







# Up Front

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					
<b>Cloudy Periods</b> High: 15 C Low: 1 C	<b>Sunny</b> High: 19 C Low: 3 C	<b>Variable Cloudiness</b> High: 20 C Low: 6 C	<b>Sunny</b> High: 20 C Low: 7 C	<b>Cloudy Periods</b> High: 20 C Low: 6 C	<b>Variable Cloudiness</b> High: 18 C Low: 8 C



Shauna Burke photo

Marie Anne Hebert was the "lucky" winner of a contest to participate in the AbracaDAZZLE show, put on by magician John Kaplan (centre) on Wednesday night. She survived being acupuncture with huge spikes.

## AbracaDAZZLE entertains St. Paul

By SHAUNA BURKE  
Journal Staff

The AbracaDAZZLE show debuted in St. Paul on Wednesday night at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre as a fundraiser put on by the St. Paul Elementary Community School (SPECS) parent council.

"In the past 30 years, I have performed thousands of shows throughout Alberta but this is the first time I have performed in St. Paul," said magician John Kaplan in an interview before the show. Kaplan specializes in combining family entertainment with fundraising in the local community.

"It was a good show. The kids were laughing and the parents were happy too because it was something the whole family could do together," said Joan Siemers, with SPECS parent council.

About \$3,700 was raised at the event. The proceeds will go toward purchasing a sign for the newly renovated school. Over the past few years, the council has collected about \$10,000 toward the purchase of the sign, which is expected to cost a total of \$40,000.

One moment the entire audience was waiting for was the announcement of who, between school custodian Andre Zieverink and school principal Marie Anne Herbert, would be selected to be part of the show. All week long, the children had been paying a quarter to vote for one of them to be guillotined, acupuncture or sawn in half. In the second half of the show, it was revealed that Hebert had received the most votes and was to be acupuncture before the entire audience. However, instead of small needles, large metal spikes were used for the performance. There was a dramatic moment when Hebert seemed to collapse into unconsciousness after the spikes appeared to go through her body.

However, there was much applause when she recovered without a scratch.

"It was lots of fun and you could see I was just fine in the end," said Hebert, adding with a laugh, "One Grade 1 student stopped me as I left the stage to ask if I was OK."

Grade 1 student Jalyn Goobie was the winner of the colouring contest and for her talents, she was brought onstage and Kaplan levitated her on a surfboard in front of the whole audience.

Grade 4 student Isaac Porozni was the winner of the Houdini trunk which contained approximately \$500 to \$800 worth of prizes donated by local area businesses.

Jody Zieverink won the door prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Boston Pizza and a \$50 gift certificate to Little Greek Dining.

"I would really like to thank the parent council because it required a lot of hard work to arrange this. It just shows how our parents support our kids," said Hebert.

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### AT A GLANCE ...

**May 15**  
Ladies Generation Gala  
7 p.m.  
St. Paul Recreation Centre

**May 15**  
Third annual trade show  
10 a.m to 3 p.m.  
Derwent Recreation Centre

**May 15**  
The Vilna Fish and Game Association  
Annual Supper and Awards Night  
5 p.m.  
Vilna and District Cultural Centre

**May 16**  
NEMA Spring Concert and Tea  
2 p.m.  
Ecole du Sommet

**May 23**  
4-Man Scramble  
St. Paul Golf Club

**May 23 to May 28**  
Blue Quills First Nations College  
Cultural Camp  
7:00 a.m.  
Blue Quills College

**May 30**  
Walk for Cystic Fibrosis  
10 a.m.  
Walk starts at Sobey's parking lot

**June 20**  
The Great Elk Point Duck Race  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Elk Point Water Spray Park

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