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## Young mechanic crushed in garage accident

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

**M**axime Fortier, an 18-year-old mechanic, was killed in an accident at the Paul Boucher garage on Pavillon Street in Rock Forest yesterday morning.

The young employee of the garage died on site after a Honda Odyssey minivan fell on him off of one of the garage's hydraulic lifts.

According to Constable René Dubreuil of the Sherbrooke Police Service, a 911 call was made at around 8:10 Tuesday morning stating that an automobile had fallen onto an employee of the garage.

"We don't yet know if it was a mechanical failure in the lift or if the car slid, but we know that the vehicle fell on the young employee," Dubreuil said.

The SPS spokesman added that the vehicle had been raised several feet in the air prior to the fall.

The SPS are now working with the CSST, Quebec's workplace health and safety board, to investigate the cause of the accident. Two CSST inspectors were sent to the garage on Tuesday.

Fortier had only been working at the garage for three weeks, having only just recently completed his certification in Coaticook.

Another technician working on the same vehicle was unharmed.

According to the CSST, this is the second death of a young worker on the job in the Eastern Townships this month. On July 10, a 17-year-old worker in training at the La Fougère farm in Compton was killed when a tractor fell on top of him.

## 100 years of memories



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Beatrice Beattie, 100, poses with her certificate of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth at her room in Wales Home.

By Claudia Villemaire  
CLEVELAND

**W**ith her memories still fresh, Beatrice Beattie celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday, stories from her youth and her life as a teacher still sharp and clear and always ready for the "telling."

"I already had a grand birthday party with family and close friends last Sunday," she says as we enjoyed another

birthday celebration for residents at this foyer whose anniversary falls in July. "And on the actual day of my birthday, July 20th, this Sunday, I guess there'll be another smaller celebration," Beattie admitted last week.

With congratulations from Her Majesty the Queen, the Governor General and the arrival of nephews, nieces and another generation of close relatives, Beattie can look back on a cen-

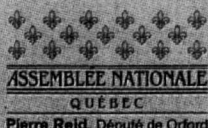
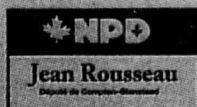
tennial birthday for the record books.

"I taught school for 38 years," she recalls, sometimes facing the challenge of up to 40 first-graders. "It could be quite a challenge," she admits and adds, one year, to accommodate the parents of a four-year old, even admitting this youngster into her class. "He would fall asleep both morning and afternoon, and, of course, we provided a pillow and probably a bit of blanket too."

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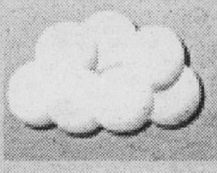
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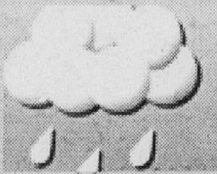
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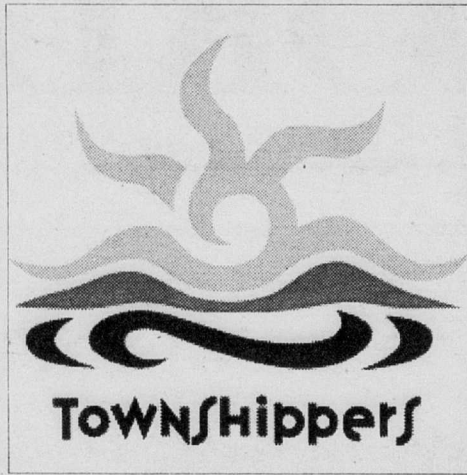
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# Keeping in Touch



Townshippers Day website relaunched

The official festival website for Townshippers' Day has been relaunched! Still in development, discover everything T-Day including the event program, entertainers, venues and other special activities as they unfold at [www.TDay.ca](http://www.TDay.ca). Be sure to refresh each page to get the latest content.

Townshippers' Day is one of the Eastern Townships English-speaking community's most important annual events. This family friendly festival is organized annually by the Townshippers' Association, in collaboration with a local organizing committee, in a different municipality of the Eastern Townships.

The 35th edition of Townshippers' Day is being hosted by the Town of Coaticook, in collaboration with Coaticook's 150th anniversary celebrations, and will take place on Saturday, September 13.

T-Day's bilingual website contains all the details needed to make the most out of the 2014 edition of T-Day.

With several historic venues participating this year, visitors may wish to plan their visit in advance to maximise their time. With this in mind, a Town Tour is being created to help visitors discover Coaticook by foot or by free shuttle bus. The tour will be available for viewing and download in early August.

Artisans and Exhibitors, there is still time to register for a table! Forms, fees and further details can be found under the Participate category under the "Townshippers' Day" tab. Businesses are also invited to participate in Townshippers' Day as sponsors or support the day through a silent auction donation. Details are outlined under Partners/Sponsorship.

For all things Townshippers' Day, visit the official site [TDay.ca](http://TDay.ca) often or contact Kate Holbrook at 450-242-4421 (toll-free



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

The official website for Townshippers' Day, [www.TDay.ca](http://www.TDay.ca), has been relaunched! With an updated theme, the new website will feature the entire entertainment and activity schedule planned for the 35th edition of T-Day on Saturday, September 13, in Coaticook.

866-242-4421) or by email at [kw@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:kw@townshippers.qc.ca).

mation financial fraud prevention.

### Suspicious Seniors Survey Call

After receiving a report of a suspicious phone survey polling regional seniors on behalf of the Townshippers' Association, the association would like to inform the public that we are not conducting any telephone surveys at this time.

With the prevalence of scams and identity theft schemes, it is always wise to be wary of giving strangers personal or financial information and take precautions to avoid being victimized. While the association is not conducting surveys, it is possible that other organizations may be. Don't be afraid to ask callers to clearly identify themselves and the organization they are calling on behalf of. You can also ask for a means of contacting that organization and getting more information on the purpose of their call.

In all cases if you are not comfortable with answering personal questions you should just hang up.

If you suspect fraud, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 and visit the seniors section at [Townshippers.qc.ca](http://Townshippers.qc.ca) for more tips and infor-

### Enabling Accessibility Call for Proposals

Service Canada's programs team has announced a call for proposals for the Enabling Accessibility Fund, a federal grants and contributions program that supports capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility and safety for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces.

The Fund is currently accepting proposals until Aug. 1. Details on the program can be found on Service Canada's website at [esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/community.shtml](http://esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/community.shtml).

Direct all questions or requests for more information to [fpa-eaf@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:fpa-eaf@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca) or call 1-800-622-6232 (TTY: 1-800-926-9105).

For more information on the Townshippers' Association and our activities, keep reading this weekly "Keeping in Touch" column in *The Record* and visit us on Twitter (@Townshippers), Facebook and our website at [townshippers.qc.ca](http://townshippers.qc.ca).

Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 - 257 Queen St., 819-566-5717, toll-free: 1-866-566-5717 or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll-free: 1-877-242-4421.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

"Every artist will work in his or her own style, but will paint within the theme of "international cooperation."

## Ten new murals coming to town: artists come to Sherbrooke from around the world

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

**M**URIRS, the art collective behind Sherbrooke's famous trompe-l'oeil murals, is organizing a symposium on the art form, to be held in mid-August in while the city hosts the ninth annual Global Mural Conference.

The event, which will take place at the Marché de la Gare, will see mural artists from around the world creating ten original works of art to be installed along King Street East in Fleurimont.

"The arrival of 10 new murals in a new sector of the city and along a different theme from before generates a greater enrichment of this touristic product," said Rémi Demers, city councillor and president of Destination Sherbrooke. "It's like a gallery is opening its new exhibition."

Demers praised Serge Malenfant, president and founder of MURIRS, as well as the organization as a whole, for creating "a veritable open-air gallery" in the city that fosters a sense of pride and connection for residents and visitors alike.

The Destination Sherbrooke president

said that the city's tourism bureau receives more than 5,000 requests per year for information and materials relating to the 13 existing murals, and highlighted the artwork as being among the city's greatest tourist success stories.

Lousida Brochu, the Fleurimont borough president, joined his voice to that of Demers in heaping praise upon Malenfant, and in celebrating the fact that this year's new murals will end up in his borough.

He called the MURIRS president a great artist of international renown, and lauded the fact that the murals have so far brought not just popular success but economic success to the city as well.

"Artists are often seen as free spirits, but they can also be people with real leadership skills and good business sense," Brochu said. "The borough of Fleurimont believes strongly in supporting artists and culture in general."

The MURIRS president, for his part, took the time to explain, in detail, how the symposium would play out.

Scheduled to take place over three days, the symposium will bring ten artists together from France, Germany, Alberta, Quebec, and Sherbrooke to each

create a mural live in front of the public.

Every artist will work in his or her own style, but will paint within the theme of "international cooperation." While the artists work, the public will be invited to vote for their favourite artwork.

At the end of the three days, the winner of the popular vote will be awarded the Frédéric trophy, a sculpture specially made for the occasion and named for local mural artist Louis-Gilles Doyon.

The symposium will also feature a number of animated activities for the public including yarn-bombing, the creation of a sand mandala, sidewalk chalk activities, and sculpting with recycled materials, among others.

While the symposium takes place, the Global Mural Conference will also be going on at the Delta Hotel.

Devoted to the practices of mural-making and urban artwork the conference itself gathers together internationally renowned experts and artists.

The Sherbrooke edition will focus on emerging practices and new trends, and will combine both old and new elements over the course of discussions and per-

formances involving mural and urban art.

Subjects addressed will include a range of techniques and possibilities, as well as cutting-edge technologies.

The conference is open to participants of all backgrounds (local, national and international), be they enthusiasts, artists, municipal representatives or tourism professionals interested in this form of expression.

It is intended as a showcase, a rallying event and a time for dialogue and exchanges. The event will furthermore encourage all participants to discover the host city from a new and very modern perspective. This will be the third time that the conference is held in Canada.

MURIRS is acting as host for the event. The group's name stands for "Urban Murals for the Revitalization of Buildings and Social Reconciliation."

The organization stands for the improvement of urban decor and artistic revitalization by means of mural artwork. It seeks to promote culture by producing collective works of art, thus working toward solidarity between different social groups through a strictly non-profit activity.

## Quebec predicts 29,700 jobs to fill in ET by 2017

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

**T**he Quebec government is optimistic about the Eastern Townships job market, predicting the availability of almost 30,000 jobs in the region by 2017.

That, at least, is what Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food Minister Pierre Paradis has predicted in the government's 2013-2017 regional employment prospects.

"The job market will provide great opportunities by 2017. Job seekers have reason to have confidence in the future," Paradis says. "They will have access to meaningful employment opportunities in the Estrie region and throughout Quebec. The Quebec government continues to work with various regional partners to further boost our economy and create quality jobs."

"Young people should approach the labor market with optimism because job

prospects are favorable in all regions of Quebec for the coming years. The number of jobs should also reach a record high during the next decade. Significant wealth creation projects the government of Quebec has initiated, such as the Maritime Strategy and the revival of the Plan Nord, allow us to hope that we will exceed these expectations. In this context, it's even more important that each person has training appropriate to their ambitions and consistent with the needs of employers. We will continue our efforts to ensure a better match between available workers and businesses," added Employment and Social Solidarity Minister François Blais.

According to Emploi-Québec, nearly 725,400 jobs will be available in Quebec between 2013 and 2017 and more than half (53 per cent) will be filled by young people under 25 who are not yet in the labor market.

For the 2013-2022 period, the number of positions to be filled is estimated at

1,358,500. Fifty-eight per cent of these will be filled by young people.

The proportion of Quebecers aged 15 to 64 who are employed is expected to reach 74.4 per cent in 2017 and 76.1 per cent in 2022.

Moreover, unemployment is expected to record a steady decline in all regions, reaching 6.2 per cent in 2017 and 5.7 per cent in 2022, the lowest rate since 1968.

From 2013 to 2022, employment will rise in most of the 33 industry sectors, the government predicts, but growth will focus on the service sector, where the strongest job creation will be in health care and social assistance, retail,

and professional, scientific, and technical services.

In the manufacturing sector, job creation will especially benefit the manufacturing of transport equipment, food and beverages, as well as the mining industry.

During the years 2013 to 2022, some 1.1 million people in Quebec are expected to retire and be replaced and 20 per cent of hiring will be at the professional level, usually requiring university education. In addition, nearly a third of vacancies require technical skills, while 28 per cent will require a high school diploma or a short training period.

## Abandoned needles found on Milby golf course

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

**O**fficials at the Milby Golf Club have had a rude surprise over the last five days as staff have found two used insulin auto-injection needles on the course, sending one to hospital for preventive treatment.

According to a website statement, the needles were found in a golf cart near a garbage can on the second hole.

"One of our employees pricked himself on one of these needles and had to go to the emergency room in addition to having received preventive treatment," said the Club administration.

The Club is asking the "guilty" party to come forward in order to reassure the victim or to warn of any potential risk.

"The identity of the person who left the needles could greatly assist our employee to receive appropriate treatment if necessary," they said.

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\*In case of rain, Sunday concerts will be held at 1pm in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 35 rue Gagnon, North Hatley

## A camping trip can send you back in time



### DISHPAN HANDS

#### SHEILA QUINN

Welcome to the anniversary edition of Dishpan Hands. This week marks six years of writing for *The Record*, and your friendly neighbourhood columnist finds herself on family vacation, doing a bit of ghost-chasing in the midst of all of the intense parenting that the first family camping trip affords.

This isn't just a family vacation, this is a bit of time traveling, as with only minimal convincing, my better half agreed to take the family to Alburg RV Resort on the shores of Lake Champlain in Alburg, Vermont, where my grandparents were seasonal campers from 1977 until my Bampie Chatfield's death in September 2000.

Two weeks ago, we called the campground and spoke with Rick Leduc, current owner of the site, located down the winding, and almost unchanged, Blue Rock Road. "Mr. Gravel will be here!" Mr. Leduc announced, to my delight. Mr. Gravel had been the owner for all of the years of the Chatfield clan's stay, and continued to help with various negotiations.

Our initial visit to the park turned out to be a brilliant idea. The Quinn family's trajectory from Richmond to Alburg involved heading through Bedford and along down to the Highgate Springs border crossing into Vermont. In spite of a slightly busier border crossing, meaning a small wait time, we traced the same trail we took. In a

short time we came into the small town of Swanton.

Of course, some things had changed, yet the pair of swans in the middle of the town square were there, and that made everything right somehow. I was sad to see that the Ben Franklin department store was no longer there - where our small amounts of mad money on vacation were largely spent, mine on 45-rpm records and tiny reproductions of coins that I bought for my dollhouse. The brick building was still in place where I bought the only pair of roller skates I ever owned - white with blue trim, blue eyelets and blue wheels.

In a blink we were through the town square, and continuing on down Route 78 towards Alburg RV Resort.

My heart pounded.

The rural setting was virtually unchanged. The long bridge I remember crossing was the same, spanning a portion of the lake, parallel with a set of train tracks (that always looked primitive and old-fashioned to me) hovering over the water.

When I saw the brown state signage for the RV Resort, I could hardly contain myself. The road felt the same, and there we all were, somehow in a space-time fold.

My entire extended campground family whom I had spent time with a few short weeks per year from before I started school until I neared my thirties. We were all there. My grandfather was everywhere - I could feel his presence in the blue sky and the lake air. A fit, six-foot-two or three, cowboy - handsome with white beachy hair, the strong, smiley silent type. I felt grateful to him right away for coming to the campground in the first place, for having that prime spot on Road E1, right down in the middle of the front road along the lake.

Our visit was powerful - Mr. Gravel told us of his family's first years staying at the park, how his youngest son, Stéphan, took his first steps at the park,

and how he had gone with the opportunity to buy in the mid-1960s. Mr. Leduc talked of enjoying park life tremendously, and being grateful that the Gravels continued to summer on the crest just above the site, available to help with negotiations with Francophone campers.

Alburg RV Resort has always been a summer home to a high percentage of Quebecers. Mr. Leduc and Mr. Gravel explained that proximity to Montreal, the Montérégie and the Townships (about an hour's drive for many folks) made the trip reasonable and easily done over weekends.

Mr. Gravel smiled, "People want to go south. We're south, and we're close by." The resort currently boasts approximately 80% Quebec residents among the seasonals.

The visit was emotional, but in a positive way. We walked the stretch of beach, the main section now a beautiful fenced boardwalk along the water, with a stretch of sand at the far left end. The clouds were majestic, the blue sky powerful.

This morning, I woke up here with my family. Yesterday's stay involved the basics, getting set up, heading into the small Hannaford grocery store for supplies, spotting Swanton's House of Pizza, a traditional stop from the past, where we'll eat this evening. We swam in the pool, still the original, well-maintained L-shape, to cool down. The kids played in the small park in the heart of the campground, half-populated by the sturdy dinosaur play structures of our childhood, including the "giant burning slide" as we called it: the sort of thing you avoided when the sun was plunging down on it. Other modern play structures give the park a multi-generational feel.

We spent an hour of the evening by the water, shell-seeking and beach-combing for driftwood bits. The beach glass of my youth is virtually non-existent, with the large percentage of plastic bottles used, and



COURTESY

Sheila Quinn with her mother and brothers at the Alburg RV Resort in Vermont during the summer of 1979.

likely a reduction in littering. Strange to miss what was a kind of garbage... I thought of my Bampie and his best friend Harry Berry, and their endless long beach walks, the large glass jars of beach glass that resulted, and that we, as kids, coveted.

Marshmallows over the campfire at our site in pyjamas ended the day with the kids. They eventually settled down with minimal scolding, and when we re-emerged from our camper into the night, I beckoned for Stéphan to cross the small street to the park, where we were within sight and earshot of the camper.

We sat our folding chairs along the wooden beams that marked the park's edges, beside one of the park benches. I knew there was a space overhead where the stars would be clearer than from our campsite, a corner lot with a streetlight at its edge.

I finally let the homesickness swell to its peak, and spoke of how it was both amazing to share Alburg with my family, and how happy I was to see the kids enjoying themselves as we had, my brothers and cousins and summer friends, yet how I deeply missed my family. I could

feel those gone, those far away, and sent a little whisper of love up to the starry Alburg skies to all of us, over those wrinkles and ripples in time.

I realized that going back to the places of our childhood involve experiencing a new time, while feeling like the last of our tribe. We've already made friends with Marielle and Jacques, seasonals who have the next lot, who helped us nurse a baby bird yesterday.

To my Alburg family and friends, I can feel every single one of you: Bampie and Grammy (my step-grandmother who now lives in Ontario, who shared and loved Alburg with Bamps), all of the Chatfields (especially my cousins Tracy, Lynn and Katie), Auntie Jean and Uncle Gordon, the Berry family, the Colangelos, thank you for being part of the golden moments of my young summers.

To the Gravel and Leduc families, thank you for your dedication in both preserving a beautiful spot, and gently incorporating what would make the place current.

All right, the kids are waiting for me to finish so they can get changed and run off to play. They've already made Alburg theirs.

## Accident reconstruction takes place Thursday

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Police will be reconstructing the accident that killed Deliska Bergeron in downtown Sherbrooke on Thursday between 5:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Bergeron was struck and killed while walking beside her bicycle with a friend crossing King Street East to connect with the bike path leading towards Lennoxville when a truck coming from Saint Francois turned right to head downtown.

During the reconstruction, the two westbound lanes of the Aylmer Bridge will be closed to traffic. It will be possible to cross the bridge in both directions on the remaining lanes.

Saint-François will be closed on both sides of King St., near the approach to the bridge, between Conseil and Déziel. Motorists are asked to avoid the area or take one of the detours that will be established.

Environment Canada forecasts a high of 21 degrees Thursday, similar to the day of the accident.

## 100 up

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Now a resident at Wales Home, Beattie is storing up memories of dozens of well-wishers and visits from family members who travelled from far and wide to pay their respects. Still hale and hearty, quick to laugh and always ready for a chat, Beatrice Beattie seems much younger than the century her birth records prove.

Best wishes for continued good health and good friends, flowers galore and mounds of birthday cards will keep this centenarian busy for at least another year.



GORDON LAMBIE

Daniel Coulombe (right), who has been *The Record's* Editor for just shy of four years, has decided to pass the editorial torch to his successor John Edwards (left). Though Coulombe expressed a desire to make a quiet, low-profile exit from his term at the helm of the "Voice of the Eastern Townships," the outgoing editor did spare the time for a photo with Edwards while showing him the ropes Tuesday. Edwards assumes the role of editor after several months as associate editor and a sports writer for the paper.

# THE PET CONNECTION



Jen Young

Finally, my nightmare can end and I can finally say a great big "up yours" and "thank you" to the same person responsible. Allow me to explain.

Three weeks ago, I received a surprise visit from fancy dressed inspectors from the government: one inspector and one provincially-approved vet, actually.

Being caught off guard, I met them, shook their hands and stated, "You must be here for an inspection for my permit", which I was expecting and was not overly shocked about since I have been saving animals for three years and no one has come to check me out.

I would think it should have been done before now, since it is the new law that if you are going to babysit or have more than a few dogs in your possession you need a permit from the government to do so. I had applied for it a long time ago but still hadn't gotten it.

Imagine my complete and utter disgust, fear, shock, sick to my stomach feeling I got when he said, "No, we are here because

we received a complaint about you."

WHAT???????? Me???? "About what?" I asked. He said, "Animal cruelty."

Words will never even begin to explain what I felt. "ME? Animal cruelty? You can not be serious. You have to be joking, right?"

The very cold inspector stated he never jokes about such matters. I, at first, was so shocked I got quite defensive and explained that I save animals from places that they need to be actually investigating.

A very long story short, after they visited every single one of my Pet Connections one-on-one, the ordeal ended with the inspector shaking my hand and apologizing for wasting my time, but that he would be sending the report in the mail.

As they left, I sat back in my chair and with no other way to explain it, felt broken. Just broken inside somehow. My light that is tested every day in doing this that helps keep me sane and moving forward at the end of each day was extinguished.

Knowing human nature all too well, I only disclosed this information to a few people because I really didn't need people going around saying, "did you hear that Jen Young was charged with animal cruelty" or some dumb thing.

He obviously saw no signs of any kind of animal abuse or cruelty, as a matter of fact I even told him at first, "If you find one of my guys that isn't happy then I will shut myself down."

But I know other shelters who

have had the government come in and send them a list of recommendations that cost them thousands, and I knew I could not afford that.

I, for two weeks, had been dreading the list of recommendations. I have no money; I can't afford any big expenses. I struggle each and every month to pay for vet fees and food as it is. Everyone knows that the animals I save is on my own time, and money, my own personal mission to help a few innocent lives.

It has nothing to do with the store, but we need the store to have a place to keep the animals. For two weeks, I had been envisioning the worst and have shed many a tear at night when no one can see me, worrying about how I was going to find a safe place for all my guys in fear of a long and expensive list of recommendations.

Last week, I got my report from the government in the mail. It stated that my premises and animals were investigated and not only are the animals happy, healthy, get proper exercise, food and have clean and appropriate beds, but there are zero recommendations.

Which means that what we are doing and how we are caring for all our saved guys and day cares meets the government standards and most of you will know how hard that can be to meet sometimes.

So, to the person who made that horrible complaint against me, my family and my friends who are simply trying to help animals not lose their lives because

of some irresponsible humans, I send you a great big "get lost."

Not only was this the single most insulting and upsetting act I have ever been on the other end of (trust me, I have come across some pretty nasty humans in my life), but it was a direct insult to my employees who give of their own time and money all the time too to help these animals, my family who have sacrificed so much to help me follow this mission of mine and to all our supporters, and it was an act that almost put all of my guys who we have saved, in danger.

I know that this was a deliberate act to cause stress, upset and pain, and to this day, I can't understand what kind of person would do that. We are lucky enough to be able to offer these guys, who are all supposed to be killed for one reason or another, a happy, fun, loving and safe place to be.

Why and how could anyone want to hurt or disturb that? I know that I have made a few, let's say, not friends, in doing this; people who I wouldn't let adopt or people who I had to go and retrieve animals who I saved from because I didn't believe they were happy, but to make such a false accusation that could have put all our guys now at risk or turmoil... I don't think I will ever understand that mentality.

My dad always told me, "When you are a leader, you are the first one shot at," and he has always been right. Dealing with complaints, I am good at. Dealing with direct assaults out of spite and vengeance that could hurt

innocent animals, I am not.

I applaud the government for making the new animal abuse hotline and making it easier for people to make complaints, but I also worry about how many hours of government time and how much government money will be wasted over personal vendettas such as what someone did to us three weeks ago.

Not to mention, while they were investigating me, they were not actually investigating the people who need it, like where I have saved most of my guys from in the first place.

Regardless, I can rest at ease again and feel stronger and prouder than ever of what he have, and what we will accomplish for so many animals because now, I actually have a piece of paper from our government that states it.

I may just blow it up for all of my family and store employees to see every day too since without all of them, I would never have the strength to keep doing what we are doing.

We are still expecting our conformity evaluation for our permit, everyone has to have one, but at least now I will not lose sleep over it because if they can come in looking for anything at all that shows them that our animals aren't happy, and find nothing, the rest is smooth sailing.

Provided that my nerves and my bank account continue to permit it, we stay strong and persistent to make a change in the lives of animals who deserve a second chance at life and at love.



Meet Luke. He is one of three saved dogs from up North. He and two others flew in on an airplane to freedom, to us, last Wednesday. He, like many others up in Kuujuaq, Quebec, right now, run free and are treated like nuisances. He is only about five months old and a very friendly boy. Because he was so friendly, he was one of them in the most danger.

Periodically throughout the year, authorities go in and shoot many dogs, as they see it as a means of population control. He would have been one of them, but not anymore. He is safe and is now being treated for consequences of his life as a malnourished stray.

He sure is happy to have his food given to him though. It must be much better than having to scavenge through garages to find it.



Meet Ruby. She is also one of recent saves from Kuujuaq. She is almost a year old. She should not have been in the same line of fire as the other strays up North; she was deliberately put in that danger.

Someone, who was visiting the native reserve for work, brought her with them, but when they left, they abandoned her there.

She never would have survived the winter or the harsh living conditions. She is so very thankful to be with people who hold her and care for her.

She especially liked her first walk in freedom with her new friend Arielle, who comes with her mom Amy McComb often to take our guys down to the river for a swim.

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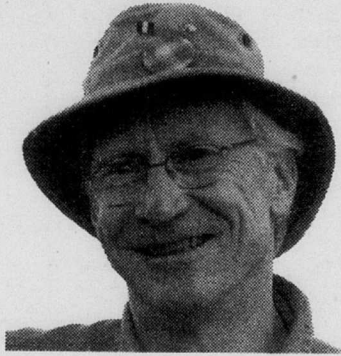
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# EDITORIAL

Our government serves one master – wealth – and cares little for those of us without it.

## The destructive caretaker



Mike McDevitt

A recent study has confirmed what most informed people already know, but which hasn't managed to break into the intellectual fortress that is the Royal Canadian Harper Government. Delivered at the 20th International AIDS Conference currently underway in Australia, the study indicates that, at least as far as AIDS prevention goes, the Harper government is following its usual instincts and ignoring the advice of the experts.

In fact, "ignoring" may be an inaccurate description of the government's tendency to look at scientific data and, for reasons known only to their egos and their God, do the exact opposite of what is being called for.

Faced with the decision by the Supreme Court to trash Canada's obviously unconstitutional prostitution laws, the government had a year in which to correct the flaws in the current legislation – most notably the aspects of the law that endanger sex workers. After the consulting the people who hang around their offices and donate money, the RCHG chose to rewrite Canadian prostitution law in its own image by doing a fancy little dance around the real issue, proclaim that their new law will end sex trafficking, transfer the crime from the seller to the consumer, and belittle anybody who sees the obvious misogynistic hypocrisy imbedded in the entire exercise. This is how things are done in Harper's (you won't recognize it when I'm through) Canada.

Now, with the study presented by lead

author Kate Shannon, an associate professor at the "communist-infested" University of British Columbia, we learn that by entrenching the illegality of selling that which it is permitted to give away, the government is effectively ensuring a relatively unimpeded progress of the HIV virus among the sex-worker population, endangering them and us to an even greater degree.

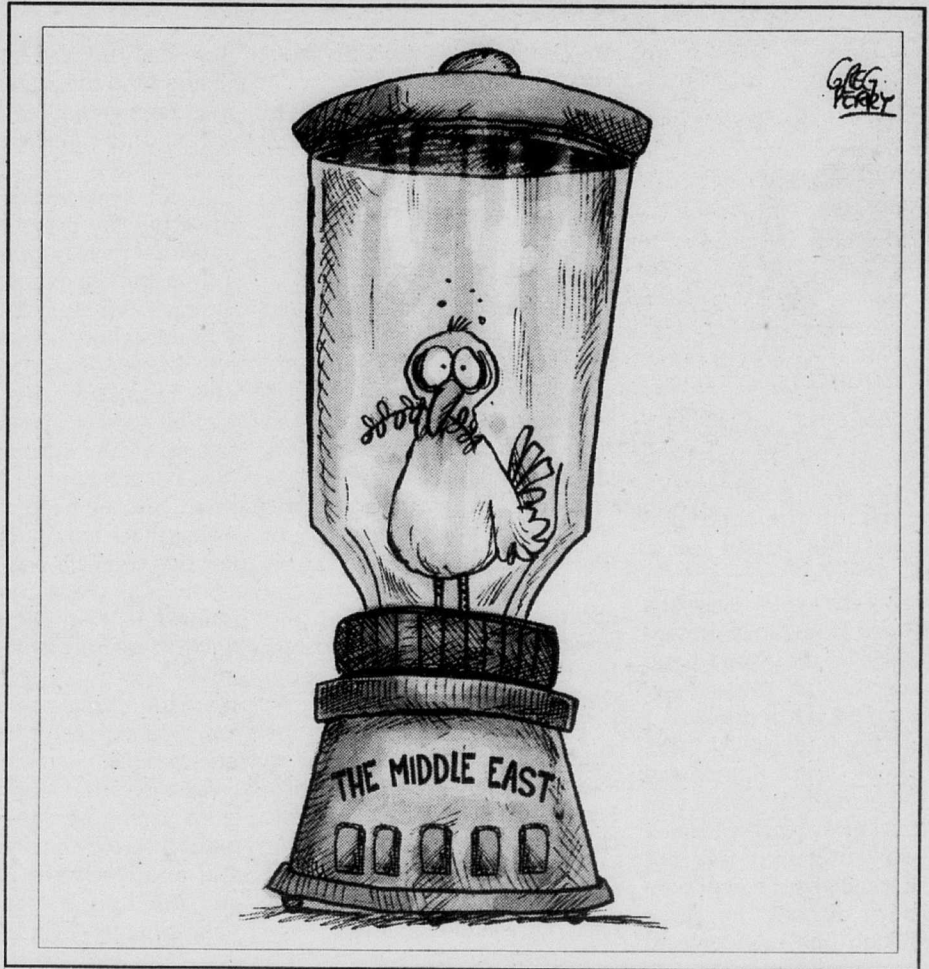
"Decriminalization of sex work would have the single greatest effect on the course of HIV epidemics across all settings studied, and could avert at least a third of HIV infections among sex workers and their clients in the next decade," the report says unambiguously.

Naturally, the government has no use for those whose knowledge of the facts contradicts what they're told is in the Bible, and has redoubled its efforts to endanger sex workers and, for good measure, to pee in the Supreme Court's corn flakes. The government claims, in defiance of the evidence, that it has consulted widely and that its research shows that an overwhelming majority of Canadians opposes decriminalizing sex work.

A recent Ipsos-Reid poll, which the government refused to release because, well because, indicates clearly that the government is, in fact, playing fast and loose with the truth in that regard, something that comes as no surprise to regular Harper observers. The poll, which has been leaked, shows that Canadians are quite divided on the issue. There is no point, after all, in telling an inconvenient truth when a handy lie will do. Some lies, it seems, are just for practice.

Interestingly, the Canadian public may finally be waking up to the fact that it has a government that is completely uninterested in what it wants, needs, or aspires to. Our government serves one master – wealth – and cares little for those of us without it. This is reflected in its medical marijuana policy, which has made the lives of patients miserable and handed buckets of profits to the government's corporate friends. People are only people after all; corporations are persons.

There may be some unpleasant news



on the Harperite horizon, however, as another recent poll suggests that Canadians in general do not share the government's enthusiasm for its pet projects. While public opposition to a prostitution law may be enough to keep Peter MacKay busy, it hardly stacks up in importance next to some of the other plans the government has in mind. Northern Gateway, the cornerstone of the RCHG's "export everything of value" approach, is being greeted by intense public opposition for both its disregard of native rights and its environmental risks. Canadians are also unenthusiastic about shipping all those processing jobs overseas, either. They want their government to protect the Canada Pension Plan, improve health care, take care of veterans, and address the issue of Canada's growing income gap. What's wrong with them, anyway? There's no profit in any of these.

Obviously, the RCHG has no interest in protecting the CPP, prays for the death of universal public health care, doesn't give a rat's posterior for used-up soldiers, and believes income disparity is a good thing. In Harper's world, things are just ducky.

But then there's the question of the environment, an issue the Harper government associates with terrorism and which, perversely, Canadians tend to think is important. Having silenced or fired their scientists, and closed their research facilities, Mr. Harper probably believed that this issue would go away as the last bitter winter clearly showed that global warming is a lie, or if it's true it's the fault of trees, or cows, or volcanoes, or something – maybe Liberals – and that protecting the environment would hurt the profit margins of our corporate billionaires,

a situation that would indeed bring a tear to Mr. Harper's myopic eyes.

Under normal circumstances, the Conservatives would hardly care what Canadians want – they don't work for us, after all – but with an election coming, self-interest may force them to pay attention to the Great Unwashed, or at least pretend to. It is clear that Mr. Harper's "Teflon" effect is wearing thin and that fewer and fewer Canadians are falling for his shtick.

Mr. Harper is aware of this tendency, and is addressing it by tossing out distractions like the aforementioned prostitution bill or with his inexplicable ferocity in taking the side of the aggressor in the devastation going on in Gaza. For a man uninterested in caring for the wounded, he's awfully eager to pick a fight.

Years ago, and before he became Prime Minister, Mr. Harper spoke to an audience of American right-wing business interests, promising them that when he was done, they wouldn't recognize Canada. He's almost there. We have yet to create an atmosphere as toxic as that to our south, but as recent political theatrics – Rob Ford and the Quebec Charter of Values, for example – show, the quality of our political discourse has sunk to new depths and new levels of cynicism. All we need is Don Cherry hosting a Sun News political talk show, and we'll be home.

As it stands, the Canada many of us love will survive until next year, thanks to the incompetence of its current government, it's doubtful it could survive another round, however; the Supreme Court is getting older, and Mr. Harper may yet get the chance to stack it with his acolytes – assuming, of course, he can follow the rules for once.

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# COLUMNIST

*I have become more optimistic lately, but I still recognize that human life on this planet could be ended today, if just a few people push a few red buttons.*

## "Parlez Bleu, please"

By John-Jean Ofrias

This part of our planet that is called "Québec" (which is probably spelled more often without an accent over the letter "e," especially by people who do not live in Quebec) is quite a wonderful place on this planet that we anglophones call "Earth."

Mon dieu, the license plates on cars used to read "LA BELLE PROVINCE."

Yes, Quebec is a beautiful province, not just in terms of the beautiful physical environment created by nature, but also in terms of the beautiful social environment, created by the inhabitants of Quebec.

I do not mind being called a "Quebec wanna-be," however I prefer being thought of simply as a human being, or as an amériquébécois - to more precisely describe who I am and what my sentiments are.

Je me souviens that I am a Sicilian, also. All of my grandparents spoke Sicilian in the home,

and my parents sometimes spoke Sicilian in the home, mainly when they were expressing their emotions with intensity.

"Sicilian" could be attached with a hyphen to, "amériquébécois," to label my social identity with even more precision. If I live to be 150 years old I will probably live my last 50 years in Sicily, but I will visit Quebec a lot.

If I could speak to my grandparents today, I would try to express to them how thankful I am that they were the grandparents that they were. One of my three grandmothers died before I was born, and I include her in this thought.

I am fortunate to have had the parents I had, and to have lived the life I have lived, in the nation where Jackie Robinson went to play baseball after he played in Montreal.

Je me souviens Brooklyn, where I was born, not far from where the centre of the universe was located, before plane-

tary forces shifted the centre to Québec.

Now I divide my time almost equally, living in two parallel universes - on the east end of Long Island N.Y., and the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

I want to see my three-year-old grandson live a life that will be at least as good as mine has been. And for me to continue living a meaningful life, I want to do whatever I can to make this happen for him, and for everyone else who might come to live and breathe on this good earth.

Perhaps you and I are not very different, in terms of what motivates us.

Perhaps human beings are not as different as the people who start wars would have us believe.

Perhaps by saying "merci" more often, you and I can play a part in shaping a better future.

I have become more optimistic lately, but I still recognize that human life on this planet could be ended today, if

just a few people push a few red buttons.

I also recognize we are in the process of dying a slow death, as our ability to breathe the air of this planet is going to come to an horrific end if we do not cure the planet of human-caused cancers that have, among other things, ulcerated the planet's ozone layer.

In the States, I see people who describe themselves as Christians who astonish me with the anger and hatred that spews from their mouths, particularly when they talk about something than involves giving to others, being peaceful, showing concern for the environment, or taxing the rich.

They also seem to believe that all the good people in the world will go to war with all the bad people, possibly within their lifetimes, and everyone will be killed, but they will be among the good people who will rise from the dead.

They believe in a form of Christianity in which God sheds

His grace on some people so that they can have mansions, and servants, and bottles of wine that cost thousands of times more than human blood.

In the U.S. of A, Spirituality and materialism are not so distinct from one another. Godless religions have been created in the states by the worship of the Almighty Dollar.

I am no longer astonished when people tell me that it does not disturb them that the 400 richest people in the states have as much wealth as the poorest 150 million people.

What do you think of the fact that the unequal way in which wealth is distributed in Canada is not so different from the way wealth is distributed in the U.S.A?

[This is a two-part column. Part 2 will appear Friday.]

John-Jean Ofrias is a writer and a professor of Social Science at Suffolk Community College. He lives on Long Island, N.Y. and in Sutton.

## Hydro-Québec reacts to an open letter published in The Record

By Patrice Lavoie

in 2018.

Hydro-Québec would like to explain some details of its next-generation meter project further to an open letter by Christopher Freeman concerning next-generation meters, published in *The Record* (Letter to the Editor, July 21).

### An essential upgrade

Hydro-Québec must replace its meters throughout Quebec with next-generation meters, as the current technology is outdated. Currently, most of Hydro-Québec's meters are electromechanical. They must be read manually and have not been manufactured in North America since 2010.

Next-generation meters offer enhanced functionality to improve customer service. Safe and reliable, this technology has become the industry standard. To date, more than 1.7 million of these meters have been installed in Quebec.

The first phase of the rollout of next-generation meters was approved by the Régie de l'énergie after a transparent, thorough public review of Hydro-Québec's application. The process included public hearings in which a dozen interest groups, including consumer associations, took part.

After reviewing the first phase of the project, the Régie authorized the continuation of the project until its completion

### A state-of-the-art and safe technology

Hydro-Québec would like to point out that, contrary to rumour, next-generation meters are safe. In fact, both Health Canada and Quebec's public health branch (Direction de santé publique) have published their respective conclusions that the meters are not hazardous to health, a view supported by the Royal Society of Canada.

It is false to claim that Hydro-Québec's roll-out of next-generation meters doesn't comply with standards in effect. On the contrary, the new meters comply with Health Canada guidelines, which set safety limits for radiofrequency emissions in the environment. According to the standards set by this federal department, next-generation meters are safe and pose no health hazard. In fact, radiofrequency emission levels measured 1 m away from a next-generation meter are approximately 120,000 times less than Health Canada limits.

The meters are also certified by Measurement Canada, which sets the standards of precision for measuring instruments such as meters and oversees their application. Hydro-Québec meters meet the criteria established by Measurement Canada, which ensures that the product meets standards of quality and

robustness. Regarding the CSA standards mentioned by Mr. Freeman, the CSA establishes specifications or technical requirements that do not apply to next-generation meters, which are installed by specially trained workers.

### Basic service

Next-generation meters are now part of basic service for all. However, there is an opt-out process in place, approved by the Régie de l'énergie, that enables clients who do not wish to have a next-generation meter installed to choose a non-communicating meter instead. Such clients are invited to call the phone number shown on the installation notice they receive.

There is an initial installation charge and a monthly meter-reading charge for those who opt out. To be fair to all customers, the Régie ruled that it was fair and reasonable to apply the user-pay principle for opting out, since it is not up to all of Hydro-Québec customers to pay, through their electricity rates, for the individual choices of some customers.

The refusal rate for next-generation meters is currently 0.4% and project costs are lower than expected.

In that context, Hydro-Québec filed an application with the Régie de l'énergie to lower the charges associated with opting not to have a next-generation meter installed. This

application was the subject of a press release in which explanations were provided. The Régie will render a decision in the coming weeks.

### Additional information

Note that Hydro-Québec has received Mr. Freeman's e-mail requesting information, containing several questions for which thorough research was necessary. A response has been

prepared and was sent to Mr. Freeman at the beginning of this week.

Customers who would like more information about next-generation meters should go to [meters.hydroquebec.com](http://meters.hydroquebec.com) or call the project hotline at 1-855-462-1029.

Patrice Lavoie is a Media Relations Officer for Hydro-Québec.

## Letter:

DEAR EDITOR:

I guess this tragic incident in the skies over the Ukraine pretty much tells us what the radical Ukrainian/Russian mindset is and that we should all gauge our travel plans accordingly.

We are lucky to be citizens of North America and should not allow the strife and discontent in Europe to overflow into our peaceful cities and everyday lives. Since most of us are from somewhere over there, we can give them our love and words of support.

But, if you have a beef about what is going on overseas (back home, wherever), get back home and help them settle it there. But, please, radical supporters of your cause, stay out of our face over here.

We are trying to run a peaceful country.

GORDON ALEXANDER  
RICHMOND

# Local Sports

Paul Lehmann's club will be in search of a fourth victory against the Tomahawks this season, after wins in their three previous matchups.

## Sherbrooke Extreme close regular season tonight

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Extreme will close out their inaugural regular season tonight at the Julien Ducharme Centre in Fleurimont, as they take on the Kahnawake Tomahawks.

Tonight's game will kick off the 13th and final week in the QSL regular-season schedule and is the fourth and final matchup between the Extreme (3-12) and the Tomahawks (1-13).

Paul Lehmann's club will be in search of a fourth victory against the Tomahawks this season, after wins of 17-6, 17-9 and 10-4 in their three previous matchups. The Tomahawks were winless until last week, when they defeated the Vermont Voyageurs 13-8 on Sunday.

The other league action sees the Kahnawake Mohawks (13-2) visiting the Tomahawks on Friday at 8 p.m. at the Chateauguay Multisport Centre, while Vermont (7-7) heads to the National Capital Region for a pair against the Ottawa Axemen (12-2). Saturday's action gets underway at 7 p.m., with the final game set for Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Extreme are locked into fourth place in the QSL stand-

ings, and so Wednesday's game will serve as a tuneup for the expansion club as they prepare for their first-ever playoff series.

The Tomahawks were eliminated from playoff contention several weeks ago.

The Extreme will face the league regular-season champions, likely the Mohawks, in the first round of the playoffs.

The Mohawks only need to defeat the Tomahawks on Friday to clinch their sixth consecutive regular-season pennant.

That would give them a 14-2 final record, and while Ottawa could also finish 14-2, the Mohawks hold the tiebreaker over the Axemen. The teams split their four games, but the Mohawks outscored Ottawa 34-31 in the four contests.

Ottawa lost 10-9 to the Mohawks on Saturday at home, a game that was Ottawa's last best chance to overtake Kahnawake for first place.

The schedule for the best-of-three league semifinals, set for the weekend of August 1, has yet to be determined. The Extreme had previously announced their intention to play their first playoff game in Coaticook, where they hosted a regular-season game earlier this month.

Barring an upset on Friday

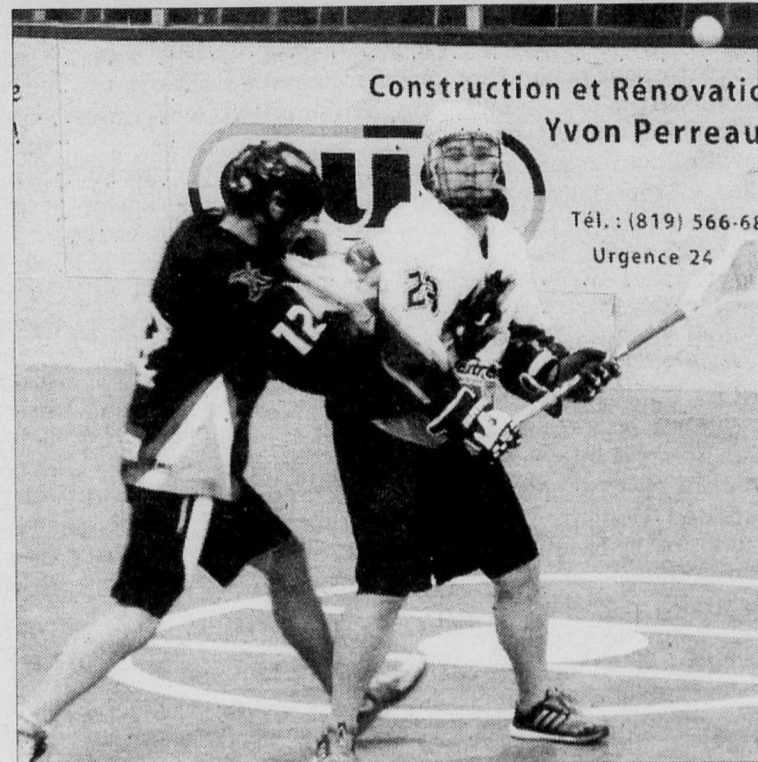
night, the other playoff series will see Vermont and Ottawa face off. Ottawa has won all four games between the teams this year.

On Wednesday, Sherbrooke coach Paul Lehmann will be looking for offence from team scoring leader Dave Lapointe, who has 45 points in 15 games, while Mathieu Lavoie (39 points), Zach Winkvist (29), Francis Côté (29) have also made contributions, along with a pair of Bishop's Gaiters field players, Alex Millin and Andre Laleune, who have 18 and 15 points respectively.

Chad Fairfoull's Tomahawks squad, which has struggled in its first season, is led by Nick Angus, who has 36 goals and 54 points in 11 games, while Arontase Paul has 32 points in 14 games, and Thunder Jacobs has 28 points.

The Tomahawks have scored a league-worst 7.1 goals per game, while Sherbrooke's offence is hitting at a 8.5 goals per game clip.

The Extreme had not announced their starting goalie by press time. Pascal Nolet and Sacha Gagnon have split time in the Extreme net this season, with Nolet posting a 14.0 goals-against average in 15 games,



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Mathieu Lavoie and the Sherbrooke Extreme will be looking to head into the playoffs on a winning note as they host the Kahnawake Tomahawks on Wednesday night at the Julien Ducharme Centre in Fleurimont. Lavoie currently has 39 points, second on the team scoring list.

while Gagnon has a 14.7 GAA over 13 games.

The Tomahawks have used three goalies this year, with Derek Collins' 10.40 GAA in eight games far exceeding the

16.49 posted by Peter Paul and Owen Stacey's 18.03. Collins played all but nine minutes of last week's two games against Vermont.

Faceoff is set for 8 p.m.

## Four years after India, Canada can focus solely on sport in Glasgow

By Lori Ewing  
The Canadian Press  
GLASGOW

Around this time four years ago, Canadian team general manager Scott Stevenson was scrubbing floors at the Commonwealth Games athletes village in India.

Canada's team had delayed its travel to New Delhi - for as long as a week for some athletes - because of serious concerns about hygiene and security in the village.

Canadian officials called the athletes' quarters "unlivable." Canada was among several countries that talked about pulling out.

Four years later, Stevenson and the rest of the Canadian team in Glasgow can focus on competition rather than cleaning - and that alone could help Canada climb back into the top three on the Commonwealth medal table.

"The challenge of Delhi was incredible," said Stevenson. "We were looking at turning on taps that ran right to the floor. Flushing toilets that didn't flush. There were live wires. We had to buy equipment and

cleaning supplies.

"We had to be, in so many ways, responsible for getting the village ready ourselves."

Stevenson arrived in Glasgow to inspect Canada's living quarters, and their some-385 beds. He was three or four rooms into it when he sat back and realized "Wait a second, I haven't made one note yet.

"Here, we could hit the ground running," Stevenson said at the team's opening news conference Tuesday.

Canada is gunning for a top-three finish in Glasgow after finishing fourth in New Delhi behind Australia, England and the home country.

The 265-member team is the largest Canada has ever fielded for a Commonwealth Games held outside of Canada, and it boasts Olympic and world championship medallists such as swimmer Ryan Cochrane, high jumper Derek Drouin, and heptathlete and decathlete Brienne Theisen-Eaton and Damian Warner.

"Our national sport bodies see this as a very important opportunity, not just as a stepping stone but as a very competitive event," Stevenson said. "Very

strong fields here. You're going to see some great competition. Some of the events have the very best in the world here."

Among the Games' international stars: Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, distance runner Mo Farah and diver Tom Daley of England, Welsh cyclist Geraint Thomas, and rugby sevens player Samisoni Viriviri of Fiji.

Field hockey and rugby will be strong - Australia won the recent men's World Cup and was second on the women's side, while Commonwealth countries such as New Zealand virtually rule rugby sevens.

The Canadians expect strong opposition again from perennial powerhouse Australia, plus England and Scotland, which likely wouldn't mind a strong showing ahead of the country's independence referendum on Sept. 18.

"We believe in the reviews we've done that we'll be in and around third place," Stevenson said. "We anticipate moving back into where we are pushing the Aussies and England better than we did back then."

Canada claimed 76 medals in 2010, including 26 gold, 17 silver and 33 bronze, but Steven-

son wouldn't wager how many times Canadians might climb the podium in Scotland.

When asked if 100 medals might be attainable, he said "If things go great, maybe. If things align. But we're not getting into actual numbers. (But 100) is a beautiful number."

Canada has topped 100 medals five times: 1994 in Victoria (129), 2002 in Manchester (118), 1986 in Edinburgh (116), 1990 in Auckland, N.Z., (113), and 1978 in Edmonton (109).

Veteran shooter Susan Natrass will carry Canada's flag into the opening ceremonies. The 63-year-old also boasts the most Commonwealth medals won by any member of this team, with eight (three silver, five bronze).

The team's youngest member is 16-year-old gymnast Isabela Onyshko. The oldest: Paralympic lawn bowler Al Hanet, 78.

Canada will compete in 16 of the 17 sports, fielding teams in all but netball. And in every sport except judo, which had a conflict with an Olympic qualifying event, Canada is fielding its A team.

"Right away, coming out of Delhi, knowing what was going

to follow Glasgow with the Pan Am Games in Toronto next year and then the Olympic Games in Rio, it became three Games back-to-back-to-back which became very important," Stevenson said.

"You put three multi-sport Games together in a row, you're really going to be able to refine so many areas before the show in Rio. There's a real opportunity."

The smooth organization of Glasgow, and the ability to focus solely on sport, is a welcome relief for Stevenson and the rest of the Canadian team.

Stevenson recalled how some 130 journalists from various Commonwealth countries showed up for Canada's opening news conference four years ago in New Delhi.

"Most of the interest there was not about sport. The interest there was more about the conditions in the village and some of the challenges we anticipated facing," he told the handful of reporters on hand Tuesday.

Of Canada's 265 athletes, there are 20 medallists from New Delhi Games, while 134 are Commonwealth Games rookies.

# Bug-proof your summer

**FROM CONSUMER REPORTS (R)**  
by the editors of Consumer Reports

Deet. Yard foggers. Bug zappers. In the quest for an insect-free summer, Americans turn to a bevy of products that companies promise will repel, trap, kill or otherwise neutralize pests, notes Consumer Reports.

The attraction of those products is all too understandable. Not only can mosquitoes, ticks and stinging insects like yellow jackets ruin summer fun, but they can also trigger allergic reactions or carry disease. Serious ones, too, such as Lyme disease, West Nile virus and a new worry for the U.S., tropical diseases such as dengue fever and Chikungunya, or ChikV. Both are debilitating conditions spread by mosquitoes, and they're heading to the U.S. mainland.

Consumer Reports' tests over the years have found that some products, especially chemical-based insect repellents, can help keep away ticks and mosquitoes. But its safety experts also worry about the risks they may pose to people and the environment. "We think that deet and other chemical-based insect repellents should only be used if other measures don't work for you," says Dr. Urvashi Rangan, executive director of Consumer Reports' Consumer Safety and Sustainability Group. "Other methods, such as wearing protective clothing and avoiding the use of scented products

when outdoors, can be effective for many situations."

Joseph Conlon, a retired Navy entomologist who consults with the non-profit American Mosquito Control Association, agrees that it often takes more than one approach to rein in backyard bugs. "Unfortunately, there is still no silver bullet for mosquito problems," he says. "But with careful planning, it's possible to control them."

Consumer Reports offers these steps you can take to control the pests.

— Mosquitoes. Manufacturers now sell mosquito traps that use fans, electric grids or adhesive pads to capture and kill mosquitoes. The devices do kill some of them, but it's unclear whether that translates into "a noticeable reduction in your mosquito population," Conlon says. Even less impressive are devices that use light, sound or smell to lure mosquitoes.

Consumer Reports' safety experts also caution against using yard foggers, which spray repellent from a can. You might inhale the pesticides, including some compounds that might disrupt your hormone system and that have been linked to neurological, developmental and other health problems.

Rangan emphasizes that you're best off doing things that discourage mosquitoes from breeding in the first place. Because they're drawn to murky water, keep your yard free of containers filled with water, such as gutters, birdbaths,

tires, wheelbarrows, wading pools and swimming pool covers. Clear away ivy and decaying leaves, because mosquitoes like cool, dark places. Other steps you might try include using LED or yellow lights on your porch and around your house, and plugging in a fan when on your deck. Citronella, in candles or in the oil in tiki torches, is a mild repellent.

— Ticks. They like tall grass and lots of shade. So keep your lawn mowed, remove leaves and other debris and try to let as much sun into your yard as possible. Consider putting up a fence around your property to keep out deer and other large animals that can carry ticks. And don't forget to check your pets for ticks after they have been romping in the yard.

— Stinging insects. Keep garbage cans and picnic food covered, because bees love discarded food. Most bees and wasps will leave you alone if you don't bother them, so don't swat at them. Nests should be removed only if they are in high-traffic areas. If you can, wait until the fall or winter, when the nests are abandoned. If you need to remove them sooner, do it early in the spring, and early or late in the day when the insects are less active. Always wear head-to-toe protective clothing, and never remove nests if it requires standing on a ladder; call a professional instead. Traps with the chemical heptyl butyrate may help control bees.

## Card of Thanks

**GREEN** - I would like to thank all who have helped and are still helping me in many ways, during and after my stay in the hospital. I am thankful for family support and care. I am thankful for wonderful neighbors and friends who are always there to help me whenever I need anything. I am thankful for the great care I received from the Hotel Dieu staff and volunteers. I am truly blessed. Thank you all.

ELAINE GREEN

## Cemetery Meeting

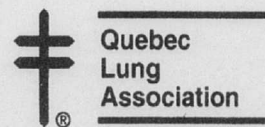
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** Emil Jannings (1884-1950), actor; Raymond Chandler (1888-1959), author; Pee Wee Reese (1918-1999), baseball player; Anthony M. Kennedy (1936- ), Supreme Court justice; Don Imus (1940- ), radio personality; Woody Harrelson (1961- ), actor; Slash (Saul Hudson) (1965- ), musician; Philip Seymour Hoffman (1967-2014), actor; Alison Krauss (1971- ), musician/singer-songwriter; Daniel Radcliffe (1989- ), actor.

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**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1996, injured American gymnast Kerri Strug scored a 9.7 on the vault as the U.S. won its first-ever gold medal in the women's team gymnastics competition.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "From 30 feet away she looked like a lot of class. From 10 feet away she looked like something made up to be seen from 30 feet away." — Raymond Chandler, "The High Window"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 27 — Grammy Awards won by bluegrass musician Alison Krauss during her career — including six awards for a 2007 collaboration with Robert Plant — more than any other female artist.

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Previous Solution: "True friends are like diamonds — bright, beautiful, valuable, and always in style." — Nicole Richie

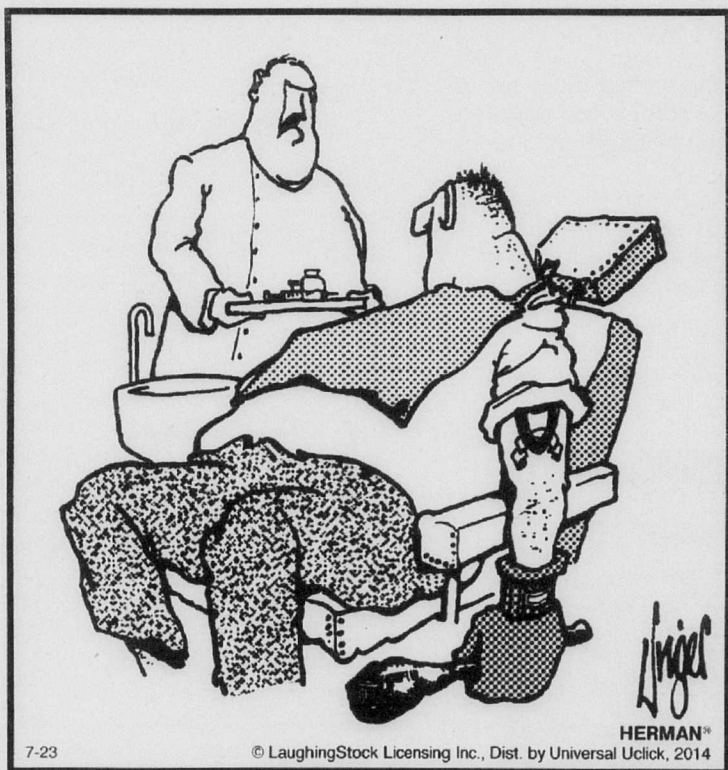
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"Don't worry, this'll probably hurt me more than you."

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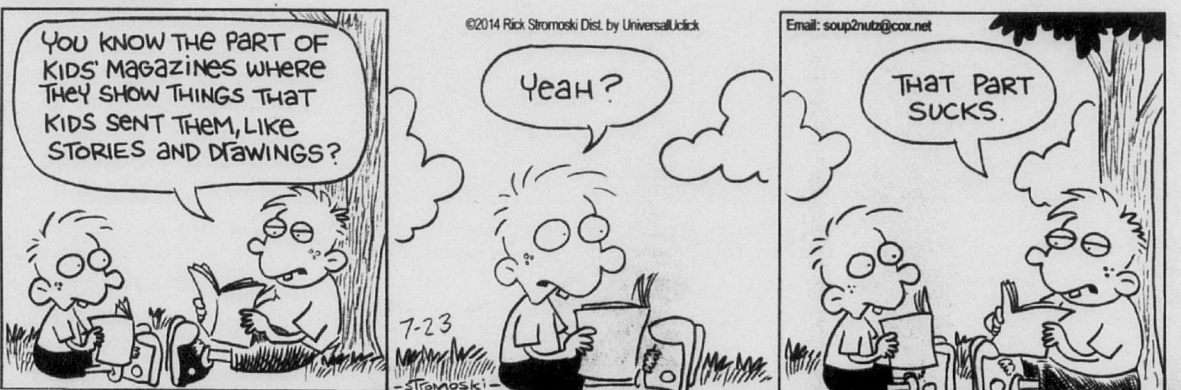
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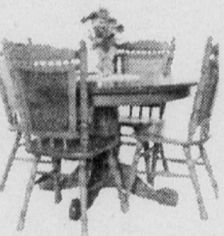
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**The problem is, my parents are quite judgmental & racist**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014

**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** I am 37 and divorced. I identify myself as bisexual and try to live my dating life very privately.

The problem is, my parents are quite judgmental and racist. I dare not say anything about my dating partners, who are of either gender and any color. But I am tired of living my life for others. If I choose to go my own way, however, my two children would lose their grandparents. Any suggestions? — Frustrated in Virginia

**Dear Frustrated:** You aren't giving your parents any credit for being able to accept you as you are for the sake of their grandchildren. You don't need to give them details of your dating life and parade various partners in front of them. No one does. But you should not be afraid to introduce them to someone who becomes a meaningful part of your life, and then give them the time to work through their feelings. You can find support through PFLAG (pflag.org).

**Dear Annie:** Many years ago, I was disowned by my parents and most of my extended family for marrying against my parents' wishes. I was allowed back into their lives only because they wanted to see the grandkids. Now, with elder care issues, we are struggling with appropriate boundaries. I'd like to offer some suggestions:

Instead of spending every moment yelling at me because I am not there more often, don't do enough and don't measure up to your friends' kids, try saying that you are glad to see me, thanks for the help, etc. I will do more if I feel appreciated.

I need to know about your health problems and your wishes regarding treatment, but couldn't we talk about something other than your aches and pains once in a while?

Keep your expectations realistic. I have kids, a job, a home to maintain, in-laws who also need help and my own set of health problems. I am not going to drive 400 miles twice a week to mow your lawn. Hire somebody.

Stop trying to manipulate me. The time you claimed Dad was dying so I'd spend all my vacation time with you? That was cruel. It destroyed my trust in you.

If you want honesty from me, then be someone who is safe to tell the truth to. Listen respectfully. Apologize sincerely when appropriate, or explain your point of view and the reasons for your choices. Don't attack me.

Be cordial and polite toward my spouse and kids. If you force me to choose between you, I will choose them.

You say that you are too old and set in your ways, and I have to love you the way you are. You are the one who wants a closer relationship. I am ready to give up. If you want a different outcome, you are going to have to change, too. — Your Son

**Dear Son:** You obviously have had a poor relationship with your parents for years. We agree that they sound difficult and demanding, but it will be hard for them to change without calm and consistent responses from you, rewarding their appropriate behavior, leaving when they are manipulative or insulting, and teaching them what you will tolerate. Only you can decide whether it's worth the effort.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Hurting Mama," whose son texted her "Happy Birthday." The first time my son sent me a text to wish me a happy birthday, I called him to inform him that if it begins with "Happy" or "Merry," it is not a textable moment. I didn't speak to him in a harsh or mean way, just matter-of-factly. That was two years ago, and I haven't received a text on important occasions since.

This is a bit of a family joke, but everyone now knows when it is appropriate to text and when it isn't a wise move. — A.

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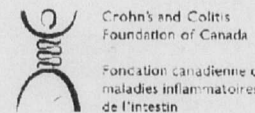
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