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*Street Party*



PERRY BEATON

Revellers left a bit of a mess behind during St. Paddy's partying in Lennoxville on the weekend. See page 4.

**Local roofs safe**

— School board

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships may have received less snow than elsewhere, but following multiple deaths in the province from roof cave-ins, the Eastern Townships School Board has checked all its roofs — and they're fine.

"No one is ready to take any chances," said Ernest Garbutt, the ETSB's coordinator of material resources. "Our roofs are all fine."

Parents can feel safe about their children going to class, said Garbutt.

"We checked every one of

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**Drilling for ore is to begin May**

*Weedon's new mineral find?*

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

The Townships were abuzz two months ago with the idea of bringing mining jobs back to the region and the president of Quebec's Midland Exploration Company says new mineral deposits have been found near Weedon.

"This is good, this is very good," said Gino Roger on Monday. "We will begin drilling in

May."

The mineral exploration company began its quest for base metal deposits last November. Equipped with a VTEM — a device affixed to a helicopter that conducted a magnetic and electromagnetic survey of the ground — a team surveyed to a depth of 300 meters. In total, the helicopter covered 1,600 kilometers of flight lines in the Weedon area and preliminary data is in — and it's encouraging, according to Roger.

"The airborne survey was designed to delineate new conductive zones of base metal

mineralization on the property," said Roger. "The survey has detected several new conductors and our partner is very happy. We are not the ones putting the money on the table for this project. Our partnership with Breakwater (a Toronto based mining company) is very beneficial and we have received a great deal of support from the community.

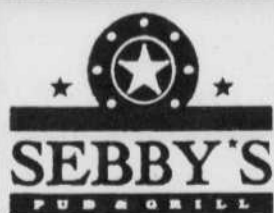
"Breakwater owns a zinc mine in the Abitibi that is presently in full production."

Breakwater has devoted \$3 million in funding to the Weedon project.

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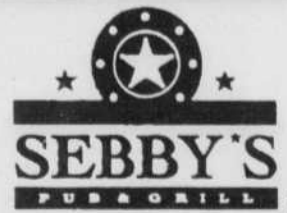
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# Green bingo

By Claudia Villemaire  
RICHMOND

Another new activity has been added to the St. Patrick's celebrations traditionally held here during March each year. The first-ever Green Bingo, complete with green prizes, bingo cards and even participants wearing whatever green garment or accessory they could find.

Jean Charles Lachance, manager of the Foyer Richmond, said he was quite happy with the March 13 turn-out. "We have many patients who are not able to participate fully, but volunteers and staff were there to help and I think everyone enjoyed their afternoon."



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Bingo and Rosheen (at the bottom right). Happy St. Paddy's month!

# Rosheen

## Reels and ballads

By Claudia Villemaire  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
RICHMOND

They were hardly into their first rousing Irish reel and the audience was electrified. Rosheen, the well known Irish group, featured plenty of foot-stomping, hand-clapping Irish reels, plaintive folklore, plus the tin whistle, flute, and violin. Hands and feet set in motion later slowed to the plaintive ballads that stirred emotions and memories of the struggle to survive these hardy immigrants endured to get established in a new land.

Lynne Vallieres, one of the founders of the group, interprets the folklore of the Emerald Isle with her versatile voice. Guitar, mandolin, violins, keyboard, bass and percussion rounded out the group's presentation.

The March 15 evening seemed over almost before it began; the audience demanded several encores before they finally accepted an end to the evening.



# Weather

**Today:** Sunny. Low minus 6. High zero.

**Wednesday:** Snow. Low minus 1. High plus 1.

**Thursday:** Snow. Low minus 1. High zero

**Friday:** Mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 13. High minus 8.

# Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Headhunters are hired

## Search for BU principal

By Sarah Rogers  
SHERBROOKE

Bishop's University has taken on a recruitment agency to help find the institution's next principal. At the last meeting of the university's search committee, the group decided on Toronto-based Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. to headhunt for them.

A job ad for the principal position has also been posted widely, appealing for a candidate with "a willingness and ability to relate with students on a personal level and foster a sense of genuine respect and understanding."

Search committee chairman Robert Gordon said they have received several applications from interested candidates, and may begin the interviewing process as soon as next month.

"Our job is to get a very good pool of people to choose from," said Gordon, noting the pool of candidates was quite small the last time around. "I'm prepared to interview as many as we can."

The 14-member search committee draws representation from the corporation (Bishop's governing body), faculty, students and other parts of the university community. The group will make recommendations to the corporation regarding the university's new principal, following the departure of the controversial Robert Poupart in November.

Ideally, Gordon said, they would like to have about six candidates to interview. Looking for fluently bilingual leadership is a handicap for the search committee, he added, as it eliminates several strong English academics from across the country.

Vice-president academic Jonathan Rittenhouse is serving as the university's interim principal until his contract with the school is up in June 2008. Gordon, who also serves as president of the corporation, isn't optimistic, though, that a replacement will be found by then.

If no new principal has been selected by June, the university may decide to extend Rittenhouse's contract or to leave the post vacant temporarily.

Bishop's University has yet to work out a severance package with former principal Poupart, who left three and a half years into to his five-year contract. That detail is currently being worked out with the university's lawyer, said Bishop's spokesman David McBride.

On the financial front, negotiations between the university and Quebec's Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports continue in attempts to secure the university some financial support, but those talks remain private until the two parties reach some sort of deal.

The university, which started the academic year \$5 million in the red, is looking to the ministry for bridge support to help it through the next decade. The ministry is already withholding a multimillion dollar conditional grant from Bishop's, as it does from any university running a deficit.

## The Geology Of Winter



GORDON ALEXANDER

A frozen snowbank on Lorne Street in Richmond reveals the many layers representing all this season's snowstorms, like a layer cake. The frozen snow banks resemble the geological formations of old rocks and dead organisms settling: Over millions of years, the layers build up and compress.

# Public hearings on Sutton's urban plan

## 45 letters of complaint

By Maurice Crossfield  
KNOWLTON

Opponents of Sutton's urban plan will get their day in court, so to speak, when the Commission Municipale du Québec holds a public hearing on the issue.

"They have let us know that they have received a certain number of letters and that they will be looking into it further," said Sutton Mayor Ken Hill.

The CMQ received some 48 letters of complaint about the town's proposed new urban plan, which outlines all zoning, construction and development bylaws. Its task will be to determine if three of the five proposed bylaws that are part of the urban plan were put together properly, and that they conform to existing rules and regulations.

"We know we've had a group of people complaining," said Hill. "But you can't complain to the municipal commission just because you don't like what's in the plan. You have to show that something was done improperly."

In fact only five letters would have been required to prompt the public hearing. The

48 letters came primarily from a group opposed to the construction of a Couche Tard gas station and dépanneur complex on the site of the existing Esso. Opponents want the filling station moved out of town and the property turned into a public park. Others have opposed the plan's approach to future development in the municipality.

"What we've been hearing in town is overwhelming satisfaction," said Hill.

But on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. the CMQ will hear directly from opponents on the issue, as well as from representatives of the municipality. It will then issue a ruling, likely by the end of April.

Even then, if the CMQ decides that the bylaws are all entirely legal, the municipality won't be applying them just yet: Instead the Town of Sutton must open a registry. If more than 499 people sign (10 per cent of the population), then Sutton will be faced with the choice of holding a full-scale refer-

endum or withdrawing the bylaws and starting over again.

This has been a lengthy and difficult process for Sutton, starting back in 2006. By the end of that year the municipality decided to put off adopting the urban plan so it could deal with concerns raised over housing, the water supply and future development. The plan was finally passed by the town council on Jan. 14 of this year.

Hill said he's confident that the municipality passed the bylaws according to the rules, and shouldn't face any trouble before the CMQ.

He said it's the first time in his political career that he has heard of the CMQ going to the point of holding public hearings.



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There were still signs of the party left behind on Monday afternoon.

# Drinking and partying

*'It was Lennoxville's weekend,' says cop*

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke Police spokesman Martin Carrier says the weekend for many Lennoxville residents consisted of an outdoor couch fire and parties — something police haven't seen outside of Frosh week for years.

"It was definitely Lennoxville's weekend," said Carrier. "It sure wasn't a nice Saturday night. I can confirm that all the suspects were students, I just don't know if they were from Champlain or Bishop's (University)."

The weekend, during which quite a few young people celebrated St. Patrick's Day early, saw three 20-year-olds held for several hours in the drunk tank and one 19-year-old arrested for armed aggression.

Carrier says the calls began on Saturday around suppertime.

"In the Little Forks section we got a call about 100-some young people in the street drinking and partying. They lit a couch on fire, smashed beer bottles all over the street, and threw snowballs at police. Officers persuaded everyone to return to private land because you couldn't even get through with a car. Three 20-year-olds were apprehended and put in the (drunk tank) for a couple hours to calm down."

Because they were not, in the end, criminally charged, police cannot release their names, but the trio did receive municipal fines.

This behavior is something that Carrier said officers were not expecting outside of Frosh Week.

"For the past few years there has been a good collaboration between police and students.... I don't recall this

type of action for St. Patrick's Day in the past. I guess this weekend was a setback."

Calls continued when police were needed at the Lion Pub (at the corner of Queen and College) at 11:15 p.m. that same evening after a man smashed a beer bottle over, according to police, a fellow student's head — causing him to be rushed to hospital.

"They were both students from Lennoxville," Carrier said. "(Someone) broke a beer bottle over another student's head and he was arrested for armed assault. Glass cuts well."

The victim was rushed to hospital and received stitches to his face and head. Nineteen-year-old Guillaume Bedard was arrested.

# Police seek home invaders

By Maurice Crossfield  
KNOWLTON

The Sûreté du Québec is investigating a home invasion that took place in the early minutes of Monday morning in Farnham. At 12:20 a.m. two young women, believed to be between 18 and 20 years of age, knocked on the door of a home at 70 Dollard Ouest. The couple living at the house had been asleep at the time, and when they went to the door the women asked if they could use the phone.

Once inside the two women distracted the homeowner and let two men into the house. The men, also believed to be in their late teens or early 20s, then roughed up the owner and demanded money and jewellery.

"There was a theft, but we are still determining exactly what was taken," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel.

The four home invaders then fled the scene on foot, possibly to a car that was parked some distance away. Ruel said the occupants of the home were badly shaken up by the incident but not injured.

"The whole thing only lasted a few minutes," Ruel said. To date police don't have much to go on. They don't have a good description of the attackers, or their getaway car, if they have one. No one was tied up, as is often the case in home invasions, and there were no weapons used in the attack.

SQ investigators are continuing to seek out information about the crime, including if there could be a link between the victims and their attackers.

## ROOF:

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our 25 roofs physically last Thursday and Friday."

In some cases Garbutt had school caretakers make a physical inspection, while board employees were deployed to inspect the rest.

"We didn't get the accumulation that other places did," he said. "But, with what's going on [elsewhere] no one is ready to take any chances."

According to an official at the Sherbrooke offices of the provincial workplace safety commission the CSST, all the white stuff has caused panic, but spokeswoman Lisanne Cote also said cleaning roofs is a dangerous practice.

"We don't keep track of what happens to residents since we only deal with individuals who hurt themselves while at work, but everyone should be very careful," said Cote. "We have had no claims in the Sherbrooke area pertaining to employees being injured while cleaning roofs, but that doesn't mean that people should not be careful."

As the weather gradually becomes warmer and spring takes shape Cote warns that snow can transform to ice, making the situation even more dangerous.

According to Garbutt spring — which leads to flooding — is not expected to cause any problems with schools.

"We don't have any schools in flood zones," he said. "Flooding can make it difficult for transportation, but it won't make any impact on schools."

## Sherbrooke arena's roof

Activities at Sherbrooke's Eugene Lalonde arena remained canceled Monday while workers cleared excess snow and thawing ice off the centre's roof.

Although the arena was scheduled to re-open over the weekend, city officials now say that should happen by Wednesday morning. Indoor soccer activities scheduled at the multisport complex, in which the arena is located, continue as scheduled.

Last Thursday afternoon, Sherbrooke firefighters were called in to evacuate the arena, after staff noticed the ceiling's beams seemed to be folding irregularly.

Building inspectors have since done an analysis of the building, determining the structure was in no danger. Work was being done over the weekend, however, to clear the foot of snow off the centre's roof.

The work being done is only precautionary, said city of Sherbrooke spokeswoman Guylaine Hébert.

Building inspections are being conducted on municipal roofs throughout the week, after which the city will advise residents of any planned snow clearing.

## MINING:

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The site consists of 242 claims, which were mined last in the 1970s.

"Historically they mined for copper and gold," Roger said. "Nickel is also big right now. It's going for \$14 a pound. There is also a possibility of lead, zinc, and there is good potential for uranium, that is in worldwide demand."

According to results copper showed promising amounts of 1.20 per cent within 1 meter of land surveyed, 1.41 per cent lead, .50 per cent zinc, 88.0 g/t (grams per metric tonne) silver, and .45 g/t of elemental gold.

With such promising preliminary results, Roger said that drilling will begin in two months. Should the drill sites prove the VTEM findings to be accurate, the company will eventually need to hire employees to bring the project up to full capability.

"For now we have our own contractors and geologists, so we will not be hiring as of yet," said the president from his Rosemere office. He said he is readying himself to spend a great deal of time in the Townships. "Now we need to drill to see exactly where the minerals are in the field. This is a good sign and though we won't be hiring anyone for this stage we will be spending much time in Weedon, spending money in local restaurants and hotels. It's a win, win situation for everyone."

"If they find the minerals to re-open the mine it will make a substantial impact on the economy," Weedon's director-general Emille Royer told *The Record* in December. "It will bring a boom. They don't open mines just to open mines. There will need to be a substantial amount of minerals found and that will mean numerous jobs back to the region."

Midland Exploration Company (MD) is listed on TSX Venture exchange and was trading yesterday at .700.



PERRY BEATON

City Councillor Jean-François Rouleau, at left, presented a study looking at Sherbrooke's methane emissions.

## City's contribution to climate change

### Sherbrooke study calculates its guilt

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

The city of Sherbrooke's dumpsite has a gas problem created by undigested garbage. Its cars and trucks are also flatulent from burning fuel and contributing to the growing hole in the ozone layer.

Sherbrooke councillor Jean-François Rouleau, chairman of Sherbrooke's sustainable development committee, Monday released a study on greenhouse gases produced by municipal installations and activities.

The study indicates that in 2006 municipal buildings and activities in Sherbrooke emitted some 43,800 tonnes of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change.

And 74 per cent emanated from the Sherbrooke landfill. The flatulent dump is bloated with methane created by rotting garbage.

Another 19 per cent is caused by gas-emitting vehicles ranging from police patrol cars to snow ploughs and municipal dump trucks.

Belching buses from Sherbrooke's transit corporation were not included in the study, explained Rouleau, noting that the Société de transport de Sherbrooke (STS) is a para-municipal service run by a separate corporation.

"For our study, we thought we had enough to look at without looking at other's

people's business," said the former chairman of the STS.

But the study did include the trucks and machinery operated by city subcontractors and even the emissions burped out by the vehicles of municipal workers heading to and from work.

Much of the remainder of Sherbrooke's emissions are caused by heating municipal buildings. More is created by sludge at the sewage treatment plant as well as refrigeration gases.

The Kyoto Protocol to fight climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions was signed by 174 countries, including Canada, in 1990. Between then and when the protocol came into effect in 2005, emissions had increased by 32.7 per cent in Canada and 10.8 per cent in Quebec, according to a national inventory report by Environment Canada.

Sherbrooke is one of four Quebec cities to commission an inventory of municipal greenhouse gases, Rouleau said, indicating Sherbrooke followed much larger cities including Montreal, Quebec City and Laval.

"The point of the study was to measure how much greenhouse gases the city was

producing," Rouleau said, adding that will allow the city to better plan and act to reduce its emissions.

One of the first actions will be to close the city's sanitary landfill, councillor Rouleau told *The Record*, noting the dump will close within weeks.

When that happens, the city will cover the landfill with four layers of sand and dirt which will prevent the gases from escaping into the air, Rouleau explained.

The gases, which will continue to be created for years as the garbage buried there continues to rot, will be suctioned and burned off, for now.

The city will look at ways of transforming biogases, which is mainly methane, into power, said Rouleau.

Meanwhile torching the gases at high temperature will eliminate virtually all the methane.

As for emissions from cars and trucks, Rouleau said the city has created the "Wow les moteurs" (whoa motors) committee which will look at a variety of ways to reduce emissions from municipal transport activities including city workers driving to work.

Rouleau said the city does not want to move to ethanol, made from corn and other grains, to fuel city trucks and vehicles.

"We need to feed the people before using the land to fuel our trucks," he said.

Rouleau, who said he shares a lift to city hall with fellow councillor Pierre Boisvert, said municipal workers will also be encouraged to carpool to work.

The city will install a new policy for city vehicles to reduce their speed and therefore their emissions, and hold workshops for city employees who drive heavy trucks on ecological and economical driving.

Citizens are also invited to become aware of how they can reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions.

### BRIEFS

#### Tory time in Brome-Missisquoi

The Brome-Missisquoi Conservative Association will gather its members next month to pick a candidate for the next federal election.

Two Tories are vying to represent the federal Conservatives in Brome-Missisquoi: Perle Bouchard, a notary and real estate agent in Magog; and Bromont native Mark Quinlan, also a notary who is presently working as communications director for Christian Paradis, the federal secretary of state for agriculture.

In all nearly 800 card-carrying Conservatives will be eligible to vote for the candidate of their choice. To be eligible the voter must have joined the riding association before March 12. At voting time party members will be required to present identification, including photo ID and proof of residency.

The candidate selection meeting takes place Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Chateau Bromont, 90 rue Stanstead in Bromont.

#### Bus drivers protest

School bus drivers from across the Estrie took to Sherbrooke MNA Jean Charest's local office yesterday to protest their working conditions.

The drivers, who are union members of the CSN, were demanding the government increase the provincial budget targeted at school transport which would translate into higher salaries, as well as draft policy on security and discipline for the province's buses.

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# Community Forum

## Too soon for spring cleaning

*But then...*

There are times when the moons are aligned in such a way as to change the normal course of events....

There had been no plan to start spring cleaning with sugaring just around the corner. But... the bottom element of the oven glowed extra hot one evening – and poof! – its heating days were over. Replacing the non-working part meant dragging the stove out from between the last set of bottom cupboards and the single row of drawers.

You know what that means. Discoveries from beneath, in that space no one ever sees, where no broom or vacuum attachment can reach, the location that is only visible when the appliance is pulled out of its normal operating position.

This time the removal of the stove revealed several surprises. The best one was less dust than anticipated. Yahoo!

Unexpected finds included two toothpicks that had obviously been accidentally knocked off the counter, two ant traps and four narrow streaks of caked-on maple sugar down the side of the cupboard from the top edge to the floor.

These were evidence that 1) once in a while baking from scratch is practiced here; 2) there had been ants in the house last summer; and 3) someone in the house let a kettle of maple syrup boil over in recent months.

Following the application of a certain amount of elbow grease, the floor and cupboard sides were squeaky clean – to the disappointment, no doubt, of any insects about to emerge from their winter's sleep.

### MORE NON INTENTIONS

It had not been intended as an experiment to determine how long it takes to boil a singing teakettle dry when it doesn't sing, even though it's atop an electric burner on high, but now I have a rough answer – less than 50 minutes. Nor was it meant to be a method of dislodging the lime deposits caked to



SUSAN MASTINE

the inside bottom of the kettle. There had been no plan to change the colour of the element either or to alter the scent in the air.

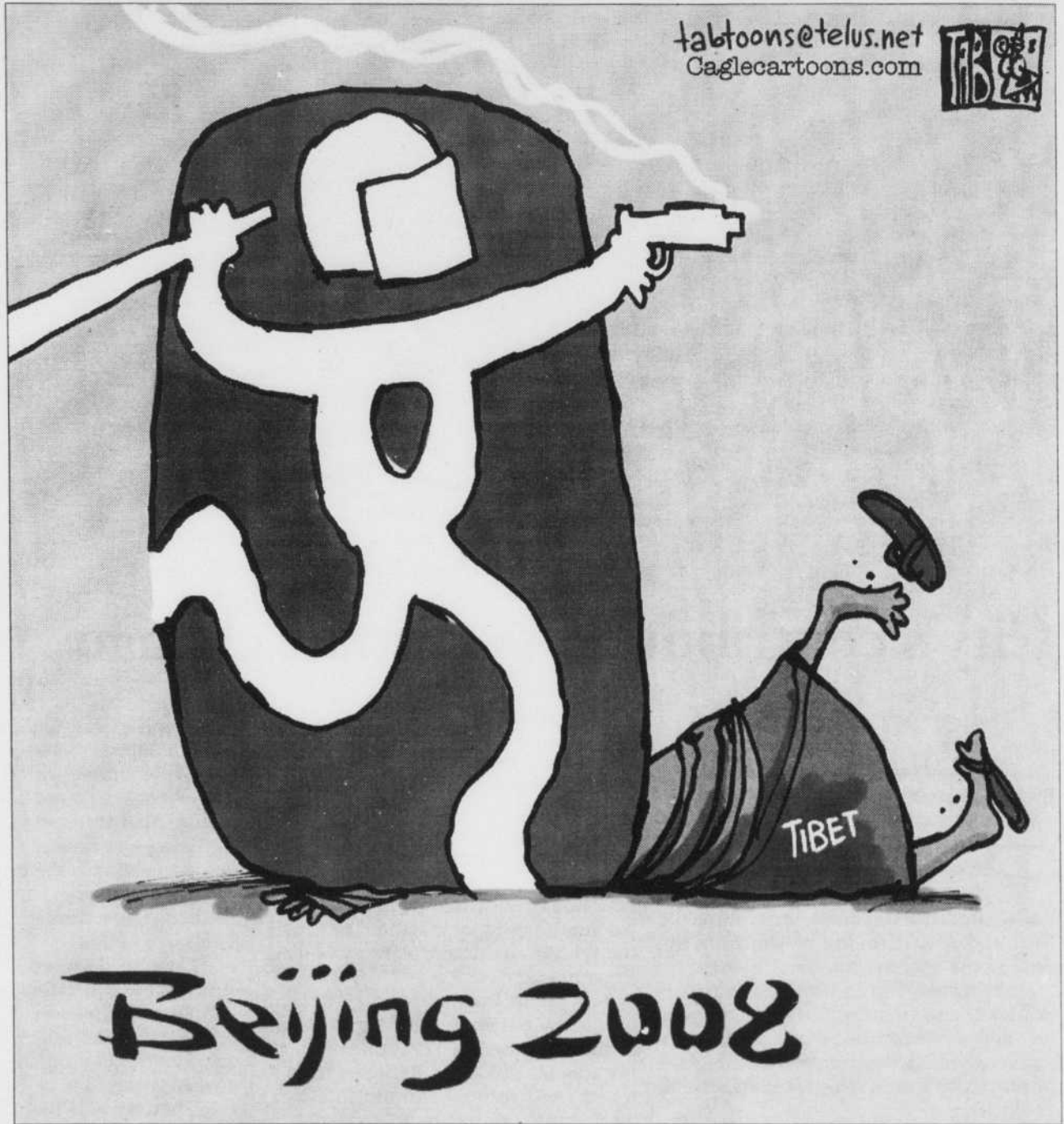
No real or imaginary alarm went off. The first sign that something was amiss was the smell of hot plastic that wafted across the full length of the kitchen, around the corner, up the stairwell, into the hallway and finally into the upstairs office

That planned cup of tea had been long forgotten.... I would have to wait a while longer, but the kettle would be free from mineral build-up.

And I had had a revelation: I completely comprehended those who had done the same thing in the past, and are likely to do so again. Now, I'll have to remember not to chide he who makes tea most often in this house.

There had been no plan to decorate the house for a special occasion that day, but there was confetti all around me. Tiny white particles were now adorning the softwood floor, the rug, socks and T-shirts on the drying rack, the bottom of the laundry basket.

I was sure I had checked all the pockets. Another non intention. Another sign of imperfection. Darn!



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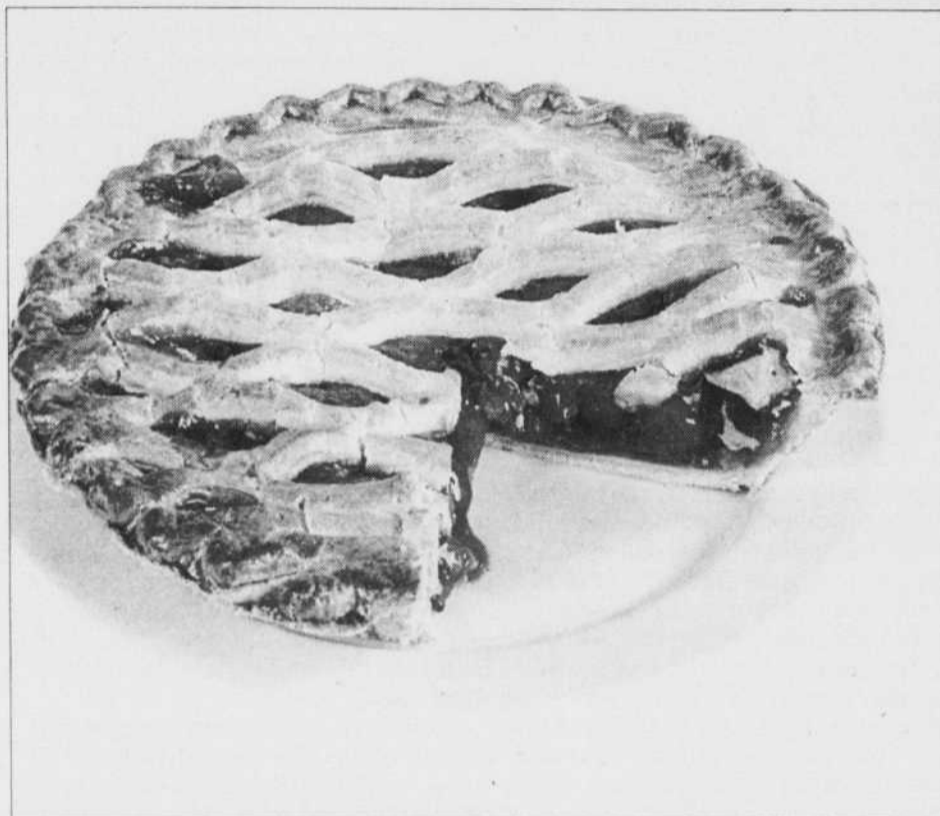


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It's called the pie bonspiel because... you guessed it.... there's pie.

## Curling for wheelchairs

*And there'll be pie*

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Popular local band Mid-life Crisis will take the Curling Club stage this Friday to celebrate the biggest Men's Invitational Pie Bonspiel in the rink's 76 year history — as well as to raise funds for much needed renovations.

"Our bonspiel is full this year. We have 225 curlers participating and that's the most we've had in 20 years," said former president and bar chairman Derek Heatherington. "Most people still refer to it as the pie bonspiel because during lunch we serve a variety of pies, but this is the oldest and biggest bonspiel in the Townships. We can't accept any more teams, but the public is invited to come and cheer on the teams and especially attend the dance Friday night."

Curling matches and events began last Sunday and for this Friday's special event, games will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day, right up to 3 or 4 a.m. in order to determine

this year's winning team. Heatherington says a special team will take to the ice throughout the contest.

"This year we have a Brazilian Olympic Hopeful Curling Team. They are all University of Sherbrooke students who have been practicing here all year," he says. "Brazil is in the process of getting ice sports going and they are hoping for a bid to play in Brazil in 2014."

The Speid Street club is in need of upwards of \$50,000 to bring the sports establishment up to speed.

"There are big renovations coming, as they have been for the past couple years. Our ice shed, the interior, and the exterior of the club need work and we are also working on beginning a wheelchair league.

"We need to build ramps and make the club wheelchair accessible," he said. "We are really looking forward to that."

Spectators are needed; funds will be collected by way of a \$2 door charge for the 9 p.m. Mid Life Crisis party. For more information contact the club at 819-562-2310.

## Sign removal is in a lawyer's hands

*Inspector says papers filed*

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The big blue Queen Street medical clinic sign that hangs very visibly — and very misleadingly, since there is no longer a medical clinic in Lennoxville — may be there for a while longer.

More than a year ago, local business owner Janice LaDuke complained to the borough office about the sign — it was luring in people to her shop seeking medical attention.

At that time, borough president Doug MacAulay said its removal was in the hands of Sherbrooke municipal inspectors.

The file was indeed forwarded to Sherbrooke building inspector Jean Francois Gagnon, and he said he has ever since been trying to get the sign taken down.

"We have filed legal procedures against the owner of the sign to remove

it," said Gagnon. "The problem is that the sign does not belong to the town, or to the owner of the book store [LaDuke], so the owner has to be the one to remove it. We started calling the owner (Cedric Cleary, also the owner of Lennoxville's Arbo-Culture) last May and asked him to remove it and he never did. After calling and sending letters we filed for legal procedures last June."

According to Gagnon, everyone now needs to play the waiting game since legal procedures could take some time. Gagnon said the city does not have the authority to remove a sign without an owner's permission.

According to LaDuke, it is those seeking medical attention who will suffer the most.

"I feel so bad for them," LaDuke said. "One woman came in last week with a makeshift sling on her arm. I give them a flyer that I got from the CLSC on where they can go to find another walk-in clinic in Sherbrooke."

## An Irish bike tour

*Beer and blarney*

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

This St. Patrick's Day the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society didn't focus on local Irish history. Instead, president Lu Rider spoke of her firsthand experience with Irish history.

"A friend and I took off on a grand tour of Europe in late August 1963," Rider told all during the group's regular general meeting last night at Uplands Cultural Centre. "I was planning on being gone for a year, and my friend was staying indefinitely and oh the great memories we made."

Rider made her notes available to *The Record* beforehand: She said that upon their arrival in London, England that fall the pair found the cheapest means of transportation.

"We bought bicycles. This was before cycling and back packing was a com-

mon sight over there so we were quite oddities for the people we made acquaintances with. We bought second-hand bikes with the agreement that the small shop would buy them back when we finished our tour."

They cycled through Wales and took a ferry to Dublin on the 20th of September 44 years ago.

"We saw some of the famous Irish mist. To anyone else it would be considered rain, but in Ireland it's mist," said Rider, who recalled traveling through rolling hills of lush green. "The climate was similar to Scotland. The nearest I can figure we traveled some 400 miles through Ireland."

There were friendly people with heavy accents, which Rider admits was difficult to catch on to at first. There were farmers leading their sheep down the roads.

"We nod our head to greet, they shake their head. At first we assumed it

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# Eggs are about the new life of spring

## Sugaring, Easter, haggis

This coming weekend Christians all over the world will celebrate Easter. Stores are full of Easter eggs and stuffed bunnies, but do you know how these traditions came to us? Julian Fox's book, *Easter* (1984), can answer all your questions about this celebration.

Easter originated as a festival to mark the beginning of spring. While the spring goddess went by many names in different countries, it was in Northern Europe that people believed the goddess Eostre brought the world to life again in spring; hence, the name Easter. This was a pagan ritual that involved dancing and feasting, bonfires and parades. Eggs were painted and exchanged as the symbol of the new life spring would bring.

As Christianity spread across Europe, believers set about adapting the older rites and ceremonies to the life and teaching of Jesus. Instead of being a festival of renewal in nature, Easter be-

came the time for people to renew their faith. The egg came to represent the stone that had mysteriously been removed from the cave that held Christ's body. Candles were lit to symbolize light — not from the sun but from God.

Why does Easter's date change every year? Because it follows the moon. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Why is it called 'Good' Friday? Some say the name was originally God's Friday. Others say that 'good' once actually meant 'holy'. In Denmark it is known as Long Friday. Until recently, miners would not go below ground on Good Friday and fishermen would not go out to sea. Superstition held that if you washed clothes on Good Friday they would come out stained with blood.

What gives with the big bunny? The Easter hare was once a sacred companion of the old goddess of spring, Eostre.

Easter is not the only thing happening at this time of year. Children will enjoy Margaret Carney's picture book, *At Grandpa's Sugar Bush* (1997). A

young boy spends spring break with his grandfather to help him with the sugaring. Carney takes us through the process of drilling a hole in the maple tree, putting in the spile and tapping it gently with a hammer until a big drop of sap forms and the boy catches it in his mouth. "Grandpa says the first robin always sings on the day the sap starts to run." You can almost smell the fires burning and the sweet maple scent coming from the sap pan.

### MEA CULPA

It seems I am the last to find out: haggis comes from Scotland, not Ireland (as I carelessly wrote in last week's article). I spent a long time on the Internet reading all the Irish curses but did not check on the origins of haggis. May all you Irish out there refrain from cursing this lowly scribe, who now knows better.

### BOOK ENDS

- Members please stop by to renew your cards for 2008. Even though membership in the library is free to Sherbrooke and borough residents, you must still have a valid card.
- The next meeting of the Books and

Brown Bag Lunches reading club will be on Wednesday, March 19, from noon to 1 p.m. at the library.

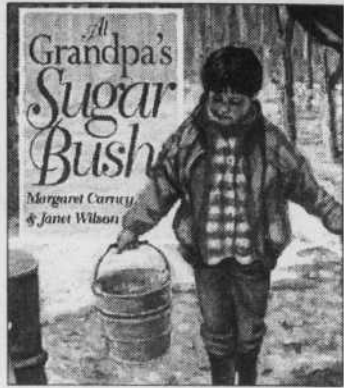
- The next children's activity is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The theme will be 'At the Zoo.'

- Our annual fundraiser, Adopt-a-Book is coming: April 10th to 17th. More to come next week on this big event.

- June 14th is the date for the library's giant book sale and silent auction. Anyone with items for the auction or books for the book sale, please contact the library.

For information on all library events, call us at 819-562-4949 or visit our website, [www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca](http://www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca) You can also reach us by e-mail at [bibliolen@netrevolution.com](mailto:bibliolen@netrevolution.com).

- by Michelle Barker



## BICYCLE:

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was a sign of disappointment, but when we figured it out we began greeting in the same way. Mind you, we couldn't shake our heads too much or we would have fallen off our bicycles."

"We were accustomed to crossing borders, but when we were traveling into Northern Ireland we were some apprehensive since we knew there had been problems. The border guard never saw such apparitions as two women on bicycles. He allowed us to pass with no more than a few jokes and pleasant conversation, so at that time the country

was not at its worst."

Despite a relaxed passage through to land known for its violence between residents and the British government, Rider did accidentally contribute to tension.

"We went to a hotel one night for a dance because we heard laughing and singing. They are great dancers. We joined in some songs and the employees kept telling everyone to keep it down. I assumed it was the volume they were referring to. We didn't know but finally someone told us it was the songs they didn't like. It turned out we were singing politically incorrect NRA (National Republican Army) songs. We decided that since we were in Ireland it was about time for us to go to church.

All the churches were called Church of Ireland and we assumed the church we were entering was Catholic. It turned out that we were actually in a Church of England, an Anglican Church. We got out of there fast; I mean in all honesty we didn't go to Ireland to go to an Anglican Church. We went

into town and decided to watch the people. We followed them to a Catholic church. For hundreds and hundreds of years the British controlled Ireland and took over all the churches. I checked on the Internet and they have stayed that way till today. It made me question what they were really fighting for."

They witnessed an Irish football game (actually soccer), for a mere 2 shillings, six pounds, equivalent to 35 cents.

"We were on a tight budget and of course the more we didn't spend the longer we could stay. We tried to spend no more than a half a pound a day, but sometimes we splurged and went over a little. Of course our costs have grown considerably since then as well. I remember in 1963 a pack of cigarettes was 40 cents and rope tow at Mount Orford only cost 50 cents, and it was even cheaper over there."

After spending two and a half weeks in the countryside and sleeping in youth hostels, the pair experienced a truly Irish afternoon.

"We visited a Guinness factory and at the end of the tour there were free samples. Guess where we spent the afternoon?"

She doesn't recall any old legends of banshees or leprechauns, but giants didn't really live in the North. The Wicklow Mountains were beautiful, but kissing the blarney stone was not all it was cracked up to be.

"Kissing the blarney stone is said to bring you luck and the gift of gab so you can't believe anything I say you know," said Rider who partook. "It's not as easy as one would think. First you have to hike to Blarney Castle way up on a hill then to actually kiss the stone is something else."

"You have to hang over, while you had to trust people to hold your feet so you don't fall. Then you need to hang over and around to kiss the stone, then someone needs to pull you back up. It cost two shillings to get into the castle and while you were kissing the stone someone took your picture. Then they give you this ticket and tell you to present it inside to get the picture. I still have the stub. We couldn't afford to buy the pictures."


The stub, 12 slides, old postcards, and a scrap book filled with letters Rider sent home to her mother is what she used to tell her story to fellow LAHMS members.

"I have the letters I sent home, but let's face it they were pretty dull. I wasn't going to tell my mother that I was singing politically incorrect songs and drinking Guinness all afternoon."

"I generally think of Ireland on St. Patrick's Day," she said. "I especially think of Ireland when I hear of bad things happening over there on the news. I think, aw geez we had so much fun."

Rider said she had always planned on

returning. Although she will "never do it on bicycle again".



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## Brunet donates to refugee program

*Irish eyes were smiling*

By Jen Young  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Irish lovers made their way through the St. Paddy's-decorated doors of the Brunet Pharmacy for some java and musical fun Monday — and \$200 was collected, matched by \$200 from the store, to give to the Bishop's University student refugee program.

Each year donations given for a cup of Irish coffee are returned to a local organization. Twenty-three-year Brunet owner Valerie Courchesne said all the donations were going to the refugee program this year, and according to the program's co-coordinator Mary Purkey, the donation is incredibly appreciated.

"Wow, that is so nice," said the Champlain College professor

who is also the coordinator of the Mae Sot Education project, which sends students to the Thai-Burmese border. "Both of the projects are aimed at refugee support. One helps where the children are and the other brings students here to give a better life. Every donation means a lot with projects like this."



PERRY BEATON

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Lennoxville.

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## Cantonniers' season comes to an end

### Antoine-Girouard eliminates Magog

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Magog Cantonniers' season came to a disappointing end Sunday afternoon when they dropped a 2-1 decision to the Collège Antoine-Girouard Gaulois in Saint-Hyacinthe, a victory that gave the Gaulois a 3-2 win in the best-of-five playoffs.

Magog entered the weekend with a 2-1 lead in the series but were eliminated from post-season play when Girouard recorded a 3-2 win Friday night and then took Sunday's deciding game by a 3-2 count.

The Cantonniers took a 1-0 lead in Game Five but it was not enough as the Gaulois rallied for a pair of goals for a 2-1 lead. Then it was up to goaltender Raphael Girard to keep Magog off the scoreboard in the final period of play and preserve the one-goal victory that propelled Girouard to victory and ended the Cantonniers' playoff hopes.

Jeremie Malouin staked the visitors Sunday to a 1-0 lead with a power play goal at the 15-minute mark of the opening period but the Gaulois wasted little

time tying the game as Samuel Carrier tallied his sixth goal of the playoffs two minutes later. Girouard had the better of the play in the second period but Magog goaltender Mickael Audette was outstanding in nets, making 13 saves in the period. However the home team eventually took the lead late in the period when Marc-Andre L'Hereault scored with just over a minute remaining in the period. Magog pushed for the equalizer in the final period but Girard stopped all nine shots he faced in the final 20 minutes of the game.

Girard, who made 24 saves, was named the game's first star while Audette was se-

lected as the second star after another brilliant performance with 31 stops.

The Cantonniers had an opportunity to wrap up the series on home ice Friday night but special teams proved to be their downfall as they suffered a 3-1 defeat that forced Sunday's deciding game. The visitors scored all three goals with a man advantage while Magog were 0-for-8 in power play opportunities. After a scoreless first period Carrier and

Raphael Pouliot scored to give Girouard a 2-0 lead after 40 minutes of play. The Cantonniers got back in the game when Benjamin Martin scored 18 seconds into the final period to make it 2-1 but that was as close as they would get. Gabriel Cote added an insurance goal at 12:42 to round off the game's scoring. Girard earned the victory with a 21-save performance while Audette stopped 19 shots.



COURTESY MICHAEL INNES

Magog Mayor Marc Poulin, Cantonniers president Olivier Tremblay, and Magog Councillor Jacques Laurendeau.

## Cougars defeat Longueuil 6-2

### Champlain looks to even series tomorrow

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

With their proverbial backs to the wall the Champlain College men's hockey team came up with one of their best performances of the year Sunday night as they defeated College Français of Longueuil 6-2 in a game that was switched to the Palais des Sports for safety reasons.

The Cougars, who finished second in the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League's Sherwood Division and had a bye in the first round of the league playoffs, had dropped the first two games of the best-of-seven series. A loss would have put them just one game away from elimination; now with a win in Wednesday's game in Longueuil the team can tie the series at two games apiece and regain home ice advantage.

Patrick Belzile and Philippe Bolduc each scored twice to lead the Cougars to victory Sunday as Champlain broke out of a scoring slump with six goals after scoring just two goals in the first two games. It was a physical, scrappy match with 46 minutes in penalties in the third period alone.

The Cougars' special teams proved to be the difference in the game as they converted five of 17 power play opportunities while Longueuil was held scoreless in just three power play chances.

Champlain took control of the game with three power play goals in the first 30 minutes of play and then, when Longueuil cut the lead to 3-2, Champlain ended the contest with three unanswered third period goals to insure the win. Belzile opened the game's scoring at the 13:25 mark of the first period while Christopher Rodrigue and Philippe Bolduc scored in the second period to provide Champlain with a 3-0 lead. College Français got back in the game as Maxime Lange-lier-Parent and Olivier Belanger tallied single goals to make it 3-2 heading into the third period. Champlain dominated the third period as they outshot the visitors 16-3 and received goals from Nicolas Poulin, Belzile and Bolduc. In nets, Alexandre Dubois earned the win for Champlain as he made 12 saves while Mathieu Gauvreau and Marc-Alexandre Rinfret, who took over for a short while, faced 39 shots in the loss.

In other league playoff series a goal by Pier-Luc Fortin 49 seconds into the first overtime period enabled the St-Eustache Patriots to gain a 7-6 win over the Terrebonne Cobras to even their series at one game apiece. And the Sherwood Division regular season champions the Granby Inouks defeated the Valleyfield Braves 4-1 to take a 2-0 lead in their best of seven series.

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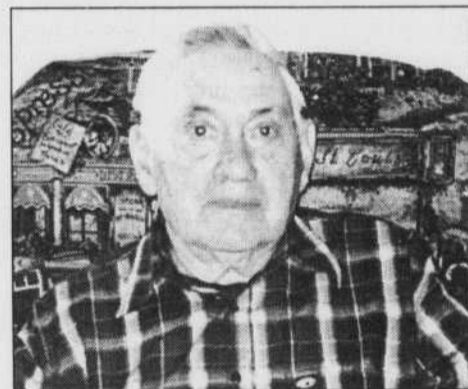
THE FAMILY

**FARLEY, Earl Clifford Blodgett** - Passed away suddenly at the C.S.S.S. Memphremagog on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the age of 95. Beloved husband of the late Dorean and special friend of the late Helene McVeay. Son of the late Clifford Farley and the late Pearl Blodgett. Cherished father of Diane French, of Windsor, Ontario and Ronald (Carmen) of Stanstead; loving grandfather of Kimberly Watters (Jeffrey) and Karen MacPherson (Donald) of Windsor, Ontario, Kelly Terprestra (Marcel), Ottawa, Ontario, Kerri-Lee Jackson (Christopher), Manitouwadge, Ontario, Eric Farley, Knowlton, and Krista St-Pierre (Stephan) of Ogden; Earl will also be sadly missed by his great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Jacquelyn, Meghan, Natalie, Aidan, Adam, Noah, Max, Sam, Joshua, Madison, MacKenzie, Ava, Danika, and Jacob; along with his brother-in-law Maxwell and Marg St-Pierre of Thomas, Florida, his son-in-law Russell French of Oshawa, Ontario, other relatives and many friends. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law Earl and Ruby St-Thomas of Scarborough, Ontario. Earl was a graduate of Bugbee Business School (Stanstead College), retired employee of Butterfield Litton Industries, a past member of the Stanstead Legion Branch #5, and the 74th Battery, 27 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Swede was a well loved father and grandfather and an avid outdoorsman, sportsman and a past football player for the Stanstead College, the Toronto Balmy Beach, and the Oshawa Blue Devils. There will be a graveside service in Malvern cemetery in the spring. As memorial tributes, donations made to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC, 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca

**HUFF, Craig Edward**, R.P.F. Manager, City of Ottawa - Forestry Services - With his loving wife by his side, Craig passed away peacefully at the Ottawa Hospital General Campus, after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, March 17, 2008 in his 52nd year. Loving husband of Glenda (nee Becksted). Proud and loving father of Miles and Emma. Cherished son of Colin and Claudia Huff of Lennoxville, Quebec. Dear brother of Cary (Diane). Special son-in-law of Glenn and Donna Becksted and brother-in-law to Dawn and Scott. He will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and colleagues. A special thank you to all those who provided care and support at the time of Craig's illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 20, 2008 in Ottawa. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Tree Canada Foundation. "A tree grows - memories live" Kelly Funeral Homes, 613-837-2370.

**JUDD, George** - Passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 16, 2008 at BMP Hospital at the age of 72. Sadly missed by his brothers Elden Judd (Evelyn) of Kitchener, Ontario, Clayton Judd of West Brome, all his relative and many friends. A graveside service will be held in the spring.

**MCKELLAR, Mary-Jane (nee Mackie)** - Passed away suddenly at the C.H.U.S. Hotel Dieu on Sunday, March 16, 2008 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of the late Peter McKeller and cherished mate of Norman Laurent. Loving mother of David (Robin) and Stephen. Mary-Jane will also be sadly missed by her brothers Jim (Shirley) and George (the late Anne), along with her dear friend Joyce Dekker, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead 819-876-5213/www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be cremation and no service. As memorial tributes, donations made to the Frontier Animal Society, 1 Bigelow, Stanstead, QC, JOB 3E5 would be greatly appreciated by the family.



**SKUSE, William Frank** (1924 - 2008) - Passed away at his home in Danville on Friday, March 14, 2008, surrounded by his loving family, following a battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Beloved husband of 53 years of Elizabeth Lane, and cherished father of Judy, Danville, QC, the late Baby Brenda, and of Sylvia (Laird Lyster) of St. Hubert, QC. Loving grandfather of Amanda and Andrew Lyster. Son of the late James Skuse and Emily Young, brother of the late Violet (late Albert Farwell). William will be sadly missed by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews and friends. Resting at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 145 Daniel Johnson St., Danville (819) 564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Monday, March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m.. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Andrew O'Donnell officiating. Interment in the Danville Protestant Cemetery. The family would like to thank Doctors Vincent and Martel, and the Asbestos CLSC, Palliative home healthcare team, for the excellent service they provided. Donations to the Asbestos CLSC or the Quebec Pulmonary association would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Card of Thanks

**CURTIS, Mary E.** - The family would like to thank those who sent cards, expressed their sympathy and made donations to Frontier Animal Society. Very special thanks to Rev. Catherine Smith for her truly moving and meaningful service, organist Lise Flanders, especially for her beautiful rendition of Anne Murray's "Snow Bird", the Helping Circle of Stanstead South United Church for lunch, and the Websters of Cass Funeral Home. A special note of appreciation to Betty Ann Colt for being such a good friend to Mary, the staff (former and present) of the White House who gave their love and care to Mary over the years. Also the staff of the CHUS Hotel-Dieu Hospital (Palliative Care Unit) for their compassionate care.

THE FAMILY

St. Patrick's card party held

HUNTINGVILLE

St. Patrick's Day and Easter both occur in March this year (2008), so, at the card party at the Howe home on March 11, there were plenty of leprechauns, shamrocks, bunnies, eggs, colourful balloons, etc.

Proceeds were for St. James Church, Compton and the Sunshine Fund.

A luncheon of casseroles, coleslaw, rolls, cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all, and we sang Happy Birthday to Nilda Howe, who celebrated a "special" birthday on March 9.

Soon the card games began, and winners were as follows: first prize, Hilda Howe, score 4800; second, Sue Nichols, score 4760; consolation, George Peasley.

Guessing game winners: no. of candies in a dish, Louise Peasley; no. of balloons, Sue Nichols.

Special prizes: set of glasses, Kathy Nichols; cookies, Pat Howe; candy, Isabel Nelson.

Several people won door prizes.

Many thanks to Nilda and Pat, and to everyone who came.

Sue Nichols

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# TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

## NORTH HATLEY

Ste. Elisabeth Church, 3315 Capelton Road, North Hatley will hold Easter Services on Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m., Friday, March 21 at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

## AYER'S CLIFF

500 card parties, sponsored by St. George's A.C.W., will be held on Mondays, March 31, April 14 and April 28, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Rosedale St., Ayer's Cliff. We begin at 1:30 p.m. Prizes, raffle, lunch. Bring a friend. All welcome.

## LENNOXVILLE

The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center, in association with the Regroupement CNDE- Dixville, presents l'Art de découvrir, an exhibit that displays the works of artists living with intellectual disabilities. This cultural event held during the Quebec Intellectual Disability Week will continue through March 22 at Uplands (9 Speid St., Borough of

Lennoxville). For more information, please call (819) 564-0409.

## LENNOXVILLE

St. Andrew's annual Sugar on Snow at 256 Queen St., Lennoxville will be held on March 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee, tea, juice, pickles and homemade doughnuts. Come and enjoy good eats, good fellowship. Handicap accessible. Admission charged.

## DANVILLE

The Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church U.C.W. will hold a Military Whist party on Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome. To reserve a table call 819-839-2552.

## HATLEY

Luncheon at St. James Church Hall, Hatley on Wednesday, March 19 starting at 11:30 a.m. Benefit of the A.C.W. Everyone welcome.

## MAGOG

Good Friday March of the Cross, Friday, March 21. The Churches of Magog invite all to join in an Ecumenical Service that will begin at 9:30 a.m. at l'Eglise St-Patrice, 115 Merry N., then to St. Luke's Anglican Church (10 a.m.), 120 des Pins, and lastly to St. Paul's United Church (10:30 a.m.), 211 des Pins, followed by a

reception of Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee in St. Paul's Church Hall. The Good Friday March is a time of silent Christian worship. Those who share the walk in silence feel a unity in Christian hope.

## DANVILLE, ASBESTOS...

Danville Asbestos, South Durham, Ulverton, Trenholm Shared Ministry Good Friday and Easter Services. Danville Asbestos Good Friday Service at 7:30 P.M., Easter service with communion, Sunday school at 11:00: Choir meets at 10:30 all welcome, Note: Friday night movie in the church basement will be cancelled. South Durham and Ulverton will be having a joint Easter Service with communion at 9:15 in South Durham United Church all welcome. Trenholm United Church due to the incredible amount of snow will hold its Easter service on the 27th of April with communion at 1 p.m.. all welcome. Have a Blessed Easter Rev. Reg!!!!

## BURY

Advance notice. Casserole Luncheon, followed by card party on Friday, April 11 beginning at noon, cards at 1:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Anglican Parish Hall. Usual prizes, door prizes and drawing.

## BURY

Fund Raiser Card Party on Saturday,

March 22. To profit the Pope Memorial Elementary School's Resource Needs. Cards at 2 p.m., followed by light supper. Usual Grocery Box and Door Prizes. This will be held at Pope Memorial Elementary School. Everyone welcome - great cause! Organized by the Members of the United Cultural Center.

## NORTH HATLEY

April 4, 5:30 p.m., North Hatley United Church annual Chowder Supper in the North Hatley Community Hall, 3127 Capelton Road. Fish and Corn Chowder, hot dogs, various pies. Call Marg C. 819-842-4661 (evenings) or Paul 819-842-1355 for reservations.

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# My husband is never around

**Dear Annie:** When my daughter, "Caryn," was 18, she ran off with a fellow and eloped. We had no contact for six months. A year later, she gave birth to a son. Within two weeks, she was divorced and living with us.

We helped raise "Noah" while Caryn finished school. She then married "Vince" and moved out. Everything was fine until they had their first child. Suddenly, Noah was a liability, and when he was 12, they put him in a mental institution. I think Vince told her to get rid of the boy. After a few days at the institution, counselors discovered Vince had

been using our grandson as a punching bag. He's been living with us ever since. Caryn spends a few hours a month with him and I guess that makes her feel she's fulfilled her parental duties.

Noah is in high school now, making good grades, and all he would like is a little attention from his mother. I'm afraid this is never going to happen because Vince is a control freak. They have two children, and if we don't do everything Vince says, he won't let us see them. He has threatened to leave Caryn and take the kids. Vince has a lot of powerful connections in this town. My daughter is terrified of him.

We contacted Noah's birth father and he has re-established a relationship with his son, which is good. Right now, we are prohibited from seeing the other grandchildren because I bought one of them a stuffed toy to play with at my house and Vince accused me of teaching them to hide things from him. As much as I love the kids, I've decided it is not worth the fight. Is there anything I can do? — My

## Annie's Mailbox

Heart Stays Broken  
Dear Broken  
Heart: We think

those grandchildren are worth fighting for. Caryn isn't likely to spend more time with Noah, but frankly, he's better off with you, so don't emphasize her absence. Help him accept her as she is. Try not to rile Vince so your home can be a safe haven for Caryn and the other grandchildren. Then call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (ndvh.org) at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) and ask what you can do to protect your daughter and her children.

**Dear Annie:** My mother-in-law has been hospitalized for several weeks and my husband spends all his time with her. He's at her side from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day. We have a 7-month-old son and my husband is never around. He has hired caregivers for his mother, but she always wants him by her side and he says he will be, even if it's 24/7.

I know he is a devoted son, but he also has a family of his own, which he is putting last. I could use a break, too, since our son is a real handful. I'm not sure if I

should be upset or think he's noble. I'm afraid he'll think I'm selfish if I speak up. — Really Tired

**Dear Tired:** If Mom is recovering from a surgical procedure and is going to be fine, your husband should not be neglecting his family. He can visit her (so can you), but he must devote some of his time to you and your son, especially on weekends. It might help to have one of Mom's doctors or the hospital chaplain intervene. If, however, Mom is terminal, please allow your husband to spend as much time with her as he needs. He'll appreciate your support and understanding.

**Dear Annie:** I had to laugh at the letter from the woman who said she used recordings of crickets, waves and wind to drown out her husband's snoring. If that works, her husband's not much of a snorer. I'd have to use a recording of cannon fire. — Sleepless in Palmdale, Calif.

**Dear Palmdale:** As long as you don't blast the 1812 Overture and wake the neighbors. Thanks for the laugh.

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



## Spring Freedom

The robins are working the hill again  
The starlings returned to the garage  
The French guy down on the corner  
Is sipping a cooling breuvage.

The honk of the wild goose is heard overhead  
Frog croaks from his nitch in the bog  
An old-timer whistles "Aloha"  
As he takes a walk with his dog.

There's a green haze surrounding the maples  
Ground hog pops his head for a look  
And the young lad swats at mosquitoes  
'Ere he pulls a fish from the brook.

Violets peeka-boo from their foliage  
Scent of Lilac drifts on the air  
And the housewife hums "Count your Blessings."  
As she vacuums her domain with care.

Blue heron stands guard by an island  
Old hound chases a squirrel up a tree  
And the whole world celebrates freedom  
For that's the last pleasure that's free.

Alleda Nixon

## All Saints Ladies Guild

The All Saints Ladies Guild held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Erma TenEyck-President. The members gathered for noon and Mrs. TenEyck served a delicious meal of chicken and biscuits and for dessert, fresh baked hot apple pie.

Following the lunch, The Guild prepared for their monthly meeting which opened at 1:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer. The members paid their annual dues and two new members joined, Mrs. Janet King and Mrs Elizabeth Bradford. The minutes were read and all 2007 reports were given. Elections were held and all remained in the same office as the prior year.

This year being this church's 200th Anniversary, Mrs. Claire Hobbs handed

out brochures of our pre-planned events for 2008. The balance of these brochures have been mailed out to All Saints's parishioners.

On February 7, 2008, The Guild held a very successful Valentine's Soup and Dessert Luncheon with a "Sweet Heart" sales table. A beautiful Valentine-themed gift basket was won by Mr. Arthur Hall. Other door prizes were won by Mr. Russell Doherty and Mrs. Rita Duhamel. Six tables of "500" were played following the luncheon. The Bingos were won by Mrs. Judy Jones and Mr. Gerald Copeland. Other winners of that afternoon were: Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell, Mrs. Carol Gendreau, Mrs. Therese Rodric, Mrs. Judy Jones, Mrs. Helen Dymond, and Mrs. June Royea.

It was All Saints's turn this year to host the World Day of Prayer in Dunham. This service was held on Friday, March 7th at 10:30 AM. This service was very well attended by the Catholic and United Church parishioners. The Guild provided a soup luncheon following the service.

Upcoming events for All Saints are as follows: Holy Week, Thursday, March 20th, Maundy Thursday Service at 5PM with supper to follow; Friday, March 21st, Good Friday Service at 11AM; and Sunday, March 23rd, Easter Holy Eucharist Service. April events to be announced.

Joyce Martin

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. Today's clue: W equals U

" CRVPV BPV OVNODV SY CRV ANPDL KN RWPYZ, CRBC INL TBYINC BOOVBP CN CRVJ VUTVOC SY CRV XNPJ NX EPVBL." - JBRBCJB IBYLR

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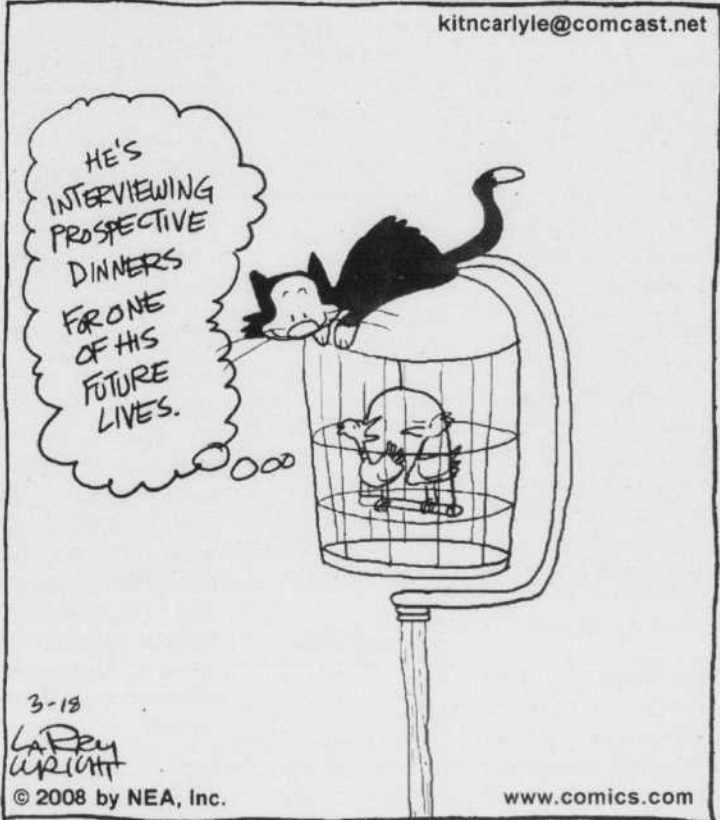


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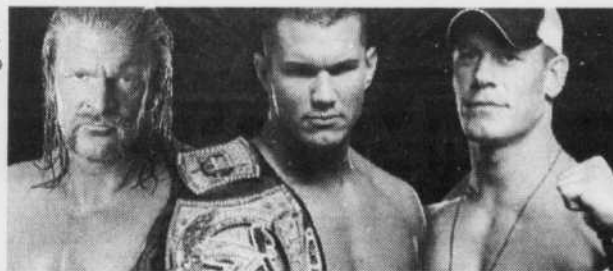
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# Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

It isn't likely that you will be satisfied taking a backseat in the year ahead, especially with any project or endeavor that could affect your interests. Whether you are a shy or brave Piscean, you will take part, and even lead, in the events.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you will be in a position to help someone who needs your assistance, for reasons known only to you, you might fail to do so. Regrettably, it'll make you look bad in the eyes of your peers.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Don't allow friends or associates to drag you into any kind of cloak-and-dagger games when it comes to your dealings with one another. Walk away from all types of petty social intrigues.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Rather than getting in a dither about what others possess and you don't, recheck your list of all the good things you have in your life. Reflect only on the positives, and don't let the negatives ruin your day.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Watch what comes out of your mouth and guard your words because a careless slip of the tongue could unintentionally offend somebody you like a lot. What you blurt out could be difficult to take back.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Put definite limits on your financial spending because all things different could appeal to you, and you might end up purchasing something expensive that will turn out to be merely an ugly fad.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually you don't

get rattled when you have to handle several situations simultaneously, but that might not be the case right now. It's best to stay focused on one endeavor at a time.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Treat your interactions with maturity and sophistication instead of attempting to play upon their sympathies. You'll gain far greater respect and acknowledgement by being dignified.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Upon occasion, your playful flair can be effective in enhancing your personality and image, but not under all circumstances. Treat serious conditions seriously and only fun episodes with delight.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you have everything going for you in order to be successful, you might allow self-doubts to weaken your undertakings. Any form of negative thinking will be counterproductive.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your insincerity of falsely flattering someone could pump the individual up, but still come back to haunt you in the end. You might create a monster and have to live with his or her unappetizing ego.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be extremely careful because you might not fare as well as you expect in material endeavors, especially if you get involved with someone who has your number and has bested you previously.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take care not to make any halfhearted promises or agreements because you will be taken at your word. If you can't deliver as the other person thought you had agreed upon, it will turn out to be embarrassing.

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

# Count winners, Then count winnings

By Phillip Alder

M. Grundler said, "It's easy to identify people who can't count to 10. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane."

It's easy to identify bridge players who can't count to 13. They're behind you in the ranking list.

You have become the declarer — don't panic! When the dummy comes down, take your time. Do not play without counting winners and losers, and forming a plan.

You are South, in three no-trump. West leads the heart queen. What would be your line of play?

When you have a balanced hand with the right point count, open one no-trump. Do not worry about a weak suit; that becomes your partner's responsibility. If you open that South hand with one of a minor, what would you rebid if partner responded one heart or one spade? You would be up the creek without a canoe.

What should you count first?

Right — your top tricks: your instant winners about which the opponents can do nothing. How many do you have?

One spade, one heart, two diamonds and four clubs for a total of eight.

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

You would like to establish the extra trick in diamonds, but you almost certainly cannot afford to lose the lead, because the opponents will cash heart tricks for an hour or two!

Instead, after taking the first or second round of hearts, play a spade to dummy's queen. Occasionally, finesses do win.

If you count winners and losers correctly, you will end the session counting your winnings.

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ACROSS

- 1 Leg bone
- 6 Lookout's warning
- 11 Soggy ground
- 14 \_\_\_ we all?
- 15 Western show
- 16 West end?
- 17 Tuxes
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- 21 Oolong and pekoe
- 22 Alphabet trio
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- 27 Ending for green or crock
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- 42 Form a secret merger?
- 44 Actress Suzanne
- 46 Informal college dances
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- 49 Anatomical pouch
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- 54 More clogged, as a delta
- 56 Damage
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- 61 Marriage vow
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- 12 Spheres
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- 31 Howard of "Happy Days"
- 32 Two of a penny?
- 33 Regarding
- 34 Big rigs
- 36 "Man on the Moon" group
- 37 Manning or Wallach
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- 43 Put up
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 66 "Dallas" matriarch
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