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Taken (yesterday) on our morning walk on Pinnacle Road/Spencer Road in Frelighsburg. I believe this beats the snowfall of October 26th, 2005.

JEANNIE BIRD



Parkinson's disease is already tough to deal with, but worse when you have no support.
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HE SAYS, SHE SAYS...

"I'm not a hateful person and I don't have it in my heart to blame anymore."

-John Allore

(THE RECORD, OCTOBER 22)

Bridge reopens to heavy vehicles

(Staff)—Transport Quebec has lifted some weight restrictions on the Jacques-Cartier bridge allowing heavy trucks to once again cross the span over the Magog River. Following recent inspections, specialists from the Transport Ministry determined the bridge was safe for heavier loads. However, restrictions still apply to overloaded trucks, and more tests and inspections have been ordered to determine if overloaded trucks can be permitted on the bridge, said Transport Quebec spokeswoman Hélène Beauchesne. Construction on the bridge, which was originally slated for this fall, could be delayed because tests took longer than anticipated, she added. After earlier tests in May, cracks in some of the support beams were discovered and the bridge was closed from May 11 to June 2. A subsequent inspection report determined the bridge was safe for traffic, but engineers restricted trucks and vehicles over five tonnes.



PERRY BEATON

A hundred kids and jack-o-lanterns



PHOTOS AND TEXT BY JESSICA BROWN

The Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce held its annual pumpkin carving contest in Mill Pond. And while it is called a children's carving contest, parents definitely deserve an honourable mention for cutting, scooping and assisting in the final projects. For three hours, close to one hundred children aged three to 13 came to the park to get into the Halloween spirit. Hyped up on candy and chocolate, the final creations came out with lots of panache and pazazz. In the end three winners were chosen from three age categories, with lots of honourable mentions. Even those who didn't win a prize got to take their pumpkins home. Winners 4-6 year old category: Jordan Lenarduzzi, Lily Anne Wiley, Elliot Tremblay 7-10 year old category: Maya Mailloux, Chloe Tremblay, Alexandra Greenwood 11-13 year old category: Rachel Smith, Natasha Gosselin, Madison Bauer.

Zoo community mourns Mumba

Patriarch of primates was second oldest in captivity

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The Granby community is in mourning this week after Mumba the gorilla, the most senior resident of Granby Zoo, passed away at the venerable age of 48. That's about 100 in human years.

The aged ape died peacefully in his sleep, said longtime handler Suzanne Poirier, who found the lifeless gorilla on Tuesday morning.

"When I arrived yesterday morning he was sleeping in his usual position," she said. "When I went and talked to him, he didn't get up. That's when we discovered he had died."

"You can't ask for better," she added. "We all want to go peacefully in our sleep."

Poirier, who has cared for Mumba for the past 17 years, said there were no signs of imminent death. She said Mumba was behaving as usual and had eaten all of his supper



time meal the night before.

Five years ago Mumba's health appeared to be deteriorating rapidly. Infamous for slinging dirt and rocks - not to mention his own excrement, - at visitors, Mumba no longer had any strength in his pitching arm and he was having episodes of paralysis. The simian was suffering from painful and de-

generative arthritis and the medication disseminated in his food was no longer doing the trick.

Zookeepers feared the worst and prepared the community to mourn Mumba. But the aging ape fooled them, making a quick and impressive recovery from acute arthritis flare-ups thanks to daily cocktails of anti-inflammatories and natural products like glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate.

According to the zoo, Mumba has seen some 20 million visitors during his lifetime. But over the past few years, he had retired from public life. Unable to climb the short ladder that leads from his basement quarters to his daytime cage, the aging ape spent his time resting and napping - much like aging apes do in nature.

Poirier thought that's what he was doing when she found him Monday morning.

"It will take some time to get over his death," Poirier told The Record. "Mumba was a special being and it will take some time to mourn."

Poirier, who has worked at Granby Zoo for the past 20 years, recalled Mumba in his prime.

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Retchless Report — the calm after the storm

What a wonderful time of the year for snow watchers! The first flakes of the season have coated our mountain tops and windshields and the leaves have just about finished falling. I have vivid childhood memories of the first snowfalls, hoping there would be enough to coat the sliding hill!

This cold grey weather will be short lived. Thursday should see improving conditions with sunny, cool late fall weather, on tap for Friday and Saturday. Late Saturday a juicy low pressure system will move up through the Ohio valley and overspread our area. Sun-



DAVID ANDERSON

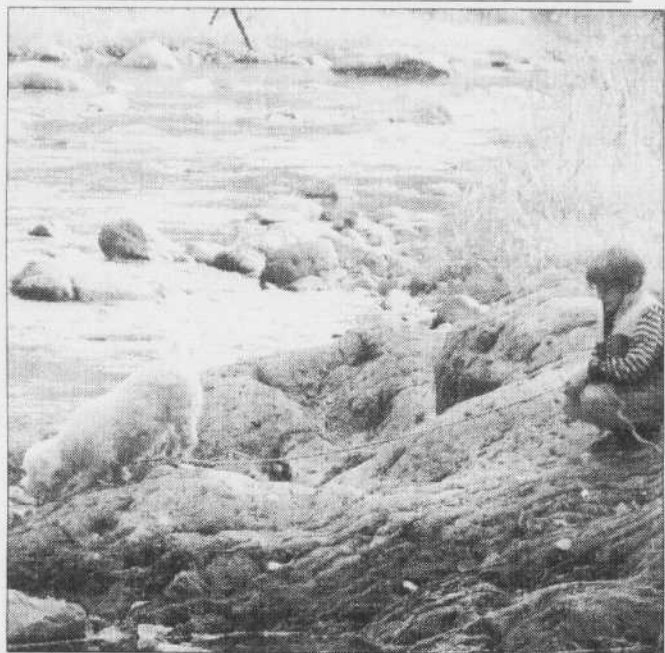
day will be a washout with substantial rain possible. This rain will persist into Monday possibly changing to snow on the backside of the storm much like Tuesday night!

The long range for the 28th through the 3rd of November is for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. We will be in a very cool, changeable regime and cannot rule out more snow during this period.

Today - Sunny - 8 degrees
Friday - Sunny - 8 degrees
Saturday - Bright start - clouds late 10 degrees
Sunday - Rain - 6 degrees...
 Heavy frosts are predicted through Friday night.

Andrew Retchless is The Record's trusted weather prognosticator. An ETSB school principal by day and local weather pattern predictor by night, Retchless brings local weather related expectations each Thursday.

Boy's best friend in Call's Mills, Brome Lake



JANNA KENDALL

Youth awarded trophies for County Fair efforts

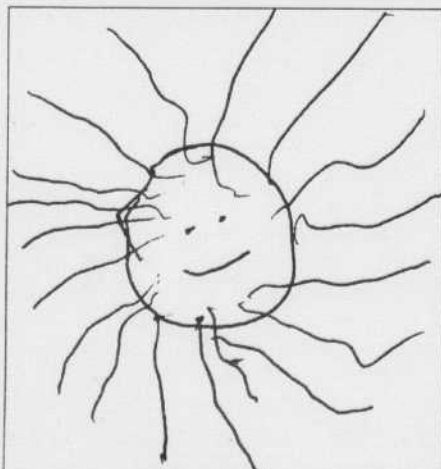
Photo and text by Claudia Villemaire

Richmond — Winners of the annual Youth Fair, held in conjunction with the Richmond County Fair, which brought nearly one thousand youth entries, were awarded dozens of trophies and prizes at the long anticipated awards evening a few weeks ago. With classes for just about anything these youngsters could fabricate, build or concoct, no one went home empty-handed.



Winners included specific age groups, as well as trophies for the competitor with the most entries. Naming a few of the winners pictured - in no particular order, Maxim Provis, Rachel Lussier, Brady McGee, Ryan McGee, Emma Ruck, Brandon Lussier, Tiny Alexandra Rodell, Exavier Poirier, Kyrie Ann Rocheleau, Samuel Ledoux, Jessica Blais-Martin, Ryley Keenan, Mathieu Sullivan-Weare, Taylor Lynch, Jennifer DesLaurier, Andrew Duffy, Cooper Chauvin, Amber Weare, Aaron Ruck, Tina Weare and Nicholas Weare.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Four-year-old Anthony Green has given The Record his masterpieces depicting your weather forecast.



Danville's Anglican church undergoes brickwork, seeks donations

By Stephen McDougall
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
DANVILLE

In 1896, a Windsor bricklayer built St. Augustine's Anglican church in Danville for \$4,600 in nine months. Today, the 112-year-old, double-brick walled building needs some new brickwork and \$4,600 is now considered only a down-payment.

"The contractor from Warwick says a complete repointing and recapping of the bricks will cost \$50,000," said Richard Goodfellow, the church's incumbent warden.

"We have started the work on the church tower because it needs the most attention, but that is \$5,000 worth. We will have to raise the rest of the money somehow."

The church, situated at the corner of DuCarmel and St. Augustine streets, is the centre for Anglican worship in the Asbestos-Danville-Shipton area. It is also a key town community centre because of the hall that was added on in 1957.

Apart from the numerous suppers, rummage sales and meetings, the church is an essential exhibition site for the town's annual Street Art Symposium.

Present minister Rev. Andrew O'Donnell warns the church will rapidly deteriorate if nothing is done to shore up the building's exterior immediately.

"We were told by building experts the repointing of the bricks should have been done five years ago," he said.

"Every year we wait, the more the rainwater will weaken the bricks and the mortar that holds them together. One day, a wall could let loose."

While there is little danger to the public, the church wardens decided to start preliminary work on the church bell tower, which is closest to DuCarmel street and sidewalk.

"We don't believe anything could fall on passing pedestrians, but at the same time, the tower's bricks are in the worst shape, so we thought it best to start work there," said Rev. O'Donnell.

According to town historian and architect Robert Lemire, the church's 16 brick buttresses are in the worst shape and need immediate reinforcing and refacing.

"There are numerous cracks in the bricks and the limestone caps," he said.

"Many places, the mortar is weak or missing and water is slowly seeping in.

"The limestone is very durable and flexible, but even it is starting to crack and crumble."

But fixing the brickwork is easy compared to finding the funds to complete the job, said Rev. O'Donnell.

"Our membership is small and their means limited," he said. "We have applied to the government for some help, but the process is arduous because a lot of expensive regulations have to be followed before they will grant the funds and that takes money and a long time. If it was a larger project, the government might give it more attention."

Rev. O'Donnell added that church wardens have also applied to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for help. He said if approved, the foundation can provide up to \$15,000 in grants and loans.

The church has also appealed to the town of Danville, the local Caisse Populaire and sent out a letter to church members for private donations.

"It is a very beautiful building, with Gothic pointed-arch windows and extensive coloured glass," said Lemire. "The interior is designed in nineteenth century Gothic style, with exposed wood trusses upholding the roof and dark-stained altar and choir stalls and pews."

Goodfellow argued that the building is still solid and could be used by the town community for decades to come.

"It has been faithfully maintained and cared for by generations of members, wardens and caretakers," he said. "Now is the time for our community to take on this challenge."

Donations for the church repairs can be sent to St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Treasurer, 73 DeCarmel St., P.O. Box 578, Danville, QC, JOA 1A0.

Driver suffers serious injuries



PERRY BEATON

A man was seriously injured in a collision between a tractor-trailer and small pickup that caused hours of traffic tie-ups on Industrial Blvd in St-Élie yesterday morning. The accident occurred around 9:30 a.m. near the entrance to Autoroute 10, said Sherbrooke police spokeswoman Karine Côté. The driver of the 12-wheel tractor-trailer who was heading towards St-Élie was forced to brake suddenly when the car in front of him stopped to allow another vehicle to turn into the parking lot of either McDonalds or Tim Hortons, she said. The tractor-trailer lost control and slid into the oncoming lane hitting the driver's side of a pickup. The driver of the pickup was rushed to the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke where he was hustled into surgery to be treated for internal injuries, said Côté. Police do not fear for his life. The accident caused traffic to be blocked on Industrial Blvd, until nearly 1 p.m.

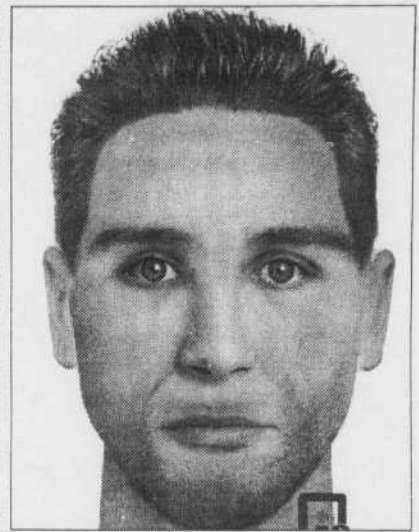
MS BRANCH 2000 BENEFIT DANCE

Mark your calendars for October 24th as a benefit spaghetti supper has been planned to benefit the non-profit MS Branch 2000 at the Old Customs building in Rock Island. The supper, which begins at 6:30 p.m., costs \$15 per person and \$5 from each sale will be donated to the Branch by the sponsoring La Vieille Douane restaurant. The Bear Mountain String Band will deliver a live performance following supper. To reserve or for more information call 819-876-2776.

Suspect sought

Police are looking for two men suspected of an assault that took place on September 28th.

Around 3:15 a.m., two young women were physically assaulted in La Grenouillere parking lot as they were leaving one of the local bars, near the walkway by the train tracks. They were punched by two individuals, who fled east after the incident, on foot, along the Aylmer Bridge (King West).



The first suspect, identified in the photo, is a white male, approximately 20 years of age, and was severely bitten by one of the victim's on the right shoulder. He is described as medium build, about 5'9"-5'10" tall, with short brown hair and was unshaven. He was wearing jeans, and orange t-shirt, possibly with the word Diesel written in yellow on the front.

The second suspect, also in his 20s, with spiked black hair, irregular teeth. He is approximately 6'0", and was wearing a beige shirt.

Anyone having information on this crime is asked to contact police at 819-821-5544 or 5555.

What the...?

There's an old saying that states "crime doesn't pay" and I guess these guys are the poster children for this old adage. Welcome to the "stupid criminal" file.

Police didn't find it particularly strange that the burglary suspect caught in northern England wasn't wearing a mask, but they did expect he'd be wearing something. Greater Manchester police say they found the naked man trapped in the chimney of a supermarket in the town of Pemberton around 5:30 a.m. last Wednesday. They have no idea how the man got into the chimney, but they speculate that some of his clothes may have come off while he struggled to extricate himself. The fire service was called in to free the 22-year-old, who was taken to hospital as a precaution. The man, not yet identified by police, was later arrested and jailed.

A guy in Colorado walked into a little corner store recently with a shotgun and demanded all the money from the cash drawer. Once this was done, he spotted a bottle of scotch and demanded that it be placed in the bag also. The cashier, however, refused, saying "I don't believe you are over 21." Whereupon the robber, not be confounded, drew out his wallet and showed the cashier his driver's license which proved that he was, in fact, of legal drinking age. The cashier relented and the thief fled the store. The cashier then promptly called police who, with the information he provided, proceeded to arrest the culprit.

In the same vein, detectives in Georgia were investigating a purse-snatching and saw a man who fit the perpetrator's description. They promptly arrested him and brought him downtown for identification. He was brought into the presence of the victim and, looking her up and down, immediately confirmed "Yup, that's the woman I robbed."

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Parkinson's challenges not only physical for Fontaine



JANNA KENDALL

Julie Fontaine needs help now.

By Janna Kendall
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NORTH HATLEY

North Hatley's Julie Fontaine, who was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, wonders why she is alone to learn if there is any help, support or services available for her condition.

Living in fear each day as her symptoms progressively worsen, Fontaine, 48, explains her warning signs and experiences with our medical system.

Two and a half years ago, while knitting, Fontaine remembers her right knee muscles feeling restless gradually rising into her thigh.

"I had to keep moving to kind of release the tension. I just ignored it, because around this time my sister was diagnosed with colon cancer and she needed me."

While helping her sister, Fontaine realized her symptoms were getting progressively worse.

"I no longer had full mobility in my legs or toes. My right hand started to tremble when I walked and my handwriting changed. While writing I remember feeling my foot curling in and my toes would cramp up. These symptoms would be exacerbated when I became agitated or nervous. I also felt tired and began going to bed earlier which was unusual for me. I just attributed it to stress at work and getting older, but it was another symptom."

At this point Fontaine discussed her symptoms in depth with her long time family doctor who referred her to a neurologist.

"Four months later I received a CT scan. The neurologist prescribed Dopamine this August, because there is no test to ascertain if you have Parkinson's. It is a process of elimination. If the patient responds, it is a good indicator that they have it. From two days of taking Dopamine I had more energy and prior to it, I felt like I was 80 years old."

After the neurologist mentioned Parkinson's Fontaine began researching the disease extensively on the internet and by reading books. On October 1st her family doctor completed the salary insurance papers for her employer and marked Parkinson's Disease.

"From everything I have read, the earlier I begin any intervention the better it is for me to maintain my level of capacity. They have to develop a multidisciplinary approach to manage my symptoms as it is not just pharmaceutical. I immediately asked my doctor for referrals to the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital and for physiotherapy from the Centre de Readaptation Estrie (C.R.E.)."

With the referral in hand Fontaine telephoned the C.R.E. on October 8th to find out to whom she should forward her referral slip.

"The person in charge of receiving demands told me as of March 1, 2008 they no longer offered physiotherapy for people with Parkinson's, because they did not improve. There was no potential to improve and that was not their mandate. I was told patients do not recuperate and if there is no potential for improve-

ment, they do not qualify for their services."

Turning to the CLSC in Magog for help Fontaine contacted a social worker.

"They told me my family doctor needed to be more specific on what services I needed to access. Returning to my family doctor she completed the forms with further detail. Upon my return the CLSC, she told me she did not know where I could receive occupational therapy and physiotherapy services."

Fontaine is lost trying to learn her way in the system.

"Right now I am doing all of the leg work alone. I am ignorant of how the system works and where to go to access these required services. Why is no one taking charge? When does the system kick in so I can start to receive help so I can improve or manage my symptoms? There seems to be a gap in what is recommended and who puts them into action."

Coming to terms with her disease emotionally and physically Fontaine questions why she has to be alone fighting for help.

"Why should it be up to me to do all of the research to find my place in this system? I get referrals and they are not good enough. There seems to be nothing for a 48 year old woman who is just trying to continue to live, maintain a descent quality of life and her dignity."

When you are a single mother life goes on and does not stop just because you have been diagnosed with Parkinson's.

"I still have the same obligations and responsibilities. My income has been reduced, but I still have to support my two children who attend Bishop's University and Champlain College. My car needs major repairs and everyday life continues."

With extreme fatigue simple tasks become big ones.

"It is still so hard to say no, to anyone. I feel like I am disappointing people. It is kind of an innocuous symptom that people don't see it. The fatigue that one feels with Parkinson's is more than muscular, it is molecular. People do not understand, I am bone tired."

Support from her church community has been greatly appreciated.

"I have returned to my spiritual beliefs and rekindled my relationship with God. I have received a tremendous amount of support. It has been very good. Despite all of the challenges I have had to meet, my spiritual belief has changed my perspective. He has taken some things away, but I have met so many kind and nice people. I have truly been blessed."

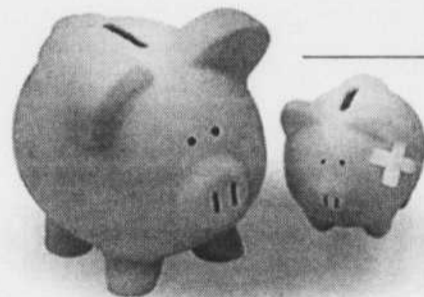
Fontaine does not blame the government employees.

"They are just cogs in the wheel of a system that creates the lack of protocol. It seems that mandates become so constrained, there is no room for people to take initiatives to help me. The system prevents them from acting and seeing the human needs. They sympathise, but we just become a number. It's not their fault they are just drones in this huge bureaucratic beehive. However, every day missed, I am losing valuable time to correct or improve my situation."

Having always purchased insurance even for her children Fontaine is surprised to learn she is not covered for disability.

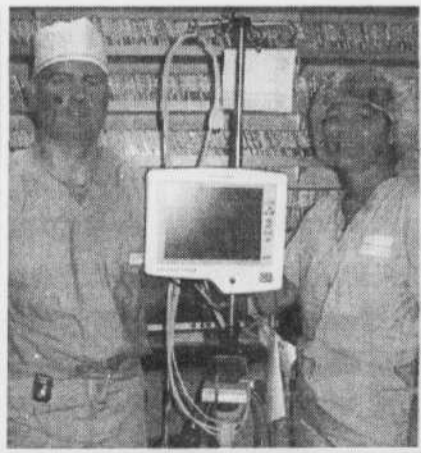
"I thought as an employee for the Minister of Health and Social Services that we would have some kind of disability coverage under our insurance plan, or that I would have been covered under my boyfriend's insurance. I have played it safe all my life and now the one thing I need to have the most, I find out I do not have it. Once I am disabled you can imagine the huge impact this is going to have on my life?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Premier gifted what he doesn't protect

Re: Your article of Tuesday, October 21st, 'PRESIDENTIAL POOCH', I find it disgracefully hypocritical that premier Charest has presented a yellow Labrador puppy to France's Nicolas Sarkozy on behalf of Quebec tradition while at the same time allowing animal cruelty to continue corroding Quebec's reputation around this world as the cruelty capital of North America.

Why does the Charest government persist in allowing tax evasion and lawless animal cruelty and exploitation by ignoring puppy mill operations under its very own nose? As a proven indicator of serious criminal behavior, why won't this government protect its citizens and its animals alike from perpetrators of cruelty?

Through regulation and effective enforcement of the currently unenforced provincial cruelty laws, the Charest government could bring Quebec out of the dark ages where this issue is concerned.

Still, animaleries and pet stores are allowed to continue to sell puppies and kittens, among other animals, from unaccountable sources. Unlicensed breeders continue to profit with impunity and boldly advertize the sale of numerous breeds of puppies born from dogs that are relentlessly bred as no more than production machines supplying a deceived public with puppies.

It would be welcome news if Premier Charest had advanced this province's values of determination and social reform by adopting a puppy for Nicolas Sarkozy from one of Quebec's many over-crowded and struggling animal shelters where citizens work endlessly for all animals including the estimated 40 per cent of homeless pure bred dogs and cats that in my opinion the Quebec government has abandoned to its actual tradition of indifference to cruelty.

JENNIFER LANCASTER
Knowlton

Here's to language courses!

"Where are they now?" - Jessica



And the band played on. But for how long, why and when? If you have any idea who these young trumpeters or marchers are then let us know so we can properly classify it with all the other Record's century worth of memories. Email us at newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com.

Bourque, October 15th. This article "leaped out" at me when I read it yesterday. Imagine, this little family almost trilingual! I think of all the unilingual people here in Quebec, especially in the Townships area who have never taken the time to learn that all-important second language. Thirty years ago I was one of these individuals but I resolved then and there to pick up French as a second tongue come what may! Little did I realize how useful that second language was going to be in the coming years as I plied my trade as a sign painter, truck door letterer and so on. Nobody should have to deal with a businessperson in the latter person's language only. Today the only allowable signs in public are

exclusively in French with maybe a wee bit of English in an inferior position. If the opportunity had risen I'd have taken up a third language also, maybe German as in my late father's background or Spanish of which there are mighty few in these parts to practice with! In 1978 I had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to go ski in the Swiss Alps for two weeks first in Seysin, the French speaking sector and then in the German-language area. This forward thinking country is officially trilingual, French, German and Italian-Suisse, Sveize, Svizzera with a Romansche dialect in for good measure plus English in most larger towns and cites. No problem here. There's no separatist minded government hacks wrangling over their "rights" to be independent of the rest of the country if they don't "get their own way" at the negotiating table. One hears less and less of the Parti Quebe-

cois these days. Hopefully they will dry up and blow away as did the late Union National party some years ago. This latter one was a huge factor in much of the unrest in Quebec in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's with "master" Maurice Duplessis lording it over one and all except of course for his cronies within the party and favoured outsiders who subscribed to the U.N.'s repressive policies. How could language rights have prospered here with the subsequent takeover by the Parti Quebecois when the U.N. floundered and failed? I consider it a great privilege and accomplishment to acquire as many tongues as possible in an increasingly global community. But to each his own. We'll stand or fall based on our decisions and actions right now! Here's to those language instruction schools and courses!

GEORGE KAMMERER
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Without a struggle, there can be no progress.

-Submitted by Connie Bellam

Quotes and Quotables

Keep smiling. It makes people wonder what you've been up to.

-Submitted by George Kammerer

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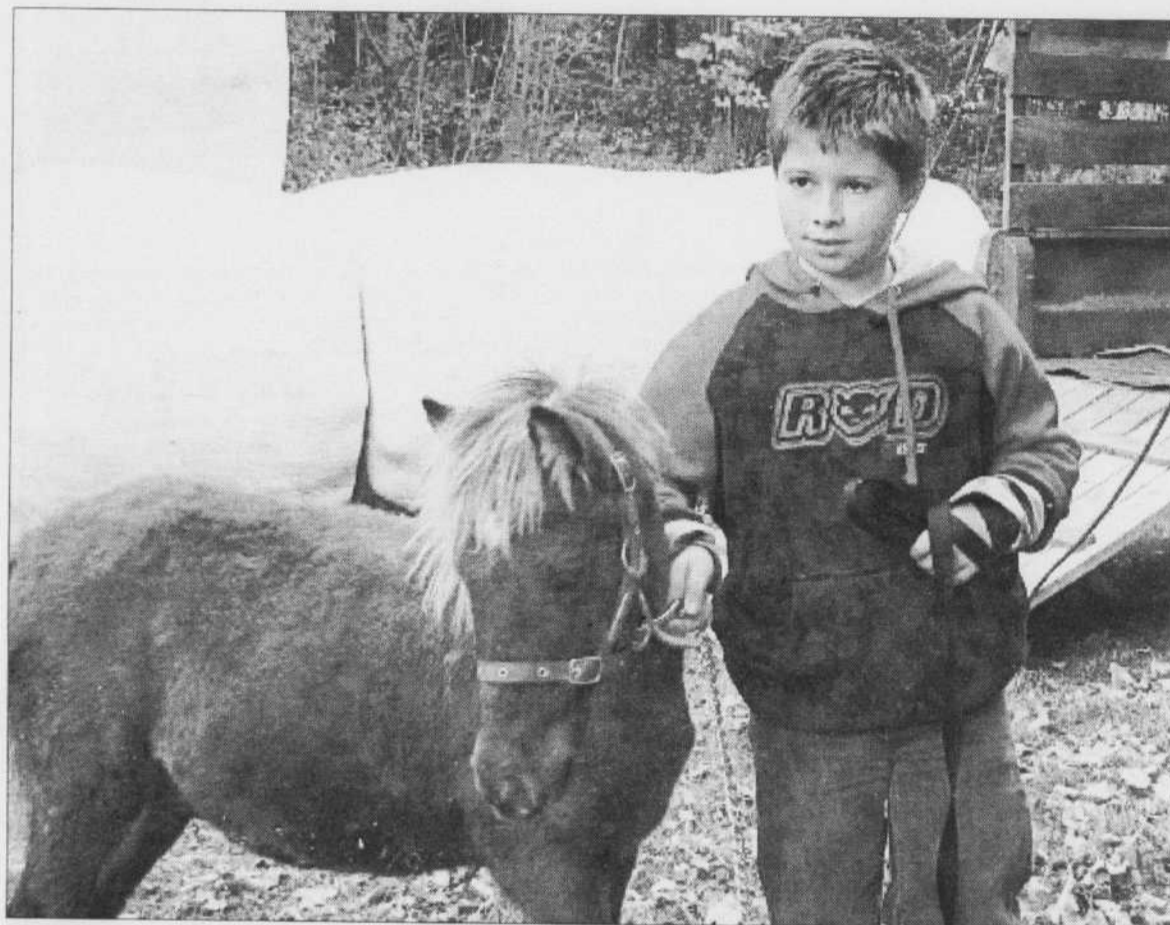
Cracker Jack gets a new home

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday was a big day for Cracker Jack, the pony, and his new owner Anthony Markey (son of Cliff Markey, of Stanstead and Susie Tremblay, of Compton). For the last several years, Wesley and Georgette Jones (Wes' Pony Farm, Barnston West) have donated a healthy new pony to be raffled off at the annual Wish Foundation fundraiser - their personal way of showing support for this event and the child who had been chosen as poster child for the campaign. It also meant a lot to him that the proceeds from this particular event benefited a child, or children in the local area (if funds left over after original child has received his/her wish). Several months ago at Music Fest 2008, in Ayer's Cliff, Anthony's Dad had written his name on one of the tickets that he had purchased. To everyone's surprise, Anthony's ticket was drawn, proof that just one ticket can make all the difference, especially to this nine-year old boy.

"Many people have called to ask who won this year's pony. I am really glad that he will be getting a good home with this young man. I have always liked children. We feel that it is important for children to be given the responsibility of caring for an animal. I think they will be good for one another. I kept this pony longer than usual, until arrangements could be made for his new lodging at Anthony's grandfather's farm. The pony was born in April so he is a good size now and should do well on his own. His father's name is Cracker so we figured Cracker Jack was a suitable name for him," Jones commented.

Young Anthony had been shopping for a bright new lead and brush. He did the honours of leading him from the barn, across the pasture, to the pick-up that was waiting to take Cracker Jack to his new home. When asked what his friends had to say about his good-fortune, he smiled timidly and said that they were as surprised as he had been to have won such a prize.



NANCY NOURSE

Anthony Markey and his new friend Cracker Jack head for home.

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By Nancy Nourse
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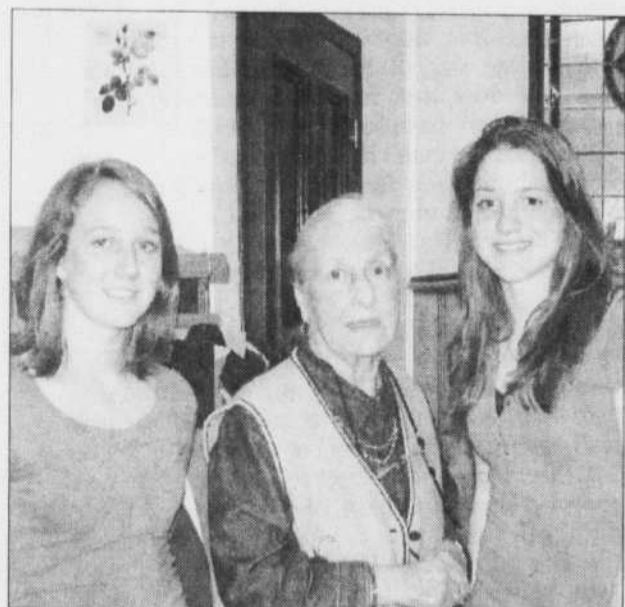
You know that winter is fast approaching when you hear the buzz about fall bazaars which are traditionally held by one or more of the local ladies' groups. The hall at Centenary Church was filled with the aroma of yummy desserts, hot tea and coffee and tables filled with lots of goodies and knick-knacks to buy. Local author and historian Matthew Farfan was also on hand to autograph copies of his latest publication *The Eastern Townships - on Lake and River and its predecessor The Eastern Townships - in Towns and Villages*.

"As Education Officer of the Stanstead IODE, I am pleased to introduce two young ladies from Stanstead who have won this year's IODE Bursaries - Emily Murray and Jamie Marrotte. Both young ladies have written wonderful application letters detailing their wishes to continue their studies and the fields that they find the most interesting. They both earned excellent marks in high school and we want to wish them both well in whatever they decide to do in the future," explained Bernadette Toombs.

Emily Murray (daughter of Debra Bishop/Ross Murray) was the first to address the crowd of ladies and gents who had come to support the local IODE. She admitted that her choice of studies has proven to be a bit difficult as she has many interests, all of which she could build upon. She is intrigued by the theatre and law but is also sure that a career as a teacher would be something that she would enjoy. As for right now, she has chosen the creative arts program that would set her up to be able to follow any one of these possibilities.

She thanked the IODE ladies for their work in supporting young people, encouraging them to build a better future for themselves.

Jamie Marrotte (daughter of Shannon Joyce/Ralph Marrotte) spoke as eloquently as did Murray, telling of her impressive interests which could one day lead her to a successful career in medicine. Chemistry, biology and physics had always been among her best subjects but she, too, had two years at CEGEP which would allow her time to decide in which field she would like to specialize. She also expressed her appreciation for the Bursary that she was receiving.



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Emily Murray, Bernadette Toombs and Jamie Marrotte

Affordable head turner; Road Test: 2009 Volkswagen Passat CC



Volkswagen's Passat CC

By David Booth
For Canwest News Service

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then Mercedes must be terribly proud of Volkswagen's latest Passat. The CC - or Comfort Coupe as it is called - so thoroughly mimics Stuttgart's CLS, it's at least partially surprising.

After all, Volkswagen owns equally upscale Audi, so it might have been more appropriate, or at least more politic, to mimic one of its siblings.

Nonetheless, the CC is most definitely a 9/10th-scale CLS - even the least knowledgeable motorists recognize the new Passat as a Mercedes clone, or at least swear they've seen an almost identical car. Inside, the CC emulates the CLS with its rear seats a pair of buckets, which makes the Volkswagen a four-seater, that rarest of sedans. Philosophically, the Passat takes the same road as the CLS. While the Mercedes is based on the similarly sized E-Class, the CC's underpinnings are mainly Passat, with VW stating that more than half of the parts are common between the two models.

The end result couldn't look any more different, however. Where the Passat is the dowdy spinster, the CC is Dancing with the Stars' Edyta Sliwinska - not quite the spindly model that males are supposed to worship, but sleek nonetheless and quite capable of turning heads.

And the CC does turn heads. Most Volkswagens - with the notable exception of the New Beetle, and the Phaeton because it is so bloody rare - pass largely unnoticed. Not the CC. First, there's the nod of appreciation as the CC drives by and then there's the double take as the viewer spots the iconic logo on the hood and realizes that this sleek apparition is actually a descendant of the "people's

car."

And, unlike the Mercedes it so closely emulates, the Passat CC is at least almost affordable. Heck, the car starts at \$31,975 (for the front-wheel-drive 2.0T version), making it downright affordable. All of this makes my next statement all the more dramatic - the CC has one of the most elegant automotive interiors available at any price.

For instance, the steering wheel looks like it was hijacked from a Bentley, the leather is exquisite, the stitching is perfect and its shape ideal for manhandling the car through a series of switchbacks. The leather covering the seats, too, is far beyond the car's snack bracket and is tufted, tucked and rolled like the stuff in a Bentley. The dashboard is likewise elegant and the gauges are quite attractive.

Alas, after all these superlatives, the interior is let down by some build issues. For instance, the gearshift is surrounded by an elegant metal gate.

Unfortunately, it was loose on my tester. It didn't rattle or anything, but it was obviously not mating well with its underpinnings and would move around every time I put the transmission in park.

Also, the CC's twin cup holders, flush-mounted high in the dash, are quite attractive. But, fully deployed, they seem uncommonly loose as if one particularly heavy Big Gulp might unhinge them and send its sugary syrup all over the gorgeous interior. OK, forget the might - it actually happened, and that's my excuse for the unconscionable stains on the Passat's previously perfect leather. The issues could have been strictly limited to the tester, of course, but, in contrast to the expense obviously spent on the materials inside the Passat, minor faults such as these

seem glaring.

No such tribulations mar the CC's compartment, however. The test unit was powered by VW's 3.6-litre, narrow-angle V6 and was fitted with the 4Motion all-wheel-drive system. I have no idea if it was the latter or the CC's uncommonly rigid chassis that should be given credit, but the Passat has the same uncanny stability and ease at speed that the Phaeton displayed. I may be loathe to exceed my self-imposed restriction of 140 kilometres an hour on the highway, but it's uncanny how easily the 4Motion-equipped CC cruises along at speed.

Not surprisingly, the same chassis proves adept at cornering, with all the steering feel one expects from a German touring sedan. Yet, such responsiveness has a cost. In the CC's case, it rides more stiffly than a regular Passat. In fact, it rides more stiffly than the Audi A4 I tested the week previously.

It's also worth noting that if you want any V6-powered Passat or one equipped with 4Motion, there is no choice but the CC - regular versions are now only available with front-wheel drive and the turbocharged four-cylinder. That's no slight on the 2.0T as the four-banger is the best engine in Volkswagen's entire North American lineup. In fact, should you not need the traction abilities of all-wheel drive, I'd heartily recommend the 2.0T, whether in regular Passat or CC guises. Opting for this distinguished and powerful engine is not settling for second best at all.

In the end, however, the Passat CC will be defined by its style, both inside and outside. It is by far the sleekest sedan available at anything approaching family sedan pricing. As for the tester's quibbles, I hope they are the exception rather than the norm.

All I want for Christmas is a spare set of keys

On a recent afternoon, I encountered Lisa in the Stanstead supermarket parking lot. As she approached me, it was quite obvious that she was more than perturbed. What I didn't know was that she was actually annoyed at herself for what had occurred to her slightly over an hour earlier.

"Sometimes Dave, I think my mind is in another universe," she remarked, shaking her head in disgust.

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Lisa went on to tell me what had gotten her into such a tizzy. It all began when she went into the supermarket to pick up a few groceries for supper. She went about her shopping and then made her way to stand in line at the check-out counter to pay for her items.

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ELLIS

"Suddenly I realized that I had forgotten my ATM card in the car. So I parked my grocery basket and sprinted out to the parking lot to get my card," she explained.

She unlocked her car door and absentmindedly placed her car keys on the seat. She grabbed her ATM card out of the glove box and closed the car door. She was in such a rush that she had quickly forgotten to pick her keys back up off the seat.

"Then I couldn't open the door. Mindless me had locked the keys inside the car. If there was ever a time when I felt stupid, it was right then and there," she added.

Lisa ended up going back inside the store and calling home to see if her daughter could find her spare set of keys. About an hour and some frayed nerves later, her boyfriend finally arrived with the spare keys and unlocked her door.

"I've learned a valuable lesson on this one. I'll always carry a second set on me from now on," she snapped as she headed towards her car with her shopping bags.

If there was any consolation to Lisa, I've been through the same keys-locked-inside-the-car dilemma. My own experience happened to me on a cold winter day about twelve years ago when I was Christmas shopping at a Magog mall.

At the time, I had brought along my then 8-year-old son Randy with me. We pulled into the mid-day congested parking lot and luckily found a spot close to the shopping mall entrance.

"Looks like everyone wants to see the fake Santa in the mall," I remember Randy saying to me as I turned off the car's ignition.

I quickly changed the subject so I wouldn't have to explain for the thousandth time to him that the real Santa still lives in the North Pole. My car had electric door locks that could be operated from both sides. I recall exiting the driver's side to check on a mysterious rattling noise coming from the trunk. I also inadvertently left my keys in the ignition switch.

At that moment, my son also got out of the car and said to me, "Dad, you forgot to lock the car up. I'll do it for you."

I was about to quip an emphatic "no" when I heard a click. He had activated the door lock from the passenger side. I then realized that we were both locked out of the car at the bustling Magog mall in the cold chill of December.

Not having a cellphone back then, I made a quick decision to go hunt for a payphone somewhere inside the mall. I was fortunate enough to be a CAA member so I could call for roadside assistance - even for leaving my keys locked inside my vehicle.

My son and I eventually found a payphone and I placed my rescue call. About a half an hour later, a tow truck pulled into the parking lot and the driver had my car unlocked in no time. I gratefully thanked him for his help and made sure my elusive keys were inside my pants pocket where they belonged. All this time, Randy was repeatedly telling me how sorry he was for locking us out of the car.

"Don't worry about it, son. Santa will still bring you presents. It was actually my fault for locking the keys in the car in the first place. Maybe if I'm lucky, Santa will put a gold chain with a spare set of keys under the Christmas tree for me this year," I said.

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BRIEFS

Spaghetti Supper

MS Branch 2000 will be holding a spaghetti supper at La Vieille Douane/The Old Customs in Stanstead on Friday, October 24th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A portion of the receipts will go to this worthy cause. Musical entertainment for the evening will be the Bear Mountain String Band which features local favourites Elaine and David Vachon and some of their musical friends from both sides of the Border.

Halloween Fun House

Organized by the Stanstead Recreational Committee. Remember growing up in Stanstead and going to the annual Halloween Party at Sunnyside School, with all the creepy, slimy things that you had to stick your hands into behind that black curtain or the creepy sounds as you walked down the corridor or maybe the costume parade was your favourite. Show your kids that they can have fun on Halloween and still be safe. The Fun House will be open from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. on October 31st at 35 Canusa Street in Stanstead (the Beebe sector).

Fall Bazaar

The ladies of Stanstead South Church will be holding their fall bazaar and luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 1st (9 Church Street, Stanstead) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Admission fee entitles you to browse the bazaar tables and sit comfortably as the ladies serve you all kinds of goodies including three types of salads, homemade rolls and lots of yummy desserts. Christmas is fast approaching so make the best of this opportunity to get that special gift and support your local churches.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi course is taking place every Thursday evening (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and Friday morning from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at former town hall in the Beebe sector of Stanstead. Instructor Kim Prangley teaches the lesson and forms as well as sharing information about the origin and benefits of this ancient art form. For more information, you may contact Kim at 819-876-7462.

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If you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, you need to know about an important change to your information and privacy rights.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information to be kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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THE RECORD Sports

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Bishop's lacrosse teams enjoy winning weekend

SATURDAY: Carleton 3 @ Bishop' 10. The Gaiters took a 4-0 lead after the first quarter, and led 7-2 at halftime as they cruised to victory over the Ravens (1-7). Andy Barber (2G, 1A), Josh Crone (2G, 1A), Jimmy Southall (1G, 2A) and Jackson Gair (2G, 1A) led the Gaiters with three points each, while Mike Dubé and Joseph Laleune (twice) also scored for the Gaiters. Brennan and Keegan Durovick split time in the Gaiters' net, with Brennan playing the first three quarters and picking up the win.

SUNDAY: Queen's 7 @ Bishop's 15

The Gaiters broke open a 6-6 game with an incredible nine goals in the fourth quarter to knock off the Golden Gaels and clinch at least third place in the CUFLA East Division. The Gaiters had come back from a 6-4 half-time deficit to tie the game after three periods, before scoring five times in the first six minutes of the fourth to put the game away. Overall, Josh Crone led the Gaiters with eight points (3G, 5A), while Mike Dubé finished with five points (2G, 3A). Brennan Durovick made seven saves in picking up his second win of the weekend.

The Gaiters have one game left in their regular season, on Sunday (Oct. 26th) at Carleton. The CUFLA playoffs start on November 1st.



-SUBMITTED BY
JOHN EDWARDS

Girls' high school soccer playoffs take shape

Zachary-Cy Vanasse
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With the playoffs taking place this weekend at both BCS and Alexander Galt in Lennoxville, the final standings of the girls' ETIAC soccer season are beginning to shape up. With an undefeated team at each level: bantam, junior, and senior, the Galt Pipers hold the top spot in each division.

Galt's senior girls have been perhaps the strongest team in ETIAC high school soccer this season, and they have an 8-0-0 record to prove it. At 6-2-0, Stanstead College's Spartans are expected to give the Pipers a good fight should the two meet in the playoffs. The Spartans took the Pipers into overtime at the Nancy Brown Tournament earlier this month, and while they lost to the Pipers 5-2 in their first encounter of the season, the Spartans have been closing the gap steadily since.

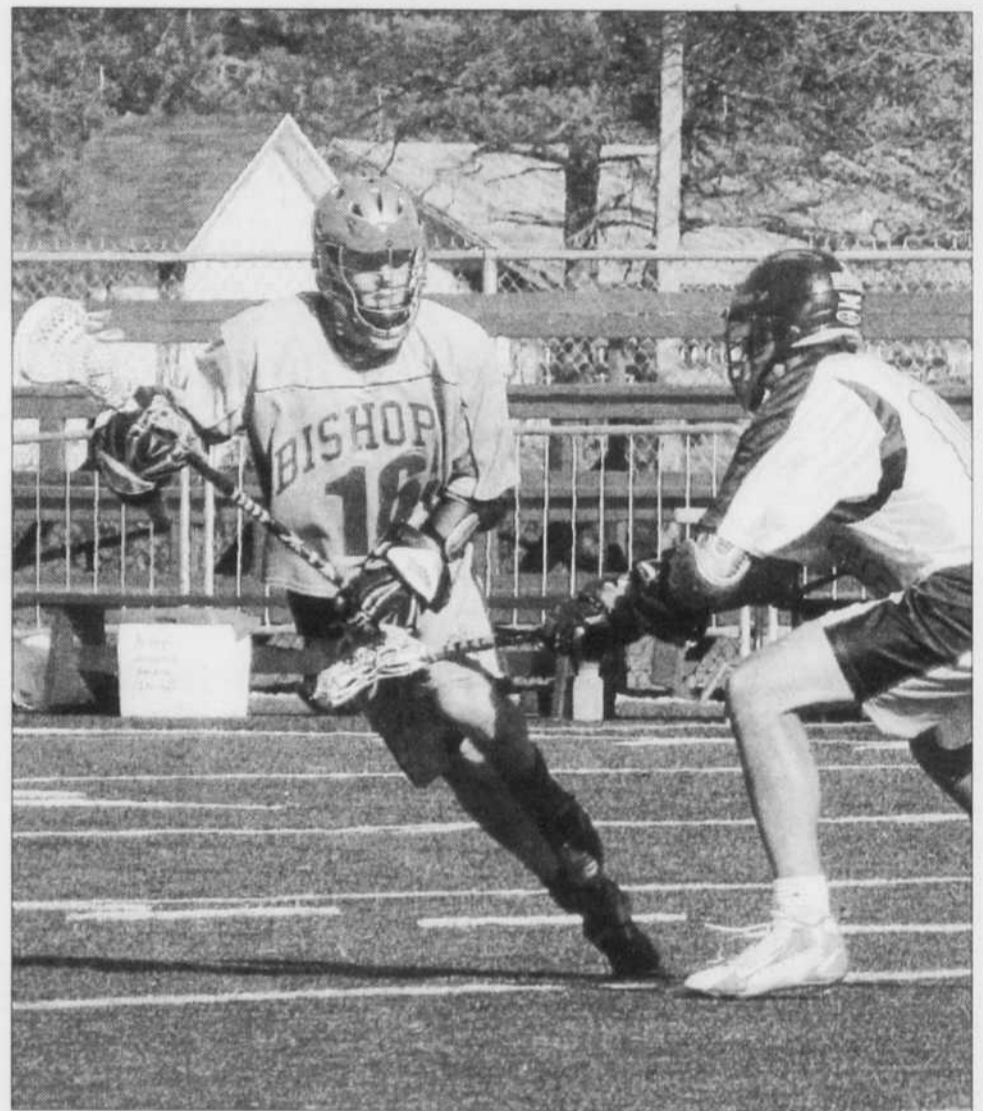
Massey Vanier's Vikings hold the third spot in the senior division heading into the playoffs and they looked good in the Nancy Brown Tournament in early October as well, when they just missed the tournament finals after losing in overtime to Stanstead. BCS are hoping to play the role of Cinderella as they play host to half of Sat-

urday's soccer action. The First Team remains winless on the season and will be coming out hard in search of that first win come kick-off on Saturday.

At the junior level the Pipers 4-0-0 record has them sitting on the top of the division ahead of 1-2-2 Massey Vanier in second, and 1-1-2 Stanstead in third. The BCS Bears round-out the division at 0-3-0 and will be looking for their first win this weekend.

The bantam division, which has two teams from Alexander Galt, has the "Pipers" sitting in first with a 9-0-0 record, while the Vikings are hot on their tails at 7-2-0 and will be looking to take over the top spot with a strong play-off performance. The Bears sit in third place at 5-4-0 with "Galt" behind them with their 3-5-2 record. At 1-7-1 Richmond Regional holds the division's fifth spot while 0-7-1 Stanstead rounds out the bantam division action.

The regular season is one thing, but one never knows what can happen come play-off time and plenty of teams have been improving sharply in recent weeks, leaving no victory guaranteed. In any sport, but especially soccer, fortunes can turn with any bad or good break, and without fail, they always do. Expect to see luck, fate and skill intervene plenty on Saturday in what should be an excellent day of solid soccer competition.



PHOTOS BY PERRY BEATON

Bishop's men's lacrosse came from behind to beat Queen's last weekend.

Birth



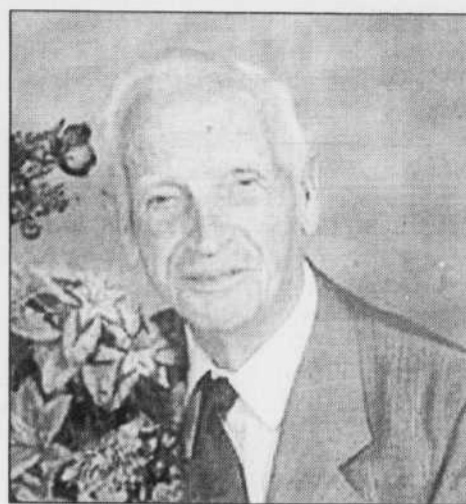
JENNE-COUTU - Alan and Virginia are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Tyler, born on October 9, 2008, in Cowansville, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. Proud first time grandparents Joan and Bruno Coutu, 2nd time for Beverly Jones and David Jenne, great-grandmothers, Margerie Jenne, Carol Jones, and Ina Galvin.

Death



BADGER, Marion (nee Ward) - Passed away peacefully at her home in Melbourne, on Friday, October 17, 2008. Marion Badger at the age of 84. Dear wife of the late Adam Badger, and loving mother of Sharon (Ron Bauman), Barb (late Eric Stanhope), Brian (Marie), Mike (Betty), Shelly (Tom Miller), Leslea (Francois Morissette), Calvin (Sheryl-Lin), Jim and Lori (Thorston Lissok). Marion also leaves to mourn her 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, along with her brother-in-law Merlin, her sisters-in-law Harriet, Kay, Doris and Juliette. She was predeceased by her brother George, and her brothers-in-law Roy, Jim, Garth and Alfred, and her sisters-in-law Lorna and Doris. A graveside service will be held in St-John's Cemetery (Gallup Hill), Melbourne on Saturday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Reginald Jennings officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte. 243N, Richmond, QC. J0B 2H0. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Homes, 819-826-2502 / www.casshomes.ca

Death



HUMPHREY, Cecil Ernest (Jack) - Peacefully at Sherwood Park Manor, Brockville on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Jack Humphrey age 95 of R.R. 4, Athens. Beloved husband of Gertrude, who's marriage of 65 years, was an inspiration to family and friends. Dear father of Sandra Cullen (William) of Gananoque, Stuart Humphrey (predeceased), Lynne of London, Janet Shepherd (Wayne) of Gatineau and Edward Humphrey (Lynn) of Milton. Loving grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Sadly missed by many other relatives and close friends. The family would like to express sincere thanks to all the caregivers who took exemplary care of Jack at Sherwood Park Manor. Relatives and friends may pay their respects at the Judson Funeral Home, Athens, on Friday, October 24 from 7-9 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at the Athens United Church on Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. Interment will take place at North Hatley Cemetery, Quebec, on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, in memoriams to Sherwood Park Manor or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Judson Funeral Home, 613-924-2626.

Death

STEVENS, Dale - Passed away peacefully at the Coaticook Hospital on Friday, October 17, 2008 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of the late June Aldrich and cherished companion of Gwen Pope. Loving father of: Barry (Karen), Bonnie (Gordon Reid), Brenda Ogilvie and Brian (Rita); Dale will also be sadly missed by his step-children: Carol Dewey (Yvan), Barry Dewey, and Randy Dewey (Kate); along with his 12 grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. There will be visitation in the presence of the ashes at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead 819-876-5213 / www.casshomes.ca on Saturday, October 25, 2008, where friends may visit from 1:00 to 2:00, followed by interment in Crystal Lake Cemetery. As a tribute to his memory, donations made to the Centre de Santé de la MRC de Coaticook, 138 Rue Jeanne-Mance, Coaticook, QC. J1A 1W3 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Card of Thanks

Dear ADS families,

Thank you for your support for our special harvest celebration meal for our students and staff. On Friday, October 10th, we enjoyed preparing and eating a wonderful meal with your children. The menu of salad, soup, bread, cheese and fresh fruit salad was thoroughly enjoyed. Every child took part of the responsibility for preparing and serving. This healthy community meal was a terrific experience for our big ADS "family". This event went smoothly with the help of Mrs. Pezzi and devoted parent volunteers: thank you Kelly and Jeannik! Thank you again for your cooperation with this special event.
ADS STAFF

In Memoriam

STURTEVANT, Merlyn - In loving memory of our mother, grandmother, sister and sister-in-law who passed away two years ago, October 24, 2006.

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
Always loved and
Never to be forgotten.*

Forever loved and missed,
MICHELINE and WESLEY
JÉRÉMIE and ELLIOTT
REDA and JUNE
GERALD

Military Whist at the Oddfellows Hall, Knowlton

Hail, snow or election night doesn't stop our hardy people from playing Whist. There were 13 tables of "Whist" played on Tuesday night at the Oddfellows.

Table #1 with 41 pts. won 1st prize for Capt. Paulette Bowbrick, Rita Hamilton, Gilles Nadeau, Katie Jones.

Prize 2 went to table #5 for 40 pts. to Capt. Jean Royea, Larry Royea, Jean Riti and of course Lionel Foster.

The consolation prize to table #6 for 17 pts. to Capt. Nancy Page, Martha Dudley, Peggy Battley and Arthur Hall (is that better, Nancy).

Door prizes were won by Don Page, Doreen Gibbs, Herb Riti, Helen St. Pierre, Eva Page, Josey Streule, Pat Benoit, Doug Talbot, Shirley Lord, Rita Bowbrick, Elvia Johnson, Jean Royea, Anne Foster, Katie Jones, June Call, Nancy Page and Alexandrine.

The groceries went to Anne Foster, Doug Talbot, Edna Badger.

The lunch was great and everyone hurried home to find out who won the election.

See you next week.

Edna Badger

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AYER'S CLIFF

Fall Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 25 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main, Ayer's Cliff. Settings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. To reserve your tickets please call Wendell Cass 819-846-7180, Dean Young 819-838-5815 or Mervyn Drew 819-838-5603. Admission charged. Everyone welcome!

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, October 28 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE, HATLEY, NORTH HATLEY

For the month of October: Service and Sunday School in Hatley United Church will be at 9 a.m. Waterville and North Hatley Congregations and Sunday School will be in Waterville United Church at 11 a.m. Rev. Patricia Lisson, 819-837-1112.

DANVILLE

10th Annual Craft Show at A.D.S. Elementary School on November 8 and 9. Tables still available. Call 819-839-2868.

BULWER

500 card party in the Bulwer Community Center on Thursday, October 23 at 2 p.m. followed by lunch and the usual prizes. All welcome!

HATLEY

Turkey Supper at St. James Church Hall, Hatley on Saturday, October 25 starting at 5 p.m. Benefit of the A.C.W. Everyone welcome.

IVES HILL

The annual Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 24 at 7 p.m. For info contact: June Sutor at 819-837-2289 or Jennifer Sylvester at 819-835-1212.

SHERBROOKE

Autumn Supper will be held at the Church of the Advent Hall, Bowen St., on Saturday, October 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ham, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, rolls and pies. Sales tables.

LENOXVILLE

The CJMQ annual general meeting will be held on Friday, October 24, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Uplands Cultural Center (9 Speid St.) in Lennoxville. All are welcome. Refreshments served. For more information, call 819-822-1838.

LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 1 p.m. in the lower hall of the Ascot Masonic Lodge, 3002 College Street, Borough of Lennoxville, Sherbrooke. All our volunteers, clients and the general public, interested in finding out more about this organization are welcome. For further information, please call Sylvie Gilbert Fowles, at 819-821-4779. The Lennoxville and District Community Aid Foundation will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

BURY

Christmas Craft Sale at Pope Memorial School in Bury on November 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch of soup and sandwiches will be available. For more information or to rent a table, call Cindy Powell at 819-875-1252 or Pope Memorial 819-872-3771.

DANVILLE

St. Augustine's Anglican Church Christ-

mas Bazaar and Luncheon, Saturday, November 1 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Home baking, cookie table, candy, Christmas crafts, knitting, sewing, White Elephant, treasures and more. Come and see our church hall decked out in silver and blue. Door prizes for luncheon that finishes at 1 p.m. All welcome.

RICHMOND

Soup and Bagel Supper at St. Anne's Church Hall, 171 Principale South, on Friday, October 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Yummy desserts, too. Also for sale: homemade rolls and "treasures" galore. Come, taste, shop, enjoy!

TOWNSHIPS

Community Search Conference Information Session. What is the most desirable future for a vital English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships in 2014? Open to everyone interested. Lennoxville, November 8, 10 a.m. Amedee-Beaudoin Community Centre, 10, Samuel Gratham. Richmond, November 8, 2:30 p.m. Richmond regional High School, 375 Armstrong. Cookshire, November 10, 7 p.m. Cookshire Elementary School, 95 Park Street West. Cowansville, November 15, 10 a.m. Massey-Vanier High School, 224 Mercier Street. Knowlton, November 17, 7 p.m. Brome Lake Community Centre, 270 Victoria Street. Richmond, November 18, 2008. 7 p.m. Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong. www.searchtownships.ca, 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717).

LENOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall - Rummage Sale on Friday, October 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Bag Sale on Saturday, November 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please call 819-563-1659 or 819-562-6245 for info or pick-up. Save your \$\$\$ - shop with us!

UPPER MELBOURNE

Come enjoy the pleasure of fall at Richmond County Historical Society's Harvest Luncheon on Sunday October 26, 12:00 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A performance of oral history by Nick Fonda and Isabelle Gosselin will follow.

HATLEY

The Lake Massawippi Area Historical Society will hold a general meeting in the Hall of the United Church in Hatley Village on October 23 beginning at 7 p.m. The church is situated on Main Street in the village. Guest speaker Barbara Verity will speak on the adventures of David Thompson, who explored and surveyed in the Eastern Townships in 1834 for the British American Land Company. Please join us for an interesting evening.

ROCK ISLAND

Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar at Stanstead South United Church (Rock Island) on November 1 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake table, craft table and door prizes.

SHERBROOKE

Plymouth-Trinity United Church Women's annual pre-Christmas Buffet and Sale at 380 Dufferin Ave., on Saturday, November 1 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Includes sales tables of home baking, novelties, etc. Everyone welcome.

LENOXVILLE

Military Whist (Renovation) at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on Friday, October 24 at 2 p.m. To reserve a table or want to complete a table please call Helen 819-569-3598 or Emily 819-562-8683. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.

LENOXVILLE

Rummage Sale at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on Sunday,

October 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

IVES HILL

Plowman's Turkey Supper and Prize-giving on Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at the Ives Hill Hall. Admission charged. Please reserve by October 23 by calling Dianne Kirby at 819-562-7145 or Mac Fraser at 819-875-3842. All welcome.

LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church St., Rummage Sale on Friday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (note new time) and Saturday, October 25 from 8 a.m. to noon, Bag Sale.

SAWYERVILLE

Annual General Meeting of the Compton County Historical Museum Society, Friday, October 24, following a Hot Supper at 6 p.m. at the Sawyerville Community Center and a presentation by Architect David Leslie, re: the restoration of the historical houses (part of the Eaton Corner Homestead Project). The AGM will consist of yearly reports, preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the Society in 2009, and election of officers and directors. For reservations call Pat Boychuck at 819-875-3182 A.S.A.P.

COWANSVILLE

The Regional Entrepreneurial Concertation Table of Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska invites all entrepreneurs and autonomous workers to participate in an entrepreneurial 5 to 7, November 12, 2008, at Théâtre des Tournesols, 331 chemin Brosseau (Route 139), Cowansville. A cocktail is planned for 5 p.m., and Mr. Charles Crawford, proprietor of the prestigious Domaine du Pinnacle, will speak to all on his entrepreneurial journey and the importance of marketing. Local entrepreneurs of small businesses and autonomous workers are invited to present their products and services during the cocktail evening. The partners on the committee are looking for the participation of a hundred entrepreneurs. Free admission to the public. Learn about services, network and promote your business. Places are limited. Contact: Elsa Carlier -450-776-7700 or 450-266-0993

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COATCOOK

Coaticook Area Seniors meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Centre, 464 Merrill Street. Come dressed in your favourite costume for Halloween. Info: 819-849-6170.

BULWER

Annual General Meeting of the Bulwer Community Center, Monday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, for members and others interested.

BULWER

Military Whist on Thursday, November 6, beginning with casserole lunch at noon, at the Bulwer Community Center. Please reserve by November 4 with the Lowds 819-823-8042 or the Nutbrowns 819-823-8473.

RICHMOND

Rummage Sale at Richmond-Melbourne Church, 247 Main St., on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

BROOKBURY

At the Brookbury Community Center on October 24 at 6:30 p.m., Halloween Party. Admission charged. Everyone welcome. Also on October 27, at 7 p.m., annual gen-

eral business meeting. Everyone welcome. For information, call 819-884-5984.

AUSTIN

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EUSTIS

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DUNHAM

On Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, there will be a special service of Holy Communion with the Bishop of Montreal and the archbishop of Quebec in attendance to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Parish. Please join us on this very happy occasion. Lunch will be served after the service. For further info, call 450-295-3341.

DANVILLE

The U.C.W. will be holding an "Early Bird Christmas Bazaar" on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served for a small fee. Hope to see you there.

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LENOXVILLE

The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding their annual Used Book Sale at the Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville Borough) on the following dates: Thursday, October 30 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, October 31 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, November from 9 a.m. - noon. If you have used books to donate to the sale please bring them to the church on Wednesday, October 29 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. or Thursday, October 30 from 9 a.m. - noon. All proceeds go to assisting our sponsored students.

LENOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Street: Worship and Sunday School followed by refreshments on October 26 at 10 a.m. Guest preacher will be Charlotte Griffith. Rev. James Potter, 819-565-8449.

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TRENHOLM

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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: S equals U

"HZ VBRROIP TA PRDCO, PYHV YHRW RWO ESIIOZR; HZ VBRROIP TA JIHZEJCO, PRBZX CHFO B ITEF." - RWTVBP KOAAOIPTZ

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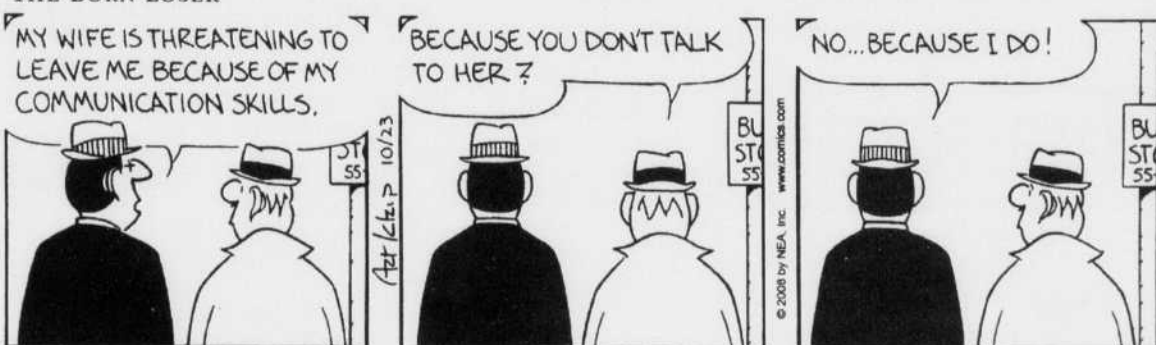
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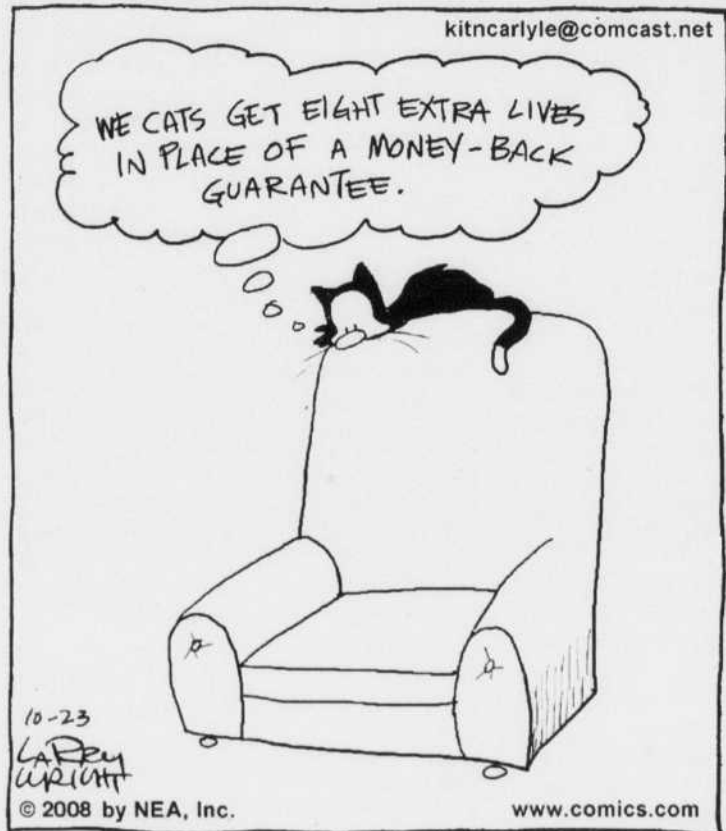
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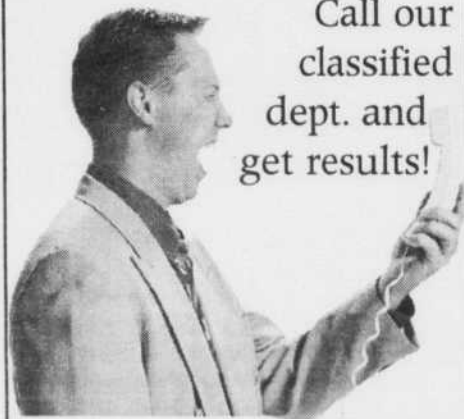
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is the right time to express your thoughts and make those changes in plans that involve others. Your associates will be more receptive — seeing and accepting the merits of your ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Put into action some concepts that could help you better perform your everyday job. The results won't only please you but receive recognition and praise from the powers-that-be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There is a strong chance that some kind of intrigue or mystery will pervade your social arrangements, making everything and everyone seem more exciting and stimulating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you don't always like unsolicited change, one occurrence will reflect favorably on your financial position in life. This shift will come about from external forces not of your making.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Speak to your friends or associates about helping to resolve a frustrating problem. Some worthy suggestions will be just what you're looking for.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A way to add

to your resources could develop through your work or from an arrangement you have with another. Regardless of which, it could grow into something impressive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you might express more emotion than usual with your social relationships, it's OK to let your feelings show. If some people don't like it, review the value of that friendship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something of a financial or material nature is presently running quite smoothly for you, and, if you choose, can even be improved upon. You don't have to be content with the status quo if you want more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Most of the time, your greatest pleasures come from people, not things. So in order to be happy, all you have to do is hang out with friends who enjoy life as much as you do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even a minor change in how you handle your financial affairs can prove to be significant in ways that will help you advance your possibilities for success. Don't be afraid to be innovative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Without being a daydreamer or a wishful thinker, focus your attention on positive hopes and desires that have a realistic chance for fulfillment. You're in a cycle where good things can happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You are always quite resourceful, and this will be especially true when it comes to matters relating to your financial status or circumstances. Gains are likely when you put your gifts to work.

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008

Partner, you like, but I do not

By Phillip Alder

Calvin Coolidge said, "If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it."

In yesterday's column, the dealer opened two no-trump, and responder bid three diamonds, a transfer showing five or more hearts and any point-count. The opener had five hearts and a super hand for play in that suit. He conveyed that to his partner by rebidding four clubs, an advanced control-bid (cue-bid), which said, "Partner, I love hearts, I have the club ace, but I do not have the spade ace." In that deal, responder leapt to six hearts. But what would he have done if he had no slam interest?

He would have repeated the transfer at the four-level, rebidding four diamonds — as North does in this deal.

North transferred with three diamonds, planning to continue with three no-trump if partner rebid three hearts. When South rebid three spades, showing that ace and a super hand for hearts, North repeated the transfer with four diamonds, so that the stronger hand could be the declarer.

After West led the diamond jack

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

against four hearts, how did South play?

Note that if four hearts is declared by North, East would lead the club queen, and the defense would take three clubs and one heart. Now, though, South immediately cashes his three top diamonds, discarding two clubs from the board. Then he drives out the heart ace, losing one heart and two clubs.

As President Coolidge might have added, "If you always pass, you won't be called on to repeat a transfer."

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- 1 Vino region
- 5 Was defeated by
- 11 Letters for shock treatment
- 14 Any time now
- 15 Provo resident
- 16 Quid pro __
- 17 Start of Ed Howe quip
- 19 Mentalist Geller
- 20 River ends, often
- 21 "Scream" director Craven
- 22 Down with the flu
- 23 Ford dud
- 24 Scottish uncle
- 26 "Fiddler on the Roof" role
- 28 Part 2 of quip
- 31 Aged
- 34 Egg-coloring brand
- 35 Emetic medication

- 38 Cover
- 40 Part 3 of quip
- 42 Casa chamber
- 43 Birthplace of St. Francis
- 45 Em, to Dorothy
- 47 Drink like a dog
- 48 Part 4 of quip
- 51 University of Maine town
- 53 Citrus drink
- 54 Brahman, e.g.
- 58 Reed or Rawls
- 59 Scram!
- 61 Seal engraved on a ring
- 62 Lodging house
- 63 End of quip
- 66 Tenth mo.
- 67 Can skip
- 68 Bygone time
- 69 Urgent letters

- 27 Somme summers
- 29 Flavorful
- 30 Hansen of NPR's "Weekend Edition"
- 31 Egg cells
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- 2 Planted seeds
- 3 Works strenuously
- 4 Part of a foot
- 5 San __ Obispo
- 6 Polo Grounds great
- 7 Adage
- 8 What's worldwide
- 9 Container weight
- 10 Ballroom dance
- 11 Undecided
- 12 Like Shirley Temple's hairdo
- 13 Linen fabric
- 18 Billy of the Dead End Kids
- 24 Biblical twin
- 25 Lost

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

10/23/08

She was sick and tired of his bizarre proclivities

Dear Annie: My eldest son, "Ben," is 44 years old and still a huge concern for my husband and me.

Ben recently broke up with his fourth wife after only one year of marriage. His relationship with his three former wives lasted about the same duration. The truth is my son has deep-rooted problems stemming from early childhood. These include exhibitionism, sexual sadism and voyeurism. My husband and I took him to a psychoanalyst when he was only 11 years old in an effort to unravel the causes of his behavior. After two years of intensive therapy, Ben refused to attend any more sessions.

My son comes from a very loving and secure home. He has never wanted for anything in his life. His other siblings show no signs of any unnatural behavior whatsoever. His last wife confided in me that she was sick and tired of his bizarre proclivities. I don't think I can tolerate any more. Please help. - Sad Mother

Dear Sad: Ben needs professional help, but unless he is willing to admit it, there is nothing you can do for him. If four marriages in as many years hasn't convinced him something is wrong, we doubt he will listen to anyone's advice, but it certainly can't hurt for you to suggest he would be more capable of finding a lasting relationship if he worked on it with the help of a good therapist.

You, however, need to separate yourself from Ben's problems.

We know how hard this will be, but he is a grown man and responsible for his own messes. Worrying will only make you miserable and stressed, and accomplish nothing. You cannot fix this. Disengage.

Dear Annie: I am devastated. After 19 years, I thought I had a good marriage, but recently discovered that my husband has been e-mailing Internet dating services and erotic chat rooms.

My husband is serving in Iraq. I don't know what to do or whom to turn to. He won't be coming home until the end of the year. Should I confront him now or wait? Oh, by the way, he signed over power of attorney to me before he left, so I could wipe him out financially. I'd hate to do that, but I am a woman scorned. What's my next move? - Army Wife

Dear Army Wife: Please don't do anything vindictive. You'll only hate yourself in the morning. It would be best if you could wait until your husband comes home to have this conversation. It is counterproductive to conduct a bitter argument via e-mail when you are so far away from each other and he is in a dangerous place. In the meantime, we hope you will take advantage of the counseling services offered by the military.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Scared Mother,"

who found jewelry in her daughter's bedroom and suspects shoplifting. I'm an 18-year-old girl, and I, too, have amassed a collection of items my mother did not buy for me. They are from a romantic relationship with another girl.

Though I grew up in a loving, supportive home, I did not feel comfortable talking about this relationship with my parents. When Mom spotted new jewelry, I don't think she suspected thievery, but it would have been an understandable reaction. Luckily, Mom has been very open and receptive to the truth.

I'm not saying this is the case with "Scared," but she should know there are reasons other than criminal activity for both the new jewelry and her daughter's reticence to mention it. Whatever the reason, I hope they resolve it. - Teenage Girl with Secrets

Dear Teenage Girl: Many girls wrote to say they had received such gifts from boyfriends and girlfriends, as well as older men looking to become sexually involved. We hope "Scared" will talk to her daughter and find out what is going on.

Dear Annie: I live in a neighborhood full of kids of all ages and various parenting styles ranging from strict to laid-back. All the kids play together

frequently. My girls are the youngest of the bunch, just 3 and 10 months, and my husband and I find ourselves supervising the children more than the other parents.

Is it appropriate for us to tell someone else's child to stop behaving a certain way if the child's parents won't do it? We feel if their actions involve our children, house, pets or property, we have a right to step in. In return, they have a right to say something if our daughter misbehaves in a way that affects them.

We know not everyone thinks as we do and find ourselves constantly treading a fine line to keep things safe without offending other parents. What do you think? - Supervising Parents

Dear Parents: It is always best for parents to discipline their own children, but if your neighbors are unwilling to do so, you may step in. In fact, some of them may prefer that you take responsibility for monitoring the action. You should not lay hands on another person's child unless it is an emergency situation (i.e., the child is running into traffic). You may, however, tell a child to cease and desist inappropriate behavior if the parents won't bother to get involved.

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