

Workplace Health and Safety Board release AFT accident report

Record Staff SHERBROOKE

The CNESST, Quebec's workplace health and safety board, has released its report on the investigation into an accident that killed a worker at AFT Technologies in Lennoxville this past spring.

On the morning of April 18, Christian Mercier, 56, was crushed between an open loading dock gate and the steering wheel of his forklift after the gate entered the cabin of the vehicle while the driver was trying to turn around.

The CNESST report cites two main factors in causing the accident: the gate that had been left open and the driver who backed into the gate. This combination of factors and circumstances created "a deadly wedge zone for the worker," the report says.

AFT responded to the report by means of a written statement shortly after its release.

"We've presented the CNESST a new configuration for the loading dock and the gate, which we are in the process of changing now," said AFT Human Resources Manager Jani Morin in the statement.

The company statement also repeats sympathies to the family, friends, and coworkers of Mercier, stating that the release of the report brings back difficult feelings from the spring.

Waterville gets \$38,000 for water games



GORDON LAMBIE

Saint-Francois MNA Guy Hardy and Waterville Mayor Nathalie Dupuis celebrate new funding for the town's plan to build a splashpad with La Passerelle elementary school students Léanie Delorme, Élizabeth Houle, and Jasmine Marcoux

By Gordon Lambie

On the snowiest of these last days of 2017, children from Waterville's La Passerelle elementary school gathered together in the Waterville community hall to hear good news for next summer. Thanks to a \$38,000 grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MAMOT), the town has secured enough funding to move ahead with the installation of a new splash pad at Bellevue Park

"Our park needed some love," said Nathalie Dupuis, Mayor of Waterville, explaining that the park is in its fifties at this point and was in need of renewal. "We have made something good now, and the only thing that was left was the splash pad, which we had saved for a second phase because of the cost."

Dupuis pointed out that work to date on the park has involved installing a new walking and exercise circuit and new play equipment for children. By the time the splash pad is completed

the town will have put roughly \$275,000 into the green space to make it more attractive, useful, and fun, according to the mayor, with only a small fraction of that having come from the town itself.

"It's a huge amount of money for a community of 2,100 people." Dupuis said, explaining that community fundraising, grant applications, support from local businesses, and an

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When my barber retires, I'm out of here



ROSS MURRAY

Data released this month revealed that more people are leaving Quebec than arriving. This came the same week that the provincial legislature unanimously passed a motion ostensibly discouraging Quebec merchants (read: Montreal merchants) from saying "Bonjour-hi" to customers.

I sense there's a connection.

I'm not saying definitively that people are leaving Quebec because our politicians admit to deliberately setting linguistic traps. But the PQ knows any perceived threat to the French language in Quebec (read: Montreal) is a dog-whistle for nationalists, so cavalierly messing with the social peace certainly doesn't help retain the population.

As for that trap itself, I wish the governing Liberals had introduced a counter-motion demanding that all dog whistles be in French only. That would have been a dog-whistle dog whistle, and everyone leaving the province would have at least done so with a smile on their face.

I have, though, another theory about why people might be leaving Quebec: their hair stylists are retiring.

Naturally, the only data I have to support this theory is my own.

Over the past while, as he has slowly reduced his hours of business, I've come

to realize that my barber may soon retire.

I've been going to René almost consistently for the last 15 years or so. I say "almost" because there was a space of about a year when I went elsewhere. She was a friend of my daughter's, just starting out, and I wanted to encourage her. Plus, she was right around the corner and I'm lazy.

I never told René I was seeing other barbers. I get my hair cut quarterly (not just lazy but cheap), so it's possible he never even noticed. But, still, it's a small town, so whenever I bumped into him with a fresh trim, I felt sheepish. Sometimes I looked sheepish.

But the girl closed shop, so I slinked back to René. I just called up one day and said, "Hi, René, it's Ross Murray. I'd like to make an appointment." "I'll see you at 4:00," he said. And that was it. He's too much of a gentleman to ever mention that period I abandoned him, just like I'm too polite to say anything to friends and co-workers who never show up to my readings, even though in my heart they are dead to me.

I'm happy to be back. "Number 4?" he asks. (I was a Number 4 for years.) "No, I'm liking it shorter these days. Number 3." (Shorter hair means I won't have to go back for four months!) At the end, after I nod my approval in the mirror, with René holding the hand mirror to remind me that the back of my head is funny looking, he'll ask, "Do you want something in it?" Sometimes I'll say yes, if I'm feeling gel-y, sometimes no if I want to let nature take its course.

One time we tried something called "clay." One time.

René asks after my family, I ask after his. He asks if I'm doing any shows at the Haskell, I ask if he's planning any travel-

ing. We chat.

And this is where things are going to get tricky when René retires.

There are other places willing to cut my hair. But René's English is perfect. My French is not perfect. Whatever is the opposite of perfect, c'est ça.

Years ago, on a whim, I stopped for a haircut in the mall in Magog. A stranger sat me in her chair. She had many different colours in her hair, but I tried not to let that panic me.

"Est-ce que les mouches mangent les cheveux aujourd'hui, monsieur?" she asked me, or something like that, or maybe she was talking to a streak-haired co-worker.

"Oui?" I replied.

"C'est du plastique arbitraire avec des billards supplémentaires," she said, maybe.

"Heh-heh..." I replied.

After that, we were quiet. The kind of quiet like a blind date that can't end too soon. The kind of quiet you can cut with thinning shears. Because clearly she was dealing with an imbecile.

I'm an imbecile in French. I'm an imbecile in English too but at least I'm an imbecile loquaciously. In French I'm just dumb and, well, dumb. The prospect of silently, uncomfortably sitting in a chair while someone trims my hair based on the guesswork of my rudimentary French instructions - that's too much. A haircut without chitchat is a procedure. And how do you say "no clay"?

Consequently, if and when René retires, I will have to leave the province quicker than you can say, "Jean-François Lisée est un gros boob."

Or I suppose I could just move to Montreal, where I could walk into any downtown salon, point at my head and say, "Bonjour - hair!"



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LOCAL NEWS

"I was very impressed by the work you did with your teachers," Dupuis told the students

Fatal work accident in Waterville

Victim was pinned under a piece of metal

By Matthew McCully

nary report from the CNESST, Quebec's workplace health and safety board.

According to CNESST spokesperson Julie Fournier, Powell, owner of the business Transport Powell, was alone in his garage on Monday evening.

There were no witnesses to the incident, Fournier said.

The last contact made with Powell was at 5 p.m. He was found at 6:30 p.m. by someone making a tire delivery.

Powell was pinned under a piece of metal.

According to Fournier, it appeared Powell was cutting a large piece of metal and it somehow fell on him, landing on

his thorax.

Powell was transported to hospital where he died of his injuries.

Fournier said the CNESST is continuing the investigation in an effort to determine the circumstances surrounding Powell being pinned under the piece of metal.

The Record reported yesterday on the tragic death of 73-year-old Morven Albert Powell.

After the initial statement made by the Sûreté du Québec, more information has been made available in a prelimi-

Ste Jeanne d'Arc church in Sherbrooke sold to La Fraternité St Pie X

By Matthew McCully

1970s.

The congregation previously had a location on McManamy Street, and most recently a garage in Fleurimont, which they intended to renovate to suit their needs.

The purchase of Ste Jeanne d'Arc came just before renovations were slated to begin, Couture said.

The new church does not have a resident priest, Couture said; someone comes from the Montreal area each week to say mass, held Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

While mass has been taking place in the Galt Street West church since November, the Saint Pius X parish officially announced the purchase of the Ste Jeanne d'Arc church on Dec. 8.

The Catholic sect, which says mass in Latin with Gregorian chant, has between 70-80 followers in Sherbrooke, according to Father Daniel Couture, who contacted The Record to announce the sale.

According to Couture, St Pie X has been practicing in Sherbrooke since the



Water games

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insurance company contest helped secure the funds necessary to improve the park.

"I am very happy to bring this news to Waterville today," said Saint-François MNA Guy Hardy, speaking on behalf of Martin Coiteux, the Minister of Municipal Affairs. "Compared to a swimming pool, which has to be manned by student lifeguards, a splash pad will be available for use longer and to more people."

Dupuis and Hardy took questions from the school children for at least ten minutes following the conference, clarifying how the money was secured, what types of apparatus the town is looking at installing, and clarifying the fact that the installation of the new equipment does not mean the removal of any existing equipment in the park.

One student congratulated the mayor and council on their decision, noting that water games were an appropriate choice for a town called Waterville.

The mayor also congratulated the students for their engagement with the project.

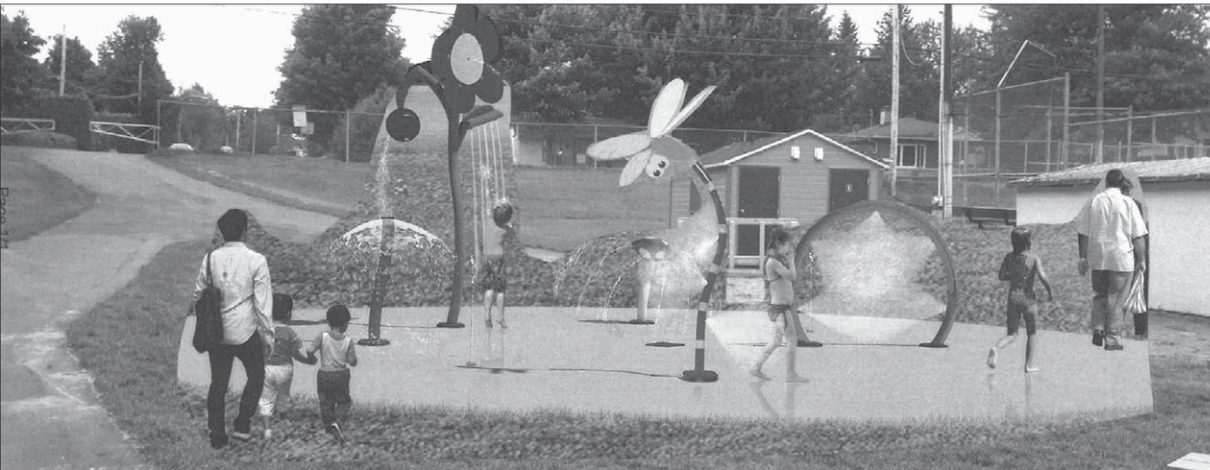
"I was very impressed by the work you did with your teachers," Dupuis told the students, explaining that although parents offered feedback during community consultations she found it very interesting to hear directly from the children who will be using the park. "I found your research to be serious and a great source of motivation."

The mayor explained that all of the students researched the question of whether a pool or splash pad would be better for the town and sent letters in to city hall to share their findings. After the letters had been received, Dupuis said that she got regular check-ins from children in the community on the progress of the decision.

"This is where we are in Waterville today," Dupuis said, stating that although small, the community is very engaged, even among its

youngest residents.

Work on the new water park is planned to begin in May or June of next year in the hopes of having the space open to the public by the time schools go out for summer break.



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Sercovie serves up Christmas cheer

By Matthew McCully

unteers. Over the last year, the Sercovie popote roulante (meals-on-wheels) program delivered over 127,500 meals to roughly 1000 clients in the Sherbrooke area. Anyone who is over 70-years-old or suffering

a loss of autonomy is eligible for the program. Yesterday, the service delivered over 700 meals in the morning. Drivers, volunteers and community supporters then met at the Sercovie headquarters at 300

du Conseil Street for a Christmas lunch, courtesy of les Résidences Soleil, which funded the holiday meal.

Fleurimont-based community aid organization Sercovie held its annual Christmas meals-on-wheels delivery followed by a lunch for drivers and vol-



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Volunteers serving a Christmas lunch to over 200 Sercovie drivers, volunteers and community supporters.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Sercovie meals-on-wheels Head Chef Diane Lafond and Lorraine Lauzier, Assistant Director of Administration and Food Services, pleased with the turnout at this year's holiday meal.

Bibeau announces Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund total

Record Staff
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announced the final tally for the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund on Wednesday, reporting that Canada's overall humanitarian response to the violent crisis being faced by Myanmar's Ro-

hingya people is more than \$37.5 million. The fund, established in August to help address the world's fastest-growing refugee and humanitarian crisis, combined more than \$12.5 million in indi-

vidual donations to registered charities with a matched donation from the federal government up to the end of November.

Sherbrooke MP and Minister of International Development and La Francophonie Marie-Claude Bibeau

Canada has adopted a Feminist International Assistance Policy, which supports gender-responsive humanitarian action, an approach better suited to the unique needs of women and girls within a generalized humanitarian crisis.

As such, Canada's contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund will be allocated to address the gender-specific needs of women and girls in humanitarian settings, including survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, pregnant and nursing women, and woman-headed households. Canada's response will also include sexual and reproductive health services, as well as psychosocial counselling.

The funding announced Wednesday is in addition to the more than \$25 million in humanitarian assistance already committed in Bangladesh and Myanmar since the beginning of 2017, where, since August, more than 625,000 Rohingya, mainly women and children, have fled to Bangladesh to escape ethnic and religious violence in Myanmar. This is in addition to an estimated 300,000 who had previously sought refuge in Bangladesh in previous waves of displacement.

In November, Bibeau visited refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where she met with survivors of gender-based violence, unaccompanied children, and new mothers, as well as representatives of key humanitarian organizations.

"I have seen first-hand what our support for humanitarian partners can do for those in affected communities who need it most," the Minister said. "We thank Canadians, both here and in the Myanmar-Bangladesh crisis region, for being a part of our efforts."



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The Border Report

“What are your favourite activities at the Manoir?” was among the questions particularly intriguing to the students.

PHELPS AIDE PHELPS HELPS

By Clea Corman

As part of an intergenerational project organized by the Townshipers Association, the Manoir Stanstead opened its doors to Phelps students on Tuesday, welcoming the grade 5 and 6 students from our Elementary Homework Program. We walked down the road from Sunnyside Elementary on our adventure, the students chatting about what types of questions they wanted to ask the residents of the Manoir and throwing the occasional snow ball. “What advice do you have for young people?”, “Where did you grow up?” and “What are your favourite activities at the Manoir?” were particularly intriguing to the students. Once there, we were greeted by the staff and residents, and quiet curiosity descended upon the group. Teams of students sat with different residents and were intent on asking their questions and listening to the insightful answers. After asking all their questions, one group was able

to help a resident finish a beautiful puzzle he was working on, while other groups had a chance to share some juice and cookies provided by the kind staff. The residents also took the opportunity to ask questions of their own; “What do you want to do when your older?” was a question that made the students stop and think about their futures. Intergenerational activities like our field trip to the Manoir Stanstead are an opportunity for different groups within the community to learn from one another and build a relationship, and I believe we did just that. A big thank you to the Manoir Stanstead for hosting our group of students.

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FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

Featured pets: Jack, Jill and Caty

It isn't often we have small dogs at the shelter so to find ourselves with three that once feels like an overabundance of cuteness and love.

Jack (white with dark grey spots) and Jill are sweet little shih tzus who are happy, friendly and very good natured. These two buddies were dropped off at an in-home boarding facility and for some unknown reason, their former owner decided she didn't want them anymore. We can only guess that when she first brought them home, she hadn't quite clued into the concept that dogs are a lifetime responsibility and commitment. Jack and Jill are adjusting and we WILL find them a loving and permanent home but it always sad when any animal loses their home.

Jack and Jill get along with cats and other dogs and are very people friendly. They love going out for walks and are lively and engaged. Jack is 8 and Jill is 6 so they have a lot of great years ahead. Although we recognize that placing two dogs together can sometimes take a little longer, ideally we are looking for a home where their lifelong friendship can continue to grow. They are a comfort to one another and truth be told, they make for a very cute couple, under bites and all.

We also recently welcomed Caty, who is an incredibly adorable mix. We're calling her a Chihuahua Miniature Pinscher

mix, but really it is just our best guess. She is very social and loves her walks almost as much as she loves people. She becomes very attached so no doubt she'll quickly establish a bond with her adopter.

Caty is affectionate and loves to be cuddled. She is good with other dogs but especially enjoys interacting with dogs her own size. If a big dog gets into her "bubble" and is a little excited, she will

bark at him or her but we can't really blame her. Caty is great with cats and we are told she is comfortable and good natured with kids too. Kids do, however, need to understand how to properly interact with dogs.

Caty is a real cutie who will be a great snuggle buddy through the long cold winter.

All three are very trusting and just want to share their joy of life with the

people in their presence. Their happiness is infectious. You can't help but be charmed by these truly sweet and loving little beings.

Our hope is to find all of them a home before the holidays.

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Jack and Jill



Caty

EDITORIAL

It is the Gaelic version of Germany's sauerbraten. It is to the Scot what linguine is to Italy. And it is in danger here in Canada.

Potential Hogmanay haggis shortage



TIM BELFORD

I don't want to create a panic. Lord knows we have enough crises on a daily basis to give us pause for thought. It's just that there's no way around it. We're facing a potential Hogmanay haggis shortage.

For the initiated, "Hogmanay" is the Scots term for New Year's and it's one of the primary feast days of that kilt-wearing, pipes-playing nation. It is followed a mere twenty-four days later by the other day of celebration, Robbie Burns Day. Robbie Burns being the brilliant and completely incomprehensible national poet of Scotland.

Part of both events is the consumption of the national dish, haggis. Again, for those of you who claim no Celtic heritage let me explain. Haggis is to the Scot what Warwick poutine is to the pure laine Quebecois. It is genuinely, uniquely, unchallengedly an expression of the nation. It is Scotland's answer to the French coq au vin. It is the Gaelic version of Germany's sauerbraten. It is to the Scot what linguine is to Italy. And it is in danger here in Canada.

Haggis, you see, is made in a particular manner with a precise selection of ingredients. First you mince and then combine the kidneys, liver, heart and lungs of a lamb. Mix in steel-cut oats, spices, herbs and chopped onion. This delightful mixture is then stuffed into a lamb's stomach - previously cleaned, washed and wiped of course - and then the whole thing is poached for three hours. The resulting delight has been compared to a fine pate, amongst other things.

So far so good. That is until the Canadian government stepped in. According

to Canadian law, animal lungs can no longer be imported into the country for human consumption. In this sense the lamb's lungs have been placed in the same category as udders, spleens, pig intestines and genitals which have been similarly banned. As if any Scot would eat genitals in the first place.

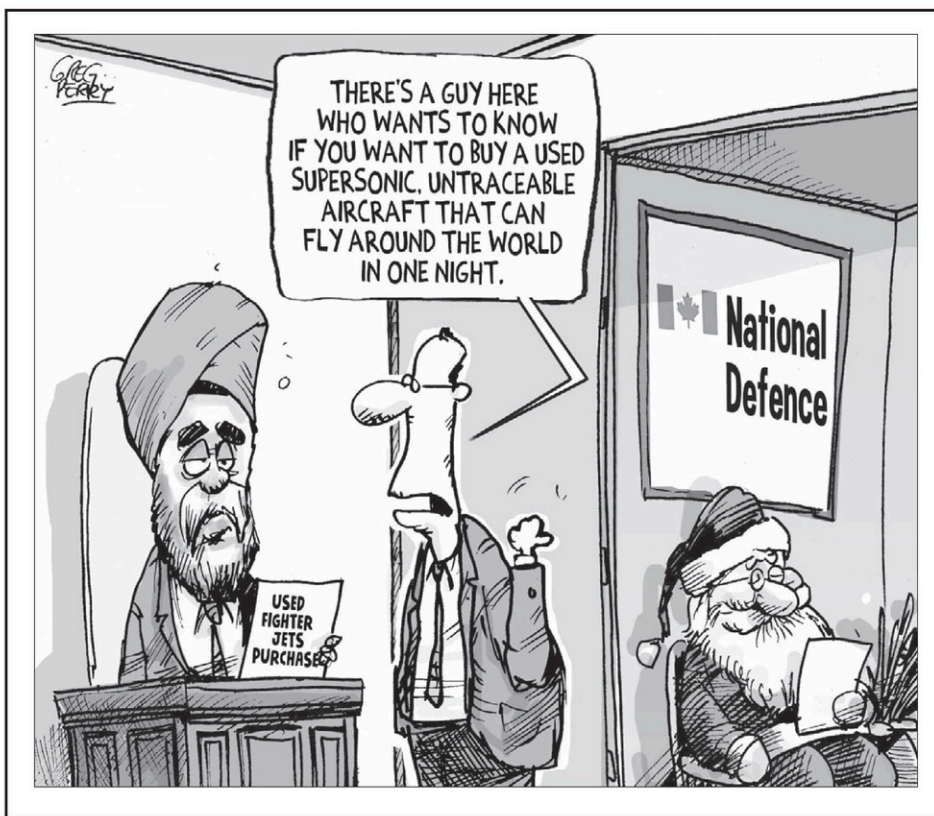
Oddly enough, animal lungs can and are consumed in this country and have been for many years. Apparently, it's just foreign lungs that our political masters are concerned about.

Now, you may ask why does this outrageous and unjustified lung embargo create a problem in the first place? Well, it seems, strangely enough, that there is a decided shortage of haggis makers in our fair nation and we are forced to rely on imports. Yes, even though the number of those claiming Scottish decent in Canada now nearly equals the entire population of Scotland itself, there are but a handful of butchers and cooks skilled in this essential trade. Thus, even though this ancient food product is not exactly jumping off the shelf, there is still enough of a demand for the real thing that there is a danger that many of those celebrating the Bard's birth on January 25 will go without.

To solve the problem, Macsweens of Edinburgh, a well-known purveyor of fine foods, has introduced its export haggis designed for the North American market. In place of the lungs Macsweens will use more heart in the mixture and in one deft stroke side step the Canadian health restrictions on lungs and, at the same time, supply the hundreds of diaspora Scots longing for this taste of home.

Mind you, as is always the case, the purists will not be assuaged. Paul Bradshaw, a Toronto butcher of Scottish extraction and one who makes haggis the old fashioned way, was quoted in Maclean's magazine recently saying Macsweens was merely "... exporting haggis-flavoured lamb sausage." The shame!

All this being said, I suggest if you're planning a happy Hogmanay or a genuine Burn's Supper, get your order in quickly or you'll just have to do without.



Letters

DEAR EDITOR;

On behalf of Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, I'd like to offer our (slightly belated) "Thank you" to The Townships Tellers for the generous donation of \$124 following their event on October 19. The Tellers are one of our much-appreciated community groups who hold their monthly meetings at Uplands, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity they have always shown. We look forward to many more years of sharing in this cultural partnership, which we believe is of mutual benefit to both organizations! Again, many thanks.

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"With Canada against Jamaica, you could just tell that his presence alone both on and off the field made a huge impact with the men's national team."

Atiba Hutchinson named Canada's top male soccer player for sixth time

By Neil Davidson
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Atiba Hutchinson has been named Canadian male soccer player of the year for the sixth time.

The 34-year-old midfielder from Brampton, Ont., helped Besiktas to its second straight Turkish league title in 2016-17. Hutchinson and Besiktas have also reached the round-of-16 of the Champions League after a Turkish-record performance in the group stage.

Hutchinson leads the Turkish league in pass completion this season at 94.6 per cent.

It's the fourth year in a row that Hutchinson has won the Canadian Soccer Association award, decided in voting by Canadian coaches and media. He also won in 2010 and 2012.

"Obviously I'm very delighted," Hutchinson said in an interview. "To have done it six times is something very special ... It's amazing. I'm very honoured and proud."

"I've put in a lot of work. To have people recognize it and appreciate what I've done, I'm very grateful for."

The women's winner will be announced Thursday.

Hutchinson finished ahead of runner-up Scott Arfield of Burnley and Alphonso Davies (Vancouver), Patrice Bernier (Montreal), Milan Borjan (Red Star Belgrade) and Junior Hoilett (Cardiff City).

Hutchinson, who made his debut for

Canada at the age of 19, has won 78 caps to tie Mark Watson for fifth on the all-time list. He has captained his country six times, most recently in a 2-0 win over Jamaica in September.

"He is playing at the highest level competing against the best in the world and his stats place him among the best of the best," Canada coach Octavio Zambrano said in a statement.

"With Canada against Jamaica, you could just tell that his presence alone both on and off the field made a huge impact with the men's national team. He is at the top of the game and he is more than worthy of winning this award for the 2017 season."

Besiktas made waves by winning its Champions League group with a 4-0-2 record, finishing ahead of Portugal's Porto, Germany's Leipzig and AS Monaco. The only other teams to emerge unbeaten from the group stage were Barcelona, Liverpool and Tottenham.

The first Turkish team to top a group and qualify undefeated, Besiktas also set a record for most points (14), goals (11) and wins (4) by a Turkish team in group play.

Its reward is a round-of-16 date with five-time European champion Bayern Munich.

Hutchinson, known as the Octopus for his long legs and ability to shield the ball, led all Besiktas players in covering more than 50 kilometres over the five group games.

The Black Eagles currently stand

fourth in the Turkish Super League with a 7-2-6 record, five points behind leader Galatasaray (10-3-2).

Hutchinson joined Besiktas in 2013 after three seasons with PSV Eindhoven in the Netherlands. In 2015, he signed a two-year contract extension.

He started his career in Scandinavia

with Osters and Helsingborg in Sweden and FC Copenhagen in Denmark.

His trophy cases includes four Danish titles (2006, 2007, 2009, 2010), one Danish Cup (2009), one Dutch Cup (2012) and two Turkish league titles (2016, 2017).

Hutchinson also led Besiktas to the Europa League quarterfinals last season.



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Besiktas' Atiba Hutchinson, right, and Porto's Hector Herrera, left, challenge for the ball during the Champions League Group G soccer match between Besiktas Istanbul and FC Porto in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. Veteran midfielder Hutchinson, who plays his club soccer for Besiktas in Turkey, has been named Canadian male soccer player of the year for the sixth time.

Canadian wingback Raheem Edwards crisscrosses North America in one day

By Neil Davidson
THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's been four days and three teams since Raheem Edwards celebrated winning the MLS Cup final with Toronto FC.

The 22-year-old wingback from Mis-

sissauga found himself — briefly — a member of Los Angeles FC when he was taken with the fifth and last pick of Tuesday's expansion draft. LAFC promptly flipped Edwards and Finnish defender Jukka Raitala, taken fourth from Columbus, to Montreal for star defender Laurent Ciman.

On Monday, Edwards was celebrating a championship in a Toronto victory parade. Before dinner time Tuesday, he found himself a member of the Montreal Impact, TFC's fiercest rival.

"My head's all over the place," Edwards told The Canadian Press on Tuesday night. "It's been a whirlwind obviously ... A lot of emotions, but I'm ready to work wherever I go and it's Montreal so I'm ready to work for Montreal."

Edwards had an inkling he could go in the expansion draft. After that, he knew anything was possible in Major League Soccer.

Montreal was a twist, but he says he's ready to represent a new Canadian team.

His message to Toronto fans was simple.

"Just thank you guys, man, for sticking with me and then all the kind messages. And how they welcomed me with open arms. It's just been unbelievable. I will never forget that. I will never forget them and obviously I love them to death. I always have love for Toronto FC."

Edwards won a spot on Toronto's senior roster this year with a strong training camp.

He went on to start 10 games and appear in 21, registering one goal and six assists. Able to play both sides of the field, he proved to be a difference-maker off the bench with his speed and crossing ability.

Toronto signed Edwards in March, the 14th player in club history to sign for the first team from the TFC academy.

The former Sheridan College player had signed a short-term agreement with the senior team in 2016, making his debut for the first team as a substitute June 29 against Vancouver in the Canadian Championship. He made his MLS debut July 2 that year against Seattle as a substitute.

Edwards made 41 appearances for TFC 2, scoring eight goals with five assists.

"Raheem is a young, versatile, and exciting Canadian international that will fit in nicely with our group," Impact technical director Adam Braz said in a statement. "He is quick and crafty and poses a lot of problems for the opposition in the attacking third of the field."

The Impact also upped their video game game. Edwards counted himself as one of TFC's best FIFA video game players.



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Toronto FC forward Raheem Edwards (44) celebrates a goal by Jozy Altidore against the Houston Dynamo during first half MLS soccer action in Toronto on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Deaths



**Deanna Lizotte (Harrison)
1942-2017**

It is with much sadness that our family announces the passing of Deanna at her own home in Bury, Quebec on December 8th, 2017 at the age of 75 years with her loving husband and her adoring family members by her side. Deanna was the daughter of Douglas Harrison and Glenna Hooker (Predeceased). Dearly missed by her husband, Jacques Lizotte and sons, Shane Lizotte (Cheryl Nicholson), David Lizotte (Caroline Fortin), and grandmother to Dakota Lizotte, Seejay Lizotte, Alex Johnson, and Tommy Johnson.

Deanna will be greatly missed by her brother, Darcey Harrison (Isobel Bake), her nieces and nephews, Debbie Harrison (Lorne Crawford), Dwayne Harrison (Karen Blouin), and many great nieces and nephews, family, and dearest friends.

The family would like at this time to thank the staff at the CHUS Fleurimont and the CLSC Cookshire for the wonderful care offered.

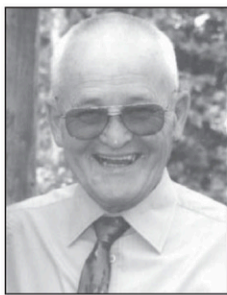
The family will receive condolences on Friday, December 15th, 2017 between 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 16th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Cass Funeral Home located at 3006, rue College, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1T9. A celebration of her life will follow. Please join us and share your favourite memories.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

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Deaths



**Morven Albert Powell
(1944-2017)**

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Morven, who died accidentally while working in his garage on December 11, 2017. Beloved son of the late Albert Powell and the late Pansy Marlin. He was most precious to his wife Joan (Neil) Powell and greatly cherished by his daughters Cheryl (Jean Robidas) and Tammy (Fred Kopilak). He leaves to mourn his treasured grandchildren, Kaylee, Ezekiel, Nicholas, Sebastian, Logan, Jessy, Benjamin and his best friend and co-worker Patrick Gilchrist.

He will be missed by his siblings, Murray (predeceased Ruth), predeceased David, Ross, Susan, Mac (Liz), Bill (Deb), predeceased Tom (Bev) and brothers and sisters in law, Douglas (Frances), predeceased Graham (Laura), predeceased Melvin (Margot), Steven (predeceased Maggie), Stanley (Pat), Beverly (Peter) as well as many nieces, nephews and friends who fondly remember him.

We warmly welcome family and friends to join us for visitation on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), Que. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at Hope Community Church (access by back doors), 102 Queen St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), Que. followed by a lunch and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Doctors Without Borders.

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Deaths



**Ross
BOGIE
(1926-2017)**

In Drummondville, December 4, 2017, passed away Mr. Ross Bogie, at the age of 91 years and 6 months. Spouse of Mrs. Rachel Blanchette, residing in Ulverton.

Mr. Bogie leaves to mourn, besides his spouse Mrs. Rachel Blanchette, his sister Berna Bogie, his brother-in-law François Blanchette, his sister-in-law Jeanne-Eva Blanchette, as well as many nephews, nieces and friends.

Cremation was held at the Yves Houle crematorium.

The family will welcome family members and friends at the Centre funéraire Yves Houle, 4685 Boul. St-Joseph, St-Nicéphore. Visiting hours: Saturday, December 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. A Liturgy of the Word will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Datebook

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

Today is the 348th day of 2017 and the 84th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1799, George Washington died at Mount Vernon, his home in Virginia.

In 1819, Alabama was admitted as the 22nd U.S. state.

In 1911, explorer Roald Amundsen and his party became the first humans to reach the South Pole.

In 2001, after Hurricane Michelle devastated Cuba, a commercial shipment of food left the United States for the island nation for the first time since 1962.

In 2012, a 20-year-old gunman killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, before taking his own life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Doolittle (1896-1993), military aviator; Margaret Chase Smith (1897-1995), politician; Shirley Jackson (1916-1965), author; Don Hewitt (1922-2009), TV producer; Lee Remick (1935-1991), actress; Patty Duke (1946-2016), actress; Bill Buckner (1949-), baseball player; Michael Moloney (1963-), interior designer; Vanessa Hudgens (1988-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: Historians have estimated that physicians drained five to seven pints of blood from President George Washington in the day prior to his death, in an attempt to cure him.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1988, after losing the first 17 games of the season, the Miami Heat defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 89-88 for the franchise's first win.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As an American, I want to see our nation recapture the strength and unity it once had when we fought the enemy instead of ourselves." — Margaret Chase Smith

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3 — points known as the South Pole: the ceremonial pole, the geographical pole and the magnetic pole.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (Dec. 10) and new moon (Dec. 17).

Beverley Anne (Haddon) Noble UPSHAW



On Monday, December 11, 2017, Beverley Anne (Noble) Upshaw (née Haddon) of Strathmore, AB (formerly of North Haltey, QC) passed away peacefully at the Strathmore Hospital at the age of 78 surrounded by her children. Bev was predeceased by her husband H. Dean Upshaw (December 2013).

She is survived by her son Christopher Noble, daughter Kerry Noble, stepdaughter Shannon Collens, grandchildren Mark Zanewick, Brittany Noble, Matthew Noble, stepgrandchildren Bobby Upshaw, Samantha Upshaw,

Morgan Collens, Madison Collens, great-grandchildren Kelsey Upshaw & Hayden Upshaw, brother Ronnie Haddon (Lennoxville, QC), and cherished nieces and nephews.

Bev taught for many years at North Hatley Elementary School, where she was known as Mrs. Noble, before moving to Strathmore, AB in September of 1980 to begin a new chapter of her life out west with her children Chris and Kerry. Bev was a strong and independent woman willing to take risks to support those that she loved. She immediately gained employment with the Wheatland School Division and taught at Westmount School, Samuel Crowther Junior High, and retired as Principal at Carseland School. After retirement, Bev remained an enthusiastic substitute teacher who was regularly called upon to fill in as her peers knew that she would make the students work.

Bev demonstrated her strength and conviction in so many areas of life — she lived by her own standard and helped bring the best out in others through this. She most recently showed this courage during her battle with dementia in recent years, and was always able to find her own ways to meet her challenges head on as well as breaking through the confines of dementia and communicate.

A firm, fair, and fun teacher, Bev touched the lives of many students throughout her years of teaching and from her enthusiastic role in the community. Bev volunteered each year at the Strathmore Heritage Days, and loved interacting and visiting with all people. Bev also helped anyone in need and shared her personal struggles to help motivate people to overcome theirs so they weren't alone. Many may not know today, but Bev pioneered the "Eastern Canada Trip" where Strathmore students visit Quebec and Ontario, which still takes place every year. Although transplanted from Eastern Canada, Bev truly felt home in Strathmore and loved her community. Bev will be dearly missed - but fondly remembered - by all of the teaching family, friends, and loved ones in her life.

A celebration of Bev's life will take place on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Strathmore Alliance Church (325 - 1 Ave, Strathmore, AB) at 10 a.m. Another celebration of life will be held in Lennoxville, QC in the new year.

If you would like to make a donation in Bev's name, they are welcome to be donated directly to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Any flowers that are received will be shared to brighten people's day in the community. Thank you to the staff of Sagewood and the Strathmore Hospital for the care that they provided Bev.

To send condolences, please visit Bev's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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LENNOXVILLE

The gallery at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre is proud to present the works of six Aboriginal and local artists from November 12 to December 17, 2017: Christine Sioui Wawanoloath, Joyce Panadis, Ena Greyeyes, Debbie Everett, Lucy Doheny and Caroline George. The exhibit wraps up the series of activities presented as part of Uplands' Canada 150 project, "From Nikitotegwasish to

Lennoxville", discovering the richness of Aboriginal history, culture and arts. Uplands, 9 Speid Street, borough of Lennoxville is open Wednesday to Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Info: (819) 564-0409.

MOE'S RIVER

The annual Christmas Service at the Moe's River Church will be held on Sunday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Moe's River Church. Speaker: Reverend Barbara Wintle.

LENNOXVILLE

Pre-Christmas Brunch at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Sunday, December 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, ham, potatoes, baked beans and much more. All welcome. Info: 819-346-9122.

LENNOXVILLE

Bingo on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Every-

one is welcome! Info: 819-346-9122.

AYER'S CLIFF

Massawippi Valley Refugee Support Group are holding a benefit Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 16, 4 p.m., at St. Barthelemy Church, 911 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff. Admission charged, under 10 years old free. Musicians: Cecile Mahire - soprano, Carl Mathieur Nohr - piano. Free refreshments following.

RICHMOND

There will be a Crib tournament on Saturday, December 16 at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, Richmond, 235 College St. N. Come and join in the fun. Entry fee charged at the door.

MAGOG

St. Luke's Anglican Church, 120 des Pins (Pine St.), will present their annual bilingual Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 16 at 4 p.m. This ecumenical service will consist of Christmas Carols

and Readings reflecting on the preparation of our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ. An invitation is extended to the citizens of Magog and region to attend. Children are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Monday, December 25: 'Christmas For you' at Hope Community Church (corner of Queen and College, Lennoxville). Join us for Carols and Christmas Dinner. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.). For transportation and information call: 819-822-2627, e-mail: info@hcclennoxville.ca or facebook.com/hcc.lennoxville

TRENHOLM

Trenholm United Church. Worship and song await you at our Christmas Candlelight service which will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship in our little country church. Everyone welcome!

Husband's online activities causing insecurity

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

Dear Annie

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 22 years, and to my knowledge, he has always been committed to me and our family. However, recently he upgraded to a new phone, and I have found he is continually exploring porn and pictures of nude women. I know that all guys look at this from time to time, but now he carries around this mini computer and views it mostly at work. He has also gotten into Facebook. He didn't previously care what people were doing, but now, all of a sudden, he feels the need to friend everyone he's ever known. I've talked to him about his time on Facebook, and he just brushes it off as "something new."

I have never felt so insecure in all our years together as I have recently, and I'm at a loss as to how to get past his media cheating on our relationship. Why are most men this way? Can't we, the ones they vow to love to eternity, be enough? — Problems in Pennsylvania

Dear Problems: Quit snooping, and start talking with your husband about your concerns. I see nothing wrong with his adding old friends on Facebook, but compulsive viewing of porn can lead to addiction and

damage real-world relationships. And if he's doing this at work, he not only is putting his job at risk but also could face legal consequences if he gets caught. To navigate these volatile, sensitive issues in a way that feels safe for you both, enlist the aid of a marriage counselor. Ask your husband to attend a few sessions, with the goal of reaching an understanding.

Dear Annie: I've seen people writing to you about being bothered by the phrase "no problem" as a response to "thank you." Here is something else to mull over: Why is it that store associates, restaurant servers and others feel the need to say "you guys" to customers? For instance: "Can I get you guys some beverages while you look at the menu?" This is not just happening at fast-food places. It's happening in many other businesses in the Northeast.

I am a senior woman, not a "guy." The servers probably think nothing of it other than as a way to say, "Can I help you?" But being called "you guys" surely puts the hairs up on the back of my neck. Is there a response that

would be suitable? What's wrong with saying, "Can I get anyone a beverage while you look at the menu"? Leave the "you guys" for your friends at the gym. — Not Fond of "You Guys" on Cape Cod

Dear Not Fond of "You Guys": "You guys" is often regarded as the Northeastern counterpart to "y'all" — a catchall way to address a group, meant to connote warmth with its casualness. Obviously, it's missing the mark with you, and I'm sure you're not alone. I'm not sure what the answer is except to make people aware that some are offended by the term. To that end, I'm printing your letter.

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

Military Whist at St. Anne's

On Thursday evening, December 7, seventeen tables of players arrived at St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond, to enjoy Military Whist. Play got underway and everyone had some good games. All the required plays being made, everyone rushed to the buffet table for the lovely lunch that is always provided by parishioners and friends.

Waiting impatiently, the winners were finally revealed. Taking first place with 29 flags was the table of Donna Ham, Bob Dunn, Carol and Peter Boisvert. Following up with 28 flags were Shirley & Ian Smith, Judy & Francis Saffin. The table of Jean Guy Methot, William Perry, Wendy Ridley and Marie Cassidy won the low score honours. Annie Day had a hand with four 2's, earning her a prize and on the cut of the cards, Thelma Day earned the award for 4 kings.

Door prizes were chosen by Ian Smith, Robin Converse, Lise Boisvert, Shirley Smith, Hughie Lancaster, Carol Boisvert, Robert Pelletier, Patsy Biggs, Marcel Tremblay, Darlene Beaudet, Donna

Ham, Allie VanderWal, Ross Davidson, Jerry Willett, Raymond Fortier, Marie Cassidy, Shirley Enright, Rita Trudeau, Wellie Leblond, Matty Banfill, Larry Frost, Helen Knowles, Suzanne Tremblay, Jacques Dubois, Shirley Beasley, Sylvia Morin, Freda Coote, Jean Guy Methot, Lucie Beaudin, Phyllis Bouchard, Jacqueline Pelloquin and Bob Dunn. Raymond Fortier claimed the groceries.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who help in any way towards the success of the evening. Thanks to Bev Jones for helping to record the winners. Thanks for all the players for coming out for an enjoyable evening. A special thanks to The Record for printing our winners' reports.

A very merry Christmas to one and all and a blessed and healthy New Year. Please come out for the first Military Whist party of 2018 on Thursday, January 11.

Submitted by Loretta Irwin and Jean Storry

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.



Fig. 11
> If this feels like a math test, visit mathliteracy.ca or call 1-800-303-1004.

Math solves problems

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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U V J K L A V U N W K N . " — N S N G M K Z I

Previous Solution: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." — Edith Wharton

TODAY'S CLUE: A equals B

REALITY CHECK



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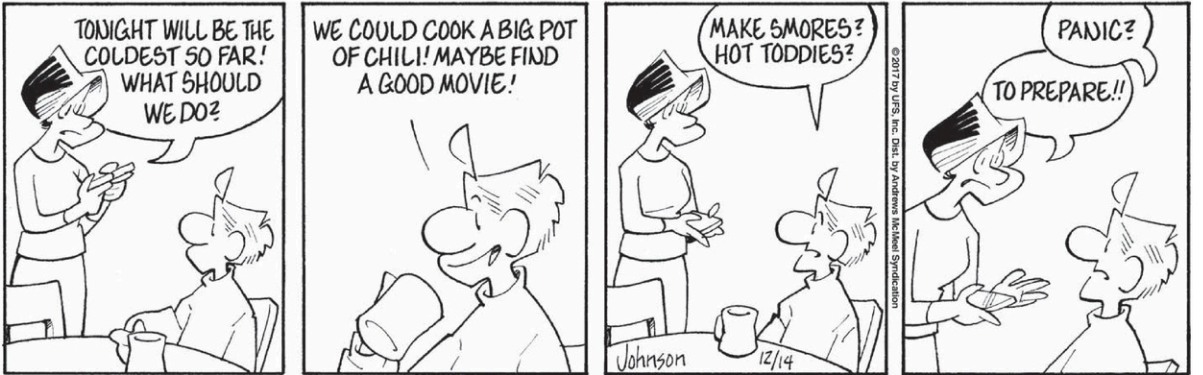
"You've been practicing for an hour and you've only hit it once."

ALLEY OOP

AS VISITORS FROM ANOTHER TIME, WE HAVE NO BUSINESS INVOLVING OURSELVES IN DECISIONS MADE IN A TIME OTHER THAN OUR OWN! BUT WHAT WE CAN DO IS LEARN FROM THOSE DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY IF WE CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT LED TO THOSE DECISIONS! DON'T WE ALREADY KNOW THAT? THAT'S MY POINT IN GOING BACK TO FIX THINGS! WE ONLY KNOW WHAT THOSE WHO WROTE THE HISTORY WANTED US TO KNOW!



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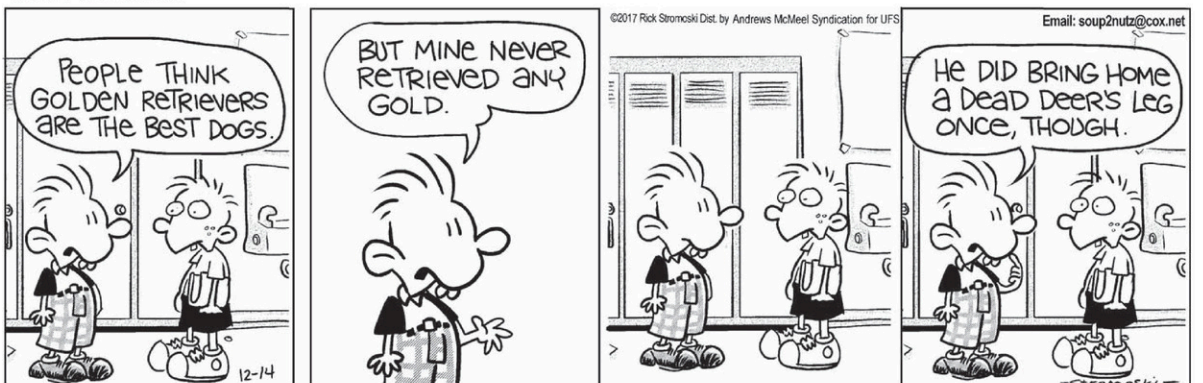
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We hope we can continue to rely on your support, as it remains very important for the success of our Christmas basket campaign.

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Treasurer's Night



On Wednesday, November 22, members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club arrived at the club house where they gathered around the old brick fireplace to have

conversation with friends and listen to our pianist, Janice Graham, tickle the ivories with some wonderful tunes from the past. A number of good voices could be heard singing along.

As well, a number of trampers were out for their weekly walk along the specific route of streets in the neighbourhood. When the weather cooperates some of these members would be on their snowshoes on a designated trail for this activity. On this particular night the conditions were mild with a bit of light rain.

At 6:30 p.m. those in attendance took their seats in the dining room. President Gordon Barnett introduced those seated at the head table - Honorary Treasurer Jack Noble, guest speaker Brendalee Piironen of the Wales Home, and 2nd Vice-President Harry Brown. O Canada was sung and Harry said grace.

The White Knights then began serving the meal, beginning with a tasty vegetable soup which was followed with the main course of lasagna and a green salad. This preceded a scrumptious butterscotch graham square dessert drizzled with chocolate - a delicious feast, thanks to our cook Carole Lacroix & her team.

At this point the President asked if there were any guests in attendance. Archie Quick was welcomed, not as a guest, but as a 'new' member. In fact he is a 'returning' member, having been active in the club in the 1970s and having served as president in 1976. He then moved from the Townships only to return last year. In acknowledging his welcome back, Archie expressed the fact that it was good to be back among friends!

Don Watson introduced Nate Lavey, a film maker working for the Museum of New York City. He hopes to film some of the activities of our club and may even return for more filming at a later date.

The kitchen staff and the White Knights were heartily thanked for their good work. Then our jokester, Dave Moore, told stories to make us laugh - one of a mountain man who joined the Marines, another of an intoxicated patron who was thrown out of a bar three times, and another of the Mayberry characters of TV fame and their antics.

Next up, the winners of the door prizes were announced. Vern Dougherty and Gerald Parent were the fortunate two members to be awarded. This was followed by the sing-along with Jan Graham at the piano and led by Chorister Phil Kerwin and friends. Several songs were sung - the "Old Grey Mare", "Paper Roses", "Wild Irish Rose" and "Home On The Range" followed by the spiritual "The Old Rugged Cross".

Pictures of bygone days were circulated among the members and guests. Wendell Cass presented photos of a snowshoe club in Saranac, New York dated back to the 1890s, and a World War II photograph of his uncle in the Canadian Army prior to his death in 1944. Fellow member Chris Galvin also offered a photo of a troop ensemble in Europe dated 1942.

Honorary Treasurer Jack Noble then presented the guest speaker for the evening, Brendalee Piironen, Executive Director of the Wales Home in Cleveland, Quebec. She has been involved with the Home for the past 29 years and as Executive Director for 10 years. She gave a brief history of the Home, founded in 1921 from the estate of Mr. Horace Pettes Wales. Its purpose was to provide quality care for the elderly of the English Protestant community. Over time a number of additions have been added to the original building, and over the last couple of years even greater changes have taken place. There are now plans to renovate & modernize several more of the older parts of the Home, redesigning rooms to provide private bathrooms, lifts, etcetera, creating one and two bedroom suites with kitchens. New triple glazed thermos windows, geothermal heating, extensive sprinkler systems and superior firewall protection will be part of these changes.

In the final analysis, the Wales Home begins its second-century of existence with a great deal to offer the English community, and is currently the only English seniors' facility to be government supported. Past President Don Watson thanked Brendalee for her most interesting presentation.

The meeting concluded, members dispersed for the usual post-meeting activities.

Submitted by Don Parsons, SSSC Captain

Your Birthday

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If you show more innovation when helping others, you will end up in a leadership position. Your input, enthusiasm and desire to make a difference will create a stir that results in the support you need to push forward this year. Positive change is within reach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Dig in and get things done. Your ability to turn something small into something big and meaningful will be impressive. Personal and domestic changes are encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Check out your professional options. Using your skills in a different forum will tweak your interest and lead to new possibilities. Personal changes can also be put into play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It will be difficult to contain your emotions. Don't let anger set in and take control. Opt to do your own thing, calm down and help those less fortunate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Negotiate on your own behalf. Don't leave anything to chance or at the mercy of someone else's judgment. Get personal finances and documents in order. Insincere compliments must not sway you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Discipline and hard work will pay off. Use your intelligence and experience to ward off a tempting offer from someone who has been a bad influence in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you share your emotions with someone you are close to, together you will come up with a unique plan that will help you avoid setbacks or additional debt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Make travel plans or set up a business meeting that will help you decide how to move forward. Use your imagination and offer innovative ideas to seal a deal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Plan a day trip or shopping spree or make plans to spend time with a loved one. A partnership can be taken to a new level if you discuss your intentions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Situations at home will be difficult to deal with if you have overspent or been indulgent in any way. You can have fun without going overboard. Put others first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll learn through observation and mingling with people who are heading in the same direction as you. Networking functions or work get-togethers will encourage you to develop new skills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't let someone from your past lead you astray or tempt you to get involved in something unsavory or imprudent. Use your intelligence and common sense and make wise choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Emotional matters should be addressed in a unique but uncompromising manner. Catching someone's attention will help you flesh out some of the details necessary for your plans to be successful.

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The bidding places their honor cards

By Phillip Alder

Stanislaw J. Lec, a Polish poet and aphorist, wrote, "There are grammatical errors even in his silence."

If you were told at the beginning of a deal that your side was going to be outbid, your partnership would probably do best to stay silent, passing throughout and not giving the opposing declarer free information about your hands. True, sometimes being active in the auction will push your opponents into the wrong spot; but not often.

In this deal, North-South reached four spades after West had opened one diamond. West, with an unappealing lead, selected a heart as the least of evils. South won with his king, played a spade to dummy's jack and cashed the spade ace. How did declarer continue after East discarded a heart?

I like to play South's one-spade advance as forcing for one round, but even if it were nonforcing, North was still worth a raise. Then South took a shot at game, despite being worried that his diamond king would prove worthless. However, the vulnerable game bonus was a powerful lure.

The declarer was threatened with losing two spades, one diamond and one club. The first three were unavoidable,

North 12-14-17			
♠ A J 4			
♥ A J 10 7 2			
♦ 6			
♣ A 8 4 3			
West			East
♠ K 10 9 8			♠ 5
♥ 6 3			♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ A Q 7 2			♦ J 10 9 3
♣ K J 9			♣ 10 6 5 2
South			
♠ Q 7 6 3 2			
♥ K Q			
♦ K 8 5 4			
♣ Q 7			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

so the club loser had to be eliminated.

West, since the bidding marked him with the diamond ace and club king, was a candidate for an endplay. Declarer cashed the heart ace and discarded a diamond on the heart jack. West ruffed, cashed the spade king and paused. But whichever minor he chose to lead, South would have gained an extra trick. At the table, West led the club king (perhaps South had a singleton queen), so declarer took four spades, four hearts and two clubs.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Place for peas or z's
- 4 Bridge measure
- 8 Like traffic at a bottleneck
- 14 "Norma ___"
- 15 She famously said "Play it" to 49-Across
- 16 Saved to watch later
- 17 Horace's "___ Poetica"
- 18 Year-end rewards
- 20 One-step-at-a-time toy
- 22 "Only ___": NPR sports program
- 23 Silver State capital
- 26 "The Mindy Project" actor Barinholtz
- 29 Well-endowed org.?
- 30 McKellen and McShane
- 31 Said further
- 33 Real estate unit
- 34 Acted bullish?
- 35 Classic TV intro which can be applied to the starts of the four other longest

puzzle answers

- 41 Volunteer's offer
- 42 "Vaya con ___"
- 43 Attach with string
- 44 Half of half-and-half
- 45 Flower painted by van Gogh
- 49 See 15-Across
- 50 Bad break
- 52 Really worry
- 55 ___ Tunes
- 56 Dugout loudmouth
- 60 Horseplayer's hangout, for short
- 61 "Good News" Grammy winner Kathy
- 62 Workshop gadget
- 63 Opposite of paleo-
- 64 Wimps
- 65 Cheek or lip
- 66 "Yakety ___": rock-'n'-roll novelty hit

Down

- 1 "Donnie ___": Depp film
- 2 Part of a winter hat
- 3 Appetite
- 4 Michael Moore film about healthcare
- 5 "No more fighting!"
- 6 Pack animal
- 7 "Don't think so"
- 8 Cheap smoke
- 9 Actress Fey
- 10 Egg cell
- 11 Trident-carrying god
- 12 "My goodness"
- 13 Pigs out (on), for short
- 19 Creatures in caves
- 21 Pres. advisory team
- 24 "The Alienist" novelist Caleb
- 25 Boss' demand often followed by "now!"
- 27 Shrewd
- 28 Circular current
- 31 Tori of pop

32 Head-slapper's cry

- 33 Long, long time
- 35 Search engine results
- 36 Director Kazan
- 37 Basic principles
- 38 Big head
- 39 Sandy sediment
- 40 Like a really bad comedy skit
- 44 Fictional detective Mr. ___
- 45 U.N. workers' agcy.
- 46 Sentences that need fixing

47 Summer drink

- 48 Posh stadium seating
- 50 Hindu princes
- 51 "The Highwayman" poet
- 53 "Hair" parts
- 54 Biblical pronoun
- 56 Big name in luxury autos
- 57 ___ de cologne
- 58 Rite Aid competitor
- 59 Soul maker

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