New Brunswick, Jimmy (Betty) of Bury, Que. Brother-in-law of Una (the late Wesley Leavitt) of Milton, Que., Ruby (the late Percy McKelvey) of Kirkland, Que., Myra (the late Willard Mayhew) of Valleyfield, Que., Lillian (the late Earl Thompson) of Gorham, New Hampshire, Fay (the late Lyle Rand) Lennoxville, Que., Nina, (Herbert Rowell) Bury, Que. By his request, cremation was held at the Cass - Windsor Crematorium, 310 St-Georges St., Windsor, Que. Funeral notice later. For information call the Cass Funeral Home, 564-1750, as memorial tributes donations to a charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Deaths

ENAIR, Bruce (Watson) - Passed away at the Eaglebridge Hospital, Port Moody, B.C., on the 18th of January, 2002 in his 66th year. Son of Alfred Enair and Evelyn McCune. Husband of Edwina Robinson. Father of Ernie (deceased), Judy, Wayne, Russell, Sherry and Steve. Also left to mourn 13 grandchildren, his brothers and sisters Ronald (Bud) of California, Margie (Ken Rattray) of B.C., Diana (Paul Boilard) of Sherbrooke. Also other relatives and friends.

FLANDERS, Benjamin - Peacefully at the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont, Sunday, January 20, 2002, in his 56th year. Beloved husband of Elizabeth Markwell. Cherished father of Nancy and Dorothy of Toronto. Dear son of Leonard and Gertrude. Benny will also be sadly missed by his brothers Dale, Malcolm, and Garth, his sister Linda, aunts, uncles, sister and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. The service will be held in the Advent Christian Church, Beebe, Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. As a tribute to his memory, donations to the Advent Christian Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements and cremation entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead (819-876-5213).

HUTCHINS, Barbara Arlene (nee Hand) - Died peacefully at La Providence Hospital in Magog, Que., on Friday, January 18, 2002. Beloved wife of the late William (Bill). Loving mother to Brian (Nancy) and special grandma to Pammy. Sister to Adelaide Atkin. Predeceased by brothers Gordon, John, Elwood (Beverley) and sister Marjorie. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. At the request of the family, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in Barbara's name may be made to Georgeville United Church in care of E. McKelvy, 18 Carre Copp, Georgeville, Que., J0B 1T0

TAYLOR, Sternie - Peacefully at the C.U.S.E. - Site Fleurimont, Sherbrooke, Que., on Friday, January 18, 2002. Sternie Taylor in his 65th year, beloved husband of Frances Barron. Dear father of Bernie (Leo) Hamel, Chris (Syd Majaury), Stanley (Nathalie) and Dan (Lana). Devoted grandfather of Joe, Amanda, Vicky, Steaven, Jason, Ashley, Nathan and Jacob. Also survived by his sisters, their husbands, his father-in-law, as well as several nieces, nephews and many friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 15 Station St., Sawyerville, Que., where family and friends may call on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and where funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 2 p.m. Pastor Walter Gawa officiating. Interment in Eaton Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, 2300 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Que., H3H 9Z9 would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Giving in to him will only support his controlling

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about the letter signed "Weakening in Buffalo," whose husband refused to put his dirty clothes in the hamper. She finally got tired of it and refused to pick up after him. As a result, his good suit has been on the floor for two months, and it is dri-

ving her crazy. You told her to pick up the suit and hang it in the closet. You also said when her husband saw it hanging in the closet, he would be ashamed of himself and shape up. I disagree.

That husband is exhibiting classic passive-aggressive behavior. Giving in to him will only support his controlling, childish behavior. She should pick up the suit, toss it in his car, and let him deal with it. — Easton, Md.

Dear Easton: I was bombarded with mail from outraged readers. After sorting through the incendiary letters (with asbestos gloves), I decided you are right. This is an issue of respect. "Weakening" needs to stand her ground so her husband will stop treating her like a doormat. Read on for more "suggestions":

From Madison, Wis.: When I was a teen, I often left my clothes and makeup all over the house. This drove my dad crazy. One day, he put all my makeup in

his toolshed and locked it up. Two days without makeup taught me to be neat.

Chicago: I'd put that suit under the bed until it picked up dustballs.

Kinnelon, N.J.: Tell that woman to pick up her husband's suit and give it to the Salvation Army. That will teach him a lesson he needs to learn.

Machesney Park, Ill.: This man will not be ashamed of himself. It's a power trip for him. She should bag up all his soiled laundry and put it in a closet. When he runs out of shirts and shorts, he'll get the message.

Westville, Ind.: I think the beleaguered wife should stomp on her husband's good suit (with muddy shoes) until he needs it again. Enough is enough.

Eau Claire, Wis.: She should give that suit a little kick every day so it gets closer and closer to his closet. When he doesn't see it on the floor any longer, he'll ask

where it is, and she can honestly say, "It's in the closet."

Washington, D.C.: What kind of marriage is it when the husband treats his wife like a slave? She should move out immediately and let him see how much fun it is to do the laundry himself. He sounds like a spoiled brat.

Gardners, Pa.: My mother used to pick up Dad's clothes until she got sick of it. Finally, she said if he didn't put his dirty clothes in the hamper, she would throw them out. He didn't, she did, and that was the end of her problem.

Tampa, Fla.: When my sister and I shared a home with our husbands, the clutter was unbearable. Any item found on the floor was put in a box. Once a week, we distributed the missing items to the rightful owner. The owner had to pay a nickel before the item would be returned. Of course, a nickel would be nothing these days, so she should demand a night out, a back rub or a foot massage.

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Monday, Jan. 21, 2002

From the mouths of experts

By Phillip Alder

If you watch bridge experts in action, usually you will be impressed by the accuracy of their bidding, declarer-play and defense. However, occasionally you will be flabbergasted by what you witness. Look at today's hand diagram. This deal occurred during a match between Austria and Sweden in a European Championship. What would you expect the results to be at the two tables?

The given auction looks sane to me. North's long suit lacks muscle, so he passes (though starting with a weak two hearts is acceptable in many circles). And who should act over four spades? Both West and East might double, but each is a tad shy of the normal requirements. Four spades drifts one down.

In the match, both Norths opened a modern three hearts, announcing 13 cards with some in hearts. After the Austrian East passed, the Swedish South bid a natural and forcing three spades. North rebid three no-trump to deny interest in spades — and South passed! East, lacking imagination, led the obvious club king, and North claimed the first nine tricks for plus 400.

Was that a good result? Well ... the Swedish East overcalled three hearts with three no-trump. The Austrian South thought he could defeat that contract, so he doubled. Probably East should have worked out what was happening and run to four clubs, but he passed. The defenders took the same nine tricks as at the other table, this time for plus 1,100 — and 12imps to Austria.

I'm confident you didn't guess both Swedish pairs would be in three no-trump, once by North and once by East!

Snowwalkers on parade, fish, and hijinks in Florida.

They marched in to the Club, covered with snow, snowshoes at the ready, hot, sweaty, and high-spirited. They brought their 'marching band', not fife and drum, not drum and bugle, no, the snowwalkers had a drum and kazoo band. Twice around the hall as they drummed and played "When The Saints go Marching In". They left a trail of melting snow all over our clean floors. Tonight is Jan. 16 Snowwalkers Nite and the boys have caught the exuberance of the old Red Party. Of course the photographers were there. Had it been Perry Beaton we would have had pictures for you. Oh Well! The spoons rapped, Pres. John called the meeting to order, we sang 'O Canada', Rev. Reg. Jennings asked the Blessing and the White Knights brought in the garlic soup, hot and tasty. Guests were Bunny Smith, brought by Alf Whittier, Brian Heath friend of Don Parsons and Patrick Davidson with his Dad. Pres. John called on our popular cook Ginette Lacroix to thank her for the tasty supper and most importantly to wish her a Happy Birthday (we sang to her and stood to honor her faithfulness)

Cards were signed to be sent to Forrest Daigneault and Milton Brown. Bob Bowers and Fred Barton Slater are in hospital, Ed Caron is at Connaught Home. Ed Stracchino has been trying to break the ice with his ribs. No success.

Secretary Cec read the minutes of the last meeting, moved by Nick Galanis, seconded by Alf Whittier and carried. Cec acknowledged the gift of Newt Munkitrick's coat, ribbons and medals. He should have expressed regret for not mentioning Past Presidents Fred Currier (69/70) and Bill Lyom as present at last week's meeting. He then read a letter from 'Gus' at the Floperoo Hotel in St. Hamburger, Florida. Gus exalted in the view on the beach — acres of bulging



white skin, very close veins and white hair". Popular Mel Bryant won \$63. from the half n' half. The ever generous Snowwalkers then presented the Secretary with a magnifying glass to help him read the minutes. Someone's cell phone rang. It was the State Police in Florida. Pres. John took the call. It seems that Gus was 'livin' it up in Florida, bar hopping, speakin' Canadianese, harassing ladies, running up expenses and giving John Foster's name as a credit reference. Now in jail he wanted money for bail. When solicited the Club offered only their prayers. Brian Heath, a prospective new member, was asked to leave the room while we voted on his acceptance. Harry Brown moved his acceptance, seconded by Bruce Patton and accepted unanimously. Congrats Brian, and welcome.

The Bldg Committee were advised that the propane heater is not working and that the heater in the back room may be dangerous. Ron Smith advised that both items were checked, are under control and are not dangerous. John Foster advised that the Audio system has been improved (his system). He asked permission to purchase a new mike for no more than \$200. Richard Goodhue moved, Ron Husk seconded and the purchase was approved. The Snowwalkers gave out a paint brush to the Bldg Committee to paint out the graffiti on our walls.

Doug Beattie was awarded a 'sweet' for his 'Bee' talk. Dave McCormack and Mel Bryant were awarded 'R.B.' buttons and Don Parsons was awarded the

'Snowwalker of the Year 2001' Prize. The R.B. Buttons are an award from Ed Stracchino who we have not seen lately. Perhaps his absence is why meetings are less rowdy and there's little cigar smoke. Come back Ed, we miss you.

With so much happening we had forgotten the sing-song. Roger is back and we sang some great Scots melodies. We ended with "Amazing Grace". 70+ male voices certainly make the old walls ring.

Don Loughheed then introduced tonight's speaker Past president Bill Lyon, partner in the Bury Fish Hatchery, owner of Pine View Alpaca Ranch, and a C.A. at his day job. When Bill said his talk would be short there was applause. He proceeded to explain the business of raising fish, the hours and equipment required, and the satisfaction therein. He described the process of 'milking' the fish, sperm from the males, and eggs from the females. When these are combined — Presto- eggs- golden on Nov. 1, eyes by Dec. 1, tails by Jan. 1. Eggs fall to bottom of stream, The eggs are absorbed into the 'Fry', becoming the stomach, and the growing fish can rise and swim. Bill explained the methods of measuring quantities of fish, how they are separated by size as they gain weight and their sale at the popular size of 8" to 9". 1,465,000 eggs produce approx 1,000,000 fish. Then, after cats, birds, fungus, loons, disease, beavers, other predators including the occasional man, take some as prey, the remainder can be sold. Bill had examples of the various stages of small fish, from eggs to pollywog like fish, and on to a bottle of inch long 'fry'. Then, of course, a full size trout. A very interesting and informative talk. The snowwalkers thanked Bill and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,
Cec Blenkhorn, Hon Secretary SSSC

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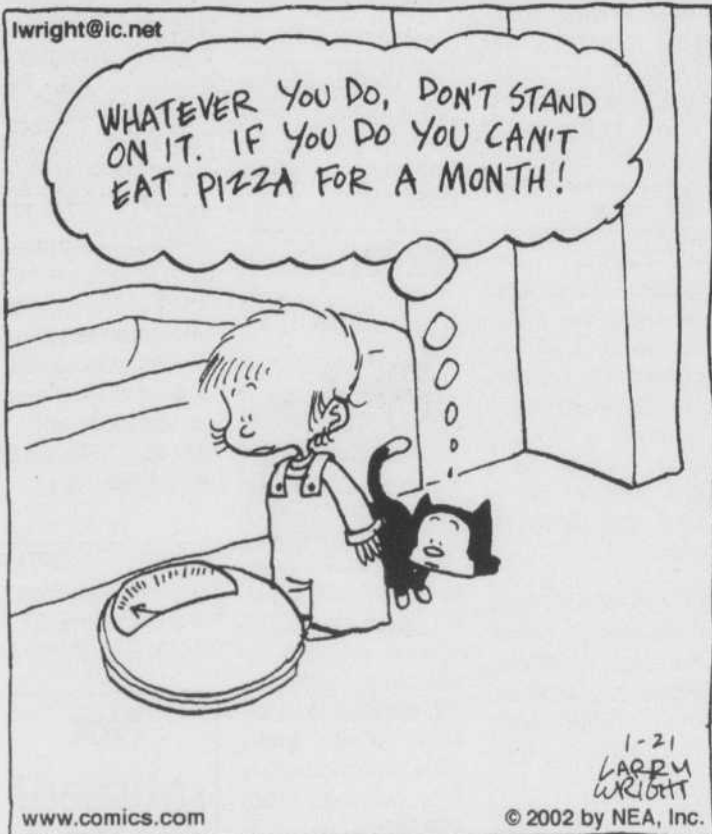
by Luis Campos

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

'MB C JCK TCUK'R WMUSDHGVGW
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BDV, TG MUK'R BMR RD XMHG.'

- JCVRMK XIRTV LMKA EV.
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If I had known there was no Latin word for tea, I would have let the vulgar stuff alone." - Hilaire Belloc
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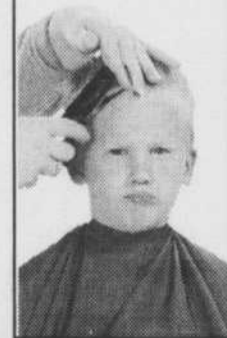
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A.N.A.F. Ladies' Auxiliary meeting

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The A.N.A.F. Ladies' Auxiliary met in the Wagon Room on Dec. 12, 2001 with President, Emily Smerdon, opening the

meeting. She welcomed 14 members and thanked those who had worked during the past month.

The minutes, taken at the November

meeting, were read by Mavis Robertson. These were approved as read. Mavis read the correspondence consisting of thank you's from A.G.R.H.S. for our do-

nation to their Christmas Basket Fund, for a plant sent to a friend and several Christmas cards.

Sharon Mills gave the Financial Statement as well as a report on the Renovation Fund. A new roof was installed on part of the Hut, thus depleting this bank account considerably.

The Benevolent Report was given by Helen Vachon. She brought several Poinsettia Plants which she asked members to help distribute to shut-ins. Thank you letters will be sent to people who donated to the Children's Christmas Party.

Barb Leonard gave reports for the Anniversary and Bazaar Funds.

Emily thanked Colleen, JoAnne and helpers for the Christmas decorating and to Marie Letemplier for decorating the tree. Emily also asked for "500" card conveners for January and someone to prepare the New Year's Eve supper.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at 1:30 p.m., when the general meeting, election of officers and installation ceremony will take place. Please try to attend and support your old and new executive.

B. Leonard

Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 21, 2002

In the year ahead, your possibilities for progressive development look stronger than they have in the past. Make the most of any opportunities you get to further your progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Don't get so focused on your own interests today that you fail to respect the interests of others. It is true that you have your rights, but so do the other guys. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Your sensitivity might be exceptionally fragile today, so be careful not to get too overly emotional about things or overreact to situations. Let your logic help you sort out fact from fiction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - A new friend can be exciting, but today guard against showing any preferential treatment where you hurt an old pal. Disparity where affections are concerned

could invite problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Poor behavior on your part which may have previously been ignored might now be severely criticized. You must be very careful today as to how you conduct yourself in public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Your insatiable curiosity about almost everything can be one of your more charming assets. However, today if you ask too many probing questions, it could be construed as nosiness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Immediately nip in the bud any misunderstanding today between you and a valued friend. If you don't resolve it at once, it could get out of hand and leave a lasting scar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Someone you regard very highly could disappoint you today, but remember none of us are perfect. Excuse it as you would your own frailties and don't let it affect the relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Don't look

for the results to be too satisfactory today if you go into a job resenting the assignment. Put your heart in your work instead of your temperament.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be exceptionally mindful of your social graces today, because there is a strong possibility that you might do something others will find offensive or out of line.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Even if you have a lot of ammunition for an argument, don't fire it. Extra tolerance might be called for in your dealings with loved ones, but it'll pay off in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Your mind is sharp and possesses a critical eye today, but it can be used for negative purposes as well as good ones. Use it for praise, not condemnation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Some areas of your life might experience lucky outcomes today, but your financial affairs is not one of them. Be very careful in monetary transactions of all kinds.

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ACROSS

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- 6 Burns slightly
- 11 Bullring shout
- 14 "Casablanca" co-star
- 15 Kindled again
- 16 Assam or hyson
- 17 Theater sections
- 18 Start of a Martin Luther King Jr. quote
- 20 Superlatively questionable
- 22 "Still Me" writer
- 23 Part 2 of quote
- 26 J.H.S. subject
- 28 Promos
- 29 ___ Dawn Chong
- 30 Mary Kate or Ashley
- 32 Hep dude

- 33 Islamic prayer leader
- 37 Part 3 of quote
- 41 Basilica area
- 42 Massachusetts cape
- 43 "How I Learned To Drive" playwright Paula
- 44 Pen name?
- 45 Depression era agcy.
- 47 "___ Haw"
- 48 Part 4 of quote
- 54 Track shapes
- 55 Main roads
- 58 End of quote
- 61 Cubic meter
- 62 Payment
- 63 2000 candidate Ralph
- 64 ___ del Sol
- 65 Lat. or Lith., once

- 26 Cub Sammy
- 27 Hoofbeat
- 31 Shoe-box letters
- 32 T. Turner channel
- 33 ___ Jima
- 34 Most awesome
- 35 Toward shelter
- 36 Srta. of Paris
- 38 Whisker
- 39 Short distance
- 40 Dissipate like vapor
- 44 Photons and pions
- 45 Electricians, at times

- 46 Hrs. in Seattle
- 48 Takes off
- 49 Climbing vines
- 50 "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ___ ..."
- 51 Airplane ride: abbr.
- 52 Roof overhang
- 53 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright
- 56 Russian-born illustrator
- 57 Scorch
- 59 Jurisprudence
- 60 Uganda's Amin

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Pipe bends
- 2 Fiddlesticks!
- 3 Life forms
- 4 Belief
- 5 Irresolute
- 6 Turning point
- 7 Judges weight by lifting
- 8 Miss. neighbor
- 9 Periphery
- 10 Be very hungry
- 11 Different one
- 12 Get going
- 13 Facilitated
- 19 Maiden name lead-in
- 21 Hall of Leno's show
- 24 Projecting rock
- 25 Word of honor

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