

Charles Poulin looking to succeed Guy Hardy

By Gordon Lambie

Coaticook Physiotherapist Charles Poulin announced on Tuesday morning that he wants to be the next face of the Quebec Liberal Party (PLQ) in the Saint-Francois Riding.

"I have been considering making the jump into Provincial politics for some time," Poulin noted, "it is not a decision I have made lightly, but I feel I am ready."

Poulin made the announcement alongside Hardy, with the current MNA showing strong support for the proposed candidacy.

"I have been asked by many, Guy, who do you see as the right person to replace you?" Hardy mused. "I didn't have a name in mind, but rather a profile: someone who lives in the riding, is involved in his community, knows things about both the urban and rural context, has a political sensibility, and is known by the people in the area. Charles Poulin fits this profile."

Going further, the MNA called Poulin the perfect candidate for the region.

"I support his candidacy with enthusiasm," Hardy cheered.

Echoing the words of many aspiring politicians who have come before him, Poulin said that he sees his biggest task at the moment as getting to know the community. Highlighting his community involvement, business background,

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Bumpy Bishop's Bridge-again



MATTHEW MCCULLY

By Matthew McCully

Thanks to the mixed bag of weather, the plethora of potholes that normally spring up with the spring have graced roads a few months early.

Of note is the recurring issue on the 'Bishop's Bridge' on College Street in Lennoxville.

Drivers travelling from Route 108 or St. Francis Street towards downtown should reduce their speed when travelling on the bridge, which has a row of substantial potholes to negotiate.

According to Ministère des Transports spokesperson Nomba Daniel, the MTQ is aware of the situation and inspecting the bridge regularly.

Since the beginning of winter, Daniel said the MTQ noticed the potholes and has been filling them regularly, the last time was last Thursday, January. Daniel said that within a few days, the patch job erodes and the holes are back.

As has been reported in The Record before, the bridge suffers from a faulty Sandwich Plate System (SPS) installed as a deck for the bridge in 2005. Made of

two sheets of metal bound together with an epoxy, the SPS was expected to be a thin and strong alternative to rebuilding the bridge. The material proved problematic, however, when the sandwiched plates started to come apart under the weight of college street traffic.

The replacement of the bridge deck is on the MTQ's to-do list, according to Daniel, and is expected to be addressed at some point this year, although there is no timeline in place at the moment.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

See dementia differently



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Almost 50% of Canadians would not want others to know if they had dementia, according to new survey results released by the Alzheimer Society. While awareness about dementia has increased, the Society notes that stigma and negative attitudes around it continue to persist.

The Leger-led survey, which questioned 1500 Canadians between the ages of 18 and 65 online, also reveals 51% of respondents admitted to using some type of stigmatizing language such as telling inappropriate dementia-related jokes or referring to someone as “demented”. That stigma trickles down to caregivers, with 1 in 5 agreeing they sometimes feel embarrassed to be seen in public with the person they care for.

Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, continues to have a significant and growing impact across the county with more than 400,000 Canadians aged 65 and older having been diagnosed. Alzheimer's is a specific disease and dementia is an overall term for a set of symptoms that are caused by disorders affecting the brain. Symptoms happen in stages and may include difficulties thinking, problem-solving or language, and changes in mood or behaviour.

Although seen as an “old person's”, dementia affects many people in their 40's and 50's. It is not a normal part of ageing. Disappointingly, despite greater awareness, sufferers and their families still face discrimination and stigmatization.

To coincide with Alzheimer's Awareness Month in January Societies across the county are using the social awareness campaign – I live with dementia. Let me help you understand -- to spark

To tackle stigma, the Alzheimer Society is letting the experts do the talking—people living with dementia. People like Mario, Naomi, Roger and Mary Beth share their inspiring stories and invite Canadians to take a few pointers on how to be open and accepting towards people with dementia.

conversations and encourage Canadians to see dementia differently.

The website ilivewithdementia.ca is challenging misconceptions by sharing stories from people across the country who are living with dementia and providing information to dispel commonly held myths. Visitors are invited to test their understanding of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and encouraged to take the pledge to be more dementia-friendly.

To support and encourage those with Alzheimer's disease locally, the Estrie Alzheimer Society is holding a new activity in English, the “Early Birds”. Townshippers with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia are invited to join in board games, puzzles, painting and more at the Le Colibri activity and resource centre, from 10 am to 12 pm, January 26 to May 4.

The Friday morning workshop will be held for 15 weeks at a cost of \$8 a week, and participants can join at any time until May 4. Participants must be a member of the Société Alzheimer de l'Estrie for \$25 a year. To register, contact Myrja Lamarche at 819-821-5127.

New health reference tool released
This week the Centre intégré univer-

sitaire de santé et de services sociaux de l'Estrie – Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke (CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS) is distributing a new publication via the Publisac that will help direct people to the right resources at the right time and make an informed decision about your health, and others, when you have the flu or gastroenteritis symptoms.

The CIUSSS Estrie CHUS has provided the “Your Health Guide” in English, complete with resource information for local health care and frontline services facilities as well as emergency hotlines. To download a copy in English visit santeestrie.qc.ca/guide-sante [click on “English version” found midway down the page]. The guide can also be downloaded from www.Townshippers.org/Documentation or by contacting Townshippers' at 819-566-5717.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

“Scotstown wants to save their school,” Gaudreau said, explaining they have the opposite problem as Parchemin.

Federal government to support railway bypass in Lac-Mégantic

By Gordon Lambie

Federal Transportation Minister Marc Garneau announced on Tuesday that the Federal government will commit “a substantial sum” toward the construction of a bypass railway line around the town of Lac-Mégantic. The announcement fell short of revealing what that sum might be.

“The bypass project is a complex one, and one on which I have been working since I took up my duties as Minister of Transport,” Garneau said. “There still remains a lot of work to do with the Government of Quebec on cost sharing and with the municipalities on finalizing the route, which is why the exact amount of the federal contribution is still to be confirmed.”

Garneau said that his aim is to be able to give more detail in time for the fifth anniversary of the Lac-Mégantic disaster in July.

“I have had three opportunities to go to Lac-Mégantic to meet citizens, hear their concerns and see for myself the trauma they are living through,” the Transport Minister said. “For me, this bypass is much more than a railway infrastructure project. It is a social rebuilding project for the people of Lac-Mégantic.”

Although the matter of a bypass has been the subject of consistent discussion within the community over the last four and a half years, it was brought back into the broader public eye last week after the acquittal of three former Railway employees in the trial stemming from the derailment and explosion that killed 47 people and destroyed the centre of the town in 2013.

Luc Berthold, the Conservative MP for Mégantic-L’Érable, said that he is pleased that the advocacy work in Lac-Mégantic has finally paid off with a concrete, if vague, commitment.

“I am happy there is finally something

on the table.” Berthold told The Record, adding that he hopes there is not too much more time lost in the intergovernmental negotiations to which Garneau made reference in his statement. “Obviously we now have to wait for more detail,” the Mégantic-L’Érable MP added, noting that this is the first concrete step on the matter in two years of the Transport Minister saying that rail transport safety is his highest priority.

Via his twitter account, Berthold praised local actors in the community for their advocacy work saying,

“The hard work of the population, municipal councils, the coalition, the transport committee, economic organizations and the mayor, Julie Morin, has paid off. Thank you to Minister Marc Garneau for his support.”

Marie Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and the Francophonie and Member of Parliament for the riding of Compton-Stanstead, which

borders that of Mégantic L’Érable, chimed in on the issue Tuesday afternoon, underlining Garneau’s comments about “social rebuilding.”

“The trial brought up a lot of emotion in the community,” Bibeau said. “We really hope that getting the confirmation will help.”

Asked about the uncertainties of funding and timelines, the MP said that even though the feasibility study into the bypass is still underway, the government feels there is sufficient technical information available at this point to make a financial commitment. Although she acknowledged that the wait for action has already been long, Bibeau pointed out that the project is one that is being negotiated and planned between three different levels of government and thus results in a certain amount of delay.

“We understand how horrific it still is,” Bibeau said.

Bury elementary students from the French school board likely to move from East Angus to Scotstown

By Matthew McCully

Due to a lack of space at l’École Parchemin in East Angus, roughly 50 students enrolled in the Hauts-Cantons School Board living east of Route 108 in Bury will be transferred to École Saint-Paul in Scotstown at the beginning of next school year, according to Director General Martial Gaudreau.

The council of commissioners for the French board is expected to vote on the resolution approving the transfer at the next meeting, scheduled for Jan.30.

A group of parents from Bury have circulated a petition raising concerns about the transfer, asking the board to explore other options.

Annie Duhaime, who represents the Bury parent’s group, outlined a number of issues with the transfer of students from East Angus to Scotstown.

According to Duhaime, the majority of Bury parents work in either East Angus or Sherbrooke. While Scotstown is the same distance from Bury as East Angus, it is in the opposite direction, which would make afterschool activities and school pickups a challenge for parents.

She added that the bus route to Scotstown is a hazard in winter and is often closed due to bad road conditions. Duhaime also said that a lot of parents decided to settle in Bury after visiting Parchemin school in East Angus and based their decision on the assumption their children would attend school there.

“The president of the Hauts-Cantons School Board seems to have already made the decision even before the decision to transfer Bury students has passed,” Duhaime commented.

“They have their forecasts five years in advance with the births that are counted, how could they wait till the last moment to tell us about this problem?” Duhaime wondered.

Duhaime said parents were consulted on two occasions about the overcrowding at Parchemin; Once in May and once in November.

On both occasions Duhaime said she got the impression the Scotstown transfer was the only option being seriously considered despite opposition from Bury parents.

According to Duhaime, both the municipalities of Bury and East Angus have expressed concerns about the transfer and asked the Hauts-Cantons School Board to make efforts to keep students at Parchemin.

Hauts-Cantons Director General Martial Gaudreau said the board has formed committees and looked at a number of different scenarios.

Pointing out that change is difficult, Gaudreau said the board came to the conclusion that transferring some students to Scotstown is the best decision and was made in the interest of the students and their needs.

Among the options explored, Gaudreau said the board looked at expanding the Parchemin school, sending Grade 5 and 6 students to the local secondary school, appropriating classroom space from other locations in town and potentially sharing space with Pope Memorial, the English elementary school in Bury.

Dependent upon funds from the ministry of education for infrastructure, Gaudreau said there is a stipulation that all schools within a certain distance of a school at capacity must be full before an expansion could be funded. Saint-Paul in Scotstown currently has 23 students enrolled.

“Scotstown wants to save their school,” Gaudreau said, explaining they have the opposite problem as Parchemin.

Gaudreau said there are roughly 70 elementary-aged students in Bury. Revising the limits of the student basin to transfer students living east of Route 108 to Scotstown would include roughly 50 of those students, Gaudreau said.

When asked about the possibility of sharing space at Pope Memorial, Gaudreau said Haut-Cantons contacted the Eastern Townships School Board. Based on the space needs and the requirements of Bill 101 for separate learning spaces between French and English students, there is not enough room at Pope Memorial.

Gaudreau said the board is looking at ways to minimize impacts to parents and students. They are considering allowing students in Grades 5 and 6 to continue at Parchemin so that they can finish elementary in a school they have been familiar with for years. The transfer would involve students in younger grades who had yet to settle into the environment.

The board is also looking at an arrangement with the ETSB for daycare services at Pope Memorial, so that Bury parents could bring their children there before school and pick them up from Pope at the end of the day rather than travel to

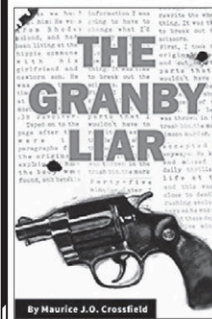
Scotstown.

According to Gaudreau, the student population at Parchemin has grown by 50 students in the last three years. There is not enough space in the gym, the cafeteria or the schoolyard to accommodate the boom in enrollment this coming September. He added that an overcrowded school is not a healthy learning environment for students.

Gaudreau is aware of the petition circulating in opposition to the plan to transfer students to Scotstown. The board has received two visits from concerned parents.

“We’re open to comments and suggestions,” Gaudreau said, but added that the board has not come up with any viable alternatives.

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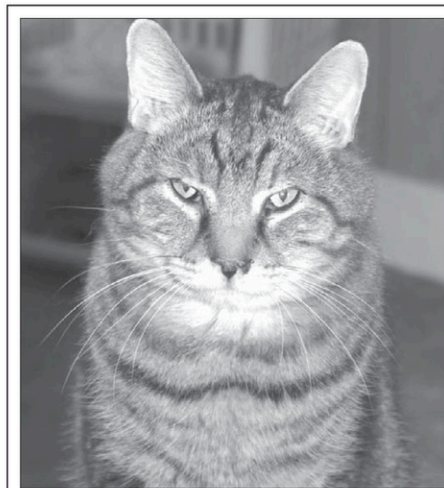

Jen Young



Carson is a happy healthy 1 year old. He has had runny eyes since he was a baby; he has been with us since he was 3 weeks old. His runny eyes are not a sickness but instead, overactive tear ducts and will need an owner who helps him keep his eyes clean.



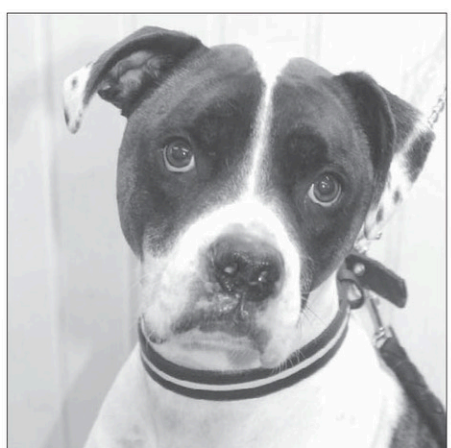
Berty is still waiting for a new home. She is affectionate and while she is ok with other cats, she would rather live with less than she does with us.



Bob is a silly boy. He is affectionate but will tell other cats to get out of his space if he is occupying it. Bob at one time in his life had a collar that was left on too long and it dug in to his skin so he is missing fur around his neck, but it doesn't bother him anymore.



Quinn is a big loveable baby. She is very obedient and great with people. She is not good with other dogs or cats though so she needs a family with only humans.



Rosie is such a sweetheart. She is good with dogs, cats and kids. She is loveable and obedient.



Calipso is a pretty girl. She is affectionate and ok with other cats.



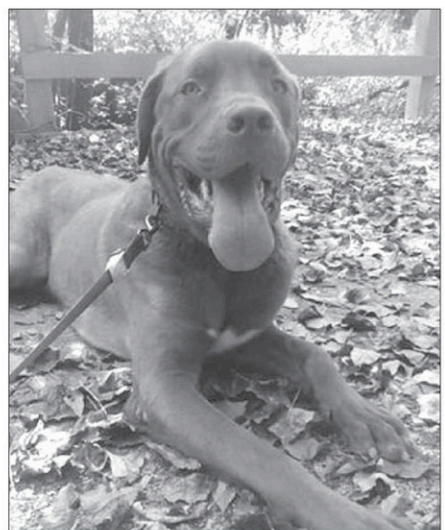
Jean Louis is our version of Puss in Boots with those big sad looking eyes. He is affectionate but sometimes decides he would rather be alone.



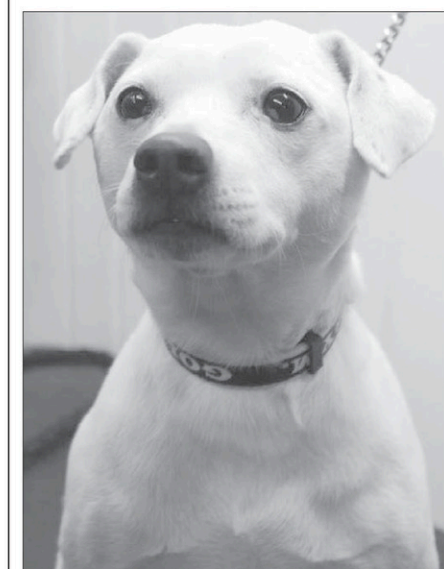
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Kojak is a big boy. He is part Cane Corso and part lab. He is a sweetheart and wants to always be with his humans. He is good with other dogs and fine with cats.



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BMP hospital lost power, generator didn't kick in

Some patients transferred to Granby as a precaution

By Matthew McCully

The Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville lost power yesterday morning at around 8 a.m.

While electricity came back on at around 9:30 a.m. the emergency generator that should normally kick in did not start.

As a precaution, ambulances yester-

day were detoured to the Granby hospital. Some patients, mainly those requiring a respirator or other life-saving equipment but stable enough to travel, were also moved while specialists investigate what caused the outage and the issue with the generator.

According to CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS spokesperson Annie-Andrée Émond, a makeshift care centre was set up at a

Granby location normally used for day surgeries to keep Granby hospital from being overburdened by traffic diverted from Cowansville.

When asked if there were any crisis situations during the hour-and-a-half that there was no power and no generator, Émond said that lifesaving equipment that uses electricity also has a battery backup so the patients had every-

thing they needed. She added that at the time of the outage, there were no surgeries in progress.

Émond stressed that the transfer of patients and detouring of ambulances was strictly a precaution. Given the precarious weather conditions, the hospital wanted to make sure all would be well in the event of another power outage before services return to normal.

Muslim community seeking land for cemetery

Record Staff

Sherbrooke's Muslim community hopes to get authorization for the construction of a Muslim cemetery in the region this year.

In an interview with Radio-Canada,

Actions Interculturelles president Mohamed Soulami is quoted as saying "this is our greatest wish".

The Muslim funeral cooperative of southeastern Quebec is still looking for land for the cemetery and a fundraising dinner was held Saturday evening at

Montcalm School in Sherbrooke to help spread the word about the project.

Abdelilah Hamdache, the president of the l'Institut des mondes arabes et musulmans de l'Estrie, wanted to inform the community, Quebec society, and especially Sherbrooke, that the co-

operative has been formed and anyone who wants to support the initiative is welcome.

The Sherbrooke Muslim community funeral cooperative was started in Sherbrooke last October.

Canada and rest of Trans Pacific Partnership agree to revised text, say reports

The Canadian Press

Canada and the remaining members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership have agreed to a revised trade agreement, according to several international media reports early Tuesday.

The reported deal follows two days of talks in Tokyo and the 11 remaining members will now apparently work toward signing the deal by early March.

Word of the agreement came just

hours after a federal government official said Ottawa was optimistic that a revised TPP deal would be reached as early as Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told The Canadian Press that Ottawa believed a deal could be struck even though it would still like to see more progress on negotiations surrounding the automotive and cultural sectors.

The Tokyo discussions are the first

high-level talks since the leaders of the TPP countries met in November on the sidelines of the APEC summit in Danang, Vietnam. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made international headlines there by deciding not to sign an agreement-in-principle on what has become known as TPP11.

His decision to continue negotiating for a better deal, rather than striking an agreement, led to the abrupt cancellation of a TPP leaders' meeting on the

sidelines of the summit in Vietnam.

The original TPP was thrown into disarray when U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew from the deal in one of his first acts as president.

The TPP talks come as Canada faces a tough renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA negotiators from Canada, the United States and Mexico are meeting in Montreal this week.

Guy Hardy

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and family life, the candidate introduced himself as someone who is interested in the wellbeing of the region as a whole and pointed out that, based on his service from 2005 to 2009 as a town councillor in Coaticook, he is not exactly new to the political sphere.

The candidate also made an appeal to the local English population through his choice of venue for the announcement.

"I chose Bishop's University as the lo-

cation of this press conference because it is a place of science, activity and culture," Poulin said in French, switching to English to add, "This is a place where we live together with our differences in order to make a better world."

Poulin admitted that his role as successor to Hardy is not an absolute given, but said that he was prepared to win the local party members' support should other candidates declare an interest before the October Provincial elections.



GORDON LAMBIE

Charles Poulin, aspiring Liberal Party candidate in the provincial riding of Saint-Francois and outgoing MNA Guy Hardy



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EDITORIAL

As with any agreement, the TPP revival will produce both winners and losers, but it's overall effect is bound to provide the kind of benefits that will enrich the country.

The Great Divides



MIKE McDEVITT

As the Montreal round of the negotiations over renewal of the North American Free Trade Agreement kick off this week, the Canadian government, led by International Trade Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne, snuck out the side door and embraced a renewed commitment to the eleven-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement that many believed had been scuttled by the American president's turn toward nationalist protectionism.

With NAFTA, Trump's childish petulance is threatening the agreement's very existence. Pretending to be an ally of the American working man, Donald Trump has eliminated his country's long-standing commitment to freer international trade and embraced the regressive protectionism that has hindered economic development for centuries. He has argued that the NAFTA agreement – in spite of the evidence – has done immeasurable harm to American working people by allowing goods produced in Canada and Mexico to undermine American producers, eliminate jobs, and produce sizeable trade deficits, all of which undermines American 'greatness'

This has been a fairly easy sell to his most devoted followers, who distrust anything born, produced, or manufactured elsewhere, but numerous producers have pointed out rather vigorously that abandoning free trade would lead to supply problems and important price increases for American goods. Just this weekend, he has imposed a 30 per cent tariff on imported renewable energy resources, hiking the cost of environmental responsibility (with which he is clearly not concerned) and firmly entrenching America's role as global environmental pariah. Meanwhile, he has hampered renewable energy develop-

ment in his own country. Renewable energy, of course, is the only responsible option for the planet's future, but it threatens the dominance of fossil fuels, which, while plentiful in North America, do pose an existential threat to the survival of our civilization and the diversity of earth's biological component.

Big Oil has been a major player in the American economy for well over a century and its producers have gained as much importance on the American political scene as any other corporate entity, matched only by the military-industrial complex and the automobile industry, which has, it must be admitted, been devastated by less expensive, more efficient vehicles from Europe and the Far East. Giants such as Chrysler, General Motors, and Ford have all taken heavy hits from foreign competitors. This has threatened the very existence of many of the country's most well paid and well-represented workers and has devastated communities like Detroit and Flint, Michigan, which once boasted thousands of unionized workers and helped create the "American Dream." Protectionism sounds pretty tempting to some. Meanwhile, foreign manufacturers have slid past protectionist tariffs by building manufacturing facilities in places like Alabama and Mississippi, where workers' rights are not an issue. The result has been a serious decline in wages and benefits for most workers. On the other hand, outdated American manufacturing processes have seen some relief and gained the time needed to almost catch up to their foreign competitors.

In this regard, Canada has long benefited from its incorporation into the American manufacturing system with the pre-NAFTA Auto Pact. The auto parts sectors has particularly benefited from the bilateral agreement and the subsequent NAFTA rules. New 'content' demands from the Americans could well result in the decimation of the industry.

In the short-term, a revived American protectionism could very well revive some industries, stimulate greater investment, and create some jobs. On the other hand, Americans will be left behind in many areas, like renewable energy, which already creates more jobs than fossil fuels. In his search for past

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'greatness' Trump sees none in the future but ultimately, the market will demonstrate its proverbial wisdom as renewables vastly outperform fossil fuels in terms of cost, efficiency, and environmental responsibility. Trump is fighting a losing battle in this one, but as long as the argument sells to his xenophobic base, this is not his concern.

Canada's decision to join the remaining TPP members is a slickly-timed notice to our American counterparts that they aren't the only game in town and offers considerable advantages in dealing with them.

Canada caused considerable consternation last fall when Prime Mister Trudeau chose not to attend a crucial TPP meeting. He justified his absence by stating that Canada was 'not yet ready' to sign the agreement due to differences over labour standards, women's rights, and cultural issues. These obstacles have been overcome through compromise and a deal in principle has been agreed upon. The deal has not yet been formalized, but even a provisional agreement has demonstrated that Canada is not helpless in its dealings with a newly-unfriendly partner and that it has defences against a bully. On the other hand, it is an admission that the Americans might not recognize NAFTA's value for their own economic well-being and that alternative partnerships are both possible and desirable. Canada has now reached trade agreements with the European Union and ten other Pacific-rim countries and is essentially informing the United States that if it doesn't want to

get on board the global bandwagon, it makes that choice at its own peril.

With its current belligerence, intransigence, and schoolyard bully approach to international relations, the United States has insulted and abandoned traditional allies and has cozied up to dictatorships that value brute force more than anything and which represent the polar antithesis to the traditional values the country has always claimed to espouse. In doing so, it has shocked a western world that has been dependent on it for survival and has triggered a long-overdue introspection and retreat from dependence on American might.

As with any agreement, the TPP revival will produce both winners and losers, but it's overall effect is bound to provide the kind of benefits that will enrich the country. It also will help produce more international standards of which we are in dire need. The world's economic integration is an inevitable process and any nation that chooses to abandon it is also bound to suffer the consequences. America could easily become an outlier in the global scene and cease to be a beacon for the world and become its reject. America's wealth and vast resources assure that the country can survive alone, but hardly prosper, and its isolation and negativity towards other nations can only backfire in the end. The world's economies are catching up to America's and new economic powerhouses are emerging to challenge American dominance. America is still number one, of course; but for how long?

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Shapovalov to lead Canadian team in Davis Cup tie against Croatia

The Canadian Press

Rising singles star Denis Shapovalov headlines the Canadian lineup for the team's upcoming Davis Cup World Group first-round tie against Croatia.

Shapovalov, from Richmond Hill, Ont., will be joined by Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil, Peter Polansky of Thornhill, Ont., and Toronto's Daniel Nestor at the Feb. 2-4 competition on indoor clay at the Sportska Dvorana Gradski Vrt in Osijek.

"Although we have been in the World Group since 2012, we want to demon-

strate that we are a country which aspires to contend for the trophy in the near future," team captain Frank Dancevic said Tuesday in a release. "This will be our goal while we compete against a difficult opponent in Croatia and play on the road.

"Our team will concentrate on our preparation for the tie in the coming days and we will be ready to leave it all on the court to cause an upset and get the win against the 2016 Davis Cup finalists."

Notably absent from the Canadian lineup was Milos Raonic of Thornhill, Ont., Canada's top-ranked singles player

at No. 23 in the world. He has had a variety of injuries in recent months and was recently ousted in the first round of the Australian Open.

Croatia's lineup includes world No. 6 Marin Cilic, No. 46 Borna Coric, No. 179 Viktor Galovic, along with fifth-ranked doubles player Ivan Dodig and No. 41 Franko Skugor.

The 18-year-old Shapovalov shot to prominence last season with a number of victories over big-name players. He holds the No. 50 position in the world rankings, well ahead of Pospisil (No. 105) and Polansky (No. 139).

Nestor, a former world No. 1 in dou-

bles, is currently ranked 55th. He'll be playing in his 52nd Davis Cup tie since his debut in 1992.

Nestor holds several team records, including most years of participation (25), highest number of matches played (51) and most wins (48).

Croatia is fifth in the Davis Cup rankings, 10 positions higher than Canada. It's the first time the two countries have met in Davis Cup competition.

The winner of the best-of-five tie will advance to the quarter-finals while the loser will fall into a playoff to maintain its place in the World Group for 2019.

The official draw is set for Feb. 1.

Canadian welterweight Rory MacDonald returns home with Bellator title

The Canadian Press

Rory MacDonald is back in Canada, on crutches but with the Bellator welterweight championship belt in tow.

The former UFC contender won a unanimous five-round decision to dethrone American-based Brazilian Douglas Lima in a war of attrition at Bellator 192 on Saturday night at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

The judges scored the fight 49-48, 49-45, 49-46 for MacDonald.

"He fought harder that last round ... hats off to him, he fought hard," said Lima.

While Lima lost, he battered MacDonald with kicks that left a huge swelling on the side of his left leg. The newly crowned champion left the cage on a stretcher and headed immediately to hospital.

"I think I have a person growing inside me," MacDonald said of his leg injury after the fight.

The 28-year-old MacDonald, no stranger to being involved in bloody battles, also suffered damage to his nose which had been broken in previous fights.

The good news was the leg injury was a hematoma and he did not break his nose. He spent two extra days in Los An-

geles to rest the leg _ which looked like a book had been placed under the skin _ before returning to Canada.

"It hurts but it will fade," he tweeted after the fight.

While on crutches, he expects to be walking by next week, according to Bellator.

MacDonald, hobbled by Lima's leg kicks, said it was the most pain he had ever felt in a fight.

"After the first (leg kick), I knew I didn't want to get hit with another one," he told the MMA Hour. "In the first round I was already pretty hurt by then. By the third I was struggling pretty badly with it."

He said he felt a few times he might not be able to continue "but I just kept pushing through it."

MacDonald, a native of Kelowna, B.C., who trains in Montreal, improved his record to 20-4 while Lima fell to 29-7.

"He's the best fighter I ever fought," MacDonald said after the bout. "I feel like we're the best two welterweights in the sport."

While MacDonald lost his UFC title fight to (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler in 2015, he does hold a win over current UFC welterweight champ Tyron Woodley in 2014.

MacDonald submitted Paul (Semtex) Daley in his Bellator debut last May.

His championship win Saturday drew social media praise from former UFC welterweight and middleweight champion Georges St-Pierre.

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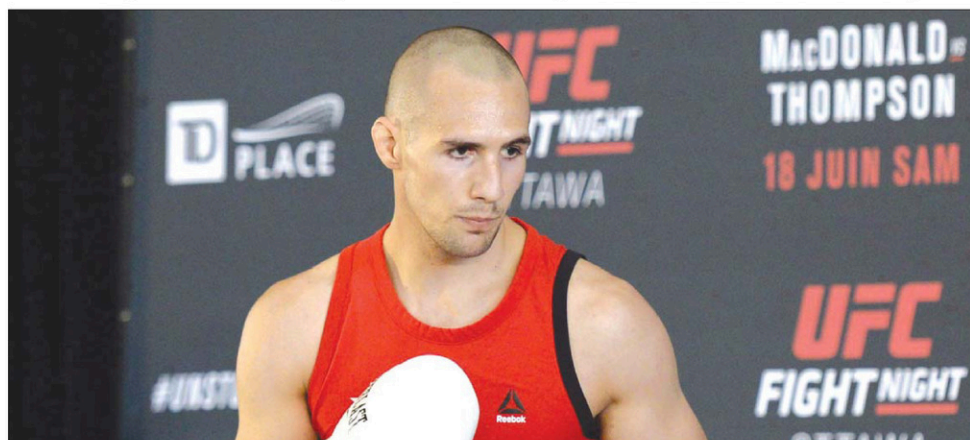
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Rory MacDonald takes part in an open workout at the Aberdeen Pavilion on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Ottawa.

Death



Donald Nelson Allard
(1941-2018)

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Donald Nelson Allard at the CHUS-Fleurimont on January 21, 2018 in his 77th year. Dear husband of Pauline Goudreau and son of the late René Allard and the late Béatrice Rousseau.

Mr. Allard leaves to mourn his children Christine (Guy Ouellet), Paul (Josée Fecteau) and Patrick (Anne-Marie Grenier). He is predeceased by his son John. He will also be sadly missed by his grandchildren: Nicholas (Johanie), Christopher (Catherine), Shawn (Clara) and Kayla (Liam) Ouellet; Jérémy (Karine), Jason (Noémie) and Roxanne Allard; Vivianne and Chad Allard as well as his great-granddaughter Charlie Ouellet. He was a brother to the late Réginald (Jeanette Houston), late Armand (Yvette Maillot), late Robert, (Audrey Wells), late Albert, Theresa (late Claude Tanguay) and Michael (Monique Fortin). He also leaves his brother-in-law Jean Goudreau (Gaétane Fortin Roy) and his sister-in-law Frances Aubé (Richard Aubé) as well as many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Visitation will be held at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin St., Stanstead, Que., on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday January 26, 2018 from 10 to 11 a.m. A celebration of life will follow at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers from the Stanstead Ambulance service, the CSSS Memphremagog and the CHUS Fleurimont (9th, 10th and intensive care 3rd floor) for the excellent care given to Mr. Allard.

As memorial tribute to Donald, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 100-2630, King Ouest, Sherbrooke, QC J1J 2H1, would be appreciated by the family.

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Death



Stéphane DOREY
(1965-2018)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stéphane Dorey on January 12, 2018 in his 53rd year. He was the son of the late Earl Réginald Dorey and Denyse Brochu.

The family will receive condolences from family and friends at the Steve Elkas Funeral Home, 4230 Bertrand Fabi St., Sherbrooke, Que. on Friday, January 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 27th from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral mass will follow at the Complex Chapel. Ashes will placed in the Malvern Cemetery, Sherbrooke, Que. at a later date.

Mr. Dorey leaves to mourn his daughter Savannah-Leeloo and her mother Isabelle Magnan, as well as his spouse Anne Blanchette, his mother Denyse Brochu (the late Earl Réginald Dorey), his brother and sisters: Franklin (Annick Fournier), Lana (René St-Jean) and Francesca, many nieces and nephews Jessica, Sabrina, Kalvyn, his best friend Julie Lamoureux, his aunts and uncles Larry Dorey (Diane), Frederick Brochu, George Henkley and Geoffrey Dorey, other friends and relatives.

The family would like to thank everyone at the CHUS-Hotel-Dieu (team of Dr. Mayette) for the kind and professional care given to Mr. Dorey.

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Death



Doris Irene PITMAN

Doris Pitman, at the age of 98, passed away peacefully at Grace Village in Huntingville on January 20th, 2018.

She leaves to mourn her sister Gwen Parker, and is fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, cousins and their children, as well as friends and colleagues from Grace Chapel and the mission field in Angola. She was predeceased by her sister Aileen Lord and brother Douglas Pitman.

The family wishes to thank the nurses, caregivers and other staff at Grace Village for their loving care and concern.

A service celebrating Doris' life will be held Wednesday, January 24th at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Village. The family will receive condolences prior to the service.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

Today is the 24th day of 2018 and the 35th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill, setting off the California Gold Rush.

In 1984, the first Apple Macintosh computer went on sale.

In 1995, the O.J. Simpson murder trial began as the prosecution made its opening statement.

In 2003, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge was sworn in as the first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre de Beaumarchais (1732-1799), playwright; Edith Wharton (1862-1937), author; Robert Motherwell (1915-1991), artist; Ernest Borgnine (1917-2012), actor; Oral Roberts (1918-2009), evangelist; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer-songwriter; Aaron Neville (1941-), singer; John Belushi (1949-1982), actor; Nastassja Kinski (1961-), actress; Mary Lou Retton (1968-), Olympic gymnast; Ed Helms (1974-), actor;

Mischa Barton (1986-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: The first Apple Macintosh computer had a 9-inch monitor and 128 kilobytes of RAM. It was priced at \$2,495.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday bought the New York Mets for an estimated \$21.1 million, at the time the most ever paid for a baseball franchise.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When people ask for time, it's always for time to say no. Yes has one more letter in it, but it doesn't take half as long to say." – Edith Wharton, "The Children"

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$81 million – estimated value (not adjusted for inflation) of the gold extracted from California in 1852, the peak year of the California Gold Rush.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter moon (Jan. 24).

DO JUST ONE THING

By Danny Seo



When it rains, toxic substances can make their way into our waterways. For instance, when storm water flows across hard surfaces like concrete or asphalt, it picks up all of the chemicals that may be on those surfaces and brings them down the storm drains.

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Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

Dear Annie: I am in my 60s, as are my brothers and sisters, and we're all retired. We have always exchanged nice, thoughtful (though not expensive) gifts for birthdays, Christmas and maybe some other special occasions. Over the past several years, my brother "Rod" and his wife, "Erma," have, in addition to a lot of other rude behaviors, started giving people gifts that are, in a word, mean-spirited. These are things that the recipients almost surely don't want and/or can't use. Several of these "gifts" seem very clearly to be things they found in their closets or at some kind of garage sale. Others seem to be presents they're regifting — not really picked out for the recipients, to put it mildly. Money is not the issue for them. You'll just have to believe me on that.

People have politely mentioned to them such things as, "I don't know when I'm going to be able to use this." Everyone has continued to buy them what seem to be nice gifts, and I really don't mind that (for the moment).

My question is: Should I send a thank-you note? I really don't want to encourage this baloney. It seems

kind of silly to put money and effort into a gift exchange just to insult people. To be honest, I don't exactly know what to say in a thank-you note. "Thank you for the nice jacket that doesn't fit and has absolutely no tags on it"?

I would prefer not to stop this gift giving, because for the rest of us, it helps us to connect and is a nice tradition. The most recent time this happened, I did talk to Rod about it. He would not admit there was anything wrong with the gift, although he did say it was not exactly what he had gone to the store to buy. Any thoughts? — When Is a Gift Not a Gift?

Dear WIAGNAG: I'll take your word that this isn't a matter of money (though do consider that you never can be sure what's in another's bank account). If you really believe they're acting out of inconsideration, then no, I don't think you need to send a thank-you note. Sending one would probably just make you angrier about the whole thing.

If the shared ritual and connection with your siblings are what you really appreciate about the gift exchange, you can find those things elsewhere. Browse the internet (Pinterest in particular) to spark your imagination for holiday traditions you can start

together.

Dear Annie: My wife and I can certainly relate to "Feeling Betrayed," who wrote to you about losing a ring. We were visiting my aunt and uncle many years ago on a week's vacation, and my diamond wedding ring went missing. My aunt loves all types of jewelry and wears diamonds often around the family.

My wife and I suspected that my aunt had somehow taken the wedding ring, but we just said it was missing and that we were looking for it. Your advice to "Feeling Betrayed" — "Jump to conclusions and you'll land in a mess" — was spot on, because when we returned home from our trip, the diamond ring fell out of the liner of the suitcase.

Thank goodness we didn't make any accusations, because as you say, there are many possible explanations for why the ring has gone missing. — Mark and Betty

Dear Mark and Betty: This is a great reminder of why it's best to keep our accusations to ourselves, no matter how sure we think we are. Glad you found the ring.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to: dearannie@creators.com.

Premade mixes lack the zest of sausage lentil soup recipe

KITCHEN SCOOP

By Alicia Ross

Bulk soup mixes seem to be all the rage these days. Just a few years ago, you could only find bean soup mixes on the bottom shelf in the grocery store aisle. Now the shelves are filled with bulk mix options.

Some mixes even include flavor packets that make it easier to pull off a pot of soup. I've tried flavor packets, but

often find them too bland for my taste. Friends have often expressed a similar problem, but for them the soup is too salty. What's a desperate cook to do?

For today's soup, Italian sausage takes the lead for flavor. Then we pump it up with dried Italian seasoning and just a couple of tablespoons of Italian-style tomato paste, which comes in a tube for easy measuring.

Feel free to get as creative as you want by adding more vegetables — onion, garlic or sweet red pepper. If you



Photo by Alicia Ross for Kitchen Scoop

choose a sturdier bean mix than lentils, then be sure to simmer according to the package directions, so your beans will be tender. This will be delicious!

Suggested Menu

Simple Sausage and Lentil Soup
Toasted Sourdough Bread
Crisp Sauvignon Blanc

Simple Sausage and Lentil Soup

Start to finish: one hour, 10 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

1 pound sweet Italian sausage
1 cup chopped celery
5 cups water
1 cup veggie soup mix (see Cook's Note)
1 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning
3 tablespoons tomato paste
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

In a large soup pot with a lid, cook Italian sausage and celery on medium until sausage is lightly browned, about 6 to 7 minutes.

Add water, soup mix, Italian seasoning and tomato paste and stir well to mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cover and cook for 1 hour or until lentils are tender. Stir occasionally.

Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or remove from heat. Leftovers can be refrigerated for up to two days.

(Cook's Note: For testing purposes, I used Bob's Red Mill Vegi Soup Mix with lentils and alphabet pasta. Add an extra cup of water to package directions and simmer for recommended amount of time to make sure the beans are tender.)

Approximate values per serving (about 1.5 cups): 384 calories, 12 g fat (4 g saturated), 36 mg cholesterol, 30 g protein, 41 g carbohydrates, 14 g dietary fiber, 688 mg sodium.

Alicia Ross is the co-author of "Desperation Dinners!" (Workman, 1997), "Desperation Entertaining!" (Workman, 2002) and "Cheap. Fast. Good!" (Workman, 2006).

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by Luis Campos

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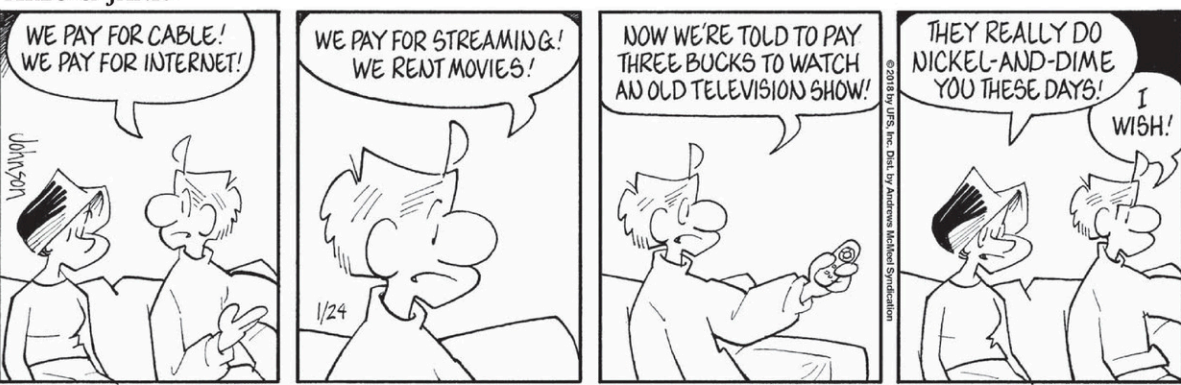


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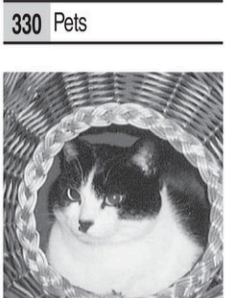
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ASK THE DOCTORS
 By Robert Ashley, M.D.

Dear Doctor: I have aplastic anemia. It is hard to explain this to people. Most of them hear the anemia part and get stuck there. I hear often: "Just take some iron" or, "My aunt had that and was cured with B12 shots." How do I quickly explain it better?

Dear Reader: How frustrating this must be for you. To put it simply for people, you could say that aplastic anemia is a bone marrow disease that leads to bone marrow failure. If they stare at you glassy-eyed, you might want to leave it at that, but if they're truly interested,

you can try a longer explanation.

Start by saying that aplastic anemia is a rare disorder, diagnosed in one in every 500,000 people per year. The incidence is two to three times higher in Asia. Then you can explain that the function of the bone marrow is to produce red blood cells, white blood cells and clotting cells called platelets. The bone marrow contains specific cells, called hematopoietic stem cells, that are necessary to produce all of these. With aplastic anemia, these stem cells are damaged, so all of the cell lines are diminished.

Most cases of aplastic anemia are due to an attack by the body's immune system on the bone marrow, which destroys the hematopoietic stem cells. The cause of this attack is unknown, but a virus, chemical, drug or mutation may be the instigator, altering the immunity so that the white blood cells see the stem cells as foreign and thus attack them.

As the name implies, the disease causes anemia, which is a lowering of the red blood cell count. This can lead to significant fatigue and stress on the heart, which has to pump this deficient blood to the rest of the body. In addition, depletion of the white blood cells leads to an increased risk of pneumonia, urinary tract infections and severe bloodstream infections. When the white blood cell counts are chronically low, patients face a risk of invasive fungal infections, which can lead to

death. Further, the lowering of the platelet counts increases the risk of bleeding due to the blood's decreased clotting ability. Ultimately, mutations in the bone marrow can lead to leukemia.

Aplastic anemia treatment depends upon the severity of the disease, the patient's age and whether the patient has other illnesses. You might want to explain that, because of the disease's potential complications, treatment is much more aggressive than taking iron or B12 supplements.

In fact, the treatment with the greatest chance of success is the transplantation of hematopoietic stem cells from a donor — a difficult treatment with severe side effects. And although transplantation can lead to prolonged survival, it also often fails. This approach, which requires a compatible donor, is recommended for healthier patients and those younger than 50. Another method of treatment is the suppression of the immune system's attack on the cells in the bone marrow. This requires a combination of medications, which can also have significant side effects.

Maybe this explanation will help people understand the severity of aplastic anemia and to be more understanding of what you are going through. If not, at least be assured that some people do understand your battle — and wish you strength and recovery.

Robert Ashley, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Trust in yourself and what you know you are capable of doing. Refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs or pressure you to do things you don't want to do. Say yes to positive change and no to anyone who tries to tempt you with indulgent behavior.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — High energy and willfulness will help you overcome any obstacles you encounter. Taking physical action to reach your goal will send a message to anyone trying to stand in your way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A little Pisces charm and power of persuasion can go a long way. Aim to get ahead using all your attributes, experience and skills. Take charge and see what happens.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Discipline will pay off. Set your goals and don't veer off course. What you accomplish will speak volumes about the kind of person you are. Be a doer, not a talker.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let the little setbacks get you down. Added discipline and desire will take you in a direction that will result in greater satisfaction and an unexpected reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Put a hold on excessive behavior and start looking into investments that will help stabilize your life and financial future. Put your money into something concrete.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Focus on your accomplishments and working

alongside people you feel can offer you much. Success will come if you let your creative imagination flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Emotional distress is likely to develop if you can't agree with someone you work or play with. Be willing to compromise if you want to get something accomplished.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Make a splash. Attend a conference or trade show, or set up a meeting with someone you feel has something to offer. Avoid making emotional decisions that could alter your personal agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Making home improvements or alterations to your living arrangements, or lowering your overhead are apparent. Refuse to let your emotions lead to a poor decision. Do what's right and best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The desire for change will overpower you if you let your imagination take control and your ideas grow disproportionately to your budget. Look for cheaper solutions before you get started.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't feel you must follow the crowd. Protect against anyone trying to get you to invest in anything that doesn't benefit you directly. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Getting along with friends, relatives and peers will not be easy if you let your emotions take the reins. Don't act in haste when a practical strategy is required.

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Tell your story with the right cards

By Phillip Alder

A. Whitney Brown, who is best known for his work on "Saturday Night Live" in the 80s, said, "There are a billion people in China. That means even if you're a one-in-a-million type of guy, there are still a thousand guys exactly like you."

At the bridge table, you're a one-in-a-million type of guy or gal if you always play the right card at the right time, especially when on defense.

In this deal, what should West lead against three diamonds after the given auction?

The bidding was straightforward. Neither West (only three spades) nor East (no extra spade length or high-card strength) had any reason to compete to three spades, which can be defeated by one trick.

West should lead the spade seven. He supported the suit, so partner knows he has length. He leads top of nothing to deny an honor in the suit.

If West does this, East stands some chance of finding the right defense. He must win with the spade king and shift to the club king. (West should signal enthusiastically with his nine to show the jack.) A moment later, when West gets in with the heart ace, a club continuation gives the defense five tricks:

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

two spades, one heart and two clubs.

If West leads the spade four at trick one, East will assume West has an honor in the suit, which must be the jack. It would then be safe for East to start with two spade winners before switching to clubs. Here, though, that is fatal because South discards a club from the dummy on his spade jack.

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 Filet mignon source
 - 5 ___ price
 - 11 Ran together
 - 15 Actress Paquin of Netflix's "Alias Grace"
 - 16 Tremble
 - 17 Slick
 - 18 Team first managed by Casey Stengel
 - 19 Volcanic archipelago state
 - 20 Eyelid bump
 - 21 Fast clip around the racetrack
 - 24 Internet subdivision
 - 25 Feathered layer
 - 26 USPS assignment
 - 29 Eagerly took in
 - 30 Flutist of Greek myth
 - 33 Romanov rulers
 - 35 Classic shoe polish brand
 - 39 Surmounting
 - 40 Fast clip from the pitcher's mound

- 45 "Field of Dreams" setting
- 46 Lowered the grade of
- 47 Take potshots
- 49 Simple survey answer
- 50 Poetry Muse
- 55 Own, to Burns
- 56 Craven of horror
- 59 Mental haze
- 60 Fast clip down the slopes
- 65 "Toodles!"
- 67 Evening get-together
- 68 One-named Deco artist
- 69 Curved paths
- 70 There for the ___: easy to get
- 71 Plug-in vehicle, briefly
- 72 Chinese toy
- 73 Comes down hard?
- 74 Dines

- Down**
- 1 Greek letter whose lowercase indicates wavelength
 - 2 Developer's unit
 - 3 Early enough
 - 4 Bahamian capital
 - 5 Pale as a ghost
 - 6 ___-Pei: wrinkly dog
 - 7 Fuzzy fruit
 - 8 "Ghostbusters" director Reitman
 - 9 Secretariat utterance?
 - 10 Complaint
 - 11 Anjou kin
 - 12 Intelligentsia
 - 13 English cathedral town
 - 14 Easter egg dip
 - 22 A bit buzzed
 - 23 Aardvark snack
 - 27 Bouncy gait
 - 28 Best Game or Best Play
 - 30 Christmas candle scent

- 31 Fit to be tied
- 32 Super stars?
- 34 Plant pouch
- 36 Put out of sight
- 37 "I'm game"
- 38 Newcastle Brown brew
- 40 Wolfgang Puck creation
- 41 New Rochelle college
- 42 Twice-baked bread
- 43 Hit with a laser
- 44 "Awake and Sing!" playwright
- 48 Farm mom
- 51 "Slumdog Millionaire" money

- 52 Brief summary
- 53 Line dance step
- 54 Military instructions
- 57 Bridge seats
- 58 Scandinavian toast
- 59 Surfboard stabilizers
- 61 Got up
- 62 "Just do it" brand
- 63 Niagara Falls source
- 64 Penny
- 65 Ballplayer's hat
- 66 Cholera

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