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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

Bank robbery at Ayer's Cliff

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Another armed bank robbery has occurred in the region as a daring heist took place Tuesday afternoon on Main Street in Ayer's Cliff and police are still searching for the perpetrator.

At around 1:30, the suspect arrived on foot at the local CIBC branch and went directly behind the counter to the cash drawer, displaying a knife. After helping himself to an undetermined amount of cash, he left the scene and got into a car, fleeing down Browns Hill Rd.

The suspect is a French-speaking white male, about 20 years old, of medium height and build.

The scene was processed late Tuesday by police investigators and a crime scene technician. The police are now taking steps to trace the suspect and we encourage the public to contact the police if they have information in connection with this event.

Fortunately, there was no altercation between the suspect and employees and nobody was injured.

For the moment, no vehicle description will be publicly released so as not to interfere with the ongoing investigation.

Hydro and graffiti top council news



MATTHEW MCCULLY

One Lennoxville businessman saw positive results by making a wall available to graffiti artists.

By Matthew McCully
Special to the Record

Tuesday's city council meeting featured the review of a committee report by the Commission Sherbrooise des activités municipales

(CSAM) regarding Hydro-Sherbrooke. The goal of the committee was to evaluate the operation of Hydro-Sherbrooke, and maximize the benefits for the community. According to David Price, Lennoxville Borough President, and committee member, no stone was

left unturned. Price said all avenues were explored concerning the evolution of the needs of Sherbrooke following the fusion, as well as new renewable energy sources and technology that should be considered. The

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On May 26, Quebec will rally to fight Multiple Sclerosis

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada invites you to take part in the MS Walk in Sherbrooke on Sunday, May 26. The Walk will begin at Belvedere park (Belvedere street) at 10 a.m.

All Walkers will stride to meet the same objective: to raise more than \$1,425,000. The money collected will be used to fund state-of-the-art research and provide help, support and information services to the people in Quebec who have multiple sclerosis, wherever they live.

The MS Walk is a festive event. People with MS, their families and friends gather to experience an event like no other.

Sébastien Benoit, provincial spokesperson for the event for the past seven years, invites people to register: "The MS Walk is an ideal way to show our support for the people close to us who have multiple sclerosis. On May 26, Quebecers will walk together to help people with MS! See you soon!" This year's Honorary Chair of the MS Walk is Réjean Hébert, Minister of Health and Serge Cardin, deputy in Sherbrooke.

Register for the MS Walk now at mswalks.ca or phone 819 791-8330.

Source: Jacques Raby.

Tourist season 2013 Missisquoi Museum opening

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History is served:
Food and feasting in
Missisquoi County

The recipes handed down over generations of Missisquoi cooks reflect changes in the kitchen, on the farm, and in society at large; salt pork to canned meat, Johnnycake to instant pudding; this exhibition will introduce you to the tools, equipment, recipes and maxims for food and feasting in Missisquoi County in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Located just off Route 202 along the Wine Route, between Dunham and Bedford in the village of Stanbridge East, come and explore this jewel in the Eastern Townships which is the Missisquoi Museum.

The admission price of \$10 will permit the visitor access to the Walbridge Barn, the Cornell Mill and Hodge's Store. Open daily 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., May 26 to October 13, 2013.

Diana Dyer
watercolour
exhibit

A series of paintings by Diana Dyer will be exhibited at the Paige Knight Gallery, 2



COURTESY

Paintings by Diana Dyer will be exhibited at the Paige Knight Gallery.

River Street at the Missisquoi Museum in Stanbridge East from May 26 to July 5.

Diana has a fine arts degree in painting and drawing and was the fine arts teacher at Massey-Vanier High School for thirty-four years.

She started her art training at the Presentation de Marie Convent in Sutton when she was eight years old, a truly magical time. She received en-

couragement from her mother, an amateur artist, and from a very special aunt, Shirley Darrah Murray, a well-known portrait artist and teacher.

Summer school at the Cowansville Bruck Art Centre and Mount Allison University were very important influences.

Diana has retired from teaching and now enjoys

painting aquarelles of the birds and landscapes of her beloved Brome County where her family settled in 1792 and she now resides on a small part of the original property.

For information visit www.museemissisquoi.ca or contact Judy Antle at 450 248-3153.

Source: Pamela Realffe.

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- Participate on a pop art painting with the group of Coatic'Art;

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 - Bake sale;
 - Picnic
- For sale: Homemade chilli, tortillas and cheese from the

Coaticook Dairy, hot dogs, ice cream cones from the Coaticook Dairy, mister freeze, juice and soft drinks.

• Hot tea served on the veranda

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Information : 819 849 6560

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Claude Cournoyer considered a 'spring cleaning' is necessary in the old files so that justice is done.

Electronic ticket payment coming to Sherbrooke

It's about to get a lot easier to pay municipal fines. As of June 3, fines can be paid online via credit card, thereby avoiding the need to show up at City hall in person.

This new payment method is part of an action plan for legal proceedings, adopted by council earlier this week that aims to address the concerns of the City's Auditor General, Claude Cournoyer.

In the 2011 report filed in September 2012, the Auditor General issued several recommendations to improve the collection of fines in municipal court.

In 2007, Cournoyer's predecessor had analyzed the revenue management of the municipal court and four years later, the collection of unpaid fines had hardly changed. As of September 2011, some 10,250 cases

were left unsettled after three years, which represents an amount of \$2.6 million and 37 per cent of the caseload.

When filing his report, Claude Cournoyer considered a 'spring cleaning' is necessary in the old files so that justice is done. In fairness, he recommended the hiring of new employees for these tasks.

The Legal Department had already made some changes to its

ways before the publication of the AG's report. In the new plan, adding a student from a college paralegal program, currently doing her internship in the municipal court, has allowed clerks to address old, still active cases.

To improve the collection of fines, the auditor suggested the City allow electronic ticketing.

As the majority of tickets processed by the municipal

court are issued by the police, electronic ticketing should first be installed in police patrol vehicles, the Legal Affairs Department argued. In this sense, a feasibility study will be carried out this year.

The analysis was initiated jointly by the department of information technology, the SPS and the Legal Department. The project should be made public in August.

Sherbrooke bike victim identified

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Police have released the identity of the cyclist killed in an accident last week in Sherbrooke.

Gilles Simoneau, 60, of Saint-Germain-de-Grantham was

struck by a truck on May 16 at the corner of Québec and Dominion streets.

The investigation is still ongoing but initial information suggests that the cyclist, heading north on Québec St. failed to make an obligatory stop and was hit by the truck that was

traveling west on Dominion.

Motorcycle thief hospitalized after accident

Sherbrooke police arrested an unlucky motorcycle thief following an accident on Esplanade street early Tuesday

that left the man seriously injured and the bike unattended in the street as the thief tried to escape.

Police were aided in the process by witnesses who reported an injured man on Alexandre Street. The wounded man had difficulty breathing

and was bleeding profusely.

"The man was taken to the CHUS for his injuries. He is out of danger," said Martin Carrier of the SPS.

"To add insult to injury, police also found a stolen scooter at the man's residence," Carrier added.

Perrault aide to seek Goguen's seat

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Louise Allard, once the right-hand to former Sherbrooke mayor Jean Perrault, will seek a seat on City

Council in the upcoming municipal elections.

Allard will seek the seat for the district of Beckett in the Borough of Jacques-Cartier against current councillor Nathalie Goguen.

"After several years in the background, I still have a passion for municipal affairs and I still have a desire to get involved," Allard says.

Allard worked for the City of Sherbrooke for 32 years, in the

Communications department and as Perrault's Chief of Staff until the latter's retirement in 2009.

Allard is married to former city councillor Jean-Yves Laflamme, a veteran political

organizer, upon whose expertise she will be able to count in next November's election.

Allard lives in the North Ward and will run as an independent.

Hydro and graffiti

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Sixty-page report shared findings related to the mission, the management, and the efficiency of Hydro-Sherbrooke. Three scenarios were presented by Julien Lachance, committee chair, which council will evaluate and eventually choose a course of action. The first scenario represents the status quo. The second would create an advisory committee. The third scenario involves Hydro-Sherbrooke becoming a private company, wholly owned by the City of Sherbrooke, but enjoying complete autonomy with a separate board of directors.

Sherbrooke's Graffiti policy: So far, so good

The tags and graffiti Committee tabled a report for the period from Feb. 6 to Dec. 31

2012 following the adoption of the 2012-2014 Action Plan. Highlighted in the review, was a 55 per cent decrease in the number of incidents reported from 154 in 2011 to 86 in 2012. Still, more than 100 clean-ups have been required, at a cost of \$52,591.

The Sherbrooke police force had hired an investigator to focus on the issue over a period of six months, but no conclusive evidence was produced. The nature of the crime requires that the culprit be caught in the act.

On Feb. 6, 2012 a press conference was organized to publicize the action plan to the public. The committee report referenced a more constructive approach, focusing on graffiti as a potential creative outlet, to be more effective. The city of

Sherbrooke published photos of legal works on its website, including the wall under the Montcalm Bridge. Also, the city contributed to the promotion of the Graffiti Jam held in August 2012. There is also a list of authorized graffiti zones in various parts of the city. The tags and graffiti Committee Chair and Councillor Chantal L'Espérance believes the action plan will benefit the city. "It is a long process, but I am convinced of the validity of this collaborative approach," she said.

Forest to retire

Serge Forest, Councilor for the Borough of Rock Forest, announced that he will not run in the upcoming election in November. First elected in 1995, Forest has had a long political

career in the region. Following the announcement at the end of the meeting, each councilor expressed their best wishes to Forest, who is retiring to spend time with a family member with health issues. Following his declaration, the council recognized Forest's contribution to the region with a standing ovation.

Mayor Bernard Sévigny announced that Montpelier, Vermont, will become the twin city to Sherbrooke. The pairing was an obvious move, following the signing of a friendship and co-operation agreement in 2006. The new fraternity will enable economic growth through tourism development between the two cities. There will also be arts and culture exchanges, re-

lationships built in the fields of science and medicine, and projects developed with youth and sports.

The question period during Tuesday's council meeting was one to remember. One citizen treated council to an epic soliloquy on a variety of themes, delivered theatrically, with great passion and intensity. Unfortunately, he was cut short before the grand finale. He exited stage right to moderate applause. The next member of the public used the question period to express, with overt disdain, her opinion about ethnic minorities living in Sherbrooke. She was quickly interrupted, asked to leave, and councilors agreed unanimously that she not be invited to speak at council again.

Waterville water advisory lifted

The municipality of Waterville has lifted its boil water advisory as recent tests have shown no bacterial contamination.

The municipality is suggest-

ing that residents run water from all taps for a few minutes,

- Drain, rinse and disinfect ice-making machines.

- If you have a water softener, it is recommended that a regen-

eration cycle be started.

- Hoses should generally be purged by running water through them for one minute.

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La Poutine Press: Parody pastiche pamphlets

By Olivia Ranger-Enns
Record Correspondent

The Lennoxville young community is hard at work. Meet Sébastien Corriveau and Geoff Meugens, two young men dedicated to the Poutine Press, a not-for-profit group that releases editions relating to everything under the sun.

"We write what we feel we need to write," postulates Corriveau sitting at the Tierra del Fuego kitchen table littered with bits of newspaper articles, cut-out magazines, glue and pens. "We are currently working on a Survival guide for the summer for the spring edition. We're going with Home Is Where the Fire Is Not," he says chortling.

The entire process may seem ramshackle, but that's the entire point.

"We do not discriminate. If you have something you feel strongly about and want to send to us, we'll put it in the edition. There are no boundaries, we are open. We have poems, essays, blog-like pieces... you name it, we have it," says Corriveau, a graduated music student from the université de Sherbrooke.

The pamphlets all have a distinct Ad-Busters' feel to them. "I am definitively inspired by Ad Busters when I piece together the articles," says Corriveau. "We want to get the public to think critically about what they see. A lot of articles are parodies, satires, that kind of thing."

Independent, eclectic and local news are always inserted in the pamphlets. "Some people might find the stuff we print shocking, even disturbing. What I don't understand is that I find TV shocking! I can't watch that stuff. In fact, I haven't watched TV in 15 years," adds



OLIVIA RANGER-ENNS

Sébastien Corriveau is on the left, while Geoff Meugens works on the right at Tierra del Fuego.

the young man with a chuckle.

Among other features, the pamphlets feature a ten trillion dollar bill from Zimbabwe ("We know it's useless," says Meugens), blank pages for readers to scribble their thoughts on, and art calligraphy drawing of poutines. "We don't know where the name Poutine Press came from. Maybe students thought about it as they were tucking into poutine and beer. It would make sense! We often have parties at each other's places, where we make home-made poutine and edit the articles with a typewriter," explains Corriveau.

The kitchen table is in chaos. "This is how we work," puts forth Corriveau. "Out of the messiness come the best ideas! And it's fun to work at Tierra del Fuego."

Tierra del Fuego is an educational community resource center, where people get together to cook, garden and exchange languages. It is located at 19

Church Street in Lennoxville.

The pamphlets are written in both English and French, reflective of the open and easy-going attitude of Poutine Press. In fact, the two young men were overall optimistic about Franco-Anglo relations in the Eastern Townships. "I remember talking to an elder gentleman called Bruce Patton at a recording studio a while back. He told me that, in all the Canadian provinces and territories, he found it is in the Eastern Townships that anglophones and francophones talk to each other the most!" says Corriveau. "I'm from Coaticook, and I can easily talk to a francophone or an anglophone for half an hour in a café or somewhere like that. Things are not as bad as they seem."

Geoff Meugens, silently working on a Shakespeare-esque front page, concurs. "I'm from Vancouver, but I decided to come to Sherbrooke to study at Bishop's University and to learn French."

Discover the Poutine Press, which will be handing out its pamphlets at the Festival Du Texte Court on Sunday, May 26 at noon on Wellington Street.

Reilly House holds two-day book sale to benefit local elementary schools



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

From Friday, May 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Reilly House in Mansonville will kick off its fundraising events by holding a book sale in the New Horizon's room. A portion of the profits from the book sale will be divided between the two local elementary schools.

"Last year, we gave \$100 to each of the local schools," said Reilly House Manager Fawn Patch. "Hopefully we will be able to give even more this year," she added.

Books have been coming in throughout the year as well as music CDs and movies, the best are kept for the sale and great bargains are sure to be had. Surprise bags are always fun and will also be on sale that day for \$3 and \$5 per bag.

If you haven't had the chance to stop by the Reilly House in Mansonville, this is the perfect opportunity. Have lunch in the tea room where a daily homemade special is available or visit the second-hand clothing room on the second floor. There is a small second-hand boutique as well, where treasures are often found. The Reilly House has a variety of services available and if you would like more information or want to donate sale items contact Patch at 450-292-3109.

With summer quickly approaching, volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks and jobs. Have a talent to share or some time to offer? Call the Reilly House.

Upcoming events over this summer include: A Chinese-themed dinner (at lunchtime) on May 29 in the tea room and the 30th annual porch sale and strawberry festival will be held on Saturday, June 29, all day.

These fundraisers and themed meals, as well as the day-to-day operation of the Reilly House, are made possible through time given by some dedicated and hard-working volunteers. The Reilly House acknowledges the contribution made by all who volunteer in giving their time.



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Each year, sinus disease—nasal polyposis, rhinosinusitis, etc.—affect a large part of the population. Assisted navigation systems for sinus surgery have therefore become an essential tool for specialized and ultra-specialized otorhinolaryngology (ORL) departments.

Before the operation, a head scan is taken from three different perspectives to give the physician a three-dimensional look at the patient's sinus anatomy. The images are then transferred to the navigation system, and the device calibrates according to the patient's surface anatomy (facial). The highly advanced device enables the otorhinolaryngologist to navigate with great precision (within one millimetre) through the sinus, and the system can orient itself at any time during the operation in relation to the eyes and brain, which are closely tied to the sinus system and therefore at greater risk of complication.

Thanks to the tool, otorhinolaryngologists have a maximum of information on hand to conduct the operation safely. Specialists can therefore remove the disease completely or almost completely in one operation. The risk of relapse is greatly reduced and operations are much shorter—about an hour less than before.



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Breakfast 'En Coeur' with police for children's hearts

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The En Coeur foundation, in collaboration with the Sherbrooke Police will be the fifth benefit breakfast to be held Sunday, June 2 at 10 a.m. at the Sherbrooke Exhibition Centre at 1600 boulevard Plateau Saint-Joseph.

One of a hundred children is born with a heart defect. Malformations of the heart are twenty times more common than cystic fibrosis and at least ten times more common than leukemia and childhood cancer. In 90 per cent of cases,

the cause of these defects is unknown.

This year's edition will feature a performance by well-known artist Big Daddy, who will interpret a few songs. Other musical performances and raffles will also enliven the meal.

After lunch, people will be invited out to attend a dramatic and compelling demonstration by the police tactical squad. For their part, firefighters and paramedics will also carry out a demonstration along with AirMedic who will carry out a helicopter landing around 9 a.m., weather permitting. Year after year,

these representations are undoubtedly the highlight of the event.

Inflatable games and face painting will also be provided for the little ones. Emergency equipment and various police, fire, ambulance personnel and their blue collar colleagues will also be on hand as of 9 a.m.

All funds raised will be donated to the Estrie section of the foundation which helps sick children and their families. The foundation provides a portable equipment service for some treatments, a mobile clinic, medical equipment, en-

tertainment and especially support for families of children with heart disease.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at the police department, 575 Maurice Houle, St., the Rona store at 3400 Portland Blvd, IGA stores on Galt west, Fleurimont, Brompton, St-Élie and Rock Forest, by calling 819-340-1990 or online at www.fondationencoer.com police.

Tickets are priced at \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under two. Seating is limited to 800 participants.

La Pommeraie honours 'exceptional' volunteer

COWANSVILLE

As part of an evening at the Welcome Centre in Cowansville that also featured the Annual General Meeting of the Users Committee, representatives of the CSSS La Pommeraie paid homage to an exceptional volunteer, Larry Goyette.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Michel Lafrance, Director General, Bruno Petrucci, and users' committee chair, Pauline Mercier, took turns praising

Goyette, a 53-year community volunteer, and recipient of the Governor General's Award.

Before an audience composed mainly of volunteers, Lafrance began his speech with a brief biography summarizing Goyette's career, before finishing with warm thanks on behalf of all members of the Board of Directors. Petrucci then recalled the important role played by volunteers in society and recognized the exemplary dedication of the honoree, involved and active on several levels at

the CSSS La Pommeraie. Mercier concluded by emphasizing the empathy, gentleness, and kindness displayed by a man who has dedicated a major part of his life to serving his community.

"You start by volunteering for yourself, the first beneficiary of this activity is the volunteer himself," Goyette commented.

The CSSS La Pommeraie, with its approximately 1,300 employees, 136 physicians and pharmacists, 250 volunteers and the support of seven foundations

and committees, offers a range of secure, integrated, and efficient services in its 12 facilities.

The CSSS contributes significantly to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities by focusing on outreach interventions in the areas of promotion, prevention, healing, and support. It serves more than 60,000 people from the municipalities of Brome-Missisquoi, but also from neighbouring areas of the Haute-Yamaska, Magog, and Haut-Richelieu Rouville.

Family Day in Rock Forest-Saint-Élie-Deauville

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Borough of Rock Forest-Saint-Élie-Deauville will be holding its annual Family Day, this Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beaulieu Park on Coombs St.

Beginning at 9 a.m. a wonderful collection of go-carts will be on site for a

contest of speed and originality, for those seven years old and over. Children can also spend their excess energy in inflatable games, visiting a mini-farm, or playing miniature golf.

From 10 a.m., buskers will entertain families taking part in the creation of a collective graffiti on a giant wall or playing petanque, while children 3 to 6 years

can go karting. This activity requires a free registration, either by phone (819-864-9508) or online at loisirsactivitefamille.com, where one can also find details of the program.

There will also be card tournaments, bingo, and games of "Pichenottes," (a board game of Quebec origin).

Every 30 minutes throughout the day,

a free shuttle service will travel between Parc Central and Beaulieu Park and on to La Maisonnée school before returning to the Beaulieu and Central parks.

Organizers recommend bringing lawn chairs. In case of rain, the day will be postponed until Sunday, May 26.

For information on the day of the event, call: 819 434-1042.

Free lecture on ecological home habits

The City of Sherbrooke is encouraging sound ecological practices among its businesses, but also wants individual citizens to do their part in helping preserve the local environment and its attendant quality of life.

To this end, a free lecture is being offered to help property owners to maintain beautiful lawns and gardens and to fight pests in a sustainable and ecologically friendly manner.

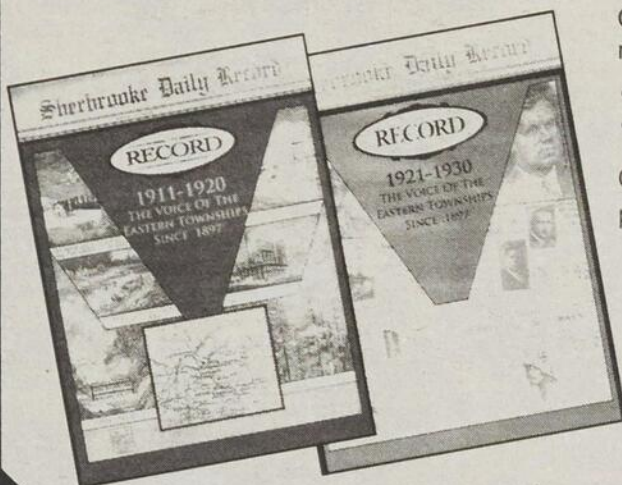
The lecture, given by veteran biologist and agronomist Micheline Lévesque, will be held tonight, May 23, at 7 p.m. at the Jacques-Cartier Community Centre located at 2050 Portland Boulevard (access by Farwell Street). The city is also reminding citizens that they are responsible for products that are used for lawn maintenance. Citizens are asked to ensure that they become familiar with the products applied and make sure that no prohibited substance is used. Regulations surrounding the use of chemical pesticides in Sherbrooke are available at sherbrooke.ca/pesticides.

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EDITORIAL

The Senate has long outlived any usefulness it supposedly had.

Delendo est Senatus



TIM BELFORD

Back in the days of the Punic Wars, around the second century B.C., there was a battle cry in Rome, sort of the ancient version of Go Habs Go. It was simple 'delendo est Carthago,' or simply translated, Carthage must be destroyed.

You see Rome and Carthage had been at odds over control of the Mediterranean Sea for a dog's age. And even though Carthage had been defeated twice before it seemed to bounce back bigger and better than ever until, finally, Rome had had enough. In the minds of the powers that were, including one particular senator, Cato the Elder, who ended every speech with delendo est Carthago, the only reasonable solution was to destroy the enemy completely.

So it was done. Carthage was utterly destroyed, its entire population - at least those who survived - were sold into slavery and the very ground upon which the city sat was salted to ensure nothing would ever rise there again. Which brings me to Canada's Senate.

No, I'm not suggesting we sell our senators into slavery, nor do I want to see the floor of the red chamber covered with side walk de-icer but I do think it is time for them to go.

The Senate has long outlived any usefulness it supposedly had and, like Carthage, each time it has been seriously threatened, it has bounced back, if not bigger at least more expensive than ever.

You have to remember that whole nonsense about a chamber of 'sober second thought' was merely a ruse, a subterfuge, foisted on the nation by the fathers of Confederation in the first place. John A. Macdonald and his cronies believed in responsible government of course but just not that responsible. The good fathers

were all upper middle and upper class, white males. The franchise was limited with no natives, no women and few of the very poor involved in the voting process. Just the same, there had to be a check on the great unwashed who were about to vote. And what better way than to have an upper house full of well-off, loyal appointees.

Eventually, as the franchise was extended and the idea of the senate as a curb on the masses fell out of favour, the entire body became more and more a retirement home for faithful friends, wealthy backers of the party in power, former members of parliament who had met with electoral defeat, party bagmen and pretty well anyone who had walked the Prime Minister's dog on a regular basis qualified.

It was a pretty cushy job. A good salary, office expenses and hired help, travel allowances, living allowances while you were in Ottawa (Note to Mike Duffy: Senators are supposed to have their primary residence in the province they represent) and an occasional committee session were all included. And it was for life.

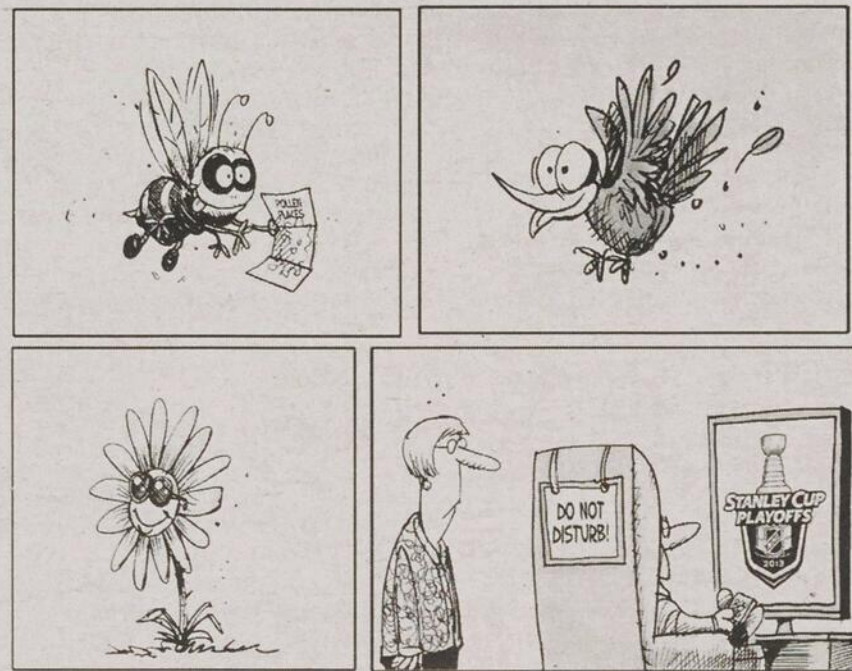
It was hardly a strenuous existence but senators were still notorious for their absenteeism. Even when they did attend sessions enough members nodded off to give the senate the distinct air of nothing more than an old folks home without carpet bowling.

One elderly senator reputedly died early during one sitting of parliament but remained undiscovered until the call to vote on the motion some days later.

Of course there are good senators. And of course over the years they have made timely and useful comments on bills that have passed the House of Commons. But if the senate were to disappear tomorrow they could still take their good ideas and helpful comments and run for parliament and let the people decide.

Mr. Harper would gladly get rid of the upper house all together but says his hands are tied by the constitution. Instead he chips away by bringing in a fixed retirement age and suggesting he would favour elected senators when deciding on appointments. But surely after the Duffy debacle the rest of the country, including the provincial governments, would welcome a constitutional change. Until then. . . Delendo est Senatus.

SIGNS OF SPRING IN CANADA



What drives Shinzo Abe?

By Gwynne Dyer

Shinzo Abe, now six months into his second try at being prime minister of Japan, is a puzzling man. In his first, spectacularly unsuccessful go in 2006-07, he was a crude nationalist and an economic ignoramus who rarely had control of his own dysfunctional cabinet.

But last December he became prime minister again - and what a difference six years makes! He's still a radical nationalist who on occasion comes close to denying Japan's guilt for the aggressive wars of 1931-45, but in economics he is now Action Man.

In only six months Abe has broken most of the rules that defined Japan's budgetary and monetary policy for the past twenty years, and he has promised to break all the old rules about restrictive trade policies as well. (Together, his new policies are known as "Abenomics") Who is this guy, and what happened to change him so much?

Abe's cabinet includes several ultra-right-wing ministers, and they have been put on notice to shut up about their revisionist views on history. "Our Cabinet will adopt a unified perception of history," chief cabinet secretary Yoshihide Suga told them. "Make no slip of the tongue because it would immediately cost you your post."

Suga also polices Abe's own tongue: no more remarks like "It is not the business of the government to decide how to define the last world war" or "comfort women were prostitutes." Abe doesn't mind, because he has bigger fish to fry this time round. He has launched a high-risk strategy to break Japan out of twenty years of economic stagnation by cutting taxes, raising government spending,

and flooding the economy with cash.

One of his first acts was to put his own man in as head of the Bank of Japan, and order him to break the deflationary spiral by adopting a target of 2 per cent annual inflation. His strategy is already showing results: the economy is now growing at about 3.6 per cent annually, more than four times higher than the long-term average of the past two decades, and the Japanese stock market is up 80 percent since January.

The strategy is high-risk, because Japanese government debt is already the highest in the developed world: 240 per cent of Gross Domestic Product. If the surge in growth does not last, the government's income from taxes will not rise (it is no higher now than it was in 1991) and in a few years the debt will soar to an unsustainable level. The country will essentially go bankrupt.

Why take such a risk? Probably because Abe is keenly aware that Japan had the world's second-biggest economy when he was prime minister the first time, and now it's only the third-biggest. The country that overtook it was China.

For a thousand years China was the dominant power in eastern Asia. Japan wrested that role from it in the late 19th century, but China is reclaiming it - and Abe would do almost anything to prevent that. That's why he takes such a hard line on the dispute between the two countries over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands. But more importantly, he must get the Japanese economy growing again, or the country will end up far behind China.

To avoid that, he will take any risk.

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Flowerbed factors

By Tresa Erickson

You love flowers, and lucky for you, you have a nice lawn with plenty of room for flowerbeds. You have some idea of the flowers you would like to grow, but your selections will depend upon a host of other factors.

One of the first factors you will have to consider is when you want the flowerbeds to bloom. Spring, summer, fall or year-round? While a flowerbed that blooms throughout the year would be ideal, it won't be easy to attain, especially if you are a beginner, live in a area with harsh winters, travel a lot or change residences throughout the year. Choose a season when you will be around to care for the flowerbeds and appreciate the fruits of your labor and select flowers that grow during that season.

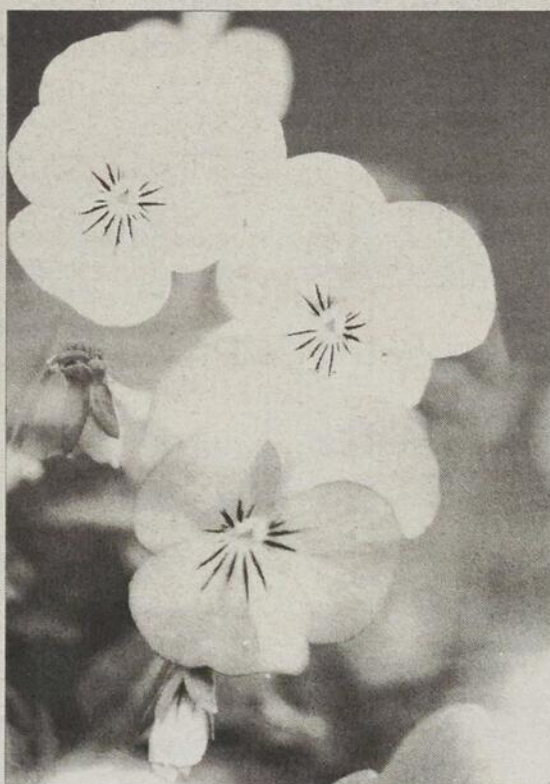
Along with the season, you will also have to consider the site conditions. Where will the flowerbeds be located? Does each site receive full sun, partial sun or no sun at all? Does the soil drain properly? What is the soil pH? The answers to these questions will dictate the types of flowers you can grow. While you may envision rows and rows of tulips in front of your cottage during the early spring, the soil conditions there might not warrant it.

Other characteristics of the flowers themselves will also have bearing in your decision. Some flowers require more space than others. If you have a fairly small bed, you will need to select flowers that spread little, whereas if you have a

rather large bed, you might be able to choose a wider variety of flowers, including some that take up a great deal of space. Height, color and texture should be considered as well. Flowerbeds usually feature flowers of varying heights, often with the shorter species in front where they can be seen. Colors and texture may vary but should complement each other and the landscape. Soft pink blooms might look out of place in front of

a rough, red cedar plank fence.

When you are choosing species for your flowerbeds, take the surroundings into consideration and do your homework. Know what flowers grow best when, where and with what. Read everything you can about flowerbed design and go shopping armed with the right information. The more you know, the better choices you will make and the better your flowerbeds will look. And remember, things change. The flowerbeds you create today may not look like the ones you create 10 years from now. Prepare for your flowerbeds to evolve as your gardening skills improve.



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Gone, gone, gone

By Tresa Erickson

You put a lot of time and effort into your yard and it shows. Your lush lawn and grand garden are the talk of the neighborhood. Sadly, in spite of your best efforts, you just lost a tree. You cut it down, put the branches into the compost pile and stacked the wood for use later in your fireplace. Now all you have left to contend with is the unsightly stump. You could rent a stump grinder or hire someone to come in with one, but you would rather not expose your lawn and garden to that. What are the alternatives?

If the tree was small with shallow roots, you're in luck. You can dig out the stump. Grab a good shovel, slide on your gloves and get to work. Dig until you expose the roots. Then cut the roots and pull the stump out.

If the tree was large and had a wide root system or deep roots, you might want to try something other than digging. Aiding the decomposition of the stump is one route. You can do this naturally by covering the stump with old leaves, dousing it with water and covering it with a garbage bag for the season. You can also drill some holes into the stump and fill them with salt. For speedier decomposition, you might want to take the chemical route. Check with

sales associates at your local hardware store to see what chemicals are available to speed up the decomposition of tree stumps. Then apply the chemical as recommended by the manufacturer. Usually this involves drilling several holes into the stump and filling them with the chemical.

Fire is another option. You can burn out the stump, but first you should check with local authorities and make sure fire is permitted in your area. If so, clear the area around the stump, place some wood on top of the stump and start a fire. Tend to the fire and let it burn until the stump is gone.

If the stump is rather low to the ground, your best option might be to bury it. Remove as much of the stump as possible and then cover what remains with dirt. You may have to do this a few times as the dirt around the stump settles.

These are just a few less-invasive, cost-friendlier options for removing stumps. There are others. Check out the Internet and consult with the sales associates at your local nursery, garden center or hardware store. For those who insist on getting the stump out quickly and do not mind a little yard work afterwards, a skid-steer or backhoe might be an option.



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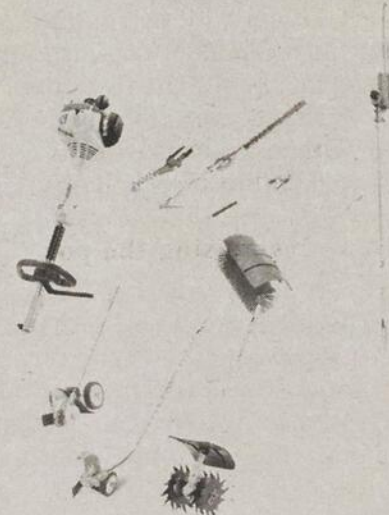
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Travel and learn

By Tresa Erickson

With commercial farms responsible for much of our nation's food production, many small farmers have had to find a new way to make a living off the land. In addition to farming the acreage they have, some small farmers open their lands to the public, giving them an inside look at the inner workings of their farm. These farmers have become a part of the agritourism movement.

The term "agritourism" applies to any working farm or agricultural, horticultural or agribusiness operation that encourages the public to visit, introducing them to the field of agri-

culture, often for a fee. Many of these operations provide a wide range of activities to draw visitors and ensure they have a good time. Some of these include farm tours, corn mazes, hay or sleigh rides, petting zoos, pony rides and u-pick produce. Some operations also offer amenities that appeal to the taste buds, such as fresh baked goods and locally grown produce. There are even operations that provide overnight accommodations in a bed and breakfast-like setting.

When visiting such an operation, people can learn all about the field of agriculture and ask questions about how their food is raised and produced. They can even meet with the producers themselves. As more and more people become in-

terested in how their food is produced, the agritourism movement will no doubt grow. More small farms and orchards will open their doors, while dude ranches, rural bed and breakfasts, and other agricultural operations increase in number.

One of the best ways to learn about another culture is to travel to the locale and experience the residents' way of life. The same can be said of agriculture. In order to learn more about the industry, people can visit places where agricultural activities occur. They can take part in the agritourism movement and learn all about the way food is produced.

Grown together



By Ronda Addy

When two or more crops are cultivated at the same time on a field, the process is called intercropping. The theory behind intercropping is that the crops planted aren't likely to be plagued by the same insect pests and diseases, raising the potential for growth.

The concept of intercropping has been around for some time. In the South, velvet beans or cowpeas were planted in standing corn in rows wide enough to let the sunlight in. The beans or peas would climb the cornstalks, allowing them to be harvested together in the fall and saving on manual labor.

Deciding what crops to plant in

intercropping requires careful consideration of a number of factors, including the climate and soil. The crops used can be from different plant families or different varieties of the same crop species as long as they don't compete with each other for water, nutrients, sunlight or space. One crop will be more important than the other due to its contribution to food production. However, because one crop will mature before the other, the competition between the two will be reduced.

There is more than one method of intercropping. Some of these include:

- Mixed or multiple intercrop-

ping, in which two or more crops are grown on the field at the same time without any row arrangement.

- Relay intercropping, in which the second crop is planted with the first crop in its reproductive stage but before harvesting.

- Row intercropping, in which two or more crops are grown at the same time with at least one of them planted in rows.

- Strip intercropping, in which two or more crops are planted together in strips wide enough to allow machine crop production but close enough to interact. There are two types of strip intercropping. Contour strip cropping follows the layout of a rotational sequence and the contour of the field during tillage. Field strip cropping follows the general slope of the land with strips of the same width.

The benefits of intercropping are numerous. Some of these include:

- Reduction of insect pests
- Reduction of plant diseases
- Reduction of weeds
- Reduction in hillside erosion
- Increased topsoil protection
- Attraction of beneficial insects
- Better use of farm area
- Better production and profitability

Although intercropping is most common on farms, it can also be done in backyard gardens through companion planting. Planting flowers or herbs among vegetables with the same nutrient and moisture needs can add color to the garden and attract more beneficial insects than harmful ones. Isn't that something?

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Wanted: workers in agriculture

By Tresa Erickson

When you think of agriculture, the first image that comes to mind is probably that of a small farmer on a tractor working in the field. While it is true that farmers make up a portion of agricultural workers, there are many other occupations in the field. In fact, estimates suggest there are over 200 careers in the field of agriculture.

There are many sectors within the field of agriculture offering jobs. Individuals may work in agribusiness management, agricultural communication, agriscience, building construction

management, engineering, food science, forestry, fisheries and wildlife management and conservation, horticulture, packaging, parks and recreation, resource development and management, and tourism. Of these sectors, the most job growth is expected to occur in food science and engineering.

Within each of the sectors of agriculture are various positions. In agribusiness management, for example, a person might be employed as an agricultural production specialist, commodity trader, financial manager, purchasing manager, or wholesale/retail buyer manufacturing man-

ager. In packaging, a person might be employed as a laboratory manager, packaging designer or engineer, or a quality control coordinator. In fisheries and wildlife management and conservation, a person might be employed as a fish hatchery manager, habitat specialist, land management specialist or water quality specialist.

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The suspicious politics of climate change

By Kevin Richard

I can already sense the unease as I question the holiness of the theory of man-made global warming. A theory, might I add, that has been conveniently relabelled as Climate Change, to cover all possible outcomes. When we experience a particularly mild winter, we are told that this is evidence of man-made global warming. If we experience a particularly cold winter, then this is evidence of the climate imbalances associated with man-made global warming. All possible scenarios are covered when using this term.

Considering the recent coverage of this issue I thought that it may be appropriate to examine it from another angle. I'm aware that by doing so I now officially carry the label of "sceptic." I don't like labels. But I guess it fits because indeed I am sceptical about these claims, and with good reason. My mission is not to debunk the claim. There's plenty of available information for those who are truly interested in the views of the ever-growing body of dissenting scientists. My mission rather, is to demonstrate the unholy alliance between global warming hysteria and international politics.

We are told that there is a widespread consensus in the scientific community about the effects of carbon emissions on global temperature levels, when there is not. Many scientists believe that there are climate cycles that are largely unknown to us that can last hundreds if not thousands of years. Many claim that the theory is much too simplistic in that it completely neglects other important variables, such as solar activity. Others correctly argue that even if there truly was a consensus, science does not function as a matter of consensus. It functions, rather, with clear, observable and measurable cause-and-effect relationships. Far too often people pontificate merely on the basis of their titles. They then call for drastic changes in public

policy that would have disastrous consequences.

Politicians are known for not wanting to let a "good crisis" go to "waste." Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has publically expressed her support for this idea. Political leaders see it as an opportunity to enact legislation that would never be accepted by the population under normal circumstances. It's an opportunity to grow government and to further expand its influence into our everyday lives.

The most obvious example of this is what followed the events of 9-11. The US government passed a law that gave federal law enforcement the authority to detain a person on mere suspicion of terrorism (not on reasonable grounds). A person can be detained for an indefinite length of time, without being formally charged with a crime, and without judicial recourse. It's difficult to believe that this law was passed in the country that claims to be the world's greatest defender of liberty. But it did. The reason: The timing. People were scared. They were prepared to give up their rights in exchange for security. The government quickly and eagerly passed the unpatriotic "Patriot Act." Canada too has its version.

According to global warming alarmists, we are now facing an imminent, global, and man-made climate catastrophe. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the main body spreading this fear. They conduct their research and they make fearful projections for the future. Their work, however, is not published in scientific journals and is, therefore, not subject to peer review. Not surprisingly, during the Copenhagen summit of 2009, WikiLeaks revealed an exchange of e-mails that cast serious doubt on its credibility. The IPCC is not an independent body. It is a United Nations organization. And the UN happens to be to the body that is pushing hard for a self-serving global political solution to global warming.

This is what the UN is proposing. They want to implement a global carbon tax. They want to decide how much carbon dioxide a nation is permitted to emit. They seek taxation powers over this gas as an incentive for nations to lower emissions. They are also claiming that the funds gathered from taxation would be used to help the poorer nations that are most affected by global warming. They're relentlessly working toward a binding agreement. They want the authority and the means to punish nations that do not comply. They are portraying themselves as the caretakers of the earth and they would like us to simply trust them with these extraordinary powers.

I'm definitely for clean air, water, and soil. Indeed we are the stewards of the earth. I'm not convinced, however, that there is a direct relationship between carbon emissions and global temperature levels. I'm also not convinced that the UN has our best interests at heart. There is much more reason to believe that once again, a "crisis" is being exploited to advance a political agenda of global proportion. The UN, although not a government, has taken a government-

like form and has the same insatiable hunger to grow and to wield ever-increasing power and influence.

In any case, when considering that government can't even build a bridge, a stadium, or an interchange to last more than a few years, and that it does a poor job of delivering basic services, the idea that it can reverse the effects of global weather patterns is ludicrous. We should be less concerned with our image abroad and more concerned with our liberties at home. To sign a binding international agreement, giving taxation powers to an unelected global authority, is to hand over our sovereignty and to risk losing our cherished freedoms. I'm not prepared to do this and I hope that people carefully consider the consequences before lending their support. One thing we know for sure is that an unelected global government would not be friendly to the cause of freedom and liberty, for which many Canadians have fought and died in the struggles of our past. And unlike global warming, this is not a theory, this is solid historical fact.

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City rejects Brompton Timmy's

SHERBROOKE

The city of Sherbrooke has put a halt to plans for the construction of a gas station and Tim Hortons complex, refusing to change the zoning of the proposed site much to the chagrin of Brompton borough councillor of the district, Nicole Bergeron.

The Therrien Petroleum Company wanted to demolish the old OLCO station across from the Industrial park, 150 metres from the new IGA supermarket. The oil company had plans to build a Tim Hortons drive-thru, a convenience store / Petro-T station, and a car wash.

There aren't a lot of commercial projects like this in a small borough, Bergeron has argued, but the Planning and Advisory Committee has refused the zone changes necessary for the application as it was filed, which means the project will not go forward, Bergeron says.

The construction of a "fast food" restaurant like Tim Hortons near L'École secondaire de Bromptonville would in-



COURTESY

Sherbrooke municipal council has blocked plans for a Petro-T/Tim Hortons station in Bromptonville, claiming it would be bad for students and too noisy for neighbours.

fringe on the healthy lifestyle advocated by the school, the Planning Committee decided. The construction of the car wash near apartment buildings would also cause too much noise for tenants.

Nicole Bergeron and Commerce Sherbrooke president, Louisda Brochu, recorded their dissent.



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'Heroes' coming to Stanstead

May 25

On Saturday, May 25, the Stanstead region will see the launch of a new, potentially life-saving community program at the Pat Burns arena.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the "Heroes in 30 minutes" program will begin to provide free emergency training in clearing obstacles from respiratory passages, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillator (AED).

Stanstead has been proactive in this area, and was the first jurisdiction in the Eastern Townships to obtain 14 defibrillators (AEDs) for use by the popu-

lation in case of need in Stanstead, Stanstead-East, Ogden, Fitch Bay and Georgeville. The Stanstead "Heroes" hope to train 300 people during the launch day, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The program launch is being held in conjunction with the "Stanstead Health and Safety Salon," which will bring emergency personnel from around the region to the arena to establish direct contact with the population, and offer health and safety advice a few weeks before the start of the holiday season.

Tomifobia Nature Trail to help abandoned dogs find families

Maïtée Cantin

Tomifobia Nature Trail, located between Ayer's Cliff and Stanstead and along the river of the same name, will host the annual fundraising walk of the Frontier Animal Society.

The board of directors of the Tomifobia Nature Trail has authorized the holding of the hike. The group of walkers will use two kilometres of the trail that has 19 in total.

"Like the shelter, we are a non-profit organization that works to educate people about nature, wildlife, flora and the railway heritage of our region. We understand how partnerships work and how mutual assistance is important to further the mission of nonprofits," said Mr. Banham, chairman of the board.

On Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. many volunteers, walkers and animal lovers will be at 65 Embury Road, Tomifobia. People are encouraged to come and walk with their dogs or show up in person to walk one of the many dogs of the shelter

that will be present. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. The suggested donation is \$25 per family. You can sponsor your walk with friends or family by requesting a form at frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com.

The Frontier Animal Society has been in operation for more than 25 years. The shelter provides a safe and welcoming environment for dogs and cats waiting for a home. Located in Ogden, just minutes from the Vermont border, the shelter currently houses about 30 dogs and 40 cats. Joyce Dekker, founder and president of the shelter, states the reason for the march: "As is the case every year, we want this event to raise funds because it is our only means of financing our shelter. Financial needs are great and we welcome your animal friends as long as they are not able to find a family to adopt them."

It is with pleasure that the members of the Tomifobia Nature Trail and Frontier Animal Society welcome teams of walkers and dogs this May 25.

Vermont passes bill allowing doctors to help patients die

By Dave Gram
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Vermont House has approved a measure that would allow doctors to provide lethal medication to terminally ill patients seeking to end their own lives.

Vermont joins Oregon, Washington and Montana as states allowing physicians to provide deadly doses of medication to dying patients who seek it.

The vote was a reversal of the defeat of similar legislation in the state House in 2007 and marked the first time any state legislature in the US had seen such a measure all the way to passage.

By a 75-65 roll call vote, the House approved a bill that largely copies a law passed by Oregon voters in 1997 for a

three-year period and then shifts to a system with less government monitoring.

The measure had earlier passed in the Senate.

For the first three years, Vermont's law will closely follow the Oregon model, which allows for several safeguards, including requirements that patients state three times — once in writing — that they wish to die. Others include a concurring opinion from a second doctor that a patient has less than six months to live and a finding that the patient is of sound mind.

"It's an important step for terminally ill Vermont patients," Dick Walters, president of Patient Choices-Vermont, said after the vote. "It's a big step forward for the region and for the country as a whole."

Real campers eat pathogens for breakfast!



ROSS MURRAY

The reason we go camping in the 21st century is to remind ourselves how our pioneer ancestors lived, which is to say: not very well at all.

Deprivation is the key to any successful camping weekend, a cheap and mostly injury-free way to appreciate those things we take for granted in these modern times, things like electricity and dry bedding. If you're 80 per cent uncomfortable 90 per cent of the time, you're doing camping right. Or you're talking to Gary Busey. Either way, you're probably looking forward to it ending soon.

Keeping camping real is why my family sticks to tents and refuses to be seduced by those posh camper trailers with their fancy walls and retractable Jacuzzis and their all-night roller-disco parties. Heck no! We're true tenters, because stiff backs and interrupted sleep are what made this country what it is: cranky.

However, while I relish in my unpalatable Maxwell House instant coffee and allow the dampness to seep into my socks-with-sandals, I do take advantage of campsite washrooms, in part because those close-minded camp managers don't take kindly to self-dug latrines but also because it's another way to pay homage to our pioneer ancestors who every day bravely faced the risk of athlete's foot.

If I'm camping long enough, I will even indulge in a hot shower, especially if the cold has cut off circulation to my extremities. Now, it's true that our pioneer ancestors made lye soap from wood ashes and that campsites do produce plenty of wood ashes, but despite what you may have heard (from my blabber-mouth shrink!) I do not make my own soap. No lye.

Instead, when I begrudgingly treat myself to a shower, I use only the very cheapest travel soaps and shampoos lifted from the slowest-moving house-keeping carts in the dankest hallways of the seediest motels across the land. These are staples of camping cleanliness and, when push comes to lunch, cuisine.

I was surprised, then, this past weekend, while camping in Maine ("O Land of Moose and Masochism!") to learn while showering that the shampoo I was

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hair

Too late, I realized that this shampoo was far too luxurious for camp bathing. Not only was it Mega-Rich but it was also rich. That's rich to the power of seven supermodels! And everyone knows that our pioneer ancestors were led astray spiritually when they started indulging in pro-vitamin B5 and that they were led astray literally when they were lured from their westward trek by the seductive biotin B-7 spas of Moosejaw.

Sure enough, I found myself unconsciously singing "Walking on Sunshine" in the shower instead of the camping sanctioned Slavic lathering song, "Blus-tokv Mnzienecki Nyet-Nyet (My Skin is Not Yet Flaking Enough)."

I emerged from the shower with hair that was indeed clean, shiny, nourished, healthy and looking. It was looking all over the place, which made everyone else in the washroom quite uncomfortable.

Before I knew it, I was prancing back to the campsite — prancing, I tell you! Not trudging, prancing! My head was filled with crazed, cushy thoughts like, "Maybe storing raw meat in a cooler filled with melted ice water isn't the safest," and "A space heater for the tent sure would be nice," and "Espresso machine? Maybe? Yes?"

I began wondering whether I was too old to be clambering up trees to install a rain tarp large enough to cover the infield at Shea Stadium.

I even put on deodorant!

Just to show you that high-class travel shampoo is the thin edge of the slippery slope of the mixed metaphor, I found myself eyeballing the trailers in the surrounding sites, yearning for awnings, lusting in my heart for linoleum. I was coveting my neighbour's Winnebago. This was not the pioneer way! Unless your camper is a Pioneer, which is a lovely model: lightweight, ample storage, chemical toilet...

No! Never! We are tenters, and austere, miserable tenters we shall remain until our dying day — which, another freezing, wet weekend like this last one, may be very soon.

Vermont is the first state east of the Mississippi to allow doctors to help patients die by writing a prescription for a lethal dose of medication. Oregon

passed the first-in-the-nation law by referendum in 1997; Washington state followed suit in 2006 and a court order in Montana made it legal in that state.

Regional Health and Safety Grand Prix announced

SHERBROOKE

Two companies in the Sherbrooke region have been awarded a regional Health and Safety Innovation Grand Prix by the CSST. Workers and employers at Beton Demix and the 24-Juin training centre have used their talents to contribute to the development of ingenious and easy to implement solutions to eliminate the risk of accidents at work and occupational diseases in their work environment.

To eliminate the risk at source, employees at Beton Demix had the idea of a remote inspection camera to perform inspections of each of their drum mixers. Set in a nonconductive fiberglass platform, the camera can photograph and film in the dark, with integrated LED lighting. A ruler created specifically to measure the length of the blades was installed at the end of the pole. This innovation, which is unique to Sherbrooke, has eliminated more than 50 such incidents annually. When it is extended to other company facilities, it is expected to prevent some 500 incidents per year.

To protect teachers and students against falling when drilling and blasting in quarries or on roads near cliffs, a protection system, certified by an engineer, was developed by a teacher at 24-Juin. This device, resembling a fence, can be used in quarries during drilling and blasting. It is composed of an assembly of poles driven into the ground, two nylon straps, nylon net, and hooks. The net and straps are connected to the metal poles, with spring hooks. Its installation takes at most an hour. Since implementing this system, work has been able to proceed in safety while allowing freedom of movement.

The winning innovations are the result of close collaboration between workers and employers. The winners were chosen by a jury composed of representatives of employers, workers, the CSST and its partners in health and safety. In addition to being crowned in the region, the winners are in the running for the National Gala, to be held in Quebec City in the spring of 2014.

Videos showing the winning concepts will be available soon at www.grandprixsst.com.

Ski Doo maker's IPO price values BRP at about \$2.5 billion

The Canadian Press

The maker of Ski-Doo snowmobiles says its initial public offering has been priced at \$21.50 per share — giving the company a market value of about \$2.5 billion.

BRP Inc. expects to generate at least \$262.3 million in gross proceeds from sale of the 12.2 million subordinate voting shares through the IPO.

The gross proceeds could rise to more than \$300 million if an option for 1.8 million additional shares is exercised by underwriters.

The Quebec-based maker of snowmobiles, personal watercraft and all-terrain vehicles said it plans to use net proceeds to repay debt. Additional proceeds from the over-allotment will be allocated for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The underwriting agreement closes May 29, but the over-allotment option can be exercised for another 30 days.

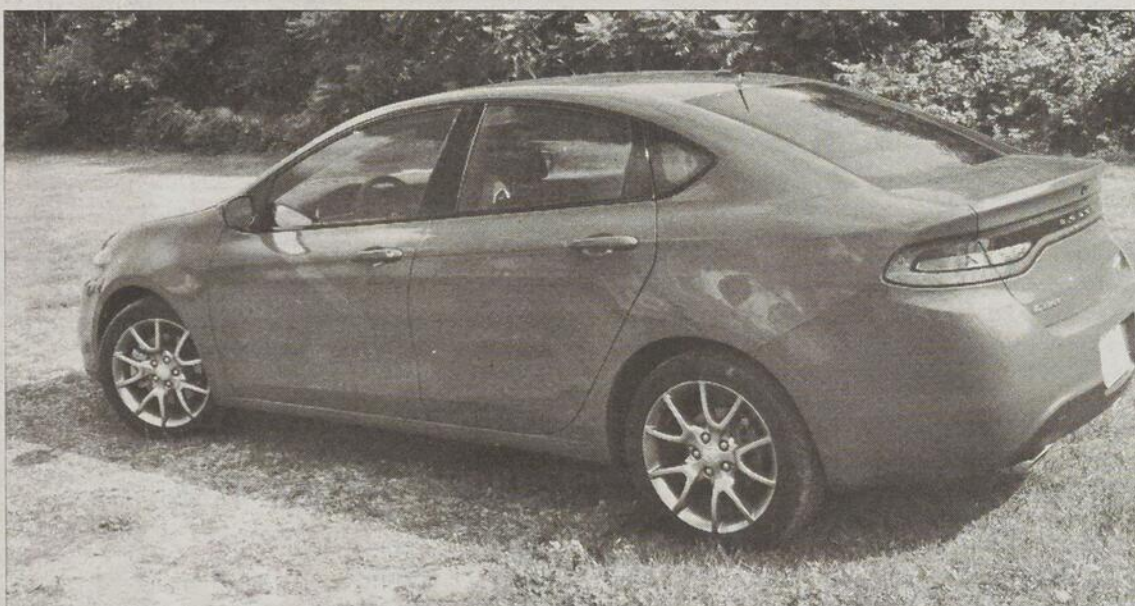
The company said it believes the outlook for the industry is positive due to the improving economic environment, growth in new product lines and growth in international markets.

The business was spun off from Bombardier Inc. in 2003 when it was sold to members of the Bombardier and Beaudoin families, U.S. private equity firm Bain Capital and the Caisse de depot for \$960 million.

The company is currently owned by a subsidiary of Bain Capital, the Beaudier group and the Caisse. Bain owns half the equity, the Beaudier group has a 35 per cent stake and the Caisse has 15 per cent.

Beaudier Inc. is a family-owned company controlled by Laurent Beaudoin, who is a former CEO of Bombardier Inc. and a son-in-law of Joseph-Armand Bombardier, the Quebec inventor who founded the company. Based in Valcourt, BRP has approximately 6,800 employees around the world.

2013 Dodge Dart Rallye



Small shoes to fill



Mathieu St-Pierre

While not how the expression usually goes, I think it's self-explanatory.

In the mid-'90s, Chrysler unleashed the Neon and all hell broke loose. To bring order back, they dropped the Neon 2.0 — sorry, the SX 2.0 on dealer lots with little fanfare. In all, the Neon was around for 12 model years.

With all fires put out, the winged brand revealed its new Neon — sorry, the Caliber. That didn't go so well, either. The Dodge Caliber bowed out after only six model years, leaving a big entry-level hole in Chrysler's lineup. The moment Fiat took hold of Chrysler's reins, I believe a collective sigh of relief was had by designers and engineers alike.

Fiat's got loads of small cars onto which a Chrysler or Dodge logo can be affixed. This is why, last year, I test drove the Alfa Romeo Giulietta. At the time, rumours were running rampant about the lovely Giulietta becoming the donor-car for Chrysler's next small car. The rumours were true.

Although no one would know that the Alfa and Dart are non-identical twins to look at, both are smashingly good looking.

Highs and lows

Side by side, the Alfa Romeo Giulietta is clearly the more feminine of the two. The Dart is, after all, a Dodge: the same brand that carries the likes of the Challenger and the Charger (insert manly grunt here).

The 2013 Dodge Dart is immediately identifiable as a Dodge. The crosshair

grille, badass demeanor and raccoon-influenced taillights all work to make the Dart possibly one of the most attractive compact sedans currently available.

My Rallye tester's cabin was trimmed with youthful red accents, plenty of soft-touch plastics and the amazing class-exclusive Uconnect Touch 8.4" touchscreen.

This giant piece of tech-lover stuff is the centrepiece of what is a generally well crafted and designed dashboard. It's all quite "electric" with the aforementioned red highlights carried on through the gauges and seats. On that topic, the front perches are overbolstered, but generally comfortable.

The Premium cloth that covers the 2013 Dodge Dart's seats is far from being nice; the material proved rough on bare skin as my knee left a mark on the rear bench after I reached for an item. The recently tested 2013 Hyundai Elantra GT has far nicer interior materials than the Dart. Then, there's the Garmin navigation system which is not only awfully slow, but has terrible graphics.

Thank you Fiat!

The 2013 Dodge Dart's base engine is the queerly named Tigershark 2.0L 4-cylinder. The optional motor, straight from Italy, is the superb turbocharged MultiAir 1.4L 4-some. At 160 hp and 184 lb-ft of torque, this gem of a motivator is — without evaluating the R/T's Tigershark 184 hp 2.4L — the best there is.

Twenty-two pounds of boost crank out all that torque in an instant from 2,500 rpm and hold it until 4,000. By the time the torque backs off, every horse comes into play at 5,500 rpm. How this entire action takes place is wonderful: there is no lag and the swell of power is wonderful. Unfortunately, in order to reach rapture, the driver must go through hell first.

To drive the car is to get annoyed. The

tiny gas pedal requires 50% travel in order to respond which only ever turns into jerky take-offs from a start. I can only guess that Chrysler tuned the throttle response with improved fuel economy in mind. What's more, this renders oh-so important heel-and-toeing extremely difficult; the widely spaced small pedals make fancy footwork difficult.

The weight

The 2013 Dodge Dart feels excessively heavy. By comparison, the Alfa Giulietta was lithe and reactive. The Dart is overburdened somehow. Steering is very heavy, which the driver will adapt to fairly quickly. Then there are the brakes which are so responsive that the first few stops will ruin the average hairdo when passenger's heads fly forward. Again, adaptable.

The ride is European-inspired, but with a difficult-to-pinpoint avoidoids that is poorly managed by the fully independent suspension. At moderate speeds, the front end of the 2013 Dodge Dart would push out and regularly need to be reeled back in. The drive is comfortable enough, but quickly falls apart in any type of spirited driving; namely, rally...

Darting forward

I liked the car, but the throttle management thing killed the whole experience for me. I want to believe that the optional 6-speed autobox will fare far better. I do love the aftermarket-sounding exhaust note!

At \$15,995, the entry-level Dart falls within the competition. In fact, the same goes for all of its trims (SXT \$17,995; Rallye, \$19,495; Limited, \$23,245; and R/T, \$23,995).

Despite Chrysler's excellent effort, and however attractive the car may be, I don't think it'll dethrone the likes of the Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra or Toyota Corolla any time soon. The small shoes, it turns out, do not fit.

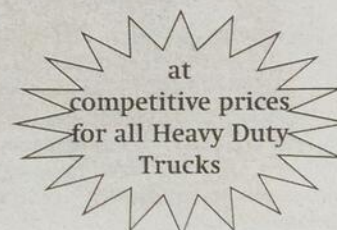
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Local Sports

Similar restrictions will be in place in August during the rowing competitions that will be part of the Canada Summer Games 2013.

Canada Games rowing test event on June 8

Call for citizen cooperation

Geneviève St-Denis
Communications Manager,
Canada Summer Games

The provincial rowing regatta will take place on Saturday, June 8 at the Parc de la plage municipale du secteur de Deauville and on Lac Magog. This is a test event for the Canada Games, giving various services the opportunity to put their planning into action.

The public is invited to attend this event that will bring together 50 athletes, some of whom may participate in the Canada Summer Games-Sherbrooke 2013. Impulsion 2013 athletes Émilie Paquette and Gabriel Veilleux will be participating. Admission is free.

The organizing committee for this event, together with the Host Society,

are seeking the public's collaboration to ensure this competition runs smoothly. Various restrictions will be imposed due to the technical needs of this sport discipline. Citizens who are directly affected will receive a letter.

Rowing test

- Installation of the boat course that will disrupt traffic on the lake - May 20 to June 9 - Lac Magog

- Installation and presence of docks on the lake - May 23 to August 18 - Parc de la plage municipale, 790 Avenue du Parc

- Boat ramp closed - Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24, Friday, June 7, 4 p.m. until Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. - Parc de la plage municipale

- Access to the beach volleyball court prohibited - Friday, June 7, 4 p.m. until

Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. - Parc de la plage municipale

- Access to the lake via the municipal beach prohibited - Friday, June 7, 4 p.m. until Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. - Lac Magog - Parc de la plage municipale

- Access to the parking lot prohibited Friday, June 7, 4 p.m. until Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. - Parc de la plage municipale

- Parking prohibited Friday, June 7, 4 p.m. until Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. - Per-ras and Côté streets - boat trailers (60-foot long) will be traveling on the streets

Incentive parking lots are planned, in addition to a shuttle service to the park for people interested in attending the event. The parking lots will be located at the Notre-Dame-de-Liesse school and church.

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August during the rowing competitions that will be part of the Canada Summer Games-Sherbrooke 2013. Other competitions will also require the public's cooperation. The Host Society will send information to citizens affected prior to the Games and to the media in July.

LB Urlacher says he's retiring after 13 seasons with Bears

By Andrew Seligman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

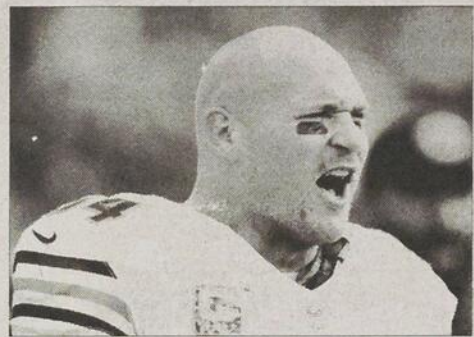
Brian Urlacher wasn't sure how dominant he could be any longer, so he's calling it a career after 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears.

And what a career it was:

- Eight Pro Bowl seasons;
- Defensive Player of the Year in 2005;
- A trip to the Super Bowl as 2006 NFC champion.

And now, it's over. The eight-time Pro Bowler announced his retirement through social media accounts Wednesday.

"After spending a lot of time this spring thinking about my NFL future, I have made a decision to retire," Urlacher said in a statement. "Although I could continue playing, I'm not sure I would bring a level of performance or passion that's up to my standards. When considering this, along with the fact that I could retire after a 13-year career wearing only one jersey for such a storied franchise, my decision became pretty clear."



AP PHOTO/JOE HOWELL, FILE

In this Nov. 4, 2012 file photo, Chicago Bears middle linebacker Brian Urlacher yells while watching from the bench in a game against the Tennessee Titans in Nashville. Urlacher says he's retiring after spending 13 seasons with the Bears. The eight-time Pro Bowler announced his retirement through social media accounts Wednesday.

"I want to thank all of the people in my life that have helped me along the way. I will miss my teammates, my coaches and the great Bears fans. I'm proud to say that I gave all of you everything I had every time I took the field. I will miss this great game, but I leave it with no regrets."

Urlacher was the face of the Bears, and he ranks among the best middle linebackers to suit up for a franchise with an impressive list that includes Hall of Famers Bill George, Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary.

"In the pantheon of Bears, Brian has earned his place alongside Halas, Grange, Nagurski, Ditka, Payton — and yes, Bill George, Butkus and Singletary," Bears chairman George McCaskey said. "We congratulate Brian on a brilliant career and he will continue to be a welcomed member of the Bears Family in retirement."

Added receiver Earl Bennett on Twitter: "Great player... Great teammate... Awesome person!!!!"

In March, Urlacher and the Bears were unable to reach a contract agreement and he became a free agent.

He started 180 games from 2000-2012, and made a team-record 1,779 tackles. He has 22 interceptions, 16 fumble recoveries and 11 forced fumbles.

Last year, he was slowed by a knee problem and then missed the final four games with a hamstring injury.

Urlacher had posted pictures on Twitter indicating he was working his way back into shape before the split with the Bears. But when they announced he would not be back, it was hardly a surprise.

Urlacher told the team's flagship radio station at the time that he was not shocked and the offer he received was "more like an ultimatum" in which they were telling him, "Sign this contract or we are going to move on."

The split with Urlacher was just one

Reports: Canucks fire head coach Vigneault

The Canadian Press
VANCOUVER

It appears Vancouver Canucks coach Alain Vigneault has paid the price for his team's early exit from the playoffs.

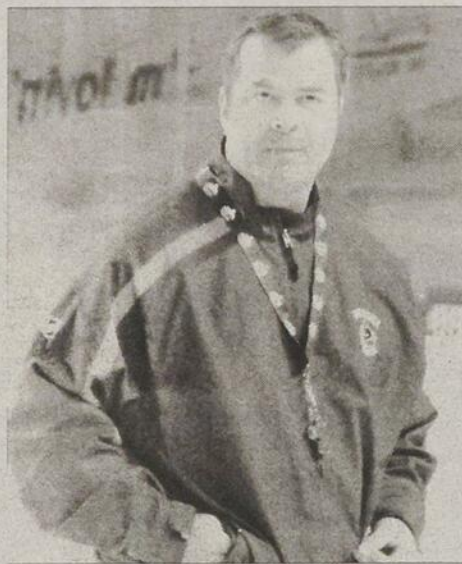
According to multiple media reports, the team has fired Vigneault and assistants Rick Bowness and Newell Browne.

The Canucks' all-time leader in coaching wins, Vigneault led the club to six Northwest Division titles, two Presidents' Trophy titles and an appearance in the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

But Vancouver was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs in the last two seasons, including via a sweep by the San Jose Sharks this year.

It was the first time in 12 years that the Canucks were swept in the post-season.

Vigneault has a 313-170-57 record over seven seasons in Vancouver.



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of many moves in a busy off-season for the Bears.

They fired coach Lovie Smith after a second straight late collapse left them out of the playoffs for the fifth time in six years, even though they did finish with 10 wins.

They replaced him with the offensive-minded Marc Trestman, hoping he could get the most out of quarterback Jay Cutler, and revamped their offensive line.

A safety with lightning speed when he was drafted out of New Mexico, the 6-foot-4 Urlacher initially lined up at strong side linebacker for the Bears, but lost the job to Roosevelt Colvin. He made the switch to middle linebacker during his first season when Barry Minter was injured, and went on to become the 2000 Defensive Rookie of the Year, the start of a long run that saw him anchor a defence that consistently ranked

among the league's best.

But he clearly wasn't his old self last year. The speed and quickness that allowed him to wreak havoc for years simply wasn't there.

Urlacher sprained his medial collateral ligament and partially sprained the posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during the 2011 regular-season finale against Minnesota. He hasn't been the same since then.

He barely participated in training camp, had an arthroscopic procedure in mid-August to relieve the swelling, and spent most of the season trying to regain his old form.

Then, he came up lame in coverage on the second-to-last snap of the Bears' overtime loss to Seattle in early December, an injury that ended his season and, ultimately, his career.

Deaths

Howard Cecil
CHUTE

Suddenly on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at home with his family, at the age of 51. Loving husband of Shirley, step-father to John and Greg (Christina) and their son Huxley. Son of the late Curtis Chute and the late Claudia Cunningham, brother to (the late) Robert Chute and Kathy (Brian), Beverly (Jean) and Tammy (Candice). He will be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews and grand-niece, also step-father John. At his request, there will be no service.

Graveside Service

DYMOND - Burial Service for Charles and Iris Dymond will take place Friday, May 24, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the Anglican Cemetery on Maple St. in Sutton. Rev. Gayle Chouinard will give a short service. Our Last Good-Bye.

Card of Thanks

MACLEOD - A thank you to everyone who came for the burial service for George MacLeod on Sat., May 18, 2013 at the Huntingville Cemetery, and to Pastor Randy Crosier, to Lorraine's Bakery for making the food, also for the bearers, my nephew Freeman Hanks from the United States, Jimmy Wark, Andy and Travis Harrison from Canada. My brother Clayton Flanders, his wife Sally and their daughter Jennifer, also from the States. My best friend, Norma Delong, came up and stayed overnight on Thurs., May 16 with me, from the States. Plus a very big thank you to Jimmy and Wendy Wark for letting us have the use of the ball park for the lunch after the service, because George took care of the ball park for many years.

Loving you always
Forgetting you never
WIFE - MELINDA
MOTHER - EDITH

Deaths

Mary
(nee Bronson)
KIMPTON

Passed away at the Magog Hospital on December 24, 2012 in her 80th year, beloved wife of John Kimpton for 60 years.

She leaves to mourn her daughters Beverly (Grant), Wendy (Yvon), Cheryl (Donnie), Johnny (predeceased) (Sandra), 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren

Service at St. Matthias Church, Fitch Bay, QC at 2 p.m. June 1st visitations from 1 to 2 p.m. Burial at Applegrove Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Applegrove Cemetery, c/o Douglas Elliot, 9025, ch. Cedarville, Stanstead (Beebe), QC J0B 3E3.

Deaths

Leila Doreen
Dezan MOSHER

Passed away at the CSSS Memphremagog on Monday, May 20, 2013. She would have been 90 years old on October 14, 2013.

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Raymond Mosher and loving mother of Lorraine (Martin), Sandra (Daniel), Bert (Elizabeth) and Marsha. Leila will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Jonathan, Jeffrey, Tammy, Crystal, Stacey, Jason, Curtis, Ramzi and Jaime, her 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. One of 15 children, surviving siblings are Ida Hoyt, Maurice Dezan, Roger Dezan, Marilyn Dezan, Ruby Buttemar, Edwin Dezan and Edwina Crowe.

Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff, QC on Thursday, May 23, 2013 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Rev. Barbara Wintle officiating.

Interment at the Ayer's Cliff Protestant Cemetery. Donations in her memory made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King St. West, bureau 130, Sherbrooke, QC J1L 1C9 will be greatly appreciated.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gauthier and the nurses of the 3rd floor at the CSSS of Memphremagog for the loving and compassionate care our mother received over the past two years. Their expertise and endless dedication gave great comfort to her and to her family.

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DATEBOOK

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

Today is the 143rd day of 2013 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1846, Mexican President Mariano Paredes issued a manifesto unofficially declaring war on the United States.

In 1934, outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were fatally shot by police officers in Black Lake, La.

In 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany was established.

In 1960, a tsunami killed 61 people in Hilo, Hawaii.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778), botanist; Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), writer/feminist; Douglas Fairbanks (1883-1939), actor; Margaret Wise Brown (1910-1952), children's author; Artie Shaw (1910-2004), band-leader; Rosemary Clooney (1928-2002), singer; John Newcombe (1944-), tennis

player; Drew Carey (1958-), comedian/TV personality; Jewel (1974-), singer.

TODAY'S FACT: The Hawaiian tsunami on this day in 1960 was triggered by a massive 8.5-magnitude earthquake off the Chilean coast that had killed thousands the day before.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1895, the Louisville Colonels forfeited a home game to the Brooklyn Bridegrooms in the third inning because they ran out of baseballs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Men for the sake of getting a living forget to live." — Margaret Fuller

TODAY'S NUMBER: 14 million — copies of Margaret Wise Brown's "Goodnight Moon" sold worldwide since it was first published in 1947.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (May 17) and full moon (May 24).



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LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, June 11 and Tuesday, July 9 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, May 28, Tuesday, June 25 and Tuesday, July 23 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, June 7 and Friday, July 5 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

AYER'S CLIFF

Roast Turkey Supper with all of the trimmings on Saturday, May 25 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main St., Ayer's Cliff. Settings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please call Dean Young 819-838-5815 or Wendell Cass 819-846-7180 to reserve your tickets. Everyone welcome! Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Beulah United Church, it is greatly appreciated!

AYER'S CLIFF

Card party on Saturday, May 25 in the Dinning Hall at the Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds starting at 1:30 p.m. Benefit for St. James Cemetery, Hatley.

RICHMOND

The annual Wales Home Bazaar will be held on Saturday, May 25. Sales tables open at 1:30 p.m., followed by Tea in the dining room at 2 p.m. Bidding closes at 3 p.m. on Silent Auction articles. Hope to see you there!

LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist will be held on Wednesday,

May 29 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the A.N.A.F Unit 318 Hut, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. To reserve for yourself or for a table of 4 players, please call Emily Smerdon at 819-562-8683.

LENNOXVILLE

Mini International Lunch at St. George's Church (84 Queen) on Sunday, June 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds towards Archdeacon's Discretionary Fund. For reservations, call Lorna Gordon 819-569-6986.

MELBOURNE

The Richmond County Historical Society invites everyone to attend the annual Pancake Brunch and Annual General Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Melbourne, 1169 Rte. 243, at 12 p.m. (noon) on Sunday, May 26. Guest speaker: Dr. Desmond Morton, Canadian historian who specializes in the history of the Canadian military. Topic: the War of 1812 and its legacy in Drummondville and Drummond County. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada, Dr. Morton is the recipient of the 2010 Pierre Berton Award, which honours those who "have brought Canadian history to a wider audience." He is the author of over thirty-five books on Canada. For further information, please contact 819-826-2793.

KINNEAR'S MILLS

The Megantic County Historical Society is featuring a presentation by Steve Cameron entitled, "Sintrigues of Our Fathers" to be held Sunday, June 16 from 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Community Hall, Lowry St. All welcome.

GEORGEVILLE

Sing-A-Praise-In-Jazz. The Georgeville Occasional Choir will perform a jazz service on Sunday, May 26 at 4 p.m. at St. George's Church in Georgeville, directed by Sarah Hoblyn. Keyboard: Jonathan Turgeon, Drums: Jean-Phillipe Godbout. Freewill offering.

AYER'S CLIFF

MusicFest to benefit the Children's Wish Foundation. Meet our local 2013 Wish Child. All weekend long, June 1 to 2 at the Ayer's Cliff Fairgrounds. Fun for the whole family! Lots of children's activities, silent auction, canteen, raffle. Music by many bands. Admission charged. Checks made out to the Wish Foundation please. Info: www.themusifest.org, or call: 819-823-2009.

AYER'S CLIFF

MECHOUI - Annual Beef and Pork Méchoui, sponsored by the Ayer's Cliff Fair in conjunction with the Music Fest 2013, will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ayer's Cliff Fairgrounds. Tickets available from the Directors or by calling the secretary at 819-838-5388.

TRENHOLM

Trenholm United Church - Come and join us in worship and fellowship on Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. Our service will be followed by our Congregational meeting and pot luck dinner.

WATERLOO

Pork and Beef Barbecue at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo on June 8 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Small admission fee. Everyone welcome.

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Mini International Lunch at St. George's Church, 84 Queen, on Sunday, June 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds towards Archdeacon's Discretionary Fund. For reservations, call Lorna Gordon at 819-569-6986.

SAWYERVILLE

Friday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Members and other interested persons are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eaton Corner Museum (Compton County Historical Museum Society) to be held at the Sawyerville Community Centre. Guest speaker: Mr. Burton McConnell, who will speak about life in the late 1800's in East Clifton as seen through the eyes of Joseph Taylor (Sheepskin Joe) and recorded in his diaries. Following this talk, the annual meeting of the Museum Society will present updates of current projects, elect Board members, and conduct other business. All are welcome, but only members can vote. Refreshments will be served. Be part of our Green Team! Participate in a "Garden Bee" on Sunday morning, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., behind the Foss House at the corner of Rte. 253 and Laberee Road in Eaton Corner. The Heritage Garden and Landscaping Committee needs volunteers to help us with various tasks such as planting the vegetable garden, cleaning up and weeding the flower beds. No experience is necessary, but expertise in identifying perennials on the property will be welcome! For information on the AGM or the Gardening Bee, or on the next gardening

workshop, please call the Museum at 819-875-5256, or email us at mus.eaton-corner@gmail.com.

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HCC Seniors Lunch, Thursday, May 30, at noon. Everyone welcome. Elevator available. This will be the last one until Sept. 2013. Information: 819-563-8700.

BURY, MAGOG, RICHMOND

May 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Community Learning Center. Free live and interactive video conference: The Myths around Grief and Loss. From Townshippers' Association and the Community Learning Centers in Bury (at Pope Memorial School, 523 Stokes St.), Magog (Princess Elizabeth School, 120 Bellevue St. West, enter by door 3 and push CLC buzzer) and Richmond (Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong St.) For details, contact Shannon Keenan: sk@townshippers.qc.ca or Debbie Bishop: db@townshippers.qc.ca, or at Townshippers' Association at 819-566-5717 (toll free: 1-866-566-5717).

ORFORD

Townshippers' Association Annual General Meeting, Friday, June 7, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Orford Arts Centre, 3165 chemin du Parc, Orford. Networking, presentations, refreshments and light buffet. Confirm attendance with Cathy Turner, ct@townshippers.qc.ca, 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-2182).

SHERBROOKE (FLEURIMONT)

The ABDS-ESTRIE and Fleurimont Scouts Blood Clinic with Hema-Quebec will take place on Thurs., June 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Julien Ducharme Centre (Fleurimont Arena), Rooms 211, 212 and 213 at 1671 Duplessis Rd., Fleurimont.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

I don't think it's a good idea to spend the night with your boyfriend so early in the relationship

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have three wonderful young adult children. The oldest two girls both recently graduated from college and are living at home, working and saving money.

The girls were not particularly interested in dating until recently. Our oldest met a guy at work and has fallen hard. She's always been family oriented, but for the past three months, all she wants to do is be with this guy 24/7. She spends most nights at his place, and we don't see her at all on the weekends.

This behavior does not sit well with me. I don't think it's a good idea to spend the night with your boyfriend so early in the relationship. I also don't like that she disregards her family, especially her younger sister, with whom she had a close relationship. My position is, if she's still living at home, she should come home to sleep. She can fool around with this guy the rest of the day.

I understand I may have some old-fashioned values, but allowing my daughter to live with her boyfriend on a part-time basis shows no respect for my position and is hard for me to swallow. I normally have a great relationship with her, but I haven't seen or spoken to her in

more than two weeks.

I'm concerned that if I ask her to have dinner with us more often and spend some time with family on the weekends, she will resent it and it will make matters worse. Am I out of line? — Concerned Dad

Dear Dad: Be careful. Dad. Your daughter is now a grown woman. The lack of prior dating could be one reason why she is so over the moon for the new boyfriend. You apparently don't object to her having sex, the too-soon timing of which is not up to you and at this point is moot anyway. You simply miss the girl she used to be.

It's OK for you to say you don't wish to subsidize her living with the boyfriend, but we hope you will do so in a loving way, letting her know you miss her at dinner-time. But we also recommend you invite the boyfriend to join you for meals and weekend activities. This will not only encourage your daughter's participation, but it will allow you to get to know the man who may become your son-in-law.

Dear Annie: My oldest sister is very selfish. She has three young children but never wants to spend any time with them. Sis is in her early 40s and acts as if she's 16. She is only concerned with herself and what others can

do for her.

She and her husband are always going out and foisting their children on everyone else. When we won't watch her kids, she gets angry and then tells the kids we don't love them. Unfortunately, Sis lives in the same town as my parents. I'd like to visit my folks, but I prefer to avoid my sister. Is that wrong? — Helpless Sibling

Dear Sibling: We know it will be difficult, but we urge you to remain civil to your sister for the sake of her children. They need you. Since you don't live nearby, her selfishness should be manageable in small doses on rare occasion. Please try.

Dear Annie: Thank you for printing the letter from "A Father Who Knows."

My 9-year-old son is legally blind and has epilepsy. He is often quiet and withdrawn, and leaving the house with him can be quite a task. He is impulsive and often says and does inappropriate things in public. We continually work with him.

I thought I was the only parent who could possibly understand what was going on with my son. I cried reading this letter, because it made me realize that others know my struggles. — A Coping Mom

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

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: "I find rebellion packaged by a major corporation a little hard to take seriously." — David Byrne

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"My first husband, George, he loved to fly."

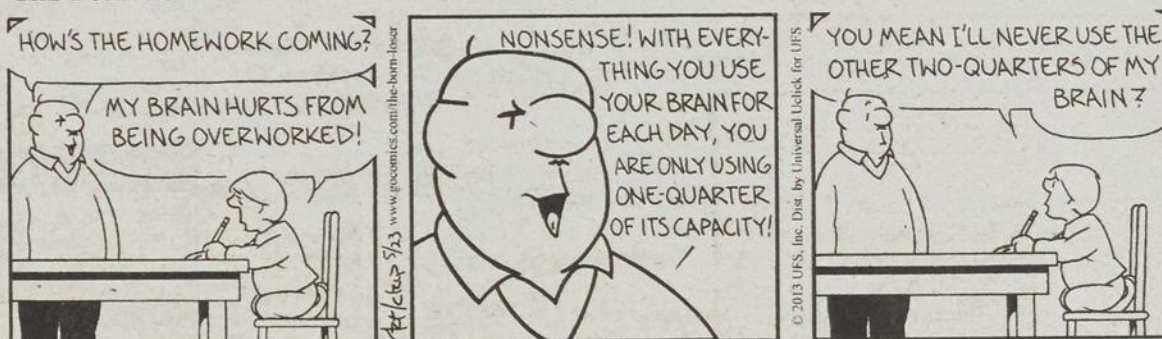
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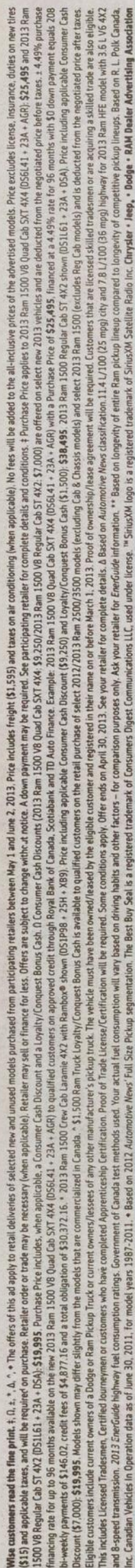
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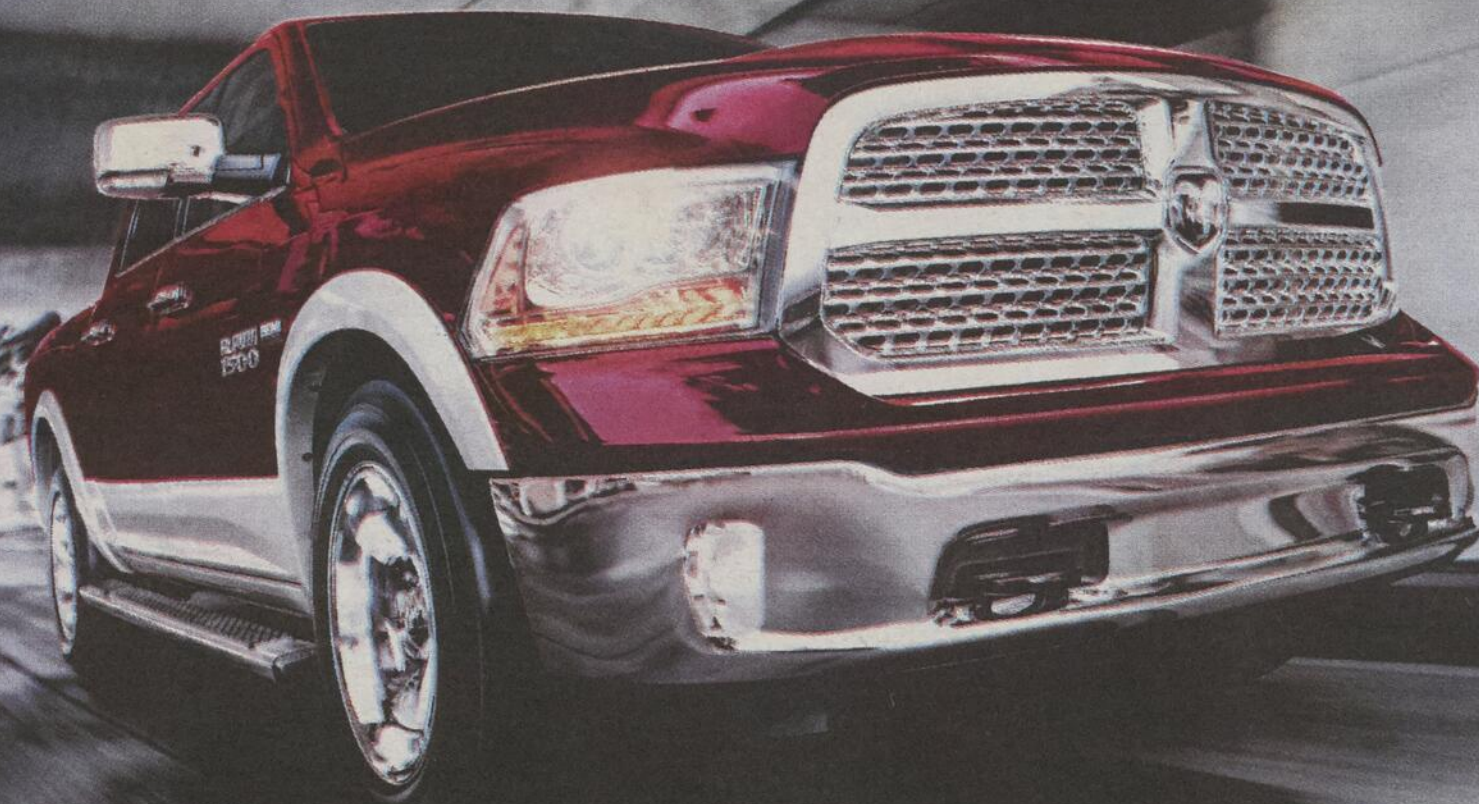


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