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## LENNOXVILLE READS

### Belford's book breaks barriers

By Matthew McCully  
Special to The Record  
LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville Library's annual foreshadowing event, a local version of CBC's Canada Reads-battle of the books, saw the novel *An Inconvenient Indian*, by Thomas King, which was defended by Tim Belford, named this year's book to break barriers.

Held on Tuesday evening, 24 members of the public sat in the library in front of a panel of local readers, each charged with the task of convincing the audience that their chosen book could best change perspectives, challenge stereotypes and illuminate issues.

CBC's event, in its 14th edition, will take place from March 16-19, where Canadian celebrities will defend the chosen books in place of our local legends.

The books on the list this year were *The Inconvenient Indian*, by Thomas King, defended by Tim Belford, *When Everything Feels Like The Movies*, by Raziel Reid, defended by Shanna Bernier, *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes*, by Kamal Al-Solaylee, defended by Kenneth Tomlin, *And the Birds Rained Down*, by Jocelyne Saucier, defended by Tom Cavanagh, and *Ru*, by Kim Thúy, with Anne Ross defending.

Each panelist was given 15 minutes to defend their book, giving a brief plot description, followed by arguments explaining how and why their chosen book breaks barriers.

Each presentation was followed by a two-minute question period from the audience.

All of the presenters spoke passionately about the book they were defending.

After all five presenters had pleaded their case, a vote was held by a show of hands. Belford received 11 votes, Bernier was second with five, followed by Tomlin with four, Cavanagh with three, and Ross getting one vote.

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## City of Sherbrooke to cut 100 jobs

City to trim \$7M in salaries by 2018



GORDON LAMBIE

City council president Serge Paquin (left), Mayor Bernard Sévigny (centre) and director-general Yves Vermette explaining the budget cuts announced by the City late on Tuesday afternoon.

By Gordon Lambie  
SHERBROOKE

The City of Sherbrooke is looking to cut its \$275 million budget by \$11 million over the next three years in an effort to avoid a forecast crippling deficit of \$14 million in 2018. This is according to a budget optimization plan for 2015 to 2017 published on Tuesday afternoon. The objective of the plan is to optimize resources and to make the city more efficient by cutting \$7 million in employee salaries and \$4 million from the operating budgets of various departments and service between now and the end of 2017.

Sherbrooke's Director General, Yves Vermette, explained that the plan was born out of an understanding that while Sherbrooke's population has grown significantly since 2002, its expenses have grown more, and its traditional income sources have shrunk.

"We've grown by more than a Rock Forest, more than a Fleurimont," Vermette said, indicating that since 2002 the population has increased by 13.2 per cent. This growth, representing some 20,000 people, should ultimately have been profitable for the city, but he contrasted that 13 per cent against a 45.6 per cent increase in permanent and part time staff over the same peri-

od, and an overall 70.7 per cent increase in city expenses.

Now, with fewer properties being sold, construction permits down 31 per cent, significant and unforeseen government cuts, and rising rates from Hydro-Quebec, the economic future of the city, if left as-is, does not look good.

"What we see, with all of these indicators in mind, is that if we do nothing, and even with a 1.5 per cent tax increase each year, we are headed for a wall," the director general said, "We would have a budgetary deficit of \$14 million by 2018."

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# Happy Birthday to Edward Spriggens North Hatley's honorary fireman



COURTESY DARYL WILLIAMS

On Monday evening North Hatley Firefighters visited Edward Spriggens at the Connaught Home to help celebrate his 80th birthday. Edward has been an honorary member of the fire department longer than almost all the department's firefighters have been alive. As he is an important part of the North Hatley community and firefighting family, members presented him with a new jacket for him to wear as he walks and keeps an eye out for all of us. Standing in the picture are (left to right) Chief Mike McKenna, Simon Rancour, Edward Spriggens, C.J. Chute and Daryl Williams. Kneeling in front are Nick De Francesco, Marc Richard and Howard Hale.

### NORTH HATLEY

Monday, March 9, was Edward Spriggens' 80th birthday, here in North Hatley. For those who don't know Edward, you might have seen him, a slight figure walking in the town on fire patrol, looking out for a smouldering cigarette, sniffing the breezes for the smell of smoke.

He's completely infatuated with fire departments, their equipment, the firemen and the work they do. He has visited most of the fire departments in our area, too. He has no family left within visiting distance.

The North Hatley fire department has always taken a special interest in Edward.

Over the years, these firemen, whether on- or off-duty, will greet him, talk with him and make him feel special; they have even made him an Honorary Fireman.

It's been a wonderful example of the gentleness, kindness and understanding our firemen have for another human being. It says a whole lot, I think, about them, their families and the communities from which these firemen come and which they serve.

On Monday night, they took time

away from their families and friends, geared up, and with lights flashing, drove the "big" truck over to the Connaught Home, where Edward resides, trooped up to the third floor with a platter of brownies, each one with a candle and then presented Edward with a brand new fireman's Day-Glo jacket with North Hatley Fire Department patches on each sleeve!

Where else could this happen, one could ask oneself!

On Edward's behalf, thank you.

Article submitted by Tom Matthews, Hatley Township

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SUNSET: 6:49



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LOW -17



**SATURDAY:**  
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SNOW/RAIN

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LOW -9



**SUNDAY:**  
SNOW

HIGH -1  
LOW -2



**MONDAY:**  
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OF SHOWERS

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## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

The university asked its unions to cooperate in eliminating some \$10 million from the university budget.

## UdeS support workers ready to negotiate budgetary cutbacks

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

In the wake of budgetary restraint demanded by the University of Sherbrooke, members of the institution's support workers union have adopted a resolution declaring their readiness to discuss government imposed cutbacks, but insist that such discussions take place within the context of negotiations.

The resolution, adopted at a general meeting on Monday,

suggests that these discussions could be held in "pre-term negotiations," or within the framework of general contract talks. "It is not the role of the union to find solutions to requests for budgetary efforts submitted by the employer outside a negotiating table," an executive memo reads.

The collective agreement for support staff expires on December 31, and, according to the union, a proposal to begin negotiations early was rejected by

the university.

Following the announcement of budget cuts imposed by the Quebec government, the university asked its unions to cooperate in eliminating some \$10 million from the university budget. Some suggestions as to how to accomplish this were submitted, including the abolition of the summer schedule and the end of partial exemption from tuition fees. The institution established targets for each union group and asked

support workers to aim for a payroll reduction of 4 per cent, representing approximately \$1.8 million.

Since the beginning of June last year, the union has seen 49 positions eliminated, half of which occurred through attrition.

While most employees have been assigned other functions, many others have not been replaced and, according to the union, eight other jobs will be eliminated by the end of April.

The union also points out efforts it has already made in the face of the financial crunch, including an agreement to reduce of the work week from 35 to 32 hours on a voluntary basis. Members also adopted a Letter of Intent for a voluntary early vacation plan that could save up to \$3.2 million.

The support staff union has about 1,200 members, 900 of whom are full-time. The university employs in total more than 7,000 people.

## CSST warns of farm machinery dangers

Record Staff

As part of Health and Safety in Agriculture Week, which started yesterday and continues through March 18, the workplace health and safety board, known as the CSST, and the Union of Agricultural Producers, in collaboration with the Public Workplace Health Network are joining forces to raise awareness among farmers of the risks associated with moving parts on machinery.

From 2009 to 2013, the CSST

recorded 250 accidents involving farm workers and machinery in Quebec.

Every year, farmers and farm workers are injured by the moving parts of machinery. Tractors, combines, and hay balers are all machines whose power plant components can cause serious injury, including amputations, and even death.

"Farmers are used to doing the same work day after day and they don't always see the danger, even if it is still there. Everything is dangerous on a farm," says widow Jocelyne

Handfield-Rheaume, whose farmer husband was killed while working.

Knowing where the risk lies is the first step in preventing accidents, a CSST communiqué says. Inspection is a good way to target risks and should be conducted regularly on machinery to ensure that the hazardous area of a machine is not accessible during operation. Thus, all power transmission components - such as the PTO transmission shaft, pulley, belt, chain, or gear - must have an effective protective order that

these parts are inaccessible when the machine is running. If a protective guard is missing or defective, it should be replaced.

The CSST says it's also essential to implement an effective lockout procedure before performing maintenance, unblocking or repairing machinery.

Furthermore, the operator of an agricultural machine must be informed of the risks associated with his work, be trained, and be supervised when performing their duties.

## Crime spree gets 5 years

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

A local man had an oddly productive day on Monday, pleading guilty to over two dozen thefts, break-ins, assaults, and uttering threats in a Sherbrooke courtroom.

For his efforts, Simon Paris, a resident of Sherbrooke, was handed a sentence of five years in prison.

With time already served, Paris will have to serve 55 more months in jail.

Paris committed the offences for which he was charged took place last summer in Sherbrooke, Windsor, and Drummondville and continued until his arrest in October.

## Traffic disruption today

Record Staff

Repair work on a leaking water main on Université Boulevard is expected to

disrupt traffic in Sherbrooke today.

Work began at 5 a.m. and will continue until 5 p.m. near the intersection with Saint-Es-

prit St., requiring the closure of the two westbound lanes on Université, between Bachand St. and the Saint-Esprit.

In addition Leonard and Ca-

bana streets will be inaccessible between Bachand and Université.

A detour route and signage will be provided.

## Quebecor says NHL deal adding subscribers but far from profitable

By Ross Marowitz  
The Canadian Press  
MONTREAL

Quebecor says its deal with Rogers Communications to broadcast NHL hockey games has been an early success even though the venture will take up to five years before it is profitable.

Since adding the games to its schedule this season, including the Montreal Canadiens matches on Saturday night, TVA Sports has increased its subscriber base to two million, up 25 per cent in a year.

As a result, TVA Sports has quickly become a destination of choice for advertisers seeking to reach out to the French speaking sports fans," Quebecor CEO Pierre Dion said Wednesday during a conference call after reporting 2014 results.

The Montreal-based company signed an \$800 million deal in 2013 with Rogers to broadcast NHL games over 12 years starting with the current season.

The Canadiens sit atop the NHL's Eastern Conference and are tied with Nashville and Anaheim for the overall league lead, on track for a spot in the playoffs.

Dion said more subscribers will be drawn to the network as playoffs get underway in April. As the exclusive French-language playoff broadcaster, Quebecor sees TVA Sports attracting additional viewers to the 80 to 90 playoff games and 2016 World Cup soccer.

Until that subscriber base fills up however, the \$65 million a year in programming costs will weigh on the earnings of Quebecor's media business.

Overall, Quebecor swung to a

\$59.5-million loss in the fourth quarter from a \$300,000 profit a year earlier as it absorbed one-time charges and additional programming costs.

Excluding a series of one-time charges such as restructuring and the impairment of assets, its continuing operations earned \$50.3 million of adjusted income in the three months ended Dec. 31, up 3.5 per cent from a year earlier.

The results excluded its English-language daily newspapers and other businesses, mostly outside Quebec, that are being sold to Postmedia for \$316 million.

Quebecor said it expects a decision from the Competition Bureau on the sale in the next few weeks.

The adjusted profit amounted to 41 cents per basic share, up from 39 cents in the

fourth quarter of 2013.

Overall revenue grew 2.9 per cent to \$989.4 million.

However, Quebecor's profit and revenue were below analyst estimates of 52 cents per share of earnings and \$1.09 billion of revenue.

Dion said the decision to sell the English-language newspapers, 74 Quebec weeklies and abandon door-to-door distribution of community newspapers and flyers in Quebec helps Que-

becor to gain credit from its telecommunications operations, including its expanding wireless network.

For the full year, Quebecor lost \$30.1 million, down from a loss of \$288.6 million in 2013. However, adjusted profits from continuing operations increased 14 per cent to \$202.3 million or \$1.64 per share, from \$177.3 million or \$1.43 per share a year earlier. Revenues were \$3.72 billion.



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# Townships social-economy enterprise closed

## Ferme aux Champêtreries is for sale



RACHEL GARBER

NEWPORT, QUE.

The Ferme aux Champêtreries is a gracious house on a hilltop, surrounded by 35 acres of nature. It's tucked away in a corner of rural Newport in the Haut-Saint-François regional county municipality. Two years ago it was a home, workplace and training centre for close to a dozen youth aged 18 to 30.

The group spent about five months learning essential life and job skills. This was their step up from life on the street and a lifetime of joblessness to following their dreams and finding their place in the job market.

Just down the slope is a spacious kitchen, workshops and gardens. That's where they created specialty products for the Montreal market – seasonings, chutneys, jams and spreads, syrups, jellies, pâtés, dressings, condiments and more. That's where they learned truck farming, mechanics, furniture refinishing, chain-sawing, butchering, and computer work. Or restaurantering, at the monthly "Practico-resto." And more.

But the real business of the non-profit farm was the transformation of

lives. About 160 youth have profited from the individualized program since 2003.

The Ferme's success rate was 75 per cent: Three-quarters of the participants either returned to school or got a job when they finished their training. "That's with our excellent instructors, and also the collaboration of the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Cantons, who provided a social worker at the farm to help participants understand their attitude toward employers, and how that affects their job prospects."

That's what Linda Thibault said, speaking in French. She's the executive director of the social economy enterprise.

She is not alone in recognizing the good work of the Ferme. Two years ago, it received one of four \$25,000 "Eva's Initiatives" awards, Canada-wide, from the Sprott Foundation in Ontario. And it has an impressive network of partnering organizations.

The Ferme aux Champêtreries is part of Habitations l'Escalier, a 20-year-old organization in Montreal that aims to help young adults who are homeless.

In the kitchen, Thibault's chief cook-and-bottle-washer, Suzanne Jutra, is filling the last jars of maple vinaigrette. Then she washes up the industrial-sized pots and other equipment. It's work that, a year ago, a team of youth would have accomplished together. Now Thibault and Jutra are doing it alone, continuing to supply products to their distribution network for the Ferme's two well-known brands, Herborerie and Champêtreries.



RA GARBER

In the kitchen at the Ferme aux Champêtreries, Suzanne Jutra fills jars of maple vinaigrette as executive director Linda Thibault sits in the background. The social-economy enterprise gave job training to some 260 youth, but now it has been forced to close.

Now the house on the hill is empty and the Ferme aux Champêtreries is for sale. Despite repeated attempts, the Ferme was never recognized as a job insertion program by Emploi-Quebec, and so did not receive recurring funding from the provincial government.

Service Canada supplied support over the past years through its "Skills Link" program. That obliged the Ferme to re-apply for funding every six months. This chronically inadequate funding led to an accumulated deficit of \$175,000.

Now things have come to an end. The Ferme's latest funding application of April 2013 has still not received a reply. Normally, a response should have come

by January 2014. Thibault has asked about the file repeatedly, and was told it was "following its course." Member of Parliament Jean Rousseau intervened in parliament, as well as behind the scenes, but no action resulted.

"We learned that the Ferme aux Champêtreries is on the list of projects recommended for funding," said Alain Robert, Rousseau's constituency assistant. "But the minister did not sign off on it."

Asked to explain why the project was not funded, the communications office for the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Pierre Poilievre, stated that "the project is still under consideration."

This is what the end looks like. A "For Sale" sign is posted on the tree in front of the house, above a snow bank. Thibault and Jutra are thinking about their own job futures. Thibault is distributing a letter that says, in part, "Given that the mission of the enterprise is no longer being fulfilled because of lack of financing, two permanent jobs have been lost, three part-time jobs, and dozens of possibilities for youth."

"Often non-profits are not viewed well," said Thibault. "But a young person who enters the job market is a person who pays taxes. He helps all of society. That's the miscalculation for an enterprise like this – they've let us down."

One last step before selling the equipment and farm. That is to thank the past partners of the Ferme aux Champêtreries: the Hauts-Cantons school board, Service Canada, and organizations in the Haut-Saint-François, the Carrefour jeunesse emploi, The Haut-St-Francois popular education service centre, the local employment centre, the community development corporation and the local development centre.

Thibault's letter ends like this: "The neighbouring municipalities, the numerous enterprises who have received us, and all the instructors and head cooks who left a bit of their heart in this place, as well as all those near and far who helped our organization. Super merci."



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# Crown seeking to skip preliminary hearing for Lac Megantic train driver: lawyer

By Andy Blatchford  
The Canadian Press

The lawyer for the train driver charged in the deadly Lac-Megantic disaster says prosecutors are seeking to prevent his client from having a preliminary inquiry, a move he argues will keep the defence in the dark on the Crown's evidence.

Defence attorney Thomas Walsh said the Crown informed him Wednesday it will seek a preferred indictment, which would fast-track the high-profile case past the preliminary hearing.

Train driver Tom Harding and two other railway employees are each facing 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death —one for each victim of the July 2013 oil-train derailment in the Quebec town. A conviction carries a maximum life sentence.

Walsh stressed that stripping Harding of a preliminary hearing will block lawyers on both sides from hearing certain witnesses and deciding which parts of their testimony is credible.

"It's not a nuisance, a preliminary inquiry - it's a way of a guy being able to find out what case the Crown has got against him and to act accordingly," said Walsh, who was informed about the Crown's request in a letter.

"So, it's kind of a low blow."

Preliminary inquiries, he said, save time, adding that the Crown's decision does a huge disservice to the administration of justice.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said Wednesday he couldn't comment about something that had yet to be presented in court.

Speaking about preferred indictments in general, Jean-Pascal Boucher said they can be requested, for example, to serve the public interest by reducing unnecessary delays.

Walsh said the preferred indictment in Harding's case will be difficult to contest because he didn't know the Crown's decision-making process behind the request.

Harding was set to appear Thursday in a Lac-Megantic court to have a date set for the preliminary inquiry, but Walsh said it was cancelled following the Crown's request. Harding, he added, will be given a new date to appear before Quebec Superior Court.

Harding has asked for a trial by jury.

Walsh said he didn't know if the Crown was also seeking preferred indictments for Harding's co-accused: railway traffic controller Richard Labrie and Jean Demaitre, the manager of train operations.

Last May, the three men each posted \$15,000 bail after appearing in a Lac-



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Former Montreal Maine and Atlantic Railway Ltd. employees Tom Harding, right, Jean Demaitre, centre, and Richard Labrie are escorted by police to appear in court in Lac-Megantic, Que., on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. The lawyer for the Harding, the train driver charged in the deadly Lac-Megantic disaster, says Crown prosecutors are seeking to prevent his client from having a preliminary inquiry.

Megantic courtroom, not far from the derailment site.

On July 6, 2013, Harding parked the tanker train for the night uphill from Lac-Megantic.

The train broke loose, roared downhill toward Lac-Megantic and bounced off the tracks in the middle of town. The explosion set off huge fireballs that wiped out much of the downtown core.

## City cuts

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In order to avoid that wall, city council is moving forward with a flexible plan of attack that looks at centralization of services, elimination of roughly 100 full-time positions, and a push for greater efficiency across the board.

"The question we will ask ourselves in every case is, what is the most efficient way in which to offer legitimate service to the population?" explained city council president Serge Paquin. "This could also lead to a review of the level of service made available."

The council president used the example of the city's current snow-clearing practices, choosing to prioritize certain streets and only plowing one sidewalk in two. The practice, he said, allows the city to save money without inconveniencing the population. Though people might see changes to the way certain services are carried out, Paquin continued, the division heads will work to make sure that the same quality of care is given in a more economical way.

"We're not doing this for fun," Paquin emphasized. "It's a necessity."

In a similar vein to the council president's example, Mayor Bernard Sévigny explained that the council has already demonstrated a focus on saving the city money through its work on the municipal governance reform.

"All of this comes from an interest in maximizing every dollar given to us by the taxpayers of Sherbrooke," Sévigny said. "This is good news in that it indicates the willingness of the council to optimize the value of services rendered to the taxpayers."

The mayor pointed out that the deci-

sions made to date with regard to centralizing the management of parks and recreation in the city will mean that by the start of June 2015 the city will already be saving \$1.4 million per year. He called the 2015-17 plan ambitious, but argued that ultimately it is all about avoiding unreasonable tax rate hikes.

"It's more the context that chose us than us who chose the context," Sévigny said, regarding the choice of when to put the plan into action. "We are pushed to act now."

"This plan is the broad strokes," Vermette said, explaining that division heads are being given flexible objectives to be carried out over three years to give them the time to do things right. "I don't have the exact recipe for reaching our goals; the solution will come from our managers doing their jobs."

As a general theme, the plan concentrates on service centralization and optimization through "lean management" techniques that look to have employees do more with less. Despite this, the director general said that The city wants to respect existing collective agreements and those under negotiation. He said that the restructuring of positions would be like "playing musical chairs", in terms of moving people around as others retire. The position cuts, he said, are likely to be spread across almost all sectors.

The plan was solidified by city council on Monday night and then presented to representatives of the city's unions on Tuesday, resulting in a late-Tuesday media presentation.

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# EDITORIAL

Surrogacy has become ever more common and in an increasing number of cases, according to the experts, family members have been involved.

## Surrogate mom



TIM BELFORD

Long time ago we used to have what they called extended families. This was before the advent of the Quebec Pension Plan and the federal Old Age Security when the average retired worker didn't have the tons of spare cash that Maclean's says we all have now. It was also when bigger families were not the oddity they are today.

What it meant, for those of you who weren't around or don't remember, the normal household consisted of mom, dad, a bunch of kids, grandma and grandpa and the occasional maiden aunt or bachelor uncle. Think of a Canadian version of the Waltons.

Today it's different. What we have now is the "blended family."

As can be expected in an age when getting a divorce is as common as buying a new car and the spectrum of accepted sexuality has moved way beyond simple male and female, this has caused some confusion.

At the basic level, the blended family consists of mom and dad, both divorced or widowed, and children on both sides from the previous relationships — the Brady Bunch, if you will.

Often the parents will also add a new child or two of their own compounding the potential confusion and leaving everyone to sort out brothers, sisters, half brothers and sisters, stepfathers, wicked stepmothers and potentially eight grandparents.

If the "blended family" is parented by a gay or lesbian couple — yes they get divorced and widowed like the rest of the world — the confusion is only magnified, starting with the possibility of having multiple mothers or fathers in two or more relationships.

And then there's Kyle Casson. Mr. Casson is gay. He also had a great desire to be a father. So when surrogacy clinics turned him down and a female relative who had offered to be the carrier developed health problems, he did what anyone would do. He turned to his mom.

Eight months ago, 46-year-old Marie Casson gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Miles, Kyle's son and her ... well this is where it gets confusing.

Even though, as Marie is quick to point, out there is no direct biological connection between Miles and herself, the egg coming from a separate and unrelated donor, the government does not allow a single man like Kyle to apply for a birth certificate.

Instead he had to apply for, and was granted, an "adoption order." Critics point out if Miles was adopted it would have to have been from his legal parents, which in this case are Marie and her husband Alan.

Now, you have to understand this is all coming from the same country that brought you Dolly. The British media were all a-twitter at the time as scientists in Great Britain announced they had successfully cloned a sheep from another sheep.

Well, as sheep have been doing the same thing on their own for some time now, much of the public, including most farmers, were less than bowled over by the feat. But this latest effort has a lot of people concerned.

Surrogacy has become ever more common and in an increasing number of cases, according to the experts, family members have been involved, though this is apparently the first case of a mother carrying her own child's baby.

The problem is, that in this day and age when the boundaries of sexuality and medical ethics are being pushed ever forward, where will it stop?

On the extreme edge, critics point to the birth of Miles as an inevitable step towards the sanctioning of incest.

Supporters say it is a perfectly understandable solution to a difficult problem.

As for me, I think it might be time to dust off an old record I have somewhere. It's a Willie Nelson version of that country hit *I'm My Own Grandpa*.



## Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

I believe that the closing of the fire station near Lac Lovering is a grave injustice to the people in the area. To my knowledge the mayor has not sent notices to the principal residences of the 1,700 taxpayers involved, are we not worth a stamp? Or are they not proud of what they are doing and want as few people as possible to know what is being done until it is too late.

The fire chief has stated that they can arrive in our area with the trucks in less than 15 minutes nine times out of ten. There is a bridge and a railway track on the the fastest route by the Georgeville Road.

What happens if the train is passing or if we have snow? What happens when the main street and the Georgeville road are jammed with tourists? Could it cause a loss of life to one or more of the residents?

At present the Number 1 and 2 fire stations are 3.7 kilometres apart and very near town. Fire station 3 is 8.7 kilometres from the corner of Mary and Main Street.

Would it not make more sense to close the fire station number 2 and have the fire station 3 staffed with firefighters and equipment that would be across the train tracks and closer to the Lac Lovering area?

This would be a more expensive solution but could save lives and property damage. They will save about \$70,000 a year with the closure and cost the affected tax payers in the area hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in extra insurance premiums.

My insurance premiums will go up

\$450 a year plus tax.

What is galling is that they announced grants of \$196,500 to different companies and associations in the same paper where the closure was announced. They also plan to subsidize the painting of the facades of the buildings on main street. All of this will be done with our tax dollars.

Hopefully the Mayor and the city councillors will rethink their plans and give us proper fire protection, the same as the rest of the citizens of Magog.

JAMES SUTTON  
MAGOG

DEAR EDITOR:

The Hope Community Church would like to thank everyone who participated in the Indoor Garage Sale on March 7; all of the volunteers who helped to organize this event, the donors of so many great articles, those who came to shop and were so generous with their donations to our local charity, the Cornerstone Food Bank, run by Perry and Sue Comeau, as well as our global charity, the Canadian Global Response disaster relief organization, under the direction of Abraham Shepherd.

We would also like to thank *The Record* for Gordon Lambie's article about the sale, as well as CJMQ and CBC for their radio coverage.

It is community support that makes it possible for us to reach out to others in need.

JACKIE LOUGHHEED  
WATERVILLE

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# COLUMNIST

Doing the dishes equals big brownie points. If you want to tackle those cobwebs also, who are we to stop you?

## Meet the parents!



ROSS MURRAY

So, you're going to meet the parents! Congratulations on dating our son/daughter. Rest assured your sweetheart is the culmination of generations of only the finest natural selection, with the exception of a brief period in the late 1800s that no one in the family likes to talk about. But as Great-Great-Uncle Walston used to say, "Let's let bygones be penguins."

In the coming days, you will be arriving at our home for the first time to meet us, your boyfriend/girlfriend's parents. Welcome! To make this important rite of passage as pleasant as possible, we encourage you to review the following information. After all, an auk may be a bird, but add a "word" and it's "awkward." Ha-ha-ha! Of course? Yes! So let's go ahead.

- We have four cats and a dog. We trust that's not a problem. Don't let that be a problem.
- We are aware there are cobwebs in some of the corners of the ceiling. We prefer not to mention them and suggest you do likewise.
- That light switch doesn't do anything.
- Please inform us if you have any allergies: cat hair, food, cat hair on food.
- We reserve the right to refer to you as "the suitor."
- You will find that throughout the house several piles of clever and/or important novels have been distributed upon surfaces in an ostensibly casual but clearly self-conscious manner. The purpose of this is twofold: 1) to determine whether you a) are well-read b) enjoy reading c) can read; and 2) to demonstrate how cool we are, because as important as it is for us to like you, we really want you to like us. Like, wouldn't it be neat if we hit it off and could have long chats about Haruki Murakami or the vintage Brian Eno that just happens to be playing in the background? Wouldn't it be great if, later on, you said to our son/daughter, "Your parents - especially your dad - are really cool and hip"?
- We keep the thermostat at a brisk 17 degrees Celsius. This is our way of

- sticking it to Big Oil, although we end up being somewhat beholden to Big Sweater. Bring slippers.
- You might not want to sit there.
- Or there.
- We don't always flush the toilet. Don't be alarmed. When we do flush it, however, sometimes a cat will come running, so excited about the fresh drinking water. It's not mandatory but you should totally try it.
- Remember how cool and hip we are? It will be no surprise, then, that we are respectful of your privacy as young adults and will allow you to make whatever sleeping arrangements you're comfortable with, bearing in mind that it is a small house, we are light sleepers and please don't do anything.\*\*
- At some point during your stay, you may find yourself alone with one or the other parent. Be aware that, despite the outward charade (which we pronounce "sha-rawd") your boyfriend/girlfriend's parents are socially inept and at this point will likely have covered all the basic points regarding family, geography and area of study/work. That's it. Nothing left in the tank. It's all up to you now. This might be where one of those books lying around comes in handy. Other safe topics:
  - How weird are feet?
  - Look how fat your cats are, but in an endearing, not-at-all offensive way!
  - The Toronto Raptors' motto "We The North": is it the verb "are" that's missing or would a comma suffice?
  - Five-syllable words that make me feel diabolical.
  - Ways in which I won't disrespect your daughter/son.

- Doing the dishes equals big brownie points. If you want to tackle those cobwebs also, who are we to stop you?
- At some point during your stay, the conversation will turn to toilets and the usage thereof. This is who we are; don't be fooled by the clever books. How you participate in this conversation (appalled, amused, engaged but not so engaged as to be disturbing, etc.) will be observed and discussed in great detail after you leave.
- Please understand that if we make fun of you, it means we like you.
- We're not big huggers.
- \*The maternal half of the parental welcoming group would like to point out that none of this was her idea, and that in fact she knew nothing about these desperate cries for acceptance, though really she's not surprised. And the Brian Eno playlist? It was sent to him by a friend three weeks ago.
- \*\*Seriously.

## Courts doing their job

By Michele Hollins, QC

Pundits and politicians have spilled much ink in recent months claiming that the courts of this country - most notably the Supreme Court of Canada - are running the legislative show through "judicial activism." Unelected and unaccountable courts have craftily usurped the role of Parliament, it is said.

This surge of interest in the role of courts in Canada's constitutional structure is not surprising. More than ever, it seems, the courts are asked to resolve disputes involving divisive societal issues. That divisiveness may be the result of the religious, moral or political differences inherent in a democracy. Governments sometimes sidestep such issues for fear of alienating their voter base, but courts must tread where those governments fear to go. Appellate courts have some flexibility in deciding which cases they will hear, but have not shied away from confronting intensely difficult issues.

Let's not forget that our elected representatives increased the role of the courts in reviewing legislation - first through the Canadian Bill of Rights and then through the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. That is what the Charter is all about - setting out the rights that are essential in a democratic society such as ours, and giving the courts the means to protect those rights, if necessary. The courts properly assumed this role. It landed with them as the result of the constitutional change that brought Canada the Charter in 1982.

Many other democracies have set out constitutionally protected rights and made the courts the vehicles for protecting them.

It is one thing to debate the findings of the courts. It is another to single them out for criticism for doing the very job our Constitution gives them. Unlike a government, courts under attack are almost voiceless. They cannot defend themselves through publicity or public education campaigns. Their silence outside the courtroom is part of the constitutional bargain courts have with the executive (Cabinet) and legislature (government) in our society.

Attempts to debase the work of the courts threaten to undermine respect for the judiciary. A loss of respect for one of the central institutions of a democracy poses a risk to the other institutions of that democracy as well.

The government, through legislation enacted by Parliament, can mitigate the effects of court decisions it does not like. That is how Canada's constitutional system operates. The courts help to define the constitutional parameters within which governments must operate; the government can and should develop law and policy within those parameters. That is an entirely reasonable constraint on government, any government.

Canadians should be thankful that they have a strong, independent judiciary to consider and adjudicate issues which are fundamental to our democracy and to do so without political influence.

Michele Hollins, QC, of Calgary is president of the 36,000-member Canadian Bar Association.

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# The Border Report

"We're discovering what we can do when it's totally cold"

## A good winter on the pond

By Matthew McCully  
Special to The Record

The Memphremagog Pond Hockey Classic, a first for Magog, was a success this year in spite of the extreme cold, according to organizer Phil White of Kingdom Games.

The Vermont-based company organizes year-round sporting events throughout the Northeast Kingdom, which inevitably span across the border.

"It's great to keep our communities joined in some fashion," he said.

A small pond hockey tournament was held in Newport last year, White said, but this year, he focused on Magog.

"We had 28 teams play this first year, which was a great turnout," White said.

Pond hockey is slightly different from regular hockey. Everything is scaled down, from the players, to the playing surface and nets, White said.

A pond hockey team has six players, with four on the ice at a given time. The goals are only six inches high, requiring the players to keep the puck low,

and there are two one-foot openings on the ends of the net for players to score.

"The City of Magog could not have been more supportive," White said, "clearing the ice for 11 rinks, scraping the residual snow off, and laying water to provide an excellent surface."

"I am hopeful that with a year of advance planning and building on the success of Magog's event, we can attract many more teams to both sides of the border," he said, optimistic about next year.

In addition to the pond hockey, Kingdom Games held a number of other events on Memphremagog, including speed skating events and winter swimming.

"The motto for the winter games was 'totally cold,'" White said, but the weather did not deter people from participating in activities.

"We're discovering what we can do when it's totally cold," he said, "We embrace it."

One of the benefits of the extreme weather was that it made for a great ice surface, White said.



COURTESY KINGDOM GAMES

The first Memphremagog Pond Hockey Classic was a success despite the extreme cold, according to event organizer Phil White.

"It made for great ice, and the blocks cut for the pool were just mesmerizingly beautiful and made for some terrific good fun out on the ice."

White is already planning next year's activities, hoping to include sledge hockey. He recently cleared two surfaces and invited sledge hockey players to

come out and give it a try.

Accessibility can sometimes be an issue, limiting where physically challenged athletes can play.

"There's plenty of parking," White said, "They can drive right down to the rink."

The mission of Kingdom Games is to organize sporting

events for all ability levels, taking advantage of the pristine landscape in the region, on both sides of the border.

To see what's up next for Kingdom Games, visit the website at [www.kingdomgames.co](http://www.kingdomgames.co).

## No big changes for Stanstead shoppers

By Matthew McCully  
STANSTEAD

Following the transition of the IGA in Stanstead to Les Marchés Tradition on February 23, new owner David

Labonté said the changes are superficial, but the products will remain the same.

Labonté went whole-hog into the new venture, buying a home and relocating to Stanstead to keep a close eye on

his new business. He previously managed the IGA located on King Street West in Sherbrooke.

Les Marchés Traditions, owned by IGA, is a boutique version of the full sized grocery store. Labonté said the name

change turned the Stanstead location from the smallest IGA into the largest Marchés Tradition. The decision was strictly bureaucratic, he said.

Selling local products whenever possible is part of

Labonté's plan as new owner. "I'm really open to that," he said, mentioning corn, tomatoes, and fresh strawberries when in season. Local maple syrup will also be on the menu soon, he added.

## FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

### Who loves Kojak, baby?

This adorable little lab mix is full of life and finds joy in everything he does. At just five months Kojak is a typical puppy who loves to play, loves to tumble, loves to give kisses and loves to be loved.

Rescued from a remote community in northern Quebec a little over a month ago, Kojak was spared a life of struggle and hardship and instead will grow up, and grow old, experiencing nothing but kindness and love.

Since his arrival at the shelter two weeks ago, Kojak has been getting lots of playtime with other puppies and dogs and is learning the important social cues that only other dogs can teach. He is enthusiastic and spirited but knows when it is time to back off and refocus his energy. He would do great in a home with another dog but will also be fine on his own as long as his adopter is active and will give him lots of outside time and indulge his love of

play. He is a champ at tug-o-war.

Kojak is still a pup so he will need more work on his house-training especially as he adjusts

to a new environment and a new routine so a home where he is not left alone for long periods is required at this time.

He is learning to walk on the leash and is really quite good but it seems he is always in a hurry to get to where he is

going so some leash training will also be in order. He is smart and engaged so with a committed approach, teaching him these basic skills shouldn't take long. We are big believers in teaching puppies proper manners and basic obedience so if your schedule is jam-packed it might be best to opt for an older dog.

This little guy needs a home where he will be given the tools he needs to grow up to be a well balanced and well behaved adult dog. Kojak is a terrific pup so if you have the time to commit to a raising a puppy and you are willing to lose a shoe or two along the way, he'll be a fun and loveable addition to your family.

If you are interested please send an email to [frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# Richmond St. Paddy's Day events underway



PHOTOS BY CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

The month-long celebration of St. Patrick's Day got underway in Richmond last week. In the top picture, a pair of students from the Richmond Irish Dance School perform for the crowd.

In the bottom picture, Jeannine and Hughie Lancaster (organizers), Pete Cote (corner man for Brian and Steve Barrie Auctioneers), David (Butch) Crack, Heather and Brian Barrie, Elsie Vickers (chief organizer, and local Royal Canadian Legion president), Marjorie Lancaster, Steve Barrie and Hilton Driver (craftsman of one of the top selling items, the Adirondack chair) with his wife Caroline.

The events continue this weekend. A corned beef supper is planned for Saturday at the Hotel Grand Central, starting at 6 p.m. and a concert featuring the Irish Bastards is set for Saturday at 8 p.m. The annual parade will be on Sunday, March 22.

# Lennoxville Reads



MATTHEW MCCULLY

The five book defenders at this year's Lennoxville Reads event hold up their chosen tomes. From left, the speakers were Anne Ross, Tim Belford, Tom Cavanagh, Shanna Bernier and Kenneth Tomlin

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The vote will go national on March 16, when CBC's celebrity guests will make their arguments for the chosen books.

CBC Canada Reads page where people can vote for which book they believe will be the big winner this year. At press time on Wednesday afternoon, Intolerable by Kamal Al-Solaylee was in the lead by over 400 votes.

There is also a poll on the

# 2015 Scion FR-S



The pick-me-up

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By Mathieu St-Pierre

Life can throw us the occasional curveball. As hard as we may try, sometimes, things don't go our way or the way we'd like them to go. Keeping our chins up, spirits high and carrying on is the only way to get through these tougher situations. Distractions often help alleviate the weight we may find ourselves hauling when feeling down.

Enter the Scion FR-S. As a car guy, taking to the road and heading towards my favourite stretch of tarmac can be as therapeutic (or more than) as sitting down with any therapist - not to mention cheaper, so long as you don't get caught speeding.

Thankfully, the FR-S is not about speed - although it'll get there. No, the FR-S is about total driver involvement that begs for full concentration, effectively replacing all negative thoughts and worries with feelings of freedom, joy, and plastering a massive grin on one's face. The Scion FR-S is a true pick-me-up.

**Less is seriously more**

This Scion's, and by default the Subaru BRZ's, voluntary simplicity is what makes this car lightheartedly wonderful to drive.

Obviously, like all modern late-model cars, the FR-S has all the necessary passive safety features such as ABS, airbags and ESP. The glory in the FR-S is that the latter can be fully deactivated. Therein resides the essence of this car: it's all about the driver, his or her skills and the elements.

**For four seasons**

I've driven both the FR-S and BRZ in a number of conditions and not one would make me shake my head and regret the purchase of the car if I were to bring one home.

Granted, a 40cm dumping of the white stuff might throw a wrench into forward momentum but then the storm will do the same to most others. Once underway, the FR-S simply obeys the driver's inputs. If you're like me, keeping the steering wheel and the nose of the car aligned proves nearly impossible, the FR-S is so predictable (thanks in part to a limited slip differential) that getting into serious trouble requires the complete absence of skill.

In favourable driving conditions, the Scion is man's best friend, once more delivering on the driver's intentions without fault - that is, unless the above-mentioned condition is present.

**The basics, à la 2015**

Sure, I would love to write that the 2015 FR-S doesn't have power steering, that it's up to our forearms but the fact of the matter is that car features electric power steering. You'd never truly know though as on-center feel is excellent and it loads up beautifully when the car charges into a corner.

Power is nothing without control, and while the FR-S has more than enough oomph it offers up an immense level of control and confidence. The ventilated 4-wheel disc brakes are strong with superb middle pedal responsiveness.

Yes! Three pedals! My tested FR-S was equipped with the uber-delightful 6-speed manual 'box thank heavens! There is such a thing as a grotesque 6-speed auto-box with wheel-mounted flappy paddles but don't, just don't.

Twerking the shifter and flirting with the pedals is nothing short of addictive; their positioning hovers at near perfect levels, making heel-toeing no harder than scratching one's nose. The shifter itself offers plenty of mechanical resistance; you can almost feel the forks moving around in the transmission.

The FR-S' MacPherson front and double wishbone rear suspension works wonders with the car's stiff chassis. Harshness is not on the menu, however, the lowered-car bounce is slightly present. Heck, it's an FR-S, not a Camry. With zero body-roll and little lean, the FR-S is nothing less than flat, solid and

planted at all times.

**Enough power**

The one reoccurring complaint about the FR-S/BRZ is the lack of power, but I contend that it's enough. Enough to get up to speed quickly, but perhaps not to enough to take on a Mazdaspeed3, Focus ST or WRX as at one point or another, they'll all want to take you on.

The flat-4 creates a lovely drone that could be loud after a while, especially if you mistakenly thought the FR-S would make a nice little sports coupe for fun - because, you see the 2.0L likes to rev. It begins to flourish around 3,500-4,000 rpm and really blossoms come 6k. Peak 151 lb-ft of torque lasts between 6,400-6,600 while all 200 horsepower arrive at 7,000 rpm. Keep your right foot down and you'll realize that you have enough power.

**Dedicated cabin**

The 2015 Scion FR-S' interior quarters are designed for driving. The front seats are heavily bolstered, too much for some, but perfect for my average-medium build. The driving position is spot on, very low slung and perfect for sporty driving.

All manners of controls are easily addressed save for the radio/navigation system that should only be fiddled with at streetlights. The nav adds \$1,025 to the base price of \$26,670 but is useless and the money is better spent on aftermarket goodies.

The rear is useable and according my esteemed colleague Miranda, will easily hold a child seat. The trunk is snug but fair for a weekend's worth of camping gear.

**Options?**

There are but very, very few. I love the MK7 VW GTI and would, for practical reasons, take it over the FR-S or BRZ for that matter. The Mazda MX-5 is another alternative as is the almost-gone Hyundai Genesis Coupe, and the all-new Ford Mustang. Out of the box, none are more dedicated and properly prepped for weekend track events. This is the FR-S' greatest asset.

One way or another, if you're down and blue, you'll always feel better after going for a spin in your FR-S.



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# Local Sports

"I think we have the opportunity to create a new type of history for our school and community."

## Gaiters in medal hunt at Nationals

By Mike Hickey  
Special to the Record

The Bishop's Gaiters enter tonight's first round game against the Ottawa Gee-Gees with an opportunity to avenge an early season loss, but the task is not an easy one. The Gaiters are facing one of the top teams in the country; a club that posted the best record in the country in league play and were ranked first or second in all 13 weekly coaches' polls this season.

Gaiter head coach Rod Gilpin, who becomes only the third coach in CIS history to take a men's and women's team to nationals, believes the best is still to come for his club.

"I think our whole season has been a struggle," he said. "We had high expectations for this veteran group. We battled a lot of injuries, played a tough schedule and dealt with a lot of uncertainties around our new building. It has taken us a lot longer than we had hoped but we came together at the right time. I'm still not sure we have peaked yet."

Ottawa, which was upset in the OUA semifinals by the Windsor Lancers, enters the tournament as the wildcard selection following a vote by a committee of CIS coaches. The Gee-Gees settled for bronze at this weekend's OUA Final Four.

"We are thrilled to be receiving the wildcard and to be returning to nationals for the third year in a row," said head coach James Derouin, who led the nation's top-scoring program to its first-ever appearance in the CIS final a year ago.

"In the CIS, you know going into the season that every single game could count at the end because of the wildcard. We

fought hard every night and it paid off."

Third-seeded Ottawa quickly rebounded after losing to Windsor on home court in the OUA semis with a 79-66 win over Ryerson in the bronze medal match, thanks in large part to OUA scoring leader Johnny Berhanemeskel.

"We are looking forward to the nationals being hosted by Ryerson who did an incredible job with the OUA Final Four the last two seasons. It should be a great event."

The two teams have met once before on Oct. 25 at the Jack Donohue Tournament where the host Gee-Gees downed the Gaiters 80-66. Kyle Desmarais led Bishop's in scoring with 15 points, Majid Naji added 12 and Patrick Kabongo had 10.

However the Gaiters played shorthanded in that contest. Mike Andrews did not make the trip to the nation's capital and Sherbrooke native David Belanger was sidelined with a shoulder injury.

PK Kabongo admitted the task is daunting but not impossible.

"In my honest opinion, it's going to be a tough weekend," he said.

"The competition is strong. Most of these teams have the experience of being in a bigger environment, it being the nationals of course, as well as the history that these teams have of being at nationals. In saying this, I think were a different type of team in a different type of system. We have the ability to adapt and adjust to a lot of different types of challenges. I think we have the opportunity to create a new type of history for our school and community. We've worked hard to be in the position that we're in now and



CLARE WEBB / BISHOP'S ATHLETICS

The Bishop's Gaiters huddle up during a practice on Wednesday at the Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto, where the CIS Final 8 is being played. The Gaiters open the tournament tonight against Ottawa.

to be honest I think we can win Nationals."

### How to watch tonight's game:

The game will be webcast on www.cis-sic.tv and is also available to subscribers of the Rogers Super Sports Pak (Videotron calls this "SportsMax"). It will be on Videotron Channel 440 in the Sherbrooke area.

On campus, there are viewing parties scheduled for The Gait (during Happy Hour, along with the launch of Toast Radio), and in Dewhurst dining hall, with a special menu and cash bar starting at 6 p.m.

The Record will have all the highlights of tonight's game online and in the paper on Friday.

## CIS Final 8 Schedule

Today	Saturday
QUARTER-FINALS	CONSOLATION FINAL
(8) Saskatchewan vs. (1) Carleton, 11 a.m.	Consolation winners, 2 p.m.
(5) Dalhousie vs. (4) Victoria, 1 p.m.	SEMIFINALS
(7) Ryerson vs. (2) Windsor, 6 p.m.	Sask.-Carleton winner vs. Dal-Uvic winner, 6 p.m.
(6) Bishop's vs. (3) Ottawa, 8 p.m.	Ryerson-Windsor winner vs. Bishop's-Ottawa winner, 8:30 p.m.
TOMORROW	SUNDAY
CONSOLATION ROUND	BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Sask.-Carleton loser vs. Dal-Uvic loser, 2 p.m.	Semifinal losers, 11:30 a.m.
Ryerson-Windsor loser vs. Bishop's-Ottawa loser, 4 p.m.	CHAMPIONSHIP
	Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.
	all games in Toronto (Seedings in parentheses)

## Listening to Runtastic Story Telling App could pump up your running



A RUNNER'S MIND

CHRISTINE BLANCHETTE

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Runtastic is an innovative international mobile company that is offering the runner or fitness enthusiast an enjoyable workout by listening to stories about the adventures of becoming a motivated runner.

In a Q and A email interview with Chris Thaller, head of Creative Projects at Runtastic, he talks about the Runtastic story running program and how it works.

Q: Who creates the scripts?

A: With our Story Running program, we are partnering with freelance authors from all over the world. We have writers

from the United States, from Austria, Germany and even a writer from New Zealand. Since unveiling the storytelling format in October 2013, we have received inquiries from major publishers about partnering with us, but due to the unique nature of this program we have decided to work with a small, hand picked, group of authors.

Q: What kind of stories do you create?

A: Besides our fictional story genres, like Adventure, Fantasy, Sci-Fiction and Travel, there are also genres like motivation, coaching and inspiration.

Q: How do you pick the subjects?

A: We get a lot of inquiries

from passionate freelance authors, non-for-profit organizations or from big brands that want to cooperate. We also have our own ideas for which direction we want to go next.

Q: How popular are they?

A: The more story runs and the more content we offer, the more popular the entire program becomes. Since our launch in October 2013, the growth of the feature is above our expectations and we're getting a lot of positive feedback from users from around the world.

Q: What has been the feedback?

A: A common piece of feedback we receive is to offer our

story runs in more languages like French or Spanish. This is a good sign that our story running strategy works, not only do our users like the feature but they want more of it.

Q: What is your next project?

A: I honestly think that in 2015, we will bring story running to a whole new level. We have decided to release one new story run per month and we're keeping our strategy to collaborate with passionate story writers, sound producers and other creatives from around the world.

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# Datebook

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**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1912, the Girl Guides (later renamed the Girl Scouts of the USA) were founded in Savannah, Georgia.

In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi and more than 70 supporters began a 240-mile march protesting the British salt tax.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman introduced the "Truman Doctrine," a policy that provided military and economic aid to Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of communism.

In 2002, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 1397, endorsing the creation of a Palestinian state.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Elaine de Kooning (1918-1989), artist/critic; Jack Kerouac (1922-1969), author; Edward Albee (1928-), playwright; Andrew Young (1932- ) activist/politician; Liza Minnelli (1946- ), actress/singer; Mitt Romney (1947- ), politician; James Taylor (1948- ), singer-songwriter; Carl Hiaasen (1953- ), author; Darryl Strawberry (1962- ),

baseball player; Aaron Eckhart (1968- ), actor; Jaimie Alexander (1984- ), actress.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Former President Harry S. Truman was the holder of Medicare card No. 1, which President Lyndon Johnson symbolically presented to Truman on the passing of Medicare legislation in 1965.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1966, Bobby Hull scored his 51st goal, becoming the first NHL player to tally more than 50 goals in a season and leading his Chicago Blackhawks to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Sometimes it's necessary to go a long distance out of the way in order to come back a short distance correctly." — Edward Albee

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** \$18 billion — losses suffered by investors in the massive Ponzi scheme perpetuated by stockbroker Bernie Madoff, who pleaded guilty to 11 federal felonies on this day in 2009.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (March 5) and last quarter moon (March 13).

## Death



**Jean PICKEN FRENCH**

Peacefully at the Wales Home on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Jean Picken French in her 84th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Clinton French. Dear mother to Robert MacKeage (Heidrun) of Bruderheim, Alberta. Eric MacKeage (Donna Harden) of Lennoxville. Special aunt to Paul Wightman (Jill Guthrie), Penny Wightman, Judy Cormier (Simon Preston), Wayne Cormier (Tricia) and Howard Cormier. Dear grandmother to Jessica, Sarah and Ryan. Great aunt to Shawn, Brandon and Melissa. Also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Dear friend to Shirley Sayers. Also late brothers and sisters, Malcolm Picken, Hazel Picken Fleck, Calvin Picken, and Marion Picken Wightman. Survived by her sisters, Anna Picken Ward of Brampton, Ontario and Ruth Picken Cormier of Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.

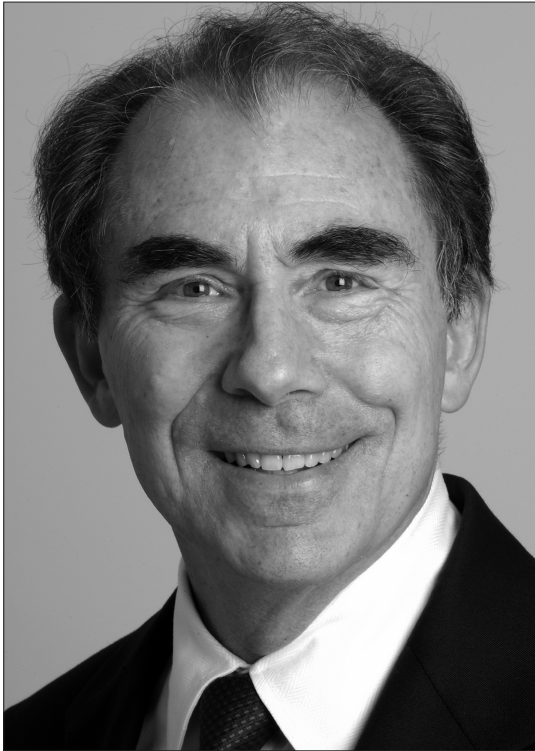
Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), where friends may call on Friday, March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Lennoxville United Church. Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment in the Malvern Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Manoir St. Francis, Lennoxville and the Wales Home, Richmond for the wonderful care given to Mrs. French.

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# Heart murmur often not a cause for concern



**ASK DOCTOR K**

By Anthony L. Komaroff, M.D.

**DEAR DOCTOR K:** What is a heart murmur? How is it treated?

**DEAR READER:** A heart murmur is a sound made

by turbulent blood flow within the heart. (Think whitewater rapids as opposed to a gently flowing river.) Your doctor hears this sound with a stethoscope.

Most often, a murmur occurs in a healthy heart. Sometimes, people have murmurs just with a normal flow of blood through their hearts. In other cases, a heart murmur may indicate a problem. Murmurs may be caused by a structural abnormality of a heart valve. Heart valves normally cause blood to be pumped in only one direction. When, for example, blood is being pulled in the wrong direction by gravity, the valve keeps that from happening.

Heart murmurs also may be due to an abnormal connection between two parts of the heart. Some causes of heart murmurs include:

- A tight or leaky heart valve. Heart valves control blood flow from the heart's upper chambers to its lower chambers, and from the lower chambers out to the rest of the body. A murmur can be heard if a valve becomes narrow, interfering with the outflow of blood. A murmur also can be heard if a leak causes blood to flow backward, in the wrong direction, through a valve.

- Mitral valve prolapse. In this condition, the mitral valve fails to close properly. As a result, blood leaks back from the heart's lower left chamber to the upper left chamber. I've put an illustration of a healthy and a prolapsed mitral valve on my website, AskDoctorK.com.

- Congenital heart problems. Some children are born with abnormalities in the way the heart and the blood vessels attached to the heart are built. These

abnormalities often cause murmurs.

- Endocarditis. Endocarditis occurs when an infection of the heart valves causes them to become damaged. This can cause a tight or a leaky heart valve, which then causes a murmur.

Heart murmurs often do not cause symptoms. However, when the heart damage that causes the murmur also causes the heart to malfunction, symptoms occur. They can include shortness of breath, light-headedness, rapid heartbeat and chest pain.

Murmurs that do not cause symptoms do not require treatment, though your doctor should monitor them regularly.

When treatment is required, it varies based on the cause of the murmur.

- A tight or leaky heart valve. Medications can treat symptoms. In severe cases, a diseased valve may be surgically corrected or replaced with an artificial valve.

- Mitral valve prolapse. Palpitations may be treated with medications. In rare, severe cases, the abnormal valve is repaired or replaced surgically.

- Congenital heart problems. Severe cases need to be corrected surgically.

- Endocarditis. Bacterial endocarditis is treated with several weeks of intravenous antibiotics. Sometimes, the infected heart valve must be replaced.

One of the most important things that a doctor does during a physical examination is listen for a heart murmur — and to distinguish those that are not a problem (most of them) from those that are.

*Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School.*

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Bingo on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Everyone is welcome! Info: 819-346-9122.

## LENNOXVILLE

There will be 500 cards played at "The Hut", A.N.A.F. Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## RICHMOND

Canadian Fiddle Champion SCOTT WOODS will be in Richmond on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. with a new show "Fiddling in the key of EH!" Tickets and info available now. Call Phyllis at 819-826-5883.

## AYER'S CLIFF

St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday March 15 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main Street, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a meal of ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes with real maple syrup, toast, fruit salad, coffee, tea and juice. All are welcome.

## DANVILLE

Country Gospel Hour featuring Dave & The Wranglers on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at St. Augustine's Anglican Church, 73 Carmel St. Refreshments will follow. These country musicians will playing

many of your favourite gospel hymns so if you would like information or tickets contact Marilyn Mastine 819-839-2554 or Lynn Dillabough 819-239-6902. The tickets are free but necessary.

## SHERBROOKE

Pass It On! Clothing Exchange at Oasis Christian Centre, 219 Queen Street, Sherbrooke. Free used clothes. All are welcome. Collecting: Sunday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday, March 16 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday, March 17 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Distributing: Thursday, March 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, March 20 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, please contact Stephanie Goddard: 819-564-1377 or info@oasiscentre.ca.

## DANVILLE

St. Hubert Supper at the Danville Legion, Friday March 13 from 6 - 7 p.m. followed by an evening of Entertainment with Paul Richard and Luc Menard. Only 50 tickets for supper. For reservations call 819-848-1421 or 819-434-1005.

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Memphremagog, Community Learning Centre, New Courses. Registration March 18, 6 - 8 p.m. Classes Begin March 25, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 for all 6 classes. Princess Elizabeth Elementary School (PEES) 120 Bellevue, Magog. Info? Perwana (819) 238-1285 MLADENOFF@ETSB.QC.CA. Course list visit: www.magogcl.ca

## BULWER

Join us for Irish Night on Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Bulwer Community Centre. Bring the family for an enjoyable evening of music, singalongs and more presented by talented local performers. Admission charged, refreshments available. It's a benefit for the Eaton Corner Museum. For info contact Serena Wintle

819-875-5210.

## AUSTIN

M.S. Branch 2000 St. Patrick's fun afternoon, Sunday, March 15, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Municipal Hall, Millington Road, Austin. Music by Jimmy Edwards and the Country Folks (Steve Miller is back). B.Y.O.B. Chips and soft drinks for sale. Please bring sandwiches or dessert to help with costs. Free lunch, tea and coffee. Raffle, half and half. Bring a door prize. Admission charged. Wear something green and help us celebrate. All welcome.

## BULWER

The Bulwer Branch of the Quebec Farmers' Association will meet on Thursday, March 12 at the Bulwer Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. Pot luck lunch. We'll see you there.

## LENNOXVILLE

On Sunday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch/Supper at Lennoxville Curling Club. Enjoy spaghetti, caesar salad and dessert while watching some great curling. Proceeds go toward sending the Provincial U18 Girls team to Edmonton, Alberta for the U18 International Tournament April 1-5. Come out and support a local girl achieve her goal! Lennoxville Curling Club is located at 6 Spied Street, Lennoxville. Everyone is welcome.

## LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage - Backwards tournament to be held at A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Thursday, March 19. Registration at 7 p.m. All profits go to Men's Sports at "The Hut". Everyone welcome, must bring your partner.

## LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage tournament to be held at A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Saturday, March

21. Registration at 1 p.m. Profits to go to the Water and Sewage Fund at "The Hut". Everyone welcome, must bring your partner.

## LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society annual general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Uplands, 9 Speid St., Sherbrooke (Borough of Lennoxville). For information, call 819-564-0409.

## RICHMOND

Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Townshippers' Association presents a free interactive health education session "Diabetes - The Sugar Factor" at the Richmond & Region Community Learning Center, Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong St., Richmond. For details contact Shannon Keenan, sk@townshippers.qc.ca or call Townshippers' Sherbrooke office at 819-566-5717.

## LENNOXVILLE

The annual St. Andrew's Sugaring-Off at 256 Queen St., Lennoxville will be in the Church Hall on Saturday, March 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sugar on snow, doughnuts, pickles, coffee, tea or juice. Always a good time. Come and enjoy! Wheelchair friendly.

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# How do I make my husband see that the kids should have jobs

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for 22 years. I started working when I was 14 and didn't stop until I started having medical issues two years ago.

The problem is my family. My husband doesn't think it is important that our two kids, ages 20 and 21, have jobs. I have tried repeatedly to help them find employment because they won't bother to try on their own. But they'll stay at a job for a month or two, and then they leave. My husband doesn't think there is a problem. When I bring it up, my son yells at me, and my husband doesn't care. He says at least our son attends night classes twice a week. Our daughter's self-esteem is very low, and I am worried about her.

I am sick of the arguments about the kids not doing more around the house and not finding work. I have moved out of the house and in with a friend. Was I wrong to do this? How do I make my husband see that the kids should have jobs? — Expect Better

Dear Expect: Well, if you are out of the house, no one will push those kids to find work, and your husband will be supporting everyone. Perhaps he will then realize that keeping the children dependent and childlike is not in anyone's best interest and insist that the kids contribute somehow to the household. But it won't solve everything.

We hate to sound like a broken record, but counseling could help both of you deal more respectfully with each other and more effectively with your kids. Even if your husband won't go, counseling could help you work out better ways of negotiating so that you have other choices besides frustration and walking out.

Dear Annie: My "Uncle Lucius" is 88 and has lived in an assisted-living facility for several years. He's not crazy about living there, but recognizes that he can no longer live on his own. He also has no interest in senior activities or much else.

Here's the problem: When taking him to a restaurant or bringing him to my home, he frequently refuses to leave at the end of the evening. Uncle Lucius has a normal appetite, but spends most of the time talking instead of eating. When everyone is nearly finished and he's prodded to eat, he routinely says he is too rushed, even if two hours have passed, and that he can't chew his food, even if the meal is soup. He'll demand new food to take home. If he's told there is no food to take, he suddenly has no problem eating everything on his plate within 15 minutes.

Uncle Lucius has become so difficult that I am reluctant to pick him up and take him places. Any sug-

gestions? — Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: We think Uncle Lucius is lonely and uses these outings as an excuse to be the center of attention, and he wants to prolong the experience. You are a kind soul to pick him up and have him for dinner, but we can see that your patience is wearing thin.

Let Lucius know that any food he doesn't finish at the time you are ready to leave will be put in a plastic bag for him to take home. Then do it. You also might visit with him in his care facility, asking him to show you around or perhaps visiting at a time when there is an activity you can do together that takes the same amount of time as you would have spent having dinner with him. Please try to be tolerant.

Dear Annie: "Frustrated Pastor's Wife" complained that her husband is not paid for officiating. It seems that customs vary among denominations and even among individuals within denominations.

Our last pastor would not accept any payment, saying that officiating at such occasions was part of the pastoral care he provided. — Mike

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

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### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "Women ... should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others." — Amelia Earhart

TODAY'S CLUE: E equals P

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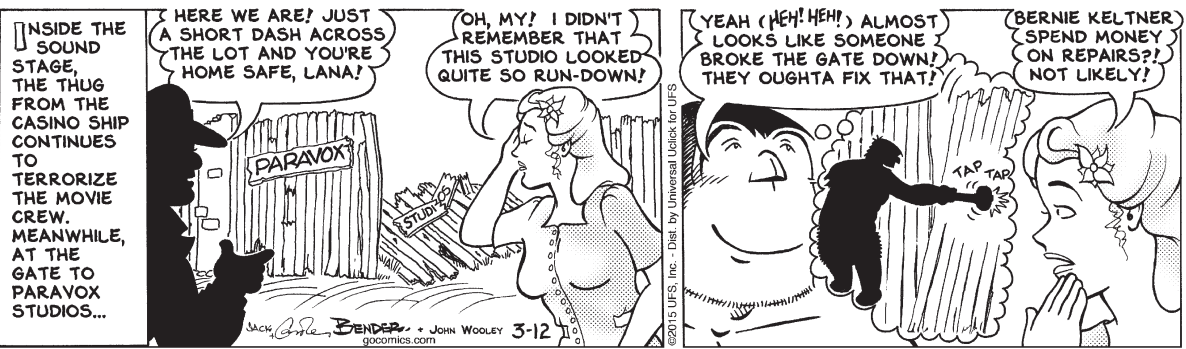


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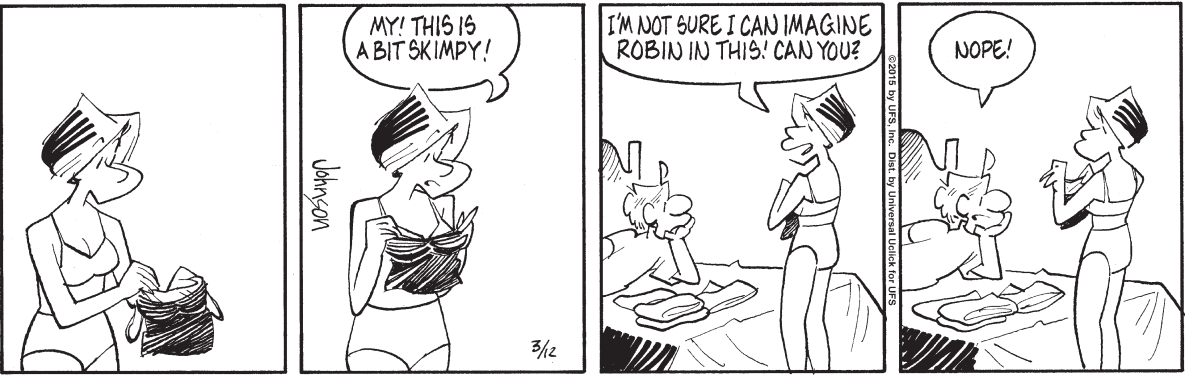


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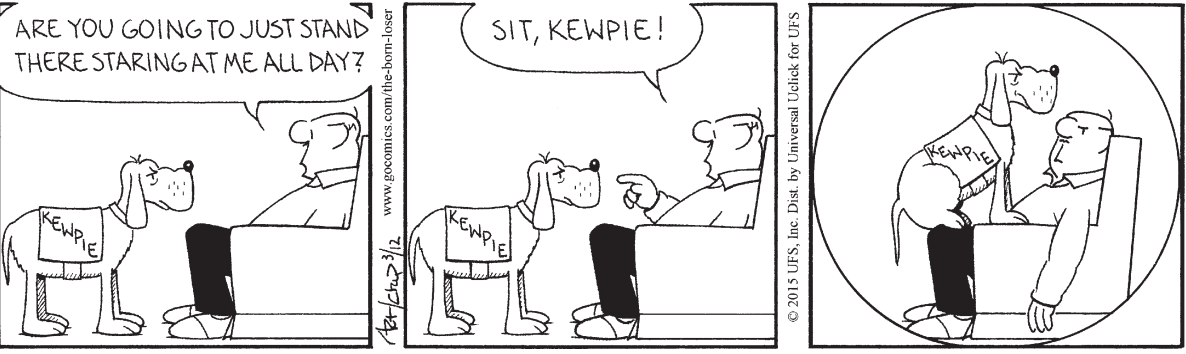
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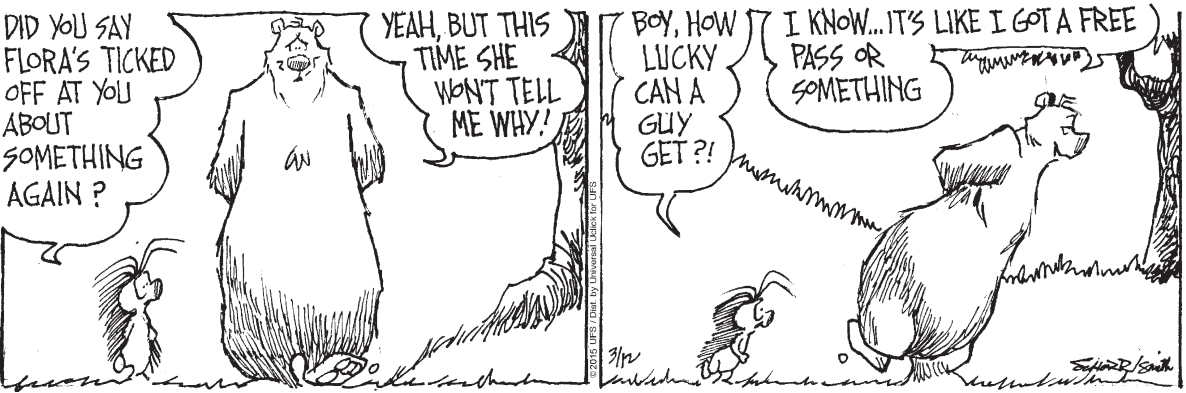
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## Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute

Members of the Kinnear's Mills W.I. met for their annual meeting, and the first meeting of 2015, on Wednesday, March 4 at the home of Huguette Blais, with Flora MacNaul as joint hostess.

Huguette Blais, President, conducted the meeting, which was opened by repeating the Creed, Salute to the Flag and Oath of Citizenship.

The President asked the members to observe a minute of silence, in remembrance of a faithful member Helen MacRae who passed away suddenly February 1. Helen was a special member, a special friend and we all miss her.

Birthday wishes for this month to Joy Nugent and Huguette Blais. Each received a gift.

Mottos: Give and it shall be given unto you. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

Roll Calls: Name a worthy cause you like to give to. Today's technology that you take for granted.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and signed as there were no meetings during the winter months.

Helen Lowry gave the Financial Report, and each chairperson read and approved their annual report.

Pauline Nutbrown, County President, had given out the Academic

Awards on January 9. A note of thanks from Stephen Renaud, Principal.

A donation to the W.I. was received from Megantic L.O.L. in memory of our member Helen MacRae.

A social time around Huguette's dining table, with a delicious hot meal, served by Flora and Huguette, was enjoyed. Robert joined the ladies at the noon hour.

Following our meal, we continued with the meeting.

A motion by Flora MacNaul, seconded by Pauline Nutbrown, a donation in memory of Helen MacRae be given to the Community Hall.

All members agreed no W.I. meetings be held in the winter months. A Pot Luck will be held in November. Christmas get-together at Restaurant. Telephone contact will continue.

Judy Melanson had sent each member a group picture taken at our Christmas get-together at Le Craig Restaurant. Pauline Nutbrown received a card from the Wright family. A motion that we continue with greeting cards to our friends.

Members paid their annual dues. Program: Wear something red. What's new in the maple syrup industry.

The meeting concluded. Members had enjoyed their pleasant time together and again thanked Huguette and Flora.

Submitted by  
Audrey Allan,  
Publicity & Awareness.

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Some unanticipated insight will help you prosper this year. Listen carefully to people knowledgeable in finance and e-commerce. Learning to cut corners and discovering new ways to save will put you in a cushy situation that allows you greater freedom and lessens your stress.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take what others say too seriously. Keep in mind that everyone has bad days. You may happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Focus on positive gains.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You're on your way up, so keep the momentum flowing. Do something that will make you think and bring you added wisdom. An unexpected someone will help you further your goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Offer your help. Bend over backward in order to feel good about what you have done. Rewards will head your way. Financial opportunities are apparent, but don't take a risk.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Deal with an emotionally fraught situation that is disrupting your personal life. Your eloquent way of handling such matters will help you resolve the problem so that you can move forward.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Take a chance and push to get ahead professionally and financially. If you use your skills more diversely, your talents will be recognized and put to good use.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll have a

brilliant idea that will help you get ahead with a project that you've wanted to spend more time developing. A social event will lead you to someone who will prove motivational.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Difficulties will develop if you are critical. Don't get into a senseless argument. Stay cool, do your own thing and don't judge the ones you work with or love.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you talk to as many people as possible, you'll realize how valuable you are and how much you have to offer. Take pride in your accomplishments and celebrate with someone special.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Deal with personal paperwork that's piled up. You cannot offer help to others if you can't take care of your own business. Check out a tax break that encourages saving.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's time to deal with an ongoing situation that has been bugging you. If someone isn't treating you properly, speak up or make changes that will alleviate the problem.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Work behind the scenes if you want to make headway. The more you do without interference from others, the better. Progress should be your aim, not pontification.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll be dedicated, loyal and ready to take on a leadership position. An opportunity you've been waiting for will happen if you pursue it with relentless courage.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

# Be flexible in your thinking

By Phillip Alder

Dame Margaret Drabble, Lady Holroyd, an English novelist, biographer and critic, said, "Why can't people be both flexible and efficient?"

Bridge players who are flexible in their thinking tend to be efficient. Look at the North hand in this deal. North opened one club, and South responded one heart. What should North have rebid?

There is no call that perfectly describes that North hand. Four clubs would be great if it indicated three-card heart support, but it requires four cards in partner's major. Still, it is a possible choice.

North is far too strong to rebid three clubs (although that might work out well here). My choice would be three no-trump. This shows a hand too strong for a three-club rebid; typically 18 or 19 high-card points, six-plus excellent clubs, stoppers in the unbid suits and often a singleton in responder's suit. (This last factor is the bid's main minus.)

After three no-trump, South will want to ask for aces — yet another problem! But if South can learn that his partner has three aces, he will jump to seven hearts, confident that he can make it by establishing dummy's club suit.

At the table I watched this deal being

North 03-12-15			
♠ A 7			
♥ A 8 7			
♦ K			
♣ A K J 9 6 5 4			
West			East
♠ 10 6 4 3 2			♠ Q J 8
♥ 6 3			♥ 5 2
♦ Q J 7 5			♦ 10 8 6 4 3
♣ 3 2			♣ Q 10 7
South			
♠ K 9 5			
♥ K Q J 10 9 4			
♦ A 9 2			
♣ 8			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	??	
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

played, North rebid two no-trump, indicating a balanced 18 or 19 points. South used Gerber twice (bidding four clubs and five clubs) to ask for aces and kings, then signed off in six no-trump. True, he could count only 12 tricks (two spades, six hearts, two diamonds and two clubs), but he should have taken a shot at seven hearts. That contract surely would have had some play — and dummy would have been a pleasant surprise.

# CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 Atkins no-no
- 5 “\_ bad idea”
- 9 Brothers Grimm creature
- 14 Old apple spray
- 15 Pinnacle
- 16 Painful turning point?
- 17 Elizabeth of “Lone Star”
- 18 Nothing
- 19 Experimental blast
- 20 Russian composer and piano virtuoso
- 23 Related compounds
- 24 Gap
- 28 Italian roads
- 29 Café breakfast order
- 31 Birdbrain
- 33 Arrived just in time for
- 34 Reservoir creator
- 37 TV fantasy about three magical sisters
- 40 Delivery person?

- 41 Some Persians
- 43 Absolute ruler
- 45 Den piece
- 48 Arrival announcement
- 52 Deduce
- 53 Manned the helm
- 54 Annual sports event that begins with Selection Sunday on 3/15 ... or, cryptically, a hint to the scrambled word found at the starts of 20-, 29-, 37- and 45-Across
- 57 Provide a spread for
- 60 Script “Q” feature
- 61 In the past
- 62 Scenic route, perhaps
- 63 Curvature
- 64 Stax Records genre
- 65 Sleep soundly?
- 66 Milk sources for some Tibetan cheese
- 67 Milk sources for some Greek cheese

**Down**

- 1 Crop pants
- 2 Orioles' div.
- 3 Venom
- 4 Hindu priest
- 5 Childhood home of Jesus
- 6 Makes the first move
- 7 Actress Hatcher
- 8 Nerve cell transmitter
- 9 Story you might find on MuggleNet.com, briefly
- 10 Myrmecologist's subject
- 11 '50s political nickname
- 12 Jekyll creator's monogram
- 13 However
- 21 Doc
- 22 Resistance unit

- 44 Precisely, after “on”
- 46 Town crier's cry
- 47 JFK info
- 49 Prior to today, poetically
- 50 Save
- 51 Fords that never got going
- 53 Usually stained work garb
- 55 French Open surface
- 56 Bat mitzvah dance
- 57 “The Big Bang Theory” network
- 58 Author Rand
- 59 Seesaw need

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