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Luc Fortin will be the Liberal Party of Quebec's candidate in the riding of Sherbrooke, currently held by rookie PQ MNA Serge Cardin, hoping to "Give back to Sherbrooke its voice in the National Assembly." A graduate in political science from the University of Montreal, Fortin has worked at the National Assembly since 2006 serving as, among other things, Jean Charest's communications director.

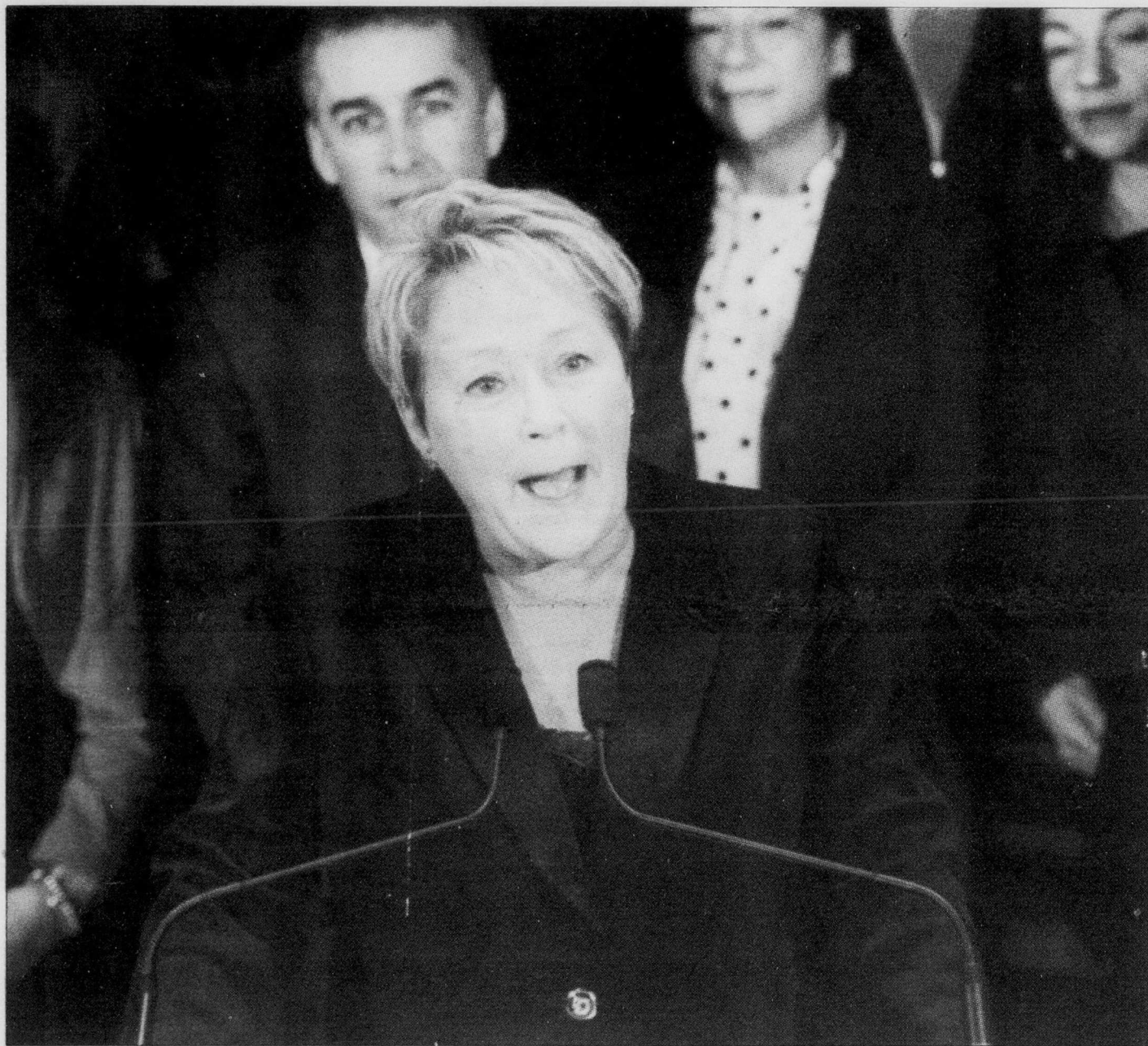
"Yes, I come from the outside and I have never lived in Sherbrooke even though I have family here," Fortin says, referring to his non-native status. "But since the holidays, I have intended to settle my family here and give my two children a prosperous future by attracting jobs to Sherbrooke and restoring a loud voice to the people of Sherbrooke in the National Assembly. Because we must admit, Mr. Cardin has not been very visible in Quebec City since September 4, 2012. Besides, my goal is not to fill the big shoes of Jean Charest, but to replace Mr. Cardin."

Fortin also wants to retain young people in the region by supporting entrepreneurship and creating job opportunities. "I intend to put all my heart and all my energy to making sure that Sherbrooke meets the challenges it faces, especially economically," he said.

Fortin, 31, also says he represents well the winds of change that the Liberal Party needs.

"I do not intend to turn the page on the era of Jean Charest, because after all, several members of his team are around me today. However, I will put my trust in the people, hoping that they recognize my professional and personal abilities by electing me. I'm not entering the ring in a spirit of vengeance, because the appearance of victory in politics is rather ephemeral. I just want to fill the role of a good member who will serve and listen to its citizens while being present in Sherbrooke and Quebec City," he concludes.

Marois announces April 7 election



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Quebec Premier and Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois calls for a general provincial election, while standing in front of her cabinet, Wednesday in Quebec City. Quebecers are going to the polls on April 7. Turn to page 5 in today's Record for the story.

Brompton Borough: Bergeron open to possibility of demerger

By Gordon Lambie
SHERBROOKE

Brompton Borough President Nicole Bergeron has asked Réjean Hébert, minister responsible for the Estrie region, if she, as well as the Group against the Disappearance of Brompton, can meet with the minister of municipal affairs regarding the decision of Sherbrooke's city council Monday night to join the borough to that of Rock Forest-Saint-Élie-Deauville.

"The ball is in the Minister of Municipal Affairs' court," Bergeron said

following Monday night's 17 to three majority vote.

Bergeron expressed that it is her hope to try to counterbalance the decision of the council in the minister's point of view with the perspectives and petitions of the residents of Brompton. She pointed to the briefs filed in public consultations and interventions at city council over the last several months and questioned the degree to which the people of Brompton were actually listened to through the process.

Ideally, Bergeron said, Brompton should be allowed to remain a distinct

borough, but barring that, she'll open up discussion about the possibility of demerger.

"What people want first and foremost is to be heard," Bergeron said. "If none of the options bear fruit, we would have no other choice but to accept the verdict out of spite."

Bergeron explained that while the decision hurts on a personal level, what is most striking to her is the way the city has turned its back on the structure agreed upon at the time of the initial mergers. Despite this, however, she

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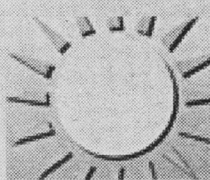
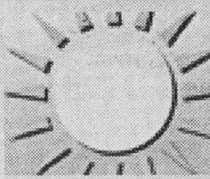

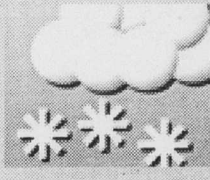

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Trio Uplands in concert

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The Estria Woodwind Quintet and The Uplands Chamber Players will be presenting their next production of the season on Saturday March 22 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sherbrooke (256 Queen, Borough of Lennoxville) and on Sunday March 23 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in North Hatley (3115 Capelton).

Entitled, Trio Uplands, this production will feature the core trio of the Upland Chamber Players (clarinetist Pauline Farrugia, cellist Erich Kory and pianist Daniella Bernstein) in a program of masterpieces by Ludwig van Beethoven; Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms.

The highlight of the show will be Brahms' Trio opus 114, one of the very last works that Brahms ever wrote. This beautifully introspective trio was composed shortly after Brahms fell in love with the clarinet and began composing chamber works for this instrument. Before he died, Brahms managed to complete two clarinet sonatas, this featured trio for clarinet, cello and piano and a work for clarinet and string quartet.

The other works on the program are perhaps less sombre but no less spectacular. Contrary to Brahms, Beethoven began writing for the clarinet much earlier in his career and his opus 11 for clarinet, cello and piano is one of his earliest works. It is reminiscent of Mozart in style, with beautiful harmonic progressions and some truly unforgettable melodies.

Schubert's Der Hirt auf dem Felsen will complete the program. Originally written for soprano, piano and clarinet, the Uplands Trio will perform this work in an arrangement for clarinet, cello and piano while still retaining the original work's exuberant flavour.



The Uplands Chamber Players will be presenting their next production of the season on Saturday March 22 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Uplands Trio is made up of three musicians who bring their own brilliant style to the group, creating a musical synergy that is not to be missed.

Tickets for this event can be purchased for \$12 (general admission) and \$8 (students and seniors) by contacting Uplands at 819-564-0409 (9 Speid St) or Pauline Farrugia at 819-842-1072.

Source: Kathy Bieber

Townships' artist Arnaud Gosselin in Magog

MAGOG

The Galerie du Théâtre-Magog-Art contemporain will present a new exhibition entitled Massawippi, around, elsewhere, featuring some 30 works by Townships' artist Arnaud Gosselin.

The exhibition will be shown from March 6 to March 30. Gosselin will attend opening ceremonies on Sunday, March 9 at 1 p.m.

Gosselin studied visual arts at the

Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts' School of Art and Design, at Emma Lake in Saskatchewan (an Elizabeth T. Green-shields bursary) and at l'Université du Québec in Hull. He presented some 15 solo exhibitions in Quebec and participated in nearly 100 group shows in Canada, the United States, Switzerland and France.

Gosselin lives and works near Lake Massawippi and presented solo exhibitions at Galerie Horace in Sherbrooke and at Art Sutton and was invited to exhibit in group shows at Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke, the Foreman Gallery at Bishops' University, the Bombardier Cultural Centre in Valcourt and Galerie du Théâtre-Magog-Art contemporain in Magog.

The Galerie du Théâtre-Magog-Art contemporain, located at 84 Merry North Street in Magog, is open from Thursday to Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. From Monday to Wednesday, the gallery is open by appointment only.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"This is a settlement to the satisfaction of both parties. It will turn the page."

Union exec settles with U de S, avoids defamation trial

Sherbrooke

Union representative Michel Murray has avoided a trial for defamation in the case brought by the Université de Sherbrooke in 2012. A draft settlement amounting to \$30,000 should close the case.

The Murray trial was to be heard in Sherbrooke starting next week, from March 10-13. The UdeS and four of its executives filed the defamation suit against the union representa-

tive demanding \$335,000 in damages.

The sum of \$30,000 would include about \$5,000 for the university and each of the employees, plus an amount for costs, according to Serge Morin, deputy director of CUPE.

"This is a settlement to the satisfaction of both parties. It will turn the page." Morin would not say that everything was concluded, as he first had to talk with counsel of record. Such an agreement is a positive outcome in this situation,

rather than undertaking a lengthy, expensive trial.

It is reported that Murray has partially consented to judgment in this case and has withdrawn his defence. Morin says that the withdrawal of his defence indicates that there is "recognition of some damage" by the defendant. He also points out that Murray apologized after considering the comments for which he was charged.

In an interview with radio station 107.7 FM Estrie, Murray had accused some 155 execu-

tives at UdeS of being "scabs" because of \$2.8 million in overtime they performed during the support workers strike. "It makes you want to vomit when we see that for the 16 weeks we were at the table, we tried to negotiate with people who have been able to buy themselves a large Jacuzzi on the back of support staff."

Murray had also made a comparison to the sponsorship scandal and the sums paid to executives during the conflict. He subsequently apologized for

his remarks in the pages of Sherbrooke's La Tribune newspaper.

The strike took place in the fall semester of 2011 and lasted about four months. It was the longest labour dispute in the history of the institution. The UdeS filed an Application instituting proceedings for defamation in 2012. The application then called for \$75,000 in damages for the university, \$100,000 as punitive damages, and \$40,000 for each named employee.

Guided tours of historic City Hall

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To raise awareness of the heritage of the gem that is Sherbrooke's City Hall and to respond to many requests to visit this historical site, tours will be offered free of charge every last Friday of the month, beginning March 28.

Visitors will be accompanied by a guide from the Sherbrooke Historical Society, who will provide them a leaflet describing the great moments in the history of the place, which was first occupied by a public market and then hosted the current building, which first housed what was the third courthouse in Sherbrooke, built between 1904 and 1906.

For more information on these tours, contact the team at The Sherbrooke Historical Society at 819 821-5406. You may also consult the brochure L'hôtel de ville de Sherbrooke, a heritage building on a historic location on the website of the City of Sherbrooke sherbrooke.ca/hoteldeville.



MIKE MCDEVITT

International Women's Day Tribute concert: Women of yesterday and today

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The Aggression Estrie assistance and control centre against sexual assault (CALACS) has announced an International Women's Day

concert featuring Women; Guillemette. Yesterday and Today.

This show will take place March 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Salle du Parvis in Sherbrooke and will be hosted by TVA personality Valérie

open to all and will feature women honouring women and highlight the major feminist struggles of past and those to come. Elixir et

Pépines Estrie will take part in the evening to reflect the different gender inequalities that persist in our society.

For reservations, call 819-563-9999 or email to calacs-estrie@videotron.ca.

Nicole Bergeron

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said that she has been elected for a term of four years and that she intends to do her professional duty throughout that time.

The spokesman of the Group against the Disappearance of Brompton, Pierre Meese, was also present at council Monday. He said that the result did not surprise him, and that the group had anticipated the result. He

echoed the disappointment of his compatriot, Lyne Moreau, in the changed votes of Pierre Tardif and Annie Godbout; two councillors who had initially expressed support for the alternative proposal put forward by Councillor Chantal L'Esperance.

Meese also expressed that he did not appreciate the comments of councillors who argued that

Brompton was getting a better deal, saying that the criticisms were individuals "throwing oil on the fire."

"In the coming days we plan to launch a petition to ask Minister Gaudreault to explore the possibility of a demerger, but we will not vote on it without knowing what it will cost; nobody wants to see his tax bill double."

Orford Drive-in gets another life

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There's good news for lovers of outdoor cinema as the Orford Ciné-Parc will reopen at the beginning of May with new owners and new state-of-the-art High Definition technology.

New owners acquired the facility, which closed its doors in March 2013 after forty years of operation. David Hurtubise, President of the Sherbrooke video production house HB-Pictures, Jean-Yves Martel, a Montreal and Toronto special effects producer, and René Gazaille, a general contractor in Bromont are spearheading the project.

The three intend to invest tens of thousands of dollars to move into the digital era by purchasing two HD projectors. They also plan to make some improvements on the site located near Highway 10 in Omerville.

"With this major change, moviegoers can enjoy the same quality of picture and sound as in a theatre in the comfort of their cars, at drive-in type economical prices," the new management says in a press release issued this week.



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Memphremagog MRC lauds waste management programs

Record Staff

The Memphremagog MRC has made available on its website a summary of activities undertaken during the year 2013 resulting from the its 2011-2015 Environmental Action Plan and its 2013-2018 Waste Management Plan.

These measures follow various themes in monitoring and protecting the environment and raising public awareness with respect to waste management. "By their innovative nature, some of these have allowed the MRC to stand out," says Lisette Maillé, mayor of Austin and Chair of the MRC Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development. "Notably, the cardboard initiative, paired with a tour of primary classes in the area, reached a very large number of people through its support of virtual holiday cards."

Maillé also acknowledges the work done within the framework of the waste management plan revision process, which began in March 2012. "As was recently announced, the revised MRC Memphremagog plan is the first to come into force in Quebec. I am particularly proud of the efforts of the team and the leadership shown by elected officials in this process."

Among the measures undertaken by the MRC over the past year:

Tributary sampling program

In total, 50 stations were sampled during the summer of 2013 including a tributary of Lake Stukely in Eastman and Grass Creek in St-Étienne-de-Bolton, a

tributary of the North Missisquoi River. Details are provided in an analysis report, which is also available on the MRC website.

Distribution of Shrubs for riverbank re-vegetation

For the seventh year, the MRC arranged to order shrubs. Five species were offered and eleven municipalities participated to plant 2,927 shrubs. Since 2007, 51,250 shrubs have been distributed as part of this program. Citizens interested in ordering shrubs are invited to contact their municipality as of April.

Information leaflets

The MRC published three pamphlets in 2013: Planting hardwoods, Wild and domestic animals - impromptu Visitors; and Clean and without polluting. This initiative responded to the wish expressed by local municipalities to publish documents that can serve them all. The leaflets were distributed by municipalities and at the information booth at MRC municipal events. They are also available on the website of the MRC.

Directory of food products

The MRC established a Directory of food products available in the area. Intended to promote local purchasing, it lists more than 60 producers in eleven categories. It can be found at www.mrcmemphremagog.com/repertoire.

Invasive species and the protection of bodies of water

A briefing was provided to all stakeholders of the territory working for the

protection of water quality and ecosystems, as well as boaters, water sports enthusiasts and fishermen. The activity allowed participants to acquire background information that they can subsequently share in their communities to educate users and limit the spread of invasive species. Washing boats with water under pressure (2,600 psi) is still considered one of the best preventive measures.

Implementation of the Waste Management Plan Information Booth

For the third consecutive year, a team of MRC environmental consultants traveled the countryside during the summer and participated in various civic events to educate and inform the public on various topics related to the environment and to waste management. From late April to mid-October, counselors visited 22 events and met with over 950 people.

Operation Cardboard

A major awareness campaign entitled Operation Cardboard was launched in June relying largely on a website, operationpapiercarton.com that helped disseminate information on recycling and the consequences of the consumption of paper and cardboard. To maximize impact, it was paired with other MRC offerings, the school tour and the presence of the information booth at municipal summer events.

School Tour

A facilitator visited 40 primary school classes in the MRC to educate young people about the importance of recycling

and more particularly of the reduction at source of paper and cardboard. The children were invited to make crafts from materials destined for recycling, works that were subsequently used to illustrate virtual greeting cards downloaded from the operationpapiercarton.com site. Citizens of the MRC could vote for their favourite cards.

Gala of Success

The first edition of the Gala of Success in waste management was held Sep. 19, 2013, at the Mont Orford golf club. Nearly fifty people attended the event, which aimed to highlight the achievements of municipalities and encourage responsible waste management practices, in addition to networking and the exchange of best practices.

Financing of home composters

The MRC implemented a program of offering a 50 per cent rebate on the price of a home composter up to a maximum of \$30. Over thirty refunds were processed in 2013.

Waste Management Guide

A complete update of the document was completed in 2013. This simple and easy to use practical tool allows citizens to find a wealth of information to facilitate the recovery of different materials, and a directory of recovery services available in the area. It is found on the website of the MRC in the Residual Materials section.

All other information can be found on the MRC website.

SQ warns of inheritance fraud

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Officers from the Coaticook MRC are asking citizens to always check before giving personal information to solicitors, whether they are individuals or companies. Some requests received by email, phone, or in person could be trying to obtain personal information or money.

Over the last month, several citizens of the MRC have reported to police that they received a letter from a fake law firm saying it wanted to contact family members in order to recover the inheritance of a deceased loved one. In this letter, the recipient is asked to contact the law firm and inform them if they want to be part of the settlement, usually a large sum of money.

This is not the way to go about contacting a relative after a death about an inheritance. Police are suggesting that if citizens receive such a letter, they should refrain from contacting the sender. They act under false identities and use the names of non-existent companies. Citizens are asked to contact the Sûreté du Québec at 310-4141 or their local police.

For more information on how to protect oneself against fraud, the public is invited to visit the 'Conseils' section of the SQ website at www.sq.gouv.qc.ca as well as the site of the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca



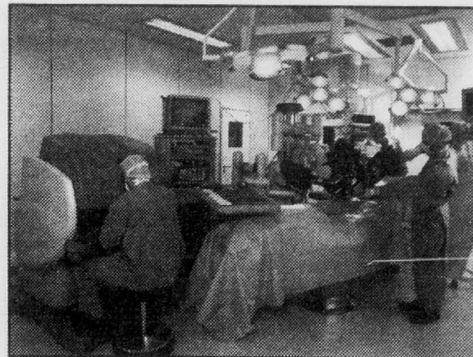
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Marois announces April 7 election as pro independence PQ chases majority mandate

By Andy Blatchford
The Canadian Press

Quebecers will go the polls next month with the Parti Quebecois chasing a majority government that could lead to another independence referendum.

Pauline Marois, first elected premier 18 months ago, announced the April 7 vote Wednesday after meeting with her cabinet.

Flanked by PQ MNAs inside the national assembly, Marois listed what she described as her government's accomplishments since coming to power in September 2012 following the defeat of Jean Charest's Liberals.

Recent polls have suggested the pro-independence party could capture a majority.

Marois' seven-minute speech was peppered with examples aimed at sending the message that her PQ government has created jobs and been a sound manager of the economy, an area long considered a party weakness.

"Today, we can say the results are there," she said, before crediting her government with creating 47,000 jobs in 2013.

"We have put lots of effort — lots of effort — in our economic policies to make Quebecers richer in all regions with quality jobs everywhere."

The statement, which she delivered before a meeting with Quebec's lieutenant-governor, made no mention of Quebec independence, sovereignty or referendum. She refused to take questions from journalists.

In recent weeks, Opposition leader Philippe Couillard has repeated the warning that a majority PQ government would open the door for Marois to call a referendum on Quebec independence.

"It's a certainty," Couillard told reporters Wednesday when asked whether he thought a Marois majority would lead to a referendum.

"They want to separate Quebec from Canada. Let's stop kidding ourselves here."

Marois, however, has so far refused to commit herself to holding a referendum if she wins a majority, and has said such a vote must wait until the appropriate moment.

If elected to a majority, she has promised to consult Quebecers first on the merits of holding another vote on sovereignty.

Polls have suggested that support for independence has been around 40 per cent in Quebec, which voted against sovereignty in the 1980 and 1995 referendums.

Last month, PQ Environment Minister Yves-Francois Blanchet predicted the Marois government would hold a referendum in its first majority mandate because the party has called such votes in each of its past cycles in power.

Election fever had been building in recent weeks amid a flurry of spending announcements from the minority PQ government as well as the introduction of candidates for all political parties.

Marois argued Wednesday that her

government had no choice but to pull the plug due to the opposition parties' stated intentions to defeat the PQ's budget, which was presented last month.

"Now it's up to you, Quebecers, to decide," she said. "You know my team, my team that is solid, that has proved itself."

Marois credited the PQ for controlling government spending, fighting corruption, taking better care of seniors and creating thousands of daycare spaces.

She also touted the merits of her government's controversial-yet-popular secularism charter, which polls suggest has delivered a major boost to the PQ's support.

"We have a charter that finally gives us the means to see that our common values are respected, such as equality between men and women, like religious neutrality of the state," Marois said.

The PQ secularism plan aims to prohibit public employees from wearing ostentatious religious symbols at work, such as the Muslim headscarf and Sikh turban.

Couillard, who has attacked the charter for being divisive, has said his party will focus on what he says are the real concerns of Quebecers, including health care, education and jobs.

Francois Legault, the leader of the third-place Coalition party, has accused Marois of wanting to run her campaign on the controversial secularism charter alone.

Legault says the emphasis should be on the economy and criticized the PQ for its fiscal mismanagement.

Before the election call, the PQ held 54 seats in the legislature, nine short of the majority-government benchmark of 63.

Meanwhile, the Liberals had 49 ridings, the Coalition had 18, the left-leaning Quebec solidaire had two and two MNAs sat as Independents.

Corruption inquiry to suspend hearings during Quebec election campaign

Quebec's corruption inquiry says it will suspend its hearings during the provincial election campaign after next week.

A statement from commissioners at the Charbonneau inquiry says it would be inappropriate to hold public hearings during the campaign leading to the April 7 vote.

The commission insists it is politically neutral and wants to stay far away from the political arena.

It will temporarily set aside potentially sensitive subjects such as political party financing and contracts involving the provincial Transport Department.

Hearings scheduled for next week will focus on areas where the commission wishes to complete its work — fraudulent billing and the infiltration of organized crime into the construction industry.

After that, it will take a break until April 8. When it returns, the commission will sit five days a week instead of four and extend its work day by a half-hour so it has time to complete its work.

Bernier predicts oil trains in downtown Lac Megantic soon

SHERBROOKE

Oil takers will be running through downtown Lac-Mégantic once again, before a rail bypass can be built, according to Du Granit prefect Maurice Bernier.

"For the new owner (of the former MMA rail lines), it is essential to carry oil on our rails," Bernier says. "It will be a must. It is certain that we will see oil go through the centre of Lac-Mégantic in the future. We want to build a bypass to serve our industries without having to go through our downtown, but unfortunately, I dare say that the bypass will not be built when the first tank car ends up on our rails."

On Feb. 24, a delegation from the Town of Lac-Mégantic met representatives of the Fortress group, the potential purchaser of the MMA assets.

"The meeting was very positive," Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche says. "The Town of Lac-Mégantic was able to pre-

sent its views on the place of trains within our community. We have taken great care to explain the importance of the railway for our industries. We also explained the position of the council and the public in connection with the construction of a bypass to allow hazardous materials to move outside the city."

According to the mayor, "this solution would allow industries to survive in the industrial park and the Megantic population to sleep in peace."

According to Bernier, the preferred solution would be pipelines. "We have three choices: To transport oil on trains, trucks, or through pipelines. I think the least dangerous solution remains pipelines."

Bernier adds that the renewal of rail service comes as a relief to local industries. "People in our factories are relieved to have the railroad back," he says. "Conditions appear to be satisfactory and business is better," he says.

Lac Megantic mayor to raise rail safety concerns with members of U.S. Congress

The Canadian Press

The mayor of a the town devastated by a train disaster is scheduled to raise rail-safety concerns with senior U.S. transport officials and members of Congress next week in Washington, D.C.

Lac-Megantic Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche will be part of a delegation of elected officials from Quebec, New Brunswick and the U.S. on a mission to press their concerns with decision makers working on new rail-security legislation.

Roy-Laroche's community made global headlines last July when a tanker train loaded with volatile crude oil derailed and exploded in the middle of town, obliterating buildings and killing 47 people.

The crash set off international discussions on rail safety in an era that has seen oil-by-rail shipments multiply in just a few years.

In a statement, Roy-Laroche says the Lac-Megantic disaster serves as a cruel reminder of how inadequate regulations can have catastrophic results, particularly when human and financial losses far surpass the money invested in enforcing the rules.

The delegation says it hopes U.S. lawmakers will take steps to make improvements to infrastructure and rail cars, emergency response and the co-ordination of everything from prevention to reconstruction after a tragedy.

The delegation will be in Washington from March 9-12 and is part of an initiative by the Union of Quebec Municipalities.

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Russia's entire southern naval fleet is dependent on its base in the Crimea, as it has been for hundreds of years.

Complicated Crimea



TIM BELFORD

It's a shame. It looks like Europe is at it again. You'd think that after two world wars, not to mention the Seven Years War, the Hundred Years War, the War of the Austrian Succession, the Napoleonic Wars, and The Franco Prussian War, to name but a few, they would have learned to play nice.

Nope, Tsar Putin I, in the best Russian tradition, has decided keeping Russian control of the Crimea is worth risking not only Russia's recent détente with the West but the lives of who knows how many innocent people. Mind you, he has a point.

Russia's entire southern naval fleet is dependent on its base in the Crimea, as it has been for hundreds of years. Renting the facilities from Ukraine, as it presently does, was all well and good while Ukraine was relatively amenable to and totally dependent on Russian support. But now that Ukraine wants to snuggle up to Western Europe and, even worse, NATO, all bets are off.

The problem is, as it always has been, that people just won't stay put. Most of Europe's past unpleasantness has revolved around the fact that national borders often didn't make sense. Whether it be Hitler's attempts at uniting all Germans, whether they lived in Czechoslovakia, Poland or Austria, or Poland's claim to a patch of central Europe inconveniently occupied by Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Russians and Romanians, ethnic enclaves have always been a potential spark for European tinder.

The Crimea is no different. It actually belonged to Russia from 1783 when Catherine the Great's military estab-

lished control. Her army did this by ousting the existing government of Tatars, who were nominally subjects of the Ottoman Empire, and claiming the land for Russia. About seventy years later it all came into question once more when Britain and France got involved on behalf of Turkey and fought Russia in the Crimean War.

The history of Ukraine is even more confusing. The area in question has been ruled by Russia, Poland and even Lithuania at various times. In fact, the case can be made that Ukraine, as a nation, didn't even exist until the collapse of the Soviet Union. And here's where the present problem really started.

The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, as it was called under U.S.S.R. control, was given the Crimea by Nikita Khrushchev back in 1954. Khrushchev was running the U.S.S.R. at the time, having replaced Joe Stalin, and was himself an ethnic Ukrainian. He also had a summer place near Sochi so I suppose he thought it would be more like home if it belonged to Ukraine.

The population of Crimea in 1954 was mainly Russian and Ukrainian. This was simply because in 1944 Stalin had the indigenous Tatar population packed up and moved to central Asia. He was worried they might welcome the invading Germans, as had many Ukrainians. Just for good measure he sent the Armenians, Bulgarians and Greeks in the area into exile as well. Stalin never did things in half measures.

So today, Crimea's population is about 58 per cent Russian speaking, 24 per cent Ukrainian and 12 per cent Tatar, who have managed to sneak back to what really is, after all, their home.

Not that it will matter to Ukrainian claims, but Crimea has also been pushing for independent status almost since the beginning of modern Ukraine and they did in fact receive a fair deal of autonomy under the present government before everything went sideways.

None of this is to defend Putin's decision to rattle his sabre - or in this case his tanks - but just to point out it's a lot more complicated than it seems and the consequences could be dire.

Measuring progress with GDP is a gross mistake

By David Suzuki

for more weather catastrophes and oil spills.

Governments, media and much of the public are preoccupied with the economy. That means demands such as those for recognition of First Nations treaty rights and environmental protection are often seen as impediments to the goal of maintaining economic growth. The gross domestic product has become a sacred indicator of well-being. Ask corporate CEOs and politicians how they did last year and they'll refer to the rise or fall of the GDP.

It's a strange way to measure either economic or social well-being. The GDP was developed as a way to estimate economic activity by measuring the value of all transactions for goods and services. But even Simon Kuznets, an American economist and pioneer of national income measurement, warned in 1934 that such measurements say little about "the welfare of a nation." He understood there's more to life than the benefits that come from spending money.

My wife's parents have shared our home for 35 years. If we had put them in a care home, the GDP would have grown. In caring for them ourselves we didn't contribute as much. When my wife left her teaching job at Harvard University to be a full-time volunteer for the David Suzuki Foundation, her GDP contribution fell. Each time we repair and reuse something considered disposable we fail to contribute to the GDP.

To illustrate the GDP's limitations as an indicator of well-being, suppose a fire breaks out at the Darlington nuclear facility near Toronto and issues a cloud of radioactivity that blows over the city, causing hundreds of cases of radiation sickness. All the ambulances, doctors, medicines and hospital beds will jack up the GDP. And if people die, funeral services, hearses, flowers, gravediggers and lawyers will stimulate GDP growth. In the end, cleaning up the Darlington mess would cost billions and produce a spike in the GDP.

Extreme weather-related events, such as flooding and storms, can also contribute to increases in GDP, as resources are brought in to deal with the mess. Damage done by Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico added tens of billions to the GDP. If GDP growth is our highest aspiration, we should be praying

The GDP replaced gross national product, which was similar but included international expenditures. In a 1968 speech at the University of Kansas, Robert Kennedy said, "Too much and for too long, we seemed to have surrendered personal excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things... Gross national product counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for the people who break them. It counts the destruction of the redwood and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and counts nuclear warheads and armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities... and the television programs which glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children."

"Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country. It measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile."

We deserve better indicators of societal well-being that extend beyond mere economic growth. Many economists and social scientists are proposing such indicators. Some argue we need a "genuine progress indicator," which would include environmental and social factors as well as economic wealth. A number of groups, including Friends of the Earth, have suggested an Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare, which would take into account "income inequality, environmental damage, and depletion of environmental assets." The Kingdom of Bhutan has suggested measuring gross national happiness.

Whatever we come up with, it has to be better than GDP with its absurd emphasis on endless growth on a finite planet.

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COLUMNIST

The fact that we never heard of "polar vortex" prior to this winter makes me suspect that it's something meteorologists made up.

How about 'Gore-Tex Complex Index'?



ROSS MURRAY

With this winter showing no inclinations of ending anytime soon, I think we can add "polar vortex" to the category of "Phrases We Could Have Lived Without."

Before meteorologists sprang "polar vortex" on us, winters were simply "cold" or "[expletive] cold." With "polar vortex," now we have something to blame this cold on, using a phrase that sounds like it should be preceded by "Indiana Jones And The..." Of course, knowing what it's called doesn't make it any less [expletive] cold.

Humans love to name things. Naming something makes it real. In the U.S. in 2012, the Weather Channel began naming winter storms. Now you hear about Winter Storm Wanda or Winter Storm Billy-Bob, whereas in the past the

same storm would have been known simply as "snow day." When you name a storm, it makes it more dramatic, it personalizes the storm, it creates a villain out of precipitation. It's the difference between saying, "I was cornered in the bar by a large, erratic stranger," and "I was cornered in the bar by Rob Ford." See how much scarier that is?

Words ending in X also sound more sinister. "Polar vortex" = drama, danger. "Polar swirly" = a refreshing ice cream treat.

But the fact that we never heard of "polar vortex" prior to this winter makes me suspect that it's something meteorologists made up, probably because they needed to distract all those people who were starting to see through the weak science of "wind chill." If there's one thing meteorologists care about, it's credibility.

The phrase "polar vortex" seems especially designed to appeal to Americans in traditionally warm regions in order to explain why their winter has been so cold and snowy, and "polar vortex" is so much less cumbersome than "Congrats on screwing up the climate, idiots!" The phrase has been slower to catch on in Canada because what everyone else refers to as "polar vortex," Cana-

dians refer to as "long-john season."

Alas, "It's the polar vortex" has quickly become something that people with no expertise throw out every time the thermometer drops below freezing, something to add to their arsenal of winter-weather small talk, along with "So much for global warming," and "I'm freezing my arsenal off," and "I dare you to touch your tongue to it." The incessant use of "polar vortex" is one more reason to want this winter to end.

To mix it up, then, and since we're essentially making up weather terms at this point, here are a few more meteorological scapegoats you can add to your long-range conversational forecast:

- Canuck Ripple: Like the polar vortex, this too travels from Canada down into the United States but instead of cold it brings super-tolerable shirt-sleeve temperatures. It's really, really nice and it never overstays its welcome. Oh, were you expecting rain? Geez, sorry about that. Also known as a "no pressure system."

- Plutarch Nimbus: A rare occurrence in which all the clouds look like busts of Greek philosophers. It really gives you something to think about.

- Circumferential pressure: The overwhelming need to loosen your belt a

notch due to being cooped up all winter eating raw cookie dough and Cool Ranch Doritos. Also known as "El Munchito."

- Deus Vector: Unlike a polar vortex, which sweeps over regions, a deus vector goes out of its way to completely nail the heck out of a specific city. See also "Sodom and Gomorrah."

- Air Guitar: A phenomenon whereby wind becomes so severe in urban areas that the tall buildings begin to resonate, resulting in a high-pitched, painful squeal that sounds like the middle section of Lou Reed's Metal Machine Music.

- Hail Pattern Baldness: Just too painful to describe at this juncture.

- Toaster Strudel: This is what happens when a mass of warm air comes swirling up from the U.S. into Canada, the difference being we don't complain about it.

- The White Stuff: A trite, overused euphemism for "snow." Stop saying this, everyone. Right now.

- Chubby Rain: The title of a film within the film Bowfinger, a highly underrated 1999 Steve Martin-Eddie Murphy comedy that has nothing to do with the topic at hand but is so much better use of your time than obsessing over the weather.

Estrie immigration agreement reached

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The Quebec government has reached an agreement with various players within the Eastern Townships with regard to coordinating plans to attract immigrants to the region and keep them here.

Spurred by a demographic outlook that sees the population aging and declining, with weak economic growth, the agreement is meant to help ease the prospective difficulty of employers to find skilled, accessible labour as the current workforce retires. It is estimated that 30,000 jobs will need to be filled by 2016. It aims at attracting and retaining immigrants in the greater Eastern Townships. The long awaited agreement covers 2013-2018.

"With this first regional agreement, we are targeting skilled immigrants that Estrie companies need to ensure their development," said Immigration and Cultural Communities Minister Diane De Courcy. "The agreement will also build on the great tradition of cooperation in the region and the expertise developed in the reception and integration of immigrants in employment and in their milieu."

"This agreement will allow for dialogue and partnerships between different actors in the environment," says Mercedes Orellana, Executive Director

of Service d'aide aux Néo-Canadiens. "It allows us to be more coherent and harmonized. If we identify a need, such as networking, for example, we can decide who can handle it, who has the expertise."

The agreement will cover a period of

five years and funding will reach \$2,166,000, including \$1.3 million from the provincial government.

Various players in the field of immigration will share the rest of the bill, including the City of Sherbrooke, the Regional Conference of Elected Officials

of the Eastern Townships, the Commission scolaire de la Région-de-Sherbrooke and Emploi-Québec.

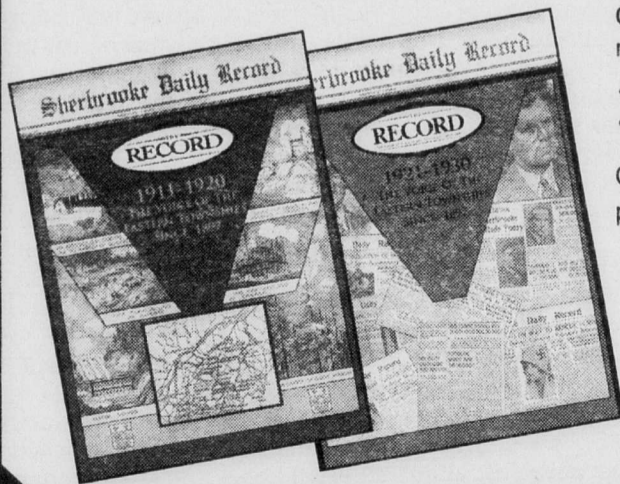
A committee for management, monitoring and evaluation will be established to analyze the initiatives eligible to receive a financial assistance.

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The Border Report

"We're producing four main stage shows this year, which is one more than usual."

QNEK-a cross border family affair

By Matthew McCully
Special to The Record

At a recent reception held at the Universalist church in Derby Line, the Queen of the North East Kingdom (QNEK) theatre company unveiled the line-up for its 21st season. The cast is stacked with talent from both sides of the border, and many of the Canadians involved decided to make acting a family affair.

Over 100 people attended the reception, according to associate producing director Phil Gosselin, who was pleased with the turnout. The cast of SUDS, one of the upcoming productions, gave a great musical preview in the form of a Burt Bacharach/Hal David medley.

"We're producing four main stage shows this year, which is one more than usual," he said.

Boeing Boeing (May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10) by Marc Camoletti, opens the season with hilarious plot twists and wonderfully absurd comings and goings of an American bachelor in Paris managing three international fiancé stewardesses by their flight schedules. Things get turbulent when a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off his careful planning. Add an anxious visiting buddy and an exasperated maid, and you've got a delicious farce. QNEK's Jennie Dunne will direct.

Next up is Oliver! (July 25, 26, 27, August 1, 2, 3) the great British musical by Lionel Bart, which has entertained the world for over 50 years. Based on the Dickens novel, it will engage with its pathos and drama, while delighting audiences with its outstanding musical numbers as the plucky Oliver Twist follows his fortune around Victorian London. It will be directed by



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Oliver really has a cast of thousands (and nations!).

Phil Gosselin.

SUDS: The Rockin' 60's Musical Soap Opera (September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20) from Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson & Bryan Scott, will also be directed by Phil Gosselin. The musical is loaded with good clean fun, bubbling energy, and the best pop hits of the 60s. This awesome jukebox musical tells the story of a young woman and her guardian angels who arrive to teach her about finding true love in, of all places, a laundromat. This four-person dynamo will get everyone dancing to hits like "Respect," "You Can't Hurry Love," and "Chapel of Love."

Wait Until Dark (October 11, 12, 13, 17, 18) by Frederick Knott, will finish off the season. It is one of those breath-holding, knuckle-whitening, edge-of-your-seat thrillers that will give you good reason to be afraid when the lights go



Team and cast of SUDS (L to R) - Ruth-Ann Fletcher (Derby, VT), Mark Violette (Holland, VT), Danielle Carrier (Derby, VT), Jenny Dunne (Newport, VT), Phil Gosselin (Newport, VT), Lisa Foster McCrae (Newport, VT).



Team and cast of Wait Until Dark (L to R) - Doug Flint (Newport, VT), Mike Desjardins (Newport, VT), Susan-Lynn Johns (Newport, VT), Ross Murray (Stanstead, QC), Chris Planetta (Stanstead, QC).

out. When a game of cat and mouse spirals out of control, an unsuspecting blind housewife and her young neighbour will have to hold their own if they're going to survive against a gang of hardened con-men who will do anything to get what they want. Susan-Lynn Johns will direct.

QNEK has often boasted an international cast, but Gosselin said this year the Canadian contingent has an unusual number of family members participating.

"There are family relationships between just about all of them," said Gosselin.

Stanstead's Abigail Murray,

who was in last year's production of Annie, will perform in Oliver! this year. Her father Ross Murray, decided to try his acting chops for the first time in years.

"I'm in Wait Until Dark - the bad guy, which is what sold me on doing it. I did a lot of acting in high school and university but nothing since."

While this is his first QNEK experience, Murray is no stranger to being in front of people. "Doing the radio bits for CBC has been sort of acting, so I'm not completely rusted down (I hope), and I've been in front of audiences reading and emceeing," Murray said.

Kim Prangley, from Stanstead, was cast in Boeing Boeing, while her daughter Molly Desormeaux was recruited for Oliver!

Also in Oliver! is Ogden's Carresse Comeau-Elman, who will be joined by cousins Dayna, Thomas and Brandon Alexandre, from Magog.

Chris Planetta, a teacher at Stanstead College, will make his acting debut this year with QNEK.

While he has no other family members joining him, he is actually playing double duty by taking roles in Boeing Boeing and Wait Until Dark.

The Border Report

"There's always another door."

Stanstead council meeting briefs

By Matthew McCully
Special to The Record

Three members of the public attended Monday's council meeting in Stanstead.

On the agenda was the nomination of an interim mayor, a position that changes every three months, with the nominee undertaking the duties of the mayor during an absence. The current interim is Wayne Stratton.

The contract for development agent, Joanne Lajeunesse was renewed for one year. Lajeunesse works for the Memphremagog CLD in addition to her contract with the Town of Stanstead.

Mayor Phillippe Dutil said the majority of the meeting amounted to housekeeping matters, and the final approval of bylaws and zoning changes studied at previous meetings.

A call to tenders went out for the purchase of a John Deere 3046-R tractor.

The council approved the installation of an automatic door for the fire station, as well as the purchase of a cascade water system.

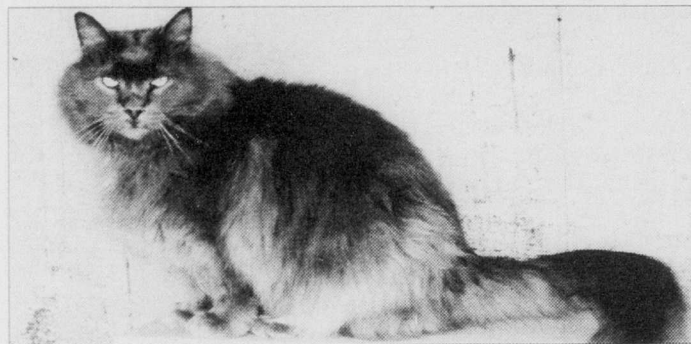
A funding request was tabled from the Festival Frontière en Fête.

The council approved the purchase of lot 192, part of Stanstead Plain.

Mayor Dutil explained the delay surrounding the arrival of the wood chipper, approved for purchase in a previous meeting. The chosen model was sold before the council completed the order, so they were obligated to choose a different chipper, which delayed delivery. Dutil said it should arrive soon, and then workers will circulate to dispose of branches and limbs left following December's ice storm.

FAS PET OF THE WEEK

Handsome Harry



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OGDEN

Handsome Harry is an elegant and regal cat who was far too "inexperienced" to be living outdoors underneath someone's rickety old front porch. He was clearly an indoor cat who somehow ended up on the streets where he was struggling to survive.

Despite a concerted effort to locate his family, with no identification the odds were against him and without intervention Harry was destined to become just another homeless cat.

Thankfully though, Harry had luck on his side and was fortunate to encounter two people who were concerned for his health and safety and they eventually contacted us. Something about his story resonated and having just placed three of our kittens

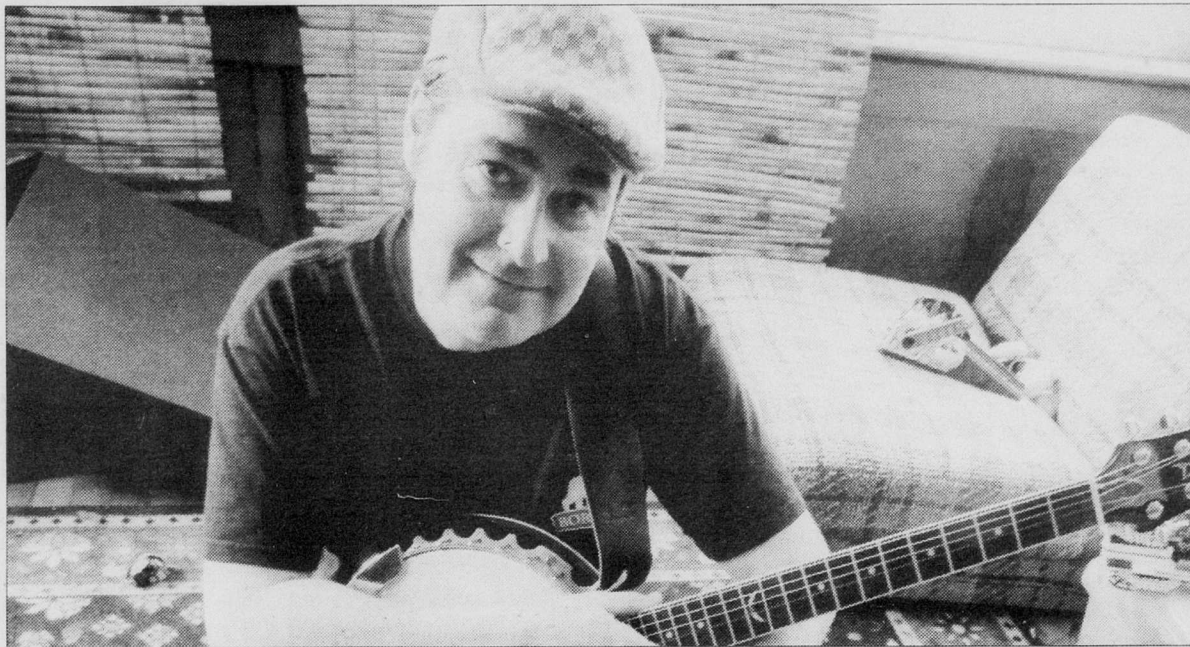
into adoptive homes we felt the timing was right and much to the relief of his rescuers, we were able to take him under our wing.

Handsome Harry is a wonderfully affectionate cat and our hope is to now find him a home of his own where he can begin his life anew and become a cherished and pampered pet.

We estimate Handsome Harry's age to be about five. To find out more about this truly magnificent cat, please send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or better yet, give our adoption coordinator Brenda a call. You can reach her any day of the week between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at 819.876.7747.

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TGIF-it's time for Mike Goudreau



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Mike Goudreau's will launch his 16th studio album at Café Sans Frontières tomorrow night.

By Matthew McCully
Special to The Record

Stanstead will be treated to the launch of hometown Mike Goudreau's 16th studio album at Café Sans Frontières on Friday, March 7.

The local jazz and blues man is an institution of the townships music scene. Goudreau shared some words of wisdom about how to maintain a sustainable music career without compromise. Keeping many pots on the stove seems to be the way to go, as Goudreau balances the release of his new album with a number of music publishing deals, all the while keeping food on the table. Very good food, in fact.

"There's always another door," Goudreau said, refusing to devalue himself or his music.

Over the years, Goudreau has made his share of mistakes, but has also picked up a thing or two about how to make ends meet with music.

He remembered his first break into music publishing came when one of his songs was played during a television show called Everybody Hates Chris. "They needed a French Song," he said, "you can barely hear it in the scene."

Although the amount is not huge, he continues to receive royalties from that episode years later. "It adds up!"

Goudreau originally worked with an online music placement service called Taxi to get his songs heard, but as time went on, he made contacts of his own and has been successful getting a number of songs placed in film and television.

These days, Goudreau can have anywhere from 20 to 30 tunes

generating royalties. "I'm still learning every day," Goudreau said, "There are so many grey areas."

Even so, Goudreau is way ahead of the game compared to less experienced musicians who are unfamiliar with the business side of the music industry. He was hired by the University of Sherbrooke to give a lecture on music publishing and licensing, and the business side of being an independent musician. He compiled all of his experiences into an hour and a half lecture, which he gave to a full house of young aspiring musicians. He shared some important advice, like what questions to ask and what type of deals to avoid. He warned students of the risks involved in signing exclusive deals, and reminded them to ask the right questions during negotiations. "Do you offer front fees?" being a very important one.

"I wish I would have had someone to share that with me," Goudreau chuckled, having learned it all the hard way.

His pursuit of publishing and licensing deals came out of necessity. Performing live, especially with his six piece band, is a challenge, he said.

"Nine out of ten bars have no base pay. How can you provide for your family?" Goudreau asked.

At this stage in his life and career, even though increasing his fan base would be helpful, Goudreau insists he is not willing to do a 'poor man's tour,' in a series of loud bars with bad sound systems, playing for little or no pay. "I've got drinks and food in my fridge," he said, insisting on being paid fairly instead of just being offered free beer.

Goudreau's new Album,

T.G.I.F. was a last minute decision. Originally, he was planning on touring with Linda 'Chocolate Thunder' Rodney, a musician he had produced an album for last year. When the release of her album was postponed at the last minute, Goudreau was left with nothing new to present for the summer. He immediately got to work, and wrote 12 songs in two weeks. Instead of working with his regular band, he worked track by track, recording all of the guitar and bass parts himself.

"It's no fun doing it that way, but the end result is a clean sound."

"I'm pretty proud of it," he said, of the final product. "It's a super eclectic album," he added.

There are gospel style songs, some blues/rock numbers, and Goudreau plays a banjo guitar on a few songs, which adds a new dimension to his sound.

In addition to his playing, publishing and producing, Goudreau also spends a lot of time in the kitchen.

"Food is my passion. I've been working on a cookbook for 15 years." He prides himself on having found a way to get his kids to eat white fish, disguised in a Thai coconut mango curry.

He posts pictures of his culinary creations regularly on Facebook, and is usually blown away by the response.

"If only I could get on my music like that," he laughed.

For the show at Café Sans Frontières, Goudreau will perform songs from the new album TGIF (Thank God it's Friday) as a four piece group joined by Jonathan Boudreau on bass, Jean-François Bégin on drums and Nino Fabi on keys.

Local Sports

BCS recorded four victories and outscored their opponents 30-3 en route to capturing the 2014 Provincial title.

BCS U17 hockey wins Neil Tournament Massey-Vanier-Galt capture ETIAC titles

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record
SHERBROOKE

The Bishop's College School's U17 boys team captured the Neil tournament, symbolic of English High School supremacy last week while the Massey-Vanier Vikings won the ETIAC senior boys championships and the Galt Pipers took home home gold in the bantam division.

BCS recorded four victories and outscored their opponents 30-3 en route to capturing the 2014 Provincial title. They opened up with a 7-2 win over ETIAC rival Massey-Vanier and then blanked Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School 4-0 in Friday's preliminary round.

BCS recorded their second straight shutout Friday morning when they defeated Galt 6-0 and then routed Pierrefonds 13-1 in the gold medal game. BCS's

defenceman Charles Bilodeau was selected as the Bob Douglas Tourney Most Valuable Player.

Earlier in the week Brad Picken's goal with just 46 seconds remaining lifted the Massey-Vanier Vikings senior hockey team to a 4-3 victory over the Galt Pipers and the ETIAC championship. It was a fitting end to the season for the Vikings who also won the regular season title.

Defenceman Philip Arsenault

scored 1:12 into overtime to give the Alexander Galt Pipers a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory over the Massey-Vanier Vikings in the ETIAC bantam hockey finals. The game resembled a prize fight with each team exchanging blows throughout the match.

Galt jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead but the Vikings quickly tied the game. After a scoreless second period the Vikings, who won the regular

season title, took a 2-1 lead with less than eight minutes left to play. However the Pipers were not to be denied and tied the game late on a goal by Olivier Rouleau setting the stage for Arsenault's winning tally.

Galt advanced to the final game by defeating the BCS Bears 4-1 in the semi finals.

Massey-Vanier advanced to the play off final by defeating Stanstead College 6-2 in the other semi final game.

Canadiens acquire Vanek, send prospect Collberg, two picks to Islanders

The Canadian Press
MONTREAL

The Montreal Canadiens made a major move at the NHL trade deadline Wednesday, acquiring winger Thomas Vanek from the New York Islanders.

Montreal sent forward Sebastien Collberg and a conditional second-round pick in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft to the Islanders in exchange for Vanek, who was seen as the best rental player available, and a conditional fifth-round pick.

Vanek, who's set to be an unrestricted free agent this summer, instantly becomes the Habs' leading scorer with 53 points. The 30-year-old is in the final season of a US\$50-million, seven-year contract.

In 645 career NHL games with the Islanders and Buffalo Sabres, Vanek has 271 goals and 270 assists.

This is the second time Vanek has been traded this season. The Islanders gave up winger Matt Moulson along with first- and second-round picks to get Vanek in late October.

Moulson, also set to be a free agent, was dealt at the deadline to the Minnesota Wild from Buffalo.

Collberg was Montreal's second-round pick (33rd overall) in the 2012 draft.

Reports indicated the draft picks would be removed from the deal if Montreal does not make the playoffs.

Lightning trade St. Louis to Rangers for Callahan, two draft picks

Martin St. Louis wanted out of Tampa Bay, so Steve Yzerman and the Lightning granted him his wish.

In what could turn out to be the biggest trade ever influenced by the Olympics, St. Louis

was dealt to the New York Rangers for Ryan Callahan, a first-round pick in the 2015 draft and a conditional second-rounder this year.

St. Louis asked for a trade after Yzerman, who was serving as Team Canada's executive director, left him off the initial 25-man roster for Sochi. Even after St. Louis replaced injured teammate Steven Stamkos and won a gold medal, bitterness remained.

That concluded Wednesday with Yzerman trading the 38-year-old right-winger, who was in the first season as the Lightning's captain.

"We'd like to thank Marty for everything he has done on and off the ice during his outstanding 13-year career in Tampa Bay," Yzerman said in a press release. "He has been one of the greatest players in the organization's history but in the end we honoured his request today. We wish him and his family the best of luck as he continues his career in New York."

St. Louis got to choose his destination by virtue of the no-trade clause in his contract. That turned out to be New York, where he'll replace a pending unrestricted free agent in Callahan on right wing.

The second-round pick the Lightning are getting in the deal becomes a first-rounder this June if the Rangers reach the Eastern Conference final. If Callahan re-signs with Tampa Bay, the teams will swap picks in the 2015 draft with the Rangers getting the Lightning's second-rounder for New York's seventh-rounder.

St. Louis, a native of Laval, Que., has 29 goals and 32 assists in 62 games this season and is a major reason why the Lightning remain in a playoff spot almost four months after losing Stamkos with a broken right leg. St. Louis won the Art Ross Trophy last year by leading the

NHL with 60 points in 48 games.

Callahan's departure was less stunning only because of the dialogue between agent Stephen Bartlett and the Rangers over the past several weeks. Reports indicated that Callahan, a 28-year-old Rochester, N.Y., native, had been asking for a six- or seven-year deal in excess of US\$6 million per season.

St. Louis has one year and \$5 million left on his contract, which carries a \$5.625-million cap hit for the 2014-'15 season.

There was strife between St. Louis and Yzerman beginning Jan. 7 when he was left off Canada's 25-man roster again, just as he was in 2010. Four years ago, Yzerman wasn't his GM in the NHL, and he didn't expect to be left home again.

The injury to Stamkos appeared to provide Yzerman with a chance to make good with St. Louis, but even after Canada won the gold medal, the veteran winger did not say all was well.

"We had a conversation, that's between me and Steve," St. Louis said. "He had a tough job to do, and we're competitors. I'm glad that it turned out the way it did."

Few outside the organization expected it to turn out like this, with St. Louis getting his way out of Tampa Bay.

He's the second straight Lightning captain to go to the Rangers, following Brad Richards, who signed with New York as a free agent in the summer of 2012.

Capitals get Halak

Bringing aboard a player whose name conjures bad memories for the franchise, the Washington Capitals acquired Jaroslav Halak from the Buffalo Sabres in a swap of goalies at the NHL trade deadline Wednesday.

The Capitals sent backup goalie Michal Neuvirth and defenceman Rostislav Klesla to Buffalo, which only acquired Halak last Friday in a deal with the St. Louis Blues. Washington got Klesla in a deal with Phoenix on Tuesday.

The Capitals also received a 2015 third-round draft pick in the deal with Buffalo.

Halak starred for Montreal in the 2010 playoffs, when the eighth-seeded Canadiens came back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Presidents' Trophy-winning, top-seeded Capitals in the first round. In Game 7, Montreal won 2-1, as Halak made 41 saves.

Sabres claim Conacher

The Buffalo Sabres have claimed forward Cory Conacher off waivers from the Ottawa Senators.

The move comes on trade deadline day, with the rebuilding Sabres in a state of flux after trading goaltender Ryan Miller and captain Steve Ott last week.

Conacher returns to Buffalo, where he set school records for goals and points in four years at Canisius College.

He's reunited with Sabres general manager Tim Murray, who was the assistant general manager of the Senators when they acquired Conacher and a fourth-round draft pick from Tampa Bay in exchange for goaltender Ben Bishop in April 2013.

Conacher had four goals and 16 assists in 60 games for the Senators this season and has posted 49 points in 107 NHL games since signing with Tampa Bay in 2012.

Wild acquire Moulson

The Buffalo Sabres have traded forwards Matt Moulson and Cody McCormick to the Minnesota Wild in exchange for forward Torrey Mitchell.

The Sabres also acquired a

pair of second-round draft picks in a deal made just before the NHL's trade deadline hit Wednesday.

Moulson changes teams for a second time this year after the Sabres acquired him in a deal that sent leading scorer Thomas Vanek to the New York Islanders in October. In his seventh NHL season, Moulson is a three-time 30-goal-scorer, who has 17 goals and 38 points in 55 games this season.

McCormick was a fourth-line role player during his four seasons in Buffalo. He has split this season between Buffalo and AHL Rochester, and has one goal and five points in 29 games with the Sabres.

Mitchell is in his sixth NHL season, and second with the Wild after spending his first four years with San Jose.

Mitchell had difficulty playing a significant role in Minnesota, where he had a goal and nine points in 58 games this season.

Predators trade Legwand

The Nashville Predators traded away their first draft pick, sending forward David Legwand to his hometown Detroit Red Wings in a deal at the NHL trade deadline.

Legwand, who turns 34 in August, was the expansion Predators' first pick in the 1998 draft as the No. 2 overall selection. He was tied with captain Shea Weber for the team scoring lead with 40 points, but his contract also is up at the end of this season. The Predators lost defenceman Ryan Suter in free agency in 2012 to Minnesota getting nothing in return.

The Predators got Patrick Eaves, a prospect and a third-round draft pick in exchange for the forward called the original Predator. Legwand played in a franchise-record 956 games for Nashville.

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**Leslie June
LAVERS (CARROLL)**

The passing of Leslie June Lavers occurred on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Quebec, at the age of 98. Wife of the late Earl Lavers and beloved mother of Colleen, Gary, Grant (Fran), Bob, Guile Ralph (Linda), Dawn (Mac), Jade, and Terry, she is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren; nephews and nieces. In addition to her parents she is predeceased by her sister Francis Aldrich and brother Nelson.

Born on February 13, 1916, "Nanny" resided most of her life in the Sherbrooke area and was known for her generosity, great cooking, hospitality, and was deeply loved by her large family and many friends.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cass Funeral Home and interment will be in the spring at the Ayer's Cliff Protestant Cemetery. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville).

The family would like to direct donations to the Fondation du CHUS (Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke), www.fondationchus.org, 530, 10e Avenue Sud, Sherbrooke, QC, J1G 2R9.

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**Patricia
MILLAR (NEE HUGHES)**

Passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, at the Wales Home in Richmond, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Patsy Millar at the age of 85. Loving wife of the late Lloyd Millar, and dear mother of Stephen (Mary Eleanor Yack), Sharon (Richard McMorine), Alan (Linda Cowden), Randy (Kathleen Carroll) and Cathy. Loving grandmother of Evan, Issac, Travis, Jessica, Courtney, Joshua, Willam, Sydney, Jeremy, Jamie and Jane. Great grandmother of Zachary and Lily. Sister of the late Myrtle, the late Dorothy (late Ernest Lockwood), the late Elmer (Jean), Lorna (Lyman Laxson), the late Howard, Marina (late Douglas Priestly) and Donald. Patsy also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends.

Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond, QC, where friends may visit on Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and on Monday from 1 to 2 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at the funeral home, on Monday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m. Interment in St-Annes Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wales Home, 506 Rte 243N, Richmond, QC, J0B 2H0, or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 100-2630, rue King Ouest, Sherbrooke, QC, J1J 2H1, would be greatly appreciated by the family. The family would like to extend a special Thank you to the staff of the Wales Home and to the girls for the wonderful care they provided.

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**Bruce
NEIL**

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Passed away suddenly at home in Sherbrooke, Qc. on Monday, March 3, 2014. Bruce Neil, loving husband of Patricia Nobes and dear son of Frances Hamel and the late John Neil; brother-in-law of Dorothy Nobes (the late Michel Dutil). Also left to mourn are his niece, nephew, other friends and relatives.

In respect of his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral.

Cremation services were entrusted to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, Sherbrooke, QC.

Condolences can be sent to the family through the Steve L. Elkas website: www.steveelkas.com or info@steveelkas.com or to 601 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke, QC, J1G 1K4.

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Card of Thanks

IMBEAULT, Dorothy - We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who offered their support during this difficult time. Our gratitude goes out to those who called, sent cards, food as well as the many charitable donations made in honour of our beloved Dorothy. To Reverend Robin Osborne for her hospital visits and prayers. Plymouth-Trinity U.C.W. for providing the lunch after the service. The nursing staff at Hotel Dieu 3rd floor I.C.U. To Steve and Stephan Elkas and their staff, who provided much comfort and ease in our time of sorrow. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Sincerely
THE IMBEAULT FAMILY
*Though your smile is gone forever
And your hands we cannot touch
We will always have sweet memories,
Of the one we loved so much.*

In Memoriam

HURLBUT-EWENS, Clara (1919-2005). In loving memory of our mother who passed away March 6, 2005.

*Remembering you is easy,
I do it every day,
But missing you is heartache
That never goes away.*

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Datebook

Today is the 65th day of 2014 and the 76th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1836, the Alamo mission and fortress compound in Texas fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that slaves were property in Dred Scott v. Sandford.

In 1899, the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co. registered the name "Aspirin" as a trademark.

In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as "CBS Evening News" anchor, a post he had held for 19 years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michelangelo (1475-1564), painter/sculptor/architect; Cyrano de Bergerac (1619-1655), soldier/writer; Lou Costello (1906-1959), actor/comedian; Will Eisner (1917-2005), cartoonist; Ed McMahon (1923-2009), TV personality; Alan Greenspan (1926-), economist; Gabriel Garcia Marquez (1927-), author; Rob Reiner (1947-), actor/director; D.L. Hughley (1963-), actor/comedian; Connie Britton (1967-), actress; Shaquille O'Neal (1972-), basketball player.

TODAY'S FACT: The median age for an American man getting married for the first time in 2013 was 29 years old. The median age for women was 26.6.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1964, world heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay announced that his spiritual mentor, Elijah Muhammad, had given him the new name Muhammad Ali.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "He allowed himself to be swayed by his conviction that human beings are not born once and for all on the day their mothers give birth to them, but that life obliges them over and over again to give birth to themselves." — Gabriel Garcia Marquez

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$0.30 — price for 1 pound of Oreo cookies in a novelty can when the cookie was introduced by the National Biscuit Co. (today known as Nabisco) on this day in 1912.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 1) and first quarter moon (March 8).



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Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid Blood Pressure clinics: clinics are invited to come to the Blood Pressure clinics in Lennoxville.

NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Fridays, March 7, April 4 and May 2, at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Sunday, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, ham, potatoes, baked beans and much more. All welcome. Info: 819-346-9122.

AYER'S CLIFF

500 Card Parties, Mondays Feb. 17, 24 March 3 & 10 at 1:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Ayer's Cliff, to benefit the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 128. Info: 819-876-7308.

SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships Canadian Club is pleased to announce the next presentation by Robert Carswell, conservationist and bird-watcher. "Hawks and Owls of the

Eastern Townships" will be presented on Tuesday, March 11 at noon at Hôtel Le Président, 3535 King West in Sherbrooke. To reserve for the meal and talk, call 819-837-0192 by March 7. There is a small charge to attend the presentation only (1 p.m.). Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of the event. Le Président is wheelchair accessible.

BULWER

It's time for "Irish Night" at the Bulwer Community Centre on Friday, March 7, at 7 pm. Join the fun, sing along, enjoy the talented local musicians and storytellers. Wear something green! Coffee and snacks available. Admission charged, half price for children. Irish Night is a fundraiser for the Eaton Corner Museum.

SHERBROOKE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, 971 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke on Saturday, March 15 starting at 11 a.m. There will be Irish coffee, Irish stew and music. For more information call 819-563-4944.

LENNOXVILLE

World Day of Prayer service at Lennoxville United Church on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Service written by the women of Egypt. All welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

St Patrick's Day Brunch at Beulah United Church, 967 Main Street, Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a meal of ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes with real maple syrup, toast, fruit salad coffee tea and juice. All are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Notice is hereby given that Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will hold its 2014 annual general meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at 9 Speid Street in the Borough of Lennoxville. The AGM is open to the public and will be followed by re-

freshments. For information, call (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, in association with CRDITED Estrie and Dixville Home Foundation, is very proud to bring you its 9th annual exhibit unveiling works of art produced by artists living with an intellectual handicap. This cultural event held during the Quebec Week for Intellectual Handicap will begin with a Vernissage from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at Uplands, 9 Speid Street, Borough of Lennoxville, 819-564-0409. Uplands is open from Wednesday to Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Exhibit will continue until March 23.

LENNOXVILLE

Come and join us for St. Patrick's Day Tea on Sunday, March 16 at Uplands located at 9 Speid Street, Borough of Lennoxville, between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Enjoy our traditional cream tea served with cucumber sandwiches, scones, pastries, Devonshire style cream, jam and fine chocolate with a special price for two people. For reservations and more information, please call (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Come join us on Saturday, March 15 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at The Hut (ANAF). Everything starts at 11 a.m. There will be live music all day, through till closing, and the canteen will be open as well. Admission charged and open to all over the age of 18.

STANSTEAD

Benefit dance for the Children's Wish Foundation, 20th Anniversary, Saturday, March 29 at the Stanstead Legion, Br. 5, 15 Maple St. All musicians welcome, all bands welcome. All proceeds go to the Children's Wish Foundation. Info: Call the Stanstead Legion at 819-876-5844 and ask for Elaine.

LENNOXVILLE

Get your dimes ready, it's time for the 1st Lennoxville Girl Guides St. Patrick's Day coffee party at the United Church, Lennoxville, 6 Church St., on March 15. Chinese auction, silent auction, Girl Guide cookie sale and more! Our girls will take pleasure in serving you refreshments. Admission charged for ages 6 and up, free for guests 6 and under. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. All money raised stays right here in Lennoxville and goes towards making camp more affordable for our local girl guides. We are looking forward to seeing you!

LENNOXVILLE

Irish Spring Fling at Sherbrooke Women's Connection, Thursday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the ANAF, 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville). Featuring The Late Bloomers, and Wood Creations with Elmer Andrews. Men are welcome this month as well. Admission charged. R.S.V.P. with Pauline Goodenough at: 819-563-1418 or email the group at sherbrookewc@yahoo.ca

LENNOXVILLE

Soup Lunch/Potage du Midi, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, St. George's Anglican Church, 147 Queen St., Lennoxville. Your choice of one of three soups, rolls, cheese, pickles, cookies, tea or coffee. Admission charged, discounted rate for students.

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He has too close of a relationship with his mother

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to a special man for 23 years. The problem is, he has too close of a relationship with his mother. It doesn't allow the two of us to have any adult space.

We didn't entirely get along under one roof because he would say critical and hurtful things to me. About 10 years ago, I moved down the road into my own space. Since then, we have gotten along better and are much kinder to each other. The problem, however, is my mother-in-law. She insists on calling my husband and talking for several hours every Sunday. I used to talk to her, too, but grew bored with it because I had nothing to say after 20 minutes. He loves small talk.

I wanted time for the two of us to have an occasional weekend alone, but he always had this obligatory hours-long phone call. I decided to tolerate this and took a Sunday job so I'd keep busy. But gradually, the calls encroached on the rest of our week. Every time we took a trip together, she'd call multiple times while he was driving to be certain he hadn't crashed. She somehow manages to call every time we are intimate. And of course, the real problem is that my husband answers these calls or lets the answering machine pick them up so we can hear her message. She is amazingly loud. How am I supposed to be passionate when I can hear her booming voice in the background?

Annie, I've tried everything. I asked him to phone her before my visits so we could have some time alone. I've asked him to let her know we need time to ourselves. But I'm worn out. I've stopped asking. I rarely visit him these days.

My father-in-law was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Am I being small-minded now that she has real worries and fears? — Phoenix

Dear Phoenix: The fact that your mother-in-law is going through some difficult times means you should be kind and considerate, even helpful when possible, but not a doormat. If you could periodically phone or visit her to see how she's doing, or offer to bring groceries or stay with her husband so she can have a break, those would be kind gestures. But your husband has chosen not to limit his mother's phone calls even though it interferes with his relationship with you. That is unlikely to change, especially now.

Dear Annie: I do not have a dishwasher. I wash all of my dishes and silverware by hand. I place my silverware in the dish drain rack with the handles down and the eating end up. I think it makes sense that the water drains away from the eating end, making it more sanitary. And the bottom of the drain can accumulate all kinds of detritus. Why would I want my fork tines in that?

My friend disagrees and says it should be the other way around so that you don't catch your hand on a knife while emptying the dish rack. What do you say? — Em from Indy

Dear Em: We're with you when it comes to forks, spoons and butter knives, but sharp knives should be placed facing down in order to avoid injury.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Less Gen-

erous." I, too, consider myself thoughtful and generous. For years I sent cards, gifts, photos, etc., for every occasion. My efforts seemed to go unappreciated, so I stopped. I now focus on the people who do respond to my efforts, and I cultivate those relationships.

I am teaching my 7-year-old daughter to write thank-you notes. She says, "Do I have to?" I say, "Yes. If someone made the effort to think of you, then you need to acknowledge their effort." I hope it sticks. — Still Generous

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

Jack and Jill Dance
for Amanda Hamel & Peter Kingsley
on Friday, March 7 starting at 9 p.m.
at Hotel Sawyerville

Admission: \$8.00,
midnight lunch included.

Everyone
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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.

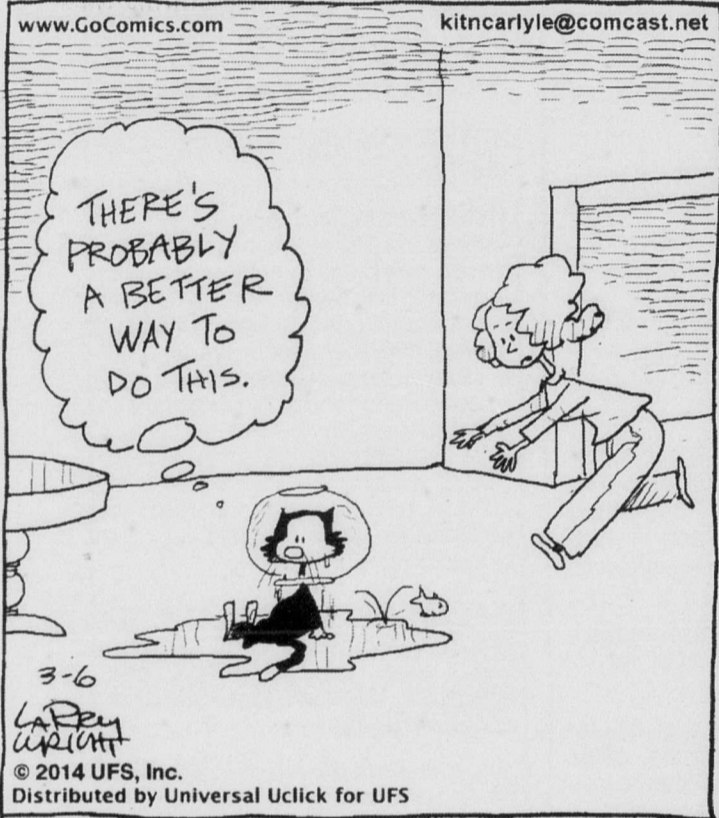
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Previous Solution: "Hearing nuns' confessions is like being stoned to death with popcorn." — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

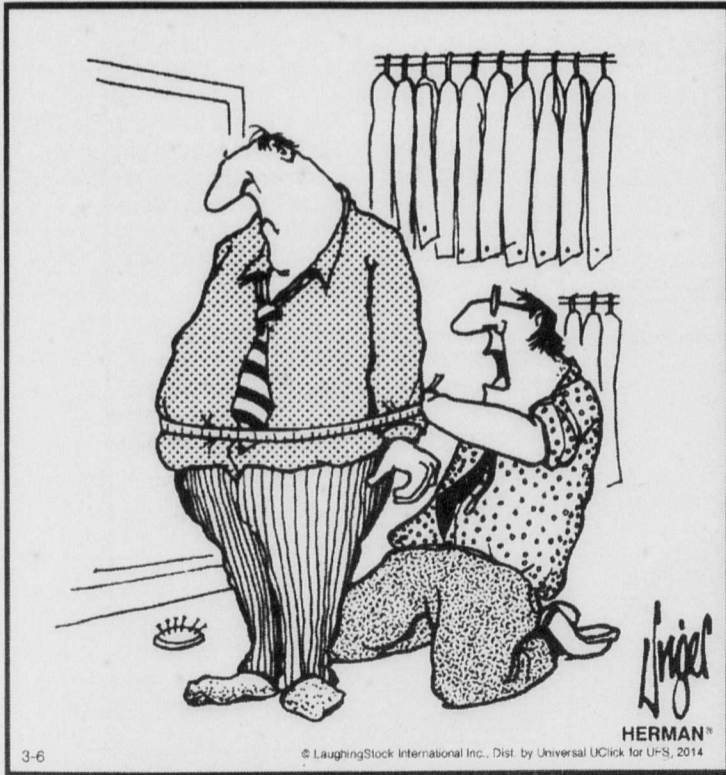
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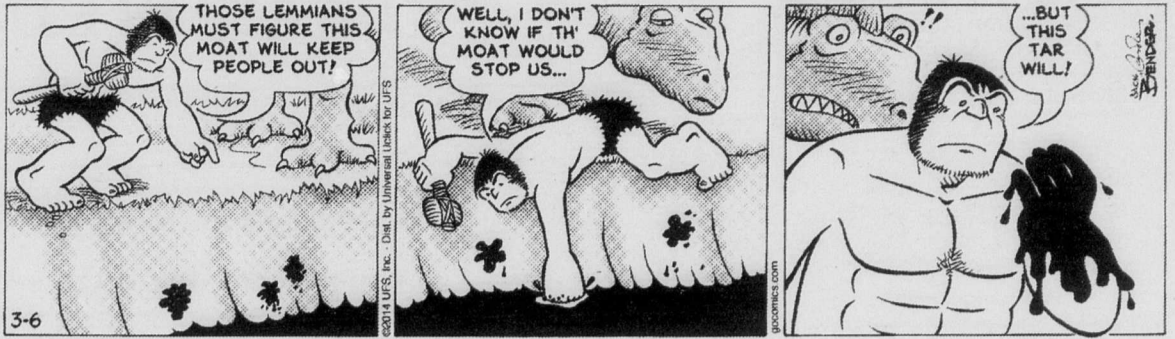


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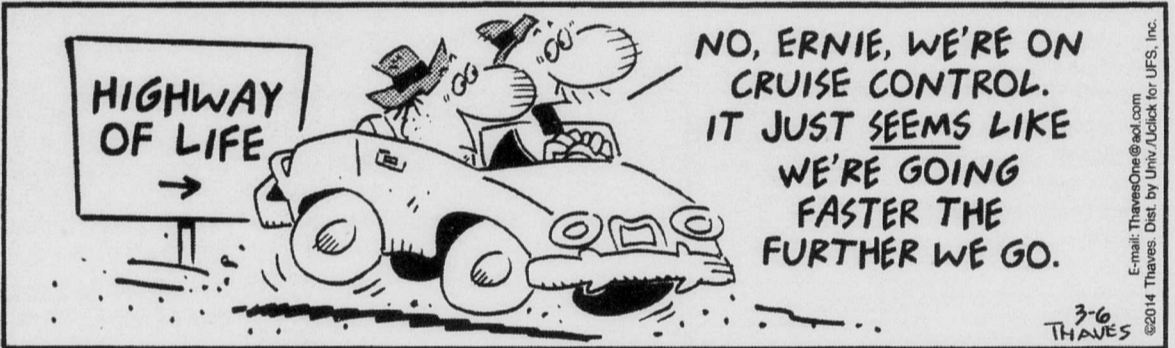
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Dedication and diligence are key components to success. Careful planning and fully exploiting every opportunity will pay off. Don't allow minor setbacks to deter you. Hard work and a positive attitude will ensure that you reach your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Opportunity is within reach. A partnership could prove to be beneficial. Be aware of your colleagues' ideas and intentions. A promising business prospect could result from a collaborative effort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be on the alert for valuable financial information. There is a possibility of advancement, or perhaps a new job, if you are able to utilize a choice tip.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You will face opposition if you are outspoken. There is nothing to be gained by antagonizing everyone around you. Be diplomatic and polite, and let others have their say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your plans for advancement will be given a big boost from people you have helped in the past. The generosity you've shown will be proof enough that you deserve greater rewards and responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A partnership will flourish if given the chance. If you share your intentions, you will get the response you need to move forward in a timely manner. This could prove to be a memorable day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone may be jealous of your achievements. Don't be

influenced by the negative comments of others. You will get rewarding results if you continue on the path you have chosen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is much to be gained through travel or educational pursuits. As your knowledge increases, more opportunities will become available. Someone you meet along the way will offer you a business proposition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll be overwhelmed with responsibilities. Don't allow self-doubt to prevent you from improving your prospects. Take the initiative and perform whatever task you are given to the best of your ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It's a good day for you to deal with a disagreeable personal situation. You cannot protect someone's feelings. Honesty will be in your best interest. Delaying the inevitable will only compound the problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A promotion is within your reach. Your hard work and dedication will open the door to new job possibilities. Be prepared to jump at any opportunity that comes your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Career and family commitments will be detrimental to your mental health. Take in some lighthearted entertainment, play a game or share laughs with a friend to help ease your stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — There is no good reason to get involved in someone else's argument. Regardless of the circumstances, you can simply refuse to take sides. Meddling will lead to isolation and irreversible trouble.

How do you remove the extra loser?

by Phillip Alder

Aristotle Onassis said, "Don't sleep too much. If you sleep three hours less each night for a year, you will have an extra month and a half in which to succeed."

I wonder if he tried that plan, but fell asleep on the job.

A bridge player cannot afford to sleep at the table. He should count winners and losers, and watch all of the cards as they are played.

In this deal, the problem is South's extra loser. West leads the spade queen against three hearts. How should South proceed?

North had a textbook game-invitational limit raise, showing at least four hearts, 10-12 support points (high-card points plus short-suit points) and eight losers. South guessed well to pass.

When the dummy comes down, declarer should count his losers. Here he has one club, one heart and at least two spades. He has only seven sure winners: four hearts, two diamonds and one club.

South should play a low spade from the dummy at the first two tricks. East is bound to have the ace and might be forced to play it. Here, though, the defenders take the first three tricks. Then

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| South | West | North | East |
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| Opening lead: ♠ Q | | | |

East shifts to a low club. What next?

Declarer has gained an eighth winner, his last spade. But he still has five losers: three spades, one heart and one club. How can he eliminate that club loser?

South must immediately take three diamond tricks. He cashes his diamond ace, plays a diamond to dummy's jack, and discards his club jack on the diamond king. Then declarer plays trumps and claims.

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Across

- 1 Elementary fellow?
- 7 Chief Osceola riding Renegade introduces its home games: Abbr.
- 10 Daddy
- 14 Longtime Hawaiian senator Daniel
- 15 Ottowan interjections
- 16 Woeful cry
- 17 *Large emigration
- 19 Frisks, with "down"
- 20 Asian holiday
- 21 Letter-shaped fastener
- 22 Land at Orly?
- 23 Confederate
- 24 *Lunchbox item
- 26 Smallish crocodilians
- 28 Portal toppers
- 29 100-eyed giant of myth
- 30 Word of greeting
- 31 Points a finger at

- 32 "I'll Be There for You" on "Friends," e.g.
- 36 __ date
- 38 Levy
- 39 Brought about
- 43 Southeast Asian honey lover
- 45 Oporto native, e.g.
- 47 *Children's literature VIP
- 49 Brandy label letters
- 50 Cream of the crop
- 51 CNBC topics
- 52 Breadbasket, so to speak
- 53 Director Gus Van __
- 54 *Daily Planet setting
- 57 Palm smartphone
- 58 Celebratory poem
- 59 Valuable lump
- 60 Bldg. annex
- 61 Beersheba's land: Abbr.
- 62 Word that can follow five prefixes hidden sequentially in the answers to starred clues

25 Silver opening?

- 27 Remote control
- 30 Spell
- 33 Floride, par exemple
- 34 Many couples
- 35 Cub or Card
- 36 Simpleton
- 37 Like some looseleaf paper
- 40 Reveal
- 41 More to one's liking
- 42 Plastic __ Band
- 43 Cuarenta winks?
- 44 Tongue suffix
- 45 "Click __ Ticket": road safety slogan

46 Quantum gravity particles

- 48 More timely
- 52 Painter van __
- 54 French pronoun
- 55 __ tent
- 56 CPA's office, perhaps

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Down

- 1 "Tell __": 1962-'63 hit
- 2 Winning steadily
- 3 Get clobbered
- 4 It's not an option
- 5 Observe
- 6 Church maintenance officer
- 7 Disgusted
- 8 Back-and-forth flights
- 9 Navy hull letters
- 10 Empty threat
- 11 Afraid
- 12 Platoon activities
- 13 Look over carefully
- 18 Burden
- 22 X, sometimes
- 23 __ Victor
- 24 Window part

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