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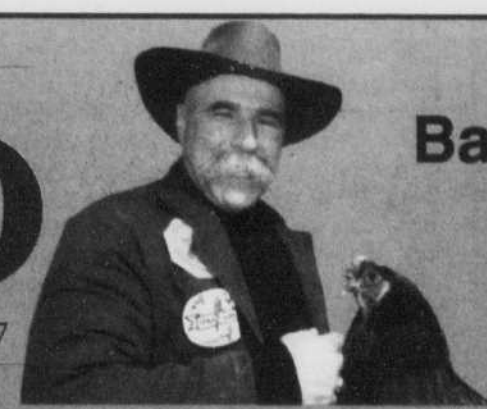


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### Ngeleka takes role in building peaceful Congo

By Corrinna Pole

The Democratic Republic of Congo is a country in crisis, but Bishop's University student Filose Ngeleka believes, with the right leadership, it can attain a peaceful and successful future.

That belief is what prompted the 26-year-old basketball player to turn his back on an offer to join a NBA team in order to pursue studies in political science at Bishop's.

Born in the national capital Kinshasa - an affluent city that is contrasted by street orphans and violent gangs - Ngeleka was sent to live in Belgium with his aunt when he was just six and a half years old.

"My mother sent me away to have a better chance at life," he said. "It was very hard. I missed her a great deal."

Mother and son remained separated until 2000, reuniting in Canada. When Ngeleka was attending college in Montreal and was recruited to the Quebec Kebs and he often balanced basketball



CORRINNA POLE

Even without his 6'9" frame, basketball player Filose Ngeleka's passion and conviction makes him a force to be reckoned with. The Bishop's University student is holding a benefit show tonight for his home country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he dreams of returning as a politician to help the country realize a prosperous future without violence.

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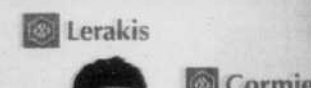
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## BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

# Thrills, laughs and Musketeers

**F**rom its playful opening notes to the tense, action-packed climax, 'The Three Musketeers and the Princess of Spain' delights with comedy, thrills with adventure and is a remarkable offering from the Bishop's University Drama department. Masterfully acted and beautifully crafted, this spin on Alexander Dumas' classic tale of brotherhood, swordsmanship and self-discovery is nothing like Hollywood's version of this cultural icon...and that's a good thing. Presented by Bishop's 'Acting 4' class, this production is the result of over two years of drama education and well over 200 hours of rehearsal and preparation.

The play follows young d'Artagnan, who after being separated from his first love, Constance, gets caught up in a fury of trouble involving the good-hearted Princess of Spain, the evil Cardinal and his men and of course the valiant, and hilarious Musketeers. Written by Chris Hannan, Director (and Professor) Greg Tuck first happened upon the play at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He chose the script for the Acting 4 class because of its wealth of substantial roles, and extensive stage combat scenes, wonderfully choreographed by Ottawa's John Koensgen.

This update on the story packs a multitude of laughs as d'Artagnan rouses the Musketeers from hiding to help him aid the Princess of Spain and along the way find himself. Problem is, Aramis is a self-indulgent Romeo, Athos is a drunk and Porthos is convinced his inflated belly is a pregnant one! Things would be better if not for the conniving cardinal and his henchmen, who have a particular disdain for both Musketeers and freedom.

The play is accompanied by a beautiful low key folk guitar soundtrack, which sets the meditative mood for this journey. Also along the way the troop encounters a baby-eating monster, who doesn't appreciate his bad reputation and is created through visually-stunning puppetry. It's amazing that with the busy schedules that govern student lives, from academic to social engagements, that these students have time to craft and perform a play this rich and intricate. You will definitely not be



CHRISTO GRAHAM

From R to L: Red McGrath as d'Artagnan, James Pomerleau as Athos, Chris Blades as Aramis and Peter Krasemann as Porthos.

disappointed! 'The Three Musketeers and the Princess of Spain' runs nightly at 8 p.m. at the Turner Studio Theatre, with a special matinee on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Aaron Ries is the Communications Manager with the Bishop's University Student's Representative Council. You can e-mail him at src@ubishops.ca

## Funding for Notre-Dame de Stanbridge

Patrick Lacroix

**S**peaking on behalf of Minister Line Beauchamp, on Thursday, MLA Pierre Paradis announced that the Department of Education, Leisure, and Sport (MELS) has approved Notre-Dame de Stanbridge's plan for the development of its recreational infrastructure, making it eligible for public funding.

Financial support for this project is provided through the provincial government's Sport and Recreational Installations Support Program - Phase II. The municipality's project will have ac-

cess to the maximum amount, matching half of admissible costs; Notre-Dame de Stanbridge will have access to \$39,999 in funding.

"I am delighted with this announcement, which reflects an acknowledged need for the people of Notre-Dame de Stanbridge. We encourage them to stay active and stay fit," said Paradis. Minister Beauchamp echoed these thoughts by way of an official statement. "We want to see all regions have safe and modern sporting facilities that answer the needs of current and rising athletes and the whole population. We are en-

couraging a physically active lifestyle, and it is with pleasure that we are supporting this project."

Mayor Ginette Simard Gendreau reacted to the news on Thursday and provided an overview of expected changes.

"Regarding the 'Notre-Dame en mouvement' project, we have been admitted for a joint endeavour between the municipality and the recreational association. The municipal part consists of the installation of a training course with exercise modules and signs; this will be located on a trail along the river, on the grounds of the community centre."

"This installation will benefit cyclists and pedestrians, whether they are residents or otherwise," added Gendreau. "There will be bike racks, a small shelter, and chemical toilets at the disposal of visitors. The recreational association's part, on the other hand, will involve upgrades to the tennis court and baseball field, as well as the creation of a regulation volleyball court and a four-season rink."

Gendreau notes that the project will doubly benefit children, as these sports facilities are located on school grounds. Close co-operation between the recreational association and the municipality will be key in meeting the criteria set out by the government agency.

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# LOCAL NEWS

The \$3,000 reward is being provided by an anonymous donor, and all information will be transmitted directly to local police investigators.

## Police busy with searches for missing people

Missing Granby man may be in Magog area

Memphremagog police are collaborating with Granby police in an attempt to find a man who has been missing for over a week and who may be suicidal. Forty-year-old Sébastien Senneville, a resident of Granby, was last seen at his place of work on Mar. 20.

The following day Senneville's car, a grey 2007 Toyota Corolla, was found the following day alongside Highway 112 in Magog, near the Au Rond Point Motel.

According to Memphremagog police spokesperson Paul Tear, preliminary searches were completed in the sector around where the car was found, but to no avail.

Senneville is described as approximately five feet seven inches and 160 pounds, with blue eyes and short brown hair. He is a francophone. The man's family members are concerned for his health and safety, and the missing man could be depressed and suicidal.

Anyone with information which could help in locating Senneville is being asked to contact investigator Annie St-Laurent at 450-776-8333 ext. 3604 or astlaurent@ville.granby.qc.ca, or contact Info-Crime at 1-800-711-1800.

A \$3,000 reward offered for info about missing teen

Sun Youth is now offering a reward of up to \$3,000 for any information that could possibly lead to the location of 16-year-old Maxime Richard, the Longueuil teen who went missing on Feb. 28.

The Longueuil Police Department is calling on the population to come forward with any details which could help them make progress in the stalled investigation.

The \$3,000 reward is being provided by an anonymous donor, and all information will be transmitted directly to local police investigators.

In mid-March, officers with both Sherbrooke and Longueuil's police forces jointly set up a mobile command post near the marché de la Gare.

Despite getting over 60 calls with information about the teen in the first two weeks since his disappearance, police have not been able to locate him. Richard's parents fear for the boy's life as letters referencing suicide were found in his room after he ran away.

A Sûreté du Québec helicopter was brought in to the Townships in early March to search Abbaye Saint-Benoît-du-Lac and Austin, areas near Magog close to a cottage owned by the boy's parents.

Fire department boats were reportedly brought in to search Sherbrooke's large network of waterways and ATVs and canine units were also used around the site of the cottage. Anyone with information is being asked to call 450-463-7211.

Sixteen-year-old runaway has not been seen in a week

The Sherbrooke Police Service is seeking the public's help in locating another runaway from the Sherbrooke region, 16-year-old Carolane Gibeault, who has not been seen in over a week.

On Mar. 22, Gibeault left her home at around 8:30 a.m. The teenager was supposed to be back home by 5 p.m., but did not show up at the meeting point for her ride home. She has not been seen since.

Gibeault is described as around five feet four inches tall, weighing 100 pounds, with pale skin, blue eyes and reddish blond hair.

She is a francophone. Anyone with information that could lead police to Gibeault is being asked to contact the SPS criminal investigation division at 819-821-5544.

Search for suicidal man continues around Saint-Francois River

Police have still not been able to locate 46-year-old M. Dan Côté, the Sherbrooke man whose clothing was found along the edge of the Saint-Francois River in Richmond earlier this week.

Côté was reported missing by his family on Monday night. Police located his vehicle on Garrett Street in Richmond and his boots, coat and socks were found on the side of the river.

According to a Sherbrooke Police Service statement, the man left letters which indicate he may have intended on committing suicide. That said, some evidence have led police to believe that he may have jumped in the water with a yellow lifebelt on.

A Sûreté du Québec helicopter and police divers were brought into Richmond Tuesday to try and locate Côté. A search of the woods near where the car was found was also conducted by an emergency unit with canines.

The SPS is now asking the population for help in trying to locate the man. Anyone living close to the Saint-Francois River or the Saint-Lawrence River is being asked to check the banks and contact police at 819-821-5555 if they have any information to provide.

Côté is described as approximately five foot ten, 215 pounds, with a heavy build, green eyes and brown hair.

## Canadians have a role

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with humanitarian missions back to D.R. Congo.

Although he still plans on following his hoop dreams, Ngeleka's prioritized his education with a goal of one day returning to the Congo as a political leader.

"It's the politics that controls everything in the world," Ngeleka points out. "I like basketball and I will keep playing. I want to make the NBA and use basketball to leave a positive impact on the world. What I want to try to do is get a good basketball contract and use that money to help people by building a [vocational] school so they can go on to get a good job."

As a politician, Ngeleka dreams of creating a safe and profitable home for the Congolese people but to achieve that he believes the country and its many natural resources need to be controlled by its own people.

Since it was colonised by Belgium, a steady stream of foreign companies have been vying for one of the many resources from cobalt to gold to industrial and gem diamonds and weapons-grade uranium.

As part of his peace building strategy, Ngeleka would like to see foreign corporations and countries playing a role in Congo's future by contributing towards a sustainable economy and a stronger people instead of exploiting them.

Although dictator Joseph Mobutu's 35-year rule ended in 1997, the Congo struggles to rebuild. Along with corruption, Mobutu's personal fortune grew while the country's infrastructure fell apart and its people starved.

The Congolese people have lived with violence, famine, disease, poverty and subsequent political conflicts, which has led to a high mortality rate and an even higher rate of forced slavery.

"The Congo is very big, the areas where they have minerals and diamonds is very dangerous. I worry about the security and their lives, not just for my family but for other Congolese people, this situation is not good for anybody to be in," said Ngeleka.

While Ngeleka has ideas for Congo to see brighter days, he knows it will be a lengthy process without support from well-developed countries like Canada.

The aspiring politician was saddened when he discovered that Canada missed an opportunity to help the Congo avoid Mobutu's dictatorship and write a very different history for itself, when then Prime Minister John Diefenbaker refused to meet with the Congo's first legally elected Prime Minister, Patrice Lumumba.

"He was a great [Prime Minister], very intellectual, the best leader the Congo had but a year later he was assassinated by the American and Belgium governments. Lumumba understood that Congo could be a good country," Ngeleka explained. "I was shocked when I learned Canada didn't receive him because he was smart and a good person who gave independence to the people of Congo. Even the Canadian people may not know this happened. A lot of Canadian people don't really know what's happening in Africa right now."

Knowledge is power and Ngeleka wants Canadians to be aware of the troubles facing Congo so they can help the country build from plight to prosperity.

This Friday's benefit concert at the Bishop's Gait Pub aims to inform Townshippers about the realities facing the country while raising funds for non-profit organization Regroupement des Femmes pour le Développement Communautaire, which focuses on women and girls.

The charitable group is close to Ngeleka's heart not only because they are working to improve the country by helping girls "who are [target] of a big part of the violence", but because, as a man, Ngeleka feels a sense of responsibility to protect some of the most vulnerable victims of rape and brutality.

For the Gait event, musicians, dancers and singers have been recruited both on and off campus, from Quebec personalities such as Louis-Pierre Dahito from French reality show Occupation Double and international per-

formers like Miriam Moufide Empire Isis - to deliver peaceful messages with their performance under the theme "United for a Better World and Peace for All."

Tickets for the event, at 8 p.m., March 30, which includes raffles, door prizes, poetry and readings, cost \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door can be ordered by calling 819-580-6768.



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## Monthly meeting

## Resignations, recommendations and appointments at ETSB

By Corrinna Pole  
MAGOG

**R**esignations, recommendations and appointments were on the docket as the Eastern Townships School Board's council commissioners met for their monthly meeting.

## Retirement/replacements

With "profound gratitude for a long-time career," the board accepted the official resignation of Gilles Ribaux. The former Alexander Galt Regional High School Principal will be officially retiring his post as the Assistant Director General of the board in July.

In the same meeting, the board appointed André Turcotte as Ribaux's replacement.

Turcotte's career includes

ten years as a classroom teacher, two years as a centre director for vocational training and 12 years in senior school board management as Secretary General and Director of Finance.

When he takes the reins from Ribaux in July, Turcotte will continue to serve as the Director of Finance.

With the change in administrative structure, the board approved the creation of two new posts, a Director of Operations, which would be responsible for various dossiers such as student transportation and buildings and grounds, and a Innovation Coordinator, which would examine pedagogical technology and tools.

## New commissioner delay

Although three candidates

have been found to fill the Ward 19 Bury/Cookshire/Sawyerville commissioner seat, final interviews were put on hold due to the illness of one of the members of the search committee.

Ward 19 commissioner Jennifer Downing-Bardati, who tendered her resignation last month in order to spend more time with her family, will continue to serve until her replacement is found.

## Profit margins

After ribbing Ribaux on his impending retirement, Chantal C. Beaulieu, Director General, focused her report on building services and cutting costs through educational partnerships before turning her focus to current projects such as the International Students program.

Now in its third year, Beaulieu reported that the program welcomed 130 students in the last year, 37 of which were long-term students, and contributed nearly \$300,000 in profits for the board.

Murray estimated the board could accommodate up to 100 students, which would translate into revenues of up to \$1 million per year, but the ETSB would also have to retain around 70 host families to attain that profit margin.

## Calendars and CEGPS

Although it is still ironing out a four-day discrepancy,

council adopted the youth sector calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

The discrepancy affects the schools in the western sector that share bus transportation with the Val-des-Cerfs school board. The two boards have struggled to create a common calendar in an effort to decrease transportation costs.

While it did not need council to adopt it, the 2012-2013 school calendars for the Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres were presented to the board.

Although the timetable is not designed to be the same as the college calendar, with the launch of the ESTB and Champlain Regional College partnership program at the Massey-Vanier High School campus, the institutions are trying to follow a similar timetable in order to offer enrollee bussing.

With a limit of 35 places, the program designed to offer Cowansville area residents easier access to English college education has been given the green light to launch this September with a credited evening class to build college level skills.

By Jan. 2013, the first college diploma course will start, a five-semester social science course, according to ETSB Secretary General, Caroline Dufresne.

So far 17 prospective students have contacted Champlain's Dean of Student Services Nancy Beattie at the Lennoxville Campus to enquire about the remote campus.

## Ombudsman suggestions

After reviewing the report and four recommendations made by Student ombudsman Dominique Paillé last month, the governance and ethics committee weighed in.

Pointing out that the ombudsman had not made suggestions about how to apply the recommendations, the committee shared the advice with council which included ensuring clear communication between school staff and parents when there is a problem and provide courtesy calls if a meeting can not be kept.

Ensure confidentiality at all times was perhaps the most important priority. Although commissioner Gordon Barnett noted most employees respect confidentiality, he suggested annual reminders to staff would reinforce the importance of where and how discussions about private matters be discussed.

## Insurance quotes

With the insurance policy set to expire this October, The Audit Committee announced that the ETSB is joining with ten other school boards in searching for a new insurer for a discounted rate.

Although the board will be using group-buying power to locate a better rate, council was assured the ETSB would not share any risk with the other school boards.

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# Bernard Desourdy now walks on 'the mild side'

By Claudia Villemaire  
Record Correspondent  
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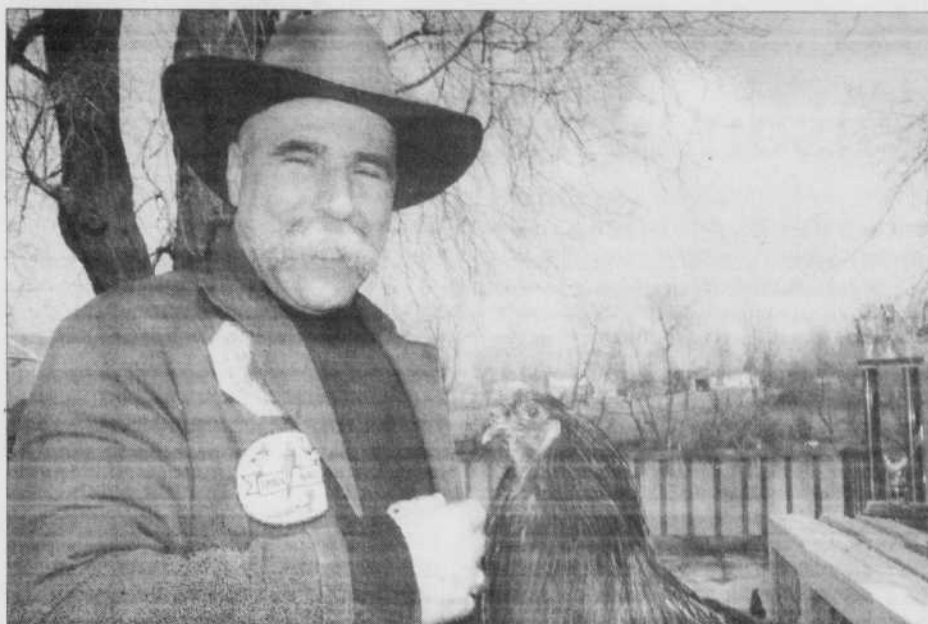
This is corn country. Hundreds, maybe thousands of acres of flat land where, during the growing season, grain and silage corn, much of it slated to be processed into fuel, grows lush and plentiful.

Range roads, (not at their best this time of year, by the way) dissect this area of the Monteregie neatly, opening on to farmstead yards, corrals, silos and bunkers more numerous than a lone driver can count. But, watching carefully, we soon realize assuming corn, in all its forms, is the only thing passersby will see, take another look. Horses, large and small, lounge in corrals near some buildings, other farmsteads show signs that cattle of some kind have been wintering in these older buildings and dozens of hog producers, their buildings a discreet distance from the road are humming with fans and ventilators working at capacity on this, one of the warmest days of March ever.

But we're not looking for four-legged friends this day. Our challenge is finding Bernard Desourdy and his soul mate Christiane at their home near the village. This is the day we meet some very special feathered friends, proud inhabitants of the Desourdy property where nearly 200 very rare breeds of chickens, bantams, game birds, ducks, geese and pigeons are given VIP treatment by Bernard and Christiane.

Desourdy himself, energy flowing from every move he makes, (none of them slowly), this individual knows the meaning and moves of virtual combat. At one time, the martial arts were his passion, training and dedication taking him on a path that would lead him to cities across North America, training courses, competitions and demonstrations his 'cup of tea.' But, as so often happens, this rising star in his field of specialty found travel and loneliness were causing him distress. Drugs and alcohol began their inevitable hold on this energetic person, whose stride is swift and silent as a jungle cat to this day.

"When I was five or so, my Dad gave us free rein on whatever projects my brothers and I dreamed up. In my case, pigeons were a tempting challenge and



Bernard Desourdy.

CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

my Dad, supplying cages, housing and feed, insisted each of us undertake something we could be totally responsible for, looking after what ever animals or birds we chose and, whatever costs he looked after were to be repaid," Desourdy said laughing as he recalled his father standing with his hand out and asking about his 'due.'

Desourdy insists his hobby, even at that young age, kept him out of trouble for many years. Concentrating on acquiring the best and expanding his roosts to accommodate more than twelve varieties of pigeons, the budding feather fancier was soon looking at branching out into feathered friends of all kinds including rare and exotic breeds of standard poultry, game and bantam poultry, water fowl and even geese.

"But, the sport of martial art and, I'll have to admit, girls, stole away my motivation in the poultry house and yard and for over ten years, there were no fancy feathers in my yard."

Eventually however, walking on the wild side caught up with this man whose energy these days is divided between his increasing flock of quality birds and the battle with cancer he is facing with indomitable courage.

"When they operated and removed most of my large intestine, life didn't seem very promising. I began to give

away some of the six hundred or so birds I had at the time and morale was at a very low ebb. But, with Christiane and my family and friends from the days when poultry was my main challenge surrounding me with their love and encouragement, it seemed almost a crime to give up."

These years, Bernard and Christiane, with the numbers of feathered friends gradually getting back well into the hundreds again, travel around the province and even south of the border, their fancy, exhibition-quality birds carefully ensconced in special cages he has designed himself to ensure their comfort and safety have logged hundreds of miles each exhibition season. The intrepid couple turn up at county fairs bringing colour and interest to visitors.

"We have one of the rare Langshan Sumatra cocks here. This endangered breed is so rare, we are having trouble finding a female anywhere in the world. Probably there are under 500 of these birds left, and he's one of the purest of the pure, coming from the isolated island of Sumatra" he says, taking this regal rooster from his cage, giving him a scratch just behind his head, telling him to stand up straight on his special perch, and backing away to make sure we get a full view of this magnificent specimen. Champion wherever he went last year, he'll undoubtedly be in the

winners' circle again this year.

"You have to understand one thing. The rare species I have here including Game birds, Pheasants of every colour available, pigeon breeds like the Swallow, Homers, Giants, rare black Call ducks - these are often the only poultry and water fowl of these breeds on exhibit. So, we go to give the public a demonstration on the importance and variety of endangered breeds and encourage people to consider this hobby of mine as a possible challenge to them. You don't have to have hundreds to enjoy these birds. There's also the fact, they are very difficult to find, especially 'show' quality like these. So it's a challenge and, if the poultry and small animal houses at fairs here and outside the province and in the US are any indication, (fair boards are reporting exhibitor numbers are gradually increasing), quite a few folks, looking for a unique hobby, are taking on the challenge."

But here, there's not much left to chance. Specific breeds are separated and when the time is right, fertilized eggs are whisked off to his basement incubators and hatchery. Birds are tagged and Christiane takes care of the paperwork and records. Trophies are dusted, polished and displayed in a special cabinet where prize ribbons and rosettes overlap in a crowded display.

Desourdy didn't slow down as we toured the coops and roosts. As we walked and talked, chemotherapy was ongoing from a side-pack, the fifth session in a series of twelve. Family and friends began to arrive for this special afternoon when a video clip would be filmed to send to the francophone program, Le Banquier where Desourdy is among the first list of finalists. "Who could be depressed," he asked, as vehicles began to fill every parking space around the property. "And you know what I've promised? If, by some good grace from God, I do win some money, one third will go to St-Justine Hospital for the children's department where kids are battling cancer, as I am right now."

It was time to leave. Hello's were combined with hugs and handshakes as visitors arrived to support this unusual couple. And I think my farewell hug was one of the best too.



Thérèse Rivard  
played the organ.



Diane Goulet Plante

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## Nothing but good memories...

In 2009, my mother died just before the holidays. Grief-stricken, I had to take on the many administrative tasks as executor of her estate. Two days before Christmas, the government called me in to settle some of the details. I was dismayed! That's when an angel came to me: the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home offered to represent me and take over the administrative tasks. What a relief!

I am immensely grateful to Elkas Funeral Home's team for its dedication and support.

Diane Goulet Plante, daughter of the late Thérèse Rivard

## EDITORIAL

*You know how you end up with all sorts of open packages of spaghetti? Well, I usually just throw them all away. Out with the old boxes of pasta and in with fresh ones. Yes, April is the season of re-noodle.*

## April is the season of...



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**T**S. Elliot wrote, "April is the cruelest month." Nuh-uh, Mr. Elliot. (Or may I call you "T"?). That's not how you spell it. It's c-o-o-l-e-s-t. April is the coolest month.

Of course, when he wrote that, Elliot was probably still reeling from the April Fool's prank an anonymous editor had played on him the year prior: publishing a poem under Elliot's name in the Times of London entitled, "Love Song 2: The Irresistible Pan Flute of J. Alfred Prufrock."

But once you get past the prankster pitfalls and psychological trauma of its first day, April is a pussycat. It's about as laid back as a month can get. Moderate temperatures. Baseball season. Fishing, for God's sake! And surely Easter is the least stressful of all the chocolate-based holidays.

But mostly what sets off April's mellow vibe is the fact that it's the season of renewal.

There's nothing quite like watching the world come back to life after the long winter months. The rhubarb pushing its eager head out of the ground only to be ignored for the rest of the season, because, honestly, that stuff is horrid! Men digging their barbecues out of storage. Women doing the same with their leg razors.

Speaking of miserable chores you have to deal with every now and then, my wife and I will likely celebrate the season of renewal by renewing our passports. We were looking at them the other day, prompting my wife to wonder, somewhat affronted, why I had listed my father on my passport as the emergency contact instead of her.

"Because," I said, "if I die outside the country, you'll probably be with me."

"I'll probably be the one who did it," she replied.

A few days later, I was eating some jujubes, when, ugh, one of them tasted terrible! I couldn't remember, however, which colour I had put in my mouth.

"What colour is this?" I asked my wife, and stuck out my tongue covered in half-chewed jujube.

"Red," she said. "And you're gross."

My point is that I probably shouldn't consider April the season of renewal for my marriage vows.

April, on the other hand, is a good time to get chores done around the yard while you still have the enthusiasm and energy to lug all your tools and equipment across the lawn, unlike later on when you've lost the will to lift.

For example, you might have some rickety stairs that need repairing. Maybe you'll fix the banister or replace that rotting newel post at the bottom of the stairs. After all, April is the season of re-noodle.

Then there's all the spring-cleaning, with April being the only time you truly feel inspired to give the house a good going over, really get into the hard-to-reach corners and taking a good whiff for any mouldy or noxious smells, unlike later one when you've lost the will to whiff.

Me, I like to give our food cupboards a thorough cleaning in April. You know how you end up with all sorts of open packages of spaghetti and other pasta, and sometimes they spill all over the place? Well, I usually just throw them all away. Out with the old boxes of pasta and in with fresh ones. Yes, April is the season of re-noodle.

April also seems to be the time when more kids than ever go door to door selling raffle tickets and goodies. I've bought so much chocolate over the years, I should get a philanthropic award from the candy bar industry. I especially like nougat-filled bars. Sometimes when I feel I've bought too many to eat myself, I give them as gifts, because April is the season of re-nougat.

Mostly, though, many of us look forward to April because it's the end of March, which is National Really Terrible Pun Month - which I guess, in the end, would make March the cruelest month.

## Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

**W**ith reference to the front page article dated March 27 - written by Corrinna Pole entitled "RICHMOND RESIDENT WARNS; BARGAIN-HUNTING BUYERS BEWARE"; as the brother of Wayne Malboeuf, I feel compelled to respond with a clarification of this misconception.

Anyone who knows the Malboeuf family also knows that we are not dishonest people. The theft of the trailer was unforeseen; Wayne and our family were as shocked and upset as anyone with its disappearance and he was certainly not involved with the theft as some readers might have perceived in reading the article. Yes, I was asked by the brother of Mrs. Begin to keep her trailer until Christmas as it was to be a surprise gift to her husband and that the transfer to his name would be made after Christmas; I agreed to keep it and at no charge. I would also like to clarify that the trailer was definitely padlocked at the time of its disappearance

and had been so in my yard for 2 months prior to the theft, and not for years as stated in the article.

Mrs. Begin omitted to mention that despite a generous offer made by my brother Wayne, she declined and chose to pursue the matter in court. Mrs. Begin also omitted to point out that although the Judge was unilingual French speaking, an interpreter was present and available as in all court cases, but Mrs. Begin chose not to use her services.

We all live in a small closely knit community and this sort of incident has a tendency to drive a wedge amongst families and friends. It shouldn't be so, but unfortunately it can cause unnecessary suffering to innocent people. Let us not forget, the guilty party in this situation is the thief and not the families and friends involved.

EDWARD MALBOEUF,  
AN OFFENDED FAMILY MEMBER  
CANTON DE MELBOURNE

DEAR EDITOR:

**C**anada's shameful refusal to offer asylum to Jews fleeing Nazi Germany aboard the SS St. Louis in 1939 would have been perfectly possible under the provisions of a new refugee bill the Conservative government wants to push through by June 29.

The Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers explains that under the proposed Bill C-31, "The SS St. Louis was piloted by human smugglers intent on abusing the Canadian immigration system. The passengers are part of a 'human smuggling event' and will be automatically detained for one year. If their refugee claims are rejected, they will be deported back to Germany with no chance to appeal the negative decision."

That's among several reasons the Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, Anglican Bishop of Quebec, has added his voice to the chorus of opponents calling for the proposed legislation's withdrawal.

Bill C-31 gives arriving refugees just 15 days to prove their claims, and 15 days to appeal a refusal. It removes an expert, independent advisory body from the process for designating certain countries as "safe," thus removing safeguards against countries being designated on the basis of political, trade and other considerations. The bill permits the minister of citizenship and immigration to seek to revoke an individual's refugee status and deport them at any time up until they gain citizenship. A person's permanent residence could be revoked should the circumstances in their home country change or should they return home for any reason, including to see a sick par-

ent or to look for a lost child. This last provision will apply equally to those who were recognized as refugees in Canada and those who were processed overseas when sponsored by church groups such as the Diocese of Quebec's Noella Project.

"The concentration of wide-reaching and vaguely defined powers in a political minister, with no mechanisms of judicial accountability, displays a dangerous inclination away from the rule of law and principles of responsible and democratic governance," said Bishop Drainville, himself a former member of the Ontario legislature. "The diocese is deeply concerned that major portions of this law fail to comply with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and with international law."

Over recent decades the Canadian churches have been in the forefront of efforts to ensure that Canada offers protection to refugees, through refugee sponsorship, through legal action, and through calls on the government for the fair, just and humane treatment of those who arrive here seeking asylum. The Diocese of Quebec supports an immigration system that is fair, independent of political considerations, and affordable. Bill C-31, however, is unconstitutional, undermines our humanitarian traditions, and violates our international obligations.

With Bill-31, Canada would be turning its back on its tradition of welcoming the stranger. As Christians who share this tradition, we demand that Bill C-31 be withdrawn at once.

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## C COLUMNIST

Very young children who seemed always to live in Spring anyway were learning to say, "In like a lion out like a lamb"

## In like a lion out like a lamb



STEVEN BLACK

South Petunia Bottom seemed a little cheerier these days as March drew to a close. The grey buildings seemed less Grey. The vigilant window shutters that kept guard to the east seemed less reluctant to admit the light almost wooing morning glow to caress them. The raindrops hitting wavy blacktop seemed to dance rather than self-destruct in a more wintery crash.

"In like a lion out like a lamb." This was the common expectation of her inhabitants. Most of them, by collective force of good cheer, were walking with Spring in their step and greeting one another with considerably more volume than had been heard hereabouts since the bells, choirs and carols of Christmas Eve and Christmas. The robins, greenfinch and wrens contributed their opin-

ion to the optimism. The climate was grumpier than usual at the beginning of the month and had persisted as it huffed in chill malice adding cold spray from every direction that the wild wind permitted. It dared the people to smile from under upturned collars and straining umbrellas amidst its glooming intent. Nevertheless, instinctively hope was found in an old saying that seemed true by everyone's aunt's insistence. "In like a lion out like a lamb." Things will get better soon.

Sam the bartender wiped down the bar and turned to polish the glassware mulling over his special menu for the weekend. Hot Leek Soup, Curried Lamb Stew and his always popular, "Mother's Pudding" seemed comfortingly appropriate. The door to the Happy Stallion Pub swung open enthusiastically and in sprang Tabitha the Belgian Shepherd followed by an only subtly less springy Constable Tom of the County Plonger-stop Constabulary K9 Unit. Tabitha shook off the morning rain generously showering the stone walls and sturdy wooden furniture. Tom then removed his overcoat, and giving it a shake contributed a little more to Tabitha's generosity. At the bar, Tom ordered coffee

and his morning breakfast. "Sunny side up, this morning Sam," before taking his usual table in the corner with Tabitha curling up beneath at his feet. "Spring's in the air, Sam."

"Indeed it is," Sam replied taking a towel to wipe down the stone walls and sturdy wooden furniture before the next patron arrived - with a little more glee than he might have shown normally. "In like a lion out like a lamb."

Actually the saying was on most everyone's mind these days offering something like hope in this March's misery. Old Miss Begonia Smythe, with her five cats' persistent help, wrote letters to her large adopted family with news of life and the weather and best wishes, always reminding the discouraged, "In like a lion out like a lamb." The Gin and Bugle Times was inventing any excuse to add pictures of daffodils and other Spring flowers. One photo was proudly run in colour in a way that boldly contrasted with the usual finger graying black and white.

Very young children who seemed always to live in Spring anyway were learning to say, "In like a lion out like a lamb" with an energy that easily overcame the fact they didn't understand

how a lion could turn into a lamb. Their world was able to include many possibilities. Only "Grumpy" Hoyle failed to be impressed. He always seemed to rise to the occasion most convincingly when things like the weather report were unpromisingly grim. He wasn't impressed by such nonsense at all, science being his co-conspirator on this day to beat back anything that would look too lamblike.

Nearby, at Our Holy Mother of South Petunia Bottom Catholic Church, Father Patrick O'Mallory was preparing to offer morning mass. Always being well prepared, he checked to be sure that the stoles he would wear in the coming days were fresh and crisp with a priest's sense of familiar wonder. He laid them out Violet, then Red, then White. He stopped to gaze on the White stole in which was embroidered the image of a victorious Lamb. Mocking rain beat against slate tiles above. Father O'Mallory knew that violet was for today. Tomorrow, on Palm Sunday it would be red. And without fail, a mere one week later, glorious white would emerge with its Lamb. Fear and gloom's defeat assured, he said to himself, "In like a lion out like a Lamb."

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## Yamaska Valley Optimist Club Essay Contest winner

The Yamaska Valley Optimist Club is proud to announce this year's Essay Contest winner, Stéphanie Dubois of Lac Brome in which she answers "How my positive outlook Benefits my community". Stéphanie attends Massey Vanier High School, her teacher is Patrick Fontaine.

As a result of her winning essay, she will receive \$100 from the Yamaska Valley Optimist Club and has a chance at winning a \$2,500. scholarship through the Optimist Quebec South District level. In 2010 and 2011 the YVOC have had two scholarship prize winners, both from Massey Vanier.

The YVOC was established over 12 years ago to bring out the best in the kids of the community. The Essay Contest is just one of many events the Club organizes. Other activities such as, Canada Day Bicycle Parade, Angle Project, Youth Appreciation Dinners, Oratorical Contest, Pyjama Project for newborns and the annual Cancer Walk. To find out more about the club contact Ilze Epnors (450) 243-0720.



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Submitted by Dianne Normandeau

Stéphanie Dubois

## Sutton and South-Stukely Awards for their efforts towards the protection of species at risk

LAC-BROME

Last Friday, March 23, about 60 representatives from municipalities and environmental groups from all over Quebec gathered in Joliette for the event Villes et villages à la rescousse. This event highlights the collaboration between the two fields when it comes to protecting biodiversity.

Sutton won the Villes et villages Award for the new orientations of its urban plan adopted in 2010. This plan is the result of almost five years of consultations with the municipality's urban planning department, town councillors and local organizations, including Appalachian Corridor and Mount Echo Conservation Association. Sutton's new urban plan includes, among others, rules to protect mature forests and wetlands, which can be potential habitats for Wood Turtles and Spring Salamanders.

South-Stukely received one of ten Reconnaissance Awards, in recognition of a project identifying all wetlands on the municipality's territory, in order to include them within town regulations. "When the MRC proposed to inventory wetlands of more than 4ha, the town council decided to go one step further and collaborated with the Association de conservation de la nature de Stukely-Sud

(ACNSS) and Appalachian Corridor to identify all wetlands over 1ha" specified Mr. Gerald Allaire, Mayor of South-Stukely.

Caroline Daguét, Biologist working for Appalachian Corridor, adds that "thanks to this project, more than 1 000ha of wetlands are now on the map, representing 16 per cent of the municipality's territory. These fragile ecosystems provide essential habitats for the Four-toed Salamander as well as the Pickerel Frog and Clinton's Wood Fern, all species at risk in Quebec."

Villes et villages à la rescousse was initiated by four people from recognized conservation organizations: Louise Gratton from Nature Conservancy Canada, Francine Trepanier from the watershed organization CARA, Pascal Bigras from Nature-Action Québec and Pierre M. Valiquette from the Réseau des milieux naturels protégés du Québec. Melanie Lelievre, Executive Director of Appalachian Corridor, shares a final word: "This wonderful initiative allows municipalities to be recognized for their efforts towards the protection of natural environments and biodiversity. Congratulations to the two municipalities from the Eastern Townships who received these well-deserved awards, and let's hope that these projects will inspire others."

## WORLD RECORD EVENT HELD AT PROVIGO LENNOXVILLE



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Villes et Villages à la rescousse Award presented (with an original painting by Jean Gaudet) to Mr Charles Weldon, Sutton councillor. On the left, Mr Jean Lavoie, Environment Director for ArcelorMittal Montreal. On the right, Mr Yves Beaulieu, Executive Director for the municipality of Contrecoeur.



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Reconnaissance Award presented (with lithography by Ghislain Caron) to Mr. Gerald Allaire, Mayor of South-Stukely and Mrs. Caroline Daguét, Biologist working for Appalachian Corridor. On the right: Mr. Pierre M. Valiquette from the Réseau des milieux naturels protégés du Québec

# Local Sports

"The mild temperatures are an opportunity for us to stand apart from our competitors..."

## Glass is half full for local ski hills

By Patrick Lacroix

While the mild winter was quite welcome for many Townshippers, it may have left skiers and station operators wanting more, especially in terms of snow. The promising precipitations of November were a false start, and ultimately the season did not meet the high bar set the previous year. In spite of the tribulations of Mother Nature, assessments of this ski season are not entirely negative.

At Ski Bromont, the season is set to end a week before Easter, indeed a week earlier than originally planned. The station can produce sufficient amounts of artificial snow, but it as lately become too warm to keep it on the ground. Luckily there were avid skiers to take advantage of Bromont's installations throughout the winter. "Our ticket sales were only slightly below our expectations," explains marketing director Elaine Plamondon. "But we had as many daytime admissions as last year. We were aggressive in pricing and with new promotions we were able to attract a number of new seasonal ticket-holders."

"We have invested \$57 million at the mountain since 1998, much of it in equipment for artificial snow, such that we have really raised our performance," says Plamondon. "The mild temperatures are an opportunity for us to stand

apart from our competitors, precisely because we have those strong capabilities."

At Mt. Sutton, where winter activities closed on Sunday, March 25, communications coordinator Mireille Simard admits that the season was disappointing, especially in contrast to the previous season, when fiftieth anniversary celebrations coincided with near-record snowfalls. Whereas the station received 621 cm of snow in 2010-2011, only 272 cm were recorded this year. Only twice in the previous half-century was the amount lower. In addition, the ski hill was only open for 100 days, an all-time low for a station that generally exceeds 130 days of operation, and frequently surpasses the 150-day mark.

Yet, if the winter showed little of itself, the trails remained completely open for the duration of the season, thanks in part to artificial snow and heavy precipitations in late February. Fortunately other events, including jazz music and special promotions for female skiers, did draw a respectable number of visitors. By the final weekend, spring was there for all to see: the ski lifts were functional nearly until sunset, well past six o'clock, the barbecue was out on the terrasse, and by Simard's account, there was a splendid ambience. Skiers, it seems, are

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## BCS crowned provincial champions



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The Bishop's College School boys hockey team was crowned champion at this year's AAESQ Neil Provincial Championships for the first time in the school's storied career, defeating Lower Canada College 3-0 in the final. The school finally won the championship after a disappointing loss in last year's semifinals. The team also went undefeated in ETIAC action this year, winning both the regular season and playoffs. This weekend, they will be competing in the Quebec Prep School League playoffs after finishing fourth in the standings during the regular season.

## High school basketball championship wrap up

By Jesse Feith

The Eastern Townships region of the Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec held its annual Division 2 basketball championships this past Sunday at Cégep de Sherbrooke, with various high schools from the area tipping off in gold and bronze finals.

In the Bantam girls division, École secondaire Marie-Rivier beat Collège Sacré-Cœur by seven, 59-52, to win the gold medal. In the bronze medal final, La Ruche trampled Séminaire Salésien, 67-30, to take home the medal.

On the boys side of things, two Sherbrooke high schools, Triolet and Séminaire de Sherbrooke played to see which team would go home with the gold. Séminaire de Sherbrooke players left with medals around their neck as they easily defeated their opponents, 57-27. La Ruche found themselves in the bronze final game once more, but unfortunately on the other end of things this time as they fell to Marie-Rivier, 47-29.

In the Cadet division, La Ruche's girls team defeated Collège Sacré-Cœur, 56-47, to win the gold. In the bronze medal game, Séminaire Salésien barely pre-

vailed over Triolet, winning by four points with a 32-28 final score. In the boys division, Collège du Mont-St-Anne battled Séminaire de Sherbrooke in a tight game, with Séminaire eventually winning gold, 49-41. In the bronze finals, La Ruche was successful over Marie-Rivier, soundly defeating them by 15 points in a 46-31 game.

In the Juvenile divisions, the girls gold medal finals saw Alexander Galt Regional High School fall to Tandem/Le Boisé, 43-33. La Ruche found themselves in yet another bronze final, but were unable to capitalize and they lost to Collège Sacré-Cœur by five, 35-30. In the boys gold medal game, Marie-Rivier beat out La Ruche, 60-49, while Mont-St-Anne defeated Tandem/Le Boisé, 55-49.

Overall, l'école secondaire Marie-Rivier and Séminaire de Sherbrooke won the most championships, finishing the weekend with two gold medal each. La Ruche won three medals over the weekend and the school's different teams took part in six of the 12 games.

All eight teams from the tournament will be returning to practices soon as they will all be participating in the provincial high school championships to be held from April 13 to 15.

## Provincial championships in Sherbrooke

By Jesse Feith

It's championship time in the Eastern Townships as the 39th edition of the Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ) provincial championships in badminton, basketball and volleyball will all be taking place this weekend throughout Sherbrooke.

Organized by the Cégep de Sherbrooke, the championships give amateur sports fans a chance to see some of the province's most accomplished athletes in three sports all at once competing to be crowned the best in their disciplines, all over one weekend. A total of 40 teams will be present, bringing together more than 500 student athletes and coaches from across Quebec.

The basketball games will be held at Bishop's Mitchell Gymnasium for the girls teams and at Séminaire de Sherbrooke for the men's teams. Come finals time however, both sides' games will take place at Mitchell Gymnasium. The first games are scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday at both gymnasiums.

In volleyball, all games will take place at the Cégep de Sherbrooke, starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday. In badminton, l'école secondaire du Triolet will be hosting all of the competitions, starting

Saturday at 9 a.m. for the solo matches and Sunday at the same time for the doubles matches.

Every team that will be participating in the championships this weekend has earned its right to do so either by qualifying at the Northeast or Southwest regionals over the past few weeks. In women's basketball, last year's champions, the Sainte-Foy Dynamiques, failed to qualify for the weekend, meaning a new team will be leaving with the championships Sunday. The Champlain Cougars girls squad will be one to watch over the weekend, after yet another dominant and undefeated season has led them back to the provincial championships, this time with the home crowd on their side to cheer them on. In last year's provincials, they fell just short and were sent home with the silver medal after losing to the Élans from Collège François-Xavier-Garneau, 67-61 in Chicoutimi.

The Cougars will not be the only impressive team present however, as the Cégep du Vieux-Montréal won 15 of its 16 games this season and will looking to make up for their regionals finals two point loss to Collège Montmorency. One

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# The heart rate monitor is like having your own personal coach



## A RUNNER'S MIND

CHRISTINE BLANCHETTE

With spring such a wondrous season of renewal, many are inspired to turn back the body clock for a healthier look and improved performance. Training with a heart rate monitor could lead to a personal best, indeed it can be your virtual coach as many avid runners are using this device.

French author, Francois de la Rochefoucauld once said, "The only thing constant in life is change." As technology keeps advancing, gadgets such as the heart rate (pulse rate) monitor become more accessible to the mainstream. Where once available only in specialty running stores, it may now be purchased most anywhere.

A heart rate monitor is a personal monitoring device that allows you to measure in real time or record your heart rate for later review or analysis.

The device is usually comprised of two elements: a wireless chest strap transmitter and a wrist receiver. The chest strap detects your rate heart and sends that data to a wristwatch-style receiver, which displays your heart rate. They now combine speed-and-distance-monitor features with a standard stopwatch.

The heart rate Monitor has come a long way from elite athletes using them to everyday runners.

The first wireless heart rate monitor was invented in 1977 as a training aid for the Finnish National Cross Country Ski team and as "intensity training" became a popular concept in athletic circles in the mid-80s, retail sales of wireless personal heart monitors started from 1983 (wikipedia.org).

If you are thinking of investing in a heart rate monitor or didn't know anything about the device, read on as you may want to start training with one. In a recent interview with Vanda Borean, manager at Rackets and Runners, Vancouver, she confirmed the heart rate monitor can fit any budget "...And the information about your workouts that they provide can be useful enough to far outweigh the initial cost," Borean, with her finger on the pulse of the running scene, said yesterday. The basic but still very valuable heart rate monitor costs \$95. The average cost for most heart rate monitors is \$150. When you add speed

and distance functionality, the price can go up to \$500.

"Everyone can benefit from a heart rate monitor. Most sports medicine experts agree that in order to get the maximum benefits from aerobic exercise you will want to vary your routines so that you remain challenged. A heart rate monitor can then help track the intensity of your effort to make sure you stay within certain heart rate parameters. Therefore, heart rate monitors are great tools to have and to use. For instance, you can use a heart rate monitor to stay within a certain zone, i.e. 60-65 per cent of your max heart rate. Rather than having to check your pulse regularly, the heart rate monitor provides your heart rate with ease," Borean said.

In a recent interview with Guy Schultz, associate head coach of University of Western Ontario cross-country team, he confirms, "Heart rate monitors are usually used by the everyday runner whereas the elite athletes use the device on their recovery days." He notes, "The everyday runner would use the heart rate monitor as a personal coach. It can be useful as the runner sometimes would train too easy on the hard days and the easy days too hard." Schultz adds, "The monitor can be also useful when there are 20-35 runners doing a track session, i.e.: 5x 1km and a two-minute rest. Some runners may need



more rest and the monitor can be useful at this time."

Indeed, heart rate monitors can be useful from 5k to marathon but they won't be for everyone. Schultz, after 30 years as an elite runner, doesn't use the monitor as he is in tune with his body. I look at it this way: anything that helps you to run safely, without overextending yourself is a good thing. If you have patience to read the instruction manual, understanding proper use, the heart rate monitor could become the best tool in your tool box to help you achieve all of your running goals. Whether you're training too hard or not hard enough, you're going to find out.

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## Ski hills

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ready to embrace the warm weather. "The season did not rise to our expectations," Simard says. "The years go by but seldom look alike. But we can now move on to our summer activities. We have many events scheduled for the spring and summer. There will be camping and hiking at the Sutton natural environment park (PENS), and we will host the Xtrail Asics cross-country challenge in June as well as the Swiss national celebrations in July, the season culminating with the fall festival. We will be amply busy!"

Finally it has been revealed that the management of Mt. Sutton will be planting more than 1,500 trees this spring. The station had pledged to plant one tree for every person who joined its Facebook page over the course of three months, this winter. Details will be announced at a later date.



COURTESY OF MONT SUTTON

While the warm weather added to the ambience of end-of-season activities at Mt. Sutton, station operators are left to look forward to a colder and more consistent winter next year.

## Championships

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more team that could possibly shock some teams on its way to the finals could be Collège Rosemont, as it qualified for provincials for the first time in history.

On the men's basketball side, there are several teams that could be leaving as champions when the weekend is done. Cégep de Sainte-Foy went undefeated in their regular season before losing to Cégep de Jonquière in the regional finals, 87-77. The team that eliminated the Champlain Cougars from regionals, Cégep de Trois-Rivières, will also be taking part in this weekend's action after finishing its season with 18 wins and no losses.

In women's volleyball, College Montmorency will be trying to win a second consecutive provincial championship after finishing their season in second place behind Collège Édouard-Montpetit in the Southwest Conference. Coming out of the Northeast Conference, College Francois-Xavier-Garneau will pose a serious threat to other teams after finishing their season with 20 wins and only one loss.

In men's volleyball, the defending champion Diablos from Cégep de Trois-Rivières, finished first in their league in the Northeast Conference with a 24-1 record. They did however lose in the regional finals to Cégep de Rimouski, who will also be present this weekend. Coming out of the Southwest Conference is College Jean de Brebeuf who finished first overall in the regular season and won the conference's regional finals. In badminton, the doubles game to see will pit Cégep de Sainte-Foy, who won silver in 2011, against Cégep de l'Outaouais, with both teams finishing the year in first place in their respective conferences.

The action all starts on Friday afternoon and full schedules of all of the games for the different sports will be available at each of the hosting school's gymnasium.

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# TOWNSHIPPER OF THE MONTH

Tony Taylor - Involvement

## Richmond resident donates time to keeping students interested in learning

By Corrinna Pole

**A** Richmond resident who is legally blind donates much of his time to keeping students interested in learning.

Determination, ingenuity and creativity has set Tony Taylor apart from the rest and it's also how the Richmond resident has been able to show local high school students the lucrative world of trades.

Taylor grew up in the close community and, except for a year spent studying in Toronto, he's lived in the same house all his life. Much of his time was spent with his family, especially when he joined his family's small lawn and garden company. But one day Taylor began to experience eye problems.

After a number of surgeries and with his eyesight continuing to decline, the then 29-year-old was told by his doctor that he should consider taking an early retirement.

"It was a big change in life but I'm not quite sure I'd trade it now," Taylor said.

While vision loss may be debilitating for some, Taylor didn't let it slow him down. Left legally blind, he discovered a passion for woodworking, a skill that he tapped into later to redesign his kitchen with his wife.

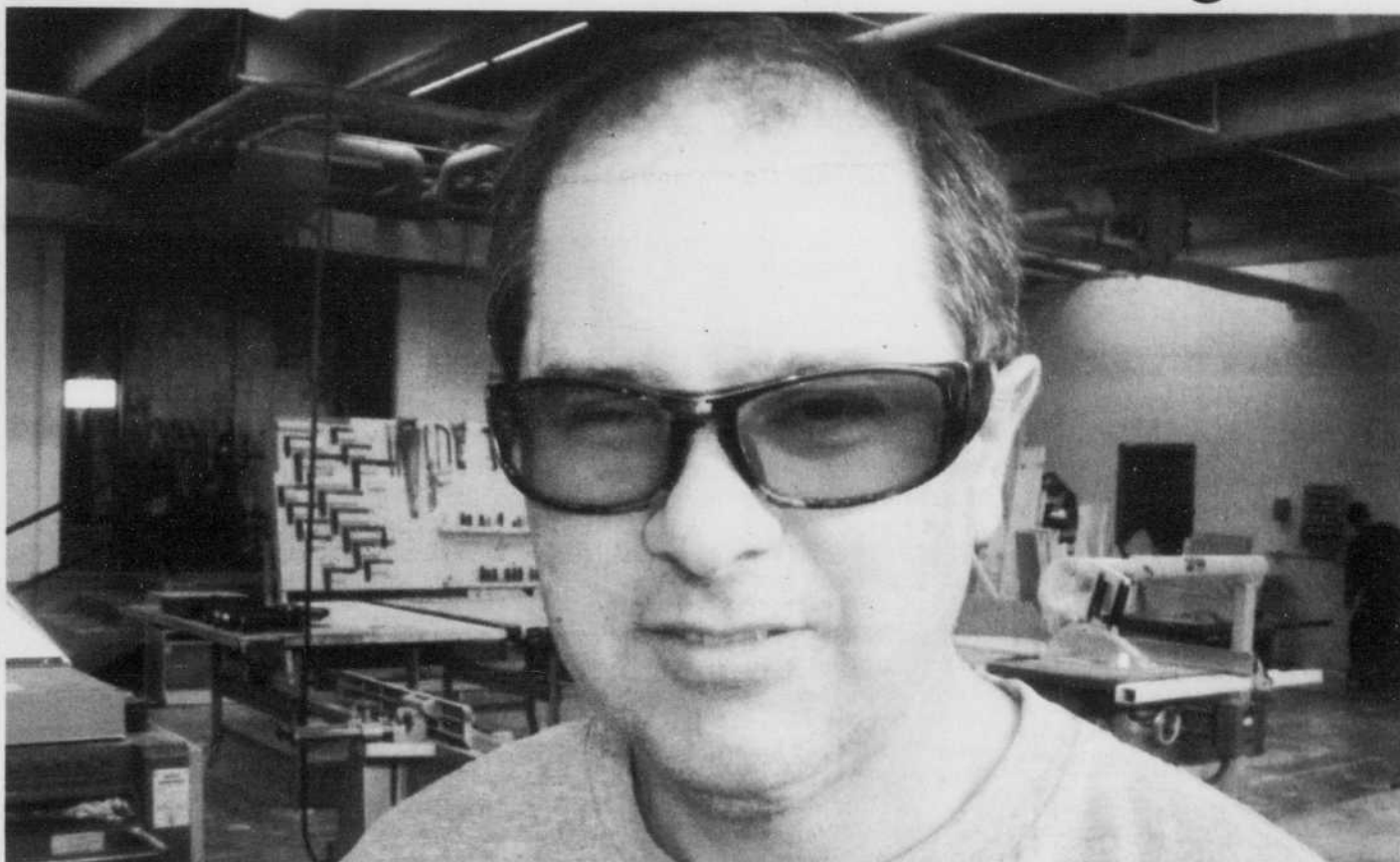
"I've adapted to it. It takes me longer to get things done but I can do it," he said.

Although there are some things Taylor missed, such as loss of mobility, he surprisingly declares there was a sense of freedom with losing his vision and having the time to do what he likes.

"The hardest thing was having nothing to do," he admits.

Eight years ago, the father of three found something to do when he started volunteering at Richmond Regional High School.

"Richmond is a small town with a big school and as a parent I liked that my kids didn't have to travel an hour every day to go to school, but I remember what I was like when I was going there," he said. "I was typically a student that liked shop more than studying English



LAURIE HANNAN

or French. I was and am a manual person, I learn by doing, not reading."

Sure that there were still students just like him and with the shop class closed years earlier, Taylor began to share his expertise in small motor mechanics through a lunch hour club.

In order to give the students hands-on work, Taylor reached out to former business contact Jay Blake at Wisconsin-based Briggs and Stratton Company, who donated 28 lawnmower engines, and magic was made.

The club revved and roared its way along until the shop programs - woodworking, mechanics and welding - were restored through the Tech Path program.

Taylor continued coming to the shop, spending most of his time working one-on-one because the volume of a whole class of students can be a bit too distracting, but also to try and inspire

them to stay in school.

In the 2010-2011 school year Taylor committed approximately eight hours a week, but this year he can be found up to 30 hours a week in the shop class.

"Last year nothing clicked, the year before that there were two kids that clicked and they inspired me to come in more often. This year it's one kid that clicked and because he's so enthusiastic, I'm there more often. I'd say this year is one of my better ones."

The donations have continued from Briggs and Stratton, the largest to date being 287 small motors that Taylor shared by re-distributing to a dozen other schools and centres. Recently the local Gaston Côté Company also donated their excess scrap lumber from the building of trusses and houses to the woodworking class.

"They give us all the scrap material and the kids can build whatever they

want without fear of cost," he explains.

Besides the donations of old cars and small and large motors, Taylor has also convinced local trades professionals to share their time and experience with students.

He confesses he gets a kick out of seeing the community support trickle down to the students and plenty of supplies means the students don't have to worry about their margin of error, giving them a chance to grow from their mistakes.

While the school board officially recognized Taylor's contributions by naming him as the high school volunteer of the year 2009-2010, he's also been credited with helping to design the tool shed used by the school's community garden. And he sits on the steering committee for the school's Community Learning Centres.



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## Church Services

### Anglican

#### GEORGEVILLE

St. George's Anglican Church, Georgeville welcomes you to the following services for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, April 5: Service of Holy Communion at 4 p.m. Good Friday, April 6: Service with music and meditation at 4 p.m. Easter Day, April 8: Choral Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. with the Ven. Dean E. Ross officiating. Sarah Hoblyn, organist, choir director.

#### LENNOXVILLE

Palm Sunday Services at Saint George's Anglican Church (est. 1822), 84 Queen St., Lennoxville at 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion with the Venerable David Oliver and 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sunday School. 819-346-5564.

#### LENNOXVILLE

St. James' Anglican Lennoxville (ANiC): Questions? Want to hear our story? The Rev. Jess Cantelon will be holding an info session Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Quebec House of Prayer (45 Queen St.). Coffee & cookies will be served. [www.stjameslennoxville.com](http://www.stjameslennoxville.com)

#### LENNOXVILLE

St. James' Anglican Lennoxville (ANiC) invites you to a Good Friday service of remembrance on April 6, 5 p.m., at the BCS chapel. Lennoxville native, Bishop Charlie Masters, will be preaching. For more info: [www.stjameslennoxville.com](http://www.stjameslennoxville.com)

#### LENNOXVILLE

St. James' Anglican Lennoxville (ANiC) traditional service invites you to come celebrate the resurrection of the King! Easter Sunday, April 8, 10 a.m., at the Quebec House of Prayer (45 Queen St.). For more info: [www.stjameslennoxville.com](http://www.stjameslennoxville.com)

#### SHERBROOKE

The Anglican Church of the Advent, 473 Bowen St. South, Sherbrooke welcomes you to the service of Holy Communion on Sunday, April 1 at 11 a.m. The Ven. Dean E. Ross officiating. Also Easter Day, April 8: Holy Communion service at 8 a.m. The Ven. Dean E. Ross celebrating.

### Presbyterian

#### LENNOXVILLE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 256 Queen St., Lennoxville, 819-569-3100. Minister: Rev. John Barry Forsyth. Organist: Anthony Davidson. Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School. April 5 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church. April 6 - Good Friday Ecumenical Morning Service, 10:30 a.m. at Plymouth-Trinity United Church. April 6 - Good Friday Evening Tenebrae Service, 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church. April 8 - Easter Morning Service, 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew's Church. The Word of Grace Radio Broadcast, P.O. Box 404, Sherbrooke, QC, J1M 1Z6, Station CJMQ 88.9 FM or [www.cjmq.fm](http://www.cjmq.fm), Sundays 8:30 a.m. Culte en fran ais dimanche 17h, Pasteur Rev. G. Fantechi 819-566-5962.

### United

#### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Palm Sunday Communion and Sunday School on April 1 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. James Potter, 819-565-8449; website - [lennoxvilleunitedchurch.com](http://lennoxvilleunitedchurch.com)

#### SHERBROOKE

Plymouth-Trinity United Church, corner of Dufferin and Terrill, the Rev. Robin Osborne, 819-346-6373. Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. There are activities for children during worship and nursery care for children under 2 years of age.

#### WATERVILLE-NORTH HATLEY

April 1: 9:30 a.m. service at the Hatley United Church and 11:00 a.m. service at the Waterville-North Hatley United Church with Sunday School. Rev. Mead Baldwin 819-837-1112.

## Auld Lang Syne



On Wednesday, February 29th, members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club met for the final meeting of the season.

And what a season it has been! Not only has it been the 135th anniversary of the club, but it has also been the season almost devoid of snow! As has been reported over the past several months, the abnormal lack of snow has deterred most of our members from actually participating in the sport that is our 'raison d'etre'. Only on one occasion did one of our members venture out for a tramp before our regular Wednesday night meetings. Even then, the amount of snow cover was far less than ideal, and unacceptable for other potential tramps.

The lack of snow did not, however, prevent our members from meeting regularly throughout the season. Every week, we met at the clubhouse for the usual indoor activities and the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of our club.

Such was the case on the 29th as well, with no snow but lots of socializing and fellowship for all the members.

President Don Jondreville called the last meeting of our 135th season to order at 6:30 p.m. The national anthem was sung a cappella and Harry Brown offered the blessing.

The White Knights proceeded to serve the evening meal, starting off with chicken noodle soup and following with entrees of pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes and carrots. There were side dishes of rolls, coleslaw and applesauce. Slices of banana cake constituted the dessert offering.

As the meal drew to a close a number of anecdotes were presented to the membership. Wyatt Savage told a story of a hypnotist visiting a seniors' home. Then Alan Cox had three tales of his own. The first dealt with a Scotsman and a watch, the next with a nurse who had a penchant for laughing and the final one about an individual facing a dilemma. President Don, not to be outdone, offered up his own jokes, with one dealing with a farmer who had a road accident with his favorite cow Bessie, and the second, about someone overjoyed after a visit to the doctor.

The evening's door prizes were awarded to the president himself, along with Bud Allanson.

Honorary President Steve Moore then rose to present former club president Don Loughheed with his second 'past president's pin, albeit somewhat belated.

Captain Richard Goodhue announced that in lieu of requests to fulfill quotas for snow walking and tramps, the awarding of seasonal pins would be postponed until the annual general meeting in the fall.

About this time, and in the immortal words of Edgar Allan Poe, 'there came a knocking at the door! Upon responding, the membership was greeted with an inspiring person from the past, but also someone familiar to those in attendance! Decked out in formal attire, from his black cape to his black top hat, the individual purported to be the Honorable Edward Blake, the Toronto MP and leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition from the 1880s. The visitor addressed the membership in the spirit and with the inspiration derived from the recent parliamentary debates held at the club and in light of the recent viewing of the film on Sir John A. Macdonald. He had been summoned he reported, by various members of the club's Blue Party, to speak on their behalf. The Honorable Mr. Blake went on to denounce the recent lack of spontaneity emanating from the Red Party and its current failure in normal responsibilities. As a consequence he requested that President Don declare the obvious, that the newly re-invigorated Blue Party was now the more dominant entity with the club hierarchy vis a vis its arch opponent in such matters, namely the Red Party. With the president's less than full commitment, the guest moved on to confront next year's incoming president, asking him whether or not he would declare the Blue Party as the official loyal opposition to his future administration!

With a similar lack of commitment, Mr. Blake moved on and asked both if they would sanction the acknowledgement of 'Charlie the Bull' as an official symbol of the Blue Party! Not waiting for a definitive presidential statement on the matter, and assuming the question a 'fact compli', the honorable member of parliament took his leave, bidding all a good night.

The meeting then returned to a more natural decorum, with President Don announcing the full slate of officers for the 2012-2013 season, as submitted by Karl Hunting, chairman of the nominating committee. Approval of the officers was accepted by means of a ballot.

The members then retired to the outer hall to participate in an age-old tradition that takes place at the club at the end of every season. Members gathered in a large circle and with arms crossed and hands joined, sang in final tribute and farewell, Auld Lang Syne! Upon completion, a round of applause was expressed for the enjoyable season just completed and in appreciation of Don Jondreville's successful tenure as club president.

While the official season came to a close, the club's activities continue on through the year. Before members dispersed, plans were made to meet regularly to play volleyball and cards. Also there was the sugar-on-snow party to look forward to and the annual garage sale coming up in June.

Members then mingled and socialized before departing, one by one.

Steve Moore

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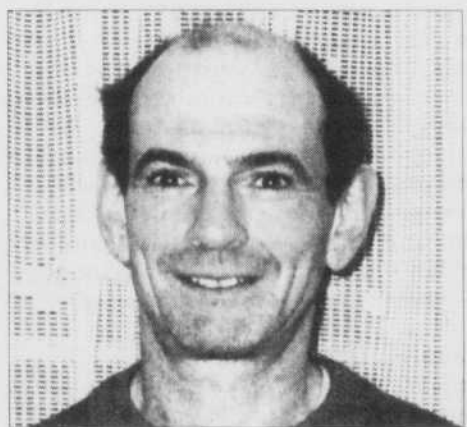
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**In Memoriams**



**HUDSON, Herbert** - March 31, 2011.  
Time may heal the broken-hearted,  
Time may make the wound less sore,  
But time will never stop the longing  
For the loved one gone before.

**Sadly missed by  
NELLIE (wife)  
AND FAMILY**



**LARIVIERE, Michael**: November 7, 1960 - March 30, 2011. In loving memory of our beloved brother Michael.

One year ago today you left us Mike,  
Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
The gates of Memory never close,  
We miss you more than anyone knows,  
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Deep in our thoughts you are always there.  
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We shall remember thee.

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BRENDA, RICHARD  
BRUCE, CAROL, JOHN**

**Cards of Thanks**

**JONES** - I would like to thank Calvary United Church, the Rev. Gayle Chouinard, Gail Booth and all the volunteers for their prayers and best wishes and for having the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon which was a amazing success, all the people who came to it, the Fordyce W.I., and friends from far and near. Steve and Bev Jude are Bryce's parents and he has been battling a rare leukemia for three years. He has had a bone marrow transplant from his four-year old brother, Mason, and is responding well. Steve and Bev have been with Bryce night and day since he has been in hospital, taking a leave of absence from their jobs. Thanking everyone for their prayers and support, the wonderful hospital care, the wonderful doctors and nurses that have done so much.

**MARY JONES**

**Death**



**Charles  
Gordon  
Mallory  
HERRING**

Passed away peacefully at the Grace Christian Home, on Sunday, March

25, 2012 at the age of 94. Beloved husband of the late Grace Paterson. Loving father of Brian, the late Douglas, Rosemary and Elizabeth. Cherished grandfather of Gordon, Charles, Margaret, Grace, Scot, Pepper, Shelby, Bradley, Kristy, Erin and James and great granddaughter Lacey. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on Monday, April 9, 2012 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and at the St. George's Anglican Church, 84 Queen St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on Tuesday, April 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. with the Ven. Dean Ross officiating. Interment of ashes of Gordon, his wife Grace and son Douglas will follow after the funeral service in the Malvern Cemetery. Donations to the Dr. W.J. Klinck Foundation, 1501 Campell Avenue, R.R. # 2 Sherbrooke, QC J1M 0C1 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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**Card of Thanks**



**RICHARD, J. Gaston** - We would like to sincerely thank our relatives and friends who showed their sympathy in many ways at the time of the death of our loving husband, father and grandfather, Gaston, on February 10, 2012. Your many kindnesses has helped us through a difficult time. We are truly appreciative. Please consider this as a personal thank you.

**Sincerely,  
MARGUERITE  
CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES  
GRANDCHILDREN and  
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN**

**Death**



**Glenna Alice Hunt  
MACCASKILL**

Passed away peacefully at her home on March 27, 2012 in her 88th year. Glenna was the daughter of the late James Hunt and late Anna Bottcher and was the loving wife of the late Malcolm MacCaskill and beloved mother of Sandy (Bob) Davidson and cherished grandmother of Philip (Becky) and Patrick.

Glenna is survived by her sister Anita Tikaizo (the late Alfred). She is predeceased by her sisters Marion (the late Milton Gladden), Ruby (the late Toby Emery), Muriel (the late Shirley Bennett) and by

her brothers Clarence (Eva) and the late John, she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, March 31 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Lennoxville United Church followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment of ashes at Gould, Que at a later date.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Marc-André Despatis (CHU) for his compassion in perserving Mom's quality of life. Also thank you to Dr. Johanne Frégeau for her years of care. Donations to the Lennoxville United Church Memorial Fund, 6 Church St. Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1S9 would be appreciated.

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**Death**



**Benita R.  
(Nee Buckley)  
MACDONALD**

Lost her battle with cancer at the Palliative Care ward of the Magog Hospital on March 25, 2012, surrounded by her family. She will be sorely missed by her loving husband of 56 years, Stanley M. MacDonald, as well as her daughter Lin (late Colin), son Lyle (Larene), grandsons Mark (Caroline), Kevin (Marie), Alex (Jen), granddaughter Lisa, great-granddaughter Madison and great-grandson Ryan.

Benita was predeceased by her brother Ralph, but will be missed by her brother David (Vivian). She also leaves to mourn numerous nieces and nephews, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Janet and Eldon MacDonald, as well as many close friends.

Benita was a long time resident of Ste. Catherine-de-Hatley, an employee of Champlain College for over 30 years before retiring, and well known for her vegetables and beautiful flowers at the North Hatley Farmer's Market each summer.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in aid of abandoned, abused or lost pets with Veterinary care before going to their new and permanent homes, can be made to Jen Young, Blue Seal (1730 Wellington South, Sherbrooke, PQ, J1M 1K9, 819-348-1888, bluesseal@agrianalyse.com)

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**Dear Annie:** I'm 20 and attending college near my parents' home. Despite what my Catholic family wants, I've been exploring other religions for the past five years and have decided that Judaism is the right road for me. I want to let my family in on this process, but I'm afraid they'll react badly and insist that my Jewish fiancé is swaying my decision.

My mother is starting to pick up on the fact that I haven't been going to church with her. She has informed me that she would be greatly insulted if I became Jewish, because all those years of putting me through Catholic school would be for naught. She recently hoped loudly that eventually I would "do the right thing and come back." I'm tired of lying when they ask where I go on Friday evenings. Help? — At the Crossroads

**Dear Crossroads:** There is some validity to the claim that your fiancé may be influencing your decision, but that is to be expected. Even if he isn't making a concerted effort to convert you, his preferences and beliefs would be persuasive on their own.

We respect the fact that you have spent five years considering your decision, which indicates you've done a great deal of thinking. But we also recognize that most of this five-year period took place while you were a teenager and quite young for such a life-changing decision. Regardless, please stop lying to your parents. If this is the path you have

chosen, you must be able to stand up for your beliefs in the face of their disappointment.

The sooner you start the more time they will have to reconcile themselves to the situation. You also can enlist the help of your rabbi.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing this to help military families who are at home while their spouses are deployed. As a military spouse for 20 years, I am sometimes overwhelmed, exhausted and isolated. Deployments are lengthy, and training adds to the time we are separated. Life is challenging.

We often encounter people who want to thank my husband for his service. I thank them for their support. But if you know of a military spouse who is alone, here are a few suggestions:

Offer to babysit for free. Older children often miss out on evening events because younger siblings need to be in bed or it's too difficult to take them all to the event. Offer to drive the children to practices or games and supervise them. Include their children in your family outings, and give the military spouse an afternoon off.

Take a meal to the family. A frozen casserole is a treat on a hectic day. Or treat them to a meal out. Anywhere.

Offer to mow the lawn, wash the car, check under the hood or take a pet to the vet. Check on them when the weather is extreme. Send their spouse a letter. Call and ask what you can do to help.

Please help the military by helping out military families. A little kindness goes a long way. — A Soldier's Spouse Anywhere

**Dear Soldier's Spouse:** Thank you for reminding our

## Annie's Mailbox

readers of the simple things they can do to help out our servicemen and

women and the families that stand behind them.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Old in Indiana," the 90-year-old woman who wondered how to divide her possessions among her daughters and daughters-in-law.

Several years before my lovely mother passed away, she had all her valuables appraised. Then, in her own handwriting, she wrote who got what next to each piece. I encourage everyone to do the same. It made a difficult time so much easier when we knew we were honoring her wishes. I consider it her final gift to us. — Missing Mom in Maryland

**Dear Annie:** I'm 16 years old, and I have two best friends, "Krystina" and "Taylor," who mean the world to me. Lately, Krystina has been full of drama. She often says she feels left out and hurt. But, Annie, we never do anything without including her.

Recently, she's been pulling this whole "you guys never tell me anything until two weeks later" thing. But I usually tell her everything at the same time I tell Taylor. She even knows stuff about me that Taylor doesn't. But she claims that Taylor tells me personal things that she doesn't repeat. That's not true, and Taylor confirmed that the three of us learn everything at the same time. If we miss something, it's because it's so unimportant that we forget.

But I will admit that sometimes I withhold things because I know Krystina will judge me and make me feel bad when I need her support the most. Still, those times are rare, and I always tell her relatively soon. Yet when I say this to her, it's like we have two different versions of reality.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to lose Krystina's friendship. I feel terrible that she's hurting over this, but I have no idea how to change it. I can't

text her every time I dye my hair or buy a hamburger, and neither can Taylor. But then, neither does Krystina. So what do we do? — Stuck in the Middle

**Dear Stuck:** Three-way friendships are sometimes hard to navigate, particularly in high school, when hormones are running rampant and emotions are harder to control. Krystina's reality actually is a little different, and we suspect she feels she is competing for your affection. The best you can do is frequently reassure her that you value her friendship, think she's a great person and want to stay close. Try not to exclude her, and address her lack of support with honesty at the time it happens. The rest is up to her.

**Dear Annie:** I am married to the greatest woman in the world. Several years ago, while still in my 20s, I discovered I have a heart condition that requires a lot of medications. I will be dealing with it my entire life.

The problem is that lately my libido seems to be almost not there. My wife takes the brunt of my failure in the bedroom and often remarks that I don't find her attractive. But I do. I am more in love with her now than when we married.

We want children, and obviously, this hampers my ability to reproduce. I've been thinking about adoption. With my limitations, how do I make my wife feel as amazing as she is? — Want To Feel Young Again

**Dear Want:** Please make an appointment to see your doctor, and ask about changing your medications. Sometimes a little tweaking can work wonders. More importantly, take your wife with you so the doctor can explain how certain medications might interfere with your sex life. There is no reason for her to take this so personally. Frank and frequent communication is the best way to handle it, and work on other ways to make your wife feel amazing in the bedroom.

**Dear Annie:** Like "Undecided Mom," I have boxes of childhood memorabilia for my grown children, who now have children of their own. Instead of continuing to store their stuff, I've been "gifting" them with a year's worth of their childhood at a time.

When my daughter's first baby was born, I gave her everything I'd saved from her own first year. I loved looking through it. When that first grandchild entered 4th grade last fall, he thought it was great to see his mom's old report cards, projects and pictures from when she was his age. We've shared a lot of laughs and memories this way. — Memory Lane Traveler

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

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## Happy Birthday

Edward Digby is 80 Saturday.  
So let's start celebrating today.  
A celebration he surely deserves.  
Not to recognize would be unheard.  
Long time friends know him as slim,  
Perhaps they haven't noticed over the years he isn't as thin.  
Was it Mom's great cooking or that occasional beer.  
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by Luis Campos

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"Z NJL KM C MTLGKCZ XNHE, CSE K  
OML KR NSZF XVLS K PLCS KR. FNO  
MCF RVL XNHE RNN POGV CSE KR  
YLG NPLM GVLCT." — HCF GVCHZLM

Previous Solution: "Friendship is one of the most tangible things in a world which offers fewer and fewer supports." — Kenneth Branagh

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenbe r

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

"K PHOR YKX FKX ZRKM X YTM R UMTY  
K UTTZHON CEROSHTX SNKX K UTTZ  
FKX ZRKM X UMTY K PHOR KXOPRM."  
— AMEFR ZRR

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TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenbe r

Previous Solution: "Love is a special word, and I use it only when I mean it. You say the word too much and it becomes cheap." — Ray Charles

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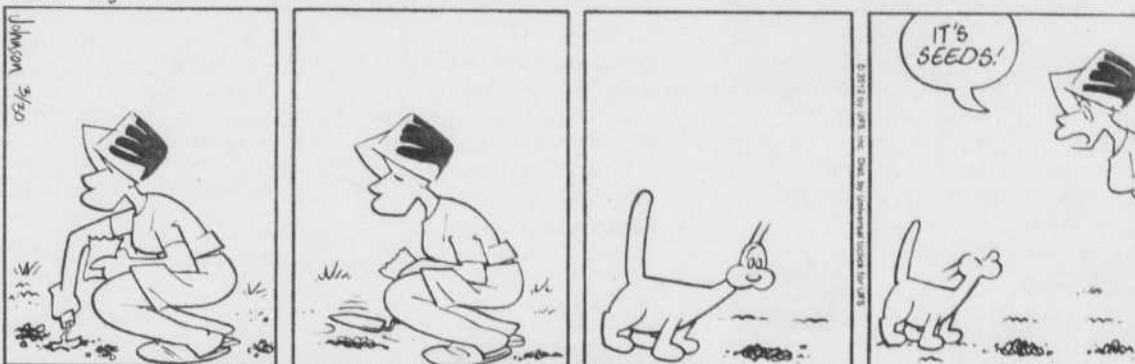


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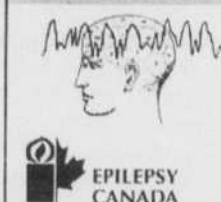
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Minor derogation  
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- Residential Zone Ra-24

## TO ALL CONCERNED,

**TAKE NOTICE** that at a regular sitting of the Borough Lennoxville Council of the Ville de Sherbrooke, to be held on April 23, 2012 at 5 p.m. at the Borough Lennoxville Office located at 150 Queen Street, Sherbrooke, the Council will decide on the following request for minor derogation for lot 2 445 015 of the Reform of the Québec cadastre, located at 61 Robert-Peel Street in Sherbrooke, in residential Zone Ra-24 of the zoning By-law number 648-97 of the former Ville de Lennoxville, to the effect to authorize:

- 1) a minimum right set-back margin of 0.84 meter;
- 2) a rear set-back margin of 2.29 meters.

All concerned persons can be heard by the Council with regards to this request.

GIVEN IN SHERBROOKE, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

Sarah Channell  
Secretary

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| ♣ 7 6 4 3               |      | ♣ 10 8 5  |      |
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| Dealer: South           |      |           |      |
| Vulnerable: North-South |      |           |      |
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## Do not assume a favorable break

By Phillip Alder

Abraham Lincoln said, "The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly."

At the bridge table, if you can afford to worry about a bad suit break, do so. Occasionally, it will not matter, but when the suit is unfavorable, you will be happy that you took precautions.

This deal provides an example. How should South play in four spades after West leads the heart king? As a secondary matter, what should North respond when his partner opens one spade?

Taking the bidding question first, North should raise to two spades. Despite 10 points and two aces, that hand has nine-plus losers (the normal number for a single raise). The 4-3-3-3 distribution is another minus. But South bids four spades anyway.

With two unavoidable red-suit losers, declarer can afford only one trump loser. What is the correct play in the suit?

He should start with his ace. When West plays the queen, South must not be tempted to cash the king, trying for an overtrick. He should continue with a low spade to dummy's 10. In a moment, when back in the dummy, declarer leads the remaining spade, finesses his eight, draws East's last trump and claims.

Interestingly, if the spade ace collects only low trumps from each opponent, it is again right to lead low toward the 10 on the second round.

As Alexander Pope nearly wrote, "A little learning is a dang'rous thing. Play deep, or taste not the Pierian spring: There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, And bridge games largely sober us again."

Don't overlook a safety-play that will clear your contract.

After suffering many disappointments in the past, exciting developments could now be in the offing for you in the year ahead. More than a few of last year's losers could become big winners in the months that follow.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — People you'll be dealing with will be just as anxious to protect their interests as you are to protect your own. Don't expect any concessions or indulgences.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — The longer you weigh something, the more you are likely to be affected by a case of paralysis. Besides, your first evaluation is apt to be most accurate anyway.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Provided you are as good in the final stretches as you are during your opening gambit, your chances for acquisition look reasonably possible. Hopefully, your material motivation will be strong enough.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Being able to accurately assess matters will not be your problem today. Your headache is likely to come from a failure to act in accordance with your better judgment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you'll be reasonably astute at judging commercial matters, you might not be quite as shrewd when doing business with others. As the saying goes: "Keep your powder dry."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't make promises to a friend requesting a favor unless you truly mean it. This person will be counting on you, and if you renege, hard feelings will come of it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone who had no hand in what you accomplished lately might attempt to take the credit for all of your efforts. Set the record straight immediately, so she or he won't try again.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you stand by without intervening, you will be judged by some bad opinions being expressed by your companions. When you're not in accord with their views, make your position known.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Put the interests of your family or loved ones above all others, especially when you are placed in the awkward position of having to make a choice. No one should be more important than your kin.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just because certain morals or principles by which you abide are unpopular with some of your peers, it's no reason to dilute or lower your standards just to fit in. Stay the course.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You might not receive everything to which you're entitled if you fail to stand up for your rights. Think about it: If you're timid, louder personalities will take over the spotlight.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — When it comes to involvements where teamwork is essential, be sure to link up only with those who can pull their own weight. You'll fail if you're harnessed with weaklings.

You won't let more work or larger responsibilities in the year ahead intimidate you. You'll realize that the bigger the jobs are, the more significant the returns are likely to be.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Keep your disagreements with your mate or special someone to yourself when out in public. You won't feel any better if you let things rip — in fact, you might find yourself being frowned upon.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Be understanding, not critical, when someone is trying to help you, even if he or she is going about it all wrong. If the person feels you don't appreciate the help, it'll never be offered again.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — If you're not careful, extravagance could get the better of you, leaving you with inadequate resources to acquire something that you really need. Put necessity ahead of desire.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Stick to matters that are materially meaningful, which you are exceptionally good at handling, and leave the social concerns — where you could bomb — up to someone else.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Most limitations you experience will be the result of your own negative thinking and/or behavior. If you want to succeed, you must have an expansive, optimistic outlook.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Giving is a two-way street. People will treat you kindly if you're equally as generous with them as they are with you — that can mean with your time as well as with your possessions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might not be too smart to request a business favor from someone you know purely on a social basis. Once you cross that line, it could chill the relationship.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Unfortunately, thinking and doing are not one and the same thing. You might simply seek out accolades and endorsement, yet not necessarily want to do anything to earn them.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you're not getting the best results by using traditional techniques, experiment with some new procedures. It may be time for a change.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Forming an association for the wrong reasons might drag you down instead of making your position stronger. Make sure any big move you make has a legitimate purpose.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Before making any impulsive promises to an old friend, you should think twice. Your good intentions could go by the board when you realize it's an inconvenience.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — When taking on a job or performing a service for another, be absolutely certain you estimate the cost accurately. Any oversight will come out of your pocket, not the client's.

In situations where you hope to strengthen your image and advance your personal interests, you are likely to receive considerable help from others in the year ahead. Be sure to do all that you can to reciprocate.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Some interesting changes could start taking place concerning your social life. You could meet someone who will introduce you to a new and exciting group of people.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Pay close attention to any insights you get that have to do with ways you could help your family. You might spot some advantages that would aid those close to you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — It behooves you to nurture a relationship with someone you've just met. You have much more in common than you may first realize, and you'll enjoy sharing time together.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — If you are offered something that is quite unique, don't look this gift horse in the mouth. Lady Luck may be rewarding you materially in a rather unusual manner.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Set aside routine activities that are of a tiresome nature in order to experiment with something rather unique. Take advantage of opportunities the second they arise.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In situations where others can't find a single answer, your facile mind will have much to offer. However, it might take challenging circumstances to stimulate your ingenuity and cleverness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This might be one of those days an unusual amount of quick thinking will be called for. Fortunately, your input will have a positive influence on whatever situations arise.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your progress may be predicated upon your ability to effectively use new technology. Don't hesitate to be innovative in order to determine what can be improved upon.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't tie yourself down with things that can easily be handled by associates. You're a good executive, and those whom you select for special jobs will live up to your expectations.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You should be rather lucky in involvements with members of your immediate family. Nurture these arrangements and something beneficial will result.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Ideas that are of a progressive nature will have the best chances for success; traditional concepts won't be nearly as fruitful. This should be right up your alley.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Give your limited resources a break and try to do things yourself as much as possible. It would help both your pride and your purse to avoid paying others to do the work.

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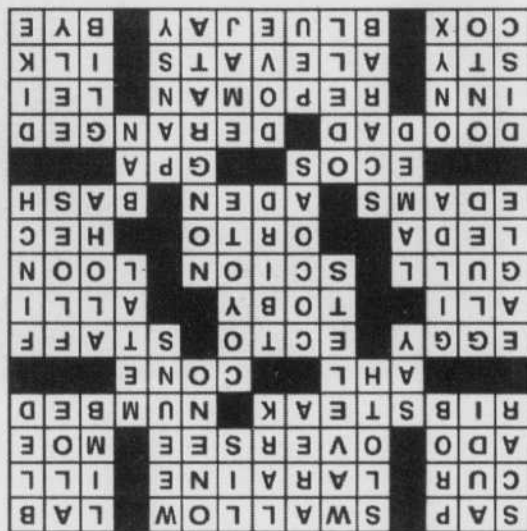
## Across

- 1 Legendary kicker  
5 Go slowly  
9 Start to strip?  
13 Neural transmitter  
14 Old carrier  
16 Count (on)  
17 Actor roomies' mailbox label that sounds like racing groups?  
19 Fifty-fifty  
20 In the wrong way  
21 On a cargo ship, say  
23 Mink cousin  
24 Actor/flutist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a crook?  
28 Jodie Foster title role  
31 First apartment, perhaps  
32 TV host/singer roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a vital sign?  
37 Begins a concert tour  
38 Flamenco shout

- 39 Cyberspace giant  
41 Waikiki wreath  
42 Digestion-related commercial prefix  
45 Actress/comic roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an auto safety feature?  
48 Youth who flew too near the sun  
50 Appointment  
51 Actress/cartoonist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an airport employee?  
54 Frankfurt's state  
58 Winningest NFL coach  
59 Resentful  
60 Former eft  
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66 Net business  
67 "Sesame Street" giggler  
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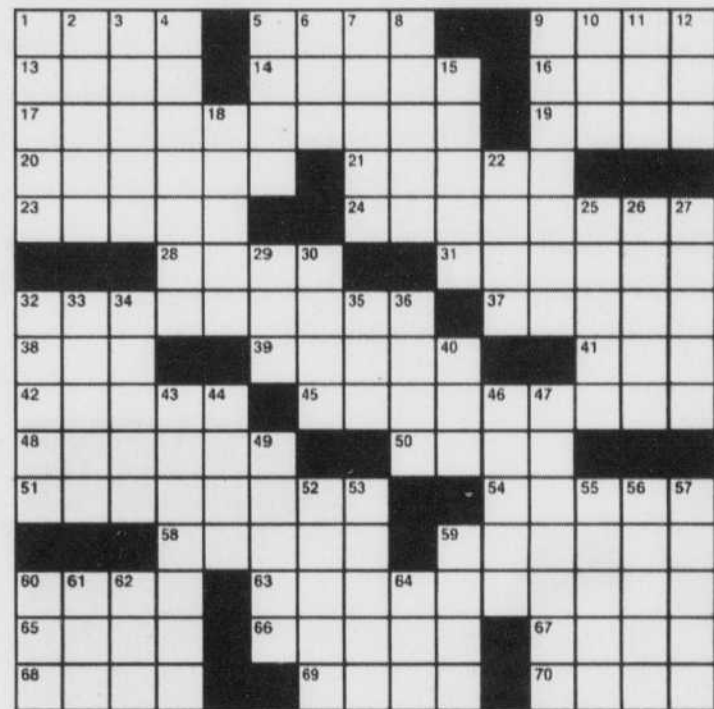
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27 Respectful response  
29 Not clerical  
30 Alibi provider, sometimes  
32 Pueblo people  
33 Smart guy?  
34 Make good on  
35 However, briefly  
36 Blabbed  
40 Plug end?  
43 Railroad crossing  
44 "That hurt my feelings!"  
46 Code of conduct

- 47 Visibly furious  
49 Cook on the range  
52 Conspires  
53 Poke, kitten-style  
55 Elegance  
56 Note next to a red F, maybe  
57 Miscue  
59 Circular road  
60 Frothy traditional beverage  
61 "\_\_\_ of Destruction": 1965 protest song  
62 Pallid  
64 Peeples of "Fame"



## Down

- 1 Half a '60s quartet  
2 Get a life?  
3 Game you usually lose  
4 3-Down player, e.g.  
5 Nimble  
6 Seine filler  
7 30-ton computer  
8 Ristorante offering  
9 Invent  
10 Gun  
11 Stein filler  
12 MD for women  
15 Desert rises  
18 Work the party, in a way  
22 Opposite of exo-  
25 "A Passage to India" hero-



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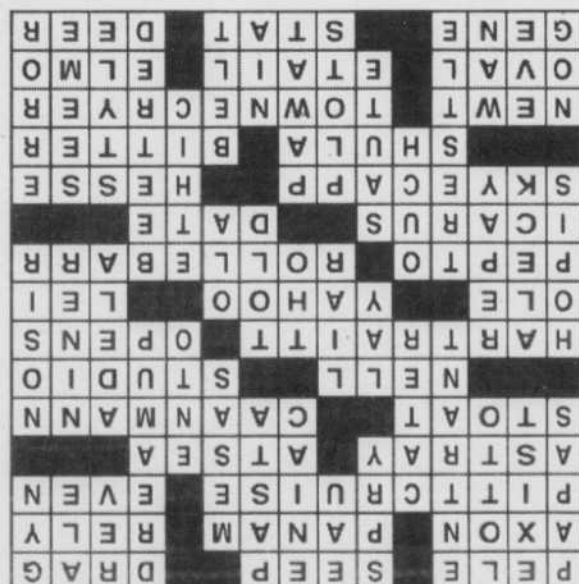
- 1 Play matchmaker for  
6 Support spec  
10 Shorten  
13 Fright to the max  
16 Maine in D.C., e.g.  
17 Dawn star  
18 With 36-Across, many a thirtysomething, briefly  
19 Mil. address  
20 Emollient  
21 Concealed  
23 Netflix transactions  
25 National Museum of Indonesia setting  
26 Hagen of Broadway  
27 Bowler's accessory  
28 Astrologer Dixon  
31 Al \_

- 32 Skeletal opening?  
33 Optic layer  
34 All CIA directors, to date  
35 It's opposite the face  
36 See 18-Across  
37 Exposes  
38 Braces  
39 480-grain ounce, e.g.  
41 Spot  
42 Loser  
43 Writing pair  
47 Easy outs  
48 "Lulu" composer  
49 \_ cit.: in the place sited  
50 Fertilization targets  
51 Emergency exit  
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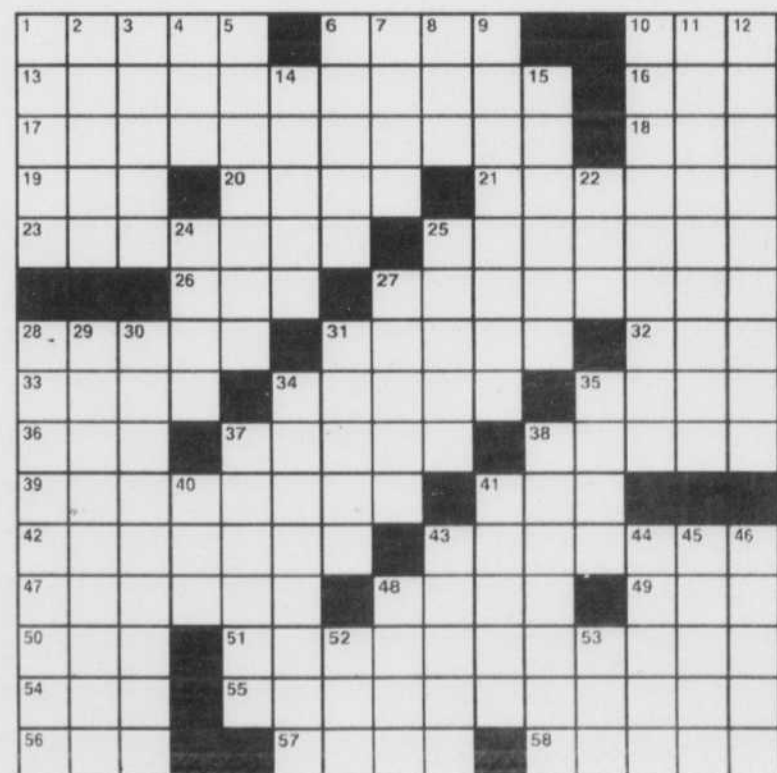
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2 Wishful words  
3 It follows iodine in the periodic table  
4 One-eighty  
5 Will process  
6 "Carol of the \_"  
7 Squeeze  
8 Decorative vase  
9 Audio feeds  
10 Pilsner, for one  
11 Like most wage earners, so they say  
12 Okra cross sections, e.g.  
14 Refrain syllables  
15 Team prankster's target, often  
22 Delivery aid



- 24 Sandwich choice  
25 1930 winner of golf's Grand Slam  
27 Find a new tenant for  
28 Prepare to compare  
29 Bloomin': Brit: \_ : Yank  
30 Rocket scientist's industry  
31 "Things" singer, 1962  
34 Battle of Bull Run site  
35 Wally \_\_, whom Lou Gehrig replaced as Yankee first baseman  
37 Did a new mom's job  
38 Plain-woven fabric

- 40 One of us  
41 Parisian pops  
43 Popular pop  
44 Union site  
45 Express alternative  
46 Jerk  
48 Contemporary of Collins and Mitchell  
52 Grand \_\_: wine classification  
53 Like



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## Are any of these familiar to you ?

YES NO

- ☐ ☐ My ears ring or hum
- ☐ ☐ People must speak louder to me
- ☐ ☐ When several people talk at once, I have difficulty understanding
- ☐ ☐ I don't go to the theatre or the movies because I can't hear well
- ☐ ☐ I must turn the volume up on the television and the radio to clearly understand

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