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## Orford Express to partner with RAH?

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Faced with the refusal of a Quebec court to recognize its service agreement with the now-defunct Montreal, Maine & Atlantic (MMA), the Orford Express is now considering a partnership with Railroad Acquisition Holdings, the company in the process of acquiring the bankrupt MMA's assets.

Sherbrooke's La Tribune reports that negotiations between the two companies will take place over the coming months to allow passage of the tourist train and could lead to this type of arrangement.

Orford Express lost its bid in Superior Court to have its agreement recognized as a lease that would have forced new owner Fortress Investment Group and its subsidiary Railroad Acquisition Holdings to comply with the terms of the contract until 2025. The court did agree, however, to extend the terms of the agreement until 2015, insuring the tourist train can operate this summer season, which begins May 7.

"We undertook these steps to protect ourselves. However, Fortress has always said that we were welcome on their rails. This agreement was necessary to reassure our suppliers. We are confident in the status quo for this year. This court decision does not affect the sales package for the Orford Express," Orford Express Deputy Director Annie Brunelle told the paper.

Brunelle added that it is difficult for Fortress to sign an agreement with Orford Express, because it is not yet the owner of MMA's assets.

"We are not a priority for them. They have yet to finalize the purchase process. We hope meet with them in the coming days," Brunelle says.

"They asked us to become partners. What we are looking at is on track for a beautiful solution. If this is the case they (RAH) will work with us to provide the best possible customer service. We could in this way obtain a better contract. Better than we could have hoped for," Brunelle concluded.

## The flowers are here



GORDON LAMBIE

Volunteers Pat Heath and Donna McKell (Left) leaf through tissue paper as Maureen Quigg (right) counts out bunches of Daffodils.

By Gordon Lambie

The volunteer organizing team of the annual local Canadian Cancer Society daffodil campaign was hard at work Wednesday morning opening boxes, counting flowers and sorting bunches for pick-up by delivery teams. Anyone who ordered daffodils through the canvassers in Lennoxville, Cookshire, Birchton, Bury, Hatley, North Hatley, Milby and Sawyerville should expect their flowers to show up within the next few days.

An official number was not yet available, but team member Maureen Quigg was able to say with certainty that the campaign had once again surpassed its annual fundraising goal, this time rais-

ing more than \$20,000. She said that the team was sorting 43 boxes of flowers, which at 50 bunches of 10 per box works out to 21,500 daffodils.

Working, as in past years, out of the garage of team member Sue Haddon, the volunteers used their years of experience and organization to open and redistribute the daffodil buds into hundreds of different groups, all separated into labeled paper bags or, for larger orders, boxes. Quigg explained that each grouping is arranged alphabetically in the garage to facilitate pickup by the team who will take the flowers to those who have ordered them.

For communities like North Hatley, where the daffodils are collected from a

central gathering point rather than being brought door-to-door, there are extra, unsold daffodils available. Whereas the organizers have only ordered a half-box of extras in the past, this year they have a full box ready to sell to those who might be interested.

"We're optimistic," Quigg said, "the flowers are very beautiful this year."

Once received, the daffodils should have a quarter inch (six millimetres) cut from their stem to allow a fresh end for the flower to drink from. After approximately four to six hours in room-temperature water, the buds should begin to open, providing a beautiful reminder both of the arrival of spring and the contribution made to the fight against cancer.

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## Discover Your Past: Go with the Flow

NORTH HATLEY

The Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC) cordially invites you to attend the opening of its new photo exhibition on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m., at the North Hatley Library, North Hatley (165, rue Main, North Hatley).

As part of the exhibition series DISCOVER YOUR PAST, the ETRC is opening its archives to share the treasures of several fonds and collections with the broader public. The exhibition showcases a small selection of the thousands of remarkable photographs in the ETRC's collection.

Go with the Flow - Life by the water in the Eastern Townships is a photograph exhibition that displays the life along rivers and lakes in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and takes you on a journey back in time.

The event is free and all are welcome. The pictures will be displayed till May 18, 2014.

# BRP to present a Sea-Doo watercraft designed for emergency response

VALCOURT

BRP adds a utility vehicle to its Sea-Doo line-up with the SAR model, a Search and Rescue watercraft designed for emergency response operations. It will be unveiled during the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 10-12, 2014.

"We are pleased to introduce a utility vehicle dedicated to professionals whose job is to save lives," said Yves Leduc, vice-president and general manager for BRP's North America division. "Our engineers worked closely with end users to make sure the SAR watercraft answer their needs. Each and every group who tested it are eager to add it to their water rescue fleet," he added.

The Sea-Doo SAR watercraft combines the features rescue professionals need to respond to life-threatening situations. It is designed for everything from surf and white water to flood and other emergency situations. The sponsons and running



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The SAR model, a Search and Rescue watercraft designed for emergency response operations.

boards add the stability and buoyancy needed in surf and white water; the heavy-duty front bumper and elastomer hull coating are adapted to navigation along rocky coasts; and features such as the anti-debris water intake grate, the stainless steel wear ring, and

the internal heat exchanger with shock-protected cooling system, improve shallow-water capabilities.

"At the Chambly Fire Department, we wanted to minimize the risk of injury to our water rescue team while improving the performance of

our watercraft. We worked with BRP engineers at developing a safe, robust yet powerful and nimble SAR watercraft, one tailored to our needs," said Nicolas Drapeau, Deputy Fire Chief.

Source: Johanne Denault

## Weather



TODAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 4  
LOW OF -5



FRIDAY:  
SUNNY

HIGH OF 9  
LOW OF -10



SATURDAY:  
RAIN

HIGH OF 5  
LOW OF 1



SUNDAY:  
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SNOW

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LOW OF -1



FRIDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 10  
LOW OF -6

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A Sherbrooke company is prepared to completely recycle election posters after the April 7 vote and has informed local candidates and party organizations.

Plastimum, located in Sherbrooke's Industrial Park, says it can totally recycle the annoying factures, solving an issue that has long simmered regarding the signs.

"We are launching the idea," says Plastimum consultant Pierre Morency. "We are able to recycle all the signs that are brought to us. This is a concrete gesture for the en-

vironment instead of sending the signs to landfills after the election. We are inviting the parties to do their part."

Panels brought to the company will be shredded before being processed, said Morency, a well-known environmentalist. The resins contained will be sold to companies that use plastics.

"Coroplast is not an easy material to work with," he says, "but we are ready to take all the signs, not only those in the immediate area," he said.

"Across the province, there are tens of thousands of panels being used. We must do everything to avoid sending

them to landfills. I've seen pallets of signs being delivered to a landfill," he says. "We are asking for recycling efforts from the public. Political parties should do the same."

Bickering between the Coalition avenir Québec and the Parti Québécois in Arthabaska since the beginning of the election campaign on the possibility of recycling the signs found by the thousands on the hydro and telephone poles inspired Morency to act.

In Arthabaska, posters are placed in recycling bins and will probably be sent to a

landfill. In some cases, they are sent to schools and early childhood centres. Given the large number of elections in recent years, the demand in this area is weak.

"In future elections, whether at the municipal, provincial, and possibly the federal level, it would be good to recycle," says Plastimum president Manon Tremblay. "When I see all the signs used, I think they can't just be thrown out. These signs can be recycled, as we have done so in the past."

Plastimum has been in existence for about three years and employs twenty people.

## Sherbrooke company wants to recycle election placards

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

"The suspects, who were wearing masks, broke into the home. Two of them were carrying a baseball bat."

## Accused home invader stays locked up

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

A Sherbrooke man will remain behind bars as he awaits his trial for robbery and home invasion. Michaël Kingdon of Sherbrooke will remain incarcerated at least until his bail hearing after being formally charged with robbery and home invasion before Judge Marie-Josée Ménard of the Court of Québec.

Kingdon, along with four other indi-

viduals who are still being sought, allegedly entered an acquaintance's residence on Des Grands-Monts St. in Ascot March 27 with the intention of committing robbery.

Along with his accomplices, he knocked on the door of a home where two women were living. "The suspects, who were wearing masks, broke into the home. Two of them were carrying a baseball bat. They asked the two women to stay on the couch," says police spokesperson Martin Carrier.

Once inside, the suspects allegedly stole a cell phone and a wallet. And "fled in a vehicle. One of the victims recognized one of the suspects, who worked as an escort driver," Carrier continued.

Kingdon was arrested Monday night around 11 p.m. as he was getting out of a taxi. The four other suspects are still being sought by Sherbrooke Police.

The Crown, represented by Regis Juneau-Drolet, is opposing Kingdon's release.

## Traversée scrambles to avoid bankruptcy

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Faced with severe financial problems and the threat of property seizure, the Traversée Internationale du Lac Memphrémagog is hoping to negotiate an arrangement with its creditors to avoid having to go into bankruptcy.

The Traversée wants to place itself under the protection of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and will file a notice of intent to make a proposal under the Act as soon as possible.

Afterwards, Traversée organizers will have 30 days to issue a refund proposal to its creditors. So far, the event's debts and liabilities total \$190,000.

According to volunteer lawyer Alain Thivierge, a refusal of this offer by creditors would result in bankruptcy, closing of the books and the cancellation of the event. Acceptance would prolong the life of the organization by eliminating its debt, but creditors would not receive all the money owed. "Acceptance will mean we can present next summer's 36th edition, reduce our debt and partially pay creditors," Thivierge says.

The filing of the notice of intent will freeze all current or future recourse against the Traversée, including the pursuit by Endurance Aventure, which claims about \$12,000 in unpaid bills. Discussions have taken place in recent weeks between the two parties to find common ground but have not succeeded.

Endurance Aventure recently won a court judgment against the Traversée, ordering it to pay up within 10 days or else the former would seize the latter's assets, which is limited to boats and motors.

"If such a seizure occurs, it's the end of the Traversée for this year. This is why the Board decided to place itself under the protection of the Bankruptcy Act," Thivierge concludes.

## Police warn of insidious malware

SHERBROOKE

Memphremagog police are warning the public of a new and aggressive 'ransomware' computer program called CryptoLocker currently circulating on the Web.

The CryptoLocker malware hijacks all a computer's personal files, and demands a ransom of \$300 for the return of access to pictures, videos, documents, and other personal files, failing which they will be permanently deleted.

The malware enters a computer through infected links of the kind often included in emails. Once installed, the program locks personal files and creates a keyword on an unknown server to unblock them. Once this is done, the \$300 is demanded in exchange for the keyword. To ramp up the pressure, a time limit is set, after which the files are threatened with destruction.

If an infection is suspected, the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) recommends

the following mitigating actions:

- Immediately disconnect the infected system from wireless or wired networks. This may prevent the malware from further encrypting any more files on the network.

- Users who are infected with the malware should consult with a reputable security expert to assist in removing the malware.

- If possible, change all online account passwords and network passwords after removing the system from the network. Change all system passwords once the malware is removed from the system.

### SQ winds up cell use operation

The Sûreté du Québec has completed a two-week road safety operation that saw over 230 interactions and the issuance of about 770 tickets for cell phone use while driving between March 17 and 30 inclusively.

During these two weeks, the Sûreté

also served over 19,500 notices of infraction for other Criminal Code road safety offences, including speeding and not wearing seat belts.

The operation was conducted in collaboration with all Quebec police forces and the Société d'assurance automobile du Québec to inform motorists of the risks of cell phone use while driving.

The use of a cell phone while driving reduces a driver's attention and concentration and significantly increases the risk of being involved in an accident.

Forty-eight people have lost their lives as a result of collisions in the Sûreté du Québec territory since the beginning of the year.

As part of its 2013-2020 Road Safety Policy, the Sûreté du Québec has implemented numerous measures to reduce the number of accidents on the roads it covers that arise from the EPIC philosophy, which focuses on education, Prevention, Intervention and Communication.

## Magog awaits private clinic with \$10 million project

SHERBROOKE

A \$10 million commercial project will take shape this spring in the Quatre Fourches area of Magog creating 100 permanent jobs in the six to eight stores that are expected to set up shop within the next 18 months.

The complex, near Rte 112, will include a fully private medical centre set to open in the fall of 2014. Two doctors unaffiliated with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec will ensure their presence five or six days a week. This will be only the second such clinic in the Estrie region, after the Bromont area.

According to project designer, Gilles Bélanger, patients will have to pay to be members of the clinic, but time would be granted to non-members by appointment. "This clinic also will include a prescription counter, health and beauty services, as well as professional services associated with traditional and non-traditional medicine."

Bélanger emphasizes the innovative concept, which is ecological and promotes local purchase. "Our vision revolves around overall health. That's why we want to stand out with a service station without gas, offering instead a high performance power supply terminal," he explains.

A grocery store focusing on Quebec food, a health restaurant, and sports and outdoor activities stores will complete the portrait of the 30,000 sq. ft. space, which will be built across from the offices of Escapades Memphremagog.

Promoters are hoping to create a meeting place for athletes and the physically active and will greet them with adventure films displayed on screens.

A complete list of tenants will be released shortly.



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# Meals on Wheels keeps working in Richmond

By Claudia Villemaire  
RICHMOND

A visit to the Meals on Wheels kitchen in Richmond is always an adventure into the world of home-style cooking. Sounds of busy volunteers, beginning almost as soon as the first hint of dawn, turn out, aprons and hairnets in hand, ready to prepare the day's ingredients for up to 60 local clients who might be nearby but are often outside the town limits - in Cleveland, Melbourne township, Kingsbury or Ulverton.

A recent week, (March 16 to 22), dedicated to mark the good work this organization accomplishes in hundreds of cities and small towns across the province underlined the loyalty of volunteers and clients alike. Louise Bedard, co-ordinator for this section of the Volunteer Centre is proud of the nearly 9,000 meals prepared and delivered during the last twelve months pointing out that 103 clients were served and 3,774 hours were worked by volunteers to successfully prepare and deliver piping hot meals on a daily basis. The volunteers also were busy preparing and freezing meals for weekend demands.

"We really appreciate and thank these volunteers. Without their dedication there would be no way we could provide this service," Bedard emphasized.

For the paltry sum of \$4.50, a healthy meal is delivered to clients every day. All they have to do is call before 10 a.m. and most all recipients agree this meal is complete with soup and dessert and very often is really enough for two meals.

These days, the campaign is on-going



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

Volunteers Denis Royer, Joyce Mastine, Louise Bedard, Coordinator for Meals on Wheels, Ghislaine Redburn, volunteer, Marie Josee Voisine, General Director at the Volunteer Centre and Martin Lancaster, volunteer. "We have quite a few anglophone clients and we wanted them to know how much we appreciate their help and business," Louise Bedard emphasized.

to recruit new volunteers. "Of course, we accept new customers as well," Bedard added. Information is just a phone call away at the Volunteer Centre - 819 826 6166.

Last week we arrived just in time to

watch volunteers load the vehicles, volunteer drivers and deliverers hurrying to load bulky bags and containers into the warmth of vehicles. The kitchen was in clean-up mode, the task complete for another day - friendly chatter and smiling

faces, positive signs of a jolly group who carry hot meals and a willingness to stop and chat at each customer's door is just another way the move to encourage seniors to stay in their home longer is working.



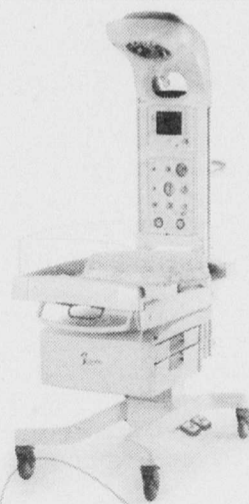
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## A breakfast for champions

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Police from the Eastern Townships detachment of the Sûreté du Québec have teamed up with the Quebec Cancer Foundation for the fourth edition of the Commandant's Breakfast, to be held next Monday, April 14 in both Mikes restaurants in Sherbrooke.

During the event, a breakfast plate will be offered to Mikes Sherbrooke customers for donations, which will be presented to the Centre régional et Hôtellerie de l'Estrie of the Quebec Cancer Foundation.

Last year, this event served nearly 420 meals and raised the sum of \$7,852. By combining this amount with donations collected during the first edition of a similar event in the MRC du Granit, a total of \$12,240 was presented to the regional centre in 2013.

Les Hôtelleries de la Fondation québécoise du cancer has branches in Montreal, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivières, and Gatineau, and welcomes those with cancer for the duration of their treatment to a warm living space, services, and comfort. Since 1989, over 30,000 people have been accommodated by the Hôtelleries.

The Commandant's Breakfast takes place at the Mikes Restaurants on King St. East and West Monday April 14 from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

2014 QUEBEC ELECTION CAMPAIGN

# Candidates in Orford riding speak about their vision and priorities

By Matthew McCully  
Special to The Record

**P**ierre Reid, incumbent for the Liberal Party believes the biggest priority in the district of Orford is economic development. The region lost over 5,000 jobs due to the economic crisis years ago, and is now in recovery mode. New businesses have developed in the last few years that show promise, according to Reid. Even small to medium-sized businesses, employing 10-15 people, could evolve into businesses with 100 or more employees, he believes.

"You have to give people the pride and confidence that's necessary to develop," Reid said, referring to an economic upturn he believes is starting to happen in Stanstead. "We worked hard to make the Pat Burns Arena happen," he added.

Reid believes his track record and experience, as well as his vested interest in the development of the area make him the best candidate to satisfy the needs of the region.

"The way to service the debt is not by cutting," Reid said. The policies of the Liberal party intend to create a climate that will stimulate the economy, which will mean more taxes coming in.

It is important not to frighten businesses, Reid said, mentioning anti-Anglo bill 14, which he worked hard to see voted down. With nine municipalities in the region with bilingual status, the bill would have removed the rights, freedoms, and liberties of people who have lived here for generations. "The charter is even worse," Reid added candidly.

Making a balanced community is important for Anglos in terms of age and opportunity, he went on to say.

"We have something unique here with our bilingual environment."

If the economy works, that's good for everybody, French and English, Reid concluded.

**Marc-Alexandre Bourget**  
Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ)

Political novice, currently completing a degree at the University of Sherbrooke in Applied Policy, Bourget cited employment as the biggest priority for the region. The CAQ intends to propose projects to stimulate job creation with up to 7,500 quality full time jobs.

Bourget said he believes that Liberal incumbent Reid is not entertaining all economic opportunities, including ones that could arise from implementing the Plan Nord.

"We had our time with Reid and 'the politics of me,' instead of politics of we," Bourget said.

"Reid is disconnected from the community, and does not address his constituents," according to Bourget.

The CAQs policies greatest effects on the region would be a tax reduction of \$1,000. "Taxpayers have paid enough. Time for a clean-up," he said.

Over the past 18 months, the Parti Québécois has created a debate surrounding a problem that doesn't exist, while doing nothing in terms of new job creation, Bourget said.

"CAQ plans to make efforts to seek out new economic opportunities for Quebecers. It's time for people to wake up. We are able to do better."

Bourget wants Anglos to know they are heard. "CAQ wants to move forward with a good economy. We are able to work together, there is no need for separation of French and English."

**Denis Spick-Option Nationale**

Denis Spick, currently a history teacher at La Ruche High School in Magog, believes the Job losses in the region are the highest priority to address.

The tourism industry is booming, but not stable, according to Spick. "It is often not full time work."

Creating new businesses, and capitalizing on the proximity to the University of Sherbrooke and the U.S., are part of the Option Nationale's plans for the Orford region. Exploring green energy options is also part of the plan, Spick said. "We have the resources to do it."

Since 1996, Orford has been a Liberal riding. While Spick is realistic about his chances of ousting Reid during the upcoming election, he feels it is important to educate people regarding the possibility of an independent Quebec, which is his party's primary mandate. Spick wants to keep the dialogue going. He believes separation from the rest of Canada is a logical and plausible option, and a better alternative to having the rest of Canada trying to tell Quebec how to manage its resources.

Millions could be saved by cutting out the doubling of government bureaucracy, he said.

Right now, Spick feels that our tax dollars are subsidizing unsustainable practices, including fracking, and the transportation of electricity under the St. Laurence from Maritime provinces.

His party would focus on sustainable development that benefits Quebecers.

Spick believes the PQs' calculations were off by calling an election so soon. Polls have an impact on votes, he added, because when poll results are released, people react, and that can change voter outcome. He believes the province will end up with another minority government. Whether it will be PQ or Liberal will depend on how short a memory voters have, Spick said, mentioning the ghost of Jean Charest looming over the shoulder of Phillipe Couillard.

Spick referred to Anglos as 'an essential element' of Quebec culture.

"Independence is not against English, it is about all Quebecers being able to manage their own territory," he said.

**Patricia Tremblay-Quebec Solidaire**

Patricia Tremblay is a nurse, and has been a member of Québec Solidaire since 2006. This is her fourth time running for the party in the Orford riding.

Her focus is on the health of the population, as well as access to services.

"We have a good system, but the problem is getting in the door."

Tremblay and her party want to invest more in CLSCs.

Another priority is the environment, as it relates to keeping the population healthy with clean air, clean water, good quality food. Tremblay believes caring for the environment is a preventative measure to maintain the health of the people. New building developments go up too fast without consideration for the environmental effects, she added.

"I have nothing against the other candidates." She wants people to vote for

the candidate that most resembles their values, without feeling the need to vote strategically. If people voted according to their conscience and Tremblay were elected, she would serve with passion and a healthy attitude.

The middle class is in trouble, according to Tremblay. Québec Solidaire's policies would take measures to equalize the budget.

"It would require each person to do their part. Besides the announcement that four new doctors will be coming to the Magog area, few changes have taken place since the last election call. There has been no significant increase in new jobs," according to Tremblay.

"I don't think an election was necessary so soon."

A number of motions with unanimous support were tabled, all of which are now on hold. Tremblay believes it would have made sense for the PQ to continue for a while longer, adding that all the parties around the table should make an effort to work together.

Tremblay recently went to Stanstead and spoke in English to discuss sovereignty, and felt well received.

"Yes, we are sovereignists, but the question is not a simple yes or no."

There is interest in the idea when it is properly explained, she said.

"People don't know the consequences of saying yes."

Tremblay said it is important for people to sit down together and ask, what is Quebec, and how would we like our country to be?

Parti Québécois candidate Michel Breton was not available for an interview with The Record.



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# EDITORIAL

I am against the much touted Charter of Values for one compelling reason. It's too stupid for words.

## 'Rights'



TIM BELFORD

If I hear or see one more word about the denial of 'rights' during this election I am going to go screaming into the nearest wilderness and like the eremites of old live a life of solitude and privation. It beats the alternative.

In today's world of instant pundits, selfies and constant connection it is easier to jump on the bandwagon of any given cause, movement, or general gripe than it is to leap onto a cross-town bus. Endless stories hit the newspapers, radio, television, facebook and the like with little understanding and less examination. And most of it revolves around our so-called rights.

Let's get this straight; there are no absolute rights.

Take freedom of religion. In their wisdom the founders of most western style democracies decreed people should be free to worship in their own particular way, free from the dictates of the state. But this freedom is not absolute. If my neighbour decides his family is not actually from Scotland but descendent from the Aztecs and decides to build a pyramid where he can rip out the hearts of his enemies in the good-old-fashion way of his ancestors, the government is likely to stop him.

Likewise, if you decide for some reason that your god wants you to cover yourself from head to toe except for your eyes, that's your right. If you want a health card, a driver's licence or a passport however, the state wants a photo for several quite valid reasons.

That's the state's right.

Don't get me wrong. I am against the much touted Charter of Values for one compelling reason. It's too stupid for words. But that's another story entirely.

In the case of your chosen wardrobe, your freedom of religion is not hampered. You can keep on acting and dressing the way you want. The consequences, however, are that you must forgo driving or public health-care. In other words, you, not society in general, might have to make sacrifices for your religion.

The same goes for the right to vote. It's not an absolute. You can't be a six-year-old, a non-citizen or a non-resident, for example. The case of the province's students is a good case in point. In one instance, a student was denied a place on the voters list even though she had been living in Quebec for more than six months. She had paid a hydro bill and Videotron. And she even had a mailing address.

What the report didn't stress was that she still had an Ontario health card and an Ontario driver's licence, a pretty good indication that her commitment to the province could be questioned. If you are indeed temporarily here as a student, a case can be made that you shouldn't vote.

Another item much in the news of late is freedom of speech. I'm all for it, as much as possible. After all, it is one of the essentials of a free and open society but it is not - I repeat, not - an absolute.

The freedom to yell "theatre!" in a crowded fire is a great joke but yelling "fire" in a crowded theatre could have dire consequences, which is probably why it's frowned on.

Laws governing slander and libel are designed to curb free speech and protect those unjustly portrayed. That's why in the endless mudslinging of this latest electoral campaign our leading politicians have been very careful to tread a fine line when accusing each other of drowning puppies and cheering for the Penguins.

Common sense, and I think logic, would suggest that there are in fact curbs on what we consider inalienable rights. Perhaps too many curbs, I agree. But wouldn't it be nice in all of this shouting about 'rights' that someone might occasionally mention responsibilities.

## Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

We are the friends of Rachelle Wrathmall, and would like to bring to your attention the important developments concerning her murder, which is currently a cold case.

Rachelle Wrathmall was found dead at her home in Lennoxville, Quebec on June 29, 2007. Her ex-husband, Raphiou Oumar Alpha Sow, was declared an important witness to the murder. We believe there is enough circumstantial evidence to re-open the case.

However, we know very well that the Canadian authorities have no power abroad because there aren't any extradition treaties between Canada and the Republic of Guinea, in Africa. Therefore, an important witness in this murder case cannot be arrested or even questioned. Mr. Raphiou Sow is in Guinea, where he has been retraced, but he denies knowing Ms. Wrathmall or ever stepping foot in Sherbrooke. However, he admits having been to Montreal.

Mr. Sow is now president of a new political party in Guinea called the Parti pour le Renouveau et le Progres (PRP). As leader of this party, he purports to advocate women's rights, even giving a speech on International Women's Day, March 8, 2014, whereby he received media attention, including some articles that were published from Guinea on the internet. We were made aware of these articles, whereby we identified him from his picture and from certain personal information that he shared about himself.

Within 24 hours of our discovering the articles, the local media, as well as the media in Guinea, acted very quickly in reporting these updates in the case.

We find it appalling that he is not

only advocating women's rights, but that he is mocking our justice system by becoming a public figure in the political arena, and further insulting Rachelle, her family and friends.

Our purpose is to prevent murderers from committing a crime and running away scott free back to their own country, where they are untouchable. Canada and Quebec must protect the security of their citizens, and ensure that criminals are brought to justice. The people of Guinea also would like some answers in identifying this individual, an alleged potential murderer, who is campaigning for political power in their country. They deserve to know if this individual is an impostor. This case is not only a domestic violence case, but it also reveals a weakness in our laws and treaties with other countries.

We are submitting this letter to several MP's in the area, and after discussion with Senator Pierre-Hughes Boisvenu, founding President of the Murdered or Missing Persons' Families' Association (MMPFA), Mr. Boisvenu will present our case to Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Security, to have Rachelle's case reviewed in hopes of obtaining an extradition order.

There are various links to articles and news reports, recent and older, that have been published about Rachelle's murder and about Raphiou's political career. We invite you to consult them. We remain available for any questions you may have, and hope that you will take this situation seriously so that there can be positive changes, and closure for us, who were close to Rachelle.

Sincerely,

PARASKEVI MAZARAKIOTIS  
CHANTAL MORIN  
THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
OF RACHELLE WRATHMALL

## What about seniors?

DEAR EDITOR:

During this 33-day election marathon, several major issues have unfortunately remained unaddressed. Several groups representing different generations have tried, correctly, to carve a place within the public debate by expressing the feeling of emptiness that they have. Repeatedly, major proposals are drowned out by a scandal concerning a larger-than-life candidate, or by the revelation, perhaps unhealthy, of different tax returns of pretenders to the throne. It leads us to believe that the campaign agenda has been based on distractions, while we are entitled to expect some taking of hand of our greatest concerns.

Nevertheless, are education, integration into the labour market, the environment, and the financial health of

seniors, for example, not key issues for the development and prosperity of Quebec? From an 'elder' point of view, the current election is bitter, especially if one considers that one out of every two voters is over 50 years old.

According to the Quebec Association of Retired Persons (AQRP), one of the most important issues of this campaign is the lack of decision-making power of seniors in Quebec, who, remember, number more than 1.3 million today. In 2050, nearly one in three people will be aged 65 and over.

The image is striking. This forced transition should encourage us to rethink the model of cooperation between the different generations, with the desire to promote keeping seniors active. One of the most revealing issues that limited cooperation specifically concerns is the reduced - or ghost-like

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# COLUMNIST

Machines, parking, traffic, days, evenings, bodies, metabolisms... They don't always work the way we want them to, but we get through.

## Abby ate a cow



ROSS MURRAY

The parking in heaven must be hell. All those dead people who ever lived looking for a spot to hear Mozart and Gershwin in concert, with Keith Moon on drums. Imagine the honking, although this being heaven, the honking is surely mellifluous.

This is how the mind wanders when stuck on a side street in Montreal, trying, along with the other unbudging cars, to find a spot reasonably close to the hospital. Walking distance was looking increasingly unlikely. After I made a U-turn, drove several blocks and jammed my car into a snow bank beneath a sign that read "Stationnement 15 minutes," I settled for sprinting distance.

Here's why we were at the hospital:

Abby's metabolic condition, tyrosinemia, is controlled through medication, strict diet (specialty foods, no meat, dairy, soy or legumes, minimal protein all around) and supplemental drinks that are universally blechy, whether the barfy so-called "milk" or the gaggy cool-

ers. Gross or not, these drinks have all the nutrition she needs minus the amino acid tyrosine, which her body can't metabolize. Even with medication, too much tyrosine can cause serious complications.

Recently, our dietician recommended that we move Abby up from Tyr Cooler 15s to Tyr Cooler 20s. I ordered a dozen to try. When they arrived, I noticed that the 20 cooler packs were identical to the 15s, except blue instead of red. We went through these pretty quickly so I ordered more. The new delivery of 20s arrived. These were red. Wait a sec...

We looked more closely at the label of the blue pack, and where the tiny letters "TYR" should have been there was a tiny "PKU." The distributor, we realized, had mistakenly sent us coolers for a completely different metabolic disorder, phenylketonuria. Abby had been drinking the wrong product for over a week.

I emailed our dietician that evening. She phoned back first thing the next morning. PKU Coolers, she told me, are enriched in tyrosine.

"Each cooler was like Abigail having a serving of meat," she said.

Oh.

You have to understand that tyrosinemia is not an allergy. Her stomach wasn't going to pull an Alien. Nothing was going to swell up or squeeze shut or fall off. We know this. For 12-plus years, we've lived by the mantra "Don't Panic." That and "Abby, Drink Your Milk."

But we take it seriously. We have to. Consequently, when we say we'll do the blood work locally tomorrow, and they say, no, here in Montreal, today, we do it. We tell our bosses, "Sorry. Gotta go!" drive two hours to Hôpital Ste-Justine, get snagged in traffic and then return through much of the same. We break it to Abby that she can eat only specialty foods today, no rice, no fruits or vegetables, no fruit juices, not even gummy worms. But drink your atrocious Tyr Cooler 20. This is our life. This is Abby's life.

After we finished at the hospital, we stopped at a Maxi to pick up a few items. The lines at the cash were long, so I chose a self-checkout, those robotic barcode readers that, with soothing voices and instructive screens, guide you through your purchase without the hassle of human interaction.

"Please wait. Please see a clerk. Remove the last item from your bag and re-scan. Place the item in the bag. Please wait. Remove the last item from your bag and re-scan. Are you sure you need those muffins? Please see a clerk. Don't you know she can't eat gummy worms? Remove the last item from your bag and re-scan. You're just teasing her, you know."

A girl who looked like she worked there but was out of uniform so couldn't officially do much more than point

and laugh, eventually made it clear that Deb was leaning on the scale. Scale? We were paying by the pound?

Finally, I swiped my debit card. The machine howled at me to use the chip, dammit! I requested \$100 extra and, in my fluster, nearly walked away without it.

I felt like an 80-year-old, and the self-checkout, it was my VCR clock.

We arrived home after six, I cooked smelts and made a pasta salad while Deb made green salad and returned an urgent phone call. Abby had specialty mac and cheese, worked on her art project, and we learned How He Met Their Mother. Deb's parents called and then Em called and there were dishes to do, James arrived home hungry, and he owed money at the gas station, I recorded something for radio, Katie found fresh sofa candy (between cushions + wrapped = edible). Abby had another Tyr Cooler 20 and arranged to go to the water park the next day with a friend. I wrote, ate jujubes, and then it was 1 a.m.

Machines, parking, traffic, days, evenings, bodies, metabolisms... They don't always work the way we want them to, but we get through. Please wait. Please see a clerk. Don't panic.

## Crown seizes Coulombe property

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Property belonging to the late drug kingpin Raymond 'Ray' Coulombe has been seized by the Crown following an agreement by his heirs to forfeit property worth a value of \$54,000. This agreement eliminated the need for the Crown to prove that the property was obtained with the proceeds of crime.

Coulombe's residence in South Stukely was burned to the ground in early February and it was not insured. Revenu Québec was given the land valued at \$157,000 as a debt judgment.

Raymond Coulombe died in 2013 during criminal proceedings against him which stemmed for an investigation named 'Project Hégémonie' which started after a series of arsons in culvert companies led to the investigation of Ponceaux de l'Estrie and owner Coulombe, as this was the only culvert company in the area spared from the flames.

The investigation culminated in a series of arrests that included Coulombe, his wife Gail Wheeler, and his son Tylor Coulombe. The investigation of the arsons provided evidence that allowed police to dismantle the narcotics network Coulombe headed.

## Police seek runaway

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Sherbrooke Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for a runaway teenager who has not been seen since he left his home on April 1. He was supposed to be going to an internship in Rock-Forest, but has not been seen since.

He is described as a 16-year old white male, standing 1.75 m and weighing 77 kg with brown hair and eyes and a medium build. He was wearing dark jeans and a charcoal grey coat.

Anyone with information regarding this young man is asked to contact the Sherbrooke Police at (819) 821-5555.



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# The Border Report

The idea is to encourage each other to write whatever comes to mind.

## The 'Just for Fun' Haskell Writers

By Matthew McCully  
Special to The Record  
STANSTEAD

The normally quiet halls of the Haskell free library liven up on Tuesday afternoons as a group of gregarious gals gather to share stories.

The types of stories they share depend on a number of factors, since they are written a la minute.

The cross border writers group conjures old memories and funny random experiences to tap into their inner Atwoods and Brontes.

"All you have access to is what's in your brain," said one of two Joans, still giggling from the writing warm-up exercise.

The format of the meetings follows three steps, said former teacher and group leader Marguerite, who credited friend Carolyn Rowell of Barnston with the lesson plan.

First is a 10-15 minute warm-up, something silly to break down the barriers and make the writers feel comfortable.

"It winds up giving us a good laugh," said Joan number two.

One of their favourite exercises was to write half of a phone conversation, and then pass what they had written to their neighbour to write the other half. "You have to think on your feet," said Marsha, the fourth of the six member group. Two members were absent from Tuesday's session, but there was no shortage of writing, reading and laughing.

The rules of the writing group are simple. All comments must be positive. The idea is to encourage each other to write whatever comes to mind. "It's non-judgmental, and it encourages playfulness," Marguerite said, adding "the goal is to kill your inner editor."

While everyone is expected to write, members are not obligated to read their work if they are not comfortable.

Sharing is optional.

The sessions are each Tuesday afternoon, and run for four to six weeks, and then the group takes a break.

"I spent most of the session overcoming my fears," said Joan number two, who is now more comfortable with sharing her writing. She is known now as the group's philosopher, covering a range of emotions in her stories.

Once the ice is broken and the pen tips are wet, the group moves on to a more detailed exercise of writing, usually for around 20 minutes, based on a

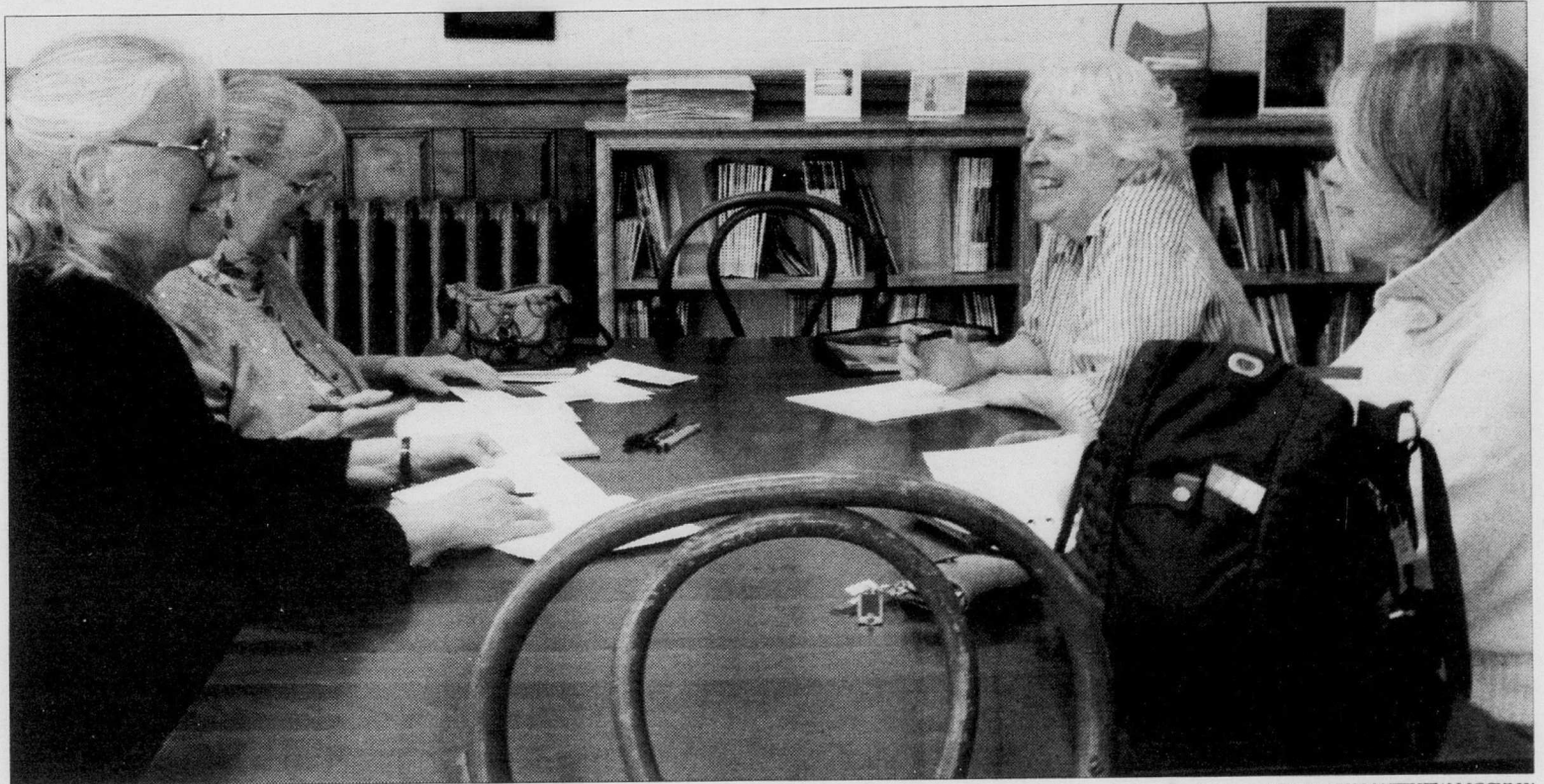


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The ladies of the 'Just for Fun' Haskell Writers.

specific topic handed out by Marguerite. Topics range from the hilarious, to the heartfelt, to the ludicrous.

This reporter accepted the challenge of joining the group for their writing exercise. Each person was given a slip of paper with a situation written on it. When the clock started, the task was to write a story about how to enjoy-whatever the situation. One of the writers was given the daunting task of having to write a story about how to enjoy being robbed. She cleverly crafted a story about spring cleaning, filling boxes with junk, giving them enticing labels like grandma's silver and bolts of silk, and leaving them in plain view for thieves.

In that particular case, being robbed ended up saving a trip to the dump. Other topics included how to enjoy a disastrous date, or how to enjoy someone else receiving the credit for something you did.

For someone who writes daily, the exercise seemed simple, even liberating to not be confined to facts and the accuracy of details. But when it came time to share, the prospect of sharing the inner workings of one's brain suddenly became intimidating.

The third step of the meeting is another exercise, where the writers are asked to draw inspiration from something concrete.

"Marguerite makes it easy," said Joan number one, referring to Marguerite's 40 years of teaching experience, and the

way she keeps the focus on the positive elements of everyone's writing.

All forms of writing are acceptable in the group.

"These people are making sense. I don't make sense," Marguerite laughed.

The final product of a writing session is not necessarily to have a collection of work, although some of the writers do develop the occasional story that was started during a writing exercise.

"I have so damn many stories," Marguerite said, having been part of other writing groups in the past. She toys with the idea of putting some of her favourites together in a collection, which she would entitle Childhood, Church, and Chairs.

The group is comprised of all women, although men are welcome to join.

All of the writers in the group agreed that the exercises help to stimulate memories and explore subjects they would not normally think about. Joan number two described the experience as unblocking something long buried.

Joan number one mentioned a story where she surprised herself called My Dinner with Stalin.

"I had dinner with Sigmund Freud!" chuckled Marsha.

The 'Just for Fun' writers used a quote by Socrates to explain why they choose to come together and explore their creative sides. "The unexamined life is not worth living."

## Fireman's dance held in Stanstead



KATHY CURTIS

The Fireman's dance was held in Stanstead this past Saturday. According to fire chief Chris Goodsell, there was a turnout of over 350 people, and the event raised more than \$3,500. Local band Slightly Haggard had people dancing the night away.

# The Border Report

In tandem with the job fair, is a series of interview simulation workshops.

## Upcoming Job Fair in Stanstead

By Matthew McCully

The town of Stanstead will hold a job fair on Wednesday, April 9, at the Pat Burns Arena between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A number of local businesses will have kiosks set up and representatives will talk about available job opportuni-

ties. In tandem with the job fair, is a series of interview simulation workshops scheduled for April 4, 11, and 14, from 9:30 to noon at the CLSC.

Participants will be asked questions by two interviewers, and then will be given feedback on their performance.

To register, call 819-566-2422.

### Health and safety exhibition

On April 26, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. there will be a health and safety exhibition at Pat Burns arena in Stanstead.

One of the main features will be a 30 minute CPR crash course teaching emergency life saving measures. Last year, roughly 200 people did the training. It is

hoped the event will attract as many people again this year.

A number of other health related information booths will be on site as well, including an expired medication drop-off, a blood pressure clinic, information sessions with Dr. Wayne Smith, and representatives from the local collective kitchen initiative.

### PET OF THE WEEK

## Benji



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Benji.

OGDEN

Today we would like to introduce you to Benji. This cute little bugger has called the shelter home for far too long and at almost eight years of age, it's high time he finds a family of his own. Benji is a mix (or so we believe) of a border collie and American Eskimo dog and is as close to a real live teddy bear as you will probably ever meet. He loves to be outdoors in the dog park and really enjoys chasing after the ball. To say he fetches would probably be a bit of a stretch as he mostly just runs after it and as he gets close, veers off, especially when there are other little playmates to distract him.

Although Benji gets along pretty well with other dogs we have noticed that some of the other dogs seem to like to pick on him and we really can't figure out why. He is kind of like that kid in the schoolyard that gets kicked around for no apparent reason. Poor guy! Luckily though, his self esteem remains intact, for while he might get pushed around in the dog park, he is the self proclaimed king of the cat room where the cats have come to accept him as one of their own. They even put up with him when he tries to steal their treats so he will read-

ily adapt to a home with cats.

Benji walks well on the leash and while in his foster home he started most days with a two km walk. He may be a little older but he still keeps up like a champ. Benji is ever present when food is involved and loves his treats, so much so that we have no doubt he'll be a very willing and able sous-chef who will diligently ensure that any food that falls to the floor will be promptly "cleaned up."

Benji will do best in a home where someone is around to keep him company, at least until he feels secure and knows he is there to stay. He is a very loyal companion and likes to stay close. He will be a great companion for someone who works from home or is retired but still relatively active.

Despite being so darn cute, he seems to prefer the company of adults (or older kids) but to be fair, he is a little older now and just likes to be able to settle into a routine and enjoy some much deserved quiet time. If you think you might be the one to provide Benji with the loving home he so deserves, please send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or better yet, give our adoption coordinator Brenda a call. You can reach her any day of the week between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at 819.876.7747.

## Letters

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- presence of seniors in areas where living conditions are discussed and negotiated.

It is not normal or desirable that a group of people that is so important in proportion does not have its own autonomous voice when its interests are directly at stake with little consideration given to their presence at negotiations that affect their pension plans in both the public and private sectors, which is indicative of this imbalance.

In addition, if seniors are required to work longer, as is currently the

case for more experienced workers, would it not be normal that they have a voice in policy and measures relating to employment? Our society is changing; attitudes must change also.

Our hard won experience must be considered an asset, not a handicap. It is high time that a party dare take the plunge, and usher in a new era of cooperation between generations in Quebec.

LYNE PARENT,  
PRESIDENT, AQRP

DEAR EDITOR:

Reading the paper Friday evening, I was quite taken by Steven Black's venture into politics, "Democracy under assault." He observed, in speaking of our present government, that their "underlying and true attitude about democracy is showing up under pressure. Fomenting . . . unfounded fear towards others and sowing seeds of suspicion . . . seem to be their primary strategy. "Vote for us and we will protect you against them."

I couldn't agree with him more. The Harper government's single-

minded pursuit of its own agenda, its "our way or the highway" attitude on issue after issue, setting one part of the population against another, weigh on us all. And with its "Fair Elections Act," it does great injury to the democratic soundness of our country.

What's that you say? Steven wasn't talking about the federal government; he was talking about the provincial government? Oh, sorry, I misunderstood. As you were! Forget I said anything!

Then again, if the shoe fits . . .

MARTYN SADLER  
LENNOXVILLE

DEAR EDITOR:

Could there be good news in the offing for Quebec Anglophones in their continuing quest to gain access to health care services in their own language? The government is expected to announce that applications for physician assisted suicide written in English will be accepted. The possibility of allowing applications in Italian, Chinese or Arabic is also being explored.

In a further concession to minorities, patients who receive this treatment will be exempted from the provisions of Bill 60. This means that beneficiaries of this program will be able to wear religious symbols while they are receiving their lethal injections. It also means that not all doctors and nurses who want to wear religious symbols will have to withdraw from their professions.

Because reports of demand for such a service by Francophones are largely anecdotal, it would be irresponsible to make this treatment available to the entire population from the very beginning. So requests in French for physician assisted suicide will not initially be accepted. The new program will be monitored carefully as it is applied on a trial basis to the smaller population to learn what problems or difficulties may arise with it. The question of expanding it to the larger population will be revisited in the near future, probably after the referendum.

Cette politique ne sert pas a favoriser les anglophones visai-vis les francophones, mais plutot a reaffirmer la conviction que le francais est la langue de la vie et l'anglais est la langue de la mort.

VINCENT CUDDIHY  
SHERBROOKE

# Local Sports

There is nothing more gratifying than to witness student athletes persevering in academics and athletics, and later developing into accomplished citizens."

## Hamel and Derouet receive National Bank bursaries

By Mike Hickey  
Special to the Record  
MONTREAL

Sherbrooke's Charlotte Hamel and Bromont's Billie Derouet are two of 37 student-athletes from across Quebec who were recognized Tuesday morning at a press conference in downtown Montreal. The recipients, who shared \$120,000 for the 22nd year of the National Bank Bursary Programme, range in age from 13 to 26 years and were awarded either Academic Excellence Bursaries which reward scholarly achievement, or Academic and Athletic Support Bursaries which encourage the successful balance of school and sport, a key challenge in the lives of student-athletes performing in national and international competitions.

Hamel competes in the biathlon, a sport she has participated since the age of seven.

"I used to watch my brother compete and it looked like fun," she said after receiving a \$4,000 Academic Excellence Award. "I like the fact that it is a combination of two sports and really enjoy shooting."

Charlotte won four gold medals in the junior division at the 2014 Canadian Championships and participated in the 2013 World Junior Championships in Austria.

Charlotte is a winner in the classroom as well. The first-year CEGEP Sherbrooke student had an 87 per cent average in her final year at Triolet.

Billie was dominant in the Quebec horse jumping circuit this past year in the young horse category (five years) riding her horse Bonaparte. She has great focus and quickness and has the ability to understand the nuances of each course she competes in. She recently received her CEGEP degree and is planning



National Bank Bursaries were presented to Charlotte Hamel (left) and Billie Derouet.

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ion taking psychology in university. Horse jumping is now the focal point of her life and she is presently training horses and riders while she pursues her goal of competing in the Olympics.

This week's awards are another example of how the Foundation continues to supply much-needed resources to aspiring student-athletes. Last year the National Bank announced a sizable investment of one million dollars in the

Foundation for Athletic Excellence, to be divided into \$200,000 each year over five years. Among the 37 awardees, fourteen student-athletes from 13-20 years of age received a Releve Bursary of \$2,000 each; twelve more between 16 and 24 years old received an Elite Bursary worth \$4,000 each; the remaining eleven 16 to 26 year old recipients received an Excellence Bursary of \$4,000 each.

"The National Bank continues to be

proud of its 22 year commitment to the Foundation, given our engagement to the development of young athletes - which is a natural fit with the philosophy of our One for Youth initiative," bank vice president Louis Vachon said. "There is nothing more gratifying than to witness student athletes persevering in academics and athletics, and later developing into accomplished citizens."

## Montreal: Odds stacked against a new Major League franchise

MONTREAL

Montréal has the market for a Major League Baseball (MLB) team to succeed, but a new version of the Montréal Expos is unlikely to take to the field any time soon.

Despite last weekend's impressive show of fan support for professional baseball in two pre-season games featuring the Toronto Blue Jays and the New York Mets, that is the conclusion of The Conference Board of Canada's analysis of the economics of baseball in Montréal, published in a new book, *Power Play: The Business Economics of Pro Sports*.

The economic structure of Major League Baseball, the current lack of a suitable downtown playing facility, and the need for owners with deep pockets are obstacles to the return of a franchise to Montréal.

"Montréal today has the necessary market conditions to be home to an MLB franchise, but the competitive conditions in baseball make it non-appealing to most potential investors," said Mario Lefebvre, co-author of *Power Play*. "Unless an owner with extremely deep pockets and a readiness to lose money occasionally shows up, we fear that baseball won't be returning to Canada's second-largest city any time soon."

### Highlights

- There is one major economic factor working against a return to Montréal-the lack of a level playing field among franchises.

- A new stadium would be needed to make baseball work again in Montréal, making the initial investment greater than \$1-billion.

- The Canadian dollar is stronger than it was a decade ago. However, it would be difficult to foresee an individual or corporation willing to bring a team back to Montréal, knowing that the club could struggle to be competitive in a business that has a massive gap between the player payrolls of the richest franchises and most other clubs.

- Baseball does not have a hard player salary cap, which creates a financial playing field that is not levelled among the MLB clubs. Although some teams with lower overall player salaries have made the baseball playoffs in recent years, many struggle to have ongoing on-field success against teams in large markets with much higher revenues - and payrolls.

- Based on 2013 figures, a new franchise in Montréal could expect to have a player payroll of about \$65 million,

putting it in the bottom third of the payroll rankings. As a result, the franchise would have trouble consistently attracting and retaining top players.

In addition, a new stadium would be needed to make baseball succeed in the long term in Montréal. Although there are no firm stadium plans at present, the Conference Board recently applied its economic analysis to assess the impact of a new baseball stadium in Montréal for the Montréal Homerun Project.

That study clearly shows that the construction of a new downtown stadium would generate both a large number of current and future jobs, and significant new revenues for the Quebec government.

*Power Play: The Business Economics of Pro Sports* is authored by economists (and passionate sports fans) Glen Hodgson and Mario Lefebvre.

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**Fernande  
CÔTÉ DÉSILETS**

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Passed away at the Centre hospitalier de Granby on April 1, 2014, Mrs. Fernande Désilets, née Côté, residing in Granby, wife of the late Norbert Désilets.

She leaves to mourn her children Thérèse (Ronald Giguère), Léonard (Claudette Vandal); her two grandchildren Normand and mélanie (David); her two great-grandchildren Tatiana and Milaël; her sister Juliette (late Clayton Wright), her brother Lionel (Thérèse Lefebvre), her sister-in-law Marie-Claire Benoit (late Léopold Côté) as well as many nieces and nephews, family members and friends.

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Funeral will take place on Saturday, April 5 at 4:15 p.m. at the St-François Xavier de Bromont Church followed by the interment at the cemetery of the same location.

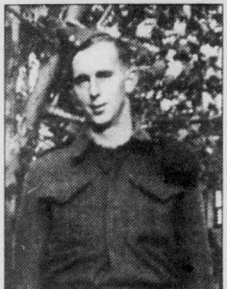
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**Charles (Chuck)  
VACHON**

It is with heavy hearts that the Vachon family announces the passing of one of its bright lights, Charles Irvin (Chuck), the youngest of three sons born to Dorothy Sisco and the late Everett on May 31, 1952. He is sorely missed by his beloved wife and best friend Suzanne (née Dupuis), his loving brothers Derek (Eleonore) and David (Sylvia), his most cherished niece and nephews Karen, Stephan, Marc Vachon and Jordan Dupuis, and by his constant canine companions, Gracie and Chance. Chuck is fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles, and cousins, by his life-long friend, Barry Miltimore, and by many other friends and his colleagues at National Defense. Wickedly funny, curious, and intelligent, he is remembered as a gentle spirit, a lover of music, and an avid reader. The family extends its gratitude to the medical and nursing staff at the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Center, and the palliative support team at Ottawa's Champlain Community Access Center. In compliance with his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has been entrusted to CAPITAL FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY, Ottawa, Ontario. Online condolences may be made at www.capitalmemorial.ca. If you wish to donate in Chuck's memory, please consider your local Humane Society, the Colorectal Cancer Foundation, or a charity of your choice. A private memorial will take place at a later date.

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**Donald SHARMAN**  
(1919-2014)

Donald Sharman, WWII Veteran, passed away at the CSSS Memphremagog on April 2, 2014 with his family at his side. Don was in his 95 year.



Loving husband of 62 years to Lil Dustin. Amazing father of Tom (Laurie Schoolcraft), Jim (Cathy Fisher) and Shelly (Bruno Vanasse). Adored grandfather to Brianne, Jarrett, Zachary-Cy, Reece (Anneke Schmickler), Bethany, Hannah and Brittany. Dear sister of Phylis Derwin.

Don lived for his family and lived life to the fullest. He loved being in his garage with friends stopping by to chat.

A very special thanks to the staff at the CSSS Memphremagog for their dedication and care of Don which went above and beyond. The family couldn't have asked for more.

As per Don's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation has been entrusted to Cass Funeral Home.

If you wish to donate in Don's memory, donations may be made to the Ayer's Cliff Cemetery, c/o Michael Drew, 950 Amy, Ayer's Cliff, QC, J0B 1C0.

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**GUILBAULT, Roberta:** December 14, 1945 - April 3, 2005.

*Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hid our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name.  
Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent the tears that fall.  
Living our lives without you  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return  
When we were all together,  
But with the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed,  
ARTHUR (husband)  
BARB, PENNY,  
PAMELA, ALLAN (JEN)  
(children)  
REBECCA, COURTNEY,  
ASHTON, EMMA  
(grandchildren)  
SHEILA (friend)

**Datebook**

Today is the 93rd day of 2014 and the 15th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1865, Union forces captured Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederacy.

In 1882, American outlaw Jesse James was killed by Robert Ford, a member of James' own gang who hoped to earn a state reward.

In 1948, President Harry Truman signed into law the Marshall Plan aid bill, which was designed to help rebuild war-torn Europe.

In 1996, "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski was arrested at his cabin near Lincoln, Montana.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Washington Irving (1783-1859), writer; Marlon Brando (1924-2004), actor; Doris Day (1924- ), singer/actress; Gus Grissom (1926-1967), astronaut; Jane Goodall, (1934- ), primatologist; Wayne Newton (1942- ), singer; Sandra Boynton (1953- ), children's author; Alec Baldwin (1958- ), actor; David Hyde Pierce (1959- ), actor; Eddie Murphy (1961- ), actor/comedian; Adam Scott (1973- ), actor; Chael Sonnen (1977- ), mixed martial artist; Jared Allen (1982- ), football player; Cobie Smulders (1982- ), actress; Amanda Bynes (1986- ), actress.

**TODAY'S FACT:** One can get a rough estimate of the outdoor temperature in degrees Fahrenheit by counting the number of cricket chirps in 14 seconds and adding 40.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1988, Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins won the NHL's Art Ross trophy as the league's top scorer, ending Wayne Gretzky's streak of consecutive scoring titles at seven.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and soften and purify the heart." — Washington Irving

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# TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

## LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesdays, April 8 and May 13 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid Blood Pressure clinics: clients are invited to come to the Blood Pressure clinics in Lennoxville.

## NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Fridays, April 4 and May 2, at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## RICHMOND

Mark Saturday, April 5 on your calendar! The Richmond-Melbourne United Church will be holding its annual Roast Beef Supper on that date, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at 247 Principale Sud, Richmond. Roast beef and all the fixings, homemade rolls and our famous selection of pies. Admission charged. Everyone is welcome.

## SOUTH DURHAM

Brunch at South Durham United Church on Sunday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes ham, sausage, eggs, pancakes, maple syrup, toast, etc. Everyone welcome.

## RICHMOND

April 30, Richmond Regional High School, Scott Woods Old Time Jubilee Tribute to Don Messer. Scott (Don Messer), Tommy Leadbeater (Charlie Chamberlain) Lynda

Lewis (Marg Osborne). Two hour show honouring Don Messer. For info and tickets: Phyllis 819-826-5883.

## STANSTEAD

12 annual Shoot for a Cure Dart Tournament, proceeds for Breast Cancer Research, will be held on Saturday, April 5 at the Stanstead Legion. Registration starting at 1 p.m. Games start at 2 p.m. 401 double in/double out. Bring your own partner. Door prizes. Raffle. For more information contact Marilyn McComb 819-838-4770.

## NORTH HATLEY

Annual Spring Rummage Sale at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, North Hatley at the North Hatley Community Centre. Drop off on Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sale on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Bag Sale starts at 1 p.m.).

## LENNOXVILLE

The Ladies Auxiliary of A.N.A.F. Unit 318 will hold a Flea Market & Bake Sale on Saturday, April 5 at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To rent a table call Wanda at 819-565-7099.

## RICHMOND

Rummage Sale at St. Anne's Anglican Church, 171 Main St. South. April 12, 8 a.m. to noon. Clothing and linen bag sale, 11:30 a.m. Surprise Sale (fill a box, all items). Extra tables rented. Set up April 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations appreciated.

## SHERBROOKE

On Wednesday, April 9 at 6 p.m., the Eastern Townships Canadian Club will feature Tamás Fülöp, M.D., Ph.D., who is a specialist in Geriatrics and currently Professor of Medicine and Geriatrics and Senior Researcher at the Research Center on Aging, University of Sherbrooke. His research focuses on understanding the basic reasons why the immune system becomes less efficient as humans age. To reserve for the

meal and presentation at Hôtel Le Président, 3535 King W. in Sherbrooke, contact 819-837-0192 by Sunday, April 6. Members are invited to attend an important meeting at 5:30 p.m. There is a small charge to attend the presentation only (7:15 p.m.). Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of the event. Le Président is wheelchair accessible.

## SHERBROOKE

Easter Supper at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, 971 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke on Saturday, April 12 starting at 6 p.m. Ham and all the trimmings plus delicious desserts. All are welcome. For more information, call 819-563-4944.

## MAGOG

Tack Sale on Saturday, April 5 at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 120 Bellevue, Magog from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent Auction to be held. Also offering baked goods and coffee for sale. Website: cepwe.org.

## LENNOXVILLE

Golden Teas is being offered for free to people who are 65 or older. Whether you are single, with friends or in a group, take this opportunity to experience our English Tea Service while discovering Uplands, an enchanting historical site. Golden Teas are offered at 2 p.m. on Wednesday April 16. Since we have limited room (35 participants), reservations are required at (819) 564-0409.

## AUSTIN

MS Branch 2000 Fun Afternoon, Sunday April 6, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Municipal Hall, Millington Road, Austin with entertainment by Jimmy Edwards & The Country Folks. Slight charge on soft drink and chips to help cover costs, coffee and tea is free. Light snacks served at 4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a few sandwiches or a dessert to keep our costs down.

## LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage Tournament in memory of Barb and Dale Leonard to be held at A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Thursday, April 10. Registration at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome, bring your partner.

## STANSTEAD

Colby-Curtis Museum Cultural Trip to Ottawa - Tulip festival and Lac Lemay. Monday May 12 - Departure at Catholic Church in Stanstead at 6 a.m. Tuesday May 13 - Arrival at the Catholic Church in Stanstead late evening. Now taking reservations. RSVP before April 4. For more information contact Jeanne d'Arc Clowery at (819)876-7322 or at info@colbycurtis.ca

## LENNOXVILLE

Brunch to support the Lennoxville Jr. Curlers will be held on April 6 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lennoxville Curling Club, 6 Speid Street, Lennoxville. Admission charged, children under 5 is free. All welcome.

## LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Sunday, April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, ham, potatoes, baked beans and much more. All welcome. Info: 819-346-9122.

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# There already are video cameras that send black-and-white images directly to the boss's office

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm 18 years old. I work two jobs to save money for college next year, one during the week and the other at a coffee shop on the weekends. Last week, my boss from the coffee shop sent an email to all employees saying that we are now required to take a daily picture of ourselves on a work camera. At the end of the month, the owners (a husband and wife) will judge who is the best dressed and give the winner a \$100 gift certificate.

Annie, all of the workers at this shop are high school and college-age females. This makes us uncomfortable,

but we are afraid of losing our jobs. There already are video cameras that send black-and-white images directly to the boss's office. My parents said that they'd be supportive of whatever I decide. I really like and need this job. Yesterday, I dressed very well, but didn't take a picture. Five minutes ago, I received an email reminding me that the pictures are mandatory. What do I do? — Confused Employee

Dear Confused: We suspect your employers think this is an incentive for you and your co-workers to dress better. While the photographs don't seem discriminatory, they do appear to be an unreasonable requirement for employment. Your best bet is to get together with the other employees and talk to your bosses. Let them know that you are uncomfortable with this new demand and ask whether they can find another way of getting the preferred results (like an enforced dress code).

Dear Annie: I am a 51-year-old married man living in New Jersey. My retired parents live in Pennsylvania, and my older sister lives not far from them.

Last November, my wife and I bought a new house 10 minutes from our old one. My parents wanted to see our new home. They rely on my sister to drive them long distances, so she sent an email with the details about when and how long. She also asked, "Is there anything we can bring?" I responded that she could bring four of our family's favorite sandwiches for lunch. The next night, she sent me a nasty email asking how I could expect them to bring lunch. She said it is the host's job to provide something

to eat.

Annie, I've gone to their houses many times and have always brought these sandwiches because I know everybody likes them. (I've never accepted payment.) After receiving that nasty email from my sister, I told her she is no longer welcome here. Now my parents say I am the bad guy and should have bit the bullet and provided lunch on my own. Was I wrong? — Offended Brother

Dear Brother: While the host should provide refreshments, this is family, and such things can be treated informally. The fact that you've brought sandwiches is generous, but that was your choice, not theirs. And your sister should not have asked about bringing something if she was not willing to comply. Her email was rude and incendiary, and your response shoved the argument into the stratosphere. You should each apologize. We suggest you swallow your pride and take the first step before this estrangement becomes permanent and all of you lose out.

Dear Annie: I wholeheartedly agree with "Mom" about the PG-13 movies for children. How sad that we, the American public, allow this to continue and even make it profitable. Television is even worse. We all allow the lowest common denominator to set our values and standards. I realize that someday my grandchildren will be dealing with their children being exposed to much more filth.

I grew up in the '50s and wish I could bottle the innocence my friends and I enjoyed and give it to my grandchildren. Instead, parents today seem to be rushing their children toward adulthood. — Baton Rouge, La.

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



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### CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

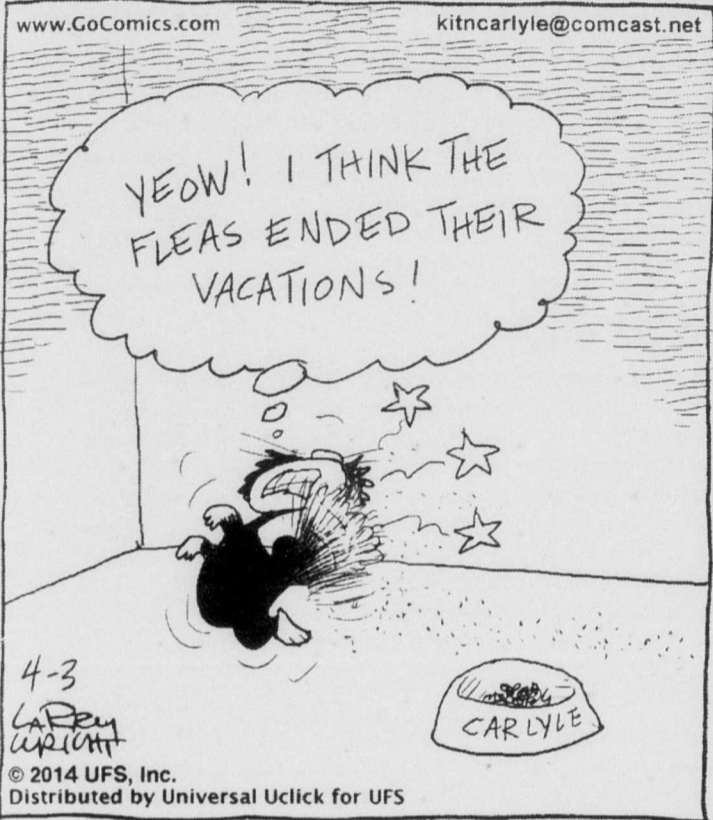
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S RHTWKG." — GWJ DSHGSV

Previous Solution: "When you are kind to someone in trouble, you hope they'll remember and be kind to someone else." — Whoopi Goldberg

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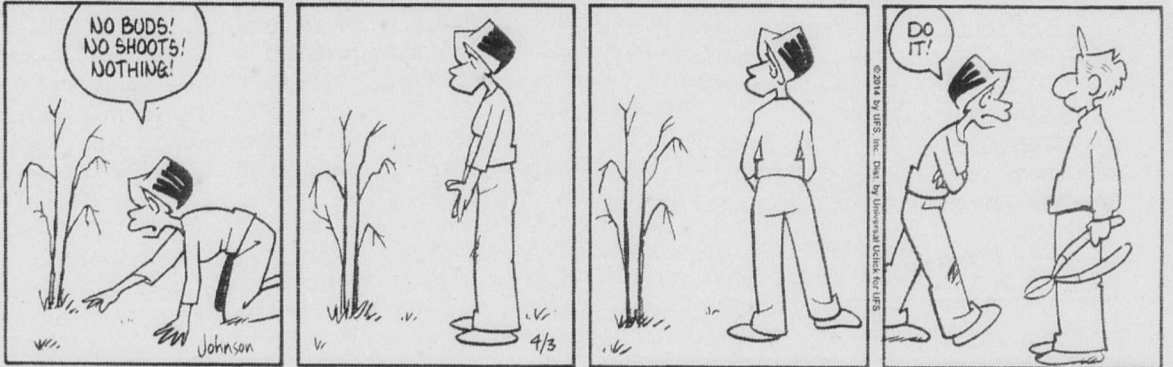


"I was in the neighborhood, and I thought I'd drop in for a couple of weeks."

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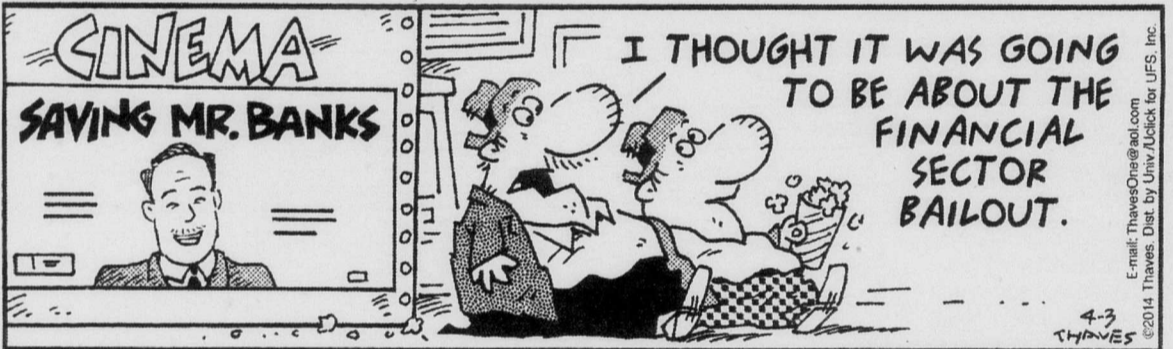
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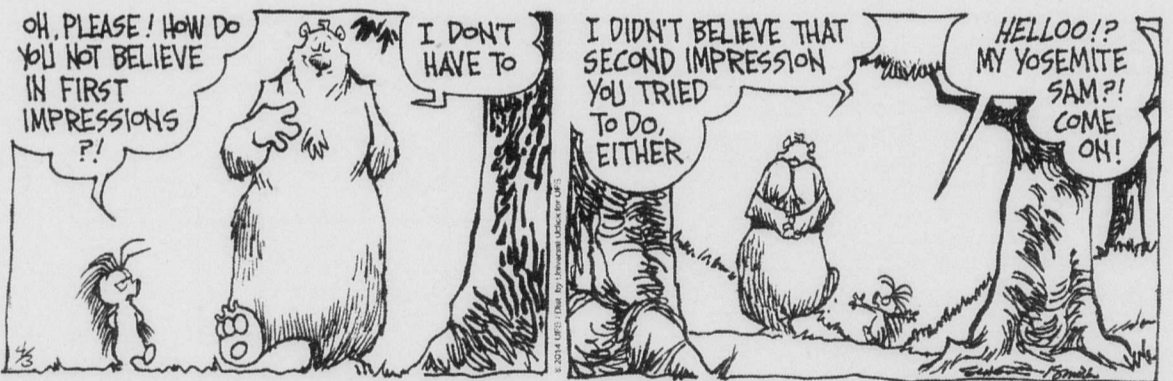
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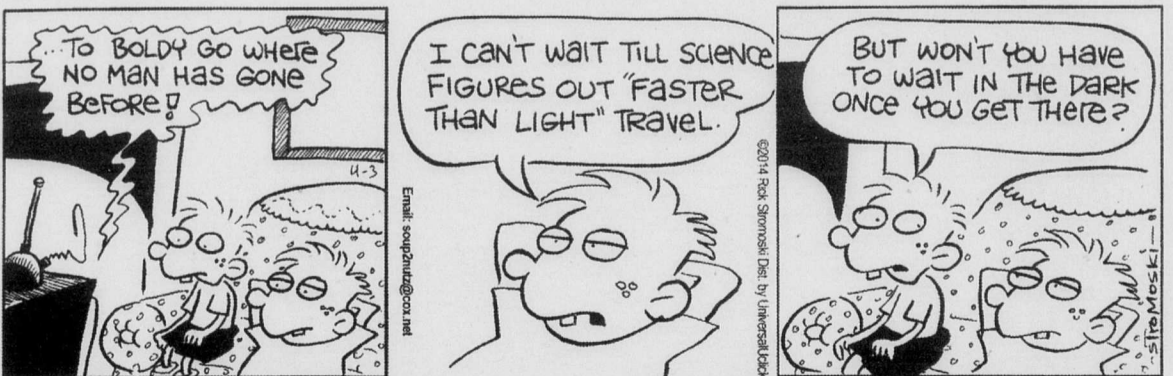
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## Coaticook Area Senior Citizens' Club

There are many superstitions about the month of March. A saying which is frequently quoted is "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb." This means that if the first day of March is stormy, the last day will be mild and warm. Another saying is that the last three days of the month are "borrowed" from April. A third calls the first three days "blind days" because they are "unlucky." Years ago, some farmers were so superstitious that they would not plant seeds on those days.

Did you know that the name "March" honours Mars, the war God of mythology? We all know one special day, March 17, celebrated by the Irish as the feast day of Saint Patrick. March 18, a chilly day, yet forty-one Club members gathered at the Elie-Carrier Communautaire Centre for the monthly get-together.

Guy Hardy, Liberal candidate for the Saint-Francois riding, arrived early, mingled with club members, shook hands in greeting. He and his assistant remained for the midday meal. Shirley Desruisseaux, president, welcomed all with mention of the two new members, Dorothy and Jean Pierre Houle. She called a short meeting to order. Business matters were few. Shirley continued with a reading: "A Journey Called Life," relating to human behaviour. She then mentioned a forthcoming forum, a presentation by Mental Health Estrie with a brief introduction by Townshippers' Association. Location: 251 Parker, Dixville, Café des Aines, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Debbie at 819-566-5717.

The "cabine a sucre" dinner, very tasty, pea soup, ham and sausages, roasted potatoes, omelet, pickles, baked beans, crusty bread, fruit with

ice cream as the dessert. Grace was offered by Shirley.

The half and half draws were won by Aline Patterson, Claude Beaudin and a staff member.

Off to a sugar camp for another dessert! We were welcomed to the Maple Memories by Pauline and Ed Blake. Ed gave us a short tour, explaining along the way, how the sap is "sugared-off." The sugar was prepared to perfection by Pauline. Homemade doughnuts supplied by Jean Cass along with homemade dill pickles by Shirley Desruisseaux. Hot tea and coffee added to the enjoyment.

Our thanks to the president, Shirley for arranging this outing and to our host, the Blakes. Much appreciated.

Next meeting will be the third Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Submitted by Leta Dustin, Secretary

## Bulwer Golden Age

March 25 - Cold and sunny was the weather for Tuesday. Many members were present for a fun-filled afternoon. Five hundred cards were played at nine tables. Eight bowlers were present. Two games were played. Game 1: Red 8, Blk 3. Game 2: Red 3, Blk 1. These players sure have lots of fun; maybe a little competitive? One table of Skip Bo. All five had a great time. Bowlers: Al and Susie 1130, Cheryl and Dufferin 1093,

Beulah and Doreen 1047, Ann and Gail 1005.

Supper ready, Grace was said by Grant. We sat down to a meal of pulled pork, potatoes, steamed veggies, mandarin orange salad, pickles, rolls, tea, coffee and orange date cake with orange sauce for dessert. Really delicious and tasty. Thanks to Peggy and helpers. Seventy-one members enjoyed supper. Table setting: Alberta and

went to Frannie, Allan Bradley, James Andrew, John Gill and Mary Simons. Peggy's goodies were enjoyed by Beverly Cote, Jean Evans, Helena McComb, Mary Lou Burns and Colleen Heath.

Notes: Next meeting: April 8, Easter. Get your Easter bonnets ready for the Easter Parade.

Voting Day: April 7.

Have a good week. God bless.

Submitted by Margaret V.

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## Seashore Thoughts: New Gloss

As I watch the tide slowly ebb  
Leaving a graveyard of seashells and seaweed  
Freed from the depths of the brine's web  
No doubt they have served creation's need

Is it man's reminder  
That life can get washed up like an ocean's tide  
To be put to rest, or back to depths to subside  
The shore, a cemetery for all that is cast aside  
Showing my worth once I too have died?

Waters of an ebbing tide  
Waves of a passing lifetime, oft defied  
Here now, soon to be gone, never to abide

On a seashore, there is a sense of loss  
Waves disappear, no more to be toss'd  
And sun on water shows a new gloss.

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## Richmond 50+ celebrates March

March 3 found nineteen members of the Richmond 50+ Club coming out to witness whether March came in like a lion or a lamb. It was very cold, but sunny. Anyway, inside the United Church basement it was cozy and minds were on Military Whist. At the end of the afternoon, high score with 31 flags was earned by Captain Linda Badger with her team of Elizabeth Mastine, Helen Gallup and Vera Hughes. Low score was earned by Eileen Perkins, Mildred Holliday, Harry Morrill and the mischievous "dummy". Needless to say, the afternoon closed with everyone en-

joying a delicious lunch.

On Monday, March 10, the afternoon was cancelled.

March 17 was St. Patrick's Day, sunny and cold, as usual. Twenty-seven folks traveled to Bec au Sucre, Valcourt, to share a delicious meal of maple-everything with a large group from the Wales Home. Ah, those Grand'Peres! If that wasn't enough, we ventured outside to the troughs of snow to eat "sugar-on-snow." Quite a once-a-year treat.

It was back to a regular afternoon on the 24th with twenty members enjoy-

ing "500". High score went to Mildred Holliday with 4800 points, followed by James Stevens with 4340. Low score was enjoyed by Helen Gallup. A card was signed for Rose Oakley. Donations were made in memory of two deceased members, Patsy Millar and Gemma O'Donnell. Once again, a delicious lunch closed the afternoon.

They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder and that's the way it worked at 50+ on March 31 when twenty-one gathered to play Bingo, this event only happening every fifth Monday. A fun afternoon ensued, everyone

ending with at least one gaily-wrapped parcel supplied by the participants. At the close of games, a very satisfying lunch was brought out, including the monthly birthday cake to honour Shirley Beasley and Freda Coote, both with March birthdays.

Why not join us for a fun Monday afternoon? Everyone is welcome - 1:30 p.m. in the Richmond-Melbourne United Church basement.

Submitted by  
Elizabeth Mastine and Jean Storry

## Missisquoi County Women's Institute

On March 18, 2014 the members of the Missisquoi County Women's Institute met at the United Church Hall, Cowansville for their annual meeting with the Fordyce Branch hosting.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., coffee and muffins and a lot of chit-chat was enjoyed.

At 10 a.m., President Joyce Martin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Her opening phrase was: "As you slide down the banister of life, may all the splinters be going the right direction."

The President then spoke about the Canadian wildlife and showed pictures of owls - the Ground Owl, Rattle Snake Owl and the Coo-Coo Owl. Their natural habitat is out West.

The Mary Stewart Collect and the Salute to the Flag were repeated in unison. O Canada was sung by the members.

Roll Call: Dunham 11; Fordyce

13; Stanbridge East 3; and 3 guests from the Austin Branch, Brome County.

Memorials were read in Remembrance of W.I. members who passed away in 2013. May they rest in peace.

The minutes of the semi-annual meeting were read by Secretary, Betty Perry; accepted and read and signed by the President.

Correspondence: A Thank You was received from Barbara Harvey and a personal Thank You from June Lamey.

The Treasurer's Books Report from the Reviewers, Carole Phillips and Paulette Mahannah, was read.

Treasurer Shirley Vaughan gave her annual report.

Special reports: Twenty-five pin - Fordyce 1

New Members: Dunham - 1, Fordyce - 4

Wool Gathering: Dunham - ?, Fordyce - 241, Stanbridge East - 40.

All Chairpersons gave their yearly report.

At 12 p.m., we stopped for a most delicious lunch of homemade

soups, homemade breads and lots of lovely squares, with tea or coffee.

At 1 p.m., the meeting resumed with the President Joyce Martin giving her report for year 2013.

Q.W.I. President Norma Sherer took the mike and gave us details concerning Provincial, County and Branches.

As there was only one change in the Executives and Committee Chair there was no Installation of Officers.

The change was Health and Community Living. Mrs. Carole Phillips will become the Chairperson for this year.

The date for the semi-annual meeting will be given later.

The President presented our treasurer Shirley Vaughan with a Fifty Year Pin. Congratulations, Shirley. Courtesies were made by many members.

The Early Bird Draw was won by yours truly and many door prizes were drawn.

Until we meet again ...

Jean Reid Page,  
Publicity Chairperson,  
Missisquoi County W.I.

## Lennoxville Golden Age

March 18 - Sixty-seven members were present. Jean Hicks from B.C. was visiting. Her mom celebrates her birthday on Thursday. Have a great day. Raymond Carrier celebrates 80 years young on Wednesday. Happy birthday to all.

Welcome back, Ron and Lorna Taylor. Also, Harold and Shirley Nutbrown. Glad to have you back.

Len Swallow is now an honorary member, at 90 years young. Congratulations.

Six tables of 500 cards were played. Ladies High, Greta Nish 5050. Ladies Low, Pearl Custeau 2340. Men's High, Stan Brown 4960. Men's Low, Eula Cathcart 3240 (played as a man). Glenda Huff and John Kimpton won the 10 clubs bid.

Joan said Grace, followed by supper. We enjoyed Irish stew, green salad, rolls, olives and beets. Tea, coffee and spice cake for dessert. A great meal. Thanks, Anita and helpers. Frances and Joan thanked their helpers Shirley and Dean for helping to decorate and set up tables. Very nice.

Door prizes won by George Martel, Len Swallow, Elsie Moore, Lionel Statton, Wayne Nutbrown. Joan's goodies went home with Elsie Ramage, Raymond C., Pat Descoteau and Paulette Painter.

Next meeting: April 1. No jokes.

That's all for now. Take care. God bless.

Submitted by  
Margaret V.

## Annual Pancake Supper at the Coaticook Golf Club

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Mardi Gras. The day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, Christians are encouraged to give up something for Lent and to eat plain, simple food. As a result, many use up rich ingredients such as butter, milk and eggs on Shrove Tuesday - and what easier way to do that than by making pancakes?

On March 4, the Coaticook Golf Club was the site of the annual Pancake Supper sponsored by St. Stephens' A.C.W. and friends. Reverend Barbara Wintle asked the blessing. The menu was pancakes, hash browns, bacon, sausages, varied salads, homemade rolls, baked beans, and of course, maple syrup with coffee, tea and cold drinks to accompany delicious desserts.

There was an attendance of approximately 150 persons. The A.C.W. wishes to thank the Golf Club, volunteers, those who donated food and all those who helped in any way. Thank you to everyone who came. We hope to continue this tradition for years to come.

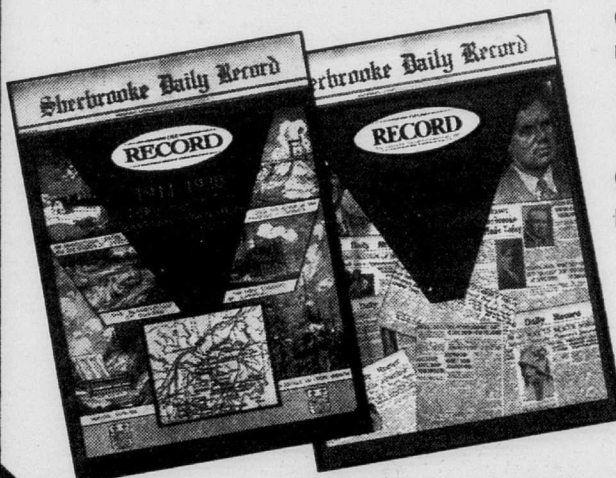
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