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Centraide surpasses its goal

By Gordon Lambie

Centraide Estrie, the Eastern Townships branch of United Way, announced on Wednesday morning that its 2017 fundraising campaign succeeded in raising \$1,635,500. The campaign, which was the organization's 42nd in the area, began in September with a goal of raising \$1.6 million to help 68 local initiatives that serve the less fortunate in different ways.

"These are the best results in the last five years," said Eric Ashby, who served in the role of campaign chair for the second year in a row, explaining that the 68 groups funded by the annual campaign go on to help more than 62,000 people across the region.

"It is thanks to our dedicated donors and volunteers that we have this success," said Yves Jodoin, Chair of Centraide Estrie's Board of Directors, noting that this year's campaign saw a 4.5 per cent increase over the previous year despite the vast range of different organizations and causes out seeking donations on a regular basis.

Wednesday's announcement also offered the charitable organization the opportunity to announce a new partnership with Chocolat Lamontagne, the Sherbrooke-based fundraising chocolate company.

"For the last 30 years, Chocolat Lamontagne has been a leader in fundraising

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Free breakfast, Texas style



MATTHEW MCCULLY

By Matthew McCully

While most people opt to head south for spring break, there was a group of Texans who decided to come north of the border to catch the last of the season's snow storms.

Yesterday morning, students from

the Bishop's University Encounter Student Ministries were out in the cold bright and early to offer free breakfast to people on their way to campus.

They were joined by a group of friends from Texas who were on spring break, up for a visit. Surprisingly, they were more than happy to brave the cold and snow and help their BU counter-

parts serve coffee and snacks.

While most locals are ready for warmer weather, the Texans explained that they have the opposite problem.

"It's really refreshing," they said, adding that they would gladly bring some snow home on the plane if they could.

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Happy St. Pablo's Day!



ROSS MURRAY

I recently received the results of my ancestry DNA testing, and in addition to 70 percent of my genetic roots originating in Great Britain, Scotland and Ireland, I was very excited to learn that 12 percent of my genetic makeup springs from the Iberian Peninsula! I was even more excited after I looked at a map and found out exactly where the Iberian Peninsula is!

That's Spain and Portugal, which is amazing because whenever I've stood on the pounding surf of the Atlantic and gazed westward across that watery divide, my eyes have not been drawn to the northern isles but have drifted further south. I thought it was a problem with my eyeglass prescription, but no! It was Portugal, drawing me home, or as they say in Portuguese: "Seu compromisso foi cancelado."

So naturally I will be celebrating my Portuguese roots, and there's no better day than today, because, as I'm sure you know, today is St. Pablo's Day! Top o' the Fado to you!

We get so wrapped up in the modern trappings of St. Pablo's Day that we sometimes forget that St. Pablo was a real person, with a real history and a real gambling problem. So allow me to refresh your memory:

St. Pablo was born in the village of Mira-Mira-Anduwahl sometime in the

5th century. Historians aren't sure exactly when but it is believed around 2:15 in the afternoon. According to early Christian writings, at age 16, Pablo was captured by a roving band of haberdashers, who forced the young boy into the gruelling world of hat blocking.

Pablo was converted to Christianity after listening to a roving missionary whose heart wasn't really into it, giving rise to the nickname "Pablo The Easily Convinced."

But Pablo also had conviction, and after many days of fasting and pious prayer, he miraculously escaped his captors when they accidentally left the door open.

Pablo then travelled throughout Iberia performing miracles, including the Miracle of the Necktie Tied Perfectly Every Time, the Miracle of the Not-Mushy Croutons and the Miracle of Pull My Finger.

St. Pablo is perhaps best known for driving the wombats out of Portugal. Today, wombats can only be found in Australia. Consequently, Pablo is known as the Patron Saint of Taking Things Way Too Far.

Today, St. Pablo's Day is celebrated around the world and elsewhere as well. It has evolved from a Christian feast day to a secular holiday celebrating Portuguese heritage and the imposition of that Portuguese heritage on others, whether 12 percent of their ancestral DNA comes from the Iberian Peninsula or not.

Modern celebrants wear ochre-coloured outfits and eat ochre-coloured foods including arroz de sarrabulho (rice stewed in pigs blood) and arroz com fiapos de secador (rice with dryer lint). They also drink copious amounts of ochre port, which is made by mixing regular port with chocolate milk, a concoction known as coagulando meu estômago

("my stomach will be emptying itself soon.")

At this point, the celebrants take to the street with the traditional grandes palitos ("large sticks") and T-shirts sporting comical versions of St. Pablo as well as the mythical symbol of Portugal, the vestigial tail. Some wear novelty ball caps that read, "Goose Me, I'm Portuguese." They then confront passersby and grill them on whether they are wearing ochre.

"Ochre, ochre, where's your ochre?" they chant.

"But I'm not Portuguese," the hapless victim might say. "I'm 30 percent Scandinavian and 70 percent water."

"Hapless, hapless!" the St. Pabby's Day celebrants cry. They raise their sticks high into the air. They scream a Portuguese war cry. They lean in menacingly, their breath reeking of ochre-port and dryer lint. And then they take their victim shopping for some ochre accessories at the nearest dollar store.

As a result, many people pretend to be Portuguese on St. Pablo's Day because, honest to god, what with the parades, the roving rotisseries, the constant threat of "Lisbon litigation" (AKA getting punched in the custard tart) and the all-around piri piri pressure, it's just easier to go along, even if you've never had a single thing to do with Portuguese culture in your non-Portuguese life.

As for me, with my rich Iberian blood, I'll be spending today celebrating and trafficking in vaguely offensive cultural stereotypes. And so I'd like to leave you with this Portuguese blessing: "May your road be free of potholes, may your pigs blood be savoury, and may you be halfway to Braga before your family knows you wiped out their savings."

Although, come to think of it, I could be Spanish.



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LOCAL NEWS

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Sykes closing its doors, but keeping the phone lines open

Sherbrooke call centre “adapting to a digital era”

By Gordon Lambie

The Sherbrooke Sykes call centre will be closing its doors on May 31 of this year, but company representatives are emphasizing the fact that no jobs are being cut or even leaving town. Describing the company as being on the forefront of a wave that is about to sweep through call centres around the world, Kim Selph, Director of Global Marketing, Communications and Public relations told The Record that Sykes is in the process of shifting its centres to a “virtual delivery model,” that will allow employees to do the same work they are now, but from home.

“Sykes is always evaluating the mar-

ketplace to ensure the best possible outcome for our clients, their customers and our employees,” Selph said. “Our mission will remain the same and changes to pay and benefits will be minimal.”

Éric Croteau, Regional Human Resources Director for Sykes Canada explained that although people associate the closing of an office with bad news for a company, in this case Sykes is shutting down its physical location in order to grow.

“This is very exciting and good news,” the human resources director said, arguing that the new arrangement allows employees more flexibility and a better work/life balance without taking away

any of the pay or benefits that they currently enjoy. On top of that, he emphasized the fact that the company is continuing to hire in the region and said that people can expect to see recruiters at the upcoming Salon Priorité-Emploi job fair this weekend. “We want to encourage people to apply,” he continued, saying that prospective employees will still be able to apply and be interviewed online.

Asked how the “virtual delivery model” will work, Croteau explained that the company will provide a computer terminal and the necessary telephone equipment to each employee along with the proper training and support to know how it works. Although

having all of a company’s employees at home might seem isolating, the human resources director said that a range of online chatrooms and communications tools have been put in place to ensure that staff can easily communicate with one another.

“We are pioneers adapting to a new digital era,” Croteau said, explaining that similar changes are already in progress at Sykes’ locations in Peterborough Ontario and Miramichi New Brunswick.

“We have very high rates of employee satisfaction for our Sykes Home positions,” Selph said. “We expect the transition to go well.”

Bagels and budget talk

By Matthew McCully

Members of the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce were up bright and Early yesterday for a breakfast meeting with Compton-Stanstead MP and Minister of International Development and Le Francophonie Marie Claude Bibeau to learn about the impacts of the federal budget on the region.

Dubbed a budget of ‘Growth and Equality,’ an emphasis was put on the equal participation of women in the job market.

“It’s not only the right thing to do; it

is the smart thing to do,” Bibeau explained, during the opening of her speech.

Bibeau’s address began with an explanation of social justice and anti-poverty programs, referencing Habitations Hestia in Coaticook building 20 new housing units for people with physical handicaps and 18 apartments under construction in Lennoxville for youth with mental health issues through the Mon Shack, mes choix, mon avenir organization.

While pointing out that the businesses and organizations at yesterday’s meeting might not be touched directly

by investments targeting the most vulnerable members of the community, Bibeau said that funding for social programs, in the long run, would stimulate the local economy.

On the topic of infrastructure, Bibeau drew attention to \$180 billion that will support infrastructure projects in the country over the next 12 years.

Locally, she referred to \$4.1 million for sustainable transportation for Transport Sherbrooke, \$3.3 million for sewer and aqueduct work in Weedon and Stanstead, \$1.1 million to update a recreation centre in Coaticook, as well as the construction of a performance venue for

children’s theatre in Sherbrooke and the renovation of the Sherbrooke Historical Society.

Bishop’s and the University of Sherbrooke will also benefit in investments totalling \$16 million for research and innovation projects.

Getting rural communities wired up is another priority in the budget, according to Bibeau, referring to the ‘Brancher pour innover’ program to acquire internet connectivity in outlying municipalities in the region.

Bibeau went on to cover everything

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Centraide

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chocolate, and Centraide is a leader in charitable giving,” said Tina Lamontagne, the company’s Vice President of Business Development and daughter of founder Richard Lamontagne. “We have been searching a long time for a charitable, effective, and proven way of giving back to the community, and we have found that in Centraide.”

In 2016, the Centraide campaign donations were redistributed in amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$40,000 depending on need to partner organizations including the Lennoxville and District Women’s Centre, the Lennoxville Youth Centre, and Sercovie. More information about the organization, its partners, and its giving is available (in French) at <http://www.centraideestrie.com>.



Representatives of the 68 organizations supported by Centraide Estrie standing with new partners Tina Lamontagne (Far left) and Martin Cournoyer (Far Right) of Lamontagne Chocolates in Sherbrooke.

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The Owl's Head Hoot – Ending the ski season right!



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MABLE HASTINGS

With the arrival of spring, the ski season comes to an end and that means it's time for the Owl's Head Hoot! The event held at Owl's Head Ski in Potton is a fundraiser for the Canadian Ski Patrol.

This year the event will take place on Saturday, March 31 and once again the day will be filled with activities including:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: "Hammerhead" Giant slalom race

10 a.m.: Costume contest

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Bean bag toss, Inflatable Toys & Scavenger Hunt

11 a.m.: Penguin race (\$2 per activity)
HOOT PASS \$6 for unlimited access to the above activities 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: BBQ on the terrace

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.: Registration for the SLUSH CUP in the cafeteria. Cost of \$10, 16 years-old or older

2 p.m.: SLUSH CUP (Jump into the artificial lake on ski or on snowboard)

6 p.m.: Owl's Head Ski Club méchoui dinner in the cafeteria, cost to be determined

9 p.m.: Fireworks

9:30 p.m.: Music in the Owl's Head Creemore Lounge

The weekend benefits the Canadian Ski Patrol whose mission is to provide top quality first aid services at the mountain as well as first aid at other activities as well. The ski patrol services are provided free of charge by volunteer patrollers and the money raised is used to obtain up to date and advanced equipment which is not provided by the Canadian ski patrol organization.

The patrollers seen on the slopes everyday are part of an organization that has been serving the public for over seventy five years. On average, they provide

assistance some 300 times per ski season and their presence brings comfort to beginners as well as those who find themselves in an emergency situation.

As the Ski Patrol's major annual

fundraiser, it is vital that people come out in support of this event. The day promises loads of fun while supporting a great cause.



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from supply management to the environment, NAFTA negotiations and the famous Netflix agreement; but what audience members reacted to most was Bibeau's mention of the Sherbrooke air-

port.

"I remain convinced that the Sherbrooke Airport remains an essential tool for economic development in the region," Bibeau said, which received an immediate applause from the chamber of commerce members.

"Rest assured I will continue the steps required with ministries and federal agencies concerned as soon as the Sherbrooke Airport Corporation secures an agreement with a flight company," said Bibeau.

Bibeau's budget breakdown also in-

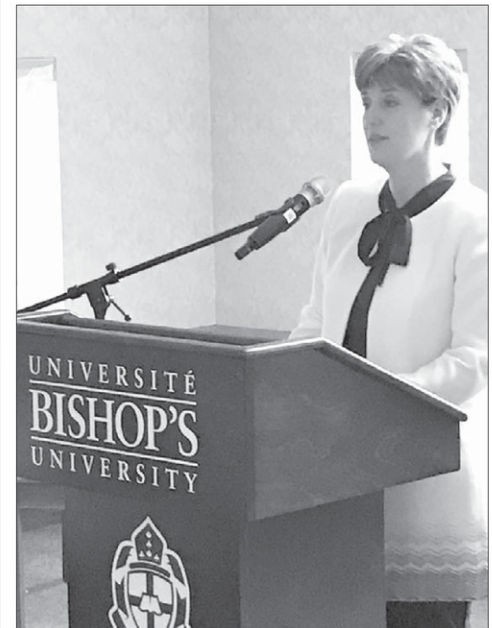
cluded a discussion of her role as Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

"If I don't stick to my speech, we could be here all day," she said, passionate about her work, specifically Canada's Feminist International Aid policy, launched in June.

"It is imperative that we allow women and girls to become powerful agents of change, development and peace," commented Bibeau.

Bibeau ended her speech thanking her staff members here in Sherbrooke and in Ottawa, applauding the work they do. She also reminded the chamber of commerce members and constituents to keep her office abreast of new projects and local initiatives where the federal government could have a role to play.

"That is the best way for me to stay connected with the priorities of my region and defend our needs the best way possible."



MATTHEW MCCULLY

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The event usually raises roughly \$2,500, Goodsell said, hoping this year will be just as successful.

Stanstead Fire Department St. Patrick's Day dance

By Matthew McCully

This Saturday, the Stanstead Fire Department firemen's association will host a St. Patrick's Day dance at Lebaron Hall on the Stanstead College campus.

The association has been fundraising in various ways over the past few decades, evolving from spaghetti supper/dance combos to a dance every other year for the past decade.

The band of choice has most often been Slightly Haggard.

According to Fire Chief Chris Goodsell, the band isn't known for their Irish repertoire, but definitely won't disappoint for patrons who want to get their groove on.

Often organized around St. Patrick's Day, rumour has spread over the years that St. Paddy was a fireman, explaining the date chosen for the event.

"Our last two dances were at max capacity," commented Goodsell.

"The funds go into our association and it helps us do things not funded by the town or régie," he said.

"We've helped local kids in hockey, donated to cancer events, helped fire victims," Goodsell added.

The event usually raises roughly \$2,500, Goodsell said, hoping this year will be just as successful.

"We chipped in \$2,000 to see the water park in Beebe," Goodsell pointed out.

"Just as important as the fundraiser, it's a chance for us to hang out with the community we serve," Goodsell explained, on a more serious note. "It's not fun to only see your population in emergency situations. That's hard on morale after a while," he said.

The dance is free for local firefighters and \$10 for locals looking for a night of dancing and camaraderie.

The band will take the stage at Lebaron Hall around 9 p.m. and the dance will continue until 1 a.m.

Stanstead Fire Department dance flashback



PHOTO BY CHRIS GOODSSELL (RECORD ARCHIVES)

Stanstead firefighter Stephane Francouer showing off one of his other talents with local band Slightly Haggard at the firemen associations' 2009 benefit dance. The dance is back this Saturday.

Vaillancourt leaves the Spartans

Record Staff
STANSTEAD

After four seasons as head coach of the varsity girl's hockey team at Stanstead College, Sarah Vaillancourt offered her resignation in mid-February for personal reasons.

In a statement released by the college, James Rioux, Director of Hockey Operations at Stanstead College commented, "We thank Ms. Vaillancourt for

the dedication and passion that she brought to the hockey program over the past few years, and we wish her luck in her future endeavours."

"We are now in the process of seeking a new head coach who will continue the tradition of excellence of girl's hockey at Stanstead College, and we expect that next year's season will be as intensive and well-rounded as those we've seen over the last several years," Rioux added.

By Clea Corman

With snow covering our community it may not seem as though spring is right around the corner, but it most certainly is! Spring is the time of year that employers begin looking for students to fill their summer positions. Our Graduate Support Coordinator, Jayme Mar-

rotte, has gathered information on over 20 summer jobs available in the Stanstead area. On March 23rd, Phelps will be open for youth to discover these job opportunities and receive help with the application process. Whether you need to make your CV, decide which of the many available jobs interest you, fill out a job application, or practice your interviewing skills, Jayme and her experienced volunteers will be there to help. The workshop will be held on March 23rd from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Phelps Helps, 272 Dufferin Street. Make your summer a productive one! Employers interested in adding summer jobs to this list can send their postings to info@phelpshelps.ca.

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps is a rural community non-profit striving to reduce the elevated drop-out rate in the Stanstead area. Phelps was started in 2012 by two community members, and has grown from a single program to seven unique programs, providing Stanstead area youth with free tutoring, educational and career support and hands-on learning from Grade 3 to the end of high school and further. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.

FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

Featured pet: Ella

Ella, is a sweet and friendly 3 year old Newfoundland mix who spent the first years of her life living outdoors. Despite not having the human companionship dogs so desire, her spirit and love for people remain intact. Ella loves her walks and entertains us with a cute little dance while she waits to get leashed up. She loves to romp around and play in the snow.

Engaged and affectionate, Ella tends to lean in against you when being pet or brushed; it's almost like she can't get close enough. She loves to snuggle. Despite having been an outdoor dog, although she did have to get used to going up and down stairs, Ella is quiet and very well behaved in the home. She will sit for a treat which she takes gently from your hand.

Ella enjoys the company of other dogs and plays nicely. Unfortunately, Ella cannot live with cats and

has a fairly strong prey drive so she cannot be off-leash unless in a securely fenced area. Ella walks well on the leash but she definitely takes notice of squirrels, so her adopter must be attentive.

If you are looking for a smart, loving and gentle companion, please consider Ella. Her ideal adopter is someone who is somewhat dog savvy and/or has some experience with large breed dogs. We estimate Ella's weight to be 80-90 pounds. A fenced in yard is a bonus but her exercise needs can be met with nice long walks.

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EDITORIAL

Within a week the media was chock-a-block with comparisons between Donald Fake-News Trump and Doug Ford with special emphasis on how right-wing populism, which could never happen here, has in fact come to Canada.

The difference between Doug and Don



TIM BELFORD

So, Doug Ford is now the leader of the Ontario Conservative Party and is getting set to dethrone Liberal Premier, Kathleen Wynne, in the upcoming June 7th election. Everything is set for a classic battle between the left-leaning, never-met-a-social-cause-I-didn't like Premier and the small-government-low-taxes-too-many-social-programmes-already upstart. And the pundits are howling.

Within a week the media was chock-a-block with comparisons between Donald Fake-News Trump and Doug Ford with special emphasis on how right-wing populism, which could never happen here, has in fact come to Canada. Apparently, Ford went from being a Hog Town municipal politician to the second coming of Ghengis Khan over night. The disgruntled, angry younger brother of a failed Mayor is now right up there with other icons of the political right including The Donald, France's Marine Le Pen, and Hungary's Viktor Orban. But, despite his waffling on freedom of choice, his less-than-friendly stance on gay rights and his railing against "elites," how much is Ford actually like Trump? I would humbly suggest there are some major differences.

Let's start with the hair. Trump's is a day-glo hue of orange unreplicated within nature while Ford's is a simple shade of blonde with grey highlights. Trump favours the forward sweep comb-over designed to hide any hint of hair loss while Ford prefers the straight-back style generally sported by 1950s lounge singers. The President keeps it all in place with a series of ball caps. Ford lets

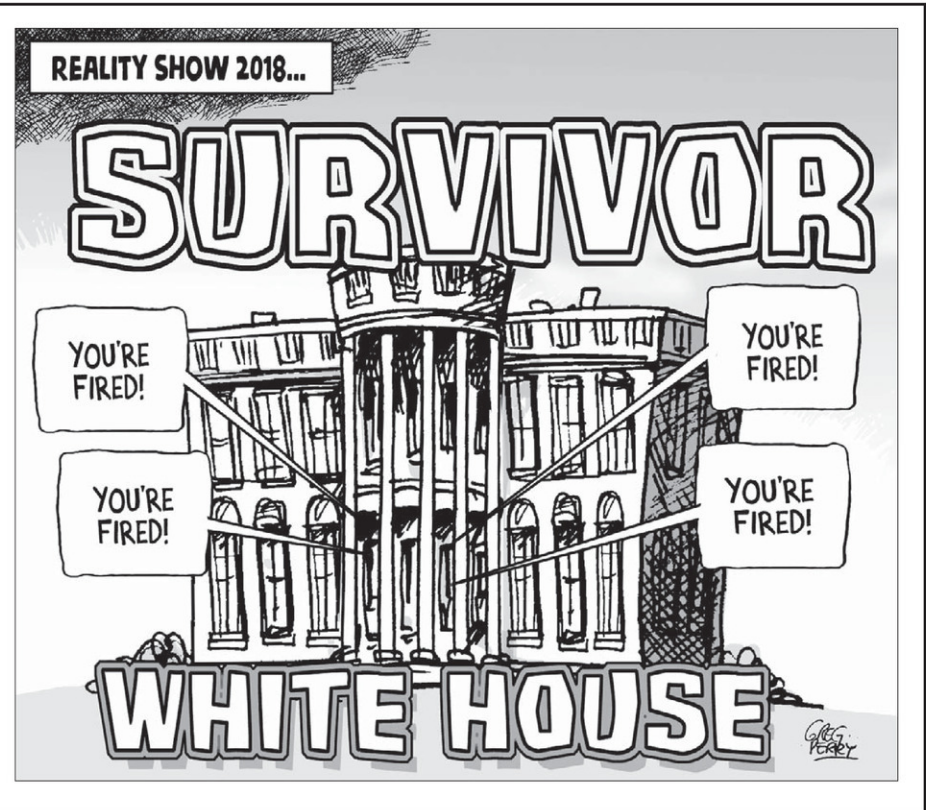
the follicles fall where they may. In their personal lives the men vary to an even greater extent. Trump has trotted to the altar on three occasions. His first foray was with Ivana who bore him three children: Ivanka, Donald Jr. and Eric. He then married Marla with whom he had been carrying on while still married to Ivana. Marla is the mother of Tiffany. Then came Melania the mother of Barron and the present Mrs. Trump.

Doug Ford, in comparison, has been a model of marital fidelity who has been called by his wife a "teddy bear" and a "dancing dynamo," among other things. Unlike the wandering Donald, Ford has stuck with wife number one and produced four daughters. Also, unlike Trump, he has shown a rare consistency in naming his offspring. Obviously using his wife Karla as inspiration, the daughters were named Krista, Kayla, Kara and Kyla.

Of more importance, prior to becoming President, Trump had no political experience whatsoever, a fact that became blatantly obvious in his dealings with the Senate, the House of Representatives, the members of the press, the Attorney General, the FBI, the Secretary of State, the CIA, the White House cleaning staff, his Press Secretary, and just about every head of state he has encountered so far.

Doug Ford, on the other hand, is no political neophyte. He served as a Toronto city councilor for Ward 2 Etobicoke North from 2010 to 2014. During this time he gained valuable experience in the areas of dealing with the lying members of the press, dismissing the complaints of lazy or incompetent municipal employees, putting the overly zealous members of the police department in their place and generally cleaning up after his wayward, often inebriated brother who was mayor at the time.

It's true that both are wealthy businessmen but even here they differ. Trump made his millions (billions?) in the world of New York real estate where



his winner-take-all attitude probably stood him in good stead. After all, when you lay down with wolves it doesn't pay to be a lamb. And if the rumours are correct he was fond of stiffing everyone from other property owners to the staff who cleaned the floors of his casino.

Doug Ford made his money in the slightly less cut-throat world of label making running a company founded by his father called Deco Labels and Tags before making the leap to politics. The only labels Trump is familiar with are the ones he uses to malign Hispanics,

the unemployed and anyone who doesn't support his presidency.

So there we are. Apart from the bullying, the lack of a coherent set of policy goals, the name calling, the sexism, the anti-human rights agenda and a marked tendency to belittle anyone who opposes them, Doug and Don have hardly anything in common. Still, the showdown between Ford and Wynne in Ontario's next election should be better than an episode of Survivor. Someone is definitely going to get tossed off the island.

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Local Sports

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Dunn and Knight named Piper Athletes of the Month

Ella Dunn and Dylan Knight have been named the Piper athletes of the month for February at Alexander Galt High School.

Dunn helped lead the Bantam Girls basketball team to a perfect season in the RSEQ league. The 12 year old point guard protected the ball well, averaged 8 points, 10 assists and 5 steals during the month in which the team played its most important games of the season. They defeated La Ruche and Marie Rivier in close games to secure the regular season banner. Two weeks later they came from behind to win the play off championships and Dunn was instrumental in the comeback as she distributed the ball to all her teammates. The grade 7 student perfects her skills in the ever-popular sports concentration program in which she also sits on the academic honour roll.

Knight helped lead the bantam hockey team to a play off spot in the RSEQ Division 2 bantam hockey league. The goaltender was sensational in February as he posted a 4-2-1 record. .929 save percentage and a 1.87 goals against average. The Stanstead resident demonstrated great poise and athleticism by making several clutch saves in all of the games. The grade 8 student averaged 41 shots against and frustrated his opponents' shot after shot. Knight trains hard in the hockey concentration program and brings a good work ethic on and off the ice where he also sits on the honour list.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEXANDER GALT
Ella Dunn helped lead the Bantam Girls basketball team to a perfect season in the RSEQ league.



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Montreal Alouettes sign four 2017 draft picks to three year contracts

The Canadian Press

The Montreal Alouettes signed receivers Alexander Morrison and Malcom Carter, offensive lineman Zach Annen and defensive back Ty Cranston to three-year contracts Wednesday.

All four players were selected by Montreal in the 2017 CFL draft.

"We liked what all these players showed us in training camp last year," Alouettes GM Kavis Reed said in a statement. "They all had outstanding final seasons at the amateur level and we look forward to having them with us on the field at training camp."

The six-foot-four, 220-pound Morrison had 42 catches for 707 yards and 10 TDs last season with the UBC Thunderbirds.

Morrison, 25, was Montreal's fourth-round pick, No. 29 overall, last season.

The six-foot-six, 192-pound Carter had 23 catches for 423 yards and seven TDs in eight games with the Ottawa Sooners in the Canadian Junior Football League. The Ontario Conference's top offensive player last year was taken in the sixth round, No. 45 overall, by Montreal.

Annen was an All-Canadian centre last year, his final with the Carleton Ravens. Montreal selected Annen in the fifth round, No. 39 overall, in 2017 draft.

The six-foot-three, 205-pound Cranston had 30 tackles, one interception, two forces fumbles and a fumble recovery last season with the Ottawa Gee-Gees. Montreal took Cranston in the seventh round. No. 56 overall, last year.

Midfielder Saphir Taïder called up by Algeria

Montreal Impact

Midfielder Saphir Taïder has been selected by the Algerian national team on Wednesday to take part in two international friendly games, against Tanzania on March 22 at Stade du 5-Juillet-1962, in Algiers, followed by a March 27 matchup against Iran at Graz-Jeisenau-Stadion, in Graz, Austria.

Taïder, 26, has scored five goals in 42 games with the Algerian national team, making his international debut in a World Cup qualifying game against Benin, recording one goal and one assist, on March 26, 2013. He helped Algeria reach the round of 16 at the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the quarterfinals of the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations.

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Death



**Peter Allan
HILL
(1940-2018)**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Peter

Hill, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the age of 77. Beloved husband of almost 55 years to Gail (Hebert) Hill, and amazing father to Lori (Rick) and Steven (Julie). Phenomenal Papa to Alexander (Andréane), Tyler, Riley, Rhianon and Declan. He is survived by his sister Joan (Bob) and brother John (Marj), and is predeceased by his brother Michael (Suzanne), and will be mourned by many nieces, nephews, and innumerable friends. Visitation will take place on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Cass Funeral Home (295, Rue Principale S., Richmond). A service will take place at Ste. Bibiane's Church on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 11 a.m. (970, Rue Principale Nord, Richmond, QC J0B 2H0).

The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Alzheimer's research, or to the Fondation du Centre de santé et de services sociaux du Val-Saint-François.

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Death



**Margaret
McLellan
(Cruikshank)
August 28, 1919 –
March 11, 2018**

Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home in Cleveland, Que., at the age of 98 years, Mrs. Margaret McLellan, beloved wife of the late Cromarty Cruikshank, residing in Inverness, Que.

Survived by her children Caroline and Bill (Sharon Harper), granddaughter Maggie, and predeceased by her grandson Jason. Sister of the late Lily (Rollay McIntosh) and George (Catherine Neill).

Resting at the IOOF Hall, Inverness, on Saturday, March 17 (visitation from 6 to 9 p.m.) and Sunday, March 18, (12 to 1:30 p.m.). Funeral to follow at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Inverness, at 2 p.m. Private interment at Boutelle's Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Margaret's memory be made to the Wales Home Foundation.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

Today is the 74th day of 2018 and the 85th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 44 B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of senators led by Marcus Junius Brutus.

In 1820, Maine was admitted as the 23rd U.S. state.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson sent 4,800 U.S. troops into Mexico to capture revolutionary Pancho Villa.

In 1985, the computer manufacturing company Symbolics registered the first internet domain name.

In 2011, security forces opened fire on protesters in Damascus, marking the beginning of the Syrian Civil War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), seventh U.S. president; Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Judd Hirsch (1935-), actor; Phil Lesh (1940-), musician; Sly Stone (1943-), singer-songwriter; Bobby Bonds (1946-2003), baseball player; Dee Snider (1955-), singer-songwriter; Bret Michaels (1963-), singer-songwriter; Mike Tomlin (1972-), football coach; Eva Longoria (1975-), actress; will.i.am (1975-), rapper/record producer; Jai Courtney (1986-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The salary of the chief justice of the United States was \$4,000 in 1789. Chief Justice John Roberts' salary is currently \$267,000.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1962, the NBA's Wilt Chamberlain became the first and only player to score 4,000 points in a single season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Desperate courage makes One a majority." — Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S NUMBER: 2 — Ranking of "The Godfather," which opened this day in 1972, on the 10th anniversary edition of the American Film Institute's "100 Years ... 100 Movies" list of the greatest American movies of all time. Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" ranked No. 1.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (March 9) and new moon (March 17).

December meeting at Olive branch 9 of Richmond

The annual December event courtesy of Noble Grand of Olive branch 9 of Richmond was held on December 12, 2017. It took place at the N.G.'s beautiful home, Doreen Findlay. We thank many times over and all those who supplied food and goodies, and Doreen!

This was for Christmas Party and involved members and invited guests.

Two birthdays were mentioned: that of Mildred Holiday and Thelma Picken. Unfortunately Thelma was unable to attend. She missed a lovely meal and a great time.

Happy St. Patty's Day to all.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple

In photo: At table - Frances Fowler, Mildred Holiday and Ed Copping, G.R.; 2nd row - Madelyn Betts; Joyce Copping, G.M.; N.G. Doreen Findlay and Grayce Betts; 3rd row - Barbara Blair, Ernestine Whipple and Arnold MacKeage.



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Your Birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

Expand your interests by taking a bigger role in bringing about positive change to your community and the people in it. Your input will help catapult you into a position that you will find gratifying.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll feel passionate about life, your responsibilities and doing what you can to get ahead. A disciplined approach and an energetic and positive attitude will lead to success and greater opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't share personal information, passwords or possessions. Being secretive will keep you safe and ward off any attempt by someone looking to make some fast cash or take advantage of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put your energy into something you enjoy doing. A creative outlet will do you a world of good and help you realize that you do have something unique to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be too eager to share with someone digging into your past or trying to be overly friendly. Protect your reputation and question other people's motives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your strength will come from your insight and ability to express your feelings and what means the most to you. Don't hold back if you want to gain ground when dealing with important relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Overspending on things you don't need will be your

downfall. Consider being more of a minimalist when it comes to lifestyle, love and entertainment. Look for cheaper ways to have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll be drawn into someone else's dream. Before you promise to take part, consider what's entailed. You should consider taking a pass and focusing more on something you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do whatever is required to take care of the responsibilities concerning the younger or older people in your life. It's the little things you do that will make the biggest difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You can make headway at home and with important relationships if you take responsibility for your chores or the changes you want to make and get things done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Getting together with friends, relatives or someone you'd like to do business with will be productive. The decisions you make will lead to positive results. Love and romance are highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may want change, but that's no reason to make an unnecessary move. Don't feel deprived just because someone is bragging about how much he or she has. Live life your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think it, feel it and do it. The changes you bring about will reflect exactly what you want to see happen. Embrace change. Love is featured.

The finesse odds are theoretical

By Phillip Alder

Samuel Goldwyn said, "I'll take 50 percent efficiency to get 100 percent loyalty."

A finesse supposedly has a 50 percent chance of success. As you know, though, in these columns, finesses win much less often than that; one succeeds only when declarer needs it.

In this deal, how should South play in four spades after West leads the club two, and East puts up his king?

Over North's game-invitational limit raise, South wondered about making a slam-try, but remembered that balanced hands need more high-card power than usual to bid that high. (Losing Trick Count users will have noted that the North hand is theoretically worth a game-forcing raise because you deduct one loser for a 10-card or better fit. But, again, balanced hands suggest caution.)

When the dummy appeared, South noted the mirror distribution, which was bad news because he couldn't get any discards or ruffs. Declarer had four potential losers: two hearts, one diamond and one club. So, did he need the heart finesse to work?

South won the first trick with his club ace, drew trumps and played three rounds of diamonds.

East took the sixth trick with his diamond queen and shifted to the heart

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♠ K Q J 7 2

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ 9 4

West

♠ 6 3

♥ K 7 4

♦ J 9 6 4

♣ Q 10 5 2

East

♠ 5

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ Q 10 3

♣ K 8 7 6 3

South

♠ A 10 9 8 4

♥ A Q 2

♦ K 7 2

♣ A J

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: North-South

South

1♠

4♠

West

Pass

Pass

North

3♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

jack (the best defense). But declarer won with his ace — finessing would have been fatal. Then he exited with the club jack.

West took that trick but was ended. If he played a heart, South's queen would have become a winner. Or, if West exited with a diamond or a club, declarer would have ruffed in one hand and sluffed a heart from the other. Either way, he lost only one heart, one diamond and one club.

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Across

- 1 Croquet surfaces
- 6 Chic
- 11 Christopher A. Wray's org.
- 14 Roundish
- 15 Course without much challenge
- 16 Neurotic cartoon dog
- 17 Dual-purpose machine
- 19 Trauma ctrs.
- 20 Airport limo driver's concern, briefly
- 21 "Later, dude"
- 22 Scrawny
- 24 One in the woods?
- 26 End of the end of "Gone With the Wind"
- 28 Water filter brand
- 30 Socialite adopted by the media
- 31 In-house trial
- 36 Cool drink

37 Lower

- 40 Court org.
- 42 Shut the door on
- 43 "How pathetic!"
- 46 "Tree of Smoke" novelist Johnson
- 50 Place to order matzo ball soup
- 55 Facebook entry
- 56 Yarn coil
- 57 Words of urgency
- 59 WWII battle site, for short
- 60 Rock concert effect
- 61 Certain investor ... and, based on the word hidden in each, what 17-, 26-, 37- or 50-Across is?
- 64 Tokyo-born artist
- 65 Jazz pianist Chick
- 66 Flash of light
- 67 Word with cell or cent
- 68 Vacuum attachments
- 69 Like R.L. Stine stories

Down

- 1 Serious state of decline
- 2 Personification
- 3 Pungent condiment
- 4 __ degree
- 5 Flow slowly
- 6 Four-door ride, usually
- 7 Call in a pool game
- 8 Until now
- 9 Manhattan liquor
- 10 Walmart rival
- 11 Like some revealing slips?
- 12 Name associated with alpine rescues
- 13 Fashion magazine
- 18 Actor Stephen
- 23 Tango land: Abbr.
- 25 Words to a traitor
- 27 Vishnu worshiper
- 29 Fizzy prefix

32 Take the wheel

- 33 Appreciative text
- 34 __ hall
- 35 Bus. card address
- 37 Baal
- 38 Like 2017
- 39 Lose it, in a way
- 40 Requests
- 41 Trilogy starter
- 44 Sushi fish
- 45 Decent sort

47 "Darned if I know"

- 48 "Cross my heart!"
- 49 Tempestuous
- 51 Some designer gowns
- 52 Award show VIP
- 53 Haas of "Witness"
- 54 Suffix suggesting resemblance
- 58 Outfits
- 62 And
- 63 Business letters

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

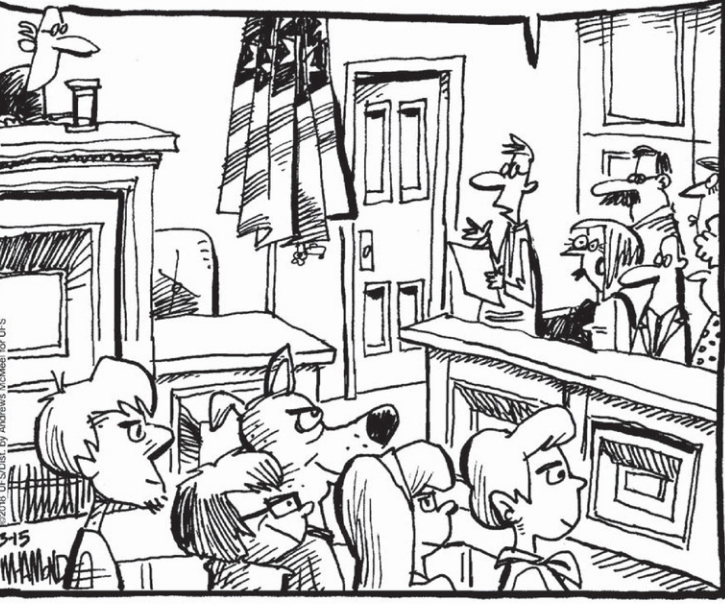
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UYKWH HITZN." — FCVCT GFKTYKCT

Previous Solution: "Bono... is in love with the world... he wants to give the world a great big hug, I want to punch its lights out." — Bob Geldof

TODAY'S CLUE: g sjanbe X

REALITY CHECK

WE, THE JURY, FIND THE
DEFENDANT GUILTY, BUT HE
WOULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH
IT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THOSE
PESKY KIDS AND THEIR DOG!



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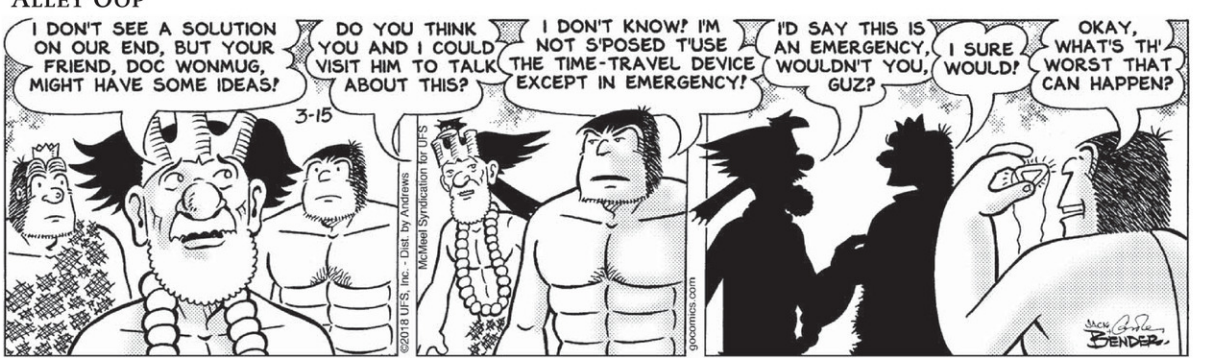


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"Oh dear! Look where I left poor old dad's guitar."

ALLEY OOP



I DON'T SEE A SOLUTION ON OUR END, BUT YOUR FRIEND, DOC WONMUG, MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEAS!

DO YOU THINK YOU AND I COULD VISIT HIM TO TALK ABOUT THIS?

I DON'T KNOW! I'M NOT S'POSED T'USE THE TIME-TRAVEL DEVICE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY!

I'D SAY THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, WOULDN'T YOU, GUZ?

OKAY, WHAT'S TH WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?

ARLO & JANIS



YOU MISSED! THAT'S 'N'...

AND I WIN!

GIVE ME ANOTHER SHOT!

YOU ALREADY CHANGED 'HORSE' TO 'ORANGUTAN'!

THE BORN LOSER



I DISAGREE WITH YOU, CHIEF. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I—

SHUSH!

THE REASON YOU HAVE ONE MOUTH AND TWO EARS IS SO YOU WILL TALK LESS AND LISTEN TO ME MORE!

FRANK AND ERNEST



YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING TOO MANY VIDEO GAMES--- I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY "CHEATS" FOR THE GAME OF LIFE!

GRIZWELLS



I MUST HAVE A LOT OF SECRET ADMIRERS

WHY?

BECAUSE I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ONE BIRTHDAY CARD YET!

SOUP TO NUTS



ROYBOY, YOU SHOULD STAND UP TO THAT BULLY, BILLY KNUPP...

UH-OH... HERE HE COMES!

WHERE'S THAT RODENT, ROYBOY? I'M GONNA MAKE MINCEMEAT OUTTA HIM!

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LENNOXVILLE
The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre art gallery is exhibiting "Des pianos et des hommes" by Marcel Carey until April 29, 2018. After a career as a commercial photographer, Marcel Carey chose to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and his father and become a piano tuner. Thanks to this profession, he has met many people who welcomed him into their homes and he discovered the special relationship they have with music. With this exhibit he wishes to pay tribute to them. Uplands, 9 Speid Street, Borough of Lennoxville is open Wednesday to Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE
St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 17 at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Music starts at 11 a.m. with Jan Graham and friends, Irish coffee, canteen open. Admission charged. Everyone welcome, 18+.

LENNOXVILLE
Pre-Easter Supper to be held at "The

Hut", A.N.A.F. Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. Roast beef will be served. To reserve please contact Doreen Morissette, no later than March 20, at 819-821-2967.

RICHMOND
The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, Richmond, 235 College St. N., will be holding our monthly Brunch on Sunday, March 18 from 9 a.m. until noon. Admission charged, 1/2 price for children under 12; and there will be an After St. Patrick's Parade entertainment with Sam Morrissey and group Memories at the Richmond Legion (upstairs). Door opens at 2:30. Please note the Cribbage Tournament scheduled for March 17 has been postponed to March 31.

LENNOXVILLE
Pass It On! Clothing Exchange at Oasis Christian Centre, 219 Queen Street, Sherbrooke. Free used clothes. All are welcome. Collecting: Wednesday, March 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Distributing: Friday, March 23 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Stephanie Goddard: 819-564-1377 or info@oasiscentre.ca.

BURY
Flea Market/Craft Sale to be held on April 28 in the Bury Armoury/Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch for sale. Sponsored by the Bury W.I. To rent a table call Frances at 819-872-3318 or Irma 819-872-3600.

DANVILLE
The Directors of the Danville Curling Club are pleased to invite everyone to the Club's Brunch on Sunday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Danville Curling Club, 1449 Route 116, Danville. Junior Invitation Curling Bonspiel being played.

COWANSVILLE
Come hear the

charming speaker Shaheen of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW), Montreal, on Sunday, March 18, noon, at Trinity Church, 409 rue du Sud, Cowansville. Coffee, questions and conversation following. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE
Wark Teenage Softball League, ages 13-17 years old, will hold registration on March 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at L.E.S., 1 Academy St., Lennoxville. This is a co-ed league and the games will be played in Huntingville on Sunday evenings. For more information: wark-softball@hotmail.com

BURY
Health Link: I Stand Up for Myself! (Bullying Awareness). Wednesday, March 21, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Armoury Community Centre, 563 Main, Bury. Lunch - donation (must reserve). To reserve, call Kim Fessenden: 819-872-3771, ext. 2.

RICHMOND
This year the Richmond County Historical Society's (RCHS) theme is music. We are going to highlight some local musicians as well as display some artifacts that deal with this theme. If anyone has an instrument (adult or child), sheet music, unique records or anything related to music such as pictures, etc., we would be interested in borrowing them for our exhibit. A brief history of the article would also be appreciated. If you are interested in lending, please contact Grace Johnston at 819-826-3118. Thank you and please come to visit our exhibits and hear some wonderful musicians at work.

SOUTH DURHAM
Advance notice. Brunch at South Durham United Church on Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, maple syrup, toast, etc. Everyone welcome!

NORTH HATLEY
N.H.R.S. Spring Breakfast fundraiser, Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the North Hatley Community Centre, 3127, Capleton Road, North Hatley. Pancakes, complete buffet, and sugar on snow! Tickets: Admission charged, half price for 10 and under. All welcome.

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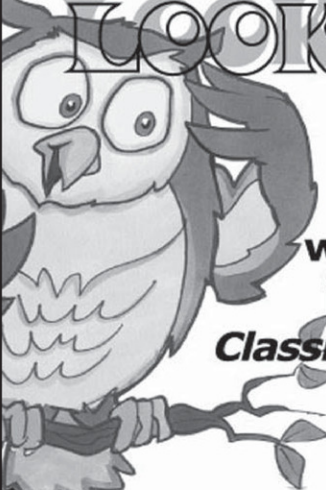
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