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## Guilty plea

### Pizzeria fire

By Christopher Doody  
SHERBROOKE

One of the two suspects in the May 19 fire that destroyed Pizza Express and two other buildings on Sherbrooke's Denault Street has pleaded guilty to 14 of the 22 charges laid against him.

Khaleq Abdul Ahad, 30, appeared in court Tuesday, where he pleaded guilty

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## 'Unanswered questions'

### Closing arguments in Loach trial

By Sarah Rogers  
SHERBROOKE

Closing arguments were made yesterday to a 12-member jury who will soon render a verdict in the second-degree murder trial of Jeffrey Loach.

"There are still a lot of unanswered questions," defence lawyer Mia Manocchio told the court. "There are no holes in Mr. Loach's testimony; there are holes in the Crown's theory."

These unanswered questions leave doubt around Loach's responsibility in the July 2006 murder of Faye Geraghty, Manocchio argued.

Testimony from a number of police investigators and a forensic biologist do not paint a clear picture of

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## By Any Other Name



PERRY BEATON

A Townships farm is being transformed into a showcase for roses. See page 5.

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COURTESY TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations again to this year's Outstanding Townshippers, pictured at the awards ceremony in June: Charles Catchpaugh of Magog, Stewart Deacon of Sherbrooke, Roseleen George of Mansonville, Fred Gilman of Clarenceville, and Don Parsons of Cookshire. We honour them for their lifetime commitment and service to the English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships.

## The youths, the photos, the holidays

### Wanted!

**T**ownshippers' Day is in the works. The date is Sunday, Sept. 23, and the event will take place at Bishop's University in Lennoxville.

The T-Day youth organizers are looking for participants to be part of a talent event which celebrates the past, present and future of the region. The association is also looking for young people willing to volunteer to help plan youth activities for this year's T-Day. Future stars and young volunteers are encouraged to contact Michelle Lepitre at 819-566-5717 or [ml@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:ml@townshippers.qc.ca).

Ever since the founding meeting of Townshippers' Association on Oct. 17, 1979, Townshippers' Day has been an annual showcase for the region's English-speaking community, rotating among various locations. The bilingual day provides music, fun and information, and brings together both English and French speakers in the greater Eastern Townships community. Each year,

up to 10,000 people attend.

### SUMMER EMPLOYEE

Newly arrived at Townshippers' Association for the summer is Cégep student Simon Bastien from Trois Rivières. Simon was hired through the Languages at Work program established by Young Canada Works (YCW), an initiative of Canadian Heritage and Parks Canada. Welcome to the team, Simon.

The Languages at Work program enables students to put their skills to the test and practise their second language. There are also benefits to the employer: innovative ideas, competitive skills, and potential wage subsidies.

As research assistant, Simon will be putting together an Image Bank. It will organize the many photos taken at Townshippers' Association events from 1979 to 2007. Archived pictures, taken before the advent of digital cameras, are kept in boxes at Townshippers' Association. Volunteers and regular staff members will help Simon sort the photos, which he will then scan and categorize

on compact disk.

If you are someone who knows a lot of people involved in past association events, perhaps you would like to help Simon identify some of these events and people captured in the photos. If you are interested in doing this in the coming weeks, please call the association's Volunteer Bank at 819-566-2182 (toll free 1-877-566-2182).

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

Please note that Townshippers' Association's offices will be closed to the public from July 15 to July 29. Until then, office hours continue to be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the offices, you can drop by to buy or browse through the new books and CDs on display in Townships Expressions, a project offering a variety of English or bilingual books and music from the area.

### CULTURAL PARTNERS

As a follow-up to last week's column on the Townshippers' cultural partners initiative to bring people to the per-

forming arts, here is contact information for each group:

- Centennial Theatre, [www.theatrelacbrome.ca](http://www.theatrelacbrome.ca)
- Galerie ArtsSutton Gallery, [www.artssutton.com](http://www.artssutton.com)
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- The Piggery Theatre, [www.piggery.com](http://www.piggery.com)
- Theatre Lac Brome, [www.theatrelacbrome.ca](http://www.theatrelacbrome.ca)

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### Weather

**Today:** Becoming cloudy. Showers beginning in the afternoon. Wind 20 km/h late in the morning. High 24.

**Thursday:** Showers. Low 14. High 22.

**Friday:** Showers. Low 14. High 21.

**Saturday:** Showers. Low 13. High 18.

### Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Switching detergent can save your lake?

## Blue-green algae

Staff

SHERBROOKE

Are you doing your part to help pre-

vent the growth of blue-green algae?

The green Memphrémagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) gives two suggestions on how citizens who live close to lakes in the region can help reduce the problem.

Firstly, ensure that all of your cleaning products, as well as your fertilizers, do not contain any phosphorus.

If they do, replace them with products that do

not.

Phosphorus is the main food source for the cyanobacteria, and any reduction in the amount that reaches the lakes is a step forward.

A new study released last week by the Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en limnologie et en environnement aquatique (GRIL), comments on the problem of domestic cleaning products containing phosphorus.

The study notes that almost all fertilizers and manures contain phosphorus, and that the domestic use of fertilizers is causing a spread of phosphorus in lakes.

As well, the study states that there is a law limiting the concentration of phosphorus in laundry detergents to 2.2 per cent. There is, however, no law limiting the concentration of phosphorus in dishwashing detergents.

The study says that these products are responsible for between 5 to 20 per cent of the phosphorus leaving households, and entering lakes.

Secondly, MCI suggests helping to conserve all the vegetation on the banks of the lakes and rivers.

Trees, shrubs and grass act as a barrier against the phosphorus from leaking into the water.

## Sow still sought

### 'Important witness'

Police are still seeking the boyfriend of murder victim Rachel Wrathmall, a man they classify as an "important witness." Wrathmall, 31, was found dead in her home on Downs St. in Lennoxville Friday late afternoon. An autopsy revealed she died of multiple stab wounds.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said the investigation is "progressing well." Laboratory results from the analysis of the crime scene on the weekend are expected later in the week.

Meanwhile the search for Raphiou Omar Alpha Sow continues. He was Wrathmall's boyfriend, and has not been seen since the murder was discovered.

"At this time we are looking at him more in terms of being an important witness, not as a suspect," Ruel said.

Wrathmall's black Jeep Liberty was later found in Dorval. Police are also seeking information from anyone who might have seen the vehicle between the time of the murder and its appearance in Montreal.

Anyone with information about the murder, the whereabouts of Sow or the movements of the vehicle are asked to contact the SQ at 1-800-659-4264. Or you can call the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800.



DAVID ANDERSON

Could switching your dishwashing liquid have avoided the closure of Waterloo Beach?

## Car windows

### ... And pellet guns

The Granby Police are seeking the public's help in tracking down one or more vandals armed with pellet guns and a fixation for car windows. Over the last few weeks more than 30 incidents have been reported to police reporting damage to cars. In most cases the vandals used pellet guns to break the windows. In some other cases heavy objects like bricks or rocks were used to do the damage.

"They don't seem to be targeting any particular sector, and they may be getting around in a car," said Granby Police spokesman Const. Benoit Desautels.

Frustrated with the ongoing problem, some residents have taken to sleeping in their living rooms and patrolling the streets at night. So far those efforts haven't turned up any significant leads.

Anyone living in Granby who sees a suspicious vehicle is being advised to call 9-1-1 and give as much information as possible, so police can check on it. If you have any information about the vandals you can call the Granby Police at 450-776-3333, or the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800. All calls to Info Crime are confidential.

## BRIEFS

### Call Info-Santé, plead medicos

Two Sherbrooke hospitals and the Estrie umbrella health agency are asking residents to call Info-Santé about medical problems instead of going to the emergency room or a CLSC without an appointment.

"It is important for the populace to be sensitized about the need to change their behaviour in terms of how they use medical services and nurses without an appointment," states a press release from the Agence de la santé et de services sociaux de l'Estrie. "[I]n order to improve access to health services, those who are suffering from a problem that is not urgent, who are not suffering from a life-threatening illness, whose life is not in danger" should first consult Info-Santé by phone.

The Sherbrooke Info-Santé number is 819-823-9006.

The communiqué was issued jointly with the geriatric institute and the CHUS (Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke).

### Magog fire

A fire in Magog has left two families homeless. The fire at 466 Gingras street was first discovered around 7:50 a.m. on Monday. Damages are estimated at more than \$200,000, but no one was hurt.

### Sherbrooke's homeless

The City of Sherbrooke is now temporarily providing emergency lodging for seven households until July 15, according to a press release.

The low-income earners can't find affordable housing since they moved from their old homes on July 1. According to a local group, some 30 households are now without a permanent place to live. Landlords with inexpensive space available can call 819-823-9135.

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## PIZZERIA:

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to negligence causing death, and several charges of mischief, among other charges.

"He decided to plead guilty because he has been detained since these events, and he has decided it was time to reach an end of these accusations, and he would be able to start over afterward," said Myriam Lachance, the lawyer for Abdul Ahad.

The court heard that the owner of Pizza Express, Pejman Javadi, was experiencing financial troubles, and decided that he could alleviate these problems by burning down the restaurant, and getting the insurance money.

"[Javadi] decided to ask two of his friends to help him commit the arson," Lachance said, referring to her client as one of those friends.

Abdul Ahad was "not the instigator. He was an accomplice. He drove the runaway car," she said.

Abdul Ahad is an immigrant from Afghanistan, and a Canadian citizen, but he has no family in Canada. Javadi was his family and his best friend, said Lachance, noting that Abdul Ahad worked at the restaurant.

"Abdul Ahad has lost a lot as well. He lost his best friend in the fire," said Lachance.

It is still unknown as to why Javadi died in the fire, she added.

"All we know is that he was inside the building, putting gas in the basement, and he was supposed to go outside, and afterwards put fire to the gas, but something happened, and it blew up instantly."

The trial continues on Thursday.

Selcuk Dardene, 26, the second suspect in the fire, is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday as well.

Both men have been in jail since May 21.

The court also heard that no link has been established between the fire at Pizza Express and a second fire that started minutes later, a few blocks away at the corner of Galt and Pacificue.



PERRY BEATON FILE PHOTO

The Denault Street fire spread to two other buildings.

## TURNWORD:

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how Geraghty died, she said, as does the absence of the murder weapon.

But Crown prosecutor Hélène Fabi responded in her address that the 35 witnesses who testified in the case have told a lucid story of an estranged and jealous husband who battled with Geraghty over the custody of their three young children.

Fabi pointed to evidence that Geraghty tried to limit Loach's access to their children. Geraghty's brother Ashley testified that his sister no longer could rely on Loach for childcare, and that she was actively seeking more secure accommodation and daycare for her family.

Fabi argued it was not logical for Geraghty to have asked Loach on July 18 to take the children for the remainder of the week.

The Crown argues that Loach stabbed and killed Geraghty when he went to pick up his sons that day in 2006, then took Geraghty's keys from her purse and locked the front door as he left.

The jury is expected to begin its deliberations today.

Here is a sequence of events as pieced together from testimony throughout the trial:

March 2002: Jef-

frey Loach and Faye Geraghty are married.

May 2006: After a rocky, four-year marriage, Faye Geraghty is awarded custody of her three children.

June 24: Faye Geraghty is visiting one evening with friends Brenda Maskell, Tammy Harrison and Kimberly Rowsell when she speaks about her intimate relationship with Loach's adult son (from another marriage), Robert. After Maskell showed her disapproval, friend Tammy Harrison testified that Geraghty responded desperately, saying that Jeffrey Loach wanted to kill her and take the children.

July 16, 2006: Geraghty's brother Ashley recalled having last spoken to his sister this day, when Geraghty told him Loach and her had just had their worst argument yet regarding the custody of the children.

Loach later testified he cut his hand on this day, while fixing a tire on his vehicle.

July 18, 2006: Loach left his College St. apartment sometime close to 9 a.m. to pick up his sons at Geraghty's home. When he arrived at 27 Speid St. in Lennoxville, Loach testified that Geraghty asked him to take the boys for the rest of the week so she could have some down time. An argument ensued and Loach returned home. It is within this time period the Crown argues that Geraghty was murdered.

When he got home, Loach's awaiting daughter noticed blood on his face and hands, she later testified. Loach told her he had wanted to hit Geraghty, but hit the wall instead. In his testimony, Loach denied this, saying there was no blood on his face and that the hand injury was caused another day.

Robert Coleman, a friend of Geraghty's, testified he spoke to Geraghty this same day at approximately 8:45 a.m. Although Coleman had made plans to visit Geraghty later that morning to help her fix her car, when he arrived at 27 Speid St. at 10 a.m. no one

answered the door, which was locked. He said he had the same result when he returned at 11:30 a.m.

July 19-22, 2006: Both Loach and his children later testified that this week was spent at home in Loach's apartment as well as visiting the neighbourhood pool. Loach picked up his and Geraghty's oldest son at camp on July 22.

A neighbour next door to 27 Speid St. testified that Geraghty's pets wondered her property this week, although they were normally kept inside. He also said he saw another vehicle visit 27 Speid St. briefly that week.

July 23, 2006: Loach was visited by Geraghty's friend Tammy Harrison that day, expressing concern for Geraghty's whereabouts.

While Loach and his children walked home from the pool in the early afternoon, one of his sons later testified that he spotted the family dog wondering outside 27 Speid St. When he asked if they could put the dog inside, Loach suggested they return home first.

Loach dropped his children off at his mother's home, then drove back to 27 Speid St. Loach later testified that he went through the garage door and found Geraghty's lifeless body at the top of the stairs.

Geraghty was found to have died from 51 stab wounds to her upper body and putrefaction indicated that she had been there some time.

Loach was questioned by police.

August 10, 2006: Loach was arraigned and charged with first degree murder.

June 12, 2007: The first degree murder trial of Jeffrey Loach began at the Palais de justice in Sherbrooke, heard by Justice James Brunton.

June 28, 2007: After hearing testimony from 35 witnesses, Justice Brunton acquitted Loach of first-degree murder, modifying the charge to second-degree murder.

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# It still smells as sweet

## Rose gardens

By Eleanor Brown  
SHERBROOKE

After three years of work, a family farm has been transformed into fields of roses — and is now open to the public. "Spend the day, bring a picnic," said Norman Benoit of his new project, Rose des Champs. "On the summit, you can see about 30 miles away."

There are three gardens in total. The first showcases the history of the flower. "It goes back to — well, I wouldn't say dinosaur kinds, but far back."

According to a growers' group called All-America Rose Selections (online at [rose.org](http://rose.org)), "The first fossil records of the rose date back 35 million years. In 3,000 B.C., in what is now Iraq, the Sumerians created the first written record of the rose."

[The poet] Sappho, in her 600 B.C. 'Ode to the Rose', referred to this beauty as the queen of flowers, a reference still popular today.

"Jumping ahead to the 16th century, colonists brought the rose to North America, making it the longest cultivated European plant in this country. In 1798, Empress Josephine acquired her palace at Malmaison and created the most remarkable rose garden ever planted. It included every variety known at the time (about 250)."

The second garden features samples of the many species of roses (there are thousands of different roses today).

And finally, there's the production garden, a riot of roses: "This is the garden we're collecting from," said Benoit. An on site boutique sells the various products, all made from the flowers. There's rose jam, vinegar,

water, jelly, soaps and candles.

The garden itself is about an acre and a half. "When we're done, it'll be five or six acres," said Benoit.

The farm has two employees and opened a couple of Sundays ago.

"We make our own electricity with solar panels," added Benoit.

Admission is \$7.

The garden is on Benoit Road, between Ayer's Cliff and Magog.

Call 819-345-4243 for more information.



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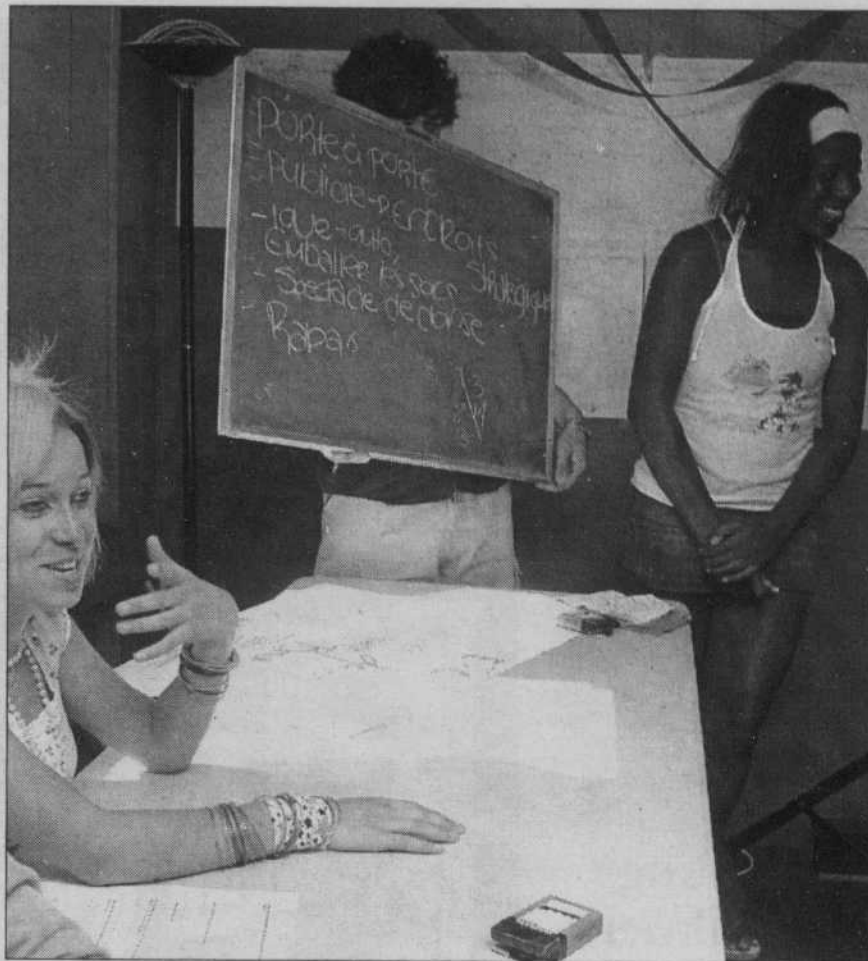
Norman Benoit sells rose jam and rose vinegar.



PERRY BEATON

So far, three years of work have gone into the rose gardens.

## Hire A Youth



PERRY BEATON

The Cooperative Jeunesse de Services is run by young people, who hire themselves out to do odd jobs over the summer, from babysitting to lawn care to event organizing to helping out the elderly. In Lennoxville (pictured), call 819-569-9388. In Bromptonville, call 819-846-0084. Ascot Mont-Bellevue is at 819-821-1995. And Fleurimont can be reached by dropping by 1731 Galvin Street.

## BRIEF

### Tire fire on truck

A burning tire put an end to a truck trip Sunday night, later forcing the brief closure of Autoroute 10 in West Bolton.

At about 7 p.m. the tractor trailer truck was forced to pull over by the burning tire, likely caused by a mal-

functioning brake. The flames spread, partially burning the load of paper the truck was carrying.

Traffic was interrupted briefly while the fire was put out. The road was later closed for about 15 minutes while a tow truck hauled the problem trailer away.

The driver was unhurt.

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## Community Forum

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just like no  
anglos in the  
civil service?

DEAR EDITOR

I thought that I should send a letter concerning Hydro in Quebec province concerning labour practices. I am anglophone, having relatives arriving in the Eastern Townships in 1791.

I myself am a desendent of the Allen Clan. I was born in West Shefford. I think this makes me a Quebecer. Therefore I often wonder why the Hydro are not having anglos working for them. Aren't we all Quebecers?

GEOFFREY MOTTRAM  
Bedford

Still waiting  
for fulfillment  
of a promise

DEAR EDITOR,

In bygone days a promise made would not be broken.

People expect the leader of their country to take moral action and keep the promises he made to the people when he was the leader of the opposition party.

The following is the promise the Hon. Stephen Harper made in the letter he wrote to me dated June 28, 2005: that a Conservative government would immediately extend the Veterans' Independence Program services to the widows of all Second World War and Korean War veterans regardless of when the veteran passed away or how long they had been receiving the benefit prior to passing away.

Like many other promises the Conservatives made, they are obviously prolonging the VIP issue. The excuse being that they are reviewing it; this is very doubtful when other issues can be passed on the spur of the moment.



Where is the respect and compassion of the government? These veterans' widows are human beings in dire need of financial help to stay in their own home. Each and every single day is a challenge mentally and physically to survive on their meager income.

Far too many have been forced to sell their homes.

It is shameful, appalling and unforgivable of the Canadian government.

To treat these widows properly, whose husbands laid down their lives for their country (lest we forget), evidently only applies on Remembrance

Day, then they are completely forgotten.

JOYCE CARTER  
Nova Scotia

## Indecent

DEAR EDITOR

This is a letter to the "runners" of Massey-Vanier High School.

Shame on you: you are supposed to be an example to the Secondary 1 students, not flashing naked through the bus area that Friday.

Here we have academic winners of scholarships provided by many busi-

nesses and private groups, and partaking in such indecency. Are these your true values and dignity?

SAMUEL SOLES  
St. Armand

## Stop and look

DEAR EDITOR

The morning paper of June 27 had a very good piece on crosswalks ("Everybody must behave, including pedestrians").

I think asking drivers around Sherbrooke to learn all about crosswalks is a waste of time.

When:

- They have no idea what 50 kmp means
- They have absolutely no idea what *arret* or stop means at a corner.
- They certainly don't know what a yellow light or a red light are for.

The speed limit of 50 km/h is completely ignored. Just for fun try driving at the speed limit and see the results you get from drivers in a hurry.

As for stopping at a stop sign, you may as well forget it, I think cars are made with a "no stop mode" on them.

A yellow light was designed to give cars a chance to clear the intersection; drivers around here think it is a signal to speed up and see how many can get through the light before it turns red and even after it has turned red someone still has to cross the intersection so they won't be left behind.

It is getting almost impossible to try to judge just what some of these drivers are trying to do.

I know it is just an old saying that "the life you save might be your own" but I think it is more important that the life you save might be someone else's wife, child, or family member.

So try to remember: 50, stop, yellow or red, and try to drive for everyone's comfort and safety.

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# Still camping in their home town

## And so are some of their neighbours

This is the long-awaited second part of a column begun before Paris Hilton was released from jail.

It would be fair to say that we had our Cowansville RV park pretty much to ourselves in April and May. Having arrived from Florida when the park was still officially closed, we were only the second full-time residents. Other than the new owners, who were working hard to improve the facilities, campground traffic was a bare minimum. As strange as this felt at night, we appreciated the blissful tranquility.

By mid-May the situation changed dramatically when all of the "seasonals" and "week-enders" moved into their rigs.

Thanks to the long list of recreational facilities designed for families the summer has already proven to be more than active.

Being that the quality of a site is such an important attribute in any campground, you could say we are lucky campers. It isn't paved or tropically manicured; nor do we have cable TV, much less access to an ocean sandy beach. We do have a large and leveled site with all three hookups and Internet wireless connections. All around us are towering pine trees.

The nearest RV from Madeleine's window is no closer than 40 feet. On my side, except for weekends, the nearest site is rarely occupied. Remember the old saying, "If you can't see it, why bother?" I guess you could say that about the rig that is no more than six feet from our rear bumper.

Even though I can't see it from our windows, I can hear the occupants talk whenever they use their balcony swing. But chances are they can hear my occasional loud voice. (Having become steady clients at the nearest movie rental outlet, and with comedies being our favorite genre, I suspect there are moments when our loud laughter must be less than amusing.)

How do these "campers" compare to those we normally encounter while on the road? If there is any one characteristic, it is that most of the seasonal occupants appear to live nearby and use their rigs as summer cottages. Many of the occupants are families with young children who only show up on weekends and holidays.

Out-of-province plates, never mind out-of-country, are extremely rare. Because of the beauty of the region you could say our campground is much more of a "destination" RV park than an "overnight" one.

Beer is their favorite drink.

As usual, we meet all types. One couple in their 50s sold their house in Farnham and are looking to buy or build a new house in the vicinity. In the meantime they drive to work from our campground. Another couple in their 70s live in an apartment in Cowansville but prefer to spend their summer in their Fifth Wheel. Much of their spare time was



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Living la vida RV in Cowansville.

spent preparing their rig for a three-month trip to California. Last Sunday they took off under the watchful eyes of a whole slew of campers. Another couple we met had the bad luck of witnessing their house burn down and now live in the campground pending repairs.

Judging from appearances, not many of the residents are retired and even fewer are snowbirds. As friendly as they are, they don't compare to the Quebec snowbirds we often meet on the road. This isn't surprising as being far away from home brings out a special connection between travelers, especially when they come from the same town or province. But then again, we don't go out of our way to be overly friendly for reasons that I'll explain later.

As with most campgrounds, at night they love to sit around a fire and swap stories even when it is scorching hot. With each lot supplied with a fire ring, there is no lack of cracking fires and lively conversations. Campground fires have become so popular that many of the residents travel with tables with a fire pit in the centre, portable fire pits which operate on propane canisters, or clay wood-burning fireplaces from Mexico. Aside from the heat and cooking potential, the flames and glowing coals remind them of campfires when they were kids. (We must be aging fast as we seem far too concerned by the risk of flying embers and sparks causing a fire to the dry pine needles and branches.)

Our campground has its own restaurant and chef. As for theatre aficionados, within only a few hundred feet is the popular Theatre des Tournesols.

And, speaking of camping, while most of us reside in our RVs there are a quite a few who do so in pop-up trailers, tents and rented cabins. Trailers are far more common than motorhomes and most of

them appear to have a mature history.

As for the number of pooches, the ratio compares well with other campgrounds. As usual, they enabled us to meet many of our fellow campers.

We rarely stay longer than a week in any one campground. So what it is like to spend two months and a half (so far) in the same spot? Because of the construction of our new house, we seem to be so busy during the day that we have little time left to do much socializing or participate in the many sport activities.

We are looking forward to moving back into a house without wheels. If all goes well, the big transition will take place sometime in September, at which time it will be 10 months straight since we will have lived in our motorhome.

I can assure you this will be one lifetime record we have no intention on breaking.

Guess where we will be going next winter? Except perhaps for a Caribbean cruise leaving from the Big Apple, we plan on staying put! Yes, forget Florida, Georgia and South Carolina — come November we'll still need a prolonged break from

our home on wheels.

As for our camping experience in Cowansville, I'm sure we'll look back with fond memories. I know we will be grateful to the owners of our RV park (Camping Domaine Tournesol) for having provided us with a convenient and comfortable haven while we built our new home.

COMMENTS: HENRYK@ENDIRECT.QC.CA.



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

## CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS

### Autoroute 10 at Magog

Transport Quebec is reminding drivers that the A-10, the Autoroute des Cantons de l'Est, is under construction between exits 128 (Deauville, Rock Forest, Sherbrooke) and 123 (Omerville, Magog, St-Denis-de-Brompton).

The westbound lanes are completely closed, with traffic redirected on one of the eastbound lanes.

No end date for the roadwork has been provided in the latest communiqué.

### The A-55

The A-55, the Autoroute Joseph-Armand-Bombardier overpass above Chemin des écossais, is under construction until July 28.

One of two northbound lanes is closed to traffic.

### Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley

The Route 141 bridge in Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley is under construction until July 27, according to Transport Quebec.

One of the two through lanes is closed to traffic. Vehicles will alternate in each direction, according to the signal lights.

The work contract has been awarded to Groupe Poirier Inc. and is valued at \$364,900.

### Sherbrooke's King Street

Sewer and aqueduct work along King Street West in Sherbrooke means that today and tomorrow, three of four lanes will be closed to traffic between London and du Quebec streets.

In addition, homes in the affected King Street area will have no water between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

# Our School's Page

## EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

**T**he Eastern Townships School Board honoured its retiring staff members and recognized employees with 25 years of service at a gala event held on June 1.

In attendance were administrators, commissioners, teachers, support staff and invited guests — all there to recognize and toast the honoured guests. The evening entailed the taking of photographs, the exchange of stories and a tribute to each retiree in attendance. As each administrator spoke of his or her retiring personnel, it became very apparent the wealth of experience, dedication and commitment these individuals held collectively for their students and colleagues.

### RETIRING PERSONNEL

Avery, Henry, Teacher, Butler Elementary School  
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Breck, Kathryn, Teacher, Alexander Galt Regional High School

Childs, Katherine, Teacher, Cowansville Academy for Life Long Learning

Choquette, Claude, Storekeeper, Vocational Education, Lennoxville

Clark, Suzanne, Teacher, Parkview Elementary School

Cornell, Murray, Teacher, Waterloo Elementary School

Côté, Carole, Principal, Richmond Regional High School

Craig, Linda, Assistant Centre Director, Vocational Education, Cowansville

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Elder, Alexander, Teacher, Heroes' Elementary School

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## Sherbrooke splits holiday doubleheader

### *Tremblay outstanding in defeat*

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

**T**he Sherbrooke Athlétiques BRP scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Quebec Diamonds 4-3 Sunday night to gain a split in their doubleheader played at Amédée Roy Stadium.

Quebec won the opener 2-1 in eight innings.

The twin bill was the start of an extended home stand in which manager Steeve Ager hopes to improve the team's standings in the competitive Quebec Junior Elite Baseball League.

The split left Sherbrooke with a 14-12 record, good for sixth place. They trail the first place Trois-Rivières Aigles and Montreal Elite by three games.

Quebec jumped out to a 2-0 lead off of starter Antoine Bernier in the first inning and then extended the margin to 3-1 with a run in their half of the fourth inning. Sherbrooke closed the gap with a run in the bottom of the fourth, tied the game in the sixth inning and then scored an unearned run in the seventh for the win.

Nicolas Bleau continued to hit with power as he belted a home run and scored twice, while Marc Bourgeois drove in another run with a single.

Bernier worked the first six innings and was hurt by an unusual string of wildness as he allowed five walks and five hits which led to three runs. Etienne St-Amant worked one inning of relief in which he retired the sides 1-2-3 and struck out two in picking his second win of the season.

The Athlétiques BRP lost a game they should have won in their 2-1 extra-inning loss in game one, although Karl Tremblay established himself as the team's number-two starter behind ace Antoine Bernier.

Tremblay was outstanding over seven innings as he allowed just two hits and one earned run and left with the game tied 1-1.

"We knew that when we traded for Karl that we were getting LaSalle's best pitcher and one of the better pitchers in the league," manager Steeve Ager said after the disappointing loss. "We expected him to become our second starter but I didn't expect it to happen this quickly. He hasn't pitched that much for us up to now because of work

but now he is going to be with us full-time."

Sherbrooke gave up four prospects in the trade for Tremblay, a trade that is looking better every day.

"He has given up just one run in his last 14 innings," Ager said. "He reminds me of Mark (Warnholtz); he throws strikes and is very calm on the mound. The key to this trade is that he is 21 years old and will be with us for two years. We will have our entire staff back next year."

Sherbrooke took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning when Gabriel Boulanger reached safely on an error and then came home on Gabriel Lemay's run-scoring double.

Quebec answered in the next inning as Dominik Walsh walked and came around to score on a single by Patrice Godbout-Ouellet.

The Athlétiques BRP staged a rally in their half of the seventh inning when they had runners on first and second with just one out. However Jean-Sebastien Gauthier's hard-hit grounder was turned into an inning-ending double play and the two teams headed for extra innings. Pierre Miville-Deschenes entered the game in relief of Tremblay and gave up an unearned run that put Quebec ahead 2-1. The error that led to the winning run was committed by Renaud Cartier who played at third base rather than his normal position behind the plate.

"We used Renaud at third base because Christophe Jutra was going to be late and couldn't start the first game," Ager said. "Even though his normal position is catcher he is a good third baseman. The error was just one of those things, it could have happened to anyone."

Sherbrooke fans thought their team had tied the score in the bottom of the eighth when Nicolas Bleau's long drive easily cleared the left field fence but the ball curved foul at the last moment and Quebec held on for a 2-1 victory.

Sherbrooke will play four games in three days later this week; a test of the team's pitching depth. They host the Longueuil Ducs Friday night, the Charlesbourg Alouettes Saturday night and then play a twilight doubleheader Sunday against the Laval Asso- ciés.



Sherbrooke is now in sixth place.

PERRY BEATON

## Canadiens lure Hamrlik, Smolinski

By Pat Hickey

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

**I**t is sometimes difficult to find hockey players who want to play in Montreal. And the Canadiens consider themselves fortunate to have found a couple of veterans who are thrilled with the idea of playing in the NHL hotbed.

The Canadiens filled a couple of holes on Monday by signing centre Bryan Smolinski and defenceman Roman Hamrlik, who not only wanted to play in Montreal but insisted on it.

Actually, Hamrlik told agent Rich Winter only that he wanted to stay in Canada. But during a conference call from his hometown of Zlin in the Czech Republic, Hamrlik said he was excited about playing in Montreal with its storied history.

Hamrlik suggested that he would have preferred to stay in Calgary but the Flames only offered him a two-year contract while the Canadiens showed they wanted the 33-year-old veteran by giving him a four-year, \$22 million deal. The Canadiens also addressed the need for a big centre by signing the 35-year-old Smolinski to a one-year contract.

"I've always felt comfortable in Canada and I've played my best hockey in Canada," said Hamrlik. "I like the fans and I've always enjoyed Montreal, going

back to 1992 when I was drafted."

Tampa Bay made Hamrlik the first overall pick in that draft and, while he doesn't have a ticket to the Hockey Hall of Fame, he has had a useful career. He is one game shy of 1,000 in the NHL, picked up a gold medal with the Czech Republic at the 1998 Winter Olympics and earned a reputation as a mentor in his most recent stint with the Flames.

For the past two years, he has been passing on his knowledge to young Dion Phaneuf and there might be a similar role awaiting him with the Canadiens.

"Playing in Calgary," he said, "they taught me lots of things about playing defence. That helped me get to where I am now and I appreciate it."

Hamrlik is a left-handed shot and, while the current Canadiens' depth chart would have him lining up beside Mathieu Dandenault, it's not inconceivable he could play an important role in the development of rookie Ryan O'Byrne.

Hamrlik was given a lot of credit for Phaneuf's development as a rookie. At the beginning of last season, the Calgary coaching staff tried pairing Phaneuf with Regehr but it didn't take long to abandon the experiment.

The 6-foot-1, 208-pound Hamrlik was plus-22 for the season while Phaneuf finished at plus-10 after piling up minus numbers with Regehr.

## Notice of Interment

**ROBINSON, Violet Hazel** - Passed away October 26, 2006. Her remains will be laid to rest with her beloved parents, Victor and Hazel, on July 7, 2007 at 11 a.m. at McPherson Cemetery, Georgeville, QC (immediate family only). The family would like to invite relatives and friends to celebrate her life with them July 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville, QC.

## Card of Thanks

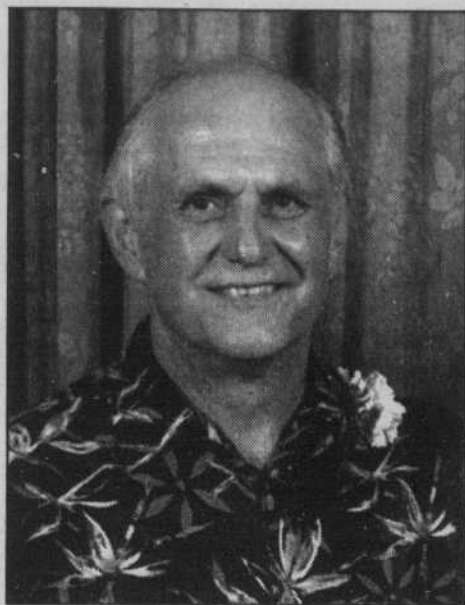


**LARIVIERE, Rose (née Pépin)** - Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the age of 81. The Larivière family wish to express our gratitude to our family, friends and neighbours for their kindness, expressions of sympathy, donations and presence at the funeral parlour and church. Special thanks to the staff at the Palliative Care at the CLSC Richmond for the compassionate care of our mother during her battle with cancer. Our beloved mother leaves to mourn her children Dorothée (Lawrence Blake), Betty-Anne (Michel Hinse), Michael and Lynne (Nicola Valente), and is predeceased by her husband Everett and eldest son Larry. Dearest grandmother of Allen (Maria), Shannon (Katherine) and Peter Blake; André and Jean-Louis Girard; Sébastien Hinse (Cindy); Cinzia and Michael Valente. Loving great-grandmother of Dylan, Ethan, Tehya and Skye Blake; Audrey and Émilien Girard, and Kristina Scaramozzino. Rose also leaves to mourn her sisters Alexina, Anita (Theodore Nelthorpe) and Jeannine (René Lagloire), sisters-in-law Grace (Orvis Taylor) and Vera (Roy Hughes), and brother-in-law Irwin (Jackie), along with many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Rose is predeceased by her brothers Alcide, Frank, Joseph, Adrien, Roland and Eugène; and sisters Desneiges, Laurencia, Irène, Rose-Alma and Marie-Anna.

*Mom, your love will light our way,  
your memory will forever be with us.*

DOROTHÉE  
BETTY-ANNE  
MICHAEL  
and LYNNE

## Death



**HALLER, John William** - Peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 28, 2007. John was called home to be with the Lord after a courageous and dignified three-year struggle with melanoma. He is survived by his loving and treasured wife Carrol (née Houlzet) and his three adored children, Anna (David King), Erin (Suj Sivaraman) and Jared, his beloved son. John was cherished Opa to his angels, Michael and Miles King. Son of the late Kurt and Lillian (Sharko) Haller, younger brother of Richard (Christine) and Albert (Martine). Loving uncle to several nieces and nephews. Beloved son-in-law of Daisy Houlzet (Powers) and the late John Houlzet. John taught and coached at Alexander Galt Regional High School for 32 memorable years. He will be greatly missed by many relatives, friends and all who knew and loved him. Many thanks to Dr. Brendan Kenny and his team at the CHUS Fleurimont for their care and compassion. Visitation at Cass Funeral Home, (6 College Street, Sherbrooke [Burrough of Lennoxville], QC. Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca), on Wednesday, July 4 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and on July 5 from 1-2 p.m., followed by a service in celebration of his life at Huntingville Community Church (1399 Campbell, Sherbrooke [Burrough of Lennoxville], Tel.: 819-822-2627) beginning at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, John would have appreciated donations to the Dr. W.J. Klinck Foundation (800-567-6031 / 819-564-1750) or a service/organization benefiting seniors or children.

## Card of Thanks

**RICHMOND REGIONAL GRADS OF 2007:** A special thanks to all the students for making the after grad party a success. You were a very responsible group of young adults. We would also like to thank the chaperones: Joanne and Brian Taber, Debbie and Jean-Guy Cote, Darlene and Mike Beattie, Chantal and Lindsay Irwin, Diane and Greg Stevens, Ted Laporte and Mike Morin. Have a great summer!  
**DARLENE & PETE JOHNSTON**

## Deaths



**LEDoux, Huguette** (1937-2007) - At the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, on Sunday, July 1, 2007, in her 71st year, passed away Huguette Ledoux. She leaves to mourn her children: Normande (Joseph), Martin (Sylvie), Robert (Lori-Ann), Pierrette (Stephan) and Christine, her grandchildren and great-grandson, her brothers and sisters and their families, numerous other relatives and friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 4 Vale Perkins, Mansonville, QC. JOE 1X0 Tel.: 450-292-3204, fax: 450-263-9557 info@desourdywilson.com Dignity Memorial where family and friends may visit on Thursday, July 5, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday, July 6 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service from St-Cajetan Catholic Church in Mansonville, Father Charles Doyon and Rev. Ryk Allen officiating. The family wishes to thank Roseleen George and also the personnel at the B.M.P. Hospital for their compassion and the loving care given to their mother. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the (A.L.S.) Amyotrophic Sclerosis Society of Quebec, 6300 Park Ave. Suite 502, Montreal, QC. H2V 4H8 would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

**MASSEY, Mr. Gordon** - In his 71st year, on July 1st, 2007, at the Foyer Richmond, passed away Mr. Gordon Massey, residing in Richmond and previously in South Durham. He was the son to the late Clarence Massey and to the late Edna McLaren. Gordon Massey was predeceased by his sister Rheta (Robert Johnston), on July 14, 1997. He leaves to mourn his passing many cousins and his brother-in-law, Robert Johnston. The cremation and the funeral service were done by Yves Houle Funeral Home, 280 Hôtel-de-Ville, South Durham, QC. Pauline Fecteau, dir. Tel.: 819-858-2841; fax: 819-826-3001. Mr. Massey will be at the funeral home, Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 12 p.m. till 1:30 p.m. The funeral service Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 1 p.m., in the funeral home, by Rev. Jennings followed by the burial at the United Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Foyer Richmond or charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated.

## Death

**WILLIAMS, Robert (Bob) Louis** (1943-2007) - At the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, Cowansville, QC. on Saturday June 23, 2007, Robert (Bob) Louis Williams in his 65th year. Loving father of Richard and Tammy (Carl). Cherished grandfather of Calista and Dylan. Survived by his mother Lillian Burnham and one brother Harold, Jr. (Claire). Bob leaves to mourn many relatives and numerous friends. Cremation, followed by a Chapel Service on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the Denis Meunier Funeral Home & Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, QC. (450) 266-6061; Fax: (450) 266-6057; e-mail: funerariumdm@qc.aira.com - Robert Farnam, Director-Counsellor. Family will receive condolences from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

## In Memoriams

**BEATTIE, Norman** - In loving memory of a very dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away July 1, 2000.

*As time unfolds another year,  
Memories keep you ever near,  
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WIFE, FLO

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**OLSSON, Orlay** - In loving memory of a very dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away June 29, 1995.

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## Card of Thanks

**STODDARD** - We would like to thank all those who remembered us on our 60th Wedding Anniversary with cards and visits. A special thanks to our family and friends for a beautiful surprise party! With great appreciation,  
**DOUG & TESS STODDARD**

## Nice guys are already taken

**Dear Annie:** I have a younger sister in her 30s. "Raylie" has been married for three years and has two toddler boys. She recently built a beautiful home and asked my family and me to come and help her move in. Our mother was also there.

### Annie's Mailbox

and family members, and they all expressed concern for

about her little boys. Any advice? — Concerned Sister

**Dear Sister:** You cannot make Raylie "come around" if she is unwilling, and a big argument does not necessarily constitute potential physical abuse. However, we agree with your mother that you should keep in touch with Raylie, not to lecture her, but to keep an eye on the situation, and so she can turn to you if she needs help.

**Dear Annie:** Every birthday, my in-laws send a \$100 check to each of my two boys and my husband. With me, they'll send a \$20 check.

I feel a little insulted and hurt by this. It's not really about the money. It's the principle. I would talk to my husband, but I know he'll tell me it's nothing to be concerned about. Should I just keep my mouth shut and not look a gift horse in the mouth? Or do I need to speak up? — Disenchanted Daughter-in-Law

**Dear Disenchanted:** You do realize your in-laws do not owe gifts to any of you, in which case, whatever you get should be appreciated. However, it is not good policy for them to treat you like a second-class relative, because it creates the exact hurt and ill-will you are describing. Tell your husband how this makes you feel, and ask him to explain it to his parents. We hope it helps.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Lonely," the 60-something widow who was looking to re-enter the dating scene.

I am also a 60-something widow who would appreciate good male company and maybe remarriage. After several years of looking, let me tell you what's out there. Not much.

We 60-types are a small part of the population. Most of the really nice guys are already taken. The single ones are usually single for a reason. Not to mention we're competing with lots of younger women. There are some 75-and-up guys out there, but they're either too set in their ways or very time-demanding. I've seen some successful and happy friendships and marriages among older folks, but the odds are against us. — Lonely, Too

**Dear Lonely, Too:** The odds may not be great, but it doesn't mean you should fold up your tent. Let your friends know you're looking, keep active and get involved in community activities. You never know what might happen.

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

## 60th Wedding Anniversary Wishes

The family of Floyd and Helen Mailloux wish to extend to all their friends an invitation to shower them by sending a card in honour of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 12, 2007.

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*Best wishes from your children*

## Engagement



Together with their parents, Emily Katherine Robertson and Matthew John Brereton, are pleased to announce their wedding engagement. They will be married July 21st, 2007.

While we were in the house, Raylie got into a big argument, and we thought it was going to become physical. This was very upsetting to my mother and my family, and it caused our visit to be cut short. Shortly after, I spoke with my mother

Raylie and the kids. They explained they had witnessed other instances like this in the past.

I thought I should talk to Raylie, but when I expressed my concern over the telephone, she hung up on me. The only conversation we have now is when I initiate it. My mother wants me to keep calling her and make her come around. I invited her to my son's high school graduation, but she didn't respond. My heart is torn, and I feel maybe I should have stayed out of it. But then I think

## Card party held

HUNTINGVILLE

A card party was held at the Howe home on June 26, 2007, with proceeds for St. James Church, Compton, and the Sunshine Fund.

First prize, Louise Peasley, score 5700; second, Pat Howe, score 5340; third, Edna Smith, score 5140; consolation, Judy Howe.

The guessing game: no. of candies in a jar, was won by Gertrude Watson.

Harris Olsson and Dora McCourt each won a prize for having 2 skunks.

Pearl Armstrong and Gertrude Watson each won a prize for a successful 9 bid without the joker.

George Peasley won the prize for secret score.

Special prizes: Basket of jams and pickles, Dora McCourt; cream and sugar set, cookies, sugar, coffee, milk and jam, Harris Olsson; jam set, with jam and spoon, George Peasley.

Door prizes were won by Edna Smith, Flora McBean, Judy Howe, Hazel Carson, Helen Gallup, Pearl Armstrong, Dora McCourt, George Peasley, Alison Watson, Louise Peasley, Harris Olsson, Gertrude Watson, Isabel Nelson, Bill Mills and Elsie Mills.

This was our final card party of the season.

We wish to thank everyone who donated food and prizes. Once again, many thanks to Nilda and Pat for all they do for us.

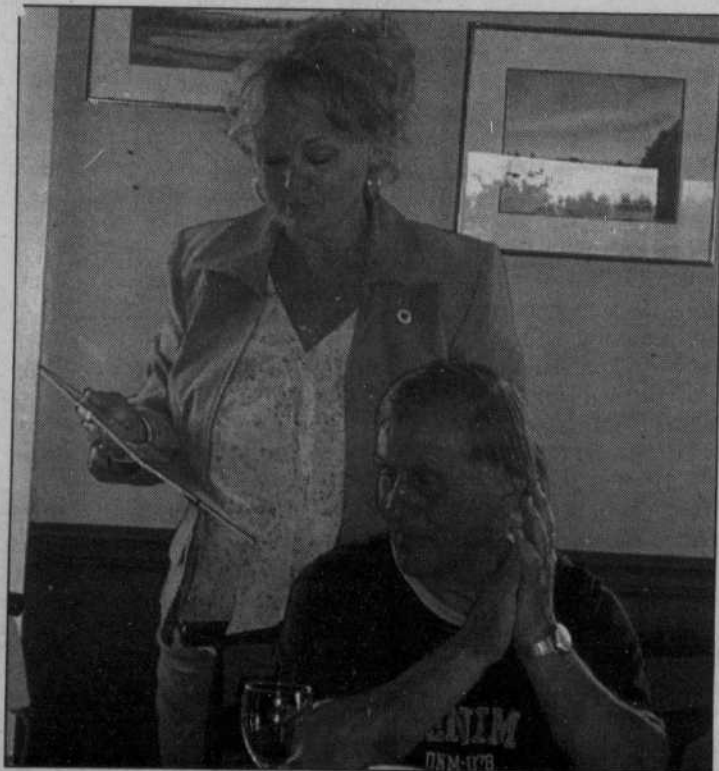
Have a good summer.

*Sue Nichols*

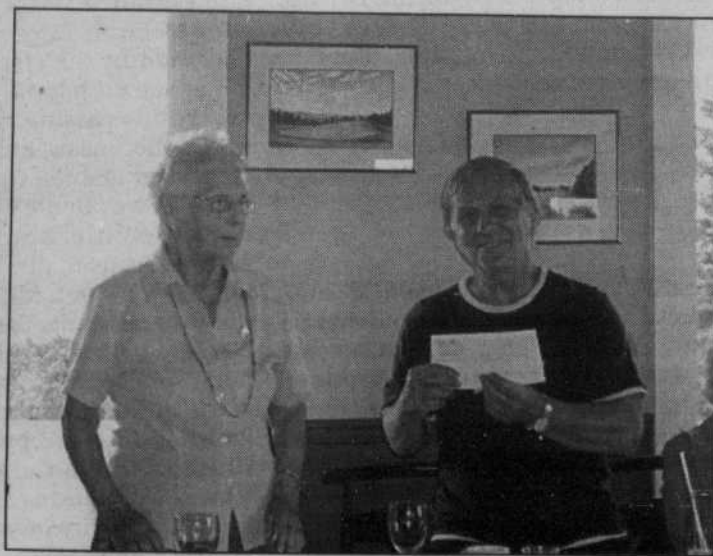
## Stanstead Chapter IODE

The Stanstead Chapter IODE, June Luncheon award presentation and donation to Raymond Parent of Stanstead for his dedicated work with youngsters in both hockey and base-

ball. Raymond's ongoing selfless involvement with the youth, and all the other activities he initiates on their behalf was the reason behind the Citizenship Award presented to him June 20 at Dufferin Heights Country Club, where he was feted by the IODE. As well, a \$250. cheque was given Raymond towards the building of a skating hut near the outdoor rink in Stanstead. In his usual gracious way, Raymond expressed his gratitude, giving credit to all the kids for his ongoing enthusiasm.



Sandra Harrison, Citizenship Officer presenting the IODE Citizenship Award to Raymond Parent



President, Monica Lester presenting a cheque for \$250. to Raymond Parent

# CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: O equals B

"MU HUUK JH JLUDREJ MRZF ZFU  
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RH PWRDRZ." - FIOUDZ F. FILWFDUB

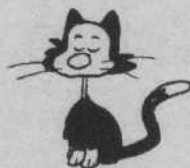
PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "We must change in order to survive." - Pearl Bailey  
"Be the change that you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

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## KIT N' CARLYLE

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HE ALWAYS FEELS HE HAS TO  
MAKE A BIG DEAL OF BEING  
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FOURTH OF JULY.



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## HERMAN



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"I hit my arm. Two of your sausages are under the dishwasher and one flew out the window."

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**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Good things could happen for you, especially if you go to places where you can be seen and recognized for your warm friendship. More than a few pals will want to hang out with you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — If there is nothing special on your agenda, this might be a good day to invite someone over to your place to share a little bread and wine and relax with some good conversation and music.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Complimentary things you say to others now will enhance your image and can leave a lasting favorable effect on your relationships, as long as they know you mean what you say.

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Wednesday, July 4, 2007

## This on-going match is on-going

By Phillip Alder

Regular readers will know that on July 4, 1776, four of the declaration signatories repaired to a quiet room to play a game remarkably similar to present-day bridge. After two rubbers, Thomas Jefferson was well ahead, with Benjamin Franklin being the biggest loser. On the first board of the third rubber, John Adams made seven hearts with 150 honors. On the second, Adams went down in a four-spade contract he could have made with the aid of a scissors coup. This was the third deal.

Against four hearts, reached after what would come to be known as a Stayman sequence, John Hancock (West) led the spade two.

Jefferson paused to decide upon his line of play. He had only two top losers: the ace and king of trumps. He might also have a club loser, should the finesse fail. And this lead had all the hallmarks of a singleton. If so, and West could get a spade ruff with a low heart, the contract would depend upon that club finesse ... unless ...

Declarer took the first trick and immediately cashed his three diamonds.

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| North                 |                | 07-04-07        |                |
| ♠ Q J 8 3             |                |                 |                |
| ♥ J 10 8 6            |                |                 |                |
| ♦ A K 3               |                |                 |                |
| ♣ 7 4                 |                |                 |                |
| West                  |                | East            |                |
| ♠ 2                   |                | ♠ 9 7 6 4       |                |
| ♥ K 7 4               |                | ♥ A 3           |                |
| ♦ 10 8 7 4            |                | ♦ J 9 6 5       |                |
| ♣ K 10 6 5 2          |                | ♣ J 9 8         |                |
| South                 |                |                 |                |
| ♠ A K 10 5            |                |                 |                |
| ♥ Q 9 5 2             |                |                 |                |
| ♦ Q 2                 |                |                 |                |
| ♣ A Q 3               |                |                 |                |
| Dealer: South         |                |                 |                |
| Vulnerable: East-West |                |                 |                |
| South<br>(T.J.)       | West<br>(J.H.) | North<br>(B.F.) | East<br>(J.A.) |
| 1 NT                  | Pass           | 2 ♣             | Pass           |
| 2 ♥                   | Pass           | 4 ♥             | All pass       |
| Opening lead: ♠ 2     |                |                 |                |

After discarding the club three from his hand, South called for a heart. East stepped up with his ace and gave his partner a spade ruff. West cashed his heart king, but now was endplayed. If he returned a diamond, declarer would ruff in one hand and discard a club from the other. And a club shift would be into South's ace-queen.

"Well played," said West. "You extracted my safe diamond exit cards like pulling teeth."

That is why this play is known as the dentist's coup.

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By Phillip J. Anderson  
Portland, OR

7/4/07

## Brome Branch 23 of the Royal Canadian Legion Flag Day Celebration

It was a beautiful evening on June 20, as we went to the Protestant and Catholic cemetery for our annual memorial service for our departed vets. Rev. Tim Weibe of St. Paul's Church was our pastor and took the service. The flagbearers were Jacques Beauregard, Wendy Aldridge and Doug Wighton. After the services at the two cemeteries we returned to the Community Center for a wine and cheese party, and during that time, cheques were given to the fol-

lowing, The Pettes Memorial Library, The Boy Scouts, The Story Telling Assoc., The disabled Skiing program for children with disabilities, and the Crohns disease Association. Members of these programs accepted the cheques with thanks to the Legion. A good social evening was enjoyed by all. Don't forget the barbecue that will be coming up in July 21. See you all then.

Edna Badger

## Colfax Rebeccas Ch. #29, Whist Party at the Oddfellows Hall.

On Thursday night June 21, the ladies of the "Colfax Rebeccas" held a Whist Party at the Hall in Knowlton.

There were 14 tables. Prize 1st was won by table #9 with 43 pts, the players being Capt. Helene St. Pierre, J.P. St. Pierre, Sid de Solla, and Georgette St. Pierre. Prize 2nd went to Marcel Premont, Estalene and Doug Charby, Dorothy Premont with 41 pts. The consolation prize was won by table #11 to Capt. June Royea, Jean Scott, Bev de la

Maire and Donna Luce for 18 pts. Rita Duhamel won a prize for having 4-5's Peggy Battley for 4-8's and Doreen McPherson for 4-2's. There were many door prizes. Marilyn Mahannah was the winner of a wine rack.

The grocery basket was won by Bev De la Maire. The Cowansville ladies put on a great meal after the game. See you all next week.

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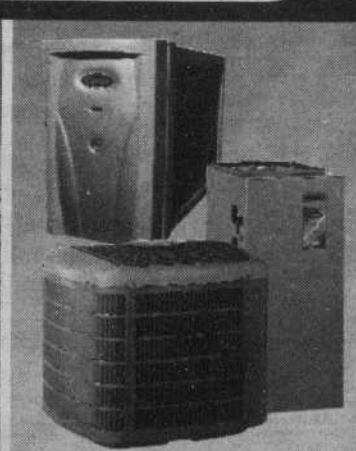
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