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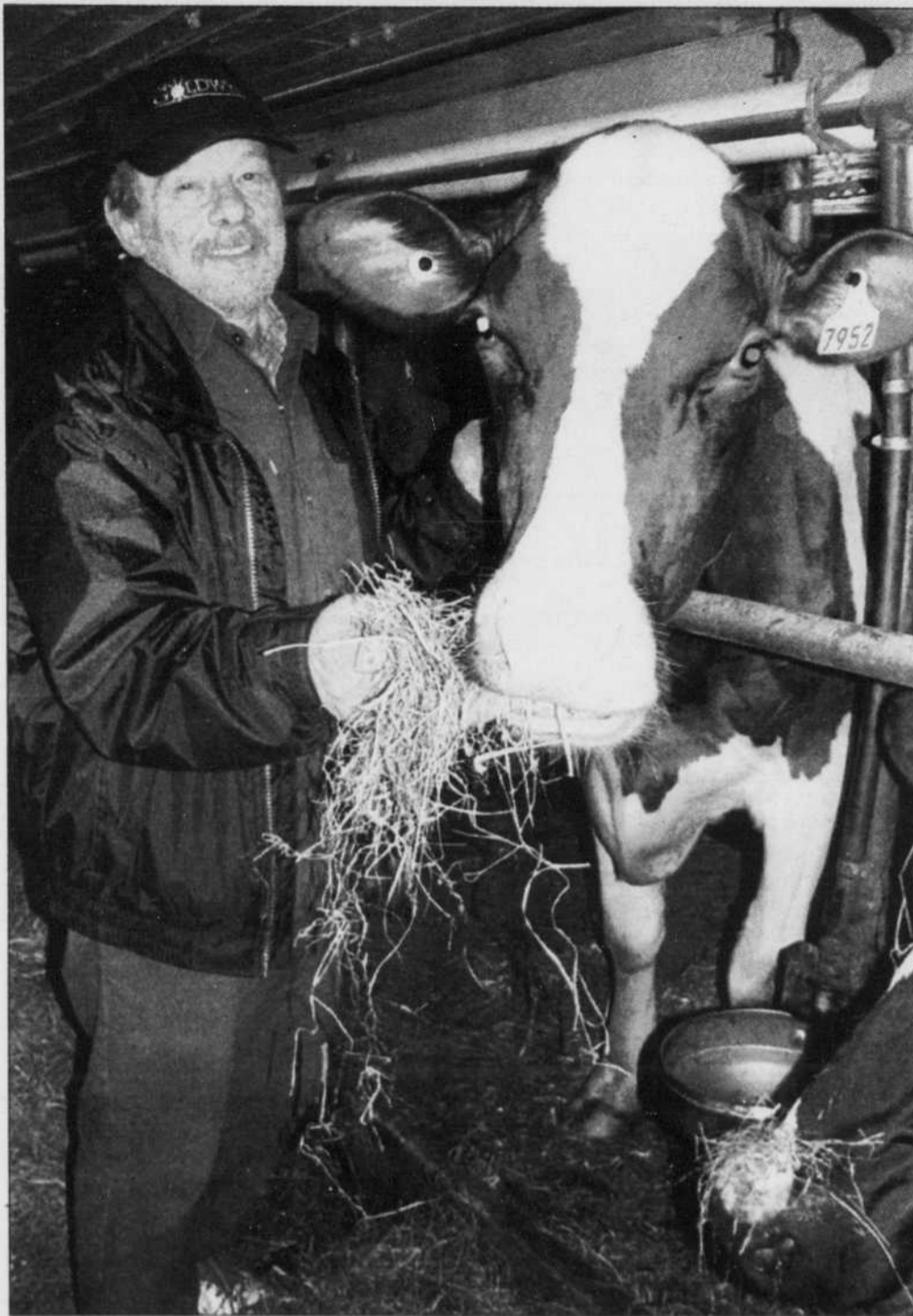
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James St. Cyr and one of his favorite red and white cows, Cyrmo Kite Ryton. Years ago, farmers thought of red factor Holsteins as an embarrassment. See page 3.

**Politician
makes good
on a
promise**

*Charity to help
green group*

By Maurice Crossfield
GRANBY

Shefford MNA François Bonnardel has made good on an election campaign promise, establishing a non-profit foundation to help causes in the region.

"I want it to support as many people as possible in the riding," Bonnardel said at a press conference Monday. "When I got into politics it was to help people. We will work with people in the milieu to do just that."

Bonnardel, first elected as Shefford's Member of the National Assembly last year, said establishing the Fondation François Bonnardel proved to be a lot of work for a lot of people. But as of Monday the foundation is a fully-registered charity, to which Bonnardel made the

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**Fleurimont ER's
even worse**

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Overcrowding in the emergency room of the Hotel-Dieu has eased considerably while the situation across town at the Fleurimont site of the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke got a whole lot worse.

But overall, it's a considerable improvement over last week, according to a communiqué from the CHUS.

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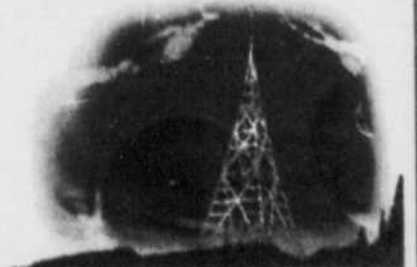
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It's that crazy guy on a bike

He's got a satellite tracker

By Murielle Parkes
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT
MANSONVILLE

Jacques Marcoux, aka "Crazy Guy on a Bike", was at the Mansonville Elementary School recently to talk about his upcoming six-month cycling trip around the perimeter of the United States.

With bike, trailer and equipment in tow, plus a US map in hand, he had plenty of props to make his presentation both entertaining and informative.

Questions were continuous and wide-ranging, all the way from "What will you do if you have an accident?" (he has a satellite tracker with a 911 button) to "How do you keep in shape in the winter?" (he cycles on rollers).

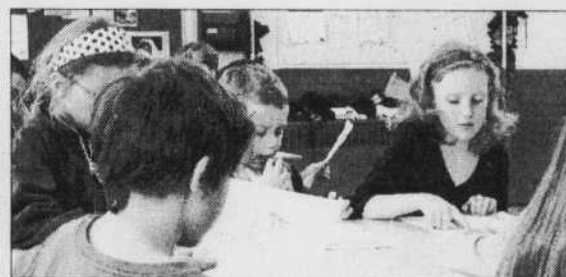
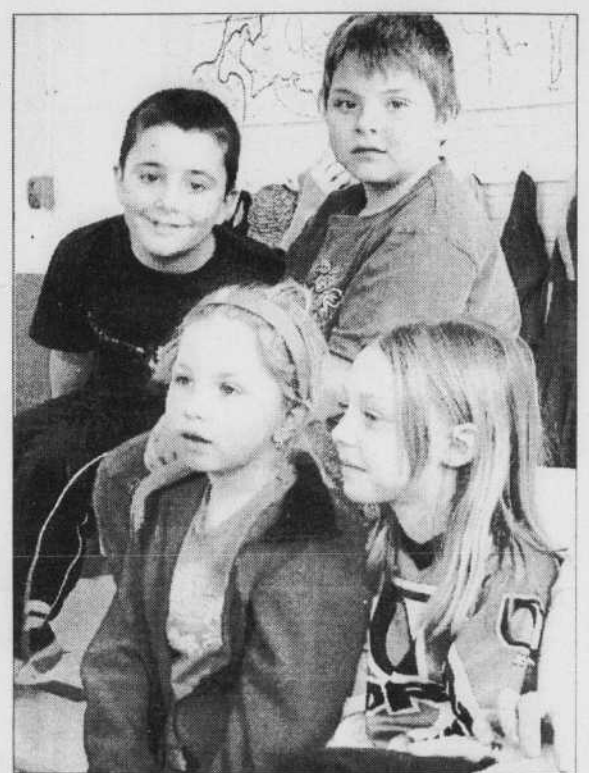
Marcoux's trip is also a fundraiser for youth and folks with disabilities, all explained on his website at jmarcoux1.googlepages.com.

Marcoux also visited Troy School in North Troy and École le Baluchon on Feb. 27. Groups interested in similar presentations may phone him at 450-292-3235.



MURIELLE PARKES

The children checked out the gear and learned about the trip.



Quebecers could go to the polls

Budget vote

By Marianne White
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The Liberal government will unveil Thursday a budget filled with political implications that could trigger a snap election only a year after it was knocked from a majority to a minority.

Premier Jean Charest needs the support of one of the opposition parties for the budget to pass.

With the governing Liberals now slightly ahead in the polls, the opposition parties must weigh whether they want to force an election by rejecting the budget.

Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget met four times in the past month with the Action démocratique du Québec (ADQ) and the Parti Québécois (PQ) in preparation. The negotiations didn't lead to an agreement, and Jerome-Forget rejected both parties' proposals for a major injection of money to assist families and boost the economy.

She stated clearly that the government is cash-strapped and has little room to manoeuvre — only \$200 million of leeway in the roughly \$60-billion budget.

"It will be a prudent, but yet unifying budget," the finance minister said last week, reflecting growing fears about the depth of the U.S. economic downturn and its impact on Quebec.

In an economic viewpoint published last week, Desjardins economists stressed that it would be inappropriate for the Quebec government to increase its spending given the current economic climate.

"The next budget should be the starting point of a comprehensive, long-term strategy to meet the next major challenges facing Quebec, such as productivity," the bank economists wrote, adding that Quebec is in for several shocks in the next few decades including a demographic decline that will soon cause a labour shortage.

PQ leader Pauline Marois has suggested her party will vote against the budget

if her demands are ignored, leaving it up to ADQ to decide the fate of the government.

Charest, who is the MNA for Sherbrooke, stressed he doesn't want an election, but nonetheless his party, just like the two others, is gearing up for the possibility.

The PQ says it is the most prepared for an election with some 30 nomination meetings already held to choose candidates. "We have increased our pace in the past few weeks," said PQ president Monique Richard.

The ADQ claims it is better prepared now for an election than it was last year. "We are like firefighters in the fire station waiting for the alarm to go off," said ADQ director general Jean-Simon Venne.

But he doesn't get the feeling that Quebecers want an election only one year after the last one.

"Is this just another false alarm? Maybe," he added. "But we can't take anything for granted."

The Liberals have 48 seats in the 125-seat legislature, compared with 41 for the ADQ and 34 for the PQ. Two seats are vacant.

On Sunday, as the Liberal policy convention wrapped up, Charest said the focus of the budget will be productivity, to offset the impact of the economic slowdown in the United States.

Charest also said as premier he has "a sacred duty to protect and promote the French language and culture."

Language Minister Christine St-Pierre will propose an action plan to ensure businesses offer service in French and Immigration Minister Yolande James will push ahead with plans to improve the integration of newcomers into the French majority.

Delegates over the weekend passed motions favouring more export sales of water, arguing that water is a renewable resource. Francois Beaudry, president of the party's youth wing, touting the commercial prospects of selling water, called it Quebec's "blue gold." Charest said the government intends to introduce legislation to protect Quebec's water resources.

Weather

Today: Sunny. High minus 3. Low minus 13.

Wednesday: Periods of snow. Low minus 9. High minus 1.

Thursday: Sunny. Low minus 16. High minus 1.

Friday: Rain. Low zero. High plus 2.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Red and white calves were once distasteful

Now they're sought after

By Claudia Villemaire
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
RICHMOND

You can tell from a distance. This is a farm where expansion and keeping up with modern technology has been a constant. Buildings sprout from the original stables that date back to the early 1900s and cleared fields stretch away from the farm site in a full circle. Many would assume this must be a progressive dairy farm, where milk is the primary production and careful genetic management must be a daily challenge — this judging by the quality dairy herd grazing in lush pastures between the highway and the farmstead.

Cyrmo Farm is definitely more than it was 50 years ago. "I was still an infant when my dad, Lionel, bought this farm and we've steadily purchased more farms and land ever since," James St. Cyr explains as we talk of his recent recognition as a Master Breeder by the Canadian Holstein Association.

The award's conditions require that a Holstein breeder develop a line of Holsteins bred and raised on the home farm. Plus meeting type and production records that are a challenge to the most determined producer.

"We have six generations of red-factor Holsteins and five generations have consistently met those conditions, which require type classifications and outstanding milk production," St. Cyr said, displaying the charts and records over a 10-year period proving sires, dams and offspring were showing the qualities the Master Breeder's Award demands.

The very first such award went out in 1942, when the association began to keep track of both breed classification and production. Since then, hundreds have been handed out across Canada, with 22 scheduled for presentation this month in Rouyn.

"The red-factor, which is officially recognized by the Holstein Association, both



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

James and Marilyn St. Cyr: "It's teamwork that made this possible," he says.

Canadian and American, is quite unpredictable as many females and sires too are carriers of the red gene but perhaps will never drop a red and white calf," St. Cyr explained, adding his first red and white was somewhat of a surprise. "But she proved to be a quality animal showing excellent breed type and producing record amounts of milk. She seemed like a wise female to begin a small herd of these red-factor animals with, and now we have about 30, all her descendants," he said.

The red factor was officially recognized in the Herd Registry in the 1970s. Holstein breeders were reluctant to admit a prize cow had dropped a red and white calf during the early 1900s and often this offspring was quietly disposed of. Actually, the original breed, coming out of Holland in the 18th and 19th century, often showed all three colours (black, red and white) and, during those first years of selective breeding, reports showed a few dun-coloured cattle. But as import numbers began to grow to America and Canada, the emphasis was on selective breeding for black and white only.

What those breeders didn't realize until scientific research proved them

wrong, is that the red factor seems to have always been a sub-dominant gene from the very first. Often black and white sires and dams would unexpectedly drop a red and white calf, much to the consternation of those long ago breeders looking for excellent colour and type combined with outstanding milk production. Today, numbers of red and white Holsteins are increasing rapidly and many exhibitions and breed competitions include classes for red and whites in their judging programs.

"But I didn't do this alone," St. Cyr emphasized. "With two sons, James and Mike, and two daughters, Emily and Kayla, and of course, my chief keeper of all the paperwork and registrations, my wife Marilyn, we have been able to take the time to study herd sire catalogues, try to understand genetic choices to make, take special care of our animals and keep detailed records of what every cow is doing."

Cyrmo Farm today counts nearly 700 acres. "We grow all our own feed and put away haylage (pickled hay that's been compacted in silos or plastic bags), high-moisture corn and regular hay (the large square bales). We only buy vitamin and mineral supplement. We take three crops of hay in every summer and grind and mix our own feed." There are two or three silos attached to the stable where the milking line includes up to 80 head of black and white or red and white Holsteins.

James Jr. juggles his time between work on the farm and an off-the-farm job; Mike has purchased his own farm a few miles away; Emily is in her first year at Bishop's University in Lennoxville; and Kayla will finish her Level V this year at Richmond Regional High School. "Emily and Kayla know every cow's name, when she was bred and her calving date, and help out tremendously in both the stable and with the paper work.

"The government doesn't want us to become couch potatoes," St. Cyr says, chuckling wryly. "They keep giving us more forms to fill and records to keep," St. Cyr says.

The St. Cyrs have been regular exhibitors at the local Richmond County Fair. This reporter can remember their first forays into the showring with high hopes, only to find themselves at or near the end of the prize lines.

Some 20 years later, with many coveted red, first-prize ribbons on display and several Grand Championships under their belt, the Master Breeder's Award seems a fitting prize for a family farm that began with a few lack-lustre purebred, black and white Holsteins.

Said St. Cyr: "My dad called me at MacDonald College where I was taking the diploma course in agriculture and asked if I would be interested in taking over the farm with about 20 purebred animals in the milking line. To be a farmer was always my dream. I never considered any other career. I loved the farm and I guess you could say it was and still is a passion for me. Of course, I said 'You bet' and that was the beginning.

"Earning this award means the world to us all," St. Cyr said, pride and emotion clearly visible.

BRIEFS

Officer assaulted during traffic stop

A Sherbrooke driver faces several charges after an allegedly aggressive reaction to being pulled over on the weekend.

A 43-year-old man was pulled over by police at Galt and Short streets Saturday afternoon after going through a red light. When approached by a police officer, the man got out of his car and became very aggressive, insulting and attacking the officer, said spokesman Martin Carrier.

The police officer finally resorted to using pepper spray to calm the man, who had a child with him in the car.

The man was eventually released on a promise to appear in court, on charges of uttering threats, intimidation and assaulting a police officer.

Carrier said the police officer is on leave this week for a shoulder injury sustained during the incident.

Truck wedges him

A worker escaped with only minor injuries Monday afternoon when his truck rolled into him after he left the wheel.

The accident happened at Sherbrooke's Gravière Saint-François on Saint-François Boulevard North. The man left the driver's seat of his truck to open a door when the truck began to advance towards him, wedging him between the vehicle and the building.

Paramedics were on the scene to treat the victim, who did not need to be taken to hospital.

The Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail — the province's work health and safety body — has opened an investigation into the incident.

Would-be robbers foiled

Sherbrooke police are looking for two men who tried to rob a man by spraying him with cayenne pepper.

Monday afternoon the two men approached someone at a financial institution on 12th Avenue North, but were unable to leave with any money when the victim fell on top of the bags of cash the would-be thieves were after.

Sherbrooke police spokesman Martin Carrier said the two suspects fled the scene in a vehicle reported stolen last week from the Windsor area.

Police are also looking for three people who came to the aid of the victim after he was sprayed.

Anyone with information on the incident can contact Sherbrooke police at 819-821-5555.

Getting immigrants involved

Farming group launches study

The Quebec Farmer's Association has launched a new study to look at how Quebec's English-speaking immigrants could build the province's agriculture industry.

"Quebec has a fast growing population of immigrants, many of whom speak English," said QFA president Gib Drury. "The trend is expected to continue into the future.

"This study will identify the potential for engaging Quebec's ethno-cultural and immigrant populations in agriculture and food production."

The study, funded in part by the federal ministry of Canadian heritage, will solicit ideas from ethno-cultural and immigrant associations from across the greater Montreal area. The QFA sees long-term benefits in Quebec's agricultural sector by contributing to new employment in the agricultural industry for ethnic minorities.

"History has shown that if we fail to provide new immigrants with quality jobs and economic opportunities, they will emigrate out of the province," Drury said.

Founded in 1957, the Quebec Farmers' Association represents the province's 2,100 English-speaking agricultural producers.



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Monday afternoon at 3:30, there were a total of 54 patients on stretchers in emergency rooms at the CHUS. That compared to 78 on Friday.

At the Hotel-Dieu, there were 20 pa-

tients on stretchers (two below capacity): Only one patient had been awaiting a hospital bed for more than 24 hours.

But over in Fleurimont, there were 34 patients lined up in the halls of the ER, which also has a capacity of 22. Two people had been waiting more than 24 hours for a bed.

The number of ER visits had tapered off

considerably. In the previous 24 hours, 209 patients and 30 ambulances had arrived at both ERs. That compared to 209 patients and 50 ambulances last Thursday evening and Friday morning.

There was a single case of influenza and one case of gastroenteritis. Both were at the CHUS-Fleurimont.

Hospital officials continue to ask peo-

ple with minor emergencies to call Info-Santé and seek advice on whether they should go to the ER or if they can visit a family medical clinic or a local walk-in instead. But in cases of emergency, they should immediately go to the closest emergency room.

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first contribution.

"I have pledged to donate \$2,500 a year of my own salary, that's \$10,000 over four years," said the Action Démocratique de Québec politician.

As well, the foundation will host fundraising activities to top up its bank account. The first will be a golf tournament at the Waterloo golf club on July 9, with 25 per cent of the profits going to the Amis du bassin versant du Lac Waterloo, and its efforts to help clean up the lake and its watershed.

"Our first goal was to support recycling and the environment," Bonnardel said. "But then we decided we didn't want to be limited to one thing, so the mandate is very wide. That's the beauty of it, it's not static."

In coming years the foundation will support people or non-profit groups in areas including families, education, health, regional solidarity, justice, the environment, regional development and the economy. Ideally the foundation would raise at least \$20,000 a year.

"Priority will be given to people and organizations from the riding," Bonnardel said. "We will try to be as objective and fair as possible in the support we give."

Bonnardel won't have to go far to hold a foundation meeting: He's the president, while his two political assistants, Sylvie Laroche and Catherine Demers, are the vice-president and treasurer. Lawyer Bryan Furlong is the secretary and businessman Marc Blais is a director for the foundation.

"We aren't looking to be doing the same things as other groups," Demers said. "Our goal is to fill other needs that aren't being met by existing organizations."

Inquiries to the foundation can be made through the MNA's Waterloo office, at 450-539-0404.

Demographer's right: Bonnardel

The Action Démocratique de Québec's spokesman on family issues is asking the Liberals to listen to their own guest speaker and pay parents directly to cover child care expenses.

"The challenge of raising children is too important to act in a totally partisan manner," said Shefford MNA François Bonnardel.

Bonnardel was referring to a presentation given by renowned Quebec demographer Jacques Henripin, who was a guest speaker at the provincial Liberal convention on the weekend. He has suggested that rather than subsidizing daycares, the government would be better off paying parents about \$100 a week for every child under four years of age, to encourage them to have more children. "I hope the Liberals will listen carefully to what he has to say," Bonnardel said.

Quebecers will get an idea of what the governing Liberals have in mind on Thursday when finance minister Monique Jérôme-Forget tables the budget.



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We got it all

That weather thing

The Eastern Townships got a weekend taste of everything Mother Nature has on her winter menu — rain, snow, freezing rain, ice pellets, high winds. What the region didn't get a taste of was the so-called "snowstorm of the 21st century" that incapacitated much of Eastern Canada from Southern Ontario to the Atlantic provinces.

"Of course we're only eight years into the century," weatherman René Héroux said about the description used by some media to portray the weekend's dump — the second snowstorm in a week that bypassed this region.

"It was a good snow storm, but not an exceptional one," said Héroux, who compared it to March 1971 when Quebec was hit by 45 centimeters of snow accompanied by high winds.

Environment Canada's Héroux said the only record that fell with the weekend's precipitation was the snowfall record for Quebec City.

The capital has received 460 cm of snow so far this season, he said. That compares to 458 during the winter of 1965-'66 when some 465 cm of the frozen white stuff fell from the sky — and this winter is not over yet.

Here in the Eastern Townships we are far from setting any records.

So far, some 285 cm of snow has fallen, which is about the average for a whole year, Héroux said. The Township's record only dates back to 1993-'94 when some 388 cm kept falling on our heads.

Only five to seven cm of snow fell this past weekend, Héroux said.

While the rain that followed was heavy at times, it was not exceptional, he said. Nor were the winds.

"They did not reach the 90 kilometre an hour level that would have been significant."

Because the Townships are in the southernmost region of the province, more of the late winter precipitation falls as rain than in more northern regions



PERRY BEATON

Ice encrusted windshield wipers, along with everything else.

around the St-Lawrence River, Héroux said.

While Townshippers waded through inches of slush on Saturday and dealt with whiteout conditions and icy roads on Sunday, the situation was much more dif-

ficult in the Outaouais, Montreal, Laurentians, Lanaudière, and Quebec City regions. More than 80 roads were closed due to heavy snow and high winds.

On Monday things were back to normal in the Townships. Meanwhile most Quebecers were shoveling more than a foot of snow.

Montreal area schoolchildren got an extended school break as city officials said it would take at least a week to dig out.

While the storm bypassed the region, the weather did cause a number of headaches from power outages due to frozen wires and roofs caving in due to the weight of wet snow and ice.

The freezing rain and high winds caused several ski hills to close down on the weekend — some due to conditions on the hills, others because the roads made it difficult to get there. Ski Bromont was in partial operation and Jay Peak just gave up due to the high winds.

Orford, where the ski lift was frozen on Sunday, also had to deal with an overnight power outage on Saturday night. Owl's Head lost power Sunday morning while attempting to de-ice the lift.

Montjoye was closed on Sunday, but Mount Bellevue remained in operation although the weather caused officials to put off the Cabanne a sucre day to next Sunday (between 1 and 4 p.m.).

Some homes in the Township also dealt with blackouts, including one sector of St-Élie d'Orford.

On Saturday, a section of the building occupied by S.P.E.C. Tintamarre had to be evacuated as the roof of the gymnasium and pool caved in. The group offers weekend respite care for families of children with autism and other developmental difficulties; no one was hurt. The fire department condemned the building until a full inspection is carried out.

Meanwhile, across town, activities at the Eugène-Lalonde arena were suspended when the roof of the newly built sports facility began leaking. Kids were allowed to play hockey again on Sunday afternoon after the roof was patched.

In Sherbrooke and other municipalities, snow from previous storms blocked sewers and caused an accumulation of water on side roads.

Once frozen, the accumulated water and slush made driving difficult on icy, bumpy roads already filled with potholes from previous thaws and freezes.

Environment Canada is predicting a bit of snow on Wednesday and another system later in the week which will likely cause liquid precipitation.

Winter will last a while longer, so don't put away your shovel or snow boots yet.

BRIEFS

TQS sale gets go-ahead

The TQS board of directors has accepted an offer of purchase put forward by Remstar Corporation to acquire its television networks.

The identity of the purchaser was made public through Quebec Superior Court Monday morning, when Justice Pierre Journet gave the deal the go-ahead.

TQS announced in December that it was seeking protection from its creditors. Four potential buyers presented offers for the network in recent weeks.

Remstar is a Montreal-based film and television production and distribution company founded by Julien and Maxime Rémillard.

The deal still must be approved by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. Creditors, who are owed roughly \$65 million, are expected to vote on the Remstar proposal in April.

Currently owned 60 per cent by Cogeco Inc. and 40 per cent by CTVglobemedia, TQS has five television stations across Quebec — in Sherbrooke, Montreal, Quebec City, Saguenay and Trois-Rivières. The network claimed it

has seen a gradual loss of advertising revenue to other specialty television networks and Internet content.

Mushrooms get aid

Magog's Aux Champs Mignon farm has received \$25,000 in aid from the provincial government to develop and market King Oyster mushrooms.

The funding comes from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Regions as part of its rural policy to develop specialty products. The grant was announced Monday by Orford MNA Pierre Reid.

"We are pleased that this innovative idea in the Politique nationale de la ruralité gives a hand to artisans and businesses to encourage the development of new products and support the vitality of our rural communities," minister Nathalie Normandeau said in a press release.

The program also stimulates the development of specialty products that will help diversify the regional economy, added Reid.

Thanks to the financial support, the Magog mushroom producer will begin organic production of the much prized delicacy. The total cost of the King Oyster production and market-

ing plan is evaluated at more than \$67,000.

Aux Champs des Vignes is certified Ecocert Canada, which calls itself one of the leaders in organic and environmental certification on the Canada market.

Cops order in

A presumed Sherbrooke drug dealer got a nasty surprise when police officers opened the door to receive his delivery over the weekend.

Early Sunday morning, Sherbrooke police responded to a call of a drug overdose at a 10th Avenue residence.

There, a man was sent to hospital to be treated for consuming excessive amounts of cocaine.

When police tried to track down the source of the drugs, they made a call to who appeared to be the man's drug dealer and made another order.

A man showed up at the door some time later with what was believed to be cocaine and speed, which police confiscated along with a cellular phone, a vehicle and money, after arresting him.

A 32-year-old man appeared in Sherbrooke court yesterday on charges of drug trafficking and possession.



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What can we do to reverse this depressing happening?

Our economy and our ways of living will see many more changes and will go through profound and windy periods for many years to come. How are these elements going to affect our region and can we seriously think about coming back somehow?

On one side, the traditional manufacturing economy will never be what it was back 30 years ago. It will not completely fade away, but one should not start believing that without a serious mea culpa and a new approach towards other markets, and innovation in our small- and medium-sized businesses, we will be able to go back to the good old times or to the magical thinking period of the late '70s.

Our region must react rapidly in creating new mechanisms and measures that will create new local leaders able to lead the transformation processes of raw materials into serious top of the line, value-added products and services. Leaders who will clearly understand the games being played in foreign markets, in the economies of knowledge and most of all, who will understand the interweaving of all the regions of the world and the economic ensembles already in place on the planet. This is all possible, provided that we don't go back into these, time-consuming useless roundtables and meetings of the smart and beautiful people taking forever to react to simple concepts.

From the moment provincial and federal governments let us, as a region, lead our own future; from the moment that we will all be able to tell ourselves the plain truths about what's good for us and what's not good for us; only then will we be able to get into that much needed second gear. Simple changes can be put in place fast.

We need just a couple people who will travel the world, meet with business leaders all over, promote innovations among our businesses, and most importantly lead the region into a positive thinking atmosphere.

Fights between governments, political parties and local institutions have broken our momentum. It has greatly hurt our dynamism and our collaborative attitudes. We are, unfortunately, still in the mood of being jealous of one's success or level of wealth. We are still waiting for a government to take us by the hand and bring us to paradise with no effort on our part.

We still want to have what I call the oyster syndrome, of closing up in our own little piece of the

world. We are losing precious time to useless intellectual considerations not worth one single penny of our seed money. Now is the time to kick our own butts and take the bull by the horns.

The Eastern Townships must offer its small and larger businesses the international standards and packages worth the time and considerations of foreign investors. It must dynamize its economic, social, cultural, environmental and political offers so that they really answer the goals of international investors. These investors, although politely impressed by our mountains, lakes, and peaceful and safe living conditions, cannot come here based only on these nice concepts. Vermont, Washington state, Virginia, all offer excellent living conditions. Furthermore, they offer 10 if not 20 times more attractive economic incentives and packages to foreign business investors.

Nobody will make me believe that Manchester, NH, has a lot more to offer than us and that the sun shines more in those towns than in Magog or Coaticook. But what one can make me believe is that the dynamism and arrogance of their approaches to development, the cold blooded attitude of their local developers, their fear-not attitudes, are much more convincing than ours.

We can attract the knowledge economy, we can give birth to new and innovative and more aggressive economic incentive packages, provided that the governments in place let us lead locally without the barriers and restrictions that exist today.

We could also do that



VIEWPOINT

PIERRE HARVEY

while keeping the social institutions that we are proud of while still being aware of the world we currently live in. The global village concept will not fade away and we will never be like we were 50 years ago.

Our biggest problem is still our inability in believing in such a way of thinking. I strongly wish that people who don't think like I do will comment on this article and at the same time, that people who believe in these principles just like me will also comment to kick start the concepts of action for the future of our kids and of our region.

It's not a joke. We are still arguing about the fact that we should or should not have English taught to our francophone kids more than for such and such an amount of time per day or week. We are still arguing whether supermarkets should or should not sell locally produced wines or liquors. All while the rest of the world is just doing plain and clear down-to-earth old-fashioned business.

PIERRE HARVEY LIVES IN SHERBROOKE.

Soaking pipes with wet rags

That saved the day

I was alone in the house, working in the office upstairs when I became aware of a noise in the adjacent bedroom. Surely a bird hadn't come in, I thought.... About a half-hour earlier I had cranked the window open about four inches and left it so for about 10 minutes.

I'd be in trouble in more ways than one if a chickadee or red poll had found its way inside.

Funny, I wasn't worried about having to get the bird out or it making a mess. My thoughts had immediately raced to having to confess to the senior woodcutter in the family that I had "let all of the good (wood) heat go outside." I had purposefully waited until he had gone

to the woods to air out the house - to avoid just this type of comment.

One step into the next room was enough to identify the problem - and it was not a creature, but a far more serious situation. The crackling sound came from the shiny, straight-up stovepipe, which was giving off great waves of heat and an aroma that no one brought up with wood heat ever wants to smell, all sure signs that things were out of control downstairs.

I tore down the stairs into the living room where the house's main source of winter heat, an old double stove, sits. More rustling noises and a roaring resonance greeted me. Fortunately, the draft in the stove door had been shut. Unfortunately, the key in the stovepipe was

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A big jazz band promises a big treat

'Fantastic' performers,'
promises
Jamie Crooks

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Townshippers are in for a treat this Saturday, according to Bishop's University music man Jamie Crooks, with a one-night-only performance by the acclaimed Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble from Toronto.

"This just fell into our laps," says Crooks. "These guys are awesome. It's fantastic and totally free."

Crooks says the event has an added bonus: it's also a useful recruitment tool for Bishop's.

Crooks says the show is entirely due to the efforts of BU Corporation President Robert "Squee" Gordon. "He was at Humber [College] for 25 years and he definitely deserves all the credit for this show. He's the mover and shaker."

"We have an agreement with Humber and (Gordon) straightened that this year. Not only is the band coming, but they are also bringing other students who are interested in attending Bishop's.

"For the past five or six years we have had a steady stream of Humber students. They don't come for our music program since Humber has one of the most credited programs in Canada. Music is their niche."

Humber College has a student population of over 17,000, 400 of whom study under professor and conductor Denny Christianson, who says performing in Lennoxville will be a bit of homecoming.

"I spent an extreme amount of time fishing on Lake Massawippi and my wife is an interior decorator and spent four years working on the Ripplecove Inn. So, we love the area and know it quite well," said Christianson, who lived and worked in Montreal before going to Humber seven years ago. "I love coming

back. It will be fun."

In the past seven years Christianson has led this band through six record albums, performing with such luminaries as Michael Brecker, Paquito d'Rivera, Dave Holland, and just a month ago, Kurt Elling. After their next recording, in April, the group will work with guitarist Mike Stern on their spring concert.

The band is filled with multiple award-winning student talent. According to Christianson the band also has an international appeal.

"Not only does the band boast quite literally the next big stars, but we also have four international stars, from Korea, Cuba, South Africa, and Scotland, that will be coming to Lennoxville. The students in this band are our most talented. This school has turned [out] some of the top working professionals across the country."

The group recently returned from eight days in England and played at such venues as the Wigan Jazz Club and the Birmingham Conservatoire in



COURTESY

"The finest big band I have heard in England," said one bigwig.

Derby.

"On a tour of England last month, the head of jazz studies at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama told the audience: 'This is the finest big band I have heard in England in the last 15 years,'" Crooks says. "This is definite-

ly something you don't want to miss."

The Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble will take the stage at Bandeen Hall on the Bishop's University campus at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Unique and colourful artworks

Intellectual Disability
Week

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Beginning Thursday the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will feature and promote works by local intellectually disabled artists.

"For a third consecutive year the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, and Regroupement CNDE-Dixville, will present an exhibit to display works of art done by artists living with intellectual disabilities," said museum director Nancy Robert. "L'Art de découvrir is a heart-warming event."

It's being held to mark Quebec Intellectual Disability Week (March 13 to 22). The annual event is a mixture of creativity and discoveries. Thursday's opening night vernissage (from 5 to 7 p.m.) is intended as a celebration full of smiles, pride, and con-



Just one of the pieces on display at Uplands.

gratulations.

This is an event where the artists receive a dose of encouragement and acknowledgment from friends, families, people working in the field and the gener-

al public.

"This is a community at its best," Robert says.

In addition to some artists who participated last year, there are several new talents.

The artists will make a special appearance at the vernissage to showcase their works. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase and bring home unique and colourful pieces of art.

The 9 Speid Street exhibit will be open to the public from Thursday to Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m., to March 22.

For more information, contact 819-564-0409, or visit the website at www.uplands.ca.

Every table at Quentins has a story

Dublin and St. Pat

"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

— Irish Blessing

Is St. Patrick's Day merely another excuse to wear green and drink far too much beer? Did St. Patrick really rid Ireland of snakes? Does anybody really like haggis? The library doesn't have the answer to these questions, but we do have several books by great Irish writers.

Maeve Binchy was born in Dublin in 1940 and grew up 10 miles from Dublin City. The library's collection includes:

- The Glass Lake: this is the story of a young girl named Kit McMahon who grows up in a lakeside village called Lough Glass. Her mother is odd, and often wanders around late at night. One night she disappears altogether and it seems the lake is the bearer of her secret.

- Quentins: the title of this book is also the name of a legendary (and fictional) restaurant in Dublin. Every table has a story to tell — so does every staff

member and customer. A woman named Ella Brady decides to make a documentary about the restaurant but as she begins to learn more about it she realizes she must also confront the troubles in her own life.

- Tara Road: this is the story of two women who have never met. Ria lives in Dublin, surrounded by family and friends, while Marilyn leads a quiet life in a New England college town, as a career woman. By chance they decide to trade homes for the summer, each hoping to solve their personal problems with the change. But each gets more than she bargained for.

- This Year it Will be Different: this is a short story collection around the prickly theme of Christmas.

Another well-known Irish writer whose books sit on our shelves is Roddy Doyle. He was also born in Dublin, in 1958.

- The Woman Who Walked into Doors: Doyle writes about a battered wife who defends her husband and explains away her bruises with the classic excuse, "I walked into a door."

- Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha: here is Dublin from the point of view of a 10-

year-old. Doyle does not tell the story chronologically but rather in small scenes in a style that is similar to a small boy's storytelling. This novel won the Booker Prize in 1993.

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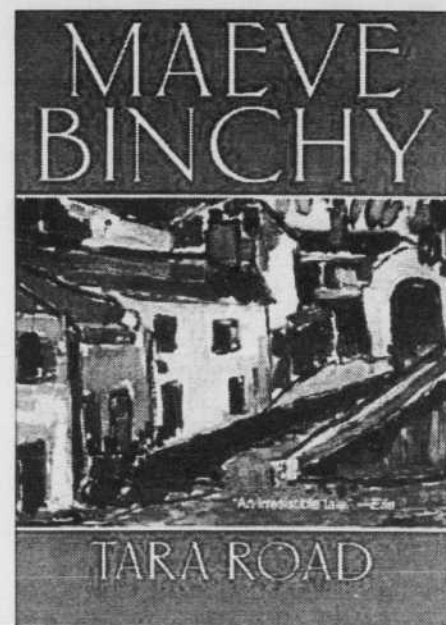
Now is the time to come into the library and renew your membership cards for 2008. Even though membership is free to Sherbrooke (and borough) residents, you must still renew your cards.

BOOK ENDS

- The next meeting of the Books and Brown Bag Lunches reading club will be on Wednesday, March 19, from noon to 1 p.m. at the library. Bring a book you have enjoyed, as well as your lunch, and be ready for some lively discussion.

- The next children's activity is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The theme will be 'At the Zoo.'

- Our annual fundraiser, Adopt-a-Book, is coming: April 10 to 17. Come to the library to adopt a book. It will have your name inscribed in the cover, and you will be the first to take it out. This fundraiser helps us greatly to increase



our collection of new books.

- June 14 is the date for the library's giant book sale and silent auction. Anyone with items for the auction or books (in good shape) for the book sale, please contact the library at the number below.

For information on all library events, call us at 819-562-4949 or visit our website, www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca. You can also reach us by e-mail at bibliolen@netrevolution.com.

— Michelle Barker

Sign just won't go away

Bookstore continues to deal with the ill

By Jen Young

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Lennoxville hasn't had access to a walk-in medical clinic in years, however, individuals seeking medical attention still have the notion one exists and continue to visit Black Cat Books shop owner Janice LaDuke.

"The sign is still there," said LaDuke. "I feel bad for these people because they are looking for help and when they see the sign they think we have one but we don't."

LaDuke, whose store is located beside the old clinic that closed more than five years ago, says she deals with individuals looking for a doctor regularly.

"On average I get at least one person asking where the clinic is per month. This week I've had two people come in asking for it," said LaDuke last Friday afternoon. "I have to tell them, 'I'm sorry there isn't one.' It's not fair to these people. This week a woman came in with a makeshift sling on her arm."

Borough President Doug MacAulay told *The Record* last year that the file was in the hands of the City of Sherbrooke's inspectors, but did not return *The Record's* phone calls in time to find out who is in charge of taking the sign down now.

LaDuke is not holding her breath that the sign gets removed soon, and she is prepared for many more to visit her in need of help.

"When this first started happening last year I felt bad because I didn't know where to send these people," she said. "I visited the CLSC and they gave me a list of walk in clinics in Sherbrooke so now I just give people the list when they come in."



FIRE:

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wide open. I deftly turned it, but the fire raging in the pipes showed no intention of slowing down. I needed help to deal with this!

Memories of other chimney fires, visions of collapsing pipes, and stories of houses burning to the ground galloped through my mind as I swiftly stepped into boots, grabbed a jacket from the nearest hook, and dashed for the car. Outside I took a moment to glance at the chimney — no flames coming out, one good sign! The poor old car didn't know what hit it. Time was of the essence. As I tore up the road beeping the horn all the way, the expression "like a bat out of hell" came to mind.

At the edge of the woods, I gave the horn several long blasts, then hopped out and yelled my lungs out. No response, no other sounds either — of the tractor or a chainsaw. Where was my partner-in-life, the man to save the day?

I jumped back into the car and headed back to the house, again with the heel of my right hand on the horn. I was almost at the driveway when I saw the old green Oliver ahead of me, turning out of the pasture onto the gravel road. But, he was steering further away — down the hill, obviously planning to go for another round bale to feed the cattle and oblivious to me barreling towards him.

Finally, my vehicle arrived beside his and I screamed out the window, "The pipes are burning!" He gave a hint of a nod and speeded

off to turn around at the next culvert while I backed up the road to the turn-off.

In a few seconds, I was hurrying into the house up the stairs with my boots still on. There seemed to be little change in things. I was terrified of what could be happening in the attic, which can only be reached through a trapdoor when standing on a stepladder.

That's where the problem had been the last time, in 1984. I had been sitting in the rocking chair near the wood stove with the baby in my arms when I had heard what I assumed to be a truck coming, but no truck ever went by. When I decided to determine the source of the sound, I discovered that both the draft in the stove door and the key in the pipe had been left open. I had to leave the baby and his two-and-a-half-year-old brother in the playpen and run part way to the same woods for help. On that occasion, the attic portion of pipe had been red-hot and the threat of the house catching on fire had been very real. Two men soaking the pipes with wet rags had saved the day.

Back to 2008. My companion of nearly three decades quickly and calmly checked things out. "Everything's fine," he tried to assure me. "There's nothing to worry about." Doubt and fear fed by recollections of past experiences reigned within me. He could tell I was far from convinced.

He explained in more detail: "There's nothing in the pipes. We haven't burnt any green wood this winter. Can you touch the pipes upstairs?"

I checked. Yes, I could. Thus, the

temperature inside them was lower.

Even so, I needed more reassurance. I practically begged him to go into the attic for my peace of mind. This, he did.

"These aren't the same pipes. These are stainless, with insulation," he reminded me soothingly, as he reported that all was normal in the never-used uppermost floor.

I told him about an episode from my youth in a home with thin, seemingly fragile stovepipes that ran the length of a room. When I was about 10 and spending a Saturday morning next door one winter's day, there was an urgent call from my mother. The furnace pipes were burning out; I was needed to run to the woods about a mile away to get my father. I can still remember the blue and brown slacks I had on with no snow pants — they had been left at home, the knee-deep snow through which I could only plod despite the panic, the relief of finally finding my dad and uncle on the sled pulled by our two heavy horses, and the story that my mom had had to call another neighbour to provide help since it took so long to return.

I tried and tried to compose myself following this most recent experience, but it took some time for my heart to slow down to its normal pace. I sought an explanation for what had happened. Many a time the stovepipe key has been left open for prolonged periods of time with no problem. It seems that the person drawing wood to the house that day had filled the stove with dry bark. The next time he does so, I'm sure he'll think to turn that key.

Friendship Day, muskets and a surplus

Council briefs

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The 19th annual Friendship Day celebration preparations are underway and volunteers are needed. And Lennoxville borough council has given permission to the organizing committee's Sarah Channell to reconstruct the 1838 battle of the patriots.

The June 14 re-enactment requires special permission since the group will be firing muskets (with blanks, of course).

Similar events have lured in approximately 7,000 spectators, and it will be held again at Uplands Museum during Friendship Day.

Friendship Day's organizing committee began meeting this week and according to Channell volunteers to help organize the parade or other attractions are welcome. To join in call 819-569-9388.

YOUTH COOPERATIVE

Council last week also authorized a

financial contribution of \$150 to cover registration fees for 2008 to the Estrie Regional development youth cooperative. The Lennoxville initiative, in its second year, teaches local teens, from the ages of 14 to 16, how to start and run a business from the ground up.

"In the borough we have groups and activities for young children and we hire teens 17 and over for special projects, but there was nothing really available for the youth in between," said coop committee member and borough sports and leisure representative Sarah Channell. "This project will not only give the youth something to do this summer, but it will also teach them how to start and run a business."

The project's committee consists of representatives from Lennoxville's Community Aid, the Youth Centre, Alexander Galt Regional High School, the borough itself, as well as the Caisse Populaire, and the Bishop's University William's School of Business, which aided the project financially.

Whether the work involves mowing lawns or painting buildings will be de-

cidated by the group.

At the end of the summer the teens will calculate whether they made a profit. If so, they will split the wealth.

If there is a deficit, the committee will take care of it.

The bilingual project will seek interested candidates soon. For more information contact the borough office at 819-569-9388.

MONEY IN THE BANK

Last year council approved thousands of dollars worth of work to be done on three parks.

The Centennial parking lot and bike rack were restored. Atto-Beaver saw the removal of outdated play equipment and the securing of new games, a water fountain, benches, and garbage cans. Three lampposts and a pedestrian path were put in at Uplands.

These works were realized at a lesser cost than anticipated, leaving \$45,526 left over from the 2007 budget.

BOG AGREEMENT

Council has signed a 99-year lease with the Johnville Woodland Conserva-

tion Corporation. The Johnville Bog and Forest Park is considered a heritage site of the former Town of Lennoxville and part of the cultural and ecological inheritance of this community.

Sherbrooke citizens make up more than half of the park's visitors.

The Johnville Woodland Conservation Corporation bought land adjacent to the park, with the help of partners (the City of Sherbrooke, the Town of Cookshire-Eaton, the MRC du Haut-Saint-François, the Université de Sherbrooke, Bishop's University, and the provincial parks and environment ministry).

And council is supporting the request to extend the lease. The original 10-year contract was signed in October 2001.

Council will support the conservation group's request to the City of Sherbrooke in the signing of a 99-year, long term lease. This would allow residents to continue to use the park free of charge and gives the conservation group the authority to continue managing it.

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By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

William Dion's Drummondville rink is returning home with a bronze medal after a 5-3 win over

Norway on Sunday at the World Junior Championships held in Osterund, Sweden.

Dion, a Cégep AAA football all-star with the Champlain College Cougars, made national news two weeks ago when he skipped his Drummondville rink to a Canadian Junior Championship and then shone in the international spotlight — as his rink recorded an overall 8-4 record including a victory in the bronze medal Sunday.

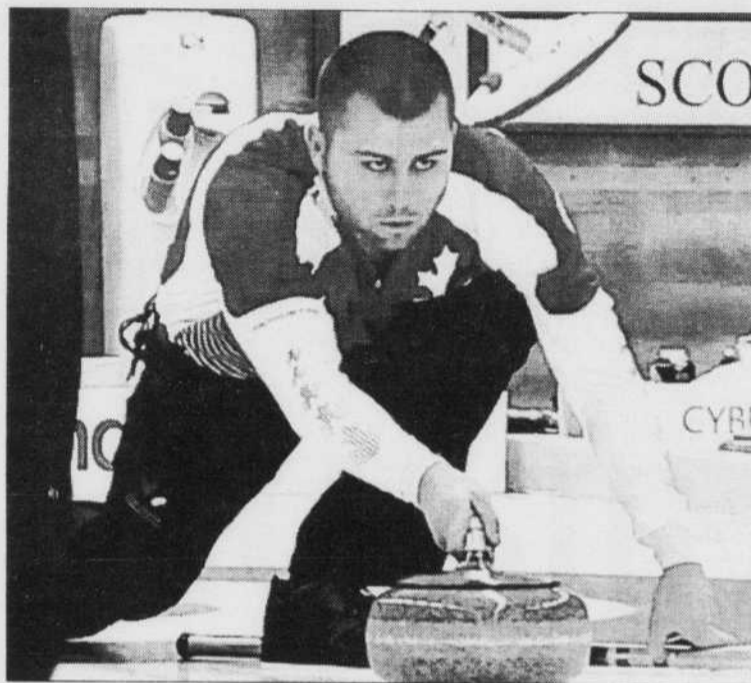
Dion is certainly used to performing in pressure-packed situations as the place kicker and punter for the Champlain Cougars. He is a two-time league all-star and announced earlier this year that he will play next season for the Université de Sherbrooke Vert & Or.

On Sunday, he performed well once again under pressure as he secured the victory in the 10th end when he ran Norway out of rocks. Afterwards the Drummondville native talked about his rink playing their best game of the tournament, despite the disappointment of failing to win the gold.

"Today we played the best we have all

Drummondville rink wins bronze

Former Champlain football star leads the way



COURTESY

William Dion in action against Scotland in the World Junior Curling Championships.

week, we played great," he said. "We expected to come here for gold, but failed on that. Our intention was to get some-

round play but hit a road block in Saturday's medal-round competition.

Manitoba's Kaitlyn Lawes lost her

thing to hang around our necks before we came home. A medal was preferable to a piece of rope. So we have bronze and at least it's better than fourth."

The United States won the men's title, downing Sweden 7-5.

Dion and his teammates Jean-Michel Arsenault, Erik Lachance and Miguel Bernard finished the round robin in first place with a 7-2 record.

Both the Canadian men's and women's rinks were impressive in preliminary

scoring deuces each time he had last-rock advantage. With Sweden leading 7-6 in the final frame, Dion gave up a steal of two to seal Canada's fate.

That defeat pitted them against Chris Plys of the United States in the semi-final game. In that contest the Americans rallied with an 8-6 win to advance to Sunday's gold medal contest while Canada had to settle for the bronze medal game.

In the men's semi-final against the Americans, Dion had a 5-3 lead heading into the seventh end when Plys scored three to take a 6-5 lead. After the teams traded singles, Plys stole one in the tenth to insure the victory.

Despite the two losses Canada still had a chance for a medal and an opportunity to atone for a previous loss to Norway. The Norwegians knocked off Dion's rink 9-8 on Thursday. The United States had beaten Norway's Kristian Rolvsjord in the 3-4 game to advance to the semi-final.

On the women's side, Canada also captured the bronze medal Sunday as Lawes' rink edged Russia in the bronze final.

In the women's gold medal final, Scotland beat Sweden 12-3 to capture its second straight championship and fifth overall.

Canada trailed 4-3 at the break, scoring all their points in the third end. After Lawes knotted things up in the sixth, Russia responded with a deuce and a steal to take a 7-4 lead heading to the ninth end. Lawes could only muster a single before shaking hands in the tenth.

"The team played really well, especially my front end," Lawes said. "They kept us in the game."

"In the first few ends I struggled with my shots. My rocks did not curl, and the Russians got in. We regrouped and once we got up with the Russians, we knew we could take them."

Lawes added that playing internationally is a lot different than playing back at home for national honours.

"I won the Canadian and was told this would be different," she said. "We did not believe it until we got here and started playing. It has been such an amazing experience. It has been an eye opener. All these teams are national champions and all of them, despite not having had as many games as us to qualify, are very good. I am disappointed not to have made the gold but we are so happy even if it's the bronze."

Dion lost a chance to advance to the gold medal game when they came up on the wrong end of a 9-6 decision in the men's 1-2 Page Playoff Game. In the 1-2 game, Canada and Sweden were knotted at 4-4 through five ends of play with Oskar Eriksson

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Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 15
Open trails: 6/6

THE BALSAMS (N.H.)

Snow, last 24 hrs (in): 0
Snow, last 7 days (in): n/a
Open trails: 16/16

MONT ORFORD

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 22
Open trails: 39/55

MONTJOYE

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open trails: 29/31

OWL'S HEAD

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 5
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 23
Open trails: 40/44

BURKE (VERMONT)

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 8
Open trails: 42/45

SKI BROMONT

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open trails: 80/129

SUTTON

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 6
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 21
Open trails: 53/53

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SAWYERVILLE 4-H: The members of the Sawyerville 4-H Club would like to thank those who supported our recent Valentine's Day Dance. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated. Thank you,
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Ron Conway,
Mansonville, QC

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We will always love and remember you.*
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JUNE
children
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Deaths

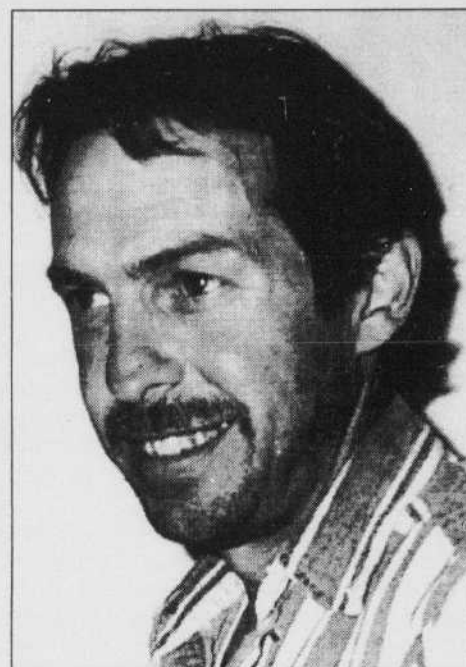


COURT, George - Peacefully at the Hotel-Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, QC on Friday, March 7, 2008 at the age of 81. George David Court was born in Chelmsford, England and is survived by some relatives in England. He was formerly of Cookshire and was a longtime resident of the Grandview Manor in Bury. George was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force for 13 years. There will be a Legion service and poppy drop at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Veterans are asked to please attend. Resting at St-Paul's Anglican Church, Bury, QC, where friends may visit on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew officiating assisted by the Rev. Canon Ron West. Interment in the Cookshire Protestant Cemetery at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 554 Main St., Bury, QC Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca

DAVIS, Warena (1918-2008) - Peacefully on March 10, 2008 at the age of 89 years. Beloved mother of Joan McCullagh and Barbara (the late Jimmy Dufour). Loving grandmother of Suzanne. She will be missed by many family members and friends. Family will receive condolences at Urgel Bourgie Funeral Complex, 8145 Chemin Chambly, St-Hubert, www.urgelbourg.com Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A prayer service will be held at the Chapel of the complex on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mildred E. Holliday, P.P.

Deaths



TREMBLAY, Daniel (1956-2008) - Passed away peacefully at the Knowlton House on March 8, 2008 in his 52nd year. Dan leaves to mourn the mother of his children Laura Overs, his sons: Ian (Lynn), Gregory (Jessica) and Travis (Sarah), his grandchildren: Kayla, Abbie and Meghan, his brothers and sisters: Ivan, Patricia, Kevin, Kim (Cliff), Josie and many other relatives and friends. Daniel was predeceased by his sister Susan and predeceased by his brother Nathan. Visitation will take place at the Joseph Dion & Fils Ltee Funeral Home, 215 rue Rivière, Bedford, QC, Tel: 450-248-2911 Fax: 450-248-3749 josephdionfilslee@bellnet.ca Thursday the 13th of March 2008 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Friday the funeral home will be open at 1 p.m. followed by the funeral service, that shall take place at the funeral home at 2 p.m. In his memory donation to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Forms are available at the funeral home or online at www.cancer.ca

VON BERG, Emily (1910-2008) - Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home, Sunday, March 9, 2008 in her 98th year. She leaves behind, and will be missed by many good friends. A celebration of her life will be held at the St-Patrick Church, 20 Gordon St., Sherbrooke, QC on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Our "special thanks" to the staff at the Wales Home for taking such good care of Emily! Coopérative Funéraire de l'Estrie, 485, 24-juin St., Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1E 1H1, Mr. Claude Roy, dir. Tel.: 819-565-7646 Fax: 819-565-7844, e-mail: info@coopfuneraire.com

Ladies Auxiliary Br. 15 Military Whist

On Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 the Auxiliary was happy to have 17 tables (68 card players) in attendance.
Everyone was given a warm welcome and play was under way. All too soon the required moves had been made and it was time for refreshments and prizes.
First was a tie with 28 points and went to Fran Dewar, Hazel Carson, Grace Taylor, Eleanor Stalker. Second group - Rose Marcotte, Jean D'Arc Jutras, Marie Anne Marcotte, Donat Morin.
Second place went to Bill and Evelyn Frazer, Bev and Ron Jones with 26 points.
Low score ended in another tie with 16 prints. First group Zetta Olney, Joe Bell, Clare Boisvert, Edna Smith. Second group - Peter and Carol Boisvert, Donna Ham, Robert Dunn.
Door prizes: Gerald Verhoef, Donat

Morin, Marie Verhoef, Daisy McGee, Doris Stevens, Fran Dewar, Robert Dunn, Joe Bell, Maye Abercrombie, Sharon McMorina, Donna Ham, Evelyn Horan, Gilbert Verhoef, George Horan, Pearl Armstrong, Hazel Carson, Bill Frazer, Eleanor Stalker, Jacques Dubois, Franklin Lancaster, Thera Devrice, Ron Jones, Hugh Lancaster, Helen Knowles.
Grocery boxes went home with Allan Banfill and Linda Badger.

The Auxiliary would like to express their thanks to all who help in any way to make these card parties and a success not forgetting the support of the players. Without you we would have no party. Please keep in mind March the 27th same place, same time.

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Your Birthdy

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Your endeavors will prove to be particularly successful in the year ahead in ways that will be financially rewarding — and they will provide a real sense of achievement. This could involve two part

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Things are about to take a turn for the better in ways that will prove that you should never give up on your wishes or expectations. What you considered totally unattainable is now presently within reach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Direct your best efforts and intellect toward two subjects for which you will reap the greatest rewards at this time. Concentrate first on your financial affairs and second on ways to advance your reputation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Applying your personal touch to those endeavors that mean the most will enhance their possibilities for success. You possess all the necessary elements needed: assertiveness, effectiveness and wisdom.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you see greater opportunities for gains looming there, consider utilizing channels you seldom employ instead of your usual sources. However, there's no need to limit your efforts to only one. Use both.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Stick to persons with whom you have had fortunate involvements in the past. These tried-and-true relationships will once again prove to be of considerable value to you and your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — An important objective upon which you've been working hard can be expanded even further to produce greater benefits. The ways and means to do so will present themselves at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you find yourself in a social activity that involves elements of chance, don't hesitate to take it on because you'll be up to the challenge. In fact, you might even outshine someone who usually gets the better of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although there might be a number of fluctuating conditions taking place all around you, it isn't likely they will negatively affect your efforts. Should you encounter change, you'll make the most of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You possess all the elements of being a good salesperson. You have a great way of presenting yourself and a better way of getting others to follow your lead. Use these gifts on something meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your personal affairs both at work and at home should be improving at this time. Situations you couldn't get a handle on will now become big producers of success for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Not only will you be exceptional company right now, you will also generate happy conditions for your friends that will prove to be of great benefit to you and all those with whom you've involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is an excellent period to wrap up situations that you deem to be personally important to your financial well-being. The probabilities for reaching those desirable results are exceptional.

TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

DANVILLE

A Smoked Meat Supper will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 136 Grove Street, on March 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening of entertainment. Only 75 supper tickets available. For reservations please call 819-839-2581. Deadline for ticket reservations is Wednesday, March 12.

SHERBROOKE

The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting will be held at Hotel Le President on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Tim Belford, CBC Host of Quebec A.M. Topic: "The Last Literate Journalist: A Lighthearted Look at Language in the Media". Guests welcome. For reservation and cost, phone 819-347-2328.

LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's Drama Department presents "The Madwoman of Chaillot" by Jean Giraudoux from March 13 to 16 at 8 p.m. in Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke. An unscrupulous consortium of rich and powerful men, having discovered oil beneath the streets of Paris, propose to dig for it in spite of the consequences. Their plans come to the attention of the Madwoman of Chaillot, a delightful eccentric who manages to exploit the exploiters and defeat the powers-that-be. Directed by Greg Tuck. set design by Vincent Lefevre and costume design by Ginette Grenier. Tickets can be reserved by calling 819-822-9692 or purchased at the door. A special performance will take place on March 14 to benefit the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, March 11 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, March 25 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BURY

A "soup and sandwich" luncheon followed by "500" card party on Tuesday, March 11 at the Bury Town Hall. Lunch at noon and cards at 1:30 p.m. Also door prizes. Admission charged. Benefit for Expo Cookshire. All welcome.

BULWER

Bulwer Q.F.A. will meet on Thursday, March 13 at the Bulwer Community Center at 8:30 p.m. Pot luck lunch. All welcome.

RICHMOND

Richmond Soccer Club inscriptions at Ecole Plein Coeur, Pav. 2, 450 Gouin Street, Wednesday, March 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Last chance. Info: 819-826-3506, 819-826-1371, 819-826-5705

AYER'S CLIFF

Bingo to benefit the Ayer's Cliff Home and School Association, on Friday March 14, from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Ayer's Cliff Elementary School. Full card bingo prize, many cash prizes, half and half.

SHERBROOKE

Plymouth-Trinity United Church Women's annual Shamrock Salad Buffet and Sale at 380 Dufferin St., Saturday, March 15, 3-6 p.m. Includes sales tables of home-baking, novelties, etc. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Patrick's day brunch, Sunday March 16th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Antoine Parish Hall, 104 Queen Street. All are welcome.

SHERBROOKE

St. Patrick's reunion at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 10, March 15 starting at 11. Irish coffee, many prizes. An Irish stew will be served at 5 p.m. Info. 819-563-4944.

LENNOXVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will hold its 2008 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at 9 Speid Street in the borough of Lennoxville. The AGM is open to the public and will be followed by refreshments. For information, call 819-564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Wines of South America at Uplands! Saturday, April 12, come and discover the Wines of South America with certified sommelier William Lidstone. This 3 hour wine appreciation course includes tasting wines paired with hors d'oeuvres and learning about grape varieties, wine styles and wine and food pairing. Admission charged (10% discount for Uplands members). Call before April 4 to register. For more information, contact (819) 564-0409. www.uplands.ca.

LENNOXVILLE

The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center, in association with the Regroupement CNDE- Dixville, will soon be unveiling l'Art de découvrir, an exhibit that displays the works of artists living with intellectual disabilities. This cultural event held during the Quebec Intellectual Disability Week will begin

with a Vernissage from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 at Uplands (9 Speid St., Borough of Lennoxville). The exhibit will continue through March 22. For more information, please call (819) 564-0409.

RICHMOND

A Legion Pre-Parade Brunch is being held on Sunday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, in Richmond. Everyone is welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Come one! Come all! The annual Lennoxville Girl Guides' St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party is on Saturday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church. Be one of the lucky winners at the Silent Auction-or bid with dimes at the Chinese Auction. Buy tasty homemade treats at the bake table. This event is looked forward to every year by members of the community. Come spend a day of family FUN. Admission charged, which includes a light lunch. Pssst... Don't forget your dimes!

LENNOXVILLE

ANAF Unit 318 Men's and Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

LENNOXVILLE

What is the CSSS-IUGS? Marie Trousdell, Director for the Programs for the Aged and those with loss of Autonomy, and Heather Bowman, past Director of Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute Foundation, will present information on the Health and Social Services Centre - Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute: Linda Nightingale, member of the Committee for Liaison with the Anglophone Community, will be adding information on the committee of this institution. CFUW Sherbrooke & District invites the public to this important meeting on March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Faculty Lounge, McGreer Bldg., Bishop's University. Bring your friends and neighbours to learn about access to English language health services.

NORTH HATLEY

The Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch of the Old North Church Cemetery Association will take place at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 640 Sherbrooke Street, North Hatley, on Sunday, March 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker Terry Skeats' topic will be "The Statesman, The Soldier and The Cemetery: A Townships Story". Everyone is welcome to join us.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Andrew's annual Sugar on Snow at 256 Queen St., Lennoxville will be held on March 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee, tea, juice, pickles and homemade doughnuts. Come and enjoy good eats, good fellowship. Handicap accessible. Admission charged.

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 Recite those old stories... who's got the best one!

We're not run of the mill, we love to jig and dance;
 We're not over the hill, we're full of romance,
 And with the help of Saint Pat, we will all have a good time

We'll all laugh, we'll all chat...
 So let's swish the swill, dear friend of mine!!

G.L. Brown

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: E equals P

"SKCLAVM SAFX XBZFX (IBJMBC) SZH KVB KU FXB ERCBHF WKTH KU DT IAUB. XAH JBZFX AH XBZCFNCBZLAVM." - JACBYFKC ZVM IBB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive." - Arnold Palmer

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IF I WERE YOU I WOULDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT VEGETABLES.



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"Wait till you guys feel this leather."

ALLEY OOP

COOLA REMAINS IMPRISONED IN EARLIE OOP'S CAVE...



THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY OUT OF THIS CAVE, BUT IT'S SO DARK EVERYWHERE BUT HERE... I'M AFRAID I'LL GET LOST IF I VENTURE TOO FAR!



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ARLO & JANIS



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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



I BELIEVE YOU, LIZ... WHY SHOULDN'T I?



YOU DIDN'T ASK WARREN TO COME TO YOUR APARTMENT-AND WHILE HE WAS THERE, NOTHING HAPPENED. YOU ASKED HIM TO LEAVE, AND THAT'S IT.



ELIZABETH, YOU'RE FREE TO TALK TO WHOMEVER YOU WISH. I WANT YOU TO BE YOURSELF-AND I WANT YOU TO BE SURE.



SURE ABOUT WHAT? ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT.



AND WHOM.

GRIZWELLS



DID I JUST HEAR YOU WHINING ABOUT YOUR PATHETIC PROBLEMS TO THAT ROCK?



OH PLEASE, GUNTHER... GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE CREDIT THAN THAT!



ALL THIS ROCK EVER DOES IS MOCK ME WHEN I POUR MY HEART OUT!

SOUP TO NUTS



I'M WARNING YOU... YOU GIRLS BETTER NOT CHASE ME OR YOU'LL BE SORRY!



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Your child's welfare must come first

Dear Annie: Last year, my boyfriend was caught soliciting a 16-year-old girl over the Internet. "John" was drunk and high on cocaine at the time. He was an addict and I was aware of it. I chose to stay with him anyway.

John has to register as a sex offender and the felony will never be erased from his record. I have three children — two older teenagers and a 9-year-old boy. I don't have custody of my son, and although the boy saw John weekly for the first three months he was in rehab, that's over now. My son is no longer allowed to see John at all, and he misses his "second dad."

My son hasn't been able to stay overnight with me or even visit unless John is somewhere else. I've barely seen my child in seven months. Do I have to choose between them? My kids matter, but I also love John dearly. I've never been treated so well. He is a different person now that he is sober. What should I do? — Torn

Dear Torn: We're glad John is sober, but your child's welfare must come first. We are assuming your ex has custody of your son, but he cannot legally keep the boy away unless it is court mandated. Have you spoken to your lawyer? If there is nothing you can do to change the visitation setup, we recommend you arrange to see your son as often as you can, without John. Your

Annie's Mailbox

child needs to know you will not abandon him.

Dear Annie: Last year, my husband and I moved our life insurance policy to a new company. For the previous 19 years, my brother had been our insurance agent. When we switched, he became irrationally angry, which made us decide to remove all our insurance business from him.

My brother is known for his temper and immaturity, but his actions still really surprised us. What hurt even more is that my parents also became angry. There was a nasty blowout when my parents came to our home one day and treated my husband as if he didn't exist. They haven't spoken to him since.

I still believe in the importance of family. I've sought therapy in the past regarding relationship issues with my parents and siblings and have worked hard to improve things, to no avail. Frankly, I feel much better when I have nothing to do with any of them.

At Christmas, I sent cards to everyone, and my brother's came back marked, "Refused. Return to Sender." My husband thinks I should tell my parents about this. Annie, my parents have coddled my brother all his life. He is in his mid-50s and still eats breakfast with

them every morning. I doubt they will ever see his faults. What do you advise? — Sad Sister

Dear Sister: It won't do any good to tell your parents their son is a spiteful jerk. Even if they agree, they will defend him. Of course, you should have realized switching insurance agents would upset your brother, but a mature person would have handled it more gracefully. Save the card in case your parents accuse you of cutting him off, but otherwise, let the dust settle. Maintain as much contact as you can handle, and stop expecting your relatives to be nicer to you. It doesn't seem likely.

Dear Annie: You printed a response from "Wellfleet, Mass.," who took you to task for saying, "Once you're married, your husband should come first." She said that's a page straight from the '50s.

Just a question for her: What was the divorce rate in the '50s, and what is it today? Perhaps we should take more pages from that era. — Leo in Hemet, Calif.

Dear Leo: Now, now, let's not quibble. One of the reasons the divorce rate was lower back then was because many women were trapped in lousy marriages and unable to get jobs. We wouldn't want to turn back that particular clock.

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

Open House

Happy 100th Birthday to Verna Westgate. Everyone welcome on March 15, 2008 at Salle Guy Veilleux (Loisirs Cookshire), 819-875-5681, 75 Castonguay St., Cookshire from 2 to 4 p.m. Best wishes only please.

Open House 80th Birthday

You are invited to Eustis Hall to help celebrate Garth Call's 80th birthday on Sunday, March 16 from 2-4 p.m. Cards only.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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- 6 Persian's contemporary
- 10 Pig vittles
- 14 Good day!
- 15 Runner Zatopek
- 16 Hawkeye State
- 17 Wow!
- 19 Lofty
- 20 Elmer or Jerry
- 21 NATO, for one
- 23 Certain metal craftsman
- 27 Pull the plug on
- 28 Exist as a characteristic
- 29 Harrow's rival
- 32 Sheep cry
- 35 Great quantity
- 36 Kind of trooper or line

- 37 Skinny twins?
- 38 Meow Mix eater
- 39 Wow!
- 41 Quick trip
- 42 Freudian concept
- 43 Stand by
- 44 Fleshy fruit
- 45 Bigwig in D.C.
- 46 Stitched
- 47 Camelot magician
- 49 Down a hero
- 51 Explosives with pins
- 53 Erupt
- 57 Lena of "The Ninth Gate"
- 58 Cooking fat
- 59 Wow!
- 64 Poker stake
- 65 "A Girl Like I" author

- 12 Like Woody?
- 13 Tropical tree
- 18 Farm measure
- 22 Give a face-lift to
- 23 Zodiac sign
- 24 Coop up
- 25 Wow!
- 26 Knotting again
- 30 Diplomatic asset
- 31 Of the ear: pref.
- 33 Personal instability
- 34 Quaking trees
- 36 Shredded side
- 39 Undue speed

- 40 Be light chips
- 44 Strutted about
- 47 Run in the heat
- 48 Isolate
- 50 Dale of "Flash Gordon"
- 52 Prepare peanuts
- 53 Excessive criticism
- 54 Actress Turner
- 55 Wrinkly fruit
- 56 Masters players
- 60 Huge time frame
- 61 PAU's successor
- 62 Mao -Tung
- 63 Part of AT&T

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 66 Temporary contract
- 67 Actress Madeline
- 68 Money — everything
- 69 Ill-fated Ford

DOWN

- 1 Sounds of approval
- 2 Place for fish and ships
- 3 Sort
- 4 Sounded the alarm
- 5 More snoopy
- 6 Free-for-all
- 7 Radio static, in brief
- 8 Top vocalist
- 9 Power, in brief
- 10 Keep under wraps
- 11 Wow!

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