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Wales Home in legal imbroglio with former director

*Board member
complains public airing
of problems not helping*

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The mystery surrounding the dismissal of Stuart Simms, the former director of the Wales Home, will

linger a lot longer despite concerns expressed by the community in the letters section of The Record.

"People are writing things all on hearsay," complained board member Malcolm Wheeler in an interview with The Record.

Over the past few days, The Record has received a number of letters seeking clarification on what is going on at the seniors' residence since Simms was

dismissed earlier this summer.

When asked to clear the air, Wheeler made it clear the home is involved in a legal imbroglio, but he refused to disclose any details.

"I am not at freedom to disclose anything. We were asked by our lawyers not to comment," he said, adding later: "They (community members) are going to have to stay in the dark because of the mandate issued by our insurance

company and our lawyers."

Wheeler also commented it could be a while before the current situation is resolved. "If it ends up before the courts, it could take years to resolve."

Wheeler said he does not understand the current concern expressed by the community and letters to the editor.

"It's strange that all of a sudden we get all of this concern," he said.

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Beyond Repair



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Michael Wesson, mechanic and owner of Lennoxville's Britannica Restorations Ltd is fed up with the lack of care taken by border agents when examining shipments. For the full story see Page 3.

A step in the right direction

*Granby police
get tough on
jaywalkers and
inconsiderate
drivers*

By Joshua Bleser
GRANBY

If you've been out of province - just about anywhere else in North America - for awhile, you may, upon your return to Quebec, have had the unpleasant experience of being nearly mown down by a speeding vehicle at a crosswalk (or the equally harrowing experience of nearly mowing down a pedestrian at a crosswalk with your speeding vehicle).

Ignorance of crosswalks by both pedestrians and motorists is a "province-wide problem," said Granby police public relations officer Benoit Desautels at a press conference Wednesday.

To begin addressing the problem, Granby police are trying a two-month-pilot project on Léon-Harmel street in front of the municipal arena.

The two crosswalks leading from the parking lot across the street to the arena's entrances have been replaced by a single, elevated crosswalk. Signs clearly indicate the crossing, which consists of bright yellow horizontal lines and a swath crisscross patterned

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Wellness for all ages is coming to T-Day

Whether you're 6 or 76, Wellness for all Ages is for you! This year, Townshippers' Association is introducing new interactive, intergenerational workshops at Townshippers' Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, in Bedford. All workshops are free, and each will be approximately 20 minutes long.

The Wellness activities will give people an opportunity to participate, experience and learn ways to have a healthier lifestyle. The goal is to encourage people to consider taking better care of themselves and each other, and make them more aware of ways they can do so.

"Society tends to place a lot of pressure on people, and individuals are starting to realize the importance of taking time for themselves," said Kim Bailey, Coordinator of Healthy Active Living 50+ at Townshippers' Association. "Wellness doesn't necessarily only mean the absence of a physical ailment, but rather the nurturing of our mental, social and spiritual sides. This

may come in the shape of a leisure pursuit, quiet personal time or regular physical activity."

Workshop leaders are geared up to share some of their ways of living a healthy lifestyle. This is a perfect opportunity to observe, or better yet, participate in an activity you may have heard about and always wanted to learn more about or you may discover something completely new that you would like to pursue in your own community.

Thus far, 11 presenters are scheduled. They include renowned fly fishing expert and manufacturer, Yvon Gendron from Mouche Neptune, who will introduce the marvelous world of fly fishing to both the beginner and experienced fisherman.

Shiatsu grew out of a Japanese family tradition of massage and self-help.

Phil James will demonstrate a selection of acu-pressure points for minor ailments and personal well-being.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Mary Ward, a well known, inspirational yoga instructor from Cowansville will lead a Hatha Yoga 50+ session for the body, mind and spirit.

Piece of mind can also be a factor in wellness. A representative from the provincial police will discuss security around the home.

Joel Nadon from the Bedford Gym will discuss the benefits of using light weights and the importance of following a regular maintenance routine.

Anne Vastel, a herbalist, will discuss how plants readily available to the public can be used medicinally. Participants will have the opportunity to prepare garlic vinegar that can then be brought home and used for personal use.

Massage therapist Lyne Métté will be available throughout the day to explain her discipline and offer massages.

Other workshop leaders include birdwatcher Louise J. Cousineau, tam tam percussionist Fallou Mbacké Diaw,

art therapist Cathy Ratcliffe, and zoo therapist Anne Baudouin. There is something of interest for everyone!

The Wellness workshops will take place during Townshippers' Day at the Georges Perron Community Centre, near the main entrance to the Bedford Fairgrounds.

Wellness for All Ages is possible through a grant from The Townships Research and Cultural Foundation.

Come one, come all, regardless of your age or your ability. Individuals can either observe or participate. Check the upcoming issue of Crossroads for a complete schedule of workshops, so you don't miss the workshop that interests you. Extra issues of Crossroads will be available at the main entrance to the T-Day site.

For more information contact George Courville at Townshippers' Associations Cowansville office at 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422) or

gc@townshippers.qc.ca. See you there!

BRIEFS

Hydro pruning trees to prevent power outages

Branches touching or falling on power lines are a major cause of power outages and in weather conditions such as heavy winds or ice storms, they place undue stress on Hydro-Quebec's distribution network.

That's why Hydro-Quebec has a pruning cycle for trees growing near power lines.

From September until the end of December, Hydro-Quebec will be pruning trees in various parts of: Memphremagog; Potton, Bolton East, Saint-Etienne-de-Bolton and Stukely Sud; Brome-Missisquoi; Bolton-Ouest, Lac Brome and Sutton

Hydro-Quebec uses specialized firms who are familiar with pruning techniques. They alone have the legal

right to prune trees located within three metres (10 feet) of power lines and, if necessary, to cut down trees growing near out network. Tree trimmers from Tamarack Canada may have already passed through your area, or will do so shortly.

To reduce the number of blackouts Hydro pruning crews generally use angled cuts on trees located next to power lines, or a V-cuts for those growing directly under power lines. These techniques ensure the health of the tree, and encourage new shoots to sprout on the side opposite the power lines. They also help to improve the quality of service, and reduce the number of power outages caused by heavy winds or ice storms.

In some cases, the crews will also trim branches that overhang power lines, especially if they seem to be

weak and are likely to cause a power outage. In other cases, Hydro-Quebec may cut down dangerous trees, but only after seeking the owner's permission.

In order to prevent power outages or the need for pruning, Hydro-Quebec suggests planting only trees with small crowns or those whose size is limited near power lines.

Beware of hot wires!

Above all, never try to prune or cut down a tree close to a power line. Let the professionals do the job. Contact Hydro's Customer Service Department at 1-888-385-7252.

Envelope of money found

Police in Sherbrooke are looking for the owner of an envelope containing a sum of money which was found by a woman in Sherbrooke's north

ward. The person who lost the money can pick it up by contacting police at 822-6173.

A spokesman for police noted it is nice to see there are honest people among us.

Police to visit local schools

Sherbrooke police will be introducing themselves to students, crossing guards, teaching and security staff during the first few days of school in the Sherbrooke region.

The objective of the Sécurité des milieux division is to forge a relationship with the Sherbrooke community, beginning with its youngest members.

Officers will be visiting the schoolyards of Alexander Galt and Sherbrooke Elementary schools to talk to students and answer any questions they might have about police work.

Weather

Today: Sunny. High 24.

Friday: Sunny. Low 9. High 25.

Saturday: Sunny. Low 11. High 27.

Sunday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low 12. High 25.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Car parts damaged at border, complains mechanic

Border services blames middleman

By Brion Robinson
SHERBROOKE

A mechanic in Lennoxville says he's losing thousands of dollars every year because his imported Land Rover parts are being damaged at the border.

Michael Wesson is the head mechanic and owner of Britannica Restorations Ltd., a company he says is the only one in the country to build and customize Land Rovers. He rebuilds up to three of the expensive imports a year.

He's been operating out of Canada for the last 10 years and importing his parts from his warehouse in England.

Wesson, who spoke to us outside his garage where three galvanized Land Rover frames were lined up in the driveway, complained his engines and machine parts have been getting roughed up by customs agents searching for contraband materials. He estimates it's costing him thousands of dollars every year.

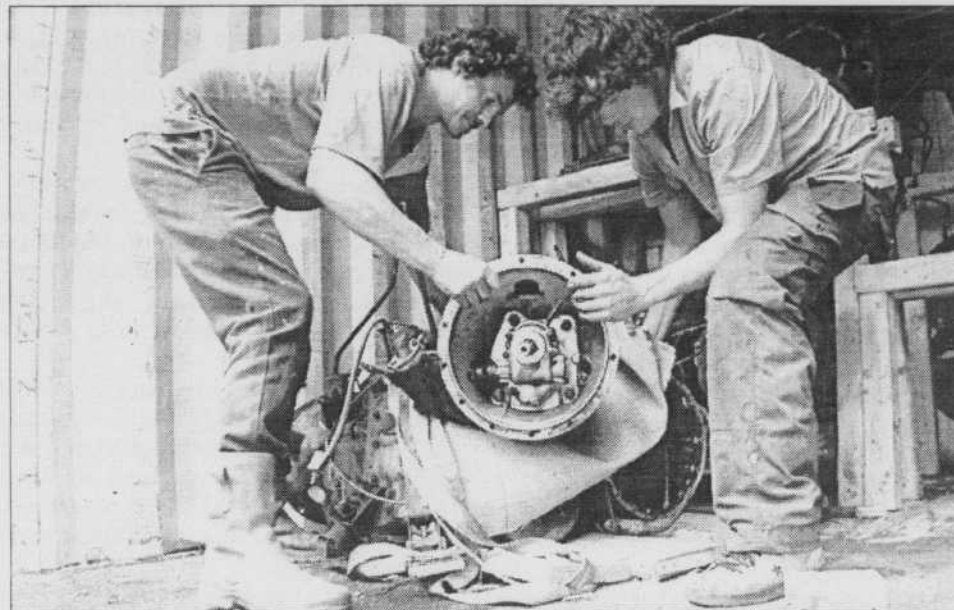
"It's really discouraging when you're trying to run a business," he said, explaining he loses two or three weeks' work just fixing damaged parts.

Wesson orders parts from all over Europe and has them shipped to his warehouse in England. From there, they're shipped to Montreal.

He flies back to England every year to inspect the parts and package them himself. But despite careful packing, his parts are always damaged when they get here, he said.

"I pack the containers myself and I know they don't look the same when they arrive," he said, adding he understands the need for security, but insists custom agents should be more careful.

Behind his garage there's a damaged



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Michael Wesson says his carefully packed parts are being tossed unceremoniously around by border agents, resulting in significant damage.

hood covered in scratches and small dents. Wesson said it's worth \$500.

"The last time I saw it, it was wrapped in carpet in cardboard," he said, adding when he picked it up in Montreal it was damaged and thrown back in the crate.

This isn't the first time he's received damaged parts.

A while back he ordered a sunroof from England but when he received it, he had to scrap it because custom agents had little or no regard for its value.

"When they took out the sunroof they walked all over it," he said, noting he also saw paw prints on it.

Wesson said he pays over \$1,000 to have the crates shipped from England to Canada. They're insured, but the insurance runs out when they arrive.

"It's very difficult importing goods from overseas, but I can't be the only one. What can people do in this situa-

tion?"

It's not just his car parts that are getting mishandled.

"The best is yet to come," Wesson told The Record as he walked under the patio next to his garage.

Moments later he hauls out a mangled mountain bike. The front tire resembles a napkin holder. Its front shocks are broken apart like a wishbone.

Wesson blames customs agents for doing a poor job repacking engines and his bike. He said they put the motors -

weighing hundreds of pounds - on top of two two-by-fours over the bike without strapping them down.

They fell off and crushed the \$1,000-bike underneath.

The buck really stops, however, on Sept. 6, after which the Granby police will institute a zero tolerance policy according to which jaywalkers will be fined \$37 and drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians at the crosswalk will be fined a hefty \$148.

If the pilot project goes well, Desautels said the police will look into implementing raised crossings and extended sidewalks elsewhere throughout the municipality.

NEW PREVENTION OFFICER

The Granby police also took the opportunity to introduce their new prevention and public relations officer, Guy Rousseau. Rousseau's mandate will be to ensure the safety of students returning to school next week.

Rousseau will work with student volunteer brigadiers and fellow police officers to enforce speed limits and to address bullying and ignorance of student crossings, among other problems. According to Desautels, (Rousseau) is already doing his job well."

The motors received minor damage. His bike is useless.

For years Wesson said he's been trying to get an explanation out of the Canadian Border Services Agency but they refer him back to the service provider who shipped his goods. The shipper refers him back to the Border Services Agency.

He's just fed up and is considering closing up shop for good.

"I've been doing this for over 20 years," he said. "I think this could be my last year."

Although Wesson says he's losing money every time something is shipped to Canada, the Canadian Border Services Agency maintains it follows proper procedure.

Lorraine Aubre, a spokeswoman for the Agency, said the service provider is responsible for bringing the material to Canada and overseeing customs agents.

"The custom agent doesn't touch anything until the parts are unloaded," she said, noting if the customs officer breaks something, the agent can leave a note for the importer to claim damages.

Aubre said if the parts are broken in any other way, the service provider is responsible.

Aubre couldn't comment on the policies for Montreal's service provider, but she suggested the Record to speak to one of their representatives. They couldn't be located before press time.

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lines, flanked on either side of the road by strips of sidewalk that jut out from the rest of the sidewalk along the width of the crosswalk.

The extended sidewalks are meant to make pedestrians intending to cross, visible to drivers of oncoming cars.

While there have been no accidents at the Léon-Harmel crosswalk, many pedestrians complained earlier this summer about speeding vehicles and the confusion caused by the two crosswalks.

The pilot project "is obviously due to a pressing need," explained Roger Dufresne, the director of public security in Granby.

As of this weekend, police officers will be present at the new crossing to raise awareness about the changes, and about the dangers of jaywalking and ignoring crosswalks. Warnings, and in some cases tickets, may be issued.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

This \$1,000 bicycle was a mangled mess when it was unpacked.

Japanese beef imports won't affect price: Producers

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

A proposal by the United States to allow imports of boneless beef meat from Japan would not affect the North American beef industry nor cause price competition, according to an official with the Alberta Beef Producers group.

"Japan imported hundreds of thousands of pounds of beef from us and the U.S. before it closed its borders to imports two years ago," said Erik Butters, from his Calgary office.

"What they export is very small. It is a specialty beef that they produce from the few animals they have. It would make no difference to the price of beef here."

The proposal came from the United States Department of Agriculture last week through its Animal and Plant Health Inspection service. It is to be debated by the department and American beef producers in the fall.

The proposal was immediately opposed by the R-Calf, an American cattle group that defends American beef producers' interests.

Though R-Calf president Leo McDonnell did not bring up the issue of price competition, he argued the U.S. government was holding a "double standard" by allowing Japan beef in but not persuading Japan to accept American beef in return.

"This is another example of the USDA tilting the playing field away from independent U.S. cattle producers by continuing to give market access before we gain market access," said McDonnell.

Butters said both the U.S. and Canada want Japanese borders opened to North American beef but do not see it happening anytime soon, even with the American borders now open to Canadian beef.

"Before the scare of Mad Cow, the Japanese had a high tariff wall on our beef exports, but the Japanese still imported a lot of our meat and paid the tariffs," he said.

"Now they have upped their standards and inspect every animal for mad cow and will not let us in because we do not do the same."

Butters said the Japanese inspection policy was brought on by their own discovery of mad cow disease several years ago. That policy was reinforced in 2003 when the first of four cows from Alberta was discovered to have the disease.

Butters said he not surprised by R-Calf's opposition to Japanese beef imports given their continued attempts to restart a ban on Canadian beef that was lifted earlier this summer.

"They are a protectionist bunch that fought to keep our animals out of their market for two years and still want them out," he said.

"If they can keep imports out, they

can have the American market all to themselves and keep the price high. Now they find themselves not being able to export their meat and animals while Japan could be allowed into their market."

Butters' group, which represents 32,000 Alberta beef cattle producers, said it also wants to return to the Japanese market, but is not willing to pressure the country into accepting Canadian beef like he sees the Americans doing.

"We believe our inspection system and stricter feed rules make our cattle that much more safe and of high quality than the Americans, and we hope that will tip the scales our way when the Japanese get hungry again for meat imports," he said.

"I suspect the Americans are hoping to oblige the Japanese to open their borders to American beef if they take in Japanese meat first. I don't know if that will work."

In Quebec, the provincial beef federation is still watching the price of beef animals as more of them flow into the U.S. markets after a two-year import ban.

Federation official Denise Audet said it is still too early to know if price increases for Quebec animals will remain in light of R-Calf's pledge to convince a U.S. court to have the borders to Canadian beef closed again before the year is out.

For now, the federation was relieved to know they had the approval of the province's agriculture marketing board to go ahead with the purchase of 80 per cent of the shares of the Colbex abattoir near Drummondville.

The deal allows the federation, which is part of the Quebec farmer's union known as the UPA, to get a higher price for older, surplus "cull" animals at the abattoir.

"The board recognizes our ability to manage our cull cow market," said federation president Michel Dessureault.

"This deal allows us to have more say in how the market is directed and makes sure our producers get their fair share of revenue."

The abattoir's majority shares are being sold to the federation by the Levinoff Meats company of Montreal according to a deal made late last year. The deal came about after the federation blocked the entrance to the abattoir last November to protest the low prices being offered to producers for their cull cows. The federation vowed to halt all shipments of cull cows to the abattoir unless a floor price was established.

Levinoff agreed to sell most of its shares after the provincial government intervened and mediated a settlement.

The sale is scheduled to go through in January, 2006. No price for the shares has been made public.

BRIEFS

Thetford Mines father arrested after daughter beaten

A 32-year-old father of two was arrested at work Tuesday morning after his estranged wife complained to police that her six-year-old daughter was beaten while under the care of her father the previous Sunday.

"When we saw the child at the hospital, she had bruises on her face and neck," said Yves Simoneau, an official with the Thetford Mines police.

"We learned that the child was beaten after she refused to go to bed. We found out she was slapped in the face a few times and spanked repeatedly."

The man was released on his own recognizance and ordered to appear in court on Oct. 14 to hear charges against him.

Until that time, he is not to have contact with his daughter or his wife. If he must be in contact with them, another adult must be present.

Simoneau said his department is also investigating whether the man had ever assaulted his son.

Police search farmers' fields for marijuana

Meanwhile, provincial police confirmed they are searching farmers' fields near the towns of Inverness and St-Jacques-de-Leeds (Leeds Village) for illegal marijuana plants.

But officer Richard Gagné at police headquarters in Québec City would not say if any such plants had been found.

"I can tell you that we have a police drug search operation near those towns, but that is all," he said.

"We will be able to tell you more tomorrow."

Farmers fields are popular places for marijuana growers who want to hide their illegal operations from the public. Late August and early September are periods when the plants ripen and are harvested by the growers. It is also the time when police step up their search operations to catch the growers and seize and destroy their plants.

The growers never tell the farmers they are using their fields. If the farmers discover the so-called "grow-ops", the grower can become violent and threaten the farmers

with harm if they tell the police about their illegal squatters.

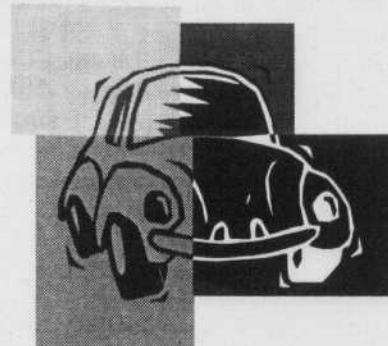
To protect the farmers, the provincial police have started signing agreements with them so that the officers can freely search the fields for illegal activities. This way, the farmers cannot be singled out as informers because they were supposedly not aware of any illegal activities when they signed the agreements.

According to retired provincial police investigator Guy Ouellette, most of the marijuana growers have ties to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

Truck topples

The driver of a truck carrying steel cables lost control on Autoroute 10 near Exit 68 Wednesday at about 12:30 p.m. The truck veered off the road and toppled into the ditch. The driver was not injured. The accident caused the closure of the left lane of a stretch of Autoroute 10 for several hours Wednesday afternoon.

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Vallières taking time to study margarine colour ban

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Quebec Agriculture minister Yvon Vallières is giving himself time to study a recent call to drop a provincial law that forces margarine makers to colour their product an off-white colour instead of a yellow that more resembles butter.

"The minister is going to take some time to study this file," said Vallières' press aide André Ménard.

"He is allowing himself the time to ponder the issue and consult with partners of the department. No decision on this issue will be made right away."

The issue was placed on his lap earlier this week by an inter-provincial trade panel which called for an end to the white-only margarine rule. The panel, known as the Internal Trade Secretariat, was created by the provinces in 1995 to find ways to ease inter provincial trade of goods and services.

Under Quebec law, margarine, which is made from vegetable oils, cannot have a yellow colour and be confused with butter, which is churned out by the province's large dairy industry.

The law has been on the books in



FILE PHOTO

Quebec Agriculture Minister Yvon Vallières will study ruling.

Quebec since the 1950s and in 1997 was contested in court by margarine maker Unilever, who argued it was an unfair

impediment to trade and an unnecessary cost given that it existed only in Quebec.

But in the spring of this year, the Supreme Court ruled Quebec had the right to make such a law.

For the Quebec Dairy Federation, the ruling from Canada's highest court should withstand the panel's call for a change.

"The Quebec government spent eight years fighting Unilever on this issue and finally won," said federation official Frederic Krikorian.

"Why then would it even consider changing the law now just because an inter provincial panel wants them to."

Krikorian said he doubts Vallières will respect the Sept. 1 deadline set by the panel. He said his federation is calling on the government not to change the legislation.

"Now that the Supreme Court has ruled in our favour, the issue is no longer legal, it is political," he said.

"We and the margarine makers are fighting over what gets spread on our toast and cooked in our meals. We want to protect our industry and the government has backed us up so far."

Krikorian argued the law is not a trade barrier because no one has proven it has caused losses to margarine makers or restricted trade between provinces. He said a large number of Quebecers already buy margarine because of the cheaper cost and do not need for it to be yellow.

"Butter's natural colour is yellow, while margarine is not," he said.

"So why should we let large, multinational companies like Unilever copy butter's colour just so they can increase sales at our expense?"

He said at one time Quebec was not the only province to outlaw yellow margarine. He said Ontario at one time had a similar law, but the margarine companies and the vegetable oil producers from Western Canada lobbied hard and the Ontario regulation was dropped.

Krikorian believes his federation, which represents 15,000 dairy farms in Quebec, can withstand the margarine lobby.

"We will tell the government to stand fast and not change the rule," he said.

"If they do, they will have our federation and the rest of the farmers' union to answer to."

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"They are asking us to clear the air, but we can't clear the air."

Wheeler said that despite the board's inability to comment, he hopes the concern will dissipate among longtime supporters of the home.

"I'm hoping they will realize the home is in good hands," he said.

Currently the home is being run by a committee of board members and longtime employees. The board seems to be in no rush to find a replacement for Simms. There have been no advertisements in The Record, the Gazette or anywhere else to seek a new general manager.

"I guess it's (the search) going the proper route," Wheeler said. "We are in the process of doing a job write-up."

Despite the delay in seeking a new director, Wheeler said the job is important to the home.

"It's essential, yes! I think it will have to be filled eventually. But the home is capable of operating for a prolonged time until a proper decision is made," he added.

When Simms was dismissed on the eve of the annual general meeting in late June, the board claimed he was let go mainly because he was not bilingual enough to deal with bureaucrats in Quebec City.

"When you are dealing with

Quebec City you need to be pretty fluent," commented second vice-president Adair Mountain at the time, noting the home needed "someone who is not going to take no for an answer when the government gives excuses on why it cannot help elderly anglophones."

Wheeler himself noted in June that someone bilingual was needed to fight for government subsidies.

For more than eight decades, the Wales Home has survived largely thanks to the generosity of donors and benefactors who have helped the home cope with the ever-increasing costs of operation. But the community is dwindling and the foundation well is running dry so the home, which has run at ever-increasing deficits for years, requires funding from the government to continue.

A couple of devoted volunteers wrote The Record to express concerns about the future of the Wales Home, noting that under Simms' leadership a committee was in the process of preparing an application for accreditation from the provincial government. That would be an all-important first step to funding.

One volunteer noted that after nine months of intensive work shared by volunteers, residents, and employees, the process appears to have ground to a halt. But Wheeler said the accreditation process is ongoing and that it will

be achieved.

"The deadline for the government is it must have begun accreditation by December and it has been," he said.

One longtime supporter also raised concerns about the annual fundraising campaign. He noted the campaign launch is coming soon and there is no one to coordinate or chair the campaign.

"We are in the process of selecting a campaign chairman as we speak," Wheeler reassured, noting that if all goes according to plan, the campaign will be launched in early October.

Wheeler, who is on the selection committee for the campaign chairman, insisted the board did not "have any difficulty whatsoever" finding someone to act as honorary chair for the upcoming campaign.

Wheeler said the goal of this year's fundraising campaign will be the same as last year: \$250,000. Last year, when Wheeler chaired the campaign, the home fell short of the goal. Wheeler said he believes the final tally was around \$180,000.

"When asked if the current situation at the home will affect the upcoming campaign, Wheeler admitted it could."

"It's a little bit discouraging. People writing in The Record are not encouraging us or encouraging donations."

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Voting with our wallets

Thank goodness the Royal Canadian Mint has decided to stick the idea of a \$5 coin in its pocket and leave it there.

The mint floated the notion of replacing Canada's lowest remaining denomination of paper money with a coin in hopes of saving some production costs for itself and giving some of the proceeds to Canada's Olympic training program. The federal finance department decided to ask Canadians what we thought.

"Absolutely ridiculous idea," one focus-groupier said, according to the Canadian Press. "Sometimes I'm ashamed to be Canadian," said another. Right on.

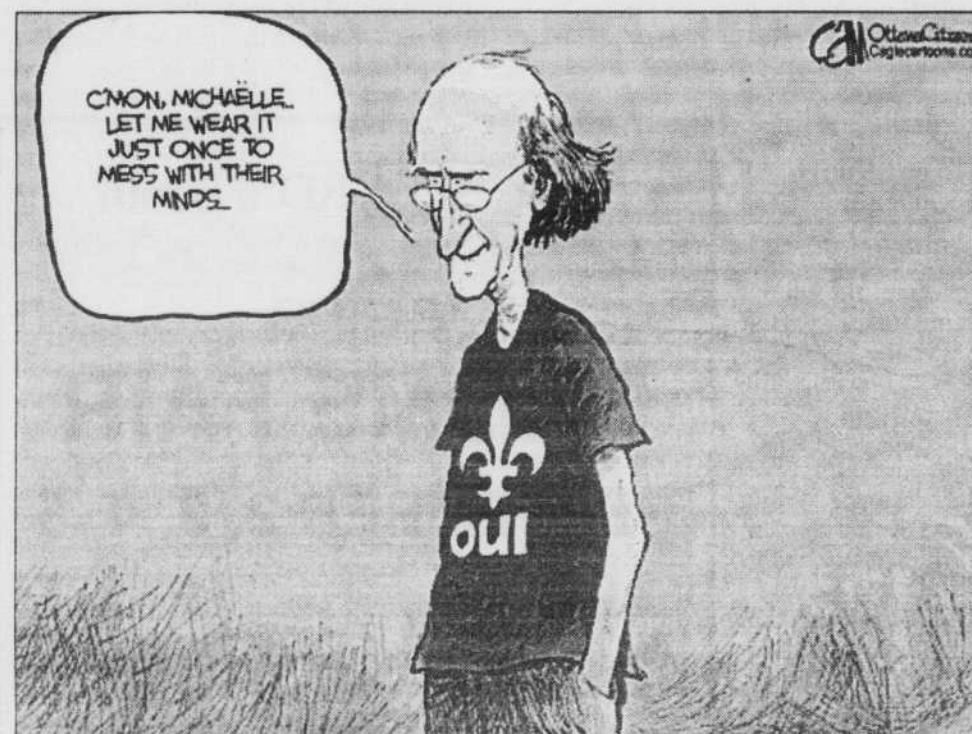
The loonie reportedly saved the mint \$487 million over five years, partly because coins don't need to be replaced with fresh ones as often, and the toonie something like the same, but at tremendous hidden cost to Canadians' pockets and change purses.

You can hardly be an economic actor in this country without having your trousers drooping around your knees or your purse-strap grinding into your collarbone, all freighted with nickel and zinc. Not to mention the time lost hunting for laundry or canned-pop change, looking to replace that big coin in your pocket you thought was a dollar but it turned out to be a quarter. A civilized people shouldn't have to live this way.

As for the Olympians, the mint would probably blow their windfall by contracting with Tim Hortons to hand out one of the new coins with each share Timmy's sells in its upcoming stock offering.

The finance department kiboshed the idea after due ridicule from its survey subjects. Good thing, too - if it hadn't, well, the big bosses might have found out about the dangers posed by wronged Canucks bearing socks full of dimes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wales Home continues to serve

DEAR EDITOR,

This is in response to Mr. Healy's article of Aug 23, 2005. (referring to the Wales Home).

I am not going to presume that I can give you the answer you are looking for in why Mr. Simms was let go. I have to accept the executive committee's reasons just as you do and that is it. If Mr. Simms or the executive committee wants the public to know more it is up to them to tell you. But in my opinion it is nobody's business what goes on between an employer and an employee and why they left or why they were let go.

The Wales Home serves the public and the employees at the home will continue to do so with the same care, love and respect that we always have.

Mr. Healy, you have to understand that the Wales Home is not just run by the executive director. It is the employees as well as management. A boat can not sail with just a captain, it needs a crew. In my opinion we have a pretty competent, hard working and serious crew. They are made up of nurses, caregivers, housekeeping, kitchen and dining room staff, maintenance, laundry crew, accounting, activity director and management, also our wonderful volunteers. (Sorry if I left anyone out.)

We, the Wales Home employees, and the executive committee are continuing the work with Standards for the Accreditation - that has not changed. The public can be assured that just because Mr. Simms is not with us, does not mean the work has stopped. We have a family feel here at the home and as a family you work together to get the job done.

The Wales home greatly appreciates all the generous people in our community. It is because of our community that we still have an English-speaking nursing/retirement home left here in Quebec.

I invite people to come and see that it does not depend on one person to run this lovely home, it depends on

all of us.

With all due respect, Mr. Healy do you not have anything else better to write about than conspiracies and secrets of why a man was let go from his job.

ELIZABETH (LISA) CROSBY
Wales Home caregiver,

Editor's note: As pointed out in your letter, the Wales Home continues to exist because of the support it receives from the community. The community, therefore, has a legitimate right to question how it is being managed.

Empties for cancer research

DEAR EDITOR,

This is the fifth year that I will be collecting empty soft drink and beer cans/bottles, in the Richmond area. All monies collected are passed on to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.

As a cancer survivor (the eighth person in my family who had cancer including two in the last month), I strongly believe in the cancer research funded by the Terry Fox Foundation and I appreciate all the support you can give!

Last year, through the generosity of many good people donating their empties and personal donations, I collected over \$1,400 for cancer research.

If you would like to donate your empties, they can be put in the container at Door No. 3, or under the deck porch at Bev Smith's house, or call me to pick them up (826-3929). I will be collecting them until Sept. 30.

For those people in the Lennoxville area, who wish to donate their empties, I will be in town on Saturday, Sept. 10 to collect them. Please call me at 826-3929.

Thank you for your continued support.

JOE KELLY
Richmond

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Perspectives

The dog days of August

"You swore you would look after this dog, so guess what? You get to clean it up."

Sorry. Just practicing. We've had a dog for nearly two weeks and I'm waiting for the thrill to wear off and the promises to be forgotten.

"A dog?" you say. Yes, a six-month-old stray we adopted from the SPA in Sherbrooke. "What about your so-called pet moratorium?" you smirk. Well, that went out the window with the arrival of the cat last year. "I thought you were especially adamant about no dogs," you sneer contemptuously. (Honestly, do you have to be so harsh?)

Apparently I promised that we could get a dog when Abby turned four. I must have been DWI (debating while intoxicated) because I don't remember any such thing. I'm sure such a promise would not be binding in a court of law. However, it is binding in the court of mom. Once Deb got on the Beast Bandwagon, I knew resistance was futile.

So two Saturdays ago, we headed to the SPA and entered the Sucker Room (my name, not theirs), where all the dogs looked up at us eagerly from their cages as if to say, "Pick me, pick me. I'm the type of dog they write epic poems about. I'll bring your slippers. If you don't have slippers, I'll steal you some."

One of the dogs was a black Lab/spaniel. She had a plastic funnel around her neck to prevent her from scratching the stitches at the top of her head where the vet had removed some kind of mysterious lump. It left her with a bald, pointy peak right at the top of the skull. With the funnel, she looked like a four-legged satellite dish for picking up dog signals and the sounds of crusts falling to the floor. She was needy, sad and pathetic.

"She's the one," the kids said.

On the way home, we set about find-



ROSS MURRAY

ing a name. The family rejected my bid to call her "Gimpy" or "Lumpy." The kids liked "Roxie." I protested. Every time someone called her I'd have Sweeney Todd's "Roxie Roller" stuck in my head - not fun.

Eventually, we settled on "Rosie," which has me singing the Jackson Browne song but that's okay because it's kind of naughty. (You see, Rosie is actually his hand and... oh, never mind.)

Rosie settled in immediately, thanks in part to the almost constant attention of the kids. To my amazement, they've even picked up her lawn-droppings without too much protest. I give it three more weeks.

The dog has not entirely been a hands-off enterprise for mom and dad. For instance, I seem to be the one who dashes downstairs at 5 a.m. when Rosie's bladder reaches maximum capacity. And due to work circumstances, I'm the

one who had to drive Rosie back to the SPA last week to get her head checked after fluid began to collect and the lump ballooned alarmingly. I'm the one who had to clean the van after Rosie tossed her dog biscuits on the drive down. And I'm the one who went back Monday for another checkup and more biscuit-tossing.

Despite the inconvenience and the concern that we may have picked the only sickly stray in the Townships, I begrudgingly admit that she is a good dog. She's not a yapper. She's mostly trained. She seems content to be restricted to the furniture that's already been ruined through child use. And she's happy, gentle and not too slobbery. But that's as far as I'll go. So if you see someone who looks like me rubbing the dog's ear and going, "Who's a good girl? She's a good girl, isn't she?" it wasn't me. It was my pathetic twin, that sucker.

Black settlers deemed 'unsuitable' by Laurier gov't

By Michael Payne

On Aug. 12, 1911, the Laurier government drafted and approved a remarkable document. The proposed Order in Council read:

For a period of one year from and after the date hereof the landing in Canada shall be [sic] and the same is prohibited of any immigrants belonging to the Negro race, which race is deemed unsuitable to the climate and requirements of Canada.

The fact the government of Canada preferred some immigrants to others was scarcely surprising in 1911. Although not officially ranked by preference, people from Great Britain and northern Europe were favoured, with other Europeans somewhat lower on the list, and Asians of all nationalities lower still. Surprisingly the government hoped to keep some American citizens from entering Canada, while encouraging most others. In the end, this Order in Council was never invoked, but the story of how black Americans came to be deemed "unsuitable" as settlers is fascinating, and disturbing.

There had been black settlers in Western Canada prior to 1905, but they were few in number and most attracted little notice. However, in the early 1900s larger numbers of black settlers were attracted by a combination of the promotional literature extolling ours as the "Last, Best West," and growing political and economic discrimination in a number of American states, particularly Oklahoma.

Between about 1905 and 1911 more than 1,000 black Americans emigrated to Western Canada, and thousands more might have come had Canada proved more welcoming. By 1908-'09 there were small communities of black homesteaders at Wildwood, Alta., and near Maidstone, Sask. Over the next two years a small settlement was established at Campsie, near Barrhead, Alta., and larger settlements at Breton and Amber Valley, just east of Athabasca, Alta. Not all found the prospect of homesteading in the bush attractive, and some chose to stay in cities to find work. Edmonton, in particular, attracted a significant number, and by 1910 it was reported as many as 100 blacks were living there.

This increasingly visible minority and reports of large parties of black settlers preparing to come to Canada caused an uproar. The Edmonton Board of Trade led the way, and in 1910 it stated, "We want settlers that will assimilate with the Canadian people and in the negro we have a settler that will never do that." Canadian immigration authorities agreed. Attempts were made to keep blacks from obtaining immigration literature, and plans were made to use medical inspections and other deterrents to keep blacks from entering Canada.

One group attracted close attention. Its leader, Henry Sneed, had visited Western Canada in 1910 to scout land before returning to Oklahoma to recruit settlers. By early 1911 Sneed and a

party of 194 men, women and children were ready to leave for Canada. A second group of about 200 people waited behind to see what would happen when they first reached Canada.

Once in Canada, their progress became the subject of extensive newspaper commentary. In Edmonton, the Board of Trade resumed its leadership role in opposing black settlement, but now it was supported by other organizations ranging from the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) to the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council. The Board of Trade prepared a petition addressed to Prime Minister Laurier, which was posted prominently in a number of Edmonton-area businesses and taken door to door by canvassers. Despite having a total population of just 25,000 people at the time, some 3,000 Edmontonians signed. The petition read in part:

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Edmonton, respectfully urge upon your attention and that of the Government of which you are the head, the serious menace to the future welfare of a large portion of western Canada, by reason of the alarming influx of Negro settlers.

The Laurier government was vulnerable on this issue, especially as Frank Oliver was both Minister of the Interior - and thus responsible for immigration policy - and the Member of Parliament for Edmonton. The infamous Order in Council was quickly drawn up. Government immigration agents also followed

a less direct approach to the issue. They made a concerted effort to convince potential black settlers Western Canada was not really the "Last, Best West" - at least not for them.

In the end, this campaign and a growing sense on the part of black community leaders emigration was not the answer, slowed black immigration. The government was able to congratulate itself that the crisis had been averted. But for one brief moment, the intolerant face of Canadian society had been starkly revealed.

In the end, most black settlers made the best of their new homes, despite the poor reception they initially received. Many have made significant contributions in politics, the arts, sports and other fields. In 1986, for example, many Canadians were probably puzzled over how a remarkable athlete named Reuben Mayes could be the National Football League's Rookie of Year and yet come from North Battleford, Sask. Like so many other settlers and their descendants who went on to successful careers, he was just one part of this "unsuitable" aspect of Canadian history.

Michael Payne is the Head of Research and Publications, Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities Branch, Alberta Community Development.

To learn more about blacks in Canada, consult *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, published online by Historica at www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com.

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Sherbrooke auto facility continues global expansion

Sherbrooke's Jyco Sealing Technologies has announced a joint venture with Noël Group, LLC, to establish a major TPV automotive sealing production facility in Europe.

The Jyco Europe subsidiary will be located in the Wallonia region of Belgium.

Full-scale production for several parts, including glass run channel for a new family vehicle model, is scheduled to begin next summer. The facility will include three fully automated extrusion lines, injection molding capabilities, and a full service lab that the group plans to audit for certification in advance of production.

The European joint venture continues Jyco's aggressive global expansion plans for producing thermoplastic vulcanizate (TPV) sealing systems. Earlier this year, the tier-one supplier announced a similar affiliation with Inoac Corporation, Japan, to construct a manufacturing plant in Shanghai, China.

Founded in 2000, Jyco pioneered process and design innovations that quickly made the Dexter Michigan-based company a leader in TPV automotive sealing system technology. They currently manufacture over 100 automotive parts at their Sherbrooke plant alone, and are in the process of doubling that facility's capability.

Noël Group, LLC, a privately owned, American industrial holding firm, headquartered in Wake Forest, North Carolina, manages several manufacturing companies that specialize in the transformation of engineered synthetic materials.

Nationalize oil industry, says prof

A Montreal accounting professor has called on the federal government to "We have to repatriate this resource," Leo-Paul Lauzon, who holds a chair in social economy at the Université du Québec in Montreal, said Tuesday. "Oil companies are making immoral profits on the back of this society."

Lauzon told a news conference that private oil companies have downplayed the global supply of crude oil to boost prices at the pump. He based that assertion on his own study of the spending behaviours of three private Canadian-based multinational oil companies over the last 15 years.

Data from annual reports of Esso and Shell show 84 per cent of the companies' profits have gone to shareholders, instead of being reinvested in exploration activities, Lauzon said.

"There's plenty of oil to be had," said Lauzon, who has been touted by the NDP as a potential candidate in the riding of Outremont.

Oil company officials denied the allegations. "Oil companies can't control the price of oil," said Petro-Canada spokesperson Andrew Pelletier. "It's the international market that decides that."

The closest Canada has come to nationalizing oil was in 1981, when Ottawa implemented the National Energy Program, which heavily taxed oil exports. It was cancelled four years later, after Alberta challenged it in court.

Asked Tuesday whether he thought a nationalization program would create a similar backlash in Alberta, Lauzon simply responded: "I don't give a damn about what Albertans think."

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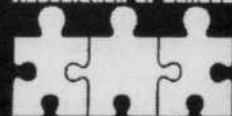
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Woodard Bean pays tribute to Julia Grace Wales

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

While Mary Jean Bean may not be a professional historian, the years she has spent reading history books, historical novels and biographies should be sufficient to grant her an unofficial title as such.

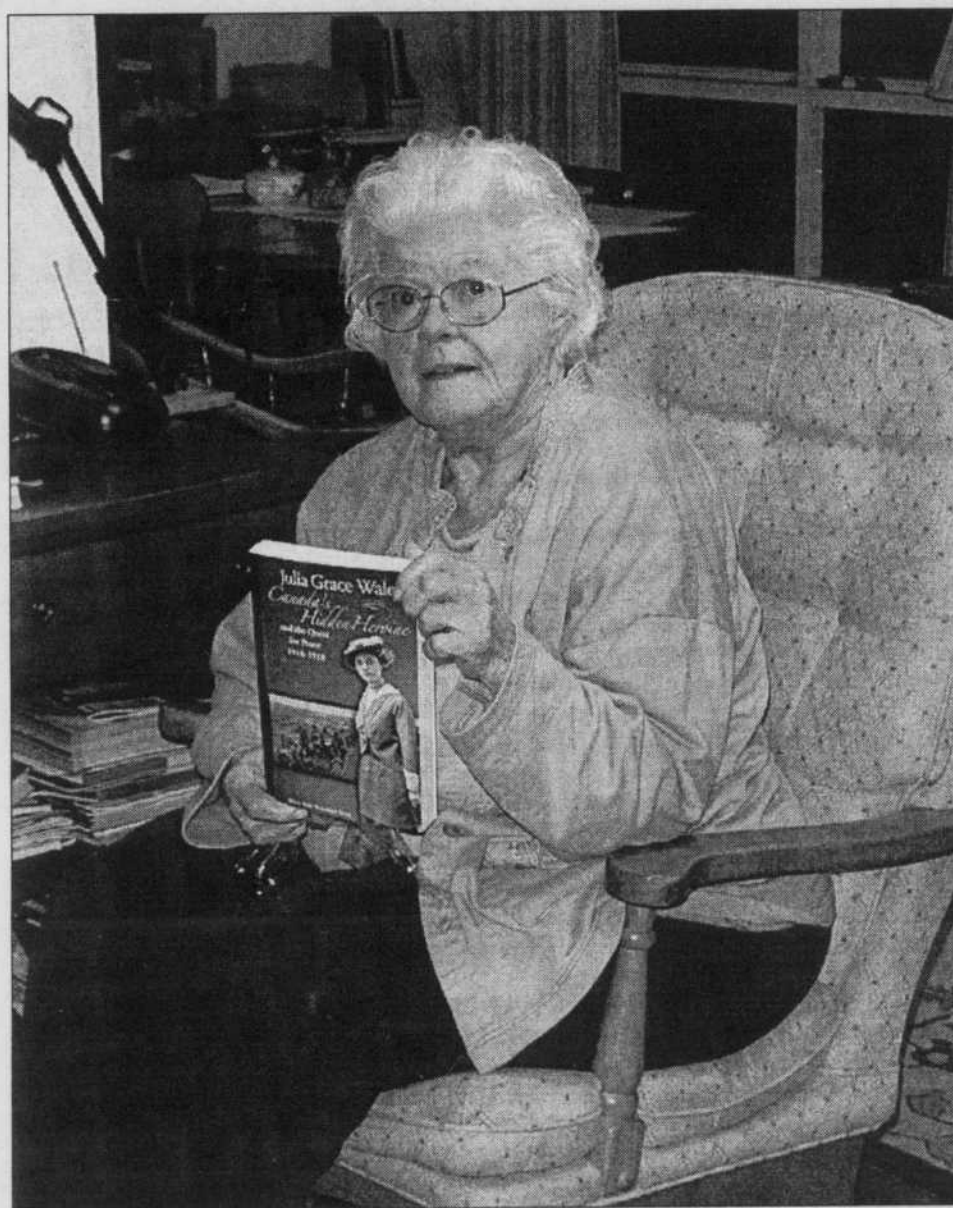
What captures her interest the most in these types of works is the humanity — how people lived and what they thought, how they faced adversity and how they suffered defeat and celebrated victory.

"On numerous visits to Florida, I became a frequent visitor to libraries and bookstores in the area. It was on one of these visits that I came across the name of Julia Grace Wales and the major part that she played in Canadian history and the quest for peace from 1914-1918," explained Bean, who spent many years teaching at North Hatley Elementary and Alexander Galt Regional High School.

"It wasn't until I returned home to North Hatley that I unearthed an old Sherbrooke Record from the 1950s and found an article by Bertha Weston Price that mentioned the important role that Julia Grace Wales had played in the formation of the League of Nations and later, the United Nations. While most historical books tell of the contributions that were made by actual fighting men, as it should be, but I feel it is equally important to pay tribute to those who may not have been wearing an official uniform but who also gave greatly of themselves in the quest for peace."

A graduate of the School for Teachers at MacDonald College, Bean went on to earn her bachelor of education at McGill University. She has previously written for Spider Magazine and published a historical genealogy of the contributions made by her ancestors and other English-speaking settlers to the development of the Eastern Townships and the Province of Quebec.

Bean goes on to explain that it was her sense of respect for the work of this remarkable lady that led her to write Julia Grace Wales, Canada's Hidden



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Author Mary Jean Woodard Bean at her home in North Hatley.

Heroine... and the Quest for Peace 1914-1918, which was released in April.

Wales was the daughter of Dr. Benjamin Wales who had a practice in the Bury/Cookshire/Sawyerville area in the late 1800s. Distressed by the outbreak of the Great War of 1914, she wrote a plan for continuous mediation that could have brought the fighting to a halt earlier on, but the diplomats and heads of state failed to consider it seriously.

Surprising and most revealing is literature collected about her early conversations with European officials. Bean feels strongly that all Canadians should take pride in Wales' work for peace, even though she was never given the credit that she so rightly deserved.

"We have enjoyed 50 years of peace with the help of the United Nations, but there was no such organization in

place in those days and certainly no talk of getting neutral nations together to discuss what could be done about the fighting nations and the politics that inevitably played a part in history at that time," explained Bean. "(U.S. president) Woodrow Wilson procrastinated about using her plan until he was re-elected. Finally in 1919, the League of Nations was set up."

Wales was also a teacher and a religious woman, although she never spoke about salvation. She was more interested in humanitarian issues. She graduated from McGill, winning a scholarship to Radcliff. She later taught at Trafalgar School in Montreal.

Wales' first trip to Europe was in April, 1915, to the Hague to attend the International Congress of Women. Her second trip was with the Henry Ford expedition to attend a conference composed of six neutral countries — Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and the United States.

While the conference represented no government nor had any official sanction, both Ford and Wales felt that it was a good representation of the goodwill of millions throughout the civilized world who could not stand idly by while the deadly fighting continued fiercely.

Its members, being private individuals not hampered by government restraints, "resolved to do everything within their power to promote such discussion as may tend to bring the belligerents together on just and reasonable terms."

Wales remained in Sweden until the United States declared war on Germany at which time she returned home to Canada.

Bean chose to publish her book in collaboration with BOREALIS Book Publishers who are noted for their interest in Canadian authors. Copies of Julia Grace Wales, Canada's Hidden Heroine... and the Quest for Peace 1914-1918, are available in the Township's office, Black Cat Books and the Lennoxville Library. They may also be obtained by contacting Bean through the North Hatley Library.

Cat naps — the key to all that ails us

I think cats are much maligned and often ignored. Over the past few years, I've written about my dogs, Angus and Molly, but not a thing about my wonderful cats who don't bug me nearly as much.

Other than when they want to be fed go outside, Willa and Shadow are charming companions. In fact, I would go so far as to say that a reasonably well behaved cat is the perfect roommate or flatmate or housemate. This is because they don't seem to be conscious for more than a few hours a day.

Living with a creature that mostly sleeps and doesn't snore is a good thing. When I put on Miles Davis, Shadow doesn't howl in pain the way Molly the dog does. He just curls up somewhere and goes to sleep.

I have a sneaking suspicion that when Willa goes outside, she finds a

nice tree to curl up under and snoozes some more. When my kids come home from school, they don't go to sleep. They complain. They complain about their teachers, their friends, referees, coaches, etc. Why don't they just go to sleep? Sleep makes everything so much better.

Watching my cats move around so quietly and happily has led me to believe that what is wrong with the world is that we're all lacking sleep. We need naps. I've often complained about the fact that I can't nap but a surprising benefit of getting older is that I can now fall asleep in the afternoon from time to time.

The trick is not to nap for more than 15 minutes otherwise you wake up with

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER



ELLEN
GOLDFINCH

a kind of disorientation that makes you wonder who you are and why those young people in the other room are yelling at that nice man. Oh, yes, that would be your family.

Apparently, there is a franchise that has started up in Canada and the United States called Metronaps. They provide you with headphones to block out sound and this sort of bed in a plastic bubble looking thing. You can pay \$9.50 for 30 minutes of nap time in an airport and \$15 for up to two hours.

Being the paranoid type, I would be afraid to sleep in a public place. Would I snore or drool in my sleep? Would I say highly embarrassing things or would I reveal the hidden location of the microfilm thus jeopardizing my country's security?

There is no way that I could fall asleep in full sight of everybody. This might explain why I was the thorn in my nursery school teacher's side at nap time. Everybody else would fall asleep and I would be bored out of mind.

In fact, I was made to stand in the corner after asking one young lad if he would marry me during nap time. Years of emotional turmoil followed that event.

If we could just get past these little inhibitions and beef up sleepy time security, I think that naps should be instituted in all schools and workplaces some time after lunch. Maybe we would all be easier to deal with.

Cats have the right idea. They pounce, they eat and they go to sleep. Wouldn't the world would be a better place if we all took cat naps seriously?

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Show must go on, Parelli clinics too

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Turtle Hill Farm and the Quebec Equestrian Federation have rescheduled two Parelli horsemanship clinics originally planned for June. The Partnership Level 1 ground clinic will now be held Sept. 24-25; the Partnership Level 1 riding clinic on Sept. 26-27, and the Harmony Clinic — Level 2 will be held Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

"We felt badly about cancelling the original clinics but we were pleased to hear that Larry Stewart is now in better health and that we would have another opportunity to host these valuable clinics," explained organizer and the owner of Windy Acres Farm in Island Brook, Deedee Howell.

"I use the Parelli methods when training my own horses. I am pleased to say that many of my students have picked up this passive method of horsemanship just by watching the way I interact with my horses."

Howell says this particular system of communication teaches riders to have the patience to give the horse time to understand and decide to obey on his own.

She calls it "a truly rewarding experience for both the rider and the horse."

Turtle Hill Farm, a modern equestrian site located just outside of Ayer's Cliff, will act as host for the clinics. This will be the first time at Turtle Hill Farm for Larry Stewart, a 4-Star Premier Parelli instructor, who has been coming to Quebec since 1998. The term 4-Star is a rating used internationally to confirm that Stewart is qualified to teach and assess Levels 1, 2 & 3, whether it be in group lessons, full-day workshops, courses, clinics, camps, colt starting or working with difficult horses.

Stewart, Canada's only 4-star Parelli instructor, grew up on a farm in northern British Columbia. At the age of 18, he began working as a guide at a guiding and hunting outfit which also involved breaking and shoeing horses. Some years later, he began to wonder if the problems that he was encountering were his fault and not that of the horse. It was about that time that he was introduced to the Parelli concept.

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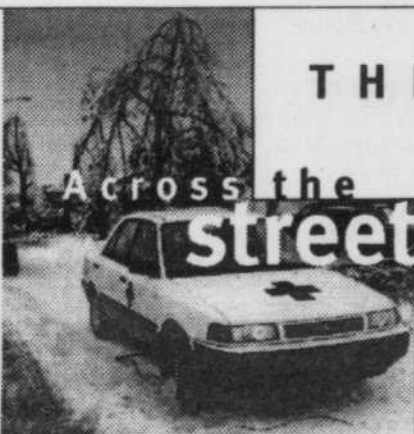
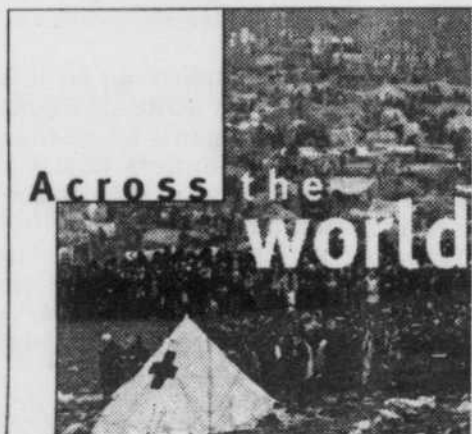
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Johnny Reid to perform at Ayer's Cliff Fair



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Johnny Reid says he is happiest when he is meeting his fans. Reid is seen here at The Piggery Theatre earlier this summer.

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

If you didn't have the opportunity to catch Johnny Reid at The Piggery Theatre earlier this summer, now is your chance. The former Townships resident will be appearing at the 160th edition of the Ayer's Cliff Fair this Saturday beginning at 8 p.m.

This Nashville star, with a down-home sound, has earned himself a place in Country Music Television's Top Ten Countdown, which is no surprise to his early fans in the Eastern Townships.

Reid is a young Scottish fellow who was born in Glasgow on the banks of the river Clyde. He began performing in pubs long before he was old enough to be a customer. His mix of Irish and Scottish traditional music and other tunes he picked up is much appreciated by country music fans.

His father was a fan of greats such as Charlie Rich, Conway Twitty and Charlie Pride while his mother was more into the soul music of Etta James, Wilson Pickett and Chuck Berry.

Reid's own path in music led him to discover the vocal extremes of Andrew

Strong and Joe Cocker.

Driven by an urge to bring his love of Scotland to the rest of the world, he moved to Canada in his late teens. After graduating from Lennoxville's Bishop's University, Reid toured extensively across Canada and built up a stable of original songs. This charismatic gentleman, who played football at Bishop's and won the hearts of many in the area with his heartfelt Scottish tones, will forever remember the Eastern Townships as the place that he officially began his dream of becoming an accomplished country music singer and composer.

While performing at The Piggery, Reid honoured his fans, both new and old, by trying out one of his latest songs, written as a tribute to his own father.

When Reid comes back to the place he refers to as his second home (the Eastern Townships), he will be checking the crowd for Johnny Reid's Tartan Army plaid scarves that are the trademark of his Fan Club.

The name of this new Fan Club is The Johnny Reid Tartan Army.

Homebrew Dixieland to jazz up the Haskell

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Fans of the traditional New Orleans jazz sound will be glad to hear that the Homebrew Dixieland Band will once again perform at the Haskell Opera House on Aug. 27.

With the creative talents of musicians such as Stanley Lake (trumpet/vocals), David Sutherland (saxophone/vocals), Dave Gray (tuba), Sam Borsky (guitar), David Reilly (trombone) and Jean Lavigne (drums), there is sure to be a lot of toe-tappin' and hand-clappin' going on. The fact that the Homebrew Dixieland Band will also be celebrating its 10th year together will no doubt add to the spontaneity and excitement of the evening.

"It sure doesn't seem like we have been together for 10 years. We play Chicago blues, old jazz standards as well as our own versions of familiar tunes," explained Gray. "It wasn't until I moved here that I really got interested in playing jazz, previously it had been all classical tunes. David Sutherland knows every tune ever written. Stanley Lake is an artist through and through as well as an excellent singer. Jean is a percussionist, not just a drummer. We are all very different people. I think if it were not for the music, we would not have had the opportunity to hang out together."

Gray added that when he was in the army, playing music was more of a job.

"I even stopped playing for a couple of years because it wasn't fun anymore. Now, I don't look at it as work or a hassle, it's a real treat to be able to get up in front of an audience and share our common love of music," he continued. "I don't worry as much about the technical aspect of it as much as I used to — seems to come by itself. We are just there to have fun — which I think tends to enrich the outcome of our performances."

Homebrew Dixieland Band's evening performance at the Haskell Opera House will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. Tickets are \$14 and \$10. For more information, call 819-876-2020.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Dave Gray of the Homebrew Dixieland Band.



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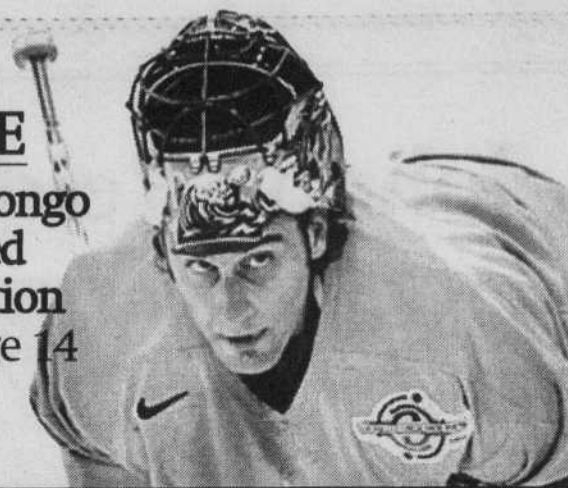
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More than 8,000 tickets sold for Impact game

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Montreal Impact have been a hit at home and on the road throughout the 2005 United Soccer League season and it appears Sunday's contest against the Rochester Raging Rhinos to be played at the University of Sherbrooke will be no exception.

Organizers announced Tuesday afternoon that ticket sales had exceeded 8,000 and urged fans to reserve their seats soon and avoid being shutout from one of the biggest sporting events to be held this year in Sherbrooke.

Jean-Pierre Boucher, organizer of the event, confirmed that sales were going very well, and mentioned that tickets were still available for the Aug. 28 match-up between the USL's top two teams. For those who are unable to attend the game catch it on CJAD or French-language CKAC.

"The Estrie will once again be celebrating soccer, because many activities are planned for soccer fans in the region," Boucher said. "We are very pleased and proud to host this game because these two teams are fighting for first place. The organization of the event has been great and we hope to reach our objective of 10,000 fans in attendance. The support and participation we've received from soccer clubs in the region have been tremendous."

Georges Laurent has been selected as the honorary president of the Impact's 24th game of the season.



FILE PHOTO

Last year, the Impact shut out the Atlanta Silverbacks 1-0 in front of 9,128 fans at Sherbrooke University Stadium thanks to a goal by midfielder Yuri Lavrynenko.

The Impact played their first regular season game in Sherbrooke on Aug. 22, 2004, when they shut out the Atlanta Silverbacks 1-0 in front of 9,128 fans at Sherbrooke University Stadium. Goalkeeper Greg Sutton earned the shutout, and midfielder Yuri Lavrynenko scored the lone goal.

The Impact have developed a reputa-

tion as good corporate citizens the last several years, raising money and awareness for a variety of charities as well as holding coaching and playing clinics throughout the province. This weekend the organizers and the Montreal club have put together an impressive array of activities that will benefit Sherbrooke soccer.

As part of the festivities surrounding the Impact's game, the Vert & Or women's soccer team will host a university pre-season tournament that will include the Sherbrooke squad coached by Annie Blais, the Laval Rouge et Or, the Patriotes de l'Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, and the Citadins of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

The Pavillon Univestrie will also host the second Estrie Sport Exposition on Saturday. In addition, Martin Hamel of the Quebec Soccer Federation will host a referee clinic at the University stadium and then it will be Montreal Impact head coach Nick De Santis' turn to put on a coaching clinic. Fans will then be invited to attend the Impact's practice at 4 p.m.

Sunday's activities include an exhibition game pitting the former members of the 1995 Canadian Senior Men's Championship team, Le Mistral, against the Sherbrooke Verts U18AAA team at Concorde field (chemin Ste-Catherine). Game time is 10 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. the Pavillon Univestrie Field will be the site of the Nike Technical Games final for young players (U10 - U12).

The gates will open for the Montreal Impact vs Rochester Raging Rhinos match at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the Impact game can be purchased at the ticket office of the Cultural Centre between noon and 8 p.m. until Saturday, and then from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, or by phone at 819-820-1000.

Vert & Or boast talented roster

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The University of Sherbrooke Vert & Or football team will open its third season Sept. 5 when they travel across town to meet the Bishop's Gaîtiers.

By all accounts the team's first two years since being reborn were good ones with the Vert & Or drawing tremendous support from fans and corporate sponsors while showing steady signs of improvement on the field.

But that was then and this is now. While Sherbrooke was content to show improvement on a weekly basis during the past two campaigns, head coach Alain Lapointe knows it is time for his team to have more a more tangible goal — a playoff position in the Quebec University Football League.

Certainly the Vert & Or training camp roster is more talented than in the two previous seasons. But while there was little or no pressure to win, expectations have changed.

Sherbrooke won three games last year, two of them against last-place Bishop's, and will need at least four wins to reach the post season. However, Lapointe believes his team has improved greatly since the 2003 season. Whether or not the improvement is good enough for the Vert & Or to finish in the top four still remains to be seen.

"We have a lot of good, young talent and they are working very hard," Lapointe said during Tuesday's practice. "We have some excellent recruits from

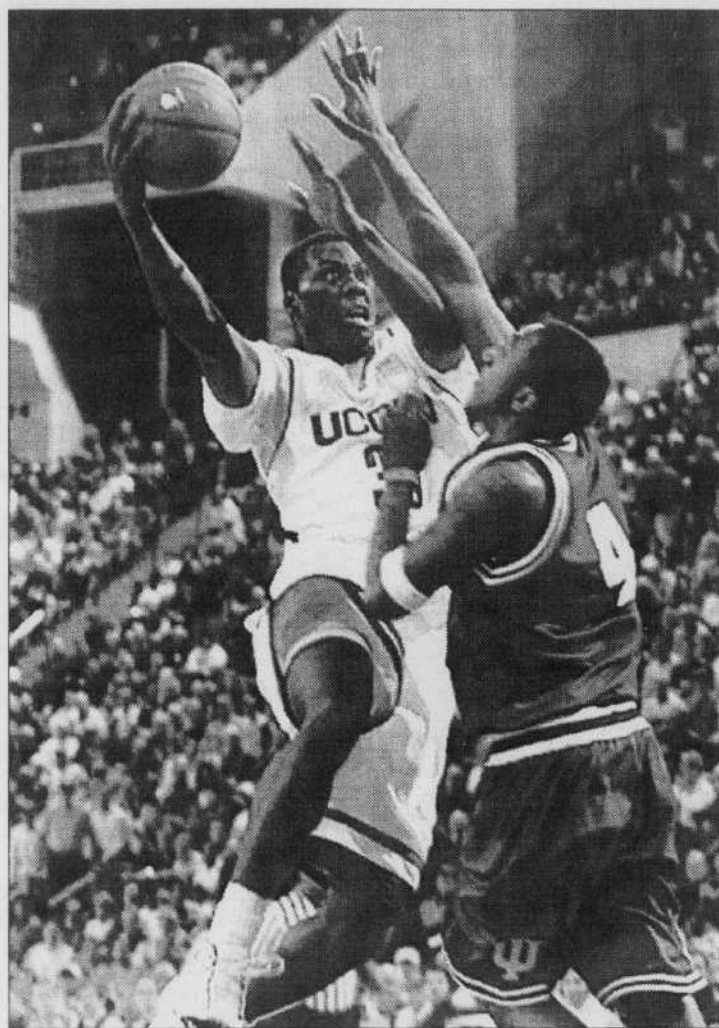
CEGEP and we will be very competitive on the field. We have four players who played on the Canadian Junior team that participated in the World Junior Championships — so we have some talent."

Lapointe has 74 recruits in camp, including eight former members of the Champlain Cougars program. Former Cougars who are expected to play pivotal roles with Sherbrooke are offensive lineman Francis Daneau, Samuel Giguère and Jérôme Roy.

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BASKETBALL

Rautins faces first test as head coach



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Denham Brown (with ball) is among the players with international experience that will suit up for Canada.

Team Canada eyes spot at World Championships

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Leo Rautins faces his first big test this weekend when he leads the Canadian senior men's basketball team in its quest to secure one of four berths in the 2006 World Basketball Championships.

Canada Basketball announced Wednesday the 12-man roster that will compete at the 2005 FIBA Americas World Championship Qualifier in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

There are some names that are familiar to Canadian basketball fans but missing are the National Basketball Association players that are crucial to a tournament of this calibre.

While it was a given that National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player Steve Nash is taking at least one year off from international competition, Rautins was hopeful of bringing New Orleans Hornets forward and Toronto native Jamaal Magloire into the fold, but it was not to be.

The roster is highlighted by NBA Developmental League star Carl English, University of Connecticut standout Denham Brown and Canada's all-time men's leading NCAA scorer Juan Mendez.

English, a former star at the University of Hawaii, will compete for Canada's senior men's national team for the first time, while Brown and Mendez have already played with the team at the Copa Eletrobras International Exhibition Tournament in Brazil earlier this month.

Levon Kendall, leader of Canada's Under 21 World Championship team which won a bronze medal earlier this month in Argentina, has also been added to the team. Kendall was selected to the tournament all-star team in Argentina.

Prior to leaving Canada, Rautins expressed confidence in his squad's ability to compete with some of the best teams in the world.

"We have a lot of outstanding young talent on this team and we believe we have the group to qualify for the 2006 World Championship," Rautins said. "We competed well against the top teams in our zone in exhibition play in Brazil and now we are ready to put it all together and qualify for the World Championship."

The tournament began Wednesday and runs until Sept. 4, with the top 10 teams in the Americas zone competing for four spots in the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Tokyo, Japan. Argentina has already qualified for the World Championship as a result of their gold medal performance at the 2004 Olympic Games and will not occupy one of the four qualification spots available.

The first game for Canada takes place at this afternoon against Venezuela and the schedule continues with games versus the USA, Panama and Brazil in pool play. At the conclusion of pool play the teams will be reseeded and compete against the teams in the opposite pool, with the tournament semi-finals and finals to follow. Live scoring for the tournament can be found at www.fibaamericas.com.

The last time the senior men's national team played at a FIBA Americas World Championship Qualifier was in 2001, when the team placed third and qualified for the 2002 FIBA World Championship in Indianapolis.

FOOTBALL

CFL free agent bargains and busts

By Ed Tait

Give Canadian Football League general managers a big bag of cash and a shopping list and some of them can head into off-season free agency as revved up as sailors on shore leave.

But who spent wisely and who wasted their cash? Here's a look, through one half of the season, at some of the solid buys, the bargains and the busts in free agency (\$\$\$\$ being a great investment):

- Henry Burris, QB, Calgary

Rating: \$\$\$\$

Sure his play can be up and down, but over the last few weeks Smilin' Hank has given the Stamps the kind of quarterbacking they were so desperately seeking when they forked over \$350,000 to lure him away from Saskatchewan.

- William Fields, CB, Winnipeg Blue Bombers

Rating: \$\$\$\$

One of those quiet additions over the winter that is met with a collective shrug across the league when announced. But Fields has been superb this season and leads the Bombers with four interceptions. Combined with Omar Evans, they have provided the Bombers with savvy, solid play on the corners.

- Jeremaine Copeland, SB, Calgary Stampeders

Rating: \$\$\$

Third overall in receiving this season with 38 catches for 654 yards and four TDs. He's a proven, big-play target.

- Rahim Abdullah, DE, Calgary Stampeders

Rating: \$\$\$

He was out there for weeks just waiting for the phone to ring before his former boss in Edmonton, head coach Tom Higgins, brought him to Calgary. He's a monster who eats QBs.

- Chris Brazzell, WR, Winnipeg Blue Bombers (Hamilton Tiger-Cats)

Rating: \$\$

Ticat fans will call him a bust, but he's been outstanding with the Bombers and has fit in perfectly alongside Milt Stegall. Is he worth \$130,000? Yes, if he continues to hit home runs and free up room for Stegall.

- Barron Miles, DB, B.C. Lions

Rating: \$\$

The Lions wanted a calming veteran presence in their air defence and they got it when they signed Miles.

- Mike Vilimek, FB, Montreal Alouettes

Rating: \$\$

The former second-pick overall in the 2002 draft, he never touched the ball in Ottawa (five carries for seven yards in three years) but has 22 carries and four TDs for the Al.

- Alexandre Gauthier, OT, Calgary Stampeders

Rating: \$\$

Starts for the Stamps after sitting in Ottawa. Lots of upside.

- Kelly Wiltshire, DB, Edmonton Es-

imos

Rating: \$\$

Not the big defensive playmaker he used to be, but decent.

- Davis Sanchez, CB, Edmonton

Rating: \$

The man is a dynamite corner, albeit one with a very short fuse. But he's been hurt through most of the first half of the season and hasn't given the Eskis a return on their investment yet.

- Wane McGarity, SB, Winnipeg Blue Bombers (since released)

Rating: zero.

A bust, plain and simple. He had solid numbers in Calgary over the past few years and had two or three teams seriously pursuing him this winter. The Bombers won the bidding, but got just 14 catches for 123 yards and no TDs in six games.

- Marcus Crandell, QB, Saskatchewan Roughriders

Rating: zero.

This guy is better than Khari Jones? No way.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Luongo, Panthers head to arbitration

The second day of NHL arbitration hearings is under way, and goaltender Roberto Luongo is next on the list. Luongo and the Florida Panthers met in a salary arbitration hearing Wednesday morning in Toronto.

It is the first case in NHL salary arbitration history in which the club has elected to take a player to salary arbitration. With each side having made its 20-minute presentation, the arbitrator will have 24 hours to make a decision.

According to reports, Luongo's agent Gilles Lupien said the Panthers were offering \$3.4 million US per season before filing for arbitration, and have now proposed that Luongo be paid \$2.1 million US (Luongo's salary if the 2004-05 season took place) in 2005-06. Lupien and his client are reportedly seeking a two-year deal at \$4 million US per year that would make Luongo eligible for unrestricted free agency in 2007. A longer term, according to Lupien, would require a higher annual salary.

Elias signs Devils' qualifying offer

The New York Post reports that the New Jersey Devils have signed forward Patrik Elias to his one-year qualifying offer of \$4.18 million US. If Elias and the Devils do not negotiate a long-term deal this season, the 29-year-old will become an unrestricted free agent next summer.

Recovering from Hepatitis A, Elias is not expected to be ready for the start of the season. His salary could be deductible from the payroll under the long-term injury provision that requires players to miss at least 10 games. Once he returns, his salary would count against the cap.

As it stands, Elias' salary puts the Devils' payroll at about \$44 million US, which is \$5 million over the league's salary cap.

Elias was set to make \$5.5 million US in the cancelled 2004-05 season. Elias has led the Devils in scoring five times, and has 207 goals and 459 points in 558 games.

On TV**THURSDAY**

- **BASEBALL: 1 p.m.;** Major League Baseball, Toronto Blue Jays at N.Y. Yankees, TSN, RDS. **8 p.m.;** Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals, Sportsnet.
- **GOLF: 4 p.m.;** Buick Championship, first round, TSN.

FRIDAY

- **GOLF: 4 p.m.;** PGA Buick Championship, second round, TSN.
- **BASEBALL: 7 p.m.;** Major League Baseball, Toronto Blue Jays at N.Y. Yankees, TSN, RDS.
- **FOOTBALL: 7 p.m.;** Canadian Football League, Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Hamilton Tiger-Cats, TSN. **8 p.m.;** National Football League, Pittsburgh Steelers at Washington Redskins, FOX. **10 p.m.;** Canadian Football League, Montreal Alouettes at Edmonton Eskimos, TSN, RDS.
- **SOCCER: 8 p.m.;** United Soccer League, Virginia Beach Mariners at Montreal Impact, RDS.

Around Town

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Season Winding Down For Abénakis, Ducks

PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Despite struggling for most of the season, the Sherbrooke Abénakis defeated Parc Olympic Saturday in men's Quebec Rugby Union action. The Abénakis (now 2-9) beat the visitors by a score of 15-5. The two teams compete in the QRU's men's first division against six other squads — Quebec City, Beaconsfield, Ormstown, Irish, Barbarians and Ste-Anne. Elsewhere, the Brome Lake Ducks defeated Locks in QRU second division action. The Ducks lead the second division with a 10-1 record. The Abénakis will host the Barbarians Sept. 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. while the Ducks' next home game is Aug. 27 against Les Braves (also 1:30 p.m.).

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The biggest name to come from Lennoxville is running back Anthony Morris who led the CEGEP AAA league in rushing two years ago and was originally slated to go to Bishop's.

Morris gives the Vert & Or something they didn't have last year, a legitimate offensive threat. However, when Lapointe was questioned about what type of offence Sherbrooke would run this year he smiled and refused to divulge any infor-

mation.

Lapointe added the team would miss specialty teams coach Steve Zatylny who resigned earlier this month because of work commitments.

"Steve was a great coach and a very good friend and we are going to miss him a lot," Lapointe said. "He is doing a lot more traveling with his job at ETFS and just wasn't able to continue coaching."

While Zatylny is gone the Vert & Or did bring in Marc Schryburt to assume the position of offensive co-ordinator. Schryburt comes to Sherbrooke from McGill University and has spent time with the Quebec football excellence program.

UCW meeting

Ten ladies met at the home of Doris Fidler in North Hatley on August 16 for a meeting of United Church Women. Doris welcomed everyone and all repeated the purpose. She read a story called "The Puppy."

Pat Hurley led in devotions, telling of a cure for shocked nerves. An hour by a quiet lake is better than a month of therapy. She read the words of the familiar hymn "All The Way My Savior Leads Me" and a second hymn "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." A story of love from a chick in Soup book told of a young girl with leukemia who with the love, encouragement and support of her parents was freed of her illness of cancer in two years. Devotions closed with a prayer.

Glenna Smith read the minutes of the last meeting and Paulette Caron moved their adoption. The Leprosy Mission sent a thank you letter for the stamps we sent to them. Other correspondence included a thank you note from Lois Blanchette and a note of thanks from the Fidler family for holding the reception following Edith Swanson's funeral.

Vi Derby reported sending out eleven cards for the friendship committee.

Pat Hurley gave the treasurer's report showing a satisfactory balance. She noted that the church calendars had not been paid for, so a request that the cheque be returned.

A discussion was heard concerning the Christmas bags we prepare for the Women's Centre with a variety of suggestions made.

Work on the upcoming rummage sale will begin on August 23 from 9-11 a.m.

On October 5 we will host a Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial. Muffins and coffee will be served on their arrival. Convenors were solicited for the noon luncheon for between 30-40 people.

Convenors for our November 3 luncheon were requested and someone to help Shirley Barter to convene for funeral receptions.

The Rev. Lynda gave a benediction to bring the meeting to a close. Everyone then enjoyed refreshments on the porch on the beautiful sunny day. The next meeting will be on September 21.

Glenna Smith

Death

BOWEN, Roland Albert (Rollie) - Was called away suddenly to his heavenly Father on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2005 in his 81st year. Roland Albert Bowen, beloved younger son of the late Albert E. Bowen and the late Ida LeBaron; dear brother of Pauline (late Howard Ayer), the late Eugene (Gertrude Drew), the late Hilda (late Harold Corey) and Marion (late Bill Murray); longtime neighbour and friend of Hazel and the late Wallace Hartwell and family. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff, Qc Tel.: 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Friday, August 26th, 2005 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the Hatley United Church on Saturday, August 27th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Doreen Moffat officiating. Interment in the St-James Anglican Cemetery, Hatley, Qc. Please note: there will be 1 hour of visitation in the church before the service. As memorial tributes, donations to the St. James Anglican Cemetery Fund, c/o Bruce Smith, 38-2 Maple St., Stanstead, Qc, JOB 3E4 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Inverness Maxine McCrea

Visitors at the home of Russell and Lois Marshall were Lawrence and Charlotte Payeur of Pompano Beach, Florida and Helena Cox, Whitby, Ont., Bernice Crawford, Stanstead and Alma Quinn, Bury were Sunday dinner visitors at the same home.

Edith Robinson of Pin court, Que., spent a day with her mother Mildred Robinson.

Condolences to the family of Mildred Learmonth who passed away recently after a long illness.

Congratulations and best wishes to Romain and Dorothy (Davidson) Bolduc who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on August 6th at a "Surprise?" party in the IOOF Hall organized by their family. A large gathering of family and friends enjoyed the evening of music and dancing and the buffet at midnight.

Death



BURBERRY TRYHORN, Isobel (1925 - 2005) - At the Granby Hospital, on August 19, 2005, at the age of 80 years, Isobel Tryhorn, nee Burberry. Wife of the late Ronald M.F. Tryhorn. Survived by her children: Ronald Tryhorn (Christina Lillywhite), Ron Tryhorn (Jennifer), Rae Tryhorn (Barbara), Adelaide (Bryan Norton), Deborah (David Edwards), Russell (Anne Scully), Rorie (Daniella); her 22 grandchildren; her brother: Andrew Burberry (Carole), her brother-in-law: Rod Tryhorn, her sister-in-law: Maureen Tryhorn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Visitation: Friday, September 9, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, September 10, 2005, day of the funeral from 9 a.m. Under the direction of Les Résidences Funéraires Bessette, 5034, Foster Street, Waterloo, Tel.: (450) 539-1606 or 1 888 730-6666, Fax.: (450) 539-3035 www.famillebesette.com Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the St-Paul's United Church in Waterloo. Followed by the interment at the Fairmont Cemetery in Sutton. In her memory, donations may be made to: St-Paul's United church or Granby Hospital Foundation or to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

Death

DARBY, Hazel Rosanna (nee Labonte) - Peacefully at Townsview Life Care Centre in Hamilton, ON on August 24, 2005. Hazel, born and raised in Sand Hill, Quebec, was in her 84th year. Predeceased by her husband William Foster Darby (also of Sand Hill). Mother to Fred (Joan), Deanna, Douglas (Irene), Gail, Kirk (Rosy), Kerry and Kevin. Grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 6. Survived by her sister Gladys Brazel, sister-in-law Mary Wells (nee Darby) and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother Wyatt (Orla), sister Mildred "Millie" Warner (Earl), sisters-in-law Margaret Darby, Francis Varney (Charles), Winifred "Winnie" Lofthouse (Douglas) and brothers-in-law Arnold Brazel and Clarence Wells. If desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Service

CLAPP, George Charles - There will be a memorial service held for Mr. George Clapp on Wednesday, September 7th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Danville Asbestos Trinity United Church, Danville, Quebec with the Rev. Reginald Jennings officiating. Interment in the Danville Protestant Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

BONNALLIE - I wish to thank my relatives and friends who made my 90th birthday so nice. Thank you for the gifts and cards, phone calls and to those who came for the occasion. A special thank you to Beverly, Jo-Anne and Vera.

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The Farmers' Market located at 1257 Route 243 (behind the Town Hall) is opened every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until October 15.

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY

Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge worship services on August 28: Waterville 11 a.m., Hatley no service, North Hatley 9:30 a.m.

MELBOURNE

Rummage Sale at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Melbourne on Saturday, August 27 at 9 a.m. There will be a food table. Contact Vera Hughes to reserve a table (819) 826-3671.

DANVILLE/RICHMOND

St. Francis Shared Ministry Sunday Services on August 28: Richmond 9 a.m., South Durham 10:30 a.m., Trenholm 1 p.m., Danville 7:30 p.m.

DANVILLE

Antique Farm Machinery on display, Saturday, September 3 from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. and Sunday, September 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Danville Legion, 136 Grove Street. Sponsored by the Antique Association. Free admission. Everyone welcome. Canteen on premises.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Worship followed by refreshments on August 28 at 10 a.m. We welcome our friends from Plymouth-Trinity United Church.

AYER'S CLIFF

Sunday Brunch at Beulah United Church on Sunday, September 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu: bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, fruit cocktail, juice, coffee and tea. All are welcome.

ACTON VALE

The 141st annual Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church of St. Mark, 705 Boulay St., Acton Vale, will take place on Sunday, August 28 at 2 p.m. Rev. Canon William Blizzard will officiate. Rev. Andrew O'Donnell and le Pere Claude Prefontaine will be assisting. Mrs. Eunice Lloyd will play the organ. David Eaves and Marie-Paule Labrecque will read the lessons. Following the service, everyone is invited for refreshments in the

Wurtele Garden. Any baked goods or articles would be appreciated for the "white elephant sale" in support of the church fund repairs and upkeep. Friends and relatives are welcome. Info: (450) 546-3674.

MARBLETON

St. Adolphe Parish Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marbleton Centre Communautaire, 193 Principale St., Marbleton.

TRENHOLM

Summer worship service will be held at Trenholm United Church on August 28 at 1 p.m. Our annual Stewards Barbecue will follow the service. Everyone in the community is invited. Hope to see you there.

ULVERTON

United Community Church Barbecue (Pork, salad and dessert) on Saturday, August 27 starting at 5 p.m. Admission charged. Exhibition of historic photos celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Municipality of Ulverton.

STANSTEAD

Golf Tournament, to benefit the Frontier Animal Society, shot gun/vegas style, at Dufferin Heights Golf Club, September 9 at 1 p.m. Registration by September 2. Includes 18 holes of golf, cart

and supper. For information or to register, please call (819) 876-5016 or 679-4098.

BALDWIN'S MILLS

United Church Ladies Group Tea Room and Sale on September 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Stone House, 1953 chemin Lyon. Baking, herbs, preserves, souvenirs, books, puzzles, rummage, treasures for all. Tea will be served in the garden.

EUSTIS

Eustis Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Hot dogs and drinks also for sale. Sponsored by the Eustis Guild.

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Take him out for a fancy dinner instead

Dear Annie: My father turns 80 this year, and my three siblings and I were thinking of giving him a birthday party. We are doing this mostly out of obligation, as none of us enjoys my father's company and hair-trigger temper.

My father lives four hours from me and even farther from my siblings. He has been married to my stepmother for 20 years, and we all adore her. My stepmother has a son, "Leo," who is married with children and lives close to my fa-

ther and his wife.

I mentioned to my father that we would like to have Leo and his family at the birthday party, and Dad exploded. He said if Leo comes, he will not attend. He went on to say he hates Leo and never wants to see him again.

My stepmother told me that Dad has felt this way for many years. She admitted that it makes her nervous when Leo calls because just the mention of his

Annie's Mailbox

name sends my father into a tirade.

Annie, my father has never been a reasonable man. He is selfish and angry, blaming everyone else for his bad decisions. I hate to see my stepmother suffer so much, even though I know it is her choice to stay with my father. I would rather not have this party because we are doing it only out of guilt. What do you say? — Disgusted in the Northeast

Dear Disgusted: If you choose to have this party, you do not have to include Leo. Your stepmother will understand. However, there is no reason you must celebrate this way. We vote to tell Dad the distance between all of you makes it too difficult to plan events. Take him out for a fancy dinner instead.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Out of Patience," who said the new co-worker, "Louise," inserted herself into every conversation, whether it involved her or not. That letter could have been written by one of my staff. In fact, I suspect it was.

On more than one occasion, I have heard complaints about Louise. The woman has an opinion on everything. After six months, she can tell the 10-year employee how things should be done, even though she has no experience in that department. She butts in on conversations regarding office business and then gets behind with her own responsibilities and complains ad nauseam.

I have tried speaking to Louise behind closed doors to help her develop a better

rapport with the staff, to no avail. I told her she might want to keep the negativity to a minimum, and the next thing I know, someone asked her how she was doing, and she replied, "I'm not allowed to talk about that."

I have come to realize that Louise has no social skills, and I don't know how to help her or the staff with this issue. — Caught in the Middle

Dear Caught: If you think you can teach Louise better people skills, by all means, give it a try. Otherwise, the staff should try to ignore her social breaches, irritating though they may be. She can't help herself.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Concerned Neighbor in Pennsylvania," who thinks her neighbor, "Nancy," may be overdosing her elderly husband, "Tom," to keep him docile. If this is happening, it is abuse and needs to be reported. The neighbor can notify the local Area Agency on Aging so a Protective Service Investigation can be done. The number is in the phone book.

I am an employee of our local Area Agency on Aging and have been involved in many similar cases. Make no mistake, this is abuse. — Case Manager in Pennsylvania

Dear Case Manager: If Nancy is indeed withholding or overdosing Tom's medication, she needs to be reported, and we hope the neighbor is willing to make the call.

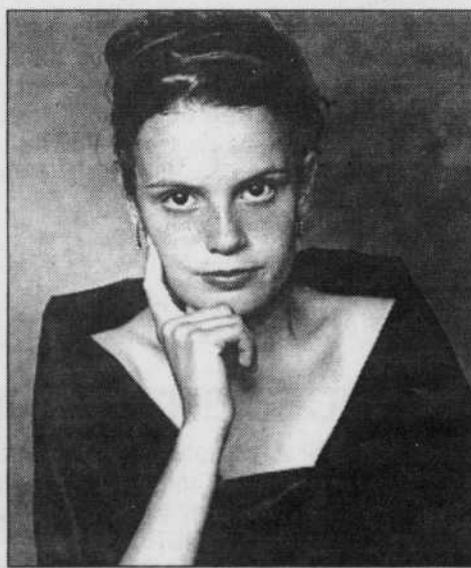
Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

"Sweet Sixteen"



Happy Birthday Chantal Alves

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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: D equals Y

"E CWR'S OLFBVA OBERSERP.
E'G UWL BRDSAERP SABS B
OFLYWR YSFOY IO BRC YBDY
EY BLS, RW GBSSFL NABS."
— FC LIYVAB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Old age has its pleasures, which, though different, are not less than the pleasures of youth." — W.S. Maugham
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Borough of Lennoxville

PUBLIC NOTICE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2-1 OF THE BOROUGH OF LENNOXVILLE

TO ALL CONCERNED, PUBLIC NOTICE is given by the undersigned, council secretary for the Borough of Lennoxville of the Ville de Sherbrooke.

THAT during a special meeting held on August 18, 2005, the Council for the Borough of Lennoxville of the Ville de Sherbrooke adopted By-law number 2-1 having for object to modify the article 6 of By-law number 2 regarding minor derogations by adding the following paragraph after paragraph 16: 17) distances regarding the clearance of parking areas.

THAT the original of the said By-law is kept in the municipal archives of the Borough's office located at 150 Queen Street in Lennoxville, where it can be consulted any time during regular office hours.

This By-law number 2-1 will come into effect immediately.

GIVEN IN SHERBROOKE, this 25th day of August, 2005.

Marc Mongeau,
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Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Not everyone is apt to dance to your tune today, but don't make a big deal of it. Where important issues are concerned, the broad consensus of opinion will clearly be with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The possibilities for working well with others in order to acquire personal accumulation are very good today, provided you're willing to give a little more than you thought to gain a lot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your resourcefulness is not likely to be aroused today unless you are confronted with challenge. It may take a bit of pressure in order to bring out your best and perform at your peak.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When dealing with friends or associates, don't try to defend your ego when making your case for your beliefs or positions today. It will only lead you astray from your actual argument.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When it comes to planning your social activities today, let everyone involved voice his or her preferences. Tempers can easily be aroused when people feel their thoughts are incidental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be supportive of family members today instead of finding fault with every little thing they do or not do. When everyone pulls together, the

objectives of everybody can be achieved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When dealing with persons you have to work with, it is wiser to let your heart rule your head. It is one of those days when people are unduly sensitive and will overreact over the smallest thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Do not get discouraged today and throw in the towel if things don't work out as you had hoped on your first try. Success can be achieved, because you'll learn through each of your tries.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There's a possibility that you could get yourself involved in something today where you'll feel you have made a bum deal. Instead of sulking, take the necessary steps to rectify any improprieties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If things go wrong for you today, stop and feel the favorable changes that are in the wind. That on which you're working can be successful if you look for new ways to improve your position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The types of activities that will turn out to be the most fun today will be those that require no expenses. Don't let a pal make you feel cheap because you don't need to spend to have fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have to defend your ideas or beliefs involving your career against another who is vying for your gains. If you get irritable over it, it could affect the effectiveness of your challenge.

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

launch." Although bridge has not, to my knowledge, been part of a shuttle mission, surely International Space Station crews have played card games. The declarer-play by South on this deal was lost in space. First, though, look only at the South hand. You open one spade and partner responds one no-trump. What would you rebid?

Next, move into the West seat. What would you lead against four spades, knowing that South has a major two-suiter?

Now assume that you are South, declaring four spades. West leads a low diamond to your ace. How would you spacewalk from there?

South, with only four losers, should force to game on the second round. But if he insists on spades, partner might have a void or singleton there with length — five or even six cards — in hearts. So, South should introduce his second suit.

West has a close choice for a lead. With length and strength in declarer's second suit, it is usually best to select a trump to cut down the ruffs in the dummy. But partner might be able to overruff the dummy. Here, though, no lead is lethal.

Immediately, declarer took his top hearts and ruffed a heart with the spade nine. Spacesuit puncture! East overruffed and returned a trump. South lost one spade, one heart and two clubs.

South should have ruffed the first heart high and the second heart low. In that way he would have guaranteed losing at most one spade and two clubs.

Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005

High in the sky is the way to go

By Phillip Alder

Did you see the signs held up by astronaut Soichi Noguchi before the shuttle mission last month? One was "Out to

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ACROSS

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- 6 Composition for two
- 10 Spring resorts
- 14 Rich dessert
- 15 Villa d'__
- 16 Slangy disposition
- 17 Start of a query
- 20 Peak
- 21 Etcher's need
- 22 Not ready
- 23 Editor's instruction
- 24 Pouch
- 26 __-Magnon
- 27 Part 2 of query
- 32 Sky-lit lobbies
- 33 Muse of verse
- 34 River of Belgium

- 35 Market figures
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- 41 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
- 43 Patronage
- 44 Part 3 of query
- 48 Hankering
- 49 Pipe buildup
- 50 Head signals
- 51 Load lightener
- 53 __-mutuel
- 54 Mom's mate
- 57 End of query
- 61 British submachine gun
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- 63 Exterior
- 64 Recipe meas.
- 65 Painful cry
- 66 Indian jacket style

- 24 Au naturel
- 25 Gray and Candler
- 27 Comic Romano
- 28 __ not my job!
- 29 Senior test letters
- 30 Amazon city
- 31 Tribal symbols
- 35 Sp. miss
- 36 Winged
- 38 Grow mellow
- 39 Sardine container
- 40 Superlative suffix
- 42 Hanna-Barbera dog
- 43 "The Spectator" co-founder

- 44 Big spreads
- 45 Top of the foot
- 46 Tooth cover
- 47 Purple seaweed
- 48 Leavening ingredient
- 52 Geological time periods
- 53 Ship's front
- 54 Essence
- 55 Done with
- 56 Lima's land
- 58 Settle a debt
- 59 "Do Ya" grp.
- 60 Litigate

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 3 Golf course hazard
- 4 Giant slugger
- 5 Series of yacht races
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- 7 Exploited
- 8 UFO personnel
- 9 "The Daughter of Time" author
- 10 Knock senseless
- 11 Coup d'etat
- 12 Stick
- 13 Look after
- 18 Tracy Marrow on stage
- 19 Relative of should
- 23 "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" writer

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By Bruce Venzke & Stella Daily

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THE RECORD

Chromium supplement
is unnecessary

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is chromium picolinate? It is recommended as a diet supplement and fat burner, while maintaining muscle. Am I wasting my money purchasing this product?

DEAR READER: Little is known about chromium, a necessary trace element for normal metabolism. Despite unfounded claims by proponents of chromium therapy, there is no sound scientific evidence that supplemental doses of the mineral enhance health or prevent disease.

At present, nutritional experts recommend against chromium supplements, because a balanced diet contains more than enough. Therefore, you are probably wasting your money.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about the miracle cream DMSO? I know people who use it regularly and swear it gives instant relief from every ache and pain they have. Conversely, I've heard it is not a safe drug to use.

DEAR READER: Dimethyl sulfoxide enjoyed wide popularity several years ago as a cream that reduced the pain and swelling of arthritis and sports injuries. Alas, its notoriety faded when rigorous scientific studies proved that it was ineffective.

Further tests revealed that the drug's purported benefits were actually due to high levels of cortisone that had been illegally added to certain brands. Thus, it was the cortisone — a dangerous drug to use indiscriminately — that was the active ingredient.

Because it is absorbed into the body, DMSO itself can cause intestinal disturbances, eye sensitivity to light, problems with color vision, headaches and a garlicky body/breath odor. Therefore, the risks of its use seem to outweigh any potential benefits. Don't use it. Try over-the-counter analgesics instead.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has been diagnosed with mycobacterium avium. She is fatigued and short of breath, and the prognosis is that the symptoms will increase in intensity. She's been placed on Cipro and Biaxin, and we've been told the treatment may be required for a year.

DEAR READER: This lung infection, caused by a distant relative of the tuberculosis microorganism, produces a form of pneumonia marked by malaise, sweats, fever, deep cough, loss of appetite, shortness of breath and chest pain. It is spread from person to person via the respiratory route.

The infection is diagnosed by special tests, such as a sputum culture.

Unlike most pneumonia, infection with *M. avium* can be resistant to standard antibiotic therapy — and treatment may have to be continued for months.

Your wife's doctor has wisely placed her on "double therapy" using two powerful (and expensive) antibiotics. This program should do the trick. It sounds as though she is in good hands.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from gout and wonder what can be done for control.

DEAR READER: Gout is a form of acute arthritis caused by an accumulation of uric acid in the joints. It is inherited, or can be caused by certain prescription diuretic medications such as the thiazides. Diagnosis depends on blood tests and analysis of the joint fluid.

Therapy for acute attacks includes colchicine, Motrin and other prescription medications. Gout can be prevented by taking daily doses of allopurinol, a prescription drug that lowers the level of uric acid.

DR. PETER GOTT,
M.D.Mazda3 Sport: Triumphant triumvirate
for this sporty hatchback

2005 Mazda3 Sport.

By Brian Harper
CanWest News Service

TORONTO — Ah, the price of success. The continuing sales popularity of the Mazda3 Sport in conjunction with one of the most distinctive shapes in the compact car segment makes picking out the sporty hatchback from a sea of conventional product an easy bet.

Since its debut in November 2003, as a 2004 model, Mazda Canada has sold about 20,000 of the 3 Sport (and another 55,000 3 sedans), placing the pair in second place, says Mazda Canada, behind the Honda Civic in terms of best-sellers.

What's not to like, other than the fact you will find yourself in good company on the highways and byways? Mazda established three criteria for the Mazda3 when it first came out that would set it apart from other cars in its class — styling, driving dynamics and craftsmanship. And it's delivered on all three.

The key is styling that is far more European than the look of its predecessor, the wholly estimable Protege5, as well as the bulk of its rivals. From the flared front fenders and the lines extending from the signature five-point grille through the hood to the squat muscularity of its rear haunches, the hatchback conveys strength and sportiness. Essentially, the Sport looks dynamite from any angle.

Blessedly, there's some zing under the hood to back up the looks. The 3 Sport, which starts at \$20,285, comes in two versions, GS and GT. Each is powered by a 2.3-litre, DOHC four-cylinder that churns out 160 horsepower — a decent amount considering the hatch's trim 1,282-kilogram weight — and is coupled to a standard five-speed manual tranny.

The compact hatch is zippy rather than blazing, taking a tick under nine

seconds to reach 100 kilometres an hour from a standing start. Drop it down into third gear to get around pokier traffic and it will accelerate to 120 km/h from 80 in 8.2 seconds. Need to scrub off speed in a hurry? With grippy 17-inch Goodyear Eagles, four-wheel disc brakes and electronic brake-force distribution, the Sport can drop anchor from 100 km/h in a short 37.7 metres.

While the performance numbers will not instill fear in the hearts of the tuner crowd, the 3 Sport is a total delight to drive. The engine smoothly delivers the power, providing enough low-end grunt to cleanly launch from a stoplight and to accelerate in a progressive fashion. The five-speed manual box is near flawless — its well-chosen gear ratios assure no lull in the power flow and the gates are properly spaced so it takes a supreme act of ham-handedness to mess up a shift. Clutch take-up is perfect.

On the road, the 3 Sport improves on Mazda's reputation for producing sporty-handling small cars. The hatch's steering is properly weighted for good, light feedback. The suspension is typical for a Mazda — MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link setup in the back with stabilizer bars at both ends. Still, some body roll is discernible when charging on to an on-ramp, and understeer shows up earlier than is ideal for a car with sporting aspirations.

Where the 3 Sport absolutely shines, however, is in its interior — the best in its class and of high enough quality to embarrass cars costing \$10,000 more. Again, Mazda turned to Europe for inspiration, the result being interior materials and colours that wouldn't be out of place in a Volkswagen, plus interior lighting for the instruments and switchgear that are Audi-like orange.

The instrument panel features

three pods for the gauges, simple rotary knobs for the heat/ventilation controls and easy-to-use audio controls — though the stereo's disco light bar, which flashes at the push of the on/off button, is kind of over-the-top. My only beef is with the speedometer. Being deeply inset into its pod, its numbers are very difficult to read in many daylight conditions and impossible when wearing shades. Once the headlights are switched on — no problem.

Headroom and legroom up front are plentiful for us tall folk — the standard tilt-and-telescopic steering wheel provides much-appreciated knee room. Rear accommodations aren't too bad, either. I wouldn't recommend cross-Canada trips for six-footers, but shorter distances should prove OK.

My wife, who was very taken with the family-friendly efficiency of the five-door hatchback layout, thinks Mazda should put some light in the hatch area to illuminate it at night. Speaking of which, cargo capacity expands from 17.1 cubic feet with the rear seats in place to a handy 31.2 cu. ft. when they are folded down.

Being the top model in the range, the GT is comfortably equipped. Standard features include an AM/FM/CD player, power windows, door locks and heated mirrors, rain-sensing wipers, automatic headlight control and carbon-fibre-like interior trim. The tester was also fitted with optional air conditioning and sunroof.

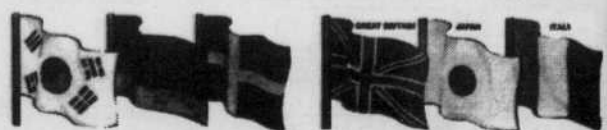
Ultimately, there's nothing ground-breaking about the 3 Sport. It's simply a matter of substance and style — the car has the engineering, the poise and the air of a vehicle far more expensive than its asking price. Therefore, it doesn't surprise me in the least that so many have found their homes in driveways and garages across the country.

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