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Death in Waterloo

Head held under water, says SQ

By Eleanor Brown
SHERBROOKE

A Waterloo man will be charged this morning in Granby in connection with the death of 30-year-old

Nathalie Dupont, who succumbed in hospital yesterday to injuries related to an attack.

"She died around 3:15 or so Sunday morning," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Marc Butz.

"The exact charge will be determined by the Crown attorney," said

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Gay debate

No local Anglicans have requested same-sex blessings

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

The leader of the Anglican Church

in Quebec says it is only a matter of time before the church allows the blessings of same-sex unions.

The comment comes after the tri-annual synod of the Anglican Church of Canada met in Winnipeg in late

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Borderline Blues



GORDON ALEXANDER

Quebec's annual construction holiday got off to a rough start for hundreds of motorists heading south early Saturday, stuck at both southbound United States Customs crossings — the main check point on Route 55 and the one at Derby Line/Rock Island, where traffic was backed up well north of the Canadian Customs stop. Few appeared to realize that a few miles west was yet another crossing point, in Beebe, where both check-points, as usual, were virtually traffic-free. By midday the line ups were getting a little shorter. During the wait motorists left their vehicles to stretch the legs, chat with others in line and stare disapprovingly at the hardly moving queue.



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Quebecers support departing troops: O'Connor

Quebec soldiers to Afghanistan

By Kevin Dougherty
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
VALCARTIER

While only 38 per cent of Quebecers support Canada's mission to Afghanistan, 90 per cent support the troops, federal Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor said Sunday after speaking to the first contingent of Quebec-based soldiers leaving for a new rotation.

If Quebec-based soldiers die in this latest phase in the mission, O'Connor said, he expects Quebecers to react the same way as Canadians in other provinces.

"They'll realize the sacrifice that these soldiers may have made to help the lives of the people of Afghanistan," he said. "They are proud of our soldiers and they will continue to be proud of our soldiers."

About 2,500 mostly Quebec-based soldiers, under the command of Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, will deploy to Afghanistan over the next six weeks.

They will replace troops from Petawawa, Ont. and Galetown, N.B., on a mission lasting six to nine months.

About 2,000 of the total, including 800 members of the Royal 22nd Regiment, are based at Valcartier, about 30

kilometres north of Quebec City.

Another 300 come from other Quebec units throughout the province, including the reserves, and 200 additional troops from other parts of Canada will complete the contingent.

Some of the troops will defend provincial reconstruction teams, building schools and other projects, as well as aiding Afghan civil authorities.

But the bulk of the troops will be based at the Kandahar Airport, at a base run by the U.S. company Halliburton Kellogg Brown & Root.

"We are there to help make a stable government in Afghanistan so the people can have security and so they can have normal lives, so that they can go to school, so people can work like everywhere else," O'Connor said.

"Kandahar province is the homeland of the Taliban," he said,

noting that Canadian troops first went to Kandahar in February 2006, as agreed by the previous Liberal government and the mission has the approval of Parliament.

"Our soldiers had to go in there and deal with a large number of the Taliban," he said.

"It's just a very dangerous province,

but over the last year and half, the security has improved substantially," he said. "In fact, if you know the details on the ground, you will find that the Taliban are spending their time in other provinces and not in Kandahar province because our soldiers have succeeded in reaching a situation where the Taliban cannot win in our province."

Drowning danger peaks this week

Backyard pools and lakes

By Phil Couvrette
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Canadians seeking refuge from the dog days of summer at water's edge take note: This week is the peak time for drownings in Canada.

National Drowning Prevention Week, which started Sunday, is situated smack in the middle of July for a good reason. This is the month of the year that sees the most drownings in Canada, said Suzanne Gorman, executive director of the Lifesaving Society.

Drowning, according to the Lifesaving Society, is the third leading cause of unintentional death for Canadians under the age of 60 and it takes 400 victims every year.

A majority of the victims drown in natural bodies of water and are male, many of whom never intended to hit the water, Gorman explained.

"Over 70 per cent are male," she said. "Less than one-third of the victims intended to get wet, which means they're usually in a boat, fishing or in land transportation or walking along rivers' edges."

More than 75 per cent of drownings occur in natural bodies of water such as rivers, lakes and oceans. A little more than five per cent happen in back-

yard pools, five times more than in public pools.

"For children, our recommendations to parents is to keep them within arm's reach," Gorman said. "It only takes a moment for things to go from perfectly fine to trouble." Safety advocates also say wearing a lifejacket and leaving alcohol at home when going on boating trips, as well as following a lifeguarding course, can go a long way toward avoiding tragedies.

While drownings occur across the country, the issue has made its way onto Quebec's political landscape thanks to a few high-profile cases.

Tabled in June, Quebec's bill 18 would standardize province-wide norms for pool safety that currently vary from one municipality to another. The bill is aimed at private pools where on average 11 drownings happen every year in the province — the worst record in the country. Of those deaths, half involve children under five.

"It's important to control access to private pools," said Raynald Hawkins of the Quebec Lifeguarding Society. Gorman says the bill, which she believes is a first in Canada, is being closely followed.

The Union of Quebec Municipalities applauded bill 18 but stressed cities and towns shouldn't bear the cost of improving residential pool safety alone.

It said pool-makers, stores, installers and insurance companies need to share the costs.

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Thursday: Cloudy. Low 12. High 23.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

Safety of 11 overpasses questioned

But no specifics released

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Eleven overpasses in the Estrie are under surveillance by Transport Québec because of safety worries.

The 11 overpasses in this region are lacking steel reinforcements, said ministry spokeswoman Isabelle Gagnon — who was unable to name the individual viaducts. The reinforcements are required to counter shear cracking, diagonal cracks that form when concrete is being torn apart.

It was a shear crack that brought down a Laval overpass in September 2006.

At a press conference in Montreal late last week, Transport Québec officials said they are researching past inspection reports to determine the safety of 135 structures around the province.

The most dangerous area is in Montérégie with 47 questionable structures, followed by 19 in Quebec City and 12 in



PERRY BEATON/FILE PHOTO

Montérégie is the most worrisome area, but no specific bridges are being named.

Mauricie, although the ministry won't name exactly where they are, either. The department began investigating 332 structures, which it has now narrowed down to 135.

The provincially appointed Johnson

commission is investigating the September 2006 collapse of the de la Concorde overpass in Laval, that killed five people and injured six.

"We will alert the public when we know they are not safe," said Jacques Gagnon, Transport Québec's Montreal regional manager. He said that "these structures are not dangerous."

But critics are already popping up.

Drivers and pedestrians should have the right to make their own decisions about how much caution to exercise, said the Quebec branch of the Canadian Automobile Association.

"Citizens, ratepayers have the right to know the status of the situation, to know which structure is a priority for the ministry," said Sophie Gagnon, spokeswoman for CAA-Quebec.

Jacques Gagnon claimed his department was being unfairly blamed for the collapse of the de la Concorde overpass. He denied that the department was at all responsible for the failure.

The province has nearly doubled the repair budget for Quebec's highway

structures to \$440 million for 2007-2008, from \$253 million in 2006-2007.

- with files from CanWest News

CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS

Stanstead-East

Road work on Route 143 in Stanstead-East will begin today and continue through to July 19.

This construction will close the entire road between the intersections of Route 208 and Route 141.

Traffic will be detoured towards routes 141 and 208.

Bombardier construction

Repair work on the asphalt will begin today on the Joseph-Armand-Bombardier highway between Brompton and Sherbrooke.

Construction will begin in the south-bound lanes. One of the two lanes will be closed Monday to Thursday between 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Construction will begin in the north-bound lane when the south-bound lane construction is complete.

The whole project is scheduled to be finished for Aug. 1.

Where did all the West Nile go?

No spraying this year

Staff
KNOWLTON

Remember the public health concerns surrounding West Nile virus a few years ago? Public health authorities recently announced that there will be no spraying of larvicides in mosquito breeding grounds and no testing of mosquito pools this year. Instead, if the virus turns up in a given area, localized actions, including informing the public, will be taken.

West Nile was first discovered in Uganda in 1937, and was first found in North America in 1999. Transmitted through a bite from an infected mosquito, it fails to show symptoms 80 per cent of the time. Typically those who do get sick will become ill two to 15 days later, presenting mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, possibly swollen lymph glands. Those most at risk are people over 50 or with weakened immune systems.

In one case out of 150 West Nile provokes a severe illness, leading to encephalitis or meningitis, with the victim going into a coma, suffering paralysis or dying.

The presence of the virus in Central Park in New York City led to its closure in 2000. In those early years it provoked a wide range of media coverage and public concern. Today media coverage is focusing more on the likelihood of an avian flu pandemic.

Interestingly, West Nile presents very little risk for children under five years of age. The older you get, the more likely you are to fall victim to West Nile. Horses are also apparently more susceptible to West Nile than are other animals.

While there are generally more mosquitoes earlier in the summer,

mid to late summer is the usual peak for West Nile cases. As the peak of the West Nile season approaches, health officials have a few tips on how to lower the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito:

- Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk, times when mosquitoes are more active.
- Wear light coloured clothing, covering up as much as possible to prevent bites.
- Wear bug repellent, preferably something with DEET as the active ingredient. Citronella also helps keep mosquitoes at bay.

Remove standing sources of water where mosquitoes can breed, such as old tires, pool covers or rain barrels. If you need your rain barrel, put screening over it to keep the mosquitoes out.

Screening is also important for the home as well. Make sure the pesky bugs have as little access to your home as possible. It beats wearing bug repellent all the time.

While the extent of the West Nile surveillance has been reduced, the Montérégie public health authority says those early years gave a clearer picture of West Nile's presence in Quebec.

"We know that the Montérégie, Montreal, Laval, Lanaudière, the Laurentians and the Outouais are most at risk," said a press release from the Agence de santé et des services

sociaux de la Montérégie, which covers the western end of the Eastern Townships.

More information on WNV can be found on the Internet at www.virusdunil.info, or by calling 1-877-644-4545.

The government is also not asking for reports of dead crows or blue jays this summer. But if you find a group of at least three dead birds in a given area you are asked to call the number above, not so much out of a concern for West Nile, but to alert public health officials to the possible presence of avian flu, which has not yet been spotted in North America.

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the police officer, who is based in Montreal.

Events began early Saturday morning, said Sûreté du Québec Estrie spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel, when police received a telephone call around 5:35 from area residents saying they were hearing screaming from a neighbour's property.

Within 10 minutes, said Ruel, officers had arrived and went to the back of 4295 Foster Street. "There they found a man who was holding a woman's head under water," said Ruel.

The area is a mix of trees and marsh. "As soon as [the suspect] saw the police, he ran into a wooded area."

The officers ignored the man as they sought to help the victim, said Ruel. Dupont was transported to the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke, where her condition was listed as critical. She held on to life for almost a day.

By 7 a.m. on Saturday, police had arrested a suspect. The 36-year-old was transported to the Centre hospitalier de Granby, where toxicology tests were undertaken.

The man is described as known to the victim. His name cannot be made public until he is formally charged.



DAVID ANDERSON

This photograph of Nathalie Dupont is from the Waterloo directory.



DAVID ANDERSON

Police spent much of Saturday at the property.

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June. While it was decided at that conference that same-sex unions were in accordance with doctrine, the vote that followed rejected a motion to allow priests to actually bless those unions.

"I suspect in another three to six years we'll come to a point where we can say that it's alright," said Archbishop Bruce Stavert of the Anglican diocese of Quebec. "I'm kind of torn about the issue, because it would have been nice to make a final decision on this issue."

Stavert voted in favour of both motions; the first that accepts same-sex unions as part of Anglican doctrine, the second to authorize the blessing of those unions.

Marriage, however, is something else entirely. The Anglican Church in Canada makes a distinction between unions and marriage; their debate is not to allow for the marriage of same-sex couples, but rather to bless unions after a civil marriage has been obtained. Discussion around same-sex unions has taken place in the church for close to two decades, Stavert said.

After a weekend of emotional debate at the national synod, a majority of the 300 delegates there actually agreed to approve same-sex blessing ceremonies.

For the decision to stand, however, church law requires separate majorities among priests and laity, and also among the church's 40 Canadian bishops. And while the priests and laity approved the move, it was voted down by a narrow majority of two bishops.

"I think they were saying it's not quite time," Stavert said from his office in Quebec City.

Archbishop Stavert believes the church will move towards authorizing same-sex unions as the issue becomes

less controversial in the global faith community.

There is, on the other hand, enormous pressure from some dioceses in Canada — particularly urban ones — to push this through for same-sex couples, he said.

This may not be true for faith communities in the Eastern Townships, where a same-sex union has yet to be blessed within the Anglican Church.

Local ministers contacted by *The Record* say they have not been asked to perform any blessings.

Reverend Michael Canning of St. George's Anglican Church in Lennoxville was selected to attend the synod when another clergy member could not. While Canning voted in favour of both motions, he said the issue hasn't been a pressing one in his own community.

At the synod, Canning described the different voices around the table as being at odds — a microcosm of the church, he said.

"There was a little bit of frustration from some parts because a local option would have given us a chance to move forward," Canning said.

But as part of a larger Anglican community, Canning recognizes that "nothing is ever done overnight."

"The church sometimes moves in baby steps," he said. "But I think the church is evolving."

Reverend Barbara Wintle could not say which way she would have voted if she had participated in the synod, without having been faced with the issue in her own congregation. But the minister at St. George's Church in Ayer's Cliff respects the fact that the church isn't ready.

"You never know if someone's going to call you and ask you (to bless their union)," Wintle said. "But if it did ever happen, I would have to say no."

In Knowlton, the local Anglican minister said that the blessing of same-sex

marriages has not been an issue within his congregation so far, only saying he was glad the same-sex couples now enjoy civil rights.

But Reverend Tim Wiebe of St. Paul's Anglican Church said it was difficult to interpret such a narrow vote, such as the rejected motion. He also suggested the church had other things to focus on in the meantime.

"If we dwell on that topic, we're in a no-win situation," he said.

The Anglican diocese of Québec stretches from the Magdalen Islands south to Stanstead.

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Gays and the Anglican Church

Here's a quick look at some of the history of lesbians and gay men within the Anglican Church of Canada.

1979: The Anglican House of Bishops ruled that ordained ministers may be homosexual but must abstain from sex.

1985: A number of executive committee members and laypersons objected loudly to a controversial Anglican study guide on human sexuality containing a sympathetic portrayal of homosexuals.

1986: The Archbishop of Toronto suspends two lesbian deacons who told their congregation they were "married" and were expecting a child by artificial insemination.

1997: The B.C. Anglican church supported the provincial government's plans to recognize same-sex unions for the purposes of child custody, access and maintenance.

1997: Anglican bishops apologized to Canadian gays and lesbians for the prejudice and oppression church members had directed at them in the past, but stopped short of changing their ban on blessing same-sex unions.

1998: The world's Anglican bishops overwhelmingly approved a motion saying that "homosexual practice is contrary to Scripture."

2002: New Westminster, B.C., led by Bishop Michael Ingham, became the first Canadian diocese to recognize same-sex blessings after years of pressure from Vancouver-area churchgoers. The decision earned scorn from the outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey.

2003: The Episcopal Church, the Anglican branch in the United States, appointed an openly gay man as bishop of New Hampshire. Conservative African and Asian Anglicans and their Western supporters were outraged.

2004: An international panel of Anglican theologians called for a moratorium on the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of gay clergy, asking the Canadian and U.S. churches to apologize for their actions.

2004: The General Synod, meeting in St. Catharines, Ont., delayed until 2007 a vote on a five-part motion to allow dioceses their own choice in recognizing same-sex marriage. But the meeting affirmed "the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same-sex relationships."

2004: The Diocese of Niagara passed a similar motion that sanctioned same-sex blessing was vetoed by Bishop Ralph Spence.

2007: A worldwide meeting of Anglican bishops in Tanzania demanded the U.S. Episcopalians ban gay clergy and same-sex unions by Sept. 30, or face expulsion from the communion.

2007: Delegates at the Anglican synod in Winnipeg approved a historic motion that said same-sex blessings did not violate the "core doctrines" of the church. Later, they voted against allowing blessing ceremonies for gays and lesbians.

Fears of economic losses

Ski hill's legal notice

Staff
SHERBROOKE

A spokesman for provincial environment minister Line Beauchamp said a lawyer's letter was sent to Mont Orford Inc. because officials were concerned the privately run resort would not be ready for the upcoming ski season.

"There was some concern everything would not be in place for September 15," Beauchamp's deputy chief of staff Pierre Millette said Friday.

Millette said the minister's warning gives Mont-Orford Inc. 60 days to get ready, or else further legal action will be taken.

That means Mont-Orford Inc, which currently holds the lease on the ski hill in Mount Orford provincial park, must start preparing advertising and ticket sales for the upcoming ski season, Millette explained.

Millette said the ministry simply wants to make sure the 2007-2008 ski season goes ahead ensuring no loss of economic spinoffs for the region.

In the meantime, he said negotiations to end Mont-Orford's lease continue. Apparently talks are at an impasse while both sides debate the value of equipment at the hill and conditions for payment.

In a press release issued last week, Beauchamp's office announced the minister had asked government lawyers to send a notice to Mont-Orford Inc. asking the company to proceed with necessary preparations to operate the ski

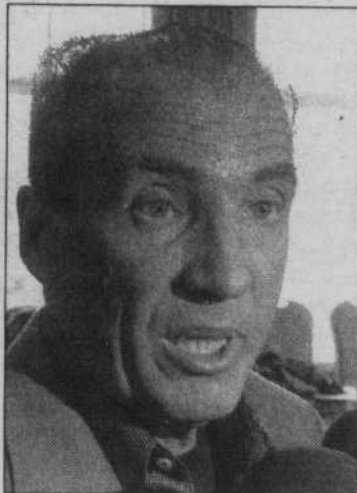
hill in December 2007. She noted that, by virtue of its lease with the government, the company had to operate the Mont-Orford ski centre notwithstanding negotiations to cancel its lease (plus buying back the company's assets, and the takeover of operations by the government).

Mont-Orford Inc. director André L'Espérance did not return *The Record's* calls but he told other media outlets he was angered by Beauchamp's legal threat.

"Do they want the ski hill to close?" L'Espérance told *La Tribune*.

"That's exactly what we want to avoid by doing this," said Millette in response.

The government announced in June that it would cancel the lease with Mont-Orford Inc. and turn it over to a provincial park agency while the region comes up with a consensus on the future of the ski hill and golf course located within Mount Orford provincial park.



PERRY BEATON

André L'Espérance is annoyed.

Careening car smashes into two houses

Went into reverse

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

The Granby Police are investigating how an elderly driver managed to crash his car into two houses and a parked car Friday afternoon. As the heavy rain was pouring down police got a call reporting that a car had crashed into a house at 440 Duvernay at 1:35 p.m. A couple of minutes later a second call came in, this one reporting a car had crashed into a house at 112 Villeneuve.

"The police officer who went to the scene quickly determined that it was the same car that crashed into both houses," said Granby Police spokesman Const. Guy Rousseau.

The patroller was able to figure out that the driver, an 84-year-old man, had parked in front of 123 St. Charles Nord, waiting for his wife who was getting her hair done. For some reason the car went into reverse, crossing a parking lot, crashing through a fence, crossing a back yard and into the house at 440 Duvernay.

The car then started going forwards, crossing the yard, going through the fence again and into the parking lot. There the Chevy Cavalier hit a parked Cadillac, which in turn rolled and crunched a parked Honda Civic. A 60-year-old woman in the Cadillac sustained light head injuries in the incident.

From there the car kept going, crossing St-Charles Street and then Villeneuve, crashing into the front of the house at 112 Villeneuve.

Rousseau said the driver of the runaway car suffered minor injuries to his head and left arm. Just why the chain of events unfolded the way it did is now the subject of a police investigation.

"Crossing two streets and a parking lot like that, it was lucky that no one was hurt more seriously," Rousseau said.

BRIEFS

Missing Drummondville musician found in US

Anatoli Fuentes Gutierrez, 29, a Cuban musician missing since July 5, has been found by American authorities in Vermont last Wednesday.

Gutierrez had been invited to Canada to perform at the Mondial des Cultures event taking place in Drummondville.

Gutierrez belongs to the Cuban dance group Tercer Mundo. The Sûreté du Québec has said that he left the country on his own accord.

Gutierrez will remain in the United States until his status can be established, but he was doing well when he was caught by American authorities.

The SQ now considers the case closed.

Gutierrez had a valid passport and visa until December.

The SQ is still looking for the Robert and Robert Avila Gonzales twins, aged 20, who went missing on July 6. They also were part of the Cuban dance group Tercer Mundo.

Hidden garden growers sought by police

Memphremagog Police are seeking the growers responsible for a pot plantation discovered in a hidden garden near Taylor Road in Austin on Thursday.

Last week an anonymous tip to police led them to a patch of some 240 marijuana plants located in an isolated field behind a small wooded area, said Inspector Guy Roy of the Memphremagog regional force.

Roy said the pot patch was well hidden and far away from local homes. Located about 1,000 meters from the road, it was accessible by a small path.

Roy said Friday police had not determined who owned the plot, but police suspect the illicit crop did not belong to the landowners.

Roy said the well tended plantation was located close to a stream which likely provided water. At maturity, the pot plants would have been valued at about \$240,000, about \$1,000 a stalk.

If anyone has any information

about the farmers tending the hidden garden, they are asked to call the Memphremagog force at 819-843-3334.

Bury mayor's home hit by eggs and apples

Lieutenant Jocelyn Rose of the Cookshire detachment of the Sûreté du Québec is asking for the public's help with an ongoing problem in Bury.

Since June, Bury Mayor Marc Jacques Gosselin has been the target of regular mischief and harassment.

On several occasions, Gosselin's home has been attacked with eggs and apples, some of which have broken windows, Rose states in a release.

Help from the public led to the arrest of the person responsible for mischief at Bury's town hall last January. The minor (who cannot be identified) has since been found guilty and sentenced to community service.

Tension rose between residents and town council in 2006 when council voted to pass a new human resource management policy for its volunteer

fire department, which reduced their pay. Earlier this year, council voted to terminate the contract of the town's director general, another move that was met with criticism by residents.

Anyone who can assist Cookshire police should call 819-875-3331. Your identity will be kept confidential.

Disappeared woman

Sherbrooke police are asking for help to find Ginette Blais, who hasn't been seen since leaving her home at 7:45 a.m. on July 12.

The 61-year-old woman is driving a charcoal grey 1993 Dodge Colt (the licence plate number is CCX764).

Blais (pictured) is 48 kg and 1.65 m tall. She has blue eyes and auburn hair, and speaks French.



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Community Forum

Smoke pot

But don't buy it

I support the legalization of marijuana, and yet I have a special disgust for casual pot smokers. And it's because in order to inhale, they have to pretend they don't know where their money is going. Or worse, they don't care where their money's going.

Most drug users are not socially responsible people. The truly entertaining part of this is that a certain drug subculture sees itself as progressive on social issues — like supporting the legalization of pot. It's a harmless drug (if used in moderation, as with any other vice from alcohol to sugar). It's a hardy cash crop that could bring in a small fortune in tax revenue (and Canada is particularly known for some of its quality product). And the cost of continuing police crackdowns is, so far as I can tell, practically incalculable. Every Sûreté du Québec pot farming bust seems to involve at least one helicopter and quite a few police officers whose time is tick-tick-ticking away on my dime as a taxpayer.

While paying closer attention to the speedsters in Richmond and Stanstead is probably not as fun, it would make the world a safer place for those residents.

Vast chunks of the drug trade — am I being too hopeful here? should I just say all? — are controlled by organized crime, and as pleasant as gangsters may be to you on the street, they are not good people. To maintain control, organized crime types will rip someone's ear off for fun.

And that's just a starter. I'm sure there are a handful of terribly sweet drug farmers who would never hurt a fly. Those who never dream of gouging off someone's nose are nonetheless a part of worldwide gangs that will do it in Colombia or in Afghanistan. If you're a part of the chain, if you're farming or buying the dope, you're helping. Period.

Hey, it's got to be illegally shipped over borders; it's going to be sold by the same guy with the pager who's selling crack. Who else has the connections?

Even those who start out as small-time growers with the best of intentions will themselves be pulled into the web. That's how illegal stuff works. As for the customers, I'd have thought that teens in particular wouldn't see how what they do affects the world beyond them, but it's the adults that I keep seeing smoking up.

I will not knowingly in any way support organized crime. Nor should anyone else who lives here in the Townships.

And that means no pot — which is one of this region's big money crops.

Unless, that is, you know where the money's going. I would suggest that the only people who know this are those who grow their own.

That's illegal, too. But if you insist on smoking up, growing your own is a personal and economic imperative.

There's the need to keep the cash out of the hands of organized crime. But there's also a need to supplant organized crime. Because at some point in the future, the nannies who run government will eventually realize that you can't stop people from smoking up — nor should such personal choices be controlled by the state.

And at that time, when pot is finally decriminalized, smokers themselves will need to be able to take control with their own small crops — to eventually become big business moguls.

The alternative is that the criminals who already have their monster cash crops become respectable, legitimate entrepreneurs overnight. And they're not the kind of people I want running the legal pot trade.

FROM THE EDITOR

ELEANOR BROWN



Quebec smokes rest of Canada in pot use

By David Johnston
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
MONTREAL

Were it not for prodigious pot use in Quebec, Canada would not have placed first in a United Nations drug study of marijuana use in the industrialized world. In fact, were Quebec a sovereign nation, it would have finished first ahead of Canada, according to a breakdown of the data supplied by Canada for the UN study.

The biggest difference between Quebec and the rest of Canada is seen in the youngest age groups.

According to the Health Canada's 2002 Youth Smoking Survey, which looked at marijuana as well as tobacco, 32 per cent of students in Grades 7 to 9 in Quebec have smoked marijuana at least once.

That compares with 18 per cent in British Columbia, which ranked second in Canada, and 11 per cent in Ontario, which ranked lowest among provinces and territories.

The 2007 World Drug Report of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs made headlines last week when it was revealed that Canada topped the list of industrialized nations for marijuana use.

Spain topped the world for cocaine, Iran for heroin, Australia for ecstasy and the Philippines for amphetamines.

In the Montreal area, police say marijuana consumption has become particularly problematic in the booming suburbs north of Montreal and Laval.

Overall, marijuana use in Quebec is running 12 per cent higher than the national average, according to the most recent inter-provincial comparison, the 2004 Canadian Addiction Survey, co-ordinated by Health Canada. This was the main study used by the UN to determine Canadian consumption.

In Quebec, addiction experts say marijuana has surpassed alcohol as the drug for which young people are most likely to seek treatment in publicly funded rehabilitation centres.

"It's really cannabis that is the substance that is the most problematic among youths that come to treatment centres today - more than for alcohol, certainly," said Michel Landry, director of research for the Centre Dollard Cormier.

The centre co-ordinates publicly funded drug rehabilitation services for the Ministry of Health in the Montreal area.

Alcohol still causes more societal problems in terms of risky sexual behaviour, property damage and violence, according to Landry.

And, overall, marijuana is still considered among the "least addictive of all psycho-active substances," according to Jurgen Rehm, a senior scientist with the Toronto-based Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

But marijuana, for whatever reason, is becoming more of a worry to those who actually use it, or at least those who believe they are dependent on it.

Whether increased demand among Quebec youth for marijuana-related rehab services reflects the escalating potency of the illegal crop, or the prevalence of so-called grow ops in southwestern Quebec, are not questions that are easily answered, the experts say.

The 2007 World Drug Report found 16.8 per cent of Canadians aged 15 to 64 used marijuana in 2004; only four countries, all non-industrialized, had higher rates - Papua New Guinea, Micronesia, Ghana and Zambia.

The key figure addiction experts watch for is chronic consumption.

And, as far as marijuana is concerned, the data suggest only five to 15 per cent of Canadian marijuana users are "problem" users - a proportion that is more or less the same for users of alcohol and other drugs.

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Because ignoring it will make it go away

Denying denial

Denial is just one of several ways to cope with the strains and stresses in our lives. Ignore what bothers you. Don't admit to problems. Maybe they will go away. Maybe they're all in your mind. Out of sight, out of mind. Maybe. Maybe not.

During the Great Depression the music industry produced songs of denial to distract people. No job. No money. No prospects. Don't worry; we have songs to cheer you. Denial to sing by: 'Keep On Smiling' (and the whole world smiles with you) 'Pennies From Heaven' (you'll find your fortune scattered all over town); 'Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella' (and if the sky is grey don't worry or fret, the sun comes shining through and you'll never get wet).

I can still recall my mother cheerily singing, "Let's have another cup of coffee, and let's have another piece of pie." Alas there was precious little pie around and some settled for hot water, not coffee.

It was Thomas Homer-Dixon's book *The Upside of Down* which got me thinking about denial. I read it on a holiday by a lake and would recommend it for anyone — although perhaps not for holiday reading. It presents a gripping and sobering review of world conditions along with warnings of serious and inevitable repercussions if we continue in denial about our problems.

The author identifies and examines five major tectonic stresses facing society: energy shortages, global warming, the expanding separation between rich and poor, and environmental damage. His commentaries are balanced and fair, but an alarmist note is there too; especially if we fail to develop and apply some effective shared responses. Soon. However, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's environmental proposals with their 50-year time lines give rise to feelings of despair. Most of us will be dead by then, and those who aren't may wish they were.

There is little positive to say about denial but it is a part of most lives.

NO NEWS

I remember a time when I regularly ignored the news. No newspapers, radio, or television. Why distract and depress myself? There was some wisdom in my decision, and my favourite author Thomas Merton actually recommended it. However, determined and unwavering ignorance is surely a form of denial, and takes us back to that old cliché, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Denial is particularly ill advised given the extensive interconnectedness and interdependence of our planet. When I was young in Peterborough, Ont.

tario, I'm sure our area could have survived easily for a generation while wars and destruction raged elsewhere in the world. We had animals for transport and food and fields for production. Today if my computer crashes I may have to talk to someone in India for assistance. If the gas runs out, and it may,

we are in big trouble with few horses or other alternatives to take up the slack. The technological revolution, especially in communications, alters everything. Extraordinary change is the norm, and denial is dangerous.

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Two things that will never change are our propensity for violence, and that thin veneer of civilization that holds us in check. Over and over history reveals how precarious relationships can be. Think Sri Lanka, Eastern Europe, the Mid East, etc. Many with first-hand experience of strikes can testify to the painful explosive nature of people under stress. Smiling friends at 8 o'clock in the morning; hostility by noon; violence at 6 — or the following morning.

Homer-Dixon does not directly broach all these topics, but he offers interesting commentaries on denial and the several psychological stages involved.

Existential denial entails a refusal to see or admit to a problem. Climate change is one dramatic example but other examples come easily to mind, such as the declining attendance, involvement, and interest within

the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church's response to problems provides classic examples of denial. Not everything is perfect, but not to worry. Let us simply return to the old ways and policies that have failed for generations. Fewer children and young people attend Sunday mass? Let us re-introduce the Latin mass. Declining congregations who are appreciative of general confession? Let us bring back individual confessions and reopen those little dark boxes at the back of the Church. Creative participatory music at mass? Let us reintroduce Gregorian chant. (That will really attract today's teens.) Sexual abuse undermining and sapping the moral authority of the Catholic Church? Let us go with cover-up, silence, denial, and finally under pressure, money.

Consequential denial concedes and recognizes that things are bad. But in this case it doesn't matter because the pope is in direct contact with God, and therefore the consequences will be fine. Benedict XVI is infallible on faith and morals, and even though his policies take the Church backwards and do more harm than good, we should not question. With churches torn down and

sold, and desperate shortages of priests, should we not ordain women? Not on Benedict's watch, although he labels one half of the world inferior to the other. (Slight digression: My sister's bumper sticker reads "All right don't ordain us — but stop wearing our dresses!") Can we rationally challenge an irrational position? Not really. The pope has a direct line to God. Thus, what's wrong is right, and what's right is wrong. (This starts to sound an awful lot like George W. Bush, doesn't it?)

It seems there is just too much deference to authority amongst church leaders. That was not Christ's way, and finally he was crucified for it. It seems too that power is something never surrendered by those possessing it. If only one of those guys (and I mean the cardinals) would speak out fearlessly the way Christ did; if only priests, bishops, and

congregations were not so apathetic.

Today's problems are vast and international in scope, and many as a result simply give up — as in the case of global warming. There's nothing we can do. Remedies would hurt business and the capitalist system. Factories would close; thousands would lose their jobs. Definitely nothing we can do. (Starts to sound a lot like Harper doesn't it?)

Leaders like Christ, Lincoln, Churchill, Trudeau would never surrender. Nor should we. Start small. Driving gigantic gas-guzzlers is not a fundamental human right.

Denial may be just another feature of the human condition. I have no claim to superiority, but denial is wrong and dangerous for churches, governments, everyone. And we are in an unprecedented situation and running out of time.

BRIEFS

Sawmill contract talks

Workers in the Syndicat des travailleurs et des travailleuses union at the Scierie Valcourt sawmill are claiming bad faith in contract negotiations.

There have been five negotiation sessions, and the CSN claims that the employer is trying to unnecessarily prolong talks. The union says management wants the power to subcontract out work and avoid obligatory overtime.

The employee agreement expired in early May 2007.

The beach watch

Here's the latest from the Quebec environment ministry on the water health of selected beaches in the region.

Municipale beach in Coaticook, B; Lucien-Blanchard in Sherbrooke, B; Deauville beach in Sherbrooke, A.

Municipale beach in St-Herménégilde, A; Balade sur le Lac Massawippi at Ayers'Cliff, A; Camp Livingstone in Stanstead, A.

The Centre de Villégiature de Jouvence in Orford, A; Du Lac Fraser in Orford, B; Du Lac Stukely in Orford, A; Parkside Ranch Inc. in Orford, C.

The Pierre-E. Perreault beach in Dudswell, A.

A grade of C is a pass, with an A being "excellent" and a B "good"; a D means "polluted".

Stolen computer

Sherbrooke police are asking for help in solving the theft of a \$5,000 portable computer.

A man stole the laptop June 13 in the IGA at 775 Galt St. W. He's described only as white, clean-shaven and about 25 years old.

A reward is being offered.

Call Sherbrooke police at 819-821-5555.

Firefighters are fourth

A team of Sherbrooke firefighters came in fourth in a competition last month.

The relay team took part in the Fire-fit Combat Challenge Scott in

Longueuil in June, according to a City of Sherbrooke press release.

The team was composed of Jérémie Fredette, Daniel Gingras, Alexandre Groleau, Vincent Létourneau and Alexandre Marcoux.

Twenty-two teams competed. The competition included climbing a five storey tower with their gear, breaking open a steel door, and pulling an 80-kg mannequin over 30 metres.

Dunham's Selby Lake

A group of Dunham residents are organizing a fundraising Selby Lake race with all proceeds going back to helping shoreline residents save themselves from toxic blue-green algae.

"We can't wait for government to save our lake," stated Jean-Louis Langevin in a press release. "We have to move directly to action. This is why we've decided to put our energy into finding sponsors and donations to pay to save our lake."

Organizers want to raise \$4,000, which will go towards hiring a consultant who will visit every property on the lake's shoreline and give each landowner tips on what they can do specific to their property to save the waterway.

The toxic blue-green algae has already caused drinking-water warnings for residents of Cowansville and other Townships municipalities.

The Selby Lake race — billed as a family event that will include canoes, kayak and pedal boats — will be held from 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at 234 Larose.

Registration is free and boats should be decorated.

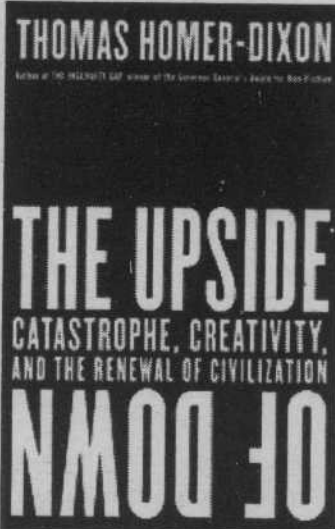
To make a donation, call 450-295-2336.

Lodging update

The eight households put up by the City of Sherbrooke have all found permanent housing, according to a press release. A local tenants group says that about 20 households in the city are still without affordable housing, however, following the July 1 moving day.



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What are those ugly spots on your herbs?

Put ladybugs in the fridge

By the first week of July my email is usually filled with gardening questions, and this year is no different. The only change is how many people have written with a question about finding either gray or black spots on their growing herb plants.

I have no doubt that much of this problem has to do with the amount of cloudy, wet days we have had this spring and summer.

While insects can cause such a problem, this kind of damage usually takes place later in the season after things like aphids have had time to mass produce and take over a plant. These early spots on basil, sage and oregano are often caused by virus, mildew or fungus infections.

Let's talk first about how we should grow herbs. Most home gardeners plant herbs in containers either in a window box, in pots inside the house, in a small planter on the balcony or in containers within a greenhouse. Each of these choices creates its own separate set of conditions that need to be dealt with.

First of all, no matter which technique you choose, herbs need to be planted with lots of space between them so that when they are full grown there will be plenty of room for air circulation and sunshine to reach their leaves. Overcrowding creates the perfect breeding ground for virus, mold and fungus.

I prefer to water my herbs at the base of each plant, and avoid wetting the leaves. This can't be achieved if your plants are in containers exposed to outdoor weather, such as window boxes and planters. While herbs need to be watered you never want them in soaked soil, especially when there is little air circulation between plants.

Do not put them into pots with other plants where they could become shaded during part of the day.

If you find your plants already have blackened leaves there are a couple of things you can do. First remove all leaves with black (most often sweet basil) or gray spots (most often sage). Make sure there is no leaf waste, weeds or mulch at the base of these plants.

Once these things are cleaned up, stand back and take a critical look: are the plants left too close together? Do they have enough room to grow without touching each other? If not find another pot or container and get it ready with good soil, wet the soil and once drained, move every second plant to the new pot.

As soon as the plants are all safely in their new homes, mix either a solution of baking soda (one cup baking soda to one gallon of water) or make a weak solution of cold chamomile tea and spray all the remaining stems and leaves. Do make sure that this is done in the shade and not in sunlight, and early in the day so that they can dry well before dark. Both chamomile and baking soda are great products to fight most of these plant infections. I'd wait a week and repeat the spraying, but it should work well if you have followed all the other steps.

Now let's say your problem is being caused by insects — that usually implies aphids. To find if it's aphids, turn the leaves upside down and you should find full-grown aphids and their eggs. Start off by gently mashing as many aphids and their eggs as you can. Often if you have

a large ant population you'll have aphids (ants actually farm the aphids like we farm dairy cattle). Once I learned how to make my greenhouse a place where ants did not want to be (arid, almost desert-like between plants) I've seldom seen an aphid in there.

When out in your garden, especially around flowering plants, keep your eyes open for ladybugs and gather up as many as you can find. Next, place these ladybugs on your bug-infected plants and in no time they will go about cleaning them up for you.

Every winter I gather up those ladybugs that find themselves unfortunate enough to be stuck in a house for the winter, place them in a jar with food and keep them in my refrigerator. In the spring they are dumped into the greenhouse where they quickly meet other ladybugs, do their thing and soon you have little ladybugs all over the place.

OTHER TIPS

As soon as your basil, or other herb is about eight inches high, it's time to cut it back. You'll usually see a cluster of leaves at the top, with smaller undeveloped clusters below. With basil there is usually a long stem between the larger and smaller growth. When cutting it back, cut the stem all the way down to the small new grow, taking off the top section, which can be used chopped in salad or dried for winter.

This will encourage the plant to branch out, and by repeating this action over the summer you can keep harvesting your herbs through the summer. Unless you want to grow your own herb seeds make sure to cut back plants before they get buds and start to flower. If you want seeds, choose your best plant of that species and let it to go to seed as early as possible to allow the seeds to mature before frost.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

Keep plants far apart by using larger planters — not the normal sized styrofoam flats — that are wide, deep and long, and only have six plants in each.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

Where to cut? Our columnist tells you....

The leap from reading to doing

The Mae Sot Project

Last month the latest volunteers in the Mae Sot Education Project left for the Thai-Burmese border. Three Champlain College Lennoxville students and one from Bishop's University are working with Burmese refugee and migrant children in Mae Sot, Thailand.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

By Kristyne Houbraken

"You shouldn't go looking for trouble."

"Why would you volunteer your time for six months when you can get paid to teach English in foreign countries?"

"That's cool! Maybe you will learn how to surf!"

These are examples of the wide-ranging responses I have received from friends and family as I inform them of my plans to volunteer in Mae Sot, Thailand teaching English to Burmese refugees. I would say that the majority of people I share my plans with predict that I will have an exciting and challenging experience.

They imagine I will have the chance to take some nice pictures and make some new friends. Due to this variety of responses I am forced to ask myself what exactly I am feeling as I prepare for this grand adventure.

First, it is important to explain the intentions of the Eastern Townships-Mae Sot Education Project. Each year this small project sends four student volunteers from Bishop's University and Champlain Regional College to Mae Sot, Thailand to assist in teaching English to children in schools. The project also sends donations to the schools for the purchase of classroom materials. It is the aspiration of the project that this will empower the Burmese migrants and refugees living on the Thai/Burma border and improve their quality of life.

Another aim of this refugee project is that this experience will develop leadership and practical skills in the student volunteers, and instill in us an understanding of the consequences of population displacement. An additional expectation of my own is to gain a deeper understanding of Burmese and Thai culture. I aspire to learn about the religion, taste the traditional foods and learn the traditional dances of my students and others I meet along the way. These are all experiences that go beyond the reading of a book. Now that I am at the completion of my undergraduate university career I am more than ready to take the leap from reading to doing.

One of the reasons I can think of for the many different responses I receive is the general lack of knowledge about the strife of the Burmese. For a large portion of the population of Burma forced displacement and forced labour have been a part of their lives. Poor relations between the military regime and the many ethnic minorities that live in Burma result in the mistreatment of the minorities and little to no economic opportunities for them. Consequently, these citizens flee to surrounding countries seeking a brighter future for themselves and their children. Perhaps, the



The four students on this year's Mae Sot Project are Karl Drake, Kristyne Houbraken, Caroline Chabot Chartier and Marianne Rodrigue.

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fact that the elected leader of fair elections held in 1990 was put in house arrest and is still under house arrest today under the present rulers of Burma demonstrates their cruelty most clearly. This also displays their unwillingness to change. Until change is able to take place and democracy is able to flourish in Burma those displaced by this conflict need to know that support from the international community exists. They must know that they have not been forgotten. I hope that our time on the border will be able to illustrate this.

One final, and perhaps the most significant, goal I have of this trip is to help my students enjoy their childhood. I hope that it will be possible to get their minds off issues that no one their age should have to worry about and yet they are confronted with everyday. Perhaps my excitement and expectations of this journey seem ambitious but I truly believe it will be able to provide the mutual benefit I have discussed. These tasks will be much harder than learning to surf of taking nice pictures but I believe they will be possible and that this will be a life changing experience.

CROSSROADS

By Karl Drake

Driving in my car a few days ago, I suddenly realized that in a little more than a week, I will embark on a voyage that will change my life and who I am. Already, in the midst of getting ready for my grand departure to Thailand, I wonder... wonder about what life will offer in the next six months...and what life will be like afterwards. The journey isn't quite a march into the unknown; it simply embraces the idea that I have decided to do something different to help others halfway around the world.

My boss, who is a very smart man

who I am very fond of, does not see things the way I do. He wants me to stay and work for him and offered quite the salary to entice me. That's when I stepped back to see what my options were.

I had stumbled across one of life's crossroads that would grab me by the wrist and direct me where to go. Coincidentally, while my mind was racing through all my expectations, worries, wonders and the guy who had just cut me off in his fast car, I heard the beginnings of the song 'Good Riddance' by Green Day:

Another turning point, work stuck in the road,

Time grabs you by the wrist directs you where to go,

So make the best of this test and don't ask why,

It's not a question but a lesson learned in time.

It's something unpredictable but in the end it's right.

I hope you have the time of your life.

The lyrics of the song intensified, as though it was trying to tell me something. It amplified the excitement, sadness, confidence and all other emotions I was going through. The message was clear, "It's something unpredictable but in the end it's right, I hope you have the time of your life". The only decision to make was the right one...I'm going to Thailand!

Sometimes life dishes out tough decisions or, in other words, stops at a crossroad. It is at that exact moment that one realizes what they want their lives to be. Do they want adventure, routine, money, excitement, or to help others find what they want? These significant moments are not only tests, but opportunities to better ourselves as people in a world where individualism, egocentrism, and the "I" are given more importance than the "US". The whole idea of

leaving friends, family, and the comfort of the North American bubble is in many ways exciting and scary at the same time. It will be my first time out in the world that is all of ours to discover.

KARL DRAKE IS A CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE STUDENT, AND IS 20 YEARS OLD.

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Radler tried to 'cover for his buddy'

So says Black trial jurist

By Barbara Shecter
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
CHICAGO

A member of the jury that has very likely sent Conrad Black to prison after delivering a guilty verdict on charges of fraud and obstruction Friday said the convictions were reached "in spite of" evidence from the U.S. government's star witness David Radler.

"He really didn't say much. He kept contradicting himself. He was trying to fool the jury," juror Monica Prince said shortly after the verdicts were delivered by the jury of nine women and three men after the 16-week trial.

Prince said she also believed Radler was "covering for his buddy" and trying "to cover for Black" during his weeklong testimony in the four-month trial.

After a short meeting with the judge once the verdicts were delivered, the jurors chose not to air their views to more than 50 journalists who packed the courtroom and an overflow room several floors above to hear the verdicts.

But some spoke afterward from their homes.

The foreman, Jonathan Keag, a family man who lives on the outskirts of Chicago, said he did not want to discuss what went on behind closed doors because he realizes the convicted men have families, too.

Indeed, Black's wife, Barbara Amiel Black, was in the courtroom seating directly behind Black through much of the trial, as was his 25-year-old daughter, Alana.

The U.S. legal system permits jurors to speak openly after a verdict is reached and there was certainly an appetite for anything they had to say.

"I paid no attention to the media, I focused on the case," Keag said outside his home a few hours after the verdict was delivered and Judge Amy St. Eve polled each juror to make sure the verdict was indeed unanimous.

"Everybody took their duty very seriously, and I was very proud to serve with all of them," Keag said.

It seemed less than collegial on Tuesday when the jurors sent a note to St. Eve saying they were deadlocked on a least one of the 42 charges in the case.

The judge sent them back to deliberations and a unanimous verdict finding all four defendants guilty on some of the charges against them was reached less than three days later.

Indeed, other jurors acknowledged there was some friction in the days before the verdicts were reached.

Prince said they had become hung up on one of the fraud counts involving a newspaper sale. The ultimate outcome was to find the accused not guilty.

On Tuesday, the jury was "pretty well split" on the alleged fraud, with some jurors intent on "hardcore evidence" on paper and others, including Prince, willing to weigh the actions of Black and his co-defendants.

"It came to a head when we couldn't come to an agreement. They weren't budging on that," she said.

In the end, though, "what they did and what's on paper are two different things," she said. "There was not enough paper evidence." Prince said a lack of "paper evidence" was also the reason jurors did not find Black guilty of racketeering.

Jurors were often observed doodling during long days of testimony, and there was one particular juror who would frequently nod off, sometimes as early as 10 a.m. Observers also wondered if the jury was sophisticated enough to understand the newspaper transactions and non-compete fees at the heard of the case.

But Hugh Totten, a Chicago lawyer who closely followed the case, said the breakthrough on the deadlock and the final verdicts proved the jury brought "common sense" to the case. He said the jurors should be commended "for its diligence in working through a mountain of evidence."

Totten noted the conviction came for non-compete fees in newspaper deals in which the buyers testified they didn't ask for them and, in some cases, didn't even know who the individuals who signed them were.

"That was always pretty powerful evidence for the prosecution and never was truly taken on by the defendants." He said the jury also showed they were paying attention to the evidence when they convicted Black of obstruction of justice.

"It just makes common sense — Mr. Black clearly could have reasonably foreseen at the time that an official proceeding would have wanted the document, and it just doesn't make sense that a man of Black's station in life would decide on a holiday weekend to go pick up 13 boxes."

Radler quietly builds local media empire

Includes The Record

By Theresa Tedesco and Barbara Shecter
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
CHICAGO

A star witness for the U.S. government during the criminal trial of Conrad Black, David Radler portrayed himself as a contrite former newspaper executive who was prepared to pay the price for his frauds.

To that end, just days before the trial began in March, he agreed to pay a fine of US\$28.7 million to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and nearly US\$64 million in restitution to settle a lawsuit with Hollinger International Inc.

He also negotiated a plea bargain with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois that will allow him to serve a maximum sentence of 29 months, likely in a Canadian federal prison, in exchange for his testimony.

Even so, Black's former business partner and trusted lieutenant is still very much a newspaper proprietor who has been quietly amassing a burgeoning community newspaper empire with his daughter.

Corporate filings show that five weeks before the criminal trial in Chicago began, a company headed by Melanie Radler purchased a number of small U.S. newspapers.

Melanie Radler is the eldest daughter of David Radler, Hollinger's former chief operating officer and Black's business partner for 38 years.

RISN (Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers) Operations, a private company incorporated in late 2006 with Melanie Radler as president, purchased four daily newspapers for \$8.3 million US on Feb. 5, 2007.

RISN also owns the Southern Rhode Island Newspapers, five small weekly papers with a combined circulation of about 13,000 in 2007.

David Radler did not return calls seeking comment.

Melanie Radler, who could not be reached, once worked at Winston & Strawn, the law firm that former Illinois governor James Thompson at one time chaired. Thompson was chairman of the audit committee at Hollinger International Inc., which was managed by Black and David Radler during the time the U.S. government alleges that \$60 million US was misappropriated by the senior executives in the form of non-compete payments.

Roland McBride, the former chief financial officer of Hollinger International subsidiary American Publishing Co., is listed as RISN's vice-president and secretary. He is also listed as chief financial officer of Horizon Publications Inc., which David Radler founded while still at Hollinger.

In a November 2005 indictment against Black and his co-defendants, U.S. prosecutors alleged that the former press baron, David Radler, Peter Atkinson and Jack Boulton received \$5.5 million US in non-compete payments. According to the U.S. government's indictment, the Hollinger executives received the money "not to compete with a company that was, for all intents and purposes, no longer in the newspaper business."

A special committee of independent directors investigating the fees identified McBride as the American Publishing officer who signed the non-compete cheques to Black, Radler, Atkinson and Boulton.

When defence lawyers attempted to ask questions relating to Radler's new business ventures, they were successfully shut down by the U.S. government's objections.

Radler's other companies include HPMS 2003 Inc., a Delaware company incorporated on May 15, 2003, which lists both Radler and his daughter as president. McBride is documented as corporate secretary.

He is also listed as chief financial officer of Horizon Publications Inc., which Radler still controls. As Black's legal troubles required him to rearrange his finances, the press baron and his wife Barbara Amiel sold Radler their minority stake in Horizon Operations last year for US\$16 million.

According to the U.S. government's indictment, Black and Radler received about US\$1.2 million in non-compete payments when Hollinger sold some of its publications to Horizon in 1999 for US\$43 million. Prosecutors alleged the two Hollinger executives, who were also partners in Horizon, "had in essence, negotiated an agreement with themselves... not to compete against themselves."

Horizon was formed in 1999 and owns nearly 30 community newspapers in the U.S., as well as the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal*, the *Kelowna Daily Courier* and the *Penticton Herald* in Canada.

Radler and his daughter are shown as presidents of a handful of small subsidiaries of Horizon that were set up in the U.S. four years ago, including HPC of Texas Inc., which lists Mark Kipnis, a former Hollinger International lawyer who was found guilty of three counts of mail fraud, as director and a vice-president, and McBride as secretary.

Another, HPC of Indiana Inc., lists Radler and his daughter as presidents.

Kipnis is still named in corporate documents as vice-president along with McBride, who is also the company's secretary. However, Kipnis resigned his position as director and officer from Horizon and its subsidiaries on March 2, 2004, and could not explain why his name continues to appear on the company's corporate filings more than three years later.

According to his criminal lawyer Patricia Brown-Holmes, Kipnis was listed as an officer of the Horizon subsidiaries because he helped Radler incorporate the companies. At the time, Kipnis was based in Chicago as the general counsel and secretary for Hollinger International, when David Radler was chief operating officer of the company.

"He categorically denies that he was a member of the board or was involved in any business ventures with David Radler after March 2004," Brown-Holmes said. "He has no knowledge of purchases made since then by Mr. Radler or his daughter."

Radler's nearly \$28 million settlement in March with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission prohibits him from acting as an officer or director of a publicly traded company. But that has no impact on Radler's interests in private companies such as Alta Newspaper Group Limited Partnership, which owns Alberta papers such as the *Lethbridge Herald*, the *Medicine Hat News* and the *Taber Times*, as well as a chunk of *The Record* in Quebec.

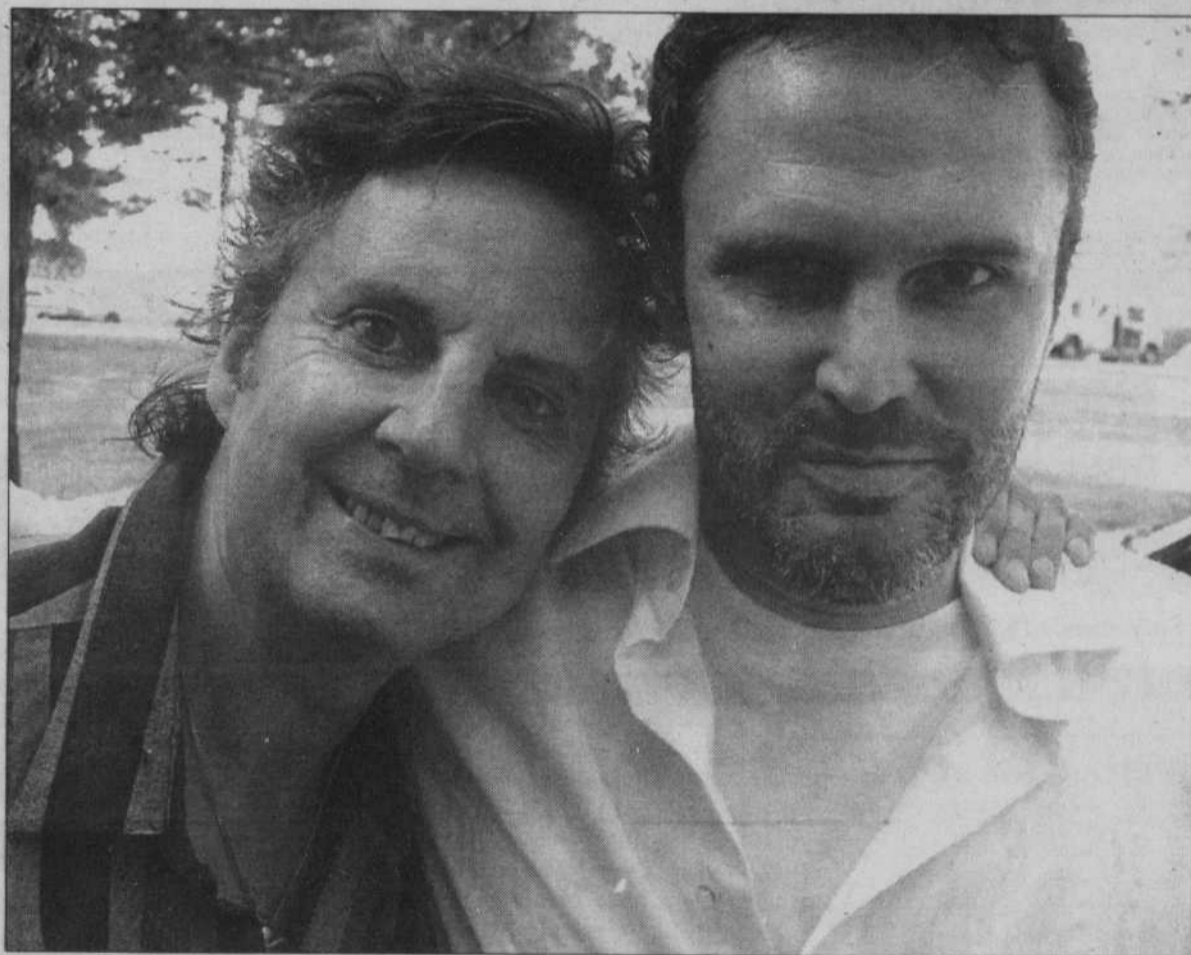
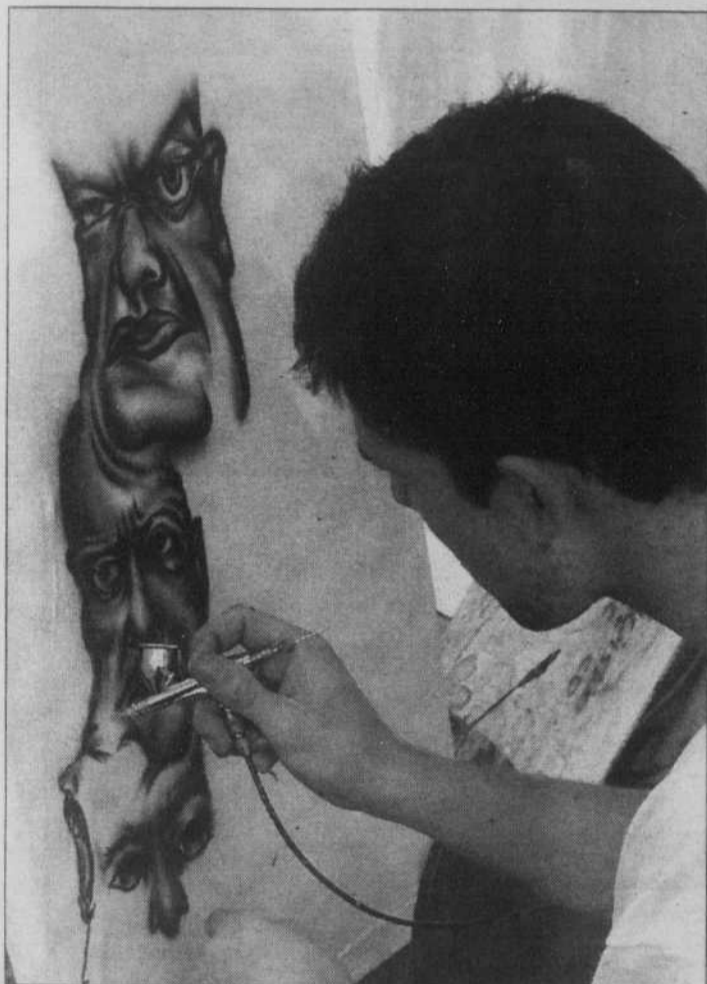
Last September, Vancouver-based publisher Glacier Ventures International Corp. paid \$28.2 million for a 50 per cent stake in the Alta Newspaper Group.

As part of the transaction, Alta borrowed \$15 million from Glacier.

Radler has declared that he is a shareholder in Alta, but has not revealed the size of his stake. During the criminal trial, Radler testified that Black held a \$4.7 million equity position in the company, and that Atkinson held a \$289,297 stake through his wife.

Family fun

The Festival du Lac des Nations in Sherbrooke drew to a close last night following fireworks, musical acts such as Jim Zeller and Carl Tremblay (below right), rides and other fun stuff. Photos by Perry Beaton.



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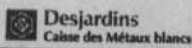
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PERRY BEATON

.... and off he goes!

Quebec under-17 dominates title game

*Squad downs
Manitoba in
gold medal contest*

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Quebec under-17 football team scored on its four possessions Saturday afternoon en route to a convincing 34-14 win over Manitoba to capture the Football Canada Cup. The game was expected to be a defensive struggle but Quebec's running game proved too powerful for a Manitoba squad that allowed just 11 points in its first two games.

"The key for us was to get off to a good start offensively and that is what we did tonight, scoring on our first four possessions," Quebec head coach David Lessard said of the win. "We struggled in the beginning of games in the tournament so it was important to score first and build up a lead. We used a new formation, something Manitoba didn't see in the first two games and it was effective."

After stopping Manitoba's initial drive of the game, Team Quebec marched down the field deep into enemy territory before settling for a 30-yard field goal by Eric Marrapoodi-An-

drade at the 5:33 mark. On their next possession they hit pay dirt as Jerome Stewart scored on a three yard-run, dragging several Manitoba would-be tacklers into the end zone as Quebec jumped out to a 10-0 lead. Less than two minutes later, following a Quebec interception, running back Pascal Lochard raced 35 yards for another major to put Quebec ahead 17-0.

The onslaught continued in the second half as Stewart scored on another three-yard run by Stewart and just like that Quebec had racked up 24 consecutive points against the vaunted Manitoba defence.

"Going into the game we felt we could score on them," assistant coach Jean-Francois Joncas said. "We saw some things on film that we believed we could capitalize on and our defence gave us great field position all game."

Quebec was stopped on their next possession but an interception on the ensuing series gave the Quebec offence great field position at midfield. Three plays later quarterback Jean-Simon Ouellet tossed a 13-yard TD pass to Vincent Gaudreault to give the host Quebec squad a 31-0 lead.

Manitoba was not yet ready throw in
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PERRY BEATON

The winners celebrate!

Alberta captures gold in under-19 tournament

Quebec finishes fourth

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Team Alberta completed its dominant run in the 2007 Football Canada Cup gold medal on Saturday with a decisive 24-7 win over Ontario in front of more than 850 enthusiastic fans at Bishop's University's Coulter Field.

Running back Andrew Walter, who was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player of both the title game and the tournament, led the way for Alberta with 17 carries for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Trent Peterson was equally effective, completing seven of 10 passes for 99 yards and a touchdown.

Defensive lineman Cody Gross finished the game with five tackles and was named the Defensive Player of the Game while defensive backs Michael Lau and Kyle Johnson finished with two interceptions apiece.

Ontario opened the scoring midway through the first quarter on a two yard touchdown run by running back Francis DiBartolomeo.

Alberta, however, would take the lead for good late in the first quarter after a 26 yard touchdown run by Walter gave Alberta a 8-7 lead. Alberta increased its advantage to 15-7 by halftime and added a touchdown and a

safety in the second half.

While Ontario threatened to score on several occasions in the second half, the Alberta defence came up with several key defensive stops to preserve the win.

"You never know what to expect coming into a tournament like this but we knew that we had a lot of talent and that we had some difference makers on both sides of the ball and on special teams," said Alberta head coach Tim Enger after the game. "Coming from Alberta you always expect to field a competitive team but everything came together this year for our team. We had enough heart and enough talent to overcome the mistakes that we made, and we never panicked and we stuck to our game plan. Ontario is a great team and they gave us a good game until the end."

"I'm proud of our guys and the way we played," said Ontario head coach Rob DiMaria, "we were down but we played hard and we did not quit. We stuck to our game plan but we made one or two mistakes that Alberta really took advantage of. We were able to keep the score down and it was a close game until the end. This is a young team and I am very proud of them; we only had one practice together before the tournament began and we really came together over the course of the tournament. We had a lot of fun and we should be proud of the way we

played."

In a reflection of Alberta's dominance, all three Tournament MVPs hailed from the gold medal winning team. In addition to Walter, defensive back Ryhs Coppens was named the Defensive Player of the Tournament while Anthony Parker was named the Special Teams Tournament MVP.

FOR THE BRONZE

The under-19 bronze medal game proved to be a defensive affair as both teams struggled to establish an offensive rhythm. Saskatchewan posted a 10-0 win over Quebec. Quebec was held to just 20 yards of total offence and two first downs while Saskatchewan finished with 110 yards of total offence and six first downs.

Kicker Jon Probe kicked a 37 yard field goal and the Saskatchewan defence forced a safety to provide Saskatchewan a 5-0 lead at halftime. Both defensive units continued to dominate in the second half with the only scoring coming in another Saskatchewan safety and a 16 yard field goal by Probe with just over a minute to play. Running back Liam Dow, who was named to the Football Canada Cup All-Star team, carried the ball nine times for 43 yards and was named Saskatchewan's offensive player of the game.

Quebec advanced to the bronze medal mini-game by narrowly defeat-

ing Manitoba 14-10 on a last minute touchdown in a game earlier in the day. The contest was marked by costly penalties and turnovers on both sides as Quebec lost 107 yards on penalties while Manitoba lost 134 yards on penalties. Quebec also had two touchdowns called back due to penalties.

Quebec opened the scoring late in the first half when receiver Thierry Olivier-Roy caught a 21 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Alexandre Nadeau-Piuze.

Manitoba took over in the second half scoring a touchdown and a field goal to take a 10-7 lead. Manitoba's touchdown came when quarterback Kevin Hayes connected with 15 year old receiver Paul Childs on a 57 yard touchdown pass.

With time running out Quebec mounted a late comeback which would ultimately win the game. The comeback was completed when Nadeau-Piuze connected with receiver Serydou Haidara Jr. on a 27 yard touchdown pass with 16 seconds remaining in the game. Kicker Marc-Andre Gelinus converted both extra point attempts for Quebec. Five Quebec players were named to the all-star team including offensive lineman Alexis Rousseau-Saine, wide receiver Thierry-Olivier Roy, defensive lineman Rany Al-Zawartha, linebacker Joel Arseneault and defensive back Mohamed Zerbo.

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the towel as they engineered an eight-play, 82-yard drive culminated by a one-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Marsch to Matt Anderson with a second remaining in the half.

Despite the one-sided score, Quebec knew that they still had a half of football to play.

"We told the team at halftime that this was a great football team and we had to be ready in the second half," Joncas said. "They were able to gain some yards but we had a 'bend-but don't break' style of football."

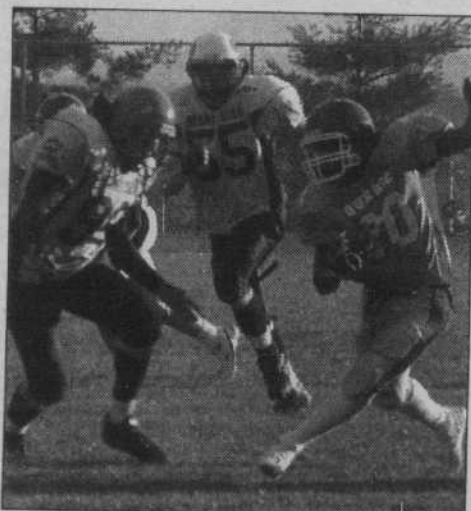
Manitoba took advantage of a rare miscue by the Quebec offence to score the only touchdown in the second half. An interception gave Manitoba possession on the Quebec seven-yard line and two plays later Riley Coates scored on a four-yard run to cut the Quebec lead to 31-14.

However that is as close as Manitoba would come as the Quebec team kept them in check the rest of the game. The Quebec defence came up with seven interceptions and allowed just 160 yards in total offence.

Quebec rounded out the game scoring with a safety and 34-yard rush by Marrapoodi-Andrade.

"The gold medal is a result of a great job by the coaching staff and the players," Lessard said.

Lochard finished the game with 114 yards on 14 carries while teammate Stewart gained 70 yards on seven rush-



PERRY BEATON

A quick-stepping moment.

es. Both players benefited from some outstanding blocking by the offensive line and also were able to break tackles when needed.

"The offensive line opened up some huge holes for us today," Stewart said with a smile.

Manitoba head coach Scott Norris agreed with Stewart's assessment on the play of the Quebec linemen.

"In football it is very important to win the battle in the trenches and today we didn't do that," Norris said. "We made a change in quarterback a little too late but you have to give credit to Quebec. They were very well prepared today."

Players of the Game awards were presented to Manitoba's Marsch and Matt Anderson while the Quebec recipients were Ouellet and Byron Perez-Archambault

EAST ONTARIO

Earlier in the day East Ontario defeated South Alberta 20-2 to win the bronze medal game at du Phare High School. Before the contest, both teams had a 1-1 record.

After a scoreless first quarter in which neither team had a distinct advantage, East Ontario running back Brendan Gillanders caught a 5 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Leith Fischen early in the second quarter to make the score 7-0.

East Ontario's defence managed to shut down South Alberta for the remainder of the first half. Gillanders scored his second touchdown of the game on an 11 yard catch and run midway through the second quarter to make the score 14-0.

Brendan Gillanders, who was named the offensive player of the game for East Ontario, credited his coaching staff with the win.

"We have a great group of head coaches," said Gillanders, who was forced to leave the game in the fourth quarter with a leg injury.

"They had us very well prepared for this game and we knew what to expect from the other team," added the Ottawa native. "To play with the best players in Canada helped us improve our own skills. I was very impressed with the calibre of play all week long."

The Players of the Game for East Ontario were Gillanders and Sam Sabourin and for South Alberta, Storm Bartsoff and Tom Spoletini.

Despite being eliminated from bronze medal contention in the 2007

Canada Football Cup U-17 division, North Alberta and Western Ontario fought a spirited battle on Friday afternoon at Bishop's University's Coulter Field with West Ontario ultimately prevailing 21-13.

Running back Adrian Dolley was the hero for the winning team with two touchdowns on the afternoon, one on a 26-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Riley Wright and the other on a 64 yard touchdown run at the beginning of the third quarter. Dolley finished with 95 yards rushing on six carries and 29 yards receiving.

West Ontario's pass defence was very efficient, holding their opponents to 29 yards' passing while intercepting three passes. Defensive backs Jonathan Langa, Jermaine Simpson and Austin Massey finished with one interception apiece.

Taylor Souster led the way for the North Alberta offence with two touchdowns, including a 64 yard touchdown run in the third. North Alberta got to the West Ontario 27 yard line late in the 4th quarter but ran out of time following a 10 yard pass from Jerit Lambert to Natahan Lazinechuk.

Eight players from Quebec were named to the all-tournament team including offensive lineman Karl Lavoie — Quebec, wide receivers Alexandre Piche and Vincent Cleroux-Gaudreault, running back Jerome Stewart and quarterback Jean-Simon Ouellet. On the defensive side of the football, lineman David Francique, linebacker Byron Perez-Archambault and defensive back Anthony Coody were selected from the Quebec roster.

**Stanbridge East
Thelma Rhicard**

Eight members of the United Church of the Bedford Charge namely, Jean Cook, Jeane Corey, Mable Erno, Louise Gage, Elsie Lackey, Millie Martin, Hilda Sole and I attended the 45th Anniversary of the District Rally at the Franklin United Church, sponsored by the Chateauguy Valley and Township Area. We sang, we talked, we ate, we listened, we watched a skit by local members, bought books, we prayed and took communion together (The theme for the event was "We are one") we donated a collection to the Mission and Service Fund and we spent a wonderful time together.

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To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of one second, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special; special enough to spend your time. And remember that time waits for no one.

Author unknown

I regret reporting the deaths of the following local people, Earl Bockus, Dennie Brown, Arlene Corey, Roger Sherrer, Harold (Buck) Smith and Lawrence Yates. Condolences go out to all who mourn the loss of these loved ones.

In Memoriam

NIXON, Charles - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa.

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In your garden of rest,
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CARIE (SHAWN)
VICKI (JASON)
and GRANDCHILDREN

Death



BUZZELL, Elwyn (1923-2007) - Passed away at BMP Hospital in Cowansville on July 14, 2007 at the age of 83 years. Husband of Rachel (Ledoux) Buzzell of Ste Anne de la Rochelle. Survived by his children: Rachel Allard (Jean-Louis Allard), Michel, Patrick (Louise), Richard (Nina), André (Diane); his grandchildren: John Allard, Carolyn Allard, Ralph, Eric, Karine, Lisa, Rich, Anik, Denis; his 10 great-grandchildren; his brothers-in-law: Gerald Fuller, Gilles Ledoux, Jose Ledoux; his sisters-in-law: Thérèse Ledoux, Gertrude Ledoux, Marthe Ledoux; as well as his nephews, nieces and other family and friends. The funeral and cremation are entrusted to: la Résidence Funéraire Ledoux Magog Inc Situé 150 rue Sherbrooke, Magog, QC. Jean-Pierre Morin (Dir.) Tel.: 819-843-4473; fax: 819-843-4563. The family will be present at the church at 10:30 a.m. to receive sympathies. The funeral celebration will be on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at St-Patrick Church. The family wishes to thank all the personnel at BMP Hospital in Cowansville for good cares given to M. Elwyn Buzzell. In lieu of flowers, donations to Foundation BMP Cowansville, 950 Main Street, Cowansville, QC, J2K 1K3 will be appreciated.

**West Keith
Kay Olson**

June Morrison, Frances Goodwin and Jo Stowe took a sight-seeing bus trip to Quebec City and area and Grosse-Ile. Canada Day weekend visitors of Kay Olson were Frank, Nancy and Gunnar Barkhouse, Fergus, ON, also Rocky and Stephanie Coates, Grand Prairie, Alberta. Verlie Morrison, Sawyerville spent a few days with June Morrison.

Deaths

GOODHUE, Kelvin Lloyd - Dear, good, sweet, kind, gentle, generous and loving Kelvin, died peacefully at 4:25 a.m. on Sunday, May 27th, 2007 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, aged 42, after a long courageous and dignified struggle with AIDS. It was an honour and a privilege to have had Kelvin in our lives. Kelvin will be sadly missed and always remembered by his devoted and loving life partner of nineteen years, Rob Johnson, good friend Peter Sandrin, dear sister, Nancy, and many loyal friends. Kelvin was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Thelma, special grandfather, Howard, grandmother Geneva, great-aunt Leitha, and great-uncle Lyndon. A sincere thank you to Kelvin's caregivers at the N.D.G. - CLSC, especially his nurse, Joan Foster. Thanks also to Dr. Roger P. LeBlanc, for always being there for Kelvin over the years. A funeral service will be held at St. James United Church, 463 Ste. Catherine St. W. at 10:30, Monday, July 9th. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Mount Royal Commemorative Services, 1297 Chemin De La Foret, Outremont, QC H2V 2P9, 514-279-6540. Burial at Stanbridge East, QC will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Kelvin Lloyd Goodhue Memorial Fund, c/o The Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, 687 Pine Ave. W., Suite A1.07, Montreal, QC, H3A 1A1. Condolences may be sent c/o Mount Royal Commemorative Services.

WALKER, Pearl G. (nee Leslie) - Peacefully at the Montreal General Hospital on Friday, July 13, 2007 aged 90 years. Beloved wife the late Rev. Canon Walter E. Walker. Loving mother of Ardley Walker (Donalda), and Barbara Walker. Cherished grandmother of Melanie (Mark Edwards) and Mark Walker, great-grandmother Olivia and Ava Walker-Edwards. Special thanks to caregiver Sandra Mohammed. Resting Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home, 5610 Sherbrooke W., Montreal, QC. Funeral service in the chapel on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 2 p.m. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Cremation to follow.

Card of Thanks

LAMMEREN, Arlie - The family of the late Arlie Fay Gilbert Lammeren wish to express their appreciation in the kindness shown to Arlie during her short illness and death. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff on the 17th floor of the Montreal General Hospital. We also wish to thank Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew, friends and families who touched Arlie's heart. The lunch put on the Cultural Centre in Bury was greatly appreciated.

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at the Oddfellows
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Tuesday night at the Oddfellows Hall, there were 16 tables of card players all ready to play "Whist".

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Door prizes were won by A. Dean, E. Arnott, D. Charby, H. St-Pierre, L. Royea, R. Hamilton, R. Cornish, G. Coupland, E. Johnson, J. Roy, P. Harvey, A. Poissant, A. Fortin, P. Benoit, D. Gibbs, D. Premont, G. Wilson.

The grocery basket was won by Anne Foster, Sid de Solla and Hert Riti ended the prize list.

A good time was had by all. See you next week in Brome.

Edna Badger

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On Saturday afternoon, June 16, a joyful celebration took place at the Bury United Cultural Center in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Herbert and Nina Rowell.

The Center was attractively decorated for the occasion with balloons, bouquets of flowers, wedding bells and Happy 60th Anniversary banner. The colour theme was carried out in shades of mauve and pink. In the entrance was a collection of family pictures dating back to pre-wedding days to the present, including all our children and grandchildren in various interesting ventures.

In MacKenzie Hall, small tables were covered with white cloths, centered with small vases of mauve lilacs and wild daisies. Vases with assorted flowers were placed on each window sill adding to the charming decor. The two long food tables were also covered with white cloths, one of which was centered with a beautifully decorated anniversary cake, flanked by mauve tapers in silver holders - a wedding gift from one of my bridesmaids. The two-tiered cake was topped with a lovely arrangement of mauve and orchid flowers, centered

with 2 miniature wine glasses. There was also a tiny basket of matching flower arrangements amidst the pillars which divided the layers. The cake was the talented work of Melanie Alden.

It was a great pleasure to have all our children and grandchildren with us, Jori Baldwin from Toronto, Joanna Rowell from the University of Chicago, Jonathan Rowell from Ottawa, and the others from the Eastern Townships. Four of my sisters came to celebrate with us, Ruby McKelvey from Montreal, Lillian Thompson from Gorham, NH, Fay Rand, my matron of honor, from Lennoxville, and Audrey Dougherty. This made five Knicky-Knocking girls together, daughters of the late George and Nellie Parsons.

We were thrilled to have two Rowell cousins, Connie Rowell Jordan of Hillsboro, NH, and her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia Rowell and Albert Turner, from West Brookfield, Mass., also a former army buddy, Gordon Taylor and his wife Gloria of Cowansville, QC, nieces and nephews who came were Donald (Parsons) and Ardley Walker of Burlington, ON, Donald and Gladys Parsons of Cookshire, Keith and Maureen Leavitt,

also of Burlington, Little Lillie Jacklin, a great-great-niece from Beaver Ridge Farm, Lorna McKelvey (the littlest flower girl) and her husband Dennis Varden of Pointe Claire, Barbara Mayhew and her husband Robert Streeton of Oakville, ON, Janet Thompson and her husband Leon Michaud of Berlin, NH, Kathryn Thompson and her husband Larry Leblanc of York, Penn., Royce Rand of Milby, and Mavis Dougherty of Bury, also many relatives and friends from the surrounding area. Everyone's presence contributed to this memorable occasion.

An array of assorted dainty sandwiches, sweets, fruits, veggies and punch was served buffet style, while members of the Cultural Center and granddaughters Barbara, Jori, Joanna, Emily and Alesia replenished the cups with tea and coffee.

Sixty years ago, on June 21, 1947, we were married in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bury, the Rev. William J. Rowe officiated. From September 1947 until January 1953, we owned and operated a country store in East Clifton, QC. In July 1956, we purchased our present home, where we have since resided on Peabody

Hill, with our five children Allan, Nelson, Carolyn, Brian and Robin, until he was taken from us on New Year's Eve 1984.

It seemed most appropriate for us to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Bury United Cultural Center, the former Bury United Church for many reasons. Saddened when it was found necessary to close the Church, the final service was on our 51st Anniversary, June 21, 1998. We then joined in with others who shared our feelings. Together, we have combined effort and labor into preserving and restoring this beautiful heritage building. Three of our children Carolyn, Brian and Robin were baptized in this church. All five of them attended Sunday School regularly until the Sunday School closed in 1968 and I was a member of the Women's Association, contributing to their Teas and Sales many years. Another connection we have with the building is - my parents were married here over 100 years ago in 1906 - then called the Bury Methodist Church. We are so happy we did have our celebration here.

Sherbrooke Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association Minutes

The Alumnae Association of the Sherbrooke Hospital School for Nurses held its second meeting of this year on Tuesday evening, June 12, in the Frances White Conference Room of the Norton Annex. Thirteen members were in attendance when our president, Mrs. Heather Bowman, brought the meeting to order.

After the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report Miss Beverley Harrison and Mrs. Ruth Atto reported on the progress of finding suitable places for the items from our Archives. An itemized list is being

prepared so that we will know where our articles are being kept. A curio-cabinet has been purchased and is installed, in an alcove inside the former main entrance of the old Sherbrooke Hospital. Permission has been given so that we may display some articles of public interest.

Being no further "old business," Mrs. Muriel Watson chaired the meeting for the presentation of the Slate of Officers for 2007 and for the reading of the Annual Reports. The same executive was voted in, to serve for this year. Mrs. Watson, on behalf of the members, thanked the executive for agreeing to retain their seats.

Mrs. Bowman returned to the chair and thanked the members for their confidence in the executive and for their continuing support.

Business then turned to plans for our Fall Buffet Supper. It is to be held on Friday evening, September 28 at the Lennoxville Curling Club. The Social Hour

will commence at 6 p.m. followed by the supper at 7 p.m. Plans are being considered for some entertainment after the supper.

Please note, reservations will be taken, again this year, by Mrs. Carol Hobbs 819-562-3048 and Mrs. Doris Gordon 819-562-4986. The deadline date for making your reservations is Wednesday, September 19. We extend invitations to our senior associates, formerly of the Sherbrooke Hospital, to join us for this event.

Mrs. Bowman informed us that the Argyll Pavillion will become the main pharmacy from whence all the medication for the Geriatric Institutes, in this area, will be distributed. A new safer and more efficient way of the distributing of medication will be introduced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were then served by our hostesses Mrs. Donna Smith and Mrs. Bowman. The door prize was won by Miss Harrison.

Rec. sect. Mrs. Joanna Smith

89th Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to Jean Lessard Bourdon of the London Residence who celebrates her 89th birthday on July 16.

Love and best wishes from the residents and staff

Terrible childhood with a mentally abusive mother

Dear Annie: I'm a 59-year-old woman. My husband had a terrible childhood with a mentally abusive mother. She is so nasty that his other siblings have no contact with her, but my husband still treats her extremely well. She lives far away, but we have sent her money the entire 25 years we have been married, even though all the other siblings make a lot more money than we do.

My husband says his mother is mentally ill. I say she is just mean. I cannot understand why my husband is willing to take such garbage from the person who hurt him so much. He would not take this abuse from anyone else.

I finally gave up dealing with her. I used to call her and then cry for days from the horrible things she'd say to me, but I don't call her anymore. I would be entirely rid of her if I divorced my husband, and I'm almost ready to do it. I'm so tired of being hurt. Does that sound awful of me? I want my husband to tell her that the money train stops if she continues to be mean to me. — Sad in

Shreveport, La.

Dear Sad: You do not have to have any

contact with your mother-in-law if she treats you with disrespect, but it is not a good idea to dictate to your husband how he should deal with his mother. Let him know you will no longer speak to her in person or on the telephone, since she is so hurtful, but allow him to treat her in whatever way brings him peace of mind.

Dear Annie: I have a good friend of many years, "Irma," who has a heart of gold. She recently had a group of friends at her home for a barbecue.

The meal was OK. However, the kitchen sink, refrigerator and countertops were absolutely a disgrace. They were so dirty! I am not a clean freak, but I have never seen a restroom at any public facility as filthy as her bathroom, especially around the commode.

I don't want to offend Irma, but I am hesitant to ever eat at her place again. I would be happy to ask my cleaning lady

Annie's Mailbox

to clean Irma's kitchen and bathroom. Should I offer?

— A Friend

Dear Friend: You can offer, provided you don't tie it to the condition of her house. First, ask your cleaning lady if she would be willing to do this, or knows someone who would. Then you can approach Irma and say, "By the way, my cleaning lady is looking for some extra work (or she has a friend who is). Would you be interested?"

Dear Annie: I enjoy reading your column, and I think your advice is terrific! In response to "L." about co-workers who ignored her, I couldn't help thinking of a situation I'm currently dealing with at my office.

I have a co-worker who complains regularly about being left out or not told what is going on, but it simply isn't true. For some reason, she's decided to take the role of martyr, and it's frustrating to everyone. We include "Nancy" in all the planning, she is informed of meetings or

lunches and so forth, but inevitably, I hear the whine, "Nobody tells me anything! I don't know what's going on."

Nancy has become so annoying with her complaining that, unfortunately, we are starting to leave her out of discussions. I've tried talking to her directly. I've tried sending her e-mail reminders about things she claims not to know about. She doesn't respond most of the time, or just says, "Oh."

Don't think there's much any of us can do to make her feel happy or included. She's excluded herself. — Frustrated Co-worker in Texas

Dear Texas: Nancy sounds like she has some problems with her memory and attention. If your e-mail program allows you to request a "return receipt," you should use that feature so you know Nancy has seen your messages, and you have a record. Beyond that, it's up to her to keep abreast of what's going on.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

" AROHIRO BMHIR, ZTVKZSV, IHOFHBZHR, NRKMS KXI YHXI, FTXUHIXFR HO SNR GRV ST KZZ SNR ZTFGO." - FTKFN DTR BKSRMXT

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "Trading lines with Robin (Williams) is, I imagine, like trading forehands with Ivan Lendl from three feet away." - Billy Crystal

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't get rattled if something important to you takes a second or even third effort to accomplish. In order to be successful, you can't give up after one or two untested tries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There's a good chance someone may test your reliability by deliberately giving you some confidential information to see if you reveal it to others. Can you pass this exam?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Hopes and expectations that are founded upon realistic premises should have no trouble being realized. It's only things viewed through rose-colored glasses that won't materialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It is quite possible that one of your more meaningful endeavors could face much tougher competition than you anticipate. You're up to the challenge, so don't crumble at the first sign of a struggle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you remain mentally unfettered and

have faith in what you're trying to achieve (regardless of the challenges you face), you'll eventually find the solution you're seeking. Stay coolheaded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is apt to be a shift in conditions precipitated by outside factors beyond your control. However, by adapting a versatile attitude, you'll be able to turn a negative into a positive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When involved in any teamwork situation, be sure to share in the decision making along with the others. No one in particular has all the answers, but collectively you will.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Owing to a bit of depression, you could be a slow starter. But once you get rolling with something that interests you, you'll be both consistent and dedicated to the task at hand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you don't take yourself or today's developments too seriously, you'll have a much more pleasant day. Just don't let winning or losing become so important that it preempts having fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Family issues that some find disturbing can best be resolved if everyone involved has a chance to sleep on things. Time is the magic elixir that will bring solutions the household can live with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be extremely careful to leave emotions out of your phrases when you frame your remarks or comments to others. If you get impassioned, you might say something you'll regret.

Monday, July 16, 2007

The world is in uneven eighths

By Phillip Alder

The World Bridge Federation divides the globe into eight zones. Each zone holds its championships to select its teams to play in the biennial world championships for the Bermuda Bowl (open), Venice Cup (women's) and Senior's Bowl (over 58).

Zone 4, the Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East, stretches from the west side of the Bay of Bengal to the Mediterranean. Its championships were held in Karachi, Pakistan, in May.

This deal occurred in the warm-up event, the HBL International Pairs.

Using natural methods, South would open one club and North would respond two or three no-trump, depending upon system, or one diamond. Whichever, the auction ought to end in three no-trump.

At the table I watched, Shireen Barakat from Jordan opened two clubs, showing six-plus clubs and 11-15 points. North, Marwan Ghanem, should have shut his eyes and bid three no-trump, but he relayed twice, learning that his partner had stoppers in spades and diamonds. Now, worried about hearts, he bid five clubs.

West led the heart ace: three, five, six. Notice the two pieces of poor play.

North 07-16-07			
♠ K 8 2			
♥ J 9 3			
♦ K Q 7 6			
♣ A J 3			
West		East	
♠ Q 10 9 5		♠ J 7 6 4	
♥ A Q 8		♥ K 10 5 4	
♦ 10 8 5		♦ J 9 4 3	
♣ 9 7 2		♣ Q	
South			
♥ A 3			
♠ 7 6 2			
♦ A 2			
♣ K 10 8 6 5 4			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
			Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ A			

Although East thinks his partner knows he has the heart king, East should signal enthusiastically with the 10. And South, who wishes to discourage a heart continuation, should drop her two, carding like a defender.

West should have continued with the heart queen and another heart to defeat the contract, but for some strange reason he shifted to the diamond eight. Declarer gratefully took her 11 tricks.

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- 4 Ex-QB Sammy
- 9 Lugged
- 14 Concealed
- 15 "The Jetsons" dog
- 16 Giraffe cousin
- 17 Conclusion
- 18 "Cheers" co-star
- 20 Exchange fee
- 22 Old photograph color
- 23 Marx Brothers classic
- 27 Draw a breath
- 31 First thing in the morning
- 32 Child's vehicle
- 33 "Giant" ranch
- 35 Othello, e.g.

- 36 "Dead Poets Society" star
- 41 New Zealand bird
- 42 Burstyn or Barkin
- 43 Frigid
- 46 London smells
- 50 Capital of Lesotho
- 51 Tchaikovsky ballet
- 53 Basso Ezio
- 55 Even scores
- 56 Senator in Cooperstown?
- 62 The Racer's Edge
- 63 Composer of "Over the Rainbow"
- 64 Chicago airport
- 65 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
- 66 Brittany port
- 67 Portuguese enclave in China
- 68 Greek letter

- 26 Not impressed at all
- 28 Small particle
- 29 August babies, usually
- 30 Miscalculate
- 32 Of a sickly complexion
- 34 Up to, briefly
- 36 Costa
- 37 Hasn't paid up
- 38 Muscles of arms
- 39 Spartan queen
- 40 Privy to
- 41 Actress Novak
- 44 Situate

- 45 Respiratory organ
- 47 Most remote, briefly
- 48 Pot bumper
- 49 First draft
- 51 Bird in "Peter and the Wolf"
- 52 Helsinki suburb
- 54 Skyrocket
- 56 Flap gums
- 57 Bruins' great
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- 59 Lancelot du
- 60 Gershwin or Levin
- 61 Classic lead-in

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DOWN

- 1 In advance
- 2 Tonguelike organ
- 3 Junkie
- 4 ABA word
- 5 Silvery-gray
- 6 Shoshone
- 7 Get a hold on
- 8 Diamond in the Smithsonian
- 9 Turin, locally
- 10 Sooner State
- 11 Scot's cap
- 12 Pollution monitoring org.
- 13 Racket
- 19 Larger-than-life
- 21 Green-lighted
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