

Sutton Legion commander found guilty of poppy fund theft

By Gordon Lambie

Ronald Caswell, Commander of the Royal Canadian Legion's Yamaska District #7, has been found guilty in small claims court of misappropriating over \$5,000 from the Sutton Legion's poppy funds during his tenure as president. The judgment, issued Jan. 24, came as a small victory to the membership of the Sutton branch, who have been petitioning for Caswell's expulsion from the legion since early 2013 as a result of growing proof that he never deposited several installments of funds raised into the legion's accounts.

"He openly lied to the legion membership," said a senior Legion representative from Sutton who asked not to be named. "we're never going to see the money, but we're not after the money, we're after a judgment against him."

The position of the Sutton legion is that over the time Caswell served as President, he was actively pocketing money meant for legion coffers, including money from the annual poppy campaign which is specifically reserved for support of veterans and key programs.

The representative from Sutton stated that the evidence for the past president's theft from the general funds, which he estimated at \$20-30,000 each year, is purely circumstantial, but said that the poppy funds were so well documented that the crime was clear.

"It's almost impossible to prove fraud," the legion member said, "but in the case of the poppy fund, each time you went into a place of business or opened a poppy container to count it, it has to be done with three people counting it, because it is cash, and everyone has to sign for that. They counted, they made up the deposit slip, and then they handed the money to Ronald Caswell; they physically handed it to him for deposit. None of the deposits were made, except one."

No records were available for 2009 or 2011, but between 2010 and 2012, the legion was able to assemble a claim of \$5,554.14 against their former president. According to the court documents, Caswell never appeared to defend himself at the Cowansville courthouse, despite having countersued for

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Magog honours Football champs



COURTESY

Thursday, Feb. 6, a civic reception was held at Magog Town Hall in honour of the Magog Griffon football team, which won the Silver Ball trophy in the Senior Metropolitan Senior Football League for the second straight year. Magog Mayor Vicky May Hamm was on hand to congratulate Griffon co-president Alain Milette, team Captain Dominic Biron and the team's players, who were invited to sign the Town's 'Golden Book.' On the photo, Mayor Hamm, surrounded by the Magog Griffon players, team Captain Dominic Biron (No. 73), Griffon co-presidents Alain Milette and Benoit Morin.

Emilie Claire Barlow returns to Centennial tonight

By Gordon Lambie

Canadian Songstress Emilie Claire Barlow is returning to the townships for the third time as a part of the tour for her most recent album *Seule ce Soir*, her first to be produced entirely in French. Barlow has a history of including songs in French on her albums, but said that this newest album was part of a quest to improve and develop her French skills.

"As a singer, I've always loved languages," Barlow shared, "I'm fascinated with what the voice is capable of."

The singer explained that she also records music in Brazilian Portuguese, and has engaged in voice acting for television programs such as *Sailor Moon*. She expressed a fondness for the experience of testing out new sounds.

"In French you are required to make different shapes with your mouth to make the necessary sounds," she continued, "they are sounds we don't have in English."

She called French an, "extremely musical language," and said that it was the romantic lyrics of French repertoire songs that first drew her to want to per-

form in the language. Through her past experiences with performing in French, she has been through Quebec before, and she said that the new tour is providing her with great opportunities to reconnect with venues and audiences.

"I've been very fortunate to be able to do quite a bit of touring in Quebec," Barlow said, "and so we find ourselves now returning to some of these theatres, and it's great."

This most recent album, *Seule ce Soir*, was released in 2012, and was meant to be a compilation of all songs that the singer had previously recorded in French. In the process of creating that compilation, however, Barlow related that she felt herself wanting to reinvent and rerecord many of the pieces.

"I'm not a composer, I'm an interpreter of song," Barlow related. "My whole creative process is to take a song that people may be very familiar with and to deconstruct it and reimagine it in an interesting or surprising way."

In looking at the French songs she had recorded in the past, Barlow said that she felt many of them had evolved, in her mind, beyond the original

recordings, through the way that they had been played in live performance.

"The songs evolve, sometimes the arrangements evolve, and sometimes your comprehension of the song really evolves," she explained. "I really wanted to have another try at these, I think every artist feels that way at some point."

So, with the addition of seven or eight new songs, Barlow reinvented the album over the course of eight months, eventually producing an album that won her first Juno Award.

"It's exceeded my expectations in every way," Barlow said, of the album.

Asked what's coming up in the future, the musician speculated at another studio album, but said that more imminently she has a special iTunes LP set to be released in March, as well as an intensive French course coming up in France during one of her tour breaks. Not surprisingly, she identified continuing to learn French as one of her greatest personal goals.

With regard to the show tonight in Centennial Theatre, Barlow said to expect a mix of repertoire and new songs,

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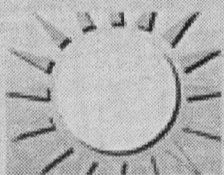
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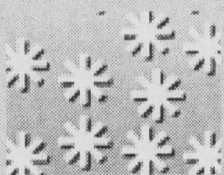
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OF SNOW

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SUNDAY:
CLOUDY,
FLURRIES

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LOW OF -17

Keeping in Touch



Who cares for the caregivers?

Caregivers are people who provide unpaid care for a family member, friend or partner impaired by illness or disease. They take on many responsibilities from administering medications and liaising between medical staff to managing the household chores and finances. Who they are and why we need to pay attention to them is the focus of the next free videoconference from the Community Health Education program (CHEP) on Wednesday, February 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

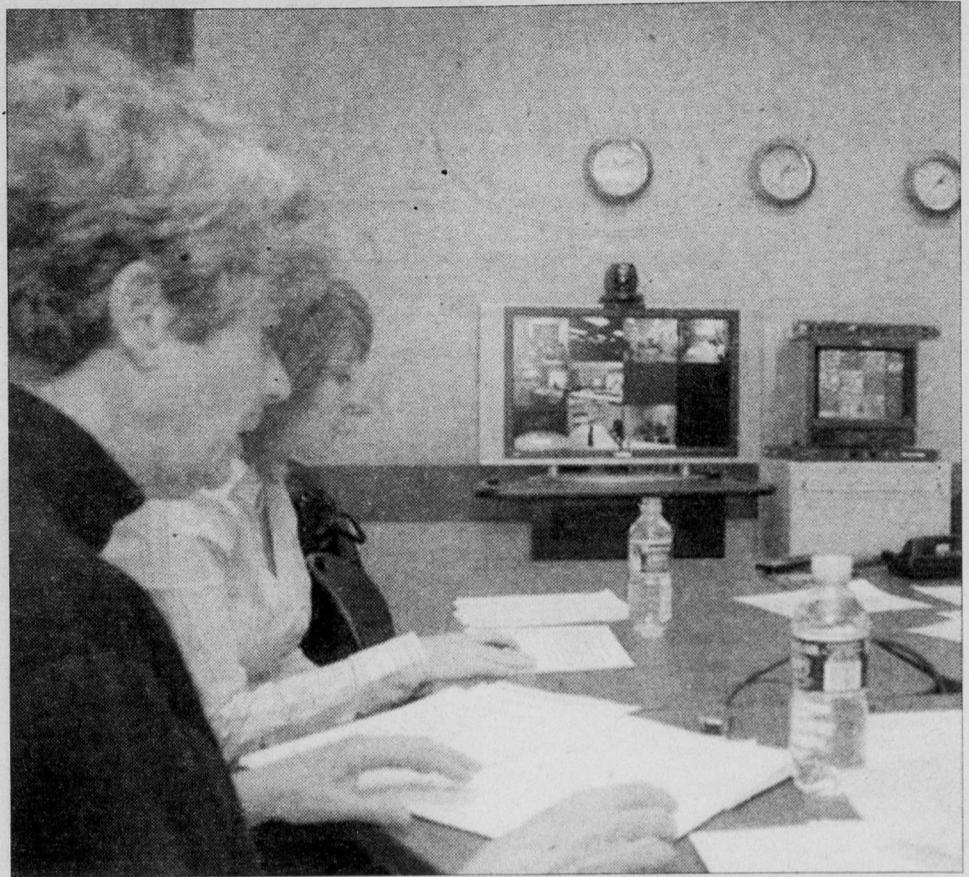
The interactive health education session titled "Who cares for the caregivers?" will increase your awareness about the experience of unpaid caregivers, who make important contributions, both economically and socially, but often at the expense of their own health and well-being.

Offered by Townshippers' Association, at the following Community Learning Centre (CLC) partners, Memphremagog CLC (at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 120 Bellevue St. W. Magog); Eaton Valley CLC (Pope Memorial Elementary School, 523 Stokes St. Bury); and the Richmond and Region CLC (Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong St.).

If you would like more information about this videoconference or about the upcoming event on March 26 about "Care giving stress and anxiety" then please contact Shannon Keenan, sk@townshippers.qc.ca or Debbie Bishop, db@townshippers.qc.ca at Townshippers' Association, 819-566-5717 (toll free: 1-866-566-5717)

Income tax service is back

Spring is just around the corner - and so is income tax season! Soon everyone will be receiving T4, OAS, and CPP slips. Now all we have to do is figure out what



COURTESY COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Community Health Education Program (CHEP) team will discuss "Who cares for the caregivers?" at the next free videoconference. Townshippers' Association will host the session on February 19 with partnering Community Learning Centres in Bury, Magog, Richmond.

to do with them! Filing federal and provincial income taxes qualifies you to receive GST and Solidarity payments, as well as family allowance payments.

For some people, filing their income taxes is a pretty easy procedure, but for many it can be a daunting process. To help, Revenue Canada and Revenue Quebec established Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinics. Townshippers' Association has been offering this service in its Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) office for the past nine years. Thanks to the hard work of a number of dedicated volunteers, close to 200 people (students, low income, pensioners, and social assistance) came to see us last year.

The tax clinic is back but there are some important requirements to note. In order to qualify for the clinic, the maximum amount an individual can earn is \$20,000, for couples or a single parent with one child it is \$26,000 and the amount increases up to \$2,000 for each additional child.

Effective this year, income taxes will be accepted by appointment only. This is due to the high volume of people need-

ing the service. Making an appointment ensures that the coordinator will be there to accept your papers and to get the necessary information for filing your taxes. Even if you wish to file electronically, we need your signature on a form. If you come in without an appointment you will be required to come back with your taxes.

To make an appointment, contact the Association's Information and Referral Service at 819-566-2182, if there is no answer, please leave a message, or email info@townshippers.qc.ca. Those who do not qualify for the tax clinic but need help finding a service can contact Revenue Canada at 1-800-267-6999.

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, keep reading this weekly Keeping in Touch column in The Record and visit us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook and our website www.townshippers.qc.ca. Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 - 257 Queen St. 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717 or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"Our technology enables significant time savings while reducing losses, among other things, because it locates the exact origin of problems."

Sherbrooke company offers new technology for maple producers

SHERBROOKE

A young Sherbrooke technical information company has developed a new way of managing Maple syrup production. ÉrabliTEK has begun marketing its innovative system of computerized management after four years of research and development and promises improved performance through equipment optimization, by combining the functions of monitoring and remote control, as well as through statistical analysis.

Founded in 2013, ÉrabliTEK and its promoters, Martin Chicoine and José Halée, have benefited from the support of Pro-Gestion Estrie. Financial assistance was also provided through Sherbrooke Innopole's Emerging Entrepreneur Fund. So far, the project has required an investment of about

\$167,000.

Technology developed by ÉrabliTEK includes modules for autonomous management of pumping stations and equipment rooms, monitoring modules for the pipe and leak management with a user-friendly interface for management and control. The complete system provides real-time monitoring of the sugar bush.

The ÉrabliTEK system has many advantages for maple producers the company says. "Our system is revolutionizing the industry by allowing control of multiple factors affecting the efficiency and profitability of maple production," says Chicoine.

"Our technology enables significant time savings while reducing losses, among other things, because it locates the exact origin of problems. The interface that we designed is sim-



SHERBROOKE INNOPOLE

Sherbrooke Innopole D-G Josée Fortin (l to r), congratulates ÉrabliTEK, CEO Martin Chicoine, as Sherbrooke Innopole Financial Analyst Danye Desrochers looks on. The young Sherbrooke company has developed a digital maple production monitoring system it intends to market to North America's maple producers.

ple to learn and easily accessible via the internet - we therefore have agreements with Internet service providers for a network

to be accessible. The cost of the equipment is also very competitive," added Chicoine.

With these advantages,

ÉrabliTEK hopes to take advantage of a very interesting technology window in Canada and the United States, where the maple industry is beginning to turn towards innovation. The global upward trend in consumption also adds to the growth potential of ÉrabliTEK.

According to Gordon Harling, Director of Technological Sector Development for Sherbrooke Innopole, "Information Technology is necessary in the business world as a preferred avenue to take for innovation. Sherbrooke Innopole is proud to support companies like Sherbrooke's ÉrabliTEK, which has combined its expertise in the maple industry with technology in the service of an industry that has to modernize."

The company intends gradually to enter markets in Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and the northeastern US.

Federal budget Finance Minister continues to ratchet in the iron corset

The Canadian Press
OTTAWA

The Conservative government continues to ratchet in the iron corset that will squeeze an eye-catching election-year surplus for the Canadian body politic.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's 10th federal budget all but balances the books this fiscal year, leaving a negligible \$2.9-billion shortfall heading into the 2015-16 election year - when Prime Minister Stephen Harper will go to the electorate sporting a surplus that could exceed \$6 billion.

Some highlights of the federal budget:

- The budget is close to balance, with a \$2.9-billion deficit and a \$3-billion contingency

fund.

- Flaherty forecasts revenues of \$276.3 billion and expenditures of \$279.2 billion.

- The government makes clear it will balance the budget next year by cutting program spending and reining in public service compensation costs.

- The budget proposes to make retired federal public servants pay half the costs of their health-care plan, up from a quarter now. This would raise annual payments for a retired individual to \$550 from \$261.

- Adopting families will get a bigger tax break for expenses.

- Higher excise taxes on tobacco will raise the price of a carton of 200 cigarettes by \$4 and essentially end the discount on smokes sold at duty-free stores, by raising taxes there by \$6 a carton. The increase will reap government \$685 million in 2014-15.

- Excise taxes on tobacco will be tied to the Consumer Price Index and automatically adjusted every five years.

- The government plans to bring in legislation to deal with unjustified cross-border price discrimination that sees Canadians pay more for goods.

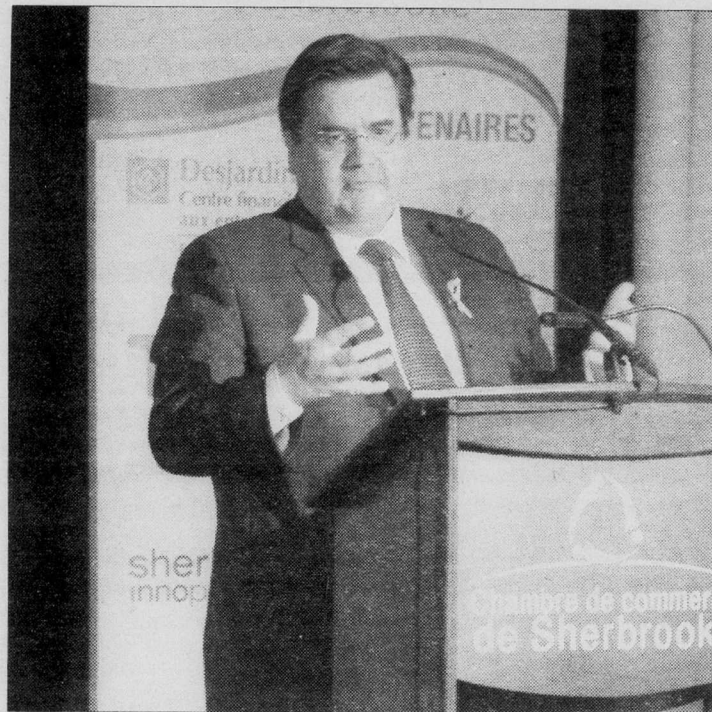
- Charities will be allowed to use computers to run their lotteries, offering major administrative savings.

- World-class amateur athletes will get a break when it comes to calculating their available RRSP room.

- Search and rescue volunteers will get a tax credit similar to the one extended to volunteer firefighters in 2011.

- Taxpayers will no longer have to apply for a GST-HST credit on their tax return. The Canada Revenue Agency will make the calculation automatically.

Denis Coderre in Sherbrooke



GORDON LAMBIE

Denis Coderre.

By Gordon Lambie

Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montreal, was in town Tuesday to meet with Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sevigny and discuss possible partnership points between Quebec's metropolis and the Queen of the Eastern Townships.

At a luncheon held by the

Sherbrooke Chamber of commerce, Coderre expressed support for Sherbrooke's airport project, and offered some of his opinions on matters ranging from the city's approach to pension plan debt to Sevigny's proposed reform of city council and borough structure.

See the full story in Thursday's Record.

Emilie Claire Barlow

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with an array of pop songs from the 60s.

"I'm bringing four extremely talented musicians with me," she shared. "There's a great chem-

istry, it's a really wonderful group who I've toured and recorded with." Emilie-Claire Barlow takes the stage at Centennial Theatre in Lennoxville at 8 p.m.

tonight. Tickets, available from the Centennial box office (819-822-9692), are \$29 for Adults, \$23 for Seniors (60+) and \$17 for Student (30 and under with ID).

ERM busts fugitive; takes down Danville meth lab

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Investigators from the Joint Regional Squad (ERM) of the Mauricie - Centre-du-Québec conducted an operation in the Estrie yesterday which led to the arrest of a long-sought drug dealer.

Christian Bedard Jr, 36, was located Monday evening in a public place in Richmond. He has been wanted since a November 2012 operation that targeted another drug network. The 34 year old

woman who was with him was also arrested for being an accessory after the fact.

A search conducted later at a residence in Danville led police to confirm the presence of a drug production facility that could prove to be a methamphetamine lab. A 57 year old man on the scene as the police arrived was also placed under arrest.

A team of police specialized in dismantling chemicals laboratories was on site in coordination with Health

Canada to ensure that the operation was safe for all involved.

The operation was carried out with the participation of forty police officers, investigators from Granby Estrie ERMs, several specialized police units of the Sûreté du Québec, as well as police from the des Sources and Val St-François MRCs.

The ERM Mauricie - Centre-du - Québec is composed of officers from the Sûreté du Québec Trois-Rivières Police, and the RCMP.

No sign yet of Marc Patenaude

MAGOG

Police have had no luck in locating Marc Patenaude, a 56-year old Magog resident who has been missing since Dec. 9.

"In recent weeks, we have checked and rechecked things," says Memphremagog Police spokesperson Paul Tear. "But we've found nothing."

Patenaude left two letters to his family before disappearing on Dec. 9, in which he stated his desire to end his life. He has not been seen since. His car, a pale gray Jetta with license plate E53 ACT has also disappeared without a trace.

Police have conducted extensive searches around a telecommunications tower in Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley that relayed a message from Patenaude's cell phone on the day he disappeared.

In order to ensure that the police in the rest of Quebec are on the lookout, Memphremagog Police have re-issued a message recalling the disappearance.

"We are still asking for the public's help," Tear says. "So far, we have not had much to work on. We're asking people to be vigilant."

Police believe Patenaude may have carried out his wish to kill himself but, in the absence of a body, continue to hope for the best.

Legion commander found guilty

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\$7,000 in damages. The Judge ruled in favour of the Legion citing the claim as well founded based on the evidence available.

The suit was filed in October of 2013 as an attempt to reschedule a hearing on the theft with the Legion's Quebec command. The Sutton Legion had undertaken proceedings within the Legion itself in order to try to have Caswell expelled in July and on July 16, a tribunal of local commanders ruled just that. Caswell appealed the decision, however, and when the Quebec command sat to hear the appeal. It was discovered that the recording of the initial hearing was blank. That being the case, a new hearing was scheduled, but the date set fell on thanksgiving weekend, which meant that many of those involved in the original hearing were unable to attend.

According to Norman Shelton, President of the Quebec Command, Legion bylaws state that as soon as someone involved in a hearing is involved in legal proceedings outside the legion, that hearing is put on hold until the legal affairs are dealt with.

"That's one of the hearings I want to get done and over with," Shelton said, "I wish they hadn't decided to take him to court."

The Provincial President said that no action would be taken at all until the Legion establishes its own ruling, and that the judgment of the court had no bearing on the Legion's decision. He also pointed out that, should the Provincial Command rule that Caswell be expelled, he still has a right to appeal to the Legion's Dominion Command, the national level.

"When's something's very, very serious like that, you don't just use one committee," Shelton said.

The court ruling has caused other Legion members in Sutton to question the mysterious disappearance of a painting. Entitled "The Battle of Rourke's Drift, Zululand, South Africa, 22nd January 1879." The painting had been gifted to the Legion in 1947 and mysteriously disappeared during the tenure of Caswell. Despite the filing of a police report at the time, the painting remained mysteriously absent until a chance meeting between current Sutton president Terry O'Regan and a Lac-Brome antiques-dealer revealed that the painting had been sold for more than \$3,000.

"We've got a pretty good idea of what happened and who did what to who," O'Regan said, "but until something is proven we'd prefer not to point any fin-

gers."

The Sutton President explained that once he had the information about the painting from the antiques-dealer, the painting was tracked to the website of Bonham's Auction House in England, where there is a record of its sale for £4,000 (CA\$7,245) in 2011.

"I can say that it did disappear under mysterious circumstances," O'Regan added, saying that he didn't feel completely comfortable calling it a theft, but that the Surete de Quebec are investigating. "It's one of those things where we wonder if it's worth all the time and money to get it back."

Despite the impression of the antiques-dealer that the transaction was a legitimate dealing with the Legion, and the claim to that effect on the Bonham's website, the funds from the sale never made it to the Legion's accounts.

While the allegations on the part of Legion members go on, however, the Provincial President says that his hands have once again been tied in terms of moving the discussion within the legion forward, as Caswell has returned to the court to make a claim that he was never informed of the date of trial and was, therefore, unfairly judged due to an inability to present his defence.

Police step up lake surveillance

Record Staff

Sherbrooke Police will be stepping up their enforcement of laws regarding Little Lake Magog following numerous complaints of bad behaviour on the lake this winter.

The complaints centre on excessive speed by mountain bikers, snowmobilers, and motocross riders. In addition, general complaints about excessive noise, the violation of safety regulations, municipal bylaws, and the Criminal Code.

Those who use the lake can expect to see an increased police presence on the lake in the coming weeks in an attempt to curb these infractions.

Semi takes down TBL Hydro pole

LAC-BROME

A semi-trailer truck severed a Hydro-Québec pole Monday morning on Route 104 in Lac-Brome. The driver of the truck did not suffer any injuries, but the incident caused considerable traffic disruption.

"The truck missed a curve and struck the Hydro-Québec pole," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman, Sergeant Aurélie Guindon.

The accident occurred around 8:30 a.m. on Route 104 in Lac-Brome, near Highway 139. "He didn't adapt his driving to the road conditions," Guindon says.

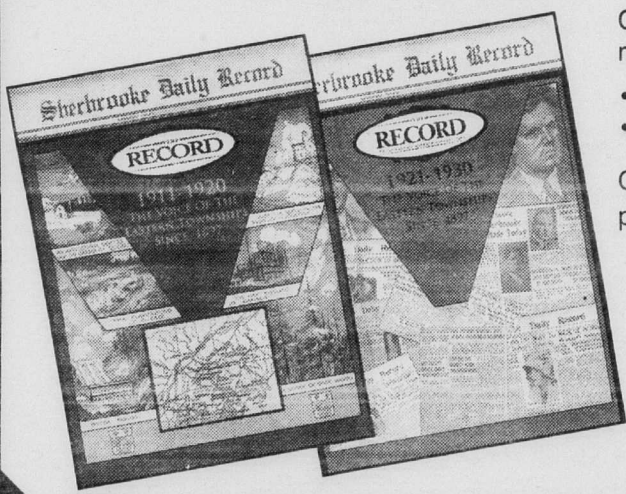
A Hydro-Quebec team was quickly on the scene to replace the pole.

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Five arrested for drunk driving in Brome-Missisquoi

Record Staff

At 4 a.m. Friday, police received notice of a vehicle having left the road on J-J Bertrand Blvd. in Cowansville. Upon the arrival of police, the two occupants fled on foot. One was quickly located on Bell Street, hiding between two sheds. "The second was found in the hallway of a building on Bell Street," says SQ spokesperson Sergeant Aurélie Guindon.

The investigation allowed police to ascertain which of the two was driving at the time of the accident. "A 24-year old man from L'Ange-Gardien was arrested for driving while impaired by alcohol,

after failing a breathalyzer," Guindon said. The man's driver's license was suspended for a period of 90 days and he will face criminal charges at a later date.

The passenger received a \$1,264 fine along with four demerit points because he committed an act likely to endanger the safety of others. "The investigation revealed that he grabbed the steering wheel and made a sharp turn and that is what sent the car into the ditch," Guindon added.

On Saturday, around 2 a.m., a drunk driver lost control of the wheel and ended up upside down in a ditch in Brome Lake. The driver, a woman in her twenties, was taken to hospital where a

blood sample was taken. She could be charged with driving while impaired.

In Bedford, police arrested a man in his twenties who was in a parking lot and had custody and control of a vehicle. He failed the breathalyzer after being brought to the police station.

On Saturday night, a man in his thirties hit a parked car on Caroline Street in Cowansville before fleeing. "His vehicle was quickly located in the parking lot of the bowling alley in Cowansville, because he had obvious damage connected to the collision," says Guindon. Placed under arrest for driving while impaired by alcohol and drugs, the 31-year old man refused to submit to a breathalyzer

test. Meanwhile police also seized twenty grams of cannabis found on the suspect.

Finally, a resident of Brome was stopped while driving on Church Street in Cowansville, not far from the beach area.

"The police used the approved screening device (ADA) because they had reason to believe the man had consumed alcohol. The results allowed them to proceed to arrest him for driving while impaired," Guindon said.

The man subsequently submitted to a breathalyzer test, which he failed. He will appear at a later date to face charges.

Brome-Missisquoi takes action to fight child neglect: Conference held in Town of Brome Lake

TOWN OF BROME LAKE

On Feb. 7, more than 76 representatives from local schools, community groups, municipalities, health care and youth protection services sat down together at the Centre Lac-Brome to take a hard look at the problem of child neglect in Brome-Missisquoi.

The conference was jointly hosted by Lac-Brome Recreation and Community Services, the CSSS La Pommeraie and the Centre jeunesse Montérégie, and led by a team of presenters from Better Together, a new multidisciplinary project intended to tackle child neglect at the community level.

Across the province, 23 per cent of reports made to youth protection services (Centres jeunesse) relate to cases of child neglect, and the rate of reported child neglect in Brome-Missisquoi is higher than the Montérégie average.

The English-speaking community may be particularly vulnerable: although Anglophones represent only 24 per cent of the population in Brome-Missisquoi, they account for 50 per cent of the Centre jeunesse's caseload on the same territory.

For parents struggling to meet the needs of their children, poverty and social isolation



COURTESY PHOTO

Representatives from local schools, community groups, municipalities, health care and youth protection services sat down together at the Centre Lac-Brome to take a hard look at the problem of child neglect in Brome-Missisquoi.

tion only exacerbate the situation.

While professional intervention is important, community leaders, teachers and daycare workers, coaches and volunteers, neighbours and friends all have a role in supporting parents and protecting chil-

dren.

According to Town of Brome Lake's Family Resource Person, Joanne Nowak, "Part of our goal is to present a realistic picture of the situation here in Brome-Missisquoi and to learn about some of the very complex issues involved in child neglect. At the

same time, we want participants to leave with a sense of empowerment and with the knowledge that there are things we can do together which will make a real difference."

For more information about the Better Together project or about support for families in

Town of Brome Lake, please contact Lac-Brome Recreation and Community Services at 450-242-2020 or visit the website www.ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/loisirs.

Source: Hannah Williams, Lac Brome Recreation and Community Services.

Mégantic business condo openings delayed

SHERBROOKE

Originally planned for the end of February, the new Papineau business complex in Lac-Mégantic will not be ready until at least the beginning of April and perhaps longer than that, according to the president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

"We would have thought it would advance faster than that," said Pascal Hallé. "There is still a lot of work to do. This is no less disturbing than before the holi-

days."

The business condominium is expected to host at least 18 businesses from the devastated downtown core of the town.

The list of businesses slated to reopen this spring is not yet firmly established. Those who concluded rental offers before signing their lease and proceeded with the development of their locale still have to fulfill the Public Safety technical requirements, which provides financial assistance for relocation and the devel-

opment of a viable business plan. These requirements can be expensive, Hallé says.

The problem is that "after seven months of business interruption, we are not capable of taking financial risks," he says. Hallé is in the process of relocating his pool and indoor golf centre as well as a bar in one of the new condos.

Mégantic Region Chamber of Commerce Director-General Emmanuelle Frenette says the Chamber is sparing no effort to speed up the resumption of nor-

mal business activities in the devastated town. Acting as an intermediary between the town, which owns the condos, business people, the Société d'aide au développement de la collectivité (SADC), the Centre local de développement du Granit (CLD), and Public Security, analysts are also very busy. "They are overwhelmed," she says.

Commerce Lac-Mégantic is still ironing out a promotional strategy to build an event around the opening of shops in the spring.

EDITORIAL

It would be nice to believe that Quebecers will come to their senses before electing what has become the Quebec version of France's Front National to majority status, but this is probably wishful thinking.

A return to darkness



Mike McDevitt

As the Quebec National Assembly resumes its activities, Quebec politics appears ready to take a direction from which there is no return and which will entrench the generally-held opinion that the province is backward, self-centred, and childish for a long, long time to come.

As talk swirls around the possibility of a spring election, the minority Parti Québécois seems poised to secure a majority should it occur, and that result will place the province alongside France, Russia, and the Southern American states as a hotbed of intolerance, arrogance, and xenophobic fear.

Quebec's Minister for the Destruction of Democratic Institutions, who has become the voice of intolerance in the current debate over Quebec's infamous 'Charter of Values,' recently banned the use of the above words in testimony before the charade that impersonates public consultation in Quebec's distinctive political climate.

He did so to spare the feelings of the arrogant, intolerant xenophobes whose sense of outrage has been so alarmed by the presence in their midsts of those who don't look or sound like them. We all know them - the couple from the Saguenay that was so shocked that people practice Islam in Islamic countries, the prominent cultural icon who heroically claimed she would rather die than be treated by a visibly Muslim doctor, and former Language Führeuse Louise Beaudoin, who proudly proclaimed that "multiculturalism is not a Quebec value." She's right, apparently, and therein lies the rub.

Sadly, all three of these exemplify what Quebec francophones seem pre-

pared to accept as representative of the image they want to project to the world. This is a broad statement, of course, but with a majority of francophones prepared, if current polls can be believed, to hand the reins of unfettered power to a political party whose only success in over a year of government has been to announce to the world that we are a bunch of ignorant rubes, a different conclusion is difficult to arrive at...

It would be nice to be able to say that an election, if called, would not be about the nefarious Charter and its humiliating assault on religious freedom. An economy that is plunging headlong into crisis, for example, might be something an election might look at. With meaningful employment, investment, and confidence heading into the toilet, one could expect a reasonably informed public to want to concentrate on that.

With the Charbonneau Commission revealing publicly what every Quebecer already knew about the impossibly corrupt Quebec construction industry, one could also expect the focus to land on that. The connections among organized crime, unions, and political parties could be something one might expect a 'Democratic Institutions' Minister to be concerned about rather than whether a nurse is wearing a headscarf. First things first, it seems, depends on one's perspective.

That the PQ, in its desperation, would pander to the worst in Quebecers is not surprising, given its self-appointed mandate to prove how badly treated Quebecers are by the evil federal government, but that they would abandon the facade of 'progressiveness and openness' for one of pure chauvinistic intolerance, should come as a surprise.

From its beginning, the PQ has championed an inclusive 'civic nationalism,' with no ethnic component. Drunken rants by former Premiers Jacques Parizeau and Bernard Landry put the lie to that particular piece of self-delusion, but only recently has the party had the nerve to come out openly as the champion of conformity and the intolerance of difference. They have, in fact, donned the robes of the worst of the old Union Nationale in feeding off the fear and ignorance of the frightened and unified.

H. L. Mencken once said, "Nobody ever

went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American people," and the same could be said about Quebec's much vaunted openness. It is something we proclaim loudly to the world without, apparently, having any understanding of what tolerance means.

According to the PQ, Quebec tolerance means that Quebecers are willing to accept as one of their own anybody, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic origin as long as that person abandons them all upon entering Quebec's magical territory. Of course they must speak a French much more flawless than the natives and constantly express their gratitude towards their generous hosts, but these are small prices to pay for the privilege of living among such welcoming people.

One of the great themes of Quebec nationalist mythology is the grit and determination demonstrated by French-Canadians in resisting the pressures of modernization and liberalism. This, of course, was accomplished by creating a French-speaking, Catholic rural underclass completely dependent on the Church for its survival and its sense of self. This is why the crucifix is not a religious symbol in the province, but rather a 'cultural' one, which, of course makes it even more sacred.

Having survived what is falsely portrayed as an attempt to 'assimilate' Quebec society into the greater North American reality, the PQ is ready to impose assimilation on all who deign to occupy its space. Resistance was noble for francophones, but medieval for those who fail to recognize the great honour being bestowed upon them for abandoning their deepest beliefs. They might even get a government job, after all, although one shouldn't bet the family farm on that one.

The Quebec economy is in the tank. If there is to be any hope of reversing this - without selling out to corporations even more than we already have - it lies in encouraging skilled, ambitious immigrants to keep on doing what they have always done - create jobs, pay taxes, and raise families. By targeting the very peo-

ple we need with the insult that is the Charter, Quebec will be thumbing its nose at the very people it needs. But economic health is a small price to pay for civic uniformity, as far as the PQ is concerned, as long as it leads to the cherished independence it has failed to sell with less hateful arguments.

It would be nice to believe that Quebecers will come to their senses before electing what has become the Quebec version of France's Front National to majority status, but this is probably wishful thinking. The Quebec Liberal Party, under new leader Philippe Couillard started off well, proclaiming it could never accept any such limitations on personal freedoms, but has since become unsure as the pathology of the grassroots became clearer. The CAQ, literally fighting for its life, has denounced the Charter (sort of) and tries in vain to focus attention on the economic realities of a province heading for bankruptcy as its social services collapse, but is having little luck. The election will be about the Charter, the PQ will win, and the disgrace will set in.

The PQ has always relied on the politics of division to achieve its self-serving ends, but it has never before had the nerve to discard its progressive self-delusion in favour of open 'fear of the other,' (xenophobia in the rest of the world) and is willing to tap into the worst of our natures in order to secure its destructive tenure.

Drainville, Marois, and Beaudoin, of course, are beyond redemption and will go to their graves believing that 'it isn't xenophobia when we do it,' and will proclaim to the world that the province is taking the lead in protecting women from themselves by imposing an acceptable dress code that insults their modesty, their convictions, and their honour.

In the early 1960s, Quebec pulled itself out of the miasma that had marked the 'Grande Noirceur' and into the shining light of the modern world. Fifty years later, we are discovering that there are scary things in the world, but if we just turn off the lights; they'll be gone again. It's a miracle.

Magog parking study released

MAGOG

As part of its preparation for the revitalization of its downtown area, the Town of Magog has released the main findings and recommendations contained in the report issued as a result of the study of the town's parking situation conducted by the Rues Principales Foundation in July and October of 2013.

The study notes, "The analysis of the current situation shows that there is no acute shortage of parking downtown, contrary to perception. The public impression of a lack of space may

very well result from the fact that parking can be scarce at certain times, including lunchtime and dinner during the tourist period. However, even on those occasions, several parking spaces remain available within a reasonable distance."

The study also reveals that occupancy, which is more intense in summer especially at mealtimes, tends to concentrate on street spaces rather than in the municipal parking lots. "The highest demand is on Principale St. between Merry and Laurier streets because, in this area, businesses requiring longer-term parking - restaurants,

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COLUMNIST

You never once, in two years, made us feel dumb, or incapable, or anything but capable citizens of the world, who must also be responsible for themselves.

Dear Miss Banks, wherever you are



DISHPAN HANDS

Dear Miss Banks, wherever you are, February 11 was your birthday! I remember because I'm good with dates, but also because there were only a few who followed you with as much impact in our years of education beyond those glorious years in grades five and six when you were there to lead us through the ins and outs of our tweens.

In grade five, we were a split class. Seven grade fives and fourteen grade sixes, that is, eighteen girls and three boys. There were two Sonyas, two Nancys and two Karens in that class.

You arrived a few weeks into the year, so the suspense had mounted for some time about who this new teacher was. You were just 23 years old, if memory serves me correctly. You wore flowing skirts and unusual jewelry. You smelled

good. There was a gypsy element about you, with your dramatic eyes and your terrific reading voice.

You looked us in the eye, and I'm certain that everyone in our class that year, and in our grade six year that followed, felt that you truly saw us. Your approach with us was so true, and so much a part of the earth, that it was like you could see right into our souls. We couldn't help but want to show them to you.

You introduced us to Poe, Langston Hughes, Mr. Pignati (and we would think of you when we read about him again, in our later years of high school). You taught us something about letting the spirit move you, like when you started, and finished, Roald Dahl's fantastic book *The Twits* in one day, because we were all so taken with the story. You also taught us something about limits, when you were stricken with a sore throat, or something along those lines, for a few days that followed.

I remember that you had debilitating migraines. We wanted to save you from everything. We were protective, and territorial, to the point where we lost our minds when, in that grade six year, the other grade six class playfully kidnapped Luscious Lucille, the Amorous Ape, a stuffed animal we had bought you as a

group. We demanded her safe return, and were not up for any funny ransom notes. We were a small, but mighty army, and although we felt quite powerless in so many ways, our thoughts lived in every cell of our beings. We were growing, and every new cell had you in it.

Every day, we journaled. I have kept that book, the Hilroy spiral-bound notebook with the white sneakers with the blue stripes on the sides, full of embarrassing moments, and your incredible red script in response, rolling along the page with consistency, reaching out like the branches of the pines in a Group of Seven painting.

You never once, in two years, made us feel dumb, or incapable, or anything but capable citizens of the world, who must also be responsible for themselves. We wanted to be responsible. We wanted to be intellectual gypsies too, contemplating everything that was happening between the lines.

We were gobbling up life. We were bullying each other, confused and yet craving awakening. We were so hungry all of the time, in all senses of the word. There were seeds planted and growing, for all sorts of talents and gifts.

The way you saw into us made us feel

that bravery that only the best of teachers can instill, and all should aspire to.

Next year, somehow, it will be thirty years since that first year.

We could almost be parents to the young teacher you were then. The age gap has certainly closed in many ways. Among us now are so many offspring, it's ridiculous. From those two classes, there's probably somewhere around one hundred of them or so. Some of them have already completed high school, and are off on adventures of life beyond home. We are doctors, researchers, teachers, plumbers, youth workers, office managers, farmers, you name it. We have had our share of change, occasional roller coasters, big change and big challenge.

Your mark was like a loving brand, into those new cells and beyond, into our impressionable hearts and part of all of the confusion and goodness that growing up was. That was our first taste of a time that we didn't want to end, an irreplaceable and fleeting era. Thank you for not just readying us, but steadying us, for the world. Thank you for the new eyes and for taking the precious time to adapt our perspective.

We're out in the world. Your impact lives on. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Coaticook celebrates winter this weekend

For the 12th consecutive year, the Coaticook Winter Festival kicks off this weekend, Feb. 15-16 at the Round Barn in Parc de la Gorge.

Coaticook's Fête des neiges attracts an average of 2,000 people each year. "These are much-anticipated events," says park director Caroline Sage. "I often get questions about when the event takes place."

Organizers are relying once again on sound family values in planning their programming and again this year will see the return of snow tubing, the street hockey tournament, snowshoeing, and sleigh and pony rides.

Saturday evening, visitors can marvel at fireworks scheduled for 8:45, followed by a performance by rock group Temps mieux. "The singer was part of our summer program last year and his performances were really appreciated," Sage says.

Access to the site is free, but some activities, such as snow tubing, require an admission fee. The slide will be free, however, for children 15 and under living in the MRC of Coaticook from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Those wishing to leave their cars downtown will have access to a free shuttle to the Round Barn. The shuttle will depart every 30 minutes from noon to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first day. On Sundays, buses will be on the roads from noon to four.

The complete program of the Fête des neiges de Coaticook is available on the website at www.parcdelagorge.qc.ca

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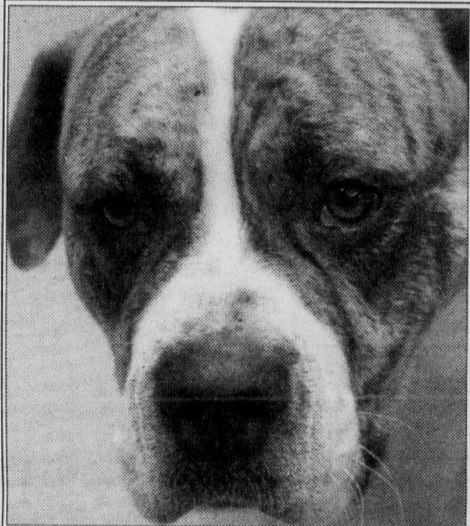
ID tags and microchips

An ID tag is WONDERFUL! It is a small step to help make sure that your pet gets home to you as safely and quickly as possible. I still al-

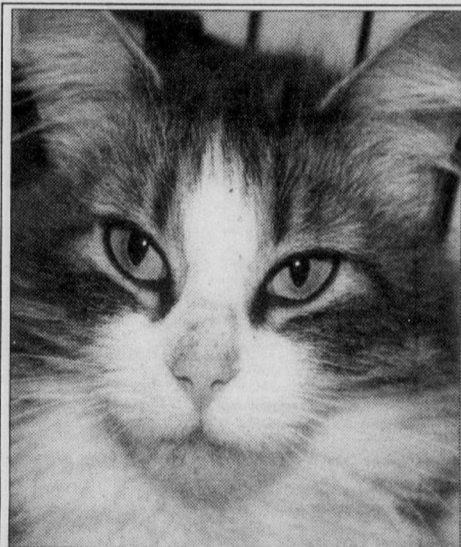
ways recommend a microchip too in case a collar has been removed or a tag has been lost, but making sure your pet always has identification on is a very important first step.

Look at your pet. Does he have an ID on? If he does-

n't, go get one. You never know when an accident can happen and putting an ID tag on your pet is a small step that can make all the difference in the world. If you pet does have an ID on, pat yourself on the back for taking that responsible small step.



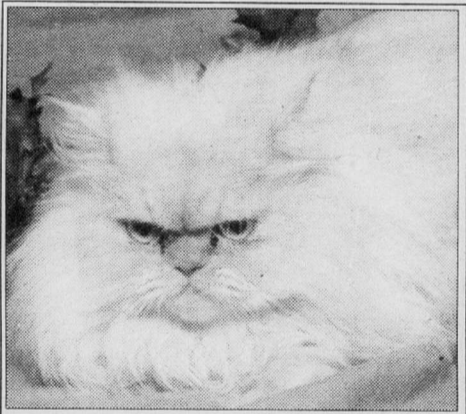
Sucshi is a five year old American Bull Dog. So friendly, good with cats and dogs and kids and everyone. She is very obedient and very affectionate.



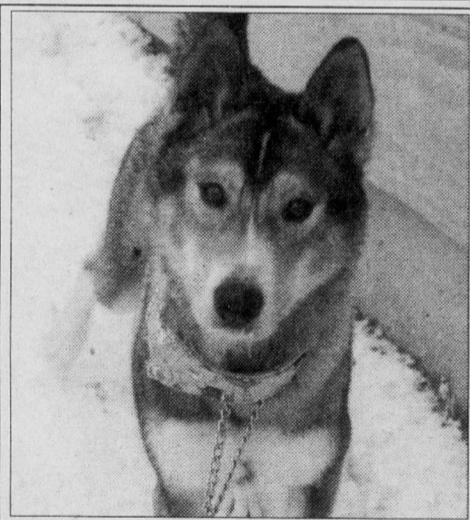
Fluffy is still with us and I have no idea why. She is a beautiful 11 month old and has lots of love to give.



Duster. There has to be a family out there somewhere for my Duster. He has been with us now for a long time. He isn't good with other dogs, he has this dominant streak in him that makes him have to prove he is the boss, but he is amazing with humans. He would be perfect in a one dog family and he is waiting patiently for his second chance.



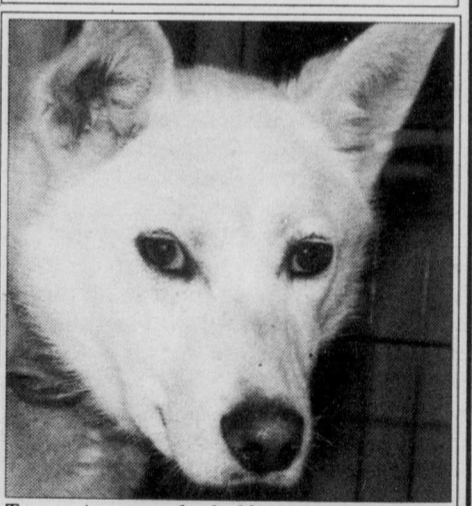
Sirabi is a five year old Persian. She is declawed and very affectionate. She is always running around the store, if ever you want to stop in and meet her. P.S. look on the bags since she likes to sprawl out and cause customers to have to move her when they need a bag.



Violet is a one year old husky. Very smart. She is young and has lots of energy, but very affectionate and intelligent.



Sweetie is a small black lab mix. She is full of energy and could run for hours. She is good with other dogs and affectionate.



Turner is two and a half years old. He is full of life and needs a stable loving home. Loves to be outside and running and playing. Good with other dogs.

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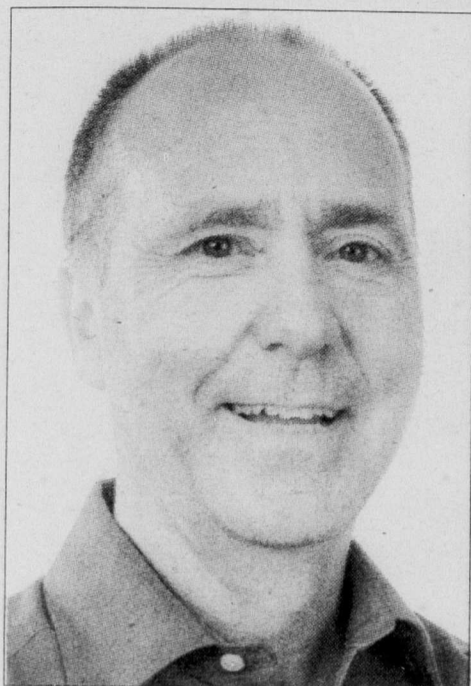
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Shoveling snow can be risky



By Steve King
Special to The Record

Problem is, someone has to shovel that white stuff off your sidewalk and driveway - which could be an accident waiting to happen.

The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission reported that in 2007, over 118,000 snow removal related injuries were treated in the U.S.. So, whether you are using a snow blower or a shovel, you can be at risk.

Injuries range from muscle strains and ligament sprains in the legs and arms, to back and neck problems. Falling on a slippery surface can cause fractures or concussions. Serious conditions such as heart attacks are also common.

For individuals who are not regularly active, snow removal can be risky. If you are over 40 and generally sedentary, you should seek advice from your physician before engaging in this form of exercise. Other indications that you may want to hire a student to do the job, are individuals with any form of heart disease, previous heart attacks, high blood pressure or smokers.

Here are a few suggestions to minimize your risk of injury.

Warm up

Because shoveling is a form of exercise, it would be wise to do the same thing that you would do before exercising at the gym - warm up! A five minute walk or beginning slowly with light scoops of the shovel are good ways to get started.

Early and often

Allowing the snow to accumulate and compact, increase the risk of injury. So, get out there when it is light, fluffy and not too deep. It is better to shovel a couple of times with light snow than once with heavy snow.

Equipment matters

Plastic shovels are usually lighter than ones made of metal. Choose a shovel that does not have too large a blade area. Spraying a little silicone-based lubricant will decrease the amount of snow that sticks to the blade and therefore decreases the weight you are lifting back and forth. Shovels with ergonomic (curved) handles can make it easier to push and lift. Short handles are

likely to cause you to bend your back while working. This is not a good posture for lifting. Using a snow scoop that is pushed rather than lifted, can be a good way to avoid injury.

Good technique will protect your back

When lifting the shovel, feet should be shoulder width apart. This will give you good balance. Keep the shovel close to your body. Space your hands apart on the handle to increase leverage. When lifting, bend from the knees and "sit" into the movement, keeping your back straight. Walk to dump the shovel rather than trying to throw it. Turn your feet as opposed to twisting your trunk to move the snow. Pace yourself.

Putting down some gravel or salt after shoveling, can reduce the incidence of falls.

Shoveling snow can be a great form of exercise, if approached in the right manner. So, let it snow.

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Snow can be beautiful, and even magical to watch. It is great for skiing, tobogganing and snow shoeing.

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entertainment, - coexist with businesses requiring short-term parking, such as banks, tobacco shops, or bakeries," it says, which increases the pressure on this area. This situation is explained by the proximity of the commercial centre, but also from a potential problem with parking signs. Furthermore, the survey results demonstrate that parking at Merry Point and in spaces on Sherbrooke St. are underutilized, while the parking lot of the town hall is also not operating to its full potential.

The Rues Principales Foundation offers some recommendations in the short and medium term, subject to further analysis by the town. A strong suggestion is made to standardize parking regulations, to develop incentives, and improve the display and signage for all off-street parking and to pedestrian connections between parking lots and Main Street, modernizing the Bras de rivière, and the question of parking meters are raised.

"The recommendations generated by this study will be analyzed by the revitalization committee and the services concerned. We will seek to integrate these items into the Revitalization Action Plan Scenario that will be deposited in the spring," said Councillor and Chair of the revitalization committee, Diane Pelletier.

Mayor Vicki May Hamm added, "We will validate the feasibility in the short, medium, and long term of these lines of work. Decisions will be made on the basis of priorities defined in the framework of the strategic plan and the financial capacity of the town. They will then be communicated to the public."

Foundation raises money for special needs kids

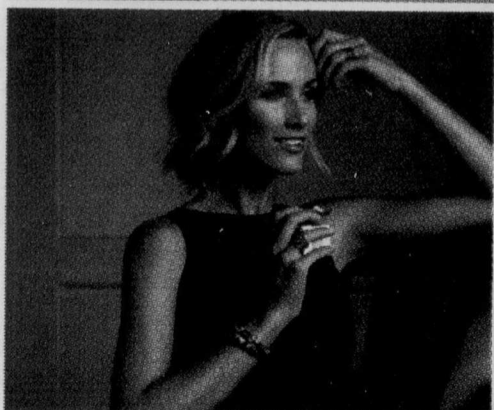
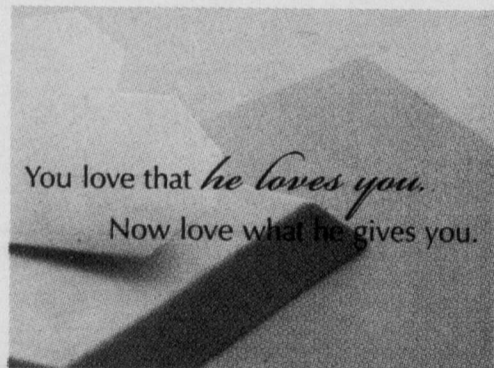
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The PASSPPort foundation of the Coop Bilboquet CPE is pleased to announce the success of its fourth benefit dinner held on Jan. 24 at "La Petite Bourgogne," in collaboration with the Old Sherbrooke Pavilion of l'École

24-Juin on Wellington Street North. This event raised close to \$16,000 for the integration of special needs children.

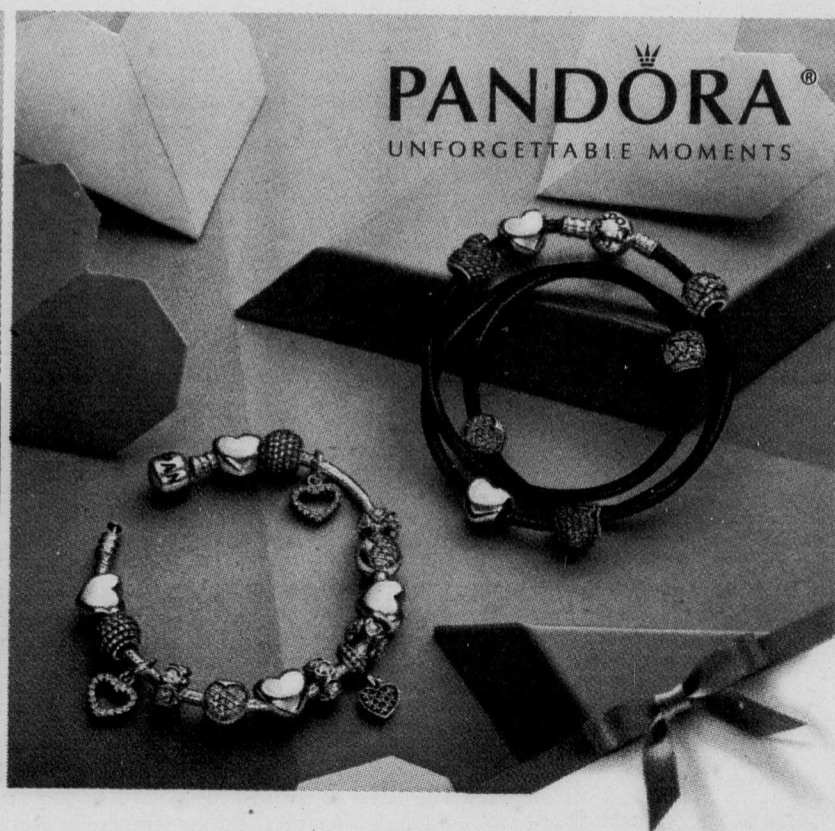
On this occasion, the Caisse Desjardins de l'Est de Sherbrooke gave its third \$5,000 donation, continuing a partnership with the PASSPPort foundation that began three years ago.

The PASSPPort Foundation wishes to thank the many participants and donors who believe in and support its cause. The Foundation enables the Centre de la Petite Enfance (CPE) Coop Bilboquet to welcome and integrate many children with special needs such as those suffering from autism, or other disabilities.



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Local Sports

"We came leaps and bounds last year as a coaching staff and we hope we can follow that into this year."

Former Gaiter tapped to lead Ontario junior squad

By John Edwards
Special to The Record

Andrew MacKay, who helped lead the Bishop's Gaiters lacrosse team to the 2011 Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association championship, has been named the head coach of the Kingston Kings. The Kings, who play in the 16-team Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League, made the announcement on Sunday night.

"To be asked to be a head coach for the first time is an honour," the former Gaiter captain said in a statement. "I really want to do great things with the program."

MacKay, 24, hails from Williamstown, Ontario, and played minor lacrosse in Cornwall and junior B lacrosse in Cornwall and Montreal before joining the Gaiters.

He's coached for six years, first with the midget team in Cornwall, then with the Cornwall Celtics Junior C's, who won the division championship both of MacKay's years as an assistant. After moving to Kingston in 2012, he joined the Kings staff.

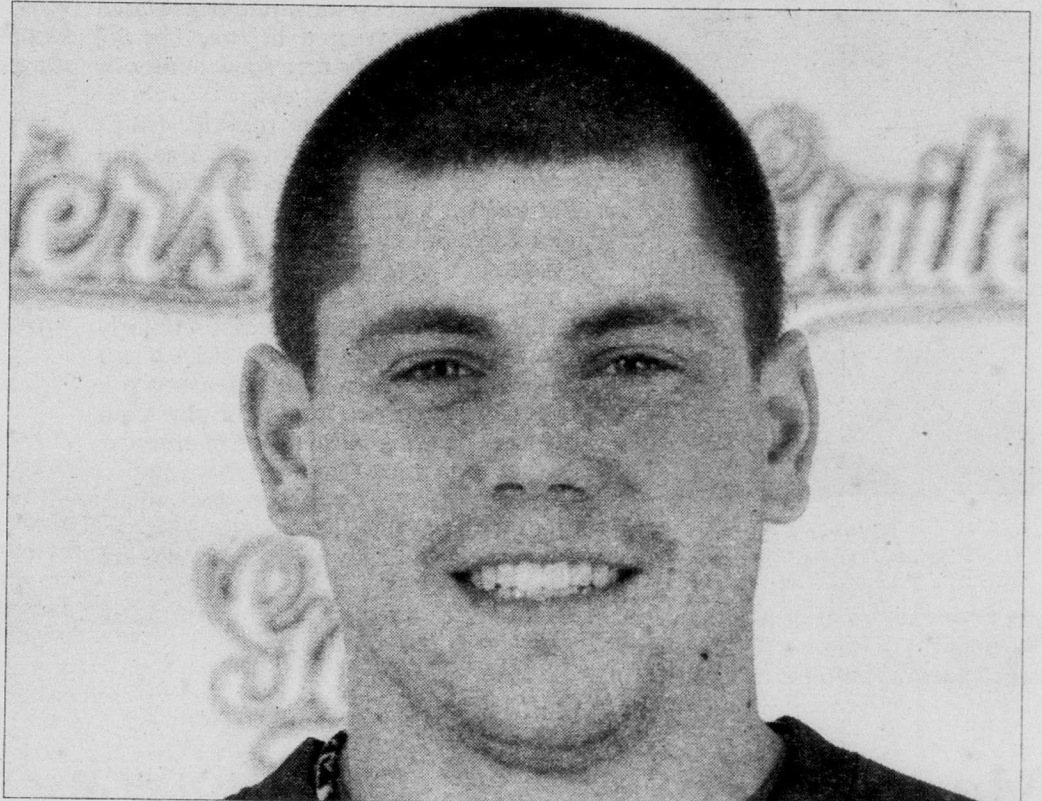
MacKay, who served as an assistant coach with the club last season, is the second straight ex-Gaiter to lead the squad, as he succeeds Mike Dube, who coached the team in 2013 but had to leave the post due to work commitments.

Under Dube and MacKay, Kingston improved last year from 5-11 to 7-8-1, despite the addition of traditional lacrosse hotbeds Whitby, Peterborough and Clarington to their division.

"We came leaps and bounds last year as a coaching staff and we hope we can follow that into this year," MacKay said. "We achieved many goals so I'd see (last year) as a success and something to build off. If nothing else, it was a step forward."

"The mold has been set and we're going to try to keep going in the same direction," MacKay added. "The ultimate goal would be to win the Far East division but (mainly the aim is) to be better than last year, not to [falter]. Also, to make it a fun event to watch when people come to see us."

The Kings season gets underway in early May.



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Andrew McKay, who played for the Gaiters from 2009-11, was named Head Coach of the Kingston Kings junior lacrosse team on Sunday.

Sherbrooke Navy Cadets take regional biathlon title



COURTESY

Participants in the recent Navy Cadet Biathlon competition, pictured above from left to right include Louis Desruisseaux (Junior Silver), Pierre-Luc Boucher, David Parent, Patrice Grégoire (supervisor), Anne Morcet (Junior Gold.), Geneviève Harvey (Junior Silver) and Stéphanie Robidoux (Bronze Benjamin).

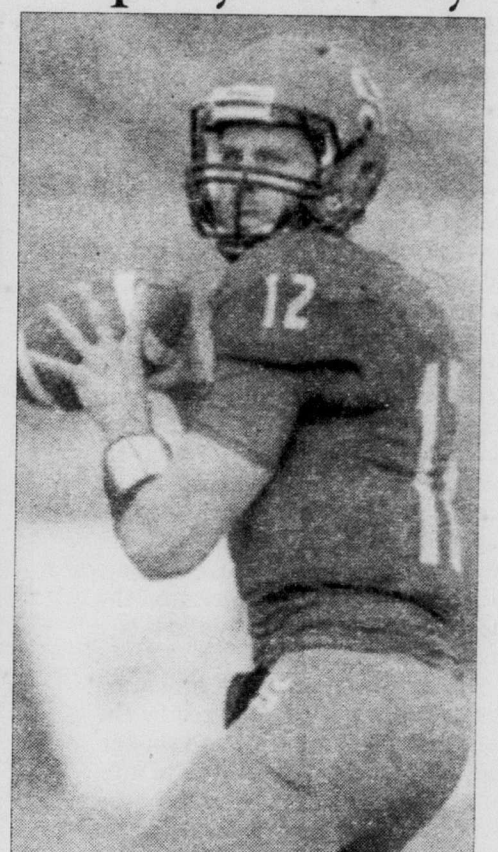
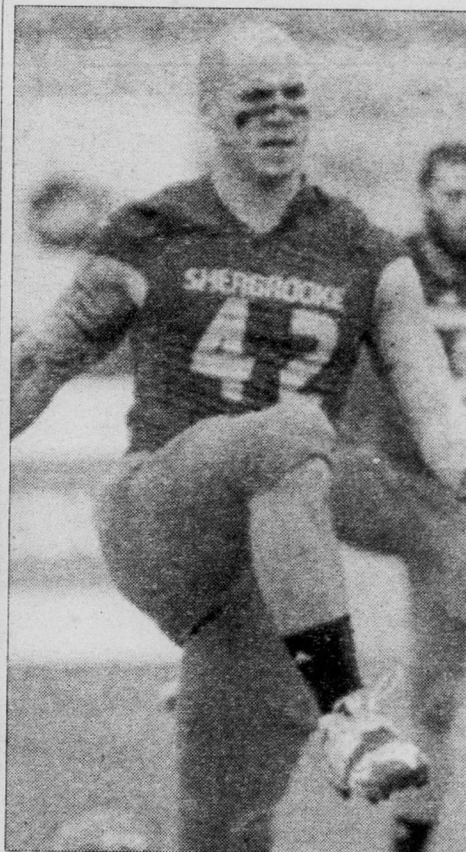
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In the spirit of the Winter Olympics, the Sherbrooke Navy Cadet Corps have returned to the Olympic sport of biathlon (skiing and shooting a .22 rifle). During the competition among all corps in the Beauce and Estrie in La Patrie on Feb. 9, the women's team from 197th Frontenac not only won the team gold

medal, but along with and one of the boys, won individual medals allowing them to represent the Beauce and the Eastern Townships in the provincial competition from Feb. 14 to 16 at Valcartier.

Cadet activities are free and interested youth aged 12 to 18 can observe any Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Armoury at 315 William Street, Sherbrooke from September to May. All are welcome.

Vert et Or on display Friday



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Football players from the Université de Sherbrooke's Vert & Or have been working hard since returning from the holidays and are participating in training sessions Monday to Friday be-

tween 6 and 8 a.m. at the Roland-Dussault Centre on Terrill St. in Sherbrooke.

This Friday, Feb. 14, the Vert et Or organization is inviting the media and football fans in the region to attend the last workout of the week for the U de S footballers. Snacks and coffee await those present.

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Charles BURY

Passed away at La Maison Aube-Lumière, Sherbrooke, QC, on Saturday, February 1, 2014, Mr. Charles Bury at the age of 67. Loving companion of Catherine Campbell, and dear father of Luke (Brooke Gadapee) and Rachel (D.J. Myers). Grandfather of Eva and Anna Bury, and Charlotte Brand, and step-grandfather of Athena and Griffin Myers. Charles also leaves to mourn the mother of his children Berit Lundh, and her daughter Meredith Baird, his brothers Philip (the late Suzanne Hepworth) and Bill (Susan Shepard), and his sister Anne (the late Greg Jones). He will be dearly missed by Catherine's mother Audrey Knapp, his nieces and nephews Eric (Laryssa), Michèle, Christopher (Jessica), Julia, Stewart and Douglas, and by his many dear friends and colleagues.

Visiting hours will take place at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), www.casshomes.ca, 819-564-1750, on Friday, February 14 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 15 at the Burrough's Falls Hall, 14235 Route 143, Ayer's Cliff, QC, at 1 p.m.

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Robert SAYERS

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At home with family, on February 9, 2014, in his 82nd year, passed away peacefully in his sleep. Predeceased by his wife Eleanor Everett in 2009.

He leaves to mourn his children, June (Russell Peacock), Robert Jr. (Donna Bowbrick), Ricky (Mandy Proulx), Jo-Ann (Bob Lanz), Janice and Roy (Joelle Cyr), his grandchildren, Christopher, Constance, Crystal, Bob, Curtis, Philip and Logan, his great-grand-child Ethan, also his sisters Edith and Dolline, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends will be welcomed at the Desourdy Funeral Home, 109 William St, Cowansville, QC, J2K 1K9, Phone: 450-263-1212, Fax: 450-263-9557, info@desourdy.ca, www.desourdy.ca, on Saturday February 15, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1:30p.m., followed by the service at the chapel. As per wishes cremation will take place following the service.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Lung Association of Quebec, 5790 Av Pierre-De Courbertin, Montreal, QC, H1N 9Z9, would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

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*If roses grow in heaven
Lord please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my mother's arms
And tell her they're from me
Tell her I love her and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile.*

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In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in New York City.

In 1999, the U.S. Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, bringing his impeachment trial to a close.

In 2008, General Motors offered buy-outs to its more than 70,000 union workers after posting a \$39 billion loss in 2007.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Darwin (1809-1882), scientist; Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th U.S. president; Lorne Greene (1915-1987), actor; Franco Zeffirelli (1923-), director; Bill Russell (1934-), basketball player; Judy Blume (1938-), author; Arsenio Hall (1956-), actor/comedian; Josh Brolin (1968-), actor; Darren Aronofsky (1969-), filmmaker;

Christina Ricci (1980-), actress; Robert Griffin III (1990-), football player.

TODAY'S FACT: Charles Darwin replaced Charles Dickens on Britain's 10-pound note in 2000, reportedly in part because Darwin's beard would make forgery more difficult.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1878, Harvard baseball player Frederick Thayer received a patent for the catcher's mask.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Adhere to your purpose and you will soon feel as well as you ever did. On the contrary, if you falter, and give up, you will lose the power of keeping any resolution, and will regret it all your life." — Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S NUMBER: 213,000 — workers employed worldwide by General Motors in 2013.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Feb. 6) and full moon (Feb. 14).

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He is again on the school basketball team, but he is the only one who sits on the bench

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: We live in a small rural community where sports help keep the kids off of the streets. My 14-year-old son loves sports. He is well-rounded, makes excellent grades and has good friends. This year, he is again on the school basketball team, but he is the only one who sits on the bench. He doesn't say much, but I can tell he is discouraged. While the team has a couple of "stars," most are at the same skill level as my son.

His mother is so upset about this that she wants to go to the school board. Someone mentioned that my son is being punished because he missed a practice during Christmas break. He told his coaches ahead of time that he would be gone. Before the break, he played about one minute per game. He hasn't played at all since.

Should parents step up to the coaches and risk further "punishment"? This is his first year with these particular coaches. Are they just testing him? Why would such terrible treatment make him want to play next year? — Upset Dad

Dear Dad: Some coaches believe this type of punishment is a test of a player's resolve — a "take it like a man" mentality. We think it is ill-advised, particularly at the high school level, and discourages kids who are not into macho mind games. Some schools

give coaches complete autonomy over the sports programs, but this can lead to all kinds of abuses. Before getting involved, however, we urge you to discuss this with your son. While he undoubtedly appreciates your support and concern, he may prefer to handle this in his own way, and we hope you will respect his decision.

Dear Annie: Will you speak to my wife of 30 years? She has many wonderful attributes, and I love her. She is, however, late for everything. Our families and friends learned to accept her tardiness for social engagements. But I cannot abide being late for church every week. With all eyes upon us, we must edge past everyone in order to find a seat. I hate doing this after the service has started.

We live only 10 minutes away, so I can't understand why my wife isn't ready on time. Even if she doesn't care about herself, I am humiliated that she has so little regard for me and the people we have to climb over every week to reach a seat. It puts me in the wrong frame of mind for church.

I've told her this is important to me, but she scoffs and does the same thing the following week. Will you please tell her to get ready on time? — Losing My Religion

Dear Losing: Some procrastinators simply have difficulty with organizational skills, and nothing will change if they aren't willing to work on it. But we think your wife enjoys the attention she gets by arriving late to social functions. Since church is a particular issue, we strongly suggest you attend separately. Arrange transportation if necessary, and then go on your own so you can arrive on time. And save a seat for your wife.

Dear Annie: I have some input for "Only Child in Massachusetts," the 70-year-old woman who stated it was beneficial to be the only child.

I have three sisters. Growing up was a challenge. We had to share clothes, bathroom time, telephone time and other luxuries. We fought like cats and dogs, but we learned the value of sharing, laughing and communicating in ways only siblings can.

Growing up, I sometimes wished I were the only child. But now I would not want it any other way. My sisters and I are very close and talk to each other daily. Do we still fight? Yes, but instead of hitting each other on the arm, we phone and laugh about it. The relationship we have is treasured and special. — Middle Sis

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

V IS FOR VALENTINES ... AND VEGAN

STIR IT UP! by Marialisa Calta

Valentine's Day is all about love. And chocolate.

So it's not surprising to fall in love with a book about chocolate. What is surprising is that the book in question is "Vegan Chocolate" by Fran Costigan. She makes chocolate desserts to die for, but because they are vegan (no animal fats, including butter), they are much healthier for your heart.

Costigan adopted a vegan diet after her first job as a pastry chef, when she found herself suffering from digestive problems and fatigue. She felt great on her regimen, she writes, but missed dessert. Back in the '90s, she says, vegan desserts were mostly "mediocre to awful" — heavy, gummy, "health-food-style" creations. The worst offenders were carob sweets passed off as chocolate. She set out to remedy that; her book is proof that she has.

A vegan diet — or even a partially vegan diet — has been recently promoted by more mainstream writers like Mark Bittman of The New York Times as a way to lose weight and lower cholesterol while helping reduce the high concentrations of greenhouse gases that result from cattle and dairy farming. What better day than Valentine's Day to say "I love you" to that special someone, or your kids, or the planet?

RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE SILK TART (see note)

Yield: One (9-inch) tart or pie

For the crust:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup all-purpose whole-wheat pastry flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
3/4 cup whole almonds, toasted and ground into a fine meal
1/4 cup mild-tasting extra-virgin olive oil, or other neutral vegetable oil, plus more for greasing the pan
1/4 cup pure Grade B or Dark Amber maple syrup
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon almond extract

For the filling:

7 ounces best-quality dark chocolate (66 to 70 percent cacao), finely chopped
3/4 cup canned unsweetened full-fat coconut milk, well-stirred (do not use light)
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
3/4 cup frozen raspberries, thawed
3 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup seedless raspberry jam
1 tablespoon framboise liqueur (optional)
1 tablespoon mild-tasting extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 to 1 pint fresh raspberries, red and golden for garnish (optional)
2 to 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar for garnish (optional)

Make the crust: Line a baking sheet with parchment. Place a nonstick 9-inch tart pan with removable sides or a pie plate on the sheet. Coat the pan lightly with oil.

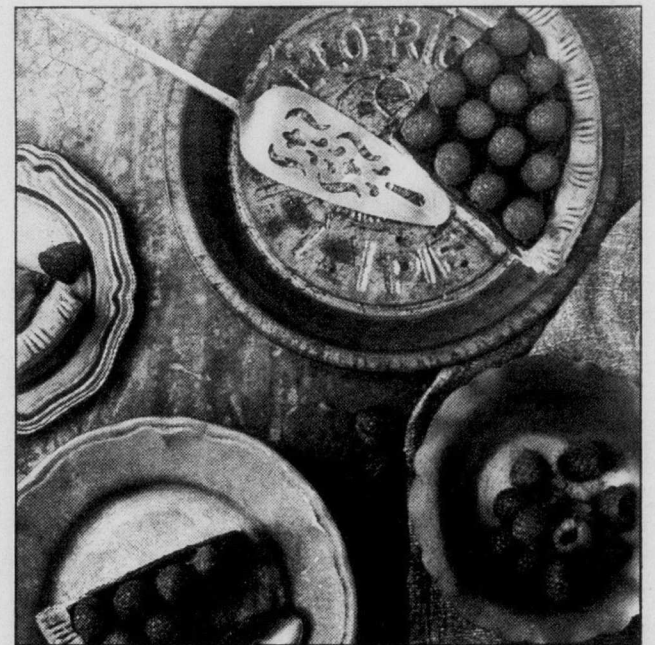
Sift the flours, cinnamon and salt into a bowl. Whisk in the ground almonds.

In a small bowl, whisk the oil, syrup and extracts together and pour over the dry mixture. Mix thoroughly. Press into the prepared pan and refrigerate for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Place the baking sheet with the tart pan on the center rack and immediately reduce the temperature to 350 degrees. Bake 15 to 18 minutes, or until sides are lightly browned and bottom looks evenly dry. If it puffs up, just deflate lightly when you remove it from the oven.

Set the baking sheet on a wire rack. If using a tart pan, wait 5 minutes. Lift the pan onto a jar or can; the sides will slip off. Carefully move the crust to the wire rack and cool to room temperature. Refrigerate or freeze until cold before filling.

Make the filling: Put the chocolate into a medium heatproof bowl and set aside. In a small saucepan, bring the coconut milk, sugar and salt to a low boil over medium heat, stirring a few times. Pour over the chocolate. Swirl the bowl to ensure the chocolate is submerged. Cover with a plate and set aside undis-



turbed for 4 minutes.

Meanwhile, mash the thawed raspberries with a fork and press through a fine mesh sieve into a small bowl (you should have about 3 tablespoons). Stir 3 tablespoons of the raspberry jam and the framboise (if using) into the puree and set aside.

Uncover the bowl of chocolate and whisk until smooth. Stir the raspberry puree, oil and vanilla into the chocolate mixture.

In a small bowl, mix 1/3 cup of the chocolate mixture with the remaining 1/4 cup raspberry jam and spread over the crust. Chill about 30 minutes or until set. Pour the remaining chocolate mixture into the tart crust. Cover loosely with foil or plastic wrap and chill until the filling is set, at least 2 hours and up to 48.

To serve: Garnish with fresh berries and a sprinkling of confectioners' sugar, if desired. For the neatest slices, cut the tart cold, but serve at room temperature.

Note: Costigan's recipes specify organic flours, sugars and oils, and free-trade organic chocolate made without milk solids.

(Recipe slightly adapted from "Vegan Chocolate" by Fran Costigan; Running Press, 2013.)

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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ELBJXGE GB UMYTTL KBJ YMHV VBPL
ELMGFNMYKTL JMZ." — MALMKMU
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Previous Solution: "I am no longer afraid of becoming lost, because the journey back always reveals something new." — Billy Joel

TODAY'S CLUE: A sténbè A

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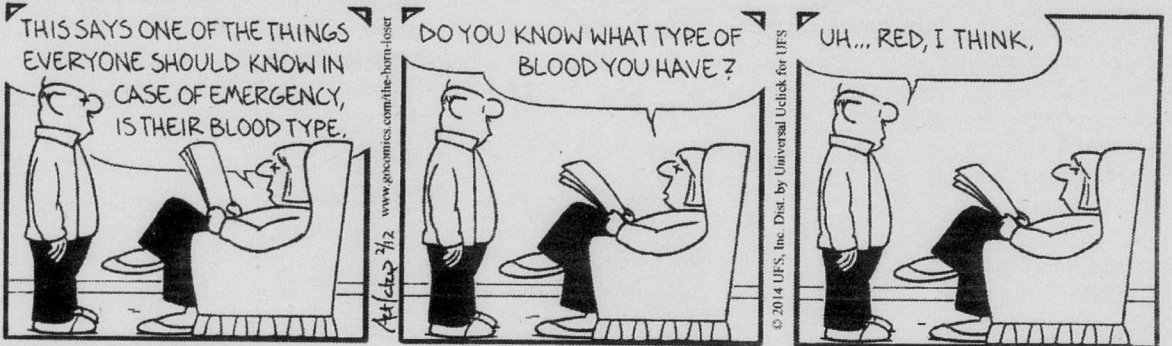
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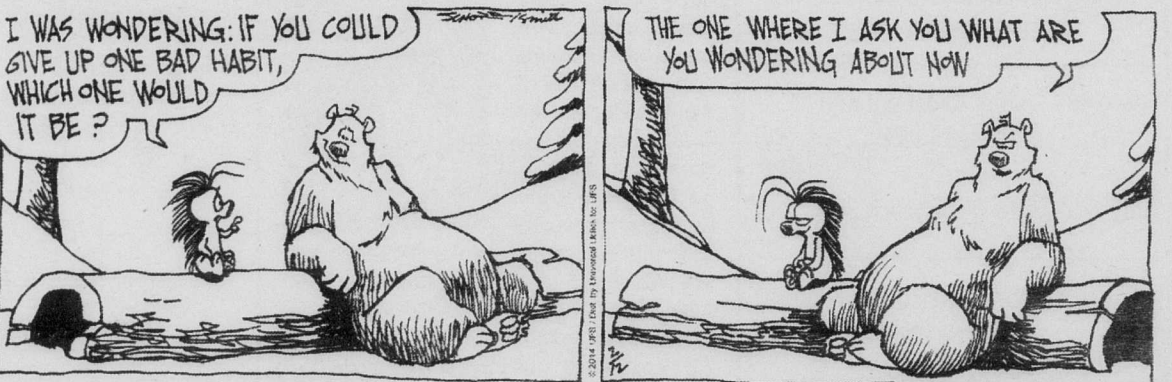
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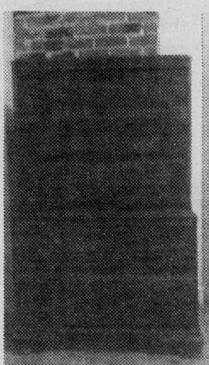
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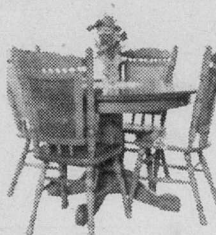


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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Refrain from sharing your secrets. Organize personal paperwork or deal with unfinished projects to put an accomplished feel on the day. Relaxation in the evening will be rewarding.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Devote time to your favorite hobby or one of your many talents. Someone who comes from a very different background will inspire you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't damage your reputation by revealing secret information. In order to avoid a problem with your friends or relatives, be very careful what you say to whom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A change of scenery will go a long way toward reducing your stress. Avoid people and situations that are getting you down, and plan a pleasurable outing with friends or family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Reflect on your past and think about what you want and need out of life to begin the process of making your dreams come true. No one else can do this for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep your

anger at bay. You risk overreacting if you take constructive criticism too seriously. Find an enjoyable activity that will help you stay calm and out of trouble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Speak up if you feel someone is withholding important information from you. Getting all the facts and asking the right questions could have a positive effect on your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do something physical to relieve your boredom. Rather than dwell on your problems, check out your community for activities that interest you. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you discover.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may feel disappointed with the way your life is going. Don't let your fears prevent you from reaching your goals. Take positive steps to make personal improvements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today will be a success if you devote your energy and enthusiasm to a cause you believe in. You will make new friends with your pleasant attitude and desire to help.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Attend to unfinished business. You must sort through personal documents carefully in order to avoid a costly mistake. If you offer assistance to someone who needs it, you'll receive similar treatment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Those who love you deserve your attention. If something is seriously bothering you, now is the time to clear it up. Problems will continue to grow if you neglect them.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Count the cards in one suit

by Phillip Alder

Vinoba Bhave, an Indian advocate for human rights who died in 1982, said, "Innumerable actions are going on through us all the time. If we started counting them, we should never come to an end."

Luckily, it is not that tough at the bridge table. But the more counting you do, the better you will play — our theme this week.

In today's deal, look at the auction and the West and North hands. South is in four spades. West leads the diamond ace. How should he continue the defense?

North, holding a low doubleton, reasonably chose to use Stayman. (If he had responded three no-trump, that contract could also have been defeated.) South correctly rebid two hearts when holding four cards in each major. North jumped to three no-trump. And South, knowing his partner had four spades, corrected back to game in that strain.

When the dummy comes down, a good defender first checks out the high-card points. South indicated 15-17, dummy has 13, and West holds seven. That leaves 3-5 for East. So East could have one winner to go with West's diamond ace-king. But where is the fourth defensive trick?

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

Now count the suit lengths. Dummy has three hearts, South showed four, and West has five. East must have a singleton.

This is West's best chance. At trick two — not after cashing the diamond king, a card needed as an entry — West shifts to a heart. Then, East can take the first or second round of spades, return a diamond to his partner's king, and receive a heart ruff to defeat the contract.

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- 5 Owl's question?
- 8 "Music __ charms ..."
- 12 The Segoe Lily is its state flower
- 13 Map out
- 15 Nymph rejected by Narcissus
- 16 Actress Elisabeth
- 17 Deck opening
- 18 Work on jerky
- 19 WWII aircraft carrier plane
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- 43 "Ulysses" actor Milo
- 44 Quaint pronoun
- 45 "Isn't __ bit like you and me?": Beatles lyric
- 46 Solvers' cries
- 47 Tremulous glow
- 50 Except
- 54 Beeline
- 59 "Hava Nagila" dance
- 60 Different
- 62 Worker welfare org.
- 63 Progress slowly
- 64 Organ with chambers
- 65 Son of Odin
- 66 Sinister chuckles

22 Jug band percussion instrument

- 24 "Say what?"
- 25 Tackled
- 26 "Vega\$" actor
- 27 Mythical river of forgetfulness
- 30 Grating
- 31 "Hello, wahine!"
- 32 Can't stand
- 33 "You, there!"
- 36 Doo-wop syllable
- 40 Went from first to second, say
- 41 Jeans bottom
- 42 Pounds
- 48 Ado

49 Mars neighbor

- 50 __ Tzu
- 51 Fine-tune
- 52 B'way seating area
- 53 Sounds from the stands
- 55 Shakespearean verb
- 56 1975 Wimbledon winner
- 57 Hit the mall
- 58 Antlered deer
- 61 Ginza agreement

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Down

- 1 Soft stuff
- 2 Will-wisp link
- 3 Truck
- 4 Poet Silverstein
- 5 Words said with a double take
- 6 Fez, e.g.
- 7 Corsage flowers
- 8 "Consarn it!"
- 9 Motrin target
- 10 Those folks
- 11 Suffragette Julia Ward __
- 13 Former Labor secretary Elaine
- 14 Where she blows
- 20 Vehicle safety measure

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