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Seniors' Intercultural Christmas: a festive and magical evening

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More than 120 people gathered at Salle du Parvis Friday to celebrate the seniors intercultural Christmas, an annual event organized by the Intercultural Committee of the Aïnés d'Action interculturelles.

In the presence of dignitaries such as Sherbrooke MP Pierre-Luc Dusseault and city councillors Robert Pouliot and Rémi Demers, this intergenerational event helps ease loneliness by bringing people of different cultures together in a festive atmosphere, imbued with the magic of the holidays.

Participants benefited from the multi-talented storyteller and comedian, originally from Burkina Faso, Lonsili Beбето, who delivered a performance which mixed wisdom and humour. The party then continued with an energetic performance by the Chœur des nations, a North American style gospel choir.

At the end of the evening, gifts were distributed to attendees thanks to the generosity of many sponsors, spreading happiness and joy in the audience.

"This event is a total success," said Rollande Petit, Chair of the Intercultural Committee. "Intercultural Christmas is a beautiful time of sharing and meeting that allows seniors here and elsewhere to get out of their loneliness.

Actions interculturelles is a non-profit organization that conducts several projects to share the richness of cultural diversity. Whether in technological education, pluralism awareness, or collaborative multicultural events, Actions interculturelles works with partners located throughout the country to promote the development of knowledge and the sharing of information.

Santa Claus visits Lennoxville



GORDON LAMBIE

Fresh snow made a treat for the eyes to horse-drawn carriage riders in Lennoxville on Sunday afternoon.

Gordon Lambie
Special to The Record

Santa Claus made his traditional visit to the Amédée-Beaudoin community centre on Samuel-Gratham Street in Lennoxville yesterday. Undaunted by the snow that saw many events cancelled and businesses closed across the Eastern Townships, the jolly

spirit of Christmas was present as usual to give his annual pre-Christmas dose of joy and good cheer.

The community centre, situated atop the fire hall and behind the borough office, was the site of family friendly activities animated by local volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. The guest of honour arrived with two elves on a horse drawn wagon at 2 p.m. Upon his arrival

at the centre, Santa was greeted by Borough President David Price and Borough Councillor Claude Charron before launching right into greeting and gifting the excited children who had lined up to see him.

Price shared that the attendance at this year's visit was nearly half that of those in past years. Asked if he thought

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EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE ARCHIVES

The Cooper Family in Compton County

By Jody Robinson

The family of Samuel Cooper and Margaret Neil immigrated to Quebec from Ireland around 1830, first settling in Quebec City and then later moving to a farm in St. Sylvestre around 1841. By trade, Samuel was a shoemaker and at least two of his sons, John and James, followed in his footsteps.

In the early 1870s, many members of the Cooper family moved to East Clifton and gradually relocated to towns in the surrounding area. Samuel and Margaret lived out the rest of their lives in East Clifton, passing away in 1891 and 1895, respectively.

John married Ellen Colvin in 1856 and, according to his obituary, together they had 13 children. Only five were still living at the time of his death in 1911: Samuel, Christiana, Emily, Sarah Ann, and Herbert.

After a few years in East Clifton, John, Ellen and their family moved to Sawyerville where John continued to work as a shoemaker. His brother, James, was the other shoemaker in the family and eventually settled in Cookshire to practice his trade.

John's oldest son, Samuel, did not carry on in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Educated at Eaton Academy, he worked as a lumber clerk and bookkeeper in New Hampshire in the early 1880s and then returned to Clifton to continue working as a clerk. From there, he



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This photo is identified as "Sam Cooper, shoemaker" and was probably taken in the 1880s. This puts forth the question: is it really a photograph of Sam Cooper, or could it have been one of his sons, John or James?

Symphony Choir needs voices, especially deep ones

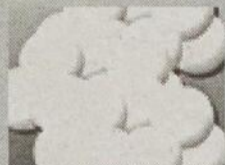
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The Sherbrooke Symphony Choir is looking for experienced singers of all kinds and is inviting those interested in joining the CSS to register for an audition. Auditions last approximately 15 minutes and consist of a short performance, an ear check, and a bit of sight-reading. Registration can be done online at www.choeursymphoniquedesherbroke.org.

Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:45 p.m. and the next auditions take place on Jan. 6, by appointment. Male voices are particularly sought.

The Sherbrooke Symphony Choir (CSS) is a choir of a hundred mixed voices of all ages, which is dedicated to the promotion of choral singing and opera among its members and the population of the greater Sherbrooke region.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



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Major snowfall hits Townships

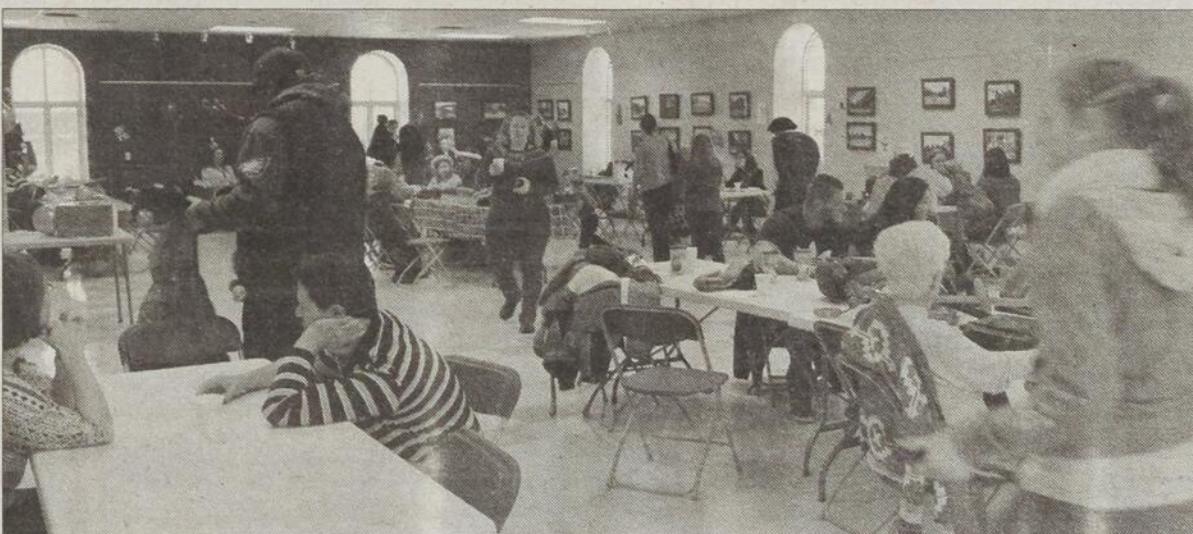


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The region welcomed its first major winter storm over the weekend with almost one foot of the fluffy white stuff coming down between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Driving around city streets and highways was tricky Sunday. A resident on Maple Grove Street in Lennoxville was out clearing the snow in the afternoon. Precipitation will drop off today and warmer temperatures are expected to begin on Tuesday.

Santa Claus

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GORDON LAMBIE

Santa Claus made his traditional visit to the Amédée-Beaudoin community centre on Samuel-Gratham Street in Lennoxville yesterday where he was greeted by a crowd about half the size as usual due to conflicting local events.

the inclement weather through Saturday night and into Sunday morning might be the reason, the Borough president said he thought the turnout was more likely low due to a series of local events that happened to be taking place at the same time.

Those families who did make

it out to the visit, however, had no shortage of activities to participate in, from snowflake-making, to Christmas-themed games and colouring, as well as sleigh rides down beside the St. Francis River. The event was also host to a Father-daughter clown and face-painting duo who helped

brighten up the festivities with colourful balloon creations and made-to-order face paintings.

All those present were also treated to doughnuts and hot mulled cider served by members of the Lennoxville Volunteer Firefighters Association, who help organize Santa's visit every year.

Townshippers' Association calls on National Assembly to withdraw Bill 60

SHERBROOKE

Townshippers' Association has filed a brief strongly urging the Quebec National Assembly to withdraw Bill 60 from consideration calling the document an assault on every value that affirms individual rights and freedoms.

Townshippers' Association President Gerald Cutting expressed opposition to any policy that aims to divide communities and undermine civil liberties, "for anyone who really believes in the definition of freedom, the only response to this bill can be a resounding no."

In the six page brief, Townshippers' questions

the sinister purpose and rationale behind the proposed legislation noting that the measures outlined in bill 60 virtually guarantee a giant step backwards for minorities in general, and women of the Muslim faith in particular.

The Association feels that bill 60 is not a measure that will enhance the values and personal freedoms already ensured by both the Canadian and Quebec Charters of Rights and Freedoms, two fundamental documents of a civilized society. If adopted "as is," it will only serve to deepen divisions among Quebec residents, and increase the isolation of minorities.

Source: Corrinna Pole.

City suggests two new school locations

SHERBROOKE

The City of Sherbrooke has made proposals for the location of two new schools the Commission Scolaire de la Région de Sherbrooke (CSRS) wants to build to receive students by the autumn of 2015.

The schools are planned for the former municipalities of Saint-Élie-d'Orford and Rock Forest.

In Saint-Élie, the city proposes a site on Ch. Saint-Élie aligned with Circe Blvd.

In Rock Forest, the city proposes two potential sites, on Hélène-Boullé Street, and on Henri-Bourassa.

According to regulations, the schools must be built on land provided by the municipality. The CSRS has been collaborating with

the city, but both parties have been reluctant to move forward due to legal concerns.

The Saint-Élie school would serve almost 550 students and employ 40 people. It would house 21 classrooms. The new school would allow students currently being bused to Sherbrooke to stay in their own neighbourhoods.

The Rock Forest school would serve around 400 students and employ three. It too would serve a growing clientele.

The city currently doesn't own any suitable property in these sectors and is therefore merely identifying suitable properties. The city has budgeted approximately \$1 million for property acquisition for the two schools.

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Police investigate attempted child abduction

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Police are treating an incident that occurred last Thursday morning near Larocque school as an attempted abduction.

At the time, a suspect approached a 10-year old and tried to lure the child into his vehicle, a white Econoline van with rust around the bottom of the doors.

"Get in my car or I'll call the police," the man apparently

told the girl before the beginning of the school day. Rather than comply, the child had the good sense to run for help.

"The pupil asked the Crossing Guard for help. It was he who contacted us," says Sherbrooke Police spokesperson, René Dubreuil.

SPS investigators corroborated and confirmed the girl's version of events before declaring it an attempted abduction.

"This is something we take very seriously. We have to be

very careful in this type of event," Dubreuil says.

The SPS has tightened security around Larocque school as well as other elementary schools. The only details that have emerged from the investigation so far relate to the fact that a man of a certain age was driving a white van.

"The police are monitoring elementary schools. Since the suspect moves around by vehicle, he could be anywhere. We've also made several checks

to try to locate him and there will be more to come," Dubreuil says. "Without magnifying the event, the Commission scolaire de la Région de Sherbrooke (CSRS) is taking the situation very seriously. A letter was sent to all school principals to notify parents of the situation.

"This person could move around, so we prefer to advise all parents. We aren't taking any chances. Every year we have one or two reports of lurkers," says the CSRS director of com-

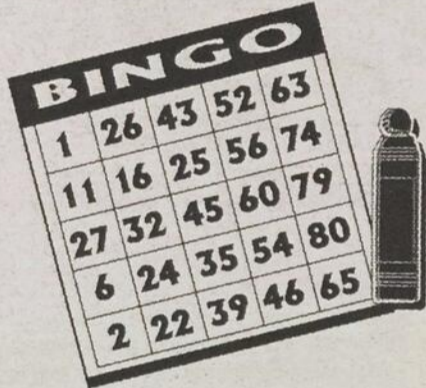
munications, Diane Blais.

Teachers were advised to remind their students of basic safety rules, especially the very young.

"We must remind them of the basic rules of not getting into vehicles of people they do not know and not talking to strangers. We recommend that children also travel in groups," Blais says.

Any information regarding this event can be communicated to the SPS at 819 821-5555.

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Employee vigilance nabs cloned-card fraudsters

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Vigilance and quick action by an employee led to the arrest of three young Montreal-area men for using cloned credit cards.

Louriachi Farouk, 21, Omar Tacher, 21, and Shawn Antonio Lamothe-Perez, 22, appeared in Sherbrooke court Friday to face charges of fraud. Lamothe-Perez was also charged with possession of narcotics.

The three men visited five stores in Sherbrooke Thursday evening.

"These suspects used cloned prepaid credit cards. The employee of a convenience store noticed something unusual while completing a transaction worth over \$100," said Sherbrooke Police spokesperson, René Dubreuil.

The store employee asked to see some identification from one of the suspects, who began by removing items to bring the total below \$100. By this point, the employee had noticed that "Everyone had

started removing items to lower the total bill under \$100. The cashier, however, noticed that the numbers on the credit card and those appearing on the terminal didn't match. She demanded identification again. The suspect pretended he needed to get his identification from his car. He never came back," Dubreuil says.

Seeing the suspect leave, the clerk took down the vehicle's license plate number and contacted police, who were able to locate the vehicle on Rte 220. "The suspects were trying to accomplish the same ploy," says Dubreuil.

With the allegedly cloned cards, the men were buying cigarettes and prepaid credit cards.

"We found several effects related to these frauds in the vehicle. People who believe they have been victims of these men can contact us. They were driving a dark Honda," Dubreuil says.

Any information concerning the fraud or attempted fraud may be communicated to the SPS at 819-821-5555.

Coaticook gets in gear for Cancer Run

COATICOOK

The organizing committee of the 12th edition of Coaticook's Relay for Life kicked off its 2014 campaign last Tuesday with a 5 à 7 at the Pavillon des Arts in Coaticook. The run will be held May 31, 2014 in Laurence Park.

"The Relay for Life of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) reflects the strength of a community and solidarity in a region. The Relay for Life Team is working very hard in Coaticook to make the Relay on May 31 memorable. To ensure the success of this next edition, we are looking for new volunteers," said Michel Gauthier, back as president of the Relay for a second year.

Gauthier also emphasized the collaboration of the Centre d'action bénévole de Coaticook, which will once again be handling several important operational tasks.

This year, the organization can also count on the special participation of Coaticook's 150th anniversary celebrations. Corporation des fêtes du 150e coordinator, Emily Drouin, promises surprises for the next edition of the Relay for Life in Coaticook

and reminds citizens that the theme of 150th celebrations is Celebrating the Past and the Future.

Psychologist Pierrette Desrosiers, has accepted the honorary presidency of this year's event. "The Relay for Life is an exceptional moment, a night to share with family, friends and colleagues," she says. "Enjoy the holiday season to talk about the relay at your family get-togethers to create a team, organize fundraising activities, make a donation, or choose to donate your time to the organization. Together we can make a difference in the lives of people currently living with cancer and we can, each in our own way, help save more lives."

The Caisse Desjardins des Sommets Verts Estrie is once again demonstrating its support for the cause and the community and returns as a major sponsor of the event with a donation of \$5,000.

To become a volunteer or to participate in the Coaticook Relay for Life or for more information, visit relais-pourlavie.ca, or contact Michel Gauthier at michel-gauthier.relais@gmail.com, or by calling (819) 571-2666.

Vieux Clocher gets facelift funding

MAGOG

The Vieux Clocher in Magog is celebrating its 40th anniversary and is receiving a gift of \$230,000 from the Quebec government to purchase new equipment.

Sherbrooke MNA Serge Cardin announced the grant, from the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (SODEC) on behalf of Culture and Communications Minister Maka Kotto, Friday. The acquisition of the equipment will provide optimum conditions for the dissemination

of the arts, for both producers and viewers.

"Our government is pleased to support this room with this investment. The Vieux Clocher de Magog is a launching pad for many Quebec artists who choose it to kick off their tours. I cannot overemphasize the brilliant history of this venue, which has seen many famous artists perform there," said Kotto. "I have the privilege to announce an investment in a place that is considered an institution in our region. I am more than happy that our government is affirming its commit-

ment in promoting our national culture in the Eastern Townships, particularly in the area of Magog," added Cardin.

The funds will be used to upgrade sound and lighting equipment, rearrange the loges, a new stage design, and new seats for spectators, and will meet the technical requirements of artists and producers, to ensure an improved experience for the audience and to help promote better access for citizens to Eastern Townships culture.

Nearly 130 performances are presented annually at the venue.

Hamm succeeds Marcoux at CLD

MAGOG

With the position vacant following the defeat of Jacques Marcoux in municipal elections in November, the Chair of the Local Development Centre (CLD) of the MRC Memphremagog is now being filled by the Mayor of Magog, Vicki May Hamm.

Hamm served previously as Chair of the CLD but left after only a few months, shortly before the former Director-General,

Ghyslain Goulet, also announced his departure.

"Mr. Marcoux did a good job at the CLD. He is a very dynamic man who has a vision of regional development. Without taking anything away from his successor in Pottou, it is a loss that he is no longer involved in the municipal world. It will not be easy to succeed him. These are big shoes to fill," Hamm concedes.

Hamm says the CLD will need to do more prospecting and marketing," she says. She added that

the organization is better today than it was three or four years ago. "Difficulties have been identified and have been addressed. On the other hand, there is still work to be done."

Hamm also marked the arrival of two promising recruits to the Board of the CLD. The two directors, Jean-Pierre Adam and Yvon Laramée, are respectively the mayors of Orford and Eastman. Ayer's Cliff Mayor, Alec Van Zuiden, will serve as vice-chair.

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EDITORIAL

Some people assume that their God insists that heroic measures be used to keep people alive. They are not allowed to die a natural death but made to suffer, possibly for years.

My life, my right

By Ronald Ewing

It is quite amazing how people argue that an unknown entity has more claims upon an individual's life than the individual him/herself. Why do some people believe that their religious beliefs should decide that an individual who meets the proposed criteria of Bill 52 should not be allowed the kindness of assisted suicide?

Kevin Richard begins his article (The Sacred Right, Dec. 3) by contradictorily arguing that atheism is a form of theism. This is like saying that anarchy is a form of government when it is actually the absence of a government. From that confusion he is then able to argue that, "Everyone's worldview is based on their individual theistic faith, whatever it may be," which reminds me of the joke: "Thank God, I'm an atheist."

A worldview, by definition, can be based upon the study of the world and man's role in it without any reference to a God. This does not mean that the person is an atheist; just that he does not presume that he is in personal contact with God and knows His mind.

The problem with referring to a Supreme Commander is that S/He says different things to different people.

S/He tells some men that their women have to wear burkas. S/He tells other men that their women have to dress modestly. And S/He tells the rest of us that S/He no longer cares what women wear. If God cannot be consistent on this matter, then why would we turn to this unknowable entity for advice about important matters? How can the government be accountable to such 'a higher moral authority?'

Kevin Richard argues that the constitution, I assume that he refers to our Canadian one, guarantees our rights and freedoms "because they are understood to originate from a supreme being referred to as God." This is malarkey. There is no reference to God in the original 1867 Constitution. The reference to God in the preamble (therefore having little legal weight) of the present Constitution was added because some religious minded people demanded that it be included. In order to gain general support, the government acquiesced. The ever-reliable Wikipedia states, "The prime minister of Canada at the time, Pierre Trudeau, called it "strange" that some of his colleagues wanted God referenced in the Charter. Trudeau told his MPs, "I don't think God gives a damn whether he's in the constitution or

not." The constitution was already written before the reference to God was added as an afterthought, to appease a segment of the population. Our rights and freedoms exist unilaterally. They are not dependent upon a deity who either no longer interferes in human affairs or who seems unbothered by massacres, natural disasters, wars, and a multitude of daily acts of violence.

The idea expressed in Richard's article that everyone including healthy children may demand the right to assisted suicide and that an elected government will feel compelled to agree to such a ridiculous demand carries the slippery slope argument to its illogical and outrageous conclusion.

Some people assume that their God insists that heroic measures be used to keep people alive. They are not allowed to die a natural death but made to suffer, possibly for years, because their family's interpretation of their Holy Book demands such an act. The Supreme Court of Canada recently ruled in favour of such an extension of life and against the doctors and the Toronto hospital that wished to remove a patient who had been on a life-support system consisting of a breathing machine and

feeding tubes for the previous three years. I have not heard anyone argue that this legal decision will lead to a slippery slope, that now we will all be forced to be hooked up to life-extending torture treatments. In like manner Bill 52 is clear and will not lead to indiscriminate killing.

Times change and so does morality. The admirable movie, 12 Years a Slave, includes a number of scenes wherein slave-owners use the Bible to justify slavery. Many Christian and other religions continue to use their beliefs to subjugate women and in extreme cases to justify murder or mutilation upon them. Not so many years ago a divorced woman in our Canadian society was considered a fallen woman.

It is unfortunate that some would continue to impose their religious beliefs on others who do not share them and who do not agree with the commands of their supposed deity. Nobody is being forced to request assisted suicide. Surely those who are suffering from an incurable and serious illness and have decided that enough is enough should be granted their final wish.

I think that a compassionate God would agree.

The Masons present cheque to Lac-Mégantic Public Library

On December 5, members of the St. Francis Masonic Association travelled to Lac-Mégantic to make a presentation to the Lac-Mégantic Public Library which was totally destroyed in the disastrous fire of July. Through the coordination of Friendship Lodge of North Hatley, funds were raised by the nine Lodges of St. Francis District located in Thetford Mines, Richmond, Lennoxville, Magog, North Hatley, and Stanstead.

A few donations were also received from Lodges in the State of Maine, British Columbia, and even from Germany. With matching donations from the Masonic Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a cheque for a total of \$6,145 was presented to aid in the rebuilding of the Lac-Mégantic Public Library.

For more information about the Masonic Lodges of the St. Francis District, visit www.stfrancisdistrict.qc.ca.



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Police seize drugs, guns in L'Avenir

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Police responded to a dropped 9-1-1 call from L'Avenir Saturday morning only to discover marijuana plants, hashish, and firearms at the residence it came from.

The Sûreté du Québec were able to

trace the origins of the call and, while responding at the corresponding address, saw firearms and drugs, allowing them to obtain a warrant and search the residence shortly thereafter.

A 72-year old man has been questioned and released on conditions, and a woman, 63, will appear later.

RACHEL WRITES

So when I'm at my worst, I say, "Mom, you hear me? Something will come up." And it always does.

The voice of Ena Greyeyes, Part 3 Becoming a survivor

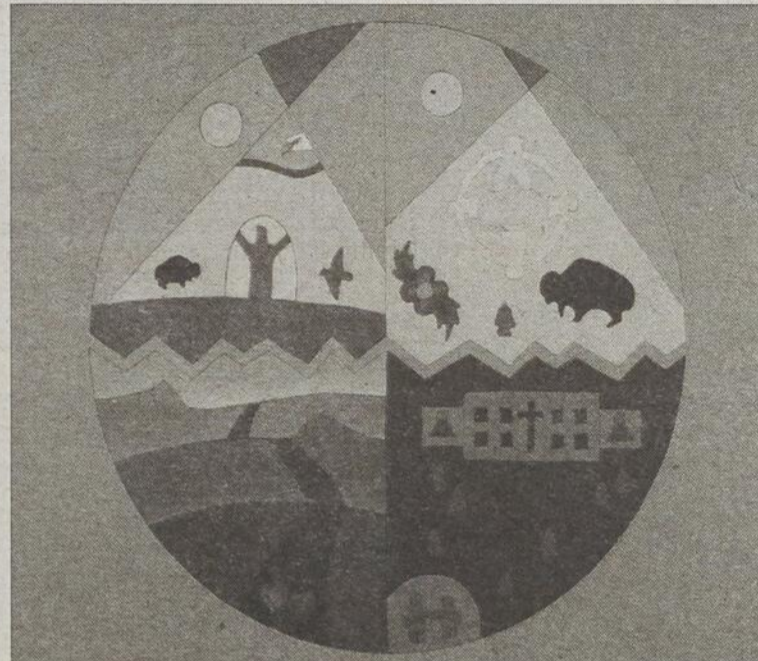


RACHEL GARBER

Ena Greyeyes survived six years as a child in the Saint Michael's Indian Residential School in Duck Lake, Saskatchewan. She spoke about her experiences at the Unitarian Universalist Church in North Hatley on Sep. 29. To hear an audio recording, go to uuestrie.ca and click on "Listen to audio of speakers" under "Pages and Links" in the right hand column. This is Part Three of her story.



The Stolen Children, painting by Ena Greyeyes. "The artwork depicts the day the children were forcibly taken away from their homes and brought to residential school. The priest is represented by a large black crow who is leading away innocent doves that symbolize the children. Their parents and families, totally helpless, can only watch in pain and despair as their children are being stolen from them."



PHOTOS COURTESY, ENA GREYEVES

A Story of Struggle and Survival, painting by Ena Greyeyes. "This artwork depicts the four cycles of the artist's life. The top right quadrant tells of her happy childhood within a close family unit and strong cultural ties to her Native background. The next cycle (below) depicts her difficult life in residential school, completely severed from family and culture. The next cycle depicts her long, difficult journey towards healing. She overcomes personal challenges and two battles with cancer to finally reclaim her power and her identity. The last cycle shows her as a proud Elder and survivor, the circle finally becoming complete." (The Record apologizes for printing an incorrect caption for this painting in last week's column.)

So we had all these generations of people in residential schools - up to five generations, from the late 1800s when the first schools were put into place. And it was even worse then, because the children were taken away at age six, and they were not brought home for holidays. They were there for 10 years.

In Kahnawake near Montreal, the father of one of my good friends was one of those children who were taken away at age six. He never saw his parents once, because his parents couldn't afford to come to the school (in Brantford, Ontario). So when they told him to go back home to Kahnawake, he arrived and his mother had died. His grandparents and his aunts had passed away. Nobody had bothered telling him. In the meantime, he had lost his language. He spoke only English. The elders who were there didn't know him. He was a total stranger on his own reserve. So

he went back to the school again. He spent two more years there, until he was 18, and they sent him back home again.

So that happened to hundreds of children. The same thing for my parents. In those days, they allowed the children to go to school up to Grade 5. If you wanted to do any kind of secondary school, forget it.

My dad begged and begged to go on to Grade 6, and they didn't allow it. So he was sent home. They kept on the more robust children and they did the farm chores. Because most of the schools were self-sufficient. They had farms, they had animals, they had gardens. So the children were the ones working the fields and so on. It was child labour. So all these

schools were actually built on the blood of the children, in more ways than one. And they were unpaid on top of that.

But you know, the spirit is very resilient, and you become hardened to things. At least I did, anyway. You interiorize a lot of your feelings, and you learn to hide, to pretend a lot. It becomes a question of survival. Because just about anything that you did, you got punished for it. So you learn to keep a very low profile.

I had a very strong will, looking back on it. Our parents sent us two dollars, my sister and I, a dollar each. My sister bought candy with hers. But my cousin told me, Ena, there's hula hoops in the village, they're selling them at the general store. She

said "they're ninety-five cents." So I went to see the priest, and I bought my hula hoop.

Suddenly I had the realization that there was a light at the end of the tunnel for me. I didn't have to be hungry all the time. I started renting out my hula hoop. Of course nobody had money, but they did have extra portions of food, and so I used to trade for dessert, or extra plates, and I'd share with my sister. So we always had extra food. And this hula hoop was my salvation. It's unbelievable, when you think about it. I had permission to store it in another room, so the other kids wouldn't break it.

So that hula hoop, I think, opened the door for me, how to become a survivor. It gave me a little bit of power. It also introduced me to the possibility that in life, even if you have nothing, there's always something that you can create. My mother had this expression, "Something will come up." She was a great optimist. So when I'm at my worst, I say, "Mom, you hear me? Something will come up." And it always does.

Without realizing it, even at that young age, I'd become a survivor. I used what I had to survive.

(Next week: From survival to healing)

The Foreman Art Gallery presents two exhibitions

SHERBROOKE

From Jan. 9 to Mar. 15, the Foreman Art Gallery presents Energy, a thematic group exhibition that brings together the work of four contemporary artists: Montréal-based Geoffrey Jones and Thomas Kneubühler, Toronto-based Jim Holyoak and the London, England-based collective The Otolith Group (Kodwo Eshun and Anjalika Sagar). Together, the artists and the collective explore the theme of energy, while reflecting on

its socio-political and philosophical implications, as well as its uses and abuses. This exhibition combines sculptural installation and large-scale drawings as well as photography and video project. Energy is an exhibition co-curated by Gentiane Bélanger, Vicky Chainey Gagnon and Geneviève Chevalier.

The opening reception will take place on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the artists and curators.

Also from Jan. 9 to Mar. 15, the Foreman Art Gallery pre-

sents its eighth video work in the Videotank exhibition series, Satellite by Nelson Henricks, created in 2004. In the video Satellite, the artist combines found footage and techno beats to question western society's ongoing obsession with science, technology and the future.

Juxtaposing images derived from old educational films with absurd, aphoristic slogans, Henricks offers up a witty, entertaining and provocative commentary of our need to make sense of everything, at any cost. The video art series

Videotank shows the work of high calibre Canadian and international artists in a dedicated space inside the Foreman Art Gallery.

The opening reception will take place on Jan. 9 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Born on Bow Island, Alberta, Nelson Henricks is a multimedia artist, curator, musician and writer based in Montréal. He is best known for his videotapes, which interweave typical texts, sounds and images that work on our minds to construct the physical and virtual spaces we

call home, work and politics, often offering collaborative narratives.

Henricks has participated in major international and Canadian group exhibitions and festivals, including The Quebec Triennial, the European Media Arts Festival in Osnabrück, Germany (2009) and INVIDEO (International Exhibition of Video Art and Cinema Beyond) in Milan, Italy (2004).

Source and information: Karine Di Genova. Foreman Art Gallery of Bishop's University, 2600, College St., Sherbrooke.

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Local Sports

The Bol d'Or champion Cougars garnered two major awards and eight all-star selections.

Levesque, Joseph lead list of Cougar football all-stars

Nine Cougars cited for 2013 performances

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record
MONTREAL

The Champlain College's Dominic Levesque capped off an excellent three-year collegiate career Friday night when he received three awards at the annual RSEQ Division 1 all-star dinner held in Montreal. In all the Bol d'Or champion Cougars garnered two major awards and eight all-star selections.

The reigning all-star kicker

was named Special Teams Player of the Year and also took home awards as the Division 1 top punter and place-kicker. Levesque led the league in both punting (40.4) and kick-off average (50.2) and was also the RSEQ's most accurate field goal kicker connecting on 14 of 18 attempts.

Cedric Joseph was a two-award winner as he was named the top kick returner as well as all-star running back. The versatile Joseph averaged 6 yards per carry and scored nine rushing

yards and also caught 14 passes for 290 yards and another major. As a kick returner he averaged over 15 yards per punt return and 30 yards per kick-off return with one return TD.

Offensive lineman Pierre-Olivier Grad was also named an all-star on the offensive side while on defence, linemen Frederik Robitaille (43 tackles, 12 for losses) and Jeremy Magnan-France (27 tackles); linebacker Jonathan Boissoneault (16.5 tackles, eight for losses) and defensive backs Adam Auclair (32

tackles and four interceptions) and Kevin McGee (31 tackles and two interceptions) were also picked for the dream team. Finally defensive standout William Robitaille was one of six players who was cited for his academic success.

Other individual award winners included Vieux-Montreal quarterback Hugo Henderson who was named the Most Valuable Player; running back Gabriel Parent of the Montmorency Nomads was selected as the top offensive player; the

Spartiates' Mathieu Betts was chosen as the defensive player of the year; Francis Chabot of the F-X Garneau Elans won the best offensive lineman award and Jean-Philippe Hudon of Notre-Dame-de-Foy earned the Rookie of the Year honour after leading the league with 62 tackles including 14 for losses and also had an interception.

The Vieux Montreal coaches were named the league's top coaching staff while the Lévis-Lauzon Faucons were named for their sporting ethics.

QMJHL Saturday: Phoenix 4 Titan 0

SHERBROOKE

Francis Desrosiers stopped all 39 shots he faced as the Phoenix blanked Acadie-Bathurst at the Sports Palace Saturday.

Jean-Francois Plante scored three goals for Sherbrooke (12-20-3) and Simon Desbiens

added another.

Patrick Walsh and Guillaume Brisebois led the Titan (13-18-3) with five shots apiece on net.

Jacob Brennan turned aside 28-of-32 shots for Acadie-Bathurst, which dropped its fourth game in a row.

Thursday: Peter Trainor scores in shootout as Rimouski edged Sherbrooke

Peter Trainor scored in a shootout to lift the Rimouski Oceanic past the Sherbrooke Phoenix 4-3 in Quebec Major Junior Hockey League play Thursday.

Trainor's goal came in the fifth round of the shootout after Alexis Loiseau, Anthony DeLuca and Michael Joly each scored in regulation for the Oceanic (17-11-6).

Jason Houde, Simon Desbiens with a short-handed goal and Jean-Francois Plante in the dying minutes scored for Sher-

brooke.

Philippe Desrosiers finished with 21 saves for Rimouski, while Francis Desrosiers stopped 36 shots for Sherbrooke.

The Phoenix were playing a late afternoon game at home Sunday against Rouyn-Noranda.

Audette again in the spotlight

SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke Phoenix forward Daniel Audette has been chosen as one of forty players in the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game, the Canadian Hockey League announced Sunday.

The Phoenix # 28, Audette, is in the line-up for Team Cherry and is one of just seven players from the Quebec Major-Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) chosen.

The 19th CHL/NHL Top Prospects game will be played at

the home of the Calgary Hitmen on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 and will be televised on Sportsnet and TVA Sports.

Audette has been a key player in the Phoenix offence this season, scoring seven goals and assisting in 28 others.

The 17-year Blainville native has shown considerable growth since the season began, according to Phoenix managing director Patrick Charbonneau. "His participation in the Under-18 Championship with Team Canada last

August, his participation in the 2013 Super Series, and his first half of the season totals show that Daniel is part of a select group of the best hopes for the next National Hockey League draft. From our side, we are very happy for him and are giving him everything we can to continue his progress. I can even say that it is a thing of pride to be able to count him on our roster. As he is at the heart of the offensive contribution of the team, we can rejoice for the future."



Daniel Audette (28).
COURTESY PHOENIX

Former Expo Warren Cromartie hopes investors jump on idea for team in Montreal

By Frederic Daigle
The Canadian Press
MONTREAL

Former Montreal Expo Warren Cromartie is just waiting for the right investors — or "power hitters" as he puts it — to step up to the plate in the city and hit one out of the park.

"There are two things in baseball that never change: history and numbers," said Cromartie, who is spearheading a drive for Montreal to get a Major

League Baseball team.

"Montreal, we have the history for baseball in this town. We have the numbers now. The numbers don't lie. It's an amazing day."

The Expos left after the 2004 season to become the Washington Nationals amid dwindling attendance at the concrete and much-maligned Olympic Stadium in the city's east end.

The reason for Cromartie's unbridled enthusiasm at a news conference Thursday was an

Ernst & Young feasibility study that suggests baseball could thrive in Montreal if the city had a new stadium.

The study was commissioned by Cromartie's group — the Montreal Baseball Project — and the Montreal Board of Trade.

Ernst & Young cited a strong demand for season tickets, the team's salary cap but especially revenue-sharing and increased TV rights as the reasons it reached its conclusion.

The report said the project

would cost just over \$1 billion — \$500 million for the facility and \$525 million for the franchise.

Ernst & Young based the \$525-million figure on the average price of the 10 MLB teams that, according to Forbes, have the least economic value.

The firm's scenario includes a government contribution of about \$335 million.

Cromartie and the board of trade are looking for someone who can deliver money — and lots of it.

"My next step is to find a champion," he said. "A champion with passion, a champion with integrity, a champion with assets, because we can't get done without it. We're looking for a big player, a cleanup hitter, somebody who wants to be part of history, be a hero. We got a ball game going here. We got a game going. We got a runner on first base ... I need a power hitter, power hitters to make it happen."

The christmas feast

STIR IT UP!
by Marialisa Calta

Christmas dinner is a meal enveloped in a glowing haze of nostalgia and tradition. Our collective memory — clouded by Dickensian feasts and carols evoking wassail and figgy pudding — conjures a crystal-and-silver bedecked table, a veritable “groaning board.” The very idea of producing a meal on this storied day can seem daunting. How to live up to the hype?

You may not be able to face the prospect of stuffing and roasting another turkey so soon after Thanksgiving. Ham and lamb may feel too much like Easter. Chicken? Too everyday.

But consider pork. Succulent, savory and not-hard-to-make, roast pork can be the centerpiece of your Christmas table. You can serve it with potatoes (mashed or roasted, white or sweet), some greens, and carrots or beets or other root vegetables. For dessert, a lemon tart or citrus sorbet would be perfect.

This recipe is from “The Scarpetta Cookbook,” named after award-winning chef Scott Conant, who offers traditional and not-so-traditional interpretations of Italian classics. His roast pork recipe was inspired by his father’s New England roots (hence the molasses) and his mother’s Italian heritage (the balsamic vinegar). No matter the origin, the glaze on this hunk of meat makes it, in Conant’s word, “irresistible.”

“I mean it,” he writes. “You put a piece of this pork in front of me and I can’t help myself.”

Christmas hype? You’re up to the challenge. Polish the silver and the crystal, and make this the irresistible centerpiece of your own “groaning board.”

MOLASSES AND BALSAMIC-GLAZED SLOW-ROASTED PORK
Yield: 5 to 8 servings

- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 small onion, peeled and quartered
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup chicken reduction (see Note 1)
- 1 cup unsulfured molasses
- 2 tablespoons dry mustard
- Pinch of hot red pepper flakes
- 1 (5-bone) pork loin roast, about 4 pounds, chine bones removed (see Note 2)
- Kosher salt
- 2 small sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
- Water as needed

Heat just enough oil to coat the bot-

tom of a small saucepan set over medium heat. Add the onion and 1 sprig of thyme and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes to develop the flavors. Add the vinegar, increase the heat to medium-high, and cook until reduced to about 1/3 cup, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the chicken reduction and continue to cook until the mixture coats the back of a spoon, just a few minutes. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl. Stir in the molasses, mustard and red pepper.

Set the pork on a rack over a rimmed baking sheet. If the pork has its fat cap on, lightly score the fat with a very sharp knife; avoid cutting into the meat. Season the pork lightly all over with salt. Reserve about 1/2 cup of the molasses mixture for serving, and using a pastry brush, coat the roast with the rest. Let stand for 30 minutes, occasionally brushing the glaze that runs off the meat back over it.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 525 degrees.

Roast the pork for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 275 degrees. Take the pork out of the oven and carefully add water to the bottom of the pan to keep meat moist as it continues to cook. Top roast with the remaining 4 sprigs of thyme, the rosemary and garlic, and season again lightly with salt. You want to make sure that 10 minutes — the time needed to reduce the oven to the lower temperature — has elapsed before returning the pork to the oven.

Continue cooking, adding a little more water as needed, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 145 degrees, about two hours. Remove the pork from the oven, tent with foil and let rest for 20 minutes.

Gently heat the reserved molasses mixture.

Serve the pork as bone-in chops or boneless slices. For the latter, cut the entire loin away from the bones in one piece and then slice across the grain. Brush the chops or slices with the reserved molasses mixture and serve.

Note 1: Chicken reduction is a concentrated stock. It is time-consuming to make, but you can find a recipe in Conant’s book or online. As a substitute, Conant recommends “Glace de Poulet Gold.” It is sold in many supermarkets and specialty stores, and is available online.

Note 2: The chine bones are the odd-shaped bones attached to the backbone, which make it very hard to carve and eat the pork chops. Ask the butcher to remove them, but to leave the covering (“fat cap”) on.

(Recipe from “The Scarpetta Cookbook” by Scott Conant; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.)

In Memoriam

PACKARD-CRUICKSHANK: James (Jim) Packard

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In Memoriam

TYRON, Nelson Stephan (September 19, 1910 - December 16, 1978).

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Datebook

Today is the 350th day of 2013 and the 86th day of autumn.

TODAY’S HISTORY: In 1773, patriots in Massachusetts held the infamous “Boston Tea Party.”

In 1835, a huge fire destroyed nearly 700 buildings in New York City.

In 2000, President George W. Bush selected Colin Powell as the first African-American secretary of state.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Jane Austen (1775-1817), novelist; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008), writer; Philip K. Dick (1928-1982), writer; Lesley Stahl (1941-), journalist; Steven Bochco (1943-), screenwriter/producer; Shane Black (1961-), actor/screenwriter/director; William “The Refrigerator” Perry (1962-), football player; Benjamin Bratt (1963-), actor; Krysten Ritter (1981-), actress.

TODAY’S FACT: Margaret Mead was named “Mother of the World” by Time magazine in 1969.

TODAY’S SPORTS: In 1973, Buffalo Bills running back O.J. Simpson became the first player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

TODAY’S QUOTE: “Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.” — Arthur C. Clarke

TODAY’S NUMBER: \$2.8 billion — worldwide box office gross of James Cameron’s “Avatar,” which began its wide international release on this day in 2009. It remains the highest-grossing film of all time.

TODAY’S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Dec. 9) and full moon (Dec. 17).

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I do not share my mother's beliefs, although I do believe in God

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am 14 years old and facing a dilemma. My father isn't particularly religious, but my mother is a strict Catholic, and my older sister and brother have been confirmed. I have another six months before I am expected to go through the process of confirmation. I do not want to do this. But as the time approaches, my mother has become increasingly forceful on the subject.

I do not share my mother's beliefs, although I do believe in God. My father supports my choice, and I've tried to explain it to my mother, but she won't have any of it. She continues to send me to religious classes, which I consider a complete waste of my time, and it results in some very awkward conversations because I find myself hiding my beliefs. When I once refused to attend the classes, my mother threatened to call my school and have me taken off of student council and the soccer team.

I know her stubbornness has other causes, including pleasing family members who are deeply religious and have always resented my father's agnosticism. But time is running out, and Mom has only become more aggressive. If I resist, there will be huge consequences. I don't feel I can take part in such an important religious event if I am not fully committed to it. I even talked to Mom about postponing it for a few years, which would be allowed in our diocese, but she rejected that idea. How can I convince her that she is being unreasonable? — Frustrated Son

Dear Frustrated: You can't. Your mother is in panic mode, frightened for your religious future and concerned that her family will disapprove of the way she raised you. Your best bet is to talk to your priest and ask him to intervene. While he is unlikely to support your decision not to be confirmed, he may be able to convince Mom that waiting is in everyone's best interest, and she is more apt to listen to him.

Dear Annie: I am a senior citizen with an issue regarding children who use the restroom without being educated or properly trained in etiquette.

I have seen kids standing three feet from the toilet (because they are too short to use the urinal) and spraying the seat. This is not a competition to see how far away you can be and still hit the target. Some parents are concerned about germs and tell their kids not to touch the seat, so you can imagine the messes I have witnessed when using a public restroom. Also, please teach the child to flush after himself.

I realize this is a particularly difficult issue for single mothers who can't go into the men's room with their sons. Please address this. — T.S.

Dear T.S.: We appreciate your concern, and we hope parents are paying attention. However, we're fairly certain that most parents already teach their sons how to use the toilet, because they don't want to clean up a mess at home, either. Public restrooms pose difficulties because opposite-sex parents cannot supervise, and the kids can become either anxious or reckless. But not all accidents are caused by young children. Adults do their share, too.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Concerned Cutter in N.Y." to post a sign in his barbershop saying that cellphone use is prohibited while in the chair is good. I have a better one.

There's an old saying that time is money. It certainly takes more time to cut hair if the patron is chatting on a cellphone. How about posting a sign that says: Haircuts: \$30; Haircuts While Using Cellphone: \$50

The next time a customer chats, instead of being annoyed, the barber can say, "I just made another \$20." I doubt he would lose customers if he is lighthearted about it. — Benicia, Calif.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 34 years. I love her dearly and would do anything for her.

When my wife was 8 years old, she was molested by her uncle (her maternal aunt's husband). She told me about this before we were married, and she made it clear that she never wanted her father to find out. She thought it would destroy him and ruin his relationship

with his sister-in-law.

My father-in-law passed away suddenly 10 years ago. My wife told her mother and her two brothers about the molestation. Her mother confronted the uncle, as any parent would do. But he denied his guilt, and his wife threw her out of their home and said she never wanted to speak to her again. My mother-in-law and her sister have not spoken since then.

Three years ago, my not-so-wonderful mother-in-law accused my wife of lying, saying the molestation was my wife's fault and because of it she has lost the love of a sister. This made me very angry. I talked to my mother-in-law, but she refused to rescind her accusations toward my wife. My wife refuses to speak to her mother now. An additional problem is that my wife's younger brother, with whom she was always close, accuses her of holding a grudge, and he's giving her the silent treatment.

Is there any way to fix this mess? How could we possibly forgive my mother-in-law for the hurtful things she has said about my wife? — Pete

Dear Pete: It is reprehensible for your mother-in-law to blame your wife for the molestation. The fault lies squarely with the uncle, and the estrangement is because the aunt backed him up. Your mother-in-law misses her sister, and as she gets older, the loss is weighing on her. She took out her grief on your wife. The brother is simply contributing his part to the family proclivity for estrangement. If you want it to end, someone has to take the first step toward forgiveness. If your mother-in-law is willing, family counseling could help with reconciliation.

Dear Annie: For the past few years at Christmas, my husband and I have donated to an animal shelter in our area instead of receiving or giving gifts. It makes our giving complete to give to others in need.

We generally celebrate Christmas with my stepdaughter and her family at their home a few hours away. We tell them in advance that we will be donating to an animal shelter and ask that they also consider it.

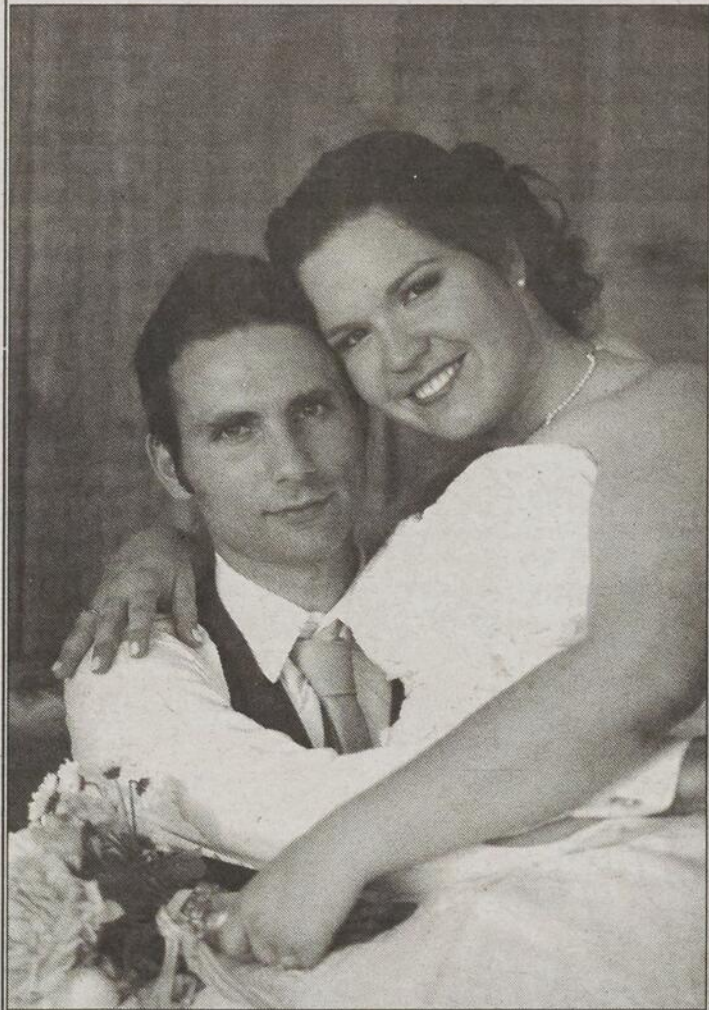
Last year, on Christmas Day, there were gifts from them to us under the tree. Meanwhile, we brought nothing and felt terrible. They don't seem to understand when we tell them the only gift we need is a donation to an animal shelter. Is there a way for us to feel more gracious about receiving their gifts when we brought nothing for them? Should we bring gifts this year? I realize they are giving us a "hint" to do so, but our hearts aren't in it. — Grinch in Arizona

Dear Grinch: They aren't giving you hints. You prefer donations, but they do not, and you don't get to tell them what to give you. Bring a card, preferably from the animal shelter, saying a donation has been made in their honor. That's your gift to them, and it's lovely. There's no reason to feel embarrassed.

Dear Annie: I am replying to "Frustrated," the gentleman who has been married for 27 years. I, too, have been married for 27 years. In the beginning, sex was white hot. After a while, it became pleasurable, but not the center of our relationship. Then I developed prostate cancer. We studied all of the options and chose prostatectomy. Now I can't "perform" anymore. But our marriage is much stronger. Count your blessings.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Beattie - Mastine-Frost wedding



Emma Beattie and Adam Mastine-Frost were wed on a sunny Saturday, June 1, 2013. The civil ceremony, performed by the couple's friend Jordan Johnston, was held at Adam and Emma's home in Kingsey Falls.

Emma's sister Marissa was maid of honour; bridesmaids were Stéphanie Michaud, Amanda Perkins, Valerie Martin, and Maggie Camiré. Sonny Gray was best man; groomsmen were Jonathan Côté, Jonathan Eastman, and Adam's brother Justin. Alycia-May De Serre was flower girl and Ryder Côté ring bearer.

The supper and reception took place in a tent on the grounds.

Emma is the daughter of Darlene Crook and Michael Beattie of Windsor, Quebec and the granddaughter of Lorraine Pélissier and the late Herbert Crook and of the late Cecile Baril Beattie and Ernest Beattie. Adam is the son of Susan Mastine and Russell Frost of Kingsey Falls, Quebec and the grandson of Blanche Mastine and the late Nelson Mastine and of the late Beatrice Beard Frost and John Frost.

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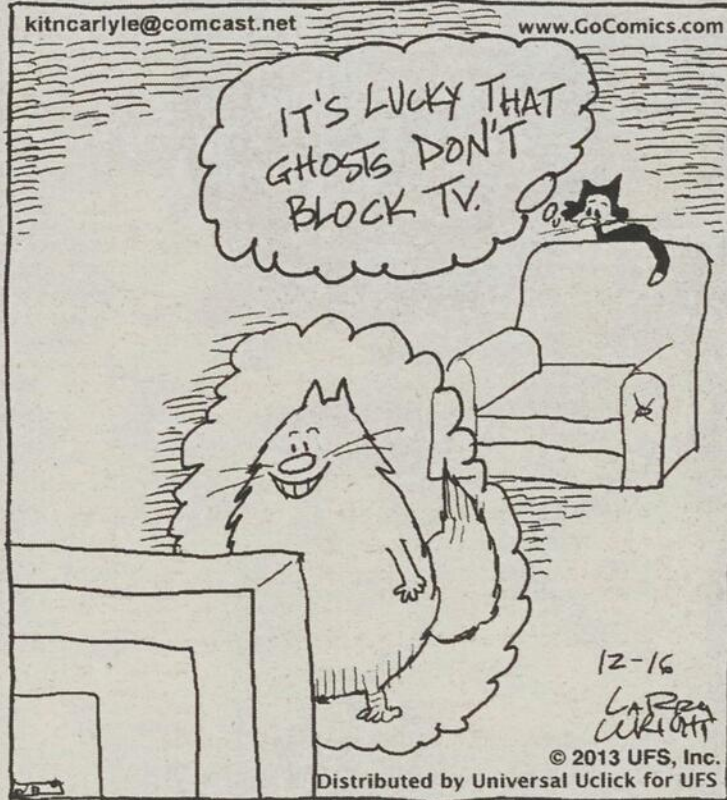
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Previous Solution: "People are still willing to do an honest day's work. The trouble is they want a week's pay for it." — Joey Adams

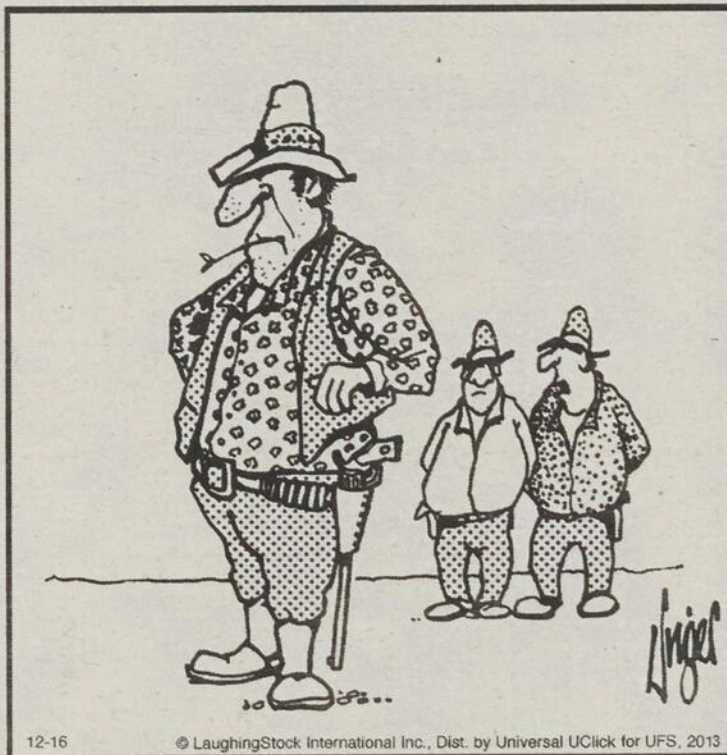
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HOW TO PLAY:
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Your Birthday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

This is the year to fight for what's yours. Past limitations have lifted, and it's high time that you got your house in order. Learn from experience and avoid situations that seem too risky. Use your instincts and follow your intuition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may get an opportunity to meet people who can help you reach your career goals. You'll need to mount a massive charm offensive if you want to bolster your reputation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your moodiness and changing attitudes may alienate you from friends and family. Be careful what you say. Try to avoid being controversial, and make amends quickly before a situation spins out of control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Avoid getting caught up in details. Maintaining a general overview of a situation should do for now. Your time is better spent reading or meeting up with friends and colleagues who provide mental stimulation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Traveling or group activities will foster new partnerships. Avoid investing in moneymaking schemes. Consult with a financial adviser before you open your wallet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Seek a promotion or a more lucrative position at work. Be wary of competition — peers may try to make you look bad. If you take special care to avoid being criticized, affairs will work out well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Now is not the time to worry about your personal

life. Focus on your professional goals, and you'll be amazed by what you can accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you get out and meet like-minded people, you could expand your network of friends. It is also a very good time to consider expanding your circle of loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Opportunities for partnerships abound among the right people. Now is the time to make a difference through involvement in humanitarian ventures. Take a measured, rational approach when dealing with children.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your work rather than home life is where you will shine most right now, so focus your energy there. But don't neglect your domestic responsibilities entirely — try to maintain a balance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Plan to travel, for business or for pleasure. Self-improvement efforts will make you feel good and boost your aesthetic appeal. Make decisions while free from outside influence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Pay attention to nutrition, as unwanted weight gain is likely at this time. Maintain a healthy routine. You can take control if you pay attention and are willing to work at it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Close friends and relatives may steer you in the wrong direction regarding a sensitive situation. Keep in mind that it is you who must endure the consequences of your actions.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

Heading toward elevated heights

by Phillip Alder

Phyllis Diller said, "We spend the first 12 months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next 12 telling them to sit down and shut up."

At the bridge table, some players are scared of 12 — the number of tricks needed for a small slam. Others zoom that high whenever there is the faintest aroma of slam in the air. But the ideal is between those two extremes. This week, let's study some of the factors for accurate slam bidding.

First, when two balanced hands face each other, combined point-count is a surprisingly reliable indicator. Some years ago, I ran a computer analysis. I gave the partnership's hands no five-card suit and no 4-4 fit. I found that when the total point-count was 33, six no-trump was a favorite; but when it was only 32, that slam was an underdog.

Here is an easy example for the bidding, but not so simple in the play. How can South make six no-trump after West leads the club 10?

South's two-no-trump rebid shows a balanced hand with 18, 19 or a poor 20 points. It is in principle forcing to game and does not deny four spades. South cannot risk a nonforcing one-spade rebid with that strong a hand.

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

South has 11 top tricks: three spades, four hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. The clubs might split 3-3, but that is unlikely both mathematically and given the opening lead. However, the contract is assured if declarer takes trick one, unblocks dummy's diamond ace-king, returns to his hand with, say, a spade, and leads the diamond jack to drive out the queen. The diamond 10 is trick 12.

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Across

- 1 Capital of Qatar
- 5 Invertebrate's lack
- 10 Former Cubs slugger Sammy
- 14 Stale smell
- 15 Controversial topic
- 16 Greek boy with a bow
- 17 Allot, with "out"
- 18 *Naval cereal icon sporting a Napoleon-style hat
- 20 Nuclear __: social unit
- 22 City in Honshu's Kansai region
- 23 Academic URL ending
- 25 Stately tree
- 26 Like most pies
- 28 *Nearly none, in slang
- 31 Summer, in Paris
- 32 Nosed (out)
- 33 Eggs on
- 35 Christmas carol

- 36 Forest clearing
- 38 Feet pampering, briefly
- 42 Bridal party rides
- 44 Anglo-__
- 45 Giant slugger Mel
- 48 *Venue for self-publishing
- 51 Shingles or slate, e.g.
- 53 "Isn't __ bit like you and me?": "Nowhere Man" lyric
- 54 39-Down unit
- 55 Brown Betty fruit
- 56 Beantown basketball player
- 58 *Arc-shaped, finger-staining snack food
- 61 5,280 feet
- 64 Erie or Huron
- 65 Myanmar, once
- 66 Yard sale sign phrase
- 67 Expected landing times, briefly
- 68 Ply with drink
- 69 Formally turn over

- 30 Resembling
- 34 Practice in the ring
- 36 Fed. agent
- 37 Like the "o" in "no"
- 39 Beneficial activity that ends the answers to starred clues
- 40 Two teaspoons, say
- 41 Gadget's rank: Abbr.
- 43 Wall-climbing vines
- 44 Lovers' clash
- 45 Ancient soothsayer
- 46 Astaire headwear
- 47 Capital of Kansas
- 49 Heat: Pref.

- 50 Chew out
- 52 Makes tracks
- 56 Mangy mutts
- 57 1998 Apple debut
- 59 Go out, like the tide
- 60 Pool shark's stick
- 62 Jar topper
- 63 Opposite of WNW

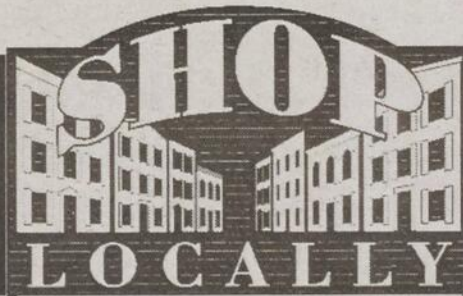
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Down

- 1 __ Pérignon
- 2 Poem of celebration
- 3 Sundae topping
- 4 Region
- 5 Mount Etna's island
- 6 Biblical songs
- 7 '60s espionage show
- 8 Religious sister
- 9 Continental trade org.
- 10 Grinch creator
- 11 Elaborately decorated
- 12 Light bulb's place
- 13 Slightly
- 19 Google Maps offering
- 21 Pinochle declaration
- 23 Genesis garden
- 24 Prank
- 26 Bean __: tofu
- 27 Fierce anger
- 29 "The Farmer in the

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