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\$15 million for patient care attendant bursary program

Record Staff

The provincial government announced the establishment of a new bursary program destined for patient care attendants (PAB).

The announcement was made on Aug. 14 by Danielle McCann, Quebec Health and Social Services Minister, was accompanied by Marguerite Blais, Minister responsible for seniors and caregivers, and Jean Boulet, Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity.

The initiative represents an investment of \$15 million, which will be spread over 2,000 bursaries of \$7,500 each.

Because PABs play an essential role in the health care system, the bursary program is part of a comprehensive plan to make the profession more attractive and to improve the retention of new PABs.

"PABs play a crucial role for patient management and are key components to multidisciplinary healthcare teams," claimed McCann. "Establishing this new

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Co-op building comes down



GORDON LAMBIE

By Gordon Lambie

Five years after Bishop's University confirmed to The Record that the old co-op building at 2882 College in Lennoxville was considered dangerous and set to be demolished, the deed has been done. Danger tape was up at the site earlier this week, and a demo-

lition crew could be seen at work tearing up the remains of the structure on Wednesday.

In 2014 then-Bishop's Buildings and Grounds director Michel Caron told The Record that the building was beyond repair and no longer being used.

Lennoxville Borough President Claude Charron identified the demoli-

tion of the building as a priority of his at the start of 2019, arguing that although small, the lot has a great location and could go to a lot better use than being home to an abandoned building.

Charron was not available for comment on the demolition.

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SUNDAY:
PERIODS OF
RAIN

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 17



MONDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 14

ABBA über alles



ROSS MURRAY

The first album I ever bought was by Valdy, a barely remembered Canadian folk artist, and it wasn't even the album with that one hit. I have no idea what prompted me to buy it. I mean Side 1 was live. Live! Live folk music!

My second album was a comedy album by Bill Cosby. People used to buy comedy on vinyl back then and listen to them over and over. I knew those Cosby skits pretty much by heart. These days, vinyl is making a comeback. Bill Cosby: probably not.

The third album I bought was by ABBA. It was ABBA: The Album, as opposed to ABBA: The Shoe Store or ABBA: The Particle Accelerator. I believe I purchased this because I liked the single, "Take a Chance on Me," a song that was introduced to my Grade 6 class by our music teacher, who especially noted how the male voices ("Take a chance, take a chance, take a chance chance chance...") acted as a sort of rhythm section.

(This teacher, by the way, also introduced us to Harry Nilsson - the album Son of Schmilsson, to be precise, but not that song! - so she was way cooler than her ABBA indoctrination may have led you to believe.)

This was not my first exposure to

ABBA. I remember hearing "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do" on our local radio station. Did I think, even at the age of 10, that this was a terribly dorky song? I did, I did, I did, I did, I did.

Then came "Dancing Queen." Released in 1976, the song was everywhere (still is), immediately becoming emblematic of the disco era with all its edges air-brushed off. My friend David had a copy of "Dancing Queen" and one particular evening we played it over and over as we danced around his house. Amazingly, we are both straight.

I purged many of my albums in the late eighties, sloughing off some of my more embarrassing purchases. I got rid of an album called Good Girl Gone Bad by (not Rihanna) Terry Crawford, purchased solely because the artist looked trappy on the cover and I was a horny 80s boy. That's probably the only reason I remember that album at all, and, trust me, it took all my internet sleuthing skills to even come up with the name of the performer.

For whatever reason, though, I never purged ABBA: The Album. I've carted it about and stored it for over 40 years - and haven't played it for about as long. Why didn't I sell it along with the rest?

Likely because deep down I appreciate that ABBA is actually quite... good. As pop songs go, they are masterfully created and slickly produced, and you can still hear their influence today. Listen to the intro to "Everything Now" by Arcade Fire and you'd swear you were hearing something straight outta Sweden.

Shiny like their suits, clear like their skin, uncomplicated like their looks, ABBA made music to be enjoyed. And people have been enjoying it for generations now. My wife is one of those peo-

ple. Deb used to put on ABBA's greatest hits album to torture me, but it was a kind of death by pleasantness, targeting my cynical nervous system. For a while there, she even carried around a CD in her car - an ABBA cover band. Cover band!

This summer, Deb has been all up in her ABBA as part of the ensemble of Borderline Players' production of Mamma Mia!, which is essentially ABBA: The Musical. Licences became available for community theatres and high schools only last year, so this summer you can't throw a platform shoe without hitting a production. Nearby, it has already been performed in Knowlton and Burlington, with the Haskell Opera House production opening last weekend and continuing this. A production in Stowe, Vt takes place at the end of the month.

It's ABBA über alles.

But I wouldn't call it an ABBA glut. (Do you suffer from ABBA glut? See your doctor.) Supply is responding to demand, and demand is high for these beloved songs wrapped around a charming plot about a girl on the eve of her wedding hoping to figure out which three men is her actual father. Tragedy ensues. Of course not! It's ABBA!

Ultimately, there are certain songs - and even albums, if you still believe in those things - that become indelible thanks in part to their innocence. And these days, there's absolutely nothing wrong with a little innocence.

Just don't hold your breath for a Valdy musical.

To learn more about Borderline Players' production of Mamma Mia!, visit: <http://borderlineplayers.org>.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

The TCRF will accept grant applications for up to \$10,000 from Canadian organizations serving Coaticook and surrounding communities, including non-profits, registered charities, municipalities and others.

Calling all non-profits

Tillotson deadline is fast approaching

Record Staff

The Tillotson Regional Coaticook Foundation (TRCF) is sending out a reminder to local non-profits that the deadline for funding applications is Sept. 4.

The TCRF was established to support broad charitable purposes in Coaticook and surrounding communities. The Fund awards financial assistance grants with a focus on the following areas:

- Basic needs and community safety net
- Youth recreation
- Health care

- Programs and services for the Elderly
- Education

The Fund will accept grant applications for up to \$10,000 from Canadian organizations serving Coaticook and surrounding communities, including non-profits, registered charities, municipalities and others.

According to TRCF President Michael Everett, donations are handed out twice a year.

In the spring, the TRCF awarded \$100,000 to local groups.

Following the Sept. 4 deadline, Everett said a five-member committee would

Body found in Melbourne

Record Staff

A lifeless body was discovered on the bank of the St. Francis River near chemin Gunter in Melbourne.

According to the SQ, the body was

discovered by a citizen at around 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

The body has yet to be identified, the SQ said.

An autopsy has been ordered to determine cause of death.

choose the fall grant recipients.

The donations will be presented at the end of October.

"It's a simple application, just a couple of pages," Everett said, encouraging all eligible local non-profits to apply.

The guidelines and application can be

found at [www.mrcdecoaticook.qc.ca/services/documents/Fond Tillotson/Tillotson Fund](http://www.mrcdecoaticook.qc.ca/services/documents/Fond_Tillotson/Tillotson_Fund).

For further information about the fund, contact Everett at 819-821-1501 or email tilly1898@gmail.com.

Quebec farms open house

Record Staff

On Sunday, September 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Quebec Farmers' Union (UPA) will present the 17th edition of the Quebec Farms open house event on more than 100 farms across the province.

A special display will also be set up in the Olympic Park in Montreal, giving

city dwellers the opportunity to learn about farm life.

For the first time, the event has a theme: the agri-environment.

"Farmers are working hard to put in place good agri-environmental practices in their production, regardless of specialty," commented Marcel Groleau, president general of the UPA. "I invite you to meet the farmers of Quebec, who

have plenty of surprises in store."

Members of the public interested in the opportunity can visit Portesouvertes.upa.qc.ca to consult the list of participating farms and get all the details of the Montréal display.

The Open House is a free event for the whole family, and will be held rain or shine.

"If the land is so generous and the

products of the earth so abundant, it is thanks to the women and men who devote their lives to them. It is thanks to their persevering work, over the seasons and years. Going to meet them is an enrichment for everyone," commented Guy Cormier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Desjardins Group, one of the partners of the event.



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Patient care attendant

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bursary program will help us in the future to recruit competent resources, and in sufficient numbers, to answer the needs of our patients and to ensure that they will receive the best care and services possible."

The Quebec health system is composed of over 41,500 PABs, but the Ministry of Health and Social Services believes that 32,500 more PABs will be necessary in the next five years to answer Quebec's ageing population's increasing needs.

A total of 123 bursaries will be distributed in the Eastern Townships. The CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS is currently discussing with the different educational institutions to agree on arrangements that would help start up the initiative as soon as possible. "We're confident that

this bursary program will help encourage interested students to become the new generation of PABs, a profession that is so crucial to health care and social services," commented Gaëlle Simon, the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS's human resources, communications, and legal affairs assistant director.

"The work they do with seniors ensures them a caring and reassuring presence. Our government is working hard to highlight this profession, and this announcement and this incentive measure is a great example of that," explained Blais. "With our ageing population and their increasing needs for support and assistance care, recruitment is a priority for us."

The program aims to support health and social services facilities in Quebec to improve attraction, retention, and the availability of this working force. It will

also help financially support selected candidates throughout their training as PABs and will favour the addition of candidates in training programs.

"We are certain that this initiative will allow us to support and increase the number of qualified PABs coming from recognized training programs," mentioned Boulet. "We are adding this to our campaign, announced in May, to highlight the work that PABs do and to attract more workers towards the profession. Our government takes its responsibilities seriously and that is why we are working as a team on this crucial issue."

In order to become PABs, students must obtain an Assistance in Health and Home Care vocational diploma (DEP) that is 870 hours long, which is offered in vocational training centres (CFP) across Quebec. The program allows grad-

uates to access the profession of PAB but also that of Health and social services auxiliary (ASSS), which provides provide home care and services to patients.

The bursaries will be spread out between health and social services institutions in relation to their PAB representation rate. Institutions will have to proceed to the selection of individuals who will begin training to become PABs. They will benefit from the bursary in exchange of succeeding in the program and signing a two-year contract which commits them to the institution that sponsored them.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services will be responsible for the program's follow up and will later proceed to its evaluation.

My Take:

By Gordon Lambie

They are called many things: traffic circle, roundabout, ronde-point, carrefour giratoire. No matter the name, these circular road features seem to baffle people.

You are always either approaching, in-

side, or leaving.

When approaching, imagine being on the on-ramp to a highway. You are merging into moving traffic, so yield when you see a car coming. No cars? Go ahead.

Inside the circle is a road that, like a

highway, has only off-ramps and no stop signs. Keep moving, not too fast. If you miss your exit, keep going and it will come back. The point of the circle is keeping the flow of traffic smooth. If people stop inside the whole system

breaks down.

Leaving is simple, just pick your exit and go. There should be no traffic in your way and, if the circle is something that makes you feel anxious, you're now free.

Magog hosts downtown family block party

Record Staff

After the success of the Grand Picnic Magogois two weeks ago, the City of Magog is going all out to close out summer with two action-filled #OhMagog Saturdays.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, the notorious No-Sidewalk Sidewalk Sale will begin as of 10 a.m. downtown, as numerous business owners will offer store discounts and sales on a variety of products.

Children who make their way to Parc des Braves will receive Magog themed reusable bags that they will be able to fill with candy, offered by the City, while making their way to different participating stores, listed on the spot, in the downtown area. There will be many other animation figures, including a DJ, and a cotton candy and popcorn booth.

Meanwhile, visitors who shop in a participating store downtown will receive a draw coupon which will give

them the chance to win one of many gift certificates valued at \$100, \$50, or \$25, which can be exchanged in stores on Main Street, between Merry and Sherbrooke Street.

The next Saturday, on August 24, Magog will be hosting a variety of family activities at the Parc des Braves. In the evening, the musical programme will be sure to entertain the entire family, with performances by former La Voix contestant and member of Faire danser un vil-

lage Amos Joannides, Eastern Townships band Eager Dance, and Magog's very own Rose Adam, who will be accompanied by Marie-Gilane Louis and Ariane Sloutsker.

Parking at Parc des Braves is accessible by Laurier Street and there is a free shuttle service between the Du Moulin parking lot and the Parc des Braves.

Trudeau breached Conflict of Interest Act, says ethics commissioner

The Canadian Press

The federal ethics watchdog says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau violated the Conflict of Interest Act by improperly pressuring former attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould to halt the criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. Mario Dion says Trudeau's attempts to influence Wilson-Raybould on the matter contravened section 9 of the act, which prohibits public office holders from using their position to try to influ-

ence a decision that would improperly further the private interests of a third party. He says there's little doubt that SNC-Lavalin's financial interests would have been furthered had Trudeau succeeded in convincing Wilson-Raybould to overturn a decision by the director of public prosecutions, who had refused to invite the Montreal engineering giant to negotiate a remediation agreement in order to avoid a criminal prosecution on fraud charges related to contracts in Libya. Dion says Trudeau also improp-

erly pushed Wilson-Raybould to consider partisan political interests in the matter, contrary to constitutional principles on prosecutorial independence and the rule of law. Wilson-Raybould quit Trudeau's cabinet in February over the affair; friend and cabinet ally Jane Philpott resigned soon after. Trudeau subsequently kicked both women out of the Liberal caucus; they are running for re-election as independent candidates.

suggestion that he shouldn't have had any contact with his attorney general on the criminal prosecution facing the Montreal engineering firm. Trudeau has denied for months that either he or anyone in his office acted improperly, but says he was simply acting in the best interests of Canadians, although he acknowledges that he and others made mistakes, and that "what happened should not have happened."

Trudeau's reaction to ethics report

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he is accepting the findings of the ethics commissioner's report on the SNC-Lavalin affair and takes responsibility "for everything that happened." But he says he disagrees with a number of Mario Dion's conclusions, including any

Wilson-Raybould says she was improperly pressured to step in and allow the Quebec engineering firm to negotiate an agreement to avoid criminal penalties for bribery in relation to its overseas operations. In his report, which comes just weeks before the start of a federal election campaign, Dion sides entirely with Wilson-Raybould.

Valoris president responds to Cookshire-Eaton trash talk

Record Staff

Valoris's president and Sherbrooke Mayor Steve Lussier has responded to the Cookshire-Eaton municipality's public outing.

Lussier said he understands the situation in Cookshire-Eaton and other municipalities that have partnered with Valoris, but has no intention of giving information about Valoris's future orientations and its recovery plan before its board members are informed.

"It is totally normal for a municipality to want to prepare their fiscal year in a rigorous manner. It is for that reason that we want to provide them with the

best information possible. Moreover, it would be irresponsible on our part to provide information about Valoris's orientations without first talking to the board members," explained Lussier, in a press release.

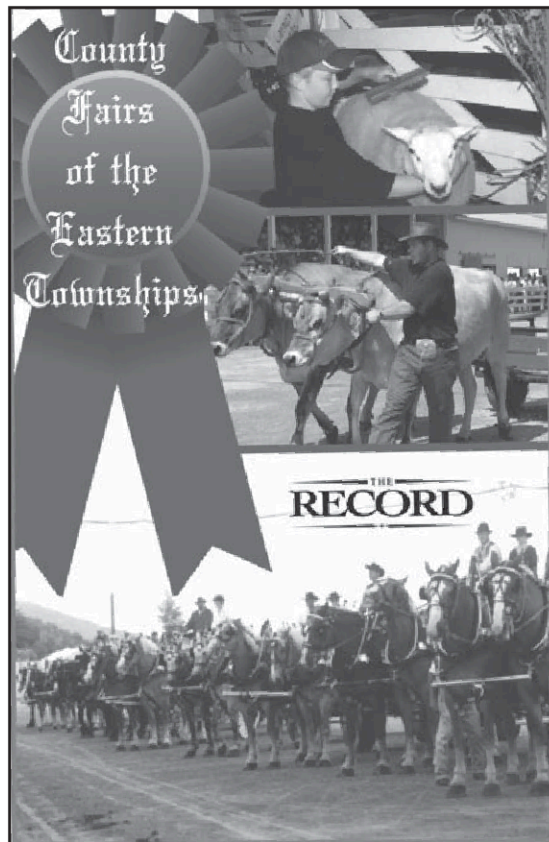
A meeting with the management committee was scheduled on Wednesday, August 14. A regular meeting with the board of directors is planned for August 22, where the concerns raised by Cookshire-Eaton municipality will be discussed. Nonetheless, management will not comment on those topics until Valoris's presentation of its budget in the beginning of October.

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The Border Report

Leaders put what they had learned about teamwork and active listening to the test with a field trip to the Escape Rooms in Sherbrooke.

Building employment skills with local youth



Phelps Helps Summer Camp is underway this week for participants ages 10-13. The leaders of our camp are six local teenagers who are guiding the campers through team-building activities, S.T.E.A.M challenges and excursions.

A promising goal of our Summer Camp is to provide an employment experience to local youth, including a real application process. Each leader was responsible for sending in their resume, completing the application form and attending an interview by our Summer Program Coordinator. As always, our Compass coordinator was available ahead of time to support writing their resume, completing the application and practicing for interviews.

Successful applicants participated in a two-day training last week where they explored what it means to be a leader. Through discussion, the camp leaders were guided to the cornerstones of good leadership: listening, trust, encouragement, and guidance.

Leaders put what they had learned about teamwork and active listening to the test with a field trip to the Escape Rooms in Sherbrooke. Escaping with 55 seconds to spare, they proved that they were able to work together under pressure to accomplish their goals.

With this experience under their belt, local youth will feel more confident and prepared to apply, interview and train for future employment, as well as understand the expectations of an employee. Stay tuned for next week's border report with more about this week's camp adventures.

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps was founded in 2012 and has grown organically from a single high school tutoring program to six unique programs, providing the Stanstead area with free educational and career support. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.

Memorial for Jacob Dupré



PHOTOS BY STEVE BLAKE
Friends of Jacob Dupré have set up a memorial for the 18-year-old who lost his life in an accident on the curve on Canusa Street in Beebe on August 3.



FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

Featured pets: Bongo and Bamboo

Bongo and Bamboo are brothers and they are such great buddies that our hope is to adopt them out as a pair. The fact is, two kittens are not double the trouble but they are definitely double the fun! Well, maybe on occasion they are double the trouble but anyone who adopts a kitten should be prepared to enjoy a fun-filled year of kitten antics. Seriously though, a kitten left alone during the day can become lonely and bored, which can sometimes lead to mischief. Two kittens will never be lonely because they have a constant playmate and cuddle buddy. It doesn't mean they won't engage with the people in their lives, in fact continued socialization, makes them better all around cats.

Bongo and Bamboo are currently living in a foster home where they are well cared for and loved. They will be ready to leave for their forever home at the end of August but we are taking applications now.

At 9 weeks of age they are kittens through and through. They are most def-

initely playful yet they are also gentle and respectful. Although calm in nature, they love to wrestle and play chase. When playtime is over these two cuties are happy so settle down for a long and lazy "cat" nap. They are well socialized with people and affectionate.

Bamboo is grey and white with a cute dash on his forehead and one white ear. Bamboo has plenty of spunk and he is usually the one to initiate play and he can turn just about any activity into a fun game. Bongo is a darker grey and has the cutest grey nose. Bongo is a bit more reserved but only slightly.

They are lovely gentle kittens who will grow up to be wonderful and loyal companions to a very lucky adopter. They are completely litter box trained.

They are so much fun to watch as they grow and change every day.

To inquire about adopting these sweet, friendly and beautiful young kittens, please give our cat adoption coordinator Linda a call at 819.868.2684



EDITORIAL

Some of you are probably already taking exception to my claim but that is likely because you have never had a ripe Niagara peach fresh from the tree.

A paean to the peach



TIM BELFORD

This is my favourite time of year. I love the sun, the heat and all the greenery but most of all I love the abundance of fresh fruit. You see, I'm one of those people that the Canada food guide was written for. On any given day I actually do manage to consume five to seven servings of fruit and vegetables. So this is my season.

I come by this naturally since I grew up in the Niagara peninsula where I spent a lot of my childhood planting, pruning and picking everything from pears to plums. As soon as you could carry a basket you were enlisted into the army of summer fruit harvesters. Mind you I did draw the line at strawberries. It's a fruit that I enjoy immensely and find it hard to get enough of when in season but I WON'T pick them.

Thanks to modern refrigeration and more efficient shipping methods Canadians are lucky enough to have an incredible variety of produce available year-round. Where once we had to be content with locally grown pears, apples and melons once a year, today we have our pick of bananas, pineapples, kiwis and a dozen other 'exotic' fruit that our great-grand parents could only dream of. There are, I admit, unfortunate environmental consequences to this abundance but that's for another column.

An early rule of thumb was that you ate what you picked. First it was the cherries, red, white, sweet and sour. Picking them earned you 15 cents a six quart-basket. This did not include, however, the entire basket that I would manage to consume during the course of the day. It was consider a rural version of the office perk. Plums followed soon after. Dark purple and juicy, most of them were destined to become prunes which has al-

ways seemed to me a tragic misuse of this delicious fruit. I saved as many of them as I could from that ignoble fate by eating them in abundance as I picked.

By the time late summer and early fall rolled around we were into apple and pear season. Again, it was pick-and-munch time. I still believe that there is probably very little that can match a crisp, fresh apple right from the tree. Oddly enough, I also developed a taste for pears that were slightly under ripe and crunched when you bit into them. Today these very same pears and apples and a dozen other varieties are available year-round at the local grocery market.

Now, the observant reader will note that I jumped right from plums to apples and skipped much of mid summer. This was deliberate since it has always been my motto to save the best for last and the best in this case is undoubtedly the peach. Particularly the Niagara peach.

The Niagara peach is without peer. Neither the Okanagan valley nor the red soil of Georgia can produce anything to compare. This is not merely the chauvinistic rant of someone born in the shadow of the escarpment. It is a simple fact based on a lifetime of consumption. I make this claim as an individual who has been known to eat an entire basket of God's gift to mankind in one sitting. I have eaten them fresh, baked, canned and caramelized. I have had them in pies, with ice cream and floating in a vodka cocktail. There is no room for doubt.

Some of you are probably already taking exception to my claim but that is likely because you have never had a ripe Niagara peach fresh from the tree. The peaches available locally were picked and packed well before they were fully ripe in order to survive the lengthy and time-consuming journey to our local Provigo, Metro or Maxi. As a result, they arrive like beautifully coloured stones that need several days to ripen before eating. This is not the way to eat a peach.

Nevertheless, like many Quebecers, I will buy them as they are, a poor shadow of what they could and should be but still the Queen of fruit.



Letters

QCGN President's (August 13th) letter raises more questions than it answers

DEAR EDITOR:

It is disappointing that a public discussion that should have been about ideas and community institutions has turned into an ad hominem attack on me as a private citizen by QCGN President, Geoffrey Chambers, when he accused me of being "an agent of the CAQ" in his August 13th letter.

Mr. Chambers is entirely correct that I am a member of the CAQ and worked for that party's candidates Christopher Skeete and Stéphane Le Bouyonne in the last election. My response: so what!

If Mr. Chambers had been as shrewd as many of the top lobby firms in Ottawa are, when they hire staff and from different parties as a contingency for all possible election outcomes, he would have called officials of all of Quebec's political parties last year to see if they could direct any of their anglophone members his way.

What he would have discovered with the CAQ anglophones would have been many educational professionals with extensive experience in the English public school system. Perhaps, their inclusion would have only enhanced the QCGN's credibility not diminished it; especially, considering that it is their taxes, too, that help contribute to the QCGN's budget. But no, his vilification of me, and by extension possibly them, suggests a tax-supported QCGN that might not be as nonpartisan an organization as it may want the public and its federal benefactors to believe.

And his public confirmation that the QCGN does not accept individual members in the Montreal area, where at least 80 % of Quebec's anglophones live, again, underlines concerns about the credibility of this organization. Even Alliance Quebec, which previously acted as a Quebec-wide umbrella group, had Montreal-area individual-based chapters. Why not the QCGN?

RICHARD SMITH
MONTREAL

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Local Sports

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Sherbrooke Phoenix welcome Parent, Whynot heads to maritimes

Record Staff

Leading up to the 2019 training camp, the Sherbrooke Phoenix has struck a deal with the Halifax Mooseheads, bringing Xavier Parent to the Phoenix lineup and sending Cameron Whynot to the Maritimes.

Xavier Parent, a first-round pick

Eighteen-year-old forward Xavier Parent from Laval was the Halifax Mooseheads first-round pick in the 2017 session, chosen in 4th place behind Alexis Lafrenière, Samuel Poulin and Jakob Pelletier.

"Our goal was to maximize and improve the team in the short term. The arrival of Xavier Parent, at the height of his junior career, improves the team immediately. Xavier is a fast player, dy-

amic and intelligent. It fits well in the philosophy of the team, explained Jocelyn Thibault, shareholder and general manager of the team, adding that Parent has a great chemistry on the ice with Samuel Poulin. Parent and Poulin played all their minor hockey together.

The newcomer will join the team at training camp.

Cameron Whynot heads to the Maritimes

In return, the Phoenix sends its 2019 first round choice (9th in total), Cameron Whynot to the Halifax Mooseheads.

Jocelyn Thibault and his team also gave up a third-round pick 2021. However, since the transaction ended before August 26, the Phoenix will get a compensatory choice at the end of the 2nd

round of 2020.

Thibault commented, "It is obvious that we would have liked to see a defender like Cameron Whynot join our ranks. Unfortunately, we could not fill 100% of the requests of the Whynot family. Knowing this, we wanted to move forward by ensuring we improve the team, something we did with the arrival of Xavier Parent."

Beginning of training camp

The Phoenix training camp started, Wednesday, Aug. 14, and will end on Saturday, Aug. 17. This year, all activities will be held at Bishop's University, where approximately 50 of players are expected.



HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS

Xavier Parent will join the Phoenix at training camp this week.

All Blacks make drastic changes for 2nd Bledisloe

The Associated Press

New Zealand's preparations for the Rugby World Cup appear in disarray after coach Steve Hansen was forced to drop two of his most experienced players in response to the record Bledisloe Cup loss to Australia.

Hansen has axed prop Owen Franks, a veteran of 108 tests and two World Cup victories, and 79-test winger Ben Smith in drastic changes to his lineup for the return test at Auckland on Saturday.

New Zealand has held the Bledisloe Cup for 17 years but its grip on the trophy was shaken by Australia's 47-26 win last weekend in the first test of the two-test series in Perth. The All Blacks must extend their 33-year, 18-test winning streak over Australia at Auckland's Eden Park to retain the trophy.

Hansen is known to be fiercely loyal to senior players, giving them the chance to play themselves back to form

whenever their performances have been questioned.

His move to drop two of his most senior and trusted lieutenants, which may signal the impending end of their test careers, suggests the All Blacks have been forced to take desperate measures to arrest a form slump ahead of the World Cup.

The loss to Australia followed a narrow win over Argentina and a draw with South Africa in the Rugby Championship. Those performances continued a run of poor form which has dogged the All Blacks for most of the past three years.

Franks, who has been the reliable anchor of the All Blacks scrum for almost a decade, pays the price for the weakness of the scrum against Australia and in other recent matches.

Smith has looked hopelessly out of form after being forced to move from fullback to the right wing to accommo-

date Hansen's decision to play flyhalf Beauden Barrett at fullback and Richie Mo'unga at flyhalf in a two playmaker arrangement.

Left winger Rieko Ioane, recently the world's breakout player of the year, has also been dropped after a complete loss of form.

Crusaders wingers Sevu Reece and George Bridge have been elevated to the starting lineup in place of Smith and Ioane. Reece will play only his second test and Bridge his fourth.

Nepo Laulala will start at tighthead prop in place of Franks who, along with Smith, has been dropped entirely from the match 23.

Patrick Tuipulotu will start at lock in place of Scott Barrett, who was suspended for three matches after being sent off in the first Bledisloe test for a shoulder charge on Wallabies captain Michael Hooper.

Sonny Bill Williams returns at inside

centre in a constantly changing midfield. He will combine with Anton Lienert-Borwn in the absence of Jack Goodhue, who has a hamstring strain.

Hansen has retained the back row of captain Kieran Read, Ardie Savea and Sam Cane despite its failure last weekend.

"We have worked hard this week on our game and all that comes with it," Hansen said. "We've had a great preparation and are really excited and looking forward to a massive, must-win match for the Bledisloe Cup."

"We know that Australia will be determined and confident after their win in Perth which makes the challenge even more exciting."

But the changes made by Hansen and his fellow selectors suggest the All Blacks are groping in the dark for solutions to serious systemic problems as the World Cup approaches.

Defending champion Brooke Henderson leads strong field at Canadian Open

The Canadian Press

Defending champion Brooke Henderson will headline a strong field at the field at the 2019 CP Women's Open.

The star golfer from Smiths Falls, Ont., who won last year's tournament in Regina, will lead a group that includes 96 of the top 100 players on the LPGA Tour money list for the event, which takes place Aug. 19-25 at Magna Golf

Club in Aurora, Ont.

Henderson, currently ranked sixth on the money list and eighth on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, already has two wins on the season, and her nine career victories are the most ever by a Canadian on the LPGA or PGA Tour. She became the first Canadian in 45 years to win Canada's women's open with her victory at Wascana Country Club last year.

Henderson is one of 15 Canadians set to tee off at the event.

Nine of the top 10 players on the money list are set to join Henderson in Aurora, including No. 1 Jin Young Ko, No. 2 Jeongeun Lee6, No. 3 Sung Hyun Park, No 4. Lexi Thompson and No. 5 Minjee Lee.

Lydia Ko is also in the field as she tries for a record fourth title.

Other past champions confirmed include Sung Hyun Park (2017), Ariya Jutanugarn (2016), So Yeon Ryu (2014), Suzann Pettersen (2009), Katherine Kirk

(2008), Cristie Kerr (2006) and Juli Inkster (1984).

The field of 156 competitors will vie for the US\$2.25 million purse, with the champion taking home \$337,500.

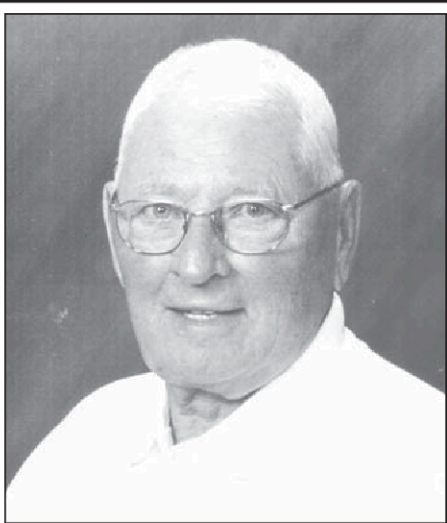
There are still four spots in the main field up for grabs that will be filled through an 18-hole stroke play qualifier Aug. 19 at Scarboro Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

Card of Thanks

CUTLER, Ruby Bryant (1921-2019) - We wish to thank the many people who sent flowers, donations and cards for her funeral. We also thank the pallbearers and friends and relatives who attended her funeral service and burial. She is sadly missed.

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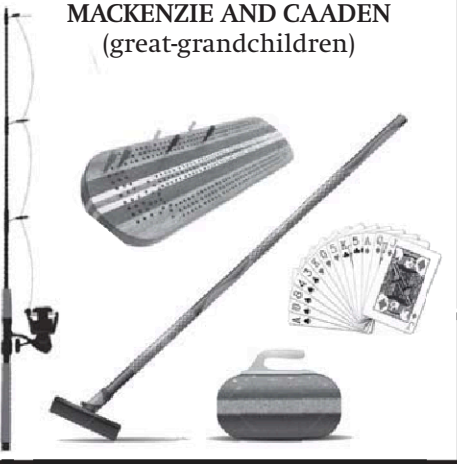


WALKER, Howard Edward: August 15, 2014.

*We're missing you a little more
Each time we hear your name,
We've cried so many tears
Yet our heart is broken just the same.
We miss our times together
Things in common we could share,
But nothing fills the emptiness
Now you're no longer there.
We've so many precious memories
To last our whole life through,
Each one of them reminders
Of how much we're missing you.*

Your loving wife,
MICKIE

- IAIN & DEBBIE (son)**
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- MAKAYLA, BRITNEY, ALEX (great-grandchildren)**
- CHERYL & CRAIG (granddaughter)**
- SIERRA, ALYSHA, SAVANNAH, MACKENZIE AND CAADEN (great-grandchildren)**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Today is the 227th day of 2019 and the 56th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1483, the Vatican's Sistine Chapel was consecrated.

In 1914, the Panama Canal officially opened.

In 1947, India and Pakistan won independence from Britain.

In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon canceled the direct convertibility of the U.S. dollar to gold.

In 2003, Libya accepted responsibility for the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, and agreed to pay reparations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), French emperor;

Datebook

Walter Scott (1771-1832), poet/novelist; Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959), actress; Edna Ferber (1885-1968), author; Julia Child (1912-2004), cookbook author/TV personality; Stieg Larsson (1954-2004), journalist/author; Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (1963-), filmmaker; Debra Messing (1968-), actress; Ben Affleck (1972-), actor; Carl Edwards (1979-), race car driver; Jennifer Lawrence (1990-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: The price of gold skyrocketed from \$35 per ounce in 1971 to \$800 per ounce in 1980 as a result of the economic measures undertaken by President Nixon in 1971.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1948, Babe Didrikson Zaharias won the third women's golf U.S. Open, even after missing a 5-foot putt on the 18th hole.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One hour of life, crowded to the full with glorious action, and filled with noble risks, is worth whole years of those mean observances of paltry decorum, in which men steal through existence, like sluggish waters through a marsh, without either honor or observation." — Walter Scott, "Count Robert of Paris"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 400,000 — estimated number of concert-goers who attended the Woodstock Music and Art Fair when it opened near Bethel, New York, on this day in 1969.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Aug. 15).

Sawyerville UCW Pizza Day

June 19, 2019, president Bonnie Fowler welcomed us all to our last meeting until the fall. She said "Have a good summer. Take time off. Enjoy yourself." Definitely good advice!

We repeated our purpose: To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him. This is Psalm 28:7 and the beginning of our Devotions. We sang We Praise You, Oh God. Doreen Cairns read a couple of humorous stories from some Friendship Books. Here is one of them: At school, a little five-year-old boy was taught to say grace before meals. One tea-time, he began, "Thank you for the food we eat. His father had no patience for this sort of thing and told the little boy that it was he who had provided the food so it was he who should be thanked. The next tea-time, the little boy bowed his head. "Thank you, Daddy, for my food," then added "And thank you, God, for my Daddy ..."

Doreen also read a poem and said a prayer. We said the Lord's Prayer. I read a couple of stories from Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul. One of them was called The Commandment. Here it is in full: A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is

there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy, the oldest in his family, answered, "Thou shall not kill." This was from Richard Lederer. We sang "God Be With You (Till we meet again). Isaiah 30:21 says: Whether you turn to the right or the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying "this is the way, walk in it."

Doreen Cairns, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. They were declared as read. Wendy Mackay gave the treasurer's report. Theda Lowry reported that Sunday School was finished for the summer on June 2, with a potluck lunch after the service here in Sawyerville. The first Sunday in July will begin our summer schedule with one service at 10:30 a.m. in a different church each Sunday. The first is in Bishopton and on July 14 in East Clifton. The Rue d'Eglise tour, organized by the Bury Historical Society, is also happening on July 14. Many of the churches in the surrounding area will be open for visitors. A special service is planned for July 21. We are dedicating a plaque at the site of the Island Brook church which no longer stands. It will be an outdoor service unless the weather doesn't cooperate. In that case, we'll be under a roof someplace, perhaps the Community Center.

Rev. Tami Spires, for Church In Society, told us that the United Church of Quebec has sent a letter to the premier expressing our disappointment in the passing of Bill 21. The new Regional Council had their inaugural meeting on May 25 at the United Church in St. Lambert. Well over 100 people attended and some joined by an online meeting platform. "In the Beginning" was the theme

of the very first meeting- how fitting, don't you think? The new chairperson for a 2 year term is the Reverend Linda Buchannon from Lennoxville. The plan is to have at least two meetings per year; one in the spring and one in the fall.

For Correspondence, we received a survey from the new regional UCW. No time like the present - we filled it out right away.

New business: planned for a funeral lunch we were asked to serve and we'll also be doing food for a birthday party in mid July. Wendy Mackay will be going to Peterborough to walk with her family for the Kidney Foundation. We voted to make a donation. We also voted to buy a bed-in-a-bag to help out a couple who lost a lot of their belongings in a fire.

We closed with the Mispah Benediction: May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from the other. Amen.

Who doesn't like pizza? Granted, there must be some people who don't, but we didn't see them at our supper! Bonnie made Caesar salad, and for dessert there was angel food cake, strawberries and ice cream. Theda made a lovely, light cake that tasted very good with the strawberries, too. The guests this day included some of the people who have helped us throughout the year. We wanted to let them know that they are valued. Not all were able to attend but we still want them to know how much we appreciate them. Next meeting is in September. Until then ...

Submitted by
Marlene Lowry

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come and enjoy the music! In case of bad weather, concerts will take place in the Pleasant View Beach building on Saturday evenings and at the North Hatley Community Centre on Sunday afternoons.

LENNOXVILLE

You are cordially invited to join us for the 18th Music Achievement Awards Jam and Celebration at "The Hut," A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Saturday, September 28 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The recipients are Willie Fisk and Bubba Lacroix.

MAGOG

A free 10-week Grief Support Group will be offered in Magog on Tuesday evenings from September 3 to November 5. For information please call Lorraine Holt at 819-868-8641.

MELBOURNE

Come to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1169 Route 243, Melbourne on August 25 for church service at 10:30

a.m. On August 24 at 8 a.m. for a Garage & Rummage Sale + Barbecue at 11:30 a.m. Silent Auction closes at 11:30 a.m.

COMPTON

The ET Antique Machinery Club presents its 27th exposition, August 17 and 18 at the Fromagerie de la station, 440 chemin Hatley, Compton. Gates open at 9 a.m. Visitors, exhibitors welcome. Admission charged (visitors). Information: 819-837-2261.

MINTON

Waterville/North Hatley United Church will be holding their third summer service at Minton on Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Mead Baldwin. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

Visit the Richmond County Historical Society archives and museum at 1161 Route 243, Melbourne Township on Sunday, August 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The theme this year is heritage music with some fascinating old-time musical in-

struments and displays. There will be a Garden Party with a gin garden and free non-alcohol beverages. A special feature this year is QAHN's travelling exhibition with panels of photos and information showing diversity and achievement in Anglophone Quebec. A special "making history" event at 3 p.m. will be a group community photo taken on the lawn of the museum. Everyone is invited to bring friends and family (and chairs) so that this archival event represents who is making history today! Join us for this family event with music, games and community spirit.

NORTH HATLEY

St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley, will be having a Jazz Vespers Service on Sunday, August 18 at 4 p.m. All are welcome! Refreshments will follow the service. Musicians include: Sandy Grenier, singer; Richard Savoie, saxophonist; Louis Brouillette, organist.

Dog sharing bed a nuisance

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Dear Annie: I met a great gal. We seem really good together most of the time, but here's the rub. She has a dog. It is a nice dog but not very well trained. The big problem is bedtime at my place. The dog wants to share our bed, and is uncontrollably insistent about it, whining and disturbing us throughout the night until she gives up and allows the dog to get in bed with us. I must deal with it or go sleep elsewhere.

Apparently, this dog gets to sleep with her at home, so hey, why not here? It ruins intimacy and makes it hard to sleep. She apologizes, but is doing nothing to train this dog to accept the floor as its dog bed. Am I out of line to want our bed dog-free? What does this say for our chances? — Doggone it!

Dear Doggone It: Actions speak, or should I say bark, louder than words. It is time to have another conversation with your girlfriend about her dog. Sleeping in bed with your dog is a very personal decision. Studies have shown that it can be therapeutic for both the dog and owner.

But this depends on personal preference, and your preference is not to have the dog in bed while her preference is to have him with her. She may apologize for allowing the dog in bed, but her actions say that she loves having her four-legged friend near at night.

Tell her how you feel and see if you can come up with a compromise. Maybe buy the dog a nice bed. Or create a rule that the dog can only stay at the end of your bed. Regardless of the outcome, you need to have another conversation about it.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Grieving Father" about why no one asked how he was doing.

My husband passed away two years ago from a massive heart attack. We never had a chance to say

goodbye, and I miss him very much. My dearest friends were with me when he passed. They are all still couples, and they have kept me busy with activities and invites to dinner — but have not asked me how I am doing.

Yet, other friends who have lost their spouse have often asked me how am I doing. They understand the loss and the lonely nights. I finally went to counseling for about six months and came to the conclusion that there will be times when "waves of emotion" are triggered by a movie or an ad or even a clue in a crossword puzzle, and that these moments are a reflection of a wonderful marriage and that I should cherish them.

I think my "couple" friends don't ask because they don't want to think about experiencing the loss themselves. So I appreciate their keeping me involved in my daytime activities. As a senior citizen, I will be there for them when their losses come.

Many thanks to my friends who have lost a loved one. Your concern and texts saying "Good night!" have been ever so comforting. — Still Missing My Sweetheart in New England

Dear Still Missing My Sweetheart: I am very sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing your story. You were brave enough to seek professional help for your grief, and I commend you for that. I hope your letter brings comfort to those who are in a similar position.

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by Luis Campos

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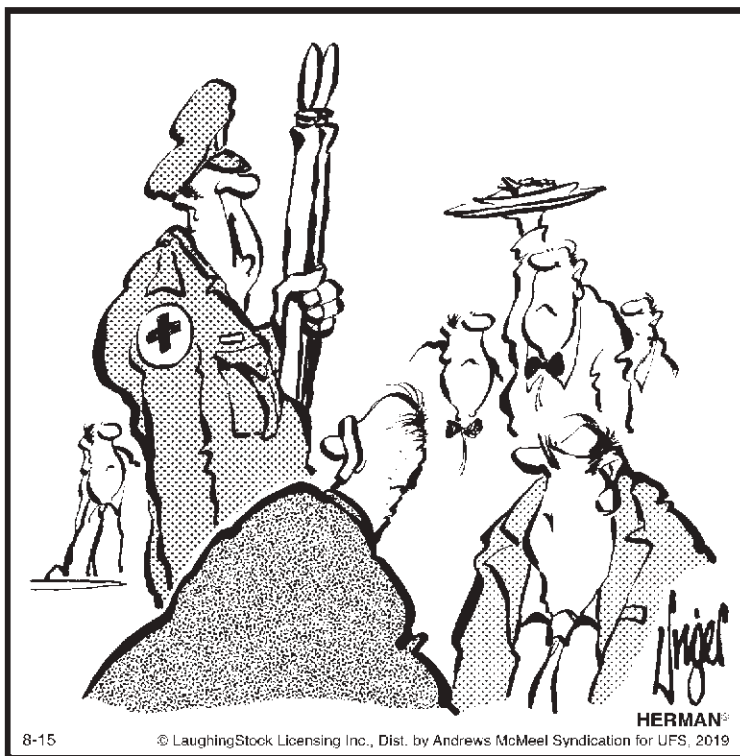
Previous Solution: "On court, I want to win. Off court, I want to be a better person. Tennis is a path to my future." — Maria Sharapova

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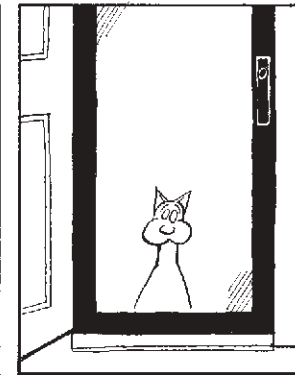


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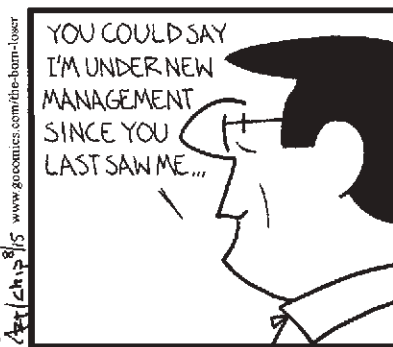
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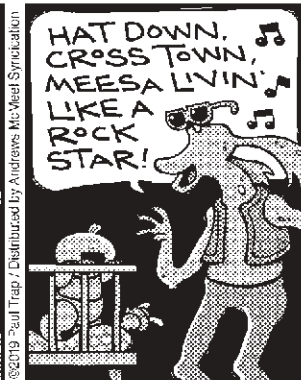
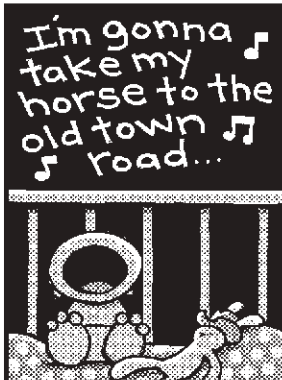
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Today in History

Today in History for Aug. 15:
 On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1096, the armies of the First Crusade set out from Europe to deliver Jerusalem from the occupying forces of Islamic Turks.

In 1534, the Jesuit order of Catholic priests was founded.

In 1534, explorer Jacques Cartier began his return to France after his first voyage to Canada.

In 1766, the first issue of the Nova Scotia Gazette was published.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor of France, was born in Ajaccio, Corsica. He died in exile on the Atlantic island of St. Helena in 1821.

In 1771, British writer Sir Walter Scott was born.

In 1812, the first European steam passage service was announced, between Glasgow and Greenock, Scotland.

In 1866, the College of Ottawa became a university.

In 1914, the first ship passed through the Panama Canal.

In 1916, the first self-propelled tank appeared at the First World War's Battle of the Somme. The British Mark I tank was known as "Big Willie."

In 1919, the Prince of Wales, who abdicated before his coronation as King Edward VIII, arrived in Canada for an official tour. His duties while in Canada included the official opening of a bridge in Quebec and placing the cornerstone for one of the towers in Canada's new Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

In 1935, American humourist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their plane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1937, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King named the Rowell-Sirois commission to examine the economics of Confederation and the federal-provincial division of powers. The commission released its report in 1940 and recommended that Ottawa take control of taxation from the provinces. The federal government would be responsible for unemployment insurance, pensions and provincial debts. Although agreement with the majority of provinces was not achieved, Ottawa unilaterally implemented some of the report's proposals.

In 1944, the invasion of southern France began during the Second World War when Allied troops landed on several beaches between Nice and Marseilles.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of South Korea was proclaimed with Syngman Rhee as president, ending the U.S. military government.

In 1950, Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth, was born.

In 1950, the Canada Steamship Lines cruise ship "Quebec" burned at the wharf in Tadoussac, Que., and seven people died.

In 1965, five days of rioting in Watts, a black area of Los Angeles, ended, leaving 32 people dead and 826 injured.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair began on Max Yasgur's farm near Woodstock, New

York.

In 1971, hurricane Beth swept across Nova Scotia, dropping 296 millimetres of rain on Halifax and washing away highways and bridges.

In 1972, Toronto Maple Leafs owner Harold Ballard was convicted of fraud and theft. He was later sentenced to three years in prison.

In 1973, the Canadian yacht "Greenpeace III" was boarded and seized by French sailors while Greenpeace members were protesting French nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific. The Greenpeace captain, David McTaggart, was injured during the seizure. The yacht had entered a security zone round the test site and ignored orders to leave.

In 1975, president Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh, who had led the country to independence four years earlier, was killed in an army coup.

In 1988, marathon swimmer Vicki Keith became the first person to swim across Lake Superior. In less than two months, the 27-year-old swimming instructor from Kingston, Ont., crossed lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior and Ontario. She raised over \$200,000 for Variety Village during her Great Lakes marathon.

In 1991, an oil exploration barge in the storm-tossed South China Sea sank, killing at least 31 workers.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II concluded his four-day visit to the United States by denouncing the culture of death - abortion and euthanasia.

In 1995, on the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama apologized for his country's aggression. It was Japan's first such apology.

In 1998, a car bomb killed 28 people and injured more than 200 in Omagh, 80 kilometres west of Belfast in the single deadliest blast in decades of conflict in Northern Ireland. Real IRA, a renegade republican splinter group, claimed responsibility.

In 2000, North and South Korean families separated since the 1950-1953 Korean War, were reunited for the first time in 50 years in the two capitals, Seoul and Pyongyang.

In 2005, Israel began its historic pullout from the Gaza Strip, 38 years after it captured the area in the 1967 Mideast War. Over the next three weeks, all 21 Jewish settlements from Gaza and four from the West Bank were removed, marking the first time Israel abandoned Jewish communities in lands the Palestinians claimed for their future state.

In 2007, a magnitude-8 earthquake levelled homes near Lima, Peru, causing more than 540 deaths.

In 2009, on the 64th anniversary of VJ-Day, a monument honouring Canada's veterans of the Battle of Hong Kong was formally unveiled in Ottawa. During the bitter fighting, 290 Canadians were killed and 483 wounded.

In 2018, for the second straight year, the B.C. government declared a provincial state of emergency due to hundreds of wildfires burning across the province. More than 3,000 people were under evacuation orders with nearly another 19,000 on evacuation alert. By the end of August, more than 2,000 fires had been reported - scorching a record of nearly 13,000 square kilometres.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Money, legal and health issues may pose problems if you aren't quick to intervene and make some positive changes. Avoid joint ventures, indulgent behavior and leaving decisions up to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Set sail for your target and don't stop until you reach your destination. You have plenty to gain if you are forward-thinking and persuasive. A partnership will improve your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Stick to what's doable and don't let anyone talk you into something risky, unhealthy or that costs more than you can afford. Simplify your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't let someone tell you what you want or need. Size up your situation and do what's in your best interest. Spend time exploring possibilities and sharing your plans with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep your life simple, practical and within your financial means. Don't let stubbornness be your downfall. Be realistic and moderate. You cannot buy love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You know what's expected of you if you want to get ahead, so don't give anyone a chance to redirect you or take over your plans. Personal and physical improvements can be initiated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Think before you act. If someone pressures you to spend money or do something you shouldn't, consider it a red flag and question his or her motives.

Let your actions speak for you this year. Set goals and be sure to finish what you start. Stop worrying about what others do, and pour your energy into what matters most to you. Partnerships, getting along and keeping the peace should be your priorities. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Listen and follow instructions carefully. There will be no room for error, especially when dealing with professional, legal or financial matters. Don't let someone else's mistake fall in your lap.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you don't like something, change it. Trust in what you know, not in what someone tells you. Emotional manipulation is apparent and should be dealt with quickly. No muss, no fuss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Look for something to do that is enjoyable and also good for your health and emotional well-being. A personal pick-me-up will boost your confidence. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep a close watch over others' actions. If someone tries to undo what you've worked so hard to put in place, implement long-term solutions and keep moving forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Travel, learning and communication are highlighted. You can accomplish plenty if you are proactive and passionate about what you want to achieve. Romance will enhance your personal life.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 1 Stroller passenger
 - 5 Peace goddess
 - 10 Succeed in the end (2 wds.)
 - 12 Nabbed
 - 13 Caustic solution
 - 14 Complete
 - 15 Fibber
 - 16 Roman sun god
 - 18 Trick out of money
 - 19 Exhibit
 - 23 Airline to Stockholm
 - 26 Kook
 - 27 Cabby
 - 30 Pinball palace
 - 32 Miner's stake
 - 34 Marlins' city
 - 35 Deceitful ones
 - 36 Boring person
 - 37 Yucky stuff
 - 38 Fish catcher
 - 39 Texas city
 - 42 Ewe's mate
- 45** Nine-lived pet
- 46** Karachi language
- 50** Ethically neutral
- 53** Establish by law
- 55** Entertainment venue
- 56** Pestered
- 57** Brewer's need
- 58** Into the sunset

- DOWN**
- 1 South Seas paradise
 - 2 "Diana" singer
 - 3 Bulletin —
 - 4 "The King and I" name
 - 5 Motel of yore
 - 6 Lab animal
 - 7 Ambler or Clapton
 - 8 Fictional sleuth — Wolfe
 - 9 Paradise
 - 10 Close friend

- 11 Gift box filler
- 12 Vend
- 17 Choose
- 20 Blue dye
- 21 "Gesundheit" preceder
- 22 Harvard rival
- 23 Hammett's Spade
- 24 Needing rain
- 25 Al Capone feature
- 28 "Misery" co-star
- 29 Flying toy
- 31 Asian nanny
- 33 Wyo. clock setting
- 35 Natural fabric
- 37 Fed. property manager
- 40 Home of the Bruins
- 41 Slight push with the elbow
- 42 Slightly indelicate
- 43 Jacques' girl
- 44 Actress — Freeman
- 47 Tatters
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- 49 Sturm — Drang
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

A difficult play even to consider

By Phillip Alder

Benjamin Franklin said, "Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

For a bridge player, remember not only to make the right bid or play at the right moment, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong bid or unplayed the wrong card at the tempting moment.

Today's deal is an example. How should South play in four spades after West leads the diamond queen?

Many players would be down almost before they had started. They would win the first trick with the diamond ace, draw trumps ending in hand and take the club finesse. However, East would win that trick with his king and shift to the heart queen. The defenders would take one club and three hearts.

A more careful declarer will spend some time analyzing the deal before playing from the board at trick one. He will see 10 winners: six spades, two diamonds and two clubs. But he will also notice the difficulty if the club finesse is losing. Then, though, he might spot the best line of play.

Do not win trick one!
South takes trick two with his dia-

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| North | | 08-15-19 | |
| ♠ Q J 9 4 | | | |
| ♥ 6 5 2 | | | |
| ♦ K 8 3 | | | |
| ♣ A Q J | | | |
| West | | East | |
| ♠ — | | ♠ 8 5 2 | |
| ♥ A 10 8 7 | | ♥ Q J 9 | |
| ♦ Q J 9 4 | | ♦ 10 7 6 2 | |
| ♣ 9 7 6 3 2 | | ♣ K 10 5 | |
| South | | | |
| ♠ A K 10 7 6 3 | | | |
| ♥ K 4 3 | | | |
| ♦ A 5 | | | |
| ♣ 8 4 | | | |
| Dealer: North | | | |
| Vulnerable: Neither | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Opening lead: ♦ Q | | | |

mond ace, draws trumps, plays a club to dummy's ace and discards his second club on the diamond king. Then he leads the club queen. If East covers with the king, declarer ruffs, plays a trump to the board and pitches a heart on the club jack. Or, if East plays a low club, South throws a heart, not caring what happens next.