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## Youth football Many questions still to be answered after CSRS board's decision

By John Edwards  
Special to The Record

On Tuesday, to great fanfare, the Sherbrooke regional school board (CSRS) announced that it would eliminate tackle football for players at the Bantam level and below, one of a series of four measures designed to increase player safety.

The announcement, which had been in the works for some months, came on the heels of an hour-long report by Radio-Canada, the French-language service of the CBC, last Thursday that detailed the issue of concussions among young football players.

Several questions, though, still remain after the CSRS decision.

Will the rest of the region or province follow suit?

The Eastern Townships branch of the RSEQ, the provincial governing body for high school, collegiate and university sport in Quebec, covers an area stretching from Magog to Lac-Mégantic, and up as far north as Drummondville and Victoriaville.

Last year, there were 14 Bantam football teams in the region, split between an eight-man league (five teams) and a 12-man league (nine teams). Tuesday's announcement directly affected five of them, all of whom played 12-man football last season.

On Tuesday, Olivier Audet, the Director-General of the local RSEQ branch, refused to rule out any possibility for how Bantam football would be structured next year.

"We're excluding absolutely nothing," he said. "So, it's possible that we could offer a bit of everything. We could offer the two: flag football and 'with contact.' It's possible that we'll offer only tackle football."

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## Sherbrooke Carnival bigger than ever at 47



GORDON LAMBIE

Sylvie Bergeron of the Carnival's administrative council, Laurent Pélouquin of Atmosphere, Caroline Rouleau Director General of the Carnival, and Laval Chartré, President of the Carnival.

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Carnival will be back for its 47th year at the end of February. The annual winter festival, which features activities for young and old alike will be taking place from Feb. 28 to March 2 at four main sites across the city. This year's Carnival will feature the addition of activities in The

Domaine Howard Park, to its usual lineup at the Marché de la Gare, Jacques Cartier Park and Wellington Street North.

"I can assure you that the 2014 edition will once again provide a variety of great surprises for both young and old," said Laval Chartré, President of the Carnival.

As in past years, the winter festival will feature an array of activities rang-

ing from outdoor sports to fine-dining. Saturday evening is perhaps the most noted component of the Carnival as the North end of Wellington Street and much of the downtown section of King Street will be closed off to allow for the creation of the "Nocturnal Village."

Local bars and restaurants will be present at ice bars arranged along the

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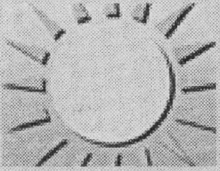
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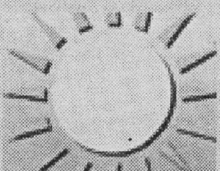
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### ETRC ARCHIVES

# Courtship through letters: Ellen Farwell and Cornelius Ives

SHERBROOKE

Over time, the expression of romantic sentiments, courtship and dating have taken many different shapes and forms. In the 1850s, courtship often took place in the realm of letter-writing and time spent together was at a minimum. The letters from Ellen Farwell's courtship with Cornelius Ives give us a window on to their experience in 1856.

Ellen Farwell was the daughter of Alvin and Katharine Farwell, farmers in Compton Township. She was 18 years old and a school teacher at the beginning of her courtship to Cornelius. Cornelius, aged 28, was the son of Julius Ives and Laura Drew, farmers in Stanstead Township, and was working as a farmer and carpenter.

In the first surviving letter from Ellen to Cornelius, she addresses him as "Much respected friend" and writes that she received his "most welcome letter which I perused with great interest. As I sat here alone this evening meditating I thought why was a correspondence with this unworthy object desirable to you but if so may it prove profitable to us both."

After filling the letter with news on her day-to-day activities and updates on the neighbourhood, she signs it: "I still remain your sincere and fine friend."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ETRC

Clayton Blair and Hazel Bell, 1920s.

Six months later, Ellen's letters show her growing affection for and comfort with Cornelius. She addresses him as "Dear Cornelius" and among the lines of the latest local news and chatter she includes more informal and sweet phrases. For example, she tells Cornelius that he is the one "in whom I place all confidence and esteem," and alludes to one of their rare evenings spent together, "our voices mingling together in this room." Finally, she closes her letter with a "from your affectionate Ellen."

Ellen and Cornelius were married on Feb. 15, 1857. While the ETRC does not have any photographs of Ellen and Cornelius, the images here are other documents from

the archives that express love and affection in honour of Valentine's Day.

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Valentine's postcard, 1910.

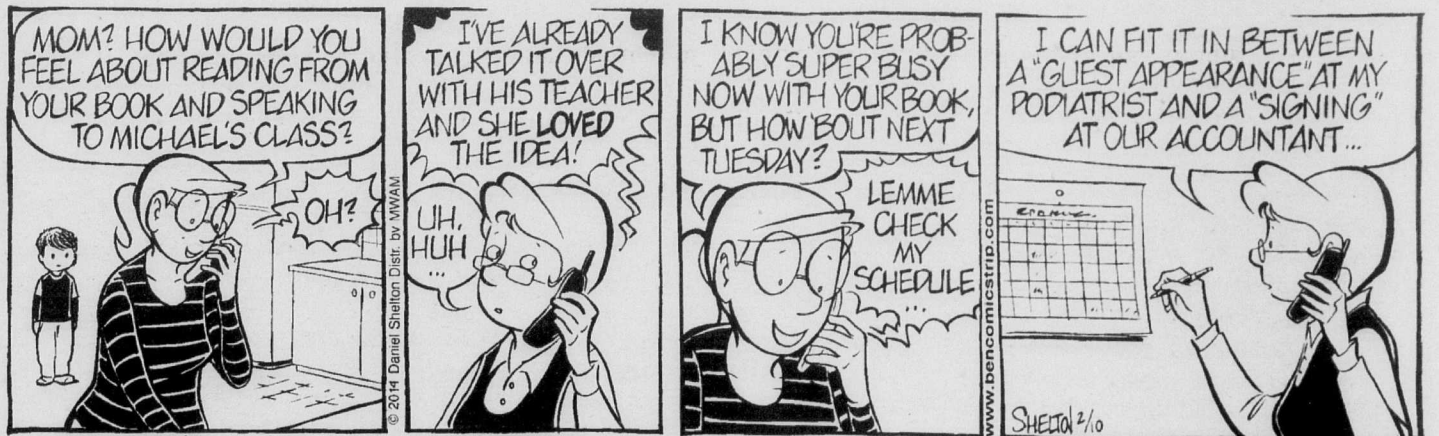
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## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

Moscovitch's plays have been produced across Canada and in the United States.

## Morris House Reading Series presents Hannah Moscovitch

### Award winning playwright visits Bishop's University

SHERBROOKE

The Morris House Reading Series will be hosting Toronto playwright Hannah Moscovitch, whose work includes East of Berlin, The Russian Play, Essay, and The Huron Bride. Hannah Moscovitch will be at Bishop's University on Feb. 13, to read se-

lections from her plays.

Moscovitch's plays have been produced across Canada and in the United States, including at the Tarragon Theatre in Toronto, where she is currently playwright-in-residence. Her work has won multiple Dora Awards, and she has been twice voted Toronto's Best Playwright

by Now magazine (2010 and 2011). Hannah Moscovitch has also been nominated for the Governor General's Award (for East of Berlin in 2009) and the international Susan Smith Blackburn Prize.

This free event is part of Bishop's University's Morris House Annual Reading Series. It

will begin at 5 p.m. in the Bishop's University Bookstore, and will be followed by an informal reception.

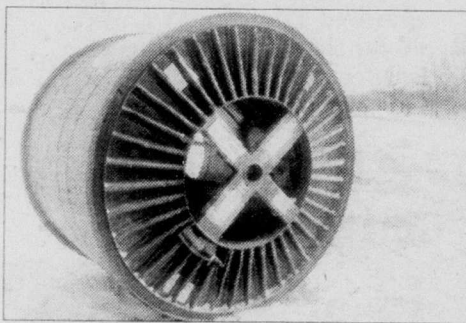
The Morris House Reading Series is celebrating its 10th year of hosting both established and up-and-coming authors at Bishop's University. Guest writers present their work, answer

questions, and meet with the audience during the informal reception that follows.

This year's line-up also includes Gillian Sze, Gianna Patriarca, Connie Guzzo McParland, Charles Foran, Erin Mouré, and Douglas Gibson.

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## Police seeking pool thieves



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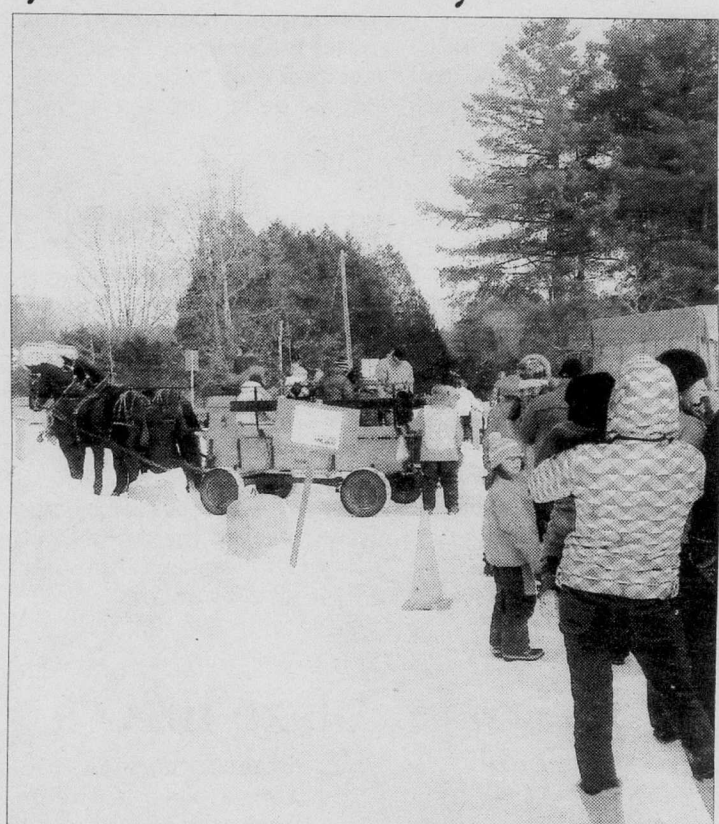
Officers of the Brome-Missisquoi Sûreté du Québec are investigating the theft of three large spools from a worksite on Ch. Magneta in Farnham. The theft occurred sometime between Jan. 17 and 20.

The spools, estimated to weigh 13,000 pounds each held aluminum wire with a steel interior.

It is possible that machinery was used by the suspects to move the drums as their weight is estimated at 13,000 pounds each with an interior of 19 grain steel.

Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact Criminal Intelligence Central of the Sûreté du Québec at 1-800-659-4264.

## Winter Fun Day on Saturday



PHOTOS BY GORDON LAMBIE

Lennoxville's annual Winter Fun Day took place Saturday, this year in a new location: Atto Beaver Park. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., visitors were treated to a host of winter activities ranging from skating, to sleigh rides, to Snow volleyball. Borough Councillor Claude Charron said that the Lennoxville golf club, former venue of the event for many years, decided this year not to participate. In the end, he added, the location change was not a huge problem as it only really meant a smaller sliding hill and the addition of the skating rink. - Gordon Lambie.

## Sherbrooke Carnival

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street to offer their wares, while, all around, winter activities geared for an adult crowd take place, including the notorious King Street tubing run and a new addition this year, a 600 metre zip line that will run parallel to the giant ice slide. On the zip line, carnival-goers will be able to fly through the air in the middle of downtown Sherbrooke.

The Domaine Howard component of the weekend is an overnight, winter camping experience, furnished by boutique Atmosphere. Novices and experienced campers are all invited to participate in the camp-out,

which will begin on Friday night at 7 p.m. Those looking to try it out will need to reserve in advance by calling 819-820-7770, as space is limited. The activity will have a cost.

Also on Friday 2,400 school-children from across the region will be spending their last day before March break at the carnival sites for the "School Carnival," which has grown massively in participation from 200 students in its first year. Organizers stressed that the Carnival is still looking for volunteers to help on this day to make sure that the experience of these children is as positive

and safe as possible.

The cost of passports for the pay activities is once again set at \$10, but organizers were quick to remind that entry to all carnival sites is free, and that there are many things that will be taking place that will cost participants nothing. If purchased in advance, the passport costs \$6. A list of vendors selling the passport is available on the event's website: <http://www.carnavaldesherbrooke.ca/>.

Chantal L'Esperance, the President of the Jacques-Cartier Borough expressed her pleasure at the inclusion of the Domaine Howard Park in the festival this

year and said that the carnival provided an excellent example of people from across the city coming together to enjoy themselves in unity.

L'Esperance stressed the significance owing to the tension

that has recently been put on borough relations through debate over Mayor Bernard Sévigny's proposed changes to the structure of the city and its council.

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## Magog ready for Orford Express

MAGOG

The decision by Orford Express to move most of its departures to Magog next spring has been well received in the Memphremagog region.

Magog Mayor Magog, Vicki May Hamm says the decision project is good news for the local tourism industry. "In my eyes, this is an important announcement," she says.

The Orford Express has stopped in Magog since the beginning of its activities, but the Merry Point stops have been rather short, preventing passengers from exploring the Town.

"People were captive of a particular sector when they got off the train. When leaving from Magog, they will have more time to go downtown and to other interesting places around," Hamm.

Hamm recalls that the tourist train had approached the town even before its activities began, to see if departures from Magog were feasible. The lack of a train station in the Town blocked that plan.

At the time, it would have been possible for the municipality to construct a building that would have served as a station, but the promoter, André L'Espérance, refused.

When L'Espérance came knocking on the door of town hall with his proposed cruise ship, council was listening. "We said we would not miss the chance again. We agreed to build a service building near the dock for the boat."

This building continues to be useful for the boat, but it will also serve the activities of the train. Plans include redesigning the kitchen in the coming

months.

Memphremagog tourism director Nathalie Provencher is also excited by the move and is anxious to work with the train company to coordinate service to passengers.

The Orford Express expects to sign an agreement with Fortress, the new owner of the tracks formerly belonging to the MM&A Railroad, for the use of its rails.

## Foodies delighted; merchants, not so much

SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke 'foodies' may be faced with too much of a good thing this May as two separate events will be taking place in the city on the weekend of May 17.

On Wellington St. the much anticipated Bacon Festival will be held while the Marché de la

Gare is hosting this year's International Street Food Festival.

Some downtown business people, however, are concerned that the two events will 'dilute' the crowds for both events.

Jean-François Bédard of the Association of Downtown Businesses is also upset that the association only heard about the Marché de la Gare Street Food

festival a few weeks after planning had begun for the bacon fest, complaining that once again major plans for downtown were adopted without consultation, an obvious reference to the displeasure voiced by some downtown merchants concerning the Country show scheduled for Place Nikitotek this summer.

Unlike Place Nikitotek, the organizers of the International Street Food Festival do not fall under the umbrella of Destination Sherbrooke says the president of that organization Denis Bernier. "These are two private initiatives that fall at the same time," he says.

The International Street Food Festival will benefit from fund-

ing from Destination Sherbrooke, through its Fund for recreation and tourism development. Both festivals had submitted an application, but only the one to be held at the Marché was selected.

Destination Sherbrooke has approved 17 of the 23 projects submitted for funding this year, Bernier says.

## Quebecers getting greased for oil

SHERBROOKE

It will come as no great shock to readers, it seems motorists in Quebec pay too much for gasoline.

A recent study by CAA-Quebec released Friday reveals an average increase of 14 per cent of the retail margin levied on every litre of gasoline sold in 2013 despite a decline in crude oil prices and refinery costs.

"Quebec motorists should have had

access to better prices than in 2012," says CAA-Quebec in a statement.

Sherbrooke gets a degree of consolation from the fact that the increase in retail margin here was well below the provincial average, three per cent, which is still seven cents of profit for every litre sold.

The report also points out that prices peaked the day before the long Labour Day weekend of August 30, when a litre of gas sold for \$1.48.40.

## Another major blaze hits Coaticook

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

A fire destroyed a commercial garage on the 9th Range in Coaticook early Saturday morning.

A neighbour alerted the firefighters of the blaze at 1:15 a.m. Saturday morning and by the time firefighters arrived the Garage Léon Jacques was completely engulfed, says Coaticook fire captain Benoit Sage. "As we were leaving, we saw a big red ball in the sky."

The building was declared a total loss

by the authorities. "We were only able to save a piece of equipment, a loader," Sage said.

At the moment, the origin of the fire remains unknown.

The owners were able to relocate quickly. On Monday, they will receive their clients for mechanical service. Other services, including the purchase of iron and containers, will be at 435 Ernest-Lafaille St.

This is the third major fire in Coaticook in a month, coming just after major end-of-year flooding.

## Fraternal threats lead to arrests

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Two brothers known to the police threatened to kill a man in Magog and the Memphremagog Police have decided to crack down.

The threats have been uttered since last November and on Thursday afternoon, the target of the threats filed a complaint.

One of the suspects, aged 41, is a resi-

dent of Orford. He was arrested Thursday evening and was taken to the courthouse in Sherbrooke Friday. His brother, aged 29, is also part of the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and a search took place Friday morning at the home of the elder suspect to recover items that could corroborate evidence gathered so far.

Both suspects have a criminal history of violence and drugs, said Memphremagog Police spokesperson Paul Tear.

## School perseverance the theme for Hooked on School week

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The Table estrienne de concertation interordres en éducation (TECIÉ) and the Partners for Estrie Educational Success project (Projet PRÉE) are pleased to launch the 5th edition of Hooked on School Days in the Townships. In a spirit of solidarity and mobilization, the event will be held from this week, Feb. 10 to 14. The week aims to mobilize communities to encourage youth and tell them that their success is important first and foremost for themselves, but also for the rest of the community and the future of the region.

Three ambassadors from the worlds of sports, the arts, and community involvement have placed school perseverance at the heart of their values and commitment. To mark the 5th edition, the TECIÉ and the PRÉE project have reconnected with ambassadors from previous years, such as singer-songwriter Alexandre Poulin and the Sherbrooke Phoenix Hockey Club.

This year's new member is Christian Vachon, who, by way of the foundation that bears his name, is supporting school perseverance and the academic success of young people in the region.

During the 2014 Hooked on School Days campaign, the Estrie population is invited to make a simple gesture of encouragement and support in recognition of the efforts of young people in their educational pursuits. Proudly wearing the green and white ribbon of

school perseverance demonstrates commitment to our youth. For this edition, Projet PRÉE has mobilized schools, community organization, and municipalities and has designed almost 400 activities throughout the entire region, reaching 200 different milieux.

According to a recent survey by the André and Lucie Chagnon Foundation, related to the valorization of education and school perseverance (October 2013), the Estrie stands out compared to other regions of Quebec, where more people have heard of initiatives to reduce the dropout rate in their communities. They are also more likely to be concerned about school dropout rates.

Based on the latest statistics released by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, the dropout rate in Estrie is down from a three year average of 25.5 per cent in 2006-2009 to 22.3 per cent from 2008-2011. In addition, the graduation rate has risen from 67.5 per cent in 2009 to 71.7 per cent in 2012.

"The population is responding to the call and is demonstrating its commitment to support school perseverance, says Marie-France Bélanger, Executive Director of the Cégep de Sherbrooke and co-chair of the TECIÉ. "Together, we represent a real strike force to put the brakes on dropping out of school."

For more details related to Hooked on School Days in Estrie, visit the website at [www.jpsestrie.ca](http://www.jpsestrie.ca)

# Jeffrey Mine must renounce mining rights before compensation

SHERBROOKE

A compensatory agreement between the Jeffrey Mine and the Quebec government could be completed by the end of the month.

After having to close the chrysotile mining operation following the withdrawal of a \$58 million loan it had been granted, the company now has to give up its mining rights to finalize an agreement with the government on compensation for the impact of the government's decision. Such an agreement could be reached by the beginning of March, according to a report in Sherbrooke's La Tribune.

"A clause stipulates that the company must abandon its mineral rights. We cannot remove them, but to sign the agreement, we are asked to formally surrender them," says Jeffrey Mine president Bernard Coulombe. "This means that we cannot mine. It is not easy for us to give up these rights because we have a right, a mining lease for life, acquired at the beginning of the century, and the lode is not exhausted. The government tells us to renounce these rights and indirectly put an end to our mining."

Determined as ever, however, Coulombe says he hasn't given up yet. "I took the precaution to compile hard technical data on the underground ore reserve and the construction of the underground mine, with a copy filed with the Ministry of Natural Resources" he says. "It's still here, underground; the largest repository of chrysotile ore in the world. It is a natural resource that belongs to Quebec and its citizens. I also took care that the underground mine does not contain any contaminants before the closure. The underground mining areas as well as the open-air pit are very clean, they remain on hold indefinitely."

Coulombe has also announced that for the next 50 years, the mining pit will be fed by groundwater from within five to ten kilometers of the mine. According to forecasts, about two million gallons of water per day will enter the pit. "This is an extraordinary water reserve," Coulombe says. "I'm looking for companies worldwide who use industrial water in countries where water is scarce. This is not drinking water, but it's very clean and can be used for industrial purposes. We could offer this water cheaply to companies for whom water is a critical raw material, without disturbing anyone."

Coulombe also told the paper he wants to continue the work to re-vegetate the tailings dumps with the objective of producing biomass crops in the medium term. The tests to date have been very positive, he says.

In addition, a wind turbine project is still "in the air" and was proposed to the Quebec government. This project would also be built on the tailings dumps.

# Ice storm victims told they must contact insurers first

SHERBROOKE

Evacuees affected by the ice storm last December must first turn to their insurer before they can receive the special government assistance put forward last week.

To support storm victims, the Ministry of Public Security announced that citizens, businesses, and organizations in Sherbrooke can now benefit from the

General Financial Assistance Program for actual or imminent disasters.

This program is for victims whose principal residence or essential business or organizational material has been damaged by a disaster. It also applies to those who deployed temporary preventive measures, says a statement from the City of Sherbrooke.

However, those affected by the ice storm, snow and sleet that fell December

22 must in the first place "contact their broker or their insurance company to inform them of their situation and find compensation under their policy," it says.

"If the damage does not qualify for a claim, they can then apply to the department for financial aid."

For more information visit the website of the Ministry of Public Safety at [www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca).

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# EDITORIAL

*"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner."*

## A tyrannical democracy

By: Kevin Richard

Democracy has come to be seen as the untouchable holy of holies. Some have come to believe that it alone is the grand prize of the hard fought and sometimes bloody struggles of our past. It is seen as the ultimate rule of the people and as such it can never get it wrong. If a majority has voted for it, no matter by how small a margin, then it simply ought to be; it has a right to be.

All politicians need to do is reach the magic number of majority support, either through an election, a referendum, or a poll, and their policies go forward with holy sanction. Though democracy is indeed preferable to an authoritarian dictatorship, it too has its dangerous pitfalls. Left unchecked, it too can become tyrannical.

The problem with pure and unlimited democracy is that it fosters self-destructive tendencies. It fosters the continual growth of government; and big government, regardless of the system it is under, is never a good thing. Over time, especially in times of prosperity, people tend to become complacent and disengaged in the social issues of everyday life. Suddenly, savvy politicians come along with promises to take care of these societal ills in our place.

If we want to remain in a comfortable complacent state, all we need to do is vote for them and mandate them to supervise and educate our children in our place, to insure our health care in our place, and to look after the poor in our place. We can sleep peacefully knowing that all is well and under control, and that we have nothing to do but cast a ballot from time to time.

This, however, requires an overbearing government that forcefully takes as much as it wants from its people. Since force and complacency are involved, our funding of social programs has little moral value. In reality, we are robbed of the opportunity to give cheerfully and to build good moral character; we are subject to the intrusion of the state; and we are enslaved with enormous public debt.

Even the founders of western democratic institutions foresaw the possibility of this type of self-destruction. Thomas Jefferson said this: "If we can but prevent the government from wasting the labours of the people, under the pre-

tence of taking care of them, they must become happy." (November 29, 1802). I cannot speak for Americans, but I can confidently say that we Quebecers have failed miserably at preventing such waste.

This is not where the self-destruction ends. It gets worse. Unlimited democracies endorse the idea that violating the rights of the minority is acceptable so long as it is sanctioned by the majority. In his book *Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty*, author James Bovard puts it this way, "Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner."

We certainly do not have to go very far to find examples of a tyrannical majority. Here in Quebec, where the francophone majority is in a constant state of paranoia and fear of the "other," the tyrannical majority uses the overwhelming power of government to pass and enforce language laws that undermine the role of the family and that violate people's natural rights. Conformity is demanded under threat of penalty, all for the sake of the "greater good."

I can't help but wonder if Quebec would have experienced as much political nonsense in recent decades had it either maintained or reformed its senate, as opposed to abolishing it. Quebec is in desperate need of a chamber of sober second thoughts. We should keep this in mind when questioning the benefits of having a federal senate.

The importance of checks and balances in any political system cannot be overstated. Politicians should not be permitted to hide under the cloak of mass opinion. They did, after all, swear to uphold the constitution, which guarantees the protection of everyone's natural rights and freedoms, not just the majority who elected them into office.

This is what Richard Cartwright (confederation-era politician) was referring to when he warned that "our chiefest care must be to train the majority to respect the rights of the minority, to prevent the claims of the few from being trampled under foot by the caprice or passion of the many."

In order for government to be at the service of a free people, in order for it to have any legitimacy as a defender of liberty, it must allow itself to be bound and chained. An election should only serve

the purpose of changing the guard of a strictly limited government. Even in a democracy, only a small and limited government bound by proper checks and balances, operating with the consent and authority of a vigilant and virtuous people, can prevent tyranny from taking hold. Only under these conditions can our values for freedom and responsibility thrive.

We should not allow ourselves to get complacent. Let us not get too cozy and comfortable because democracy is at the wheel. Casting a ballot simply isn't

enough. As our socialism crumbles around us, let us not turn to the government to fix it, and let us not be captivated by the shameful spectacle of finger-pointing politicians that is now underway. Let us rather seize the opportunity to engage our communities and their many needs, to build up a new generation of responsible men and women of good character, and to take back control over our wealth, our lives, and our freedom.

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## Pete Seeger: 'From way up here the Earth looks very small'

By David Suzuki

*"This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender."*

- Words painted on Pete Seeger's banjo

A man with a banjo can be a powerful force for good. Pete Seeger, who died Jan. 27 at the age of 94, inspired generations of political and environmental activists with songs ranging from "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" to "Sailing Down My Golden River."

From the late 1930s until his death, Seeger brought his music to union halls, churches, schools, migrant camps, nightclubs, TV studios, marches and rallies - always inviting audiences to join in. His calling took him from being hauled before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1955 to being invited to perform at President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

Like me, he was inspired by Rachel Carson's 1962 book *Silent Spring* to become a strong defender of the environment as well as human rights. In both social justice and environmental causes, he believed in the strength of grassroots efforts. As he told the CBC Radio program *Ideas*, "The powers that be can break up any big thing they want. They can attack it from the outside. They can infiltrate it and corrupt it from the inside - or co-opt it. But what are they going to do about 10 million little things? They don't know where to start. Break up three of them and four more like it start up."

Seeger and his wife, Toshi, devoted a lot of time to protecting the Hudson River. They helped in restoring the river and ridding it of toxic PCBs, pesticides and other chemicals.

Seeger was also involved in anti-fracking efforts, adding the line, "This land was made to be frack-free" to his late friend Woody Guthrie's anthem, "This Land Is Your Land," when he joined Willie Nelson, Neil Young, John Mellencamp and Dave Matthews at a Farm Aid benefit last year.

Like all of us who devote our lives to trying to make the world better, Seeger

made mistakes along the way. But he was willing to admit when he was wrong and to change his views.

As a geneticist, I'm fascinated by the built-in need we have for music; it reaches deep within us. The power of a good song to touch us emotionally and rally us to action is nothing short of extraordinary.

And musicians are often the first to donate their time and music to worthy causes. It's why I've had such deep admiration for musicians I've worked with and often been lucky enough to call my friends, from Bruce Cockburn and Gordon Lightfoot to Neil Young and Sarah Harmer and the members of Blue Rodeo. Musicians have inspired millions of people with powerful anthems, from Seeger's rendition of "We Shall Overcome" to John Lennon's "Imagine." In recognition of the power of song, the David Suzuki Foundation invited musicians from across the country to contribute to a recording called *Playlist for the Planet* in 2011.

I recently had the pleasure of joining Neil Young and Diana Krall on their Honour the Treaties tour to raise money and awareness for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's legal battle to protect their traditional lands and rights guaranteed under Treaty 8. As "just a musician," Young was criticized for having the nerve to speak out and for his harsh words about rampant tar sands development. But, as much as it would be better if the media, public and government paid far more attention to First Nations and their spokespeople, a celebrity with conviction and the ability to communicate through the powerful medium of song - or other forms of artistic expression - can often highlight a struggle in ways few others can.

Like Nelson Mandela, who died in December at age 95, Pete Seeger was a great communicator for whom principles mattered more than anything else. He was a true American and world citizen and we're better off for the contributions he made during his long life.

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

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# RACHEL WRITES

Janice Graham's theory of how the photo came to be in the hotel seems possible, even logical.

## Sawyerville Hotel mystery photo On the trail of Benjamin Greenlay



RACHEL GARBER

That photo found in the furnace room of the Sawyerville Hotel – it seems to date from the early 1900s. It is not a casual snapshot, but it's not a formal portrait either. It's a full length photo of a tall man standing in a garden. He gazes directly at the camera, hands on hips. He's got a superbly white and bushy beard. His legs are long, very long. He wears a cap and his jacket falls open, showing a vest buttoned from top to bottom. He looks like a rather aged farmer, dressed to go to town. One shoe is visible. It's been shined to a sparkle.

So who is he? We've already checked out several possibilities. Joseph "Sheepskin Joe" Taylor, Jr. was only five feet seven inches tall, and he was not a fan of the Sawyerville Hotel.

Bill McCallum "The Glass Man" was tall, but his build was quite different. Unlike the man in the mystery photo, Bill carried a cane and had a platform shoe. And he was way too young – only around 30 years old when the photo was taken.

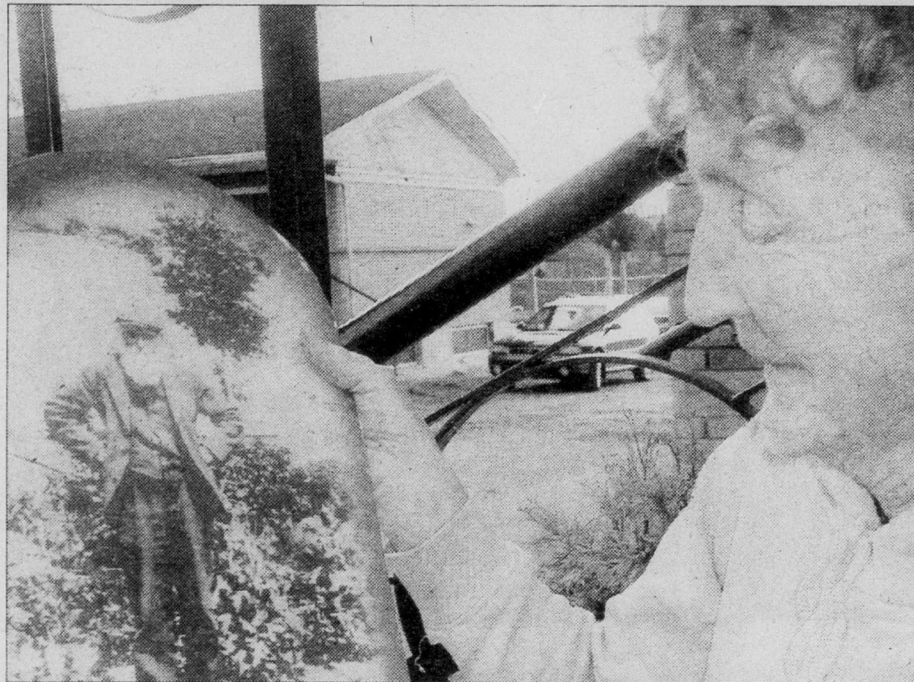
Our third suspect was Francis Samuel "Frank" Greenlay. It was 1940 and he was 74 years old. A great fire was ravaging the Greenlay Block in Sawyerville, where he lived. He escaped his third-floor apartment, down a jerry-rigged ladder. He saved his dog and, Janice Graham surmised, the photo. He was known to frequent the Sawyerville Hotel. After the fire he likely took refuge in the hotel, and took the photo there with him. Maybe he left it there when he died in 1945.

In 1900, Frank would have been only 35. That seems much too young for him to be the man in the photo. A photo of Frank in the 1920s shows him with a shorter beard, and a different bearing – a different style from the man in the mystery photo. And why would he have saved a photo of himself, in the midst of a life-threatening fire?

Still, Janice Graham's theory of how the photo came to be in the hotel seems possible, even logical. And there seems to be a family resemblance. If the photo really belonged to Frank Greenlay, maybe it was of someone related to him. But who?

The Greenlay genealogy is a many limbed tree. Helpful reader René Bouchard gave me a hand up – a link to [www.booksbygwen.ca](http://www.booksbygwen.ca)

Gwen writes histories of genealogies and migrations from Ireland. She listed William Greenlay and his wife Rachael Lazenby. Four of their children came to Lower Canada, three sons and one



JANICE GRAHAM HOLDS LORRAINE (FRENCH) THAYER

Janice Graham holds a drawing of her husband's great-uncle Frank S. Greenlay by Lorraine Thayer, and the mystery photo found in the Sawyerville Hotel.

daughter.

Lazenby Greenlay settled in Brompton or Windsor Mills. He married Louisa Stevens in 1836. She survived her husband many years. Louisa "Grandma Greenlay" served as midwife, nurse, and sometimes doctor. She never turned anyone away. She was so greatly respected for her charity that the post office was named Greenlay in her honour. Now it is sainted – St-Grégoire-de-Greenlay.

That's from a little book called *The Tread of Pioneers*, Vol. 1, published by the Richmond County Historical Society.

Schoolmaster Francis Greenlay and his wife Rosanna Slater settled in Inverness. So did John Greenlay, married to Elizabeth. He was a sailor who owned a ship. He was born in 1792 and died in 1889. He and his generation had come and gone before the Sawyerville photo was made.

But John the sailor had nine children. Second to the youngest were twins, Joseph and Benjamin. Thus says [www.booksbygwen.ca](http://www.booksbygwen.ca). But Benjamin's baptism record makes no mention of a twin, although it does clearly say he was born April 28, 1838.

Indeed, the Canada Census of 1881 lists Benjamin Greenlay as married to Lydia Pierce, born in 1834. His religion was none; hers was Wesleyan-Methodist. They lived in Melbourne.

Lydia Pierce was quite a lady. She and Benjamin got married in 1862. She lived a lot longer than he did. Here's a newspaper notice from 1923: "Mrs. Benjamin Greenlay (née Lydia Pierce) passed her ninetieth birthday on Thursday, September 20, and although feeble and confined to her chair, is enjoying fairly good health. She can knit as usual, and does not use glasses to read."

The news clipping is resting in the Eaton Corner Museum archives, next to

a notice about her death in 1925 at the age of 92. It says she "was of a quiet disposition, with a strong personality, an ideal wife and a devoted mother." The funeral was at the United Church in Windsor Mills, it says, and her parents were "Captain Samuel Pierce and Mrs. Pierce (Alice Caswell), who were early settlers on a farm situated across the river from Windsor Mills."

It seems that Benjamin married into money, or at least into land. He spent his life as a farmer in the Melbourne – Brompton corridor, maybe near where Greenlay Street is today. He died on April 15, 1906, at the age of 68.

Benjamin Greenlay would have been about age 62 in 1900, or 67 in 1905. That's just the right age for the man in the photo.

Benjamin's burial record is signed by R.P. Greenlay and F.S. Greenlay. Yes, Benjamin was the father of Frank the Ox Driver of Sawyerville. At the age of 35, Frank was still working on his father's farm. They must have been close.

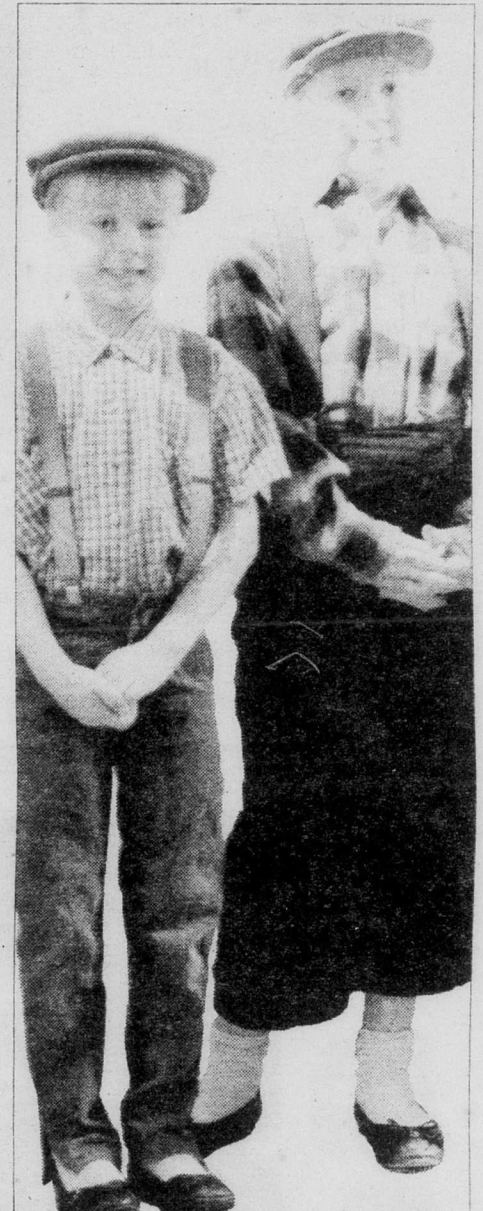
Now, at age 74, on the night of the Greenlay Block fire, could Frank have grabbed his father's photo to take down the ladder with him? Might I have done that, in his place? I think so.

But I want evidence. The next step is to compare the mystery man to a photo we know is of Benjamin. But where can we find one? Not in the Eastern Townships Research Centre, nor in the Eaton Corner Museum, although they were both trusty allies in this research. So I begin to look for living descendents of Benjamin.

The search yields a few descendents on both sides of the Canada-US border. One of them is Scott Graham, the Sawyerville auctioneer and the son of Janice Graham. The search also unearths a tragic story. Read the conclusion in next week's Rachel Writes.

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## Will Stone's children in the limelight



RA GARBER

William Stone's Leg is a benefit for Eaton Corner Museum. The new play by Marlene Lowry is about the first man in Canada to have his leg amputated while using anesthesia, and his family.

By Rachel Garber

Brianna Rothney, Alyssa Rothney, and Arielle Ward are three children in the limelight next weekend in William Stone's Leg. The new play by Marlene Lowry is about the first man in Canada to have his leg amputated while using anesthesia, and his family.

The two Saturday performances are sold out, and a third show has been added for Sunday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. All shows are at the Sawyerville Community Centre.

This is a benefit for Eaton Corner Museum. Admission is \$8. Space is limited, so reserve tickets now. Call Pat at 819-875-3182.

RACHEL WRITES | It's okay to stay close to the hot chocolate, if that's what you love.

Torchlight trek in Island Brook



RACHEL GARBER

NEWPORT, QUEBEC

You gotta love it. Especially on Valentine's evening. That's the message of Francine Rouleau and Scott Stevenson. They're part of the Newport 4 Horizons Recreational Corporation - the Loisirs 4 horizons de Newport. The group invites one and all, young and old, far and wide, to an evening walk by torchlight on Friday, Feb. 14.

The idea is to walk while carrying a torch, or just tag along with someone who does. Families, singles, doubles - it's fire and friendship for everyone, out in the fresh air of Island Brook. The plan is to leave from the Newport Municipal Hall on Route 212 at 7 p.m., and return



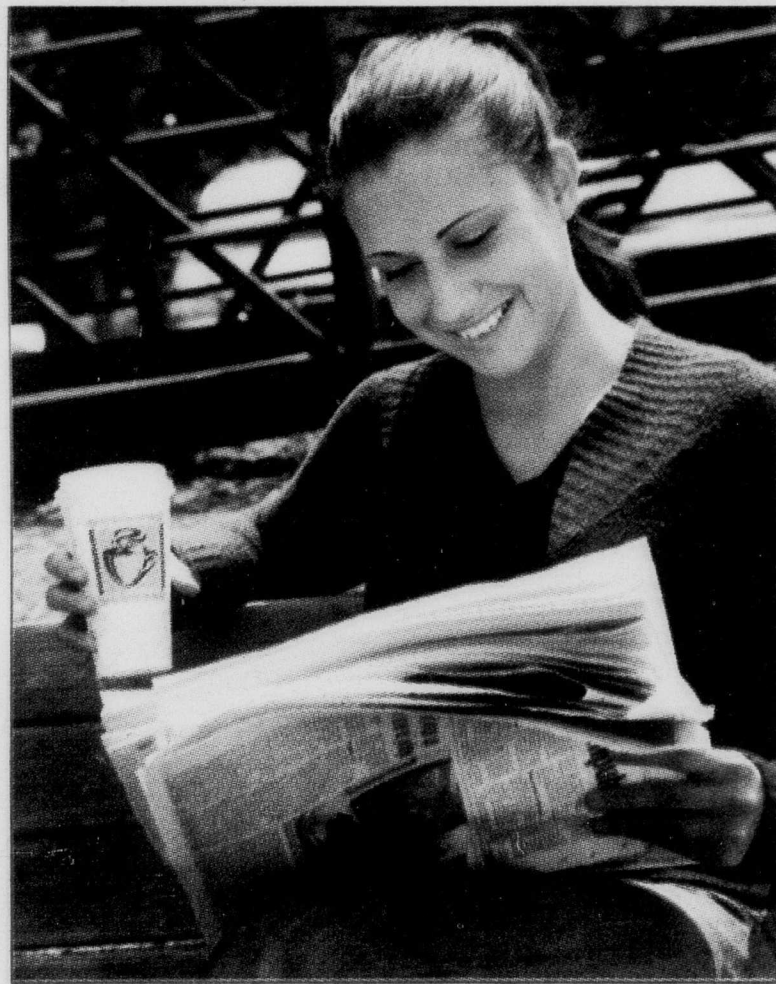
RA GARBER

The Loisirs 4 horizons de Newport committee members were having fun planning a Valentine's evening by torchlight. They're a friendly bunch. Left to right are Gilles Prévost, Germain Tourigny, Francine Rouleau, Pierrette Quevillon, and Thérèse Ménard-Théroux. Absent are Scott Stevenson, committee member, and Jacqueline Désindes, the Newport councillor responsible for recreation.

about an hour later for refreshments. Depending on the weather and on inclination, participants may do four or two or even zero kilometres. It's okay to stay close to the hot chocolate, if that's what you love, says Rouleau. Follow your heart. It's free. It's fun. For details, call 819-875-3895 or 819-366-2028.

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Keeping school-children safe on the road

Record Staff

Under the theme "Did you see me?" the School Bus Transportation Association of Quebec is holding its 26th campaign among students and the public to raise awareness about safety on school transport. As is the case every year, the Memphremagog Police Board is participating in this campaign by ensuring that drivers comply with regulations regarding flashing lights on school buses, school crossings, speed in school zones (limited to 30 km/h) and parking in areas around schools. Despite regular surveillance patrols in this area throughout the school year, the police presence will be increased during this campaign, now on till Feb. 14.

Also in order to ensure the safety of students as they move between school and home, police are recommending that parents review safety with their children about bus and pedestrian safety. Furthermore, the Police Board wishes to remind parents who bring their child to school to use the docks provided for this purpose, to avoid areas reserved for school buses, areas where parking or stopping is prohibited, and especially to avoid children from crossing the street to get to the school where there is no crossing guard.

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# Local Sports

"We played extremely well but we don't know how to win yet."

## Gaiter men sweep Stingers, Women come up short in bid for first win

By Mike Hickey  
Special to the Record

The Bishop's Gaiters men's basketball team clinched a playoff spot this weekend when they swept a RSEQ home-and-home series with the Concordia Stingers. The twin wins improved the Gaiters record to 9-4, four points behind the first-place McGill Redmen. The two teams will meet this Friday at Mitchell Gymnasium.

In Friday's contest the long-

time rivals battled tooth and nail until the final minutes of the fourth quarter when Bishop's pulled away for a 73-64 victory. With the Stingers holding a slim 55-54 lead Bishop's went on a 9-0 run that put the game out of reach.

Jonah Bermillo had a career-high 26 points as he connected on 10 of 13 shots from the field. Onnex Blackwood added 15 points while Majid Naji chipped in with 12 points.

On Saturday, the Gaiters

jumped out to a 14-point first-half lead and then had to hold off a spirited Concordia rally. The Stingers led 56-54 with three minutes remaining in the game but once again the Gaiters finished strong with a run that sealed the victory. Jaleel Webb and Naji accounted for Bishop's final 12 points with three buckets apiece.

"We were playing without Scott (Ring) and Matt (MacLean) and I thought everyone did a great job in filling in for them,"

head coach Rod Gilpin said. "Majid hit some key baskets for us down the stretch when the game was on the line."

The women nearly upset the nationally ranked Stingers Friday night but ran out of steam in the fourth quarter. Bishop's held a 41-32 entering the fourth quarter but Concordia dominated the final ten minutes of play as they outscored the home team 22-8.

"We played extremely well but we don't know how to win

yet," head coach Alex Perno said. "It is too bad because the team deserved a win."

The Gaiters were led by two local products as Sherbrooke native Catherine Rondeau scored 10 points while the pride of Lennoxville, Dani Lumley was a rebound shy of a double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

It was a different story Saturday as the Stingers started strong and never looked back en route to a 68-41 triumph.

## Learning the art of Ice Fishing

SHERBROOKE

The cold winter days we've been experiencing may be enough to keep most of us indoors, but the 4 Loups Fish and Game Club is hoping to get crowds of young people out to learn the basics of ice fishing, Saturday March 1 in Magog.

This activity will be held at

the LAMRAC Marsh Interpretive Centre at 69 Roy Road, under the 'Pêche en herbe' program, initiated by the Fondation de la faune du Québec to promote fishing.

The program also benefits from the collaboration of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, the Environment, and Wildlife and Parks (MDDEFP)

and financial support from its main partner, Canadian Tire.

The workshop offered in Magog was selected from projects offering the best coaching and the best training to young fishing enthusiasts. Each young angler will receive a 'Pêche en herbe' certificate, which will take the place of a fishing license until the age of 18. The

Wildlife Foundation also provides an educational brochure 'La pêche blanche avec ... Gulliver,' to every participating young person, and the Club 4 Loups will provide each participant with a winter fishing rod.

The March 1 activity of is for those 6-14 years of age who will be divided into groups of 25 and training will be held at 9 and

10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Those interested can select a group by calling LAMRAC at (819) 843-8118 from Wednesday to Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by completing a form on the Club 4 Loups website: <http://www.clubdes4loups.com/inscriptions-peche-hiver.ws>.

## Sunday's highlights at the Sochi Olympics

The Associated Press

Russia's big day

With President Vladimir Putin looking on, Russia won its first gold medal of the Sochi Olympics, winning the team figure skating event even before the ice dancers finished their competition. Evgeni Plushenko and 15-year-old Julia Lipnitskaia secured the gold by winning the free skates, thrilling the crowd. Speedskater Olga Graf got the bronze in the women's

3,000 for Russia's first medal of any kind at Sochi, then Olga Vilukhina took silver in the women's 7.5-kilometre sprint in biathlon and Albert Demchenko picked up another silver in men's luge.

Medals race

Norway, the Netherlands and the United States have two golds apiece, while the Norwegians have the overall lead with six total medals. But look out for Russia, which picked up a gold, two silvers and a bronze,

all in one day. The host on the Black Sea coast lost a bid to pick up another bronze when its cross-country skiing team lodged an unsuccessful protest in the men's 30-kilometre skiathlon, claiming Maxim Vylegzhanin was impeded in the final sprint in a tight race against Martin Johnsrud Sundby of Norway.

A Loch on luge?

Felix Loch of Germany won his second straight Olympic gold medal in men's luge, easily

defeating the world's top sliders. The 24-year-old German joined Georg Hackl, his coach, and Italy's Armin Zoeggeler, who won the bronze, as the only athletes to repeat as Olympic titlists.

Few foreign fans

There are indications that some would-be spectators from overseas have stayed home, seemingly scared off by terrorist bombings, pervasive security, knotty Russian bureaucracy and the big bucks needed to

reach Sochi. Organizers say 70 per cent of tickets went to Russians, with the rest sold abroad.

Monday's highlights

Medals will be awarded in five events, including the women's super-combined — without Lindsey Vonn. Instead, Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany is a big favourite in the event that combines the times of a downhill run and a slalom run. Julia Mancuso of the United States will also be among the medal contenders.

## Many questions still to be answered

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Audet also referred to the establishment of a special committee by the Quebec government last Friday, indicating that the regional association would take note of any recommendations that were forthcoming and that further discussions with the association membership would need to take place.

Whether the local English-language schools will change their football programs also remains a question mark, as neither Galt nor BCS responded to The Record's inquiries by press time.

The Sherbrooke Bulldogs, the local minor football organiza-

tion, have indicated that they will continue to offer tackle football at all levels. Their stated position, in a release issued on Thursday, is that football at the minor AAA level remains safe.

What will the new form of football look like?

According to Érick Loignon, the director of the football program at Du Phare high school, the new format of Bantam football is to be modeled on a program called "Extreme Flag Football," a flag-tackle hybrid developed in Texas.

In this model, players wear helmets and upper-body pads, and there is full contact in the lines, but there is no tackling.

Its promoters claim the format is safer due to the lack of tackling, claiming that most injuries to young players occur when they are taken to the ground.

However, there would still be a risk of head injury to players playing on the offensive and defensive lines, as well as the possibility of the helmet being used as a weapon.

What about the new tackling techniques?

Loignon indicated that the new technique envisaged by the CSRS is based on "Heads Up Football," a program administered by USA Football with heavy promotion and funding

from the National Football League.

Introduced in 2012, "Heads Up Football" maintains that using a modified tackling technique that involves leading with the chest, rather than the head can reduce the incidence of concussions.

Its effectiveness is still unknown, as Scott Hallenbeck, the executive director of USA Football, conceded in a recent report by ESPN.

"We're trying to get to the point where we can definitively say Heads Up football is actually scientifically working," Hallenbeck said. "I'm not there yet, but that is our goal."

Some of the league's critics have dismissed the program as a mere public relations exercise. Nate Jackson, a former Denver Bronco tight end, described the tackling techniques in the same ESPN report as "laughable," adding that he considered it to be a "product that the NFL is selling" to "create the illusion that the game is safe or can be made safe."

As for the Sherbrooke school board's stated goal of reducing the incidence of concussions, the jury will be out for a number of months, if not years, as to whether their actions Tuesday were effective or not

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Day of the funeral: from 9 a.m. until the departure from the funeral home at 11 a.m.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the St-Patrice Church in Magog.

She leaves to mourn, besides her husband Gaston, her children, Carole (Alain), Robert (Sylvie) et Loraine (Guy), her grand-daughters, Karine, Valéry, Marie-Pier, Véronique, Janie et Sandra, her great-grand-son, Théo, her sisters, Évelyn et June, her brothers-in-law and her sisters-in-law, Denise (Onil), Andrée (Charles), Francine (Yves), Jacques (Francine), Michel (Jane) et Pauline (Gérard), as well as her nephews, nieces, cousins and other family members and friends.

The family wishes to give a warm thank you to the personnel of La Résidence Les Jardins de Magog, as well as to Loraine, Nathalie Langelier et Dre. Noémie Valiquette.

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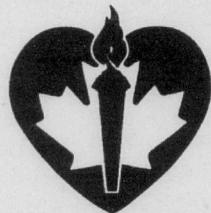
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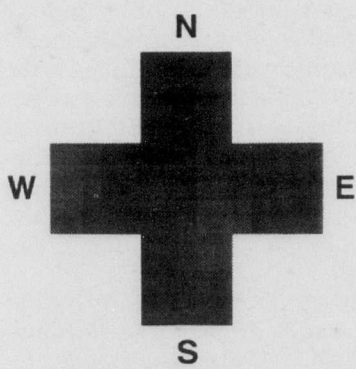
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In 1996, the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue defeated reigning world champion Garry Kasparov for the first time in a game of chess.

In 2005, North Korea publicly acknowledged that it had acquired nuclear weapons.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Charles Lamb (1775-1834), author; William Allen White (1868-1944), author/journalist; Boris Pasternak (1890-1960), author; Jimmy Durante (1893-1980), singer/comedian; Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956), playwright; Robert Wagner (1930- ), actor; Mark Spitz (1950- ), swimmer; Greg Norman (1955- ), golfer; John Calipari (1959- ), basketball coach; George Stephanopoulos (1961- ), journalist; Laura Dern (1967- ), actress; Vince Gilligan (1967- ), TV writer/producer; Elizabeth Banks (1974- ), actress;

Emma Roberts (1991- ), actress.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Playwright Arthur Miller died exactly 56 years after his "Death of a Salesman" opened in New York on this date in 1949.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1968, Peggy Fleming won the women's figure skating gold for the United States at the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Since others have to tolerate my weaknesses, it is only fair that I should tolerate theirs." - William Allen White

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 9 - children Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had together. All married into royal houses in Europe.

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# “Bertha” is a complete mess, she is 33, with three children from three different fathers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been married for 22 years. We each have two kids from previous marriages, and together, we have a son. All of our kids are doing wonderfully, except for my wife's daughter.

I don't mind helping out now and then, but “Bertha” is a complete mess. She is 33, with three children from three different fathers, none of whom pay child support.

Bertha has hated me from Day One and has tried to sabotage our relationship every chance she gets. She works full time and makes a decent salary, but still mooches off of us on a monthly basis. My wife sends her thousands of dollars. Bertha's kids have videogame systems, expensive TV sets and fancy clothes. My wife pays Bertha's rent and phone and electric bills, and sends her gift cards for groceries.

The worst thing is that my wife lies about this and hides the expenses from me. She knows I am against sending all of our extra money to Bertha. I've told her she is enabling this child and Bertha will never get a handle on life if mommy always takes care of things. My wife recognizes that sending Bertha so much money is wrong, but she refuses to ask her daughter to account for the money. Instead, she just sends more. I keep complaining, and she keeps giving.

Bertha is the single source of our marital trouble, and my wife is even talking about divorce. I want to retire next year, but we now don't have enough in savings to do so. In recent months, we have taken to keeping our money separate. I don't want to be Bertha's never-ending meal ticket. My wife is becoming increasingly bitter toward me. Is there any way to get through to her? — Tired in Toledo

**Dear Toledo:** No matter how wrong it is, your wife is not going to stop enabling Bertha. She feels obligated to help her daughter, and every time you display anger, she becomes defensive and more entrenched in her position. Separate banking accounts is an excellent idea, although not a solution. Please ask your wife to come with you for counseling so she can understand how her behavior toward Bertha helps no one and you can figure out how to respond to this in a more productive way — for yourself, if not for your marriage.

**Dear Annie:** I was adopted as an infant. My parents were never willing to talk about my biological parents. I recently found my birth certificate, which has both my biological mother and father listed.

I am curious as to whether or not I should try to contact them. I am now in my 40s, and it happened so long ago that they might not want me bringing up the past. But I am curious as to what they look like and whether they have other kids. But I am afraid, too.

If I decide to go ahead, what is the best way to contact them? — Adopted

**Dear Adopted:** First check your state adoption agency (often through the state health department) to find out whether they have a registry that allows both birth parents and adoptees to list information in case either party is interested in a reunion. Then look into the International Soundex Reunion Registry (isrr.org) at 888-886-ISRR.

**Dear Annie:** “Grateful Granny” wrote an open letter to the “other woman,” welcoming her to take on a number of unsavory traits her ex-husband displays. He sounds like a loser, but Granny may not be a total peach, either. Horrors! The “other woman” has to deal with his baldness. I don't see how any woman could possibly continue to live with a bald man! That's right up there with his drinking, pot smoking and chronic unemployment. And at 65, I have some issues with erectile dysfunction and prostate problems. Thank goodness my loving wife is not put off by my balding head and occasional ED problems. — Angry and Annoyed

**Dear Annie:** Last year, I was laid off of work. Knowing my financial burden, our son asked whether he and his family could move in with us to help out. We reluctantly agreed.

The issue is our 7-year-old granddaughter. “Lulu” is spoiled by her mother. There is no accountability for her actions. Her mother makes all kinds of excuses, and it's almost as though she is rewarded for her lack of behavior and respect.

Lulu dislikes me because I expect her to clean her room and adhere to general household rules and manners. She gives me dirty looks, never says “good morning,” talks back, defies us, lies and blames others, and uses inappropriate language. When I politely asked her (in front of her mother) not to use certain words, she looks me straight in the eye and says the word again. Her mother simply says, “You were told not to do that. Now apologize.” Even Lulu can tell that Mom is insincere, so she rarely apologizes and still won't stop using inappropriate language. And of course, there are no consequences.

Lulu is manipulative, deceptive and narcissistic and has difficulty being social. She shows no affection toward us and told her school principal that I am her aunt.

Our son has very little to say. If he tries to discipline his child, he catches it from her mother. My daughter-in-law gets angry with me when I comment on Lulu's terrible behavior. How do I get Mom to stop thinking she's Lulu's best friend and start being a responsible mother? — Annoyed Grandma

**Dear Grandma:** We feel sorry for Lulu. Her lack of discipline will make her an undesirable friend and unwelcome everywhere. Parents sometimes don't realize that children who have no definite boundaries feel insecure and act out. Your son needs to step up and be a father to this girl. If his wife gives him a hard time, they can go for counseling and parenting classes. We hope you get back on your financial feet soon so they can move out before your relationship is permanently damaged.

**Dear Annie:** A few years ago, I discovered that my older brother has a daughter who was born back in the '70s with an ex-girlfriend. I tried to get more information, but kept hitting a dead end. One day, I ran into the ex's parents, who informed me that my brother didn't want anything to do with the child and I would never be allowed to have contact with her. When I told her our family had no clue the girl

even existed, I eventually got the young woman's name and address. I wrote to her, but received no reply.

This child is now in her late 30s. Should I try again? I'm not even certain she received my letter. I don't want to hurt her in any way, but I would like her to know that she has relatives who care. — Unknown Family

**Dear Unknown:** Where is your brother in all of this? Aside from ignoring his responsibility as a parent, he seems to have forgotten 18 years of child support. We appreciate that you want to make this girl part of your family, but that is her decision. You can write one more time, saying you understand that she may not wish to get in touch, but you want her to have family history and relevant medical information. Give her what she might need, and say you hope she will contact you. Then let it go.

**Dear Annie:** I, too, receive cards from my newspaper carriers at Christmastime, and I know they are basically solicitations for tips. I always send them back a card with a generous amount, and I expect nothing in return. As I write this, it is 6 a.m. and 3 degrees outside, and my “thank you” from them comes from seeing my morning newspaper already lying in my driveway. — Cleveland, Tenn.

**Dear Annie:** I am a live-in caregiver for my grandmother, who is in failing health. She has five children (including my father) who do absolutely nothing for her because they say Grandma is a mean, nasty person, which she is. Grandma feeds off of negativity and gossip. Nothing is ever good enough, and she blames everyone else for her own failings.

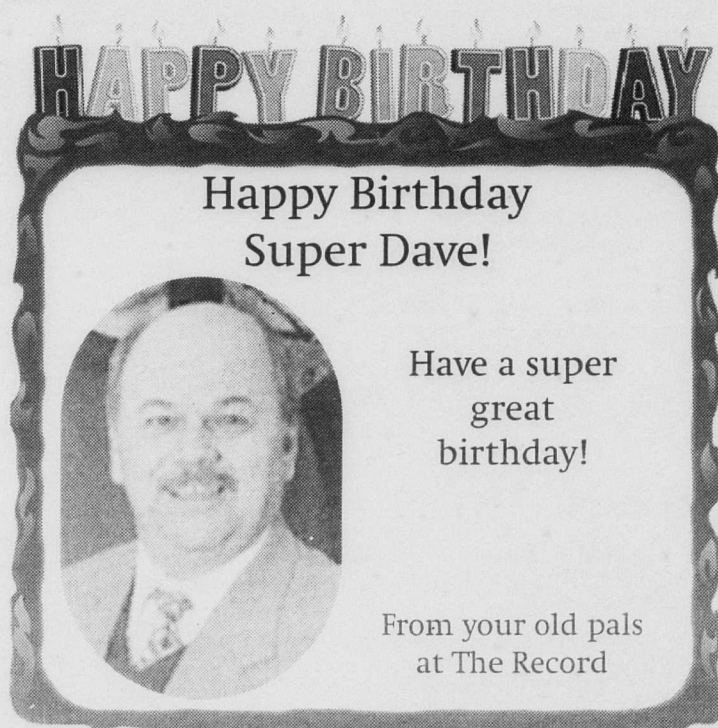
I go out of my way to do things to make Grandma's life easier, and it is either never good enough or she just doesn't care. It has brought me to tears. I have threatened to move out numerous times, but then Grandma walks on eggshells until the dust settles, and everything goes back to the way it was.

I am at the end of my rope. But I also have a conscience and am afraid that if I move out, her children will rip her out of her home and slam her into an assisted living center, and that would be the end because no one else would step up to take care of her. — Frustrated Charles

**Dear Charles:** You are a caring grandson, but please don't let Grandma blackmail you into a situation that is no longer tenable. Does Grandma have money to pay a caregiver? Would your aunts and uncles be willing to help foot the bill in order to have Grandma cared for without their direct involvement? Look into the cost of hiring someone to live in the home, which Grandma may prefer. But also check out senior housing, including assisted living options. Many of them are excellent places that offer activities and friendships. You can visit often. Grandma undoubtedly will complain about the change, but she will get used to it and may even come to like it. You deserve to have a life, too.

**Dear Annie:** Two years ago, we took our 10-year-old grandson, a voracious reader, to visit the National Archives in Washington, D.C. As we proudly looked intently at the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation, my grandson looked up at me and asked, “What does it say?” Why would the people of this country think it is worth millions of dollars to protect documents that our children cannot read? Surely our schools can find a way to teach children to read historic documents that were carefully written in beautiful cursive writing. And then we, the grandparents, can go back to writing birthday notes to our grandchildren. — Grandpa in South Dakota

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



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### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "I stopped doing drugs when I was 20 ... I love to play music. So why endanger that with something like drugs?" — Dave Grohl

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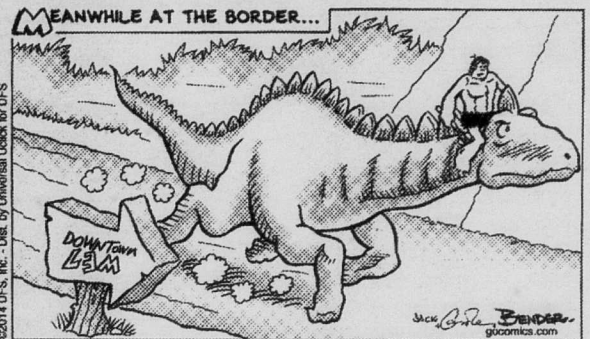


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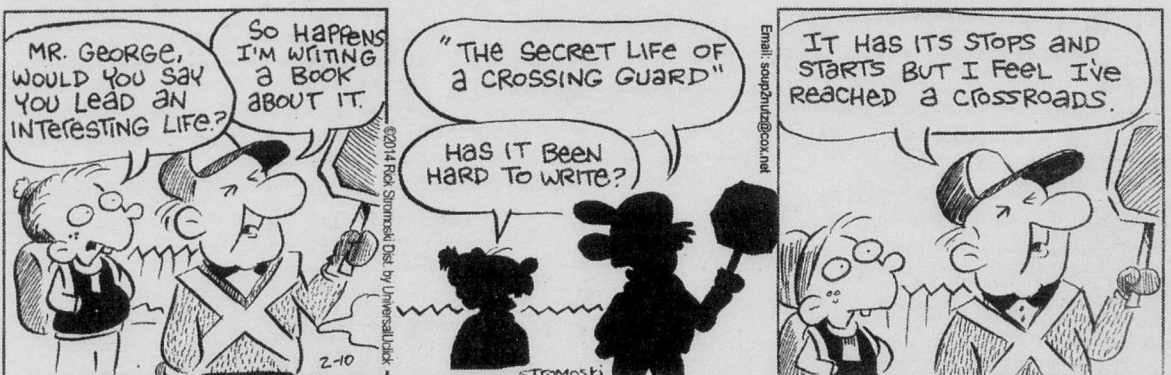
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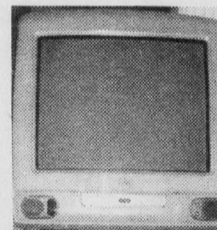
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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Let your creativity lead the way. Be proud to display your capabilities. Expand your horizons by reading, listening or interacting with intellectual people. Utilize your creative energy.**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your opinions are best kept to yourself if you want to avoid misunderstandings. Remaining quiet will give you the chance to strategize and to develop a sound course of action.**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A sure way to boost your spirits is to get together with friends and enjoy a pleasant trip or activity. Take a break from worry and tension.**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Change is needed in your life. Make your feelings known, and collaborate with friends or co-workers to achieve the improvements you desire. Your hard work will bring positive results.**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You can avoid an emotionally challenging situation if you make a plan that allows you to act independently. Avoiding interference will be half your battle. Lie low.**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Spend your day doing things that make you happy. Keeping on top of personal needs will help decrease your stress. Pamper yourself or purchase something that will boost your spirits.**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your leadership qualities will complement your skills in terms of what you have to offer a group, project or cause. Find a task that appeals to you and utilize your talents to the fullest.**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You will be frustrated if you rely on others to help you get ahead. Use your own means and methods to forge a successful path, and pay attention to detail and the fine print.**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You are an intelligent and gifted individual. However, doubts and indecision will hold you back. Believe in yourself, and you will succeed. Don't let negativity bog you down.**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's time to get back to a strict routine and a proper diet. Taking care of your health is important if you want to be successful in life. Show determination in order to win.**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today will be emotionally taxing, requiring everything you've got. Don't be upset by criticism — take it as a chance to make improvements.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be aware of the events happening around you. Take an opportunity to make a life-changing decision that will turn a negative into a positive. Overcome your fears and take a chance.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

# Count on success if you count

by Phillip Alder

Lord Chesterfield, a British politician who led a colorful life and died in 1773, said, "Never seem more learned than the people you are with. Wear your learning like a pocket watch and keep it hidden. Do not pull it out to count the hours, but give the time when you are asked."

At the bridge table, do not count the minutes; instead, count the points, the winners, the losers. The more counting you do, the more successful you will be.

In this deal, South charges into six hearts. How should he play after West leads the spade king?

South decided that if he needed a side-suit finesse to work, it probably would, given West's opening bid. So he adventurously used the Gerber four-club ace-asking convention, then settled into six hearts.

South is missing 15 high-card points. So it is just possible that East has the heart king. And if East has that king, West must hold the club king, and declarer can take all 13 tricks. However, if the heart finesse loses, West will cash a couple of spade tricks.

Suppose, instead, that the club finesse is winning. How many tricks would that provide?

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| ♦ A K 6 5           |      |       |              |
| ♣ A Q J             |      |       |              |
| West                |      |       | East         |
| ♠ K Q J             |      |       | ♠ 10 7 4     |
| ♥ K 5 2             |      |       | ♥ 3          |
| ♦ J 9 3             |      |       | ♦ Q 10 8 7 2 |
| ♣ K 9 6 5           |      |       | ♣ 10 7 4 2   |
| South               |      |       |              |
| ♠ A 5 2             |      |       |              |
| ♥ A J 10 9 8 7 6    |      |       |              |
| ♦ 4                 |      |       |              |
| ♣ 8 3               |      |       |              |
| Dealer: West        |      |       |              |
| Vulnerable: Neither |      |       |              |
| South               | West | North | East         |
|                     | 1 ♣  | 1 NT  | Pass         |
| 4 ♣                 | Pass | 4 ♠   | Pass         |
| 6 ♥                 | Pass | Pass  | Pass         |
| Opening lead: ♠ K   |      |       |              |

South should win with his spade ace and play a club to dummy's jack. Then he should lead the heart queen, tempting East to cover if he has the king. But when East plays low, declarer wins with his ace, repeats the club finesse, and discards his two spade losers, one on the club ace and one on the diamond king. Then he concedes one trick to West's heart king.

# CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 Class with numbers
  - 5 One making a coffee run, say
  - 10 Spot to shop
  - 14 Lot measurement
  - 15 Skip over, in speech
  - 16 Reed to which an orchestra tunes
  - 17 Bil Keane comic strip
  - 20 Briny
  - 21 Buzzing homes
  - 22 Tree houses?
  - 23 Journalist Sawyer
  - 25 Chess pieces
  - 26 Chess piece
  - 28 Bygone Honda CR-V rival
  - 34 Teacher's Apple
  - 35 Expansive
  - 36 Gardner of Hollywood
  - 37 Strip of latticework
  - 38 Low card

- 40 "It's Your Space" rental company
- 41 Gobbled up
- 42 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author Jean
- 43 Diet label word
- 44 Flier's upgrade
- 48 Fruity quenchers
- 49 It may be doffed
- 50 Backup strategy
- 52 Like an enthusiastic crowd
- 55 Guiding principle
- 57 Sub sandwich dressing item
- 60 Sondheim song, and a hint to the ends of 17-, 28- and 44-Across
- 63 Wear a hole in the carpet
- 64 Dance studio rail
- 65 Actress Fey
- 66 Winter transport
- 67 Prints and threads, to detectives
- 68 \_ in Show: dog prize

- 30 Tween heartthrob Efron
- 31 "Life on Mars?" singer
- 32 Online party notice
- 33 Desert retreats
- 38 Conduit for tears
- 39 Slippery swimmer
- 40 Oscar winner Arkin
- 42 Arcade pioneer
- 45 Out of the sun
- 46 Region of influence
- 47 Cuts for a sandwich
- 51 Commonly injured knee ligament, for short
- 52 Deadly snakes

- 53 Genuine
- 54 A single time
- 55 List finisher: Abbr.
- 56 No \_ traffic
- 58 Travelers' stops
- 59 Future D.A.'s hurdle
- 61 "The Voice" network
- 62 Gambling letters

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| P | L | A | N |   | S | T | I | F | F | D | R | I | N | K |   |   |
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- Down**
- 1 Wrestling surfaces
  - 2 Workout woe
  - 3 Stay afloat in place
  - 4 Pajamaed mogul, familiarly
  - 5 Zodiac's Twins
  - 6 Martini garnishes
  - 7 Store in a folder
  - 8 Ice cream brand
  - 9 TiVo button
  - 10 Multitalented Rita
  - 11 Basic lessons
  - 12 Big oaf
  - 13 Not as much
  - 18 "Figured it out!"
  - 19 Unmoving
  - 24 Creep (along)
  - 25 Source of inspiration
  - 26 Rice dish
  - 27 Vintage violin
  - 29 Throat dangler

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