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BMP's ER overcrowded

Patients on stretchers in hallway

By Joshua Bleser

By late yesterday afternoon, Cowansville's Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital emergency ward had 29 patients — nearly double its capacity of 16 — on stretchers in the hallway, waiting for a bed or to be seen by a doctor.

But the overcrowding was "relatively unusual" for this time of year, hospital spokesperson Paul Berger said in an interview.

The sudden surge in ER cases cuts across the age spectrum and includes patients with a wide variety of injuries and illnesses, said Berger, the inter-program director of the Centre de santé et de services sociaux (CSSS) La Pommeraiie. He added that a staff shortage due to the tail end of the summer vacation period is partly to blame.

"Our staff is currently doing everything necessary to correct the situation as quickly as possible," Berger added in a press release Monday, while adding that "if your case requires immediate attention, CSSS La Pommeraiie's personnel will do everything possible to ensure you get the care required by your condition."

Because of the emergency room overcrowding, the CSSS is asking people to call Info-Santé or visit their local CLSC or medical clinic if possible before visiting the Cowansville hospital's emergency room.

The overcrowding is once again bringing attention to a June 2005 promise made by Quebec health minister Philippe Couillard, who announced a \$15.2-million investment to expand BMP's ER and build a new day clinic, minor surgery ward, and parent-child clinic. Work is expected to begin some time in 2007.

Last May, La Presse and its Gesca member papers published a study on emergency room wait times across the province in 2004-2005. With average wait times of just under

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Carpentry for the Kids



PERRY BEATON

Ken Porter was one of the volunteers putting in dividers and a shelf in each of the lockers at Lennoxville Elementary School in preparation for the first day of classes. Please see story on Page 9.



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The little lost school house

An enrollment of a dozen

By Bruce Patton

Midway between Sawyer-ville and Island Brook, where the Flanders and French roads meet, stands an example of our schools of yesteryear.

This empty one-room schoolhouse, appropriately known as the Flanders School, is now nearly surrounded by a field of corn.

Back in 1925 and '26, Aubrey French attended grades one and two at that institution of learning. "When the school opened," he said, "there were only four or five students enrolled."

French remembers that the first desks were made of pine boards and were square structures. "Later," he added, "they were replaced by desks with seats that tilted up." The building was heated, as were nearly all such country schools, by a wood stove placed near the center of the room.

French recalls that drinking water was carried from the "Charlie Nourse" place. "It was stored in a metal container in the room," he added, "and everyone drank from the same cup."

Harris Nugent, along with his brother, Robert, and his sister, Doris, also received their early education from within the walls of that building. He attended only two years, when he was 13 or 14. "At that time," he said, "the school offered classes ranging from grade one up to grade seven or eight, and the total enrollment would not have included more than a dozen students."

Nugent recalls that everyone walked to that school. He lived above the school and in the winter was sometimes able to slide down the hill on his way to classes. He also remembers the "two-holer" backhouse attached to the building — one for the girls and the other for the boys.

One of his most pleasant memories about that school was the ease with which teachers and children were able to get along.

When students were ready to move on, they would either have transferred to the school in Island Brook

or Sawyerville, whichever was closer to their home.

No doubt a number of teachers were employed at the school. Aubrey French remembers a Miss Monteith, Mabel Nourse and Mrs. Alberta Findlay. Harris Nugent recalls Leona Lake and having been taught by Vera Williams Todd.

The school probably closed in 1939 or '40. The teacher's platform and the blackboard are still there, but the records of the school have seemingly disappeared.

Nothing relating to this school apparently exists among the archives of the Eastern Townships School Board.

Glimpses into our past help us to appreciate our heritage. For this reason, readers who may be able to contribute additional information about this little red schoolhouse on the Flanders Road are asked to mail it to The Record at 1195 Galt E., Sherbrooke, J1G 1Y7, or e-mail it to newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com. (Please do not phone in the information.) At a later date, we will include your information in an updated article.



BRUCE PATTON

Protected by rows of corn, the prominent little red schoolhouse on Flanders Road rekindles memories of school days gone by.

CONTEST

The Canadian country group Emerson Drive will perform at the Brome Fair Grandstand on Sat., Sept. 2 at 8 p.m.

And The Record's Country Connection columnist, Jessie Aulis, is offering two pairs of tickets to the Emerson Drive concert.

In order to participate, send your name, address, telephone number and the answer to our trivia question to The Record/Country Connection, 1195 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke, J1G 1Y7.

The name of the 2 winners (one for each show) will be picked at random on Wed., Aug. 30 and your entries have to be in, at the latest, on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. You can enter as many times as you want, providing you send 1 entry by envelop.

Trivia Question: What is the name of Emerson Drive's latest album?

Weather

Today: Increasing cloudiness with 60 per cent chance of showers in the afternoon and early evening. High 22.

Wednesday: Mix of sun and cloud. Low 9. High 18.

Thursday: Mix of sun and cloud. Low 5. High 17.

Friday: Mix of sun and cloud with 60 per cent chance of showers. Low 5. High 20.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Business starlets welcomed at U of S

An 'anti-academic' school

By Joshua Bleser
SHERBROOKE

Forty young entrepreneurs from 10 countries — including France, Argentina, Benin, Cambodia and Senegal — converged on the University of Sherbrooke campus this month for an annual international business summer school.

Founded in 1999 by Gilles St-Pierre, a professor in the university's faculty of administration, the École d'été internationale des jeunes entrepreneurs (ÉÉIJE) is the fruit of a partnership among diverse government agencies and business groups in Quebec and France.

"Benefiting from an international network of contacts, enriching oneself in a unique multicultural context, and taking advantage of vast business expertise thanks to a solid team of workshop facilitators: these are a few of the elements that contribute to ÉÉIJE's winning formula," said the school's director, Valérie Vinuesa.

The students chosen to participate — 80 per cent of whom are between 20 and 25 years old, according to Vinuesa — are recommended by their universities, training centres, business associations, or chambers of commerce. Although most have degrees, and university transcripts are taken into consideration, Vinuesa stresses that the main criteria are motivation and a proven track record in the business world.

"Our approach is very practical," said Vinuesa. "We like to think of ourselves as 'anti-academic' in a sense."

Fleurine Riou, one of the summer school participants, liked that approach. "I had a rich and unique experience,"

'Simulated incident' in East Hereford

TransCanada Pipelines Limited will be conducting "an emergency response exercise" today at its East-Hereford compressor station.

According to a press release, "As part of the operation of a major pipeline transmission system, there are any number of emergencies for which we prepare, including vehicle and aviation accidents, facility fires, and natural disasters. For this exercise... a simulated incident will happen on site requesting deployment of emergency services."

In December 2000, a violent explosion leveled the Trans-Quebec Maritime pipeline control room building in East Hereford.

TransCanada, according to Quebec area facilities manager Gerald Pilon, currently maintains and operates the TransQuebec pipeline.



PERRY BEATON

Pictured are Renaud Aguessy (from Benin), Fleurine Riou (from France), Imed Ben Younes (of Tunisia) and Valérie Vinuesa, the director of the program (from Quebec and France).

said the 23-year-old French engineering student. "I particularly appreciated the quality of the other entrepreneurs' testimonials, as well as working with other youth from various countries."

In Sherbrooke, Riou, who also has a business and marketing background, teamed up with two French environment and marketing students, and two Quebecers (one born in Algeria) studying arts and marketing, to put together a hypothetical plan to market a cosmetics product.

"It provided the opportunity to discover each other's unique knowledge and perspective," said Riou, who hopes to settle in Quebec and find work after graduating.

In addition to the mock business plan activity, ÉÉIJE participants' intense days (between Aug. 6 and 19) were filled with talks by business leaders on subjects such as applying for subsidies, analyzing capital risk, and managing budgets over the short- and medium-term.

The school's formula has proven to be so successful that last year, Advancia — a business school affiliated with Paris's chamber of commerce — launched an offshoot of ÉÉIJE in France. At Advancia's second annual summer program, held last month, two University of Sherbrooke students were members of the team that won a prize from the French youth and sports ministry.

A PRIZE OF AN IDEA

Two University of Sherbrooke admin-

istration students were awarded a \$7,200 prize from France's youth and sports ministry during an international youth entrepreneur summer school program in Paris last month.

Simon Codère and Julien Savard earned the accolades for a business plan the pair put together for Suprem Design, a company — as yet only a twinkle in the young men's eyes — specializing in the design of high-quality personalized mountain-biking parts.

"Our project was born in the context of a business start-up course in university," Codère said. "Our experience at the École Internationale d'été des jeunes entrepreneurs in Paris allowed us to fine-tune it. The jury's comments, and the prize obtained, confirmed for us the viability of our business project and upped our enthusiasm to launch it on the North American market."

The business plan was drawn up in collaboration with two teammates, young women from France and Greece. One hopes to create a web systems and design company, and Savard noted that he and Codère have already asked her to design their company's web site.

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BRIEFS

Blood drive in Windsor

Héma Québec is holding a blood drive in Windsor today, Tue., Aug. 22. In Windsor, potential donors can pop by Le Bel Âge Regional Centre (6-6th Ave.) from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Roadwork in Cookshire

Routes 108 and 243, connecting Cookshire to Eaton, will be reduced to one lane until Sept. 17, according to officials at the Estrie division of the provincial transport ministry. Traffic lights will direct vehicles travelling in each direction in turn.

The paving work has been contracted to Sintra Inc., at a cost of \$424,000.

Sherbrooke construction

Various streets in Sherbrooke continue to be closed due to construction work.

Galt West, from Belvédère S. and du Pacifique, is scheduled to become accessible to buses by Fri., Aug. 25. Vehicle traffic should be re-established at the end of September.

Moore Street, between Dufferin and Queen Victoria Blvd., will reopen at the end of September.

One group to get cash

The Bell company is handing out money to community groups, including three in Sherbrooke, that are being pitted against each other in a popularity contest.

The telephone company — which is using the competition to publicize its local telephone service — wants area residents to vote on which group should receive a \$5,000 grant. The choices are

- Helping CPE Imagémo expand and fix up some of its space. The group brings together young people and seniors to help bridge the inter-generational gap.

- renovating La grande table cafeteria, a place where families with little money can eat a meal.

- Landscaping for Escalade de l'Estrie, a shelter for female victims of domestic violence (and their children).

To vote on which group should get the money, go online to bell.ca/reseau.

Other Quebec cities targeted by Bell include Saint-Jerome, Saint-Sauveur, Saguenay, Trois-Rivieres and Gatineau.



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Renters are less likely to go hybrid

SUVs are still the hottest ticket, says Marc Denault

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SHERBROOKE

Despite gas prices reaching new highs, the co-owner of a car rental agency says customers are still choosing to rent SUVs even though the company offers the hybrid option.

"When the gas prices first started rising last winter people were looking into smaller vehicles with less gasoline consumption," said Marc Denault of Sherbrooke's Via Route. "But this summer it was the SUVs that were constantly in demand."

"We have 20 SUVs available and they are running steady, especially the Lincoln Navigator."

Not only were families jumping into larger vehicles this year, they also seemed to be going south again.

"Most vacationers were going to the [United] States," Denault said. "Probably because of the exchange rate, but we haven't seen that in a while."

He said he understands why families would choose an SUV for family vacations, because of the larger interior, but the unpopularity of the Toyota Hybrid vehicle is surprising.

"People just aren't going for it," he said. "When a family goes on vacation

they usually save up for it so they are ready for the extra cost in gas. The hybrid would definitely save money on gasoline, but it is more expensive to rent and I don't think people are prepared to pay that."

An SUV, like the Navigator, takes approximately 9 litres of gas per 100 kilometres, where a hybrid takes only six, saving around \$3 per 100 kilometres.

The Toyota Hybrid also seats four adults comfortably but it costs an extra \$13 a day to rent.

"Customers just aren't willing to pay the extra money to rent it," Denault says.

The company predicts that gas prices will continue to rise, which they don't believe will affect vacationers this year, but will hinder business trips during the winter.



PERRY BEATON

The Lincoln's on the left, the Prius hybrid's on the right. And the gas guzzler is the one that renters want.

"It's a fragile market and we're looking at cutting the number of large vehicles available by 20 percent next year. Vacationing is one thing, but in the winter it's the business people we have to think about."

"It used to be that renting the vehi-

cle for employees was the most expensive cost to a company, but not anymore. Now it's the gas that is most expensive and though some companies have raised their budgets not all will, and we will have to make sure that renting a vehicle is possible."

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24 hours, only two hospitals in Quebec fared worse than BMP, although Couillard affirmed following the study's publication that the situation province-wide had improved in 2005-2006.

Berger said that if the situation had not improved at BMP's ER by this morning, specific measures would be discussed to ease the flow of patients.

Meanwhile, at the University of Sher-

brooke's Hospital Centres, Hôtel-Dieu had nine of its 22 ER stretchers free Monday afternoon, while the Fleuri-Mont establishment was operating at eight over its 22-stretcher capacity.

Couillard announced \$112 million in June 2005 for the expansion of Hôtel-Dieu's emergency room. Work is slated to get underway by the beginning of 2007.

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Don't attend circus, says SPA

Animals well treated, insist organizers

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Just say no! That's the suggestion of Sherbrooke's Société protectrice des animaux de l'Estrie as the Shrine Circus invites the public to attend performances today and tomorrow in the parking lot of the Quatre Saisons shopping centre.

As it does every August, Tarzan Zerbini's circus rolled into town this week with dozens of trailers filled with circus performers of the two and four-legged varieties. And, as usual, the SPA is encouraging people to stay away.

SPA board member Maryse Boivin told The Record people should avoid circuses in general. There is a long list of incidents and accidents that have occurred at circuses across Canada, North America and elsewhere.

Boivin notes Sherbrooke is not immune to such incidents. On May 7, 1978, an elephant trainer was killed in front of spectators during a circus performance in Rock Forest. During the fracas, another elephant escaped from the big tent and bolted down Bourque Blvd. before being brought down by a police sharpshooter.

Boivin also said circus animals have miserable living conditions, spending much of their lives confined in trailers during transport and chained or caged in shopping center parking lots between performances.

"They are time bombs just waiting to explode," she said, referring to the 1978 incident in Rock Forest and others where trainers and circus goers were killed or injured. "Those incidents are hardly surprising when you look at the lives of circus animals," Boivin said.

Shrine Circus operators disagree. They insist their animals are well treated and say an Ontario Superior Court ruling backs them up.

Xentel, the production company hired by the Shriners to hire professional circus operators, has been challenging circus bans in cities where they perform, said spokesman Leo Wolstenholme, who said he contacted The Record because he had been advised that local animal advocates were talking to the media.

Wolstenholme told The Record the Ontario Superior Court of Justice upheld an appeal and overturned as unconstitutional a 2002 Windsor, Ontario by-law which banned circuses with "exotic animals".

Wolstenholme said the ruling questions the reliability of information provided by advocacy groups about the welfare of animals in circuses.

"It all comes from the same place, from the same website," he said, pointing to the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, better known as PETA. "Their information is passed on and copied and linked to other sites."

In his decision, Ontario Justice Gates

chastised Windsor City Council for accepting allegations by animal advocacy groups with no attempt to verify them independently, Wolstenholme said, noting the judge stated the information provided to council by animal advocacy activists was "in the main misleading or inflammatory."

"The evidence establishes that the Shrine Circus had performed in Windsor for 18 years previously without any incidents whatsoever related to public safety, or for that matter, to the welfare of the animals," stated the judge in his ruling.

"The same is true of the Shrine Circus in your city — many years of performing with an excellent public safety record and no charges on animal welfare grounds," Wolstenholme noted in a statement sent to The Record.

Windsor City Council did not to appeal the court ruling and repealed its ban.

Wolstenholme said Xentel has not bothered to challenge a number of bans in cities like Victoria and Vancouver where the circus does not perform. But he said those bans would likely be considered unconstitutional.

Local SPA officials say that while the board has discussed a ban on animal acts, it has never approached Sherbrooke or any other local councils about the issue.

SPA spokeswoman Marie-Luce Cheney said the local animal shelter decided to approach the circus issue from a public education standpoint, encouraging people to be more aware.

Over the past years, the SPA has organized a campaign discussing the living conditions of circus animals, who the SPA said spend much of their lives chained or in cramped cages and boxcars being transported from one venue to the next. The SPA has even visited local schools. "We ask schoolchildren if they think circus animals are happy," said Boivin.

"Condemned to captivity, they are chained or confined to cages where they can barely move. All they have is a small area where they eat, drink and relieve themselves."

"Evidently trained with violence and intimidation, these wild animals are forced to perform tricks that are completely different from their natural behaviour. Such examples include riding a bicycle, keeping their balance on balloons or jumping through fire."

The SPA also argues that wild animals forced to abandon their natural instincts accumulate tremendous stress and become a public danger. They can also be a public health hazard.

Two years ago, the traveling Tarzan Zerbini Circus was short three Asian elephants, taken back to the United States because Roxy, Peggy and Shelley — who had performed during the first leg of Shrine Circus tour in Eastern Canada — had earlier come into contact with an elephant in Missouri that had tuberculosis that could be transmitted to humans.

There's more. "The impression left by

circuses is humiliating. Animals become objects that are used to make people laugh and are expected to do just about anything."

While the SPA questions the welfare of animals camping out at the Quatre Saisons shopping centre, mall manager Dominique Paris said he has never seen any cruelty.

Paris said the mall has been doing business with the Shrine Circus for years and there have never been any incidents. He also noted he has seen pictures of the circus animals' winter home in Florida and said it's quite nice.

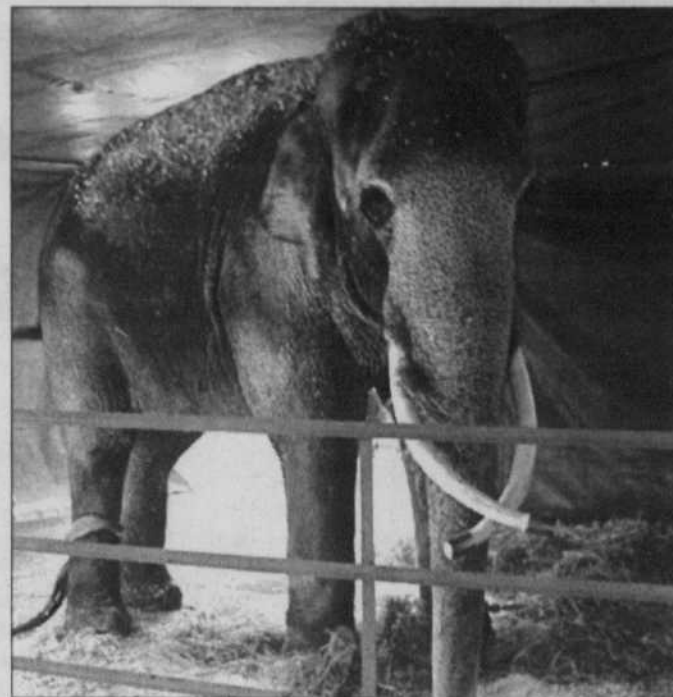
"Surely there are animals in the world that are treated worse," he said, noting that the mall loans the space and the Shriners would not be welcome if they mistreated their animals on the site.

When asked about the travelling conditions of elephants, Paris noted truck drivers face the same working conditions, spending hours in their trucks and sleeping in cramped cabs.

"I don't have anything against the circus," he said. "As an ordinary citizen and person who goes to the circus, I think it's great."

"I always come to the circus with my kids."

Once the circus performers and other expenses are covered, profits from the Shrine Circus end up in the coffers of the circus and the Shriners Fraternity, whose purpose is to provide some of the funding for the Shriners Hospital through gifts, wills, endowment fund and charitable donations. The Shriners run 22 hospitals in North America, including the one in Montreal that specializes in orthopedics, but the Shrine Circus, the Shriners Hospital and the Shriners Fraternity are distinct entities.



PERRY BEATON

An elephant at the Shrine Circus, which is setting up in a Sherbrooke mall parking lot.

While Shriners bylaws state that 100 per cent of the proceeds of activities must be remitted to the hospitals, the only exception to the rule is the Shrine Circus. It is the only Shrine activity where the proceeds do not go directly to the hospital.

Still, Paris said the circus is a great thing. "You should see the faces of my kids when they come. They are wonder struck."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No mention in historical guide

DEAR EDITOR,

As a seventh generation member of the Mallory/Herring family, I find it necessary to express my utmost disgust and astonishment that there was no specific mention of the 216-year-old Fairview Farms legacy in the newly published "Borough of Lennoxville" historical guide.

I found this disconcerting considering my ancestors were the first to settle in this town in 1790, and to this day my family continues to farm the land.

Coming from Connecticut, my ancestors were drawn to the area's vast land opportunities. In the first years, Fairview began as a hunting and fishing camp, until 1802, when Fairview Farms was established, and to this day thrives.

When my ancestors first settled on this land, there were only a few survey huts, they were the first to settle, thus Lennoxville's history began with Fairview Farms.

Basically, my family was the first, and now the only remaining, heritage family.

I'm sure you can now see why it is difficult for me to understand how this crucial part of Lennoxville's history was overlooked.

Perhaps the City of Sherbrooke does not want to go to the trouble of reformatting and reprinting these brochures in a few years, when the 410 highway is paved directly over the heart of Fairview Farm, demolishing our centuries old buildings. Pity.

MARGARET HERRING
Sherbrooke

Health care

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing this letter because I am a citizen of the Townships who is deeply concerned with what has been happening in the hospitals in which we are supposed to be receiving the best health care available.

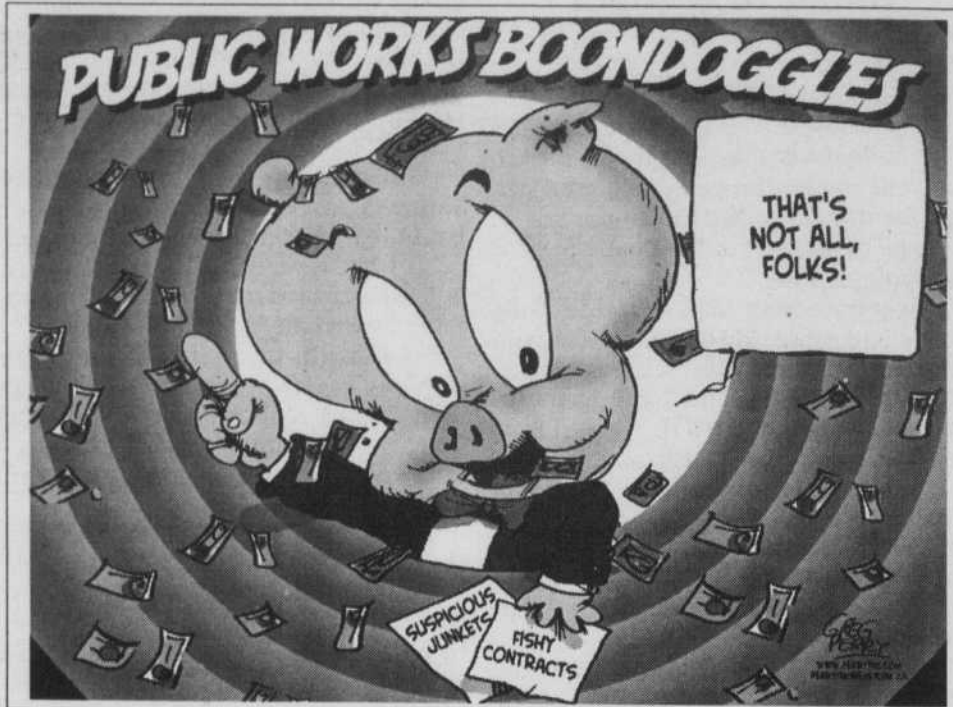
Recently, my father was admitted to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins hospital, unable to walk due to excruciating pain in his back. He was kept overnight and sent home the following day in no better shape than he was when admitted. However, when we had received the call to come and get him, we were told that he was in good health.

Greatly disappointed, and having him still in such pain, we chose to go to the Centre Hospitalier Granby, where we received even poorer results. Yet again, my father was sent home in the same state as he was when he went in.

It is my understanding that, at a hospital, you are supposed to be treated with care and compassion. However when my father, incapable of getting up on his own, asked a nurse to help him, she refused and told him to do it himself. Is that care? Is that compassion? I think not.

One of Canada's greatest achievements is the free health care system, but does it still mean as much when this is how we are treated? All that is left to express is the feeling of great disappointment that I feel when I look at what these hospitals have been reduced to. Others may feel differently but as for myself, my respect has run out.

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Too much information

Stop sharing, already

By Misty Harris

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The old notion of the humble home is being challenged by a growing trend that has Canadians turning their living rooms into personal shrines.

In what might be called the "home as autobiography" movement, today's houseguests are being bombarded by their hosts' wall-sized glamour portraits, endless family photos and enough self-documentation to make Paris Hilton blush.

The bookshelf braggadocio has become so vulgar that Marian McEvoy, a leading expert on social graces, is calling for a moratorium in the September issue of Domino magazine on "family paraphernalia" in living and dining rooms. McEvoy's breaking point came after enduring a luncheon held in the shadow of a photo of her hostess breastfeeding.

"It was unbelievable," says McEvoy, Domino's Muse Marian columnist and former editor-in-chief of Elle Decor and House Beautiful. "I know (the home owner) meant it to be, like, a groovy contemporary art statement or something. But I thought very differently of her after that lunch."

Although personal portraiture can be a tasteful addition to bedrooms, dens and even powder rooms, she believes giving your ego a shelf life in more public spaces — namely, the great room, family room or dining room — can be pretentious.

McEvoy says such "flagrant self-documentation" may be due, in part, to the increase in ownership of digital cameras, which has led people to take hundreds

more pictures than a traditional roll of film would allow.

According to market research firm InfoTrends, worldwide sales of digital cameras are expected to reach nearly 89 million units in 2006, representing a 15 per cent increase over 2005.

"It's oppressive. It's too much information," says McEvoy, who is based in New York. "You are forcing people to react to your private life and that's not a very nice thing to do."

Canadian experts seem to agree. Julie Okamura, president of Calgary's pop design group inc., says even a single photo of oneself in the living room is typically one too many.

"When you're decorating, it should reflect who you are," she says. "But it shouldn't be super obvious. As soon as people have one garish picture or photo of themselves — and generally it's a giant one — then it starts to get really creepy."

Barbara Mitchell, an associate professor of sociology at Simon Fraser University, believes the Internet may play a role because it fosters the extreme personalization of everything from media content to blogs and search-engine queries.

"The Internet, in a sense, atomizes and individualizes people so their own personal place in the world has an opportunity to become more visible," she says, adding that placing your own picture on the living room walls may be a natural offshoot.

Then again, the explanation could be as simple as square footage.

"We're definitely seeing a really strong movement toward larger homes compared to previous generations," says Mitchell. "So maybe we've just got more space to fill, more walls to put things on."

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sheep and goats

Unusual sounds disturb me. Just ask my poor partner-in-life, who on innumerable occasions over the past 26 years has been awakened by a poke and a pitiful voice in the middle of the night whispering, "What's that?"

I had opened the back door, as I often do when I hear a not-normal noise. What I saw was not a visiting vehicle, nor the billy goat practicing his bunting skills on his cabin (as I'd expected).

The barn yard was full of goats and sheep of all shapes and sizes and in the middle of the throng was Buff, the family dog.

It was one of those very hot, sultry summer days a few weeks back when everyone was dressing lightly and slightly. I was wearing what fell far short of round-up garb — a short, tight red skirt and a long, loose-fitting, short-sleeved man's shirt and flip-flop sandals.

There was no time to switch to something more practical for the task, and no time to spare. The cud-chewing critters could bolt for the road or into one of my loved one's flower beds. Either would be a disaster.

I had no idea how the almost one-year-old pooch would react once I started chasing the motley crew. Buff is part Pyrenees, a breed of dog raised to protect sheep from predators. He spent the first six months of his life in a barn amid hundreds of sheep and the next two months in our barn with sheep, goats, donkeys, alpacas and two Highland calves.

As soon as I called the dog, the escapees scattered here, there and everywhere. I circled around to steer them to the barn, and got them heading in the right direction. Hopefully, once I had them in the barn, I could get them into the pen leading out to their summertime roaming ground.

"Maybe this isn't so bad," I thought to myself. Buff ran right through the middle of the crowd and everything I had gained was lost.

I talked to the dog, trying to explain what had to be done.

I muttered to myself, trying to figure out from whither the animals had come: the pasture — was the fence down? Or the barn — had they found a way to open one of the gates?

I was simultaneously trying to come up with a return-to-pasture plan that would correspond to their most likely escape route.

I had the sheep and goats more or less going the right way when woman's best friend got into a head-to-head confrontation with Roxie, the spice-coloured goat.

That got everyone stirred up and broke up the grouping I had worked so hard to form. I don't know if it was my coaxing or Buff's fear of a bowed, double-horned head that called off the conflict.

Then Sammy, last year's black kid, caused almost as much commotion — slipping past me, back and forth through the hay elevator stand with Buff egging her on. While all of this was happening the three tiny baby goats squeezed through the electric page wire fence back where they should have been all along.

After much dashing hither and yon by all concerned, Buff got the sheep into their pen in the barn and I got the goats to go in, too.

The cause of the episode was an indoor barn gate left open by accident during a visit from relatives wanting to see all the animals.

So, I got my exercise that day and had a new and unusual adventure — participating in a real, live sheep-goat rodeo. What a relief that no one I know, or don't know, had driven by while the incident was in progress.

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Here's mud in your eye

Rain hits Cookshire Fair

By Claudia Villemaire
COOKSHIRE

Everything was going perfectly. The Cookshire Fair opened Thursday at 4 p.m., the sun was shining, the clouds hadn't started building for the torrential rains that were to come.

Crowds had begun trickling in at first, then Friday the line-ups began at the gates. By Saturday evening, until 9 p.m., the grandstand was filled, the fences were lined with spectators and, according to president Noel Landry, "We were lucky. When the rain began at 10 p.m., we already had a record crowd and you know, most of them stayed to the end of the 4x4 pulling competition — or at least 'til we had to stop it."

Still, organizers of this 161st county fair said they were happy with the total turn-out.

Sunday, with parking areas a sea of mud, fertile black soil turned and churned into muddy slop, there were still hundreds of die-hard exhibitors willing to brave rain showers, a muddy track and much cooler temperatures and bring their animals out in the traditional cattle and horse parade.

Spectators were treated to sheep and goats on parade and even a champion rabbit tucked into a child's wagon complete with his toddler-owner by his side.

"You know, the farm machinery people, here to show off their latest models, didn't hesitate to get out in that down-pour and mud to help folks leave the parking area. It was unreal, how hard it rained. I heard one exhibitor say his rain gauge at home registered over 2 inches of rain fall between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. That meant a huge mess for us here on the grounds," fair vice presi-



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Jason stayed close to his champion rabbit at the Cookshire Fair cattle parade Sunday. Neither minded the mud one bit!

dent Tom Bown said Sunday. "We owe everyone a

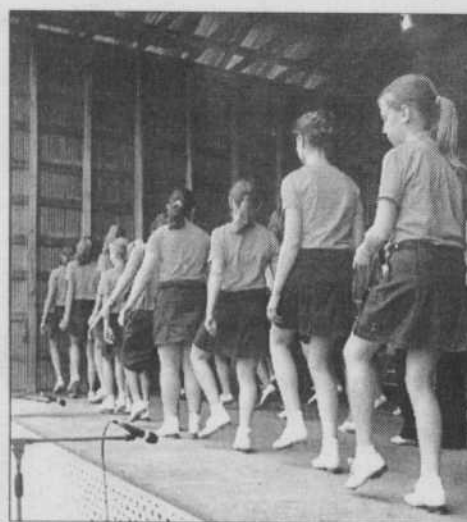
big thank you for their help."

In spite of Mother Nature's temper tantrum, fair organizers said they were well pleased with this year's fair. "Oh yes," president Landry said

Sunday. "We are well satisfied with the weekend's results. At least the rain began late Saturday. Sunday, of course, attendance was down, but

overall, it was a good fair and we'll be okay."

Landry interrupted Sunday's proceedings to extend a special thank you to all who helped out and commended exhibitors for braving the muddy ground and almost constant showers to come out on parade.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

The Rainbow Country Cloggers will clickety-clack their way across the townships this summer, appearing at every fair and ending their season at Townshippers' Day in mid-September.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Showers and mud are no obstacle when it's time to don a Grand Champion ribbon won by this Holstein. After all, rain and mud are not strangers to dairy cattle who spend the summer outdoors.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Trophies for the best exhibit and best decorated stable area are traditional at the horse parade.



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There was a record number of entries in the sheep section at Cookshire this year. And every one was ship shape for the Sunday afternoon parade.

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Experienced gardeners save the season

*'Not a good year, but
still made it,'
says Neville*

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Farmers and producers across the Townships have bemoaned a miserable growing season, and the same is true for florists Chuck and Cathy Neville. But experienced gardeners kept them above water, this summer.

"It was a bad spring for us too," said Chuck Neville who has been in the agricultural business for almost 30 years. "May and June was all rain causing us to miss most of our big weekends. Sales were down from last year, and last year was considered a bad year, but the majority of our customers are regulars and dedicated to gardening regardless."

Neville approximated that the majority of his clientele are avid, experienced

gardeners who go by the calendar and not the sunshine.

"Experienced gardeners know when to plant and they do it no matter what the weather is like," he said. "It's the inexperienced gardeners, who go by whether the weather is nice or not, that we loose on a year like this one."

Thankfully for the Nevilles, professional gardeners were on their mark, ensuring that the plant and flower business made the sales they needed to make it through.

"By this time of the year we usually know whether we made our year or not and it looks like we did," Neville explained. "It was just a hard year. Even the gardeners were discouraged. It was hard to get all the planting in because the dirt was so wet. It's hard to work in mud."

Though fall is never a big season Neville says that gardeners should be

readying themselves for their garden harvests.

"Chrysanthemums are always very popular, but they won't be ready until September. Some have already started eating from their gardens so it's time to start getting ready to harvest."

Neville says that, aside from weeding, now is the perfect and least expensive time to jump on planting trees and shrubs. Mostly because this is when sales are on.



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Chuck and Cathy Neville managed to acquire a good stock of flowers despite the lousy weather this growing season, thanks to experienced gardeners:

Volunteers to thank for an organized back-to-school

*'Can't sing enough
praises for their
help,' says principal*

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

While students were kicking back and enjoying some summer fun, volunteer parents were going to Lennoxville Elementary everyday and were hard at work ensuring a more organized first day back.

Thanks to funds raised last year during the academic year, around a dozen volunteer parents and grandparents were making some much-needed repairs and renovations to the school's already existing lockers.

"All the lockers have been freshly painted," said Lennoxville Elementary's principal Pat Mogensen who looks forward to her 7th year as the school's

chief administrator. "Before the lockers had two doors and the children would put their things all together. Now the parents have purchased plywood to use as dividers giving each child their own space. They have also lowered the shelves for the younger students. This is a great help."

Mogensen holds these volunteers in the highest regards, as well as the individuals responsible for raising the funds last year.

"I can't sing enough praises for them all. They were in here working on some of those hot, hot days this summer. Unbelievable," she said. "And the community support was incredible. It takes support to pull off a successful fundraiser and we have been very thankful."

As the school's 340 students, are at home, some dreading next week's first day, Mogensen and staff have already been at school for days preparing.

"This year's theme is going to be 'The me I want to be' and we'll be working on manners," she concluded. "Enrollment is down some from last year's 360 but that's the way it goes. It always goes in waves, but we will still have two groups per level so that is good."

Students will be lining up to catch a peak at their new and improved locker systems on the 30th.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Ken Porter, one of the dozen or so volunteers helping to improve Lennoxville Elementary, works away at upgrading the lockers.

Ted Bishop's *Riding With Rilke*

A memoir about motorcycles and books, written by a Canadian English professor/biker? Yes, not only is it possible but Ted Bishop makes it work. *Riding With Rilke* (2005) is the story of the sabbatical Bishop took from the University of Alberta to travel by motorcycle to an library archive in Austin, Texas - with stops at other archives along the way - looking at original first-draft manuscripts of writers such as James Joyce, Virginia Woolf and D.H. Lawrence.

"My pledge for the trip was to avoid freeways and chain restaurants. I would stick to the small roads and eat in mom-and-pop cafes." This makes for both an interesting trip and entertaining reading.

Bishop is great at description and he has a wonderful sense of humour: "I felt like an outlaw, not a professor, clumping around in my bug-stained boots and black leather jacket. They looked me up and down in the library when I asked for the archives."

He explains that while there is a difference between being a Rider and a Biker, "in the eyes of the world you're a bit of a hooligan."

Bishop explains the connection be-

tween riding and working in an archive. When you're on a bike, you're outside; you have to read the road instead of just a map. Archives have a similar immediacy - you see the author's handwriting, the postage stamps on letters.

Unfortunately Bishop's personal story is not without its dangers. As any reader might guess from a story about someone who likes to ride very fast on a motorcycle, there is the possibility of accident, and he had a big one (I'm not giving anything away by telling you this - the book opens with that scene).

"The French have a phrase for when you're driving very fast," Bishop explains, "'rouler au tombeau ouvert' - rolling with your tomb open." Amazingly, he survives.

But then he must decide whether or not to keep riding.

Clearly it is something he loves and as he says, "life is chance, maybe we're always rolling 'au tombeau ouvert', so why not?"

He sensibly points out, however, "There's no need to climb into that tomb early."

Does he get back on the bike? You'll have to read the book yourself to find

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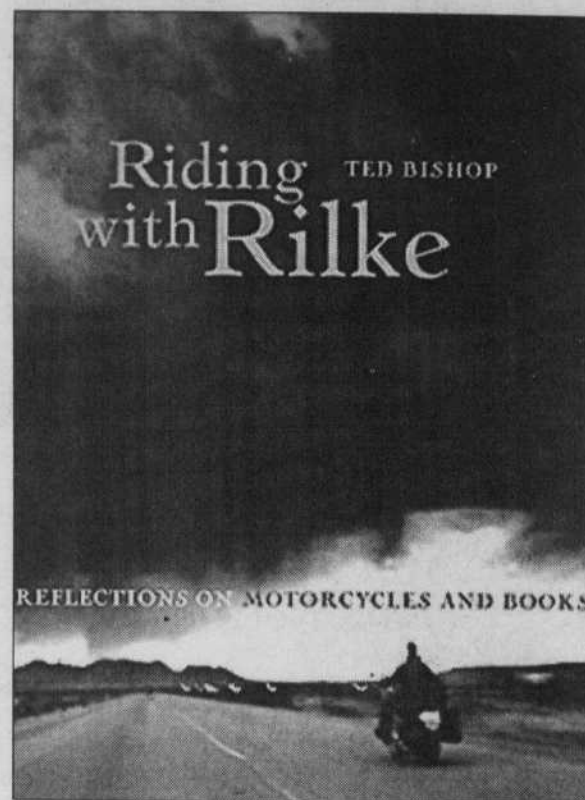
Riding With Rilke is a quirky, well-written book that would appeal to anyone who likes to read about travel, literature or motorbikes.

BOOK ENDS

• Calling all readers: The Books and Brown Bag Lunches Reading Club starts up again on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. at the library. This club meets every two weeks and is always open to new members. Bring a book you have read that has made an impression on you, as well as your lunch, for an hour of lively discussion.

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Ted Bishop is a rebel with an English degree. *'Riding with Rilke'* recounts his wild ride to visit library archives.

Living the simple life is hard work

'It's not easy anymore'

By Jen Young

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Owning a nice home, raising a family, and running a small hobby farm is exactly what Helen Rodgers had hoped to have at this stage in her life, but she says the simple life is getting harder and harder.

"It's definitely not easy," said the Canton de Hatley wife and mom. "We have no choice but to work hard just to keep what we have."

Rodgers, her husband Paul Lallier, and children Amanda and Tyler wake up bright and early every morning to go out and care for their four horses, which they say are part of their family.

They don't believe that they live a life of extravagance, in fact, they feel they have a loving, simple life. But the rising cost of living has them worried.

The family, along with many others, was shocked when they received their municipal and school tax bills.

"Our land taxes went up by close to a thousand dollars," said Rodgers while holding her 2 1/2-year-old daughter. "And we're looking at \$1,000 for our school taxes too. This is unbelievable



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Both Helen Rodgers (pictured here) and her husband now have to work to maintain their unextravagant, simple lifestyle.

and there is nothing we can do about it. We went to the meetings, but we just have no choice but to pay it."

thing; gas, food, and taxes is going up quickly, but our salaries aren't."

Raising horses doesn't only take long

The couple discussed the option to sell their property, but then what would they do with their horses they have grown to love.

"We have four horses and we just love them," she said. "Two of them were born on the farm so they're part of the family. Having horses has become a luxury now. We both have to work; forget about one of us staying at home with the kids. We have no choice and there's definitely no such thing as a vacation. The price of every-

hours and dedication it also takes money. Though the family is lucky to have enough pasture for the animals to graze in the summer they will need to financially ready themselves for the winter months.

"We knock on wood because we haven't needed to spend too much in veterinary bills this year," she says. "It's a very expensive hobby, but we love it so much. Each horse costs around \$800 a year, and that's with no extra costs that pop up here and there."

The family has cut corners where they can in order to keep up with the quality of life they are used to but they know that once their beloved horses are no longer around they will have to say good bye to the life of equestrians.

"I'm not getting any younger here," she says. "I wonder how people are doing it. We're lucky we have jobs, but what about the families with only one income? Once the horses are gone we know that we won't get anymore. We just can't afford to do it."

Despite cutting extra coupons and being more careful with budgets the family refuses to give up and Rodgers says that even though living the simple life costs an arm and a leg she is blessed with a healthy family who is privileged to experience a good quality of life.

Lennoxville slowly becoming a buyers market once again

'The market is stabilizing,' says Real Estate agent

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Due to the price of building materials being at an all time high, low vacancy and interest rates, and an imbalanced market in Quebec compared to the rest of Canada houses in Lennoxville were selling like hot cakes creating a vendors' market, for the past year-and-a-half.

Though Real Estate is still 'very good' in Lennoxville, Royal Lepage's Danielle St-Vincent says that the market is stabilizing and buyers are becoming more prudent.

"Most people take more time in choosing a pair of shoes to buy than a house," said the Lennoxville-based agent. "We were dealing with a vendors' market for the last two years; meaning there were more buyers than houses for sale, but that is slowly changing. People are now taking their time and we are moving into a buyers' market situation.

Houses are still selling within 1 to 3 months, but people are now making sure it's the right price. It's important that the market is becoming more stable because purchasing a home is still the most profitable investment most people will ever make."

On average in Lennoxville St-Vincent says a three bedroom house currently sells for between \$130,000-\$160,000 with around a five per cent resale value, which is down from 10 to 15 percent two years ago (with the same amount of renovation and time lapsed be-

tween buying and selling).

"It's still an excellent market," says St-Vincent who was Master of Sales last year. "The sale price of a house depends on four things. The site, the materials used, the condition, and finally the ask-

ing price. Wood flooring can always increase the value of a house, as long as the other categories are met as well. How much a house sells for has nothing to do with municipal evaluations."

Location also plays a key role is price. St-Vincent says that a home on Moulton Hill Road can go for as high as \$350,000, which is still considered a good deal, and she has seen houses go for as high as \$189,000 in town, but she says the trick is taking your time.

"I always recommend that buyers consult more than one agent when getting ready to buy a house," she explained. "You are buying a consultant here and this is a very important transaction. It's important to make sure you have someone who knows all the hidden vices that come with the deal. I also suggest people take their time and look into everything before making an offer too hastily."

She concludes by saying that Lennoxville's culture, the fact that it is a university town and has strong community values, will always ensure a healthy real estate market.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Lennoxville homeowners choosing to sell should not expect the same rosy offers people were getting a year ago.

Your community radio station for your community news

Last week I promised to explain the importance of community stations and their relationships within the community and with amateur radio operators.

First I would like to explain some of the unique things that a community station can do for you. CJMQ is committed to the community of the Eastern Townships. We actively seek out local talent and air their works providing them coverage that they would probably otherwise never achieve.

CJMQ is a non profit organization. The advertising that we air has, as a goal, the promotion of local business. Our advertising rates are designed to encourage new business endeavors. CJMQ keeps advertising rates for local businesses as low as possible in the hope that if the local business succeeds it may result in the hiring of other community members thereby helping to create employment opportunities in the Townships.

CJMQ also has over 100 volunteers who come to the station to learn broadcasting. Many of these volunteers go on to careers in commercial radio.

At the very least, they learn what goes into the running of a radio station. While CJMQ is a community station, we have to fulfill all of the requirements demanded of a commercial station.

Community radio will cover local stories continually. This is crucial in the case of a local disaster such as the ice storm, where the effects of infrastruc-

ture failure was felt long after the storm ended. CJMQ covered the slow re-building process.

Commercial radio, on the other hand, covered the ice storm up until the time that the major metropolitan area that they served was back to normal functioning. The subject then got pushed back to momentary mention tacked on to their news reports in much the same way as if the event had happened in another country.

This is not a criticism of commercial radio, their main sphere of activity is not to cater to the needs of small communities, which happen to be in their broadcast zone. They have to answer to the advertisers who pay for their existence. It is however meant to underline another vital aspect of community radio, which answers to you the community.

Another aspect of community radio is immediacy. If there is a major breaking news story within our community, you as a member of the community can contact the station and the event will be covered. People listening to the community station will know immediately what is going on and what protective measures, if any, to take. An example of this in our community includes two train derailments, with possible toxic emissions, the apartment fire which threatened the lives of forty students and the recent flooding. In each case CJMQ went on air immediately and cov-

ON THE AIR

DAVID TEASDALE

ered each story until it was resolved.

I promised to explain the relationship between community radio and Amateur radio clubs. Amateur radio operators are licensed by the federal government (not to be confused with CB operators who require no significant training).

There are amateur radio operators all around the community, they own and maintain equipment designed to provide communications in case of an emergency. They have provided this life saving service during disasters throughout the world. They test their equipment regularly.

They also have mobile units that can travel throughout the region providing vital information. The license of an amateur radio operator does not allow him to directly address the public. That is where community radio comes in.

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Next week I will delve into the history of radio in general, local radio history, the history of CJMQ and I will reveal a little known secret about the role of the Townships in the development of modern radio.

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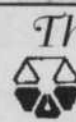


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Extreme bolster line-up for national championships

*Sherbrooke opens
against Oakville
tomorrow*

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Extreme, with a little help from their friends in the Quebec's junior lacrosse league - the LCJQ - is headed to Windsor, Ontario to compete for the Founders Cup, symbolic of junior lacrosse supremacy in Canada.

The Extreme earned the right to represent Quebec at the national tournament by virtue of their three-game sweep over the West Island Shamrocks in the Quebec junior lacrosse league will have their line-up bolstered by six members from other LCJQ teams.

Joining Sherbrooke will be Jessie Carpentier of the LaSalle Brasseurs, the Windsor Eagles' Vincent Dubrueil, Francis Côté and Dominique Fontaine as well as Guillaume Blais and Francois Villemure of the Shawinigan Lightning.

The nine-team field is divided into two pools and each pool will play a round robin over the next three days with the top two teams from each pool advancing to the semi-finals. Action begins tomorrow when Sherbrooke will square off against Ontario's team, the Oakville Buzz.

They meet the Calgary Shamrocks, representing Alberta, Thursday and they wrap up the preliminary round Sunday when they battle Saskatchewan's team, the Saskatoon Smash.

The potential of playing five games in five days presents a problem for the Extreme who rarely played more than two games in a week.

A greater problem will be advancing to the medal round given the past history of the Founders Cup. Since the LCJQ was established four years ago, a Quebec team has failed to win a game in the National Championships.

Despite that Sherbrooke captain and

the LCJQ's most valuable player Mitch Young stated yesterday, that the Extreme will be ready when the tourney starts tomorrow.

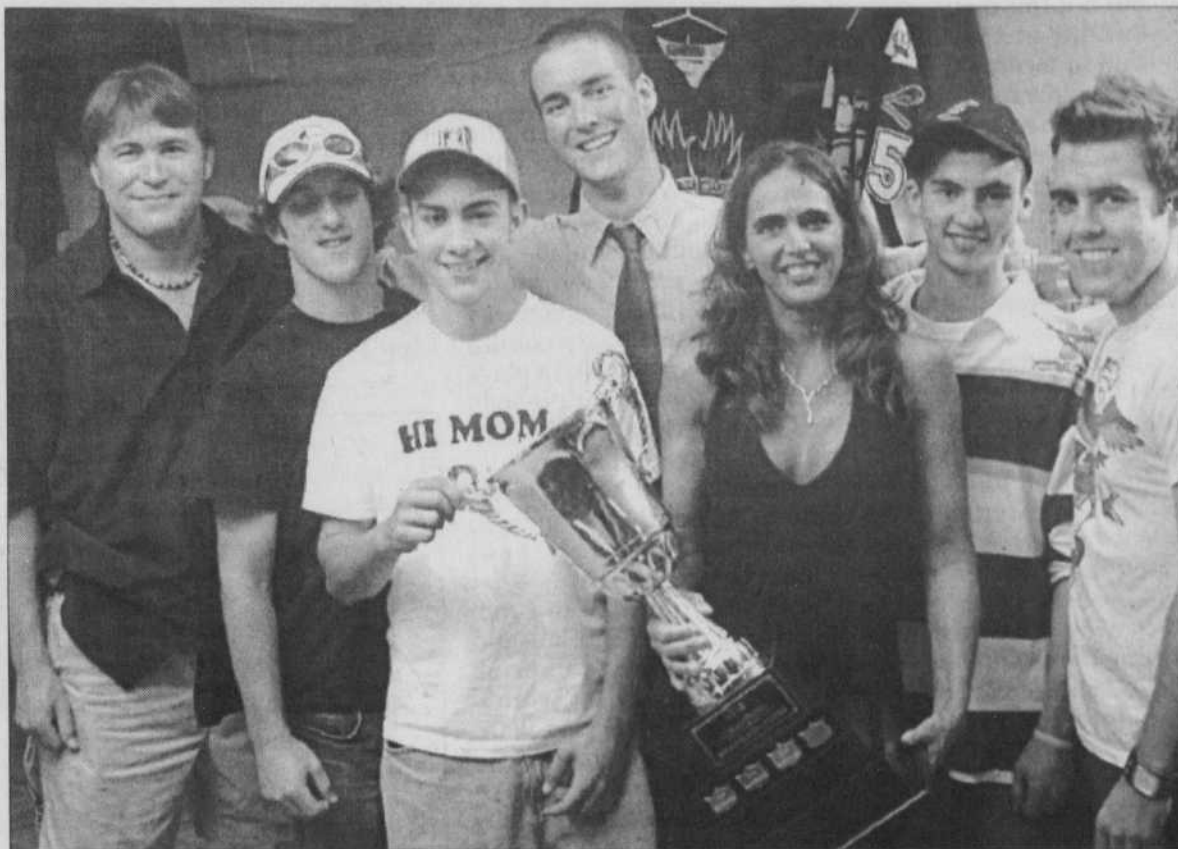
"The team is prepared for having such a busy schedule in a short time period," Young said "Although having so many games back to back days will be tough, we are a young team so we should be fine. We also have added some players from other teams which will give us the ability to rest those players who will need it.

According to Young, those added players could prove to be the catalyst that will propel the underdog Extreme into the medal round.

"We have added the best available players to our team and we are looking forward to having them join us," Young said. "They are all great competitors and are easy to get along with. We didn't necessarily chose the most talented players, we chose the players that will fit in with our team and our system so it should be an easy transition for us. Our team is excited and we are looking forward to playing with them."

Oakville is one the pre-tourney favourites and the Extreme appear to be approaching their opening game more with an eye move towards playing well than an actual victory.

"We know that Ontario is going to be the pre-tournament favourite just like it is every year," Young said. "They (Ontario players) always make up a solid



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Sherbrooke Extreme took the Quebec junior lacrosse league title. Team captain Mitch Young (centre) hopes team chemistry will help the relatively inexperienced squad win on the national stage.

team and it will be very tough playing against them. We don't expect to beat them; we are just going to try to keep that game close. From the past trip to the Founders Cup we know that we will be able to compete with all the teams, but we look forward to playing against Saskatoon as we were evenly matched two years ago and we have improved greatly since last time we played in the Nationals. We hope to beat them as well as make it a close game against the strong Alberta team. I will be happy with a win against Saskatoon, and if we happen to upset any other teams, we will take it as a bonus."

One of the problems facing Sherbrooke is their age and lack of experience at the national level.

"We are a young team and it will be a

great experience for our younger players to see the talent that exist nationwide," Young said. "Every team will be filled full of great players and we just hope to compete in every game. We obviously hope to win every game, but we also have to be realistic knowing that these teams are filled with players who were introduced to the sport when they were five-years-old. Many of the other teams will be filled with guys who have played for 15 years where as we have a team with guys who have been playing no more than three or four years. We are a team filled with great athletes and a great team atmosphere, so we are hoping that this will help us beat the more talented and experienced teams."

Textbook Tiger too much for mere-mortal golfers

By Cam Cole

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

One of these days, Geoff Ogilvy said Saturday night, Tiger Woods isn't going to win a major championship that he's leading or co-leading after 54 holes.

"It will happen eventually," Sergio Garcia concurred Sunday. "I mean, he's not going to be 68-years-old and tied for the lead in a major and win. It's going to happen eventually. We'll see when."

One day, they all believe - or perhaps merely hope - a playing partner will look him in the eye and not turn to jelly. One day, Tiger will back up and open the door just enough.

Maybe.

But not this day.

Sunday at the 88th PGA Championship in Medinah, Illinois, the world's best closer was at his break-their-hearts best, sprinting away from co-leader Luke Donald by five strokes at the turn, setting the bar too high for his only real pursuer, Mike Weir, to reach, and not making his one mis-step - bogeying the par-3 17th from out of the back bunker - until the result had been long since in the bag.

It was textbook Tiger, who is now 12-for-12 in majors when he has held or shared the third-round lead. And in the absence of self-aggrandizing quotes from the man himself, it was left to his peers - or contemporaries, more accurately, for he has no peers - to gild the 12th major title of his career, and second in a row.

He won the British Open at Hoylake hitting 2-irons off the tee. He won Sunday, on the longest golf course in major championship history by hitting 5-woods, and became the first PGA Championship winner ever to repeat on the same golf course.

"Other than Jack Nicklaus, he's the only guy I've ever seen who looks more comfortable leading on the back nine of a major than playing the first hole of a tournament, and that's pretty scary," said Chris DiMarco, who has twice lost majors to Woods, but wasn't a factor in the final round at Medinah Country Club, when Woods shot 68 and ran away to a five-stroke victory. "It's like he relishes the fact that a lot of people want to see him trip. He just puts the hammer down."

"When he lapped the field at the U.S. Open (at Pebble Beach in 2000), I was pretty impressed," said David Toms, who like DiMarco will play on the U.S. Ryder Cup team with Woods in a month. "Obviously the way he's played of late, you could argue he's just as good now as he was then. I don't know. The guy has got the best mind in the game, regardless of what his swing is all about. He can beat people with that."

He can beat them with his aura, too, and with the environment his charismatic presence creates on a golf course

in the final round, when throats are already constricting and the madness around him seems to weigh especially heavily on his playing partner.

Donald, the young Englishman who played college golf at Chicago's Northwestern University and was a major crowd favourite in his own right Sunday, wilted as predictably as all those who tried and failed before him, including Weir, who succumbed to the syndrome here in 1999.

Of the top 10 names on the board at the end, the only two who went backwards on Sunday were Donald - who shot 74 to tie for third with Adam Scott and Sergio Garcia, a stroke behind Shaun Micheel - and Mike Weir, who faded to a 73. But that cold fact hardly tells the story of Weir's challenge.

Playing in the next-to-last pairing with Ogilvy, the U.S. Open winner, Weir made three birdies in his first 10 holes to climb to within three strokes of Woods, the one and only time all day anyone who started the day with a chance made any noise at all. At that point, Weir was at least Top Mortal. But the champion was inexorable, and Weir inevitably couldn't keep pace, falling back to sixth place with four dropped shots in the last eight holes.

"I knew (Saturday) I was going to have to shoot something phenomenal to catch Tiger and it would have had to be 65 again, or something," said Weir, who had tied the course record (later equalled by Woods) with a 65 on Saturday. "When I birdied 10, I thought I had a chance if I could just keep pressing, but sometimes when you press it goes the other way."

"I wasn't out there to finish Sixth. I was trying to win the golf tournament. I saw a scoreboard on six or seven and I could see he got off to a fast start. I thought the key may have been on the front when I birdied five and then hit it right over the flag on six, and didn't make that. Hit an

incredible putt that didn't go in on seven, left one a couple inches short on eight."

"And I hit a bunch of good shots on the back side. It just seemed coming in I didn't make anything. Tiger? He made everything he looked at."

"It was just one of those magical days on the green today, where I felt as long as I put it somewhere on the green, I could make anything," said Woods. "I made some putts you probably shouldn't make. And it's a nice time to have that happen, in the final round of a major. But the one thing they never did was get the greens real quick, so there was never a putt you were afraid of out there."

At the end of the day, with the Wanamaker Trophy in his hands for the third time, the only thing Woods didn't have was sole possession of the scoring record, relative to par, in all four majors. He's got the other three, but the bogey at 17 meant he still shares the PGA Championship record of 18-under-par with Bob May, whom he beat in a playoff in 2000.

When he has the prize in sight, there is no one quite like him. He did what

Phil Mickelson had done Sunday at this year's Masters: took what was shaping up as a great final-round battle, and drain it of all its drama by doing all the right things.

The majors score is now either Nicklaus 20, Woods 15, if you count U.S. Amateurs - of which Nicklaus won two and Woods three - or 18-12 if you only count the current four accepted legs of the Grand Slam. Either way, the 30-year-old Tiger has three years on The Man. Nicklaus didn't win No. 12 until he was 33.

"It's still a long way away. Eighteen's a pretty big number," said Woods. "It took Jack more than 20 years. It takes a whole career."

In Tiger's world, those numbers are what dreams are made of, and his next chance comes in April at Augusta, eight months hence.

Weir has two weeks before his next "major", the Canadian Open in Hamilton.

It's that large a gulf between them. Between Tiger and anyone, as a matter of fact.

Swooping attack



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Danes reigned supreme at the first ever Handball Women's Youth World Championship, which were held in Sherbrooke. The tournament came to an end this Sunday. Earlier in the tourney, the Danes (white jerseys) outclassed Thailand (coloured jerseys) winning by 30 goals. Canada was eliminated by Brazil.

Obituary



**HELEN MINA EDNA
(ROBINSON) BEATTIE**

It is with profound sadness that we advise the passing of Helen at the age of 97 years young on August 16, 2006 in Oakville, Ontario, formerly of Inverness, Thetford Mines and Lennoxville, Quebec. Loving wife of the late Lloyd Church Beattie. She died as she lived, quietly, serenely, with a great inner strength and dignity. She was the greatest mom, grandma and great-grandma. Predeceased by her parents Jim and Annie Robinson and sister Betty Bertrand. Mother to Beverly and former son-in-law Allen Simons. She also leaves to mourn, her three grandchildren Patricia (Mark), David (Rachel), Wendy (John) and seven great-grandchildren, Kevin, Ashley, Steven, Alexandra, Samantha, Alyssa and Cassidy.

Helen regularly received hand made cards on every occasion from her great-grandchildren and on the last Mother's Day she spent with us, Samantha aged 7, her youngest great-granddaughter was able to express all our feelings in the following few sentences.

Dear Grama Helen,

I love you in a way like when baby doves sing. It feels so great to have you in my heart. I am really glad I have you in my family.

Love Sam.

She will be sadly missed by all.

Following cremation, burial of the ashes will take place in the family plot in the Malvern Cemetery in Lennoxville at a later date, notice of which will be posted well in advance in The Record.

Card of Thanks

MACLEOD - The family of the late Ethel MacLeod wish to express our sincere thanks to all who called, sent cards, flowers, donations and food to express their sympathy at the time of Mom's death. The bearers, Cass Funeral Home, Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew, organist Lillian Coates, A.C.W. for the lunch, CLSC (Cookshire) for the many years of special care, the staff at Domaine de la Sapiniere (East Angus) for the gentle care given the last days of her life. God bless you all.

BEV, HELEN,
FANNY, BOB
AND FAMILY

Trinity Church Whist

On Thursday, August 10, there were 12 tables filled in the hall. Everyone was keen and anxious to play.

Captain George Wilson and his team - Annie Jones, Dorothy Premont, and Pat Johnson won first prize with 45 points.

Coming in second was Capt. Jean Scott and her team - Donna Luce, Shirley Robinson, and Violet Realiffe. They had 42 points.

Third place went to Capt. Earl Whitehouse, Douglas Talbot, Barbara Johnson and Alfreda Neil. Their score was 13 points.

Happy birthday was sung to the two birthday girls - Mary Taylor and Josée Streuli.

A lunch of sandwiches, squares and fruitbread was served with tea and coffee.

Door prizes were won by the following people - Josée Streult, Mary Taylor, Anne Foster, Bruce McPherson, Annie Jones, Judy Jones, Barbara Johnson, Arnold Fletcher, Clifford Jones, Doreen Gibbs, Violet Realiffe, Ethan Perkins, Shirley Lord, George Wilson, and Ruth Cornish.

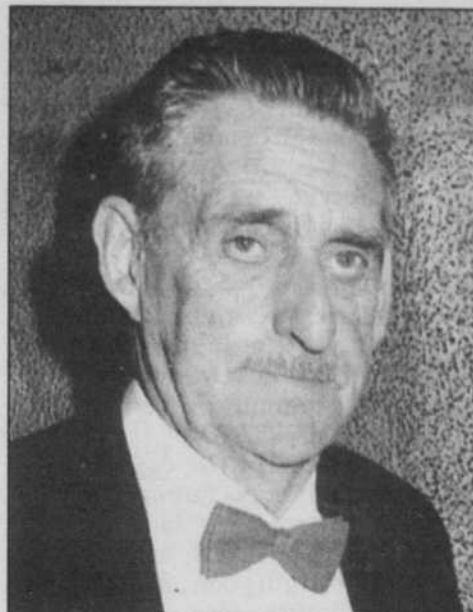
Jean Riti and Donna Luce were runners-up for the grocery basket. Mary Taylor took that home with her.

Thank you to Mary and Melanie Taylor for the lovely plate of fresh veggies.

We hope to see everyone back on Aug 24 at 7:30 p.m. God bless!

Mary LeChasseur

In Memoriam



TURNBULL - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Robert, who left us on August 19, 2005.

*Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same.
We have to hide our heartaches
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true.
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return
When we were all together.
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.*

Lovingly remember and sadly missed
BEULAH (your loving wife)

DAVID & MARY, MICHAEL & ADELE,
BRUCE, ANDREW (sons)

CHRISTOPHER, CRAIG & KATHERINE,
DIANNE, BRIAN, JENNIFER, MELINDA,

KHRISTINA (grandchildren)

DERECK, SHANE, MIA

(great-grandchildren)

Sawyerville Evelyn Macey

Recent visitors of Mrs. Evelyn Macey were Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Waldron of Essex, England, Johnny Willis of Sutton. He also called on Elizabeth McKenney and Elsie and Mike Harbinson of Birchton and also called on his aunt Verlie Aiken of Knowlton House in Knowlton, we were all so glad to see them.

Death



REIL DENIS, Dorothy (1923-2006) - At the Knowlton House, on August 20, 2006, at the age of 83 years, Dorothy Reil, wife of the late Norman Denis. She leaves to mourn her children: Laurent Rudd (Louise), Danielle Denis (Sylvain); her grandchildren: Jordan, Sabrina, Nathalie, Nancy, Lorraine, Sylvain; she also leaves her brothers and sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. The family would like to thank the staff of The Knowlton House for the good care given to Mrs. Reil. Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette crematorium. The family will receive condolences Thursday, day of the funeral service, from 1 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday, August, 24, 2006, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes (corner St-Jude N.), Granby, QC. Tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1 888 730-6666; Fax.: (450) 777-4393 www.famillebessette.com followed by the interment at the Mgr Pelletier cemetery in Granby. In her memory, donations to La Fondation CURE or to the Société Alzheimer Granby et Région inc. would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

Graveside Service

LANGWORTH, Donald Harry - Interment of Ashes and Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, August 26, 1:30 p.m., at Eaton Cemetery. Rev. Barbara Willard officiating.

RATES and DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

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WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold Blood Pressure Clinic on Tuesday, August 22 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale S., Waterville from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 256 Queen Street, invites you to the annual corn boil and ham supper, assorted salads, fruit cocktail, all you can eat, September 2, 2006 4 to 7 p.m. in the Church hall. Reasonable admission charged. For info, Kelvin Ross (819)846-4447.

ACTON VALE

145th year of worship services August 27 at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 705 Boulay, 1/2 km east of the restored train station. Annual Thanksgiving service at 2 P.M. Reception in the rectory garden after the service. All welcome

IVES HILL

Card party, Wednesday, August 23 at 2 p.m. at the Ives Hill Community Hall. Proceeds for the Megantic County Historical Society, mostly to care for orphan cemeteries. Lunch, prizes and drawings.

TRENHOLM

Summer worship service and annual Stewards Barbecue will be held on August 27 at 12:30 p.m. at Trenholm United Church. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend this community event.

MARBLETON

Parish Luncheon at the Community Hall in Marbleton on August 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Menu: tomato juice, a variety of salads, ham, vegetables, beef bourguignon, home made desserts, tea, coffee, juice.

HUNTINGVILLE

Advance notice. September 3, 11 a.m. to

2 p.m., Corn Roast and Barbecue, Bake & Knick-knack Sale at Huntingville Odd Fellow's Hall, 4150 Route 147, Waterville. Sponsored by Union Encampment #3.

DANVILLE

Annual Curling Club meeting will be held on August 28 at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

Advance notice. 500 card party for the Rebekahs of Ayer's Cliff on August 31 at 1:30 p.m. at Bernie Laberee's. Lunch and prizes.

HUNTINGVILLE

There will be a 500 card party at the Odd Fellows Hall at 4150 Route 147, Waterville at 2 p.m. on August 24, 2006. Prizes and lunch. All welcome. Sponsored by Princess Rebekah Lodge #4.

WARDEN

500 card party at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Warden on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

Sunday Brunch at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, September 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu: Bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, jam, fruit cocktail, juice, coffee, tea. All are welcome!

ULVERTON

Ulverton United Community Church invites you to its annual Pork Barbecue at the Ulverton Community Centre, Route 143, Ulverton on Saturday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Admission charged.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Happy 25th Anniversary



Happy 25th Anniversary Mom and Dad,
Peter and Charlotte Griffith

Love from your children, Anne, Erin, Kyle and Amber

The woman needs a leash

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, my wife, "Alicia," had an affair with a prominent citizen in our community. It began when she was asked to co-chair a charitable organization with him. He started driving her back and forth. She would return later and later, and then the two of them would sit in his car outside our house for another half-hour. Two years into the affair, Alicia went away on a "business trip," where she spent a week with him at a vacation resort. She also gave me a venereal disease.

Most people in our community know the two of them had a fling. Early in the affair, we went for counseling, but Alicia repeatedly lied in the sessions. We stayed together, but our marriage has never been the same. I'm still in counseling. She won't go.

This man is now 80 years old. When he dies, Alicia will want to go to his funeral. I am not in favor of this, but I know she won't listen to me. Should I allow her to attend his funeral, and should I go also? — Still Coping Husband

Dear Husband: Allow her to attend? You apparently have no say in the matter. Alicia has been walking all over you for 30 years. Unless she takes responsibility for the damage she's done to your marriage, counseling will only do so much. Since she is going to attend the funeral anyway, we say go with her. The woman needs a leash.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Many of your readers may be concerned about risks to children on the Internet. As more and more children go online, so do child predators. Families should know that children too often make themselves vulnerable targets.

In a national survey of children (8-18) last fall, we found that half of teenagers post personal information about themselves online, one-third talked about meeting someone they knew only online, and one in eight discovered an adult posing as much younger. We recommend positive communication with your child and steps, such as:

Twins, ages 8-12, take fewer risks and should be praised for caution. Teens, 13-18, must be convinced of risks and may need to hear stories of kids manipulated because of their Internet behavior.

Know what your kids do online. Ask them to show you their profiles and what activities are popular on the Web.

Let children know from the start that you will monitor their Web use. Keep computers in public rooms and limit use to when you are present.

Search the Internet for your child's name. Millions of people can see what children post online. Parents should know, too. If children insist on meeting someone known only from the Internet, they should take a parent or

other adult and meet the online friend in a public place.

Listen calmly and try not to react negatively when children are honest about online experiences. They should know they can come to you for help.

For more guidance, and to order our new, free Internet Safety Kit, visit our website (www.pollyklaas.org). Thank you. — Robert De Leo, Executive Director, Polly Klaas Foundation

Dear Robert De Leo: Thank you for providing such sage advice. We hope our readers will consider getting your Internet Safety Kit to learn more.

Dear Annie: This is in regard to "Isolated on the Great Plains," whose parents left her 70 percent of their estate and gave 30 percent to her late brother's children. Now one of her daughters wants her inheritance early. She should give her two daughters the same amount her brother's children received, and then do a Warren Buffett and leave the balance of her estate to charity. An inheritance is not an entitlement — it is a gift. — Thinking Ahead

Dear Thinking: Many readers agree with you, although we would not want the parents to punish one child because the other is greedy. Still, an inheritance is what the parents wish to give, no more, no less.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals B

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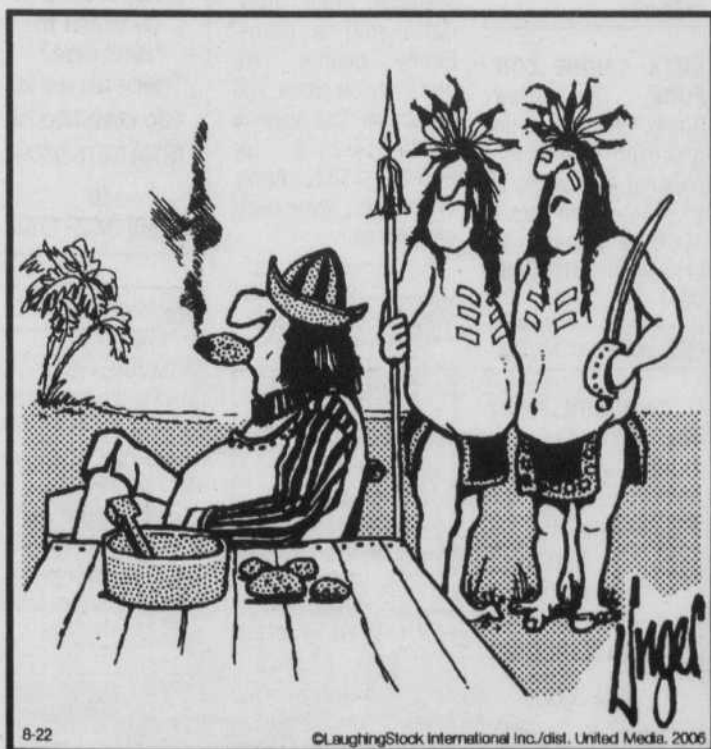
PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "Pittsburgh is such a tough town even the canaries sing bass there." - Sportswriter Arthur "Bugs" Baer

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HERMAN



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Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You usually have too much class to put on airs or affectations — it's not your style. Yet you might do just that in order to impress people you think are hotshots.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This could be an especially good day to fulfill your ambitions, so it would be a shame to waste it on frivolous activities. Ignore temptations to play when you should be tending to bigger things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your indifference or inconsistency with a project that also involves others could bring the entire endeavor to a halt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You might feel especially good, which may put you in high spirits for doing something fun. This is fine, provided you don't do so in lieu of your chores or projects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There is nothing wrong with your judgment, and you can assess difficult situations rapidly and accurately. Yet when it comes to taking action, you might completely collapse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is one of those days where the spirit might be willing, but the flesh is apt to be too weak to do anything. Consequently, tasks you fully intended to accomplish may

never get done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's best not to depend too heavily on others to come through, especially in social matters. People who made promises are likely to let you down just when you need them most.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Because you might start several projects simultaneously, it won't take long to find yourself in disarray and confusion. Take control of your life by doing and completing one thing at a time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be mindful of your social graces when lunching with friends or engaging in some kind of activity with them. Keep your thumb out of the soup and don't tell any off-colored stories.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There is nothing wrong with your financial prospects, only the way you go about handling them. If you don't do your part to tend to the crop, you won't reap the promised harvest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Much can be accomplished, provided you don't wait on others to make things happen for you. Set your sights on high goals and do everything within your power to bring them into being.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This might not be one of the better days for handling your share of the family finances. Small, cute things that catch your eye — stuff you just have to have — could throw you off budget.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006

North				08-22-06
♠ J 9				
♥ 8 5 4				
♦ A 6 5 3 2				
♣ 9 7 4				
West		East		
♠ A Q 8 5 4		♠ 7 6 2		
♥ 9 7 6		♥ Q J 10		
♦ Q 8		♦ J 10 7		
♣ 8 3 2		♣ Q J 10 5		
South				
♠ K 10 3				
♥ A K 3 2				
♦ K 9 4				
♣ A K 6				
Dealer: South				
Vulnerable: Both				
South	West	North	East	
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass	
Opening lead: ♠ 5				

It takes two to twist

By Phillip Alder

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote, "It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts."

The twist is a dance, and we know that sometimes at the bridge table it takes two to twist the declarer to defeat — as in this deal. How must the defenders combine to beat three no-trump after West leads a fourth-highest spade five and declarer takes the trick on the board?

Clearly, South will try to establish his diamond suit, hoping to find a 3-2 split of the missing cards. But because he will want to concede a diamond trick early, he needs to lose it to West, not to East. If East gets on play, he will lead a spade straight through South's king into the jaws of West's ace-queen.

When declarer calls for a low diamond from the board, if East plays the seven, South will cover with his nine and romp home. So, East must contribute the 10 or jack. (I think the jack is better. When second hand plays high, he puts up the card he would have led from that holding.) This will force South to win with his king. (Ducking in the hope that West has the singleton queen is against the odds.) Now West has to be on his toes, throwing his queen under the king. Then, East will be able to gain the lead for the lethal spade return. If West does not unblock his diamond queen, South will continue with a low diamond from his hand at trick three, and when West plays his queen, that card will be permitted to take the trick. Dummy's diamonds will be established without East's getting on lead.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Establish
- 6 Mother-of-pearl
- 11 X rating?
- 14 Maine college town
- 15 Canary's greeting
- 16 Actress Lupino
- 17 Puzzle editor's brief films?
- 19 1501
- 20 Tranquilize
- 21 Flowers to wear
- 22 Vast landmass
- 23 Sure thing
- 25 Made fast
- 27 Time between
- 31 Extinct bird
- 32 — Paulo

- 33 Part of WASP
- 35 Dalai Lama's land
- 38 Well, — that special?
- 40 Resided
- 42 Grow weary
- 43 More like a wallflower
- 45 Make sure of
- 47 GPS heading
- 48 Slender
- 50 Emphasizes
- 52 Gossip rag
- 55 Part of pants
- 56 Nothing but
- 57 Lobster eggs
- 59 Fistfights
- 63 Links grp.
- 64 Heavyweight champ's abodes?

- 13 Water nymph
- 18 Spotted wildcat
- 22 Financial review
- 24 Cabs
- 26 Portable bed
- 27 Wife/sister of Osiris
- 28 "Bed Riddance" author
- 29 British PM's stridency?
- 30 Adores
- 34 Small salamanders
- 36 Sea eagle
- 37 Golf gadgets
- 39 Actor Savalas
- 41 Coercion

- 44 Spanish river
- 46 Georgia fruit
- 49 Desert deception
- 51 Endeavored
- 52 Drunkard
- 53 Furious
- 54 Lessing or Day
- 58 Perry's penner
- 60 Grace's last word
- 61 — Oreille Lake
- 62 Mach+ breakers
- 64 Sci. class
- 65 To date

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Sty matriarchs
- 2 HOMES part
- 3 Tattled
- 4 Open ties
- 5 Wall hangings
- 6 Final degree
- 7 Truant from the troops
- 8 Daughter of Ops
- 9 Got back to even
- 10 UFO pilots
- 11 "Dead Man Walking" director's birds?
- 12 Vedder of Pearl Jam

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Kinnear's Mills**Audrey Allan****418-424-3252**

Judy Melanson of Bathurst, NB, spent a week at the Nugent Farm, after spending a few days in Pointe Claire with Donald and Marlene Nugent. They were supper guests of Pamela and Kevin to celebrate Father's Day.

Fred and Barrie McElravy of Martinville, were dinner guests of Eric and Helen MacRae.

June Morrison and Verlie Morrison were also callers at the MacRae Home, and were guests of Ulric and Pauline Nutbrown.

Visitors at the home of Eric Allan have been his family. Tammy, Mark and children: Jackie, Shane and girls all from the Ottawa area.

Kenneth and Linda Allan, Meghan, Tracey and Kurtis of Napanee, Ontario spent their vacation at Blinkbonnie with the Allan Family. Meghan returned earlier to "Camp Quin-Mo-Lac" at Tweed, Ontario, where she has summer employment.

Kenneth, Linda and Tracey spent time with Phyllis Allan at Birchton, and called on other friends while in the area.

Erma Perry of Cabot, Vt., spent several days with the Lawrence Allan family.

Evening callers were Robert and Huguette Blais Oliva and Lois Paradis, with their house guest Urban Cryan of Wolfville, NS.

Don and Linda Rothney of Cookshire, Phyllis Allan, Lynn, Jean and Alyssa Rothney of Birchton, joined the Allan Family at St. Hubert Thetford Mines and enjoyed a meal together. Later they came to the farm and all helped Meghan celebrate her 20th birthday.

Overnight guests of the Nugents were Lisa Jane and John Foss, with their children Patrick and Suzanne, of Edmonton, Alberta.

Lisa Jane's parents, Marguerite and Gene Watson of Red Deer, visited here in 1985. They are descendants of Michael Donovan and Mary Ann Nugent who once farmed in Leeds, before moving to South Dakota in 1879 and then to Bluffton, Alberta in 1906.

Hélène Doré, who works for MCDC, was accompanied by Sarah Aubuchon and Félix of Monchatel; and area Seniors to enjoy the MCDC Day Trip to Stratford where they visited the Museum and enjoyed a boat ride.

Félix Aubuchon-Ratté has spent sometime with his grandparents, Hélène and Dale Nugeht, over the summer months.

Maggy Roy and Carl Grant and baby Zack, of Ste. Sylvestre have also been visitors.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Wednesday, October 31, all the spooks and goblins of the year united at the school. Over a hundred children paraded around the gymnasium while the judges tried to decide who should have the prizes for being well costumed. Three boxes of candy were awarded to the best ones. After the Grand March, games were supervised by some of the grade ten and eleven pupils, each having their own group of children. Later, some very interesting pictures were shown to a most satisfied group. After this, the older pupils served lunch and then candies, that proved to be more popular when thrown about for the children to gather up. Just then, an older group of children arrived to have their fun and the younger ones left for home. The second party enjoyed themselves just as much, if not more than the first ones did. They too, were awarded prizes.

BUNKO PARTY

Since money had to be raised in each class that year to pay the Student's Council who would put pictures for the corridor, A Bunko Party was held on November 24th to raise money for grade 11. Miss Lods and Mr. Bailly attended to chaperone. An engraved cup was promised to the winner, she was presented with a tin measuring cup engraved with measurements and mounted on a wooden base. Later, the name of the winner was put on the front of the cup and it was placed in the display cabinet for trophies. After the presentation of the cup, dancing occupied the rest of the evening with refreshments that followed later. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 15, a school concert was held in the auditorium of the school. Grades one to eleven took part in the programme which lasted for at least two hours. It included choral verses, square dancing, gymnastics, singing and short plays. Malcolm Mills, the president of the Student's Council, announced each item. At the end of the programme, prizes, donated by the Home and School Association and the Canadian John's Manville Co. Ltd., were given to those who had showed special effort in school the previous year. Mr. E. Perkins and Mr. J.E. Morrison, representatives of the separate donors, gave out the prizes. Also, medals were presented by Canadian Johns Manville Co. Ltd., to those pupils in grades ten and eleven who were the highest aggregates and the best science students. It was a most enjoyable evening.

CHRISTMAS DAY

On December 21, a dance was held in the school gymnasium, sponsored by grade eight, for grades seven to eleven. When the people arrived around 8:00 p.m., the dancing started almost immediately, beginning with ordinary dances. Then there were square dances and rabbit dances. Next on the programme were three different dances for which prizes were awarded. Malcolm Mills and Zilda Perkins won the Spot Dance. Next came the toothpick dance which Ronald Evans and Dorothy Paige won. The last prize went to Delbert Findlay and Phyllis Andrews for the balloon dance. Refreshments were sold at the school cafeteria by Sue Webb, Phyllis Andrews and Joan Laxson. Miss Lods and Mr. Bailly chaperoned.

SLEIGH RIDE

In 1952, the school sponsored a sleigh ride for the pupils of grade seven to eleven on the night of January nineteenth. Everyone, always enjoyed a sleigh ride, so in order to prepare for the crowd, three teams were hired. They were those of Mr. Charles Horan, Mr. Roy Carson and Mr. Milton Baker, all of Danville. Almost everyone had the experience of having to catch up to the fast moving sleighs after being pushed off.

Nostalgia

Once in a while a snowball would be sent whirling through the air from one sleigh to another. Upon arrival at the school, a delightful and much appreciated lunch was served, after lunch and later, dancing, everyone left for home, tired but very happy.

**OPERETTA**

After two long years of hard work on the operetta "Bon Voyage", the date was finally set for the opening on Friday, April 4th. As April came nearer, Mr. Rothney and Miss Lods spent all their spare time directing the amateurs. Because of these two people, together with Miss Brown, who was in charge of costumes and Mrs. McCoy who helped out by stepping in at the last minute to play piano, the opera was a big success.

The opening of the first curtain presented a scene at the dock in Boston where the singing chorus sang the title song, "Bon Voyage" and the dancing chorus entered to do a specialty dance. Then the two male leads, Ronald Evans and Charles Webb, appeared. They were on their way to Europe on a tour. Relatives of theirs, Pat Tector and Barbara Jean Barlow, were there to say good-bye. To close this scene, the singing and dance choruses put on the same entertainment as before.

The two male leads appeared again in the second act which introduced the female lead, Mary de Fée who later became the fiancé of Ronald Evans. The "other man" played by Wendell Livingstone, and the owner of the dress shop, played by Doug King, also appeared in the scene. The last act presented many more talented young people which seemed to put the finishing touches on the whole evening. These people were Marion Gifford, Zilda Perkins, Kathleen MacDonald, Elva Horan, Marina Sells, John Lindell and the bull, played by Malcolm Mills and Arlen Mastine. The operetta proved to be a wonderful entertainment which the audience greatly enjoyed.

Marlene Brown