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Six students injured Mont Orford defends trails

The management of Mont Orford was quick to defend its hill after it was revealed Tuesday that six students injured themselves during a school trip last week.

It was reported in La Tribune Tuesday that six high school students from Le Transit de Magog suffered injuries during a trip last Friday, Feb. 3, three of which required an ambulance to transport the individuals to hospital.

Among the injuries were an injury to the coccyx, two arm injuries and three concussions, despite the fact that all students were required to wear helmets.

In the article, a representative of the school said that the hills were very icy that day and that they were not notified to avoid the mountain.

After the article was published, the mountain's administration released a statement regarding the incidents in question, emphasizing their firm belief that it was not the quality of the runs that was responsible for the injuries.

Noting that 13,000 students from nearly every school in the Eastern Townships take trips to the mountain, the statement said that usually the Mont Orford ski school takes charge of classes and offers teaching programs that are "extremely rigorous and safe," and have a very low rate of accidents.

The Le Transit school decided to manage this themselves however, according to the statement. "Unfortunately, we are forced to observe that it is the nature of the guidance offered by the Le Transit school that was the cause, and not the quality of our trails," reads the press release.

The injured students were part of a group of 53 that participated in a health and well-being class.

According to the management of Mont Orford, a total of 350 students actually visited the hill that same day.

Queen Street approved for sidewalk repair



EVAN LEPAGE

This section of Queen Street will be benefitting from \$75,000 of a \$350,000 sum allocated to the repair of sidewalks. Lennoxville borough president David Price said the thin, crooked sidewalk has damaged ploughs.

By Evan LePage

At least seven roads in the City of Sherbrooke will see their sidewalks altered, rebuilt or repaired in 2012, including Queen Street in Lennoxville.

The city council approved a plan to allocate \$350,000 for existing sidewalks in need of urgent repairs during a council meeting Monday night.

Denis Gélinas, the city's director of urban infrastructure and the environment, presented the council with the list of seven streets, and eight sidewalks, that the department felt were most in need of work.

Among them was the specific case of Noémie-Fortin Street in Brompton, in which one side of the street will actually be losing its sidewalk.

"In the case of Noémie-Fortin Street, there's a sidewalk on each side of the road. The road is relatively thin, seven metres [...] which allows us to remove a sidewalk while respecting our system for deciding whether the street necessitates one sidewalk, two sidewalks or no sidewalks," Gélinas explained.

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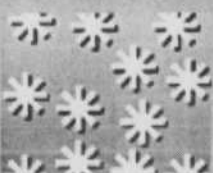
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Keeping in Touch



Telehealth Video Conference: Cardiovascular Wellness

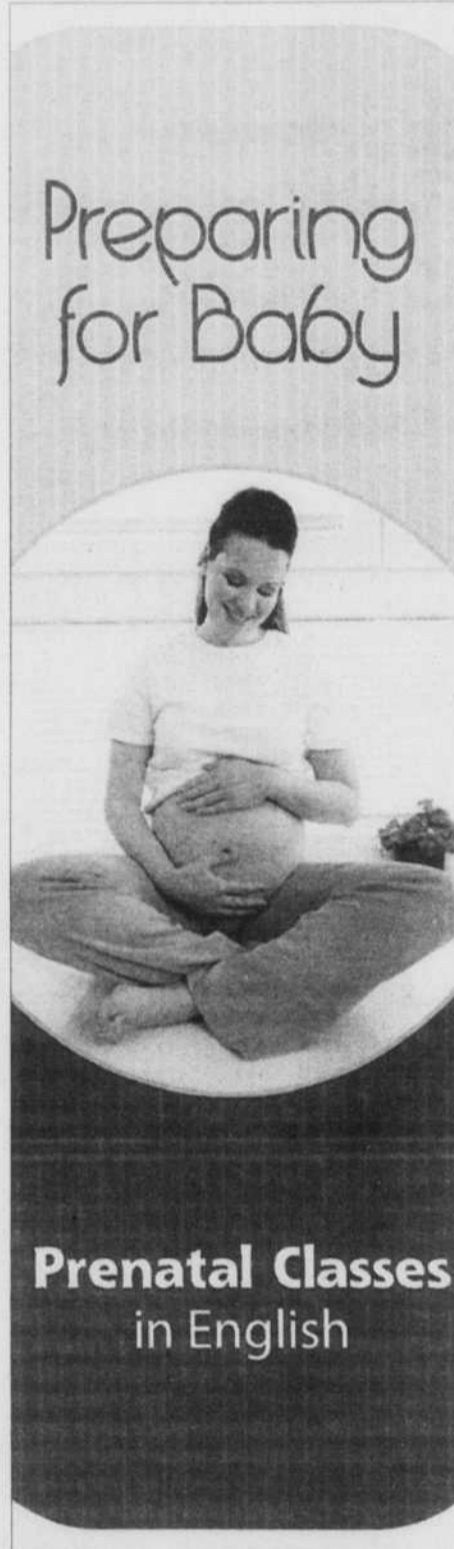
During the month of February - also known as Heart Health Month - a video conference on cardiovascular wellness will take place at two local Community Learning Centres. Sharing new facts about women and cardiovascular disease, the Cardiovascular Wellness video conference will help to inform and encourage all community members to take action in order to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke. Since being informed means one can make smarter decisions and seek out the best possible care, this video conference - scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, between 10 a.m. and noon - is definitely worth checking out.

The expert presenter who will facilitate the conference is Dr. Mayo, a physiotherapist with a master's degree in rehabilitation science and a PhD. in epidemiology and biostatistics. Dr. Mayo is also a professor in the Department of Medicine and Occupational Therapy at the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University and a research scientist at the MUHC. Dr. Mayo will discuss the health risks, issues and options for lifestyle changes that affect cardiovascular wellness. In particular, Dr. Mayo's presentation will cover topics such as:

- The Truth about Women and Heart Health - risk factors
- Preventative Care

Throughout the presentation, participants will be given opportunities to ask questions and learn about available resources relevant to cardiovascular wellness.

The Cardiovascular Wellness video



LENNOXVILLE AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S CENTRE

conference will be held at two different locations: the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre, located at Pope Memorial Elementary School (523 Stokes Street in Bury), and the Memphremagog Community Learning Centre, located at Princess Elizabeth School (120

Bellevue Street West in Magog). For more information about the Cardiovascular Wellness video conference, call Townshippers' Association at 819-566-5717 (toll free: 1-866-566-5717).

Prenatal Classes to be offered in English in Magog

Having a baby can be one of the most exciting and wonderful times of a person's life, but along with that excitement can also come a lot of questions. Prenatal classes offer expecting parents a place to ask questions, gather information and socialize with other pregnant mothers and their families.

The Lennoxville and District Women's Centre has sponsored prenatal classes since 1996 in Lennoxville, but will be offering the classes in Magog for the very first time this year: "we hope that more couples from around Magog will take advantage of the classes, since they won't have to make the trip into Lennoxville" said Terry Moore, Executive Director of the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre.

The prenatal classes will be taught by Ellen Lewis, who has a certification in childbirth education. She is also certified as a Doula (labour support) through DONA (Doulas of North America). Ellen has helped many couples prepare for the safe birth of healthy babies and her knowledge, expertise, and calm supportive manner have helped many couples have a more positive experience with the birth of their child. As Ellen says, "the more you know, the more the birth belongs to you."

The prenatal classes will help ease your worries, answer your questions, address your concerns, and help make your birth experience meaningful, safe and happy. The prenatal session is comprised of a series of seven courses, during which time you will learn about pregnancy, childbirth and caring for a newborn.

The session in Magog will take place between April 1 and May 9. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre, by phone at 819-564-6626 or by email: info@ldwc.ca.

Partners for this pilot project include Townshippers' Association, The Memphremagog Community Learning Centre and the Comité d'action locale (CAL).

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Denault called the 18-month process "colossal work," but said that he is confident the plan will be something the City of Sherbrooke will be proud of.

Sherbrooke sustainable mobility plan A focus on clean, accessible transit



EVAN LEPAGE

Within the sustainable mobility plan are 28 specific actions that the CMDS is recommending be taken over the next decade in order to move forward with making Sherbrooke a leader in sustainable mobility. One recommended action involves increasing the public transit services offered so that wait times for popular STS busses never exceed 20 minutes, or 10 minutes during peak hours.

By Evan LePage

After nearly two years of work, the City of Sherbrooke was presented with its new sustainable mobility plan, which will help guide the over 35 organizations involved in transit within the city in their efforts to make sustainability a priority over the next decade.

The plan, which will apply from 2012 to 2021, is the product of work by the Sustainable Mobility Centre of Sherbrooke (CMDS), a grouping of 30 partners from various sectors touching transit and presided over by Sherbrooke Transport Society president Marc Denault.

"With this first sustainable mobility plan, the City of Sherbrooke is better equipped than ever to act in a concerted, coordinated and efficient manner in matters of urban planning, planning for public transit and notably to increase the usage of alternative modes of transit, including car pool," Denault stated during city council Monday night.

Started in March of 2010, the CMDS first did a diagnostic of the state of transit in Sherbrooke which was then presented to citizens in an information session in January of 2011. The following month a forum of sustainable mobility was held in which about 200 participants from a number of cities shared their experiences with their own efforts for sustainability in transit.

Last spring the CMDS consulted with its partners, elected officials and consultants to form various scenarios for action that could be taken in this vein. These scenarios formed the basis of the sustainability plan which was written, and then was the subject of a large public consultation, before finally being presented this week.

Denault called the 18-month process "colossal work," but said that he is confident the plan will be something the City of Sherbrooke will be proud of.

The final sustainable mobility plan has six stated priorities: improving the health of Sherbrookers, specifically by using healthy or active modes of transit; mitigating the constraints linked to mobility, specifically for those with reduced mobility, improving the quality of life of Sherbrookers in promoting an urban environment that encourages sustainable mobility; promoting the accessibility of jobs, commerce, and different services so that we are not forced to use our cars; reducing the consumption of non-renewable energy; and make of Sherbrooke a model of sustainable mobility management to attract new citizens.

Within these priorities, there are 28 specific actions that the CMDS is recommending be taken

over the next decade in order to move forward with making Sherbrooke a leader in sustainable mobility.

Among these actions are putting in place a plan on universal accessibility of transit, revising the public transit offered to sectors in the periphery of the city, implementing a dynamic tool to manage carpooling, establishing a policy for less-polluting vehicles and increasing the public transit services offered so that wait times for popular STS busses never exceed 20 minutes, or 10 minutes during peak hours.

There are also six additional actions that fall outside of the main priorities and are far more broad. These include setting up an observatory on sustainable mobility, setting up employer workshops, and soliciting financing from higher levels of government.

Over the next few months, the CMDS will be working to collect the funding it requires to move forward with all of the proposed actions.

"The partners intend to make representations to the Quebec government in order to have the financial means required to respond effectively to the challenges raised in the (sustainable mobility plan) and to implement the actions identified," reads a statement from the organization. "In this regard, the partners believe that these actions will require not only the renewal and extension of existing subsidy programs for municipalities and transit societies, but also new sources of financing in addition to grant programs for infrastructure, capital and service improvements in urban transport."

The statement also noted that Quebec Union of Municipalities and the Association of Urban Transport of Quebec have already asked the Quebec government to levy an additional tax on

gasoline that would be dedicated to investments in public transit and sustainable mobility.

The sustainable mobility plan was presented to city council Monday night and will likely be approved by councillors later this month.

More information about the sustainable mobility plan can be found online at www.mobilitedurable.qc.ca.

Notes from council

Conteneurs Rock Forest on the defence

Sebastien Labrecque, president of Conteneurs Rock Forest Inc., used Monday night's city council meeting in order to defend himself and his company after being the subject of accusations in January that they were not recycling enough materials, instead letting them sit and potentially lose their value. "It is completely false. All the eco-centre containers that enter the site of Conteneurs Rock Forest are sorted and treated. We treat between 90 and 100 tons per week, of which the eco-centres are a part," Labrecque said during question period. "There is too much volume entering, and I'm currently remedying this." Labrecque also invited all councillors to come visit the site. He noted that he regularly has schools and environmental classes come visit the site.

Zoning change for former BCS teacher residences

The city council quickly passed a zoning change in an area near Bishop's College School Monday night. According to Lennoxville's borough president David Price, this was in response to the sale of homes by the school that used to house teachers. "BCS has sold off the homes that house professors," Price stated. "Since they were all owned by BCS they were in a public zone, so we have to change it to a private zone because they've all been sold to individuals."

"Sure-brooke" or "Cher-brooke"

During question period at Monday night's council meeting, a resident of Fleurimont approached the microphone to request that the city officialise the pronunciation of the word Sherbrooke in the French manner. "I observed multiple people pronounce the name Sherbrooke 'Sure-brook' and not in the standard French manner," the man told the council, referring to what he believed to be the French pronunciation, closer to "Cher-brooke." Executive committee president Serge Paquin told the man they could look into it. Following Martin's presentation, many councillors stumbled and repeated the word Sherbrooke throughout the rest of council, often drawing laughs from their colleagues. Anglophone councillor David Price, who was the subject of a few jokes following the man's comments, noted after the meeting that the city was named after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, a British soldier and colonial administrator.

City hands out 4th annual Eureka awards

The City of Sherbrooke awarded its fourth annual Eureka Prizes Monday night, given to employees of the city for creative projects that somehow improved or facilitated work. The biggest prize of the night, voted as favourite by city councillors, was given to a project that secured the eco-centre sites in the city, using warning signs, gates and safety bars, to reduce the risk of falls. Five other awards were handed out in categories of innovation and health and work safety.

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DISHPAN HANDS
SHEILA QUINN

How interesting it is to see your childhood go vintage. Laurier street in Richmond in the late 70s through to the early 1990s tended to be the thoroughfare for younguns in the 'hood, although I hadn't really given much thought to WHY? Why did everyone gather on our street? Was it because unlike most of the other streets, both ends reached somewhere of significant traffic (College Street and the highway)? Was it because there was a higher concentration of homes with chil-

dren living in them there? What was different about it? Why? Why were the roads running with bikes in the summer? Winters were different, although there still was a little street hockey, with shouts of "Car!" prompting the temporary moving of nets to pause play and allow traffic through. In the winter, we tended to be in the yards. In the yards digging, in the yards developing elaborate sarcophagi that we encased ourselves in and then burst out of. In the yards where we dug forts down to the grass, crawling through openings, piling solid icy "stone" walls, and mortaring them with snow. Sometimes in crawl spaces, under porches.

And then, there was the sliding. Well, there was no doubt where that took us, it was to our Gran and Bampie Quinn's back yard, and no one could be happier than Gran and Bampie

themselves, smiling moon faces peering down from the kitchen window above the sink (which from the back of the house was high enough to almost be at a second storey). They had a perfect view.

Down we flew, and with time the rarely spoken rules of riding down the slopes were held true. Don't walk in the path where you slide. The footprints will ruin the smooth surface and slow you down.

Don't walk in the path where you slide. The next person down will run you over...and it will be your fault.

Slide in the same place - the path became polished, a perfect white.

GT Sno-racers, crazy carpets, the occasional toboggan, the concentration of the neighbourhood kids tried a few spots, but G & B's was usually where we ended up.

The best years were when Mr. Goorts, our grandparents' neighbour to the back, removed a section of fence in the winter, allowing our trail to extend, and Mrs. Somerville (and later owners Wayne and Lucienne) in the house next to his allowed us to take a turn around the small tree and down the slate stairs that led to their driveway.

That good clip often brought us through the driveway, up the small slope to the left of it, and onto Mrs. Somerville/Wayne and Lucienne's front yard.

Then it was back up to the

top again. Can you remember what that's like? Can you feel what your cheeks feel like when they're completely rosy from playing outside? Can you remember what wet knitted mittens and especially scarves smell like? Taste like? Can you remember how it feels to walk up a hill dragging your sled, leaning forward, sometimes losing your footing?

Regularly we stopped to wave to Gran and Bamps in the window. Then there was that feeling of being ready to go inside. Of walking past that window, and seeing them closer, registering that we were coming inside.

There was hot chocolate in small mugs with Holly Hobbie-style girls in big bonnets on them.

There were always cookies. There was "tuque hair" and a strange arrangement of colours in the jungle of snowsuits hanging up to dry.

There were play-by-plays of who had hit what and who had gone the furthest, the fastest.

Those magical people; that magical time of being little Canadian kids in rural Quebec during winter.

Last week, I let my six-year-old head outside to slide by himself, for the first time, when his brother was a little less cooperative in going. From the door I watched him cross the street. Well, sort of coached him, even

if I knew he could do it himself. What is it with an empty street when your child has to cross, that you suddenly stop breathing as though an onslaught of traffic is about to suddenly emerge out of nowhere?

He played really well, for quite some time.

I couldn't stop watching him. I kept the curtains drawn wide, and try as I might to get other things done, it had to be something I could keep near me, so I could watch...

Then I understood. Then I became the face in the window, watching the hill where the kids play.

We need to send them outside, to explore the world.

They don't always need us to be glued to their sides, in fact, sometimes I think letting them get a little lost in thought and imagination on their own, must be very important.

When we don't join in, we must then be the sentinels of the neighbourhood, and keep watch. We are with them in that. We are still there. We are still a part of their play.

We're in the home stretch as days lengthen, but let's make the most of this playful time, when the weather affords it, and encourage the kids to occupy the neighbourhood.

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Queen Street

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Consequently, the section of sidewalk being removed, which covers a distance of about 105 metres between Curé-LaRocque and Notre-Dame streets, will be replaced with a border at a cost of \$20,000. The remaining sidewalk will be reconstructed at the more substantial cost of \$50,000.

"The rest of the roads (selected) are the sections of sidewalks which, according to the road department, are the most in need of intervention based, among other things, on the danger they pose for pedestrians as well as during snow removal," Gélinas told councillors Monday night. "During snow removal operations there have been accidents and even injuries to the employees."

One of those dangerous sidewalks is a section of sidewalk on the western side of Queen Street in Lennoxville between Clough and Downs streets.

According to Lennoxville's borough president David Price, that section of sidewalk is heavily used, specifically by employees of Global Excel. Price said that the reconstruction of this sidewalk fits well with the borough's plan to revitalize that section of Queen Street, though the primary reason for the repair is to make it safer.

"It has been on the books for a while because the plough has been damaged, as the side-

walk is crooked," Price explained. "One of the things I mentioned immediately when they said that that was on the books is, 'is it going to be wider?' because it's under the norm for sidewalks. It will be wider and it will be straightened out."

The 220-metre section of sidewalk on Queen Street is both the longest section being repaired and the most expensive, costing \$75,000 of the \$350,000 envelope.

Within that envelope, \$30,000 will also be set aside for "diverse emergencies," should they arise.

While the projects approved by city council Monday all fall under the \$350,000 envelope for repairs to existing sidewalks, there is a completely separate \$550,000 budget for the construction of new sidewalks in the city.

The selection of which streets would benefit from these funds was to be debated at a meeting of the city's security committee Tuesday and Price expected that it would be a topic of heavy debate.

Price himself said he would be fighting to have a sidewalk built on St. Francis Street so that local children could safely navigate their way to Atto-Beaver Park.

"It's not a sure thing. I'll be fighting for it for sure, I think it's really important," Price said, explaining that all the streets are ranked on a point system to determine which are eligible for sidewalks. "From what I hear they're putting an emphasis on sidewalks around school zones for this year. That's fine, but you can consider that (St-Francis), a school zone because it is widely used by kids from Bishop's College School, for instance, going to Atto-Beaver Park."

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Please note that currently, there are no units of this product: Tassimo T46 Single Serve Coffee Maker (WebID: 10174712) available for sale, despite its advertisement on page 3 (Wrap) of the February 3 flyer. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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Please note that the incorrect USB connectivity was advertised for this product: Seagate 1.5TB GoFlex Desktop External Hard Drive (Web Code: 10181121) on page 22 of the February 3 flyer. The correct USB connectivity is 2.0 NOT 3.0, as previously advertised. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

Provincial funding boosts Bromont airport's market research

Patrick Lacroix
Record Correspondent

As reported by The Record in December, administrators of Bromont's Roland-Desourdy Airport commissioned a market survey to evaluate the feasibility of sustained passenger flights to and from the area. Explorer Solutions was retained to gauge the interest of the business community and residents.

This week the Government of Quebec announced that this study, which involves both market research and an evaluation of financial viability, will receive \$30,000 in funding in 2012, the largest stipulated grant for such undertakings. The entire project is worth \$52,000. Transports Quebec is offering this financial backing through its Air Transportation Assistance Program (PATA), whose mandate the government renewed last fall.

Bromont would offer an alternative to Montreal's Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Airport to those living in the Townships and on the south shore of Montreal.

Toronto and New York City are cited as potential destinations. Director Robert Blais has been an advocate for long-distance passenger flights, and while some airlines might be willing to offer services from Bromont, this would likely come with the additional cost of improving and expanding existing infrastructure. The submission of the report, later this year, will enable the airport's administrative board to ratify and implement a plan for expansion. The airport is jointly managed by the municipalities of Cowansville, Granby, and Bromont.

Making the announcement on behalf of Minister Norman MacMillan, MNA Pierre Paradis expressed his satisfaction with this investment, which is expected to yield significant economic benefits for the Eastern Townships. "This project is linked to the fulfilment of Transports Quebec's new mandate, as expressed in its Strategic Plan for 2008-2012, which is designed to protect the sustained mobility of goods and people by way of effective and safe means of transportation," added Paradis.

Compton citizens rally for community centre

Residents of Compton are being invited to participate in the last public information meeting concerning the proposed construction of a multimillion multifunctional community centre.

The project would replace the current city hall and house the municipal offices, library and post office as well as provide a meeting place for community groups, clubs, sports, and cultural and

social organizations.

The upcoming meeting is being held in order to clarify the \$3.2 million project, which could receive half of its funding from the Quebec Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy (MAMROT), before the referendum on Feb 26.

The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on Feb 16 at the Compton Community Centre, 29 chemin de Hatley.

The City of Magog invests \$5.65 million in roads

In a press release, Claudia Fortin, Communications Advisor for the City of Magog confirmed an investment of \$5,650,000 for road improvements in 2012. The infrastructure work will be made in the following areas: Saint-Michel street, de la Rivière road, Chemin Roy, Fitchbay road, Merry St. North, Merry St. South, Saint-Patrice East, Sherbrooke Street, des Pins Street and Nicolas-Viel Street.

The funding for these repairs is a result of a regulation which authorized spending on roads in the amount of \$5,650,000, as well as obtaining a loan of \$5,000,000 for the project. The borrowing bylaw was adopted by City Council on December 19. Additionally, Armand Comeau, of the City of Magog said that spending is not "... exclusively to finance road work," but is allotted for waterworks and sewer work as well.

Magog improves snow removal policy following complaints

Christine Lank
Record Correspondent

After listening to complaints voiced by some Magog residents, the City of Magog announced on Tuesday, Feb. 7, that it would make improvements to its snow removal policy to address their concerns.

The improvements specifically target the blowing of snow onto private properties by the city's snow removal crews. Although this practice isn't new, the city has increased the areas where it's implemented this year as part of a major revision to their snow removal policy, which has resulted in savings of \$3.25 million over 5 years.

Angered residents complained that the blowing of snow onto their private properties resulted in damage to the property and the vegetation.

The new improvements aim to limit the impact on private properties. City crews must now

adhere to a set of guidelines in which they won't blow snow less than two metres from a house or patio and less than one metre to an entrance, private street, hydrant, tree or hedge. Furthermore, they won't blow snow onto low walls.

The Director of Public Works, Michel Turcotte, pointed out that "for over 20 years, the City of Magog has been blowing or pushing snow onto 60 per cent of urban areas. This percentage has increased only by 22 per cent since the implementation of the new snow removal policy."

Blowing or pushing snow onto urban areas such as properties and roadsides reduces the trips required to haul snow to a disposal site. By implementing this strategy, the city was able to eliminate the need for a second snow dump site, which would have cost about \$2.4 million.

The City of Magog said that it will remain attentive to comments and may carry out additional adjustments if necessary. Residents are encouraged to report snow removal problems at 819-843-7106.

Free tax preparation for lower income Canadians

Tax preparation giant H&R Block Canada has decided to expand its free Block Builders tax program to help those on social assistance file their return and get their benefits on time.

Until Feb 24, taxpayers on social assistance or Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) or both get their tax returns prepared at no charge at participating H&R Block offices.

Last year the company donated more than \$1.5 million in free tax preparation certificates through organizations like the United Way and food banks because Canadians have to file a tax return in order to receive certain benefits and credits, stated Bob Lougen, president,

H&R Block Canada.

Benefits like the Child Tax Benefit, GST/HST benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) are calculated based on the last tax return filed. Not filing by the April 30 deadline means the benefits will stop until a current year return is filed with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Although those on social assistance have until Feb 24 to have their taxes prepared, Canadians earning less than \$20,000 can use the H&R Block at Home online tax program for free all tax season long.

For further information call -800-HRBLOCK or visit www.hrblock.ca

LEADERSHIP RACES

Rules are now in place to make the process more transparent

The leadership races of Québec's political parties will henceforth be governed by rules designed to make them more transparent. Parties authorized in accordance with the Election Act, as well as municipal parties, are targeted by these measures.

As such, candidates will be subject to a legal framework as regards the financing and the control of their campaign expenses. For example, the maximum contribution of \$1,000 will apply to leadership races, and only electors may make contributions.

Throughout the campaign, information concerning contributions and contributors will be available on the Chief Electoral Officer's

website or in a written document in the case of a leadership campaign for a municipal party.

The Act outlines offences and provides for substantial fines in cases where the rules are not respected.

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EDITORIAL

Our unhinged local senator, Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, brought his personal anguish and irrationality to bear before the committee studying the infamous 'omnibus' crime bill of which he is a member



Mike McDevitt

Right on red

It hasn't taken long for the Royal Canadian Harper Government to get past its extended holiday once again to remind us that they are not our fathers' Conservatives.

Our first hint came when our neutral government decided that those opposed to the construction of a highly worrisome pipeline were, in fact, enemies of the state funded by American eco-terrorists. Abandoning any pretense that his government believes in staying neutral, the Royal Canadian Prime Minister has shown quite clearly which side of one percent / 99 per cent debate he supports. Insisting that this ridiculously reckless pipeline, like everything from gazebos to Peter MacKay's helicopters, is vital to national security, Mr. Harper cheerily dismisses all those who value their homes, livelihood, tradition and national sovereignty as 'enemies,' and has shown his heroic bent in rushing to the defence of the poor abused multinational planet-rapers he calls his friends.

This of course ties in nicely with the assault on working people that is Mr. Harper's strategy to make Canada more competitive. If he can only succeed in getting unskilled labour to work for two dollars a day, our native ingenuity will allow us to compete fiercely with the upstart Chinese, to whom Mr. Harper is about to trade our natural resources for some panda bears.

It began, of course, with his contemptuous and contemptible interference in the legitimate strike of Air Canada employees and continued with his abuse of the postal workers. He didn't have to do a thing but sit back and smile approvingly as the Caterpillar locomotive plant in London, Ont. mocked its employees with an insulting 'final

offer' which the latter had no choice but to refuse. This, as with Canada Post, resulted in a lock-out as employers now know the government no longer intends to pretend it cares about workers. Having pocketed millions in subsidies and tax credits, Caterpillar has transferred its jobs to the already downtrodden workers of the American Midwest. Labour is now an undisputed commodity and employers no longer feel the need to pay Canadians a living wage when third-world workers will work for starvation pay - much like consumers will not pay more for Canadian-made goods. None of us is innocent here.

Meanwhile, on the domestic front, the Conservative Party has loosened the leashes long enough to allow a couple of its mad dogs to open the door to two subjects the RCHG has sworn not to approach - abortion and the death penalty. Previous Canadian governments have balked at re-opening the abortion question since Brian Mulroney's failed attempt to introduce an abortion bill back in the eighties. The firestorm that was subsequently released taught Mr. Mulroney, at least, that there was no profit in taking sides on such a contentious issue. Having to distract the attention of Western Conservatives from the fact that Canada still has a long gun registry (the Conservatives make a lot of money with that one), the government seems determined to get its hounds drooling over the possibility of restricting access to abortion under a back-door strategy hinging on the 'personhood' of the foetus.

In the meantime, our unhinged local senator, Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, brought his personal anguish and irrationality to bear before the committee studying the infamous 'omnibus' crime bill of which he is a member, suggesting to reporters that our worst criminals be given a rope in their cells in order to encourage them to "do the right thing." Perhaps no clearer example of the need for impartial justice can be made.

Mr. Harper, of course, has been impossibly aloof during this commotion,

riding the international statesman circuit where he has scolded the Europeans and threatened the Americans with the withholding of our favours. In addition, he has overcome the world's indifference to us by abandoning our ecological commitments and declaring that Canada is Israel's greatest ally, in spite of that country's foolhardy and defiant attitude towards its occupied peoples and territories.

None of these things should come as a surprise to anyone who understands that Mr. Harper is an ideologically driven politician who would much prefer 'do the right thing' (as defined by his religion and his out-dated economics) than to do the thing that might turn out right. As a result, we will be paying considerably more for considerably less security; we will undermine the working class to the point that it has no choice but to buckle under to its betters, and we will hand the country's natural resources to the highest foreign bidder. In the meantime, the govern-

ment's ability to spy on us, incarcerate us and hold us without trial will continue to expand.

In one sense alone is Mr. Harper a visionary. He has understood that national governments can no longer oppose the power of international finance capitalism and therefore sees his job as preparing us to accept our subservience. In bending knees before the Chinese juggernaut, he has decided no longer to pursue the ruse that human rights matter to him, although that pose has been exposed long ago through this government's treatment of its own citizens in the clutches of foreign powers.

Mr. Harper promised us a new Canada when he finally achieved his majority and he appears prepared to follow through on that one. All that stands between us and Harper's vision of Canada is his own government's incompetence. Fortunately, that should be enough.

2012 Suicide Prevention Week: In Canada, one in three seniors who commit suicide is from Quebec

As part of Suicide Prevention Week, which runs from February 5 to 11, 2012, the Association quebecoise des retraité(e)s des secteurs public et parapublic (AQRP) expresses its concerns over the disproportionately high number of suicide deaths among Quebecers aged 50 or over compared to the rest of Canadians. In 2008, there were 461 suicide deaths among those aged 50 or over in Quebec out of a total of 1,468 in Canada, corresponding to 31.4 per cent.

"These figures are cause for concern as nearly one in three suicide deaths among people aged 50 or over happens in Quebec, while less than one in four Canadians aged 50 or over lives in Quebec. There is a significant disproportion between Quebec and the rest of Canada with regard to the number of suicide deaths among this age group," stated AQRP Director General, Luc Vallerand.

According to the latest data published by the Institut national de la sante publique du Quebec (INSPQ),

Quebec still has the highest adjusted suicide mortality rate in Canada. The majority of suicidal persons suffer from depression.

"Just like the campaigns that target youth, we believe the Quebec and Canada governments should launch a major suicide awareness campaign for people aged 50 or over in order to break down taboos and encourage people to get the help they need," concluded Mr. Vallerand.

People with suicidal thoughts or those bereaved by the suicide of a loved one can get help by calling 1 866 APPELLE.

The AQRP is the main independent association of retired public servants in Quebec. The association distinguishes itself through its continuous citizen involvement in matters that affect seniors in Quebec. In 2007, the AQRP chose to get actively involved in the social cause of suicide prevention.

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Personification: A farewell to Steve



GORDON LAMBIE

I am a person who gets attached to inanimate objects. I'm not a big shopper; I am, in fact, quite happy to not go shopping very often, but I tend to develop strong, sometimes irrational attachments to certain objects. I think about what I imagine to be their feelings and develop a relationship with a completely invented persona for them over time.

In literature this treatment of inanimate objects is called "personification," and it highlights a really interesting trend people have to see objects or events as if they are conscious entities. In life, many people refer to this sort of behaviour as "crazy."

As with most things, I think I'm going

to go with the literary definition on this one. Anyone who has ever criticized the decisions the weather has made, or talked to a malfunctioning machine was in some way engaging in personification.

I'm thinking about personification right now because of Steve. Steve is the bumped and bruised 2001 Suzuki Esteem that has carried my wife and me to the various places we've needed to go over the last two years. Steve is a functional car (for the moment at least), but he's seen a lot of action and is getting a little quirky in his old age. Based on the very unscientific formula I found for calculating the age of your car in "people years," Steve is a little over 95 years old. It's getting to the point where I feel rather like I'm driving a ticking time bomb, never knowing quite when Steve is just going to fall apart beneath me.

There's a big pop culture focus put on a person's first car and all of the ideas that go along with that vehicle. Steve is not my first car, but similar to the story of my first kiss, the first is not always the one that makes the biggest impact on you in the long run (no offense, Jessica). Where my first car (Portia the Pontiac

fell apart beneath me on the road after less than a year of driving together. Steve and I have had adventures together. Steve was my partner in learning to drive a manual transmission car. He saw me safely across approximately 70,000 km. Steve and I faced oncoming headlights on the highway together and survived.

Ultimately Steve, like every other car, new or old, is a tool. He is an expensive, ridiculously dangerous tool, and I will remember him fondly. I will not miss the way he never gets warm in cold weather, or the way I often have to punch his back bumper back into place. I will not miss wondering about the sounds he makes every time I wake him up, or the rusty scars from where some hit-and-run jerk and some hit-and-die turkey decided to run into him over the last two years. Despite the existence of these things, though, I will miss Steve, because he is a significant symbol of everything that having a car has allowed me to do over the last two years, from finishing my education degree, to driving to my first "real world" job, to visiting relatives, to driving to Magog for our minimoon. I will work hard, as I re-

member these things and imagine him sitting in the yard of a car dealership, to remind myself that, as he is a tool, Steve does not have hurt feelings; Steve is not a person despite the fact that my experiences and imagination insist upon contriving to make him one.

Our new car will be a stranger to me, a very clean, very put-together stranger. Despite the weird-craziness of personification, we'll name this one too, and then slowly start the process of getting to know each other. It will take time, but I'm sure one day I will be feeling just as nostalgic about this stranger as I do right now about Steve. That's just the way things go. I will never worry or care about my car the way I might about a relative, or even a pet, but I will personify it, just because I am a person who wants to be able to empathize with the whole world. Though they are constructed — sometime poorly — machines and other inanimate objects are a part of that world, and practicing empathy on them means that when it comes time to interact with other people, we know how to see them as human, and not as machines, which is a skill that matters, I think, more than anything.

Two post offices rejecting love letters



The post office in St-Valentin, Que.

as valentines and wedding invitations come in from special postmark seekers around the world.

According to Canada Post a different image is produced each year for the special postmark to be stamped on letters from across the country and from countries such as China, Japan, Hungary, United States, Switzerland and France.

The post office in the village of Love has been serving its community since 1935 but it didn't get its own special cancel mark until 1984. The office under local postmistress Connie Black-Sturby, serves about 100 residents.

The postal outlet in St-Valentin got its first special cancel in Feb 1994. Normally serving a clientele of about 500 residents, the little post office sees thousands of mail items coming through for local, provincial, national and international destinations.

Those looking to get the special St-Valentin cancel on time for Valentine's Day, should send a addressed card with postage placed inside a larger envelope, with proper postage, and mail it to: Liliane Baribeau, Postmaster, Canada Post, Saint-Valentin 790 4e Ligne St - Saint-Valentin Qc J0J 2E0

Love letters will soon be zipping through the mail but workers at two Canada Post outlets are already busily rejecting thousands of envelopes sent by those looking for the mark of

love. Because of their romantically named towns, this time of year the post offices in Love, Sask. and St-Valentin, Que. are dealing with double the volume of mail


Eat with a celeb at North Hatley curlers Breakfastspiel

Today is the last day to enjoy breakfast with a local celebrity as part of the North Hatley Curling Club's 2012 Senior Open Breakfastspiel.

The event kicked off Monday with recently retired CBC Quebec A.M. host Tim Belford and continued Tuesday with documentary producer and writer Anne Fortier.

Concluding today with the semi-finals and finals, The Record's own columnist Ross Murray is the breakfastspiel final celebrity guest.

Breakfast takes place between 8 and 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$5. The North Hatley Curling Club is located at 3245 Capelton Road, North Hatley. For more information 819) 842-2655




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THE PET CONNECTION



Jen Young

Dogs are social animals. They would more often than not prefer to get along than not, but we, as their masters or handlers have much influence on how those encounters will fair. When a pup is young, it learns its

boundaries.

When the puppies begin to play, one will yelp and that shows the aggressor that he played too hard. If pups are separated from each other and their mother too young, those boundaries are not learned. A dog that will be good with other dogs should be socialized with other dogs from a young age. When adopting a young pup, try to invite friends with canines over, go to the dog park or bring your puppy to a cageless doggie day care, where you know a human is always with them, once a week. Let the dogs play. Don't be too protective and hover over your pet. They do tell each other what they like and what they don't. If you are walking in to a situation with other dogs, be ready. Watch the body language because

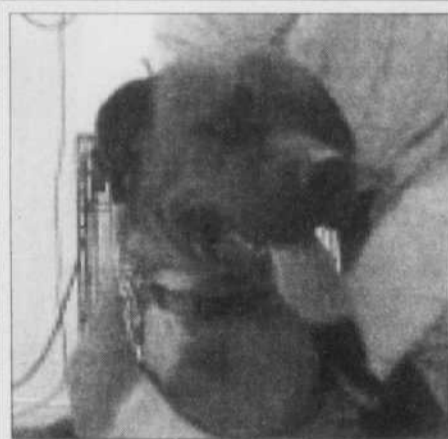
while you want your pet to be well rounded, some dogs aren't, and if your young pup runs up to a dog that isn't socialized and it attacks, you may have just scarred your pup. Never a tight leash. Unless you are in the midst of training your dog or you do not want your dog to socialize, keep the leash loose and watch the body language of both dogs. A dog that growls and backs up is not a healthy, 'I want to play' sign. Remove your animal without pulling on his leash too quickly and never say, "no." More often than not, when we pull on a leash and say no when our dog is approaching another, we ourselves are teaching our dogs they are not allowed to be around or be nice to dogs while they are on their leash. It's normal for dogs to want to walk up and

sniff each other. It's their, "Hi, how are you?" Be proactive and know the dog you are introducing yours to, or give a quick shout ahead to its master and ask them if it is okay that your dogs meet. Keep a hold of your leash and be alert. A great sign is when one or both of the dogs jump down on their front paws for play.

Dogs can get to playing pretty rough, and like kids in a playground, it can result in bumps and bruises, but when they get to playing too rough, it's a good idea to let out a, "okay, okay, easy now." When dogs are excited, a small disagreement can break out. Unless two dogs have met numerous times and there is no question of any squabbles, masters should always be watching.



Avery is 6 months old. She was found over a month ago on Short Street in Sherbrooke. Our extensive search, in collaboration with the SPA, for her home has been futile so it is now time to find Avery that home she deserves. She was fixed this week and has had all her shots. She is a shepherd mix. She is very good with other dogs and couldn't really care less about cats. She's still slim from being a stray but she will put her weight on when she is in her loving new home and content.



Tank is under a year old. He is a bull mastiff. He plays well with other dogs and is fine around cats. He is very affectionate and listens well.



Miles is an 18-month-old miniature schnauzer. He barks when he plays and when he sees strangers but he is house trained and would make a good pet for a family without young children.



Marley is a 2-year-old St. Bernard and Lab mix. He is excellent with other dogs, cats, and kids and loves people. He listens very well and can be left during the day without causing too much disturbance in the house.



Kimmy is a 2-year-old Lab and shepherd mix. She is obedient and good with other dogs. She is used to children and cats.



Sam is about a year-and-a-half. He is good with other dogs but will chase a cat that is running. He is some kind of hound mix but does not bark too much. He will however follow tracks so he is a dog that should be kept on leash and exercised with regular walks.



Rosie is an 8-month-old boxer and black Lab mix. She is very quiet and enjoys spending time on the couch. She doesn't demand very much attention and doesn't really enjoy the cold weather. She only wants to go out to do her business. She is good with other dogs and cats.



Lola is a 5-month-old Rottweiler puppy. She is scared of other dogs but is fine with them after being properly introduced. She has separation anxiety and does not like being left alone for too long, but she has been doing well with her crate training. She will need a master with patience and a confident hand.

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Asbestos

Megadump promoters drop lawsuit against Asbestos MRC

By Stephen McDougall
Record Correspondent

No demands or deals were made after the promoter of a proposed megadump suddenly dropped a four-year-old lawsuit against the local DesSources MRC council last week, according to MRC prefect and Asbestos mayor Hugues Grimard.

"All we got was a two-sentence statement from the promoter's lawyer that stated the suit was being dropped," Grimard told The Record at the end of the town's monthly council meeting.

"They did not ask for conditions or changes in any law. All they said was that they would pay for their own legal costs and we would pay for ours."

The lawsuit, filed in November, 2008 by Maybach Corp. of Montreal, demanded that an MRC bylaw limiting garbage dumping in the area to 50,000 tons annually be cancelled.

Maybach argued the waste tonnage dumping limit was preventing them from conducting legitimate business. No amount for damages was listed in the suit.

The lawsuit was part of a dispute over a proposed megadump that would have seen up to 850,000 tons of waste trucked into the Jeffrey mine tailings area each year.

The project, called Estrie Envirople, would have created between 200 and 400 jobs for the town, according to the promoters.

But it would have required about 100 truckloads of waste per day coming into the town.

Many residents argued the trucks

and the odour would have threatened the local quality of life and resulted in lowered property values.

The opposition led the MRC to impose the dumping limit.

Grimard said he believes his strategy of asking for dialogue and a public hearing on the project led to the lawsuit being dropped.

"There is a need for openness and communication in this matter," he said.

"The promoters should be heard by the public and the whole process needs to be transparent."

Last fall, Grimard made a public appeal at council for Maybach to present an official plan for the project to the town and the MRC.

"We cannot approve or dismiss this project unless we see the official plans," he said at a council meeting last October.

"The residents of Asbestos deserve to know what this project is all about, and we cannot tell them unless the company gives us something to work with."

Grimard said the MRC has not cancelled its limited tonnage bylaw, nor ceded any right to control the zoning and use of any land in the MRC for dumping purposes.

"Nothing has changed as far as the MRC bylaws are concerned," he said.

"We are just relieved that the lawsuit is over and we don't have to go through an expensive court case."

The suit named seven members of the MRC council, including former MRC prefect and Danville mayor Jacques Hemond.

The council is made up of the mayors from the MRC's seven municipalities

and a handful of area town councillors. Grimard was not named in the lawsuit because the mayor at the time of the lawsuit was former mayor Jean-Philippe Bachand.

The lawsuit did not target Bachand or members of his town council because at the time, they supported the project because of the extra revenue it would have brought in to town coffers.

During the 2009 town election, Grimard took a neutral stance on the project and promised a municipal referendum if he was elected mayor. Once in, Grimard faced opposition to a referendum from his six council members, who still supported the project.

Last fall, Grimard changed his mind and rejected the idea of a referendum, saying it was too expensive for the town.

Last Monday night, he denied his decision not to hold the referendum had helped get the lawsuit dropped.

"We still believe a public meeting on the project is more effective and transparent," he said.

"We still plan on such a meeting if Maybach ever delivers an official plan. It has been a year since we asked that such a plan be presented to us and still there has been no word from the company."

Paul Biron, the Drummondville lawyer representing Maybach, could not be reached for comment.

Claude Messier, a vocal opponent of the project, said he is also relieved the lawsuit is no longer over the heads of the MRC council members.

"It was a pressure tactic by Maybach designed to intimidate the council," he said.

But he is still skeptical about Maybach's motives.

"I can only hope there is no back room deal going on here. We expect the MRC council to maintain its tonnage dumping limit. If it drops that bylaw, then there will be a lot of suspicion."

Three Lakes dredging project gets new cash from feds

By Stephen McDougall
Record Correspondent

The Three Lakes dredging project got \$350,000 in new cash last week from the federal government to help in its fight against aquatic plant growth.

The money came through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as part of a Green municipal fund it is using to improve air, water and soil quality in cities and towns. The fund is being backed by a \$550 million endowment grant from the federal government.

"The Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund," said federal Industry and Agriculture Minister Christian Paradis.

"This announcement is another example of how our government, along with the federation, is helping communities build a greener future for our cit-

izens."

The new cash will help the municipalities of Asbestos, Wotton, Tingwick and St. Remi to dredge the Three Lakes area of underwater vegetation and sediment that local residents claim is threatening water quality and recreational activities.

The towns and their residents at the lakes claim without an improvement in the water quality, local tourism will be threatened and the value of their lakeside properties will diminish.

The project requires the dredging of 28,000 cubic meters of underwater sediment in 12 spots in the lakes where underwater vegetation is growing fast.

The project has a budget of \$1.9 million, but \$535,000 of that budget, including the money from the federation, had not been confirmed when the dredging work began last June.

The budget also includes \$570,000 raised by taxes on lakeside residents since 2006.

The project is expected to last three years.



Message from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports

Falling in the middle of the school year, Hooked on School Days provide parents and other players in regional development—community groups, and education, health and social services networks—the opportunity to breath new energy into their efforts to help our young people achieve success in school.

As part of the celebration of these days, which will take place from February 13 to 17 this year, activities have been organized all over Québec to recognize the efforts of our young people as well as to inspire them to excel and to persevere. These activities will also raise public awareness of the importance of getting organized, focusing on the actions to be taken and adapting them to the particular style, reality and needs of each community.

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"A scout told me that I was too small to play defence. I think I could play in the NHL now that it has changed and they want quicker skilled players."

Former Cantonnier chose soccer over hockey

Bernier provides leadership to Impact

By Mike Hickey

The Montreal Impact is counting on Brossard native Patrice Bernier to provide leadership as the club prepares for its inaugural season in Major League Soccer.

However when Bernier was growing up his time and attention was devoted to two sports, hockey and soccer, and it was only after stints with the Magog Cantonniers and Sherbrooke Falcons he decided to focus on soccer.

"I always played on AAA teams and I learned the importance of being competitive."

Patrice left his Brossard home at the age of 15 to play hockey for the Magog Cantonniers in the Quebec Midget AAA Hockey League. He was drafted by Val d'Or and Sherbrooke before deciding to concentrate on a professional soccer career.

"I was a 5-foot-10 defenceman at a time of Eric Lindros when teams were looking for bigger players," Bernier explained. "A scout told me that I was too small to play defence. I think I could play in the NHL now that it has changed and they want quicker skilled players. I knew when I was playing junior hockey that eventually I would choose soccer."

Hockey's loss has been soccer's gain and the sport has allowed Bernier to



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Patrice Bernier, centre, played triple-letter hockey in Magog, Val d'Or, and Sherbrooke, but opted to focus on soccer after a scout told him he was too small to play defence in the NHL.

travel the world as well as represent his country in international matches.

On the international stage, Bernier has played a total of 47 games for the Canadian National Team in the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2005, 2007 and 2009, as well as FIFA World Cup Qualifiers in 2004 and 2008. He was named Canadian Soccer Association Player of the Year in 2010.

The new-look Impact trained last month in Mexico and returned to Montreal for a week of indoor training before heading to Los Angeles where they will play exhibition matches against the Houston Dynamo, the Portland Timbers and the LA Galaxy in their final leg of pre-season preparation. Montreal will play its home opener on March 17 against the Chicago Fire.

In an interview last Thursday following an Impact practice Bernier added that the team has looked good in pre-season workouts.

"It's not bad, we are starting to gel, which is important because we have a bunch of guys who have never played together before," Bernier explained. "My role is to provide leadership and experience to the team that has a lot of players who are in their first or second year of professional soccer. I'd always said I would love to come back and play for Montreal if the situation was appropriate, if it was a right fit. Now, with my experience, I can help the club build strong foundations for the future."

"I am extremely happy to be coming home to continue my playing career in Montreal with a return to the Impact," Bernier added. "MLS is a big project for me and for the organization. At this point in my career, it is a challenge that really motivates me. I am happy to be joining the league at the top of my game."

Other upcoming home games include a game against Canadian rival Toronto FC on April 7, the Portland Timbers on April 28, the 2011 MLS Cup and Supporters Cup champions LA Galaxy and David Beckham on May 12 and the New York Red Bulls and star forward Thierry Henry on May 19.

ETIAC basketball season coming to an end

By Jesse Feith

The Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference (ETIAC) basketball season is heading into its last month of play, and the standings are looking almost set in stone as teams play out their last regular season games before looking towards playoff action.

The top spot in the league for boys will be a battle down to the last game, as Massey-Vanier currently holds the top position with a perfect 6-0 record, while Alexander Galt Regional High School is just behind them with a 5-1 record, their only loss coming at the hands of M-V when the two teams met on December 20, AGRHS losing by 12 points, 68-56.

In what could end up being the most important game of the season for both teams, Massey-Vanier and AGRHS will meet one last time on Feb. 8 in AGRHS's home gymnasium at 4:30 p.m. Before their big matchup, M-V will have to play Stanstead College one more time and AGRHS, they will have the chance to add to their record after their M-V game when they play Bishop's College School on Feb. 22.

The third and fourth ranked teams are BCS and Stanstead College respectively, both with identical 3-4 records, BCS having defeated SC in their one meeting this season by the score of 50-37 back on Jan. 13. Both teams could have a difficult time improving their records from here, as SC has

to face the top ranked M-V one more time and BCS has to play the second ranked AGRHS again.

In the fifth and final spot in the league, Richmond Regional currently holds a 0-8 record with no games left to be played. It was a difficult season for Richmond, their closest game being a 24-point loss to BCS on Dec. 5.

The ETIAC senior boys playoffs are set to tip off on Feb. 28.

In the girls' senior division, the playoff picture looks a little different from the boys' side. In the top spot of the league, with a perfect 5-0 record is AGRHS. There shouldn't be a real battle for the top spot, as the second place team here is Stanstead College, who currently has a 3-2 record. Massey-Vanier, is ranked third with the same record as SC, having won three games and lost two. When SC and M-V met in the season opening game, it was Massey who came out on top by five, which is why they are currently ranked ahead despite their identical record.

Rounding out the standings are BCS in fourth position and Richmond, currently still winless, in last place. In the upcoming week, M-V will play AGRHS on Wednesday night and Richmond will be looking to pick up their first victory of the season when they face BCS on Feb. 15.

Similarly to the boys division, the ETIAC finals for the senior girls will tip off on Feb. 28.

Sherbrooke holding test events for 2013 Games

By Jesse Feith

The City of Sherbrooke is right in the middle of getting ready to host the 2013 Canada Games and they have recently announced the addition of various test events that will serve as a preview to how the city will handle the large masses of people who will be making their way to the region in 2013. Six important provincial or national test events have been confirmed to be held in Sherbrooke, and more events will be added to the schedule throughout 2012 and early 2013.

These events will provide an opportunity for the Games' organizers to test the various services of the city and to evaluate the competition venues, the equipment and the work of volunteers. The test events will also serve as an opportunity for the organizers to evaluate some of the local referees in the region, and establish whether or not they are ready to work on a bigger stage such as the Canada Games.

The first of the events will be from July 31 to August 5 as Bishop's University holds the U-15 and U-17 Men's National Basketball Championships. The second test event will be the Midget AAA Provincial Baseball Championship, held August 8-12 in Sherbrooke, Coaticook and Magog.

The third test event will be an im-

portant one, as it will try out Sherbrooke's Lac Des Nations as a venue, playing host to the Quebec Bantam sprint canoe/kayak championships from August 11-12. On the same dates, another lake will be tested as a venue as Lac Magog hosts the Disabled Sailing Regatta.

The organizing committee still has a lot of work to do before the games, some of which could end up being very costly. A recent visit from technical representatives from the National Sport Organizations showed that many improvements need to be done to certain venues. Their assessment showed that the city will have to renovate the 50-meter pool at Université de Sherbrooke, refit the mountain bike course, add new trails at Mont Bellevue and construct eight tennis courts at the Centre récréatif de Rock Forest.

"We have a real advantage in the sense that only minor modifications are required for most of the facilities. We will respect the deadlines and the budgets," said Michel Dussureault, deputy CEO of the Planning and Competitions Committee.

The technical representatives of the national organizations are expected to be back in Sherbrooke this month to re-assess different venues and ensure that all is going according to plan as the city conforms to national standards.

Death



**Gladys Mary Monteith
SCOTT
(1921-2012)**

Born on July 31, 1921 in Knowlton, QC and peacefully passed away at Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at the age of 90. Predeceased by her husband of 50 years Wendell W. Scott, her parents George H. Monteith and Annie Butler.

She leaves to mourn her children, W. Ellis Scott, Alice Anne Hadlock (Weldon), Anita Duchesneau (Luc), Shelly Barratt (Bob) and Brian Scott, her seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, her sister Grace Andrusiak (late Alec), her sisters-in-law Rose Monteith (late Bill) and Jean Scott (late Keith), nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends will be welcomed on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Friday, February 10, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Désourdy Funeral Home, 104, Buzzell St., Cowansville, QC, Tel.: 450-263-1212, Fax: 450-263-9557, info@desourdy.ca

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 10, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Ascension in West Brome. Rev John Serjeantson officiating. The burial will take place at Pettes Cemetery in West Brome in the spring.

Donations in her memory to the B.M.P. Hospital Foundation or to Church Ascension in West Brome would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

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Death



**Mr. Herman
PAGE
(1918-2012)**

At the CHSLD, Centre Waterloo, February 5, 2012, at the age of 93 years, Mr.

Herman Page, beloved husband of the late Frances Tibbitts of Waterloo.

Survived by his children Garth (Jane Cote), Kenny (Hélène Simard), Judith (Victor Prémont), Gary (Cindy Allen), Stephen, Deborah (Robert Benoit), Diane (Dale McElroy) and Keith (Jocelyne Lavoie), his 30 grandchildren and his 57 great-grandchildren. His brother Ralph Page (Louise St-Germain), his sister-in-law Juliette (late Irvin Page). Also survived by many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Death



**Jessie M.
MACKINNON**

Passed away peacefully at the Grace Christian Home, Sherbrooke, on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the age of

84. Wife of the late George Moore and of her second husband, Paul Pelchat and dear mother of Austin (Rita), John (Wanda), James, Winnifred (Mark), George, William, Alberta (Jacques), Alfred (Brenda), Frederick (France), and Gordon (Diane). Jessie also leaves to mourn, her 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, her dear friends Carole and Marcel, sisters May Connor, Charlotte Stratton, her brothers Donald (Cecile) and the late Kenneth (Carmen) along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) QC where friends may visit on Wednesday, February 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 to 11:00 a.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, February 9 @ 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Wanda Dillabough officiating. Interment in Reedsville Cemetery, North Hatley, at a later date.

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Cribbage Tournament for The Bravehearts a huge success

The cribbage tournament held at The Hut, A.N.A.F. Unit #318, on Saturday, January 4 was a huge success. Fifty-four people participated in the tournament and many others came to support The Bravehearts and spend an afternoon with family and friends.

Colleen Matthews welcomed everyone and Chrissy Guillette, the captain of the team The Bravehearts, explained that this team has walked in the Relay for Life in Coaticook since 2006. This year the walk will be on June 2, and Chrissy invited everyone to come and see this spectacular event for themselves.

First place winners were Monique and Gisele Lebel with a perfect score (726). Second place winners were Suzanne Mailloux and Dale Kinder with a score of 718. There were three 3rd place winners:

Clemence and Gille Masse, Laura and Kevin Fleury and Perry Hodge and Pete Prefontaine, with scores of 711.

The half-and-half was won by Adele Wilson and Angie Hatcher won the second prize.

Everyone was very pleased with the event and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

On behalf of myself and Chrissy, we wish to thank everyone for their generosity.

One hundred percent of the funds raised are going to The Bravehearts.

This will definitely become an annual event.

Submitted by
Colleen Matthews

In Memoriam

JOHNSTON, Shirley - In fond and loving memory of a dear mother who passed away February 8, 2009.

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My husband was irked that I required them to pay half

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Clifford" for 36 years. He recently told me he is in love with his secretary and wants to be with her. Did I mention she is 23 and in the process of getting a divorce?

Clifford is the last person I would have expected to do this. I know I can be difficult, but he's not perfect, either. I love him and thought he felt the same. He says he doesn't know whom he wants to be with, but he spends all his time with his girlfriend, so I don't have much of a chance of getting him back.

We have two grown children who are totally disillusioned and disappointed in their father. Do I wait for him to decide? For how long? — Crushed Heart

Dear Crushed: See a lawyer immediately. Whatever Clifford decides, you must protect yourself financially in the interim. Make the necessary arrangements to manage on your own should that turn out to be the case. We also recommend you get some counseling to help you deal with the uncertainty of your situation and prepare for the possi-

bility that your marriage is over. How long you are willing to stay in limbo is up to you, but don't feel pressured to rush into anything. Clifford may ask for a divorce, he might return to you, or you could get tired of waiting and want out.

Dear Annie: My husband and I both work and make good incomes. He has two daughters, now aged 16 and 19, and I have been their stepmom for 12 years. I love them dearly.

Last Christmas, each child received nearly \$400 in cash gifts from the extended family. A week later, both girls saw jackets they wanted. I said we would pay half and they could use some of their Christmas money to contribute the other half. One chose to buy a \$140 jacket. The other decided not to buy anything. I find that they are choosier when they chip in.

My husband was irked that I required them to pay half. He prefers that they have minimal financial pressure so they

Annie's Mailbox

can concentrate all their time and effort on schoolwork and not worry about getting a job. What do you think? — Stepmom

Dear Stepmom: We've got your back on this one. It's not as if the girls needed the money to buy food. Asking them to help pay for nonessential luxury items, especially when they have plenty of cash to do so, teaches them something about financial responsibility and delayed gratification. Overindulgence, no matter how tempting, may make the parents feel good, but it can cripple the children in the long run.

Dear Annie: "Understands in Nebraska" was the most recent of several letters from women who have lost their desire for sex and can't understand why their husbands still want intimacy. That was me a few years ago.

I had no desire for sex, but complied, as I felt it was my "duty." Eight years ago, we moved to a new city, which meant new doctors. I found a wonderful

ob-gyn who was compassionate and intuitive. She asked about my libido, and I told her the truth. She explained in depth about how hormones can become depleted after menopause. I had taken synthetic hormones, but stopped due to health concerns. She said they now have safer alternatives and suggested I try a low dose. Of course, there is always a slight risk involved with any medication, but I was willing to try.

That first month was amazing. Not only did I have more energy, but my libido came back and sex was better than ever. I want these women to know they can feel healthy and energetic again. Bio-identical hormones and testosterone changed my life. — Still Frisky at 60

Dear Frisky: Thanks for the testimonial. Readers should understand that bio-identical hormones are still hormones, and everyone reacts differently.

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

An Open Night & An Auction Night

Members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club are having a bad year. Given the minimal snow cover this winter, they have been unable to snowshoe, not even once. And on their regular Wednesday night meeting of January 25th, they even had a difficult time snow walking. With the on and off again changes in weather that has seen temperatures hovering above and below the freezing mark, walking conditions have been less than ideal. On the 25th, members found the sidewalks and roadways icy to say the least. A better term to describe their pre-meeting activities would be 'ice walkers' instead of snow walkers.

And the club's own parking lot was not immune to all the weather variations. The lot which resembled a virtual skating rink, had to be well sanded before any vehicles or individuals could navigate its surface. Indeed, our lot was better tended to than the adjoining municipal streets, and accordingly, members were able to safely make their way to the clubhouse.

As club president Don Jondreville called the meeting to order, he offered a 'tongue in cheek' comment about the available dumpster facilities in Lennoxville these days. The jibe was aimed at honorary secretary Karl Hunting, whose problems with unauthorized use of his dumpsters had been documented in the morning's Record. This drew a good response, more so than the president's jokes following the meal!

With the club pianist absent, the national anthem was sung a cappella. Reverend emeritus Dr. Deane Moffat gave the blessing, after which the White Knights were requested to serve the meal.

The evening's menu consisted of tomato macaroni soup, followed by a serving of baked potatoes, green beans and chicken strips. For dessert, members had a choice of pudding or a fruit cup.

Alan Cox lightened the after dinner

mood with a couple of jokes, one dealing with an elderly couple and the availability of false teeth, the second about a lemon picker. The president presented his own offering of humorous tales, one about snowplowing, the other about poison in a bar.

Lucky recipients for the evening's door prizes were Richard Dezan and Mac Juby, both Magog area based members.

Jack Garneau distributed donation forms for the club's scholarship for Alexander Galt High School and asked members to return the forms along with their donations as soon as possible.

As there was no scheduled entertainment, the rest of the evening was 'open' to individual activities. Some members played cards, others socialized and still others participated in a number of vigorous games of volleyball. For the latter, it was the first opportunity this season to participate in the sport. The full roster of participants appeared to relish the chance to play once again. After these more active members recuperated from their exertions and socialized themselves a bit, they departed the clubhouse leaving the card-players to play on into the night.

Just three nights later, members were again amassing at the clubhouse for the third ladies' night in January. This time, members and their wives, as well as guests, arrived carrying a wide assortment of goods, all destined for the evening's annual auction. It was not long before tables in the back hall began filling up with all kinds of articles, from baked goods to handicrafts and everything in between.

In the larger hall, members and guests alike, relaxed in front of the fireplace and about the room while being entertained by Janice Graham on the piano. However, many of those present tended to wander back and forth between the two halls, in the attempt to keep abreast of the ever-in-

creasing inventory of items as more and more people arrived.

President Don Jondreville opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. He thanked honorary president Steve Moore for his articles that appear in the Record on a regular basis detailing the activities of the club. Don then introduced special guests Janice and Scott Graham, and asked everyone to stand for the national anthem. Senior member Ed Mills gave the blessing.

The White Knights proceeded to serve the evening meal, starting off with rolls and bowls of chicken soup. Then came entrees of sweet & sour meatballs on a bed of rice, with mixed vegetables. Slices of lemon, banana and other varieties of bread made up the dessert offering.

President Don solicited anecdotes from the crowd, but with the absence of traditional jokester Alan Cox and the lack of any volunteers from those present, he was forced to rely on his own inventory of tales. This time he related a story of an overseas-bound jet that experienced a progression of engine failures.

President Don then conducted the drawing for the evening's door prizes, which went to Dave Townshend and Sandie Davidson, respectively. A drawing for the floral centerpiece was won by Bonnie 'Juby' Smith, perpetuating the streak of good fortune that members of the Juby family have enjoyed over the past few years!

With Bruce Patton on the piano, veterans Bill Lyon and George MacDougall led an invigorating sing-a-long. Some of the selections were of Scottish origin, highlighting the recent anniversary of the birth of native poet Robbie Burns.

The assembled crowd then arose to clear the room of tables and to re-arrange the chairs in front of the stage. The rest of the evening's activities were devoted to the club's auction, which was conducted by Bill Lyon with assistance from Don

Loughheed and Janice Graham. Special guest and auctioneer, Scott Graham, took the bids on items, as his late father, Harry Graham, had done for many years before him.

The array of goods put up for auction was indeed impressive and all donated by members and/or friends of the club. There were all kinds of baked goods, from cakes and cookies, to squares, pies and doughnuts. There were other related food articles as well, such as jams and preserves, nuts and chocolates, honey, and the like. Besides food, there were crafts fabricated by club members such as stained glass hangings and hand-turned pens. There were items of glassware, hardware, books and a variety of individual unrelated articles available to the highest bidder.

And with respect to the subject of high bids, the traditional bidding competition between two club members for a serving of peanut brittle was again the highlight of the auction. In what has become a new tradition in recent years, two bidding combatants, Lawrie Sakamoto and Dave Moore struggled once again in the friendly war to have the winning bid. This year Lawrie had the highest bid (in the high \$40s) and secured for himself (and his wife Mary, we hope), the box of tasty treats! Made and donated, it must be added, by Margie Woollerton, who managed the cash table along with fellow volunteer Jackie Loughheed.

Despite the fact that most items in the auction went for considerably more modest amounts than that paid for the infamous 'brittle', the sale was again a success and an important fundraiser for the club.

Following the auction, members collected their bounty, donned their winter apparel and headed for home, smiling all the way!

Steve Moore

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by Luis Campos

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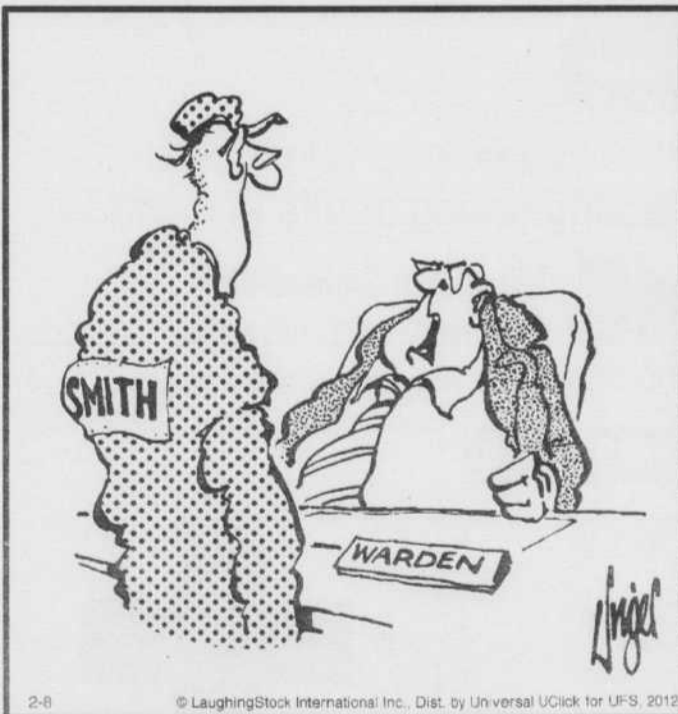
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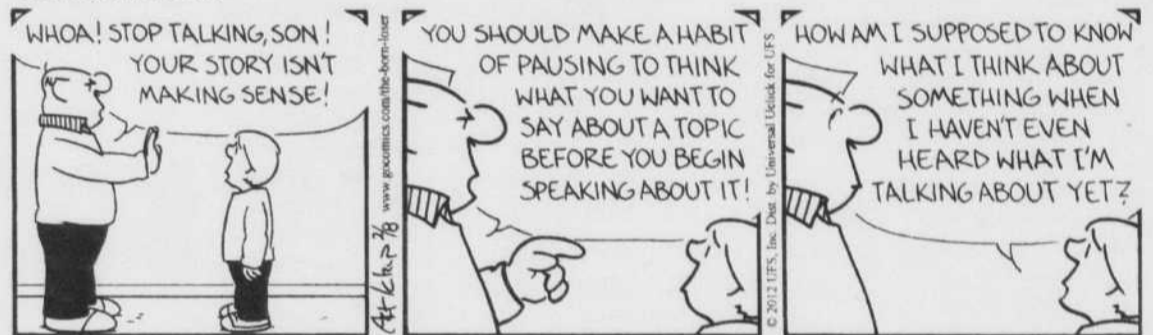
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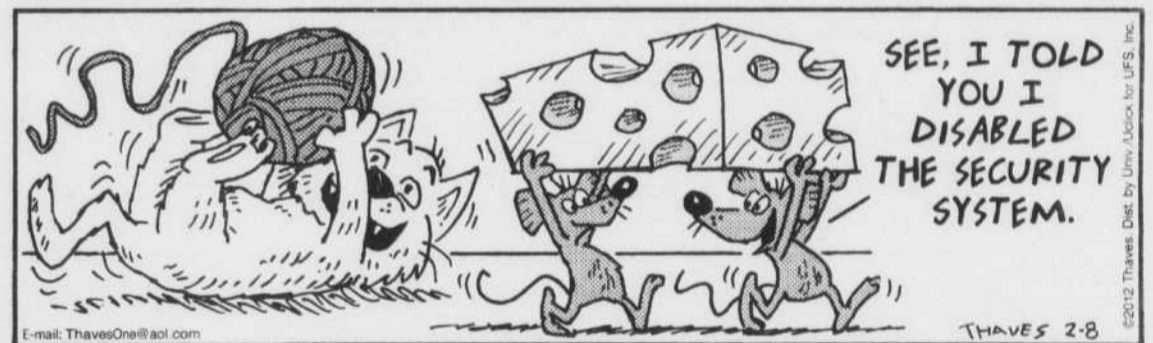
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Military Whist held at Richmond Legion

On January 26, 2012, the Ladies Auxiliary held their first Military Whist party for 2012. We were very happy to have 20 tables. Everyone was given a warm welcome in both languages and play was under way.

All too soon, the required moves were made and lunch was served, followed by the awarding of the prizes. First place went to Mary Beth and Gerald Skerry, Diane and Marcel Bergeron with 28 points. Second place went to 2 tables, with 27 points, group one, Ghyslaine Redburn, Raymond Fortier, Patsy Biggs and Collette Pageau; group two, Fran Dewar, Grace Taylor, Blanche Mastine and Ruth Mountain. Low score, with 11 points, went to Shirley Provis, Willey Lebland, Annie Day and Linda Badger.

Door prizes were won by Francis Saffin, Ali Vanderval, Grace Taylor, Joyce Mastine, Ben Poulin, Jackie

Ross, Bev Jones, Ronald Jones, Fran Dewar, Freda Coote, Evelyn Fraser, Shirley Provis, Jacques Dubois, Matty Banfill Wanda Viens, Patsy Biggs, Bob Dunn, Bill Fraser, Laval Blackburn, Lynn Donahue, Gilbert Verhoeff, Ghyslaine Redburn and Jeannine Gosselin. Grocery boxes went to Judy Saffin and Elizabeth Mastine.

Two gentlemen were celebrating their 65th birthday, Robert Dunn and Peter Boisvert, they were each presented with a cupcake, complete with candle and "happy birthday" was sung to them.

Our sincere thanks to all for the gifts brought in and especially for being in attendance. We will be doing this again on February 23, 2012 and hope to see you all at that time.

Respectfully submitted
Mildred E. Holliday, Publicity

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is a market for the gifts you possess, but it won't come to you — you must find and exploit it. Start to investigate different areas for their commercial possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could be more fortunate than usual in situations that contain elements of chance. However, you can't leave everything up to luck — some degree of control will be essential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A situation about which you've been quite negative could surprise you with a fortuitous resolution. It proves that you should never view life through a dismal lens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A surefire

formula for success contains equal parts optimism and elbow grease. Once you determine that you have a chance for something you want, put your muscles and joints to work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might start out with some rather modest objectives, but once you spot something looming over the horizon — even if it's bigger than life — you'll immediately switch targets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The two greatest assets you possess are your optimism and your common sense. When the duo acts in unison, you won't have any trouble effectively fulfilling an ambitious undertaking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A change you've been trying to orchestrate on your own may happen with a smidgen of intervention from Lady Luck. It could improve your financial picture greatly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone who has been watching you for a long time has decided that he or she wants to meet you. As a result, this person might end up being one of your most valuable contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — By demonstrating a willingness to be cooperative and to share your assets, you will engender a similar response from the people who benefit from your actions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A couple of people who have always proved lucky for you could prove to be fortunate for you again when you all find yourselves operating on the same wavelength.

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Keep concentrating on the deal at hand

By Phillip Alder

William Feather, a publisher and author who died in 1981, said, "Concentrate on your job and you will forget your other troubles."

Concentrate on your bridge and you will forget your other troubles. But you may easily be distracted, especially in the card play, if you fear you have done something wrong during the auction.

This deal provides an example. Look at the East hand. With East-West vulnerable, South deals and opens one heart, West makes a weak jump overcall of two spades, and North leaps to four no-trump, Blackwood. What would you do?

At the table, East passed, South rebid five hearts (two aces), and North raised to six hearts, which was passed out. West led the spade ace. What should East have discarded?

North's use of Blackwood with no aces and a void was debatable, but he hoped that if South had only two aces, neither would be the diamond ace.

East had a tough decision over four no-trump. If West would have read five no-trump as showing two long minors, that would have been sensible. Alternatively,

North 2-8-12			
♦ K 9 6 4 3			
♥ K J 10 9 6 4 3			
♦ --			
♣ Q			
West			East
♠ A Q J 8 7 5			♠ --
♥ --			♥ --
♦ 10 8 3			♦ J 9 7 6 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 5 4			♣ A K 9 8 3 2
South			
♠ 10 2			
♥ A Q 8 7 5 2			
♦ A K Q			
♣ J 6			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1♥	2♠	4NT	??
Opening lead: ♠ A			

tively, East could have overcalled five diamonds, planning to show his clubs next. Here, though, seven of either minor would have gone down three (minus 800 after South doubles), and six hearts can be defeated.

What is West going to do at trick two? He will lead a second spade for East to ruff, never guessing that East has two voids. But East knows that he cannot ruff. He must not lose concentration; he must discard the club ace.

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- Across**
- Organic fuel
 - Beggar's returns
 - Out-and-out
 - Soprano Gluck
 - Tree nursery?
 - Winnebagos' kin
 - Vaudeville headliner
 - Actress Kelly
 - Anaheim team, to fans
 - Splotch
 - Fishing gear
 - Count Basie's theme song
 - Garment border
 - Michael of "Caddyshack"
 - Marbles competition
 - Get out in the open
 - Singsong syllables
 - Too-small quantity
 - Open mic performer, often
 - Bruins legend

- "My love __ a fever, longing still": Shakespeare
- Deeply rooted
- Gandalf portrayer McKellen
- 1959 Monroe classic
- "Go team!"
- Well out of range
- It may be captioned
- Hoover rival
- What many sports cars lack, and, in a way, what the ends of the starred answers are
- Bench clearer
- Pitcher Pettitte with a record 19 post-season wins
- Out of the cage
- Less hardy-looking
- Early Iranian
- "America's Next Top Model" host Banks

- Tilt
- Fail to mention
- Overseas thanks
- Lab coat speck?
- Chow
- Year Elizabeth I delivered her "Golden Speech"
- Caddie's suggestion
- Jaw-dropping news
- Veep before Gerald
- Letter after pi
- Motel convenience
- "Gymnopédies" composer Satie
- Scot's bluff

- Dict. offering
- Small bites
- NFLer until 1994
- Castle with many steps?
- Museum concern
- White with age
- Weasel-like swimmer
- Where captains go
- Frolic
- Field of expertise
- GPA reducer, usually
- Put in
- Deli choice

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- Down**
- Logical start?
 - Online mortgage broker
 - More than enough
 - It's not done
 - "State of Wonder" novelist Patchett
 - Country expanse
 - "A Fuller Spectrum of News" network
 - Bit of rhubarb
 - Middle of nowhere, metaphorically
 - Hugs, symbolically
 - Cult classic of 1990s TV
 - It passes between Swiss banks
 - Would-be One L's hurdle
 - Author Sholem
 - Eye of el tigre

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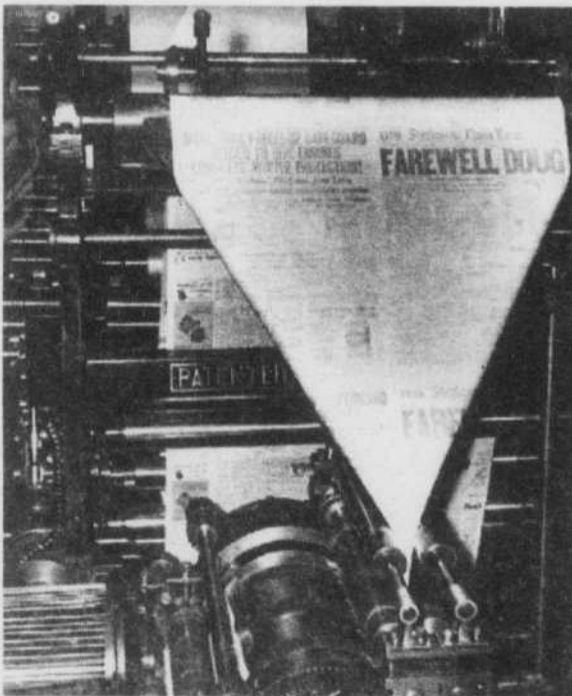
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Premier Johnson visits: It's love at first sight



The highlight of Premier Daniel Johnson's visit to Sherbrooke Wednesday was a chance to meet the depresso of the RECORD, correspondent editor Mrs. Helen Jones. It was love at first sight. "It's an honor to meet you," he said. "I won't work any harder for two weeks," she replied. During his visit to the newspaper Johnson also met the RECORD's news staff for an exclusive interview. To find out what he had to say, please turn to Page 6.



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