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ETSB elects new committee chairs

By Matthew McCully

During Tuesday's Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) council of commissioners meeting, the chairs of the various advisory committees were elected; in most cases, the commissioner already holding the position continued for a new mandate.

The meeting also included a presentation of the auditor's report, performed annually by an independent accounting firm.

The report stated that the ETSB's accounting for the year is clean, with no reserves or comments.

The total revenue recorded was \$80,584,990.00. The total expenditures were \$79,922,882.00, resulting in a surplus of roughly \$662,000.

The board carries an accumulated deficit or around \$3 million, down from \$3.7 million last year, thanks to the current surplus.

Following the auditor's report, Secretary General Éric Campbell was named president of elections for the purpose of deciding the chairs of the board's advisory committees.

Each commissioner is expected to be a member of at least two advisory committees. The chairs of those committees

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Le Renaissance Manoir St. Francis celebrates 25 years



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Le Renaissance Manoir St. Francis Director Julie Lincourt congratulating the Fauteux family (Vincent, Martin, Francine and Renald) on the 25th anniversary of the Lennoxville seniors' residence.

By Matthew McCully

The Fauteux family, owners of the Renaissance Manoir St. Francis celebrated 25 years in business during

a ceremony held yesterday at the Lennoxville location.

The residents were treated to a toast with sparkling wine (or ginger ale) and a video looking back at the manor over

the last 25 years.

The celebration was bittersweet for manor director Julie Lincourt, who is leaving the residence after nine years.

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Spook-ular values: A Halloween parable



ROSS MURRAY

It started with a body on a bus. This was followed by a second body on a bus. The interval between the discoveries was so brief that it felt like it couldn't be a coincidence, though it proved to be so. Still, there was no getting over the public perception that there was now an epidemic of bodies on buses.

What triggered the great outcry, however, was that in both cases the bodies on the buses had gone undiscovered for hours, riding back and forth along the line in their respective cities. People thought they were asleep. People had sat right beside the dead bodies on the bus! It was shocking. It was outrageous.

"People should be able to interact freely in public spaces, particularly publicly funded places, without fearing that the person next to them is dead," the pundits declared in fraught, alarmist tones. "What the dead do in their own homes is their own business, but they gave up the right to government services when they gave up breathing."

The pundits were joined by a groundswell of people on the right who muttered (mostly online) about security threats, community values, odours. The dead had to be stopped, they stressed, before our schools and hospitals were filled with corpses.

"I have nothing against the dead, but..." they wrote.

Or: "Some of my best friends are dead, but..."

Or: "No heartbeat? No service!"

Or: "The problem with the dead is you can never tell what they're thinking."

Looking to score political points with the living, the government rushed forward Bill 666: "An act to foster adherence to State non-mortality." The act declared that no one could give or receive government services if they happened to be dead.

Critics on the left were appalled. They argued that the deceased were being unfairly persecuted. The chances of a dead person receiving services were extremely low, they pointed out, especially considering how difficult it was to receive services even among the living.

And given how few documented cases there were of the dead demanding services, critics described the law as overkill. "One rotten body doesn't spoil the bunch," they claimed.

Despite these misgivings, Bill 666 went into effect, and though the government had hoped that acting decisively would bury this controversy, the public failed to be satisfied. Not content to ban the dead from public services, people began targeting the sick and the elderly who seemed inclined to die.

Protestors marched outside hospitals to stop the critically ill (or "would-be dead," as they were called) from receiving the services they needed in order to stop being critically ill. As a result, many of these patients died, proving the protestors' point.

The public also fretted about the particularly vulnerable being indoctrinated by the dead. There were reports of mobs attacking black-clad teens reading Thirteen Reasons Why.

The law, however, was effective; by no means did the dead receive any services during this time.

Nonetheless, there were those who continued speaking up for the dead, telling their stories, which, frankly, weren't that interesting. There was a wave of online activism with the hashtag #deadlivesmatter. People called on

the dead to stop taking this matter lying down.

"It is time," the sympathetic living called out, "for the dead to rise up! Rise up! Rise up!"

So the dead did.

Out of their graves, the dead emerged - angry, frustrated, decomposing. They took to the streets, reminding some people of that Michael Jackson video, but with poorer special effects.

As one, they marched (staggered, oozed) to the government legislature, where a megaphone was commandeered, and one among the dead came forward, lifted it to his frayed lips and, as a hush fell over the hordes, made his demands:

"NnngARRBHH GLLRRrrr
NNNNGGG!!! BLGGGHHUurr mmmNN-
mmGNHH! NiCOLas CAGE!"

This last part is controversial. No one could say for sure that the spokesman for the dead had said "Nicolas Cage," but the dead had the living outnumbered, and, for lack of a better option, Nicolas Cage was summoned.

The dead quickly devoured Nicolas Cage, which was understandable.

In the ensuing rampage, the right contended that they had seen this coming, that the dead couldn't be trusted, while the left pointed out that none of this would have happened if the dead hadn't been disenfranchised, not to mention disemboweled.

But it was all moot, as the dead quickly decimated the living until they were all, indeed, the dead.

Taking over the legislature, the dead immediately repealed Bill 666, and three cheers went up - "nnggh-ngghh GR-RNARRGHH! nnggh-ngghh GRRNARRGHH! nnggh-ngghh GRRNARRGHH!" - as they celebrated their equality under the law and their full access to government services.

Although it still takes forever to get a family doctor.



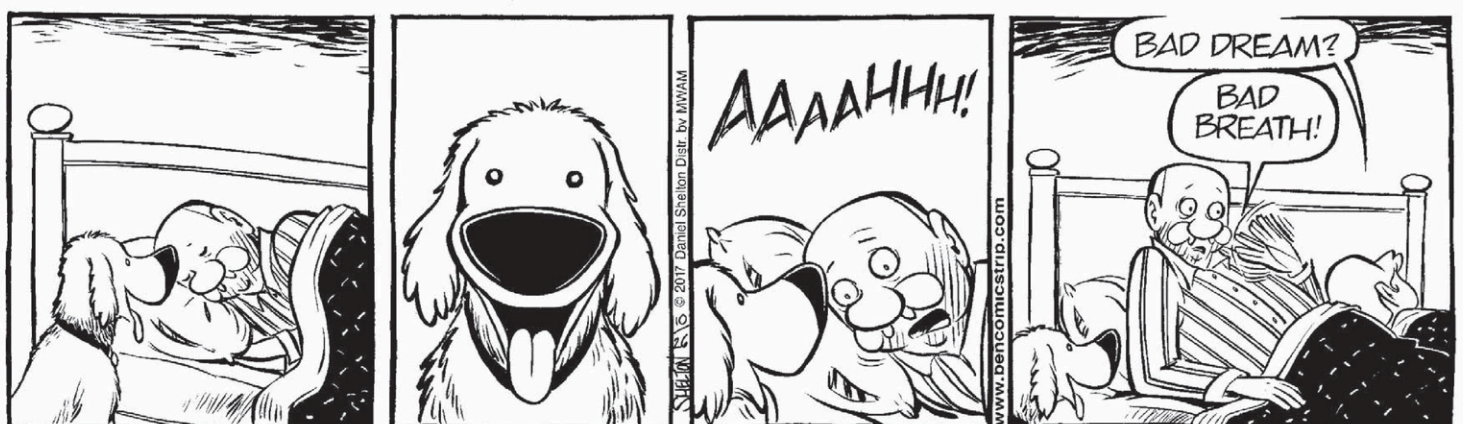
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LOCAL NEWS

Murray said boards are asked to also look at supplies lists and evaluate whether the lists are reasonable, and also look at whether the composition of the lists is consistent across schools.

Plea deals avoid lengthy drug trafficking trials

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SHERBROOKE

Two long jury trials related to cocaine trafficking that were scheduled for early 2018 have been avoided as the accused have chosen to settle their cases without a trial.

The accused arrested under Project Muraille cut short legal proceedings Monday and Tuesday at the Sherbrooke courthouse by committing to plead guilty to charges connected with the trafficking of cocaine in the region of Granby.

Twenty-six accused, including the heads of the two cells involved, André Madore of Roxton Falls, Jean-Maurice Viens of Roxton Pond, and Richard Skinner of Cowansville, responded in the affirmative when they asked if they intended to enter guilty pleas.

According to an agreement in principle between the prosecution and the defense, the accused pledged to plead guilty at various times over the next few months, beginning on October 30.

Most of the accused are charged with conspiracy to smuggle cocaine, methamphetamine, MDMA, cannabis, and

hashish between March 15, 2015 and June 29, 2016 in and around Granby, Repentigny, Brossard and elsewhere in Quebec and Ontario

Details of the acts alleged against each of accused will be filed in court. If charges of gangsterism are withdrawn, many of the defendants will plead guilty to conspiracy.

Seventeen accused, who have been detained since June 29, 2016, have also committed to plead guilty and lawyers in the case told the court that common suggestions will be presented to the court and will be sentencing will take

place between the end of this month and March 2018.

The accused have also agreed to drop the numerous applications that were heard before Superior Court Judge Yves Tardif challenging a wiretap, calling for the exclusion of evidence, to stay proceedings, and to have a bilingual trial that were to be heard by the end of 2017.

The first trial was scheduled to begin in January 2018 for four months, while the other Cell was scheduled to begin in April for three months.

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report their recommendations to the executive.

The process required few votes.

Gordon Barnett was the only commissioner nominated as chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee; he accepted and was awarded the position.

Joy Humenuik was the only nominee for chair of the Audit committee; she accepted the position.

Richard Gagnon was the only nominee for the Education Services Advisory Committee; he accepted the position.

Dan Brodie was the only commissioner nominated to chair the Communications Committee and accepted the position.

Both Frank MacGregor and Claire Beaubien were nominated to chair the Human Resources committee. MacGregor declined the nomination, and Beaubien was named Chair.

Three commissioners, Gary Holiday, Mary Kirby and parent commissioner Mary Gilman were nominated for the Transportation committee, which requires two commissioners.

Mary Kirby declined her nomination. Between Holiday and Gilman, Holiday was elected to serve as the commissioner

who will represent Transportation at the Executive.

Ken Waterhouse and Mary Gilman, the only parent commissioners in attendance at Tuesday's meeting, were elected as parent representatives on the Executive Committee.

An appeal committee was also formed, which holds a one-year-term.

Secretary General Campbell pointed out that in the last five years, the Appeal Committee was only called upon one time for a recommendation.

This year's committee will include Jonathan Murray, Mary Kirby and Gordon Barnett, parent commissioner Mary Gilman and alternates Alice McCrory, Gordon Holiday and Ken Waterhouse.

Director General Christian Provencher's report was brief, drawing attention to the successful open houses held recently at schools.

Chairman Mike Murray's report drew attention to the renewed energy of each school year.

"It's great to have that feeling of starting," Murray said, relaying the sentiment of ETSB teachers ready to start the year fresh with new attitudes and new ideas.

"We have some absolutely phenomenal people in our schools," Murray

pointed out.

Murray added that a request from the education ministry had come to the board to review the fees charged to parents.

Explaining that the request is not related to the current class action suit, Murray said the ministry would like school boards to make recommendations by Dec. 30 regarding fees over and above what is included in basic free education. He used as examples breakfast programs, outings, ski and golf programs at some schools.

Murray said boards are asked to also look at supplies lists and evaluate whether the lists are reasonable, and also look at whether the composition of the lists is consistent across schools.

The minister of education is expected to draw up guidelines based on the recommendations provided before the end of the next school year.

During the audit report, Murray referred to a resolution regarding computer acquisitions.

"The resolution is financial, but the implications are pedagogical," Murray said, explaining that the purchase demonstrates a move on the part of the board to begin transitioning from iPads to chromebooks, a more versatile de-

vice, he said.

During the Transport Committee reports, Gary Holiday said there was discussion of adding three more electric busses to the ETSB fleet.

The medium-sized battery model the ETSB purchased allows the bus to go 120 km before needing to be charged. Holiday said the driver of the electric bus praised its performance, and there are several routes of similar distances in the ETSB where an electric bus, which is cleaner and more quiet, could run.

Le Renaissance Manoir St. Francis

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She gave an emotional speech praising the work of the Fauteux family in establishing the seniors' residence and constantly working to maintain and improve services for the residents.

"The Fauteux family took good care of their baby," Lincourt said, pointing out that the business, 25 years later, continues to grow with new locations in other parts of the Townships.

"It's like a big family," commented Lincourt.

Lincourt added that it wasn't only the work of the Fauteux family that made the manor a success over the last 25 years; she credited the hard work of the staff, many of whom have been there for years, for creating a warm and friendly environment for the residents.

In the nine years Lincourt was at the helm, she said there was only one occa-

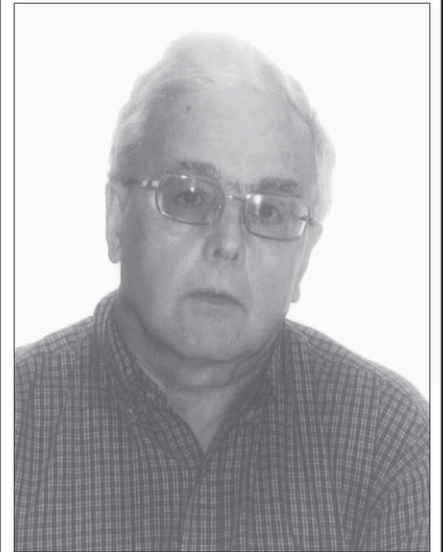
sion during a severe snow storm when the residence was short staffed, a testament to the dedication of the employees.

The residents enjoyed a game of bingo

followed by a ceremony marking the manor's 25 years; a dance was scheduled later in the evening featuring Ron Haseltine.



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Sherbrooke Candidates petitioned for position on active transport

By Gordon Lambie

For many, a bike ride sounds like a nice way to spend a sunny summer afternoon. The members of one citizens group in Sherbrooke, however, want to see bicycling and walking take off as a major form of public transportation in the city and are asking those individuals who are running for a position on the city's municipal council to take a position on the matter.

Representatives of local organizations ranging from the FEUS, the University of Sherbrooke's student union, to the CRE, the Eastern Townships' regional council for the environment, gathered together to present the results of an online petition on the subject of developing active transport in the city gathered at Sherbrooke's Carrefour de Solidarité Internationale earlier this week. While forming no unified group, the different organizations were brought together by their collective concerns and managed to solicit more than 1000 signatures for their petition in less than one month's time.

The four demands laid out in the petition, entitled "Élections municipales 2017 : Faire du transport actif une priorité à Sherbrooke" are for candidates to commit to:

1) Implement, as soon as possible, safe and practical bicycle routes to the city's major centers, such as the CHUS Fleurimont and the Université de Sherbrooke campus, primarily along major transit routes like King Street, Galt, Portland,

and 12th Avenue.

2) Integrate infrastructure that support active transport into all future road work and major construction projects.

3) Prioritize the international "vision zero" approach to road safety, which aims for a road network with no fatalities or serious injuries, though the installation of more sidewalks, speed bumps, reduced speed zones, buffer zones, and narrowed roadways.

4) Focus new development projects within the existing city limits to help concentrate population and bring people and services closer together.

Sherbrooke already has a master plan for active transport development, but those speaking on Monday explained that they do not feel the city has prioritized the option, and that the failure to do so has a negative effect on many aspects of local society.

"We are not alone in thinking that Sherbrooke should make this a policy priority," said Laurence Mailhiot, spokesperson for the signatories of the petition.

The groups backing the petition argued in favour of active transport using positions that ranged from the fact that walking and cycling is better for peoples' health than driving, to the fact that it is better for the environment and just takes up less space than cars.

Dr. Éric Lampron-Goulet of the public health department of the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, the regional healthcare institution, underlined the health benefits of active transport.



GORDON LAMBIE

Genevieve Pomerleau of the Conseil regional de l'environnement de L'Estrie, Remi Proteau of the La Deraille cooperative, Gabrielle Letarte-Dupre of the University of Sherbrooke Student Federation, petition spokesperson Laurence Mailhiot, Dr. Eric Lampron-Goulet of the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, Arnaud Messier-Maynard of the Sherbrooke collective for sustainable urban planning, and petition signatory Vincent Boisclair

"Active transport is a well known and proven public health strategy," Lampron-Goulet said pointing out that adopting more physical ways of getting from point a to point b has measurable positive impacts on a person's physical well-being.

Arnaud Messier-Maynard of the Sherbrooke collective for sustainable urban planning noted that active transport systems are best suited to close-knit urban environments. He suggested that by investing in the necessary infrastructure to link the city with bike paths and sidewalks, the community of Sherbrooke would grow closer together and stronger as a whole

Rémi Proteau, who spoke on behalf of the La Déraillé cycling cooperative, explained that having an accessible cycling network also means committing to safe and reliable infrastructure. He underlined the need for adapted paths and the installation of speed bumps and other mechanisms to slow traffic in the name of bringing the number of serious or fatal road accidents in the city to zero.

"Municipal governments are the ones that have the most influence on our daily concerns," said François Pronovost, Vice-President of development and public affairs with Velo Quebec, explaining the reasoning behind bringing the issue up during a municipal election campaign. "When it comes to bicycles, it is undeniable that everything, or nearly everything, happens at the municipal level."

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Sévigny, Pouliot under fire after ethics complaints

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Renouveau Sherbrookeis Mayoral candidate Bernard Sévigny and veteran Ascot councillor Robert Pouliot are both under fire from opponents after ethical questions have been raised.

Independent Sherbrooke mayoral candidate Steve Lussier is calling on incumbent Mayor Bernard Sévigny to withdraw his candidacy for mayor, citing a complaint filed by Councillor Jean-François Rouleau with the Commission municipale du Québec.

"Under the circumstances, I request the immediate withdrawal of his candidacy for Mayor of Sherbrooke by Mr. Bernard Sévigny," Lussier wrote in a public statement.

The complaint by Rousseau alleges that the mayor broke the project management rules laid out by the city and

the Code of Ethics for elected officials when handing out a contract for the Well Inc. project without calling for tenders.

"Today, I do not like what I just learned," Lussier said, "My request for a moratorium on [Well Inc.] is now justified. I was concerned about the lack of transparency in this file, the lack of a business plan, and the unusual way in which the contracts were set up. I was right and I stood up despite the doubts of some people."

Lussier points out that a part of his platform calls for an in depth review of the Well Inc. file and that he will bring "the necessary corrective measures so that this project does not become a white elephant for citizens" and that he will support "the renovation of the Wellington St. South sector, respecting Sherbrooke citizens' capacity to pay."

In the meantime, Renouveau Sherbrookeis councillor Robert Pouliot is

also facing complaints at the Commission municipale du Québec filed by mayoral candidate Denis Pellerin who in September, raised the fact that the veteran Ascot's representative did not fully disclose his financial interest when it comes to Well Inc.'s records or the contracts awarded to the business owned by his sons. Pellerin had previously raised these concerns about Pouliot's ethics at the September 5 city council meeting.

In his complaint, Pellerin brought up printing contracts awarded to Bob Pouliot Office Equipment (2002) in 2011. He also conducts the census of resolutions concerning Well inc. since 2016.

"I filed my complaint before I became a candidate," Pellerin says. "It's very 'Renouveau' not to declare his interest. I had noticed that Mr. Pouliot did not always declare his interest in the file of printers supplied to the City by his sons' company. With Well Inc., it was too much. He should have declared his in-

terest, not because of the company, but because of the building he owns [and from which he could benefit from the revitalization of Wellington Street South]."

Pellerin says he isn't counting on any sanctions against Pouliot, saying, "I don't expect much, because I don't think the decision will come out before the elections."

In September, Municipal Clerk Isabelle Sauvé indicated that the interpretation of the law had been verified and that. Pouliot was not in a conflict of interest and Pouliot said he had no interest in his sons' business."

Pellerin also complained to the Chief Electoral Officer following a Facebook publication sponsored by the Sherbrooke Transportation Corporation (STS), which he said was promoting candidate Bruno Vachon, who is also president of the STS.

Longpré sentenced, fined, for illegally importing liquid nicotine

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

ASherbrooke businessman will have to spend 45 days behind bars after pleading guilty to illegally importing liquid nicotine into Canada.

Sylvain Longpré, owner of the Vaporium store at Galeries Quatre Saisons, pleaded guilty to having provided false information regarding the importation of pure liquid nicotine before Court of Quebec Justice Conrad Chapdelaine on Wednesday

Longpré had contacted a Chinese company to import 99.8 percent pure liquid nicotine into the country. He acknowledged having known the success rate of importing such products into Canada from the company, which had provided him with an explanatory sheet of the chemical under which liquid nicotine would be imported in order in order to bypass Canada Border Services agents.

Between November 2013 and May 2014, Longpré made six transactions with the Asian company to import 300 to 400 kilos of liquid nicotine, valued at about \$300 USD per kilo.

Crown prosecutor Frank D'Amours, explained to the court that a milliliter of liquid nicotine was equivalent to one cigarette, giving the substance confiscated from Longpré equivalent to about 400,000 cigarettes.

Longpré also pleaded guilty to introducing or attempting to illegally introduce dutiable goods, the importation of which is prohibited.

These events took place at the East Hereford and Stanstead border crossing on June 9 and 20, 2014, where Longpré failed to declare flasks containing 50 ml of liquid nicotine at two percent by volume.

In addition to the 45-day jail term that will be served every other weekend over a six-month probationary period, Longpré will have to pay a \$10,000 fine within the next 12 months.

"This is a relatively rare charge. This is the first time that I have imposed a penalty for importing liquid nicotine in

15 years. It is a sentence that seems reasonable to me under the circumstances," said Chapdelaine in imposing the sentence.


Christian Longpré, who was vice-president of Vaporium, also acknowledged his guilt for illegally importing liquid nicotine that took place on January 6, 2015, at the Stanstead border crossing,

In a rented cube vehicle, he provided

a false statement and during the search of his vehicle, border services officers found 80 liters of over 99 percent pure nicotine valued at approximately \$15,000. He received a four-month community sentence and a \$2,500 fine.

Sylvain Longpré also says that the \$27.8 million civil suit he filed in 2014 against the Attorney General of Canada, Health Canada, and the Canada Border

Services Agency (CBSA) for damages he suffered as a result of the search and seizure and the charges against him and his companies have been put on ice for financial reasons. Longpré filed this suit in his own name and that of the two companies he heads, Vaporium and Vaperz Canada Inc.



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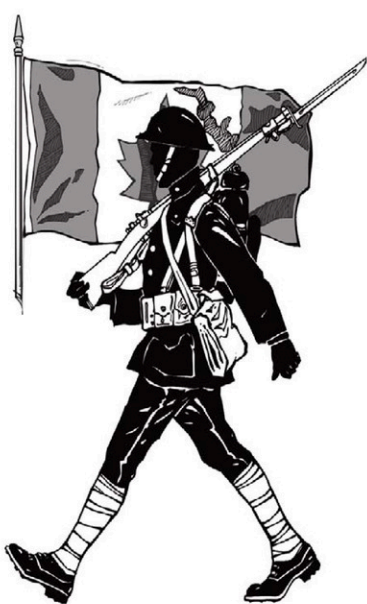
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EDITORIAL

Each of us had our favorites and each had particular dislikes. Like traders in a Tangiers market place we haggled over each piece.

Did I mention the candy?



TIM BELFORD

This time of year I find myself getting jealous. I know, as unseemly as it may appear, I really, really, want to go trick or treating. I want to get into a neat costume and join the neighbour kids going door to door in search of sugared loot. I want to scare and be scared. I want to ring door bells and dodge phony cob webs. Did I mention the candy?

Hallowe'en has always been one of my favorite celebrations. It was a once-a-year opportunity to shake loose from the daily humdrum of school and chores. Fantasy reigned. For one brief moment you could be anything your heart desired from a cowboy to a spaceman, from a pirate to the big bad wolf. Half the fun was just getting your costume together. And of course there was the candy.

One of my favorite outfits, and an award winning one I may add, was when I decided in grade six to go as Sheena Queen of the Jungle, a popular TV character of the time. It didn't matter that there were two other Sheenas in the school, both girls, I was head and spear above them both. My mother's discarded leopard skin bathing suit, a flowing blonde wig, sandals and that spear I had carved out of a poplar branch and I was set to go. When the costume parade was over at the school, I added the first place ribbon to my outfit. (To assuage your curiosity, my brief gender turn as Queen of the Jungle was only repeated once more when I received rave reviews for my performance as Bess the landlord's daughter in a high school production of The Highwayman.)

The actual going door-to-door that followed later in the evening was subject to the same intense planning and co-ordination as the D-Day invasion of France in 1944. You see, we lived on a dirt road where the houses were spread rather thinly over a large area and on top of

that each potential donor had to be rated as to the expected quality of gift. We knew from experience which home would offer the much-prized "store bought" candy, which household would proffer home-made fudge and where you could expect rice crispy squares or, heaven forbid, a simple apple.

From there we plotted our route. It was designed to hit the best stops first even if this entailed doubling back to pick up the second-tier treats later in the evening. We also had to take into consideration younger siblings who were dutifully dragged along and urged forward with the constant admonition to "hurry up."

Nothing was left to chance. By the time we reached the age when parental accompaniment was no longer required, we had come to the realization that the old paper bag with its two spindly handles was a non starter. It was far too small and subject to tearing at the least convenient moment. Some children searched out a plastic bag – a rare commodity in those days – but the truly professional among us opted for the pillow case.

In most instances this was not a problem since my mother always seemed to have a few extra on hand that she allocated for once-a-year Hallowe'en use. A minor difficulty arose occasionally when a candy apple or a piece of fudge slipped free of its wrapper and more or less became a permanent part of the bag.

The most important aspect of the entire evening came later, however, when we returned home. The accumulated loot was dutifully dumped onto the kitchen table and the "trading" began.

Each of us had our favorites and each had particular dislikes. Like traders in a Tangiers market place we haggled over each piece. "I'll give you five candy kisses for a piece of Mrs. Wallace's fudge." "I hate candy kisses. Give me a tootsie roll and I'll give you two pieces of peanut brittle." And so it went, long into the evening until all were satisfied and it was time for bed.

In case you're wondering, yes, we did eat some of our ill-gotten gains but only one or two pieces. The rest, at my mother's insistence, was doled out a little at a time over the next few weeks. But oh it was fun!



Letters

Dear Editor;

Re: *It's time to nix neonics*, Sherbrooke Record, Oct. 25 2017

It is time to stop the hyperbolic warnings about bee health and neonicotinoid pesticides.

In recent years, there have been many attempts to vilify this important class of pesticides. Each time we get beyond scratching the surface, it becomes apparent the studies are rife with bias and misinformation.

The fact of the matter is honeybee colony numbers in Canada continue to increase to unprecedented levels – at the same time that farmers have chosen to use neonic-treated seed to protect their crops. According to the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists, bee colonies increased by 27 per cent from 2007 to 2016. Suzuki and other activist groups conveniently overlook these facts and others that do not neatly fit into their fear-mongering narrative.

Before any pesticide can be sold in Canada, it must be approved by Health Canada. Canada's regulatory process is stringent, world-renowned, and ensures all pesticides that are used in Canada are safe for both people and the environment.

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Truth be told, David Suzuki is opposed to modern agriculture in general. History has shown us if he wasn't complaining about neonicotinoids, he would just be criticizing some other tool used by Canada's innovative farmers.

The implications of eliminating neonicotinoids would include lost crops for farmers, resulting in higher costs for consumers; harsher demands on the environment, as more land would be needed to grow the same amount of food; and less crops to be exported to a hungry world. Surely David Suzuki shares these goals with the agriculture community?

SINCERELY,
PIERRE PETELLE
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FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

Featured pet: Tyler

T Tyler is a happy and friendly 8 month old pup who loves a good belly rub.

Tyler is a great young dog who is well behaved overall but he sometimes gets a little over excited when outdoors for his walks and playtime. He is probably a little bored. Tyler gets his daily walk, some one-on-one playtime in our dog park and he is outdoors in a large grassy pen most of the day but he is a puppy and he needs more attention and activity than we can provide.

What Tyler requires is a motivated adopter who is prepared to put in the time and effort to give him the exercise, training and mental stimulation he needs. He was superbly behaved during his recent photo shoot and clearly loved the extra attention he was getting.

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Tyler is a good dog with a good heart, he just needs someone to help guide him from puppyhood to becoming a well rounded and mature adult dog. Tyler is dog friendly and seems fine with cats.

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frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or better yet give our adoption coordinator Brenda a call at 819.876.7747 any day of the week between 8 a.m and 8 p.m.



By Clea Corman

High school can be tough, especially going from a small rural town to a large regional high school. Everything seems big, foreign and unknown. For students in the Stanstead area, taking a bus to Galt or La Ruche can take over an hour, one way. Imagine finishing a long day of school at the age of 13, having to ride the bus for an hour and then starting homework. For the first couple of years at Phelps, we would remark on the dedication of the small group that would faithfully come to Phelps every week, knowing full well that many were already exhausted, both mentally and physically, by the time they walked through our doors. For those who did not attend, it must have

seemed like the easier choice to not always get their work done; some were able to skate by, whereas others did not. We are pleased to say, at Phelps, that this fall has been incredible. We have participation numbers like we have never seen before: students are getting off the bus in droves, stomping down the sidewalk and coming in to Phelps smiling, ready to work. We used to peer out the window, hoping for just a few kids to get off the bus; now, we do a double-take at the large groups coming towards Phelps. These students are being brave and taking charge of their own futures, making those crucial first choices and deciding, whether they realize it or not, that doing your work and finishing high school is important.

Phelps Aide Phelp's Helps is an educa-

Annual Poppy Campaign begins tomorrow

The Ayer's Cliff Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128, will be holding its annual Poppy Campaign from October 27 to November 11th. Through the purchase of poppies, Canadians support the services offered by the Legion and clearly demonstrate the gratitude we owe to so many Canadians who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As a matter of interest, our Campaign last year in our re-

gion collected close to 6000\$ which was distributed throughout the year to support our Veterans, serving military and their families.

The Armistice ceremony will be held in Magog at 11 am on November 10th, in Hatley on November 11th at 11 am and in Ayer's Cliff on November 12th in front of the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.



COURTESY

Brigadier-General Pol Bergevin (Ret'd), 2nd Vice-President Branch 128, Dianne Saanum, President Branch 128, Alec Van Zuiden, Mayor of Ayer's Cliff, Brigadier-General Robin Gagnon (Ret'd) Vice-President, Branch 128, Denis Ferland, Mayor of Hatley. Mr Gilbert Ferland, Mayor of Stanstead East was unable to attend.

tional non-profit striving to reduce the elevated drop-out rate in the Stanstead area. Phelps was started in 2012 by two community members, and has grown from a single program to seven unique programs, providing Stanstead area students with free tutoring, educational and career support and hands-on learning from Grade 3 to the end of high school and further.

Phelps' high school sessions are aver-

aging 20 students per evening, and many benefit from one-on-one attention. We therefore are actively seeking new volunteers, specifically on Tuesday afternoons. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and like helping others, please consider joining our dynamic group of volunteers to contribute to the success of Phelps' programs! Please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.



Stanstead mayor wants border signs moved

By Matthew McCully

According to Stanstead mayor Philippe Dutil, a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) representative is expected in town before the end of the week to discuss the newly posted signage blocking Church Street and hopefully have it moved.

Dutil said the municipality was not consulted before the two large signs went up on Friday, Oct. 20.

The town's building inspector did, however, receive a letter dated Oct. 3 from the CBSA looking for the schematics and details related to the sign that was already in place on a patch of grass next to Church Street. The understanding was that there was an interest in replacing the existing sign, Dutil said.

No notice was given before the new signs were installed. Dutil said he was made aware of what was going on when he was contacted by Haskell Free Library

President Matthew Farfan. In a recent letter to the editor, Farfan described the signs as 'large and unsightly,' going on to say that they make the area around the Haskell look like a demilitarized zone rather than a friendly community institution and heritage property.

When he saw the signs, Dutil said he contacted the RCMP, who was also unaware they were being installed.

Dutil was told the decision to install the signs came from Ottawa. He then contacted Marie-Claude Bibeau, Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead. "She (Bibeau) is looking into it," Dutil said.

When asked if any other new signs had been posted along the border in Stanstead, Dutil said no, but added he was told that similar signage to that posted on Church Street had been ordered in two other locations in Quebec; both places were remote areas with no houses nearby, he said.

The Record contacted the CBSA on Tuesday asking whether the municipality had been consulted before installing the signs on Church Street, and what

precipitated the decision to post them there specifically. By press time Wednesday the CBSA was unable to provide a response to either question.



FQM welcomes religious neutrality clarifications

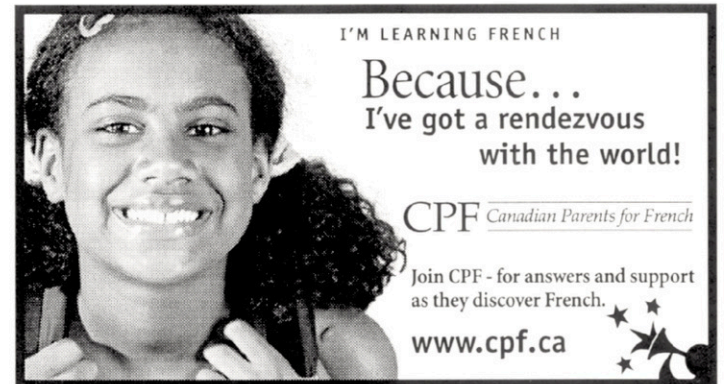
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The Quebec Federation of Municipalities (FQM) is welcoming the principles of application of the law on religious neutrality of the state released Tuesday by the Minister of Justice, Stéphanie Vallée. "These clarifications will give municipalities the freedom to apply the law with all the necessary judgment to ensure that the regions of Québec continue to be both welcoming and respectful of gender equality," the Federation says in a communiqué.

"This law is still not perfect," says FQM President Richard Lehoux, "but it is nevertheless a clear signal in favor of equality between men and women. Obviously, under the circumstances, the application of the law will require delicacy, flexibility and judgment. This is what municipal employees are already doing on all sorts of issues and circumstances. When we look at the law, we see that the general criteria for accommodation already correspond to those identified by the courts. Several public bodies, starting with educational institutions, already apply such criteria.

"For the Federation, the message that must be sent to newcomers is one of tolerance and openness, it being understood, however, that no custom or practice, even religious, should undermine the principle of full equality between the sexes," he concludes.

Since its founding in 1944, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities has established itself as the key contact for municipalities and regions of Quebec. Constantly aiming to defend municipal autonomy, it privileges relationships on a human scale and draws its inspiration from the spirit of consultation and innovation of its more than 1,000 member municipalities and MRCs.



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Trudeau does not appear impressed with Quebec's attempt to clarify Bill 62

The Canadian Press

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appeared incredulous Wednesday at Quebec's efforts to clear up confusion surrounding its law on religious neutrality, which is widely seen as targeting Muslim women who wear face veils.

The province's justice minister said last week Bill 62 would oblige people riding a bus or the subway to do so with their face uncovered for the entire journey.

On Tuesday, however, Stephanie Vallee backtracked, saying only those whose fare requires a card with photo ID will need to uncover their face before riding public transit — and that they can put the veil back on once they've been identified.

Asked specifically in Ottawa about Vallee's clarifications, Trudeau replied: "You call those clarifications?"

"I think we're seeing there are still a lot of things to clarify in this bill, including how it will be applied," Trudeau said. "We will do our homework here in Ottawa. As I've said several times, I don't think a government should be telling a woman what to wear or not wear."

Immediately after Quebec passed Bill 62, Trudeau was hesitant to come out strongly against the legislation. He said the responsibility to challenge the law lied with citizens, not the federal government.

Trudeau, however, has become more critical since his initial comments, suggesting the law violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

He has also refused to rule out his government's involvement in any future Bill 62 court challenge.

"I will always defend the charter," Trudeau said.

"I will always stand up for individual rights and I will always stand up for the

Charter of Rights and Freedoms and we are looking very carefully at what tools we have and what steps we have to make sure we make this situation better for everyone."

In response, Vallee said Quebec has the right to legislate on matters within its jurisdiction.

"Mr. Trudeau has the right to not share our opinion," she told reporters in Quebec City. "And he has the right to have an opinion on the law. But I am not going to get into a debate in the media

about that.

"But I am really confident that the law is constitutional and I am convinced that it would withstand any legal challenge."

When asked if Quebec is willing to use the so-called notwithstanding clause, which allows provinces to override the Constitution, she said, "We're not there yet."

"The notwithstanding clause is not part of the debate because there is no legal challenge so far," she added.

Sherbrooke man killed in Saint-Denis motorcycle accident

Record Staff
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A 49-year old Sherbrooke man was killed Monday morning when the motorcycle he was riding broadsided an SUV in Saint-Denis-de-Brompton.

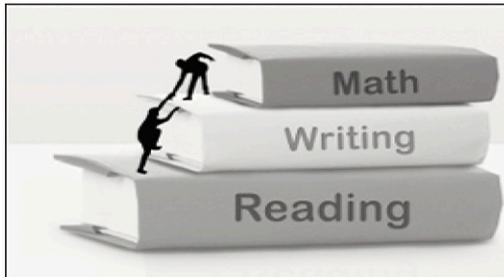
The motorcyclist, Stéphane Poulin, was traveling on Route 249 north-

bound shortly before 11 a.m. when he lost control of his bike and hit the SUV coming from Ch. du Moilin.

Poulin was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.

The passengers in the SUV suffered minor injuries.

An investigation into the accident is still ongoing.



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"There will be surprises," said Jones. "The biggest thing is to have centralized players and to get your hands on them and coach them."

Bergevin says Habs players had to figure out for themselves how to end slump

The Canadian Press

General manager Marc Bergevin says the Montreal Canadiens players had to figure out for themselves how to get out of their slump.

Bergevin said the answer to the team's woes was "in the room."

He said it's difficult to find help through trades so early in the NHL season, so it was up to the players and coaches to get the offence going.

The Canadiens ended a seven-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night.

Bergevin said the team is better than its 2-6-1 record indicates and he was confident they would find their form.

Bergevin also said that rookie defence-man Victor Mete will remain in Montreal as long as he keeps performing at a high level. The 19-year-old is to play his 10th NHL game Thursday night against Los Angeles.

Rugby Canada adds Welsh assistant coach for November test matches

The Canadian Press

New Canadian rugby coach Kingsley Jones has added Wales under-20 coach Jason Strange to his staff for Canada's November test matches.

Canada, ranked 24th in the world, is due to host the Maori All Blacks in Vancouver on Nov. 3 before heading to Europe for matches with No. 12 Georgia,

No. 19 Spain and No. 9 Fiji.

The Canadian men are gearing up for a World Cup qualifying series against No. 18 Uruguay in January.

Strange will return to his Welsh duties after the November tour.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me to coach at senior international level against some quality opposition," Strange said in a statement.

"I'm extremely grateful to the (Welsh Rugby Union) and Canada for allowing me to take it up. I feel it's something that will offer me some new insights and allow to me return a better coach. At the same time, I'll be able to offer Canada a new voice and a different perspective on certain things."

The move strengthens the ties between both governing bodies, who have

collaborated on several projects in the past and exchanged talent.

Jones is a former Wales captain who worked for the Welsh Rugby Union, tasked with identifying and recruiting talent to the pro game in Wales. Geraint John, Wales' current head of rugby performance, used to coach the Canadian men's sevens side and was high performance manager at Rugby Canada.

Canada's Walk of Fame to add Donovan Bailey, Anna Paquin, Viola Desmond and more

The Canadian Press

Six more names will be added to Canada's Walk of Fame next month.

Two-time Olympic gold medallist and three-time world champion Donovan

Bailey is among those who will be inducted at an annual awards gala in Toronto on Nov. 15.

Actress Anna Paquin, the youngest Canadian to win an Academy Award, will also receive a star, as will science broadcaster and environmental activist

David Suzuki.

Several people are receiving posthumous honours, including Viola Desmond, the civil rights pioneer whose face will grace the new \$10 bill, and Ted Rogers, the late president and CEO of Rogers Communications Inc.

Canadian folk icon Stompin' Tom Connors, who died in 2013, will also be inducted into the Walk of Fame.

This year's additions bring the number of inductees to 173.

Canada to host first leg of Rugby World Cup qualifier against Uruguay B.C. Place

By Joshua Clipperton
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kingsley Jones got an early taste of what's waiting for him if he can get Canada past Uruguay and into the 2019 Rugby World Cup — a lot of attention from back home.

Hired last month as the new head coach of the Canadian men's national team, the Welshman had been identifying talent for his country's rugby union when he accepted the new position on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

As he started to tell colleagues about the move, most of Jones' conversations veered towards the fact the winner of the two-legged tie between Canada and Uruguay set for early next year will be placed in the same World Cup pool as Wales.

Welsh Rugby Union chairman Gareth Davies had a simple message for Canada's new boss.

"The first thing he says is, 'You can go, but you don't beat Wales,'" Jones recalled with a laugh. "It was on their radar, it was on everyone's radar straight away."

Jones was in Vancouver on Tuesday to meet the media as part of the announcement that Canada, ranked 24th in the world, will host the first leg of the aggregate qualifying series against No. 18 Uruguay at B.C. Place Stadium on Jan. 27.

The return fixture goes in South America on Feb. 3.

Jones enters his new role in the deep end after Canada missed out on a chance to qualify for the World Cup earlier this year in a two-legged series with the United States.

Canada and the U.S. tied 28-28 in Hamilton before the Americans thumped their neighbours 52-16 in San Diego to grab the region's first qualifying spot.

That demoralizing setback led to the dismissal of Canadian head coach Mark Ancombe, and last month's hiring of Jones, who sees a lot of potential, but understands the challenges he faces.

"The issues in international rugby is everyone moves forward, and if you stand still, you're dead," said the former Welsh captain, who coached Russia from 2011 to 2014. "I'm fully confident that

with the players we can bring back into the environment, we can do the job."

A number of players will be based at Rugby Canada's facility in Langford, B.C., while many of the more talented or well-established members of the squad will continue to ply their trades professionally overseas.

"There will be surprises," said Jones. "The biggest thing is to have centralized players and to get your hands on them and coach them."

Canada has never missed the World Cup, but has also never been ranked this low.

Should the Canadians lose on aggregate over two legs to Uruguay, there will be one more opportunity to qualify via a repechage.

"I've got my eyes wide open. I know what it is," said Jones. "If I didn't think we could (make the World Cup), I wouldn't have taken that option. I'd like to think I can help."

"I've got a short space of time. If I tried to come in here and reinvent the wheel, we aren't going to improve anything."

Jones, who played and coached in

Wales and England at club level, will get his first in-person look at Canada as head coach on Nov. 3 at B.C. Place against the Maori All Blacks.

He's been engrossing himself in his new team since taking the job by breaking down hour after hour of video.

"I've watched the last 16 games," said Jones. "Six or eight of those games, I've watched in total detail — first about the team pattern and then about individuals."

Ancombe's test record with Canada was just 2-11-1 in his 16 months on the job, but he never really got a chance to field his full team because of injuries and club commitments.

Jones wants to make sure there's no debate where allegiances lie.

"You can't select when you want to play for your country," he said. "I'll be finding players that will walk to Georgia to play. It can't be a comfort zone for people. Give people an easy option, they'll take it more often than not."

"You have to make sure the players are on their toes. No one is guaranteed their place."

Death



**Frances Macdonald Picken
(1923-2017)**

At the CIUSSS de l'Estrie - Site Hôpital de Granby, on October 17th, 2017 at the age of 93 years, passed away Mrs. Frances Macdonald Picken, wife of the late James L. Picken, residing in Stukely-Sud.

She leaves to mourn her children: Thelma, Stanley (Celine), Ruth (Burt), Wilson, Russell (Elizabeth), Bernice, Richard, Roy, Evelyn (Bruce), Gladys (Bruno); her grandchildren: Jenny, Joey, Amanda, Celine, Kathryn, Kathleen, Nicole, Stephanie (tootsie), James J., Alfred, Tiffany, Casey, James P., Frances (Frankie), Caitlyn (mamadoll), Crystal, Michael, Matthew, Cassandra, Mitchell. She was also the grandmother of the late Bonnie, the late Lisa, the late Terry. She is also survived by more than 30 great-grandchildren, her many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cremation was held at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium in Granby.

Family will receive condolences at Les Résidences Funéraires Bessette in Waterloo, Saturday, October 28th, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., as well as Sunday, October 29th, 2017 from 12 p.m. till the departure from the funeral home at 12:45 p.m. to the St. Matthew's Church in Stukely-Sud where the funeral will be held at 1.00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Stukely-Sud Cemetery.

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Death

Alma Clark (Bice)

Alma Clark (Bice) passed away peacefully on October 22, 2017 at the age of 78. Predeceased by her husband Douglas. Loving mother to Daniel (Joy), Thelma (Balbir), grandmother to Crystal (Marvin) and great-grandmother to Alexa.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held on November 4th at 11 a.m., at the Ayer's Cliff cemetery, Ayer's Cliff, Que.



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Death



**Myrtle R. Henderson
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Passed away peacefully at Brockville, ON on October 9, 2017, wife of the late

Wallace Wingeat. She is survived by her 3 sons Walter (Margo), John (Cecile) and Mac (Wendy), 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

There will be a Graveside Service at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 29 at the Malvern Cemetery, Moulton Hill Road, Lennoxville.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association would be appreciated.

Celebration of Life

CASSIDY - A Celebration of Life service, for the late Dorothy Cassidy, deceased September 28, 2017, will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 2 p.m. at the Wales Home, Route 243, Cleveland.

Datebook

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Today is the 299th day of 2017 and the 35th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1774, the first Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1881, the legendary shootout between lawmen and outlaw cowboys near the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona Territory, left three men dead.

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the anti-terrorism USA Patriot Act into law.

In 2002, Russian special forces raided a theater in Moscow where Chechen separatists had held hundreds of patrons hostage for nearly three days. More than 130 hostages and all 40 militants were killed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972), singer; Bob Hoskins (1942-2014), actor; Pat Conroy (1945-2016), novelist; Pat Sajak (1946-), TV personality; Hillary Clinton (1947-), politician; Dylan McDermott (1961-), actor; Cary Elwes (1962-), actor; Natalie Merchant (1963-), singer; Keith Urban (1967-), singer-songwriter; Seth MacFarlane (1973-), actor/writer/TV producer;

Jon Heder (1977-), actor; Sasha Cohen (1984-), figure skater.

TODAY'S FACT: Florida is the flattest state in the United States. Its highest elevation is only 345 feet above sea level.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1997, the Florida Marlins became the youngest Major League Baseball franchise ever to win a World Series, earning the championship in its fifth year of existence. The 4-year-old Arizona Diamondbacks surpassed the Marlins' mark with a World Series win in 2001.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I could bear the memory, but I could not bear the music that made the memory such a killing thing." - Pat Conroy, "Beach Music"

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$50 - advertised monthly pay for Pony Express riders and station keepers. The horseback delivery service, which relayed mail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, officially ceased operations on this day in 1861.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 19) and first quarter moon (Oct. 27).



**DO JUST ONE THING
By Danny Seo**

If you open an old bottle of olive oil and it smells rancid, you definitely shouldn't use it for cooking or salad dressing, but you also shouldn't toss it into the trash. Rancid oil is still useful around the house. Grab a soft rag and use olive oil to condition leather furniture, belts and bags. Also, use the oil and rag to help moisturize wicker and rattan furniture; it'll help prevent the natural materials from cracking. And that door that creaks every time you open it? Use olive oil as a lubricant around the hinges.

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Marking the occasion of Photography Month, Uplands has joined with 11 other cultural centres to present photographic exhibitions. In the Uplands art gallery, the works of Perry Beaton, Jean-Pierre Paradis, Kate Reed and Toshiro Tsubokura will join together for the exhibit Intersection. Outside, the large format images of Regalia Native Pride, will enliven the wooded area of Uplands. Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, 9 Speid Street in Sherbrooke (borough of Lennoxville) is open Wednesday to Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibits will run until October 29.

LENNOXVILLE

Flea Market and Bake Sale to be held on October 28 at "The Hut", A.N.A.F. Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The canteen will be open. To reserve a table call Wanda Evans at 819-565-7099.

RICHMOND

The ladies of the Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Principale Sud, Richmond, will hold their fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. until noon, so start cleaning out your closets and cupboards. Rummage items can be brought to the church after October 21. All proceeds will go to the church funds. Everyone is welcome!

NORTH HATLEY/LENNOXVILLE

The Estria Quintet's 2017-2018 season is finally here and begins on Saturday, October 28 (at St. Elizabeth's Church in North Hatley) and Sunday, October 29 (at the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center in Sherbrooke) at 3 p.m. with the Quintet for oboe and strings by classical composer Antonin Reicha, and one of the greatest masterpieces by Johannes Brahms: his Quintet for clarinet and

strings opus 115. Featuring the new Estria String Quartet (Julie Garriss and Lydia Gasse, violins; Christian Lampron, viola; and Erich Kory, cello) with oboist Étienne de Médicis and clarinetist Pauline Farrugia. Admission charged. Afternoon tea available at Uplands and reservations are mandatory. Contact 819-842-1072 or estria@cogocable.ca to reserve or for more information. Estria thanks Le Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec for their generous support.

LENNOXVILLE

HCC Senior luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, October 26 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Entrance from parking lot, wheelchair accessible, elevator available. Everyone welcome.

BULWER

Bulwer Community Center 500 card party on Thursday, October 26 starting at 1:30 p.m. The price includes a lunch following the play of cards and distribution of prizes. The Bulwer Community Center is at 254 Jordan Hill Road, Bulwer.

LENNOXVILLE

Fall Rummage Sale, St. George's Church Hall, 84 Queen St., Thursday and Friday, October 26 & 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a Bag Sale on Saturday, October 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Articles for the sale may be left at the Church Hall during the week of October 22. Further information or pick up of articles, please call 819-562-6245 or 819-346-5056. Save your \$\$\$ and shop with us!

SHERBROOKE

The women of Plymouth-Trinity United Church are holding their annual Pre-Christmas Buffet and Sale in the church hall at 380 Dufferin St., on Saturday, November 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Menu will consist of ham, assorted salads, devilled eggs, baked beans and brown bread, rolls and squares. There will also be sales tables of home baking, jams and pickles. Everyone welcome. Think green: Please bring a shopping bag for your purchases.

LENNOXVILLE

Fundraiser Mechoui for the Eaton Valley Lodge #60 Sawyerville Odd Fellows at the A.N.A.F. (Hut), 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Saturday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. Admission charged. For infor-

mation call Darryl at 819-553-8500.

DANVILLE

Danville Asbestos Trinity U.C.W. will hold their Fall Bazaar and Luncheon in the Church Hall on October 28 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Baking, handcrafts, white elephant table. Everyone welcome.

KNOWLTON

A Halloween Carol, a comedy dinner and show at the Lakeview Inn. The cost includes your choice of hamburger or smoked meat platter, with a drink. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission charged if you wish to see the play only. October 26, 27 and 28. 50 Victoria in Knowlton. For tickets and information call 450-243-6183 or 579-438-8816. Hilarious! Don't miss it!

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding its annual general meeting and a general information session, on Monday, October 30 at 2 p.m. at our location, 164 Queen Street, suite 104, Borough of Lennoxville, Sherbrooke. Our volunteer members, clients and the general public, interested in finding out more about our organisation, are welcome. An overview of the mandate and objectives of Community Aid will be presented at that time. Adoption for the amendments of by-laws, mainly articles: 2.01, 2.02, 2.02.2, 2.02.3, 4.01, 4.02, 4.10 will also take place. The complete list is available at the office for consultation. Lennoxville and District Community Aid Foundation will hold its annual general meeting on the same day, Monday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m. at Community Aid's office, 164 Queen Street, suite 104, Sherbrooke.

CHERRY RIVER

Cherry River Gospel Chapel present singer, songwriter, evangelist Ed Sealy at a conference being held at the Chapel, 246 Courtemanche Road, Cherry River (Orford) from October 26 to October 29. October 26 & 27 at 7 p.m. October 28, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and 7 p.m. October 29, 11 a.m., followed by a pot-luck lunch. For more information call 819-843-3492.

WATERVILLE

The Waterville-North Hatley United Church will hold their annual Fall Luncheon on Thursday, November 2 from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., which will include ham, scallop potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, assorted pies, coffee and tea. Bake sale table on site and admission charged.

HUNTINGVILLE

CANCELLATION! Unity Lodge #8, IOOF, Inc. This is for all of our loyal customers who attend out Roast Beef Suppers. Unfortunately due to people being away, sickness and work schedules we are obliged to cancel our supper scheduled for October 29th. We will definitely be back in the new year, ready and raring to cook and serve you. Keep your eyes open for something new we will be trying in the near future. It will be enjoyable and is returning after a long absence. As usual if you have any questions please contact Unity Lodge at unity8ioof@yahoo.ca of 819-820-5672. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

NEWPORT, VT

Osher Lifelong Learning Lecture series introduces their Fall 2017 season on Wednesday, November 1 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Bobby Farlice-Rubio from the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury, VT presents "Werewolves, Vampires, and Zombies." All lectures are held at the Hebard State Office Building, downtown Newport (VT). 2nd FL Conference Room, Handicap accessible. Free parking. Admission charged, special price for the entire series. Dessert, coffee, tea, and conversation follows. More Info? www.learn.uvm.edu/osher or contact Suzi by phone at: 819-838-5131, or email at: suzi_dix@sympatico.ca

RICHMOND

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #15, Richmond, 235 College St. N, will be holding their monthly CRIB TOURNAMENT on Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m.

DANVILLE

St. Augustine's Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon on Saturday, November 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Buffet luncheon is served between 11:30 a.m. ad 1 p.m. There will be sales tables of baking, candy, crafts, knitting, sewing, white elephant treasures and more. Gingerbread Boy theme decorations. Warm welcome and door prizes too. Come join us!

Daughter being bullied

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Dear Annie

Dear Annie: My daughter, an eighth-grader, had always enjoyed going to school until recently. She has many friends and has always received straight A's. My wife and I have heard from some of her friends' parents that she is being bullied by two of the popular girls, both online and with gossip behind her back. We have no evidence of the online bullying, as it has been erased. My daughter confirms the bullying and says one of the girls even gets in her face at school, flips her off and calls her names.

She doesn't want us to get involved, because she thinks that would make it even worse, so she goes about her business, smiles and attempts to be cordial with the girls. I see these two often at sporting events, and we have spoken to the mother of one of them before, so I am considering speaking to her about it despite my daughter's wishes. Their fathers are out of the picture; one is in jail. And neither mother seems to have much control or the ability to enforce discipline, so I don't know whether my discussion would make a difference.

Should I speak to the girls themselves (individually)

in a nonconfrontational way about why they are doing this? Do you have any suggestions on how to handle this situation? — Desperate Dad

Dear Desperate Dad: Your daughter needs help, but only in a way that comes from someone else. Have you talked to her teachers or school administrators? Most schools are determined to prevent bullying. The adults need to be sensitive of the need to keep you and your daughter out of it so it doesn't look as if your daughter came crying to Daddy to fight her battles. At the same time, encourage the school administrators to talk to your daughter's friends and their parents to find out the facts so they can confront the bullies to make sure they stop. If they don't, you might consider finding a new school. There are too many stories involving teenage bullying that have tragic endings. Your awareness and sensitivity are extraordinary and might well save your daughter from something serious.

Dear Annie: My wife and I were discussing a reply we have noticed from young adults recently. When we are waited on in stores, restaurants and the like, these

young people respond to our "thank you" with "no problem."

After many years of using and hearing "you're welcome" as the appropriate response, this answer — indicating that we are being done a favor — is a bit grating. Granted, this is not an earth-shaking event, but nonetheless we both find it less than appropriate.

Could you give us your thoughts on this linguistic change? — Out of Touch

Dear Out of Touch: This is a generational thing. Whereas baby boomers say "you're welcome," millennials say "no problem." They mean the same thing. As someone who grew up hearing "you're welcome," you find it grating when someone says "no problem" because you interpret it to mean that the person thinks he or she has done you a favor. But that is almost certainly not what the person means. Ask any young person. When young people say "no problem," they are really saying, "It's nothing. No need to thank me. I was happy to serve you." If you interpret it that way, you'll feel a lot better about it.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos



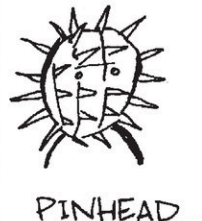






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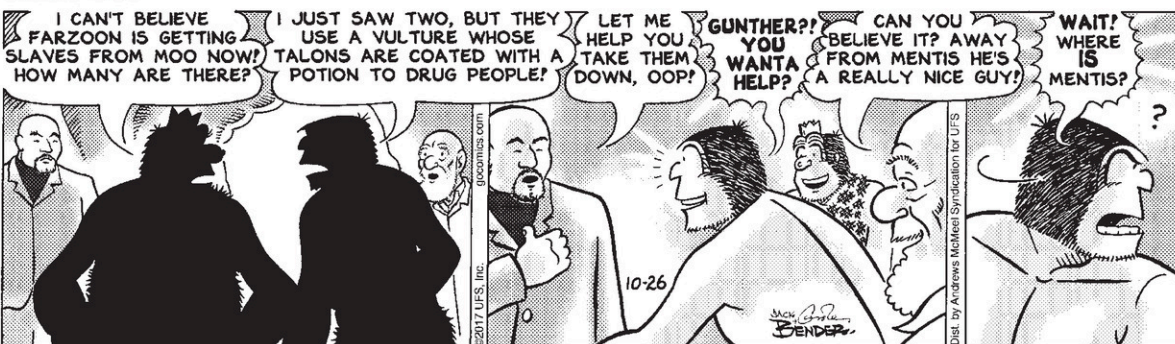
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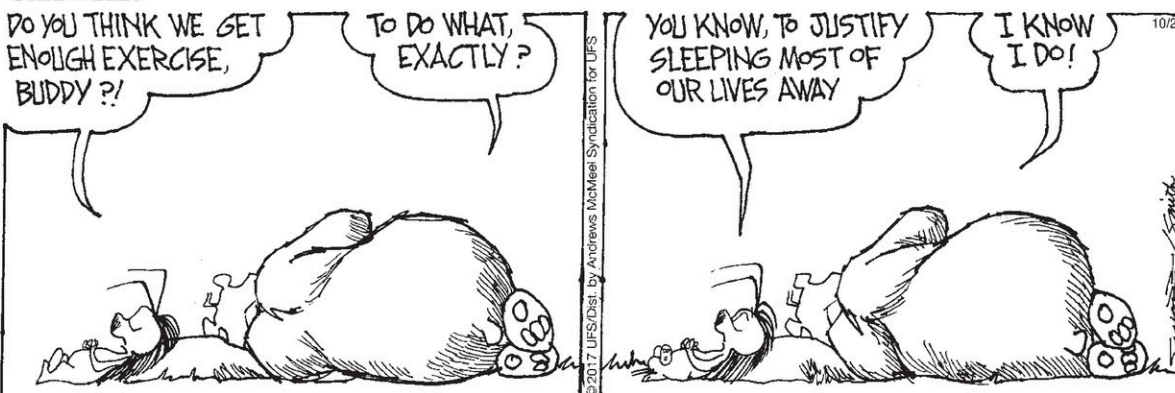
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Dunham Women's Institute

On October 4th the Dunham's Women's Institute monthly meeting was held at the home of Paula Schmidt in Dunham. President Shirley Vaughan called the meeting to order and thanked the hostess for her hospitality and the members for coming. The Mary Stewart Collect and the Salute to the Flag were repeated in unison. A Thanksgiving poem was read to the group.

Motto: Politicians have tried every way to help farmers - except to leave them alone.

Roll Call: Complete the sentence: In a perfect world, everyone could grow their own _____. As would be expect-

ed, we had a wide variety of responses.

The September meeting minutes were read by Candy Coates in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer, Noreen Craig. They were approved and signed by the president. Shirley Vaughan gave the Treasurer's Report.

Several members attended the semi-annual County meeting held in September at the Cowansville United Church Hall, hosted by the Fordyce Branch.

Preliminary planning was done for our annual Christmas luncheon, and we also discussed plans for our annual Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony at the Women's Institute Cairn in Dunham on Saturday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony at the Cairn.

We were informed that member Marie-Claude Demers has recently fallen and broken her ankle. A card will be sent to her from the group, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Judy Page Jones gave updates from the Q.W.I. and F.W.I.C.

This month's program was provided by Fran Mayhew, our agriculture chair person. The presentation was "What does your woodpile look like?" As many of us still burn wood as either primary or auxiliary heat, her information was interesting.

Grace was repeated in preparation for our afternoon tea, provided by hostess Paula Schmidt.

Our November meeting will be held at the home of Joyce Proctor Martin in Dunham.

Submitted by
 Candy Coates
 Publicity Chairperson

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Don't stifle your creativity. Use your imagination to come up with the best solution for every situation you encounter this year. Be true to yourself and trust in your ability to do what's right and what's best for you. Communication will be your vehicle to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make your home your haven. A creative space that you can tinker in will lead to a pursuit that you find inspiring and others will be intrigued by.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Protect against physical or emotional stress. Stay on top of unfinished business to ensure that it is completed before it's due. Don't let temptation turn into a financial loss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Mesh the past with the present and you will be able to build a solid future. Reuniting with old friends or colleagues will open doors that can lead to new beginnings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is no room for risk. Jumping into a deal without doing proper research will put you in a difficult position personally and financially. Make health, diet and exercise priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your participation in community events or a joint venture will give you a chance to show off your skills and offer unique solutions. Someone close to you will be jealous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Emotional decisions are not likely to turn out the

way you want. Think before you act. Personal growth, general improvement and stabilizing your future should be your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Finish what you start. Your reputation will get a boost if you can turn chaos into order. An intellectual discussion with someone very different from you will be enlightening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An emotional incident will leave you questioning your next move. Take better care of your health and emotional frame of mind. Finish one job before you start another in order to avoid criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't feel the need to make an abrupt change or impulsive decision. You have plenty of time to research and figure out what exactly you want to do. Refuse to fold under pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Avoid people with colds and flus, and places likely to have lots of germs. Protect your health and stay focused on getting plenty of rest, eating properly and exercising to keep fit and remain productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Networking functions will lead to new opportunities. Adapt to whatever changes come your way. Your ability to go with the flow will help you accomplish your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't say or do something you'll regret. Revealing a secret or arguing over something trivial will not help you win friends or favors. Personal growth should be your goal.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Tests for declarer and one defender

By Phillip Alder

David Hume, an 18th-century Scottish philosopher who is best known today for his system of philosophical empiricism, skepticism and naturalism, said, "He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstance."

An excellent bridge player suits his bidding and play to that specific deal's circumstances. The choices made are often critical to success. When faced with a problem, take time to analyze the alternatives.

First, today, look at the West hand and the given auction. What should West lead against four hearts?

North had only 11 high-card points and four weak hearts, but he was right to take a shot at game. He could hope that partner would take some spade ruffs in his hand, and he had two aces — upgrade for aces.

West has powerful spades, declarer's side suit. This is a strong indication that a trump lead is best. West should attack with the heart king. Then, how should declarer counterattack?

South has two trump losers, so can afford only one spade loser. He has to ruff some spades on the board. Usually, when declarer would like to establish his side suit, it is correct to play on that

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suit immediately. So, he wins with the heart ace, cashes the spade ace and ruffs a spade on the board. Back to his hand with a diamond to the king, declarer ruffs another spade, cashes the club ace, trumps a club and ruffs a third spade. He trumps a second club and leads his last spade, which is a winner. Here, he collects a deserved overtrick.

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- 21 Tiny bit
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- 23 Cultural opening?
- 24 Working away
- 26 FAN
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- 34 Holy Week season
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- 40 Is for many

- 41 Trombone's symphonic neighbor
- 42 First two-time Nobel
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- 49 "Star Wars" genre
- 52 Contrary girl of rhyme
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- 1 Swimmer Torres with 12 Olympic medals
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- 11 Mr. Wednesday's real identity in "American Gods"
- 12 Artistic style of L.A.'s Eastern Columbia Building
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- 18 Hand-holding celebratory dance
- 19 Be real
- 23 Where Vladivostok is
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- 28 "That wasn't quite true ..."
- 29 Do housework
- 30 Netflix drama set in a Missouri mountain resort
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Husband's cholesterol level prompts wife to question statin need



ASK THE DOCTORS
By Robert Ashley, M.D.

risk factors for atherosclerosis that you don't? This may not be applicable to you or your husband, but smoking cigarettes is one of the greatest risk factors for heart disease. Women who smoke 20 cigarettes per day have a six-times-higher risk of having a heart attack than those who have never smoked. Men have a three-times-greater risk. Other independent risk factors for heart disease are: high blood pressure; diabetes; a history of early heart attacks among immediate family members; elevated levels of an inflammatory marker called cardiac CRP; age; obesity; kidney problems; and, of course, gender. Men simply have a greater incidence of heart attacks than women.

Now let's look at the numbers. Both you and your husband have a high HDL, the so-called "good" cholesterol. People with low HDL cholesterol (less than 40 in men and less than 50 in women) have a greater risk of heart attacks. Elevated LDL, the so-called "bad" cholesterol, is an independent risk factor for atherosclerosis. Studies have shown a decrease in heart attacks and strokes in those with risk factors for atherosclerosis who lower LDL cholesterol with medication.

Many doctors use a calculation based on age, HDL cholesterol, total cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure and smoking history to determine a 10-year risk of having a heart attack, stroke or heart failure. The assessment that these doctors make is this: If the calculation shows that a person has a greater than 7.5 to 10 percent risk over a 10-year period, then they should be on a medication to lower cholesterol. Your husband's risk, based on other factors, may have put him at a level for which treatment was deemed necessary.

That said, the science behind the risk calculator is not strong and is, in fact, based on older data. A recent study published in the Journal of the American Col-

lege of Cardiology tracked 307,000 patients from 2008 through 2013 — complete with a five-year follow-up — and found, preliminarily, that the assessment calculators significantly overestimated risk. Thus, many patients may be placed on statins based on an inaccurate calculation.

To your point about physicians, however, some doctors are indeed more likely to treat an elevated LDL cholesterol than others.

So, while your husband may have other risk factors that would lead a physician to prescribe a statin, if you're still concerned about your cholesterol numbers, I would suggest you discuss this with your physician.

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Dear Doctor: At our last checkups, my husband's LDL was 147, and his HDL was 70. He doesn't know his total cholesterol. My LDL was 157, my HDL 77, and my total cholesterol was 254. But only my husband was prescribed a statin. Is there a reason for this, other than that we have different doctors?

Dear Reader: Although cholesterol is but one of a myriad of risk factors that lead to atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, it's one that can be changed with medications — with some experts believing that a large portion of the population should be taking these medications to prevent a heart attack or stroke. However, the science is somewhat nuanced as to who precisely might be the best candidates for cholesterol-lowering medication.

The question to ask: Does your husband have other

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