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## Sherbrooke med student dies in car crash



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A young medical student was killed and another seriously injured in this overnight crash.

### Staff

A Sherbrooke medical student has died and another remains in hospital after a crash in Fleurimont Tuesday morning.

Merlin Beaudoin-Cloutier, 19, was driving on Duplessis Road when, for some reason, he lost control of his car. The car slammed into a utility pole and rolled over, throwing Beaudoin-Cloutier from the vehicle.

The passenger in the sports car was trapped in the wreckage and had to be cut free using hydraulic shears. The two were taken to the CHUS in Fleurimont. Beaudoin-Cloutier died a few hours later, while the passenger remains in serious, but stable condition.

Detectives and accident scene specialists spent much of the morning Tuesday trying to determine what happened. Sherbrooke Police spokesman Const. André Lemire said just what provoked the loss of control remains unclear.

"One thing for sure, alcohol was not a factor," Lemire said, noting that a blood sample was taken before Beaudoin-Cloutier underwent emergency surgery.

Beaudoin-Cloutier was from Magog Township, but had been living in the residence at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke, where he and his passenger were studying medicine.

The investigation into the causes and circumstances surrounding the deadly crash continues.

## Cancer cases linked to asbestos will decrease, says U.S. researcher

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The number of cancerous mesothelioma cases linked to the use of certain asbestos fibres has peaked and is starting to decrease in the United States, according to an American medical researcher.

And Dr. Hans Weill predicts the number will continue to decrease in the U.S. and Canada in the coming years because those fibres, known as amphibolic fibres, have not been produced in North America since the late 1970s.

"From 1988 to 2002 the number of cases has peaked and is now on a downward trend in the U.S.," said Weill, a medical professor at Tulane University in New Orleans, at an international conference on chrysotile-asbestos fibre last week in Montreal.

"The statistical charts that we have examined indicate the downward trend will continue."

Mesothelioma, a rare but deadly form of lung cancer, has been closely linked to the use of asbestos fibre products.

The Chrysotile Institute, a lobby group for the Canadian Asbestos industry which sponsored the conference, has long argued chrysotile-asbestos mined in three Eastern Townships mines is safe for humans to use if handled with care.

The institute believes the majority of mesothelioma cases were caused by exposure to amphiboles, which were phased out of production in Canada starting in 1978.

But many anti-asbestos activists have argued the number of cases will continue to increase as long as North America continues to produce and use the fibre in any form.

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# Came home with treasures, but not the house

"All done? All in?" the auctioneer called out as she scanned the crowd. Not a sound. No other hands rose. The teapot was ours!

A Royal Winton tiny teapot for two with a farm scene had caught my attention before the sale began. No chips, no cracks, and the gold trim was not worn. These are all things that serious auction aficionados learn to check before bidding. The teapot would be a perfect addition to my partner-in-life's ever-expanding collection.

Some of you may have raised your eyebrows at the use of the pronoun "she" back a few sentences ago in reference to the auctioneer. There are no women in this profession locally. The event in question did not take place in the Eastern Townships. It was nearly a four hour drive away, on

Lochiel Road, near Fassifern, Ontario.

The previous weekend I had been to the preview for the auction of a 19th century Second Empire style brick house and its contents. I had been enthralled with what I had seen and convinced the main man in my life to go to the sale (that was easy, actually). The house, in dire need of care, boasts very high ceilings, period wallpaper, a parlour, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, sunroom and six bedrooms, a winding staircase, unusually shaped windows, a widow's watch, a slate roof and a wrap-around veranda. And there were some unusual belongings in it.

The first item on the auction block was the property - the house and 100 acres, mostly wooded (the land has not been



SUSAN MASTINE

farmed since the 1960's). A good number of envious and somewhat financially challenged people watched attentively as the bidding slowly rose from \$150,000, stalled at \$185,000 and ended at \$205,000. The auctioneer welcomed the buyer as a new member of the community and the buyer announced that

he was indeed planning to restore the residence.

A box of old, rusty-looking choppers, a grater and other kitchen paraphernalia were identified as "retro" utensils and sold for \$20 - more than a bluebird Nippon cream and sugar set that went for \$15. The person who took home the rare Victorian lady's porcelain spittoon with roses on it paid \$45.

Among the items sold were period clothing and jewellery, Lucy Maud Montgomery first edition books, lots of silver and silverware, crockery, wicker, cast iron, needlework, an altar (\$300), lavender glass candlesticks (\$45), a one-piece wooden rolling pin (\$30), a dinner plate with silver warmer underneath (\$20), a porcelain string ball holder shaped like a cat's face (\$30), a Moorcraft vase (\$400), a pair of name plate figurines (\$22.50), a stuffed rabbit (\$60).

Other purchases accompanied the teapot home with us: a rose-patterned crystal bowl, a couple of small porcelain pieces (pitchers and covered bowls), an old porcelain brooch with purple violets painted on it, a pair of Limoges earrings, a silver cake lifter with Queen Victoria's face on the handle, a child's cup and saucer with a duck on it.

## Model school restorers holding fundraiser June 4

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
ST-JACQUES-DE-LEEDS

Members of the Model School heritage committee are holding a fundraising square dancing party this coming Sunday, June 4, to raise enough money to install a new hardwood floor.

"The present floor has to be redone, so we are inviting people from the area to dance on it and raise money for a new one," said Maureen Small, one of three organizers of the event.

"We hope to get at least 100 people this Sunday, if not more, who like some square dancing, as well as do some polkas, some waltzes or some country and western moves."

The event will be held at the Model School, a century-old heritage site situated next to the St. James Anglican Church in St. Jacques de Leeds, formerly Leeds Village.

Time of the event is 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

and the cost of entry is \$5.

Small said seven area musicians are donating their time and their talents for the renovation project.

"We're talking fiddles, pianos and guitar playing," she said.

"These are the musicians from the area that know how to get people moving on a dance floor."

The musicians are fiddlers Michel Mercier and Romain Bolduc. Brother and sister musicians Len and Shirley Davidson will provide guitar

and piano melodies while Melisa

Bolduc and Buddy Dacres will contribute their base guitar and singing skills. Jamie Allan will be the dance caller.

The Model School is a heritage site that was moved next to the church over a decade ago in order to preserve it. A new foundation was built for the school, which was used for much of the 20th century for teaching area students.

"It only had two classrooms, but a lot of people here got an education in those classrooms

and it is worth preserving for this community," said Small.

"The basement is now used as a general store and antique shop and the main floor is sometimes used for parties and receptions. With a new floor, we hope to have more get-togethers for the community."

Small, along with fellow fundraising organizers Ozzie Beattie and Jacinthe Gagné, plan to hold other fundraising events at the school this summer and fall to raise more money for building renovations. One project they are working on is the collection of names of people who attended the school since it was started in the early 1900s.

"We want to create a class list of all the students and maybe get that posted on one of the walls," she said.

"A lot of those people still live here and want to remember the school where they spent their childhood years."

For more information, call Maureen Small at 418-424-0463.

*Organizers will attempt to compile a list of names of students who attended the school since its inception in the early 1900s.*

## Weather

**Today:** Cloudy with sunny periods. 60 percent chance of showers in the afternoon and evening with the risk of a thunderstorm. High 27.

**Thursday:** Periods of rain. Low 19. High 22.

**Friday:** Sunny. Low 8. High 22.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Low 9. High 22.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Tourism officials accuse Bécharard of twisting their words

*Industry association insists region must seek alternative to selling Mount Orford*

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

Officials at Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est are frustrated and perturbed by Sustainable Development Minister Claude Bécharard's position on Mount Orford Park in light of discussions last week which showed a regional consensus developing on an alternative to selling the ski hill.

"The minister is ignoring the large majority of opinions expressed by Townshippers by going ahead with the sale of the ski hill," charged association president Jacques Robidas, accusing the government of spoiling public land that is highly symbolic for the region.

And with all the negative publicity surrounding the issue, the Townships tourism industry association said it fears for the region's "green" reputation and for the consolidation of tourism development around the Mount Orford.

Tourism Canton-de-l'Est insists the ski hill can remain economically viable within the provincial park. And despite Bécharard's intention of ramming through his controversial bill in the coming weeks, the association plans to consult with members and partners to propose an alternative that could rally the region.

However, if the government decides to go ahead and sell the mountain, it will be "morally difficult" for the association to take part in a committee to decide on the future of the mountain, warned general manager Alain Larouche.

"That would turn the issue into a moral debate and not a business debate," Larouche said, noting that despite eight years of ups and downs on the ski hill, the region was never truly consulted on what should be done with Mount Orford.

"From one surprise to the next we were told we could only comment on what was being discussed," he said, noting the region has never been given a



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Tourisme Estrie general manager Alain Larouche and board president Jacques Robidas met with reporters yesterday to straighten out their position on the sale of Mount Orford. The industry representatives accused Sustainable development minister Claude Bécharard of misrepresenting their position presented at last week's hearings in Quebec City.

chance to develop a true vision for the mountain.

Robidas and Larouche told reporters they left last week's hearings on the government's bill that would allow the sale to go ahead with the impression the Liberal government was opening the door to a regional compromise that would be viable and more acceptable to Townshippers than selling off the ski hill to the highest bidder.

"Imagine our surprise when we found out the minister said we agreed with Bill 23," Robidas said, noting that he spent the weekend fuming.

"It's like they twisted everything we said," he said. "How do we make the government understand that Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est cannot be bought."

While it agreed with some elements of Bécharard's bill - including the expansion of the park - the association was, and still is, categorically opposed to the

sale of the ski hill to private interests.

"They surely did not reproduce the truth when they said we were in favor of the bill" Robidas said, choosing his words carefully. "Our position has not changed one iota."

"Was he listening. Did he listen? Does he hear?" Robidas wondered aloud, noting the government is hurting the region's image and discrediting efforts to promote Orford as a tourism destination.

During last week's legislative hearings, the association insisted the ski hill must remain public and that the government should sell a limited amount of land at the base for the creation of a small mountain village - not a condo village - that would include a small hotel, rental chalets and a limited number of condominiums.

It also suggested operating costs be reduced by removing Mount Alfred

Desrochers from the ski centre and recommended a four-season welcome centre for the park be set up near the mountain village.

It also recommended the government sell the golf course to allow Chery River and its hotels to develop as a golf destination - a suggestion that was first brought forward by the Memphremagog regional municipal council (MRC).

The association noted it was pleased with a government decision to annul the lease with Mont-Orford Inc., although it was simply demanding the conditions of cancelling the lease be clarified. "That will remove suspicion from the file."

The tourism association said that under current conditions, they cannot imagine anyone will be interested in acquiring the mountain. "And who is going to buy a condo in a project that is so contested?" asked Larouche.

Robidas wonders what will happen if no one comes forward with a proposal. "What is Plan B? Do they have one?"

Larouche said the current lease with Mount Orford Inc. is the problem because it sets unrealistic conditions upon the government. He said Quebec should look at a long term lease that sets conditions similar to those for developments in Banff and other national parks.

Larouche said the region needs a reasonable amount of time to define the park as a main centre of attraction for the region's tourism industry. To do so, the association plans to quickly bring together various partners including the Memphremagog MRC and Centre local de développement (CLD) as well as SOS Park Orford and other regional leaders who have been discreet so far.

Larouche notes the Charlevoix region spent 12 years seeking a solution to their park woes - "but in the meantime they were not treated as a pariah."

"When we left Quebec City we thought we had the beginning of a solution," notes Robidas. "Perhaps we were naive."

The SOS Parc Orford coalition will be reacting to Bécharard's position this morning in Quebec City.

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# Guide to help B-M residents limit waste output

By Maurice Crossfield

With a long way to go before reaching its objective of reducing the amount of waste going into the regional land fill, the Brome-Missisquoi MRC has launched a guide to help people get into the habit.

The bilingual, 36-page guide is being mailed out to all 22,000 households in the Brome-Missisquoi region this week. Inside, readers will find an explanation of everything that can be done under the 4R principle: Reduction, Reusing, Recycling and Recovering. The ultimate aim is to help the Regional Municipality achieve its goal of reducing the amount of waste going into the regional landfill by 65 per cent by 2008.

"It's an ambitious objective," said Cowansville mayor and Brome-Missisquoi prefect Arthur Fauteux. "There is still a lot of work to be done to reach

that goal."

"More and more we are realizing that it is a societal value," said Yvon Couture, president of the RIEDSBM, the board that manages the regional landfill site. "This guide shows how easy it can be."

Garbage is an increasingly important issue. Quebec generates 20 tons of non-dangerous waste every minute. Most of that ends up in sites like the Brome-Missisquoi landfill, which is eligible to receive 75,000 tons of waste every year, 56,000 tons of which are produced in the region.

The Practical Guide for Domestic Recycling offers an overview of a number of ways to reduce waste output for residential, industrial, commercial and institutional use. It explains exactly what can be recycled, what can be reused, and what to do with hazardous materials such as batteries and tires. It even in-

cludes a list of businesses and community organizations that can make use of various items you no longer want or need. There's also information on composting and grasscycling.

"We are stating strongly that people must stop putting their grass clippings out with the garbage," said Madeleine Chabot, mayor of East Farnham and vice-president of the RIEDSBM. She said grass clippings will soon be refused. A pamphlet on grasscycling will be sent out in June.

Chabot said the idea of making better use of waste is catching on.

"When people come to a town they notice if there are no blue boxes," she said. "We see that when we collect the 360 litre blue boxes every two weeks they are full."

There's still some work to be done in this respect. Only about two-thirds of

Brome-Missisquoi municipalities offer curbside pickup of recycling; meanwhile, there's one small town out there that has no recycling program at all. Chabot refused to say which town it is, for risk of embarrassing the little village.

During the launch of the guide the MRC and the RIEDSBM also announced that a container park for dangerous household materials has been set up at the regional landfill on Rang St-Joseph in Dunham. Meanwhile, composting workshops, held regularly in English and French, are becoming increasingly popular. There's also a booklet available on maintaining a healthy lawn without pesticides.

For more on Brome-Missisquoi's 4R approach to waste reduction, check out the guide when it arrives in your mailbox. Or visit [www.bmvert.ca](http://www.bmvert.ca)

## Wireless Words



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL  
Diane Boulé is proud to show off the new Internet access at the Magog Library. The wireless transceiver is mounted high above the central desk and has a range of 1,200 feet (480 metres). The connection will be able to support 50 wireless computers at once, adding greatly to the dozen or so computers that the library already has running.

## ASBESTOS:

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Weill argued the number of mesothelioma cases are directly related to the use of amphibolic fibers, also known as blue and brown asbestos. He predicted that with their prohibition over two decades ago, fears of a future mesothelioma epidemic are not justified.

"It can take from between 20 and 40 years before this cancer shows up in the lungs of workers exposed to amphiboles," he said.

"This trend after only 28 years of latency has removed all doubt in my mind that mesothelioma and amphiboles are linked."

In one study of the American Cancer Institute, figures indicated a drop in mesothelioma cases from 2.75 per 100,000 population in 1993 to 2.1 cases in 2002.

In another study conducted by Weill, there were 2.5 cases per 100,000 population in 1993 versus 1.9 cases in 2000.

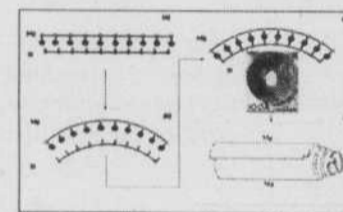
In Quebec, the debate over mesothelioma has been hotly contested, with some public health organizations condemning the further use of the fibre for the increased number of cases.

In a study published three years ago by the Quebec health board, men in the province were close to 10 times as likely to die from mesothelioma as from any other cancer. The study concluded that exposure to asbestos was the cause.

Other reports issued by the Quebec worker health and safety commission also indicated a rise in the number of mesothelioma cases, but the majority of them involve retired workers who were exposed to asbestos fibres long before the amphibolic ban took place in the province.

And the most recent figures released last year by the commission showed the number of deaths related to mesothelioma have dropped slightly in the three industrial sectors that use the fiber.

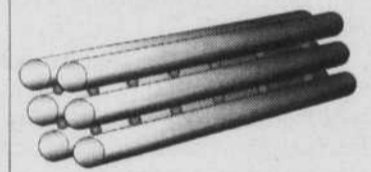
### Chrysotile Fibers



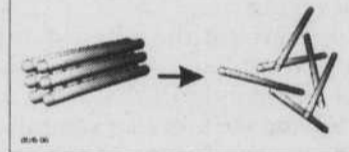
Chrysotile is a thin sheet (~8 angstroms) silicate. The soluble cation magnesium is located on the outside of the rolled surface that makes the fiber. The magnesium is soluble in the lung fluid and the acid of the macrophage in the lung breaks apart the sheet into amorphous silica particles.



### Amphibole Fibers



With amphiboles, the soluble cations are located between the solid fibers which are formed with double-chain silica. When the soluble cations dissolve the insoluble amphibole fibers are released.



In the construction sector, mesothelioma deaths went from 14 in 2000 to six in 2003. In the metallurgy sector, there were only two mesothelioma deaths in 2001 and three in 2003.

In the mining sector, there were seven deaths in 2001 and only one in 2003.

Weill added that the rate of mesothelioma cases in Britain are still on the rise and will peak between the years 2011 and 2015.

"Britain and the rest of Europe have made no distinction between amphiboles and chrysotile and chose to ban all asbestos types in the mid-1980s," said Weill.

"That means more Britons were exposed to amphibolic fibres for more years than in the U.S. or Canada. That means the number of cases will continue to rise there for several more years."

According to Dr. Jacques Dunnigan, a researcher on the health affects of asbestos at the University of Sherbrooke, exposure to the fibre is not the only cause for mesothelioma.

He said animals tests have indicated other industrial products and products such as certain metal dusts and chemicals can also produce the cancer in the lungs.

He said past studies indicate up to 30 per cent of mesothelioma cases have no link to the fibre because the victims did not work with or were not exposed to any asbestos products.

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# SMART Technologies makes donation to local schools

*Knowlton is key to acquisition of interactive whiteboards*

## Staff

The Eastern Townships Educational Foundation (EETF) has received a technology donation valued up to \$66,300 (Can) from SMART Technologies Inc., the Canadian company recognized as the global education market leader in interactive whiteboards and group collaboration technology.

EETF executive director Marc Lamarche told The Record the acquisition of the new technology will enhance computer initiatives already underway in the 29 schools within the Eastern Townships School Board. Currently, ETSB provides individual laptop computers to some 7,000 students from Grade 3-11.

Lamarche said Knowlton Academy was the first school within the ETSB to acquire an interactive whiteboard, essentially a 77-inch touch-screen computer, from SMART Technologies.

Lamarche said the response to the whiteboard prompted further discussions with SMART Technologies president and co-CEO Nancy Knowlton, a Knowlton Academy alumnus.

SMART agreed to donate 30 interactive whiteboards, four of which are to go to Knowlton Academy and two to Massey-Vanier High School with the remainder to be distributed across the board.

Lamarche said the wide-screen whiteboard allows students to become involved in the learning process by interacting directly with the large screen. He gives the example of a student completing a sentence by selecting a missing word from the side of the screen and using his hand to drag the word to the correct spot in the sentence.

"A technology donation of this magnitude is a significant step forward for our foundation and a great boost for the ELS Project," Lamarche said in a news release. "SMART has demonstrated exemplary leadership in education and we are very appreciative of the company's commitment to excellence in education."

"The Eastern Townships Educational Foundation and the Eastern Townships School Board are taking significant steps forward by embracing technology to provide higher quality education and teaching standards," Knowlton stated in the release.

Lamarche said in spite of the generous donation of technology and widespread interest in the ETSB laptop project, funding for the initiative remains in short supply. The EETF director said because of the magnitude of the project, the foundation concentrated its fundraising efforts first on government, then corporations. He said any progress made in lobbying the federal government during the past two years came to a standstill when the Liberal government was ousted. To date, he said, the foundation has raised about \$5,000 in private donations, in addition to funds raised last summer during a golf tournament. The Foundation employs three people, paid by the Eastern Townships School Board.

The cost of the laptop initiative is estimated at \$12.5 million. The board will make monthly payments of \$217,284 for a total of \$2.6 million this year and will continue paying for the laptops until 2009. Projected interest on the debt is \$807,117.

Lamarche said additional fundraising events are planned for the fall, including a golf tournament in August. He said broad support is anticipated for the board's Enhanced Learning Strategy, the first initiative of its kind in North America.

## Marrying Expertise



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Pierre Dagenais, director general of la Société de développement économique de Sherbrooke outlined the benefits of combining resources to stimulate innovation.

September 14 and 15, Innovallia will be holding a forum at the former Tissage Sherbrooke building at 1089 Pacifique street. Innovallia, an initiative of the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce, works as a 'match-maker' between SME, venture capital firms, innovation support organizations and advisors, research centres, educational institutions, researchers and inventors. Register by going to [innovallia.com](http://innovallia.com)

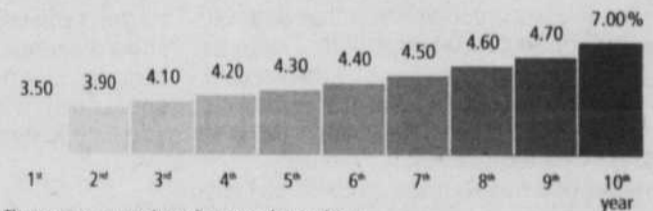


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## Community Forum



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A mayor has official responsibilities

DEAR EDITOR,

A couple of weeks ago, the Town of Brome Lake hosted people from the provincial tourism ministry, regional mayors, and businesses, for the opening of this year's regional tourist industry. But the host, our mayor, didn't show up. Mayor Wisdom was indisposed. This puts a twist on the old saw "How would you like it if you gave a party and nobody came?" to "How would you feel if you were invited to a party and the host didn't bother to show up? The point is that the Town of Brome Lake is us. We were the host, and while it's not our fault, we failed to be welcoming to so many of our neighbors. When a mayor acts officially, he acts on our behalf.

Recently, Dick Wisdom lashed out in a different direction, by canceling a long-standing contract (worth about \$10,000) with *The Record*, on our behalf. The Town of Brome Lake should not be threatening a local business because of the mayor's personal problems. The *Record's* job is to report on local issues; it's the only newspaper that has an office in town and em-

ploys local people.

But does anybody care enough to protest? But it seems no one cares, because recently the mayor announced a giant telecommunications tower would be placed somewhere in Brome Lake. A giant tower is ugly, and we should care where the town intends to let a mega company place it.

We should also care about our money. The town paid \$150,000 for swampy property on Maple Street and then a good deal more filling in the wet land, then even more "unfilling" the same wet land, and then even more, use the site as a craft/farmer market. The museum already has a craft market and if we want a farmer's market, there are several driveways on Lakeside that would fill the bill nicely. That would put the bill at about a quarter of a million dollars in pure waste.

The mayor has a right to do what he chooses as an individual; but he can not misrepresent us in his official capacity of mayor. Collectively, we have a right. We should exercise it at Monday's council meeting. Our neighbors deserve our respect, our wallets deserve a break, and *The Record* deserves our support.

BRIAN TIMMINS  
Knowlton

## Dismembering Canada

Fortnight after the federal government agreed to give Quebec a formal role at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris, the province announced that it wants a similar arrangement in other international bodies.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. After all, as they used to say, how can you keep them down on the farm after they've seen Parez?

In imagining a place for the province in the world, Premier Jean Charest is really no different than any of his predecessors, federalist or sovereigntist, of the last generation. It comes with the territory. The measure of success for leaders in Quebec is how many concessions you can wring from Ottawa - money, powers, tax points - to satisfy the appetite of a province that fancies itself a nation-state. Acting as demandeur is nothing new.

What is new is Quebec's aggressive designs on foreign policy, which Ottawa has usually resisted. We learned the dimensions of this the other day when Monique Gagnon-Tremblay - Quebec's minister of international relations, no less - spoke of increasing the number of international legations and offices beyond the 30 Quebec now runs; increasing the staff of these missions and enhancing the diplomatic status of some existing ones; and seeking a representative at the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, modelled in part after what the province got at UNESCO.

Quebec unveiled some of these plans early last year. At the time, the distinguished Paul Heinbecker, Canada's former ambassador to the UN, well familiar with Quebec as relentless petitioner, called them "the same old bullshit."

He was right. The difference today is that the Conservatives are more willing to placate Quebec. By instinct and ideology, Stephen Harper is a devolutionist. He was delighted to appear with Mr. Charest in the Red Room of the Quebec National Assembly to sign the deal.

"Today, we welcome Quebec into the UNESCO family," declared Mr. Harper. Well, not really. Quebec will not get its own seat at the UNESCO, which would have to be approved by its members. But it will get a permanent representative within Canada's delegation who "will have a right to address the sessions, to complete the Canadian position, and give expression to the voice of Quebec."

What this means we can only guess. What will Quebec's representative say to UNESCO? How will it "complete"

## VIEWPOINT

ANDREW COHEN  
OTTAWA CITIZEN

Canada's position? What if "the voice of Quebec" differs from the voice of Canada?

For now, Mr. Charest is rapturous. He knows this is a precedent, however modest, that will be used by this or a future provincial government to demand greater representation elsewhere.

Indeed, UNESCO is only an element of Quebec's burgeoning parochial internationalism. The province's international activities and offices - which constitute a parallel foreign service - cost Quebecers \$350 million a year, and climbing.

More important, Quebec plans to strengthen its presence in Washington by elevating its tourist office there to a diplomatic mission. Ottawa has always resisted this but, it appears, no longer.

The province of Alberta, for its part, has a representative in Washington - the formidable Murray Smith, a former cabinet minister. Mr. Smith, who is based in the Canadian Embassy, is charming and persuasive. But he is there to speak for Alberta, and Alberta only.

When Mr. Smith headed to Capitol Hill last year to testify before a committee of Congress - which is not allowed under long-standing diplomatic convention - the embassy was aghast. As one Canadian official put it: "We heard about it and we had to pull him out of the room."

What's wrong with this picture, whether it is painted by Quebec or Alberta? It is the assumption that Ottawa simply cannot represent Quebec effectively at UNESCO, although francophones have served as Canada's ambassadors there for years. It is the assumption that Ottawa cannot speak for Alberta in Washington or anywhere else.

We have a federal government, a foreign policy and a foreign service. It represents the people of Canada, who pay for it. It is there to represent the interests of one of the world's largest, richest and oldest democracies, and it does it ably and professionally.

When the provinces go abroad, they blur our international identity. They represent only themselves, and they compete with Canada - not "complete" it. Letting them loose in the world, with Ottawa's blessing, is folly.

Ultimately, it is one compromise too many in an accommodating country that doesn't know when to stop.

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# Heading up Alaska's Inside Passage, the easy way

*A glimpse of Alaska was all we could expect...*

**W**e finally accomplished one of our lifelong travel goals: namely, to catch a glimpse of Alaska's magnificent scenery. Yes, I admit we didn't select the most direct route to what has been so often described as the last frontier destination for the adventurous. Our detour through Texas, Arizona and California meant thousands of extra miles.

As strange as it may sound, despite having crisscrossed the United States and Canada on previous occasions, we never once considered taking our motorhome up the 1,400 mile Alaska Highway, or, for that matter, cutting the length of a road trip by way of a ferry. While I'm sure it would have been a great adventure, fuel alone for the 4 400 mile drive from Vancouver to Anchorage would have cost us a mint, and at our speed it would have taken us at least two months to complete the return trip.

Furthermore, we figured that after spending three months driving up the U.S. Pacific Coast, we would appreciate a week where everything would be taken care of. By boarding a cruise ship in Vancouver, we chose the most comfortable mode of transportation and surprisingly, one of the most affordable.

Look on any map of Alaska and you will understand why a glimpse of the state was all we could reasonably hope for, especially during such a short lapse of time. Everything about Alaska is in epic proportions. At 570,374 square miles, Alaska is not only the largest state in the U.S. - i.e., double the size of Texas, her vast expanse of unspoiled wilderness is enough to stagger anyone's imagination. Not only does Alaska have the highest mountain in North America, but the number of glaciers alone is believed to exceed 100 000.

When you consider that Alaska is over 1 400 miles north to south and 2 400 miles east to west, in terms of relative distances, our cruise was more like an afternoon outing on lake Champlain. But then again, as a mere introduction to Alaska our objective was first and foremost to explore the fa-

mous Inside Passage, even if only from the comfort of a luxurious ship.

While most ordinary maps make no reference to this unique scenic waterway it is actually located inside a thin sliver of the state known as Southeast Alaska or the Alaska Panhandle. To be more precise, this 1000 mile long protected passage which was used by gold seekers in the 1860's really begins in Seattle, hugs the northern coast of B.C. from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island and ends in Skagway. Made up of channels and straits between islands and the mainland, the passage still affords the same protection from storms and open waters as it did during the days of the Spanish, Russian, English, and American explorers.

Any Inside Passage cruiser who believes he saw it all is either exaggerating or in a state of denial. Considering how the Alaskan portion of the passage extends 500 miles from south to north and 100 miles from east to west and encompasses 1000 islands, 15 000 miles of shoreline as well as thousands of coves and bays, it would probably take a year-long cruise.

What is perhaps most surprising about the Alaska Panhandle is not that the majority of Alaskans choose to live there, but that, except for a 60 mile coastal stretch, the narrow slice of land and water is entirely surrounded by British Columbia. In fact, if you look closely at the map you might even wonder why it is not part of B.C. The historical explanation is that, until 1867, the region belonged to Imperial Russia, along with the rest of Alaska. Needing capital to finance his European adventures, the Czar succeeded in persuading the U.S. to buy Alaska in 1867 for the paltry amount of \$7.2 million. Even at only two cents per acre, most Americans believed at the time that it was a useless purchase. Everything changed, of course, when gold was discovered in the Juneau region in 1880. Today, with the Alaskan pipeline pumping upwards of 200 million barrels of oil a day, the purchase has to be one of America's greatest investments.

When you consider that each year between April and September, upwards of 600 000 cruise ship passengers from all parts of the world travel



HENRY R. KEYSERLINGK

through the Inside Passage, you might be inclined to believe that choosing the right cruise is a simple task. Believe me, this is not the case. Not only are there different cruise lines to choose from, but each one offers a variety of ships, dates, staterooms, ports of call, lengths of cruise and add-ons. Then, of course, are the many shore excursions that vary between two-hour guided bus tours to 9-day railroad and custom built lodge packages. Last but not least, there is the earthly question of costs, which include getting to Vancouver, Canada's major terminus for scenic cruises to and from Alaska.

Because of our lengthy road trip and the need to return home within the six-month limit imposed by Quebec's Regie de l'Assurance maladie, we chose the very first cruise of the season. It turned out to be a 7-night round-trip on the 1748-passenger Norwegian Wind, with ports of call at Ketchikan, Skagway and Juneau. Originally built as the Windward in 1993, she was sliced in half in 1998 and extended by a 130-foot section, thus increasing the

number of cabins by 251.

Were it not for the fact that Vancouver was one of our main destinations we could have just as well selected San Francisco or Seattle as our port of departure. Had we chosen a more popular July or August cruise we might have avoided much of the rain and cool weather, but the costs of our fare would have been considerably higher.

As usual, we opted for a standard inside stateroom on a lower deck and in doing so, paid a very reasonable fare. By not asking for a balcony or ocean view, the savings were considerable. Even at only 140 sq. ft our cabin felt spacious compared to the sleeping quarters in our motorhome. One way or another, we rarely used our cabin except to sleep, and furthermore, there's nothing like soaking up the stunning views from the top deck.

By the time our sold-out ship finally glided under the famous Lion's Gate Bridge, we were on Deck 10, marveling at Vancouver's panoramic snow-capped mountains. After five months on the road, we were ready to be overwhelmed by Alaska's natural wonders, rain or shine.



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## RICHMOND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



### FROM CANADA TO CANCUN

During the March break, level three students from RRHS embarked on the trip of a lifetime. Their destination was Mexico. They spent 12 days exploring, learning about and experiencing the diverse cultures and places in Mexico.

The twelve-day, life-changing adventure began in Cancun and continued in Izamal, El Castillo, Uxmal and the Gulf of Mexico.

"The biggest challenge was the food. It was so different from what we were used to, some days we would just eat bread," laughed Danielle Morrisette, one of the students who attended the trip.

For Ms. Dubé, the leader and organizer from RRHS, the biggest challenge (besides being pregnant) was getting the kids to settle down and rest. "The kids were so excited to be in a different place that the last thing they wanted to do was settle down, but we needed them to make sure they were well rested for the upcoming days, which were filled with planned activities"

Most students said their biggest life-changing experience was when they visited the Maya family. "Their lives are so different than ours," explained Karen Rioux, "they had a lot of kids, everything was dirty and muddy. The children had no shoes or anything. Their houses were like huts. We were so thankful for what we had back at home."

Ms. Dubé also found this experience beneficial. "Without words, just seeing the look on my students faces. You could see the appreciation for their lives

they have here in Canada."

The only regret stated by students was that they waited too long to get to know the other school with whom they travelled. "We left with some friends, but it's too bad we didn't get to know them sooner in the trip, so we could have enjoyed the trip as one," the girls said. Yet, when asked if they would do it again, a simple but certain "YES!" was their answer.

-Megan McDevitt and Becky Frank

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The level five students recently visited the huge city of New York for their grad trip. Students departed from RRHS at 10:30 p.m., accompanied by a tour guide, Eric, and a stagier, Emmanuelle, both from Québec City. Excitement filled the air!

Upon arriving in New York, the first stop was the CBS Early Morning Show. The show was long for some, but the students received free doughnuts, coffee, and hot chocolate. After the show, the grads separated into groups to go either to the NBA Studios or to the Museum of Natural History. The majority chose to attend the NBA Studios tour. Unfortunately, the students were unable to eat lunch in Central Park since the weather was bad.

After walking on 5th Avenue, the grads were set free for three hours in Times Square to shop and eat lunch. They were amazed by the magic of New York.

After Times Square, the group headed to the Empire State Building. Before being able to see the beautiful view, they waited 45 minutes to an hour on

their way up to the top. Following their visit, they had more free time shopping and eating in the 5th Avenue area before boarding the bus to see Times Square at night before finally heading to their hotel in New Jersey. Some of the students ended their day in the hotel pool.

The following, rainy day, they started off by having an interesting three-hour tour around New York. This tour included the site of the tragic Ground Zero. They had lunch at the South Street Seaport (Pier 17), then went directly to shop in the Chinatown area, skipping the walk on the Brooklyn Bridge because of the weather. The shopping was followed by a 2-hour cruise on the Hudson River to get a glance at the Statue of Liberty. The view and colors of the sky were breathtaking! Once the cruise was over, they all returned to the hotel and enjoyed another short night of sleep.

Before departing, one more activity had to be done: Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. This museum was incredible! The wax sculptures look so real; many pictures were taken with all the celebrities present. After a complete tour of the museum, the students all returned on the bus.

The students enjoyed their whole trip, from the first minute to the last. All the grads thanked the teachers who came with them, and of course, the guide and the bus drivers. Thanks to all of them, because without them, this trip couldn't have been possible. The grads of 2006 have great memories to savor.

-Cheryl Guimond and Émilie Larin

### THE "COLLOQUE" DAY IN WINDSOR

Mon Avenir, Ma Region organization held a job activity day a couple of weeks ago on April 26th. The students of secondary four from Richmond Regional High School, Le Tourneol from Windsor, and students from Valcourt were invited by the organization to participate in a day called the "colloque" which enabled students to explore the job opportunities available here in our region the, MRC du Val Saint-François.

Special guest

Mr. Bertrand Godin gave a presentation about his job, and his dream of being a formula one driver, which he achieved. His speech encouraged students to continue their educations and to strive for their dreams.

Following his presentation, students were separated into groups, and visited a series of workplaces, according to their areas of interest.

Some students had fun and learned some interesting things, while some hated it, but still enjoyed learning about the different jobs available here in the region

-Cindy Gauthier and Vanessa De Serre

### SAVE OUR PLANET, PLANT A TREE

Arbor Day is a very important day for our environment and is celebrated by planting trees and holding exhibitions and workshops on trees. This environmentally friendly day is usually celebrated on the last Friday of April in Canada.

The first Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, where they planted over one million trees. The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska because of its treeless plain. It has been over 130 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day.

"Planting trees is good for the environment, so everybody should participate and plant a tree," said a fellow peer showing that teenagers do care.

This year the leadership group celebrated Arbor Day by cleaning up the school grounds and planting flowers to enhance our daily environment.

"Arbor Day helps clean and improve

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our school grounds," said Erin Oakley-Pearson.

The leadership class began Arbor Day celebrations a few years back when they created flower beds with the help of the PPO. Now, every year leadership students and parents help to keep these flower beds beautiful by planting new flowers each year.

Arbor Day is celebrated all over the world, showing that people do care about the environment. Everyone should celebrate and plant a tree for the sake of planet Earth.

### OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

On April 28, students from grade ten travelled to Ottawa for two days of sightseeing. The itinerary included the Parliament buildings, the House of Commons, and a tour of Carleton County Jail, among other stops.

The students were put into groups and had tour guides who walked around the various places with them and pointed out things.

Students participated in fundraisers to raise money so they wouldn't have to pay the full amount of the trip.

Overall, the trip was quite fun and taught the students a lot about history.

-Paige Wood and Dana Barrington

### RRHS HALO 2 TOURNAMENT

RRHS held an X-Box tournament in the school's small gym on May 19. The game being played was Halo 2, a first person shooter, created by the Gamer God, Bungie.

Participant Jessy Morin said, "Gamers who weren't there should regret it for the rest of their lives."

Participants were given the chance to win medals and two beautiful trophies, created by Gerry Trophies in Sherbrooke.

The third place medallists were Israel Marcotte and Yves Carrier from Drummondville. Second place medals went to Julie Labonté and Jessy Morin, also from Drummondville.

The first place winners were Corey Dubois and myself, Ghislain Mailhot, also the organizer of the tournament, from Richmond.

The tournament was a huge success. Hopefully the level 3's and 4's follow in this year's footsteps and make a tournament of this kind. Thanks to Alexandre Pelletier, who helped to make this possible, and to everyone who came to the tournament and made a dream a reality.

-Ghislain Mailhot

### FINAL ACTIVITY DAY

The school year is coming to its end, and like every year, the leadership class is organizing a talent show combined with an activity day on the last day of school. The morning will consist of a pep rally where they will announce the new president and new representatives of the student council. A magnificent talent show will follow which will consist of all the talent that RRHS possesses.

The afternoon will be filled with fun activities: music, water games, volleyball, basketball and a barbecue.

"The last day of school is always amusing because you spend the day doing all kinds of fun activities with your friends," said Erin.

The leadership class does a great job organizing an activity day at the end of each year, and they put a lot of effort into making the day perfect.

-Laura and Jessica

### RRHS'S 2006 YEARBOOK

Kelly Enright, Emma Beatie, Jessica Duval Holiday, Amanda Markis-Morrison, Laura-Rose Wilson-Ewing, Tracy Doyle, and Emily Larin are happy to present to RRHS students the 2005-2006 yearbook, which will finally be coming out late May, or early June.

With the help of Laurie Hannan and Owen Schmalenberg, seven students from the 2006 graduating class started working on the yearbook during the



summer of 2005, on through to the end of February, 2006. The seven girls have worked a large amount of time through these months, trying to meet their deadlines and make the yearbook reflect this year at RRHS as much as possible.

"It was not always enjoyable because it was a lot of work which took extra hours, but overall we had fun working in our little space," confesses Kelly Enright, one of the yearbook editors.

New this year, the yearbook committee now has a small office in G-205, which is part of Ms. Hannan's class-

room. Along with the new office, the committee had the chance to get a new, large Apple computer, and a new digital camera exclusively for the committee and the journalism class.

This year, in order to leave their graduating class's mark, the editors decided to paint the yearbook cover on their wall, which was designed by Amanda Markis-Morrison, along with a note saying, "Have fun with the deadlines" above the door, for the next generations of yearbook committees to see.

-Stephanie Boulianne



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# Dermatologists bracing for mounting skin-care epidemic

By Marian Scott

It was just a little brown mole on her lower back, nothing to worry about, Marie-Josée LeBlanc thought. Until her dermatologist uttered three words that changed her life forever: "You have melanoma."

"The word melanoma echoed in my head like a ping-pong ball," said LeBlanc, a customer sales representative who was just 29 when she was diagnosed eight years ago. "You think skin cancer only happens to other people. Well, I'm other people."

LeBlanc is among the one in seven Canadians who will develop skin cancer - a rate that's expected to rise as damage to the ozone increases our risk of burns, cataracts and skin cancer.

As we head into another summer of fun in the sun, dermatologists are bracing for a mounting skin-cancer epidemic.

"The numbers are going up exponentially," said Jason Rivers, a leading skin-cancer researcher and professor of dermatology at the University of British Columbia.

The ozone layer overhead that filters the sun's ultraviolet rays is four per cent thinner than normal. Doctors warn we'd better cover up and slather on the sunscreen.

"Something's wrong out there," said Ari Demirjian, a dermatologist and Quebec spokesman for the Canadian Dermatology Association. "These days I have a tingling in my skin I never had before. I feel the burning, which I never felt as a younger person."

It can take decades for sun damage to turn into skin cancer.

"Whatever damage is done to the skin comes back to haunt us," Demirjian said. "You see the impact ten, 20 or 30 years down the road."



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Marie-Josée LeBlanc was diagnosed with malignant melanoma at age 29. Now 37, she never leaves home without her hat and sun block. For feature on dangers of sun. Eight years ago, Marie-Josée LeBlanc learned she had skin cancer. She says of her teenage years: "I spent entire days in the sun. I wanted to be like a movie star."

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that 68,000 Canadians will develop non-melanoma skin cancers this year. However, those numbers underestimate the scope of the problem because cases that don't require hospitalization are not counted, said communications counsellor Joelle Dorais.

Malignant melanoma - the most deadly skin cancer - has more than doubled in 20 years and continues to rise by two per cent each year, Rivers said.

It will strike 4,500 Canadians this year,

880 of whom will die, the Canadian Cancer Society estimates.

"Two to three Canadians die every day from melanoma," Rivers said.

Such deaths are particularly tragic because most are avoidable, Rivers said. "This is a cancer which for the most part is preventable. And if you get it early enough, it's treatable."

Three out of five of those who die of melanoma are men.

Researchers are also concerned by the surge in skin cancers among children and young adults.

One in three Canadian children, age 12 and under today, will develop basal cell carcinoma during their lifetime, according to the Canadian Dermatology Association.

LeBlanc said when she was diagnosed eight years ago, she was considered unusually young. "Now it's not rare anymore. There are more and more young people."

Experts recommend staying out of direct sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., covering up with long-sleeved clothing, sunglasses and a hat and slapping on generous amounts of sunscreen.

People who work or do sports for hours outdoors should reapply sunscreen every three hours.

"You don't have to strip down to your bikini" to expose yourself to harmful rays, noted Dr. Beatrice Wang, an assistant professor of dermatology at McGill University in Montreal. "You're getting sun exposure all the time: while you're walking, biking, or playing golf." Repeated exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation ages the skin, causing blemishes, freckles and wrinkles.

As with smoking, it takes many years, and usually repeated exposure, to develop skin cancer, Rivers said. "You start smoking at age 13 and you don't get cancer till

your 50s," he said. The same applies to sun exposure.

As a teen, LeBlanc, who has light-brown hair, hazel eyes and a fair complexion, envied her olive-skinned friends their dark tans.

"I spent entire days in the sun," said LeBlanc, who burned repeatedly. "I wanted to be like a movie star."

Sunburn is the body's way of signalling it has been overexposed to the sun's harmful rays. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun causes cells in your skin to release melanin, a pigment that darkens the skin.

Your skin burns when UV radiation exceeds the protective capacity of melanin in the skin. Fair-skinned people are most vulnerable, but even dark-skinned people can burn and should protect themselves from the sun.

Even if you got too much sun in the past, it's better late than never to protect yourself. Sometimes, a single tropical holiday can be enough to activate decades-old skin damage and cause cancer, Rivers said.

There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and malignant melanoma.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common, accounting for about 75 per cent of skin cancers. It is slow-growing, rarely spreads and is usually not fatal. Basal cell cancer usually develops on sun-exposed areas like the head and neck. It can appear as a raised, red, pearly wound.

Squamous cell carcinoma is more rare and in a few cases can become fatal. It tends to develop on sun-exposed areas that are prone to blemishes or freckles. It can appear as a scaly red patch or a growth that resembles a wart. It might bleed or show up as an open sore that refuses to heal. It is most dangerous on mucous membranes such as the lip.

Malignant melanoma, the most deadly skin cancer, will strike one Canadian man in 77 and one woman in 93, according to the Canadian Cancer Society. It can occur anywhere, not just in sun-exposed skin, and is not always associated with sun exposure. It can burrow deep into the skin and spread quickly throughout the body. Melanoma is curable if caught early enough. However, if the growth is more than 4 millimetres deep - smaller than a pea - the five-year survival rate is only 40 per cent. Half of melanomas occur when a harmless mole turns cancerous and the other half show up as a new cancerous growth. The mole may begin to grow, bleed, or change colour. It can be brown, black, red, white or blue and is often varied in colour.

Learn the ABCD's of skin cancer by watching for these signs. If you notice any of these, see a dermatologist:

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## COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

Under Service Canada's Summer Career Placement Program, Townshippers' Association is looking for a university student to write press releases and web site articles about Townshippers' Day 2006.

Excellent writing skills in English and research experience are needed for this position. Candidates must be returning to full-time studies in the Fall, be under 30 years old, bilingual and able to work independently and as part of a team. Access to transportation is an asset.

Starting June 5, the position is for 8 weeks (30 hours/week). The student will work out of the Lennoxville office.

By May 31, applicants should send a cover letter and CV to Valérie Bridger, Assistant Executive Director, Townshippers, Association, 100-257 Queen, Lennoxville, QC J1M 1K7, fax 819-566-0271; e-mail ta@townshippers.qc.ca.

## TOWNSHIPERS' DAY ASSISTANT

Also under Service Canada's Summer Career Placement Program, this position will permit a university student to assist the Community & Culture Coordinator and the Townshippers' Day committee in planning and organizing Townshippers, Day 2006.

Qualifications are strong logistical and public relations skills, and interest

in organizing a cultural event for up to 8,000 people.

Starting July 17, the position is for 6 weeks (30 hours/week). The T-Day assistant will work at the Richmond Town Hall.

By June 19, applicants should send cover letter and CV to Kate Wisdom, Community and Culture Coordinator, Townshippers, Association, 203 Principale, Cowansville, QC J2K 1J3, fax 450-263-6317; e-mail kw@townshippers.qc.ca.

## TOWNSHIPERS OF TOMORROW COORDINATOR

This position is for 25 hours a week, for a two-year period or longer. It involves supporting the various initiatives of the Townshippers of Tomorrow Committee as well as coordinating the Eastern Townships site of the Youth Engagement in Rural Community project.

This project is an evaluation of a promising model for engaging youth in personal and community development in rural communities. Developed by the HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development, the model encourages the creation of groups of young people and supportive adults who together take action on personal and community development initiatives. Townshippers' Association is collaborating with Quebec 4H in the Eastern Townships site.

The coordinator works for Townshippers, in collaborating with a participatory research assistant who

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works for Quebec 4H.

The coordinator will have primary responsibility for the project administration in the Eastern Townships. This includes coordinating communications among Townshippers, Association, Quebec 4H, adult support persons, youth action teams and HeartWood.

The coordinator will work closely with youth and adults to form youth action teams and carry out their initiatives, and building their capacity, sustainability and self-reliance. He or she will seek and coordinate training opportunities, distribute resource tools for the teams, and administer the project, including writing reports and carrying out public relations.

Requirements include a relevant bachelor's degree and/or experience in youth development work, strong community networking and interpersonal skills (interact easily with youth and adult support persons; facilitate meetings; handle emotional highs and lows), knowledge of the Eastern Townships and youth developmental issues, and ability to effectively explain the project to the general public, youth, community leaders and decision makers. Also needed are administration skills (organized, grasp of details, word processing, email), good written communications skills in English (reports, letters, flyers), good judgement, sense of responsibility, teamwork ability, initiative, and access to transportation (driver's license). Bilingualism is an asset.

Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted. Send letter of application and résumé by June 12, 8:30 a.m., to Rachel Garber, Executive Director, Townshippers, Association, 100-257 Queen, Lennoxville J1M 1K7, Fax 566-0271; Email: dg@townshippers.qc.ca.

## CHUS USERS' COMMITTEE

Persons who have used any of the services at the CHUS (including blood tests, out-patient clinics, etc.) are warmly invited to attend next

Tuesday's election of the CHUS Users, Committee members. June 6 at 7 p.m., be at the Hôtel-Dieu auditorium, 580 Bowen S., Sherbrooke. Enter by Door 54 and go to Room 3554. Bring your hospital card with you in case proof is required of your user status.

Why? Your votes are needed for several good candidates, including Ruth Atto, George Zevgolis and George Courville. Because of its high proportion of seniors and the low education, employment and income levels of its younger generation, the English-speaking community has particular recourse to health and social services. Our users, experiences can allow our community's representatives to make a special contribution to improved quality of care for all users, regardless of language.

Questions? Contact Shannon Keenan at Townshippers, Association, 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717) or sk@townshippers.qc.ca.

# University of Sherbrooke's admission requests increase by 13.5 per cent

By Emilie Crofton

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The University of Sherbrooke is seeing a large increase in the number of students applying for the August 2006 school session. As of April 15 of this year, 11,894 students have applied to attend the university, compared to 10,482 last year.

The number of students applying for their second year of university has seen the largest increase, with 20.1 per cent. Third year applicants follow with an increase of 13 per cent, and first year applicants with 12.1 per cent.

According to figures from the conference of rectors and principals, the University of Sherbrooke is the only Quebec institution to see such a large increase in first through third year applicants.

"The influence of the university's five campuses makes our university irresistible to students. Our innovative programs, cutting-edge research and our excellent initiatives like free access to transportation make us recognized and that help attract students," said U of S rector Bruno-Marie

Bécharde in a news release.

This increase in admission requests is nothing new for the university. Since 2001, it has seen a steady rise in the number of applicants. In 2001-2002, there was a 53 per cent increase in first year, full-time applicants, 130 per cent for second year, and 404 per cent for third year.

Certain programs like communications, writing and multimedia, are doing particularly well in attracting more students and have increased student demand by 72 per cent. The economics program has seen a rise of 70 per cent, and the management program of 60 per cent.

The university is thrilled with the increase of students in these diverse programs. "It is very encouraging since a lot of efforts are made every year to adapt our student programs to the needs of society," said France Myette, the university's registrar.

Bishop's University's admission demands have remained stable, with a small increase this year compared to last year. The university has 1,600 applicants, nearly 100 more than last year.

## BRIEF

### MS Branch walkathon

In the M.S. Branch 2000 story published last week, it stated that Judy Grenier donated money monthly for the organization's utilities. In fact, Lynda Chesham from Ontario donates money for the utilities. Judy Grenier is the organization's director.

MS Branch 2000 would like to remind the public that June 3 is the day the organization will be having its annual walkathon. Registration, which costs \$2, occurs from 10-10:45. Events include pony rides, a fishing pond, petting zoo, with hot dogs, prizes, guest musicians and appearances from the Stanstead mayor and fire department.

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# Townships youth show entrepreneurial spirit

"Entrepreneurs come in all shapes and sizes," commented one of over 100 Secondary V students who gathered for a Youth Symposium on Entrepreneurship. The event, hosted by Heritage Regional High School in St. Hubert March 16, was an exceptional opportunity for students and staff from four school boards to share ideas and network in a non-competitive setting. Participants showcased their school's individual and team entrepreneurship initiatives. While some projects reflected "business" sense, others exhibited community involvement and leadership, both inside and outside their schools. The presentations were creative, professional and innovative.

## STUDENTS TEACHING STUDENTS

Students from Alexander Galt Regional, Richmond Regional, and Massey-Vanier High schools as well as New Horizons Adult Education Centre and Cowansville Academy for Lifelong Learning, participated in two interactive workshops alongside other students from across the Montérégie.

Four of the six available workshops were lead by students from Bishop's University. Yourself Inc., Making Cents, and Opportunity Recognition were lead by young entrepreneurs from ACE\* Bishop's while Education students, Matthew Prevost and Michael Cazes, animated Planning for Success. When asked what was learned, one workshop participant remarked, "It is important to think ahead and it's never too early to plan".



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This year's event demonstrated what is possible when different school boards collaborate. "If you work together, you get things done" expressed one student, a remark that hopefully reflects the attitude of the participating school boards as well. The lead organizers of the forum, the South West Quebec, South Shore and Eastern Townships CEDECs, planned and carried out the event in collaboration with students and staff to develop the capacity for this kind of event to continue on within the schools.

Both students and staff reflected the desire to participate in a related activity next year. Ideally the initiative will evolve to include interests and capacities of those who want to get involved next year. Following this event, there has been some discussion

of training entrepreneurial peer helpers at Massey-Vanier, an idea the Eastern Townships CEDEC hopes might blossom into the establishment of entrepreneurial clubs in all the English-speaking high schools and adult education centers across the townships.

While many high schools have introduced entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities into their curriculum, the forum was a chance for young people to share across regional boundaries and to explore the meaning of the word "entrepreneurship".

Entrepreneurship for some means starting your own business. To others, it describes an innovative and pioneering approach to community resources. It can be as simple as coming up with an idea and trying to move

the idea forward. In a time of economic uncertainty, it increasingly important for young people to take charge of their own future and the future of their communities.

"Entrepreneurial skills such as leadership, teamwork, social responsibility, resourcefulness and vision are transferable," says Martha Crombie, Eastern Townships CEDEC Director. "These skills help prepare individuals to become more involved in various community activities as employees or as volunteers."

## CAMP JE - REALLY MEANS BUSINESS

For those who can't wait until September to get involved in entrepreneurship, why not get a head start this summer at Camp Je? This summer, Camp Je will be offered in English to youth from across Quebec. The Eastern Townships CEDEC will select four young people from among the applicants and will pay for their travel expenses. Camp registration, including room and board, costs \$150. Candidates are encouraged to look for local sponsorship as an exercise in capacity building and a way to build relationships between young and seasoned entrepreneurs.

The camp takes place Aug. 13 through 19 in Valleyfield. For more information please call the Eastern Townships CEDEC at (819) 566-7228 or look for Camp Je under "Local Development" on the SADC web site (<http://www.sadc-suroitsud.org>). The deadline has been extended to June 7, 4:30 pm so apply soon, as interviews begin June 12.

## Coaticook welcomes co-op housing



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

During the inauguration for 17 new housing co-op units, federation director Michel Bousquet suggested that Coaticook might have the highest ratio of co-op units in Quebec. In the Estrie region there are 1,500 housing units within 47 co-operatives. The help and leadership of the Quebec government, represented by Monique Gagnon-Tremblay was acknowledged.

## "Watch me, Grandma!"



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## Gap between Eagles and Extreme widens

Since training camp the Sherbrooke Extreme and Windsor Eagles have been on a collision course



MIKE HICKEY  
FROM THE BLEACHERS

will likely decide the championship of the Quebec Junior Hockey League. The Extreme took the first battle between the two rivals back on May 5, when they recorded a 19-9 win in a game that was closer than the final scorer would indicate.

The Extreme padded its first-place

lead over the Eagles this past weekend as it slammed the Shawinigan Lightning 24-6, while the Eagles were upset 8-6 by the West Island Shamrocks.

Sherbrooke remains perfect in league play with a 4-0 mark — good for eight points — while the 3-2 Windsor squad is two points behind. The Extreme has a game in hand.

Christophe Perron and Mitch Young paced the Extreme attack against Shawinigan with eight points apiece as Perron collected five goals and three assists, while Young had a goal and seven helpers.

Merrick Carpentier chipped in with four goals while Maxime Simoneau had a goal and three assists. Jean-Simon Demers, Carl Rodrigue, Sébastien Couture

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

With a recent loss, the Extreme lost some ground to the first place Eagles.

## Savoy-Morel, Davies headed to BU Wall of Distinction

*Golfing greats  
to be officially  
honoured on Friday*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
LENNOXVILLE

Debbie Savoy-Morel and Steve Davies, two of the greatest golfers to ever attend Bishop's University, are this year's inductees for the Bishop's Wall of Distinction.

The pair, who not only excelled on the links during their college days but continued that success in the real world, will be officially honoured on Friday.

Savoy-Morel is considered the finest female golfer ever to attend Bishop's, even though she never competed for the Purple and White. While the opportunity to represent Bishop's in golf was not available to Savoy-Morel, she distinguished herself by being selected to the Canadian Amateur team seven times, as well being named to the Quebec provincial team 14 times.

Savoy-Morel was active in campus life as a student, serving as president of the Business Club, working as a residence assistant and playing for the Polar Bear women's hockey team. She also found

the time to be active in the Athletic Society and was selected Intramural Athlete of the Year in 1974.

While Savoy-Morel won numerous awards as an amateur, it is as a teaching professional that she has made her mark. Recognized as one of the best golf professionals in Canada, she contributed to developing the Quebec Golf Association training program for elite golfers in 1995.

In 2002, Savoy-Morel won the prestigious Jean-Paul Alary award given to the "Most Sportsmanlike Professional" in Quebec. This award's criteria, 'Class 'A' professional, reputation without reproach, active participation in the Quebec Professional Golf Association's activities, exemplary attitude, great personality as well as being extremely helpful towards her colleagues,' is an accurate description of Savoy-Morel.

She achieved TV fame as the golf analyst on Réseau des Sports (RDS), where her teaching talents have been showcased for several years on Acura World of Golf. In 1999-1993 she was chosen by Golf Magazine as a club tester and has written instructional articles for many newspapers and golf magazines, such as AGP - Golf International, the National Post, and the Journal les Affaires.

Savoy-Morel's career dream came true in 2006 when she made an instructional DVD for golfers of all levels. The DVD, *A Swing for a Lifetime*, was the first one in the world to be filmed in both French and English.

She has been the head professional at Céline Dion's prestigious Club de Golf le Mirage since 1997 and enjoys the privilege of being Dion's private golf coach.

When asked, Savoy-Morel is proud to say that her most rewarding achievement is her family, husband Denis Morel, retired NHL referee, and their two children, Shawn and Kimberley.

### STEVE DAVIES

Davies, who was an outstanding golfer at Bishop's in the early 80s, has also enjoyed a distinguished amateur playing career both provincially and nationally. His accomplishments in golf are impressive, but more importantly, he has been a great ambassador to amateur golf. Davies is first and foremost a gentleman who has always carried himself with a great sense of class.

Being Quebec Amateur Champion a record-tying four times in 1989, 1991, 1992 and 2002, highlights his achievements in golf. Davies has been Quebec Match play Champion on three occa-

sions (1988, 1990 and 1993) as well as being chosen Quebec Golfer of the Year in 1987, 1989 and 1991 and has participated on the Quebec Willington Cup team on seven different occasions.

Davies was a member of the Canadian Team in 1991 when the team travelled to Australia, and in 1998 he was the individual Gold Medalist in Rosario, Argentina. In 1998, he was a member of the Canadian World Amateur team. His excellent play in the Canadian amateur championships led to two runner-up finishes in 1991 and 1998.

Davies has been a member of the Royal Montreal Golf Club for 20 years, winning the club championship four times. Professionally, he was an executive in the recognition business with Balfour, Jostens and Birks for many years. In 2002, Davies embarked on a new career when he founded Erikson Golf — a golf-distributing firm. He and his wife Jane reside in Beaconsfield with their two daughters, Ashley and Jessica.

The unveiling of the plaques will be held at 11 a.m. at the John H. Price Sports Centre in Lennoxville, while the formal induction ceremony will take place during the Gaiter Golf Classic at the Milby Golf Club later that evening.

## HOCKEY

# Police vow crackdown on Edmonton hockey mayhem

By Larry Johnsrude

Edmonton police Chief Mike Boyd is promising to increase efforts against Edmonton Oilers' hockey hooligans but is vague about specifically what police will do.

Apart from getting tough with drinking both inside bars and on the street, Boyd said he didn't want to reveal precise details of what police have in store.

The National Hockey League Stanley Cup final series begins Monday. The Oilers will face the winner of the Carolina-Buffalo contest.

"At this point, I don't want to describe what various tactics and strategies we will use," he said. "But you will

expect to see stepped up activity.

"We're going to focus on drinking in licensed premises and overcrowding — a major part of the problem is the amount of alcohol being consumed."

Although he wouldn't say police will practise a zero-tolerance policy toward open liquor on the street, anyone causing problems "can expect to be arrested and prosecuted."

Boyd wouldn't say if police will restrict access to Whyte Avenue, the popular night strip that was the congregation point for as many as 50,000 post-game revelers after Saturday night's Oilers Western Conference win.

Although the evening began relative-

ly peacefully, it turned into mayhem. A number of fires were lit, telephone booths were tipped and shop windows were smashed.

The crowd threw bottles at firefighters trying to put out the blazes. Police were in force in riot gear.

Police arrested 15 people and laid five charges, Boyd said police are also reviewing videos to identify instigators.

Boyd and Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel have rejected proposals to shut down Whyte Avenue.

Instead, Mandel urged fans to keep their parties at home and not to congregate in large groups.

—CanWest News Service

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and Guillaume Lavasseur had two goals apiece and Benjamin Desourdy and David Chicoine rounded out the Sherbrooke scoring with a goal apiece.

François Villemure led Shawinigan with three goals and an assist.

### EAGLES LOSE TO WEST ISLAND

Brian Moloughney led the Shamrocks with three goals and two assists while Anthony McComber, Phil D'Amour, Marc-André Couturier, Adam Basso and Dexter Tanner added a goal apiece.

For the Eagles it was the usual sus-

pects as Sean Boersen and Francis Côté had two goals apiece while Etienne Durand added one to the losing cause.

### TAKING ON THE SENIORS

The Extreme, looking to keep its competitive edge, scheduled an exhibition match last night against the LaSalle Brasseurs senior team.

Speaking of senior lacrosse, the Windsor Eagles are still looking for their first league win of the season in the senior division. They played well in a 11-9 loss to the first-place, undefeated Valleyfield Warriors then were bombed 12-1 by the Longueuil Patriots.

In the Valleyfield game, Windsor actually held a 9-6 lead but the Warriors responded with six unanswered goals to

take the lead for good.

Andrew Barber registered a hat trick while Christopher Fowles and Sylvain Perreault had two goals apiece. Stephen Hay and Richard Bégin rounded out the scoring with single goals. Laurent Vachon scored the lone goal in the Longueuil loss.

The Quebec Junior Lacrosse League may still be in its developing stages but the league made history last Wednesday when West Island Shamrocks trainer Barbara Page took a turn as the club's head coach in a game against Shawinigan. The Lightning spoiled Page's debut as they recorded a 10-8 victory. Page was filling in for current head coach Kevin Biggs who was playing a senior league game that same night with the Longueuil squad.

## BRIEF

### Bay named NL Player of the Week

Jason Bay does not have to share the National League Player of the Week award this week.

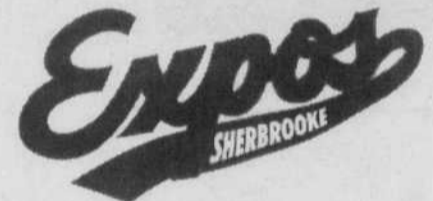
The Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder on Tuesday earned his second straight award, one week after sharing it with the San Francisco Giants' Pedro Feliz.

Bay led the NL with seven home runs, 15 RBI, 34 total bases, 13 hits and a 1.308 slugging percentage last week, and tied for the league lead by batting .500 (13-for-26). He homered in all six games he played last week, smacking two on May 23 at Arizona.

A native of Canada, Bay became the first Pirate to hit 10 homers in a 10-game span and the first major leaguer to accomplish the feat since Shawn Green and Sammy Sosa in 2002.

Also nominated for the award was Giants slugger Barry Bonds, who smacked his 715th career homer to move past Babe Ruth for second place on the all-time list.

## THIS WEEK



QUEBEC SENIOR  
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• Wednesday, May 31

Trois-Rivières at Sherbrooke Expos  
Amédée Roy Stadium, 8 p.m.



QUEBEC RUGBY UNION

• Saturday, June 3 (Women's 3rd div.)

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## Sherbrooke County Women's Institute

The quarterly meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute was held at Ives Hill Community Hall on Tuesday, March 9. President Donna Davis called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated, followed by the Salute to the Flag. The Roll Call showed 3 members from Ascot branch, six from Lennoxville and five from Milby.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In business from the minutes, the Essay competition at the local schools was discussed. Marjorie Sutor reported that one had been sent in. Next for discussion, the items that are to be taken to Convention for the gift baskets - cookies, jams, jellies, favors - Donna will take some of these when she goes to Convention.

The next items of business was to cover the cost of using the Hall for our meeting. It was moved by Thelma Picken that we give \$25.00. Carried.

Correspondence read included a 'Thank You' card from Linda Hoy for our contribution for the cost of her recent trip. It was moved by Jessie MacKinnon, seconded by Evelyn Sutor that \$300.00 be given to Donna Davis to cover the cost of going to Convention.

Convenors' reports followed ... Marion Annesley, for Agriculture, spoke about landslide. For Education: Evelyn Sutor noted that local classes are planning trips. For Health & Community Living: Jean Naylor read "Mother's Day Dream." For Publicity: Phyllis Worster had reported the last meeting to the Record and had the day's meeting date included in the Town Crier column of the Record. For Awareness: Gwen Parker read an interesting article from "Country Woman."

Next for discussion was Lennoxville's annual Friendship Day when, in the past, the county had a food sale. After discussion it was moved by Gwen Parker, seconded by Winnona Kirby, that we forego the Friendship Day food sale and ask each branch for a donation of \$10.00. Carried.

Marion Annesley spoke briefly about the W.I. scrapbooks, noting that she had checked them with Gwen Parker. Gwen spoke about the many W.I. pins she had on hand and gave some to members who didn't have certain ones.

In new business, the L.H.S. Year Book was mentioned, it was noted that a motion had been made previously that we would continue with our ad in the Year

Book. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. A delicious lunch of a variety of casseroles, salads and dessert was prepared and served by the Committee Chairs. Appreciation on behalf of the members was expressed by Thelma Picken.

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. Marion Annesley, for Agriculture, read several interesting articles from "Quebec Farmer's Advocate" such as "March on Parliament Hill," "Another World of Farming," 2006 Census of Agriculture" and closed with the poem "Spring's Child."

A brief competition on "Trees" followed, winners being Gwen Parker, Margaret Hall and Thelma Picken.

Members were reminded that the next County meeting will be on August 8, with Milby members as hostesses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Phyllis Worster, Publicity

### Birchton Eleanor Taylor

My son Myron Taylor visited his mother Eleanor from March 27 till April 2. He flew east from Great Falls, Montana on a Northwest Airlines flight via Minneapolis and Detroit, to Burlington, Vermont airport, where he rented a car to drive up to Birchton, arriving late at night (around 2:30 a.m.) I had waited until midnight for him but then I went to bed, so he had to unlock the door with a spare key and next morning when I arose I found him asleep in my guest bedroom here down in the basement! He received a hearty welcome from me and from all his other Quebec relatives. His aunt Helen Taylor joined us one evening for my beef pot roast, coleslaw, and lemon pie. On two other evenings during Myron's visit we were feasting at the Heatheringtons at East Angus and also at Marbleton with my other niece Karen Labonté-MacLeod and friend Bill Thorneloe. We went one noon to a delicious chicken and biscuits luncheon at St. Paul's Church Hall in Bury. On a Sunday noon after church service at Cookshire we joined Helen and her son Dennis Taylor at the Mayor's Place restaurant in Bury for a delicious brunch at a large table along with several other people. So I think Myron and his mom must have gained several pounds weight that week of his visit.

### Deaths

**CROCKER, Dorothy (nee Bowker)** - Passed away suddenly on February 9, 2006. Interment will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 2 p.m., at the East Bolton Cemetery, in Austin, Quebec. Her children Bill and Wendy Crocker wish to invite family and friends to attend this ceremony which will be officiated by Reverend Frederick Richardson and followed by a small reception locally.



**JONES, Robert** (1946-2006) - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the C.H.U.S.-Fleurimont Hospital, on May 28, 2006, at the age of 59 years, passed away Robert Jones. He leaves to mourn his children: Rebecca, Edward; his grandchildren: Dylan, Jade; he also leaves other relatives and many close friends. Resting at Les Résidences Funéraires Bessette, 5034, Foster Tel.: (450) 439-1606 or 1 888 730-6666 Fax: (450) 539-3035 www.famillebessette.com Visitation: Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, day of the funeral service, from 9 a.m. The funeral service will be held on Friday, June 2, 2006, at 11 a.m., at the St-Bernardin Church in Waterloo. Followed by cremation in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Interment at a later date.

### Death

**NEIL, Henry** (1922-2006) - Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, on May 12, 2006 in his 85th year, Henry Neil. He was the last in family of 10 children, all who predeceased him. He is survived by many nieces and nephews and families, one sister-in-law and friends. Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Family will receive condolences Saturday, day of the memorial service, from 1 p.m. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997, des Colombes (corner St-Jude N.) Granby Tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1 888 730-6666 Fax: (450) 777-4393 www.famillebessette.com Heraldine Neil off. Followed by the burial of Henry and Elsie Neil's ashes at the Pinewood Cemetery in Granby. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Montreal Institute for the Blind (7000, Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC, H4B 1R3) would be appreciated.

### In Memoriam

**FLECK, Myrtle** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away four years ago May 31, 2002.  
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One of the best this world could hold.  
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Those are the memories your left behind.*

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RAYMOND (husband)  
AND ALL YOUR FAMILY

### Brieflet

#### TRENHOLM

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## Come Visit The SSSC Sale!

When you consider whether you are going to come to the GRAND SALE at the SSSC, we want you to be well informed. It has to do with the table where we plan to sell plants, both annual and perennial. We have discovered a root/salad vegetable that has: More Beta-Carotene than carrots; More potassium

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you see him at our sale. He may even have a sample.

As to the Plants table: I have not yet seen all of the flowers and plants, but I

play. What else can I say! One of the pleasant things about a 'work day' is that everyone pitches in, everyone talks at once, folk see something that needs doing, and do it. No one complains but there is much laughter. They even had old Cec making simple signs while the big complicated Advertisements were left to the Pros. David Price' election signs were recycled to bring-in the crowds. Whoopee! We had a great time. We sure hope to see a good crowd out to view these articles and to buy in order to replace you now empty spaces at home.

Other items of interest: Do not forget Friendship Day in Lennoxville on June 10. I understand that the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club is hoping to include a 'float'. Further I hear the famous 'Moonshine Boys' from our SSSC will favour us with some of their special music AND songs in 'the tent'. As a Club we also want to congratulate our Bruce Patton for having been named "Outstanding Townshipper". Well deserved! Congratulations Bruce.

As a Club we would also like to congratulate the Sherbrooke Record's writers and photographers for their having won so many 'top awards' at last weekend's Quebec Community Newspaper Association's awards night. We have indeed a great newspaper and some of Quebec's top writers of news. Congratulations all.

Do not forget our Huge Garage Sale on Saturday June 03, from 9:00 AM on. Members: Do bring your Wife, your Wallet, your Wealthy friends and lots of 'well feeling'. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cec Blenkhorn, Hon secretary, SSSC.

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do know that some of the perennials are: 'Lilly of the valley'; 'Hens and chickens' also known as Semper Vivum or Live forever; Dill; a red peony; lemon balm; chives; mallow; primula; German corn flower; etc.

There was an eager, ebullient and busy crowd at the Club on Saturday A.M. There were people who came to deliver goods and stayed to either admire the merchandise or to get caught up in the work being done. There is something for everyone: for the workman a drill press, a circular saw with stand, a Simo-nize car polisher, and many tools. For the collectors: beautiful sets of tea cups and saucers by Royal Albert, Aynsley, Shafford and Foley, some beautiful cups with these famous names, but lacking saucers: All of these as well as occasional plates of attractive color and design. For everyday a great offering of plates, mugs, cut glass, wine glasses, you name it!

Lawn chairs, Bridge set (table and 4 chairs), occasional tables, piano/organ seats, shelves, electronic equipment, a TV, even a nice 'prie-dieu'. There are Dolls and 'cuddly toys' to please anyone who still has a child's heart, and toys to gratify any grandparents looking for that 'special' something. I was amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, thunder-struck, and bowled over. I only hope that there will be room for customers when all of the goods are put out for dis-

## Congratulations



Julie and Jenny Young, daughters of Lynn and Keith of Pointe Claire, granddaughters of Archie and Isabel Nelson of North Hatley and Doug and Betty Young of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Julie graduated with honors BSC/BED from McGill University and is presently teaching high school for Lester B. Pearson School Board.

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We wish you continued success.

## Happy 75th Birthday



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## It's time to pull up welcome mat

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are in our late 40s, and our friend, "Bill," is a few years younger. Bill lives 20 miles away from us, and in the five years we have known him, he has either called or stopped by our house nearly every day.

We have Caller ID and often don't answer when Bill phones, but that doesn't stop him from ringing our bell. Sometimes, he will pull into our driveway and call us on his cell phone. We see him park down the road and watch our place. A lot of the time we just lock the door and hope he goes away.

Bill used to borrow our car and lawnmower, but he never refilled the tanks with gas, so we stopped doing that. He also borrows all of our tools and then complains about them when he returns them. He is full of suggestions that he doesn't take himself. Bill has to know everyone and everything before you do, and he lies to make himself look good. We once confronted him about a lie, and he got mad and stayed away for months. However, the phone calls and visits have started again.

How do we get this guy to go home to his loving wife so we can have our lives back? — Go Away in the Midwest

**Dear Go Away:** You've been way too accommodating. Regardless of the reasons that Bill is hang-

## Annie's Mailbox

ing around, it's time to pull up the welcome mat. Tell him, "Bill, we love you, but we need some

privacy. You are welcome to drop by now and then, as long as you call first to see if it's convenient." If he shows up unexpectedly, stand by the door, remind him he was supposed to call, say it's an inconvenient time, and tell him he will have to leave. If you don't have the courage to do this, he will be a fly in your ointment forever.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Simi Valley, Calif.," the 55-year-old self-employed hairdresser who feels she cannot last another 10 years at her job. Tell her to go to a trade school.

I am 60 years old and wanted to get out of nursing. When I was unable to find a job with the skills I had, I went to a trade school and took a course to be an administrative assistant. Within a month of completing the course, I was employed and now have insurance. One is never too old to learn. — Former Nurse

**Dear Former Nurse:** We heard from quite a few readers who have made late career changes. Life is full of possibilities at any age. Onward and upward.

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

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: U equals S

"MR MU KDR PFOR DXW JGK BDVAGR RFOR UFOWDPU RFGMV UGKGUSGKSG, TIR PFOR RFGC VGJGJTG V." - AGDVAG XCRRGXRDK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "All weddings are similar, but every marriage is different. Death comes to everyone, but one mourns alone." - John Berger

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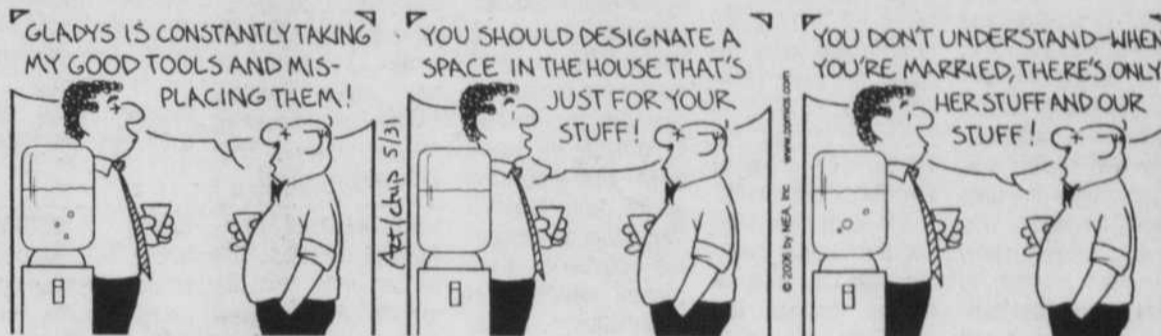
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Wednesday, May 31, 2006

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — If past methods and tactics haven't proven to be as productive as you had hoped, this might be the day to revise your thinking and way of doing things. Your new direction will be productive.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Some unexpected views about the way you've been handling your affairs might cause you to make some positive revisions about how you do things in the future. It'll prove successful.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone who usually disagrees with you can be swayed to your side. However, it will take both some skillful handling and a whole lot of diplomacy to bring this person around.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be overly dismayed by situations that might arise with negative overtones. If you keep your wits, anything can be nipped in the bud and rectified.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You might get some hard-to-swallow flashes of insight regarding ways to improve your financial position. What you perceive will have great merit when properly implemented.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Conditions that have an effect upon your work or career are likely to undergo a transformation and benefit you greatly once they make their presence felt. It'll be opportunistic.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your degree of success is apt to be determined by your ability to get to the bottom of things, so don't avoid hearing the truth about something, no matter how unpleasant it might be.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A better way of dealing with an unpleasant social situation may occur to you. Even though it might involve making some serious changes, it will prove to be the right course.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Certain facts, which have been hidden from you and pertain to a matter that could affect your relationship with another, may be revealed. To avoid complications, handle it wisely.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though others might have more control than you regarding a matter that is meaningful to your work or career, everything will be managed well and turn out to your satisfaction.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — This can be a pleasant and rewarding day, provided you don't get drawn into the complicated affairs of another. Stay away from areas and subjects where you have no real reason to be involved.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Try not to push too hard those with whom you're involved because they could rebel in ways that you might find regrettable. Patience and tolerance will avoid unpleasantness.

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

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West		East	
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4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ K			

ahead of his time. He is his time; it is just that others are behind the times."

A bridge player hopes not to be ahead of his time — making a play a trick or more too early. To bring home this six-spade contract requires accurate timing. Set your metronome on thoughtful and decide what you would do after West leads the club king to your bare ace.

When North first picked up his hand, he thought he would be passing throughout. He never guessed that over the next couple of minutes, he would make five bids. On the first round, North bid two diamonds, the negative response. On the second round, North made a second negative, showing 0-4 points. This he could do by bidding either two no-trump (traditional) or three clubs (modern tournament), according to choice. Then North thrice expressed preference for spades to hearts.

You can afford to lose only one heart trick. If the missing hearts are 3-3, you will have no problem. But if they are 4-2 (as they rate to be), you must find the player short in hearts also short in spades, so that he cannot ruff higher than the dummy on the fourth round of hearts. It does require perfect timing, though. You must duck the first round of hearts. No other heart beat works. You win the return, draw two rounds of trumps, cash the ace-king of hearts, and ruff the last heart on the board.

Did you time the play in a timely fashion?

## The timing times the contract

By Phillip Alder

Dancer Martha Graham said, "No artist is

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### ACROSS

- 1 Author Jong
- 6 Meat
- 11 Posed
- 14 Hackneyed
- 15 Ephesus location
- 16 Compass dir.
- 17 Hemingway novel, with "The"
- 20 Napoleon's commander at Waterloo
- 21 Web stops
- 22 Butts
- 23 HI guitar
- 24 Loss of self-confidence
- 26 Innovative concepts, to some
- 32 Pungent bulb
- 33 Conundrum
- 34 Hammarskjold of the U.N.

### DOWN

- 35 Revealing skirts
- 36 \_\_\_-mo
- 39 Tarzan wannabes
- 41 Tasty
- 43 Plagiarized?
- 47 Rocky ridges
- 48 Indy segment
- 49 Italian seaport
- 50 Mongol invader
- 53 Rationers of WWII
- 56 Elite group of experts
- 60 Writer Deighton
- 61 Fascist Balbo
- 62 Chicago-based film critic
- 63 Slalom starter?
- 64 Bridge expert
- 65 Paavo the Flying Finn

- 27 Bambi's aunt
- 28 Hair purchase
- 29 Filth
- 30 Like pads and parkas
- 31 Twin Cities suburb
- 35 Street of stables
- 36 Fat farm
- 37 Fleur-de-\_\_
- 38 Praiseful poem
- 39 Clarinetist Shaw
- 40 "The Gold Bug" author
- 41 Hone
- 42 Avant-garde artist

- 43 Speak wildly
- 44 Papal vestments
- 45 TV oldies
- 46 Outline
- 50 Skier's lift
- 51 Up to the task
- 52 Roger Rabbit, for example
- 53 Lollapalooza
- 54 Salon set
- 55 High: pref.
- 57 Fix a roulette wheel?
- 58 Simpson judge
- 59 \_\_\_ Dhabi

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 1 Black, to Blake
- 2 Last breath
- 3 Memorial Day race, briefly
- 4 Eccentric piece
- 5 Juneau man
- 6 Decree
- 7 Sole
- 8 Nips in the bud
- 9 Take a chair
- 10 I doubt it!
- 11 Oil-rich seed
- 12 Hemoglobin deficiency
- 13 Ribs
- 18 Nuremberg negative
- 19 Wear away
- 23 ETs' transport
- 24 Goes on to say
- 25 Nothing
- 26 Silent assent

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## Ladies Auxiliary Br. 15 regular meeting

On April 18, 2006 the Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting with an attendance of 23.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Cde. Bev Jones and the colors were marched on by Cdes. Helen Jones Knowles, Mildred E. Holiday under the direction of Sgt-at-Arms Cde Patsy Biggs with Cde. Norma Knowles at the piano.

Meeting opened in regular form followed by the reading of the minutes by Cde. Lucie and they were accepted as read.

Pres. remarked that the month of April had been very busy with Flea Market & Bake Sale followed by two funerals during the month. Our sincere sympathy to the families of Cde. Pat Pryce and Cde. Dorothy Carr.

Our March card party was very successful together with the Flea Market, Bake Sale and the drawing. Our thanks to all who supported us in any way. The winners on the drawing were 1st Vickie Nixon for the bird house; 2nd Muriel Duffy for the sweater.

There were no bills. The treasurer's report was given by Cde. Helen Knowles and showed a healthy balance.

Correspondence - Request for donation to Youth Fair Invitation to Wales Home Party in honors of the Volunteers along with a couple of thank yous.

Reports of Committees - Sick & Welfare given by Cde Ann Nixon and reported cards had been sent out. Kitchen - no report. Membership - Cde. Marge reported no new application. Ways & Means - Cde. Bev needs a little more funds to prepare for the April card party.

New business - Donations made to Youth Fair also donation to Wales Home in memory of Cde. Pat and Cde. Dorothy.

There is a big project coming up. The floor in the upstairs hall needs to be renewed. The Auxiliary has offered a substantial amount towards

this project and we know the Sr. Branch will accept it.

It seems that our dish towels are showing signs of wear, so it was decided that each one bring a dish towel to our May meeting.

No further business the meeting adjourned. Colors were marched off after the meeting was closed in usual manner.

Half and half was picked up by Cde. Shirley Noble.

A big thank you to everyone for all their support and especially The Record for printing all our events.

Hopefully we will see you all in the fall. Have a good summer.

In Comradeship  
Cde. Mildred E. Holliday, P.P.

## Card party

### BULWER

A 500 card party was held in the Bulwer Community Center on Thursday, May 4, with six tables in play.

Prizes were as follows: Ladies' 1st, Cathy Jacklin; 2nd, Isabel Nelson; Sylvia Gilbert won the consolation. Gents' 1st, Serena Wintle, playing as a man; 2nd, Archie Nelson; Helen Taylor, playing as a man, won the consolation.

Special prizes: Secret Score: Eileen Lowe; Most Skunks, Reta MacKey; 4 of a kind, George Peasley.

The half and half was won by Helen Taylor and D. King.

Door prizes were won by: George Peasley, Reta MacKey, Sam Lake, Catherine Lowd, Audrey Dougherty, Harris Olson, Herbert Rowell, Herb Wingeat, Nina Rowell, Rena Lassenba, Louise Peasley, Gertie Hetherington, Mary Shepard, Mabel Mackay and Esther Cote.

George Pinchin

## Seniors attend events



The "Board of the Elderly, MRC St. Francois" was pleased to sponsor two recent events for anglophone seniors in the area. Some 80 took advantage of an evening of information given by Notary Marthe Gauthier. Last week a bus was furnished, and fifty-some enjoyed the Seniors Day - MRC Memphremagog.

Submitted by Eileen Perkins

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