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Beaches, Little Black River, Manigotagan and Bissett

## RM Water Treatment Plant: Joining Not Compulsory



George Harbottle speaks at the public hearing.

### Public hearing reveals misunderstanding

By Charles Norman

After a public information meeting in Great Falls last Tuesday, in which the scope and costs of a proposed Water treatment plant for the RM of Alexander was made available to RM residents, a follow-up public hearing was held yesterday, February 19, so that the RM Council could listen to comments from those in the municipality that would be affected.

RM Reeve George

Harbottle opened the meeting and introduced RM consulting engineer O'Driscoll who told the meeting that the provincial government has been introducing more and more stringent province-wide drinking water safety standards - the most recent being last year. He said the RM, the provincial Water Services Board and the RM's consultants had been working on the project for nearly ten years, and that the proposed plant, which would be

located on the Bouvier Trail at Highway 11, would meet the latest standards.

Ivan Lavoie and three other speakers were concerned with the cost and wanted to look at other options.

John Dube asked why Powerview/Pine Falls were not included. George Harbottle replied that the town had not decided what they were going to do. Paul

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## Winterfest Four days of fun for the whole family

February 21-24, 2008

By Charles Norman

The forecast calls for four days of sun for next weekend's Winterfest - and getting warmer all the time. From a low of -37 on Tuesday night there is not much the weather can do but improve. The forecast calls for a balmy high of -10 on Saturday so it really should be a weekend of fun for the whole family.

Running for the whole weekend will be a snow sculpture competition with judging on Sunday February 24. In front yards everywhere. No entry fee.

On Thursday, February 21, with the temperature still fairly low, High -17, low -29, all events are indoors. Kids swim night from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. at the Papertown, parents free. Fun, hot dogs and drinks.

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# Letters to the Editor

## David Suzuki, A Revered Canadian Icon!

(Well I think so, anyway)

At the risk of getting into a debate that I do not have the time to follow up on, nor the platform of a weekly rag at my disposal, I take offense at Charles Norman's comparison of David Suzuki to genocidal fanatics and despotic rulers. I think it is imminently clear that the pollution being spewed by all of us, but particularly the industrial world, is having a profoundly negative effect on the environment that we all live and work in. The premise that jailing polluters compares to the deaths in the gas chambers of the Nazi's, or the Spanish Inquisition's burnings at the stake is blatantly unfounded. The laws that society passes in a freely

democratic country reflect the values of the people. When the people decide that enough is enough with regard to the poisoning of our air and water and they decide to pass laws to jail the major polluters, and those letting them do it, then maybe we will be on the right track! David Suzuki is merely pointing out the problems caused by our greed to "have our cake and eat it to". The "environmental movement" is an anti-capitalist force? Maybe it is simply what it appears to be, a disjointed group trying to clean up the mess we now live in. If it appears to be an attack on capitalism, then maybe there is some rationalization that would point a

person in that direction. The sole purpose of a company with shareholders is to increase the value of the stocks for those shareholders. That is actually mandated in our legal system! "The company" does not exist for the benefit of the workers, or of the community it operates in. Hence the renewed locally directed effort of "environmentalists" (of which I am not aware of anyway) towards local industry. Does

it not make sense that a company that is predominantly owned by local people would be more likely to take into consideration the local economy and local environment? We all know that decisions made in a board room thousands of miles away is looking only at the effect on shareholders value. Again, that is their legal obligation.

I have decided to wade in on this issue as I feel that David Suzuki is an hon-

ourable man who has the best interests of us, our children and our children's children... at heart. I also think that Charles is merely trying to fill up the paper with whatever topic he feels will bring more precious copy for the Echo to print. There you have it, print this if you can find space for it. (Maybe I am merely doing what you hope for Charles, free words to put in the paper?)

Jon Phillips



Comparisons of David Suzuki to infamous despots were unwarranted, says Echo reader.

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## Decision as Early as Next Tues.



A decent crowd turned out for the hearing on Tuesday.

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 Lamoureux asked for time to review the project. "There is a possibility that we could have other options including Lac du Bonnet and Sagkeeng." He said.

Stuart Jansen said he was in favour of some sort of system, but that there had been a lack of communication. He asked if there is a plan for installing fire hydrants in medium density areas, and said he would like to see the route in the Mud Falls area. He said he would like to see a stand pipe made available but did not think it right to pay 50 cents a gallon as is charged by Lac du Bonnet.

Another speaker said the river is getting more and more polluted, but questioned whether we could afford the proposed solution.

To Robert Dufour, the price was too high. He is faced with either joining the RM system or installing his own to service his trailer court just north of the Pine Falls Generating Station. Both would cost in the order

of \$225,000. He said he could not recover that from the rental of lots in the trailer court and would have to shut it down. He asked for sufficient notice so that he could have his lawyers notify his tenants that they would have to leave.

The next speaker told the council that there was not enough information and he would have to be against the project until there is more clarification.

In wrapping up the hearing George Harbottle said the council would analyze the comments and would make a decision at a regular council meeting, probably next Tuesday.

After the formal hearing, the meeting developed into a freewheeling question and answer session. It became apparent that many people present believed that joining the system would be compulsory. It was pointed out that the cost of \$4,850 was the cost of joining when it is originally set up. While St George and Great Falls would have to join, (Great Falls is on a boil water advisory), no one else would be forced to do so. If the RM

does not get the full \$3,000,000 they need, they will borrow the shortfall. Anyone joining subsequent to the initial start up would have to pay a higher price to cover the cost of borrowing. The \$4,850 is based on 618 connections raising \$3 million. The RM's consultants say that it would be normal to expect this many connections over a period of twenty years for a project of this type.

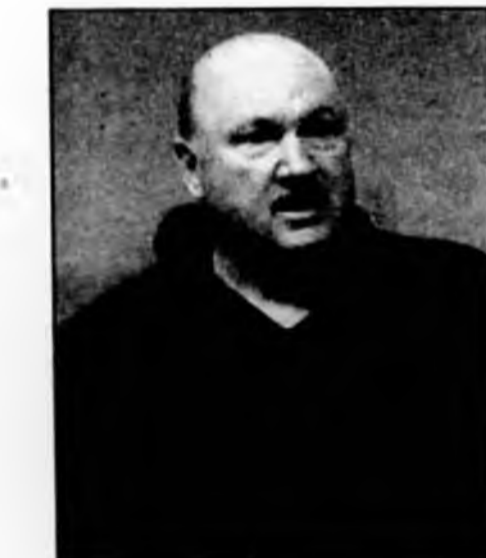
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# Comment



## Public Opinion Polls Okay, so maybe our opinions do count, but what the heck do we know?

By Charles Norman

Last week, I think it was early Thursday evening, I got a phone call from someone in Ontario asking me to take part in a survey. I had nothing else to do so I said OK.

I thought, briefly, that this would not be a very representative survey, because the only people who would take part would be those who had nothing better to do.

The first question was about immigration. Did I think there were too many or too few or just the right amount of immigrants. Since I am an immigrant myself I have very strong views on the subject. I firmly believe that until I got here there were not enough, and after I got here there were too many. So I told the interviewer that there were two many immigrants getting into the country. It was a joke, but she did not know that. It went into the survey that this old man thought there were too many immigrants.

The next question was "Did I think that immigration increased, decreased, or made no difference to the possibility of terrorist action. I had never thought about this before, but my first thought on the issue, right then, was that the terrorists who blew themselves up on the London underground were immigrants, so I said it increased the likelihood of terrorist action. It was not until much later, the next day in fact, that I remembered the IRA and, reaching further back, but closer to home, the FLQ, who were most definitely not immigrants. I also started to wonder what conclusions were likely to be drawn from this survey. Would I be lumped in with all the anti-immigration bigots?

There was another question about the federal government's Crime Bill, now going through the Senate. I was asked if I had heard about it, I said yes. In detail, or just casually, I was asked.

I thought of Vic Toews articles on the issue appearing in The Echo almost every week. "In detail" I said. Wrong! When she started asking me questions about the bill I realized that I knew nothing about it at all.

For about twenty minutes I answered questions, yes or no, more or less, on a scale of one to five etc, almost all of them on subjects that I knew little about, and some that I had never even thought of before. All this data, along with the data from a thousand or so other people no more knowledgeable than myself would be collated and published as being representative of the opinion of the Canadian people. Businessmen and politicians would act on this information as if it was real. The press would report it and pundits would warn politicians to ignore it at their peril.

We can't stop people taking polls, nor should we want to. But we should, all of us, realize that they don't mean very much.

## Health delivery system review The Echo needs the help of our readers

By Charles Norman

Last week the Manitoba Regional Health External Review Committee published its findings. In essence it found the need for improvement in some areas, but did not recommend any fundamental changes to the Regional Health Authority system. In fact the report states that the system is an improvement on what had prevailed before it was introduced.

Almost everyone we talk to agrees that delivery of health service in the Pine Falls area has dramatically worsened since we lost local control of the hospital and associated health services, including the physicians clinic. It is difficult to see how NEHA has been of any benefit to us in this region.

The report is 127 pages long and there has not been time for The Echo to make a thorough review of the Review. It is not a quick read. There are too many comments like - "If there is a problem with volunteerism, it is with the aging demographic cohort associated with it, not regionalization."

The review committee obtained input from a wide

variety of stakeholders in the health delivery system, but does not seem to have paid very much attention to the users of health services - especially from the chronically ill who suffer most from the inadequacies of the system.

We would like to put that right. We need to hear from local people who find themselves in need of health care, and also from local people who provide that care. The Report is published online at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/rha/docs/report0208.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/rha/docs/report0208.pdf) or search for rha review in "Pages from Canada". Please read it, make written comments on it, and email them to us: [theecho@mts.net](mailto:theecho@mts.net). We would like your names, but will not publish them if we are asked not to. Tell us what's wrong. And how you think it could be improved. We will publish your comments in this newspaper over the next three or four or three weeks.

When we have completed our local review of the Report we will send your comments to the Minister of Health and to NEHA, and ask for their comments. Who knows? Maybe they will listen.



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## Lower Debt, Lower Taxes

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced recently that the 2008 Budget will be presented on February 26. I am confident that it will build on the strong Conservative budgets of 2006 and 2007.

Those budgets made smart strategic investments in areas like infrastructure, support for parents with children, aid to farmers and programs for seniors. At the same time, they laid a strong economic foundation going forward. Specifically, our Conservative government has focused clearly on paying down our national debt, and giving tax relief to each and every Canadian.

At its very core, sound fiscal management means living within your means. Every Canadian family makes daily financial decisions based on paying down or staying out of debt, while keeping enough cash available to pay for necessities. Government faces the same challenge. Conservatives don't believe that passing down a massive federal debt to future generations is responsible, any more than it would be for a family to pass down a pile of unpaid credit card bills to their children.

That's why, by March 31 of this year, the Conservative government will already have paid off more than \$37 billion of federal government debt. As a result, Canada's debt burden is at its lowest level since the 1970s.

Thanks to strong Conservative leadership, we've been able to make these debt payments while giving families the tax relief they need and deserve: tax cuts that reward hard work, tax cuts that strengthen our economy, tax cuts that give people more choices in their lives.

Tax Freedom Day - the symbolic day each year when people have worked enough days to pay all of their taxes to various levels of governments - now comes earlier.

Real disposable income - the after-inflation, after-tax income - of real families is on the rise. And the Conservative Government has cut the GST from 7% to 6% and, now, to 5%. All told, the Government's tax relief package will bring the total tax burden of Canadians to the lowest level in nearly 50 years.

Our strong leadership and clear priorities stand in stark contrast to the weak leadership and lack of priorities of the Stéphane Dion Liberals. Remember: Stéphane Dion first ran for office for a Liberal Party that promised to abolish the GST. He was part of a government that abandoned that promise.

Since becoming Liberal leader, Dion has crisscrossed the country making spending promises to anyone who will listen. To pay for his lack of priorities, Stéphane Dion is planning to both raise the GST and take away benefits like the \$1,200 per year Universal Child Care Benefit.

I have almost no doubt that the Liberals' reckless spending would push the country back into deficit, add to the federal debt and put upward pressure on interest rates. In the next election, Canadians will have a clear choice. They can choose the lack of priorities, reckless spending and higher taxes of the Stéphane Dion Liberals, or they can continue to move forward with lower taxes, balanced budgets and lower debt thanks to the strong leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservative Government.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss. You may contact me toll free at 1-866-333-1933 or at 204-326-9889 or in Lac du Bonnet at 204-345-9762. You may write me at 203-323 Main Street, Steinbach, MB R5G 1Z2, by fax at 204-346-9874 or by e-mail at [toewsv1@mts.net](mailto:toewsv1@mts.net).

## Province Launches Initiative for Aboriginal Entrepreneurs

New Initiative Encourages Young, Rural, Northern Aboriginal Entrepreneurs To Capture New Business Opportunities

A new program to help young, rural and northern Aboriginal entrepreneurs develop business opportunities was launched by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) Minister Rosann Wowchuk at the first annual general meeting of the Indian Agriculture Council of Manitoba.

"Many young Aboriginal people in rural and northern communities would like to start their own business. They have the creativity and initiative to develop a business opportunity but need the planning and business-management skills necessary to launch an enterprise," said Wowchuk. "This initiative will help them identify business possibilities and develop the skills and resources necessary to bring these ideas to reality."

The minister noted this program reflects the direction of MAFRI's Creating Opportunities initiatives that focus on creating new or value-added business opportunities. It is designed to engage Aboriginal youth, benefit product development and job creation, and enhance revitalization in rural and northern communities. This young Aboriginal initiative is designed to complement Aboriginal business startup programs available through other agencies by supporting program participants once they have completed the training provided.

The Young Rural Aboriginal Entrepreneur Initiative will help cover the costs associated with a business startup for Aboriginal people under the age of 40 living in rural and northern communities. It will also assist community

organizations in covering the costs of educational activities and resource materials aimed at young, rural and northern Aboriginal people. Over the next three years it is expected that approximately 300 people will participate in the program.

"Many young Aboriginal people have ideas and experience in a variety of activities that could translate into business opportunities such as providing services for tourists, producing non-timber forest products like medicinal herbs and unique naturally-occurring food products, and manufacturing products from local raw materials," said the minister. "It is our intent to help young Aboriginal people gain the skills and access the resources to participate and profit from their business ideas."

## Gerrard gives RHA Review Failing Grade

Maintains the status quo of a Tory designed and NDP run system rather than what is needed: Gerrard

Submitted by the Liberal Party of Manitoba

Manitoba Liberal Leader Dr. Jon Gerrard called the long awaited RHA Review Report a major disappointment and stressed the need for critical changes to ensure optimal results from the public health care system.

"This report recommends maintaining the status quo and the status quo is not good enough," Dr. Gerrard said. "In order to save, preserve and enhance our public health care system we need to make major changes to get it working properly rather than just maintaining the status quo."

While the Review talks about accountability, it fails to recommend making the fundamental change needed to achieve accountability - moving from global budgets to budgets based on services delivered.

"Very little in this report acknowledges the fundamental change that is needed to move from a Tory/NDP RHA system based on long wait

times to what is needed - a system where Manitobans can get the care they need when they need it," Dr. Gerrard said.

Furthermore the report fails to:

Recognize the fundamental importance of putting patients and their primary care givers first. The report continues the present bureaucracy centred system, rather than a patient centred system.

Recognize the importance of having specialist services organized on a provincial basis, resulting in a continued fragmented care approach to specialist care.

Discuss and implement a province-wide process for reporting and investigating medical errors and ensuring changes are made to processes to prevent future medical errors.

Adequately address and plan for wellness prevention initiatives - and to have provincial leadership in an effective way rather than a fragmented approach which varies from one RHA to another.

Emphasize the importance of putting Jordan's principle - the child or the patient comes first, and implementing change to ensure this.

"Sadly I expect there will be continued suboptimal health care services for aboriginal people in Manitoba," Dr. Gerrard said.

Manitoba Liberals submitted a 32 page written document to the RHA Review Committee outlining seven key problem areas in the RHA system and providing solutions to fixing the health care problem in Manitoba. The entire document is available on the Manitoba Liberal website at <http://mlp.manitobaliberals.ca/>

"Unfortunately this report provides nothing for Manitobans in way of overhauling the ailing health care system," Dr. Gerrard said. "Manitoba Liberals are extremely disappointed and will continue to hold the government accountable on health care issues in the province."

# News

## There's Fun For Everyone at Winterfest!

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At 4:00 pm there will be a meat draw at the Rusty Nail, and later, at 8:30, Karaoke.

And on Muck Hill, the beginning of two days of snowboarding fun competi-

tion, with lots of prizes for just about anything. 11:00 am to dark, Saturday and Sunday.

And on Sunday, if the weather holds out, it should be a perfect day for the fami-

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(accompanied by parents) have been organized. Start at the Pine Falls Hospital entrance at 2:00 pm. There will be a bonfire at 4:00 pm

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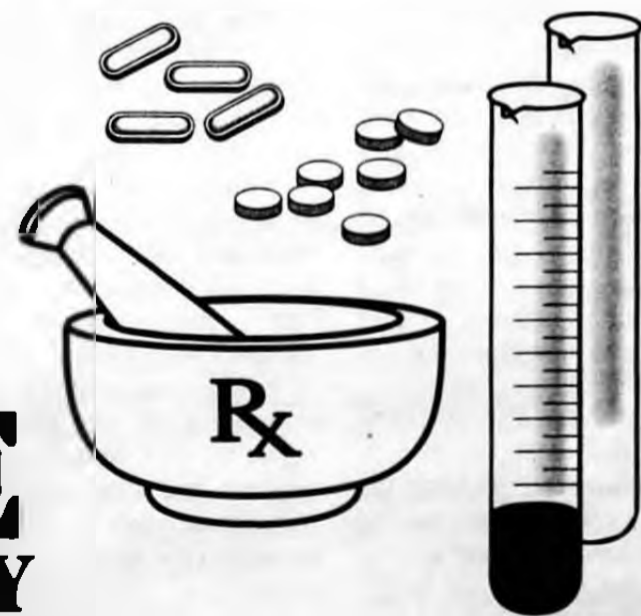
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# Powerview RCMP Press Report

News February 11 to February 17, 2008

2008/02/11

**MANIGOTAGAN** - an incident of assault with a weapon was reported to police. A female called police once the male had left the residence after a verbal argument escalated to assault. Further investigation found a reciprocal assault occurred and the couple have both been charged with a pending court date and no contact orders.

- An incident of threats being uttered is still under investigation by police.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - police were called to intervene in a custody issue however the matter was referred to legal counsel to arrange proper visitation for the children involved.

2008/02/12  
**HOLLOW WATER** - investigation continues into an assault and sexual assault of a youth.

**PINE FALLS** - police located a missing female who left hospital while still receiving treatment. The woman was found at home safe and sound and the hospital notified.

2008/02/13  
**HOLLOW WATER** - a female assaulted by her spouse received several blows to the head and facial area. Police continue to investigate the incident.

2008/02/14  
**MANIGOTAGAN** - police attempted to locate an intoxicated male causing a disturbance at a residence of an ex-

spouse. The male known to police finally left the residence and returned to a relative's. The female complainant then became uncooperative with police and did not wish to pursue any charges in the matter.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - a Samsung A640 red Cell phone was stolen from a locker room at the Sagkeeng Arena. The phone is valued at approximately \$300.00.

2008/02/15  
**RM ALEXANDER** - investigation continues into an incident at a residence where a fight broke out and a male was in possession of a knife.

**ENGLISH BROOK** - RCMP emergency response crews were called out when an emotionally disturbed male was refusing treatment and was in possible possession of firearms. The situation was stabilized by police, the man located and treated at local hospital then further transported to Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg.

**POWERVIEW** - police attended with emergency response crew to a vehicle fire.

2008/02/16  
**POWERVIEW** - culprits attempted to steal a snowmobile but were interrupted in a back lane and the unit recovered. A stolen Honda ATV was recovered in the same area at the same time.

- A warrant was issued for a

male after he breached court conditions of absolute curfew. Police attended his residence several times but the man was not in the home or abiding his curfew.

**PINE FALLS** - an incident of shoplifting was caught on video and reported to police.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - police continue to try and locate a female with several outstanding warrants. A tip

led police to one residence however the woman had fled prior to police arrival.

2008/02/17  
**RM ALEXANDER** - police were dispatched to a local business where a fight was in progress but arrived to find no persons in the vicinity.

- A complaint of a couple in a physical fight on the highway was made. Again police attended but no one was located matching the descrip-

tion provided and no persons or vehicle in the area.

- An emotionally disturbed female was stabilized at a residence prior to police arrival. The woman was intoxicated at the time.

Remember: if you have any information on any criminal matter you can remain anonymous and contact crime stoppers at 1-800-782-8477 or the Powerview RCMP at 367-8728.

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# Sports...

## Pine Falls Men's Bonspiel



A side winners: Tim Seguin rink

Submitted by Tim Seguin  
On Feb. 2, 3, and 4th, the Pine Falls Curling Club hosted its annual Men's Bonspiel. 25 teams entered this years event, which began Friday evening. On Saturday evening, the curlers were treated to an

incredible meal catered by Renata Johnson. After the meal, participants were entertained by a stand up comedy routine performed by ex Pine Falls resident Mark Pederson. As a warm-up to Mark's performance, bonspiel organizer Bill Lavallee had the crowd

rolling on the floor with some hilarious joke telling. There might be a new career for you Bill!

Once again Karl "The Iceman" Hutchison had the surface in excellent condition. A big thanks to Karl and his helpers for a job well done. Another big hand is in order to the Pine Falls ladies teams who worked extremely hard to keep the bar area clean and running smoothly. Thanks ladies!

The A side winners in this years Bonspiel were Tim Seguin skip, Jamie McMullen third, Roy McMullen second, and Dave Frederick lead. They defeated the Cinq-Mars team from Lac Du Bonnet in an extra end to claim the top prize of a "Fly Out" fishing trip donated by Ed Gaffray of Blue Water Aviation. Thanks Ed!!

The B event winners were Steve Kulyk skip, Vince Rodych third, Laurent Raymond second, and Ryan Cyr lead. They defeated the Butch Trethart team in the final.

The Pine Falls Curling Club and all the participants would like to extend a huge thank you to Bill Lavallee for another job well done organizing and running this event. Thanks also to all those who donated prizes - your generosity is much appreciated!

The C event was won by the Victoria Beach team of Al Wingate skip, and Joe Smith second. (sincere apologies to the third and lead - we were

unable to get your names prior to press time) who defeated the Butch Trethart team in the final.

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B side winners: Steve Kulyk rink



C side winners: Al Wingate rink

## Recreation Re-Boot!

**Pineview Recreation Commission**  
Box 281 Powerview, MB. R0E 1P0 - 3 Walnut Street, Pine Falls Ph: 204-367-9142 Fax: 204-367-8605 E-Mail: prarec2003@yahoo.ca

### Free to Seniors

Learn more about new exercises you can do at home or in groups. Prevent strain, disease and increase your ability to perform activities of daily living. Call Natasha at 367-9142 for info.

### Try out the Gym!

There will be a trial of the Rivers North Fitness center (in the Powerview Arena) running every Tuesday in February from 5:15 to 6:15. This will consist of a circuit weight training class with instruction for a cost of \$14 for the remainder of the classes. This class is open to both members and non-members. Call 367-9142 or 756-3868 to register.

### First Aid Training Course

A standard first aid training course will run 8 am to 4 pm on February 16th and 17th in the Pine Falls School. Come out and get your certification! Cost is \$130 and includes training on AED devices. To register call 367-8989 or 367-9142.

### Winterfest

Once again this year we will be holding Winterfest. The festival will run the weekend of February 21-24 and this year we have some new events planned. Music and a Kids swim is on Thursday the 21st, fireworks and a poll tournament is scheduled for the Friday, Saturday has a Ice fishing Derby, snowboarding, a meat draw and karaoke, and Saturday will finish off with more snowboarding, a fabulous family ski event at Duck Lake Ski trails, and judging of the snow sculpture competition. For more info call Natasha at 367-9142 or pick up a brochure at local merchants.

### 55+ Exercise Classes

Get together for walking and full body movement classes with Ginette in the St. Georges Church basement. This class runs every Monday Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 am.

### Broomball

There will be youth broom-ball at the Pine Falls Arena on Fridays from 7:00-8:00pm for anyone aged 10-14. The cost is \$50.00.

### Duck Lake Ski Trails

The ski trails are up and running thanks to Howard

May and his helpers. Trail maps can be found at the entrance by the hospital. Please come out and enjoy one of Pine Falls hidden treasures!!! The night skiing is lots of fun too. Season memberships can be purchased at Celebrations for \$20/single or \$30/family. Anyone having old skis or boots they would like to donate is asked to contact Susan Gould at 367-8088. A family fun day is scheduled for February 24th. We will start at 2:00 at the hospital, and continue with smokies and hot chocolate at the chalet at 4:00. Play the poker run! Each hand can be purchased for \$5 with 100% payout. Register at the Pine Falls Liquor Mart. For more information please contact Howard May @ 367-8846 or Karl Hutchison at 367-4543. Please remember - NO SNOWMOBILES ON THE SKI TRAILS!!! On behalf of the Duck Lake Ski Club, "please do not litter".

### Muck Hill

If anyone hasn't been there yet, the R.M. along with the Muck Hill Association has done some great things at the hill. There is lighting there now to allow for night activities and they have added close to 20 feet to the height of the hill. Bring the family out for an afternoon or evening of activity.

Depending on the number of players, there may be an additional charge later in the year. Mandatory equipment includes helmets (with cages), gloves and shin pads (soccer shin pads will work). Anyone interested in signing up can call the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

There is also broomball for anyone aged 15 and up at the arena on Fridays at 8:00. Come out and join the fun!!!

### Pine Falls Badminton Club

The Pine Falls Badminton Club has started and will be running until Wednesday, April 30th. It will be held in Pine Falls School gym from 7:00-9:30 pm. The club is open to anyone 14 years or age or older. The cost for the season is \$25/single or \$45/couple. For more information, contact Ginette Vincent at 367-9970 or Ruth at the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

### Spring Shape-Up Boot Camp Continues

Natasha Joy will be continuing boot camp until March 15th from 10:00 - 11:00 am. There will be a variety of classes including cardio and muscle condition-

ing - always something different!! The cost is \$6 per class if paid in advance for the remainder of the session, or \$10 drop in. To register, call the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

### Personal Training Available

Personal Training will be available by Appointment Only In the Powerview Arena Fitness Center on Saturdays from 11:30 to 2:30 until March 15th. Natasha Joy was Manitoba's Fitness Leader of the Year in 2006, and has a degree in Kinesiology & Applied Health, as well as numerous certifications and coaching designations. Call for program rates. Hourly only is \$35.

### Rivers North Fitness Co-op

The co-op membership fee is \$100. Fitness club memberships are \$250.00 for members and \$300.00 for non-members. For more info, contact Bev Dube @ 367-8064 or Linda Cyr @ 367-2382.

### Public Libraries

A reminder that internet access is available at the library. For more information please call 367-8983.

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library (367-8443), located in St-Georges School, is open the following hours: Tuesday - 10:30 - 5:00, Wednesday & Thursday - 12:00 - 8:00, Friday - 12:00 - 5:00, Saturday - 10:30 - 4:00. Services offered are public internet access, photo-copy/fax/scan services, material in French & English, DVD's, VHS, 60 magazine titles, Inter-Library Loan (we have a collection of 28,000+ items, however, through Inter-Library Loan we have access to over a million titles) and many more. Membership is free to all ratepayers of the R. M. of Alexander, the Town of Powerview/Pine Falls, and the R. M. of Victoria Beach. We also have a Branch Library located in Walter Whyte School.

### Miscellaneous

If any groups in the area have an event or ongoing program they would like to promote, please contact the Rec. Office at 367-9142 and I will put it in my weekly column.

## Having a baby?

Healthy Baby community programs provide support to pregnant women, new parents and their babies

Having a baby changes your life. New babies can be demanding, especially for new parents. That's why the Healthy Baby community programs were developed. Healthy Baby community programs are friendly, informal programs that provide you with support, information and resources before and after you have your baby.

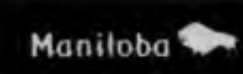
### Drop in to your local Healthy Baby group and you can:

- Ask questions about your pregnancy, your baby's development or parenting support
- Enjoy nutritious snacks, try new recipes and get information about nutrition and health
- Visit with other moms and dads and take part in activities with your baby

### It's what's inside that counts

It's important to eat well to help you and your growing baby when you're pregnant. If you live in Manitoba, and your net family income is less than \$32,000 a year, you can receive a monthly Manitoba Prenatal Benefit cheque during your pregnancy to help you buy the healthy foods you need.

**For more information**  
To learn more about the Healthy Baby program or to find out about locations of Healthy Baby groups, please call:  
945-1301 (in Winnipeg)  
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## WIN A SNOWBOARD & BINDINGS OR HELMET and GOGGLES

The Muck Hill Committee is developing the entire park area at Muck Hill.

The park needs a name.  
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YOU CAN WIN COOL STUFF IF YOUR PARK NAME IS CHOSEN

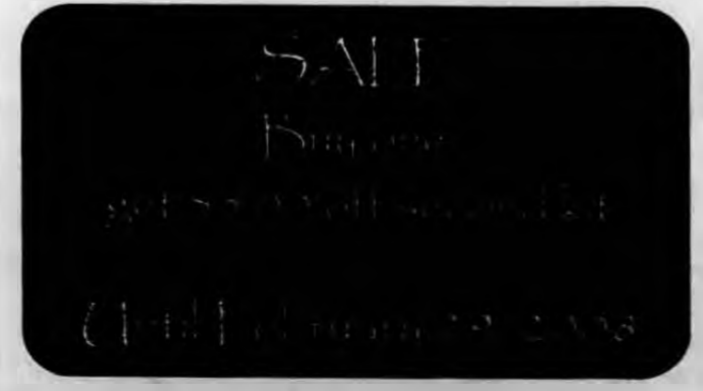
Drop your name ideas off at Library Allard in St-Georges or Powerview School Library for students in Powerview School.

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# Community/Business

## What's your business worth? A Faith Perspective:



Whether business owners are passing the company on to a family-member or selling it to outside interests, they will require a business valuation that establishes a realistic and fair dollar number. This value will be an important focal point of their transition plan. "Valuing a business is not a simple task because the number owners have in mind may not be the value that their family successors, potential buyers or tax assessors would arrive at," says Kris Smith, BDC Vice President and Area Manager, Manitoba. "It's probably best to call in a specialist who can look at assets, liabilities and goodwill with clear-eyed detachment." Smith advises that entrepreneurs should become aware of the different methods that can be used to arrive at their business valuation. Once they have that number, they may be able to find ways to improve the value of their existing business. Here are some methods used to value a business that can be used alone or in combination:

**Asset-based approach:** totals up all investments made in the business to-date. However, this does not account for the depreciation in the value of assets that have declined in value.

**Business comparison:** when a company's market value is examined, it is compared to similar companies in

the field and transactions that have occurred in the recent past.

Company's past earnings: can be used to calculate a price but they are not a guarantee of future growth.

**Doing it yourself**

First, business owners should determine just what it is that will be passed on—or sold—their successor(s).

Does the business have significant physical assets or is the owner selling goodwill and client lists? How valuable is that client list? Can the owner charge a premium for their client list, business name or logo?

If the business has equipment, how much equity does the owner have in it? If the equipment is not leased, a machinery dealer may be asked for an appraisal.

How about receivables? What state are they in? What percent are at 60, 90 or more days?

Once the assets have been added up, any liabilities should be subtracted; these include all outstanding company debts and any lawsuits.

"Some industry groups publish business valuation data based on sales and net cash flow," says Smith. This data can be used to estimate the value of a business. "Research similar firms and see how much they sold for," he adds.

**Getting professional help**

Business valuation requires some leg work and a

lot of research work. If business owners don't have the time, the proper tools and the inclination to do it, they may be better served by a specialist—a business valuator—experienced enough to determine the best method or combination of methods for the task at hand. The present lawyer or accountant may be able to recommend someone but owners may want to ask for references for similar business valuations.

BDC Consulting has the resources to provide entrepreneurs with succession planning and customized management solutions to make their companies more valuable.

**Improving that number**

Once a realistic number has been determined, it's only reasonable to wonder how it can be improved.

Try to find some way to enhance value. One way to do this, is by increasing sales—the "top line"—and reducing expenses, such as owner perks, to improve the "bottom line".

Does the business have any liabilities such as outstanding lawsuits? If so, these should be settled before you begin the transition process.

And if the owner is the business, that is, he/she is closely identified with the company, consider giving more responsibility to employees. They can make the transition to ownership and will thereby render a company more valuable.

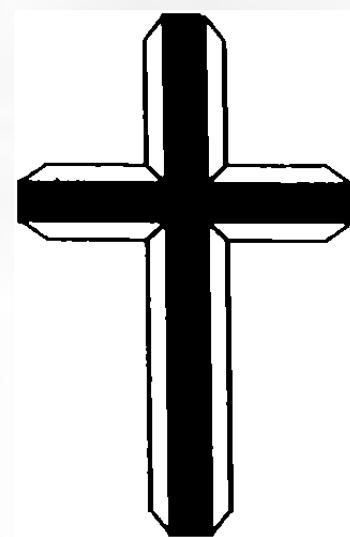
Don't forget, a business may be more valuable in pieces rather than as a whole. A buyer, for instance, may find the real estate more attractive as an asset rather than investing in a potentially risky business.

Finally, Kris Smith points out that there are many ways to estimate and enhance the value of a company prior to business succession. "It pays to do the research and find a qualified business valuator. A professionally derived valuation will contribute to a smooth transition and continued harmony among family members," he concludes.

## God- Inspired Delays

By Pastor Jake Doell

In our "microwave society," any wait longer than 30 seconds is a delay. Many of our gadgets are hi-speed and require little or no waiting time. Yet as life has it there are often some delays. Delays are not always easy to handle and we have a "best before" date on our patience. Often we pray "Lord, I want.....and I want it now." Mrs. Billy Graham shared one time that if God had answered her prayer for a husband upon her first two requests, she would have married the wrong man.



God has three answers to prayer: Yes - No or Wait. Waiting requires patience and patience is in short supply in many of our lives. When God delays His answers to our request we often are tempted to think that He doesn't care. Such was the case with Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha in the Gospel of John chapter 11. They had called for Jesus to come when Lazarus fell sick, but Jesus delayed His coming by two more days. Two days later when Jesus shows up Martha shames Him by saying, "If You had come he would not have died."

Why did Jesus delay His coming? Did He not love Lazarus? You see Jesus could have come on time and healed Lazarus just as He had healed 1000's of others, but He didn't. In the meantime Lazarus dies and now the situation has gone from bad to impossible. Maybe this describes a situation in your life right now, you have waited for God to answer

your prayer and the situation has gone from bad to hopeless. Let me assure you God has not forgotten you. His delay is not because He has forgotten you. Often God's delays are because He has something bigger and better for us than what we had requested. In Lazarus' case Jesus raised Him from the dead. Mary and Martha had their brother back to life again and the whole crowd witnessed a miracle that only God could do.

God's delays in our lives can serve a good purpose if we allow them to. God is interested in developing our patience and our perseverance. I have personally missed out on some of God's miracles for me because I did not exercise patience and "Stick to it ness" But God's delays have also prepared me for grater things than what I asked for in the first place. Do not give up as God places you in a holding pattern. He is at work and when the time is right He will come through.

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Please forward health related questions to: Health Corner, Box 1030, Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre; phone: 343-8647; or Email [corvis@neha.mb.ca](mailto:corvis@neha.mb.ca) For more health information, Please, visit the NEHA website: [www.neha.mb.ca](http://www.neha.mb.ca).

Submitted by: Myriam Duke, RN, BScN, NEHA Primary Health Care Nurse

### Can Diabetes be Reversed?

This is a frequently asked question by people who are diagnosed with diabetes. Unfortunately at this point in time the answer is no. Once a person has been diagnosed with diabetes the person has the disease for his/her life. However, research is being done to try to prevent type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes. Research is also being done to prevent the complications of diabetes.

### What are the Types of Diabetes?

There are several types of diabetes; the most common are type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes. Diabetes is a disease that makes the blood sugar rise. The Beta cells of the pancreas produce insulin. Insulin acts like a key to let the sugar pass from the blood stream to the cells of the body. The cells use this sugar for energy.

Ninety percent of people with diabetes have type 2. Type 2 is a progressive disease in which the Beta cell produce less insulin over time and insulin resistance may be present. Exercise and maintaining a healthy weight may lessen this resistance.

There is no single cause for type 2 diabetes. Some things increase a person's chance of getting type 2 such as: being over 40 years old, having a family member who has diabetes, belonging to a high risk group like being Aboriginal, Hispanic, Asian, South Asian or African. Also women who have had gestational diabetes, or who have had a baby who weighs more than 9 lbs are at an increased chance of getting type 2. Being overweight also puts a person at higher risk.

Exercise and diet are considered treatments for people with type 2 diabetes. People with type 2 diabetes may start on pills; later a combination of pills may be needed. Eventually many people with type 2 diabetes may need insulin injections. This happens because type 2 is a progressive disease, so over time a person may have higher blood sugars and may need more treatment to keep those blood sugars under control. This happens because the Beta cells produce less and less insulin over time. Also the cells of the body resist the insulin more and more.

Approximately 10% of people with diabetes have type 1. Type 1 diabetes may be caused by the body's defense system attacking the Beta cells. The Beta cells are attacked by antibodies and the body loses its ability to

produce insulin and blood sugar rises. It is not a preventable disease and it is not known why this happens. People are usually diagnosed with type 1 diabetes before the age of 30, most often during childhood or in their teens. It is not caused by eating too much sugar. People with type 1 diabetes have to take insulin injections for the rest of their lives.

Gestational diabetes is a temporary condition that affects approximately 3.5% of pregnant women. Gestational diabetes occurs when a woman is pregnant. There is a higher demand on the Beta cells to produce insulin. If the Beta cells can not produce enough insulin the woman's blood sugar rises. The woman than has to be treated for diabetes, however this condition usually will reverse once the baby is born. This does put the woman at higher risk for getting type 2 diabetes later on in life.

There is a condition called prediabetes. This

means that the blood sugars are rising above normal at times but not enough to be diagnosed with diabetes. It is a warning sign that the body is having some difficulty with controlling the blood sugar. At this stage insulin resistance may be present. At this time a person may prevent the progression towards type 2 diabetes. This can be done by lifestyle

changes such as: exercising regularly, eating a healthy balanced diet and maintaining a healthy weight.

### Sources:

1. Canadian Diabetes Association
2. Canadian Diabetes Association 2003 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetes in Canada.



Nous voila déjà arrivé Na la mi-février et avec les froids de ces jours, nous avons besoin de quoi a nous réchauffer! Pour aider a passer le temps nous avons reçu plusieurs ajouts a notre collection française. Entre autre, Thomas, le titre La Dernière Saison écrit par Louise Tremblay-D'Essiambre, réchauffe le cœur et tend une bousole a ceux qui ont perdu l'être cher. Pour ceux qui préfèrent les drames ou les suspenses, L'Ombre du

Soupçon par James Grippando ou Dans les Bois par Harlan Coben nous tient au bout de la chaise jusqu'à la fin du livre! Pour les ados, nous avons la série en complète de Harry Potter et la série de Arthur et les minimoys. Pour en savoir plus, visitez [www.arthuretlesminimoys.com](http://www.arthuretlesminimoys.com). Il y a beaucoup d'autre titres, venez voir! Pour les plus jeunes, il y a toute une sélection de nouveaux titres à explorer...venez découvrir ce que nous avons à la Bibliothèque Allard!

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**Sunrise School Division**

Announcement

## PUBLIC MEETING

Sunrise School Division invites the Public/Municipalities/Parent Advisory Councils to attend:

**Draft Budget Presentation (2008/2009 School Year)**

**WHEN:**  
Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:**

**Sunrise Education Centre**  
(former Beausejour Elementary School)  
Multi-Purpose Room  
in Beausejour, Manitoba

### Bookkeeper / 4+hrs/wk

Wings of Power is seeking an experienced bookkeeper with strong general accounting skills. Duties will include accounts payable and receivable, financial-statement preparation and analysis, bank account reconciliations, balance-sheet accounts, reporting, and payroll. Other duties may include participating in budgeting and forecasting.

**Qualifications:**

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Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume to the attention of:

Michelle Berthelette  
Wings of Power  
Box 66, Pine Falls, MB R0E 1M0  
mb.wingsofpower@mts.net  
Fax: (204) 367-9784

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008

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Beavers are a common sight in the area.

# Cougars, Wolves and Wolverines

A natural history of the East Beaches and Winnipeg River

## The Beaver

By Charles Norman

The United States has the Bald Eagle, England has the lion and Russia has the bear. Canada has a rodent. It's not even the biggest rodent in the world, the Capybara of South America is bigger. Beavers can weigh in at up to 70 lbs, but there was a time when they weighed more than the Russian bear. A fossil of a beaver found on the coast of Nova Scotia, dating back to the last ice age, was ten feet long and probably weighed half a ton. (The beaver - not the fossil)

But the Canadian Beaver has had a bigger impact on history than all the lions, bears and bald eagles put together. It even had a small private war fought over it. The war was fought across Canada, from Ontario to Athabaska between the Hudsons Bay Company and the Northwest Company. 51 Bay employees and settlers died and one Northwest, but the Bay won. The Northwest company was forced to merge with the Bay.

But this is about the natural history of the beaver - not about history.

Not so very long ago the beaver was an endangered animal. Hunted to extinction in Oregon and Washington and becoming rare in other parts of its range, but they have made a remarkable comeback. One of the reasons for its becoming re-established over most of its range is the fact that it can travel up to 150 miles (250 km) to establish its own territory after leaving the home lodge.

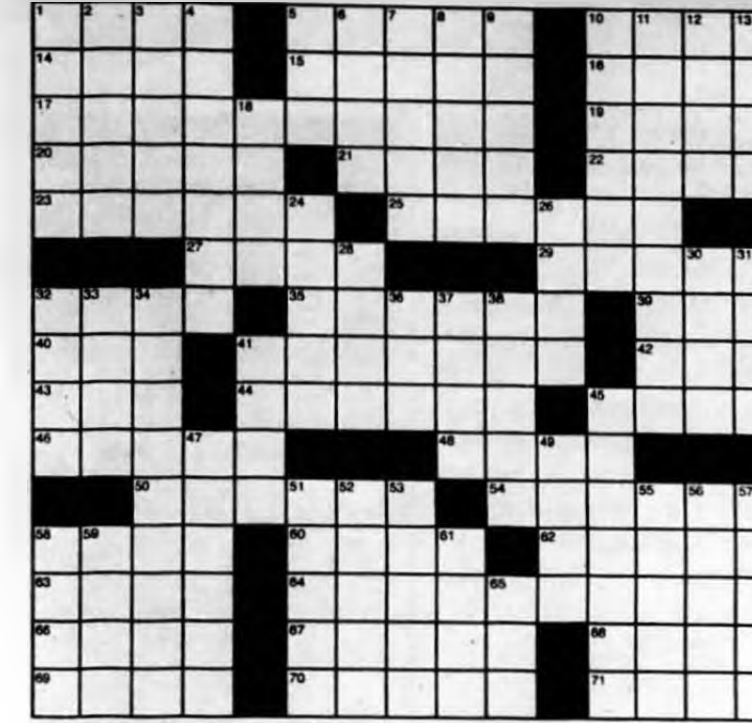
The beaver is renowned for its hard work. It builds dams in small creeks and streams to flood an area so that the entrance to its lodge can be underwater and safe from predators. Dams up to ten feet high have been recorded, able to withstand a pressure of about 1,500 lbs per square foot at the base. They are immensely strong and last for years. After a dam is built, the water behind it begins to silt up. After a while it becomes full of reeds, then becomes a swamp, then grass encroaches and the area behind the

dam becomes a "beaver meadow". Then come the trees - in many areas the first is the ash because of its preference for wet soils. As the area dries out other trees become established. Eventually the forest is back to the way it was before, but a little higher behind the dam.

A beaver dam can be quite long. The route of the Trans Canada Trail through the Belair forest includes one that is about 300 feet long and provides a convenient, dry trail through an area that is otherwise quite wet, especially in spring.

Beavers mate for life. Mating occurs in January or February, and a litter of three or four kits is born in May or June. The young, weighing about a pound can see, walk and swim when born, but usually don't leave the lodge until about a month old. The young are quite playful. Alongside the path to Hillside Beach, young beavers can sometimes be seen in the early evening in August or September nuzzling each other and making a happy mewling sound.

# Weekly Crossword



- Across**
- Diamonds
  - Give support.
  - Hieronymus ..., Netherlandish Northern Renaissance painter.
  - List of those present.
  - Greek goddess of seasons.
  - Capital of Western Samoa.
  - Unwillingness to make a decision.
  - Amount paid for a tenant to a landlord for the use of property.
  - Combining form meaning "narrow."
  - Deserve by one's actions.
  - Single things.
  - Johann Gottfried von ... German philosopher and writer.
  - Subject to legal action.
  - Cut and assemble components.
  - Dialect of Ancient Greek spoken in Ionia.
  - Glide indefinitely without loss of altitude.
  - Underground, recorded four studio albums from 1965 to 1970.
  - Mock.
  - Graft a bird's wing with feathers.
  - Arranged in a series.
  - Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet.
  - Hit with a missile from a weapon.
  - Trap in a net.

- Smith, a Scottish political economist.
- Section of a book that projects beyond the other sections at the fore edge.
- American rock band formed by Mark Oliver Everett.
- Camp defended by a circular formation of wagons.
- Marked by smartness in dress and manners.
- Group, especially of politically allied countries.
- Slang for "excellent."
- Tortilla chip topped with cheese and chili pepper and broiled.
- Way of appearing.
- Belonging to a regiment.
- Semicircular projection of a building at the east end of a church with a domed or vaulted room.
- Smell, especially a pleasant one.
- Twist or roll into ringlets.
- Pulsation.
- Aka dassie.
- City in Pennsylvania.

- Down**
- Blaine ..., director of Satan's Paradise.
  - Luis ..., Grammy winner and master of percussion.
  - Relating to a more advanced time of life.
  - One of the suitors of Anne Page in Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.
  - Spirit in Siamese folk religion that causes sickness and evil for humans.
  - Turn off lighting or sound.
  - Usually round vessel, deeper than it is wide.
  - Colorless liquid with a pleasant, characteristic odor.
  - Bristle.
  - Sideways glance.
  - Illegal enterprise carried on for profit.
  - Yuri ..., called the "human beat-box."
  - Smallest coin among the Jewish people.
  - All the parts.
  - Great care and thoroughness.
  - Stress in verse.
  - Kevin ..., award-winning vocalist.
  - Williams, singer.
  - To lattle.
  - Cause a horse to canter rapidly and gracefully.
  - Adriana ..., Brazilian model.
  - Barry, Australian author.

## Last Week's Answers



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

QBR CT DQFCHJ TGKLRMCHJ GNR GP  
HGRMCHJ QHW TLXXCHF CR.

Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation.

**Last Week's Solution**  
LIFE'S GREATEST HAPPINESS IS TO BE CONVINCED WE ARE LOVED.

# Weekly Horoscopes

- ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)**  
Romance could unfold through business connections. Make alternate plans in case you need a career change. Make love, not war, and all will be fine. New friends could become intimate connections if you join clubs or take creative courses.
- TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)**  
You will have to do a lot of running around, so be prepared to fall short of your expectations. You may find out that someone has not been completely honest with you. You will find your personal partner taxing this week. You can make progress if you deal with the right individuals.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. You can make a big difference to children if you understand their difficulties. Concentrate on home improvement. The details make a difference. Make a point of working on yourself.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 22)**  
Put your money into a safe place that will ensure a profit if you let it sit long enough. Get out and rub shoulders with people in high positions if possible. You could be emotional if you didn't take care of problems with loved ones. You can help a close friend find solutions to personal problems.

- LEO (July 23 - Aug 23)**  
It might be best to keep your ideas to yourself this week. You can have a great time if you go out with the one you love. Tempers will mount if you're too pushy at work or at home. Your partner may be somewhat irritable this week.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)**  
Your diplomacy will be of utmost importance this week. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Look into ways that you can make extra cash. You may have to take a short trip to visit someone who hasn't been well.
- LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)**  
Exhaustion will lead to minor injury if you don't know when to quit. You might want to spend some time by yourself in order to decide exactly how you feel. Opportunities to get ahead are evident. Someone you work with could have a personal interest in you.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)**  
Avoid getting too close to coworkers or employers. Take part in stimulating debates that will allow you to show off your intelligence. Do some research if you want to find information that you can apply against the opposition you face. Love and romance are evident.

February 13 to February 19

- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)**  
You can get your point across and make valuable connections. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results. Your unique contribution to the organization will enhance your reputation. You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)**  
You can open up to your mate and let them know what you expect out of this relationship. Your fun loving approach will be admired and appreciated by others. Think twice before you agree to take on any new projects. Implement your ideas into your projects at work.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)**  
Good friends will give you honest answers. Travel could be in order. You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. Your personal partner may be less than willing to accommodate you this week.
- PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)**  
Try to curb your bad habits. Get busy on projects that improve your own image; you'll have the discipline to succeed. Don't overreact if your partner has a poor attitude. Try to curb your habits, or you could find yourself in an awkward financial position.

# Echo Classifieds

### Card of Thanks

We never got a chance to say thanks to the minors at Rice Lake Gold in Bissett for saving our daddy on December 14, 2007. Angels were with him when he had his accident and we thank God for all the angels he sent that day. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. From Dorothy Smith (age 3), Kristina Smith (Age 2), and Dominik (7 months).

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### Obituary



STANLEY CHYCHALUK  
September 12, 1933 - February 12, 2008

After a courageous battle with cancer, Stan passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Pine Falls Hospital.

Stan was born in Rossburn, MB, moving to Grandview, MB a few years later. He grew up and farmed there with his dad. In 1960 he moved to Winnipeg where he worked at Joy Manufacturing for a number of years. It was in Winnipeg he met the love of his life Jean whom he later married. They resided in Winnipeg and later built their home in St. Georges, MB and resided there until his passing.

Stan is survived by his mother Rose and brother Lloyd of Winnipeg, his only living Aunt Jean Mardynalka of Hadashville, MB, sisters in-law Rita Ackabee and Rose Lamirande and brother in-law Rick Henry of Winnipeg. Also surviving are numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Matt in 1982 and his wife Jean in 1994 and also his good friend Pauline in 2006.

We wish to thank the nursing staff and doctors of Pine Falls Hospital for their wonderful care of Stan. Also thank you to Stan's special friends Lillian Veilleux and Brian Fontaine for their constant care and being there for him.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Sobering Funeral Chapel, 1035 Park Avenue East, Beausejour, MB with Rev. Fr. James Gray presiding.

Donations may be made in memory of Stan to CancerCare Manitoba, 675 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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R.M. of Alexander  
Box 100, St. Georges, Manitoba  
R0E 1V0  
margieb@rmaxalexander.com  
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Application closing date is February 22, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. We thank all those who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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