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St. George's Church will have some special visitors

By Rachel Newcombe
Special to The Record

In Georgeville, there always seems to be something going on, and the month of August looks very promising at the St. George's Church. There are two special events quickly approaching; a Blessing of the Pets ceremony and a 150th anniversary celebration. Choir director and organist Sarah Hoblyn is looking forward to it.

The annual Blessing of the Pets ceremony is on August 7, and the church congregation will be a little furrer than usual. "It's great, incredible fun," Hoblyn said earnestly. "It is immensely popular."

Hoblyn, who has been involved with the church since she moved to Georgeville from England 37 years ago, said that the idea of a pet blessing ceremony has been going on for generations back across the pond. According to Hoblyn, the alter bar in the church was originally used to separate the animals that had been brought to church.

In Georgeville, bringing your pets with you to Sunday worship has only become popularized through the annual service that was started approximately ten years ago.

"It's a service that revolves around the blessing of the animals," Hoblyn explained. She then listed off the types of pets that have shown up to the ceremonies in the past. Besides the most typical cats and dogs, there have been snakes, horses, and one girl even brought a butterfly one year.

Hoblyn chuckled as she recalled that particular memory, saying she felt that

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Bibeau hosts regional consultations in Lennoxville



RACHEL NEWCOMBE

Jacqueline Belleau (left), Lennoxville Borough president David Price, MP Marie-Claude Bibeau and Philippe Cadieux posed for a quick photo between consultations, which were well attended by local representatives.

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Bright and early on Wednesday morning, Compton-Stanstead Member of Parliament (MP) and Minister of International Development and la Francophonie Marie-Claude Bibeau held the first of two regional consultations tak-

ing place on the Bishop's University campus.

As part of the Government of Canada's public meetings, Bibeau organized a round table discussion on key government issues to better idea of the public's understanding.

Bibeau, along with her political team and discussion moderators Jacqueline

Belleau and Philippe Cadieux, facilitated a spirited conversation on the topics of national defence, electoral reform and international assistance.

Members of groups and organizations were encouraged to share their thoughts on each topic, each speaker

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Welcome to your personal day



ROSS MURRAY

Good morning! I hope you enjoyed that extra 10 minutes of sleep. And not the cruel joke "snooze button" extra sleep but the kind from which you awaken gently, dreaming of a multi-handed masseuse singing The Carpenters' greatest hits, in a non-goosey, freshly re-evaluated way.

This is your personal day. Everyone's getting one this year, and today is yours, all yours.

Your personal day begins with a cup of coffee all ready for you, the perfect temperature, just the right amount of cream. You prefer hazelnut-flavoured cream? Go ahead, because today no one in your house is going to complain that that stuff smells like perfumed diesel. It's your day! Ruin your coffee any way you like.

Driving to work, you have a lane to yourself, and all the lights are green, and only your favourite songs are on the radio. When they go to commercial, you can change the channel and find that for once all the other stations aren't on commercial break at the same time but are instead playing more of your favourite songs. People in the surrounding cars give you thumbs-up signs as you air-drum "Rock You Like a Hurricane."

Rock on!

Your hair looks perfect today, by the way.

Did you forget to bring your dog to work? You did? Look in the back seat. No, you didn't! There she is! Your dog can come to work today because it's your personal day! Everyone loves your dog, even the people who don't like dogs. Even the people who don't like people!

Look: someone's brought muffins to work! The good kind, without raisins. Basically cake. And today, only for you, they have no calories. "I can eat anything I want and I never gain weight," you crow, and none of your co-workers wish upon you a terrible, fattening disease.

It's your personal day!

Your work is fulfilling in a deeply spiritual way today, so much so that, halfway through the morning, your co-workers offer to do it for you, which you agree to because you are a giver who gives and feels good about giving. Give yourself a hug!

Now you are free to spend the rest of the morning playing whatever mobile app is currently trendy, and in no way do you feel you are squandering precious hours of your finite existence on frivolous pursuits. You decide that a good rhyme for "frivolous" is "plivelris," and because on your personal day you get to revive long-abandoned dreams of being an avant-garde poet, it is!

And so, sitting in an extremely comfortable chair that actually increases longevity despite your sedentary lifestyle, you post this haiku on Facebook:

*Cherry tree blossoms
Or dessert dunes swept by wind
Which Windows desktop?*

It goes viral! Everyone goes viral on their personal day, and today is your day. All your exes read the poem and get in touch with you, expressing their regret for letting you go. Their loss! And they are all still beautiful, which makes you feel satisfied about your good taste, but there is also a sadness behind their eyes that is also very satisfying.

It's your personal day!

All the politicians align themselves with your core beliefs today. "I've made mistakes, yuuuge mistakes, really the best mistakes," they say. "To be honest, I'm just going to quit right now and start singing. One, two, three, four! 'Here I am... Rock you like a hurricane...!'"

You get the afternoon off. For the parade, of course! There's Sigourney Weaver serving as the grand marshal, looking spry. She waves you onto the float, which is a giant but flattering bust of you! Taking Sigourney's hand, you and your dog settle into the seat of honour on your giant head, with Sigourney at your right. To your left is the ghost of Otis Redding! "I've been riding you too long to stop now," he croons, and you laugh and laugh, and the parade rolls through the packed streets, and everyone cheers and claps and shouts your name over and over. "Woof!" barks your dog.

Finally, the parade comes to a halt before your house, where you dismount your giant head. You wave goodbye to the adoring throng and Sigourney and Otis. You enter your house to find your favourite meal prepared by your loving spouse whose tender embrace foretells sweet, sweet loving anon. It has been the best possible personal day, you think, as you head to bed.

Don't forget tomorrow's garbage day.

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FRIDAY:
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LOW OF 15



SUNDAY:
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HIGH OF 21
LOW OF 8



MONDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 9

Touch Industries has new owner

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Tooth pick manufacturer Touch Industries President Gervais Morier, announced to employees Tuesday that he has sold his company, after making a joyful Facebook post announcing his retirement.

"My dream has just come true," Morier said. "Touch has been sold effective yesterday and I'm going to retire on

December 31 this year or earlier. I would like to thank all who have supported me over the past 29 years - employees, advisers, friends, and especially my children

"I had low periods, very low, but we got through them and I'm proud of Touch and its people who made us what we became. Now it's time to go.

While Morier did not specify the name of the buyer, Radio station 107.7 FM, reported it is Polar Plastique, based

in Saint-Laurent, which also specializes in single-use products such as utensils, plates and glasses, according its website.

Touch concentrates on the distribution of single-use products for the food industry, the medical and dental sectors, and the retail sales of: matches, toothpicks, gloves, straws, cutlery, and glasses.

Its facilities are located on Lesage Street in the Sherbrooke industrial park.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"They tested and the water, and it came back excellent," said Brome Lake mayor Richard Burcombe. "We're very happy about that," he added.

Quality water at Douglass Beach

By Rachel Newcombe
Special to The Record

While some bodies of water in the Eastern Townships are falling prey to blue-green algae contamination, a recent routine water quality test showed Douglass Beach in Brome Lake to be fantastic.

"They tested and the water, and it came back excellent," said Brome Lake mayor Richard Burcombe. "We're very happy about that," he added.

While it was not a total surprise, Burcombe admitted that there had been cause for concern. "Experts feared the worst for Brome Lake," he said. The lack of rain caused the lake levels to drop by

approximately 14 inches, and there was definitely some worry.

However, the news was better than good, and Burcombe knows it is partly through the combined protective measures and the respect from the town. "I think it's everybody working together for the betterment of the lake and the quality of the water," he said.

Good water quality means more beachgoers. "Douglass Beach is being used by everybody," Burcombe said happily. It is both having a positive impact on the economy of Brome Lake, and giving people the perfect place to spread out their towels and dip their toes.

Magog woman chases hit-and-run driver

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An angry victim chased a hit and run driver until notifying police, who were quick to arrest the offending driver.

Memphremagog Police received a call about a hit and run accident Tuesday shortly before 1 p.m. in front of 65 Prin-

cipale East in Magog.

According to police, the complainant had parked her vehicle in front of the post office when another vehicle traveling on Principale eastbound clipped the victim's mirror and continued on her way. The victim then followed the offending driver, who was driving erratically towards Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley.

The pursuing driver stopped her

chase on Ch. de Magog and notified the police by providing the the license plate number of the offender, a resident of Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley.

An officer who was already in Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley went straight to the suspect's residence and located the offending vehicle. In speaking with the driver, he quickly realized that he was impaired by alcohol,

The 33-year old man, who already has a history of impaired driving, was taken to the police station where he failed two blood alcohol tests.

The man has a history of impaired driving and is awaiting procedures on another, police say.

Downtown street closures for Bouffe ton Centro

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The City of Sherbrooke is advising the public that some downtown streets will be closed to traffic dur-

ing the Bouffe ton centro event this weekend.

• Frontenac Street will be closed eastbound between La Grenouillère parking lot and the ramp leading to Grandes-

Fourches North, August 5 at 1 p.m. until August 7 at 5 p.m.

• Wellington Street North (between King West and Frontenac streets, along with Meadow, Webster, and Albert

streets will also be closed on August 6 from 4 p.m. to midnight.

The City of Sherbrooke encourages drivers to use alternate routes in the area.

Accused of extorting grandmother, man released to therapy house

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A young Sherbrooke man, accused of extorting more than \$ 70,000 from his grandmother to pay drug debts

will spend the next month in closed therapy for treatment of his addiction.

Youri Blais-Skorvaga, 25, faces accusations of theft, fraud, criminal harassment, assault, assault with a weapon,

and cannabis production in Sherbrooke.

Quebec Court Judge Conrad agreed to release the accused from custody after he committed to living at the residential therapy house 24 hours a day, seven days

a week

Blais-Skorvaga will return to court on October 11.

Regional consultations

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given a time of three minutes in which to say their piece.

Bibeau said she felt these types of open floor, round table meetings were very important to a continued, working relationship between the people and the government. As she is one of the few ministers who also occupy the role of MP, Bibeau explained she felt the weight of her situation. "I feel I have double the responsibility."

She commented that it was her job to bring these consultations to the area, and take the citizen's answers back to the other ministers so that plans could be made. "My first role is to represent the region," she said firmly, proving that at the forefront of her mind was what her constituents wanted to see happen.

The people who attended the Wednesday morning consultation certainly had a lot to discuss, and many points were thoroughly examined.

In the national defence consultation,

the group focused on what threats to the nation are not being dealt with sufficiently, as well as the cooperation of Canada with the United States on these matters and how that relationship should evolve.

Electoral reform was described in the presentation as part of the government's commitment to change, and continuously strive for improvement. Going over several voting models, such as first past the post and majority systems, there were several points to address. Mostly these points concerned addressing weak-

nesses in the current voting system, and inquiring as to how the government can encourage Canadians to become more engaged in the politics.

The final topic of the morning consultation was international assistance. The conversation focused on how Canada could help developing countries, and the types of partnerships Canada should be forming in order to further develop, and subsequently achieve, its objectives.

The second round of consultations will take place on Friday August 5, at The

Gait on the Bishop's University campus. The 8:30 a.m. round table will focus on innovation, followed by a discussion at 10:30 a.m. on climate change.

In addition to the consultations organized by Bibeau, the department of Canadian Heritage will also host a consultation on Friday. Scheduled between 1-3 p.m. at Bandeen Hall, the round table discussion, open to the public, will look at Canada's official languages act.



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City reminds public of outdoor water usage regs

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Following the beautiful summer weather enjoyed in recent weeks, the City of Sherbrooke wants to remind citizens of the importance of respecting the regulations on lawn watering and outdoor water use.

Periods permitted for watering lawns,

perennials, hedges, trees and shrubs:

- With spray gun, sprinkler, or watering can - Sundays and Wednesdays between 8 and 11 p.m.

- With programmed system with humidity sensor - Sundays and Wednesdays, between 5 and 7 a.m.

When installing a new lawn or recent development

- With spray gun system pro-

grammed with a moisture probe, sprinkler or watering can - permitted at any time, for 15 days consecutive to the work (with proof of purchase).

Yellowed lawn

During lengthy drought, grass goes dormant and turns yellow to better withstand stress. It isn't dead and doesn't need extra watering. It will rebound with rain.

Finally, the City points out that the period allowed for washing car entries and sidewalks was completed May 31. Non-compliance with regulations concerning the outside use of water can result in a fine.

For more information on the topic as well as tips for saving water see sherbrooke.ca/eaupotable.

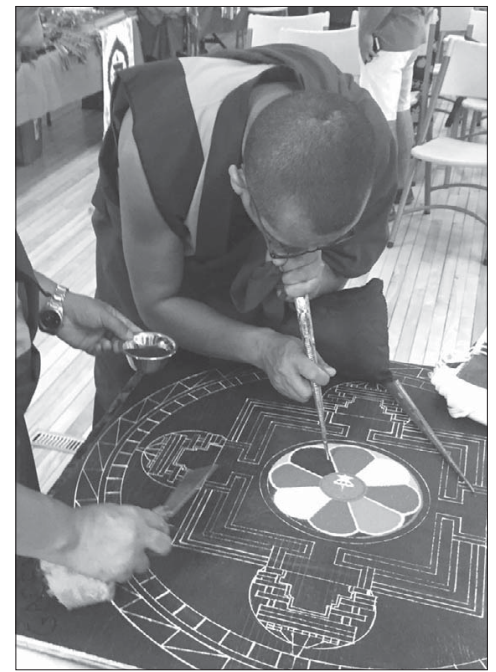
Ayer's cliff welcomes monks from the Gajang Monestary in India

For the third time since 2009, a group of Buddhist monks is spending the weekend in the Townships to lead meditations and workshops, and also build a mandala out of individually placed grains of sand.

Work began Wednesday morning on the mandala, following a morning meditation session.

In previous years, the monks came to Stanstead. This year, Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff is playing host.

"It sounded like an interesting project," said reverend Lee Ann Hogle, when asked her motivation to invite the monks. "It's for the energy," she said, adding "any group nurturing our spiritual life is worth supporting," Hogle said.



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Magog pedophile declared long-term offender

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Convicted of several sexually related offences, pedophile Serge Rivard has been named a long-term offender who will be monitored for ten years following completion of his 55 month sentence. His name will be also permanently inscribed in the sex of-

fender registry.

Rivard was found guilty of possession and distribution of child pornography in September 2015. With time already served, he will have to serve eight more months behind bars.

The designation of long-term offender stems from an assessment carried out at the Philippe-Pinel Institute of Montreal Serge Rivard.

The latest charges stem from events that occurred between 2011 and 2013, but Rivard has a criminal record dating back to 2003 when he was sentenced to 20 months for various sexual offences against children. He also has a long history of drug offences

A conviction for distribution of child pornography carries a minimum sentence of sentence of one year in prison,

while possession of such material is punishable by at least six months imprisonment.

Rivard, from Magog, was targeted as part of Operation Mainmise, that resulted in 28 arrests and as many searches in several regions of Quebec.

Individuals in Sherbrooke, Marbelton, Westbury, and Drummondville were arrested as a result of the operation.

Beaudoin wins sentence appeal

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The 'world's hottest criminal' has won an appeal launched by the Crown against the 90-day sentence imposed for a series of 39 burglaries,

conspiracy, and illegal possession of firearms for which she pleaded guilty in 2014.

Beaudoin's sentence was confirmed in the Quebec Court of Appeals Tuesday.

The Crown, represented by Louis-Charles Bal had argued that trial judge

Bruno Langelier placed too much emphasis on the rehabilitation of the young woman without regard to the gravity of her crimes. He also argued that the judge overlooked the aggravating factor of the presence of underage persons during the break-ins.

Beaudoin has already served part of her sentence. She gained international notoriety and her nickname because of several provocative photographs posted on her social media accounts.

St. Georges

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the little girl had brought the butterfly just so she could be a part of the service. She added that the number of service attendees swelled during this particular ceremony to about 80 people, not including their animals.

A church full of people with their animals seated on their laps, in the seats

next to them, or in the case of a horse, standing by the door, would certainly be quite the sight. Hoblyn described it as, "an extraordinary experience," particularly when the animals fall silent during the service and the singing of the hymns.

This rather remarkable service is not the only exciting Sunday coming for the St. George's Church. Its 150th anniversary

is at the end of the month, and on August 28, the congregation will be joined by the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz.

Archbishop Hiltz, originally from Nova Scotia, guarantees that that particular service will also be a big one, according to Hoblyn, who has organized a large choir for the event and is already

spreading the word about his visit. "He really is the most incredible man," Hoblyn said, having met him previously.

Between the host of new furry friends and a visit from the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, St. George's Church will be swimming in happy Sundays.

Air Canada making moves to make in-flight entertainment accessible

By Michelle McQuigge
THE CANADIAN PRESS

A human rights complaint filed against Air Canada has been resolved with the carrier promising to make its in-flight entertainment systems accessible to visually impaired passengers.

Two Ontario residents filed a complaint against Air Canada with the Canadian Human Rights Commission after finding they were unable to use the airline's touchscreen system to access movies and other diversions during their flights.

The complainants contended they were being deprived of a service that was available to other passengers and urged Air Canada to adopt a system with push buttons and other tactile indicators.

Air Canada has since announced it's committing to making all in-flight entertainment systems accessible across its fleet of aircraft.

The airline has already made changes to the systems in use on its 787 and 777 aircraft and promises future planes set for delivery in 2017 will be equipped

with accessible technology.

The passengers who filed the human rights complaint say the settlement has exceeded their expectations.

"We never thought that they would go as far as confirming that everything from now on would be accessible," plaintiff Marcia Yale said in a telephone interview.

"That's more than we ever could have hoped for."

Yale said her grievance with Air Canada began about eight years ago when she discovered the airline had made changes to its in-flight entertainment systems.

Instead of the push-button controls she was accustomed to using to scroll through movies and TV shows, she said she was chagrined to discover a new touch-screen system on the back of the seat in front of her.

The new design prevented her from navigating the various menus or browsing through available channels, which in turn left her feeling short-changed.

"We're paying the same money for travel and we're not getting the same ser-

vice," Yale said of the situation at the time.

Yale soon joined forces with John Rae, a fellow member of the Alliance for the Equality of Blind Canadians, to file a joint complaint through the Human Rights Commission.

The airline initially defended its practice by contending that in-flight entertainment was not part of the service they provided because the hardware was built into the aircraft, she said.

Yale said the company did make moves to address their concerns, however, by designing a template that could fit overtop of the touch screen and provide a tactile frame of reference.

Air Canada issued a statement saying no in-flight entertainment systems on the market today are currently designed to be accessible to the visually impaired, forcing the company to get creative internally.

The company said it adapted the current system, provided by Panasonic, to make it accessible. Yale said the new system now features a hand-held remote control, as well as audio functions that

can be enabled through the touchscreen.

"We are extremely proud to have a creative and innovative team that was able to develop these solutions over the years. As technology evolves, we are hopeful that (in-flight entertainment) systems manufacturers will follow our lead," said Eric Lauzon, Air Canada's manager of multi-media entertainment.

Enhancements to in-flight entertainment and other seemingly secondary services will be crucial for airlines that hope to stay competitive, says one analyst.

Barry Prentice, professor with the I.H. Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba, said air carriers increasingly struggle to compete on price.

This forces airlines to make themselves more attractive through offerings such as food and drink menus, low baggage charges or quality of in-flight entertainment, he said.

"Accessibility for the visually impaired is an example of non-price competition that could be difficult for a competing airline to offer, or at least to do so at the same cost," Prentice said.

Valcourt man missing from BC fishing trip

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An Eastern Townships man has been reported missing during a fishing trip in British Columbia.

Last Thursday, the RCMP called in search and rescue teams in the cities of Nakusp and Nelson to find Zacharie

Blouin, a 19-year old Valcourt native who failed to return as expected from a fishing trip near the Halfway River.

Blouin was on the trip with friends who alerted authorities to the disappearance Wednesday night, Blouin had gone alone to fish along the Halfway River near Nakusp, according to RCMP

Captain Dan Moskaluk,

His friends had gone looking for Blouin Thursday morning and found some personal belongings along the river, police say, but Blouin was nowhere to be seen.

RCMP investigators have tried to contact Blouin's relatives in Quebec to ad-

vice them of the situation and to obtain additional information on the missing man.

Blouin is 5' 10" and weighs 165 pounds. His hair is brown and his eyes green. Information that could help locate him can be given to the Nakusp RCMP at 250-265-3677.

High-speed driver pays heavy price

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Shortly before 7:00 Tuesday morning, the Sûreté du Québec caught a motorist traveling at high speed on Highway 255 in St-Camille. The offender was caught traveling at over 200 km/h in a 90 zone southbound from Wotton towards St-Camille.

This offense earned the driver a \$1,969 fine and 24 demerit points.

The offender also received a \$1,532 fine and four demerit points for having committed a reckless action, based on several findings by police.

The driver, a young man of 19 and the holder of a probationary license, has had that license suspended for a period of 7 days, as provided by legislation regarding excessive speed.

The Sûreté du Québec advises that police will be present on the roads during the holiday period and will pay particular attention to speeding, as speed is the leading cause of fatal collisions in Quebec.



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EDITORIAL

The Giant Hogweed hitched a ride on a container ship and is now popping up in a variety of places in North America including the Queen city of the Eastern Townships.

Giant Hogweed not so odd



TIM BELFORD

Is it just me or has the whole world taken a bizarre turn lately? Maybe it's just the dog days of summer, the humidity and the heat, but the media seems to be chock-a-block with increasingly weird features. Take, for instance, Project Oilsand.

Project Oilsand was devised by the Richfield Oil Corporation of California back in the late 1950s. It was one of the first proposals to extract the oil from the Athabasca tar sands. The plan was simplicity in itself. Just detonate a nine-kiloton, underground, nuclear blast to heat the soil and loosen the oil for extraction.

Today, that sounds, to say the least, a bit off the wall but back then it made perfect sense to a wide variety of reputable scientists including Edward Teller, one of the team that gave us the hydrogen bomb in the first place. Thank goodness cooler head prevailed and the project was canned thus preventing Alberta from becoming the first province to glow in the dark.

Then there's Normand Piché, a Mon-

trealer with a penchant for swimming. Piché, an apparently otherwise normal 40 something male, has decided to swim across the waters separating five continents. He'll kick off his nautical journey at the end of August when he'll attempt a crossing of the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia.

He's also going to do the Red Sea, part of the Pacific Ocean and the Bosphorus Strait, although the recent unrest in Turkey may change those plans. In order to get the job done he's preparing by spending 7.5 hours at a time treading water and taking ice baths. If nothing else, he's beating the summer heat.

Closer to home, I was fascinated to read Sherbrooke is in a fight to combat the Giant Hogweed. Despite the name, this has nothing to do with Harry Potter or Hogwarts, rather it is an invasive plant that hails from Asia. The Giant Hogweed hitched a ride on a container ship and is now popping up in a variety of places in North America including the Queen city of the Eastern Townships.

To call it a weed is like calling a giant redwood a shrub. The thing can grow up to 5 metres tall with a stem that is 10 centimetres across. The kicker here is that you don't want to try and clear it out yourself since the sap can cause 2nd or 3rd degree burns. To contact the city's version of Hog Busters try sherbrooke.ca/eee.

The Richard Henry Bain murder trial continues in Montreal with dueling psy-



chiatrists discussing whether or not Bain is faking mental illness to get off on a charge of murder. One shrink says he's not fit to stand trial and the other says he's the best actor since Laurence Olivier. Again, maybe it's the heat or the holidays but are we not missing the point here?

On September 4, 2012 while members of the Parti Quebecois, including newly elected Premier, Pauline Marois, were whooping it up at the Metropolis in Montreal celebrating the party's electoral triumph, Bain put on a bathrobe and a ski mask, loaded the trunk of his car with enough weaponry to replay the Normandy landing and then attempted to blast his way into the PQ party killing

one security guard in the process. And there's a question of his sanity? Nope, the world's going sideways at an amazing rate and the media is scrambling to cover it all. With 300 million or so citizens the best the United States can come up with is Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump as candidates for the presidency. Justin Trudeau's only solution to every problem from the purchase of F35 fighters to missing aboriginal women is to take a selfie and set up a commission. And Great Britain is called crazy for rejecting the gnomes of Brussels.

Somehow a giant poisonous weed invading Sherbrooke doesn't seem so odd.

4th Townships Diversity Celebration coming August 27

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de la Gare de Sherbrooke beginning at 11 a.m.

The event features community organizations booths, public exchange on

the reality of trans children, inflatable games, a DJ, makeup, and more will be offered until 4 p.m.

New this year, a Pride Parade will take place in the heart of downtown Sherbrooke, leaving the old train station at 4 p.m. To close the day, an evening in benefit of GRIS Estrie will be held at the LGBT bar + Otre on Dufferin Street.

The bilingual Gai Écoute hot line, this year's honorary president, says it is thrilled to team with GRIS Estrie for the Pride Festival, Director-General Pascal Vaillancourt, "Gai-Écoute is proud to partner in this edition of the Pride Festival. Supported by student associations, merchants, the City of Sherbrooke, and several other partners, the Pride celebration took off four years ago and continues to do a great job of raising awareness in the Eastern Townships. This type of event has a real impact on the process of

accepting and the coming out of people calling Gai-Écoute. It also promotes greater societal openness to their realities."

Beginning September 1, Gai-Écoute will provide services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These services continue to be offered to all those of sexual and gender diversity throughout Quebec.

GRIS Estrie D-G Peter McCann says that, "the strength of a pride event really depends on its inclusion and being anchored in the community. And not just the LGBT + community! The organizing committee headed by the GRIS Estrie, its partners and others involved in the event each year come from diverse backgrounds. The Pride celebration is above all a family and inclusive event. Anyone who wants to celebrate the spirit of openness is welcome, regardless of age, origin, orientation or gender identity."

The 4th edition of the Eastern Townships "pride" celebration takes place on August 27 at the Marché

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Red Cross says nearly \$300M raised for Fort McMurray after fire

The Canadian Press

The Canadian Red Cross says \$299 million has been raised to help with recovery from the Fort McMurray wildfire, with some money earmarked for people who can't make their mortgage payments or didn't have enough insurance.

Red Cross CEO Conrad Sauve said this "unprecedented outpouring of support" included \$165 million donated by Canadians to the charity.

The federal government contributed \$104 million to match funds donated made by individual Canadians and the province matched \$30 million given by individual Albertans.

"Canadians were touched by seeing fellow Canadians being evacuated and the fire and responded tremendously," Sauve said Wednesday. "We have got donations from every part of the country."

The total far exceeds the \$45 million people donated in 2013 for the catastrophic floods in southern Alberta and \$14.8 million for the rail disaster in Lac Megantic, Que.

On May 3 the massive wildfire fire forced the evacuation of almost 90,000 people from the Fort McMurray area.

The flames destroyed 2,400 homes and buildings, caused the shutdown of two key oilsands facilities and burned almost 5,900 square kilometres of timber.

Since early June, residents have been returning to the community to assess the damage and rebuild.

Sauve said that to date, almost \$200 million has been allocated for the people of Fort McMurray, including direct cash payments of \$84.4 million already handed out to residents.

There will be further help for residents who were uninsured or didn't have enough insurance to cover their losses. Money will be available to help people rebuild their homes, make rent or mortgage payments and to replace furniture, appliances and household goods.

"The Red Cross _ we don't pass a judgment on why people need help," Sauve said. "We help those in need _ that is the humanitarian imperative of what we do."

Another \$50 million will be given to charities, including food banks, which have been helping to feed people in Fort McMurray and residents who fled to other communities in Alberta.

About \$30 million is being set aside to help small businesses recover and \$12 million will be spent on community resiliency and fire prevention.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Laravee said details on how this money will be spent will be released in the coming weeks.

An organization that keeps tabs on how charities spend donations praised the Red Cross for its handling of the Fort McMurray disaster.

Greg Thomson of Charity Intelligence Canada said the Red Cross has been open about its spending and has moved quickly to get money to people who need it.

Thomson said in the first three months since the wildfire the charity has allocated just over half of the donations _ more quickly than the Alberta floods and Lac Megantic.

"We are quite pleased with the way the Red Cross has handled this significant amount of donations," Thomson said from Toronto.

"We are certainly looking for as much disclosure as possible."

The Red Cross said it typically issues donor reports following a major fundraising appeal at the one-month, three-month, six-month, one-year, two-year and three-year mark on how money has been allocated and spent in response to a disaster.

The charity said it also posts audited financial statements for major funding appeals such as the Alberta wildfire on its website.

2016 Buick Enclave Premium



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2016 Buick Enclave Premium



By Trevor Hofmann

You've got to hand it to Buick. They certainly know how to make the most of a good thing. The Enclave has been the brand's flagship SUV for nine years - with only a mild update for 2013 - and it's still going strong. What's more, they're about to wring one more year out of the old carcass before launching the redesigned 2018 model, which will end an amazing, decade-long first generation.

Despite its age, a total of 3,361 Enclave customers thought it was the best choice in the segment last year, and to Buick's credit it's already sent 2,116 down Canadian roads over the first six months of 2016. Why is it gaining traction? I can point to a number of key attributes that work for me, starting with styling that looks rich and upmarket in a traditionally luxurious way.

Well-designed from the onset - The original Lambda platform architecture was also very well-designed, not to mention extremely large, the Buick Enclave's overall footprint being greater than that of most midsize SUV/CUV class members. The result is superb interior roominess in all three rows, and cargo capacity galore.

Whereas competitors only offer seating for seven, you can opt for an 8-passenger Enclave, and the easy-access rear-most seats even fit real adults. The cargo area, which isn't finished quite as nicely as its premium peers, nevertheless measures 682 litres behind the 60/40-split third row, 1,985 litres aft of the two second-row buckets (which conveniently provide a large opening down the middle for stowing longer items like skis), and finally 3,286 litres when both rear rows are flattened. There's also a handy storage compartment below the load floor.

The 2016 Buick Enclave's seating

system doesn't include power-folding seatbacks or even cargo-wall handles like many of its rivals, so folding the second row requires a walk around to the side doors. Dropping the seat flips the headrests down automatically, however.

Not very sporty, but wonderfully comfortable - The driver's seat is large, spacious, fairly adjustable, and therefore quite comfortable, but there's almost no lateral support. With one hand firmly gripping whatever it can in order to keep the body in place, performance is limited despite a reasonably agile suspension.

Of course, the Buick Enclave is more about comfort than speed, offering a sublime ride even over rougher pavement, along with an incredibly quiet cabin that makes highway cruising hard to beat. On that note, the vehicle takes to high-speed straights and nice long curves effortlessly, making it an ideal conveyance for the yearly summer road trip or weekend jaunts to the ski hill in winter. Fuel economy is also fairly good at a claimed 14.2L/100km city and 9.9L/100km highway with FWD or 14.6L/100km city and 10.2L/100km highway with AWD (regular gas will suffice, too).

The standard 3.6L V6 creates wonderful sound effects at full throttle and proves amply energetic with 288 horsepower and 270 lb-ft of torque, although the smooth-shifting, 6-speed automatic transmission it's mated to is two gears shy of the average competitor and also misses auto start/stop, regenerative braking, and other fuel-saving technologies that are now commonplace in the luxury segment.

A reasonable load of standard and optional features - At least the standard list includes nice 19" alloy wheels, auto HID headlights, power heated side mirrors with integrated turn signals, a heated leather- and wood-rimmed steering wheel, a backup camera, satellite radio, three USB ports, Bluetooth, rear park assist, perforated leather upholstery, 8-way power adjustable front seats, a power liftgate, blind spot monitoring with rear cross traffic alert, the usual active and passive safety features, and more.

My Premium tester added standard AWD, plus adaptive cornering headlights, power-folding side mirrors with

auto reverse tilt-down for both sides and driver-side auto-dimming (what happened to auto-dimming for the passenger's side?), memory settings for those side mirrors, the driver's seat and the upgraded power tilt and telescopic steering column, cooled front seats, 10-speaker Bose audio, rear-seat audio controls and earphone jacks, forward collision alert, lane departure warning, etc.

Unfortunately, those last active safety features and others were not enough to earn an IIHS Top Safety Pick rating, although all 2016 Buick Enclave models get five stars from the NHTSA.

Pricey for entry-level luxury - Starting at \$56,435, my Premium tester was equipped with an optional cargo cover and cargo net, a dual-pane sunroof, a navigation system with NavTraffic, all-weather floor mats, metallic paint, and a towing package that increased the Enclave's capacity from 907-2,041 kilograms (2,000-4,500 lbs). All of that pushed the price into Audi Q7 and BMW X5 territory with a final tally of \$63,715.

It still could have added more, mind you. A fully equipped model with 20" alloys, rear-seat entertainment, and more climbs above \$66,000, which makes it pricier than a loaded Infiniti QX60 or Acura MDX Elite - both much better equipped and delivering arguably a more premium experience in daily use and at the dealership level.

Expected reliability a Buick strong card - Then again, your local GM dealer might offer a bigger discount, while even more critical, Buick has a better reliability record than those Japanese luxury upstarts with a fifth-place ranking among premium brands in Consumer Reports' 2016 report card on reliability, and a third place in J.D. Power's 2016 Initial Quality Study and 2016 Vehicle Dependability Study.

I suppose there's a price to pay for getting where you want to go without any problem, and the 2016 Buick Enclave Premium will certainly keep you comfortable along the way. It's far from perfect, but the big American SUV does some things very well, and for that it deserves its reasonable Canadian success. However, in order for the Enclave to grow its market share, the all-new 2018 model should come sooner rather than later.



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Rawlings said that some long-time supporters still came last year to pick, even though edible apples were harder to come by than usual.

Heath Orchard back on the map

By Rachel Newcombe
Special to The Record

liver 25,000 litres to Newport, VT company Eden Ice Cider, which made three different batches of hard cider out of Heath Orchard apples.

"I haven't tasted it yet," Rawlings said, pointing out that the Kerr crab, the late summer mix, and the late fall cider varieties spent between eight and 10 months in oak barrels, and were just bottled recently.

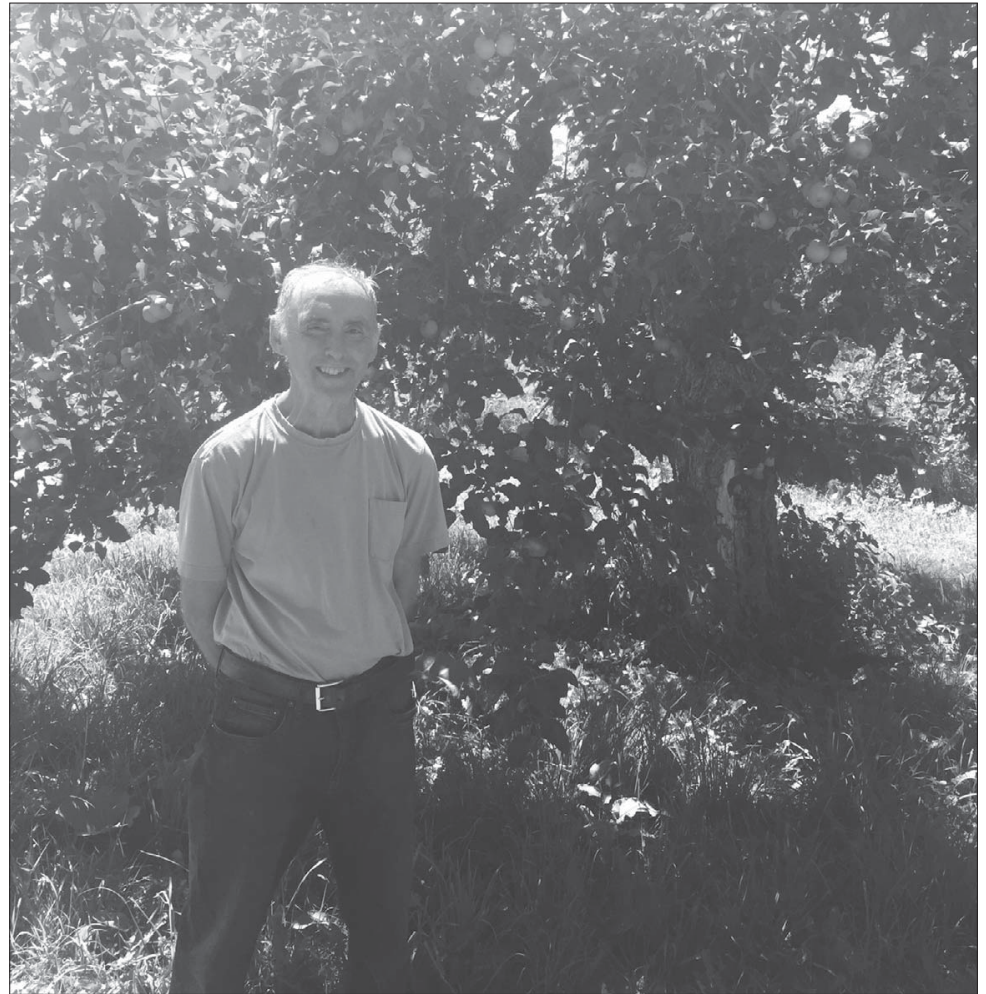
Rawlings said the partnership with Eden Ice Cider was a big help considering the losses last year, and said he has already been approached to provide more juice to the company this year.

While the orchard did have hail again this year, Rawlings said it was nothing compared to last year, and that overall things look promising for the apples, as well as the squash and pumpkin patch.

"It's looking quite lovely," Rawlings said.

The orchard is almost 100 years old, and contains over 35 different apple varieties. "I've been building it up," Rawlings commented.

"People are phoning," he said, adding that due to Heath Orchard's long history in the area, many locals and regulars know exactly when to show up with their baskets in hand, or to look at Lynn's handcrafted pottery. He added that Lynn has been experimenting recently with gas and wood firing, and has some beautiful new pieces for sale.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Chris Rawlings

Last summer, three violent hail storms ravaged the Heath Orchard in Stanstead, damaging the bulk of the apple harvest and causing substantial losses to the business.

The Record recently spoke with Chris Rawlings, who runs the orchard along with his wife Lynn Heath, to see how the season was shaping up this year.

"The signs will be up soon," Rawlings said, happy to report that things are looking good at the orchard for the upcoming season.

Heath orchard will open officially for the season on Aug.6.

"Trees are very resilient," he said.

Rawlings explained that after last year's hail, the entire crop was classified as second quality or worse because of bruising and damage. At the time, Rawlings and Heath were at a loss for what to do, concerned about maintaining their client base and worried locals and families who normally picked apples at their orchard as a tradition would fall out of the habit because of the compromised harvest.

Rawlings said that some long-time supporters still came last year to pick, even though edible apples were harder to come by than usual.

He added that testing last year determined that some of the apples were fine for pressing, and they managed to de-

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Featured Pet: Dalie

Dalie is a lovely, lovely young dog who was surrendered by her family. As wonderful as Dalie is, all dogs require a commitment of time and energy and it seems her former family just wasn't prepared to give her what she needed. At just over a year, Dalie is very sweet and friendly but she can be a little timid upon first meeting new people. Although it does not take long for Dalie to warm up, she is best suited to a quieter home without young children. She is gentle and we are not concerned about her behaviour towards children, but they seem to make her a little uneasy and we want her transition into her new

home to be as stress free as possible.

Dalie is a beautiful girl with a slender build. We believe her to be a mix of collie and flat coated retriever. She walks very nicely on the leash and enjoys playing in the water. In the right home where she is given the love, attention and happiness she needs, she will blossom and be a wonderful companion.

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Fewer Canadian mothers work outside home than those in many rich countries

By Andy Blatchford
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fewer Canadian mothers — especially those with young children — participate in the job market compared to moms in many wealthy countries, says a newly released internal federal analysis.

The Finance Department briefing note, prepared after the Liberals took power, also found that the workforce participation rates of Canadian mothers varied considerably depending on the province.

The document explored the link between child-care support and the involvement of women in the labour market.

It was created after last year's election campaign, during which the Liberals vowed to work with provinces, territories and indigenous communities to draw up a national framework on early learning and child care.

The Trudeau government's first spring budget committed \$500 million in 2017-18 toward the framework's creation.

The Liberals have promised the initiative would avoid a "one-size-fits-all" national program, and instead consider the approaches used by different jurisdictions across Canada to address their respective child-care needs.

The government's detailed internal analysis, "The impact of childcare support on women's labour force participation," provides information that could add valuable context to such discussions.

Based on 2013 data, it said the employment rate for "prime-aged" Canadian women — between 25 to 54 years old — with kids younger than 15 years old was 75 per cent.

That number placed Canada ninth among fellow member countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a prominent Paris-based think tank.

"Canadian women with children are less involved in the labour market than women in many OECD countries," said the partially redacted briefing note, obtained recently by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

"In particular, prime-aged Canadian women with young children (aged less than six years) stand out as a group."

The document said the factors behind the participation rate of women in Canada with young children was connected to several interrelated factors, including education attainment, spouse's income, labour market conditions, tax rates, child benefits and the availability of affordable child care.

By province, the document said that

maternal labour force participation was, in most cases, lower in provinces with higher child-care costs — with some exceptions.

It said Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, British Columbia and Alberta had the highest child-care fees, while Quebec, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island had the lowest costs.

"Relatively large participation gaps observed for mothers with young children in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador are broadly consistent with higher child-care fees observed in these provinces," said the memo, which was prepared for deputy finance minister Paul Rochon.

It noted that evidence has shown jurisdictions with lower-cost child care, such as Quebec and other OECD countries, has helped lift the workforce participation rates of women.

But despite having relatively low child-care costs, Manitoba and Saskatchewan still had comparably low participation rates among provinces, the document said.

The paper notes that it's difficult to quantify the link between low-cost child care and labour-force participation because of other variables, such as the design of the subsidy, the economic context and the availability of daycare spaces.

The document also highlighted a "strong regional differentiation" across provinces that persists even after education is factored in.

It noted a big gap between the lower workforce participation of women who had not completed post-secondary diploma, certificate or degree compared to those who had.

For example, the memo said in 2014 the provincial participation rates among prime-aged women without a post-secondary education, and whose youngest child was under six years old, ranged from 48 per cent in Newfoundland to 75 per cent in P.E.I.

Among their counterparts who had completed a post-secondary education, the rates ranged from 73 per cent in Alberta to 89 per cent in P.E.I.

The briefing also assessed how much lowering child-care fees could potentially increase Canada's labour supply. Drawing a clear conclusion, however, wasn't easy.

It said generating a boost in the labour-force supply by expanding low-cost daycare would depend on many factors, such as acceptable hours, quality of services and convenience of location.

On top of that, job opportunities must be attractive enough for women to cover the costs of child care, the analysis said.

ESPN NFL analyst Tom Jackson retires after 29 years

The Associated Press

Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Tom Jackson is calling it quits after a 29-year career.

Jackson joined ESPN in 1987 as one of its first NFL analysts after playing 14 years for the Denver Broncos.

ESPN announced Wednesday that the 65-year-old NFL analyst is retiring from broadcasting. Jackson's final assignment will be this weekend at the Pro Football

Jackson, the 2015 Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award recipient, said in a statement his priority will be spending time with his family.

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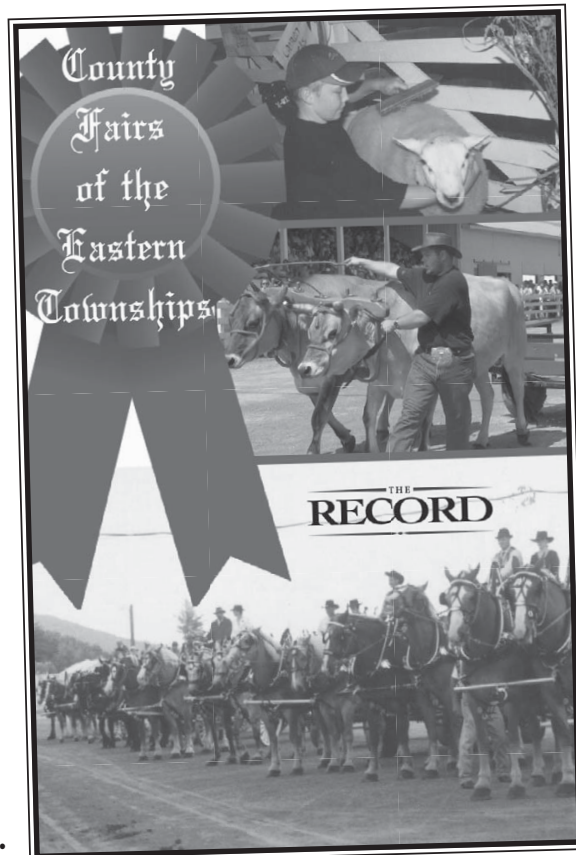
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- Noon Opening of rides & inflatable games
- 7:00 p.m. Tractor pull (Open, Super-Farm & Pro-Stock)
- Closing of the CIARC Agricultural Salon
- 11:00 p.m. Closing of rides and The Family Place
- 1:00 a.m. Closing of site

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- 9:00 a.m. Opening of site and The Family Place
- 9:30 a.m. Beginning of youth activities
- Opening of CIARC Agricultural Salon; Mini-Farm visits
- Noon Opening of rides
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo
- Closing of the CIARC Agricultural Salon; Anomalye Show
- 7:30 p.m. Pick-up pull
- 8:00 p.m. Pandore Show
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks
- 11:00 p.m. Closing of rides and The Family Place
- 1:00 a.m. Closing of site

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 8:00 a.m. Opening of site and The Family Place
- Brunch from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$15/adult, \$8/child, under 4 years: free
- 10:00 a.m. Opening of the CIARC Agricultural Salon
- Opening of rides
- Mini-farm visits
- 11:00 a.m. Gymkhana: Horses Exhibition
- Noon Demolition Derby
- 4:00 p.m. Lottery
- 5:00 p.m. Closing of rides & inflatable games
- Closing of The Family Place
- Closing of the Mini-farm
- Closing of the CIARC Agricultural Salon
- 6:00 p.m. Closing of site

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

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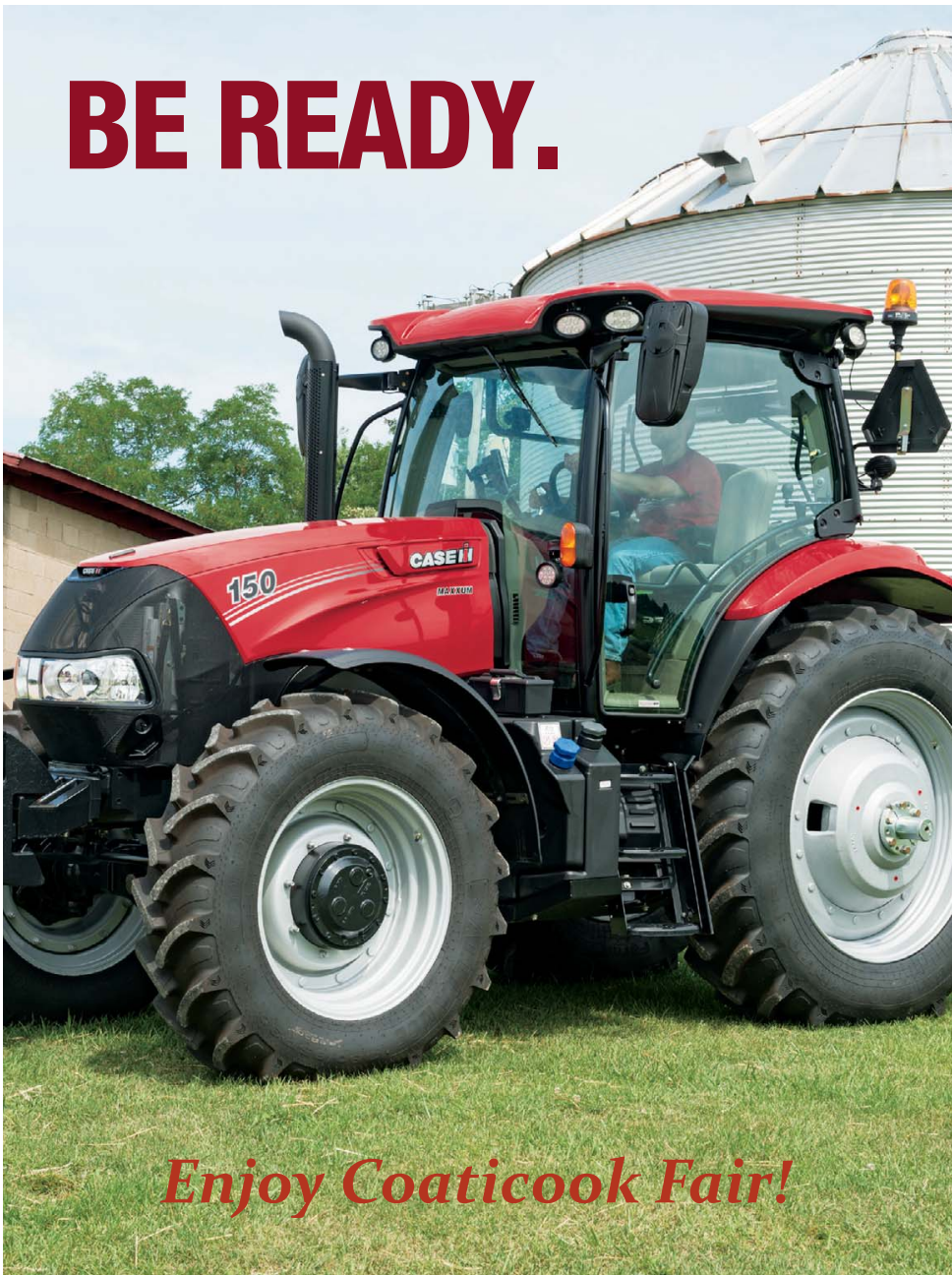
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Gymkhana competition coming to Coaticook Fair

By Claudia Villemaire
COATICOOK

The office was humming with ringing phones, piles of posters, schedules and the mounds of paperwork an event such as this requires.

But this was not the only busy corner. Out behind the stables, mounds of sand and fine gravel, piled like miniature pyramids, were waiting for the backhoe's touch to level and compact the new show ring. Final preparations for a first-ever event were well underway last week and president Roger Lapointe, although still worrying a bit about what remains to be done, seemed satisfied with progress so far.

For the initiated, a gymkhana competition can be a nail-biting spectacle where timing is not the only consideration as man, woman or young person dash through and/or around obstacles that test the rider's ability and the horse's talent at keeping track of his four feet and his body in balance.

The Coaticook Valley Expo is bringing just such an event to this year's 38th edition with competitions Saturday and Sunday. These events involve doing a complete 180 degree circle around three strategically placed barrels and another timed race in what was once called pole bending, now termed a slalom race be-

tween poles placed in line with the rider going in and out around these obstacles.

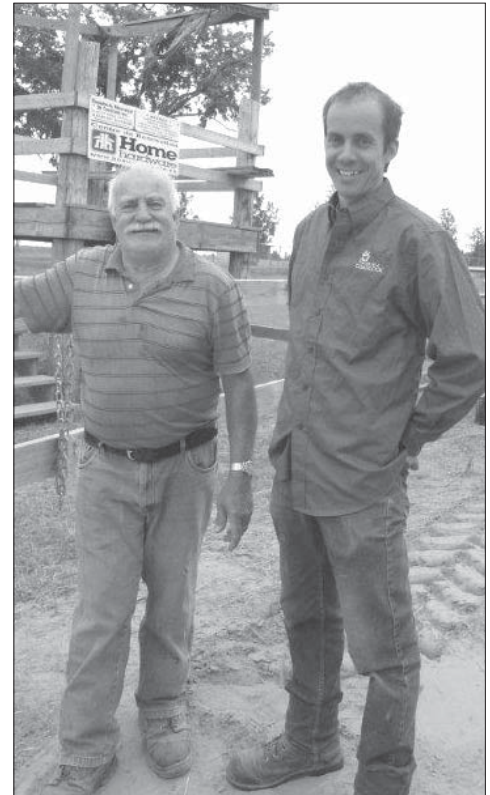
Then there is the rescue race. With a little imagination, spectators can presume the person standing at the other end of the ring, near a barrel is in some kind of dire straights. At least it seems like the situation requires all the speed the horse can muster, race with his rider intact to the stranded stranger. There is no stopping in this race with a quiet 'mount' for the waiting rescuee. Barely slowing down, gathering his hooves under him for the turn around the barrel, there's hardly time for that waiting person to grab a corner on the back of the saddle and leap astride the horse to race back to the start line and supposed 'safety'. Speed and a successful rescue are the key words, not easily accomplished. Sometimes the horse doesn't appreciate the extra weight on his rear and just might buck a bit. Or that leap for life from the saddle, which may somehow slip, leaving the rescuee embarrassingly flopped to the ground.

The slalom course with six or eight poles to manoeuvre requires an agile horse that must change his leading foot at every pole. For trainers and seasoned riders, there are signals and leg pressure that are like spoken commands. Spectators can learn to watch those front legs as they give a tiny hop to change a lead foot. That's the hoof that comes down first as the horse gallops. The whole

process takes hours of training for both horse and rider as body weight shifts from side to side at the fastest speed possible. The competitor must weave down through poles and back again with a burst of speed to cross the finish line or some competitions require only a one way trip through the poles and a mad dash to cross that finish line.

"We searched for new activities that would interest all ages," president Roger Lapointe explained during an interview last week. Improving and enlarging this exhibition has been the driving force for several years resulting in what was simply a Milk Festival and more like a folk festival is now recognized as an agricultural fair. "But we must continue to grow and expand to included more animals, more breeds and agriculture events the president added. "The Gymkhana is making a first appearance here and we've prepared a new full-size ring 200'x100' and will bring in a section of bleachers for the spectators especially for this event." Lapointe commented on the sturdy posts and fencing they were installing pointing out this would be a great location for local organizations to consider for events such as this one in future.

The speed classes are scheduled Saturday and Sunday and the ring is located just behind the stables.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Roger Lapointe, president of Exposition de la Vallée de la Coaticook "Depending on the goodwill of folks like Sebastien Desgagne, board member and willing helper at whatever task needs doing, is what can help ensure another successful event this year" the president emphasizes adding community support has been increasing every year

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Activities for the whole family

By Claudia Villemaire
COATICOOK

Not long ago, this struggling agriculture fair seemed doomed to going the way of the DoDo bird. But, as so often happens, volunteers and folks who simply believed in the importance of the traditional county fair got

together, put their ideas on the table, and, after careful consideration, came up with a weekend program of agriculture related events they hoped would revive and hopefully, assure the future of what was called a Milk Festival, resurrecting this event into a bona fide agriculture exhibition. These past years have proved they chose well. Every year, im-

provements large and small, new stables, a full fledged midway and one of the largest truck and tractor pulling competitions in the Townships has attracted more and more spectators with hopes running this year around the 12,000 mark.

Visitors will find a variety of events and sites to visit on the three-day program. Most notable in the agriculture world are the Jeunes Ruraux competitions, which begin with the fun of a calf costume class. For city folk, a calf is a young dairy or beef animal, born this year. There are small animals such as rabbits, goats, sheep and poultry and a duck or two at the mini-farm and the midway gets going at noon, not stopping 'til 11pm.

But actually, the official opening is at 4pm Thursday with a gala supper at 6pm, midway rides getting a head start on the weekend beginning at 6pm and a first opening of the Place de la Famille where inflated toys and games are also giving this idea a trial run.

Friday is a full day of activities with pick-up trucks and farm tractors doing their roaring best to pull the heaviest load and the day is capped with a bigger than ever fireworks display.

Saturday, the Jeunes Ruraux present their final classes and at 1pm, the regular classes for the two Holstein breeds take over the show ring. This is what a county fair is all about - bringing the best animals in the region together in

competition. This activity gives local producers of milk and beef a chance to see how their herd compares with others, consider perhaps adding a quality genetic bloodline to their herd, meet their friends and give families some free time to relax and enjoy the social side of this weekend get together.

On site, the Bistro features local musical talent every evening. A quick glance at the program describes music styles and children's activities and there's always a special menu at supper time on the grounds. Saturday and Sunday, out at the new horse-ring, gymkhana classes are on going riders showing off their prowess at winding through poles, racing around barrels or racing from one end of the ring to the other to 'save' a stranded friend crouched and waiting to leap on the galloping horse.

"We also have over forty head of poultry coming in this year," said president Roger Lapointe, a veteran of fifteen years of heading up this organization. "We had a bit of empty space in the stable, so the Board suggested bringing in some 'fancy feathers', he described, chuckling as only a milk or beef producer could at the thought of chickens in the stable. "We've planned plenty of things to do, see and enjoy this year, and, with a little luck from Mother Nature, we think we'll have another record year. This is family entertainment and information for the whole family, young and old," Lapointe concluded.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Virginie Turcotte-Cote and Claudiane Cote took a break this week to introduce a couple of pets that will be stars at the mini-farm this weekend during the annual exhibition.

Tory leadership hopeful Maxime Bernier promises to shake up air industry

By Lee Berthiaume
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conservative leadership hopeful Maxime Bernier is appealing to innate Canadian frustration with the stresses of air travel by promising to shake up the country's airline industry, should he become prime minister.

The Quebec MP, who has made privatization and deregulation a central theme in his campaign to take over as Tory leader, said Wednesday he would ease foreign ownership restrictions on airlines and privatize Canada's major airports.

"Canada has a relatively strong air transportation industry and good infrastructure," Bernier told a news conference.

"But like many other sectors of our economy, such as telecommunications

and supply management in agriculture, it suffers from a lack of competition and from prices that are too high."

One of five current contenders for the Conservative leadership, Bernier has previously promised to deregulate the telecommunications industry, end supply management for the egg, chicken and dairy industries, and privatize Canada Post.

Bernier said he would encourage more budget carriers by lifting foreign ownership restrictions on airlines that fly only inside Canada. Carriers that fly internationally, such as Air Canada, WestJet and Porter, would remain majority owned in Canada.

Several discount airlines have asked the Liberal government to raise the current foreign ownership restrictions from 25 per cent to 49 per cent to help get them off the ground. Bernier said doing

so would help connect smaller cities and regions that are currently underserved.

"This is why I will eliminate the 25 per cent foreign ownership limits," he said. "But why stop at 49 per cent? Australia and New Zealand allow 100 per cent foreign ownership for airlines that operate domestic services."

The previous Conservative government also promised to ease foreign ownership restrictions on Canadian airlines, but never did. Bernier, who served as industry and foreign affairs minister at different times under Stephen Harper, says he doesn't know why that action was never taken.

Bernier also took aim at Canada's 26 major airports, which have been managed on a not-for-profit basis since the 1990s. Under the arrangement, the airports pay rent to the federal government, which former federal minister

David Emerson estimated in a report published in February at \$5 billion since 1992.

"The major reason why ticket prices are so high in Canada is that the federal government continues to treat airports as cash cows that should be milked as much as possible," Bernier said. "These rents can represent up to 30 per cent of airport operating budgets, costs that are of course passed on to travellers."

Bernier, who raised \$57,000 in the last quarter for his leadership campaign compared to \$235,000 by leadership rival Kellie Leitch and \$85,000 by Michael Chong, also said he would let jets to land at Toronto's Billy Bishop island airport. He would also seek to have more flights to Canada from foreign carriers.

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Local Sports

"If we continue to keep quiet, it's sending the message that taking time to recover is not right, or that it's a sign of weakness," Landeskog wrote.

Avalanche captain speaks up days after Bettman cautions links to brain disease

By Jonas Siegel
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Colorado Avalanche captain Gabriel Landeskog says it's time to "stand up and speak up" about the effect of concussions in hockey.

His piece for the Players Tribune website, titled "We need to Talk About Concussions," comes a few days after NHL commissioner Gary Bettman came under renewed criticism over the league's position that there is "insufficient evidence" to link head injuries and degenerative brain disease.

Landeskog recalled his own experience with a concussion in January 2013.

"There's just no way your brain comes away from that kind of collision unscathed," he wrote.

The now 23-year-old said the injury occurred in a game against San Jose when he was hit by Sharks centre Joe

Thornton as he looked down to find the puck. He recalled that "everything went black" after the hit, though he eventually returned to finish the game, believing it to be the proper display of leadership in his early days as Avalanche captain.

Landeskog recalled learning that all was not well. He awoke the next morning at a hotel in Edmonton feeling "like two cement blocks were pushing against the sides of my skull", describing the concussion aftermath as agonizing. He remembers being unable to watch television for a week, bothered by lights and noise as he recovered at home.

Landeskog said he wanted to speak up on the subject so that the younger ranks in hockey would "understand the complexity" of the concussion and its effects, urging that proper time be given to allow the injury to heal.

He spoke to a changing culture in the NHL with regard to concussions with better awareness among players and rules that aim to keep players from returning to games after suffering a head injury. Still, he suggests that an undercurrent of machoism remains for an "invisible" injury.

"If we continue to keep quiet, it's sending the message that taking time to recover is not right, or that it's a sign of weakness," Landeskog wrote. "We have to stand up and speak up."

The piece comes on the heels of Bettman's controversial comments in response to the inquisition of U.S. politician Richard Blumenthal. Bettman wrote in a thorough, well-researched letter to Blumenthal that "a causal link between concussions and CTE has not been demonstrated."

Heeding the work of experts in the

field, Bettman suggested that even when cases of CTE were found "there is insufficient evidence" linking it to participation in professional sports or contact sports more generally.

Blumenthal asked for clarification on the NHL's seemingly "dismissive" stance on the subject in emails made public earlier this year.

Bettman said it was "unfair" to criticize the NHL when it was only following the consensus opinion of experts. He lauded the NHL's ongoing efforts to educate players on the risks of hits to the head, all the while noting that "no medical scientific study has ever concluded that concussions suffered by players who have played hockey at the NHL level can or do cause degenerative 'brain diseases'."

The NHL is currently facing a class-action concussion lawsuit.

Salary cap websites a popular tool for fans; NHL yet to create official channel

By Jonas Siegel
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tom Poraszka was already toying around with a simulator for the expansion draft when an NHL team official sent word that he consider doing just that.

"I was like 'Oh, I already am,'" said Poraszka, the founder of General Fanager, a website devoted to all things NHL salary cap. "And then it just blew up."

"In the first two days I think we had 50,000 people go to it."

Everything that happens today in the NHL fits under the umbrella of the salary cap, making sites like General Fanager an imperative resource for fans, media, players, agents and even teams themselves. The site offers almost everything one could want, from the salary commitments and cap space of all 30 clubs to buyout calculators, a salary arbitration tracker and contract histories for every player.

A result of the 2004-05 lockout, the salary cap forces clubs to carefully (sometimes not!) divvy up dollars each season, a delicate dance that makes even the most minor decisions important. Sites like General Fanager, a successor to the influential CapGeek, offer a peek "be-

hind the curtain" of such decision-making as Poraszka explains it.

"If you're really into the sport having a site like this, with the type of information it has, it allows you to understand and justify why certain things are or aren't happening," said Poraszka, who lives in Toronto.

He cites the Colorado Avalanche foisting player upon player on waivers at one point last season, a result, he quickly learned, of the club's tightrope against the 50-contract limit.

CapGeek was the pioneer for General Fanager, becoming the go-to source for salary cap information before the site's founder, Matthew Wuest, passed away last March due to colon cancer. Poraszka and others (CapFriendly and NHLNumbers are two other similar, though less expansive sites) have picked up on Wuest's work and will only presumably grow in importance.

The cap is only a decade old in the NHL and as teams become increasingly adept at manipulating it, resources that help explain it all will only become more beneficial to those interested in the game.

General Fanager merely fills a void the NHL has opted not to occupy. Commissioner Gary Bettman mused last year

there wasn't interest to merit the league running its' own comprehensive site, though traffic for General Fanager (which has over 47,000 Twitter followers) would suggest the contrary. The site topped one million visitors July 1 and usually draws in the tens of thousands daily, according to Poraszka.

Poraszka says he has strong relationships with about 20 teams, keeping in close contact with them as well as members of the media to ensure information presented is as accurate as possible. Details, such as the terms and conditions of Jakob Chychrun's first deal with the Arizona Coyotes, are offered almost immediately after news breaks, though sometimes Poraszka has to chase down specifics.

NHL clubs are increasingly becoming more transparent with that information though. The Toronto Maple Leafs, long secretive in that realm, opted to disclose contract terms for the first time last week when Martin Marincin was signed to a two-year deal worth \$2.5 million US.

Other clubs like the New York Rangers opt against presenting even the length of a new contract.

Given the importance of the salary cap, there's certainly merit to the league creating an official channel. The NHL,

though, has been slow to such ventures in the past, only delving into advanced statistics on their website last year.

Poraszka says he'd love to partner with the NHL on such a project — "there's no more reliable source than the league itself," he says — and from conversations with the league believes there's interest to do something eventually, just not yet.

The NHL didn't respond to interview requests.

Poraszka spends about 40 hours a week running the site (he gets help on the busiest days) and is continually pursuing more elements, including an arm-chair GM tool and mobile app. The newly added expansion draft tool allows users to go through every step of that eventual process, to the point of drafting players for the new Las Vegas franchise.

A project manager in marketing by day, Poraszka leapt into the site only when CapGeek shut down last spring, a hardcore fan who craved the information.

He hopes the site can one day be profitable.

"What's critical to me is that people have a source that's really good and really reliable," he said.



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Transition into menopause can last for several years



ASK DOCTOR K

By Anthony L. Komaroff, M.D.

DEAR DOCTOR K: I am in my early 40s. Over the past several months, my periods have become less regular. Sometimes my flow is lighter than normal; other times it's heavier. Is this perimenopause?

DEAR READER: It could be, though you're a bit young. As a woman approaches menopause, periods often become irregular. A woman is said to be in menopause after she has gone for one full year without periods. The transition into menopause is called perimenopause. This phase begins when a woman notices changes in her cycle,

usually in her mid-40s. It ends with menopause. Perimenopause usually lasts three to five years — but it can take as few as two years or as many as eight years for some women.

A woman's ovaries produce eggs and the female hormones estrogen and progesterone. These hormones control a woman's periods and other processes in her body. As a woman approaches menopause, her ovaries make less and less of these hormones.

As hormone levels fall, a woman's pattern of menstrual bleeding usually becomes irregular. A woman can have irregular periods for several months to years before her periods finally stop. Many women experience light, skipped or late periods during perimenopause. However, there also can be heavier and more prolonged bleeding during perimenopause. This may be caused by progesterone levels that drop faster than estrogen levels.

Another common symptom of perimenopause is hot flashes. A hot flash is a feeling of suddenly being hot, flushed and uncomfortable. Hot flashes come in bursts or flushes that usually last a few seconds to a few minutes. They are caused by changes in the way blood vessels relax and contract, and are thought to be related to the changes in a woman's estrogen levels. They may also be related to brain hormone levels that act on a woman's ovaries to affect their production of estrogen.

As estrogen levels fall, the vagina's natural lubricants also decrease. In

some women, this causes vaginal dryness. The lining of the vagina gradually becomes thinner and less able to stretch. These changes can cause sex to be uncomfortable or painful. They can also lead to inflammation in the vagina.

Depression also may occur at a higher rate in perimenopausal women than in premenopausal women. And women with a history of depression are prone to flare-ups during perimenopause. (Though non-hormonal events such as career challenges and children leaving home may affect depression as much or more than hormone changes.) Weight gain is also common around perimenopause.

Some of the symptoms and complications of perimenopause improve with time — particularly the irregular bleeding. Other symptoms persist into menopause, such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness and depression.

We've discussed in this space before that the belief that menopausal symptoms tend to last no more than five to 10 years may be wrong. In some women, the symptoms may last much longer.

There are some simple blood tests that your doctor can perform to determine if you are entering perimenopause. I'd suggest you discuss that possibility with your doctor.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.

Death

Enes Rinaldi Fava

It is with great sadness that the family of Enes Rinaldi Fava announces her death. She died peacefully in Cowansville on August 2, 2016 at the age of 93. She was predeceased by her husband Paul. She will be deeply missed by her children Ronald (Kathleen Lappin), her daughter Cynthia (Paul Bouvrette), her 6 grandchildren and her 8 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive condolences on Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Yves Legare Complex Funeraries, 7200 Boulevard Newman (514) 595-1500. Interment to take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Alzheimer's Society, The Foundation Centre D' Accueil de Cowansville, 200 rue Principale, Cowansville, QC J2K 1J2, or a charity of your choice.



Datebook

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016

Today is the 217th day of 2016 and the 46th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1914, Germany invaded Belgium, prompting Great Britain to declare war on Germany.

In 1944, the Gestapo arrested diarist Anne Frank and the other inhabitants of the "Secret Annex" in Amsterdam.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1993, two Los Angeles police officers were sentenced to 30 months in prison for violating motorist Rodney King's civil rights.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822), poet; Louis Vuitton (1821-1892), fashion designer; Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (1900-2002), queen consort of the United Kingdom; Louis Armstrong (1901-1971), musician; Richard Belzer (1944-), actor; Billy Bob Thornton (1955-), director/actor; Barack Obama (1961-), 44th U.S. president; Roger Clemens (1962-), baseball player; Dennis Lehane (1965-), author; Daniel Dae Kim (1968-), actor; Jeff Gordon (1971-), race car driver; Kurt Busch (1978-), race car driver.

TODAY'S FACT: "Poor Little Fool" by Ricky Nelson was the No. 1 song on the first Billboard Hot 100 chart, published

on this day in 1958.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2007, 32-year-old Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees became the youngest player ever to hit 500 career home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I normally can't stand vice-free people. They conflate a narcissistic instinct for self-preservation with moral superiority. Plus they suck the life right out of a party." — Dennis Lehane, "Moonlight Mile"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 7 — Cy Young Awards won by Hall of Fame pitcher Roger Clemens, the most in MLB history.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 2) and first quarter moon (Aug. 10).

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BROME

37th annual Townshippers' Day, Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Brome fairgrounds, 345 Stagecoach Road. Celebrate the English-speaking community, rain or shine, with 10 en-

tertainers, 90 artisans and exhibitors, silent auction, activities, food, historical tours and more. Thank you for leaving your pets at home. Small fee for parking. Details: TDay.ca, 1-877-242-4421.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesdays, August 9 and September 13, at 164 Queen Street, Suite #104, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, September 13 at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NORTH HATLEY

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding a Pressure clinic on Fridays, August 5 and September 2, at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

AUSTIN

MS Dance returned to Sundays ! Next Sunday August 7 at 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Austin Municipal Hall on Millington Road. In Austin Qc. Music by Country band "Mike Shelden & Compaq" with Special Guest Norma Pickens. Can you play or sing or tell a joke? Share your tal-

ent on the "Open Mike - Twice on the Mike so everyone gets a chance. Time 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Light snacks served at 4:00 p.m. We appreciate it if anyone wants to bring a dessert or a few sandwiches to make it even better. Coffee and Tea are Free we are selling at a low-cost chips and soft drinks. Half/Half and exchange gift table. Donation for MS. Please try to bring the exact change. Looking forward to fine music and friendships! See you there. This Dance will make or break further dances, so please bring your friends.

EATON CORNER

Come to Old Fashioned Day in Eaton Corner on Sunday, August 14, from 1 to 5 pm, to celebrate heritage crafts and skills demonstrated by local people who still know how to do them. You'll see everything from quilting, embroidery and lace making to basketmaking, candlemaking, timberframe construction, displays of antique tools and machinery and more. New this year: learn how to research your family genealogy. Adding to the experience will be Old Time music by Jan Graham and Ronnie Haseltine, horse and wagon rides, and complimentary tea and scones. Admission charged,

children under 12 for free. Parking lot on Laberee Road. For info call Serena Wintle 819-875-5256. It's a delightful way to spend a summer Townships afternoon.

BURY

At the Centre Communautaire de Brookbury 571 Rte 255, Bury Qc on Saturday August 6, there will be a "This and That" sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come and see what we have. And there will be a Military Whist on August 9 at 1:30 p.m. To reserve a table, please call Brenda at 819-884-5984.

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Gone goodbye

Annie's Mailbox

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016

Dear Annie: My significant other and I were in a relationship for 15 years. One evening, I was feeling insecure and asked whether there was someone else. Very soon after that, my significant other completely cut off all contact with me.

We were in a commitment and planning to get married, but now there is absolutely no communication, which just drives me to want to contact him even more than I would have in the past.

I'm trying to stay anchored in optimism, hoping that this storm will pass, he will get back in touch and we will restore our relationship.

How does a person shut down and not have any communication? This has spurred me to start obsessing. Without the ability to know when we will speak again, I feel paralyzed. It's very irritating, and it makes me feel totally separate from this person.

Wouldn't it create a better outcome if there were a resounding "no" or if we talked it through? How long do I hold on? Maybe it's too late. Or maybe even if he were to come back, I should be wary and concerned that he could have ever completely shut down like this. Thanks in advance for your input. — Left Behind

Dear Left: People often live in a state of open-ended anguish when a loved one goes missing or dies in a way that makes a body irretrievable. Denial is a stage of grief, and without concrete evidence of a person's death, it can be very hard to move past it.

Similarly, without a definite breakup from your partner, you're stuck in a holding pattern. That's what makes his cowardly behavior so unbelievably cruel and selfish.

If he has made himself totally unreachable, then you need to decide once and for all that things are over between you. Truly over. Only then can you have closure, properly mourn the relationship and move on.

Whatever you do, don't blame yourself. One moment of your feeling insecure should not lead your significant other to cut off all ties after being in a relationship for 15 years. I would ask what prompted your suspicions in the first place. Trust your intuition.

Dear Annie: Can you tell me a polite way to respond to a "friend" who constantly says mean things? For example, she'll say, "What's that line on your face?" "What happened to your arm? You have spots on it." "Wow! You have a big nose." She always does it while in

the company of others, which embarrasses me. Often she doesn't even address me but makes the comments to other people within my earshot. I'm not sure what I did to deserve this, as I've only tried to be nice to her. Does she do this because she is insecure? I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I've reached a point where I don't want to be in her company anymore. Hope you can help. — Frustrated Friend

Dear Frustrated: You were right to put "friend" in quotation marks. This woman is no friend; she is a frenemy. Forget being frustrated. You have my permission to be *outraged*.

Shaming a person in front of others is a form of bullying. You sound like a sweet person, and she has probably chosen you as the object of her animosity because of that. She mistakes your kindness for weakness.

So stand up for yourself the next time she insults you. I would suggest a harsh comeback, but if you're not comfortable with that, then say something upbeat but firm — for example, "Unless you're my doctor, I don't need you examining my skin." If there is some reason you can't or don't want to distance yourself from this bully, you need to at least keep her in check.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Ladies Auxiliary – ANAF Unit #318 – Bursaries

The Ladies Auxiliary – ANAF Unit #318 – is offering bursaries to members of the community who are furthering their education in a field of study other than elementary or high school.

Letters of application should be sent by September 1, 2016 to: Doreen Morissette #203-110 Oxford Crescent, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1M 2G2

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the ANAF Unit 318 is offering the Emily Smerdon Memorial Scholarship to an individual who is furthering his/her education after graduating from high school.

The chosen individual should be in a field of study related to working with young people and should have been associated with a youth organization.

Letters of application as well as a letter of reference from a professional should be sent by September 1, 2016 to Doreen Morissette, 110 Oxford Crescent #203, Sherbrooke Quebec, J1M 2G2

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “A woman gave birth on an airplane. The airline said that the woman and her new \$40 carry-on are doing just fine.” — Conan O'Brien

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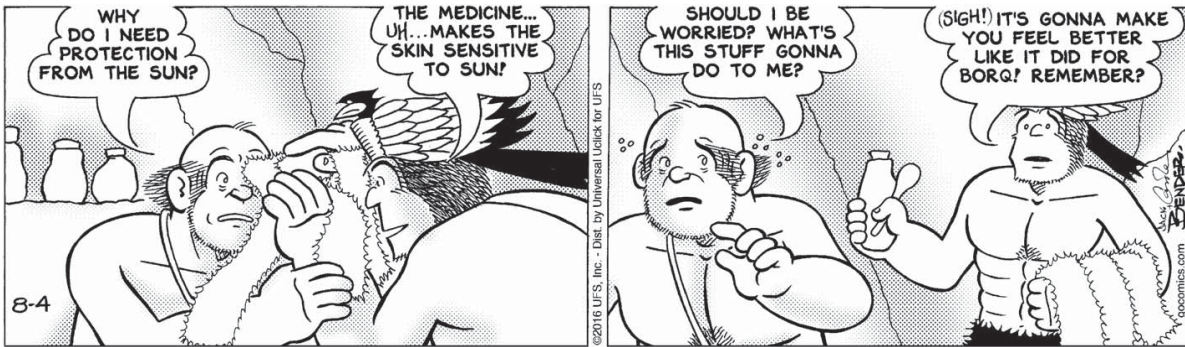
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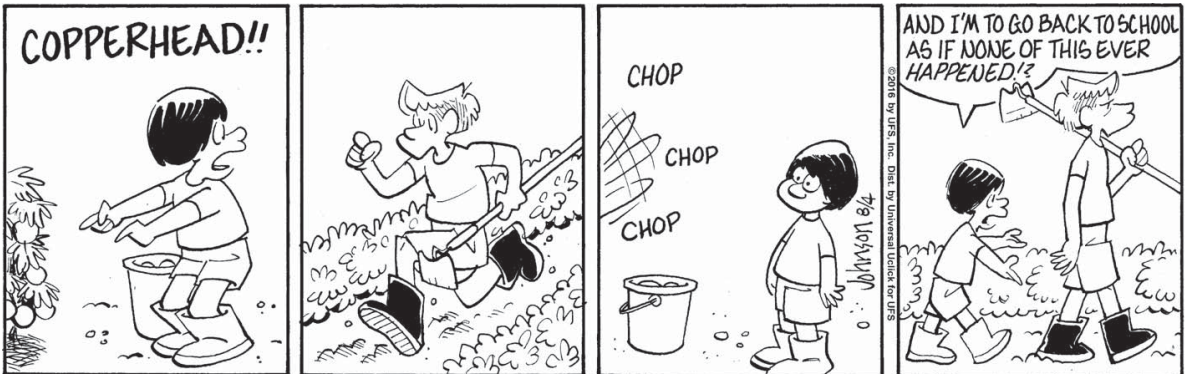
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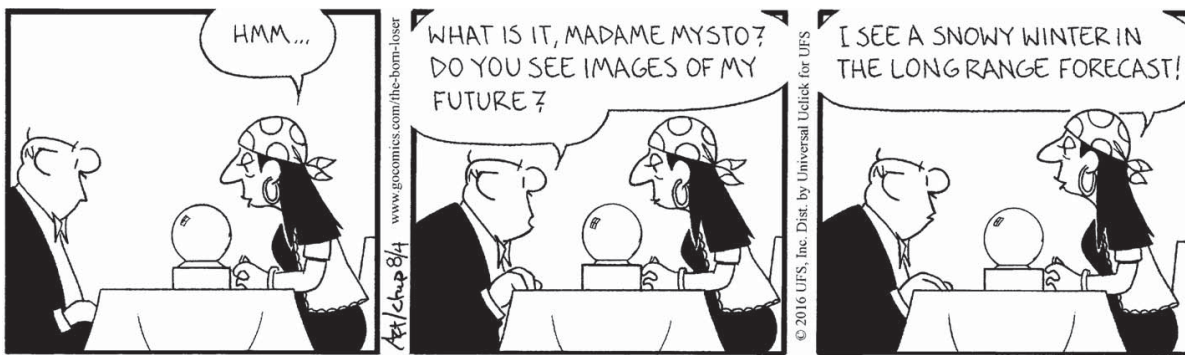
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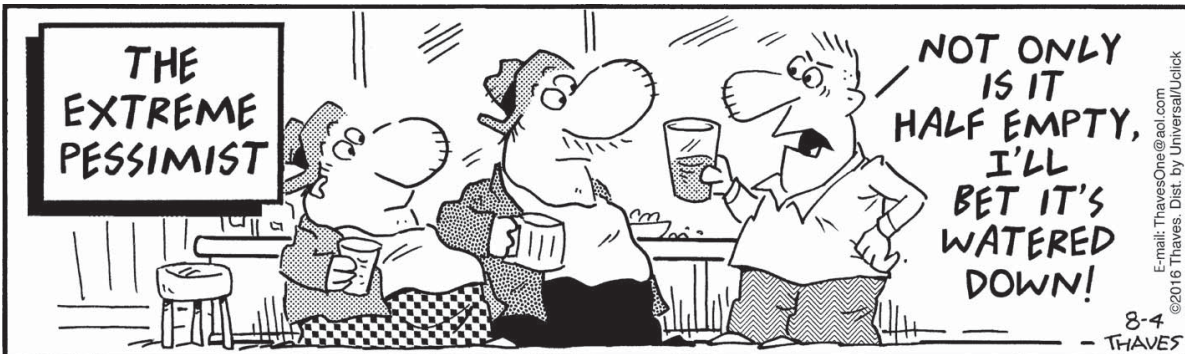
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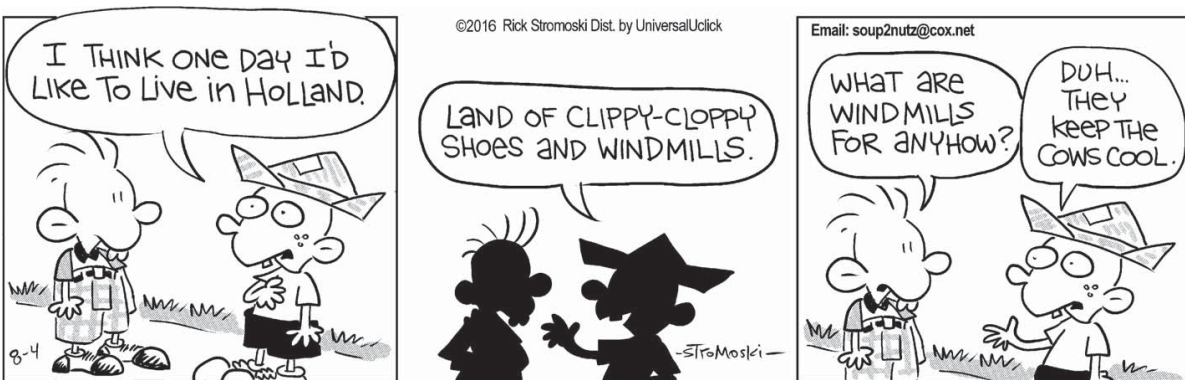
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016

You've got what it takes to make alterations to the way you live or how you move forward. Put some major energy behind your plans and see what a difference you make to your everyday life and future ambitions. Set your goal and strive for success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Consider your options when it comes to how you are living and the conditions you are faced with. Get some muscle behind you and make suitable improvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An event will give you the opportunity to put your attributes on display. Suggestions followed by prompt action will reinforce what you can bring to any organization you join.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Talk to the people you feel will do the most for you and air your ideas or complaints. The response you get will give you the courage to go ahead with your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Stay motivated and on track. Don't let personal matters interfere with business and your financial gains. Keep your business and social lives separate. Responsibilities come first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take things one step at a time. If you crowd your timetable, you aren't likely to complete anything. A personal adjustment will help you function better and accomplish more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll be drawn to the unusual. An interesting

personal change will result in a financial opportunity. Good timing will be crucial if you are going to come out on top.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A chance to do something that will boost your confidence should be first and foremost. If you look good and feel good, you will reach your maximum goal. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll be sensitive, caring and easy to manipulate. Before you give in to someone's sob story, consider your personal needs. Don't invest what you can't afford to give mentally, emotionally or financially.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A social event will lead to an offer that makes sense to you. Dig deeper and find out what all the requirements are before you move forward. There is no harm in listening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Tread carefully when dealing with emotional issues. Use your brain, not brawn, to deal with matters and you will avoid a force play that will leave you in a precarious position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Consider ways to make your home and domestic scene more inviting. Walk away from anyone trying to entice you to engage in social activities that are expensive or risky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A partnership will play an important role in the way situations unfold today. A past experience will prompt you to make a wise decision in the present. Don't fold under pressure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016

You may acquiesce to temptation

By Phillip Alder

Lane Olinghouse, an author of self-help articles, said, "Those who flee temptation generally leave a forwarding address."

In yesterday's deal, East had to resist the temptation to play third hand high when his highest card was only an eight. Then, it was right to give count by playing low from a tripleton. This permitted partner to work out that declarer had started with only two cards in this suit.

What is the situation today? May East succumb to third-hand-high temptation?

South is in three no-trump, and West leads his fourth-highest spade four.

When declarer covers West's spade four with dummy's five, East may play third hand high because he has a doubleton in that suit. He starts an echo, a high-low.

A clever South will take that trick with his jack, not with the eight. From East's play, South knows that West started with the spade ace and queen. As long as East does not win a trick, declarer still has a spade stopper.

South then leads his low heart to dummy's king and runs the club queen.

After taking the trick with his king,

North 08-04-16			
♠ 10 6 5			
♥ A K 6 3			
♦ 5 2			
♣ Q J 8 7			
West			East
♠ A Q 9 4 3			♠ 7 2
♥ 7 2			♥ J 10 9 8 4
♦ 9 8 6 3			♦ A 10 7 4
♣ K 4			♣ 5 3
South			
♠ K J 8			
♥ Q 5			
♦ K Q 3			
♣ A 10 9 6 2			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

what should West do next?

West will be tempted not to believe his partner and to cash the spade ace, thinking it will drop South's king. Here, though, that lets the contract make. Instead, West should trust East, not South. If South still has two spades left, East must be put on lead. West should shift to the diamond nine, top of nothing. Then East should win with his ace and return the spade two. This allows the defenders to take one club, one diamond and four spades for down two.

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Across

- 1 Retro photos
- 7 Condescends
- 13 Tympanic membrane
- 15 Half a notable San Francisco intersection
- 16 Heavy marble
- 17 Worried about
- 18 Brandy letters
- 19 Some grad students
- 21 P.O. boxful
- 22 One of a divided trio?
- 24 Like some room fresheners
- 26 Anthem contraction
- 28 Lucid
- 30 Tony winner Martin in the 2013 "Pippin" Broadway revival
- 32 Cargo wts.
- 33 With 43-Across, acting like an unscrupulous contractor ... and a hint to

this puzzle's circles

- 35 Prom dress material
- 37 They may be crunched
- 38 Bollywood star Aishwarya ___
- 39 Curaçao cocktails
- 43 See 33-Across
- 47 RR schedule listing
- 48 Land on a lake?
- 50 Psyche's beloved
- 51 Letters on old TV dials
- 52 Strainer
- 53 For time eterne
- 54 "Girls" creator Dunham
- 57 "There's ___ in ..."
- 58 XL squared
- 60 Old Buick
- 62 Indian spiced drink
- 66 Wearing, with "in"
- 67 Lots of shots
- 68 Juiced-up Roadsters?
- 69 Breastbones

25 The very beginning, figuratively

- 27 Pretoria's land: Abbr.
- 29 Virginie, to Eugénie
- 31 A long way away
- 34 Support beam
- 36 Penalty for wrongdoing
- 39 The Bulldogs of the SEC
- 40 Game player
- 41 Overruns
- 42 Fished with a net
- 43 Study of government
- 44 Meccano construction set

45 1973 Court decision alias

- 46 Old map abbr.
- 49 One of the fire signs
- 55 Attach, in a way
- 56 Magical opening
- 58 Beer ingredient
- 59 Act like a loon?
- 60 Map coordinate: Abbr.
- 61 Legal thing
- 63 Possesses
- 64 Poetic dusk
- 65 Simile center

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Down

- 1 French possessive
- 2 Take in
- 3 Hinder
- 4 Ominous date
- 5 Patron of Alice's
- 6 ___ generis
- 7 Louisville-to-Nashville dir.
- 8 Fare-well bridge
- 9 Scottish resort town known for its whisky
- 10 Defeat at the polls
- 11 Gift
- 12 Barrett of Pink Floyd
- 14 Doling (out)
- 15 Declare
- 20 Furthermore
- 22 Mil. bravery medal
- 23 Evian, par exemple
- 24 Colorful flowers

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