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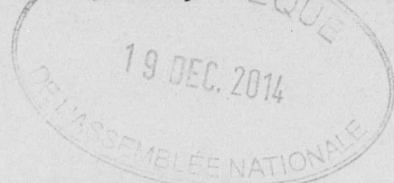
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## Flu vaccine recommended as 'severe' season develops

By Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Quebec Health authorities are predicting that this year's flu season could hit especially hard, and are reminding citizens of the importance of vaccination and hygiene measures to protect against the flu.

With 48 cases already identified in the Eastern Townships since the beginning of the flu season, the situation will probably worsen in the coming weeks based on an epidemiological assessment. Over the last week in Quebec, there were 431 cases of influenza reported, nearly double the previous week.

In Canada, the situation is more severe today than in previous years, including the 2012-2013 season, where the epidemic peak was reached during the holidays. The number of hospitalizations of seniors and deaths is double that of the same period in 2012-2013.

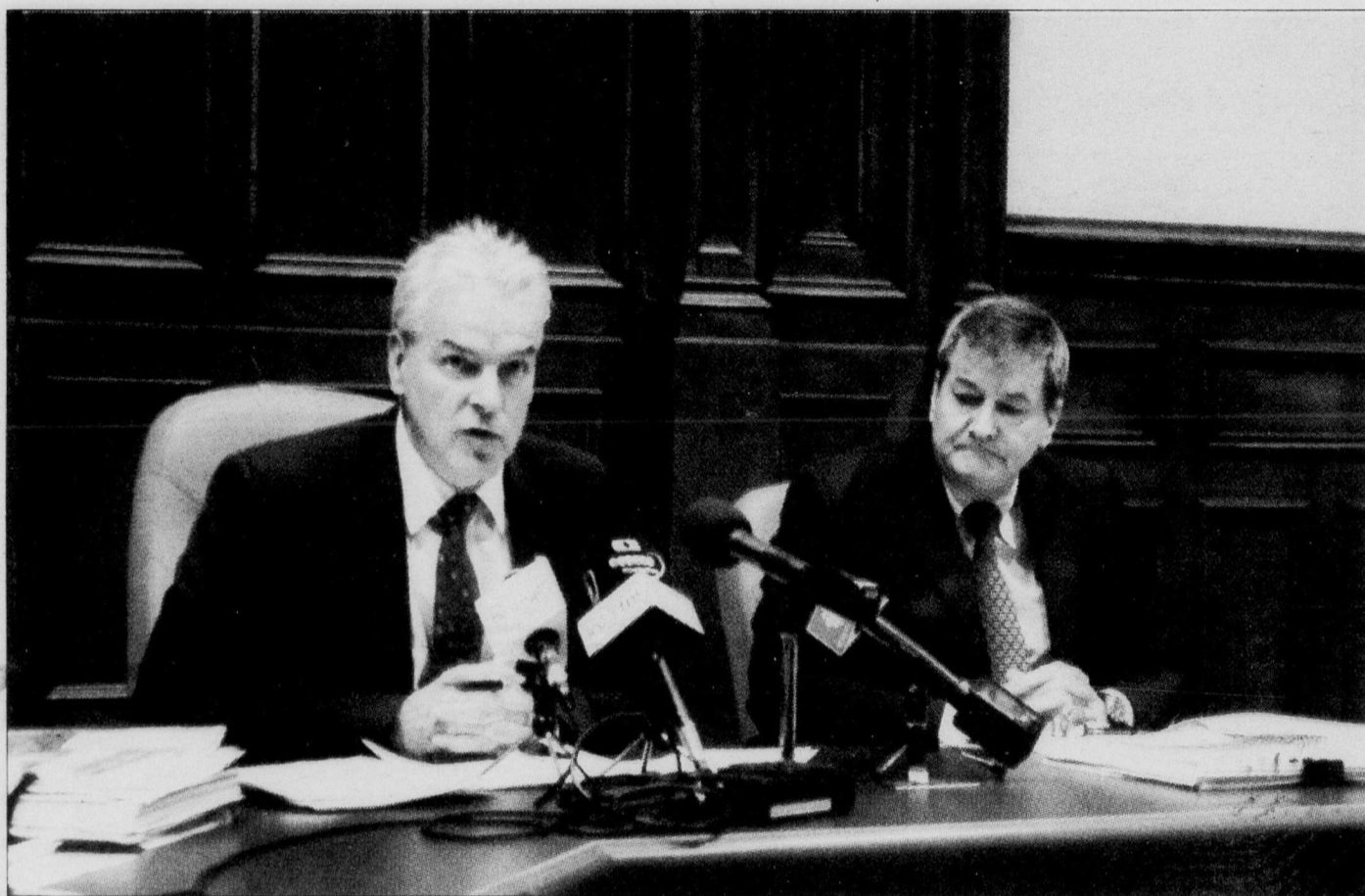
The public health division states that vaccination remains the first line of defense against influenza and those at risk and their families should all be vaccinated.

Last year, half of the adults in the Eastern Townships with a chronic disease were not vaccinated. In addition to vaccination, basic hygiene such as washing hands frequently and coughing or sneezing into the crook of the elbow is suggested.

As this year's epidemic peak is expected at the end of December, it is still possible and advisable to be vaccinated. There are still vaccination clinics scheduled for Sherbrooke (Saturday and Sunday), Coaticook (Thursday), Asbestos (Wednesday and Jan. 13), Richmond (Wednesday), Valcourt (Friday) and Windsor (Jan. 5).

Residents are advised to check with their local regional health centre for details.

## Sherbrooke to see small tax increase in 2015



GORDON LAMBIE

Mayor Bernard Sévigny (left), with city councillor Serge Paquin, discusses the city's budget for 2015.

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

Monday was budget day in Sherbrooke, with the city council voting to approve the 2015 budget before the close of the 2014 administrative year. The budget, unveiled to media in advance of Monday night's meeting, presents a 2.2 per cent property tax increase and an increase in residents' tax burden of 1.86 per cent overall, which is estimated to equal an increase of \$44.81 per year for a home with an average income of \$213,500.

Required to be balanced by law, the budget accounts for \$274,909,900 (\$412,692,900 with the budget of

Hydro Sherbrooke) and includes a mix of money reserved for ongoing projects and exiting programs or initiatives being cancelled or postponed in the name of saving funds. With all the measures taken, the city is projected to come out with an operating surplus of \$5.5 million, which Mayor Bernard Sévigny called "very thin."

The mayor pointed to the high cost of unforeseen crises like the flooding and ice storm that happened in the last year, and said that one such event could effectively wipe out that surplus on the current budget.

Among the cost saving measures the city has taken is a one-year moratorium on investment in parks infra-

structure, as well as the cancellation of programs like the city's subsidy for cloth diapers. Other services have been modified, including a change that will see ecocentres closed on Sundays, leaves picked up only once in the fall, and all citizens charged for the acquisition of all three refuse collection bins. Sévigny also pointed out that the changes to the city's parks and recreation services that were passed in council last may will begin to come into effect in the first six months of 2015, resulting in the elimination of 14 positions in the city on top of the 10 that have already been cut over the last year.

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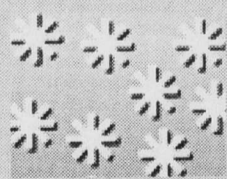


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## TASTES LIKE CHICKEN: YOUR WEEKLY LOOK AT THE WORLD OF FOOD

# Sweet and delicious, fudge a perfect treat to make during holidays

By Susan Greer  
The Canadian Press  
LONDON, ONT

The story goes that fudge was "invented" in the U.S. in the 1880s when someone trying to make another type of candy misjudged the temperature and took it off the stove too soon. They liked the soft, smooth confection that resulted and fudge — and the saying "oh, fudge!" meaning "oops" — were born.

Apocryphal or not, fudge has found a place in the hearts and on the tables of North Americans, especially at this time of year.

"It's been a tradition for many years," says Jane Sharrock of Oklahoma City, author of *300 Best Homemade Candy Recipes*. "We have usually eaten it around holidays, at times when we had good feelings about what was going on."

Marie Swidersky agrees. "We always say fudge is good for you, but we think it's good for you in that it can make you happy." She and husband Len sell more than 30 flavours of homemade fudge at outlets of their The Olde Stanton Store in Blue Mountain Village, near Collingwood, Ont., and in the hamlet for which the store was named, about 50 kilometres to the south.

The endless variations of fudge may be another key to its appeal. Sharrock's book, published by Robert Rose Inc., features 64 fudge recipes, including microwave versions that can be made in five minutes and more complicated creations that take much longer and require serious muscle-power to stir or beat to the correct consistency.

Some have a corn syrup base, while others use marshmallows or marshmallow creme, condensed milk, buttermilk or sour cream. There's even one made with mashed potatoes and another with cream cheese that requires no cooking.

One constant in many of Sharrock's fudge recipes is chocolate, although it may be dark, light, white or a combination.

"Traditional fudge is usually made with chocolate. That's what people here think of when you say fudge."

But other recipes feature such diverse flavourings as pineapple, apricot, pumpkin, cherry, banana and eggnog.

Vanilla fudge is more common in Canada than in the U.S., and maple-flavoured fudge is a Canadian tradition.

"We do maple fudge and tourists love this, especially from overseas. A lot of them will take it back home" because it's so typically Canadian, says Kim Cross, manager of The Old Stanton Store at Blue Mountain, where all the fudge is made for both stores.

Although their basic fudge recipes are proprietary, she says they use both chocolate and vanilla fudge bases to make flavours as diverse as jalapeno, carrot cake and cookie dough, as well as more traditional selections. In the summer they make a lemon meringue fudge, and in the fall an apple pie flavour. This year's seasonal treats include cranberry and candy cane fudge.

Their fudge tables are "a myriad of colours and flavours," says Swidersky, and on fudge-making days customers can see and smell the process.

They opened the first Olde Stanton Store in 1980 as a gallery for her husband's artwork but then expanded into gifts and home decor. In 2000, after much thought, they got into the fudge business. Now three of their four adult children are involved in their enterprises.

"We just decided we needed something everybody would enjoy," she says. "We have taken the mom-at-home fudge, using real cream and butter, but we make gallons of it," and all visitors to the stores get a free taste.

The product has been so successful that this year they started an online store for fudge ([the-olde-stanton-store.myshopify.com](http://the-olde-stanton-store.myshopify.com)), with delivery promised in about a week.

Candy-making at home should not be intimidating or seen as work, says Sharrock. "It should be fun for the cook. It should be fun for the people who eat it."

But there are a few important rules. Especially for novice and average cooks, it's important to follow the recipe to the letter, she says. Most failures occur because cooks try to improvise with ingredients or cooking methods without understanding the complicated "science" of candy-making.

For example, someone who substitutes milk when cream is called for or who doesn't understand that you start timing when the candy is at a "rolling" or full boil, not just when the first bubbles appear, is doomed to disappointment.

The second requirement is the right equipment — a heavy pot, a good candy

thermometer and wooden spoons.

Her favourite pot is an old beat-up cast-iron or cast aluminum pressure cooker base. A stainless-steel pot will "very likely" cause the milk and sugar to scorch.

The final requirement is time. Candy-making is hands-on and demands constant vigilance. You shouldn't start it unless you have the uninterrupted time to see it through.

"You can't set it off to the side and expect to come back to it later."

Sharrock and Swidersky agree fudge shouldn't be just a holiday tradition.

"While everybody thinks of it as being a special treat for Christmas, people seem to like it even more when you make it outside the holidays," Sharrock says.

"In this purist society, where everybody tries to eat healthy, people need a little indulgence," says Swidersky.

### RECIPE

With its smooth richness, there are few treats more indulgent than homemade fudge.

When making candy, it's important to be prepared for all the steps because timing can be critical, writes Jane Sharrock, author of *300 Best Homemade Candy Recipes*. Have all the ingredients available and ready to use, and have the pan, baking sheet or surface prepared before you start cooking.

#### Maple Fudge

Maple-flavoured fudge is a Canadian classic. The real maple syrup in this recipe produces a creamy confection that is also easy to make.

- 500 ml (2 cups) maple syrup
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) half-and-half (10 per cent) cream
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter

Grease a 20-cm (8-inch) square pan. In a heavy saucepan, combine maple syrup, cream and butter and bring to a boil. Boil, uncovered, until a drop in cold water forms a soft ball (113-114 C/236 to 238 F).

Let cool to lukewarm (43 C/110 F) without stirring. Beat until creamy. Turn into pan. Cut into squares.

Makes one 20-cm (8-inch) square pan.

Source: The Laura Secord Canadian Cook Book (Whitecap Books), prepared by the Canadian Home Economics Association.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

Speakers at the brief protest warned about the dangerous consequences to society as a whole as a result of austerity measures

## Sherbrooke MNA not lacking for protestors

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

Public sector employees of the Sherbrooke area were joined by a group calling itself the "social front" in holding what they called a "festive and noisy demonstration" outside of the office of Sherbrooke MNA Luc Fortin on Monday at midday.

The protest was held on Monday in conjunction with Treasury Board President Martin Coiteux's filing of government offers at the bargaining table for the workers' collective agreements, and comes as a result of ongoing opposition to the various cost-cutting measures the

Liberal government has taken in the name of balancing the 2015 budget.

As has become a pattern at the many protests taking place in this holiday season, those assembled brought a variety of "presents" for Fortin, depositing the wrapped boxes in the entryway of the building before holding a rally on the sidewalk to voice their dissent.

Not long after depositing their boxes and before their protest began in earnest, the protestors were issued a ticket by the police for having parked a flatbed trailer in the traffic lane in front of Fortin's office.

As a result, the protest itself had a rushed tone, as organizers aimed to get

their rented van out of the infraction.

Speakers at the brief protest warned about the dangerous consequences to society as a whole as a result of austerity measures, accusing the Liberals of preying on the middle class and poorest in society by cutting social services.

The "social front" is a coalition of social organizations composed of representatives from local labour unions, health and social services institutions, community organizations, student unions, and concerned individuals, amongst others.

Monday was a busy day at the MNA's office as it also marked the first day of the "Christmas of Broken Promises"

protests to be carried out by the union representing Quebec's subsidized day-care centres.

The union has asked daycare employees and the general public to be present Monday to Friday this week, from 4 - 6 p.m. outside Fortin's office in order to voice their discontent with the provincial government's treatment of matters relating to subsidized daycare in Quebec.



GORDON LAMBIE

Public sector employees gathered in front of Sherbrooke MNA Luc Fortin's office to protest the current state of negotiations.

## Operation Red Nose continues to make a difference

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

It was another busy weekend for Operation Red Nose with 9,191 volunteers in the 61 regions of the province where the driver service is offered providing 13,305 rides.

Since the beginning of this year's campaign, the 31st in the organization's history, 21,599 motorists have chosen to use the service coming home with Operation Red Nose.

This public response is all the more impressive because, in addition to ensuring safety on the roads, Operation Red Nose is a fundraiser for each community.

Each year, donations from users are given to local projects involving youth and amateur sport. On a national scale,

this adds up to nearly \$1.5 million.

With the idea of recognizing the participation of non-profit organizations in the campaign, Operation Red Nose is presenting on its website (OperationNezrouge.com) a portrait of a project from one of its 99 Canadian regions.

The public can learn about the many projects that donations from users help fund.

The Operation Nez-Rouge service is exclusively based on the participation of volunteer devotees across the country.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not too late to register as a volunteer for one or more evenings with the service.

In order to register as a volunteer, you can fill out the registration form for volunteers, available online at OperationNezrouge.com and return it to the nearest campaign office.

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# School Page

## Sunnyside Elementary

### November and December are full at Sunnyside

#### Remembrance Day

An annual Remembrance Day ceremony was held at Sunnyside in early November to show appreciation and thanks to the many veterans that fought and gave their lives to assure our freedom.

The local Stanstead Legion president Larry Carrier, as well as veteran Mr. Taylor were present at the ceremony. A Highland Piper made a perful entrance. The ceremony included two songs led by Mr. Phendler, the reading of *In Flander's Fields* by grade 6 student Gabriel Warner, an acrostic poem presented by Cycle 3 (Grades 5-6) as well as a minute of silence held by the entire audience followed by wreaths laid on the cenotaph.

Arbre" in Havelock, Que., a night in Vaudreuil and a fun filled day at Calypso water park in St. Limoges, Ont. A profit of \$1,852 was made during the Christmas tea.

A big "thank you" from all of us to all of you that helped to support this event and make it a success again this year.

#### Circus

Last year all the students at Sunnyside learned circus skills, which resulted in a huge circus performance at the end of last year. It was decided to continue the circus theme this year, but to Disney music instead. The students are very excited about developing their circus skills. The show will take place on April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Tea

Each year the Cycle 3 (Grades 5-6) students in Miss Mosher's homeroom organizes a Christmas Tea, Silent Auction and Craft Sale that is held at the school.

This fundraiser has become an annual tradition and many look forward to it each year. Again this year, thanks to the generous community and active participation of the students and their families, the event was a great success.

Students are raising money for their overnight class trip to Montreal during which they will enjoy a day at "Arbre en

#### November was Kindness and Bully Prevention Month at Sunnyside

All through November, Sunnyside students worked on the theme of Kindness and how kind acts can prevent Bullying behaviours. To wrap up the month, the school gathered for an assembly in the music room for student performances and readings of some of the many ways we appreciate each others' differences. Staff and students wore pink or red shirts to show that we all stand together and do not accept bullying behaviour.



#### Elves on the Loose at Sunnyside

The Pre-K and Kindergarten students were looking for elves.

First, they needed to get a license, make cookies and then set the traps in the woods. The following morning they were surprised to find an elf in each trap.

Since then, the elves have been playing tricks in their classrooms during the night, such as, leaving tissues all over the classroom, hanging garland from

light fixtures and playing with their toys and not putting them back.

These elves have added a lot of excitement leading up to Christmas.

#### Correction

In Monday's Record, on the Sutton Elementary school page, the name of artist and school volunteer Marie Chapdelaine was misspelled.

The Record and Sutton Elementary School apologize for the error.



# Intercultural celebration brings seniors, youth together

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

The Intercultural Action Seniors Committee held the fifth edition of its intercultural seniors Christmas event at the Salle du Parvis in Sherbrooke last Friday, attracting more than 100 seniors and young people for an intercultural and intergenerational celebration of the holiday period.

The event is held in a festive atmosphere to try to ease isolation and share the universal human values of love and peace. The event included the presence of several dignitaries, including Sherbrooke MP Pierre-Luc Dusseault, Sherbrooke MNA Luc Fortin, and Sherbrooke city councillor Annie Godbout.

"The holiday season has always been a time of sharing, love and friendship. The Intercultural Action team is pleased to put together a Christmas party under the sign of reconciliation," said director-general Mohamed

Soulami.

Committee president Rolande Petit added that she was "pleased that the intercultural Committee is breaking seniors' stereotypes. Regardless of our age, we are proactive and have much to offer society. We have a large role to play in transmitting the values of peace and unity. Seeing young and old of all cultures coming to one of our activities like the intercultural Christmas gives us the greatest pleasure."

Following the meal and a memorable performance by singer Anita Lessard, gifts were distributed to those present thanks to the generosity of a number of sponsors.

The Intercultural Seniors Committee has organized nearly 50 activities, open to all seniors, since 2010 with the aim of promoting intercultural and intergenerational exchanges.

These events and training sessions have reached a total of about 2,000 participants.

In recent years, seniors from have been able to learn the art of glass blowing, visit Saint-Benoît-du-Lac, meet with the mayor and city councilors at Sherbrooke City Hall and practice Zumba, to name just a few.

For more information on the committee or about the activities offered, visit the [www.aide.org](http://www.aide.org) website.

In 2015, Intercultural Action celebrates its 25 years of providing hundreds of projects, events, research, and training to promote the richness of cultural diversity.

Whether for elders, women, youth, or the unemployed, all activities are directed at a single goal: sharing among different communities here and elsewhere in order to live together harmoniously in one community.

By promoting socio-cultural and economic integration, intercultural Action puts forward the idea of a rich diversity of its society.

## Cafe at centre of 2013 deadly Lac Megantic explosion reopens

By Peter Rakobowchuk  
The Canadian Press  
MONTREAL

The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in Quebec in July 2013 is back in business.

The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public in Lac-Megantic on Monday, about 400 metres from the original site.

Owner Yannick Gagne said only three of the original employees have returned to work with him in his new establishment.

"One of them is my chef, a friend," he told The Canadian Press in a phone interview.

"I have a girl who worked for me for three or four years — she's

coming back — and one of my good friends, Karine Blanchette, will handle all the artists who will come here."

At the time of the disaster, Blanchette told reporters two children were left orphans after one of her friends died in the tragedy.

Many of the 47 victims were inside the Musi-Café when a runaway oil-tanker train rolled off the tracks and exploded in the heart of the town.

Gagne lost three workers in the blast and about a dozen have decided not to come back to work with him.

He now has a staff of about 20, which is five more employees than before.

Gagne also said that on Monday, not a lot of people showed

up during the morning and that there was also a small crowd at lunch.

He added he believes the locals probably assumed the new place would be crowded.

Gagne, who had financing problems in the past, said the new restaurant-bar will cost \$1.5 million when all the bills are finally paid.

But he is getting financial help. "We have had confirmation that the federal government will be there to help us," he said.

"The provincial government has provided a loan, a financial bridge (and) we'll be able to finish the project and pay everybody."

Gagne is planning an official "red carpet and champagne" opening in February.

## Sherbrooke budget

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Among the projects included in the city's new budget are the plans to extend Portland Boulevard, the construction of the city's new Rene-Levesque Boulevard, and the initial phases of projects to move the municipal garage out of a floodplain and reroute the Grandes-Fourches Bridge.

The mayor also pointed out that funds that have been set aside to renovate the airport terminal, as well as a commitment to finance the Quebec Issime company in a project that will see a roof built over the Place

Nikitotek outdoor venue.

Overall, Sévigny said that he was pleased with the budget, given the circumstances under which it was put together.

Budget planning was thrown for a loop just a few short weeks ago when the Liberal government announced a new fiscal pact with Quebec's municipalities that saw \$300 million cut in transfer payments from the province to municipalities.

Tensions on the matter rose to a greater degree last week, however, when Municipal Affairs Minister Pierre Moreau criticized the cities of Longueuil and Laval for building a tax increase

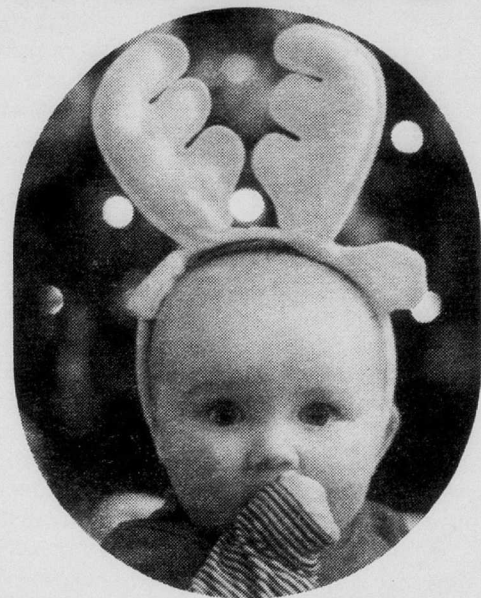
into their 2015 budgets.

Moreau accused the municipalities of using the fiscal pact as an excuse to raise taxes and said that any municipality that did so would see their government funding reduced in order to compensate citizens.

The Union of Quebec Municipalities said the accusation represented unprecedented interference in municipal governance and an affront to democracy.

Mayor Sévigny said that a number of factors put constraints on the budget this year, including the changes imposed by the provincial government.

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# EDITORIAL

But if it comes down to ranking narcissistic generations, I think the one we presently live in has as strong a claim as any for first place.

## Mirror, mirror on the wall



TOM CAVANAGH

When I was about six, the movie Snow White overwhelmed me. I can still name all the seven dwarfs and now in another century, I find myself occasionally humming their happy song *Whistle While You Work*. However, it was Snow White's evil mother that left the strongest impression. Not a nice person of course but so handsome, so frightening, and so fixated on her appearance!

If I was the magic mirror that confirmed her ranking as the most beautiful woman in the land, I would be terrified to give the wrong answer. And she never really stops asking: "Mirror, Mirror on the wall. Who is the fairest of them all?" Many striking childhood images still live with me and the strongest is when the infuriated queen gets the bad news, and raging down the dungeon stairs kicks the empty water container away from and through an outstretched skeleton's hand. Bones fly in all directions. (My kind of woman? Well, no. Assertiveness sometimes needs encouragement but the queen is over the top.)

For the queen it was worst possible news. In fact she was displaced from her position by her own stepdaughter, the lovely Snow White who is now the fairest in the land. Totally unacceptable for the queen but fortunately in her role as stepmother she had a drastic solution close at hand. Murder Snow White.

This tale in no way reflects on the lives of other queens throughout history. For example Queen Elizabeth has had problems with relatives, too, but there is really no comparison.

In past years the society of the '80s was sometimes spoken of as the "me generation," and certainly Snow White's stepmother would have comfortably fitted in. But if it comes down to ranking narcissistic generations, I

think the one we presently live in has as strong a claim as any for first place. Think only of our infatuation/obsessions with the web, smartphones, cell phones, resurrected iPods, Facebook, etc. Self-love has vast sources for encouragement. And this is without even mentioning "selfies."

In case some readers are unfamiliar with the selfie phenomenon, it is simply the taking of unlimited numbers of pictures of oneself alone or with others and sending them off as fast, widely and far as you possibly can.

Not long ago the *New Yorker* magazine ran a somewhat cynical cover picture of visitors to the newly opened 9/11 memorial institution. An author's sketch of the phenomenon has many in the crowd smiling waving and taking pictures of themselves. The actual purpose and reason for the institution seems supplanted by the chance to take pictures to prove "I was there." The possibility and likelihood that no one cares seems beside the point — and I guess it is. It really did strike me as an example of narcissism out of control. The only thing that matters is not the memorial but taking pictures of yourself.

The ancient Greeks were the first to give a name (narcissism) to the fixation of love of oneself. There is the curious myth/story about a young man famous and celebrated for his beauty who caught a reflection of himself in a pool one day and was captivated, overcome, and unable to pull himself away from such a gorgeous sight. Himself! How could he turn away? Why would he turn away? For him there was no answer to such questions. Apparently he just pined away and died. (There are other possible endings to this ancient myth but this one is as good as any.) Thus, the concept and word, "narcissism" was born and taken into our vocabularies.

Just last week (Dec. 10) one of my favourite writers, Nathalie Petrowski, in *La Presse* had a short piece with the simple title *Miroir, Miroir*. She does not speak directly of narcissism but she is close in her commentary on anorexia in the short film *Beauté fatale*.

Anorexia is still a frightening problem in our society and Petrowski's thoughts are provocative. There is much that can and should be said on the subject, yet short newspaper pieces can

take you only so far. However, to repeat, her remarks are interesting and easily accessed on the Internet. I liked her overview and especially her concluding understatement where she warns us about spending too much time looking at ourselves in mirrors.

Finally, on my desk in front of me I have an insightful book written by Simon Blackburn on narcissism. It is an interesting coincidence that three writers (Petrowski, myself, and Blackburn) from different locales and different perspectives end up with almost the exact same titles. Simon Blackburn has the title *Mirror, Mirror: The Uses and Abuses of Self-Love*, for his book. I thought I might review it but Christmas is coming fast and I am running out of time and energy. Nevertheless the book is available in the Lennoxville library, or will be in a week or so. It is an easy and stimulating read and you won't regret it.

Last word. In the '70s and early '80s

there was a popular and controversial TV program called *All in the Family* starring Carroll O'Connor as Archie Bunker. Archie was a man determined not to change values or beliefs. He was a blue-collar worker and the most conservative of conservatives. Some would prefer reactionary as the label. He had no use for minorities (Jews, blacks, Italians, etc.) and bullied his wife, daughter, and his daughter's left-wing "Polack" husband whom he usually addressed as Meat-head.

Despite his opposition to change he won over vast numbers of fans and followers who loved and supported him. Indeed posters and license plates were in circulation with this short message in his defense: "There is a bit of Archie Bunker in all of us."

While writing this piece similar thoughts often flitted through my mind: "There is a bit of narcissism in all of us."

## Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

I read my Record [Friday] morning and feel the need to respond to Francois Tanguay's column's on the subject of climate change.

I have plenty of things to say on this but mainly it's thank you Francois! Thank you for your presence and expertise on this issue. Thank you for the clarity of your writing, your confidence in your facts, and your willingness to speak truth to power.

Personally, I ache for the day when Stephen Harper's government will line the trash can of history and people of his ilk will not be barring efforts to find solutions and compromise to what seems to be rolling down that long steepening incline of climate change.

Thank you also to *The Record* for publishing your words.

DENIS PALMER  
RANDBORO

DEAR EDITOR:

A DVD of the musical revue *Honouring Our Veterans in Melody and Song* capturing the performance of Oct. 24 at the Bulwer Community Centre, is now available from the Eaton Corner Museum.

Over 150 people came to the show paying tribute to the veterans, soldiers and war brides of the First and Second World Wars. Twenty local singers, musicians and actors, including veteran Grant Taylor, age 94, took part in performing songs of the era such as *White Cliffs of Dover*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, *Lilli Marlene*, and *We'll Meet Again*.

Actors in uniform or period dress set the scene. The event was sponsored by the Museum.

At the end of the evening, a very surprised Grant Taylor was presented with a personal letter sent to him for the occasion by Vera Lynn, a famous singer of the WWII era whom he had chauffeured during the war. This poignant moment is captured on the DVD.

A limited number of DVDs of the performance have been made and are available from the Museum at a cost of \$15. Please contact Sharon Moore for your copy at 819-837-2643.

JACKIE HYMAN  
EATON CORNER

The writer is the Secretary of the Eaton Corner Museum.

DEAR EDITOR:

On Wednesday Dec. 10, you put an article in the first page about Alexander Galt Regional High School, answering a letter to the editor. I find it very irresponsible on your part that someone expressing his personal opinion in the "Letter to the Editor," ends up with his name in the first page of *The Record*!

I believe my opinion is often extreme and controversial, nevertheless valuable. By exercising a poor judgment you take the chance of depriving this newspaper of valuable opinions like mine.

PIERRE MÉNARD  
COOKSHIRE-EATON

Editor's Note: Our policy is that the Letters to the Editor section, like any other part of the newspaper, is a public forum — one that we think is quite important. When someone raises an issue of community interest in a public forum, such as in this case, an important part of the story is what initially brought the issue to light.

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# Rheaume powers Cougar offence

## Champlain women finish first half on winning note

By Mike Hickey  
Special to the Record

All season long, Michael Rheaume has been the go-to guy offensively for the Champlain Cougars men's hockey team and this past weekend was no different as the veteran winger scored four goals in a pair of 3-2 wins.

The twin wins allowed the Cougars to keep pace with the first-place Princeville Titans in the battle for the overall lead in the Quebec Junior Hockey League. The Cougars trail Princeville by two

points but have a game in hand.

Dany Sylvestre scored the game-winning goal and added two assists while Rheaume and Anthony Boily chipped in with a goal apiece in the Cougars' 3-2 win over the Valleyfield Braves Friday night. The Braves pulled goalie Gabriel Parent in the final minute of play for an extra skater but Shawn Ouellet and the Champlain defence held on for the hard-fought victory. Ouellet picked up the victory with a 21-save performance.

Rheaume was outstanding Sunday afternoon against the Lachine Maroons as

he scored in the opening period to give the Cougars a 1-0 lead, tied the game at 2-2 with a third period tally and then completed the hat trick with a game-winning goal 17 seconds into overtime.

The Cougars would like to extend their current winning streak to five games as they close out the first half of the season with away games against the St. Jerome Panthers on Friday and the Terrebonne Cobras on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Champlain women's hockey team finished the first half of the season with a 3-0 win over Rimouski

as Katherine Dubuc tallied three points on a goal and a pair of assists.

Jessica Belanger and Delby Gouin rounded out the scoring with a goal apiece while netminder Caroline Fecteau was credited with the shutout.

The Cougars finished the first half of the season in fourth place with a 12-3-1 record and just three points behind first-place Limoilou.

The nine-team loop resumes in January and the top teams from the first and second halves of the season advance to the playoffs.



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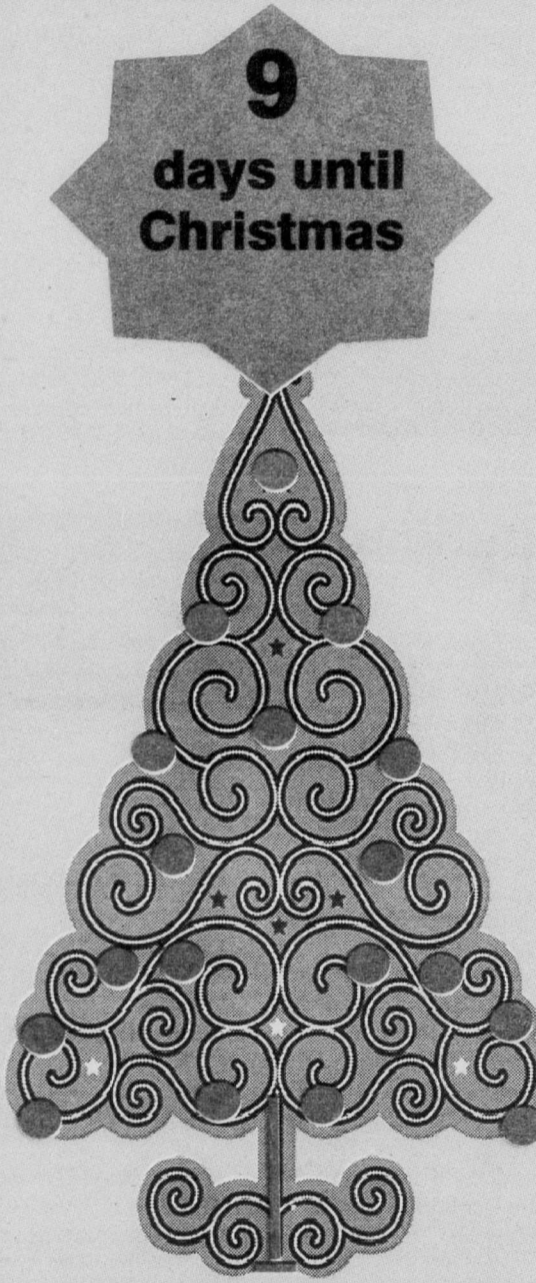
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**Death**



**Audrey SHAPCOTT (née George)**

Passed away at the CHUS Hôtel-Dieu, on Sunday, December 14, 2014 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Dennis Shapcott. Daughter of the late Arthur and Emily George and dear mother of Richard (Jo-Anne), Caroline (John), Michael (Ann), Suzanne, Jeremy and Jacqueline (Wilfredo). Loving grandmother to Michelle, Debra, Nicole, Malcolm, Jessica, Breeanna, Britteny and

Kimberly as well as many great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her sister Patricia George. Audrey is survived by her sisters-in-law Gladys, Mavis, Wendy and brother-in-law Leslie, as well as several nieces and nephews.

At her request, no visitation. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to the Maison Aube-Lumiere, 3071, 12e Avenue Nord, Sherbrooke, QC J1H 5H3 or to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Route 243 N., Richmond, QC J0B 2H0, would be appreciated by the family. A special thanks to family friend Kitty Draper for all her support.

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**Death**

**Aleta June LITTLE (née Gilbert)**

Passed away peacefully at Place Sanborn seniors' residence on December 12, 2014, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her loving husband Wayne Little, and leaves to mourn her children Jim (Joanne Menard), Randy (Cathy Lawrence), Angela (Stuart Hatch), and Rod (Yvette Roy), as well as her sister, Annabella Gilbert. She will be missed by her grandchildren David, Kaitlin, Jennifer, Heather, Michael (Samantha Roy), Meghann (James Dolloff), Greg (Priscilla Begin), Monica (Adam Hartley), Amanda (Michael Coakley), Bryan, and Sara. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren William, Miles, Laela, Jackson, Travis, Derek, Hailey, Zachary, Amy, Kyle, Noah, Caleb and Benjamin.

Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff, where friends may visit on Thursday, December 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. The funeral will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place at the Ayer's Cliff Cemetery in the spring.

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**Death**

**Shirley CURRY (née Fields) Longtime Volunteer with Fulford Place**

Peacefully on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the age of 81 years. Beloved wife of the late Allan Curry. Loving mother of Duncan (Tahra), Stewart (Jan) and Elizabeth Curry (Sebastien Chicoine). Cherished grandmother of Jeffrey, Justin, Taylor and Parker. Predeceased by her grandson Christopher. She will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and friends.

A service in memory of Shirley will be held in the Irvine Funeral Home and Chapel, 4 James Street East, Brockville on Friday, December 19 at 12:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the Reception Centre. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Ontario Heritage Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged.

Send condolences, place a donation, light a memory candle or share a special thought of Shirley online at [www.irvinememorial.com](http://www.irvinememorial.com)

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## Change for St. George's Anglican Church, Ayer's Cliff

At the end of December, Reverend Barbara Wintle will be retiring as the Priest at St. George's and the church will be entering a new stage of worship. Reverend Wintle started attending St. George's in the 1950's as a member of the congregation, she went on to become a member of Mrs. Church's choir and the Sunday School teacher. She often took on the role of reading the lessons and assisting the Priest during services. This commitment to the church led her to become a Lay Reader in 1996, a Deacon in 2001 and eventually to become a Priest in 2011. During this time Rev. Barb has remained a very active member of the ACW and holds the position of Treasurer. She also sits on the Board of the Diocesan ACW. One can see that this lady has done more than her share of maintaining a congregation in Ayer's Cliff and deserves a well-earned retirement to do some travelling and spend more time with her family.

Needless to say, the congregation of St. George's has some trepidations towards future changes, but changes do not have to be good or bad but just different. As one of my beloved former Archdeacons often said, "If you are not willing to change, would the last person out of the church turn off the lights and lock the door!" Fortunately, we have a strong core of parishioners who bring many talents to the church. There are members who help out at the school breakfast program, some who deliver

meals on wheels, some who visit shut-ins, all who raise money to distribute to local causes and others who are active in the Diocesan, ACW and attend meetings to help distribute money to students coming to study in the Townships, or direct money to missions overseas, or to new immigrants to Quebec. The men of the church also take active roles to maintain the church buildings, to be on hand to help at fundraisers and to support all projects.

Starting in January, St. George's will be coming part of a Ministry Team from the St. Francis Deanery. Services will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month; on the second Sunday we will be holding a Morning Prayer service with a Lay Reader and on the fourth Sunday we will be celebrating a Eucharistic Service with a clergy member of the team.

In June we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of St. George's, even though there was an earlier, smaller church which came here in 1906. There have been many faithful parishioners over the years and we look forward to the changes at our church, knowing that a church is not just the leader but the people who make a congregation. We hope to welcome new parishioners who will bring many new talents to help St. George's move forward.

Greta Nish  
Peoples' Warden

## Datebook

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

Today is the 350th day of 2014 and the 86th day of autumn.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1773, Tea Act protesters dumped hundreds of crates of tea into Boston harbor, an act that came to be known as the "Boston Tea Party."

In 1835, a huge fire destroyed nearly 700 buildings in New York City.

In 1944, German forces began a 90-minute artillery barrage against the Allied front, signaling the onset of the Battle of the Bulge.

In 2000, President George W. Bush selected Colin Powell as the first African-American secretary of state.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Jane Austen (1775-1817), author; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008), writer; Philip K. Dick (1928-1982), author; Lesley Stahl (1941- ), journalist; Steven Bochco (1943- ), screenwriter/producer; Shane Black (1961- ), actor/screenwriter/director;

William "The Refrigerator" Perry (1962- ), football player; Benjamin Bratt (1963- ), actor; Krysten Ritter (1981- ), actress.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Margaret Mead was named "Mother of the World" by Time magazine in 1969.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1973, Buffalo Bills running back O.J. Simpson became the first player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible." — Arthur C. Clarke

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** \$2.8 billion — worldwide box-office gross of James Cameron's "Avatar," which began its wide international release on this day in 2009. It remains the highest-grossing film of all time.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter moon (Dec. 14) and new moon (Dec. 21).



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**LENNOXVILLE**

Bingo on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Everyone is welcome! Info: 819-346-9122.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Uplands is pleased to present Bonheur d'hiver, our annual "prelude to winter" collective exhibit. The 2014 edition of this popular event will showcase the work of ten Eastern Township artists: Isabelle Brault, Lucy Doheny, Debbie Everett, Gladys Hann - O'Neil, Sigal Hirshfeld, Sonia Palik, Charles Peacock, Ruth Rancourt, Susanne Speidel, Danielle Tremblay. Looking for that special gift? Bonheur d'hiver is more than an exhibit; it is also an art

sale, the perfect occasion to buy something for yourself or a gift for a loved one. Uplands, 9 Speid St. in the borough of Lennoxville, open Wednesday to Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bonheur d'hiver will be on display until December 19.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Christmas for you. Join us for singing, fellowship and Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 25 at Hope Community Church, corner of Queen and College, Lennoxville. 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome. No charge - "our gift to you." For transportation or information, call HCC at 819-822-2627 or Paul McLean at 819-820-5932.

**NORTH HATLEY**

The Estria Woodwind Quintet and their invited guests: Jean-Yves St. Pierre and Maude Frechette Gagné, will be presenting a Christmas concert at St. Elizabeth Church on Saturday December 20 at 3 pm. Repertoire will consist of well known Christmas songs, music from The Nutcracker Ballet, baroque and renaissance works on period instruments and lots of sing-a-long Christmas fun! Tickets are available it is free for children and teens 16 and under, if they bring an adult. Reserve your seats with Pauline Farrugia at 819-842-1072.

**MOE'S RIVER**

The annual Christmas Service at the Moe's River Church will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 pm at the Moe's River Church. Speaker: Reverend Barbara Wintle. All welcome.

**LENNOXVILLE**

The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will be presenting its yearly Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. This year, a variety of goodies are in store in-

cluding Holiday favorites played by the Estria Quintet and Traditional Christmas Carols sung by the vocal octet Eight Misbehavin'. And of course, Uplands' Christmas concert is never complete without the traditional Christmas Carol sing-a-long accompanied by Fannie Gaudette on the piano. The concert will be followed by refreshments including our renowned mulled wine. Come and join us for some warm Christmas cheer! Entrance is by donation but reservations are strongly recommended, call Uplands at 819-564-0409. Uplands is located at 9 Speid St. in the Borough of Lennoxville (Sherbrooke).

**MAGOG**

Christmas Eve Service at St. Paul's United Church, 211 rue des Pins, Magog. We will be having our Christmas Eve Service with communion at 8 p.m., December 24. This service is open to everyone, French or English. We will welcome you with open hearts and arms.

**SHERBROOKE**

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, 971 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke will hold their New Year's Eve Party on Wednesday, December 31 starting at 8 p.m. Music. Light lunch. Everyone welcome. Reservations/info: 819-563-4944.

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# You might suggest to Aunt Betsy that she host the event and invite whomever she wishes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

way, and I'm at my wits' end. What should I do about her? — Fed Up with Family

Dear Annie: My 18-year-old cousin, "Rick," has been seeing a friend of mine for some time. Now I am in an awkward position. My friend "Joanie" told Rick she liked him, but he told her he didn't feel the same way about her. They were together for a short time, but even then, Rick was talking to other girls. He now has an actual girlfriend. But it seems that Rick and Joanie still have something going on.

Do I ignore their weird relationship, knowing he has a girlfriend? Do I tell them straight up to talk things out because I'm confused about their relationship? Joanie is my friend, and I don't want her to be heartbroken because my cousin is leading her on. How should I advise my friend? — Confused

Dear Confused: You need to stay out of this before you are blamed for everything that goes wrong. It sounds as though Joanie is well aware that Rick is seeing someone else. That means however she chooses to handle it is up to her. Your confusion is not her problem. You can tell her you don't think she and Rick are good together, but you cannot protect her from her own poor choices. You can listen and sympathize, but that's it. And it's OK to say directly that you have no intention of getting involved in her love life. So please don't.

Dear Annie: Every year, my husband and I host a couple of family holiday gatherings. We exclude two family members because they are not pleasant to be around. One is an obnoxious alcoholic, and the other has psychological problems and is antisocial. I decided years ago never to have them in my home again.

The problem is, my great-aunt, "Betsy," insists that these two be included and, against my wishes, invites them herself.

I'm outraged by this rude behavior and have told her repeatedly not to do this. But Aunt Betsy recently informed me that she has invited them again this year. She's determined to have it her

Dear Fed Up: You have three choices: Tolerate it, stop inviting Aunt Betsy or stop hosting family events. We understand that she wants the entire family included, especially for holidays, and we sympathize. Normally, we recommend tolerating the relatives for the few times a year that this happens. But it's your home and your guest list, and, right or wrong, no one else gets to make those decisions. For the next gathering, you might suggest to Aunt Betsy that she host the event and invite whomever she wishes. Or perhaps one of the other relatives would be willing to take on this responsibility. Then your choice is simply whether or not to attend.

Dear Annie: I found the letter from "Fed Up" to be heartbreaking, partly because I, too, have suffered from depression and anxiety most of my life. I went from one doctor to another, being medicated with "the latest thing out there," only it didn't work for me. More than once I was put on multiple medications that rendered me unable to function properly. I felt like I was walking around in a daze.

My life changed the day I saw a psychiatrist/pharmacologist. The added knowledge of pharmacology is remarkable. These doctors know about specific medications, their side effects and what medications don't mix well. The wrong medications cost me my career, and even though I am back to "normal" now, my career cannot be restored.

Seeing the wrong doctors nearly turned my life into a total loss. The right one changed my life in a fabulous way. Please pass along the information to "Fed Up". The right doctor just might help him find the quality of life he so desperately needs. — Been There

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

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### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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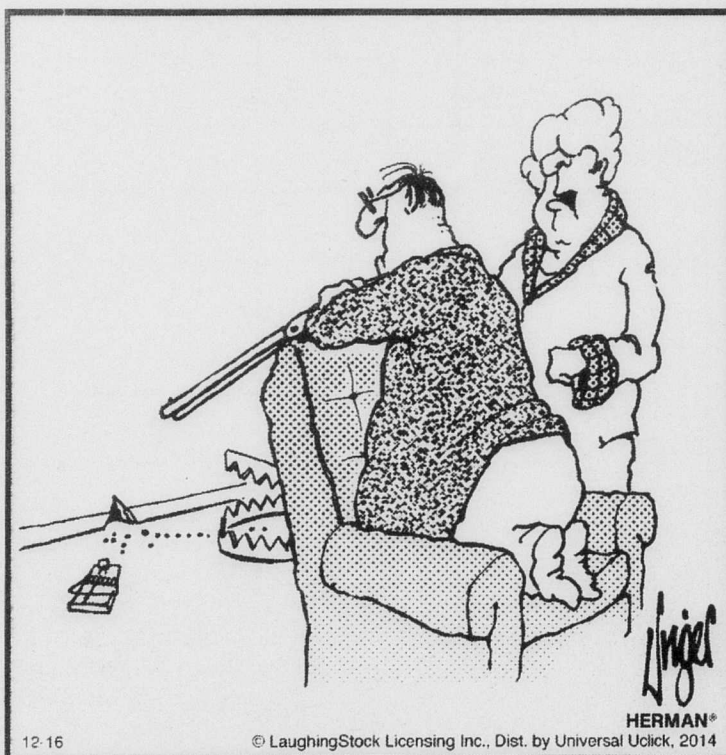
Previous Solution: "When a group of people get up from a table, the table doesn't know which way any of them will go." — Galway Kinnell

TODAY'S CLUE: Z sianba λ

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### HERMAN



"Did it ever cross your mind that maybe you're being outsmarted?"

### ALLEY OOP



### ARLO & JANIS



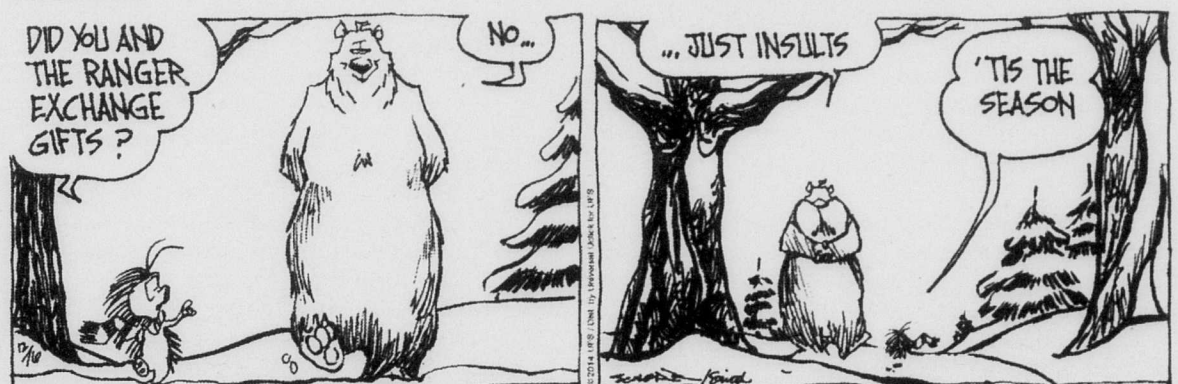
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## New Members & A Trip South



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The members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club met for their weekly assembly on Wednesday, December 3rd. It was a mild night, with a light, but constant drizzle falling. The precipitation was sufficient to the extent that snow-walkers arrived back with wet jackets, enough to dampen even the most protected of outerwear.

The theme for the evening was 'New Members Night' by which special attention was directed towards recent enlistees to the club's membership. Fortunate are those members who now enter the ranks relatively unscathed. In decades past, a rather stringent process of initiation was the order of the day. For some, it was justification to question the sanity of joining in the first place. But for those brave souls who accepted the challenge and weathered the storm, so to speak, the rewards were manifested by membership in one of the area's oldest fraternities, dating back to the nineteenth century.

In this modern era, however, the sanctity of initiation has become a ritual of the past. Now new members are embraced in the absence of any prerequisite ordeal. Though it must be noted, sentiments have been expressed of late to re-introduce the practice of initiation albeit on a more subdued level than in years gone by.

As spoons rapped the dining room tables close to the appointed hour, club President Dave Moore rose to inform the membership that he operated under the terms of DMT, that is, Dave Moore Time! He proceeded to introduce the head table and asked the members to rise for the national anthem. Rev. Dr. Deane Moffat then asked the blessing. Following the identification of emergency exits for the benefit of guests by the First Vice President Hugh Bowen, a visitor appeared at the door: Corn Cob Pipe Joe! Joe, attired in the outfit of a country bumpkin, tends to drop by every now and then to espouse on the trials and tribulations of life in the Townships. His practical gems of wisdom dispensed to the membership, Joe departed as quickly as he appeared.

The White Knights, taking their cue, began distributing the evening meal, starting off with bowls of tomato macaroni soup. They then passed out entrees of meatloaf, potatoes and mixed vegetables, before finishing up with dishes of rice pudding.

As soon as Vice President Hugh introduced the evening's guests, a drawing was held for the door prizes. The first went to Gerry McNabb, the second to piano player extraordinaire, Janis Graham.

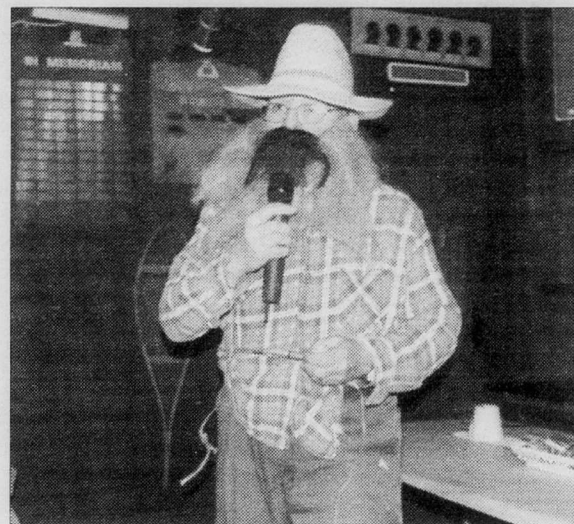
Past President and comedian Alan Cox related a couple of jokes, one about problems associated with the boarding of horses, the other about the perils of applying for social security. As Alan returned to his seat, Past President Bill Lyon and new member Almon Pope conducted an enthusiastic sing-along to the enjoyment of all.

Following the completion of a short business meeting, the balance of the evening was turned over to Honorary Secretary Steve Moore who presented an all encompassing slide show for the benefit of the new members. The slide show highlighted the past history of the club as well as the current activities that make up a typical season, as an introduction for the newcomers.

The membership then dispersed for rounds of cards and games of volleyball.

Three days later, on Saturday evening, December 6th, the members gathered once again, this time with their wives and guests. The moderate temperatures of the previous gathering had given way to more frigid conditions.

Inside the century-old clubhouse, the atmos-



Corn Cob Pipe Joe, aka 'Honey-Man Beattie.'

phere was considerably more hospitable. With a warm, inviting fire and a refreshing bowl of punch waiting, the attendees gathered about the fireplace, which for decades, has been the focal point of activity before all meetings.

At the appointed hour, everyone made their way into the rear dining hall where President Dave called for the singing of the national anthem. Honorary Secretary Steve Moore offered the blessing. The President identified the exits and introduced the head table.

The White Knights, under the able direction of Honorary Purveyor Karl Hunting, set about serving the evening meal, starting with bowls of cream of carrot soup, tasty and delicious. Next, came entree of ham, potatoes and beets, topped off with portions of gingerbread and lemon sauce for dessert.

As everyone enjoyed their cups of coffee and tea Alan Cox rose to tell a couple of anecdotes, one concerning a husband and wife duo experiencing pronunciation problems, the other about the death of a noted commercial caricature.

Following the introduction of guests, a drawing for the floral centerpiece was won by Jacki Loughheed. A similar drawing for door prizes went to Amy Husk and Ashford Lothrop. Honorary Chorister and Past President Bill Lyon then conducted a sing-along.

Members of the Moore family, namely President Dave, Honorary Secretary Steve and mother Elsie gathered at the podium. Steve, speaking on behalf of the family, announced the winner of this season's J.S. Moore Memorial Award, Don Loughheed. Presented in memory of his late father and in tribute to all other 50-year members of the club, Steve explained that the award was initiated to honor an individual who undertook various tasks 'behind the scenes' for the benefit of all members and which were often done without the knowledge of the general membership. He went on to itemize a few of the different tasks that Don has tackled in recent years and expressed his appreciation on behalf of everyone.

After a break and a chance to stretch one's legs the attendees gathered in the outer hall where newly decorated Don introduced guest speaker Paul McLean and Dave Warnholtz. The two gentlemen presented a slide show of a recent trip they undertook to Peru. They described with words and photos, their experience first in hiking the Inca Trail to the famed Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains, and secondly, a motorcycle trek along the Peruvian coast and coastal regions of the country.

Following the presentation, Honorary Secretary Steve thanked the two guests on behalf of those in attendance, with President Dave presenting them with tokens of appreciation.

The evening's activities thus concluded, the assembled crowd departed for home.

Steve Moore, SSSC Secretary

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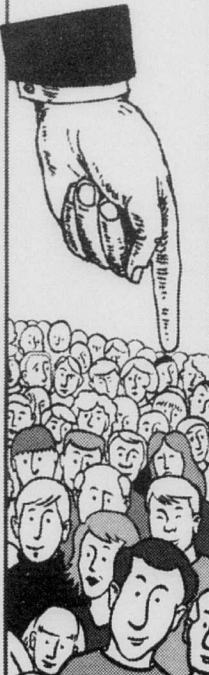
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Choose the most complex projects in your schedule and put everything you've got into getting them off the ground. Don't waste valuable time on minor details that will hold you back. Time management and focusing on what's important will be your ticket to success and greater freedom.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's important to stay one step ahead of the competition. Be fearless and aggressive as you face challenges and competition. The end result will be an amazing revelation. Money can be made.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Some of your confidential information will be divulged. As long as you can keep your financial matters a secret, you will land on your feet. Try not to overreact. The less said, the better.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You will be surprised by an unexpected gift, win or bargain. Making the right choice now will ensure that you end this year on a high note.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let personal matters get you down. Communication and group get-togethers will be complicated and frustrating. Sit back and let things unfold naturally. Choose your battles wisely.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Form a bond with someone who interests you romantically or professionally. Don't allow a minor setback to prematurely end a project. You will receive help if you ask the right person.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — You will gain greater insight into a situation developing behind the scenes. Medical, financial and business matters are your responsibility. Don't entrust your private information to a stranger.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You should make changes that will raise your standard of living. A few adjustments may be all that is needed to improve your position. Don't tolerate anyone who reneges on a promise.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Don't settle for the status quo. Changes are inevitable, and it's important to keep looking into ways to improve your current job or obtain a new one.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will be in the limelight today. This is a great time to show off your leadership abilities and problem-solving skills. Take advantage of an offer and move forward.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Creativity and romance are highlighted. Dispense with your usual chores. You will want to make your living space welcoming for the festive season. Enjoy the company of family and friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may feel unsettled, but if you are patient, things will turn in your favor. Being oversensitive will put you in a vulnerable position. Broaden your professional independence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You can make extra money. This is a fine time to cement a deal that's in the works. You will receive wise advice from an older or experienced individual.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

# Ten tricks needed, so count to 10

By Phillip Alder

Yves Saint Laurent said, "A good model can advance fashion by 10 years." Was he thinking of someone in particular?

A good bridge player can advance his score if he wins 10 tricks when playing in a four-level contract — as South is in today's deal.

How should South plan the play in four hearts after West leads a trump?

Declarer must assume trumps are 3-2 — and a low-trump lead almost always means that they will be. With losers in spades, hearts and diamonds, it looks like South needs the club finesse to work — but, as we shall see, that is a mirage.

The simple — and here unsuccessful — approach is to win the first trick, cross to dummy's diamond king and run the club queen. However, West wins with his king and returns his remaining trump. Declarer can take the trick, cash his diamond ace and two club winners (discarding a diamond from dummy), and ruff a diamond in the dummy. East, though, calmly discards a spade. When South continues with the ace and another spade, East takes the trick, cashes his high trump and leads a black-

North 12-16-14			
♠ A J 6 3			
♥ 8 7 5 4			
♦ K 6 2			
♣ Q 10			
West		East	
♠ 10 7 4		♠ K Q 9 8	
♥ 9 3		♥ Q J 10	
♦ Q 10 8 5		♦ J 9	
♣ K 7 6 3		♣ 8 5 4 2	
South			
♠ 5 2			
♥ A K 6 2			
♦ A 7 4 3			
♣ A J 9			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 3			

suit winner. Declarer ruffs, but West wins the last trick with his high diamond for down one.

Instead, South should go for these 10 tricks: one spade, three hearts (the ace, king and a long trump), two diamonds, two clubs and two ruffs. At trick two, declarer should play a spade to, say, dummy's jack. East wins and leads another trump, but South takes the trick, plays a spade to dummy's ace, ruffs a spade, returns to dummy with a diamond, ruffs the last spade and concedes a club. He must fashion those 10 tricks.

# CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 \_\_\_ excuse for: hardly the best example of
- 6 Largest city in Belarus
- 11 Reg.
- 14 "\_\_\_ Rae"
- 15 Political convention setting
- 16 Golfer's peg
- 17 \*Actor Sydney of "Casablanca"
- 19 Crazy way to go
- 20 "Dallas" matriarch Miss \_\_\_
- 21 Brought up
- 23 Boiling mad
- 27 Takes advantage of
- 28 Shower offering
- 31 Waiter's carrying aid
- 32 Get on in years
- 33 Pioneering ISP
- 34 Break down, as a sentence
- 35 "It's the \_\_\_ I can do"
- 38 Hidden loot

40 Superman's symbol

- 41 Bug in a program, say
- 42 Tomato concentrate
- 43 Kitchen appliance
- 45 Activist Guevara
- 46 Hem and \_\_\_
- 47 Ripped
- 48 Word with horse or track
- 49 Tender-hearted
- 51 Slander
- 53 Throbbled
- 55 Things that shouldn't be done
- 58 DDE's WWII command
- 59 Understand (and a hint to both parts of this puzzle's answers to starred clues)
- 64 Bustle
- 65 Like a fifth tire
- 66 Youngest Jetson
- 67 Curtain holder
- 68 Furry swimmer

69 Trickles (through)

22 Hole-boring tool

- 24 Takes to jail
- 25 \*Break for fuel
- 26 Dilapidated building, e.g.
- 28 Quick intake of breath
- 29 Greek "i"
- 30 \*Danger after a heavy rainfall
- 32 Protected, at sea
- 34 "That was close!"
- 36 Arty NYC locale
- 37 Shade provider
- 39 Sports page numbers
- 44 Jules who created Captain Nemo

48 Forgetful, maybe

- 49 Asparagus serving
- 50 Perform better than
- 51 Handy
- 52 Boot bottoms
- 54 Exxon, previously
- 56 Folklore monster
- 57 Go for groceries
- 60 Consume
- 61 Three, in Bologna
- 62 Ship's pronoun
- 63 TV host Pennington and Hall of Famer Cobb

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**Down**

- 1 Zambia neighbor: Abbr.
- 2 Tiny skin opening
- 3 Sports analyst Hersher
- 4 Folded eggs dish
- 5 Took to jail
- 6 Gym cushion
- 7 Like some outlet store mdse.
- 8 Maiden name indicator
- 9 Dummy Mortimer
- 10 "Kiss Me, \_\_\_"
- 11 \*Talent show hosted by Ed McMahon
- 12 Conical dwelling
- 13 Homeowners' documents
- 18 Sealy rival

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