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Local team wants to buy radio station

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Local lawyer Jean-Pierre Rancourt and former Montreal crime reporter Richard Desmarais are asking the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to block the sale of Montreal radio station CKAC, Sherbrooke-based CHLT and their sister stations to Corus Entertainment and allow them and some silent partners to purchase the AM stations.

Desmarais, a former vice-president and director general of CKAC, said he objects to plans by Calgary-based Corus Entertainment to take the Quebec AM radio network from its current news and talk show format to focus on sports and medical news.

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Sherbrooke lawyer Jean-Pierre Rancourt and crime reporter Richard Desmarais are putting together a plan to keep local radio CHLT delivering local content.

86-year-old woman found after wandering for 46 hours

Staff

Ursula Seeböhm, the 86-year-old woman who went missing Monday afternoon near her West Bolton home, was found safe and sound yesterday at 2:30 p.m.

Seeböhm went for a walk on Monday while her caretakers were preparing dinner, and never came back. Family members called the police and 15 officers searched for her Tuesday morning with a helicopter using a heat sensor and tracking dogs.

Police finally found her walking near her home, said Sûreté du Québec spokesperson, Louis-Philippe Ruel. "We think she was walking all night when we were searching for her," he said. "She probably never stopped walking. There were a lot of search crews out there and we think we just never saw her."

Monday night was particularly nasty with heavy rains and thunder and lightening lighting up the sky.

Ruel said Seeböhm appeared to be in good condition and was taken to the hospital to make sure there were no other problems. Police have not yet questioned Seeböhm and still do not know why she was walking around for a day and a half. "We just want her to get a good meal and some rest," said Ruel. "We'll be able to talk to her later."

Wales Home to correct water problem by fall

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
CLEVELAND

The Wales Home retirement residence is hoping to correct a three-month long water problem by September with the installation of a chlorination system to clean its incoming well water.

"We have had to put up with buying bottled water for a few months now because the water tests we had last winter indicated some sort of bacteria," said home director Stuart Simms.

"The provincial health

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Fire-engine Black?



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Sherbrooke might be seeing red again as local firefighters were voting last night on a proposal by a provincial arbitrator following mediation sessions with the City of Sherbrooke in July. As a pressure tactic, the firefighters painted fire engines black to mourn their failure to arrive at an agreement with the city on a new contract. While there is no agreement in principle with the city, the union executive is recommending members accept the conclusions of the arbitrator which meets some, but but all, of the union's demands. A new contract would replace the one that expired in December 2001.

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All That Jazz



Grand Prix de Jazz General Motors award winners ODD Jazz Group will be in downtown Sherbrooke this evening for a concert at Place de la cité (5 to 7 p.m.). The group from Montreal took home the General Motors prize as best Canadian group at this year's Montreal International Jazz Festival. The group is Sherbrooke native Mathieu Désy (stand up bass), Jocelyn Auger (saxophone), Jonathan Cayer (keyboards) and Martin Lavallé (drums)

BRIEFS

Solicitors not from CLSC

The CLSC-CHSLD of Haute-Yamaska is making a concerted effort to disassociate itself from solicitors apparently going door-to-door under the guise of supporting the CLSC.

The CLSC-CHSLD says that there is no link between it and the Fondation Enfants Quebec in the region, and advises people to be wary of this organization.

The organization also goes by the name of Enfants Secours. Those interested in helping the CLSC, are asked to donate to the upcoming Operation Septembre, a project being coordinated by the Centre d'Action Benevole from Granby, designed to distribute clothing and school supplies to children returning to school in that area.

The CLSC asks the public to remain vigilant and to verify whether the solicitor is actually with the CLSC by calling 378-0151 to confirm if the organization is a recognized one.

Sears recalls slow cookers

Sears Canada has been advised by The Holmes Group Inc., manufacturer of the Rival 4.5 qt. slow cooker, that the handles on the base of the slow cookers can break, posing a risk of burns from hot contents spilling out. There have been no reported incidents in Canada. The slow cookers were sold nationwide from January 1999 through May 2002 with model No. 5445-BC written on the plug. A date code is also stamped on the prong of the plug at the end of the power cord attached to each unit. The first two digits represent the week of manufacture and the last two digits represent the year of manufacture. Any plug prong with a date code from Y 0199 (1st week of 1999) to Y 1802 (18th week of 2002) is included in the recall. Only date codes that begin with the letter Y are affected. Although there have been no reported injuries, customers who purchased the slow cooker should return it to their nearest Sears store for an exchange or refund. Sears Canada will be posting signs in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety notice.

Up, up and away to St-Jean's balloon festival

The International Balloon Festival in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu is extending a special welcome to residents of the Sherbrooke area to experience the magic of the hot air balloon festival. From Aug. 2 to 4, 30,000 free invitations were sent to Sherbrooke residents, just in time for the International Balloon Festival, to be held Aug. 14 to 22.

The biggest festival of its kind in Canada, the International Balloon Festival welcomes 125 hot air balloons from the United States, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Brazil and Canada. This number includes 20 special shapes like Old McDonald's Farm, Lilly and Joey the little bees, Angel, Diablo, Tweetie and Felix the Cat. See the balloons fly up in the sky at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Also, on Aug. 17, 18 and

19, 30 tethered hot air balloons will light up the sky. The free animation activities on the International Balloon Festival's site will get kids of all ages going! Renowned Québécois comedians and singers will perform every night during the festival. On Saturday, Aug. 14, at 9 p.m. see Le Show du ciel: Le petit roi with Jean-Pierre Ferland and his guests Kevin Parent, Stéphanie Lapointe, Éric Lapointe, Sylvain Cossette, Marie-Denise Pelletier, and Terez Montcalm. Don't miss the two summer exclusive shows of the event's spokesperson Annie Brocoli, on Aug. 15 and 22 at 4 p.m.

For more on the International Balloon Festival of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, visit www.ballooncanada.com or call Balloon info 450 347-9555.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's story, *Health food store owner fined under language laws*, it was reported that the owner of Bio & Alternatives, Geraldine Berger, bought the store in January, 2004 when in fact, she bought the store in December, 2002 and reopened it in January 2003. It was also reported that there were two notifications of non-compliance with the language laws that were given to the previous owner, but not Berger. Berger did in fact receive the second notice but not the first. Also, the follow-up visit to the mise en demeure was in April, 2004 and the fine came in July, 2004 not a week later as was reported in the story. The Record regrets these errors.

The Record has two flexpasses to give away to Townships Stage productions at The Piggery Theatre in North Hatley. The pass entitles the holder to receive up to four tickets for the performances of Kingfisher Days running until Aug. 29. To qualify, send this clipping to The Record before Aug. 16.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. 70 per cent chance of showers. High 25.

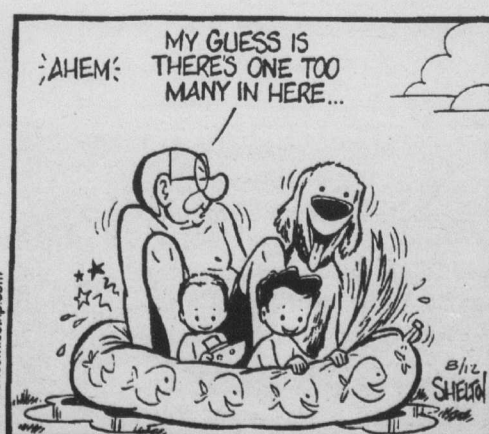
Friday: Cloudy. 60 per cent chance of showers. Low 14. High 25.

Saturday: Cloudy. 70 per cent chance of showers. Low 15. High 25.

Sunday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low 11. High 25.

Normals for the period: Low 10. High 23.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Lawyers hone courtroom skills in U of S seminar

By Bea Vongdouangchanh

Supreme Court of Canada Justice Marie Deschamps was in Sherbrooke yesterday, participating in a Quebec Bar Association week-long seminar on improving court room techniques for lawyers.

Deschamps is one of a few guests who teaches practicing Quebec lawyers about various topics such as how to ask questions, how to plead before judges, how to enter evidence and how to produce documents for presentation to the court.

The seminar, which began last Sunday, is designed to give lawyers hands-on techniques to improve their effectiveness in court. Stéphane Reynolds, one of the seminar's organizers who teaches at law at the University of Sherbrooke, said, "There's no theory. They just do and then they're critiqued."

Forty-eight lawyers from across Quebec participate in the annual seminar and some 30 judges and experienced lawyers act as teaching staff.

This year, five international lawyers will participate in the seminar for the first time. Four are from Tanzania and work at the International Tribunal in Rwanda while one works at the Hague Tribunal. "It's the first time that we welcome international lawyers," said Reynolds.

The seminar has been taking place in Sherbrooke for the last 22 years. It started in New York when the National Institute for Trial Advocacy organized a three-week seminar for American lawyers. Gary Watson of Osgoode Hall in Toronto attended and brought it back to Canada in a one-week format in Toronto. The Quebec Bar Association implemented it as a regular activity after a pilot project and has been hold-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The University of Sherbrooke has been hosting the annual seminar to help lawyers hone their courtroom skills for the past 22 years. This year, several international lawyers will be present.

ing the sessions ever since. "It started in Sherbrooke and it's still here," said Reynolds.

Reynolds said that it's held in Sherbrooke and not in a larger city such as Montreal because it gets the lawyers away from their offices to concentrate on what they are learning. All the

lawyers stay in the University of Sherbrooke's residences and the day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

"They have supper after and go back to the books," said Reynolds. "It's not a Club Med vacation. The lawyers need to be concentrating on the activities."

Reynolds said that all lawyers, no

matter what type of law they practice, are eligible for the program. "At the basic level, when you go to court, it's all about communication," said Reynolds. "No matter what type of lawyer, they can all benefit from the course."

The seminar ends this Saturday with 12 mock trials at the Palais de justice.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Supreme Court Justice Marie Deschamps was in Sherbrooke yesterday, participating in a Quebec Bar Association training session.

WATER:

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department said the tests showed we could not drink our own water. We would have to boil it or use bottled water."

Simms said the home gets its water from two wells which help fill a 50,000 gallon reservoir that is piped to the building by gravity.

He said the bacteria was detected in one of the monthly tests the home conducts of its wells and reservoir. He said the present tests are more accurate than they used to be and can detect minute amounts of bacteria in even the largest of reservoirs.

"We had a third well that we shut down because the department believed it was a possible hazard," he said.

"This time, we are taking no chances. Our residents need to be fully protected no matter how small the source of bacteria might be."

Simms said the chlorination system will be installed in the basement of the main pavilion of the residence and will cost an estimated \$60,000.

"We know that's a lot of money, but the system will be computerized and accurate and could save us as much as \$5,000 a year in future water testing costs," he said.

Simms said the water used in the residence's neighbouring farm is in the same condition, but ruled out any contamination from its animal waste.

"For years, we have fenced off the cows so they cannot go near any of our water sources," he said.

"I can only think that some water run-off from our frequent rain storms had the bacteria and that could have seeped into the wells."



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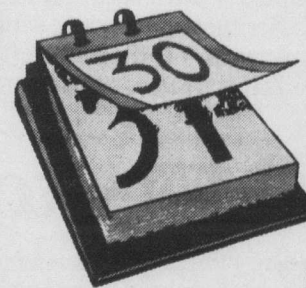
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70,000 fans expected at Vermont rock concert

Police are preparing for traffic snarls and more

By Leah Fitzgerald

When 70,000 Phish fans hit Coventry, VT this weekend, only one road will lead to the festival — I-91, exit 26, Route 5 Northbound.

That's just the way everyone — the state police and Great Northeast Productions, who are putting on the concert — likes it.

"Our highways just aren't meant for 70,000 to head in the same direction over two or three days," said Sgt. Bruce Melendy of the Vermont State police.

Sgt. Melendy is heading up the team — which includes local, state and federal police — in charge of security for the Coventry festival. Melendy says that Great Northeast Productions has been very co-operative, and has looked after many of the concerns addressed by locals, who will be affected by the event.

The festival is the last concert for the Vermont rock group before the band calls it quits for good. That's where one of Melendy's main concerns comes in.

"Phish is a mellow band," he said. "We're hoping the fans will be respectful. It is the band's last show, and when the band finally walks off, I hope they'll be thankful they were there and move on, and that they don't decide they want a piece of the stage or something and get destructive and rowdy."

Melendy says that despite Phish's track record — they held a concert on the Seminole reservation in Florida and left it as pristine as they found it, thanks to hundreds of workers cleaning up the aftermath — the task force is prepared for anything.

Traffic is expected to be held up beginning Thursday morning — the gates to the festival site open at noon for campers — until Saturday around noon. The first performance is Saturday afternoon, with another Saturday evening. The last performance is Sunday night,



WEB PHOTO

Hard to imagine three musicians will be bringing traffic in Vermont to a halt this weekend as some 70,000 fans head to Coventry to hear Phish perform the band's swan song.

ending around midnight. Performances by the band will be simulcast to theatres throughout the United States.

Then, the mass exodus begins.

"We're expecting all the traffic to be clear by Monday at 4 p.m.," he said. "It could be worse than on the way in, though. More people leaving at once."

Arrivals were purposely spread out over a longer period of time. In the past, the festivals, which have been produced by Great Northeast since 1996, have opened their gates the day before the first performance. Adam Lewis, who speaks for Great Northeast, said traffic

is always an issue.

"The majority of the traffic headed to Coventry will be coming from the south, on the I-91 and 93," he said. "It's not to say there won't be an issue at the border crossing."

Great Northeast provided a list of ticketholders' locations to the police. Melendy said there are Canadians headed to the concert, but not enough for the team to be concerned about border crossings.

To keep up with that demand on the I-91, signs are being put up to tell concert goers to keep right. The passing

lane will be kept open to let traffic headed to other destinations through. Melendy says commercial vehicles are a big concern — they don't want to cause delays to business.

Also a concern is the weather: rain is called for on Friday and Saturday, which means wet festival-goers, and the possibility of mud.

"If we have to call a few wreckers to tow cars, that's not a big deal," Melendy said. "There are worse things."

On the Phish Web site, a list of guidelines were published for concert-goers:

- Only ticket holders will be allowed on site, and cars with non-ticket holders will be turned away from the gates.
- Only factory-sealed water bottles are allowed, and firearms, illegal drugs, fireworks, beer kegs, open fires, and pets aren't allowed through the gates.
- No glowsticks are allowed (apparently they're so 1997).

Also made clear to ticketholders is that there are no shortcuts to the concert site: one way on, one way out. As well, once campers take their vehicles on site, they're there until Sunday night. There's day parking available, but nowhere to camp in that area.

As well, the festival will have message and lost and found boards to help concert-goers find each other in what will be the largest city in Vermont — for four days.

Of course, locals are doing their best to adapt. Residents around the Coventry airport site have had fences put up around their houses to protect their property from concert goers who might wander off the festival grounds. The Ethan Allen factory in Northern Vermont has called a four-day work week, with Friday off, to keep workers out of traffic. QNEK has rescheduled their performance at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, slated for this weekend, because "70,000 Phish concert goers forced the closing off of too many roads to Derby Line." Instead, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum will go on Aug. 19 to 21.

Elders to share stories with children

The PEACE School is beginning its third school year with plans to create a new program featuring local elders as guest speakers. The 'Bringing History to Life' program will bring together the young and the old in a shared experience of remembering the local past.

"We are very excited about this," commented Lu Emanuel, a teacher at PEACE School, and the initiator of the project. "We are excited because we want the children to learn what it was like to live and work in this area

50 or 60 years ago by listening to the stories of people who actually experienced life as it was then."

Emanuel believes that the elders of our community are a wonderful resource for children and educators. People have stories and memories that can bring to life for the children what it was like on the farm, in the factory, workplace, or in the village," she said. "By recognizing the unique value of the stories of our elders, we can bring history to life for the children."

Educators of the PEACE School will organize this sharing between young and old for the fall of this school year when the 'Bringing History to Life' program is introduced. Anyone who would like to take part in this program by sharing stories and memories in either French or English, is invited to contact Lu Emanuel at 243-0258 or at 243-1182. To find out more about the PEACE School, you can visit their Web site at www.ecolepeace.ca

BRIEF

Exhibition at Bury Cultural Centre

Bury Cultural Centre Members will be holding their third annual Painting Exhibition, Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A collection of paintings by Denis Palmer of the churches in Bury will also be on exhibition. Everyone welcome. Come and support and admire the works of our local artists. Free entry.

Former Richmond MP Bachand gets Ottawa gig

By Stephen McDougall
Special to The Record

André Bachand, the former Progressive Conservative MP for Richmond-Arthabaska, has got a new gig. On Tuesday, he was appointed head of the Quebec office in Ottawa.

Bachand, who stepped down as the lone Tory MP in Quebec last January, could not be reached for comment at press time.

An official with Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs department said Bachand's job will be more administrative than political.

"He will be a bureaucrat, not a political representative of the Quebec government," said Clement Belanger.

"He will be there to administer our dealings with the federal government and its departments."

The province has had an official office in Ottawa since 1908.

Bachand will work under Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs minister Benoit Pelletier.

The former mayor of Asbestos was a PC member of Parliament for the Eastern Townships riding from 1997 until this year. In the November, 2000 federal election, he narrowly defeated Bloc Québécois candidate André Bellavance by just over 300 votes in a late-night contest.

At the time, he became the only Conservative candidate elected in Quebec and made up the 12th seat his party needed to retain official party status.

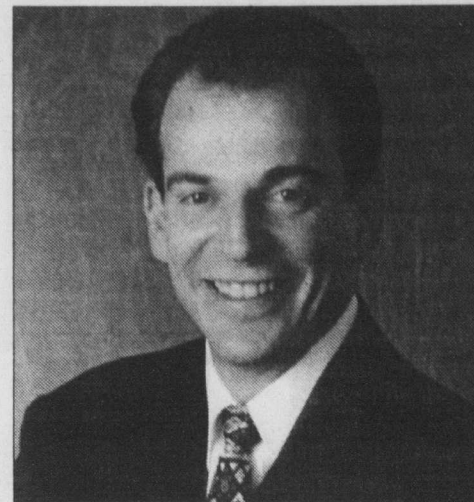
When the party chose Peter MacKay as its leader in 2003, Bachand was named deputy party leader.

But he later clashed with his party

after it opted to merge with the Canadian Alliance party in December of 2003. He argued the western-based Alliance faction would dominate the new Conservative party and ignore Quebec's interests. After the merger was ratified by both parties, Bachand left the new party and sat as an independent. With no other party to turn to and a federal election looming, he told his supporters in January he would not seek a third term as the local MP.

During the spring federal election, Bachand supported Liberal candidate Christine St. Pierre and vowed to help the party beat the BQ's Bellavance in his bid for the riding. Bellavance ended up winning the riding with a 13,000 vote majority.

Bachand will start his new job on Aug. 30 in Ottawa.



FILE PHOTO

André Bachand, the newly minted bureaucrat, will work under Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs minister Benoit Pelletier.

RADIO:

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Demarais, who met with Mayor Jean Perrault and other community leaders on Tuesday, said Sherbrooke residents have made it clear they want to conserve the AM radio station in its current form. Bloc MP Serge Cardin, the City of Sherbrooke and the Chamber of Commerce are all planning to send briefs to the CRTC to oppose the Corus plan that would greatly diminish another source of local news.

Founded in 1937, CHLT was Sherbrooke's first radio station. Since the 70s, the regional station has belonged to the Radiomedia network that owns CKAC in Montreal and a half dozen other stations throughout Quebec.

CHLT and its sister stations from the Radiomedia network were sold to Astral Media, which had plans to continue local news and sports. But that plan was nixed by the Competition Bureau of Canada which refused to allow the same owners to control three local stations, including Radio Énergie, Rock Détente and CHLT.

In May, Corus made a deal to buy CKAC, CHLT and the other AM stations from Astral and is asking the CRTC to modify the licenses of the stations in Montreal, Sherbrooke, Saguenay, Quebec City and Trois Rivières to drastically reduce local programming and news to 20 hours per week, down from between 41 and 64 hours a week. Corus would fill in the blanks with some sports and health news produced by CKAC's reduced newsroom in Montreal.

The plan, which would be phased in over three years, is contained in a Corus submission being studied by the CRTC during public hearings on the case on Sept. 7. The commission is accepting briefs about the proposed changes until Aug. 13.

"It's absurd to reduce programming



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Nothing ventured, nothing gained...Rancourt

to 20 hours from the current 45," Desmarais said, noting that Corus will reduce the staff, cut the number of hours and reduce service to the population.

"The CRTC doesn't have to agree to this when there is an alternative," he insisted, promoting his plan to buy CKAC and its sister stations and then find local buyers for the regional stations.

"If there was no other buyer, okay, but there is another solution," he said adding that the CRTC should reject the "sports and pill sales" format proposed by Corus.

Desmarais said his communications company, Section Rouge Media Inc., is interested in purchasing CKAC in Montreal, and maintaining a radio network with regional partners in Sherbrooke, Saguenay, Trois Rivières and Gatineau.

Rancourt and Desmarais, who are partners in Media Rouge which recently closed the crime tabloid Allo Police, say they have approached local investors interested in running CHLT. They also claim to have at least two interested

buyers for the other regional stations.

While they would not name them, the interested parties have a background in radio and know how to run a radio station, Desmarais said.

Desmarais said listeners and supporters must show the CRTC that AM radio is not dead. He noted that radio markets in North America have an AM station like CHLT that plays a major role in the community. He said that in a dozen markets, seven of them have an AM radio station in the top three.

"But the AM band has been abandoned here for several years because the owners have FM stations in the same market," he said, adding that CRTC must also understand that healthy radio needs a diversity of owners.

Desmarais said his vision for CHLT is a station with 81 per cent of the shareholders that are local. It would maintain an affiliation to the news network at CKAC. "We must preserve CHLT as an important link in the chain," he said.

In the meantime, Rancourt said he would like the CRTC to name Media

Rouge as the temporary managers of the radio network while a third party determines the value of the company.

"We have to prevent this station from being put on hold while awaiting its death," he said.

Rancourt admits their company previously tried to purchase the AM stations. He said CHLT will be a real bargain now because its assets are being allowed to founder.

He evaluates

the station's value at about \$350,000, but notes it could be a profitable venture if run by the right people.

"They once had sales of \$1.4 million," he said. "It could be profitable its managed properly."

Rancourt notes this is the third time at bat for the Radiomedia network which has been unable to sustain a deal with Astral or other prospective buyers.

Desmarais notes the deal with Corus is not a sale, but an exchange of properties.

Once it hears the case, a CRTC decision could take anywhere from three to six months. In the meantime, the station continues to lose value, experienced reporters continue to leave the station, and listeners aren't getting the service they deserve," he commented.

One way or the other, Rancourt said it will be fun to watch the process begin in September.

"It's a longshot, but he who never tries, never wins."

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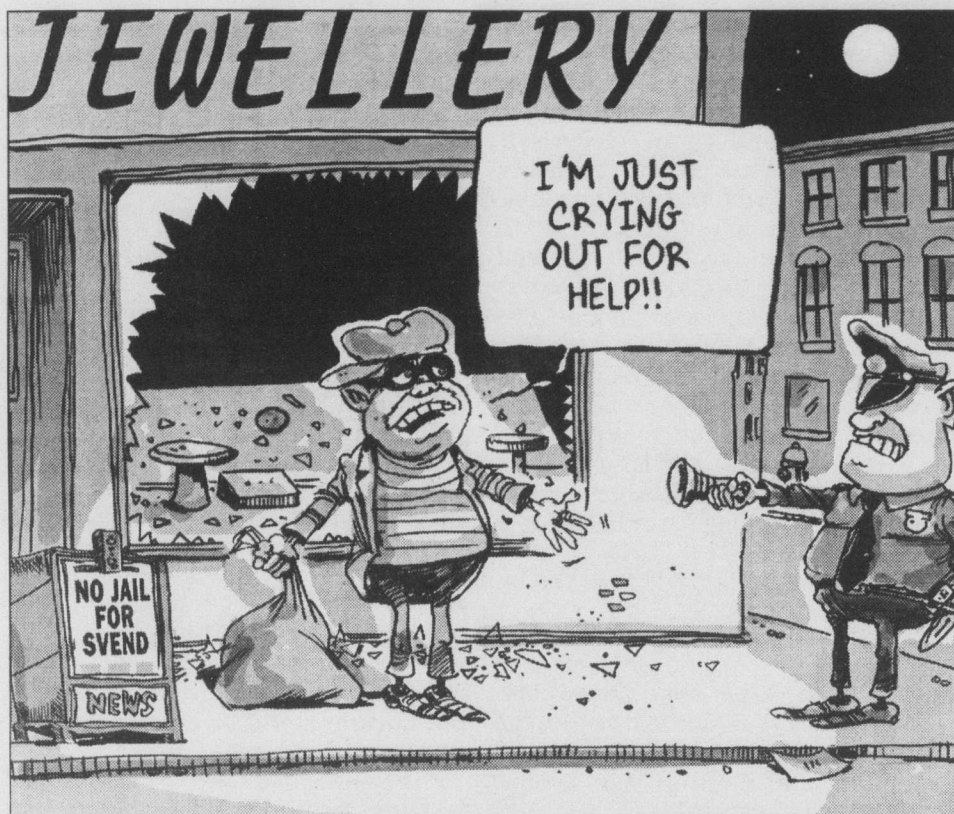
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In times of war, sometimes it's safer to be a soldier

A reader asked me a question about Iraq. It was a complex question, but the gist of it was this. Haven't the people of Iraq had enough?

VIEWPOINT

GEORGE JONAS
CANWEST NEWS

times more likely even if we don't. For Poles, the front lines were a place of relative safety.

The front lines were also a place of relative safety for Yu-

goslavians. They lost 1.4 million non-combatants but only 300,000 soldiers. A Yugoslav's overall risk of dying in the war was about one in 10.

The people of Germany and the Soviet Union ran the same risk, but being a civilian was about 10 per cent riskier for a German than wearing a uniform.

For Soviet soldiers the front was definitely not the place to be: It was about three times as risky as the hinterland. For Brits the services were five times as hazardous (in spite of the blitz with its high civilian casualties.) Of course, Britain was never occupied and even the Soviet Union was never occupied completely.

War is always hell, but it's one kind of hell if your chances of being killed are one in 200 and quite another if your chances are one in six. At first blush it doesn't explain, though, why ex-Yugoslavians are readier today to take up arms than, say, Americans. It should be the other way around. Except if your chief risk is not in the military; if you run a higher risk of being killed as a civilian by a conquering foe or tyrant, taking up arms might seem the lesser of two evils to you. You might come to fear war less than occupation or dictatorship.

Ironically, there's safety in war.

That's why sectarian wars, tribal wars, civil wars, revolutions, and wars of national liberation can be so stubborn and vicious. Many Serbs, Shias, Kurds, Sunnis, Kosovars, etc., prefer to take their chances on the battlefield to living in a civil society dominated by a tyrant or by what they see as their ethnic or religious enemies. Shias or Kosovars feel SAFER on the battlefield.

That's why many people in the world, including the former Yugoslavia, including the Middle East, would rather fight than yield. Yes, war is hell - but those who have experienced tyranny and occupation fear the hell of war less than the hell of foreign rule and conquest.

So the short answer is: no, experience doesn't necessarily make people wiser. Mark Twain wrote about the cat that once jumped on the hot stove - and never jumped on the cold stove again.

Since 1980, in addition to the murderous tyranny of Saddam & Co., Iraqis had to go through a long war of attrition with Iran, two brief but devastating wars with U.S.-led coalitions, and several internal wars between the Baathist regime and Iraq's own Shia, Marsh Arab, and Kurdish population. There was also a decade of UN sanctions, punctuated by periodic U.S. air strikes for Saddam's non-compliance with some of its terms.

Now, finally, Iraqis had a genuine chance for peace, yet they responded with insurrection, suicide bombings, and threats of civil war - not all Iraqis, obviously, but in sufficient numbers to make the country almost ungovernable. Why?

And it wasn't just Iraq, my reader wrote. The people of other regions, such as the former Yugoslavia, also seemed gluttons for punishment. After a decade of bloody wars of secession, without the presence of NATO troops in Bosnia and Kosovo, they'd be at each other's throats again.

Doesn't experience make people wiser?

Interesting question. I don't have the answer, but some old numbers may throw a light on the relationship between national experiences and attitudes.

During the Second World War, 40 million Europeans lost their lives. The global hostilities took a heavy toll on other continents as well, including about 295,000 Americans. Though the U.S. numbers were grievous, America's war dead represented about 0.4 per cent of the population. They were almost all soldiers. As an American, your chances of being killed in the war were less than 1 in 200 overall, and even that only if you were in the military. As an American non-combatant, your risk was just about nil.

But what if you were a Pole? With 17.2 per cent of the population killed, your chances of being among the dead rose to about 1 in six, and, you were more likely to be killed as a civilian than as a soldier. 60 times more likely, to be precise, if we include Polish-Jewish victims of the Holocaust, and about 30

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A little warning would have been nice

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with some amusement that I have been reading the letters concerning the speed bumps recently installed (and since circumcised) along Prospect and Clough streets. My only feeling concerning the matter is that I wish our esteemed daily newspaper had brought the issue of their impending construction to the public's attention before their arrival.

And so it was, a lovely summer day, and out I was on my usual weekly foray for groceries, a gas-up at the Esso and an Ice-cap at Tim's, accompanied, as always, by my faithful fox terrorist...I mean, terrorist, Rupert. All went well, apart

from the gas prices, and the caffeine and mega-fats from the Ice-cap were ripping a pathway of nirvana-inducing euphoria throughout my bloodstream...when suddenly, heading at a reasonable speed up Prospect, I was launched, unsuspecting, breathless, for what seemed an eternity (as I 'slipped the surly bonds and touched the face of God'), only to be returned, abruptly and jarringly, to this gravity-en-slaved existence we call life. Not only a rude awakening for me, but for my poor little terrorist, who was now wearing my Ice-cap.

You know, in my day (the Pleistocene, admittedly), we used to teach our children respect for the road. But that was then.

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Perspectives

Spare the meat, spoil the child

Some readers may recall my sometimes writing in The Journal about our youngest daughter Abby's health issues.

(Long story short, she has a metabolic condition called tyrosinemia, which, untreated, makes certain proteins toxic. It is controlled with medication, specialty foods and a highly restrictive diet, allowing her to live a normal life. Abby also had a stroke a year and a half ago but recovered quickly.)

Because of that writing, people sometimes ask me how Abby is doing.

The answer? Spoiled like month-old milk.

Coddled like Michael Jackson's monkey.

Indulged like Courtney Love's habit.

Pampered like a diaper factory.

We're not exactly sure how this happened. Deb and I are raising Abby, now 3, the same way we raised the other three kids (that is, when she's 10, she too will scream at me, "You're the meanest dad in the world!"). But somewhere along the way she started getting away with murder. Like O.J. Simpson in oversized gloves.

Like Courtney Love in Kurt Cobain's... oh never mind.

Mostly this indulgence manifests itself in the form of bad habits. For instance, at bedtime, one of us has to either lie with Abby or sit and read until she falls asleep. I used to scoff at my brother who for years did this with his kids (it finally came to an end shortly after the children moved out of the house). And now here we are falling asleep on Pooh Bear pillows. Later in the night, Abby usually pads down the hall and hops into our bed. This is not what I imagined when I first heard about "threesomes."

Abby's siblings have to share some of the blame for spoiling her. They are a bit older and tend to treat her like a queen. For instance, they have a hard time saying no to her. Consequently, she has a very easy time saying no to them. Or rather, "NO-O-O-O-O!" If she stumbles and hurts herself, all three flock to her like seagulls to a fishing boat, like paparazzi to J.Lo's behind, like Courtney



ROSS
MURRAY

Love to a heroine... now stop that!

The kids may also be to blame for her language development. She can talk, of course, but she doesn't have to; she has others to do the talking for her. Example:

"What colour is this?"

"Cuddler."

"Yes, what colour is this?"

"Cuddler."

"Is it red?"

"Yeah, wed."

Her bad habits may also have to do with the tyrosinemia, or at least indirectly. Take mealtime, for example. Abby doesn't sit down for meals. We chase her around the house saying, "Have a bite. Have a bite." Then we actually have to spoon-feed her. At three years old! It's ridiculous. Though, if your diet consisted of steamed vegetables and peanut-free peanut butter, you wouldn't be too excited about eating either. (Her bread mix does, however, have hydroxypropylmethylcellulose in it. Yum!)

Then there are the habits that have

nothing to do with anything. They just are. For instance, Abby is still in diapers, or rather Pull-Ups. We have to get Pull-Ups because they have pictures of Buzz Lightyear and Disney princesses on them. What a scam. How do they expect kids to be potty trained if they make diapers so enticing? They even glow in the dark. Heck, I'd wear them if they came in my size. Abby is so addicted to them she has a screaming fit if she doesn't get the Pull-Up with all three princesses on it. She comes running to the TV when the commercial is on, and can sing the "I'm a big kid now" song (except the kids have taught her to sing "I'm a big fat cow").

By contrast, there is no interest in the toilet. And who can blame her? Things get sucked down there and disappear forever. She has, however, learned from watching her cousins how to pee on the grass.

Yes, at least we have that: our daughter is house-trained.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heritage church fêted by community

DEAR EDITOR,

The Congregation of Centenary United Church celebrated 200 years in the community. Thanks to the proposals put forth by Valerie Glover, the church celebrated with the community and for the community.

We issued an open invitation to all those wished to participate in any form in recognizing this heritage moment. We owe our sincere appreciation to the many people and organizations that supported and participated in this mile stone event. So to all we say thank you.

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The activities were a gesture of community spirit, a partnership between the church and the community it serves. There were no expectations of profits to be made for the church but a celebration of a wonderful event. To those who participated by attending these various events we sincerely hope you enjoyed the activities.

The committee worked hard to bring things of interest to the community. Martine Drysdale, Valerie Glover, Marilyn Jones, Hermine Daghofer and Gertrude Ketcham as well as the ladies groups from the United Steeples gave their time and energy to helping make this 200 year celebration a success. Rev. Doreen Moffat put together a very fitting service to honor this prestigious event. I am sure the ones of us who participated will recall this occasion for years to come. Once again thank you.

BARBARA HEATH
200th Celebration Committee Member

Events such as these must continue

DEAR EDITOR,

We are pleased to announce that last week's Piggery Special Events: The Family Puppet Picnic, The Pig Rocks with Student Crossing and Faust Through The Shadows all produced by Tim Gosley and Friends were a resounding success. With the exception of The Faust (which received a small but appreciative crowd) all events had better than expected attendance and drew a diverse audience outside the Piggery's usual demographics.

The youth rock concert was a truly community event with kids to grannies listening to our local boys Student Crossing who were certainly 'en forme.' We had the added bonus of summer camp Quebec Lodges' teens that were transported by a local cavalcade of minivans to the Piggery site. The stage was alive with smoke, bubbles, a light show projection screen, and the larger than life Percy Pig projected Muppet-like for all to see. It was good music and lots of fun.

The two day Family Puppet Picnic was a bilingual, friendly, and relaxed event with about 50/50 attendance of both language groups. Bubbles flew high over The Piggery as costumed students from Les Enfants de la Terre scooted about on unicycles and practiced their various circus skills: a special thanks to Jacques Racine. Performances

by storyteller Petronella (in French) followed by Tim Gosley's Ugly Duckling (in English) held the audience of both languages. Special guest musicians Allyn Harris, Peter Mendieta, and Charles von Goidtsenhoven enriched the experience. After a picnic of pizza and ice cream with face painting, roaming puppets, and more bubbles, the workshop barn was alive with activities. Workshops by Lynn Tremblay, Janna Hubacek, and Tim Gosley with Eve Denis and Petra Kixmüller challenged a large crowd of children and parents. On the second day we doubled our already healthy sized audience and people came from far and wide. The word spread fast.

We thank all artists, volunteers, the media support, and participants for proving there is a need for these events. They were ground-breaking for the development of The Piggery's future audience. For this past week's initial experiments, all artists and organizers kindly donated their expertise. We are committed to repeating the experience next year perhaps expanding The Family Puppet Picnic to occur twice during the summer. With more planning time we must develop the funding to pay our artists while keeping the admission reasonable for all families. Any individual or company interested in sponsoring this harmonious bilingual family event please call 819-842-4492.

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Work bee for St. Mathias Church in Fitch Bay

By Nancy Nourse

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Remember when the whole neighbourhood would gather for a work bee to do important things such as raise a new barn, get in the crops or rebuild someone's home after a disastrous fire?

This is exactly the type of event that wardens of the St. Mathias Anglican Church and the Service Culturel Arborescence are planning to hold next Saturday afternoon to help with repairs to the small church that has played a major part in the Fitch Bay area community for a long time.

Built in 1888, St. Mathias' has been a central meeting place for many community events over the last 116 years.

"Sadly to say, our congregation, like so many others today, has been steadily diminishing. We still manage to hold a service once a month but the adjoining hall is still kept busy with weddings and showers and other community events. Many of our members are getting older and are unable to help out as much as they once did," explained church warden Jim Wharry.

"Arborescence approached us for the use of our hall in exchange for their help in getting the badly needed renovations done. The idea for a work bee seemed like a great solution to our problems.

"The church will benefit from the hard work of many while everyone gets the opportunity to take part in an event that will enhance the community."

The warden added that, in keeping with the tradition of an old fashioned work bee, there will also be a lunch served.

Services were started in the Fitch Bay area by the Reverend James Hepburn from Magog some two years before St. Mathias Anglican Church was actually built. In all probability it was designed and built by Nathan Beach, a resident and contractor from Georgeville.

It was he who built and designed St. George's Anglican Church in Georgeville in 1886. In 1889, the Reverend W.A. Adcock was appointed missionary in charge of Fitch Bay and Georgeville. It was during his tenure (1889-1894) that the church was officially consecrated. The belfry bell pealed for the first time around 1893 and still peals for monthly services today.

The furnishings are the original, made by hand when the church was built. As historic as the pews may be, they have somewhat narrow seats with straight backs that many find uncomfortable.

The pews, altar and baptismal font are among a few objects well preserved over the years. The original organ is still in use. It was and is still considered a pump organ even though an electric motor was installed a few years ago.

The last time the church was painted was in 1992 by Rupert Huckins. The hall was last painted by wardens Jack Kimpton and Wharry.

Many of the larger churches have been eligible for government grants but even though St. Mathias Church may fit into the guidelines historically, Wharry sees no way the small community and even smaller congregation could ever come up with the required 20 per cent of the grant.

The work bee at St. Mathias Anglican Church will be held Aug. 14 in the centre of Fitch Bay.

Anyone interested in this project may contact Wharry at 819-876-2813 or Kimpton at 819-876-2850.



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Pictured are (left to right) Jean-Claude Bilodeau of Arborescence, warden Jim Wharry and Winnie Wharry.

Rotary Club creates smiles at Camp Massawippi

By Nancy Nourse

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Even Mother Nature couldn't spoil the fun for the campers at Camp Massawippi last week when Boundary Rotary Club members came for their annual visit.

Although it was a challenge to come up with fun activities that wouldn't leave anyone standing on the sidelines, members of the Rotary Club did their very best to please everyone.

Founded by the MacKay Centre in 1951, Camp Massawippi is designed for campers between the ages of five and 30.

"The MacKay Centre is well-known for the excellent care and instruction they are able to give to young people with disabilities. Whether it is because of deafness or one of the many physical disabilities that our campers are faced with on a daily basis, our goal is not only education or rehabilitation but also fun which is something that their

rigid daily routines do not usually include," explained Joe Baigniet, co-director of the camp.

Nathalie Roy, the 2004 camp director, added that she and the councillors take their job seriously.

"Parents have entrusted us not only with their children, but with their special children. We have 25 councillors who work with the campers making sure that all their daily needs are met and that they can participate to the best

of their ability in everyday activities," commented Roy.

"Every councillor must go through a two-week training program to familiarize themselves with the various disabilities and their requirements.

"We keep the energy level up and positive — all kids like music, sing-alongs, crafts and drama. Our waterfront activities are a big part of our program.

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Saturday is crowning day of 75th anniversary

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Saturday has been declared the crowning day of the celebrations surrounding the 75th anniversary of the Stanstead Historical Society.

Events have included a successful lecture series, a Victorian Tea Party in the picturesque garden behind the Colby-Curtis Museum, a benefit concert at the Haskell Opera House and an auction of barn antiques. This coming weekend is no exception when it comes to memorable events.

"This Saturday, we will be recreating the first meeting of the Stanstead Historical Society which was held in 1929 at the Mansur Schoolhouse (better known as the Little Brick Schoolhouse) starting at 1:30 p.m. This will be a general meeting but we will not be having a guest speaker as in the past," explained Carl Eisan, director and curator of the Colby-Curtis Museum.

"The main event will, however, take place at the Colby-Curtis (starting at 3 p.m.), with the opening of a special exhibit retracing the history of the Society through its collections. This exhibit was put together by Laurier Lacroix and his research group from UQAM.

"We all realize that while this loca-

tion is an important part of our history, the Mansur Schoolhouse is relatively small, which suited its original use so many years ago.

"The school desks are few and small in size so we are going to add enough chairs to hopefully seat 60 or 70 people."

Eisan added that thanks to grants received from the Canadian Heritage Department and the MRC's Cultural Committee the Society has been able to launch a new brochure highlighting the history of Carrollcroft, the Historical Society and the museum activities.

They are also very proud to let it be known that the Colby-Curtis Museum is the only accredited museum in the MRC



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Events at the Colby-Curtis have included a successful lecture series and a Victorian Tea Party.

Memphremagog. Its operating budget is subsidized by the Minister of Culture and Communications of Quebec.

An official opening of the Barn Collection which has been set up in a way

that still retains the atmosphere of the antiquated barn will be added to the day's activities. This added exhibit was made possible by a grant from Tourisme Cantons-de-l'Est.

Boutique Petit Trésor opens this week

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Often small town residents grumble they have to go out of town to shop for what they need. Well, Stacey Johnston has decided to change that.

For the last several months, Johnston has been collecting items to be displayed in her new store, Boutique Petit Trésor, which opens its doors Friday (Aug. 13) on Railroad St. in Stanstead.

"I think the idea of running my own store has always been in the back of my mind. It just seems as if everything is falling into place to make it a reality," explained Johnston.

"Family schedules are busy enough today without having to go on any long distance shopping trips for little things that you need. I know because I have a two-year-old of my own and I know that I was getting frustrated."

When asked why she chose Stanstead as a location for her store, the Georgeville resident said it was because she was brought up in the Stanstead area.

While her business may have grown faster and bigger if she had chosen to locate in a place such as Magog, she felt people in the Stanstead area would also welcome such a boutique.

Her brightly decorated windows announce children's clothing and brand names such as OshKosh, Snuggly and Kushie.

"For now, I will be selling children's clothes from 0-6 in size. I have been impressed with the Kushie line of products ever since a friend introduced me to them. As far as I am concerned, they are one of the tops in quality, durability, and softness," added Johnston.

"I hate paying good money for something that falls apart after only a few washings. I have tried to create a display with a good variety of colours and patterns, keeping the prices as low as I possibly can.

"Kids grow out of things so quickly but you still want to put your money into a good product."

The children's clothes and accessories at Petit Trésor are all obtained directly from the manufacturer, while the Kushie products are guaranteed first quality.

Due to Johnston's persistence and shopping sense, she was able to acquire products that are end of the line or limited edition which in turn allow her an even better chance of keeping her prices reasonable.

Petit Trésor will be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Stacey Johnston is anxious to greet her new customers at Boutique Petit Trésor, this Friday

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Côté/Godin exhibit on at North Hatley Library



By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The newest exhibit at the North Hatley Library centres on work created by Gillian Angus Côté and Margo Godin.

Côté's work tends to lean toward the realistic aspect of things found in our surroundings while Godin's work at times leans more toward symbolism and vague lines that tend to play with your imagination.

It is very clear by the content of Côté's work that she has a real love of animals and a fondness for the nature that surrounds her. In one painting, she captures the delicateness of tiny red flowers blowing in the wind while in another she delights in recreating a massive long-haired bull.

Her vision of a small green frog, harmless yet somehow majestic, sitting next to a large lily pad bursting with pink flowers has a whimsical effect to it. She uses the technique of a still white background to emphasize her subject.

"I like to try different techniques, using different mediums. At first, my exhibit was originally supposed to be panoramic scenes and the assemblages that I have created, but I changed it to include two of the pieces from another showing that I had done entitled *Women in Bottles*," explained Godin. "It just seemed like an easier transition process for the visitors, not so harsh a contrast as going from scenic to imaginative."

Godin said that her main objective



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The works of Margo Godin (pictured, right) and Gillian Angus Côté (example, left) will be on display at the North Hatley Library until Aug. 21.

in all her work is to express the wonder, joy and freedom that she feels surrounded by the beauty of the Eastern Townships. She feels that through the assemblages that she creates, visitors are given an insight into the pleasure that she derives from giving new identity to familiar objects.

By collecting various objects of little significance and arranging them in

window-box style creations, it is possible to go from modern day time back into the days of ancient Egypt, she said.

The exhibition at the North Hatley Library will continue until Aug. 21. Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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"We have added the necessary equipment so that even having lunch on a boat in the middle of the lake is not out of the question for even the most disabled — and it's perfectly safe."

Roy added that her goal by 2005 is to have all the renovations done so that it would be possible to keep Camp Massawippi open year-round.

Situated on 19 acres of lakeshore property along Lake Massawippi in the Eastern Townships, the camp has built a solid reputation thanks to 50 years of experience serving a distinct group of youth.

Roy hopes that when not in use by the young campers, the camp will be able to accommodate corporate events, family gatherings, and maybe even offer tourist packages.

Roy would like to upgrade the shower area and make all of the buildings accessible to wheelchairs and walkers. Although they still receive some support from the MacKay Centre of Montreal, Camp Massawippi is steadily becoming more and more independent with the help of organizations such as the Boundary Rotary Club, the I.O.D.E.



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Gift Tshuma is very patient when it comes to teaching his friend Veronica how to play chess.

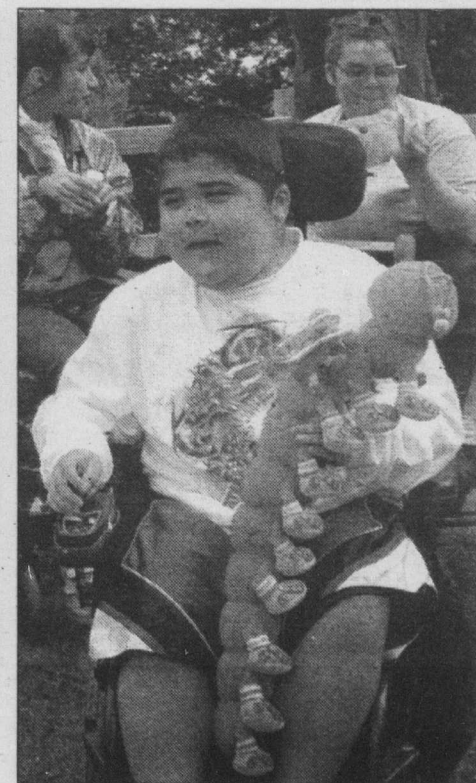
and the Blue Knights.

"Members of the Boundary Rotary Club have been coming here annually for many years. We try to come up with new games for the kids to play, in a carnival atmosphere — mustn't forget the popcorn," said Ron Quigley, Boundary

Rotary Club president.

"We also set up several tables of prizes that the kids get to choose themselves. They really seem to like that."

"It is surprising how little it takes to make them happy in comparison to most kids today. It really touches your



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Young Vincent Puerto is just thrilled with his bright orange centipede.

heart to be able to put smiles on the faces of these kids."



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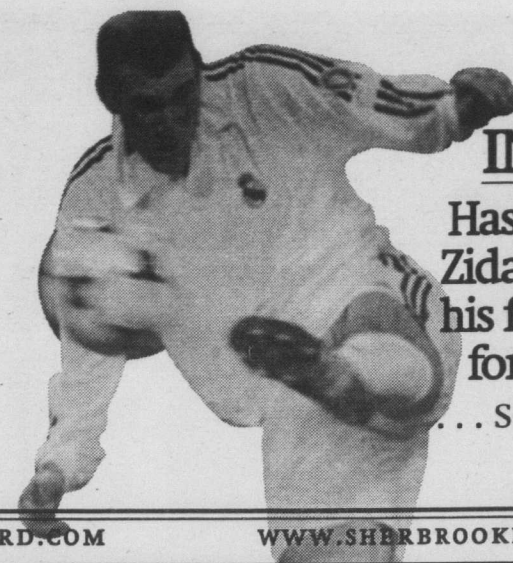
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Basketball recruits bolster Gaiters line-up

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Bishop's University men's basketball team finished the 2003-04 campaign on a positive note when they upset the fourth-ranked Concordia Stingers in the playoff semi-finals and then dropped a hard fought game to the second-ranked Rouge et Or in the Quebec conference final.

The Gaiters have the nucleus of last year's team returning to school this fall including Quebec University Basketball League Player of the Year Jeff Szita. But that has not stopped Bishop's head coach Eddie Pomykala and his team of coaches from convincing several blue chip players to attend the Lennoxville school beginning this year.

The list includes a pair of Cégep AAA players, Doug McCooeye from Dawson College and Champlain-St. Lambert's Junior Nicolas, and three out-of-province high school players, Kevin Watson, Cam Mowat and John Mitton.

Pomykala has had his eye on both McCooeye and Nicolas for several years and feels the pair can make a contribution in their rookie year. The six-foot-five McCooeye is listed as a forward but has the ability to play several different positions.

"Doug will make an immediate contribution because he's a winner and he is fundamentally what we are looking for," Pomykala said Wednesday. "He is a hybrid basketball player because he plays so many positions. He has great skill in shooting from the outside and he can really pass the ball. One of the smartest basketball players I have recruited."

Several American schools expressed interest in McCooeye but the Montreal native decided Bishop's was the school for him.

"Eddie has been talking to me for several years and when I came down to visit I was sold on the school," McCooeye said. "It has what I have been looking for — great academic and athletic programs."

Nicolas played on the championship Champlain-St. Lambert team that captured the Quebec title and sent five players to United States colleges. At Champlain Nicolas was known for his tenacious defence. Pomykala also feels that his overlooked offensive talents will shine while wearing the Gaiters uni-

form.

"Junior is an explosive athlete with great shooting range and the ability to be the best defender in our league," Pomykala said. "What I love about Junior is that he has absolutely no fear. He is another player who comes from a winning program and his competitiveness will be contagious. Junior will push our talented guards for playing time right away."

The ability to contribute right away was a factor in Nicolas' decision to attend Bishop's.

"Bishop's has a great reputation for academics and basketball and I know that I would have a chance to come in right away and show what I can do on the court. I am excited about being here and ready for the season to begin."

The most impressive of the high school players is Kevin Watson, a five-foot-five point guard from the Toronto area.

"Kevin is a five-foot-five wind up quickness machine," Pomykala said. "Forget about his size, this guy is a fearless leader who will quickly become a fan favourite with his ability to dance with the ball as he blows by opponents. Kevin has the ability to make all our players better because he will get them the ball at the right time."

Watson was first noticed by newly appointed assistant coach Don Caldwell who spotted the diminutive guard at a high school all-star game a few years ago.

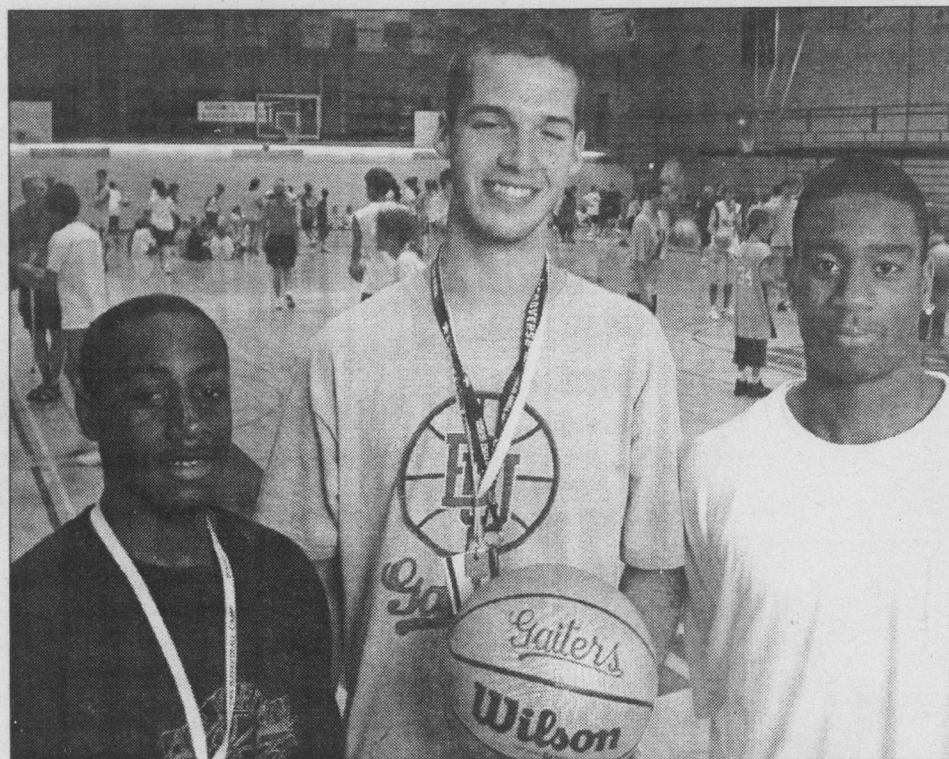
"What I noticed right away was Kevin's floor leadership, he is a true point guard," Caldwell said. "He has played three years at the point at one of the most competitive programs in Toronto."

Caldwell was equally impressed with Watson's stature off the court.

"You could tell he was respected by his peers and when I met him off the court I was very impressed with his personal qualities," Caldwell said. "When he shakes your hand he looks you in the eye and I think that is important."

Watson came to Lennoxville this week to register for the fall term and work with McCooeye and Nicolas at the Bishop's Gaiters Basketball camp.

Lennoxville is a far cry from downtown Toronto but Watson liked what he saw.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Toronto's Kevin Watson (left), Doug McCooeye of Dawson College and Champlain-St. Lambert's Junior Nicolas are expected to contribute this season.

"Bishop's is a great school and Lennoxville is a quiet town," Watson observed. "I like it here and think things are going to work out well — on the court and in the classroom."

The other two recruits, who were not in attendance at basketball camp, are Cam Mowat, a six-foot-six forward from Vancouver, B.C. and six-foot-one John Mitton from Halifax, N.S.

Weir thinks PGA Championship a fair challenge

By Allen Panzeri

You could barely find a pro within a wedge of Lake Michigan who had a kind word to say yesterday about Whistling Straits, site of the 86th PGA Championship. Except one: Mike Weir.

After a practice round with Vijay Singh, Paul Azinger and Scott McCarron, Weir downplayed the early horror stories emerging from the 7,600-yard

course. He believes it'll offer a fair test that won't approach the difficulty of Shinnecock for the U.S. Open. However, as Weir is quick to point out, it's only the beginning of the week.

"With the wind, there can be some difficult holes, but as long as you're driving the ball well, I think you can score well," he said.

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BASKETBALL

Hoops star has all the Wright stuff

By Greg Harder
REGINA

Canada has the Wright stuff. Some of the top college basketball programs in the U.S. are expanding their traplines northward in search of prospects like Ryan Wright, a six-foot-eight power forward from Mississauga, Ont.

Wright, who's entering his senior year of high school, is being heavily recruited by several high-profile NCAA schools, including Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Illinois, Georgia Tech, UCLA and Stanford.

"I'm in the process of cutting them down," offered Wright, who's in Regina this week for the Canadian juvenile (under-17) basketball championships. "I'm going to be making my decision in the next couple weeks on what my (final) four schools are going to be."

"Academics and playing time are the most important things. And coaching —

a coach who has a good record for developing players."

Wright is hoping his college career will live up to the early reviews — a slam dunk.

"My goal is to go down south, win a national championship and hopefully go to the NBA," said Wright, whose role models include Toronto-born NBA centre Jamaal Magloire.

"He opened the door for me and a lot of other Toronto-area players. I look up to those guys. They're the ones who brought the scouts to Canada in the first place. I should be thanking those guys."

Wright is already drawing comparisons to the six-foot-11 Magloire, who's known primarily for his work in the paint. But Wright hopes to show there's more than one dimension to his game.

"My game is a mixture of inside and out," he said. "I like to score inside, use

my size and athleticism. I also like to take my man outside, shoot some jumpers and try to beat him off the dribble."

"Right now I'm mostly working on my ballhandling and working on beating guys off the dribble. Even though I'm kind of quick for a big guy I need to get quicker to beat guards."

Wright's ticket to the U.S. came in the form of an invitation to Indianapolis for the prestigious Nike Camp, an event which last year included a much-hyped showdown between high school phenoms LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony.

By all reports, Wright's stock rose substantially during the camp, where he impressed scouts with his athleticism while matched against the elite high school players in the U.S.

"It was good to play against all the top players and learn from the coaches," he said. "I feel like I played really well,

proved myself. I played hard. No matter what the competition is like, I just play hard."

In the process, Wright is getting a crash course on the business side of basketball.

"I've only been home like a week this whole summer," he noted. "It has been pretty crazy but after this tournament I'll get to go home for a while and get ready for school."

First things first.

Wright's immediate focus is to help Ontario repeat as national juvenile champions.

"Winning a national championship is definitely something coaches look at," noted Wright.

"Coaches look at somebody who knows how to win championships. I've already won two straight (under-15 and under-17) and I'll be looking for this to hopefully be my third one."

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PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

PGA:

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"I don't think it plays like (7,600 yards). The fairways are hard enough that you get enough run, except on a few holes, so it doesn't seem that long."

"And I don't think the greens will play as difficult as Shinnecock as far as placement. On these, you can pretty much get away with putting it on. Then again, it's only Monday."

Other than course architect Pete Dye and owner Herbert V. Kohler Jr., Weir was about the only defender the course had yesterday.

Except for a couple of notables in Phil Mickelson and John Daly, who have been here for three days, most golfers, including Weir, were getting their first look at Whistling Straits.

And the world's best golfers didn't see anything here to change their minds. With their cutting one-liners about the course, in fact, it seemed as if there were auditioning for Letterman.

"I was told before I got here that there were 10 really difficult holes and eight impossible ones," Lee Westwood said. "I'm just trying to work out which ones the 10 difficult holes were."

Added playing partner Darren Clarke: "I was very impressed by it. I didn't realize there were that many par 6s on one golf course."

Plus, they found that it was simply a challenge to walk the hilly course with its steep changes in elevation.

"You want to get some local knowledge," said Clarke. "But at the same time a lot of practice rounds out there

are going to wear you down."

"It's a very physically demanding golf course."

Dye, 78, and Kohler Jr., 65, defended the course. After hearing Clarke's remarks, Dye snapped, "He must have had a bad day."

Kohler said the pros couldn't have asked for a fairer layout. The fairways have been widened, to between 25 and 30 feet (from about 20).

The first cut of rough is only two inches and will be from six feet to 15 yards wide. And the second cut of rough will be only four inches.

Plus, the greens will be kept at a reasonable pace (11.5 on the stimp meter), unlike the greens at Shinnecock for the U.S. Open.

Dye took it a step further, suggesting that today's pros are babies, pampered by the perfect conditions they get every week on the tour.

Dye recalled the 1960 Indianapolis Open, of which he was general chairman. The tournament was played the same week as the Indy 500 auto race. Nine of the holes were within the track, the other nine outside it.

The tournament was held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with Saturday being an off day while the race was held.

The final round was played on Sunday, in almost impossible conditions, since the nine holes that sat outside the track had been used as a parking lot for Saturday's race. They were littered with beer cans and discarded food, said Dye. But the prize of \$50,000 U.S. was one of the richest in golf.

"I said to Mike Suochak and Kenny (Venturi) — they were staying at my

house — I said, 'Are you guys going to be too upset about playing out there Sunday?'" Dye said.

"There are going to be a few chicken bones and beer cans all throughout the golf course."

"Suochak said to me, 'Pete, don't you worry about a damn thing. We'll play right down main street for \$50,000.'"

"So maybe you can figure out from that, there has been a slight change."

Kohler said the course won't play nearly as tough as it could play. The greens will not be close to the speed of Augusta's greens and the fairways won't kick away good drives, as the fairways at

Royal St. George did at the British Open two years ago.

Instead, the advantage could go to the one who quickly figures out the many quirks of the six-year-old course.

That could give a slight edge to players such as Mickelson and Daly, who arrived early, but Weir figures it's a draw.

"Everyone's in the same boat," he said. "It's a new course, no one has been out here much, so no one has a big advantage."

"Playing a practice round is a lot different from playing a tournament round, but everyone is in the same boat."

Especially at the start of the week.

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It's all fun for Phil

By Allen Panzeri

But for three lousy shots, Phil Mickelson could have been looking at a chance to win the Grand Slam this week at the PGA Championship.

After winning the Masters, he finished two behind Retief Goosen in the U.S. Open, and then one stroke out of a playoff in the British Open. Mickelson doesn't dwell on it, though. He just mentions it to show the fine line between having a good year and having an incredible year.

But, whatever happens this week, the mercurial lefty says it's been a good year for him, as well as a good year for golf.

"I think from a viewer's point of view, it's been an exciting year of golf because we've had four guys play very

well and then we've had some incredible performances," he said.

"Todd Hamilton's performance at the British Open was something special and makes the year very exciting. But to have Vijay (Singh) and Ernie (Els) and Retief and Tiger (Woods), guys that you expect to play well, play well, that makes for a fun year."

"My year is fun because I've been playing well and I had a win at the Masters and my play has been very consistent. That's what made my year fun."

Then, after pausing for a second, he had to acknowledge that not everything has been perfect.

"It doesn't really excite me, I'll be honest with you, to see Ernie and Vijay play that well," he said.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Prosecution seeks delay in Kobe case

Prosecutors in the Kobe Bryant case have asked the judge to delay his trial indefinitely, saying the accuser has been affected by developments in the case and the release of closed-door testimony has hurt their ability to get a fair jury.

The motion was made public Wednesday but submitted Tuesday, the day the 20-year-old woman who accused the NBA star of sexual assault filed a civil lawsuit seeking monetary damages from him.

In a court filing, prosecutor Dana Easter said the release of the hearing transcript detailing a defence expert's testimony about the accuser's sexual activities was "extremely harmful" to the prosecution's case. She said a strict gag order issued by District Judge Terry Ruckriegle has prevented the prosecution from responding. There was no immediate indication whether the judge would hold a hearing on the prosecution motion or when he might rule. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Aug. 27.

Heatley to be arraigned Sept. 16

A hearing for Dany Heatley's arraignment on vehicular homicide charges will be held Sept. 16 in Atlanta. The hearing is two days after the final of the World Cup hockey tournament, meaning Heatley will not be forced to leave Team Canada before the conclusion of the event.

Heatley is charged with first-degree vehicular homicide, second-degree vehicular homicide, reckless driving, driving too fast for conditions, failure to maintain a lane and speeding. If convicted on all counts, the Calgary native faces up to 20 years in prison and fines totalling \$5,000 US. Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard and Heatley's attorney Ed Garland both indicated that a plea agreement may be possible before the case goes to trial.

Zidane to bow out internationally

French star Zinedine Zidane could announce his retirement from international soccer Thursday evening on a television show. French cable network Canal Plus said the Real Madrid midfielder is to appear on air at 7:45 p.m. local time to reveal whether he will continue with the national team.

Without citing sources, French sports daily L'Equipe reported Wednesday it expects 32-year-old Zidane to "bow out" Thursday, adding that he had become "tired" after a decade with Les Bleus.

Zidane has played 93 times for France, scoring 26 goals. He helped France to victory at the 1998 World Cup, scoring twice in the final against Brazil.

On TV

THURSDAY

- **GOLF: 2 p.m.;** PGA Championship, first round, TSN
- **FOOTBALL: 8 p.m.;** Canadian Football League regular season, Toronto Argonauts at Montreal Alouettes, TSN, RDS.

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UPCOMING

- **JUNIOR ELITE BASEBALL: Sunday,** Repentigny Royal at Sherbrooke Bombardiers, Amédée-Roy Stadium, Sherbrooke, 2 & 7 p.m.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Windsor gets Junior AA hockey team



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Pictured (back, left to right) are Luc Desrosiers (governor and vice-president communications), Alain Gagné (vice-president marketing), Alain Grenache (president and general manager), Maxime Corriveau (vice-president scouting) and Eric Grenache (vice-president hockey). Front: Sport Wellington owner Marjolain Lagassé (left) and head coach Serge Forcier.

By Scott McLean

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon held in Sherbrooke, the Sport Wellington hockey team from Windsor was introduced as a new expansion team into the AA hockey league.

The team is joining the Junior AA league and will be the sixth team in a league that includes the Waterloo Maroons, the St-Cyrille Cyclone, the Plessisville V. Boutin, the Excellence Sports de Lévis and the Lotbinière du Model. The league is run by Gilles Lachapelle from Cowansville.

"We wanted to bring back hockey of a high caliber to Windsor and with this team I feel we have accomplished that fact," team president Alain Grenache told reporters at Wednesday's press conference. "Even if we are an expansion team, with the Townships as our recruitment area, we feel we can attract top quality talent to play."

The team used the press conference to unveil the new name, uniform and new head coach Serge Forcier. Forcier is a name familiar in the Sherbrooke region, for he served as an assistant coach with the relocated Sherbrooke Castors team in 2001-2002. The uniforms borrow from the NHL's New York Islanders in that their main colours are white, orange and blue and feature the Sport Wellington logo.

Forcier for his part is very pleased to be back in Sherbrooke, having been an assistant coach with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Drum-

mondville Voltigeurs for the past two seasons. He has some extensive experience in the Quebec coaching ranks, and has coached the likes of Patrick Lalime, Hugo Turcotte, Mario Dumoulin and Pascal Bernier during their crucial developmental years.

"Camp starts Sept. 4, and I am really excited for it," Forcier told The Record. "Just from my experience in Drummondville, if you compare that area's AA team to this team and the organizational structure, the difference is incredible. This team is put together, from top to bottom, with the focus on quality and I think it will show when we hit the ice."

Forcier said he has no expectations for the upcoming year, just that he wants a full blown effort from each of his athletes from camp on throughout the season.

"What I like about this upcoming camp and this team in general, is that I don't know the players, I don't know where a guy is coming from, if he is from AAA or B, or whatever," said Forcier. "That way, everyone has a fair shot to make the team, and get ice time, and the best players that work within the system will get their opportunity to make a difference on the ice. And this year, I don't care about win/loss, or records. I care about insuring that each player puts out their best effort each game. You can't account for a referee's call, or injuries or whatever, but as long as we play well as a team, I will be happy."

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Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004

An opponent must be asleep

By Phillip Alder

Usually, if you need a misdefense, put the opponents to the test as soon as possible. Many defenders are sound asleep for a few tricks, waking up only later in the play.

In this deal, how would you (South) try to land three no-trump after West leads the spade king?

South's sequence, a one-of-a-suit opening bid followed by a jump in no-trump, shows a balanced hand with too many points for a one-no-trump opening but insufficient for two no-trump. (That South hand is worth at least 19 points.)

In three no-trump, South has seven top tricks: one spade, one heart and five clubs. So, he needs two diamond tricks to get home. This, of course, requires a friendly opponent with the diamond ace to hold up that card for two rounds.

After winning the second (or third) trick with the spade ace, immediately play a diamond. Do not cash those club tricks first, because that would paint too clear a picture for the opponents.

Here, West will duck this trick and might duck the next, being nervous that you have three diamonds, instead of his partner. And if West does make that mistake, you run for home.

Of course, West should not err. On the first round of diamonds, East drops the three: his lowest to show an odd number of cards in the suit. If it is a singleton, West cannot kill the diamond suit, so he assumes it is from three. If East has three diamonds, South holds only two, so West wins the second diamond trick, cashes his spade winner(s), and exits with the heart jack (or a club). Then, declarer must go one down.

Death

LOOMIS, Marguerite Grayce (nee Carvell) - Passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital on Tuesday, August 10th, 2004 at the age of 93. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, November 25th, 1910. Daughter of Willard Wadman Carvell and his wife, Sarah Jane Henderson Warrell. Graduated from Netherwood School for girls, Rothesay, N.B. 1928. Attended Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. for Arts and graduated from the University of New Brunswick in Law with degree of B.C.L. 1934. Married Gordon Bryant Loomis, M.D., C.M. in Saint John, N.B. June 5th, 1933. During their married life lived at 446 Dufferin Avenue, Sherbrooke, Quebec and at retirement moved to their country home, 4325 Magog Road, North Hatley, Quebec. Dr. Loomis practised his profession as a member of the Surgical Staff at the Sherbrooke Hospital, Sherbrooke, Quebec. Four children were born to Doctor and Mrs. Loomis: Daniel Gordon, deceased 1981, William Morley Carvell, Gordon Frederick, Dara Jane Joy. Also leaving eight grandchildren. During her married life, Marguerite Loomis was engaged in Community affairs in Sherbrooke when war and welfare work were vital before the event of Medicare. She was a past Regent of the old Sir John Sherbrooke Chapter, I.O.D.E. and was made life member of the Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Also was a past president of the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and Honorary Life member of the Sherbrooke Hospital Corporation; a past President and Exemplar member of the Beta Sigma Phi; a past president of the Women's Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships and took an active part in the life of the old Trinity Church of which Dr. Loomis's grandfather, D.G. Loomis help found on the corner of William and Court Streets. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere, Lennoxville, Que., where friends and family may visit on Wednesday, August 11th from 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley, Que., on Thursday, August 12th, 2004 at 3 p.m. Interment in Elmwood cemetery at a later date.

Death

HOVER, Vernal Tracey (Bun) - Passed away at the Smiths Fall District Hospital on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, age 72 years. Beloved husband of Katherine (Kay) Edwards. Loving father of Norma (Doug) Blackburn, Norm Hover, Julie (Chris) McFarlane, Dale (Tracey) Hover, Jackie (Ron) Hewitt, Barry (Leona) Magill and Shelley (Howard) Burns. Dear brother of Vera Hover and predeceased by a sister Lillian (Donald) Laroche and brothers Dalton (Mabel) Hover and Delbert Hover. Also survived by 14 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and by his numerous brother and sister-in-laws and nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Lannin Funeral Home in Smiths Falls on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 1 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the Chapel on Friday, August 13, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Hillcrest Cemetery. In memory of Bun, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, St. James Anglican Church Franktown or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Death

BUTLER, Lorne William - Peacefully at the IUGS - Youville Pavillon, Sherbrooke on a beautiful summer day, Monday, August 9th, 2004 in his 86th year. Son of the late William J. Butler and the late Caroline Cox. Devoted husband of Isabel Mary Smith. Lorne leaves to mourn his son Sydney (Rosemary Rivett) and his four grandchildren: Alex, Russell, Jim and Karl also other relatives, friends among whom are a special niece Lorraine Codere and a special nephew Bill Butler. Resting at the Cass Funeral Homes Inc., 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville where family and friends may visit on Wednesday August 11th, 2004 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, August 12th, 2004 from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., with the Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment in the Malvern cemetery. As memorial tributes donations to Fondation de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Sherbrooke, Argyll Pavillon, 1036 Belvedere S. Sherbrooke, Que., J1H 4C4 would greatly be appreciated by the family.

Cards of Thanks

BEATTIE - I wish to thank sincerely all my friends and relatives for helping me celebrate my 90th Birthday on July 20, 2004. For flowers, gifts, cards and phone calls; relatives who gathered at Wales Home Residence July 11; fellow members of New London U.C.W. and Richmond Hill W.I. July 20; the Wales Home Birthday Party for residents, put on by members of St. Anne's Church, July 21; greetings from my Wales Home friends. God bless you all for your kindness.

BERNICE BEATTIE

HODGE - The family of the late Lincoln Hodge would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy at the time of his death. We thank all who sent flowers, cards and donations in Lincoln's memory to the Sawyerville Elementary School and the Eaton Cemetery. A special thank you to the Cass Funeral Home for their assistance, to Justin Lowry for his touching service, to the organist Audrey Bowker, and to Dr. Lowry for his much appreciated efforts. Thank you to all.

THE HODGE FAMILY

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**BEDFORD**

The United Church of Canada, Bedford Pastoral Charge will be holding their annual hot dog & hamburger B-B-Q on the Wesley United Church Lawn, 53 River Street from 5 to 8 p.m., August 18. Donation. There will be sales tables and a home baked food sale.

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY
Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge: Worship services on August 15: Waterville: 11 a.m.; Hatley: no service; North Hatley: 9:30 a.m.

BURY

3 consecutive afternoon card parties, Bury United Cultural Center, Tuesdays, August 10, 17 and 24, starting at 2 p.m., followed by lunch. Prizes, door prizes and grocery draw. Come and join us.

ACTON VALE

The 140th annual Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church of St. Mark, 705 Wurtele St., Acton Vale, will take place on Sunday, August 29 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Canon William Blizzard will officiate. Rev. Ruth Matthews, le Pere Claude Prefontaine and Rev. Pierre Paul Lafond

will be assisting. Mrs. Eunice Lloyd will play the organ. David Eaves and Marie-Paule Labrecque will read the lessons. Margie Gillis will dance. Following the service, everyone is invited for refreshments in the Wurtele Garden. Any baked goods or articles would be appreciated for the "white elephant sale" in support of the church fund repairs and upkeep. Friends and relatives are welcome. Info: (450) 546-3674.

MELBOURNE

St. Andrew's Church, Route 243, on August 23, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., come and enjoy a Buffet Supper of ham, assorted salads, corn on the cob, and many different desserts. Admission charged. Tickets at the door.

FARNHAM

There will be an English Firearm Course held on August 14 and 15. For more information and registration call Grizzly Sport, Francois Gemme (450) 293-4622.

RICHMOND

Richmond Fair will hold at the Fairgrounds its annual Barbecue on Saturday, August 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Entertainment following at 9 p.m. with Rambling Fever. Everyone welcome.

BURY

Cultural Center Members will be holding their 3rd annual Painting Exhibition on Saturday, August 14 from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. The collection of paintings of the Churches in Bury will also be on exhibition, painted by Mr. Denis Palmer. Everyone welcome. Come and support and admire our local artists. Free entry.

LENNOXVILLE

Corn Boil Fundraiser for the Lennoxville Rifle Club, 22 Beattie St., on Friday, August 13 at 6 p.m. Corn, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, cake and ice cream, tea and coffee. Followed by a social evening of cards and music. Admission charged. All welcome.

NORTH HATLEY

The North Hatley Village Improvement Society will hold their annual meeting at 10 a.m. on August 23 at the Community Centre, 3127 Capelton Road. All welcome.

WARDEN

Military Whist card party on Wednesday, August 18 at the Oddfellow's Hall, 209 Principale, Warden. Sponsored by Cantons and L.A.P.M. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome.

BISHOPTON-BROOKBURY

Sunday services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bishopton at 9:15 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, Bury and Morning Prayer service at St. Peter's Church, Cookshire and at 3 p.m. an Outdoor Decoration Service at St. John's Church Cemetery,

Brookbury followed by lunch. Bring a lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

HATLEY

Luncheon in the Church Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

RICHMOND

A Brunch is being held on Sunday, August 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, in Richmond. Everyone is welcome.

ISLAND BROOK

All are welcome to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 15 for the annual Island Brook United Church service. Rev. Barbara Willard will lead the service. Special guest, Nancy Montgomery, will speak on her recent visit to Zambia.

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- 34 Fury
- 35 "The King and I" star

- 37 Pickle picks
- 40 Actress Charlotte
- 41 Messy eaters
- 42 Chef's voice on "South Park"
- 45 -la-la!
- 46 Friend of Pooh
- 47 Ceylon today
- 50 Former draft org.
- 51 Significant period
- 53 Motown
- 54 Ex-governor of Minnesota
- 60 City bombed 8/6/45
- 63 Frasier Crane's brother
- 64 Singles
- 65 Zatopek or Jannings
- 66 Hoover competitor
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- 25 African antelope
- 26 Actress Mason
- 27 Neatens
- 28 Gets up
- 29 Passes on
- 30 Koran chapter
- 31 Bumps off
- 33 Pic blowup
- 36 Tavern staple
- 38 Buddhist Thai
- 39 Rock debris
- 43 Melville biographer Parker

- 44 Lateral part
- 48 John of the Beatles
- 49 Apparel
- 52 Honda's robot
- 54 Feliciano or Canseco
- 55 Abu Dhabi ruler
- 56 Crooner Jerry
- 57 Title role for Peter Fonda
- 58 Mailroom stamp abbr.
- 59 Pops a question
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 School in Gambier, OH
- 6 "S.O.S." group
- 7 Detective McGee, for short
- 8 Travel stamps
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By Bruce Venzke & Stella Daily

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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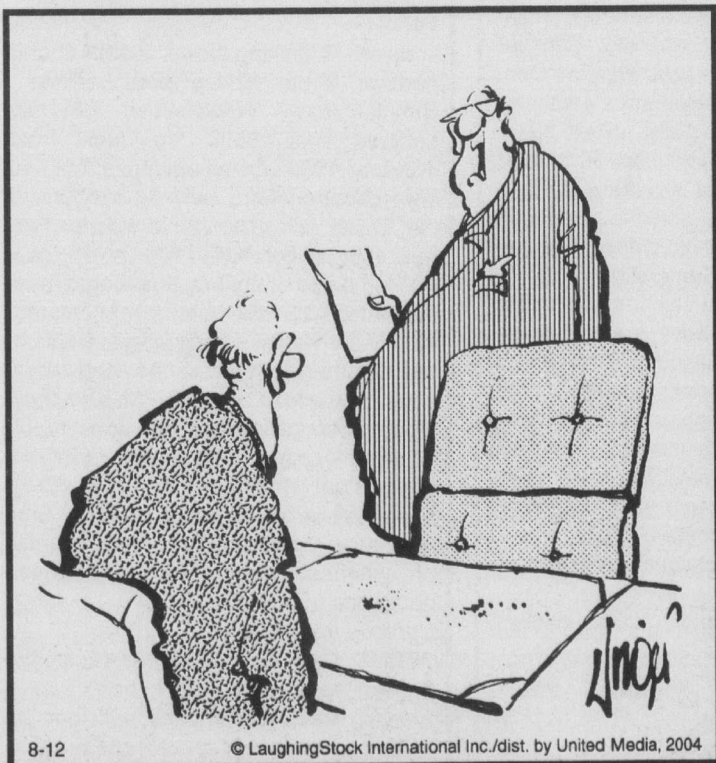
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"The truth will ouch." — Arnold H. Glasow
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"I know you're three weeks away from retirement, but it's either fire you now or I have to fork out for another gold watch."

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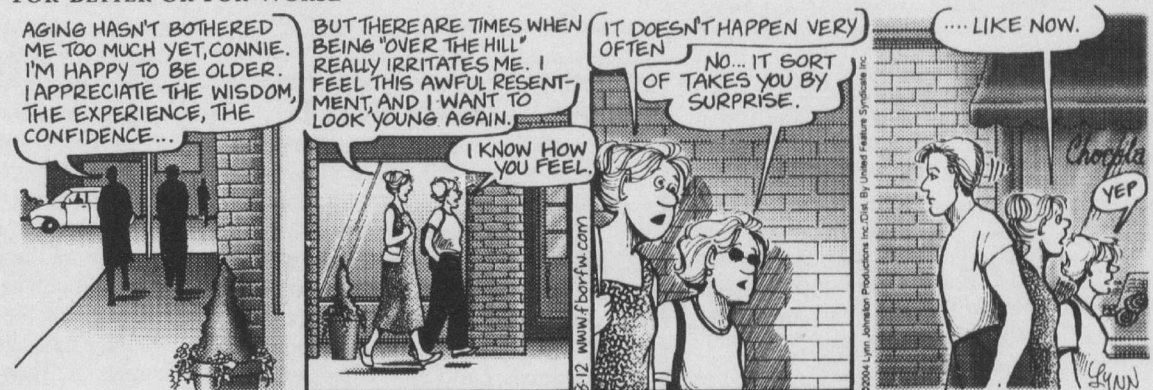
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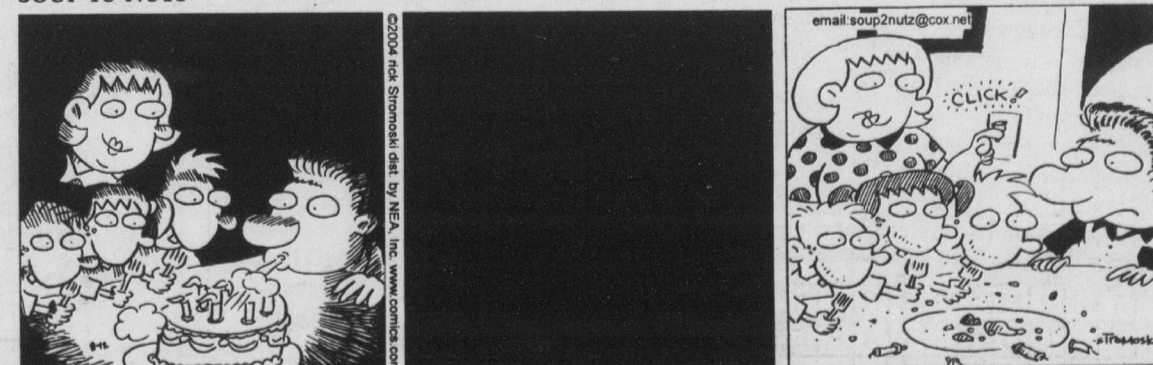
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MACHINERY: Case #530 backhoe; 2 Furrow overum plow; rear scraper blade; Int. disc harrows, 3 pto; snow blower; front-end loader for tractor; 2 wheel trailer; quantity of wood, wire; box stove; 2 gates; 5 sheets of plywood; 1991 GMC 2500 pick-up; 138,000 km.

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For MR. GLENN MORELAND
471 College St. South,
Richmond, Quebec J0B 2H0
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2004
at 10:00 a.m.

ANTIQUES & MODERN FURNISHINGS TO INCLUDE: Round oak table (with 4 leaves), square china cabinet; oak table; fern stands; D. table; child's table & chairs; bedroom set with double bed, lady's dresser, and bureau (1940's); T-Back chairs; armchairs; set of 4 dining room chairs; bridge lamp; paintings; picture frames; prints; wooden shaft golf clubs; L-Chest (1950's); chrome table & 4 chairs (50's); child's sled; Eaton's play fair Roadrace set in orig. box (50's); Lincoln highway express toy truck; selection of china cups & saucers, Suzie Cooper, Centennial Rose, etc.; Carnival Glass; Royal Winton pces; Nippon; Occ. Japan; 52 pce Dinner set "American Limoges"; pressed glass; silver plate; 1944 fibre taxi licence plate; Richmond taxi badges (brass); chauffeur badges (1920's); oil lamp; Kenmore gas BBQ; beds; sewing machine; maple rocker; collector spoons; Carrier 5000 BTU & Danby 7500 BTU air conditioners; Breadmaker; microwave & stand; large selection of power and hand tools, tool box; Columbia ride-on mower 11 hp; Echo Whipper snipper; Work bench; Columbia gas push mower; aluminum extension ladder; metal trailer for lawn tractor; plus much more.

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REMINDER

AUCTION

for Ferme Robert & Angèle Labonté
3789 ch. Ste-Catherine, Rock Forest
Saturday, August 14th, 2004
at 10:30 a.m. sharp

TO BE SOLD: Universal tractor #445Dt-c diesel, JD #165 tractor, tools, machines, furniture & appliances.

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AUCTION SALE

For FERME ARTHUR FORTIN
To be held on the farm formerly owned by the late Malcolm McBurney
426 Flanders Road, 1 mile from Sawyer, Quebec
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2004
at 11:00 a.m. sharp

TO BE SOLD: Ford 7600 tractor with cab; Ford Country Super Four diesel tractor 4x4 with Ford backhoe; Ford 3000 diesel tractor 2900 hours, very clean; Rockomatic stone picker; Hesston haybine #6450, 10 ft. cut; Oliver #525 combine - NH haytedder 16 ft.; NH #951B 4 ft. bushog, like new; Fahr 14 ft. tedder; 4 hay elevators, all with motors 24, 28, 32 & 60 ft.; 16 ft. hay wagon with wooden hay rack and sides; 16 ft. hay wagon with wooden hay rack and sides; 16 ft. tandem cattle trailer; 2 Ford hay rakes 3 pto - 4 two furrow plows; 40 foot Little Giant hay elevator on wheels; 160 bushel manure spreader; Oliver 3 furrow plow; 1977 Ford F250 pick-up truck 30,000 miles; Potato seeder - Potato digger; Teconoma sprayer - 2 walking plows; 2 sets of disc harrows, 3 pto; Spring tooth harrows - Circular saw; Weedmaster 60 gal. sprayer; GMC 6500, V8 truck; Ford Windstar 1996 van, all equipped; NH #40 corn chopper; Ford mowing machine 3 pto; Trailer and rack; 12 old wooden barrels; 400 gal. bulk tank - 100 ton of oates; 400 big bales of dry hay 5 ft. long; cream separator - 12 milk cans; 2 hp compressor - Miller welder - Pung sleigh; 2 sets of pig scales - Horse shoes and snow shoes; 2 Circular a potato - McKee snow blower; 500 galvanized sap buckets; 50 ft. ladder wooden - 24 ft. finished harrows; MS 500 gal. sprayer, 45 ft. ramps; JD 12 ft. spring harrow - 2 set of tractor chains; very large quantity of farm tools; quantity of antiques; many other articles too numerous for mention.

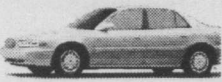
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340 Garage Sales

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340 Garage Sales

SHERBROOKE Estate Sale, numerous articles will be sold, on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, at 200 Cate St., Sherbrooke. Included: washer and dryer, dishes, pots and pans, utensils, electric ironing machine (roll), kitchen set with chairs, sectional wall unit (3 pieces), bedroom bureau, plus other articles. Welcome students and newcomers.

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AUCTION SALE

For DOREEN RAND of Sawyerville AND OTHER CONSIGNMENTS
To be held at Bennett's Barn
327 Route 253 South, Sawyerville
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2004

at 11:00 a.m. sharp

TO BE SOLD: ANTIQUES: 2 door pine armoire with sunken panels on legs; 2 pine corner step back cupboards with glass doors, 1 with raised panels; Hooser cupboards, oak side by side; oak-drop front desk; 2 oak 3 drawer chests; 7 pce maple dining room set; diamond dye box; oak bench; 3 oval tables; pine blanket box; pine tapered table; spinning wheel; music cabinet; 3 pine boxes; 2 antique radios; round top trunk and other trunks; tea box; ginger bread clock; child's wagon; quantity of antique glass; linen; washer and dryer; 2 modern kitchen sets, etc.; quantity of tools; many other articles too numerous for mention.

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She obviously considered it a test of their loyalty

Dear Annie: My close friend, "Jennifer," just turned 25, and to celebrate, she made plans to go out for drinks with her closest friends. The bar was crowded that night, and within minutes she wanted to leave. She took us all aside and told us she was moving the party back to her house. However, she said if we didn't want to go back to her house, she would not be offended or upset if we chose to stay at the bar.

When she left, half of her friends went with her and the other half stayed at the bar — myself included. After an hour, I called Jennifer to see how things were going, and she told me she was terribly hurt that so many of her friends had not cared enough about her birthday to leave the bar when she did. I left immediately.

The group of friends who stayed at the bar were singles wanting to meet people. Some of us don't have the opportunity to get out much. When Jennifer said she would not be offended if they didn't follow her, we believed it was OK to stay.

Since that night, Jennifer has not spoken to those friends

who stayed at the bar. I hate to see my friends split up like this. Who's at fault? — Confused in Connecticut

Dear Confused: Don't you just love it when people say things they don't really mean — and then punish you for taking them at their word? Jennifer should not have told her friends it was OK to stay if she felt otherwise. She obviously considered it a test of their loyalty — and they failed. However, since the evening was intended to be a celebration of Jennifer's birthday, the guests should have followed her home regardless of what she said. We say both parties are at fault. Perhaps you can broker a mutual apology so everyone can be friends again.

Dear Annie: My wife and I frequently receive requests from family members and friends asking for money for charitable causes. For example, friends of ours are packing up their whole family and moving to a foreign coun-

Annie's Mailbox

try to do mission work for two years. They need to raise \$100,000 to support themselves, so they are soliciting donations. We have three family members who are doing a walk to benefit breast cancer research, and they each need to raise \$2,000.

While we agree that all of the causes are heartfelt and worthy, we are slowly being drained by these requests. At first, we donated what we could — \$20 here, \$30 there — but the requests are so numerous now that we don't know what to do. We don't have a lot of extra cash to pass around.

The problem is, we feel awkward if we don't make a pledge or donation. We don't want them to think we are stingy or coldhearted, but we are overwhelmed. I appreciate people's good intentions, but how can we gracefully decline without hurting anyone's feelings or being thought selfish cheap-skates? — Can't Afford It

Dear Can't Afford It: Don't worry, so much about what others will think of

you. If you can manage to donate a smaller amount, fine, but otherwise, simply say, "I wish we could help you out, but it's just not possible right now. Maybe next time." Repeat as needed.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Crying Mother," who was upset because her daughters discussed putting her in a nursing home.

I am 51, and for years, my daughters have told me they are going to put me in a home. One day while vacationing in Florida, I saw a big, beautiful house on a hill overlooking the ocean. I looked at my daughters and said, "If you're putting me in a home, I want that one!" — Living Happily in Michigan

Dear Living: You have a cute sense of humor, but you are only 51, and "the home" seems distant. Those closer to the event tend to find it much less amusing.

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

THE RECORD

Card party at the Oddfellows Hall in Knowlton

There were 15 tables of card players at the Oddfellows Hall in Knowlton on Aug. 3rd. The game was Military Whist.

Eugene Jones was in charge table #12 with Capt. Natalie Bilodeau, Alfreda Neil, Rita Hamilton and Earl Whitehouse with 42 pts. took first prize. Capt. Marg Royea, Mary Taylor, Lil Burnham and Shirley Beaulac with 38 pts. received 2nd prize. Table #15 with Karl Steinbech, Bert Bailey, Bob Newell and Alan Badger received the "booby" prize with 14 pts. Better luck next time boys.

There were special prizes for the holders of 4 2s - 6s and 7s.

Door prizes were won by Donald Page, Amanda Streule, Herb Riti, Muriel Whitehead, marcel Premont, Mary Taylor, Lil Burnham, Ola Streeter, Rita Hamilton, Jean D'Arc Elie, Doreen McPherson, Josie Streule, Shirley Beaulac, Russell Lawrence, Catherine Lawrence, George Bailey, June Call, Stanley Coupland, and Sid de Solla.

A box of groceries was won by Catherine Lawrence Doris Wilson and Doreen Gibbs ended up the winners.

See you all next week in Brome.

Edna Badger

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004

Although you may be a bit more laid back than usual in the year ahead, it will actually serve you well in getting the attention of others, which could prove to be quite fortunate for you both commercially and socially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's always good to take a break from time to time to reexamine where you're going, but don't fall in love with repose. Remember: a turtle can make progress only when he sticks his neck out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Being persistent today where your hopes and aspirations are concerned will erase any self-doubts you may have held about your ability to succeed. Hard work works every time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Chances are, whether you like it or not, all that you do today will be closely observed by others, so hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects and watch the applause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Unless you experience a plethora of connection and communication with others today you could find yourself quite restless and even moody. It's a good day to make those neglected phone calls.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your business faculties will be finely honed today, but the trick may be to first believe in your own abilities to handle things well without the advice of others. Trust your inner instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — One-on-one relationships should always be handled with extreme care, and today this may be particularly true when dealing with others. Emotional issues need particular care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you may not feel like getting out of bed this morning, once you get up and rolling, all lethargy will disappear and be replaced with an enthusiasm for skill and accomplishment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This could be a better than average day for spending some quality time with those who mean a lot to you. Nurture your social relationships with both friends and family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're a master at gauging the moods and desires of others today, which if used productively can be a dynamic asset. Nurse the wants of associates and you'll get what you want in return.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — One of your best assets is your natural sense of humor, and today you're likely to use it liberally. However, should someone poke fun at you, you might have a hard time laughing about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Those mental attributes you are blessed with will be very much in evidence today when applied toward balancing the books. Use your smarts to set your financial affairs in order at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your maternal instincts always come to the fore whenever you feel someone needs a bit of nurturing, and today this will be very much in evidence. Pals are blessed to have you as a friend.

New Power Stroke Diesel engine delivers more torque



Brad Cleland, right, a part sales manager for Power Stroke Diesel, discusses the new engine with visitors to the travelling display during a stop in Edmonton.

By Dave Halliday
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EDMONTON — Gary Butsky knows something about diesel pickup truck engines.

Butsky has been behind the wheel of a 2004 Ford F-350 pickup with dual rear wheels pulling a fifth-wheel trailer carrying a Power Stroke Diesel engine display. The truck is powered by the new 6.0-litre Power Stroke, but Butsky has also driven trucks equipped with the earlier 7.3-litre Power Stroke.

During a tour with the travelling engine display, Butsky has driven through the mountains in the Western United States and Canada.

"The 6.0 Power Stroke has more power than the 7.3, more torque and better throttle response," Butsky said. "There's no turbocharger lag." He said the engine provides better fuel efficiency and is quieter than the previous engine.

Diesel engine makers have to temper their quest for more power with an effort to reduce emissions.

Ford Motor Company made progress on both fronts with the 6.0-litre V-8 Power Stroke Diesel, an engine that's built in a joint venture with Navistar.

Despite a reduction in displacement from 7.3 litres in the effort to cut emissions, the new powerplant produces more horsepower and torque and delivers improved fuel economy. The engine is rated at 325 horsepower.

Ford has built a display highlighting the advances in the new engine. The display — including a cutaway engine —

is carried in a fifth-wheel trailer that is touring North America.

Brad Cleland, a parts sales manager for Power Stroke Diesel, said the 6.0-litre engine offers 10 per cent better fuel economy along with a 35-per-cent reduction in emissions of oxides of nitrogen over the 7.3 motor.

The 6.0-litre Power Stroke "meets or exceeds 2007 emission standards," Cleland said.

Meeting emission standards is "a huge concern for all diesel engine manufacturers," said Chris Koster, Ford's parts and service representative in Edmonton.

Koster said Navistar builds the engine block while Ford concentrates on the software.

Features of the new engine include four valves per cylinder, injectors actuated by oil pressures of up to 26,000 pounds per square inch and an electronic variable response turbocharger. The exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) system recirculates cooled exhaust gases into the combustion chamber to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions.

Nitrogen oxide is a greenhouse gas that is implicated in global warming.

The 6.0-litre engine is electronically controlled by a computer that monitors all engine systems and controls them to ensure peak performance under most conditions. An unusual design feature is timing gears that are mounted at the rear of the engine block. Ford said this was done as part of the effort to reduce noise, vibration and harshness.

As with many automotive ideas,

this is one that has been tried before. For example, the Briscoe car had timing gears at the rear of the motor in the early years of the last century.

The variable response turbocharger uses moveable vanes that force more air into the engine when it's pulling to increase the power output. The turbocharger is mounted on top of the engine for easy access.

The Power Stroke engine uses a cast iron block and heads for better durability and to reduce noise, vibration and harshness. The main bearing caps are cast into a large metal plate — called the bed plate — that is bolted to the bottom of the engine.

The plate also serves to divide the oil sump into upper and lower compartments and permits use of an oil pan that's wider than the bottom of the block for increased capacity.

The oil filter is mounted on the top of the engine for easy servicing. The Torqshift automatic transmission used with the Power Stroke engine has a spin-on-style oil filter for easy servicing.

The Torqshift transmission, which debuted in 2002, is designed to handle the torque produced by the Power Stroke engine. The powerplant can also be mated with a six-speed manual gearbox.

Cleland has had reports of good durability with the Power Stroke engine. He said he's heard of a 6.0-litre motor that's travelled more than 700,000 kilometres and a 7.3 that registered 1.2 million kilometres — all without an overhaul or rebuild.

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