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City vs. blue-collar Agreement on terms

Striking blue-collar workers could be back on the job as of tomorrow, Sept. 9, if all goes according to plan as each party votes to accept the proposed collective agreement.

The City of Sherbrooke and blue-collar union came to an agreement on Wednesday about the terms and conditions of the return to work of striking workers.

Union members voted on whether to approve the proposed collective agreement, which was endorsed by negotiators for both parties, during a general assembly last night. The city council will vote on that same matter at a special meeting to be held at 12:30 p.m. this afternoon.

If both groups follow the recommendations of their negotiators and the conciliator, workers will be back on the job on Friday.

As the strike began on July 31, if the strike were to end tomorrow, it will have lasted for a total of 41 days.

The terms of both the new collective agreement and the return to work of striking workers have not yet been revealed. The details are expected to be revealed to the media during the special council meeting this week.

T-Day bottles green challenge



CORRINNA POLE

Green Team President Jennifer Reinbold is ready to wrestle down the waste at this year's Townshippers' Day in Stanstead. Read the article by Corrinna Pole on page 3.

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Emotional intelligence at the heart of leadership

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Tuesday September 27, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Salle de L'Épervier in Coaticook, Mrs Pierrette Desrosiers, speaker, coach and work psychologist will be giving a seminar on "Emotional intelligence at the heart of leadership". This fascinating one-day session is designed for anyone in a position of authority, influence and leadership in an organization in the Coaticook region. This event is a presentation of the Coaticook region SADC in collaboration with Emploi Québec.

Pierrette Desrosiers (www.pierretedesrosiers.com) of St-Herménégilde is a one-of-a-kind speaker who is recognized across Canada for her in-depth but humorous approach and the relevance of what she says. She is famous for going straight to the heart of her audience's concerns.

Her academic training and impressive track record as a work psychologist, coach and trainer make her a sought-after public speaker. Curious and determined by nature she is not afraid to ask tough questions, meet challenges head on and turn them into personal and professional learning opportunities.

A powerful message

Is it possible to be extremely productive and maintain a high level of well-being? Yes, but you have to know how to manage your emotions so that they work

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On International Literacy Day, there's a new Blog in town

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For literacy news, we now have a local Blog created by Literacy in Action. A Blog is a convenient and effective way to share thoughts, ideas and information; like a virtual bulletin board. On this Website / Blog you'll find topics such as:

tips for parents of struggling readers, new resources for volunteer tutors, literacy news from different parts of Canada, articles and links relating to lifelong learning, and literacy projects currently underway in the Estrie region. Also, Literacy in Action often has children's books to give away free to families for pre-school age children. Check it out at www.lia-estrie.org.

Coinciding with International Literacy

Day on September 8, you can "Take the Literacy Survey". Answer three questions and let the organization know your thoughts about literacy. You'll find the survey on the website.

Literacy in Action is funded by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). The organization provides free, confidential, one-on-one tutoring to adults in basic literacy skills.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

89 per cent of the recommendations of previous audits have been implemented, or are currently in the process of being implemented.

Hydro-Sherbrooke could save \$400k: auditor general

By Evan LePage

Hydro-Sherbrooke could save between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year if they improve their load-shedding processes, something that would reduce their need to purchase electricity from Hydro-Quebec.

That piece of information was put forward by the city's auditor general, Claude Cournoyer, in his annual report for 2010 which was presented during Tuesday night's city council meeting.

The report's first chapter was dedicated to the performance of Hydro-Sherbrooke, in which Cournoyer specified that the organization purchased 95 per cent, totaling \$95 million, of their electricity from Hydro-Quebec in 2010.

"Slight improvements in that percentage would translate in the potential for improvements to the central budget of thousands of dollars," he told the council Tuesday night.

In addition to improving their load-shedding, Cournoyer also proposed a new automation program for the network that would result in substantial

savings by optimizing electricity transfers between the regions three distribution centers, among other improvements.

The auditor general made other recommendations related to Hydro-Sherbrooke, largely focused on the promotion of "biénergie" heating systems residentially and in businesses and institutions.

Hydro-Sherbrooke's director Daniel Richer was in attendance Tuesday, and though he said "no idea is a bad idea," he was not prepared to commit to all of the recommendations at that time. Instead, Richer said they would all be examined very closely and a subsequent report of their findings would be submitted to the council at a later date.

There were also positives in the commentary, as Cournoyer noted that the organization made a large, positive contribution to the City's economy of approximately \$20 million annually and that many positive programs had been put in place in the last few years.

Another section of the audit report focused on the City's cash income from

parking meters and other parking charges, the management of which had never been subject to an audit before. His recommendations for more secure locks on collection trucks was already taken into account by the City, as of the first week of 2011.

"There were certain weaknesses we identified, but the City reacted very quickly to our recommendations," Cournoyer said Tuesday.

The auditor's 128-page, detailed report this year spanned other subjects as well. The audit of residual waste management led to sixteen recommendations, largely dealing with the improvement of the rate of recovery of reusable materials. In addition, the City's pricing and sanitation of water was audited, as were the use of temporary assignments of personnel following work accidents, the city's financial practices, and their conformity to legislative and regulatory practices.

According to the report, 89 per cent of the recommendations of previous audits have been implemented, or are currently in the process of being



EVAN LEPAGE

The auditor's 128-page, detailed report.

implemented.

The auditor general's report is available under the "Vérificateur général" section of the City's website, sherbrooke.ca.

Fleurimont chamber of commerce disapproves of proposed zoning law

By Evan LePage

The same proposed zoning regulations that drew the ire of Sherbrooke city councillors in August once again received flak at Tuesday night's council meeting, this time from the newly elected president of the Fleurimont Chamber of Commerce.

"As a chamber of commerce, we do have to oppose any law too constraining on our businesses," said president Patrick Hardy. "On this vein, we are not comfortable with your decision to restrict the construction of office buildings, even if it is only government buildings, in order to limit their location to a specific sector of the city."

Hardy spoke during question period Monday night of the proposal which passed through the council at their Aug. 15 meeting which will restrict the construction of any buildings larger than 30,000 square-feet to a specific zone within the downtown core of Sherbrooke. The move was largely put into action in order to assure that the new Revenue Quebec building will be located in the downtown area. At the time, many councillors expressed concerns about the plan and anger at the fact that they were only presented with the proposal that day, and could thus not explore the issue in detail before voting on it.

Speaking on behalf of the Fleurimont Chamber of Commerce, Hardy expressed concerns about the ability of the City and its borough to attract investors if construction is more restricted.



EVAN LEPAGE

Fleurimont chamber of commerce president Patrick Hardy tells Sherbrooke's city council of his organization's disapproval for the proposed zoning law to limit the construction of buildings over 30,000 square-feet to downtown.

"If we want to be in a position to attract new businesses or organizations to come settle in this sector, it will be important and pertinent to develop effective incentives more than to regulate," he said, adding that they should have considered offering tax breaks or employee parking for businesses that located themselves downtown. "The City of Sherbrooke should be a facilitator towards businesses to encourage them to come set-up here."

This point was later agreed upon by Mayor Bernard Sévigny who said "the City of Sherbrooke's objective is not to constrain or work against developers but to work with developers."

Hardy also posed a series of questions that he "wondered" whether the City had answered before putting this new

proposal in motion. This included everything from whether the state of roads and bridges downtown were analyzed to assure they could accommodate more downtown traffic and construction, to whether building owners outside of downtown would be permitted to build additions on their properties if this brought the total beyond 30,000 square-feet.

In response to his concerns, executive committee president Serge Paquin told Hardy that the proposal was directed "more in the direction of the use of office

buildings for public administration." Consequently, exceptions would be made in specific cases. "The health sector will not be affected and the education sector will not be affected either," Paquin said.

As for the questions Hardy posted, Paquin said the proposal was to be put before the urbanism committee Wednesday, before being put before the councillors for work on Sept. 12, when he expected most of these questions would be answered. The subsequent recommendations of the council will then be presented during a public assembly on Sept. 19, something they are legally obliged to do on certain zoning matters.

Hardy concluded his questions by saying that he simply wanted to show the chamber of commerce's was present and concerned about this issue. "We want to participate in the reflection. This was pretty much the goal of the exercise" he said. "We are implicated in the proposal, we have members and investors who are worried and we needed to show that we have a voice in this."



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A little greener than the year before

By Corrinna Pole
SHERBROOKE

In less than nine days, Stanstead will become a hub of the English speaking culture and community for the annual Townshippers' Day celebration but this year vendors and visitors will have a liquid challenge to live up to.

For the 32nd T-Day, Green Team President Jennifer Reinbold wants to give bottled water the boot.

"Bishop's University and the University de Sherbrooke both banned bottled water on campus and it seems like it went pretty well," Reinbold said. "I think its something that is really not that challenging for people to adopt. Almost everybody has two or three reusable water bottles lying around. All we're asking is that they bring their bottles to T-Day, we'll have a water source on site for people to fill up at."

Reinbold is continuing a five-year tradition set by previous T-Day committees who wanted to ensure a minimal amount of waste was produced by the events 8,000 to 10,000 visitors.

Each year a new recycling and composting challenge was set and met, making the day a little greener than the year before. So far 2008 has been the most successful year with only one bag of trash produced.

For the 2011 event, Reinbold is asking food vendors to respect the bottled water ban and to continue using compostable dishes to reduce their waste.

T-Day visitors will be able to make use of the recycling posts around the site and Green Team volunteers will be available to help visitors understand which



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items go into which of the recycling, compostable and garbage bins

Containers will also be onsite for consignment cans, which will be collected by Joe Kelly and cashed in to funds for charities such as the Terry Fox Foundation.

Reinbold is also asking visitors to take their eco-friendly contribution up a notch by using reusable bags and containers when purchasing items or to

bring home any tasty treats that are being sold.

The 35-year-old Sherbrooke resident is embracing her first volunteer experience with Townshippers' Association especially since her mission is one she holds dear.

"I've wanted to get involved with Townshippers for awhile now and this is the first year I've done it," "It's a lot of fun but I know I'm going to be fanatic on T-Day running around and trying to get people to sort their garbage."

During a recent vacation in Maine, Reinbold says she was surprised by the lack of recycling and reusing activity going on.

"We went into one store and they still had plastic bags. We tried to tell them we had our own bags and they really didn't seem to understand why we were doing that," she said. "I'm glad we're already doing so well in the townships with reusing, recycling and composting that it just has become natural to us."

The soon to be mom is also looking for a few good volunteers to help her on Saturday, September 17 with her eco-friendly mission.

"We've been waiting for school to start up again but we're hoping to get a good amount of volunteers from Stanstead College and Bishop's. But anybody who wants to volunteer is welcome, we can use all the help we can get."

To join Reinbold's Green Team email jenreinbold19@hotmail.com or to volunteer in any other way for T-Day contact Townshippers' Association by calling 1-866-566-5717 or emailing ta@townshippers.qc.ca.

Former Asbestos town hall to fall next Tuesday: town manager

Stephen McDougall
ASBESTOS

The once modern, opulent town hall that symbolized this town's prosperity in the 1960s and 70s is set to fall down next Tuesday, according to manager George Andre Gagné.

"We were supposed to demolish the building floor by floor, but now the contractor believes it can be taken down in one fell swoop," he told the town council at their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

"The regulations say only that we can't use dynamite or create a lot of dust for the residents."

Gagné said the building can fall if key support columns at the base of the five story structure are weakened, then the main structure is pulled down quickly, saving both money and time.

"The plan is to do this next Tuesday, barring any other technical or weather problems."

The five story, concrete and stucco building was erected in 1966 when the town had over 10,000 residents and the town mine employed up to 2,500 workers.

But 45 years later, the town has only 6,700 residents and the mine faces an uncertain future if a proposed sale to an Indian consortium is not agreed upon by October 1.

Five years ago, the town put the building up for sale for one dollar, but found no takers. Then in 2009, the council discovered the roof would need extensive repairs in order to reduce increasing water damage to the building's structure and interior.

That and other repairs put the total cost of maintaining the building at \$1.2 million. The council opted last fall to move out of the building and hired two demolition companies earlier this year to take it down slowly so as not to create clouds of dust that could contain asbestos particles.

The demolition is costing the town \$380,000.

Once the building is down, the town plans to organize a development of the site for seniors residences.

The new development would come in three phases over the next five years and involve the construction of 18 buildings providing some 72 apartments and condominiums

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These panels also make it possible to disseminate notices and instructions related to infection prevention, such as hand washing, dealing with outbreaks of gastroenteritis and other infections, during the flu season, and for specific situations. These displays keep visitors better informed and reassure them about the state of nosocomial infections at the CHUS.



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U de S Students to build rice centre in Burkina Faso

By Evan LePage

Six Université de Sherbrooke (U de S) engineering students will be packing their bags and heading to Burkina Faso to build a rice transformation centre in the rural community of Banzon from the end of this week until late December.

The construction of two steaming buildings and implementation of non-wood burning ovens will hopefully help improve the quality and quantity of rice produced in the African area, and consequently aid the region's economic development.

The trip is organized by the university's international collaboration group in engineering (GCIUS). "The mission (of GCIUS) is to complete engineering projects with a lasting and considerably positive impact on the living conditions of a community in a developing nation," explained the 2011 team's public relations specialist Daniel Alexandre Bleau.

While the central aim of the trip may be to complete their construction and consequently help improve the rice harvesting processes, the team has many goals outlined for their time in Burkina Faso. One of these is to offer employment to females in the region and ideally put them on an equal working level with men.

Students will also be making an effort to bring green technology to the area by using less pollutant building materials and recycle ash into what they've dubbed "green cement," as well as attempting to utilize solar

power in the process. If all goes well, the students will attempt to build a reflective wall, out of cans or other cheap, recycled materials, and use the solar energy to quicken the drying of rice.

Additionally, "one little mentioned aspect (of the project) is the fact that the use of these ovens allows them to avoid the use of wood," consequently decreasing the need for deforestation, added professor Alexandre Cabral, an engineering department member who is very involved in GCIUS and will be visiting the students to see their progress in October.

A very similar project in Burkina Faso was undertaken by the GCIUS students in 2008 during which a sustainable oven was successfully built in the Bama community. That project went on to win multiple awards, including a project of excellence award at the Gala Forces Avenir which honours students who engage in worthwhile, enriching projects.

"We already know pertinently through the follow-ups that took place that the 2008 project was a big success that had a very important impact in the short-term and we hope an impact in the long-term," Cabral said.

Two of this year's team members visited the Banzon region last May, to meet with the local partners and interview local residents. While many of the locals apparently said during these interviews that they would only use the new technology if they were shown proof of its functionality, the team remains confident that this technology could

do a lot of good if it becomes the standard in the nation.

"We hope it will sort of be the final piece that will permit this technology to find a place in the various regions of Burkina Faso," said the team's director Pascale Roy.

Trips like this one have been undertaken by GCIUS students since 2002. In the projects inaugural year participants went to Haiti to build teaching facilities and since then the project has taken U de S students to Peru, Malawi and now Burkina Faso.

The project has multiple partners, this year's primarily being the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation, international development program Uniterre, the World University Service of Canada and the Inter-professional rice committee of Burkina, though there are many others. The team will be working on a budget of \$104,750, which comes from a mixture of partner contributions, bursaries, donations and fundraising the participants undertook over the last year.

Inevitably the students will face some challenges during their stint, but they "are still very optimistic," Bleau said. "Clearly on the ground it's always difficult because there are always obstacles, but if we stay confident I believe we'll be able to accomplish something truly positive for some people who need it."

Rounding out the 2011 GCIUS team are students Mario-Tomas Coimbra, Marie-Eve Boileau, Edith Poudrier and Marc-Olivier Mercier. The group of students leave for their trip on Friday.

\$24 to 40 million for permanent ATV/snowmobile paths

It would cost approximately \$24 to \$40 million to make a permanent system of ATV and snowmobile paths across the Estrie region.

This estimate, the result of a lengthy investigation, was presented during the regional conference of the elected officials of Estrie, held Wednesday morning.

Beyond the clear financial challenges, some of the officials in attendance spoke of other dif-

ficulties the project would likely face as well.

A major issue concerns the fact that these paths would cross over private land and all 2,641 of the affected proprietors would need to agree to the plans.

The representatives were shown maps outlining where all the paths would be in each sector of the Estrie region, including any problematic areas, during Monday's presentation.

At this point, the proposal is

theoretical as it depends on the agreement of property owners, finances raised and many other factors.

Despite the debate, the officials voted in favour of presenting the report to transport minister Pierre Moreau. The minister is collecting similar reports from the various regions of Quebec, which she will then visit before planning her course of action on the issue.

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EDITORIAL

The United States was still wallowing in its apparent victory in the Cold War and was acting every bit as humble and restrained as one might expect from a spoiled child with a rich daddy.



Mike McDevitt

Nine-eleven, Ten

This Sunday, the world will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the infamous 9/11 terrorist attacks which, in the course of a single morning, turned the world's power arrangements on their head. As was predicted at the time and continuously repeated, things have never been the same since.

On September 11, 2001, 19 Saudi Arabian Islamic extremists hijacked four passenger jets and converted them into manned missiles that brought down the iconic twin towers of the World Trade Center and seriously damaged the Pentagon - the symbol of America's military might. The fourth plane, brought down by its heroic passengers, is thought to have been aimed at the White House or the Congress. Had the plan gone perfectly, the three most telling emblems of American power - its wealth, its military and its system of government - would have all been smouldering, undeniable symbols of the inherent vulnerability of the world's lone superpower.

Predictably, the American citizenry was jolted out of its complacency by the bold attack, which killed almost 3,000 innocent people, and responded with rage, determination and a badly veiled panic that underscored for all observers that American invincibility was merely another myth, a fact that most in that country are constitutionally unequipped to accept.

The 9/11 attack has often been compared to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which killed some 2,350 people and ended American neutrality in World War Two. Nineteen dedicated extremists managed to take out significantly more people than did the Japanese at significantly less cost. Moreover, the Pearl Harbor attack was carried out without a declaration of war

and failed in its chief objective - the destruction of the American Pacific fleet. Although considerable damage was done, whether by luck or design, the Japanese navy failed to destroy the four American carriers that were the prime target, thereby leaving the U.S. with powerful resources in place to resist the Japanese advance. In contrast, the 19 'martyrs' who carried out the 9/11 atrocity accomplished virtually all of their objectives and did so after Osama Bin Laden had declared a state of war against the US.

Predictably, the panic that overwhelmed America and infected almost all the developed world, brought with it hurried knee-jerk responses. Within a very short time, the United States government had begun a systematic dismantling of some of its most sacred principles regarding civil and human rights, proudly announced to the world that it was openly returning to the abhorrent and barbaric torture practices of the Middle Ages and completed the process whereby its vaunted 'liberty' was sacrificed to the paranoia and viciousness of a wounded animal. It is hard to imagine that the terrorists could have asked for more.

In the decade that has past, the United States and its allies have started two wars, destabilized their most important regional ally in Pakistan and watched as the puppet despots it has supported in the Middle East have fallen to the wrath of their own people - often inspired by the very same groups who planned the 9/11 attack. In addition, the security hysteria has contributed to the impending bankruptcy of the American economy and the emerging hegemony of the Chinese giant.

Ten years ago, the United States was still wallowing in its apparent victory in the Cold War and was acting every bit as humble and restrained as one might expect from a spoiled child with a rich daddy. Sadly, this fact itself contributed to the enthusiastic support the attack enjoyed from some of the world's most oppressed. September 11, 2001 was a very bad day for America.

It hasn't done Canadians any favours either. It has allowed the nastiest most xenophobic tendencies to thrive among

us and has certainly contributed to the resurgence of anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim feelings and has been the excuse for the Canadian governments to hand even more unsupervised power to the gloriously incompetent Royal Canadian Security services. Racial profiling, unwarranted searches and detentions and secret trials have become a hallmark of our society. Apparently we don't mind getting screwed by our own

as long as the bad guy can't cop a feel. Were they alive today, the 19 terrorists who carried out this attack would be feted by too large a proportion of the world's population as heroic freedom fighters and statues would be erected in their honour. There is no question, the terrorists won and as we destroy our own most important institutions, they will continue to do so. Happy Anniversary!

Townshippers invited to National dinner party

With school back in session, kids and parents are once again settling into their busy routines but before they get too comfortable, M&M Meat Shops is challenging families to reconnect next Thursday over dinner for the seventh annual National Family Dinner Night.

Since its launch in 2004, national at-home event that highlights who shares your table rather than what is on your plate has received encouragement from community leaders and dignitaries from coast-to-coast

Held on September 15, families are encouraged to "step up to the plate" and take advantage of mealtime to bond, interact and straighten their relationships with each member of the family.

To maximize mealtime, the specialty frozen food retailer recommends families unplug from all distractions, electronic or otherwise, to ensure their family takes priority.

In a recent national study conducted by Canadian Omnibus, 80 per cent of Canadians admit to having at least one type of electronic communication device turned on and in use during family meals.

More than half (51 per cent) revealed that the TV stays on at mealtimes. "Research shows that when a parent unplugs, it makes a positive statement about how they truly care about connecting with their family," stated company founder Mac Voisin. "Having your device turned on during dinner only interferes with the close, personal connections you are hoping to nurture."

Known as Les aliments M&M in Quebec, the company will also use the event to add to the \$21.5 million raised to support the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC).

"Sitting down for a meal together can have a lasting, positive effect on open communication between children and parents," stated Paul LaChance, President of Les aliments M&M. "National Family Dinner Night encourages busy families to reconnect by spending quality time together, talking and sharing around the dinner table while supporting a worthy cause."

While everyone can participate in the campaign, M&M will make a \$1 donation, up to a maximum of \$100,000, to the CCFC for those who register online at www.nationalfamilydinnernight.com.

Canadians are also invited to share their favourite family recipe or family dinner memory for a chance to win \$250 in M&M Gift Cards.



Townshippers are being invited to take a break from their hectic routines and enjoy making new memories with friends and family around the table next Thursday for National Family Dinner Night. - photo: courtesy.

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A letter to the cats from Moe, who went missing



ROSS MURRAY

Dear fellow felines,

You're probably surprised to read this. And to learn that I can type. Actually, the typing wasn't hard, it was figuring out the printer. But then, I've never been good with technology. Or snow. Or the sound of an electric razor. Or swallowing pills.

Anyway, by the time you read this, I'll be far away. Or maybe not that far. Who knows? I'm a cat, not a freakin' cartographer! CATographer maybe, LOL! The point is I'm gone, and that's why I'm writing.

I know we've had our differences over

the years, the five of us. I'm sure, for instance, you got sick of me complaining that I was there first and that I had dibs on the fresh kibble. But it is true; I was there first. Had the family all to myself. Then you lot show up. First you, Fat Grey, then the Moron Triplets. I admit, I was resentful. Who wouldn't be? I'd like to see you trying to compete with all that furry cuteness and the incessant mew-ing, mew-ing, mew-ing!

But I just want to say, guys, it's not mew, it's me. Also the dog. But mostly me.

When I first wandered into the family house, I figured I'd give it a year, two years tops, long enough for me to work off the kitten fat, get up to my cat-fighting weight, live in the lap of luxury for a while - live in it, snuggle in it, do that freaky kneading/suckling thing that I can't help doing... what is it with the kneading? You guys know what I'm talking about, right?

Next thing I know, eight years have gone by. I don't know, I guess I went soft. Soft and cuddly. I still dreamed of run-

ning with the wolves - well, not wolves exactly; that would be suicide! - but scratching out a living on my own, clawing my way to the top, sitting in the cat-bird seat. And yet, as time went on, it became easier to stay than to go. Plus, I really liked the new kibble we switched to, am I right, Fat Grey?

Sure, I tried to keep up my fighting chops, tussling with the tabby next door, took a licking myself from time to time. I brought home my share of kills and kept myself sharp by taking swipes at the stupid dog whenever she walked by. Ha! Stupid dog...

I even took off every now and then, disappeared for days at a time, just to see what was out there. The litter's always cleaner on the other side of the box, right? Once I curled up in the back of the neighbour's car to see where that would take me. (Nowhere; busted.) Even got on a school bus once.

But I always came back. I don't know, I guess when you come down to it, it was the family. They're a good bunch. For example, I could always count on the

woman to take care of my battle wounds and talk in The Voice. And the man! What can I say about the man? Sure, he was emotionally distant and pushed me away if I even attempted that freaky kneading/suckling thing. But that was just the firm hand I needed.

A few weeks ago, though, I was lying on my back on the sofa when I realized, I'm eight years old. I'm no spring kitten anymore. If I'm ever going to get my freedom, I've got to stop pussyfooting around. After all, I've only got nine lives to live.

Plus, the dog was driving me bonkers! So if you're reading this, it means I've hopped a UPS truck to who-knows-where. Hey, maybe you'll see me on YouTube. Or maybe I'll end up in New York City, because, like the song says, if your cat make it there, he'll make it anywhere!

No regrets. Please tell the family not to worry.

Your pal,
Moe

P.S. I'll send mice when I can.

Desjardins grants \$45,000 to the Coopérative de soutien à domicile du Pays des Vergers

Financial help right on time for Brome-Missisquoi citizens who wish to stay home safe, longer

The Farnham, Cowansville, Bedford and Waterloo branches of the Caisses Populaires Desjardins unite to grant \$45,000 to the Coopérative de soutien à domicile du Pays des Vergers over a three-year period, \$15,000 per year. The handing over of the cheque will take place on Wednesday, September 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the co-op located at 276 des Érables, Brigham, J2K 4C9. The media is invited to this event.

"This help is welcome by the co-op, whose mission is to provide every citizen of Brome-Missisquoi with

home care and care giving services at home so that vulnerable people can stay home longer, delaying their departure in retirement homes and avoiding long-term hospitalization," says Christine Marie Gladu, general director of the co-op.

The co-op's services are intended for Brome-Missisquoi businesses, and any citizen no matter what their income may be, as prices are adjusted to the revenue as per government measures. Busy families, the elderly, sick, handicapped or injured people can be-

come members of the co-op and receive services from trained, certified and criminally checked employees.

A visit of the co-op's small offices will be featured, and a glass of wine will be shared in honour of this event.

For information or interview requests, please contact Christine Marie Gladu, general director, at 450-266-5484, extension 204 or cellphone at 450-578-5068.

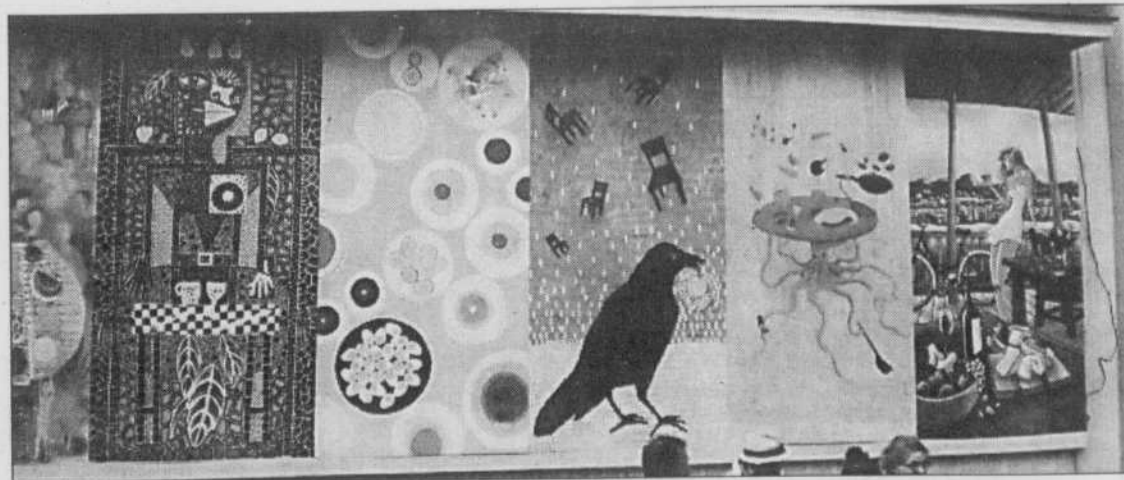
Outdoor painting exhibit in Sutton

By Nancy Helmuth

Called "Table 4 x 8," eight renowned Sutton artists unveiled a new permanent outdoor exhibition on Sunday. Utilizing a large empty wall adjoining Sutton's Bistro Beuxlieux, the group has created eight panels of four-by-eight-foot pieces that will be kept there throughout one year to add color to the center core of the town. The pieces are heavily varnished and their creators assured us that even the harsh winter weather will not harm these delicate cre-

ations. All the artists have exhibited many times and most are regular members of the Tour des Arts in July. They are Serge Normand, Marek Latzman, Stephane Lemardele, Isabelle Grenier, Brigitte Normandin, Louise-Andre Roberge, Marc Bilodeau and Francois Brisson.

"It is a gift to the town where we work," one of the painters said. "Many people do not visit shows or galleries and this allows us to bring some of our best work to the public. The pieces are not for sale; this is simply a thank-you note to the people of Sutton."



Privacy Commissioner to speak to Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Jennifer Stoddart, will present "Protecting Your Information and Yourself in a Digital Age" to the Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley on Monday, September 12, at 2 p.m. at the Auberge West Brome. Commissioner Stoddart and the Privacy Commission have become Canadian and international leaders in protecting personal/corporate/organizational information and investigating breaches in the maintenance of that information. Some recent investigations concern Facebook, Google, Staples Business Depot and the USA retailer Winners and Home Sense Stores.

A graduate of McGill University, the University of Toronto and Université du Québec à Montréal, Commissioner Stod-

dart, has been a practicing lawyer since 1981, and also an academic. Her presentation should prove to be interesting, timely and thought provoking.

As this is the first club meeting for the 2011-2012 season, there is neither an admission fee nor membership dues required.

The Auberge West Brome is located at 128 Prov. Rte. 139, just north of the village of West Brome. To lunch at the Auberge before the meeting please telephone 450-266-7552 or 1-888-902-7663 for reservations. To learn more about this presentation, the next six presentations, and the Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley, please telephone 450-243-6524 or go to www.canadianclub-yamaskavalley.ca.

The Border Report

"It has been a lot of fun working with everyone... I couldn't believe how everyone jumped on board to make this a success, a true community effort."

Stanstead ready for Townshippers' Day

By Matthew Farfan

The 32nd annual Townshippers' Day is shaping up to be one of the best T-Days ever. The day-long celebration of Anglophone culture in the Eastern Townships will take place in Stanstead on Saturday, September 17.

Ever since the town was selected to host T-Day earlier this year, the local organizing committee has been working hard to make the event a memorable one. Typically, the event attracts anywhere between 4,000 and 10,000 visitors, not all of them English-speaking, with the number varying depending on the weather, the attractions being offered, publicity, and other factors.

Townshippers' Association, the organization that sponsors and helps to organize the annual event, calls T-Day "a day of celebration, bringing together people from all over the Eastern Townships for an annual one-day event that salutes the vitality and creativity of the Eastern Townships English-speaking community, its musicians and dancers, artists, and artisans, writers and photographers, entrepreneurs and enterprises. It is a day when acquaintances are renewed and those who have moved away return to re-affirm their roots. Music for all tastes, activities for the whole family, good food, good fun, and a giant information fair are featured, in both English and French."

Townshippers' Day is also considered an excellent chance for a host town to show off what it has to offer to a much broader audience. Last year, T-Day took place in Danville. The last time Stanstead hosted the event was back in 1996. Before that, Rock Island hosted it in 1983. So it has been a while since the event came to the border area.

Stanstead town councillor Jody Stone

is chairman of the local organizing committee. This week, he told the Record that, "It has been a lot of fun working with everyone... I couldn't believe how everyone jumped on board to make this a success, a true community effort. Working with the Townshippers' Association has also been a lot of fun, they have a great team." All of this bodes well for September 17, Stone says.

Stone says that there will be three main areas where T-Day events will take place, and that all three are close together. The first venue is the Manoir Stanstead, the former Ursuline Convent (now a senior's residence). The main area in the Manoir is the beautiful and spacious chapel. Here, Stone says, the opening ceremonies will take place, with a local singer performing "O Canada." Also taking place in the chapel throughout the day will be live entertainment, a silent auction, and possibly a few vendors. The Manoir will offer tours to anyone who would like to view the recently renovated complex.

The second location, Stone says, will be the new Pat Burns Arena. This site, located close to and behind the Manoir, will host a number of vendors. The third location will be outside, between the Arena and the Manoir, linking the two sites. In this area, several large tents will be set up for artisans, food vendors, information kiosks and entertainment.

Of course, these are just the main T-Day sites. Several other local attractions are holding open houses all day. The Colby-Curtis Museum, located a short distance up Dufferin Street, will be open all day. The Haskell Free Library and Opera House, in the Rock Island sector, will be offering tours. Also in Rock Island, the Olde Blacksmith Gallery will be open to the public the day long, as will the Stanstead Stone Circle, situated



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This sign greets visitors to the entrance to Stanstead, site of T-Day 2011.

in a field on Notre-Dame. Access to these attractions is free, although donations are always appreciated.

Another organization that will be open all day is Granite Central, also located downtown. A granite sculpting symposium, featuring displays of granite work, including polishing, etching, and cutting, will be taking place outside at this site all day, and this will be completely free. Access to the granite and model trains exhibits inside, however, will involve a fee. Tours will be offered of the nearby Rock of Ages granite quarry.

A shuttle bus will be available, Stone says, to take visitors from site to site. A novelty this year will be a T-Day passport. This passport, Stone says, will be visitors' "ticket onto and around the event; it will

get you onto the shuttles that will take you around to the seven different locations. Each location that you visit will stamp your passport and when you've visited all the locations [you can] come back to the Stanstead information booth and be entered to win a prize. To get the passport it's with the \$2 entrance donation. We will ask families to give a \$5 donation for 2 adults and all their kids under age." The passport will contain maps of the main site and the other locations around town.

Finally, Stone says, parking for Townshippers' Day - always a major consideration for organizers - will be in the soccer fields on Park Street, adjacent to the main site.

Sunday market continues to be popular

By Matthew Farfan

Stanstead's weekly Sunday market, now in its third year, is definitely a hit with locals and out-of-towners alike. Each week, on the shaded front lawns of Stanstead College (Dufferin Street), several dozen vendors congregate with their stalls and tents from 10 a.m.

to about noon. Last Sunday, market goers enjoyed balmy, July-like weather.

Visitors to the market have the chance to discover all kinds of things for sale. This includes local produce - fresh fruit and vegetables, preserves, fresh-baked bread and pastries, farm eggs and cheese, buffalo, smoked fish, honey products, and more - as well as everything from jewellery, to pottery, to crafts of all kinds. And of course, there is the ever-popular face

painting stall, courtesy of Bobby Dumas.

Over the past couple of years, Stanstead's market has become something of a tradition, and one that organizers are proud of. The event adds a bit of life (not to mention a great opportunity to socialize) to what is usually a pretty quiet day. The market will continue into the fall.



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The Sunday market features all kinds of treats.



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The weekly event is a good place to meet the neighbours.



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Face painting with Bobby Dumas is a popular draw with the kids.

Colby-Curtis off to Ottawa

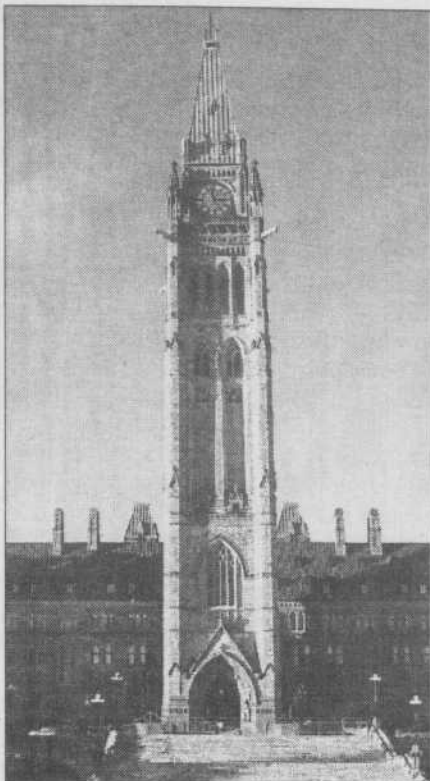
By Matthew Farfan

For its latest cultural field trip, the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead is planning a fall excursion to Ottawa. This time around, the trip will be for three days, as opposed to the one-day trip the group took last time to Quebec City. The Ottawa trip is planned for Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2.

The excursion, which will include transportation by bus, will feature a two-night stay at the Hotel Courtyard Marriott, located in downtown Ottawa near the historic Byward Market. Breakfast will be included.

Organized activities during the trip will include a guided tour of Ottawa, a visit to the Parliament buildings, and a cruise on the historic Rideau Canal, a world heritage site. Passes will also be provided to three of the capital's premier cultural attractions - the Museum of Civilization (located across the river in Gatineau, Quebec); the National Gallery; and - the city's most recently built major museum - the National War Museum.

Tickets (per person) to this field trip, are still available from the Colby-Curtis Museum, and are \$579 (single occupancy); \$399 (double occupancy); \$359 (triple occupancy); and \$339 (quadruple occupancy). To register, the public is invited to contact the museum at (819) 876-7322, or at info@colbycurtis.ca. Tickets, as always, are limited.



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Ottawa's famous Peace Tower, seen here, is a highlight of any trip to Canada's capital city.

Baldwin's Mills sale a success

By Matthew Farfan

The annual Baldwin's Mills Ladies' Group Garage Sale and Tea took place last weekend, with a long line of treasure hunters and tea enthusiasts waiting at the 10 a.m. starting gate. Throughout the day, people sifted through books, knickknacks and other household sundries. When they were done, they enjoyed a tea and muffins in the garden.

By all accounts, the day was a big success. Brenda Hartwell, one of the organizers who put on this lovely, low-key event each year, described the day as "great." She said that in all the ladies had raised \$2,540 (\$625 of that from the bake table) for local and global charities.

In past years, the Red Cross Disaster Relief, Doctors Without Borders, Unicef, the Old Brewery Mission, Moisson Estrie, the CHUS Foundation, the Coaticook Hospital, and others have received donations from the Ladies' Group.

As it has in past years, the event took place at the Baldwin family home, owned by Lester and Jackie Baldwin, in Baldwin's Mills. Members of the Baldwin family helped out with the sale, including Jackie Baldwin, who was in charge of the tea room, which was arranged in the flower garden behind the house.

Preview: 2013 Mazda CX-5 - new crossover promises greater efficiencies



2012 Mazda CX-5

By Graeme Fletcher

Postmedia News

REYKJAVIK, Iceland - Mazda's new Skyactiv technology goes well beyond the powertrain (new engines and transmissions) to include the body and suspension. It is an all-encompassing philosophy that has one simple goal - make the automaker's vehicles environmentally friendly and efficient without killing the joy of the drive. The first vehicle to incorporate all Skyactiv facets will be the CX-5 crossover, set for launch in the first quarter of 2012.

At the sneak peek here, Mazda had four European-spec models on hand for testing. Two featured the company's new 2.0-litre gasoline engine mated to the new six-speed manual and automatic transmissions. The other two vehicles featured Mazda's all-new 2.2L turbocharged diesel, again, teamed with the same transmission choices. In all cases, the powertrain configurations were very well suited to the CX-5, offering an enviable blend of sporting performance and efficiency.

The new gasoline engine is a sweet number that produces 15% more torque while consuming 15% less fuel than the outgoing four-cylinder engine (in the Tribute). In the CX-5's case, it generates 165 horsepower and 155 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm (a derivative of this engine will debut in the Mazda3 later this year). Key to the new engine's efficient performance is the unusually high 14:1 compression ratio (in North America, it will operate at 13:1 so it can run on regular gas). On the test loop, the engine proved to be free revving, quiet and refined. It also performed equally well with the manual and automatic. The surprise of the event came in the form of the 2.2L turbodiesel. It is a wonderful motor that will serve Canada very nicely (bet on it arriving in 2013 in the CX-5 before spreading

to other models). Unlike the gasoline engine, the diesel operates on an unusually low compression ratio - again, 14:1. This strategy allows the use of lighter internal components and a very high 5,200-rpm redline.

The fruits of Mazda's labour show up the instant the diesel is cranked to life - the high-output version twists out 175 hp and 310 lb-ft of torque at just 2,000 rpm. The use of two turbochargers spreads the power over a broadrange. The smaller turbo eliminates lag time while the large one services the top end of the rev range. Between 2,000 and 4,000 rpm, both are blowing their vanes out to deliver a tremendous torque plateau. Get on the accelerator and the diesel's hyper hop off the line is sustained through the mid-range and, in somewhat of a rarity, right through to the top end. As with the gas engine, the diesel is well suited to both transmissions, although I preferred the automatic as it seemed to accentuate the engine's torquey nature.

Both of the CX-5's engines feature i-stop, an idle stop system that shuts down the engine when the vehicle comes to a standstill. Unlike so many, this system is smart and it is very quick to restart the engine the instant the driver begins to ease off the brake (or depress the clutch on the manual). In the case of the diesel, it takes just 0.4 seconds to restart. The secret to the speedy restart is the system uses the first cylinder on the compression stroke to start the engine. Whether it comes to North America is as yet undecided. Hopefully, the final decision will see i-stop as standard equipment.

Contributing to the CX-5's performance is its lighter body, with weight dropped by 14% through the use of lightweight steel (60% of the body is either high- or ultra-high-strength steel). This not only eases the engine's burden, it provides a stiff platform and a solid base of

operations for the suspension - the European model setup is just about spot on. Damping is crisp without feeling firm and the response to the electrically assisted steering was both linear and predictable. The uplevel P225/55R19 tires served to accentuate the sporty feel (the base 17-inch tires did not feel as sharp). The -available all-wheel-drive system reinforces driver confidence and should be a popular option.

There will be changes to the CX-5's suspension and steering calibration before it arrives in Canada - required to accommodate the all-season rubber favoured on this side of the Pond. I hope the overall feel is retained as softening things to any extent would detract from the CX-5's excellent dynamics. As it stands, the CX-5 is more sports car than crossover, which is a refreshing change.

The CX-5 rides on a 2,700-millimetre wheelbase and a wide track. The substantial footprint not only helps the dynamic side, it brings plenty of interior space. While there were no hard numbers provided, there is ample headroom and legroom front and rear along with the needed cargo space. The 40/20/40-split/folding rear seats complement the latter.

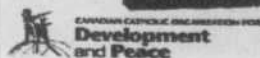
While it is difficult to comment on the CX-5's styling inside or out (because of the camouflage outside and some unfinished materials inside), it does represent a quantum leap forward when compared with the outgoing and boxy Tribute. It's safe to say that if the CX-5's looks live up to the rest of the vehicle, Mazda will have a hot commodity on its hands.

The CX-5 makes its official debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show this month, with details on the North American model to be revealed at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November.

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NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Former Saints

Windsor Wild preparing for training camp

By Jesse Feith

The first training camp in the history of the Windsor Wild will begin Friday, September 9 at 7 p.m. at the J.A. Lemay sports complex with more than 40 players getting the invitation to try out for the team.

The team's vice-president, Jean François Labbé, expects to see about four to six goaltenders come to training camp, 15 to 18 defensemen and 20 to 22 forwards after various contract signings that have occurred over the past couple of weeks, as well as transactions and invitations sent out to certain players who have been dreaming of playing in the NAHL.

The former St. Francois Saints from Sherbrooke are returning to the Windsor J.A. Lemay sports center for the first time in eight years this year. It was announced in August that the team will bear the name Windsor Wild, wearing red, white and green as the NHL team that shares the same name, the Minnesota Wild.

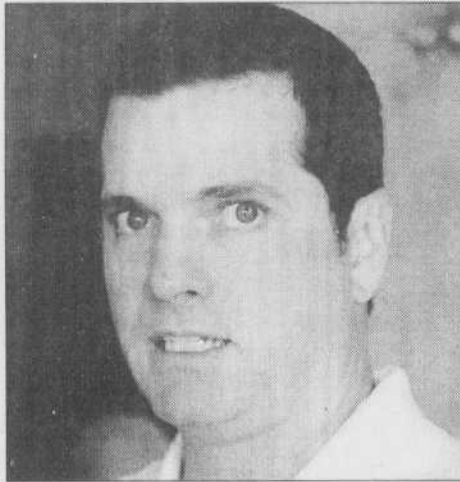
The decision came from the team's jersey sponsor for the next three years, the owner of the Bonheur d'Italie restaurant in Windsor, Sandra Raymond.

Ten Saints veterans from last season will be joining the team this year, notably Yannick Tremblay, Louis Menard, Mathieu Dumas, Bobby Mazerolle, David Chicoine, Alexandre Carignan, Karl St-Pierre, Maxime Daigneault, Denis Desmarais and Jean Francois Boutin.

Players who were recently acquired in transactions include Didier Bochatay, Nicolas Corbeil, David Massé, Guillaume Veilleux, Maxime Mélangier and Martin Nolet.

Samuel Grenache, a local Windsor player of only 21 years of age will also be joining the team for training camp after recently signing his contract with the team.

Grenache is a former Magog Canton-



PHOTOS BY GILLES PÉLOQUIN

Team Vice-President Jean François Labbé has put in hard work recruiting, signing and trading for players that will fit into the Wild's system.

niers and also played for Acadie Bathurst, St-John's, Montreal and Lewiston in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

He developed last year with the Arizona Sundogs, playing 24 games in which he had two points, a goal and an assist, and found himself in the penalty box for 72 minutes.

"He is a fiery, fast and furious young player who loves to play a rough game," said Labbé. Grenache's presence alone is sure to attract more people to the games, as local fans will want to cheer on a local player developing for their team.

Head Coach Eric Dandenault will be at the helm of the team for training camp, which will also have sessions on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then later on from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The team's supporters and future season ticket holders are also invited to attend the team's training camp for an opportunity to see the team in early action, as well as let them scope out which seats they would like to call theirs for the season.

Two U de S players win player of the week honours

By Jesse Feith

Two players from the University of Sherbrooke's football team have been named players of the week for the first week of the university league's season.

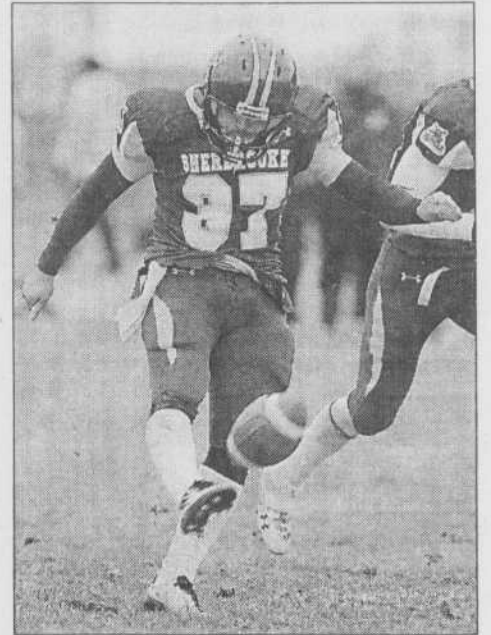
Billy Lemoine won the award on the defensive end while kicker William Dion was rewarded for his efforts on the special teams.

Both players played a significant role in the Vert & Or's 25-23 season opening victory Sunday against the Bishop's Gaiters.

Defensive end Lemoine was impressive as he finished the game with seven tackles, six of which were solo tackles. He also managed an impressive quarterback sack, which cost the Gaiters eleven yards, and was able to cause an important fumble in the game.

For his part, Dion was impressive the whole game through, getting off to a great start by making several impressive long kicks during the game, in a year where he will be looking impress CFL recruiters.

Dion finished the game with 11 punts, averaging 44.8 yards; including one 73 yards and good for a single. He also managed two field goals in as many

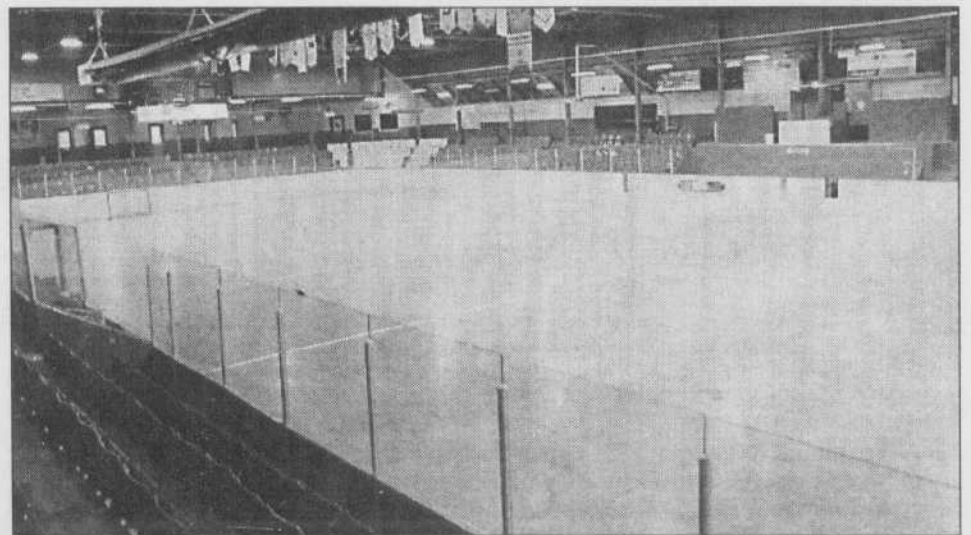


YVES LONGPRÉ

William Dion had an impressive game last weekend, totalling 493 yards on 11 kicks.

attempts, one of 21 yards and the other of 36 yards.

Both players and their teammates will be back on the field on Friday when the Vert & Or (1-0) will travel to McGill University to face the Redmen (0-1).



The J.A. Lemay rink will be ready to go on Friday as the Windsor Wild begin their training camp.

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DR. GOTT



Dorm mold likely to blame

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son lives in a dorm that has obvious signs of mold. He has been sick the entire school year with sinus and throat issues. When he comes home, he is not necessarily better. The "illness" seems to be cyclical. He gets almost healthy and then gets sick again. He is seldom free of these symptoms. He has had a couple rounds of antibiotics with no complete relief. Do you have any suggestions for getting his health back? I have already given him an air purifier and Damp Rid.

DEAR READER: First and foremost, you need to contact his school and inform it of the mold problem. It is the school's responsibility to have this potentially serious issue resolved.

It may be that you son is now feeling the ill effects of living most of the year surrounded by mold. If he is truly suffering from these effects, he should move to another dorm without mold, at least until the school has been able to investigate and clean up his current dorm.

Because he is constantly exposed, it may take some time before he recovers completely, but in the meantime he should speak with his physician regarding his current symptoms, the mold issue, and possibly undergo some testing

to ensure that nothing else is going on, such as sinus polyps, etc. The doctor can then prescribe appropriate treatment or refer him to an ear-nose-and-throat specialist or allergist.

Readers who are interested in learning more can order my Health Report "Allergies" by sending a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 U.S. check or money order to Dr. Peter Gott, P.O. Box 433, Lakeville, CT 06039. Be sure to mention the title, or print an order form from my website's direct link: www.AskDrGottMD.com/order_form.pdf

DEAR DR. GOTT: Some time ago a reader wrote in regarding the failure of a wound to heal.

My hospital, the Sierra Nevada Hospital in Grass Valley, has opened one of several state-of-the-art wound centers in the state of California. Treatment is provided by specially trained physicians or by the center's nurse practitioner. They use computerized medical records, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and biologic skin substitutes. It offers monoplace oxygen chambers that perform full-body therapy that allows pressurized oxygen to be absorbed into the body to enhance the perfusion of oxygen to the tissues.

Treatments are 90 minutes long and are given five days a week. You reader should check this out, and if he or she isn't near this part of California, I'm certain there are other such centers throughout the country.

DEAR READER: There are specialized wound care centers in many hospitals and other facilities throughout the United States. Many offer a wide variety of treatment options depending on the cause, location and severity of the wound. Specially trained staff, including nurses and physicians, will be able to help determine which options are best for any given situation.

I suggest anyone with a non-healing wound seek out one of these clinics by contacting his or her local hospital. Someone there should be able to direct a person to a qualified facility either

In Memoriams

MILLS, Leslie - In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who left us 22 years ago on September 8, 1989.

*No need for words
Except to say,
Still loved, still missed
In every way.*

Your loving wife
**GENEVA
CHILDREN and
GRANDCHILDREN**

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Since you've been gone,
Through ups and downs
Our lives move on.
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We'll always have memories of you
And everyday we still miss you.*

Forever loved and sadly missed,
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DANIEL & KRISTA**

Card of Thanks

KNOX - Thanks to all those who attended my Birthday party. It truly was a surprise and it was great to share it with so many friends.

ROSEMARY

within or outside the hospital itself.

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Death



**Robert
GEORGE
(1936-2011)**

At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, on

Thursday September 1, 2011, at the age of 75, passed away Robert George. He leaves his companion Francine Bessette, his beloved wife Helen Butler, his son Lindsay (Dorothy), his grandson Zachary, his step-children Susie (Denis), Thayne (Sylvie) and Sylvie (Félix), his sisters and brothers Mary Brock, Reg (Mildred), Roger (May) and Patricia (Phil), nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Desourdy Funeral Home, 4 Vale Perkins, Mansonville, QC JOE 1X0, Tel.: (450)292-3204, Fax: (450) 263-9557, info@desourdy.ca on Friday September 9, 2011 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by the service at the funeral home. Rev. Ryk Allen officiating.

Donation in his memory to the B.M.P. Hospital Foundation or CHUM would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

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A whole bag of corn...



It was the Friday before Labour Day weekend and stopping by our favourite grocery store on the way to the cottage, I decided to purchase a whole bag of fresh corn. Not the usual small plastic bags still provided at some grocery chains, but one of the large green bags containing many dozens of ears sold outside the store along with all the other fresh local vegetables.

Why so much corn? Well, the three-day long weekend signifies the end of summer and the onset of fall. It also usually denotes the winding down of corn sea-

son, when supplies dwindle and/or the quality starts to wane. And with a growing family anxious to partake of summer's last treats, an ample supply of corn-on-the-cob is a late season pre-requisite with our family.

Not that the Labour Day weekend feast will be the last opportunity to enjoy local corn, as the new fall season is now upon us and soon members of the Snow Shoe Club will gather together once again with their wives and families at the clubhouse. After the summer interlude, it is time for the club's fall barbeque, a chance to get caught up on all the events of summer and enjoy some good food at the same time. And what would a fall barbeque be without lots of fresh corn-on-the-cob! It will probably be the last opportunity to do so, as I have fond memories from last September's event. The corn was so good

and tasty that the crew assigned to preparing it, couldn't keep up with the demand; so good in fact, that I sought out the source a few days later only to learn that the season for corn had indeed come to an end. No more corn to be bought. How disappointing!

So heed my words! Take advantage of what may possibly be the last opportunity to enjoy locally grown corn-on-the-cob. Join us for the fall barbeque at the clubhouse at 1900 Prospect Street in Sherbrooke. All members, families and friends of the club are graciously invited to drop by on Saturday afternoon, September 10th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Did I mention that there will be other great items to dine on besides corn? And desserts too!

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LENNOXVILLE

Annual Quilt Show and Sale, St. George's Church Hall, 84 Queen, Sherbrooke. Friday, September 9 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission includes entrance to show, special exhibits, viewer's choice, door prizes, refreshments. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, September 13 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, September 27 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, September 9 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church, 84 Queen St., the Parish Guild and Evening ACW invite one and all to visit the Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy muffins, cookies, coffee, tea and juice. See you there!

RICHMOND

Military Whist, St. Anne's Church, 171 rue Principale, Richmond on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. Please note change of date - one week later than usual. Start the fall season off with cards, prizes, lunch and much more.

BURY

Hilltop Gospel Reunion, September 10, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., in memory of Roger Bailey. Local gospel and country musicians. Free parking/admission. B.Y.O. food/drinks and chair. 870 Brookbury Road. 819-884-1388.

SAWYERVILLE

Annual Roast Turkey Supper will take place THURSDAY, September 8, from 4 p.m. on, at the Notre Dame du Ste. Rosaire Catholic Church, Sawyerville. Menu: roast turkey with all the trimmings, vegetables, homemade pies and rolls, and beverages. No change in admission charge. All are most welcome; come and enjoy "supper out". Sponsored by the Sawyerville United Church Women and the Church congregation.

WATERVILLE

The Sports & Leisure Association of Waterville will be hosting their annual Slowpitch Tournament on September 9, 10 & 11 starting at 7 p.m. on Friday at Parc Bellevue, Waterville. For more information and registration details, please contact Ian Warcup or Anne-Marie Francis 819-837-2918. There will be a canteen on site! Come on out and

support the Sports & Leisure Association of Waterville. It's going to be a lot of fun as usual.

AYER'S CLIFF

Sunday Brunch on Sunday, September 18 at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy a delicious meal of bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real maple syrup, homemade baked beans, toast, jam, fruit salad, coffee, tea and juice. All are welcome! Admission charged. All are welcome!

ST. FELIX DE KINGSEY

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Harvest Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Sydenham near St. Felix de Kingsey on Saturday, September 24 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wanda Dillabough.

BURY

United Cultural Center will be hosting their annual Painting Exhibition on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry is free, hope to see you there!

LENNOXVILLE

ANAF Unit 318 men's general meeting will be held on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. All members welcome.

HUNTINGVILLE

Fraternite des Trois Anneaux/Three Links Fraternity, Union Encampment #3, IOOF will hold a Rummage Sale and Barbecue on September 11 at 4150 Route 147, Waterville (Huntingville) from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine. We will serve hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Tables are available for rent for the day (fee charged). To rent a table or for more information: 819-569-0452 or tjbartoni@yahoo.ca. Please help support our community projects.

WATERVILLE

Rummage Sale at Waterville/North Hatley United Church, Principale Street, on Friday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 10 from 8 a.m. to noon, Bag Sale.

STANSTEAD

Fall Leaf Fair on Saturday, September 10 at Christ Church, Stanstead from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sales tables, attic treasures, crafts, home baked table, etc. Thrift Shop open (new fall line). Drawing for "Bag of Groceries". Come join us for a friendly cup of tea or coffee, bring a friend.

LENNOXVILLE

1st Lennoxville Scouts registration will be held September 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church St., Lennoxville. Beavers and Cubs, boys and girls ages 5-12. Starting date: September 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Lennoxville United Church basement. Contact info: Sue 819-562-1479, s.stuart@pppoe.ca, Melissa 819-562-4969, melisdwd@hotmail.com

BURY

Traditional Turkey Supper at the Bury Community Centre on September 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Turkey, stuffing, homemade dessert, tea and coffee. Admission charged. Take Out available. Welcome to all.

LENNOXVILLE

The CFUW Sherbrooke & District Club will resume for the 2011-2012 season at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13 at the Cleghorn Room at Bishop's. Members will receive information and sign up for interest groups. The club is involved with education, advocacy, several social activities and provides scholarships. All women who are interested in learning about the club's activities are invited to attend. For further information, visit

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LENNOXVILLE

It's that time of year again! The 1st Lennoxville Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks and Pathfinders will be holding their first meeting and registration on Monday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the United Church in Lennoxville. All girls and women welcome! For more information, contact Ann-Alicia Rivett at (819) 580-0643 anytime after 6 p.m. or e-mail ggclennoxville1@hotmail.com! Hope to see you there!

MAGOG

Memphremagog Community School Fall Semester will be registering on Wednesday, September 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Princess Elizabeth School. Watch this paper for an ad with details or go to Magogcl.ca for more information.

LENNOXVILLE

The Alumnae of the Sherbrooke Hospital will hold their annual Banquet on September 30, 2011 at the Lennoxville Curling Club. Happy hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Reservations taken by Eileen Clarke 819-565-9009 or Margaret Bryant 819-842-2535. Reservations will not be accepted after Monday, September 26. Speaker: Mrs. K. Kouri, Director of Nursing Program at Champlain College.

EUSTIS

Christ Church Ladies Guild will be starting a series of card parties beginning September 9 at 2 p.m. at the Eustis Hall. We look forward to seeing our old friends and hopefully some newcomers. Please remember that the Capelton Bridge is still closed.

AUSTIN

MS Branch 2000 Country Dinner and entertainment with Jimmy Edwards & the Country Folks on Sunday, September 11, 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Municipal Hall, Millington Road, Austin. Admission charged. Half & Half, raffle and door prizes. Advance notice: September 18, Country Artist Mike Patrick of Cookshire will debut with good old Country Music, lots of laughs and maybe he will throw in some magic. Don't forget the MS Hillbilly Dance-A-Thon October 16. Watch the papers for details.

STANSTEAD

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BULWER

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ULVERTON

The Ulverton Church Ladies invite you to their annual Ham and Bean Supper on Wednesday, September 14 at the Community Centre from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy homemade rolls, pies, beans and salads!

BULWER

There will NOT be a meeting of the Bulwer Q.F.A. in September.

RICHMOND

Advance notice. Chicken Pie Supper at the Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Main St., on September 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come enjoy chicken pie, vegetables and assorted pies. Everyone welcome.

SUTTON JUNCTION

"We're almost there" fundraising Barbecue on Sunday, September 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sutton Junction Community Hall, to raise funds to complete the restoration of the Community Hall. "Derby's" and "Friends" will be serving up a hot dog, corn-on-the-cob, lemonade and a dessert - all for very little. Live country music with Wayne Durrell and Country Co as well as rock with David Shufelt and John Salisbury. There will be face painting, games for the children, storytelling with Grandpa Bob - even a junk table. Fun for the whole family! Handicap transportation provided from the parking area.

LENNOXVILLE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 will meet on Wednesday, September 14. The executive will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting will start at 7 p.m.


NORTH HATLEY

"They Came From Away". The Piggery Theatre presents a tribute to the 9/11 events on Saturday, September 10 at 8 p.m. Join "AUNT JEAN" as she introduces the stories of three of the stranded passengers as they meet at a reunion. Written and performed by Trevor McKiven. Please join us as he pays tribute to the 10th Anniversary of this event. Reservations 819-842-2431.

BURY

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80th Birthday wishes



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by Luis Campos

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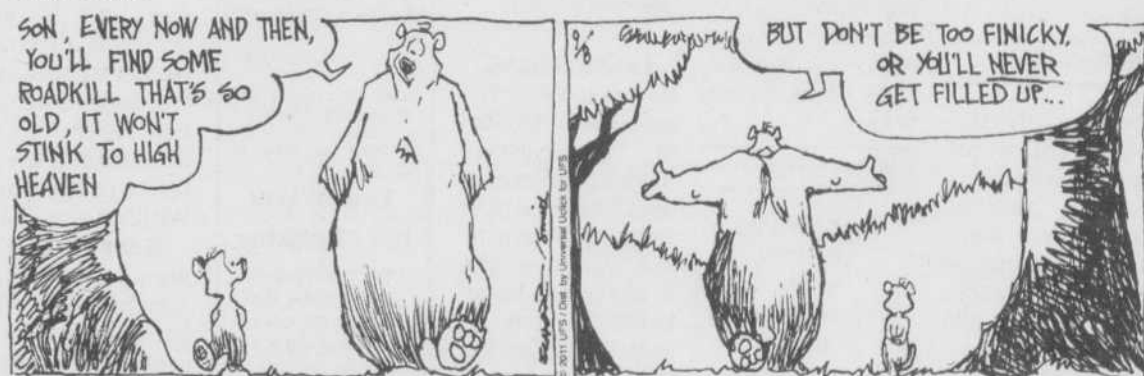
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Isn't there some kind of loophole that says a teenager can refuse visitation?

Dear Annie: When I divorced three years ago, my ex-husband and I worked out a visitation schedule whereby he gets our children three weekends a month. Now that our older child is 13, she is involved with a great many extracurricular activities and has a busy social life. "Sydney" has canceled quite a few weekends with her father in order to do other things. Now he is accusing me of withholding visitation.

Last spring, Sydney signed up for a musical stage production that included twice-a-week practices and two weekend shows in a row. She told her father I was "forcing" her to do the show, even though she knew when she signed up that the production was dependent on her and she couldn't miss too much time. She wanted to do it. My ex believes I am to blame for all the canceled weekends.

In addition, Sydney always has to call her father on those weekends she stays home. She often gets his voicemail, and then he gets angry that he hasn't spoken to her. When I ask why he doesn't call her back, he claims he's too busy. In the past three years, he has never called once. When he needs to make pick-up arrangements, he has his girlfriend do it.

It is frustrating being responsible for initiating contact between my daughter and her father, and I am sick and tired of hearing him complain. Sydney is a teenager, and I rarely get to see her myself. Isn't there some kind of loophole that says a teenager can refuse visitation? Can I tell him to shut up and get a lawyer so my daughter can tell a judge what she wants? — Not Withholding the Child

Dear Not: Well, we don't recommend the "shut up" part. Visitation schedules are often altered as children get older. When ex-spouses can set aside their differences for the child's sake, this can be worked out amicably. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be the case for you. Part of the problem is that Sydney doesn't want her father to think ill of her, so she gives the impres-

Annie's Mailbox

sion that you are to blame. She should learn to take responsibility for her decisions. And her parents should talk this over with a mediator.

Dear Annie: Once a week, a group of us gets together to play games at one of our houses. When the phone rings, the hostess will usually let it go to voicemail.

However, at one home, the hostess not only answers the phone, but she proceeds to have a long conversation with the caller. She often gets several calls during the time we're there. Those playing have to sit and wait for her to finish. As far as we can tell, none of these calls is an emergency or anything that couldn't wait until the rest of us have gone home. Would you comment on this, please? — Interrupted

Dear Interrupted: When you invite guests to your home, it is rude to allow non-emergency phone calls to repeatedly interfere with socializing. One of you should take the woman aside and ask her to please stop doing this. Or, when she picks up the next call, say, "Oh, Doris, since you're going to be talking, we'll just play your hand for you." That should shorten the conversation substantially.

Dear Annie: I hope you have room for one more letter about the efficacy of counseling.

After extricating myself from an abusive marriage, I sought help from a professional. But I found it confusing, frustrating and ineffective. My counselor insisted that I had done absolutely nothing wrong in our marriage and my husband was 100 percent responsible for the disaster. But, how could that be? I am far from perfect. It did not benefit me to think that way.

I know counselors should be supportive and affirming, but this was ridiculous. The counselor ended up having no credibility in my eyes. — Didn't Need It

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

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Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011

You could be luckier expanding your present undertakings than you might be starting something new in the next year. Don't avoid innovation entirely, but focus on developing what you already have going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You need to depend solely on yourself if you want to be an achiever. The types of helpers you expect to get aren't likely to be there for you when you'll need them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Being humble is of course a noble virtue, but don't confuse being condescending with humility. It doesn't become you to act weak, nor will it get you anywhere. Be nice, but be strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be careful not to be lured into situations where you need an army to back you up. The ranks following your banner might not be as large as they usually are, and could be unable to defend you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When important issues are at stake, it will be necessary to state your position as succinctly as possible. If you get too wordy, what you say could be misinterpreted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Anything that requires money up front should be first checked out very carefully. Even if the ante being asked is only nominal, remember, it's just the opener.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You should take extra care to protect your interests when getting involved in a partnership situation. You could end up being the only giver, with your cohort being the only receiver.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Instead of sweeping both large and small mistakes under the rug, keep your gaffes in plain sight. That way, if any start to turn into something larger, you can get on it immediately.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you like to have your own way, you're usually willing to go along with the majority. However, if you think they're wrong, you need to stand firm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't permit relatives to have greater influence over your personal affairs than they should. If you think they're out of line and/or wrong, let them know that you are your own person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Usually you're not a gullible person, yet if the news is juicy and exciting, it makes life fun, and you might not be able to help taking everything you hear as gospel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are few signs more prudent than the crab, yet your extravagant urges could take precedence and compel you to recklessly spend your money on foolish things. Get hold of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your judgment might not be at its best, and could put you in a position of acting as an antagonist instead of being the accepting ally you usually are. Get back in character.

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The leading spot leads the defense

By Phillip Adler

Frank A. Clark, an Iowa newspaperman who wrote The Country Parson cartoon panel, said, "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

At the bridge table, if you — whether as declarer or defender — can interpret the meaning of the lead, it will often guide you down the path to success, as in this deal.

You are East, defending against three no-trump. Partner leads the spade seven and declarer calls for dummy's four. What would be your plan?

South just has to open one no-trump. If he begins with one diamond (or one club) and partner responds one spade, South would have no rebid. Here, though, one diamond works brilliantly. North raises to three diamonds, a game-invitational limit raise. Then South can rebid three hearts, showing values in that suit and strongly suggesting that he is weak in spades. (With both majors held, he would rebid three no-trump.) This allows North to bid three no-trump, which is unbeatable.

The normal lead against no-trump is fourth-highest from the longest and strongest. You should assume that and

North 09-08-11			
♠ K 5 4			
♥ J 8 3			
♦ A 9 8 5 2			
♣ K 7			
West			East
♠ Q 10 8 7			♠ A J 9 2
♥ 9 5 2			♥ 10 7 6 4
♦ 6 3			♦ K 7
♣ J 8 6 3			♣ Q 10 9
South			
♠ 6 3			
♥ A K Q			
♦ Q J 10 4			
♣ A 5 4 2			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 7			

apply the Rule of Eleven. Seven from 11 is four. So there are four spades higher than the seven in the North, East and South hands combined. And you can see all four: dummy's king, and your nine, jack and ace. This means that declarer has no spade higher than the seven. And if South cannot beat partner's seven, you don't need to either. Play an "encouraging" two. When partner realizes that he has won the trick, he will lead another spade. You will take four tricks in the suit and shortly thereafter collect the diamond king for down one.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Leader elected by monks
- 6 Jazz aficionado
- 9 "___ Astor": Sargent portrait
- 13 Rule
- 15 Maker of Good Grips kitchen tools
- 16 ___ of mystery
- 17 Former quarterback Peete
- 18 Portrayer of the Elf maiden Arwen in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 20 Hunk's pride
- 21 The sun, in Cancún
- 23 Award for books on tape
- 24 Torchiere, e.g.
- 26 Exist like a mob informant, say
- 29 Mlle. counterpart
- 33 Nut in a cupule
- 34 Words in a market report
- 36 Equip with firepower
- 37 Somersaulting dive
- 39 Executive position

- 41 Tolkien creature
- 42 "Pink Shoe Laces" singer Stevens
- 46 Green shade
- 47 Tourney ranking
- 49 Enjoy leisurely
- 51 1988 Radio Hall of Fame inductee
- 53 Boss, in Swahili
- 56 Beatles title woman who "made a fool of everyone"
- 57 Bit of work
- 60 Solon
- 62 Santa Catalina's only city
- 64 All: Pref.
- 65 Wrap up
- 66 Place for a picture
- 67 Narc's goal
- 68 Old IBM PCs
- 69 It's chopped, in a way, in 18-, 26-, 49- and 60-Across

- 25 Stuck, after "in"
- 26 Old Nigerian capital
- 27 Words of compassion
- 28 Walt Disney, vis-à-vis Mickey Mouse
- 30 Indira's successor
- 31 Treasure stash
- 32 Brew hue
- 35 Unfortunate soul
- 38 Chewy caramel candy
- 40 Sneaky maneuver
- 43 Buck the majority
- 44 Guts
- 45 Quaint outburst

- 48 "Aw, shucks!"
- 50 "Giant Brain" unveiled in 1946
- 52 It follows April in Paris
- 53 Shapeless form
- 54 U.S.'s largest S&L until its 2008 collapse
- 55 Botanical bristles
- 57 Mtn. statistic
- 58 Where all roads lead?
- 59 Growl
- 61 Annoy
- 63 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

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Down

- 1 Indian tomb site
- 2 Nincompoop
- 3 Briefs not seen in court
- 4 Sommelier's prefix
- 5 Like many a New England street
- 6 Kid finishing a book, maybe
- 7 They're under shoulder joints, anatomically
- 8 "Mazel ___!"
- 9 Bucks shots
- 10 Seasonal song starter
- 11 Eins und zwei
- 12 Easy to maneuver, at sea
- 14 Versatile synthetic
- 19 Cap with a pom-pom called a toorie
- 22 Remote hiding place?
- 24 Frond bearer

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