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## Growing slowly but smartly Lennoxville Farmers Market opens June 7

By Rachel Garber  
Rachel Writes

*"If it came from a plant, eat it. If it was made in a plant, don't."*

That's a quote by Michael Pollan. It's on the Facebook page of the Lennoxville Farmers Market. It summarizes the spirit of the Association du Marché Agricole de Lennoxville (AMAL), made up of 13 farmers who sell their produce and creations at the market.

The little market is going into its third year, starting this Saturday, June 7.

"We're growing slowly and smartly," said Darren Bardati. "If we wanted a flea market, we could have 50 people. But we don't want a flea market. We want a farmer's market where the vision of the market is authentic local food and local artisan products. And we want to encourage small scale producers and gardeners. So no industrial operations - you know, there are enough outlets for them."

Darren and Jennifer Bardati were the first founding members of AMAL. He had a good role model. His father used to grow organic produce and started a farmers market in Lennoxville in the 1970s. It ended some years ago. Darren's new incarnation of the market has already made its mark. Up to 150 people visited it each time it was on in July and August last year, he estimated.

Small is good. Local is good too. And authenticity. "It's forbidden to buy stuff and re-sell it. So everything at the market has to be handcrafted or grown on their own land," said Darren. "It's kind of as if we're more on the purist side of local food. Everything has to be produced within 50 kilometres of the market."

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## The 2014 QMJHL draft Fitzpatrick and Gregoire with The Sherbrooke Phoenix



COURTESY OF THE SHERBROOKE PHOENIX

Goaltender Evan Fitzpatrick (left) and defenceman Thomas Gregoire were first round selections by the Phoenix in Saturday's QMJHL draft held in Sherbrooke.

By Josh Quirion

If one dollar was collected each time the phrase, "it's the most beautiful day of my life," was uttered during the 2014 LHJMQ's career defining draft, the revenue would be sufficient to subsidize season tickets to shadow one of the league's 18 organizations.

The Palais des Sport Leopold-Drolet was filled to maximum capacity with hundreds of eligible prospects from all around the country, their families, and a myriad of supporters from the local hockey community.

In the first round, the Sherbrooke

Phoenix organization drafted goaltender Evan Fitzpatrick from Newbridge Academy in Nova Scotia.

"Fitzpatrick was our first choice. Drafts are totally unpredictable, but we couldn't be happier with the result," said Phoenix general manager Patrick Charbonneau. "He's undoubtedly a talented player with enormous potential, and we're excited to see him evolve during training camp," added Charbonneau.

The 16 year old net-minder expressed his enthusiasm concerning his affiliation with the Phoenix de Sherbrooke, "it's a quality organization, and I'm ex-

cited to suit and train with the team in August," said Fitzpatrick. "I'm prepared to transition to the superior level of play. I'm working out 3-4 times a week, and constantly putting in the work to get faster, stronger, and more mobile between the pipes."

Fitzpatrick's mother, hockey mom Danielle Briffett was excited about her son's achievement, "we were prepared for the inevitability of relocation, we moved to Nova Scotia so Evan could get speciality coaching as a goaltender, he's become accustomed to separation, he just wants to play hockey," said Briffett.

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HIGH OF 27  
LOW OF 16

**WEDNESDAY:** CLOUDY, SHOWERS  
HIGH OF 23  
LOW OF 15

**THURSDAY:** PERIODS OF RAIN  
HIGH OF 18  
LOW OF 13

**FRIDAY:** CLOUDY, SHOWERS  
HIGH OF 20  
LOW OF 12

### ETRC ARCHIVES

# Sherbrooke Boy Scouts during WWI

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The first Sherbrooke District Boy Scout troops were officially incorporated in 1912 but were active as early as 1910. It began with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sherbrooke troops, which were made up of 74 boys in total and based out of Sherbrooke's Church of the Advent, St. Peter's Anglican Church and Plymouth Congregational Church. The early activities of the Scouts included summer camps, camping trips, sports competitions, and the awarding of badges.

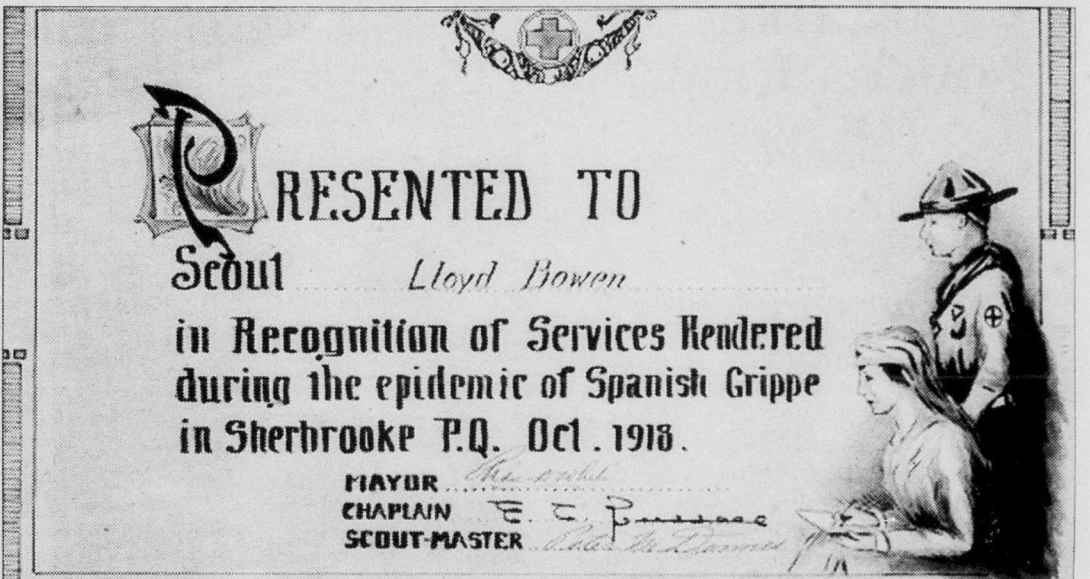


Granby Troop on King Street, Sherbrooke, 1935.

The growth of the scouting movement was curtailed with the onset of the First World War in 1914, when many would-be leaders and older Scouts left to fight in the war. During much of WWI, membership in the Sherbrooke troops dropped by almost half and saw the 1st and 3rd Troops disband and reorganize a few times through the war years.

Despite the difficulties connected with a struggling membership, the Scouts remained dedicated in their service to community and to country. In addition to their regular scouting activities, many of the boys helped the Red Cross collect material for veterans and joined the "Soldiers of the Soil" - a government-sponsored movement to assist farmers during the summer months. During the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic, they assisted in the distribution of medicine and received certificates of recognition from the City of Sherbrooke for their service.

By the end of the war, Scouting was expanding rapidly in the area and included associations in Cookshire, Granby, Cowansville, Stanstead, Scotstown, Waterville, Magog, Bulwer, and Beebe. Shortly following the war, in 1919, Sir Robert Baden Powell visited Canada, attending a number of Boy Scout rallies and special meetings



Certificate of recognition for service during the Spanish flu, 1918.



Lloyd Bowen receiving the Medal of Merit from Sir Baden Powell, 1919.

from St. John, NB to Toronto. On the occasion of his stop in Montreal, the Sherbrooke District sent a group of 41 Scouts and their leaders to participate in the rally where, among the other honours and activities, Lloyd Bowen, a Sherbrooke Scout, received the Medal of Merit for having rescued a baby from the thick of a dog fight. Jody Robinson, archivist 819-822-9600 x.2261. etrc2@ubishops.ca

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

AMAZING! MY FRIEND WHO'S TURNING 40 JUST COMPLETED HER FIRST MARATHON!

I'M SO OUT OF SHAPE, I DON'T THINK I COULD RUN HALF A BLOCK!

DOES SHE HAVE ANY KIDS?

NO...

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, WITH A JOB AND FOUR KIDS, YOU RUN A MARATHON EVERY DAY!

# LOCAL NEWS

"Our volunteers, you among them, were certainly key to the success of the Canada Summer Games - Sherbrooke 2013."

## Canada Games volunteers called to help the city



GORDON LAMBIE

The Canada Summer Games - Sherbrooke 2013 team is preparing to forward contact information about its volunteers to the city of

Sherbrooke. According to a letter sent out Friday by Acting CEO Michel Dussureault, all those people who indicated a desire, when volunteering for the games, to continue to be involved afterward should prepare to be approached by the city on behalf of an organization wishing to recruit volunteers.

Dussureault's letter points out that personal contact information will only be forwarded to the city if, after being approached, the prospective volunteer indicates that they are

willing to continue volunteering. Volunteers will have the opportunity to opt out of the contact list every subsequent time the city contacts them. According to the Games organizers, roughly 2,000 local residents will be approached in the near future.

"Our volunteers, you among them, were certainly key to the success of the Canada Summer Games - Sherbrooke 2013," wrote Dussureault, in the letter addressed to each volunteer, "The skills and experience acquired by your group last sum-

mer are an invaluable legacy for the City of Sherbrooke and the region that will last for years to come. We sincerely thank you for playing a role in ensuring this continuity. The Games will continue to live on through your future involvement!"

The Canada Summer Games came to Sherbrooke in August of 2013, bringing together young athletes from across the country for a two-week athletic competition in the process. The Games are built around a vision of nation-building, multi-sport events that enrich Canadian

culture and create lasting legacies in their host communities and across the country.

In Sherbrooke that legacy has been noted by the local organizers of the Games on a number of occasions. Local officials have proudly noted the way that the existing volunteer community was called upon and bolstered; the changes to the sporting infrastructure in the city; and the lasting changes to the way the Canada Games themselves are organized as core elements of the ongoing contributions of the games to the region.

## Bishop's University reveals Honorary doctorate recipients at 185th Convocation

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On June 6 and 7, Chancellor Brian Levitt will preside over Bishop's University's Convocation ceremonies. The institution announced Friday that, in addition to conferring some 570 degrees on members of the class of 2014, four notable individuals will be recognized for their outstanding professional achievements and their service

to society.

Honorary doctorates in Civil Law will be awarded to: Renelle Anctil (BU Class of '87), co-owner of the Groupe Anctil, and General Manager of the Sherbrooke and Magog Rona l'Entre-pôt stores; Eastern Townships resident, Louise Penny, C.M., bestselling author of a series of mystery stories set in Quebec; The Honourable Bob Rae, P.C., O.C., O.O., Q.C., Premier of Ontario from 1990 to 1995 and In-

terim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2011 to 2013; and Irshad Manji, educator, broadcaster, and promoter of progressive Islam.

Michael Goldbloom, C.M., Principal and Vice-Chancellor, said: "It gives us great pride to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of these individuals. They exemplify excellence, determination and outstanding societal contribution."

On Friday, June 6, an after-

noon Convocation ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. for graduates earning degrees and certificates in Business. On Saturday, June 7, Convocation ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m. for graduates earning degrees in Humanities and Education. Graduates receiving degrees in the Natural or Social Sciences will participate in an afternoon ceremony at 3 p.m. on June 7.

A detailed schedule of events

can be found on the University's website at: [www.ubishops.ca/convocation](http://www.ubishops.ca/convocation)

This year's valedictorian, Erik Schwegler from North Vancouver, British Columbia, is a Business student with a concentration in marketing. Schwegler will proudly address the graduating class at all three ceremonies.

Source: Chantal Sneath

## Sherbrooke Innopole gets carbon offset certificate

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The City of Sherbrooke's local development centre, Sherbrooke Innopole has become the first CLD to receive a "Carbon Responsible" certificate from Enviro-accès. The announcement was made during the 3rd Meeting on Clean Technologies at the Cultural Centre of the University of Sherbrooke Friday. Sherbrooke Innopole was awarded a the 'arbon-responsible - Emissions Offset cer-

tificate recognizing its greenhouse gas emission compensation through the purchase of carbon credits for all 114 tons of greenhouse gases produced over the last year.

"We're used to firsts in Sherbrooke," says Enviro-accès Director-General Manon Laporte, "This certificate is actually part of an eco-friendly line of initiatives that we have seen, particularly by Bishop's University and the 2013 Canada Summer Games organizers who have

been pioneers in their respective fields nationally. What we always hope is that they will inspire others," she said.

"It always takes leaders to successfully create a movement," says Étienne Desmarais, President and CEO of Ecotierra, the company responsible for the implementation of Sherbrooke Innopole's funded carbon offset credits environmental project. This project will serve to protect 500,000 hectares of virgin forests in Peru through respon-

sible exploitation.

"For Sherbrooke Innopole, reducing our environmental footprint has been a priority for many years and is an integral part of our management philosophy," says Sherbrooke Innopole Chair Marc Cantin. "I like to believe that sustainable development is part of our collective genetic code."

Along with the award announcement, the U de S gathering offered an opportunity for some 86 local companies and or-

ganizations to network and exchange ideas, as well as to hear from eight local enterprises about their own ideas to a audience of potential investors.

The sustainable economy continues to attract increasing interest among the general public and investors. This year, registration for the Clean Technologies meeting reached 150, up 15 from last year, making the Sherbrooke event one of the leading of its kind in Canada.

## Budget cuts no threat to 410 extension - yet

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Recent budget cuts imposed by the Couillard government should not interfere with the extension of Highway 410, at least in the short and medium term, according to the Quebec Ministry of Transport.

Two construction contracts are currently in progress. One is at the interchange leading to Belvedere Street while the other concerns the construction of an overpass that is actually an ex-

tension of the fast track to the interchange from Dunant Street.

"When these contracts are completed, we can open a new section," says Ministry Communications Advisor Nadège Tessier. "But we do not have a specific date for completion of the work. We do not know if it will be in 2014. We haven't received any signals about budget cuts. There is no change. Everything is going smoothly."

Since coming to power, the Liberal government has had to

deal with difficult public finances and plans to reduce spending.

While the plans for the Tier 1 extension continues, Tier 2 is subject to the Directive on the management of major public infrastructure projects that came into force on Feb. 12, therefore under the PQ government of Pauline Marois.

The second and final part will bring Highway 410 to the experimental farm in Lennoxville but it is difficult to predict when the entire section

will be completed. "This is a multi-million dollar contract, it is subject to the directive," says Tessier.

"There are still several steps before to know when part 2 will be set in motion," Tessier concludes.

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# Planning a new city centre

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About a hundred Sherbrooke residents gathered at the Cathédrale St-Michel Saturday to help plan out the city's future at the 'Dessine-moi ton centre-ville!' event sponsored by Commerce Sherbrooke and the 2020 Advisory Committee for downtown Sherbrooke.

The public was invited to express their desires regarding both the architecture, and the environment, culture, shopping, heritage, transport, and recreation in order to integrate these considerations into the city's Master Plan to be drafted in the coming months.

The event organizers were delighted with the enthusiasm shown by participants. The ideas that emerged are "exciting, dynamic, and are showing great



(COURTESY COMMERCE SHERBROOKE)

creativity and a desire to improve the quality of life of Sherbrooke," a communiqué says.

The morning was devoted to a tour of parts of the city centre where participants were invited to reflect on some possible improvements. In the after-

noon, architect Colleen Lashuk, urban planning consultant Samir Admo, and urban planner Denis Proulx from the BC2 Group led a discussion in which everyone had the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas on the future of Sherbrooke's downtown.

Throughout the day, participants were able to record or draw their ideas on a 'wall of dreams.' In addition, a photo exhibition allowed participants to examine certain aspects of the current city centre to get a better overview of the improvements that might be made.

In the coming days, the BC2 Group will examine the proposals made at the event, as well as comments received on social media to prepare a first working document for the master plan. This document will be presented to the Advisory Committee on June 5.

# Le Baron tenants on the move

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The Le Baron bingo hall, forced to find a new location with the construction of the new Le Baron commercial complex will be moving to L'Hotellerie le Boulevard on Bertrand-Fabi St. in the coming months, according to a report by 107.7 FM.

The new Le Baron complex construction is requiring several businesses to relocate. Festin Royal Catering will, however, remain open and its fifty employees will keep their jobs. The Sylvie Touchette travel agency has already established its headquarters at 4206 King Street West, and the Tecnic driving school will be moving its offices to the

Les Tourelles shopping centre where the former Apple store was located.

The alon de paris will relocate to a temporary location until work is completed on the new complex. The Cora restaurant and the Énergie Cardio gym will remain where they are and will stay open throughout the construction. Current tenants have until Aug. 1 to vacate.

# Coaticook downtown kicks off summer

SHERBROOKE

Downtown Coaticook is gearing up for a summer season replete with concerts, exhibitions, sidewalk sale, and even a silent film in the Rues Principales summer programming.

The program begins this Friday, June 6, with the 'Concert en blanc.'

The population is invited to gather at Chartier Park for the all-white concert and dance by Harmonie Coaticook and its partners... The band will occupy the same stage every Friday night in June for

concerts featuring the music of yesteryear (June 13), music from films and TV series (June 20) and country tunes (June 27).

Speaking of country, the great sidewalk sale will also be back on June 27 and 28 with inflatable games, pony rides, clowns and face painters. These days will end with live country music under the big tent.

In July, thanks to the big celebration of Coaticook's 150th anniversary, rock group The Porn Flakes and their guests, including many from the 2014 season of

'La Voix' will take to the specially-built stage in the parking lot of the Pavillon des arts on July 19.

On Friday, July 18 a nod to the cinema of yesteryear will offer a presentation of a silent film at Chartier park, accompanied live by pianist Roman Zavada.

On August 9, the Coaticook Valley Expo parade invades the downtown streets and, finally, a Back to School sale (August 15-16) and an open-air art exhibition and sale two weeks later round out this summer's Rues principales program.

# Forêt Hereford takes over Tillotson bequest

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More than 50 square miles (about 90 sq. kilometres) of forest surrounding and including Mount Hereford in St. Hermégilde and East Hereford have now been placed under the auspices of a nonprofit organization called Forêt Hereford.

The land is a gift to the community bestowed according to the desires of the estate of Neil and Louise Tillotson and the transaction was celebrated and formalized at a ceremony Friday at the new organization's headquarters.

Sara Favreau-Perreault, a member of the organization's board recalled the long history of this project. "It all started five years ago, when representatives from Tillotson Farms & Forest expressed their intention to bequeath their property to respect Mr. Tillotson's wishes. On our side, we did our homework to find the best way to handle this gift. The idea of an organization was chosen and the land transaction was carried out in two stages, in June and December."

The mayor of East Hereford and President of Forêt Hereford, Richard Belleville said he was thrilled with the conclusion of the agreement. "As soon as people approached us, I immediately knew it was an extraordinary gift. If Mr. Tillotson wanted to offer us his land as a gift it's because he knew we were able to deal with it."

Former director and current advisor to the Neil and Louise Tillotson Foundation, Tom Deans expressed a wish for the future owners. "I hope that these lands will bring opportunities for economic development and happiness," he said.

Obviously, a large part of the territory is protected. "This is a site of exceptional beauty," says the president of the Quebec Council of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Stephen Lloyd. "We will be able to preserve the habitat of many animal and plant species."

Although many issues have been resolved, there is still a lot of work ahead for Forêt Hereford policy-makers. "Over the coming months, we will develop a new forest management plan," says coordinator François Villemare. "We will also coordinate our relations with the various users in the area. The issue of accessibility is very important."

In addition to hiking and mountain biking, the property also allows the activities of a hunting and fishing club, which has about 150 members. Other rights of way will probably be negotiated for snowmobiling and horseback riding.

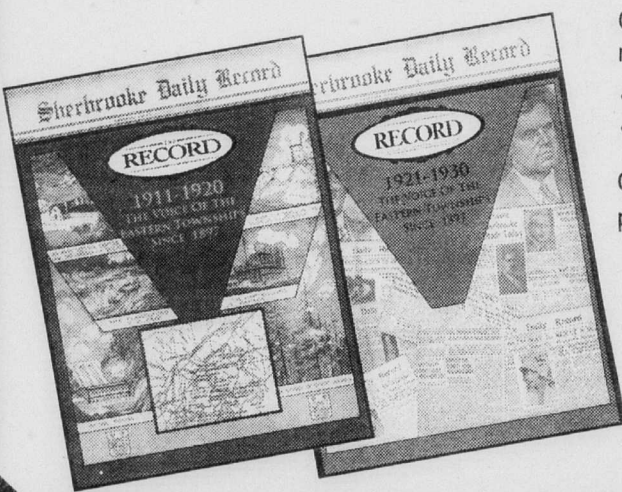
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## Three nabbed for impaired driving in Magog

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Issues of alcohol kept Memphremagog police busy Friday morning with two men arrested for drinking and driving and a third for breach of conditions regarding the consumption of alcohol.

At about half-past midnight, Police arrested a 36-

year old man in a Magog, night club for breach of court-ordered conditions that he not consume alcohol. He was detained and appeared before a judge in Sherbrooke Friday.

Later, at 2 a.m. a 67 year-old man was arrested in Magog for driving while impaired by alcohol. Taken to the station, the man failed two breath

tests. His vehicle was seized for 30 days and his licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

Finally, at about 3 a.m. in Magog, officers arrested a 46-year old man for driving while impaired by alcohol. He also failed two breath tests. His vehicle was seized for 30 days and his licence suspended for 90.

## Police target seatbelt offenders

Record Staff

Last Thursday, the highway patrol of the Sûreté du Québec conducted a seatbelt verification operation with a roadblock on an Autoroute access ramp and intercepted some 350 vehicles to hand out safety information. A dozen drivers were ticketed.

This activity was intended as a premise for Operation Seatbelt that will take place from June 2 to 8. Patrol officers throughout Quebec will take part in a full scale awareness, prevention, and enforcement campaign. The operation hopes to contribute to the increase in seatbelt safety through increased police intervention and preventive actions.

Although most people believe that wearing a seatbelt is respected by everybody, more than 30 per cent of those killed in fatal collisions every year were not wearing seat-



(COURTESY SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC)

Police stopped over 350 vehicles during a few hours last Thursday to warn drivers about the importance of wearing seatbelts and ticketed a dozen offenders.

belts.

Wearing a seat belt halves the risk of being killed or seriously injured in an accident and authorities estimate that if

all vehicle occupants would obey the law, 50 deaths and 140 serious injuries could be prevented every year.

## Driver seriously injured in truck rollover

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A man in his forties suffered serious head injuries after losing control of his vehicle on a curve on Ch. Biron in Ascot Corner Saturday night.

The driver was alone in the truck when he lost control of his vehicle, which rolled over several times before ending up on its side in a ditch.

Upon arrival of the emergency services, the driver was conscious and was transported to the CHUS Fleurimont where authorities do not fear for

his life.

Ch. Biron was closed to traffic so that a crash scene investigator could analyze the scene. Speed may have played a role in this accident, which occurred on a stretch of road where the speed limit is 70 km/h.

### Street racing costly for two in Victo

Speed can kill. When it doesn't do that, it can be very expensive as two lead-footed drivers discovered Saturday after being caught street racing in Victoriaville on Saturday.

The two were stopped

going over 140 km/h in a 70 km/h zone on Jutras Blvd W. near Cartier St. The two drivers, aged 21 and 31, each received a ticket for \$1,160 for excessive speeding and another \$1,000 fine for participating in a street race. They also had their licences slapped with a total of 20 demerit points and, of course, suspended.

One of the two will be without driving privileges for 30 days due to a history of similar infractions. The second driver's licence was suspended for seven days. Both vehicles were also seized for seven days.

## Magog blast a suicide attempt, police believe



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The minivan was completely destroyed last Thursday in the Magog blast.

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Memphremagog Police have come to the conclusion that the explosion Thursday morning at the Walmart in Magog was the result of a suicide attempt.

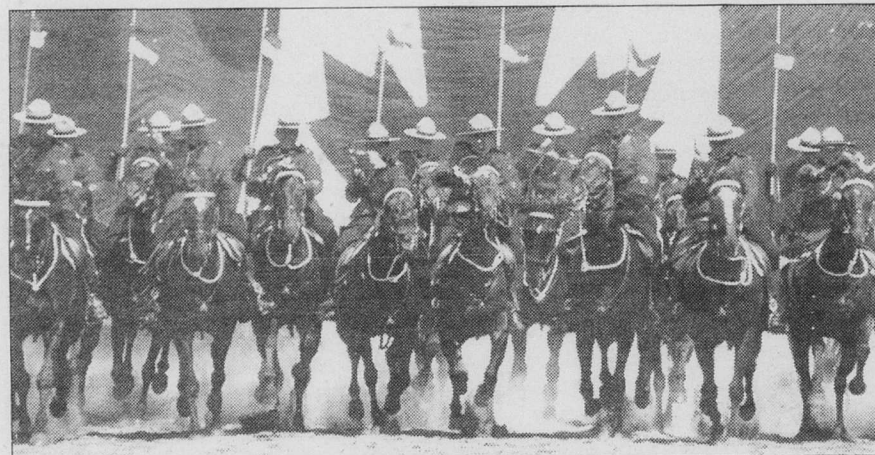
The main victim of the explosion - and the presumed suicide - a man in his sixties from Magog, received serious injuries to his hands and head and, ac-

ording to available information, was placed in an induced coma in hospital. Police had found two propane tanks inside the car, one of which was cracked.

The case is not yet closed and, in the light of information to be collected, criminal negligence charges could be brought against the man.

A woman suffered a minor injury during the explosion, one vehicle was completely destroyed, and five others damaged as a result of the blast.

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# EDITORIAL

How can we allow governments and industry to continue leading us down this destructive path?

## Mounting climate evidence underscores the need to act

By David Suzuki

Because we enjoy relatively pure air, clean water and healthy food systems, Canadians sometimes take the environment for granted. Many scarcely blink if oil from a pipeline spills into a river, a forest is cleared for tar sands operations or agricultural land is fracked for gas. If Arctic ice melts and part of the Antarctic ice sheet collapses, well... they're far away.

Some see climate change as a distant threat, if they see it as a threat at all. But the scientific evidence is overwhelming: climate change is here, and unless we curb behaviours that contribute to it, it will get worse, putting our food, air, water and security at risk. A recent White House report confirms the findings of this year's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment report, and concludes global warming is a clear and present danger to the U.S.

"Climate change is not a distant threat, but is affecting the American people already," says White House science adviser John Holdren in a video about the report. "Summers are longer and hotter, with longer periods of extended heat. Wildfires start earlier in the spring and continue later into the fall. Rain comes down in heavier downpours. People are experiencing changes in the length and severity of allergies. And climate disruptions to water resources and agriculture have been increasing."

Recognizing the problem's severity is a start, but whether the U.S. will actually do anything is another question. Action to curb climate change is constantly stalled — thanks to the powerful fossil fuel industry, political and media denial, extensive fossil fuel-based infrastructure and citizen complacency.

But at least the U.S. and its president have unequivocally called for action. It's disturbing that political leaders in Canada — a northern country already feeling impacts, with a long coastline particularly vulnerable to rising sea lev-

els — ignore the issue in their drive to make Canada a petro-power. Our government prefers to spend taxpayers' money to support the fossil fuel industry with advertising campaigns and billions of dollars in subsidies. A recent New York Times ad, worth US\$207,000, touts oil sands and pipelines as "environmentally responsible." Despite opposition from communities throughout B.C. and the rest of Canada, including many First Nations, approval of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline project is expected next month.

Perceived economic benefits (mostly short-term) trump the needs of all Canadians and their children and grandchildren for clean air and water, healthy food and a stable climate. Droughts, floods, water shortages, insect-plagued forests, extreme weather events, rising sea levels and melting glaciers don't matter as much as getting the oil, gas and coal out of the ground and sold as quickly as possible.

B.C. once showed promise with climate policies such as a carbon tax. Now the government in my home province is also pinning its hopes on the fossil fuel market, fracking our way to "prosperity" at the expense of long-term human and economic health, farmland and climate.

How can we allow governments and industry to continue leading us down this destructive path?

Some people say we must choose between the human-created economy and the natural environment — an absurd argument on many levels, and a false dichotomy. Even within the current flawed economic paradigm, it's far more financially sound to invest in renewable energy and diversification than in a dying industry.

Others, often driven by fossil fuel industry propaganda, doubt the evidence and question the credentials of thousands of scientists worldwide studying the issue.

The IPCC report involved hundreds of scientists and experts worldwide who analyzed the latest peer-reviewed scientific literature and other relevant mate-



rials on climate change. The White House report was overseen by 13 governmental agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It was written by close to 300 scientists and experts and reviewed by numerous others, including the National Academy of Sciences. It was also vetted by groups ranging from oil companies to environmental organizations. As an article on

Desmog Blog points out, "If anything, this report is conservative in its findings."

The IPCC and White House reports are clear: solutions are available. But the longer we delay the more difficult and expensive they will be to implement. We can't just sit by and do nothing.

With contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at [www.david-suzuki.org](http://www.david-suzuki.org).

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The reptile petting session came complete with lessons for kinder, gentler human-animal interactions.

## Little Ray's Reptiles wow the crowd A kinder, gentler alligator



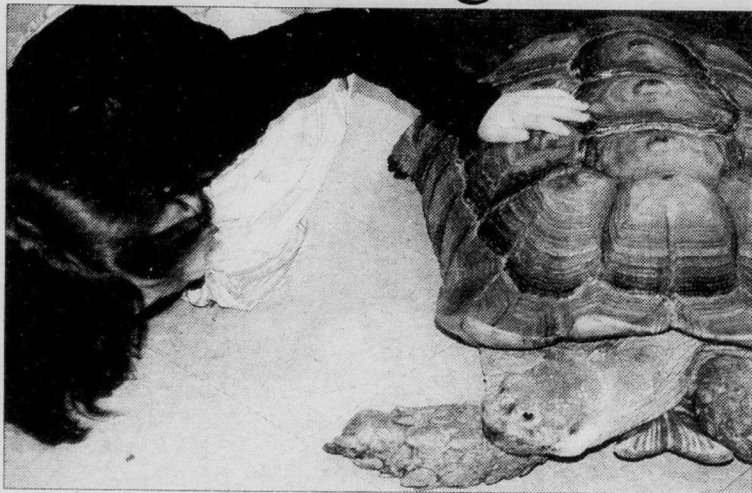
RACHEL GARBER

They weren't the usual crowd, this past weekend, to frequent the Gait at Bishop's University. Reptiles, four big ones from Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, and their human handlers, five of them. And some 50 or so children and their vigilant parents.

There was Chelsea with a giant tortoise, all of 65 pounds. The tortoise peed on the floor, and slowly reconnoitered the room. Don't tap on her shell. Don't touch her feet, Chelsea warned. Be kind, be gentle. Just stroke her back.

Mary was in a corner with a black rat snake, carefully holding its head behind her. She offered the snake's midriff to be stroked, and warned the children not to touch the tip of her tail.

Kayla cradled the python's head while tiny tots stroked her body. That was Buttercup, today



Bonjour, friend. A small human makes eye contact with a giant tortoise.

known as Soleil. She's an albino reticulated python, with delicate golden lacework covering her back. All 18 feet of her.

And Sylvain was hanging on to the 150-pound alligator. Its mouth was lightly taped shut with electrician's tape. An alligator has strong muscles to close its mouth, but only weak ones to open it, explained Kayla. So a couple of loops of tape work just fine. And yes, the alligator was pretty quiet. Who knew that alligators love to cuddle?

The reptile petting session came complete with lessons for kinder, gentler human-animal

interactions. Kayla gave a fluent English-French discourse about each animal. Why alligators always seem aggressive on TV – because we are destroying and invading their habitat, or threatening their young.

How to gently help a turtle if you happen upon one trying to cross the road, so a car won't run it over. Don't pull its tail – that hurts. Just pick it up by the shell and take it in the direction it wants to go. "Who will help turtles cross the road?" Kayla asked. Some 30 hands shot up.

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PHOTOS BY RA GARBER

It looks like a dance, a slow, close one. The 150-pound alligator is an armful for Sylvain, but, yes, he was content to cuddle against his neck.

## Lennoxville Farmers Market

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And that's exactly why the market grows gradually as the summer unfolds. To everything there is a season.

"I'm guessing just half of the farmers will be there the first day," he said. "The blueberry people aren't going to be there. The honey people aren't going to be there. For obvious reasons. And those who have vegetables but no plants won't be there. I hope the community doesn't expect to have corn and things like that on the 7th. You know, we grow things in season, and obviously not much has grown by now. It gets better as the summer goes along."

So what will be there this Saturday? Goat's milk soap from Jennifer Bardati. Goat's cheese from Caitya du Caprice Caprin in Sawyerville. Heirloom seeds, bedding plants and maybe lettuce from Brian Creelman's Woodlanders Farm in Bishop-ton. Beef and pork, frozen, and maybe sausages and maple syrup from Mark and Faith Harmer's Strong Wind Farms in Saint-Isidore-de-Clifton. Artisanal pottery by Réjean Côtés of

Poterie Hatley in Canton Hatley. And maybe more.

But as the growing season progresses, the kinds and amount of produce will grow. When the time is right, look for organically grown vegetables and fruits, and herbal products from Jennifer and Darren Bardati's Resilient Homestead in Martinville. More heirloom vegetables from Brian Creelman. Honey from Daniel Gagnon's Le Miel Dan-B in Bury. Fruit, flowers, jams and jellies from Mary Kirby's Shepherd's Stone Farm in Martinville.

There'll be certified organic vegetables from Dave Mersen of the Ferme Mange-Tout in Cookshire. Blueberries from Janie Perron and Hugues Raymond of Bec Bleu in Cookshire. Organically grown vegetables from Darcy and Kathy Lachapelle of Le Jardin Austin in Austin, and also from Mike and Tara Loomis of Waterville. Vegetables, herbs and cut sunflowers from Nancy Vézina of the Full Moon Garden in Coaticook. And finally more vegetables from Serge Proulx of Coaticook, the newest AMAL



RA GARBER

Lenie Beauregard-Landry shows off some of the artisanal cheeses that she'll be selling at the Lennoxville Farmers Market. Goat cheeses, to be sure, from her parents' family farm, Caitya du Caprice Caprin in Sawyerville. They've got about 100 goats. The cheeses come in four flavours – garlic, pesto, chipotle and curry. They're light cheeses, spreadable. Yum.

member.

"We really encourage the community to come from week to week and see what's there," said Darren. "If you don't find

what you want, it'll probably be there next week. Just because we grow things in season. We're not a Walmart. We'll have interesting new stuff you can't get at

Walmart either."

"We have a few certified organic growers, and the rest of us are what I'll call beyond organic. We're not certified but we're doing things just as if we were," he said. "My wife and I believe in the closed-loop system. We know exactly what's going into our products and anybody can come and visit. Big certified organic is maybe no different from big non-certified. Our emphasis is on the local and transparency, that's what we're aiming at."

The Market comes to Lennoxville this Saturday, and comes back again every two weeks until October 11. It's open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and it's conveniently located at 2882 College Street, just between the train tracks, across from Clarke & Sons.

The list of participants is on the Market's website, marche-publiclennoxville.yolasite.com. For information, check www.facebook.com/amalnox, or email amalnox@gmail.com.

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# Neighbours Day Garage Sale Good friends, great deals in Newport, QC



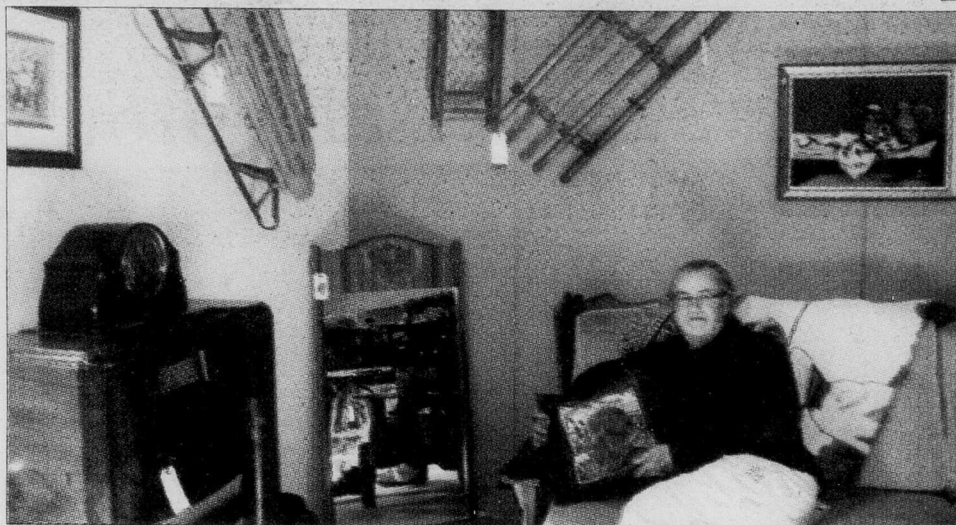
RACHEL GARBER

It's coming up next Saturday, the Fête des voisins.

Neighbours Day comes to us from Paris, says Wikipedia. Macedonian immigrant Atanase Périfan got the idea in 1990. That's when he discovered an old woman dead in her apartment. She had died four months earlier. So he started a humanitarian group and organized the first Neighbours Day in 1999. It spread to all of France in 2000.

And then it went all the way around the world. Now some 20 million people celebrate Neighbours Day in 36 different countries. Some did it on May 23, but Quebec's 288 participating municipalities are marking it on June 7.

The idea is to do something to get to know your neighbours, across generations and across cultures. Have a feeling of belonging and safety. Be part of a community. Take care of each other. Have a "greater sense of friendliness and



Maurice Morin surrounded by treasures in his brand new antique shop.

human kindness." That's what Quebec's Neighbours Day website says at [www.fetesvoisins.qc.ca](http://www.fetesvoisins.qc.ca), in both French and English.

This year for the first time, one of the participants is a little municipality at the farthest extreme from the great metropolis of Paris. It's fiercely rural Newport, QC, and it celebrates differently. On an occasion when some might think of throwing a street party, Newport is putting on a mighty big multi-site garage sale.

Call it taking the party on the road.

There's a bit of driving to do, but glorious green space is promised. Maybe even some wild animals. Newport is where some 740 people are sprinkled over a 273-square-kilometre area distinguished by the complete absence of an urban centre. For the record, it's got fewer than three persons per square kilometre, and a good one-third of them are older than 55.

The points of sale are in Randboro, Island Brook and Lawrence Colony. In Randboro, it's at René and Martin Tétreault's garage, 1130 Route 210. To get

there from points west, take Route 108 east from Lennoxville. Turn right in Birchton on Route 210. At the T in Eaton Corner, turn right, and continue on Route 210 straight south through Sawyerville. Three kilometres further on, where the road turns some curlicues, you're in Randboro. The Tétreault garage is on your right.

To get from Randboro to Island Brook, adventure further south on Route 210. Just one kilometre past the Maple Leaf Cemetery, turn left onto the 10th Range, and then left again onto the 9th Range. Go down hill, over dale, to jog left on the North River Road. Turn right onto New Mexico Road. Cross the North River, and go up hill, over pale till you hit Route 212.

From here, you can turn right to go to Lawrence Road - hang a left to the Anglican Church at 449 Lawrence Road. Or you can turn left to get to the Newport Municipal Hall, 1452 Route 212, in downtown Island Brook. Among the small collection of houses, look for a microwave internet tower. The municipal hall is below it.

Who knows, you may want to stop off just a bit further on for a sublime poutine at the Resto Monique & Marie-Paule. And a piece of awe-inspiring pie, while we're smitten with sin. For hearty food, follow the truck drivers, they say. Resto Monique & Marie-Paule is one of their favourite stops as they head down to New Hampshire or Maine. That's what a taxi driver in Montreal told me. He was a former truck driver. He said their pies are the best in the world.

And then on to a brand new antique shop. It's Le Marchandeur, Meubles & tout, at 1206 Route 212. June 7 is its grand opening. Maurice Morin is its owner. He repairs and refinishes old furniture, antique or not. He sells decorative and useful items, new and old. Pots. Paintings. Nifty old sleds. Trunks. Chairs. Round tables. Cabinets. Tools. Guns. Lama sweaters. Jewelry. An esoteric corner. And more.

The shop is spacious, and the treasures are organized for browsing bliss, with breathing space enough to show off each item. Morin is a man who's having fun, and it shows. "This is a place where you can bargain," he said. "Come and make a deal." That's exactly what "Le Marchandeur" means - someone who haggles.

People who have stuff to sell are invited to reserve tables now. For Randboro, call Martin Tétreault at 819-889-1982. For Island Brook, call Francine Rouleau at 819-875-3895. For Lawrence, call Pierrette Quévillon at 819-875-3107.

All kinds of things can be sold, say the sale's organizers, even rare pearls. The organizers are the good folks of Newport's new Loisirs 4 Horizons Corporation. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it's rain or shine. In case of rain, indoor space will be available.

Visitors are warmly invited to wheel and deal on this Neighbours Day in Newport, QC, where even the neighbours have breathing space between them. Each sale site will offer a map showing how to easily reach the other sites of the country-style mega-sale. Refreshments are also promised.

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## Four QMJHL draft picks from the same classroom

**Erin Gray**  
 Director of Programs,  
 Newbridge Academy  
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Newbridge Academy must be doing something right. Two of the top four Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft picks are students at this small school in Lower Sackville. Luke Green and Evan Fitzpatrick, first and fourth picks overall respectively, are grade ten students in the same

small class. Incredibly, two other students, Matthew Green and Rowan O'Brien, also picked up in the Q-Draft, are in the class as well.

"We are so proud of our students. They are seeing the results of hard work and dedication," says Trevor MacEachern, Chairman of Newbridge Academy. "But more importantly, we are so happy to see that these four young men are people of character. These are good kids. They perform just as well in the classroom as they do

on the ice, and are incredible role models for our up-and-coming young players."

MacEachern credits the school's focus on leadership as part of this, but also that the families are involved and engaged in their hockey as well as their education.

All four players have been a part of Newbridge Academy for several years, taking full advantage of the daily on-ice training the school provides with professional coaching.

"With coaches like Keifer

House, Paddy Flynn, Jaro Sevcik and Brad MacCharles working with our players every day, the benefits are evident," explains MacEachern. "Having access to these high-level coaches, working with students on individual skills and tactics, gives them a huge advantage when they hit the ice with their hockey teams."

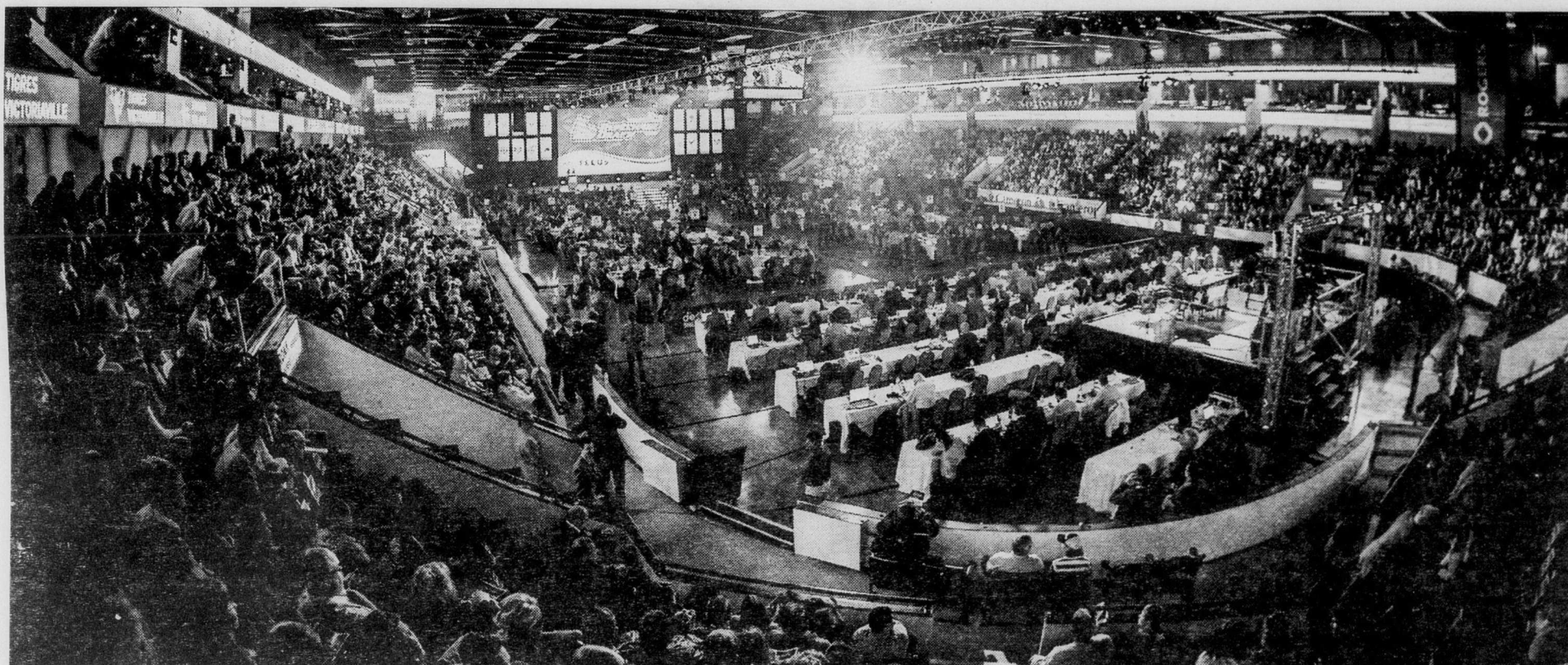
Luke Green, joining the ranks of Nova Scotians Sidney Crosby and Nathan MacKinnon, was selected first overall by the Saint John Sea Dogs. Evan Fitz-

patrick was picked fourth overall and the first goaltender, will join Sherbrooke Phoenix, while Matt Green will join his twin brother in Saint John. Rowan O'Brien, also a goaltender, was picked up by Gatineau Olympiques - Rowan's older brother, Liam (also a former Newbridge student) was recently traded to Sherbrooke and will be able to help Fitzpatrick through his rookie season.

Newbridge Academy is located in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia.

## Sherbrooke Phoenix

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SHERBROOKE PHOENIX.

The Sports Palace was filled to capacity Saturday for the annual QMJHL draft.

Ensuing a live, draft day trade with the Foreurs de Val-D'Or contingent, the Phoenix also acquired Thomas Gregoire from the Cantonniers de Magog. The Sherbrooke native was delighted that he would get to pursue his hockey career right here at home.

"The realization that I was drafted was an indescribable sensation, but to be drafted by the resident team, it's hard to find the words to define how I feel," said 16 year old Gregoire.

The first overall pick, defenceman Luke Green, was drafted by the St-John Sea Dogs. In the second round, the Sea Dogs selected none other than forward Matt Green, Luke's twin brother.

"They're magic on the ice when they play together," said the proud father of the Green brothers.

Having formerly participated in top tier soccer, basketball, golf, and motocross competitions, while boasting a 97 per cent academic average, the Green brothers represent the all-around student-athlete. "the only thing they can't do is cook!" added Mr. Green humorously. Luke and Matt Green also developed at Newbridge Academy with their newly defined rival Evan Fitzpatrick.

On the administrative front, distinguished LHJMQ representatives and organizations were recognized and honoured during Friday night's cocktail ceremony. Serge Proulx of the Drakkar de Baie-Comeau received the Administrative Director of the Year award. for the second consecutive season. The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles' Gary MacLean collected the prize for academic advisor of



Team owner Jocelyn Thibeault and Phoenix General Manager Patrick Charbonneau.

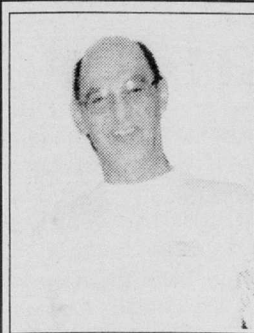
the year. The Phoenix de Sherbrooke merited the Jean-Sawyer award, presented to the league's top marketing team.

"This prodigious honour is

the result of constant dedication and teamwork throughout the year, we strive to promote every game of the LHJMQ in Sherbrooke," said Phoenix direc-

tor of operations Sylvie Fortier in a passionate discourse of gratitude following acceptance of the award.

**Deaths**



**James DESTROMP**

Passed away at the Maison-Aube Lumière on Thursday, May 29 at the age of 69, son of the late

John Destromp and the late Lilian Teresa Bessant. James leaves to mourn his daughter Jenny, his brothers and sister Ronald (Thérèse), Joyce (Steven) and Gordon, as well as his nieces and nephews, family and friends. He was a brother to the late Lyle Destromp. Visitation will take place at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College, Sherbrooke on Monday, June 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 3 from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by the funeral service at the funeral home at 11 a.m. The family wishes to thank nurse Jacynthe Délisle and Dr. Marie Prud'Homme of the CLSC Val-St-François Windsor for the excellent care given to James. Donations made to the Maison Aube-Lumière, 3071 12th avenue N., Sherbrooke, J1H 5H3, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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**Datebook**

Today is the 153rd day of 2014 and the 75th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1886, President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom, becoming the only president to marry in a White House ceremony.

In 1924, an act of Congress granted American Indians U.S. citizenship.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 2012, former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was sentenced to life imprisonment for his role in the deaths of hundreds of protestors during a 2011 uprising.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Marquis de Sade (1740-1814), author/politician; Pope Pius X (1835-1914); Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), poet/novelist; Edward Elgar (1857-1934), composer; Johnny Weissmuller (1904-1984), swimmer/actor; Charlie Watts

(1941- ), drummer; Marvin Hamlisch (1944-2012), composer; Dennis Haysbert (1954- ), actor; Wayne Brady (1972- ), actor/comedian; Zachary Quinto (1977- ), actor; Dominic Cooper (1978- ), actor; Fabrizio Moretti (1980- ), musician.

**TODAY'S FACT:** The White House has hosted 21 weddings, nine of which were for children of sitting presidents.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1935, baseball legend Babe Ruth retired.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "To find beauty in ugliness is the province of the poet." — Thomas Hardy

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 336,337 — official American Indian population in 1920, according to the U.S. Census.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (May 28) and first quarter moon (June 5).

**Untangling the bundle**

**FROM CONSUMER REPORTS®**

by the editors of Consumer Reports

Take a close look at your cable bill, Consumer Reports suggests. It's a confusing onslaught of charges, taxes and add-on fees.

With all of the fine print and opaque pricing, it's hard not to feel like you're getting ripped off. In the previous six years that the Consumer Reports National Research Center has conducted customer satisfaction surveys on in-home telecommunication services, providers have consistently rated below average among services they cover.

One positive finding from the survey is that consumers of telecommunication services are becoming more savvy negotiators. Four out of 10 respondents attempted to bargain with their service providers. Among the hagglers, 46 percent said their provider dropped the price by as much as \$50 per month, 31 percent got a new promotional rate and 29 percent received additional premium channels. Even among those whose initial promotional rate had expired, 43 percent were able to negotiate a new discount.

**BARGAINING TACTICS THAT WORK**  
Companies have been talking tough

about cracking down on serial negotiators, but haggling has no downside. Consumer Reports recommends these ways of doing it right:

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— Fight price hikes. Even if your promotion has expired, ask whether you qualify for a new one: 43 percent of Consumer Reports subscribers in that situation negotiated a new discount. If you encounter a helpful representative, note his or her name and, if possible, extension. One Facebook contributor facing a \$20-per-month hike recontacted an agent he'd dealt with previously, who was able to cut that to \$5.

— Check out the competition. If your requests fall on deaf ears, see what other local providers are offering new subscribers, then ask your current provider to match it. Several Facebook followers said their company was willing to meet or beat a competitor's price. Note that you might have to sign a contract to get the sweeter deal, so decide whether it's worth being locked in.

— Threaten to disconnect. Still no

luck? Call to say you're planning to cancel your service because it costs too much. You'll be directed to a customer retention rep, who might be more willing to work with you. But be warned: Over the past few months, Consumer Reports has found that telecom providers are more likely to skip the discount and offer a small perk, such as faster Internet speed or a three-month freebie on a premium channel. If you've called a number of times in the past, you might not get concessions. One Facebook respondent said his provider offered nothing but thanks for his previous business and the comment, "Sorry you will be leaving."

— Be ready to walk. At some point, you might have to switch if you can't get what you want. Before you move to another company, check its website for the best deal and request a written quote that includes all equipment charges, taxes and fees. Find out how long the promotional rate applies and what the bill will be after it expires. Once you put in the disconnect order, you might find that your former provider wants you back. One Facebook poster said his company offered him a better deal when he arrived to turn in his equipment, and another got a call offering the deal she wanted a day after she terminated her service.

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# I noticed that Nadia was paying a lot of attention to my granddaughter's horse trainer

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## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Thirteen years ago, my son met "Nadia." She became pregnant and brought my first beautiful grandchild into the world. After they married, I did many things for her and enjoyed her company. They now have another child, a son who is 8.

Nadia was fired from her job after breaking some rules — I don't know which ones — and hasn't worked since. She also doesn't cook, clean or do laundry. My son does all of these things after a full day at work and then helps the kids with their homework and bedtime routines.

I'm a former private investigator. A few years ago, I caught Nadia cheating and discovered that the other man lived with his mother and had custody of his child. I didn't want my grandchildren to have divorced parents, so instead of telling my son, I called this man's mother. I told her to end things, or I'd inform her ex-daughter-in-law about the affair and she could gain custody of those kids. The affair ended.

Last year, I noticed that Nadia was paying a lot of attention to my granddaughter's horse trainer. A mutual friend told me that Nadia has been sleeping with this man for two years. Nadia texted graphic details to this friend, which she forwarded to me.

The friend told my son about the affair, and he sent Nadia packing. But she convinced him that the friend was lying, and he took her back. Annie, I have the proof in those text messages, but I don't think my son can handle it. Their home life is a disaster. My grandson has stress migraines, and my granddaughter is angry.

It upsets me terribly to see my son treated in such a degrading way. Do I share the truth or wait until the children are grown? — Grandmother in Distress

Dear Grandmother: We understand your concern, but you are already overly involved in your son's messed-up marriage. Please don't put evidence in front of him, forcing him to confront a situation he is trying to deal with in his own way. The very best thing you can do is encourage your son to get his family into counseling. Explain that it is for the children's sake. They are truly suffering.

Dear Annie: My son and his fiancée mailed wedding invitations, and for some reason, friends and relatives sent back the RSVP cards and included additional guests who were not listed on the invitation. Why do people assume they can do this?

My son now has to call each one and tell them they cannot bring extra guests. Should there have been a note in the invitation stating that the wedding venue is small and seating is limited? — Aggravated Mother

Dear Aggravated: No. Your son is handling this correctly by calling. We don't know whether it is simply colossal nerve, a sense of entitlement, the fact that

weddings have become less formal or that TV shows and movies often show invited guests bringing along their friends, but it is not uncommon for people to assume it's OK to add extra people to the RSVP. It is NOT.

Dear Annie: Thanks for printing the letter from "Saddened." I am so relieved to know I am not the only husband with the same dilemma. It's hard for a male to confess he has these feelings and needs without sounding like a nag. I wish there was an answer.

Everything the writer said is the same at my home, including my deep love for my very uninterested wife of 44 years. I would show her this column, but it would only start tears. If she would just initiate holding hands or give me an occasional kiss, that would be so cool. I know she truly loves me, but she feels no need for physical intimacy. — O.

Dear Annie: After 20 years of living together, my partner informed me that she was in love with someone else and had been slipping off to his house when she told me she was visiting a girlfriend. "Lois" says there was no sex involved — just hugging and kissing, etc.

I confronted this man, and he denied he had any feelings for Lois except as a friend. He said she asked him for a hug, so he hugged her, but nothing else happened. He denied they kissed. Twice after that, he told Lois to her face that he has no feelings for her.

This guy is a snowbird and is here only during the winter. Lois says she loves me, but is not "in love" with me, and when this guy returns, she is going to be hugging and kissing him whether I like it or not. She believes he loves her, no matter what he says.

Lois is 76, and I am 81. I told her there is no way she can continue to live with me if she's going to remain friendly with this guy, and that I would leave. I love her, but will not share her. I also don't believe this guy cares for her, but he doesn't have the nerve to stop her from coming over. Please don't suggest counseling. Lois has no interest in it.

The guy returns in November. Should I wait or leave? — Florida Problems

Dear Florida: Lois wants both of you — you for the security, and the Other Man for the romance. He makes her feel young, and unless he actually turns her away, she will keep going over there. Can you rev up the romance over the summer so that Lois is less interested in anyone else? Do you think her infatuation will wear thin and fade away? Do you want to have an open relationship in which both of you can see other people?

You cannot change Lois' behavior or that of the Other Man. You can only decide how you are going to handle the situation in whatever way works best for you.

Dear Annie: I have been married to my husband for 20 years, and we have two kids in junior high. My problem is, my husband does not wash his hands after using the bathroom or blowing his nose, which drives me crazy.

I mentioned it early on, and he claimed he was "careful enough" so that nothing ever got on his hands. I know that's not possible. How do I get through to him that he's risking illness for himself and the entire family? — Gressed Out in Quebec

Dear Quebec: Not washing one's hands after

using the bathroom, coughing or blowing one's nose is a surefire way to transmit germs. It is particularly important to wash one's hands before handling food. You could ask your husband to discuss the health risks with his doctor, or you could try behavior modification — refusing to kiss or touch him until he washes his hands, for example. But you cannot force him to be more considerate, sorry.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "M.S. in Montreal, Quebec," who told the amusing story about a doctor and a lawyer who were always asked professional questions by friends. I would like to add a comment.

In my pre-retirement career, I hosted a home improvement call-in radio show. At any social function I attended, I was bombarded by questions about how to fix things. Once, a doctor came up to me and said, "I have a problem with a rain gutter. Can you help me?" I said, "Yes, give it two aspirins, and if it's not better in the morning, call my radio show on Saturday."

He apologized and said he had done the very thing he hated people doing to him. (By the way, he called me on Saturday.) — MCH, Kelowna, B.C.

Dear Annie: I have been with my husband for six years. "Todd" has a son from a prior relationship, and I have two daughters from my first marriage. We also have a daughter together.

Todd's ex constantly calls and texts him, and it's never about their son, who lives with his grandparents. I say Todd should cut down on communication with her unless it's about their child. But anytime I bring it up, he gets defensive.

Annie, this woman has caused so many issues in our relationship. She told me she'd slept with Todd two years after it supposedly happened. I found out from a few friends that this was completely false.

Todd says he feels obligated to be friendly with his ex because she was a mess after they broke up. He never lets me know when she calls or texts, but from his reactions, I know it's her on his cellphone. My best friend, who also knows the ex, has confirmed their repeated contact.

I'm so stressed over this. Any advice? — Lost in California

Dear Lost: The ex seems determined to interfere in your marriage. She would be irrelevant if Todd would stop permitting her to believe she has a chance to win him back. When he refuses to set boundaries, he encourages her behavior. Explain this to Todd and ask why he is willing to undermine your marriage for the sake of his ex. "Guilt" is an insufficient reason. He is not helping his ex get over him when he allows this to continue. The next step is counseling, alone or together.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Betsey," who said kids shouldn't have to tell their parents when they are traveling or where. My parents also went on small trips lasting several days. Dad loved that we did not know where they were. On their last secret adventure, my brother was in a horrific accident and died. We desperately tried to locate our parents, but they did not carry a cellphone.

Bad things happen. Let someone know how to reach you. Keep emergency medical information (medications, doctors, insurance, emergency contact, etc.) with you, and give a copy to someone in case you cannot speak for yourself. — Still Sad

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

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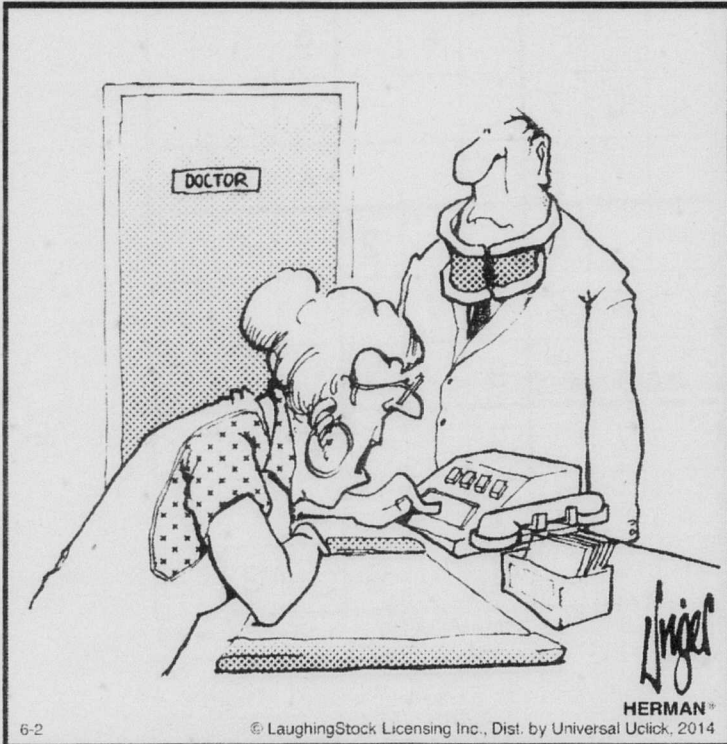
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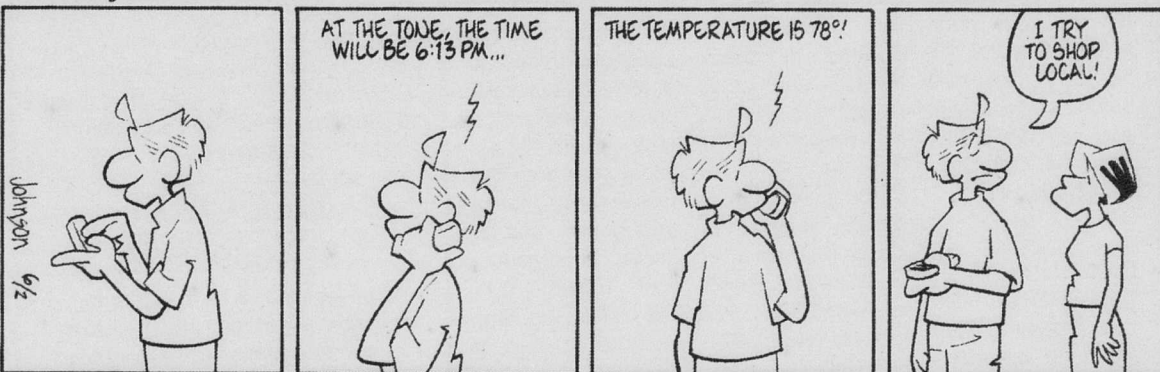


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