

Ripplecove Inn developer criticizes zoning plans at Ayers' Cliff town council meeting

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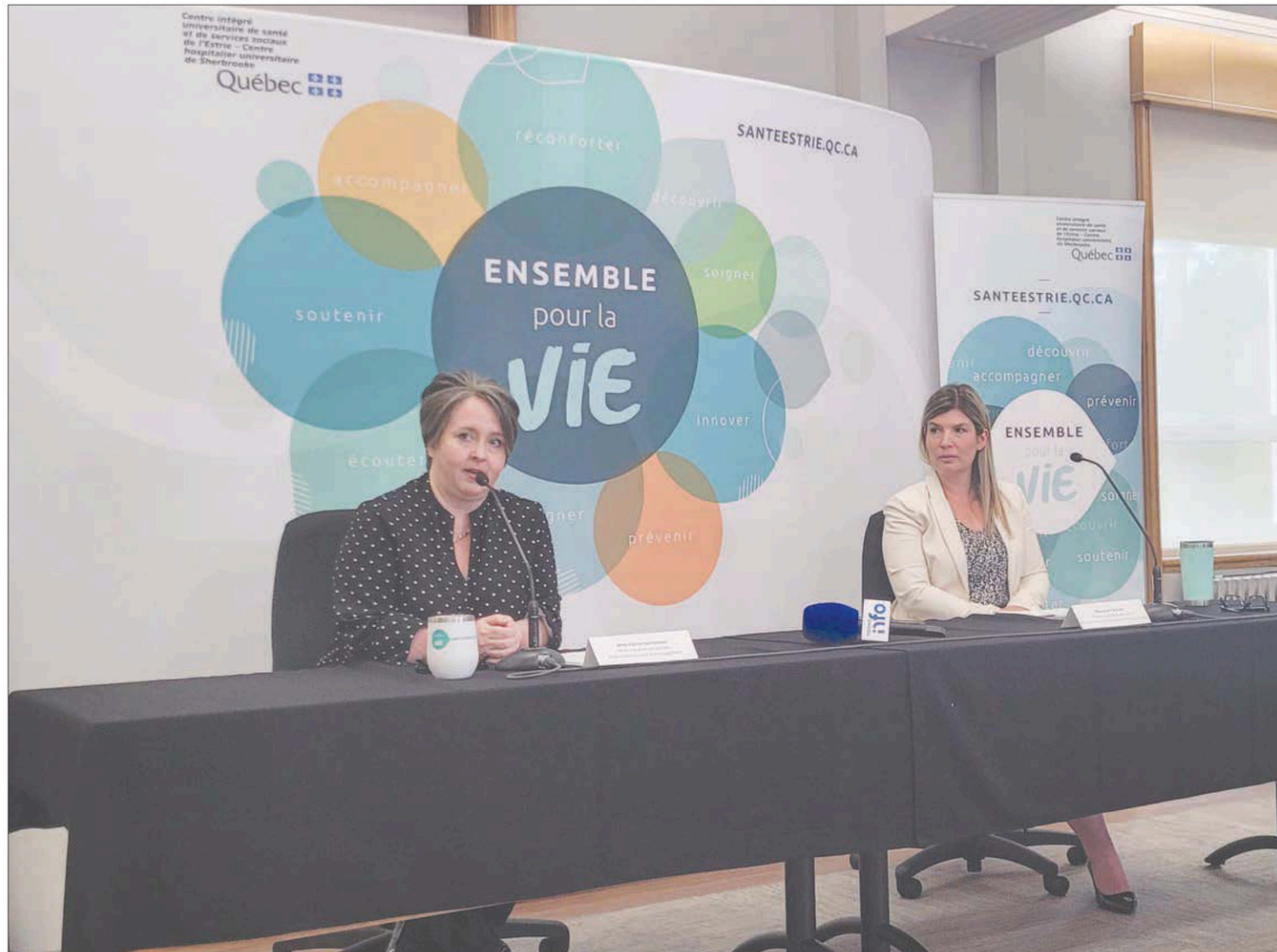
As Ayers' Cliff town council met June 5, Ripplecove Inn owner Richard Laliberté chided officials for not "collaborating" with his efforts to develop his property. The council is proposing changes to zoning rules which Laliberté said will impede his plans.

"We are in the process of developing and this directly targets that development," said Laliberté, who dominated the nearly 40-minute-long opening question period. "We've just put \$43 million [into the project] and we weren't even consulted," he said. Laliberté also criticized council for dragging its feet when responding to his associates' inquiries.

"Was the goal of your question to get a response?" asked mayor Simon Roy

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Health authority to close beds and ORs as staff shortages continue



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Karine Duchaineau and Annie Boisvert announce summer health service reductions

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The regional health authority will close 175 beds this summer, announced the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS June 6. The number represents a significant increase from last

summer's scale downs, when about 105 beds closed, with continued staffing shortages set to impact the health system even more acutely in coming months.

The authority is currently missing 1,500 staff. As nurses, doctors and others take holidays, the summer

period tends to already be difficult. Like elsewhere in Quebec, retention remains a challenge and stressful working conditions seem unlikely to improve the issue.

"As a general rule, there will be

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HAND IN HAND

Leading by example

BRP employees pledge \$1 million for oncopediatrics at Fleurimont Hospital



The CHUS Foundation recently expressed its gratitude for BRP employees who, thanks to their generous contribution, will make it possible to provide even more effective care for children with cancer in the Eastern Townships.

The employees have pledged to donate \$1 million to oncopediatrics at Fleurimont Hospital within the next three years.

The announcement was made at an in-house event held over the weekend in Valcourt.

This, by the way, is the second million BRP employees will be donating.

A fundraising drive, started in 2019, recently hit \$1 million, and employees decided to extend that commitment and go for another million over the next three years.

According to Daniel Martin, General Manager of Operations at BRP, the employees who have been involved in the CHUS Foundation's payroll deduction program for several years feel a great sense of pride. "Research is making progress in discovering new treatments for cancer, and our young patients need to be able to benefit from them quickly," Martin said in a statement about the recent pledge, adding staff is happy and proud to contribute to improving the care available in the Townships.

According to CHUS Foundation media representative Annie Corriveau, the program is entirely voluntary, and each employee decides how much and



COURTESY

BRP ambassadors for the CHUS Foundation wearing the trademark orange. While employees have already raised \$1 million through a fundraising campaign started in 2019, they have pledged another \$1 million over the next three years by participating in a payroll deduction program.

how often they would like to contribute.

The collection of funds happens through the business and is then transferred to the foundation, she explained, as a collective effort rather than knowing who gave how much.

Thanks to the funds already raised, childhood cancer treatment has made a huge leap forward at Fleurimont Hospital. Before 2018, only 25 per cent of children with a cancer diagnosis were treated locally. As of this year, 95 per cent of children are fully treated in the Townships.

"We've been able to consolidate our team and accelerate the opening of numerous research protocols, which helps patients stay in their region for the full range of care," commented Dr. Josee Brossard, Head of the Hemato-Oncology Department at CIUSSS de l'Estrie - CHUS in a press release. "We have seen a very significant increase in the number of new patients diagnosed and treated at CHUS Fleurimont over the past two years, with 25 new cases

since the start of 2023, compared with 31 per year in 2021 and 2022," Brossard added.

More than 2,600 appointments and 1,000 chemotherapy treatments were administered in 2022-23, representing a 170% increase over the previous year, Brossard pointed out.

Martin Clermont, executive director of the CHUS Foundation, had the following to say about the recent pledge by BRP employees:

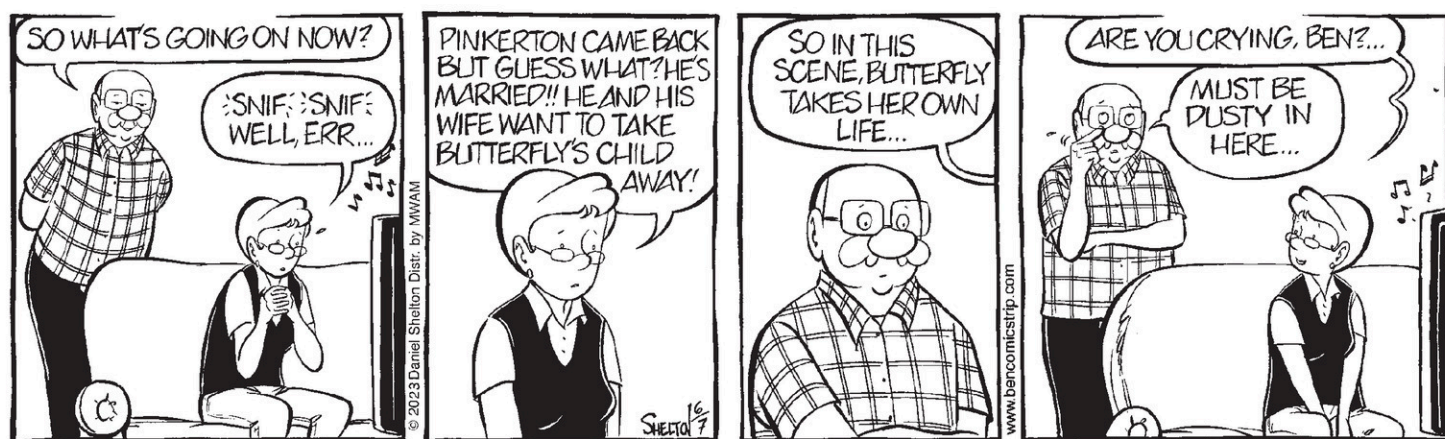
"This new commitment of \$1 million will enable the oncopediatric team to enhance its research activities and collaboration with all the experts within national and international consortia. "I can only add a huge thank you to all BRP employees who have this cause tattooed on their hearts. This great contribution gives hope to families living with this dreadful diagnosis for their child. It's so reassuring to see this wonderful mobilization to increase their chances of recovery."



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"The challenge is always finding the balance to offer our population a safe, quality service based on the available human resources," she said.

Staff shortages continue

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additional adjustments compared to what we did in past years," said Annie Boisvert, adjoining general director of the general and specialized physical health program.

"The challenge is always finding the balance to offer our population a safe, quality service based on the available human resources," she said.

Boisvert said staff retention was a major factor in developing the latest plan. She said the CHUS aims to "keep our precious resources in the healthcare network and allow them to take very well-deserved vacations."

"We know that we won't have enough personnel this summer," said Karine Duchaineau, adjoining general director of social and rehabilitation programs. As a result, the CHUS plans to cut back or suspend several services.

Day activity centres for people with autism or intellectual difficulties will

close for eight weeks, an increase from the usual four. "All of the relatives were notified," Duchaineau said, "to find an alternative offer for the users."

Mental health services will continue to operate throughout the region, Duchaineau said, but patients can expect longer wait times than normal. Staff will prioritize the most acute cases, she added.

Urgent services will remain "status quo," Boisvert said. Still, "we're asking the population to call on other resources when it isn't necessary to go the emergency room," she said.

Though still long, Boisvert said the health authority is stabilizing the surgery wait list. "All emergency surgeries will be maintained," she said. "There's no doubt about it."

In addition to fewer beds, 14 of the region's 30 operating rooms will close. Several of the OR and bed reductions

began in May, though others are slated to close between in June or July. Most services are scheduled to return following Labour Day weekend.

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"We're asking for the public's

collaboration and patience," Boisvert said. People can help out by cancelling appointments they no longer need and picking up loved ones from the hospital sooner rather than later, she said.

The health authority is hoping it won't see an increase in mandatory overtime, the practice of obligating healthcare workers to work longer hours than scheduled. "Everything we're putting in place is to avoid mandatory overtime," Boisvert said.

"Mandatory overtime is an angle we worked a lot on over the last year and that we've managed to reduce," Duchaineau said. She added that the practice only affects some segments of the workforce.

The plan considered the retention of employees, Duchaineau said, by consulting with managers who were asked to relay employees' points of view.

Ayers' Cliff town council meeting

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following Laliberté's diatribe. Roy said his office received an email from Laliberté's associate in the afternoon of June 2 and responded June 5 at 6:53 p.m., within two business days. Laliberté pointed out that the response came just minutes before the meeting began.

The proposed zoning changes will apply to a zone including Ripplecove Inn and ask applicants to submit their full development plan instead of requesting "12 permits within two years," Roy said. Laliberté called that requirement "unreasonable."

With a public consultation coming June 19, council's "role is to arbitrate," Roy said, adding that while some views might align with Laliberté's, some residents might fall on the other side of the issue.

Laliberté said recent tickets for bylaw violations made him feel that he was receiving "a somewhat different treatment," from officials. Roy replied that he had no control over bylaw tickets.

Following the meeting, Laliberté repeated his view to The Record that the town "is trying to stop," his plans for Ripplecove Inn. He said he was the target of the proposed zoning changes due to some residents' opposition to the development.

Bartha Knoppers, a Ripplecove resident, asked the town to remove a speed radar sign near Ripplecove Inn, which she said was "very disruptive in nature." Roy said the town would consider moving the sign in the



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Richard Laliberté (striped shirt) speaks at the Ayer's Cliff council meeting

future, but for now, "some of the citizens say that people are going too fast on the road."

To Laliberté's proposal to set speed limits at 30 km/h across Ayer's Cliff, Roy said that "playing with speed limits sometimes has unintended consequences," and that new limits wouldn't slow cars down without enforcement.

Another resident asked if council would begin meetings by acknowledging the town's location on Abenaki territory. "We never thought of that, it's something we can consider," Roy said. To the

questioner's request that the town adopt the change in time for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Roy replied that the decision could wait until the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30. "I think on the designated day we can reflect and then see whether we want to go in that direction," he said.

The council approved a handful of contracts, including about \$170,000 to replace water pumps and pumping stations. The province will refund that expense, Roy said. It hired a seasonal public works labourer and approved \$6,000 to

change locks and padlocks so that the municipality could have a master key.

Another motion approved a crossing guard for both elementary schools over a two-week pilot period. "We'll see if it's really useful, if it really has an impact," Roy said. "I think it will help because right now there are cars that aren't stopping."

Councillors voted in favour of a new waste collection contract at \$94 per residence, a \$44 increase from the last agreement. "We don't have the choice," Roy said, since the town received just one bid.

Getting Involved in the community one cottontail at a time

With Agricultural Expositions fast approaching, Ashley Carrier, director of the small animal department for the Richmond Fair board, visited the Hatley, Sawyerville and Richmond 4-Hs to present the benefits of showing animals in the local fairs.

According to Carrier, fair organizers have seen a huge decline in the number of entries for the small animal departments.

Using her experience as owner of Cottonfluff Rabbitry, which breeds Lionhead bunnies, Carrier walked the young 4-H members through the process of showing rabbits at a fair.

It's not generally an animal folks think of showing, but with such a small animal, comes huge possibilities, she explained during her presentation to the 4-H clubs.

With the rapid growth of the meat industry, it is important for today's children to know and understand where their food comes from, and what better way to do so than to have them show a rabbit in their local agricultural expo! Showmanship in the small animal department is a fun and easy way for the 4-H members to get their feet wet in the show ring and allow them to increase their confidence and knowledge.

So what is showmanship?

Well, showmanship is a program created to encourage members to maintain high standards for animal management and responsibility to their 4-H project animals. Through showmanship, 4-H members learn to properly care for their chosen project animal and how to show their animal to best demonstrate its qualities. For the small animal department, showing a rabbit in the showmanship class would entail explaining to the judges how they take care of their rabbit and how the rabbit can be bred responsibly. They would be required to explain to the judges why their rabbit has achieved the standard of perfection for their chosen breed.

During the Hatley and Sawyerville 4-H prep day at the Cookshire Fair Fairgrounds, Carrier explained to the members the difference between a meat rabbit and the breed rabbit. With the help of two nine-week-old Lionhead bunnies, she shared the perks of showing a breed rabbit. The 4-H members were quite excited to be learning about such an animal and

the possibilities it could bring them. According to Carrier, two associations are available to everyone (not just the 4-H members), to support the education



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and showing of rabbits around the world. The ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) and the AELCQ (Association des Eleveurs des Lapins et Cobayes du Québec) both host rabbit shows here in Quebec. At Ormstown Fair on June 10, 2023, both associations will come together to create a huge showcase. This is the perfect opportunity for 4-H members interested in showing breed or meat rabbits to come and learn first-hand from some of the top breeders in Quebec.

The Richmond 4-H got the opportunity to learn how to show in a showmanship class on May 27 from Carrier, representing Cottonfluff Rabbitry. With a hands-on demonstration, the members were able to see how to evaluate a rabbit. The members learned the benefits of showing at their local fair. Not only can they win plaques, ribbons and prize money, but they gain the experience,

knowledge and key skills needed to succeed in a career of showing!

With a little time and experience, these young members will be able to show the adults how it's done!

It's so important to get involved in local communities, something that is seen less and less between generations.

COVID hit the world pretty hard, and the impact it has had on community involvement is still being felt. Getting involved today in a local agricultural exposition will not only help current 4-Hers to see what opportunities lie right in their community, but it will also encourage them to continue the tradition of showing year after year.

Submitted by Ashley Carrier
Owner, Cottonfluff Rabbitry
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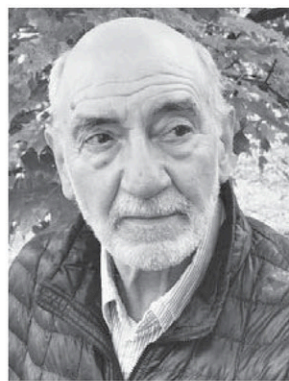
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Chantal Proulx, digging through history



NICK FONDA

On Wednesday, June 14, Drummondville will be paying homage to one of the city's founding families by inaugurating the Robert Nugent Watts Bridge which spans the Rivière Noire. The tribute owes much to Chantal Proulx, whose historical spadework began with an innocuous but persistent crack in the double driveway she and her husband share with a neighbour.

"We couldn't understand why this long crack kept appearing, regardless of our efforts to patch it over," she explains. "Eventually, our neighbour, who was familiar with excavating equipment, dug up the driveway to see if there was a problem underground."

The problem revealed itself to be old stone foundations.

The stone foundations, Chantal learned later, were the remains of Grantham Hall, a large stone manor house that had been built by Robert Nugent Watts in 1846 and that was destroyed by fire in 1922. During those years it was successively the home of two men and their families who played significant roles in the political life of the community and the country.

When Frederick George Heriot settled Drummondville, allotting tracts of land to veterans of the War of 1812-14, he kept for himself the riverfront that is now taken by the golf course and a long-established housing



CHANTAL PROULX

development.

When Heriot passed away in 1843, the property was inherited by one of his maternal cousins, Robert Nugent Watts. It was at Heriot's urging that Watts had come to Canada in 1827 to take an administrative post with the colonial government in Quebec City. In 1841, he was elected to the newly created Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada where he served for about a decade. He continued Heriot's farming operations and, among other things, was Canada's first breeder of pure-bred horses.

Three years after Heriot's death, Watts erected Grantham Hall, a mansion befitting someone of his social and financial standing. Watts built a family burial crypt on the property, now part of the golf course. The crypt has disappeared, but a commemorative stone pays homage to the several members of the Watts family who were interred on the property.

Margaret Ann Nugent Watts was the last of the family to live in Grantham Hall. In 1908 she sold the property to Herbert Meredith Marler, whose grandfather was from Drummondville and was a contemporary of Heriot. A notary and businessman, Marler was elected to the House of Commons in 1921 and served very briefly as a minister without portfolio in 1924. In 1929 he became Canada's first envoy to the Empire of Japan and seven years later was knighted for his services to King and country. A rich man who married an equally rich bride, Beatrice Isabel Allan whose family controlled the Allan Steamship Line, Marler built a 9-hole golf course on the property. Montreal's social elite would take the train for a day-long excursion to the Marler estate for a round of golf and a cup of tea before going back to the city. In 1910, the estate was described as "England transported to a remote corner of a new land" and "probably the most beautiful estate in the whole of Canada." Sadly, it didn't last long. In 1922, a fire destroyed Grantham Hall and the Marlers put their idyllic estate up for sale.

The property was eventually acquired by a group of businessmen from the area who formed the Drummondville Golf and Country Club. Although Grantham Hall had been consumed by flames, several of the outbuildings were intact and were converted to make them useful to golfers. For example, what had been a large chicken coop became the women's club house while the men took for their club house what had been the coachman's cottage. Over the next century, the golf course changed shape as parts were sold off to keep the club afloat.

It was in the 1950s that the southern end of the golf course was sold to developers who began transforming it into the residential neighbourhood where Chantal Proulx now lives.

"Part of the reason this project has turned out to be quite long is that I've found a lot of original material—letters written 150 years ago—and I've



JULIE MILLER

digitized all of it," she says. "I've had a lot of help with my research from the historian, Yolland Allard, and Barry Husk, President of the Société d'histoire de Drummond, who know a great deal of Drummondville's history. They've been invaluable to me in showing me where to look for things and how to document them."

Chantal's work on the Watts family was recognized by the city when it named her a member of the Order of Drummondville, an award that came as a surprise to her but of which she is very proud.

"I liked history well enough when I was in school," she recalls, "but the nuns who taught me didn't encourage my questions. On this project, I much prefer the researching to the writing."

While Chantal's book on the Watts-Sheppard family may still be a year or two from publication, she has written several articles on the topic for *La Lanterne*, the magazine published by Drummondville's genealogical society.

Much of her research has been genealogical and has led her to draw up the family trees of 40 different individuals.

She has also tracked down and contacted 15 descendants of Robert Nugent Watts, now scattered from New York to British Columbia. One of these she met a few years ago by an unlikely series of events.

"Christopher Stevenson is a fifth-generation descendant of Watts," she says. "He lives in Regina, but a few years ago he came here to visit the Watts family commemorative stone on the golf course. After he parked his car, he spoke to a woman who had attended one of my talks and she ended

up driving him here to meet me."

One surprising aspect of Chantal Proulx's research is that while the material she is working with is all in English, she describes herself as a unilingual French-speaker.

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way to do it," she says. "I've corresponded with all the descendants primarily through email. I use a translation program and that permits me to know what they're saying and they seem to understand what I'm asking."

"Jean Cruickshank has been particularly helpful to me," she continues, "as she has numerous artefacts and documents from her distant ancestor, including letters that Watts wrote from Montreal and Kingston to his wife and daughters at Grantham Hall. They reveal him to be an attentive and caring father."

Five of the Watts-Sheppard descendants are expected to be at the English Tea on June 14.

The event, hosted by the Centre for Access to Services in English (CASE), the Société d'histoire de Drummond, and the St. George's Church Foundation, will take place at the Drummondville Golf Club from 2:00 - 5:00 on June 14. The event will start with a formal commemoration ceremony of the Robert Nugent Watts Bridge, presided over by Drummondville Mayor Stéphanie Lacoste. Chantal Proulx will be there with some of the archival material that she has unearthed.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students. As space is limited please make a reservation by email: casemcq.project.agent@gmail.com.

EDITORIAL

Canada should look to its past and Europe for guidance on media policy — but not south

By Mark Lloyd

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Seventy years ago, Canadian leaders turned away from the British model of media policy that rejected advertising-supported private broadcasting.

While it's gone well for a few private corporations, it hasn't benefited the Canadian public. And the future heralds an even more dangerous American-style media landscape here in Canada.

Canadian leaders once understood the importance and even the potential danger of media to the public. Those lessons need to be remembered. The honourable early history of media policy in Canada needs to be embraced anew.

Aird Commission findings

In 1928, the Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting, also known as the Aird Commission, was created to consider alternative models for the future of Canadian broadcasting.

It was led by Sir John Aird, the president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. As media scholar Marc Raboy writes in his comprehensive history of Canadian broadcasting, *Missed Opportunities*, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was established because of public pressure that came from a broad coalition of civic organizations that made up the Canadian Radio League.

The Aird Commission found much to be alarmed about regarding radio. As Aird stated in 1932:

"I have watched — naturally I felt it my duty to watch — the program and the material that was coming over the air, and much of it is of the most objectionable character ... what I object to most strongly is the character of the ribald songs and vulgar dialogues regarding robberies, burglaries, hold-ups of banks and things like that."

The commissioners listened to radio around the world and heard the concerns of various communities with access to the medium. They consistently heard complaints about content, but also about advertising.

As a result of its research, the Aird Commission proposed a publicly owned corporation not unlike the British Broadcasting Corporation (the BBC). It argued the new medium of radio should be regarded as a national public service

rather than a profit-making industry, and its ownership and operating structure should be organized to recognize this principle.

Creation of the CBC/Radio-Canada

In 1936, the Canadian Broadcasting Act created the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/Radio-Canada as a Crown corporation funded through fees known as receiver set licences (initially \$2.50 per licence) with limited financing from advertising.

Richard Bedford Bennett, the Conservative prime minister of Canada who had the unfortunate task of attempting to unite a divided and economically struggling country through the Great Depression of the 1930s, pushed the CBC through its parliamentary hurdles.

Bennett proclaimed:

"This country must be assured of complete Canadian control of broadcasting from Canadian sources. Without such control, broadcasting can never be the agency by which national consciousness may be fostered and sustained and national unity still further strengthened."

In addition to telling the Canadian story to the booming cities of Vancouver, Montréal and Toronto, the CBC was tasked with reaching remote and isolated rural and maritime communities, providing both national and local voices reflecting Canada and in two languages: English and French. Canada's vast territory and multilingual character made the CBC one of the world's most far-reaching and complex public broadcasters.

Yet the Aird Commission recommendation that private broadcasting should be fully replaced by public broadcasting never happened.

The British model of public service media funded through receiver licence fees was eventually abandoned in 1953, and CBC funding would be tied to the shifting sands of parliamentary funding.

Cuts to the CBC

In 1984, the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney made significant cuts to the CBC, and those cuts increased under the Liberal government of Jean Chrétien.

Make no mistake — the BBC has more than its share of problems. While it's thrived without advertising, it has lost some of its audience to the private

commercial broadcasting that began in the U.K. in 1955 and from political pressure exerted by both Labour and Tory administrations.

Nonetheless, the BBC continues to dominate broadcast and online news in the U.K. The CBC has not fared as well.

Budget cuts to the CBC, often fuelled by partisan politics, have wrought havoc. The Windsor CBC station I watched as a child growing up in Detroit was once a profitable Canadian production powerhouse, but it cancelled popular local programming and slashed the news operation.

In 1990, because of further budget cuts, CBC closed down the station's news department, spurring street protests from thousands of Windsor citizens.

A "Save Our Station" committee was formed to pressure both CBC and the Canadian government to preserve the Windsor operation. Some limited news service was established because of these protests, but other communities once served by the CBC had no such luck.

Private broadcaster CTV has eclipsed the CBC as Canada's most-watched television network. And according to the independent media database IMDb, CTV's top programs are all American productions; mainly police and medical dramas.

The European way

Europe suggests a better path. A recent study by the European Broadcasting Union shows a strong correlation between a country's democratic well-being and robust public service media, including online media.

Social media policy in the United States has generated echo chambers of misinformation and conspiracy and has certainly not curtailed the erosion of civic knowledge. A 2022 study by the

Annenberg Public Policy Center reveals that while many Americans are angry about politics, less than half of those surveyed understood the basics of U.S. government.

And in Canada? According to Statista, Canada is one of the world's most connected online populations, with a social media penetration rate of 89 per cent of the Canadian population.

The most popular media sites in Canada are also U.S.-based — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

U.S.-based, advertising-driven social media sites designed to stoke outrage are not creating more informed Canadians. The actions of the so-called Freedom Convoy illustrates this phenomenon.

And, unfortunately, similar to American civic illiteracy, a recent Forum Research Poll suggests only one in 10 Canadians would pass the Canadian citizenship exam.

Looking ahead

The future of advertising-driven media does not bode well for democracy. Even Silicon Valley leaders are warning against a laissez-faire U.S. policy approach in terms of generative artificial intelligence/ large language models like ChatGPT.

The American threat to Canada continues not because of U.S. power, but because Canadian leaders have not put in place policies to foster and protect Canadian democracy.

Civic organizations of all stripes need to come together to demand a new approach to media that's informed by lessons from Canada's past and by the obvious mistakes evident south of the border.

This article was originally published on The Conversation.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR,

I wish to echo Merrilee MacAulay's sentiments in today's edition of *The Record*. Since the mid-1800's the *Sherbrooke Daily Record* (as it used to be called) covered the big early summer event known as Bishop's University Convocation. Indeed, this year was Convocation number 195, but where was our local newspaper? *The Record* has covered this event fully, even including lists of the entire graduating class as a special feature, until recent years. Even throughout the pandemic, when Convocation was regrettably held online only, Convocation reliably took the stage in the Friday edition just prior to a celebration which praises and recognizes this academic achievement of so many bright young people, and also unofficially launching the summer season in Lennoxville and beyond. So I ask again: what happened?

ANNA M. GRANT - CLASS OF 1981, BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

I would like to respond to Merrilee MacAulay's letter to the editor of yesterday June 6, 2023 in *The Record*.

I read about the Bishop's four honorands and information on convocation in *The Townships Weekend* edition as well as the interview with principal Michael Goldbloom's final convocation in Monday's *Record*.

Comparing coverage of convocation to a community's response to an outstanding volunteer was a cheap shot.

JO-ANN HOVEY
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Local Sports

According to the province's forest fire prevention agency, more than 150 forest fires were burning in the province on Tuesday, including more than 110 deemed out of control.

'A situation that's unprecedented.' Quebec confronted with over 150 wildfires

By Jacob Serebrin and Sidhartha Banerjee
The Canadian Press

As one Quebec city that had been threatened by wildfires lifted an evacuation order Tuesday, authorities turned their attention to communities in the northern and north-western parts of the province where firefighters worked to beat back threats from out-of-control blazes.

"We're following all of this from hour to hour, obviously," Premier Francois Legault told reporters in Sept-Iles, Que. "If we look at the situation in Quebec as a whole, there are several places where it is still worrying."

According to the province's forest fire prevention agency, more than 150 forest fires were burning in the province on Tuesday, including more than 110 deemed out of control.

Legault said the Abitibi-Temiscamingue region in northwestern Quebec is an area of particular concern, with the communities of Normetal and Lebel-sur-Quevillon under threat.

The mayor of Lebel-sur-Quevillon, where about 2,100 people were forced from their homes on the weekend, said the fire is about 10 kilometres outside of town, but its advance has been slower than expected. "The fire started in an area where there were no trees, which slowed it down considerably," Guy Lafreniere said.

Other northern communities at risk include Chibougamau, where crews have been creating firebreaks, and the Cree village of Chisasibi on the eastern shore of James Bay. Firefighting resources have also been dispatched to Hydro-Quebec's Micoua substation near Baie-Comeau, Legault said.

On Monday, Legault said authorities had no choice but to leave the hamlet of Clova to burn, drawing the ire of local residents. Legault said Tuesday that he had simply repeated what fire prevention officials told him: the fire around the tiny community about 325 kilometres northwest of Montreal was too intense to send water bombers. That remained true Tuesday, he said, but he noted that no homes had burned.

Dominic Vincent, the owner of the Auberge Restaurant Clova, said that by Monday afternoon, the situation in the area had already improved, aided by cooler temperatures and a change in wind direction. While smoke remained visible, it was far less intense, he said.

Vincent said that for three days residents worked with crews from Quebec's forest fire prevention agency, SOPFEU, to protect the village.

"SOPFEU cut firebreaks and we filled tanks with water, along with our friends from the outfitters next to us, to be able to help the places that didn't have water and then we tried to stop the fire along the side of

the roads," he said in an interview.

With so many fires burning, Legault said authorities were focusing on towns and critical infrastructure. He met with civil security officials and firefighting teams in Sept-Iles, Que., where an evacuation order affecting about 4,500 residents of the town and the nearby Innu community of Mani-Utenam was lifted Tuesday.

Sept-Iles Mayor Steeve Beaupre told a separate news conference that the fire was no longer deemed a threat, but he warned residents to be ready to leave again should the situation change.

"I want to make it clear that the fight is far from over," Beaupre said after delivering the good news. "The fire is still large and active and it could remain so for several days, even several weeks, which means that we could be forced to evacuate certain sectors of Sept-Iles again."

Meanwhile, Public Security Minister Francois Bonnardel was in northwestern Quebec where he said more firefighters were expected Wednesday. He said there are concerns for hydro transmission lines and a high-speed internet connection

link to the North.

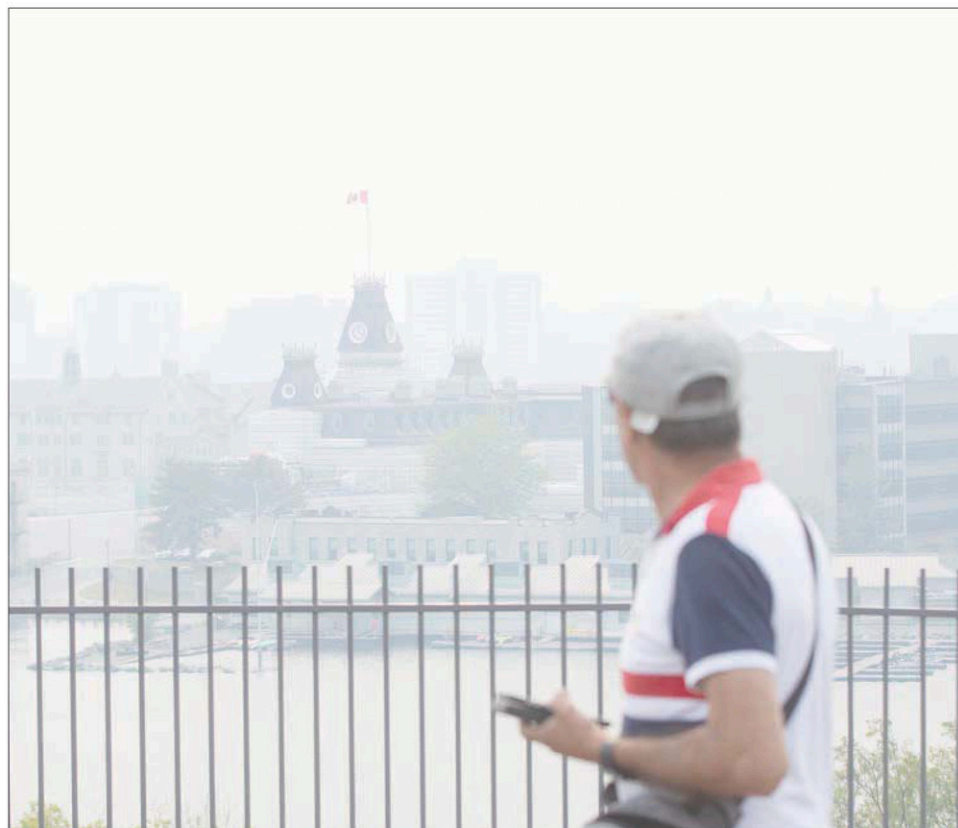
He defended the government's response to the fires, saying the province is doing everything it can, but all provinces are dealing with their own wildfires.

"We're experiencing an unprecedented situation, exceptional, everywhere on Quebec territory," Bonnardel said. "We've never had so many fires so early in the season, it's not just a problem for Quebec, it's a problem all over Canada."

Another 250 firefighters are expected in the region in the coming days to join the 230 already on the ground, Bonnardel said.


Natural Resources Minister Maite Blanchette Vezina told reporters in Quebec City that evacuees across the province number just over 8,300, down from 10,000 to start the week, but the Abitibi region remains a concern. "We are not expecting rain in the short term, which is what makes it more difficult to fight fires," Blanchette Vezina said.

Forest access bans remain in effect for several regions, and open fires are banned throughout Quebec.



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Smoke from wildfires burning across both Ontario and Quebec blanket the skyline in Kingston, Ont., Tuesday, June 6, 2023.



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Death



Diane (née Turner) EDEN

1936 - 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Diane, after a long struggle with cancer and dementia. Predeceased by her first husband (Laurie), sister Merle and brother John.

She will always be remembered as a witty, generous, and loving friend. She was devoted wife to Peter Harrison, mother to John, sister-in-law to Nancy (Turner), stepmother to Ken (Shirley), Catherine (Mel), Enid (Peter), Miles (Maureen), dear aunt to Stacey (Kevin), Laurence (Shannon) and Frances.

Diane was born in Toronto, grew up in Montreal, and moved to Knowlton. She was an executive assistant at Havill Paper.

A trusted volunteer, founding member and President with the Wellness Centre in Knowlton as well as a volunteer with the B..MP. (Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital) Auxiliary Association.

She was very active in the Knowlton golf club and a voracious reader throughout her life.

Special thanks to the outstanding caring team of Santé Courville (5305 rue Courville, Waterloo, QC) for their support and help during her final days.

A Celebration of Life will take place in the near future with the interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donation to the B.M.P. Foundation (www.bmpfoundation.ca) and or the Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca) is appreciated.

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Death

Death

Cemetery Meeting

Kathryn Ann RHODES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathryn Ann Rhodes (nee Sheltus) on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at West Oak Village Long Term Care Home at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Brian Woodbridge Rhodes.

Loving mother of David (Marisa) Rhodes and Judy (Peter) Opar. Proud grandmother of Colin and Elizabeth Rhodes; and Michael, Andrew, and Nicholas Opar. Predeceased by her brother John Ashley Sheltus. Kathy will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Special thanks to the staff at WOV Williams House for their wonderful care and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kathy would be appreciated by the family to any of the following organizations: Save the Elephants (<https://www.savetheelephants.org/donate-landing>); The Riverwood Conservancy (<https://theriverwoodconservancy.org/donate/>) or Brome Missisquoi Museum (<http://museemissisquoi.ca/make-a-donation>).

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*We thought of you today
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And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
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Now all we have are memories
And your pictures in a frame.
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With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

Always remembered and fondly loved by
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COOKSHIRE CEMETERY

The annual general meeting of the Cookshire Cemetery Association will be held at the United Church in Cookshire on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

Date Book

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

Today is the 158th day of 2023 and the 80th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1776, Richard Henry Lee proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a declaration of independence.

In 1929, Vatican City became a sovereign state.

In 1942, the Battle of Midway ended in a U.S. victory against Japan.

In 1971, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling set the precedent that vulgar writing is protected under the First Amendment.

In 2006, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, was killed by a U.S. airstrike.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Paul Gauguin (1848-1903), painter; James Braddock (1905-1974), boxer; Jessica Tandy (1909-1994), actress; Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), poet; Dean Martin (1917-1995), singer/actor; Tom Jones (1940-), singer; Liam Neeson (1952-), actor; Orhan Pamuk (1952-), author; Prince (1958-2016), singer-songwriter/musician; Karl Urban (1972-), actor; Allen Iverson (1975-), basketball player; Bill Hader (1978-), actor/comedian; Anna Kournikova (1981-), tennis player; Michael Cera (1988-), actor; Iggy Azalea (1990-), rapper.

TODAY'S FACT: Pope Julius II hired the Swiss Guard to serve as his personal protection in 1506. The paid mercenary force has been protecting popes in Vatican City ever since.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1978, the Washington Bullets (now Wizards) won the franchise's first and only NBA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Art hurts. Art urges voyages - and it is easier to stay at home." - Gwendolyn Brooks

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,000 - estimated population of Vatican City in 2023.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 3) and last quarter moon (June 10).

Death

Death



Pauline Audrey LITTLEJOHN

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Pauline. She departed this world on April 30th, 2023 at the Wales Home in Cleveland, Quebec.

Pauline was born November 27, 1936, to John and Jennie (Coates) Littlejohn. She was a loving sister to the late Howard (Joan) and Beverly (the late Clifford) Goodfellow. A cherished aunt to Stephen Goodfellow (Isabelle), Andrew (Tanya) and Karyn Littlejohn. As well as a great-aunt to Brian & Derrick Goodfellow, Mathew & Nicole

Littlejohn, Carly, Austin & Devon Prince. Her wonderful and loyal friends will miss her daily/weekly calls as she leaves a hole in all of our lives. Pauline touched the lives of many with her kindness and compassion.

A graveside service to celebrate the life of Pauline will be held a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Mission Old Brewery in memory of Pauline Littlejohn. Contributions can be sent to P.O Box 278, Station Place d'Armes, Montreal, QC, H2Y 3G7.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has offered their support, condolences, and assistance during this difficult time. We will forever cherish the memories we shared with Pauline and find solace in knowing that she is at peace.

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Scammers target the elderly

Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

Dear Annie: My 81-year-old mom and I live together. I work 52 hours a week, so she is home alone a lot. She does get picked up by friends a few times a week to play bingo.

But something serious has happened. A guy started an online chat with her on a "Words with Friends" game. She chatted back, and by the fourth chat he had asked for her personal information such as her email address and phone number.

Now they text every day, and she thinks she's in love with him. He's supposed to be a military peacekeeper in Baghdad, who has a suitcase he found with \$5 million in it. He asked her to pay a fee of \$1,250 to have the suitcase sent to our home until he's out of the military. She will not believe me when I tell her it's a scammer.

She sent him the money last week. She only gets \$1,200 a month from her Social Security.

She won't Google the name of the person to whom she sent the money. Now he apparently needs \$10,000 for attorney fees. I found the receipt in her room, and, guess what? It's from Nigeria, not Iraq. I figured my mom knew better than this. She hasn't even met the guy she's been texting these past six weeks.

I don't know what to do! Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. – Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned Daughter: It sounds like your mom is lonely, and going to bingo a few times a week is not enough human interaction for her. Look for local community resources for your mother. Reach out to some of her friends to see if there are other activities they might enjoy together.

You sound like a very hardworking daughter. Consider reconnecting with your mom, and taking a little time for yourself, by taking your mom to the theater or a comedy show – something that you both might enjoy.

However, you have a right to be concerned about her finances. Scams that prey upon the elderly are all too common. They target people who are looking for connection and purpose, which is what it sounds like your mother is craving. If she refuses to listen to you, reach out to the authorities, such as the Adult Protective Services. They provide help and advice for people who are being tricked out of their savings.

Dear Annie: Recently, you published a letter from "Bent But Not Broken in Missouri," who was unable to forgive her family for not supporting her and her ailing husband. Your advice to concentrate on her blessings and to find a support group was excellent, and I hope she listens to you.

In my 75 years of living experience, I have had ample opportunities for hindsight. And I've come to understand that people do themselves a tremendous disservice by assuming they know the whole situation when they can't possibly know what is happening in another person's life. We are never the only one experiencing difficulties and most people prefer privacy regarding trouble in their lives. I think "Bent" should consider her brother had issues preventing them from traveling of which she was unaware. She should remember the world does not revolve around just her and be happy her brother and his wife have, for whatever reason, now reached out to her.

I have cared for more than one ailing family member and can tell you that many people will say something wrong when trying to be helpful in difficult situations. It's always best to smile and simply say, "Thank you." Awkward situations create awkwardness, and generally people mean well. So I think she should also give her aunt the benefit of the doubt. Love is kind, forgiving and accepting, and we generally receive in kind what we give to others. My advice to her would be to try not to judge and she will be happier. – Happier in My Old Age

Dear Happier: Thank you for your wise perspective.

Dear Annie: My youngest is set to move out of the family home in the next month or two. We don't mind her living at home, but she needs to move out for her own peace of mind, so she can have her own space and start to live independently. She's 22. In the past – and still – she has often asked for money so that she can make important payments (for example, college tuition, car insurance). But more often than not, she uses the money I give her to buy frivolous, in-the-moment wants. She has two jobs, so I know she'll be able to afford rent – if she keeps up the hard work and doesn't fall into laziness. She has a habit of getting a new job, getting really excited about it for a few weeks to a few months and then seemingly getting bored. Then the new job fizzles out and she moves on.

I want her to make this move and live on her own successfully and truly independently. I think she needs it. I think it'll help her grow. But I'm foreseeing her asking me for rent money – I'm in a tough financial spot at the moment – and I won't be able to say no. She's my kid. I want her to know I'm always on her side, that I've got her back no matter what. She's had a rough life. How do I balance this nurturing impulse with letting her learn some big lessons on her own? – Distressed About Departing Dependent

Dear Distressed: Good parenting

means sometimes being the bad guy. You can offer her support in ways that aren't monetary, such as talking through her goals and helping her to figure out what career path she might be interested in. But if she asks for cash, tell her no, and stick to it – not just for your own financial health but for hers. Babybirds don't learn to fly until they're kicked out of the nest, and young adults don't truly learn responsibility until their livelihoods depend on it. Rest assured that ultimately, she will look back and know that you were always on her side.

Dear Annie: I read your column almost every day and have often wondered why you never mention Families Anonymous when responding to a family member or friend of someone who has an addiction issue. This organization helped me enormously when I was trying to cope with my daughter's addiction. I'd been to Al-Anon and, while I think it's a fine organization, there is a slightly different attitude among participants of Families Anonymous. I hope you'll check it out and try recommending it in your column. Thanks for all the good you do. – Elizabeth in Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Elizabeth in Roanoke: I've

heard many wonderful things about Families Anonymous, and I'm happy to recommend it here. Readers can learn more about the program and find out how to attend free meetings at <https://www.familiesanonymous.org>. Thank you for writing.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Tired of the Night Prowls," whose cats kept her or him awake by fighting all night. My wife had a similar problem. We solved it by coating the cats using a stick of butter. The cats spent the whole night cleaning themselves, which left no time for fighting each other. – Brennan

Dear Brennan: Thank you for the chuckle. I can't say I endorse this advice; in fact, I have to caution against it, as cats are lactose intolerant. But you win big points for creativity.

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by Luis Campos

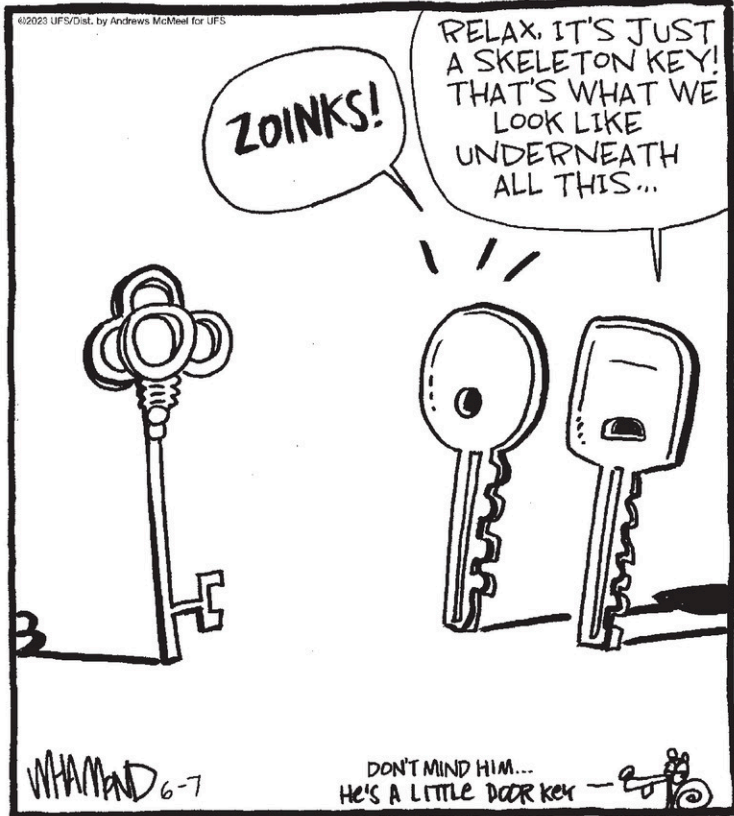
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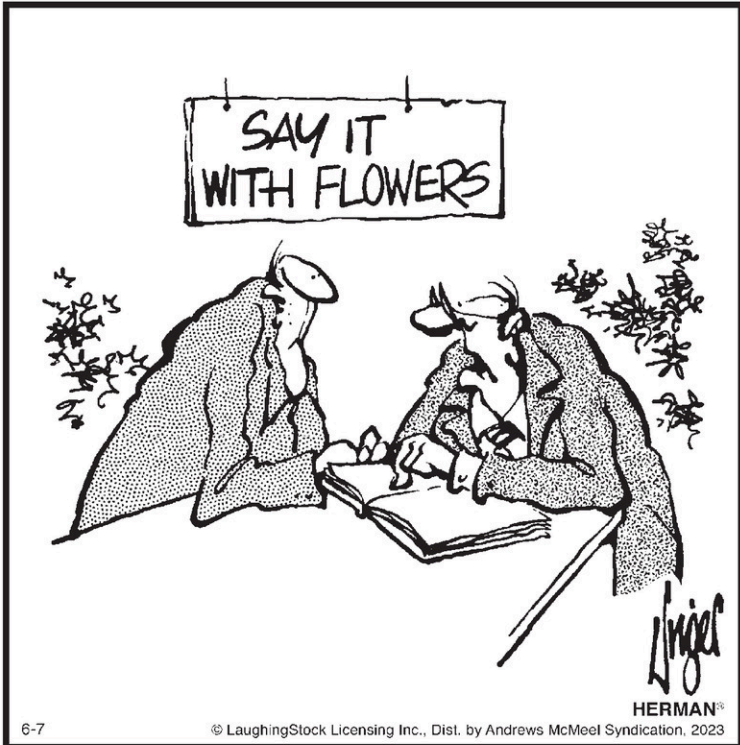
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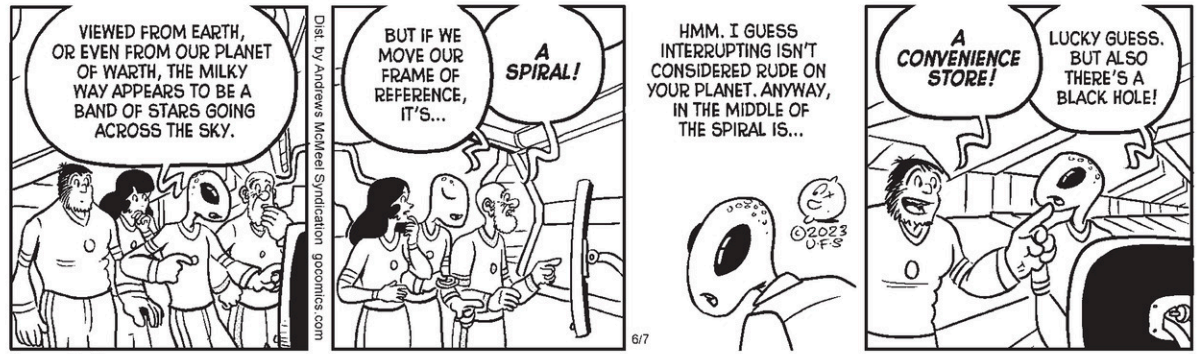


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“How do you say, ‘take your job and shove it’ with poinsettias?”

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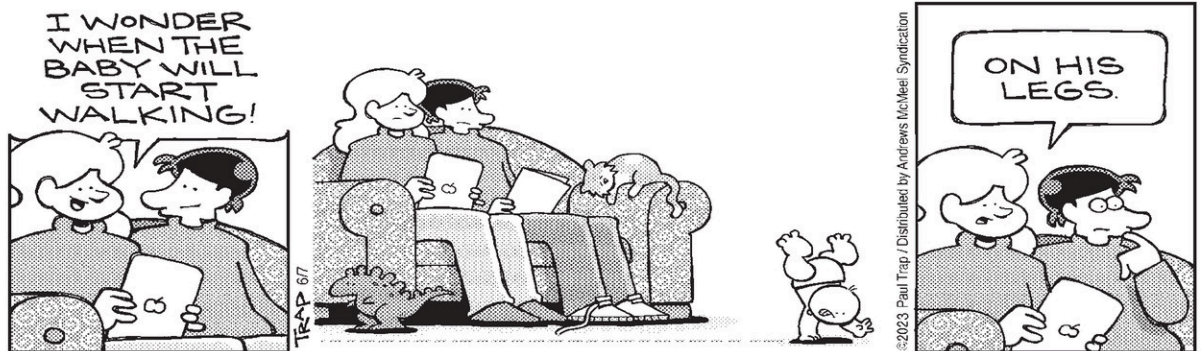
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- Schedule to be determined according to need, season, et. with built in *Flex Time)
- Starting date: as soon as possible

Job Summary:

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business. Refuse to let your emotions get out of control. A simple solution is favored. Calm precision will be necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Put your finances in order before you take on additional expenses. Don't be fooled by someone who tends to embellish situations. Pay attention to how others treat you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Change begins with you. Entertain the possibilities and connect with people who can offer expert advice to eliminate any uncertainty you have regarding your next move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Follow through with your plans. Refuse to let others stand between you and happiness. Fight for what you want. A lifestyle change will enhance your life. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't let fear limit what you can achieve. Trust and believe in yourself, and manage your time and money to fit your long-term plans. Think about making some financial changes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Direct your energy wisely. Don't take on so much that you can't focus on what's meaningful. Call on those with a good track record for help. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Be passionate, say what's on your mind and finish things on time. Don't let others slow you down. Change whatever you aren't satisfied with, and you'll eliminate frustration.

Pick up the pace and shoot for the stars. Set meaningful goals and adjust your schedule to suit your demands. Keep things simple and stick to your plans. Take a step back from people who drag you down or tempt you to waste time. Learn through observation and experience, and avoid mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - An energetic approach will bring attention and valuable input from experts. Speak from the heart, and follow through with action. Stick to a budget you can afford.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Your consistency will make a difference today. Get your facts straight before you pass along information, and find out what things cost before you make a commitment. Put a budget in place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Keep things in perspective. You'll feel the need to overdo it or embellish information. Listen to reason when dealing with health or personal issues. Make the nurturing of partnerships a priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Determine what you must do to reach your goal. Emphasize educational pursuits, practice and conversations with people who can help you further your objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Focus on situations that require your attention. The more familiar you are with what it will cost to reach your goal, the easier it will be to negotiate. Seek out help if you need it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A reflective approach will help you take care of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 1 Air show stunts
 - 6 Twirler's gear
 - 11 Detached
 - 12 Dote on
 - 13 Place to fish
 - 15 Garfield or McCarthy
 - 16 Boxed up
 - 18 Small fry
 - 19 Freud topic
 - 21 CPA employer
 - 22 A Guthrie
 - 23 Mr. Spinks of boxing
 - 25 Make a breeze
 - 28 Slow down
 - 30 Whirlpool locale
 - 31 Snake River loc.
 - 32 Selene's sister
 - 33 Hi-fi component
 - 35 Like Gatsby
- DOWN**
- 37 AMA members
 - 38 Pored over
 - 40 Proof word
 - 41 Wind dir.
 - 42 Pigment
 - 43 Kind of humor
 - 46 In and of —
 - 48 Uses a crane
 - 50 BB shot
 - 54 Savory jelly
 - 55 Gullible
 - 56 Hen's lack
 - 57 Limerick writer — Nash
 - 1 — Vegas
 - 2 Cast a vote
 - 3 Paddle cousin
 - 4 Make in advance
 - 5 Pupil's reward
 - 6 Orchestra
 - 7 Affix
 - 8 Actionable wrong

- 9 Two-color cookie
- 10 Kid in "Aliens"
- 14 Post
- 15 Fable author
- 17 Intrude
- 19 Mistake
- 20 It's made from sand
- 22 Retired
- 24 Harp on
- 25 Tempestuous
- 26 Proverb
- 27 Defense org.
- 29 Hearing organ
- 34 Is introduced
- 36 Danger signal (2 wds.)
- 39 Profound
- 43 "Come again?"
- 44 Trellis coverer
- 45 "Ouch!"
- 46 Problem with hives
- 47 Comedian Jay —
- 49 Make a lap
- 51 Box top
- 52 Twilight, to a poet
- 53 Wallet filler

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Looking at the world from upside down

By Phillip Alder

Paul Newman probably would have preferred to be a Formula 1 champion than an Oscar-winning actor. His first law was: "It is useless to put on your brakes when you're upside down."

Sometimes a bridge player is looking at a deal upside down, when he declares after a transfer bid by partner. However, that still doesn't change the necessity to count winners and losers.

In today's deal, how should South play in six clubs after West leads a safe trump?

North made a transfer bid to clubs, South said that he liked clubs (two no-trump would have indicated a dislike), and North drove his partner into slam.

South saw 10 top tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and six clubs. A spade ruff in the shorter trump hand (unusually, declarer's) was an 11th winner. The first declarer decided the 12th had to be either the diamond queen or the heart queen. He tried both finesses and then grumbled about his bad luck.

The better declarer realized the diamond queen or a long diamond would do.

After taking the first trick on the *

North		06-07-23	
♠ A K 5			
♥ 7 2			
♦ 6 3			
♣ A Q J 9 8 5			
West	East		
♠ Q 8 7	♠ J 6 4 3 2		
♥ K 9 4	♥ J 10 8 5 3		
♦ K 10 9 4	♦ J 5		
♣ 6 4 3	♣ 2		
South			
♠ 10 9			
♥ A Q 6			
♦ A Q 8 7 2			
♣ K 10 7			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	6♣!	All Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 3			

board, declarer played a diamond to his queen. It lost to West's king, and another trump came back.

South cashed his diamond ace, ruffed a diamond, took the top spades, ruffed the spade five with his last trump, ruffed another diamond, removed West's final club, crossed to the heart ace and discarded dummy's heart loser on the high diamond eight.

Finally, note that if a defender discards on the diamond ace, declarer can try the heart finesse.