



SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMERS TAKE TWO OF THREE TOP SPOTS---The CBS Silhouettes Synchro Club is having an awesome year. Last week-end at the St. John's Sea Stars Invitational Tournament, the club's beginners took two of the tree top places in their category. Ashley Fagan's team composed of Sarah Byrne, Grace Tucker, Sarah Abbott, Nicole Tremblett and Catherine Power took second place in the Tier 1 under 12 category and Kirsten Hayes' team made up of Samantha Snook, Kimberley Snook, Bethany Baker, Sarah Gosse, Meghan Power and Alexandria Sullivan took third place. The Tier Two over 13 girls won first place with top honours going to Jane Rideout for her solo and Amanda Gosse earned a third place finish in her Tier Three open division solo. The under 12 duet placed second with their audience pleasing James Bond routine. The entire team is heading off to Moncton, New Brunswick during the Victoria Day week-end to compete in the Atlantic Championships.

Riverdale Lanes' Bowlers win national medals

Newfoundland and Labrador entries won four medals at the 2009 Canadian Youth Bowling Championships which concluded last Monday in Toronto.

In the new combo, pins-over-average team section competition, the male Riverdale Lanes team and feamle Old Mill team from Bay Roberts emerged with third plach bronze medals.

The male team from Riverdale consisting of Zachary Trickett, Zane Delany, Kyle Byrne and coach Brenda Crewe had a record of 16-5 and finished tied for first with Saskatchewan and British Columbia. In the tie breaker, Saskatchewan won gold with plus 198, BC claimed silver with plus 163, and Riverdale with plus 140.



RIVERDALE COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPS---The Riverdale Commercial Bowling League crowned their champions last week after 7 months of play. It took the last evening of competition to decide the winner. Irish Loop finished first and claimed \$2500.00 in prize money to be divided equally between the four team members. In the photo, L-R--Alan Dale, Pam House, Gary Baxtrom and Dallas Dale accepting the 1st place trophy from league president, Michael Flynn

Scholarship Recipients announced

Sport Newfoundland and Labrador announced the recipients of Scholarships/bursaries during the 18th Annual Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Presentation during a reception at the Powerplex in St. John last week.

Sport Newfoundland and Labrador President Doug Fowler says, "Again this year we are extremely pleased with the quality of applications received by the scholarship committee.

The amount of time these athletes, coaches and officials dedicate to their sport while maintaining excellent grades is outstanding and we are pleased to be able to assist them."

Three residents of the Shoreline coverage area received scholarships. Brenda Green of St. Joseph's, St Mary's Bay received a scholarship for shooting, Kirsten Gayle Haynes of CBS for Swimming and CBS resident Ryan Legge for Baseball.

CBS SENIOR LADIES 30+ SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Annual Meeting and Registration

Monday, May 11th.

7:30pm at Meeting Room

Sobey's Long Pond

Everyone welcome

Call Sandra Fagan at 834-8336

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION CBS Kiwanis Minor Baseball Association will be holding registration at Kiwanis Club, Kelligrews

Thursday, May 7, 7:00-9:00

Thursday, May 14, 7:00-9:00

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00-9:00

Softball \$50.00

Baseball - T-Ball, Rookie - \$50.00

Mosquito, PeeWee, Bantam - \$80.00

Midget - \$100.00

Applications for summer employment now being accepted

FACT, FICTION AND CONTRADICTION

By Jack Morgan



Grocery prices creeping up

I received a telephone call from a gentleman the other day who was quite concerned about the ever increasing grocery prices. The man, now retired and on a fixed income, said that when he was working, prices never really interested him that much. And to be honest, it hasn't really bothered me that much either--until this past winter.

I shop for the main staples of our house every Saturday morning, but can't quote examples of how much this or that has gone up--I just know that prices have increased on most everything that I buy.

In my last year of high school, our economics teacher, George Evans had his students, as part of the course, track the price of a grocery item of our choice, on a weekly basis, for the entire school year. I chose Kraft Dinner. And you better believe it, the price did increase on two occasions at the local supermarket. I don't remember what the original price was or how much of an increase took place, but it is only recently that this exercise came to mind. Oh, and the school year was 1975/76!

Why can't we all try this little exercise in economics? For a full year, track the price of the items you buy on a regular basis and record them in a journal, and at the end of the year, do your comparison--then compare the income you had from the same period. And, it wouldn't be accurate to follow items that are 'door crushers' or 'lost leaders' offered by the store to get people in to buy the more expensive items. Bet the prices outweigh the wage increase on a percentage basis.

A person on a fixed budget just can't tolerate a very large or frequent price increase because their resources are already stretched to the limit. If you take in \$1000.00 per month, you only have that much to spend. Increase in food prices will only see the consumer buying less and less as their restricted monies permit. And, of course, the poor will buy less again!

And now, some supermarkets are charging to bag your purchase--another 'increase'--if you will.

Police Officer draws his weapon

I had no intention of weighing in on the issue of whether a police officer in St. John's appropriately drew his weapon when he believed a 18-year-old wandering the neighbourhood with a gun (toy) could have been a danger to the public. However, this is an issue that has captured the media's attention for days--and is sort of the talk of the town.

Opponents to the police officer's actions say that the young man, who is mentally challenged, was carrying a toy gun and could not be of any harm to anyone. He was just playing 'guns' with his friends.

Police received several calls from the public expressing serious concern that a man in the neighbourhood was carrying a gun. Reports say, that as soon as the officer realized that it was a play gun, he holstered his weapon and the situation was diffused.

There are a couple of extenuating issues to look at here. First, the police weren't dealing with a child, but rather a 18 year old man (albeit mentally equivalent to a 5 or 6 year old child). The man's mental impairment was not known to police. The toy gun could have passed for a real weapon, and let's not forget the genuine phone calls to police looking for immediate assistance.

An unfortunate situation, however I believe the police did their job and did it right.

The story of a young autistic man who was arrested and detained a couple of weeks ago on the suspicion of being impaired by alcohol or drugs, is another story--in this instance a rather serious mistake was made by police. However, to the RNC's credit, they admitted their error, apologized to the family and have implemented special training for their officers to minimize a potential situation like this in the future. The admission of such an error would not have happened 20 years ago.

What do you think?

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