

Hal Patterson was a football legend, and caught the imagination of decorated sports writer Earl McRea, who wrote an exposing story about his hero, titled The Last Pass, for the Canadian Magazine, right. Patterson was a Kansas native, but spent many years in the Canadian Football League, as a Hamilton Tiger-Cat and a Montreal Alouette.

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?

2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the

novel "Pride and Prejudice"? 3. ASTRONOMY: In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?

5. MOVIES: Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?

6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?

7. TELEVISION: In which state is

the sitcom "Newhart" set?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest

mountain in Africa? 9. HISTORY: Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?

10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

Answers

- 1. A drake.
- 2. Jane Austen.
- Serpens. 4. Franklin Roosevelt.
- 5. "The Matrix." 6. The kidneys.
- 7. Vermont.
- 8. Mount Kilimanjaro. 9. Winston Churchill.

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The story of Prince Hal and his pal

When I was a kid, I didn't like Hal Patterson. Nothing personal, but he played for Hamilton, and the Tiger-Cats were the Grey Cup enemy of "my" Winnipeg Blue Bombers. In three of their championship meetings, Patterson was the receiver and kick returner who couldn't be stopped. Others ran, he floated. I admired and disliked him.

At the other end of the spectrum was another sportswriter-to-be, someone like me. As it turned out, he was the more accomplished, decorated by magazine awards and lauded for his work on documentaries. He became decidedly more controversial but his talent as a wordsmith was always admirable.

His name was Earl McRae. When he was a kid, he loved Hal Patterson.

For football fans, first in Montreal and then Hamilton, what was not to love? Prince Hal was the primary receiver for passes from Sam Etcheverry of the Alouettes and then Bernie Faloney of the Ti-Cats, for 14 CFL seasons. In one game, Patterson ran up 338 receiving yards. No other player has ever done that in pro football (the NFL record is 336), and that was 67 seasons ago. Patterson's last-minute touchdown catch gave the Alouettes a 44-43 victory. Curiously, in the game story there was no mention of

It's likely McRae, having just moved to Montreal, became a Patterson fan that day. When the Als traded him three years later for a pedestrian guard named Don Paquette, McRae and the rest of Montreal erupted in protest. The Tiger-Cats promptly marched to the Grey Cup against Winnipeg, and that's where Patterson came into my world of fandom. While he never beat the Bombers on the last weekend of November, they hunted him, and he haunted them. When he retired after his fifth Grey Cup game, Patterson left behind a string of awards and records, and a Hall of Fame calling

card. Fast forward to 1978.

McRae was sports editor of The Canadian Magazine and determined to find his forgotten idol. He tracked him down in rural Kansas, his roots. Patterson was reluctant and recalcitrant at first, then warmed up...and wound up the visit by catching a football

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thrown by McRae, prompting him to call his story – cleverly - "The Last Pass."

After the second day, McRae had enough material for a definitive story about his childhood hero...apparently too definitive for the hero. When he read it, Patterson was reportedly incensed at the personal details McRae included, specifically about Prince Hal's divorce (McRae interviewed the ex-wife) because it revealed character flaws from both sides.

Talented and restless, McRae worked many jobs, one as editor of CFL programs. For a feature that I wrote, he sent instructions: "Profiles should be football-informative, natch. but also bright and entertaining. Lots of colour and personal stuff. Anecdotes. Fears and tears. Married. Divorced. Looking." It was his credo. No subject was taboo. Poke and probe. Find the "real story" and, while that can be subjective, McRae was adhering to Journalism 101.

In the beginning, he and Patterson were awestruck fan and football hero. Their birth certificates were issued a decade apart; their death certificates three weeks apart, in 2011. Patterson was 79, McRae 69.

For different reasons, both deserve to be remembered.



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. Saw X R) Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith . The Creator PG-13) John David Washington, Madeleine Yuna Voyles

. The Blind PG-13) Aron von Andrian, Amelia

. A Haunting in Venice PG-13) Kenneth Branagh, Michelle

Yeoh . The Nun II (R) Taissa Farmiga, Jonas Bloquet 9. The Equalizer 3 (R) Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning

10. Dumb Money (R) Paul Dano, Pete Davidson

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A Moment of Record

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Rene and Dolores Boulet celebrate 20 years of ownership

The CN Hotel, then and now

By Ken Johnston

To some the date October 31st means ghosts and goblins will be knocking at their door. But to Rene and Dolores Boulet it is the date they took over ownership of the Canadian Northern Hotel (CN) in 1969.

With October 31st fast approaching the pair will be looking at being owners for 20 years that day. Rene says that times have changed incredibly since they took over. But before he elaborated on the changes they have witnessed, he gave a brief history of the hotel's owners.

In January of 1926 Charles

Desorcy owned and operated the Popowich then pursued the hotel business in 1946 when he took over. His rein lasted only 3 years when J. M. Kostiuk took the Helm. The next set of owners were extremely interesting in that they pursued it as a partnership between Phil and Emma Lafonds and Mr. Rivard in 1953. But the partnership lasted only a short while until 1956 when the Lafonds bought Rivard out.

In 1965 Dan and Edna Genyk ran the establishment until 1969 when Rene and Dolores Boulet of Winnipeg purchased it.

When asked why they chose to purchase the CN Rene said that they were in the restaurant business in Winnipeg and needed a change of pace. He also said that they did a lot of research before

deciding on the CN. Once they decided on the CN, the pair began getting things organized for an opening. They had to follow a number of regulations pertaining to liquor licensing, etc. Rene said in the early days, when he first took over the laws were quite tough and complicated. "We thought about changing the name to The Gateway Hotel, because of Rainy being the

gateway to Northwestern Ontario, but the liquor licensing people said It would be quite costly and would complicate license changes," said

The laws were so tough when they took over that the bar was divided into three sections: a men's only beer parlour, a cocktail lounge and a ladies and escorts lounge that allowed only the sale of beer in it. The laws also prohibited people from eating real food in the bar. "People were only allowed to eat things such as potato chips; if someone was caught bringing a burger into the bar we could lose our license," said Rene.

In 1971 the laws loosened up hotel. He was followed by Kate considerably, allowing the sale Desorcy In 1931. Mr. William of mixed drinks in one club room. This change signified the opportunity for massive renovations In the CN's lounge. After completion of the changes the Diamond Willow lounge opened to the public.

As the early 1970s progressed, Rene and Dolores noted many trends that came and went. Shuffleboard was quite trendy. Live entertainment also became a common place event that kept crowds coming in. But the entertainers began to get expensive as the decade slipped by and shuffleboard players seemed to lose interest in the game.

In 1981, Rene ordered a pool table, which for some reason was something officials did not agree with prior to that year. "The argument against pool tables was that people using them could get into fights over games and would be wielding a pool cue that someone thought could be used as a deadly weapon," explained Rene. He said that there was some fighting over the table but once he put in the second table, very few problems have arisen. Rene was the first area bar to set up a pool



Then

This is the CN Hotel in the early days of the century. The bar is still in existence but is not in the CN. It may be found in the Spooner (East side) bar in Baudette. Shown behind the bar is Harry Green and Bill Lemon. Photo courtesy of the CN Hotel.



Now

The bar may have changed slightly, but the hospitality is still great. Shown here is current owners Rene and Dolores Boulet who have owned the CN for 20 years Tuesday.

In addition to the bar, the couple also ran a dining lounge for ten years. This, says Rene, allowed them to maintain that sort of nostalgic contact with the restaurant business they left behind in Winnipeg. But when their cook. Millie Martinson retired In 1979 they withdrew from serving full course meals and decided to cook fast foods strictly for the bar crowd.

On top of the dining facilities and the bar is a floor of rooms for rent. Rene said that 6 of them have been converted over the years to suites

and 6 have been renovated for rent on a daily basis.

Since Rene and Dolores took ownership of the building and opened for business, they have faced a number of changes for the better, but as Rene noted they have also faced some hardships.

In the early 1980s a recession and heavy government taxation of liquors and beer saw the amount of business decline and the prices of beer and rye soar from 45¢ and 65¢ to \$2.20 and \$2.35 respectively (present day prices listed last).



4-H Six Project Award Presenting this award was Bernie Zimmerman (left) to Mary Clare, Christy Clare, Shelley Clare, Joann Carter, Neil Haw and Shawna Morken.



DeGagne Award

Becky Irvine (left) won \$100 plus a trophy for accumulating the greatest number of points during the last three years in calf club work. Presenting the award was Wayne Macleod.

The technology debate and divide in pro fishing

While we're still in the midst of the ice fishing season around home, down south where the 2024 bass tournament season is underway, controversy has been brewing from the increased use of forward-facing sonar technology. The first couple of Bassmaster Elite Series events in Texas have been essentially dominated by anglers using forward-facing sonar and much of the domination has come from rookie anglers, fishing their first professional events.

It's actually been very impressive what the new crop of rookie anglers have accomplished in the first two Elite Series events of the season, including a win by Trey McKinney and multiple top ten finishes from others in the group of ten new anglers. In the twelve years that I've fished professionally, there have been a few rookies that have lit it up right away but for the most part it's hard to for the most part, it's hard to jump into fishing against the best bass anglers in the World and find immediate success. Typically, these anglers have to learn a few things the hard way and fight through some hardship as they pursue a career in competitive fishing but these anglers have shown up ready to go.

The controversy has arrived because all of these new anglers are better at using this new technology than the anglers who have been around for years and are evidently having a harder time fully committing to fishing with this new sonar that allows anglers to look ahead of the boat to

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This story is about minor

hockey. Specifically, about il-

legal actions and turning a

blind eve in minor hockey. It's

a true story...from 38 years

was playing peewee hockey.

It was house league. His team

reached the house league fi-

nal. The only hope these kids had of reaching the Stanley

Cup was seeing it on display

riod, a man sitting next to

the coach's wife left, return-

ing a few minutes later with

what looked like a bottle of

champagne. The team won.

I intercepted our son on the

way to the dressing room, told

him there would probably be

champagne and that under

no circumstances was he to

Sure enough, the champagne was there. So was I. An

assistant coach popped the

cork, took a swig and passed

it to another assistant coach,

"Aw, can't we have any?"

"Too many parents watch-

The bottle was passed from

ing," replied the coach, then

adding, "Okay, guys, just one

player to player, each downing a mouthful, emulating players who won the Stanley Cup.

When it reached our son, he

passed it from the teammate

on his left to the teammate on

his right. Either he was afraid

of his parents, or he believed

in doing the right thing. We

choose to think it was the

pressure forced him make a

We were appalled that peer

who did the same thing.

one of the kids asked.

During the final's third pe-

in a shopping mall.

Our elder son was 12. He

this month.

drink it.

swig each."

A tale of crime

and kid hockey



see fish and watch their lure as they fish. All of the anglers in the field have forward-facing sonar technology on their boats, but admittedly for my-self, it's hard to turn away from techniques and knowledge gained from years of fishing for bass, even though

we are getting beat by it.

This new crop of anglers are seemingly more committed to using the technology and it has evened the playing field with anglers who have years of experience on these bodies of water. They are able to go out and find fish fast and then catch them. Again, it's been impressive.

Some of the anglers in the field have voiced their opinion that they have seen enough of the forward-facing sonar, as have fans who enjoy watching live bass fishing throughout the events. They say that they don't want to watch anglers staring at a screen all day, some comparing it to talking to someone who is staring at their phone.

I think a lot of the negativity comes from a small minority who have a loud voice. For me, I want to see more big bass get caught and there is no doubt this technology is increasing the number of big fish that are getting caught. I enjoy watching the best an-

choice. I phoned the coach, who was not in the dressing

room. He said: "I don't think it was that drastic. I wasn't there,

but I wouldn't have stopped

I complained to the local minor hockey association, in

writing, because that's what

writers do. It was dismissed,

in writing, with a promise this

won't happen again. I want-

ed to know what the penalty

would be, and if parents would

be advised of this policy. I

was invited to raise it at the

AGM, which I did. I was told

there would be no minimum

penalty because "coaches are

not to give alcohol to any of

their players" also that parents

would be advised by attending

this meeting. Sixteen parents were there, including me.

One said: "My good man, I give my son alcohol in his

dessert at home. You need to

I contacted the provincial

amateur hockey association,

in writing because that's what

writers do, and the Canadian

Amateur Hockey Association,

requesting a firm policy and

parental advisement. The re-

sponse was coaches who do

this "should be reported to the

I wrote to the Prime Minis-

ter (Brian Mulroney), the local

MP (Mary Collins), and the

Minister of Sport (Otto Je-

linek). Mulroney and Collins

punted to Jelinek, who wrote:

Fitness and Amateur Sport

has no authority whatsoev-

er...I can only suggest you continue to lobby the [provin-

editors of four newspapers...

Then I wrote letters to the

So when hockey organiza-

tions deflect or dismiss illegal

acts like serving alcohol to

minors, or actions far worse

- such as sexual assault - nobody should be too shocked.

There is a history.

cial hockey association].

and gave up.

executive of that association."

get with the times."

Hmmm...

glers' fish and how they do their thing, even if it involves staring at their screen.

For me, I don't want to have to find another job so I need to get better with using forward-facing sonar to do my job better. I am competent with it but it's become apparent that I need to work on my game, I got my butt whipped in the first couple of events. You won't hear any whining from me, this technology is part of fishing now and anglers across North America are using it.

This week, my wife Shelby and I are in Oklahoma on an off-week before the Bassmaster Classic takes place next week on Grand Lake. I have been spending quite a bit of time in my boat, trying to improve my game as I get ready for the biggest tournament of the year next week. I was fortunate to win this tournament last year and it was a life-changing experience but I want to do it again; that's my biggest motivation. I'm looking forward to getting out there and giving it my best



Jeff Gustafson has been working on his fishing game in preparation for the Bassmaster Classic next week in Oklahoma.

A Moment of Record

TAKEN FROM THE PAGES OF THE RAINY RIVER RECORD MARCH 11, 1982



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zimmerman focuses attention on the County of Emo were presented with three DHI program and encourages of the four awards made at the an- dairymen to improve their herd nual meeting of the Rainy River management practices. District Milk Producers at Stratton on March 3. The Zimmermans arc shown above during the presentation by Uistrict Ag. Rep. Geoff

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman operate a farm in the Emo area and are registered with the Disttrict Herd Improvement Corporation which

The Zimmerman awards included (1) Highest BCA herd average: (2) Most improved BCA herd average and (3) Best plus production cow (all from supervised herds only).

The fourth award (Best calving interval) was presented to Dennis Martin of Stratton.



Cowboy Day

On Wednesday, March 3 it was cowboy day. It was a fun experience to dress up for all the grades from kindergarten to grade six. The winners of cowboy day are pictured up above. L/R: (front row) Lisa Wood, Meranda Kaus. Brett Charles: (back row) Kristi Usiski, Trista Lecuyer, Terry Anderson and Nathan Gladson. We thank the students for participating.

Tasting

Party

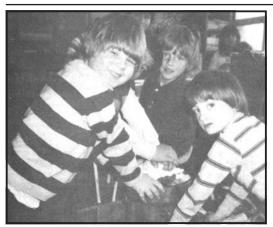


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Stratton Separate School spent the day having a Tasting Party. We began the day splitting up and discussing the food groups. After lunch grade two and three made homemade ice cream and celery wagons. Grade one and kindergarten made a peanut butter and banana-yogurt-wheat germ snack. This party was organized by Miss Thomas and Mrs. Ivall from the Rainy River



Larry Tolton. Dean St. Pierre, Morris Furlong and Sheldon Short are shown making ice cream.



Danny Boily, Melanie Heyens, Natalie Marquis, Robin Anderson and Mrs. Young are shown



FIRST EVENT WINNERS



SECOND EVENT WINNERS From Emo - (I. to r.), back, Elaine Wilson, skip; Lynne Wilson, third; front, Pat Ogden, second and Evelyn Neilson, lead. Other second event winners were: second, Joy-Anne Tolen of Barwick; third. Kathy McNabb of Stratton; fourth. Jeannie Morphet of Emo.



From Rainy River - (l. to r.), back, Deany Ewald,

From Rainy River - (l. to r.), back, Laura Amundsen, skip; Kitty Gale, third; front, Jan Rossborough, second and Darlene Noble, lead. Other first event winners were: second, Doris Dyson of Emo; third, Trudy Hughes of Emo; fourth. Karen Olson of Stratton.



skip; Vicky Nault, third; front, Lisa Armstrong, and second Jan Roy, lead. Other third event winners were: second, Mary Brown of Stratton: third, Verna Barsy of Rainy River: fourth, Reene Lecuyer of Rainy River.

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Muskie Football gear up for season

While most high school sports go quiet during the summer, the football program is already gearing up to defend its 2023 championship title.

In addition to fall training, the team is adding two additional weeks of specialized strength and speed training, and many team members have signed on with personal trainer Ian McKay at Reflexions Studio for a series of Muskie-focused group sessions in the gym.

Muskie Football officially kicks off its 75th season with a home game on Friday September 6 against John Taylor Collegiate from Winnipeg.

2023 was the 75th anniversary of the first football team from 1948 at FFHS. Since the pandemic cancelled high school sports in 2020, that makes 2024 the 75th season of Muskie football. Members of the 1948 team were honoured last year by over 500 hundred fans and alumni during the Muskies 46 – 0 Homecoming victory over the St. John's Ti-

The Homecoming Game this year is a rematch of last season's AAA Division Championship game against the Kenora Beaver Brae Broncos. The Muskies defeated Kenora 30 - 14 to claim their second Winnipeg High School Football

Championship since 2019. Watch for the Muskies football team hard at work on the field this summer. The Muskies Speed and Strength Training program runs from July 30 to August 15 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school. Participants are asked to wear a t-shirt, shorts or track pants and cleats, and to bring their own water. All new and returning players are expected

to attend the training.

Equipment fitting for all layers is scheduled for Sunday August 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Players and their parents are asked to watch for their link to sign up for their fitting. An additional date will also be



The Muskies football team celebrates its Championship win against the Beaver Brae Broncos, at IG Field in Winnipeg. The team is younger this year, but is getting ready with extra practices and weeks of pre-season conditioning. - Allan Bradbury file photo

announced soon.

Training Camp starts on August 19 and runs every weeknight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. through to

Friday, August 30. Training continues nightly throughout the season.

Coaches are hoping to see plenty of fans in the stands! There are currently three home games scheduled in regular season play. Games are open to the public – bleachers are available or bring a chair. A canteen will be available, with all proceeds going to support the football program.

2024 FFHS Muskies Football Schedule (Winnipeg High School Football League)

Week 1 Friday Sept. 6 John Taylor @ FFHS 3:00 PM

Week 2 Thursday Sept. 12 FFHS @ DCMI 3:00 PM (720 Alverstone St, Winnipeg)

Week 3 Friday Sept. 20 Kenora @ FFHS 3:00 PM (Homecoming)

Week 4 Thursday Sept. 26 Tec Voc @ FFHS 3:00 PM

Week 5 Thursday Oct. 3 FFHS @ Churchill 4:00 PM (Nomads: 581 McPhillips St, Wpg)

Week 6 Wednesday Oct. 9 FFHS @ Portage La Prairie 3:00 PM (65 3 St SW, Portage la Prairie)

Week 7 Friday Oct. 18 FFHS @ Dryden 3:00 PM

Playoffs Friday Oct. 25 TBD

NHL's indifference to conflicting crowds



something you should know about how the National Hockey League regards Canada: It has grandfather rights, it's necessary and it's secondary...and I say this at the risk of sounding anti-American, which I'm decidedly not.

The NHL announced its 2024-25 schedule this month. On November 18, Vancouver sports fans will have to make a choice — the Grey Cup Game or a Canucks game. Forget about the thousands (okay, perhaps hundreds) of fans who are going to face this first-world dilemma, and consider the logistics.

These games are not only being played on the same day in the same city - they're being played across the back lane from each other, at roughly the same time! The opening kick-off is at three o'clock. The opening face-off is at five o'clock. If the Grey Cup goes into overtime, as well it could, it's possible 80,000 fans will clash (as well they could) on the streets surrounding B.C. Place Stadium and Rogers Arena, which are as close together as two downtown buildings can be.

It struck me as strange scheduling, to say the least, and since the Canadian Football League picked the date first, the NHL is the "culprit." I couldn't remember a major sporting event ever conflicting with the Grey Cup, while relatively certain it had happened when Toron-to was the almost-permanent Grey Cup host.

After digging into Distant Replay history files, here's what

In the last 45 years, it has never happened. Not once. Since the NHL allowed Canadian teams outside Toronto and Montreal to join the club 53 years ago, only twice has there been a direct conflict between hockey and the Grey Cup Game, both times in Toronto.

In the 51 times conflicting games in host cities have been avoided, it was by having: (a) the local NHL team on the road -29 times, (b) playing home games on either side of the \check{G} rey Cup -6, (c) not having an NHL team -12 (d) work stoppages – 3, or (e) not playing a Grey Cup Game – 1.

The NHL's so conscious of a major conflict with American football that in the last 12 years (and certainly longer), the 40 hockey games scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday are early birds, with every one of them ending before the first football is kicked. They don't want to lose the U.S. eyes of sports fans to the Super Bowl when they could be watching hockey, most importantly the TV eyes. Perhaps somebody should tell the NHL, again, that the Grey Cup is this country's Super Bowl.

Besides creating chaos on the streets and sending single hotel room prices as high as \$1,200 a night on that November weekend, the NHL's arrogance - or indifference - extends beyond sports. On one of two Taylor Swift concert nights at BC Place Stadium, the NHL again has the Canucks playing next door. And if you don't think hockey fans are Swifties, you should meet our family.

All this left me asking this question: Why would the NHL play with its fans like this by pitting one of its hockey games against the Grey Cup (or Taylor Swift)...not on television, but across the street?

The answer? They're only Canadians.



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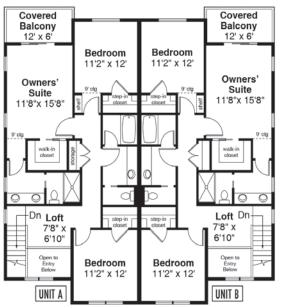
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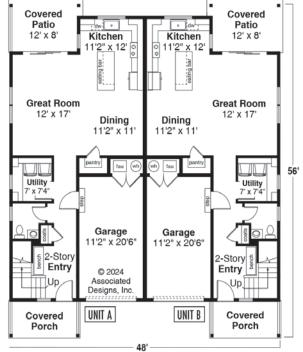
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