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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

Sherbrooke police in the right place at the right time

By Matthew McCully

On the morning of Dec. 26, Sherbrooke police officers Sébastien Houle and Éric Simoneau performed life-saving measures on a choking 14-month old toddler in Lennoxville. "You can imagine the panic," said Martin Carrier, spokesperson for the department.

According to Carrier, the two officers happened to be on patrol in the Lennoxville area when a 911 call was placed from a home on Pierce Street.

Carrier said the call came in at 8:58 a.m. reporting a 14-month old boy had choked and was unconscious.

Houle and Simoneau arrived on the scene at 9:02 a.m.

After one officer laid the child across his arm and tapped on his back, he eventually started breathing and crying.

An ambulance arrived shortly after to continue the intervention and bring the toddler to hospital.

Carrier said it is not uncommon for police to arrive on a scene before an ambulance or fire truck.

"They have more patrol vehicles," Carrier said, adding that they are usually out on the move already, and don't need to leave from a central location to get to a call.

Last year, Carrier said officers had to support women in labour on two occasions.

While medical interventions are sometimes required, Carrier believed working with a baby was a first time Houle and Simoneau.

"They responded with calm and used the right techniques," Carrier said.

City offers activity alternatives for local families



GORDON LAMBIE

Children enjoying the bouncy castles set up by the City of Sherbrooke at Julien Ducharme Centre on the east end of Fleurimont.

Gordon Lambie

Even with the turn toward more wintry weather that came over the weekend, a warmer than usual holiday season left many outdoor enthusiasts short of some of their favourite pastimes over the last few weeks. While some took this as an opportunity to prolong their jogging, wet and muddy outdoors left families with young kids needing a physical outlet short on options. In response to this, the city of Sherbrooke has set up inflatable

games in one of the gymnasias of the Julien Ducharme Centre on the east end of Fleurimont.

At the last City council meeting of the year Danielle Berthold, city councillor for the Desranleau district, in which the centre is located, highlighted the decision as a direct response to the continued inability to open Sherbrooke's outdoor skating rinks. Until the ice thickens up in the New Year, she said, families can stop into Julien Ducharme to try out the bouncy castles.

The games were set up Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and will follow the same pattern this week. Though not for those with an aversion to the smell of feet (as shoes must be removed to play on the inflatable structures) the free activity has proven quite popular, with families turning out in large numbers to participate.

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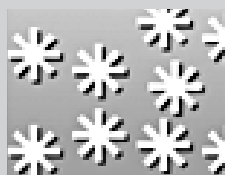
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DISHPAN HANDS

SHEILA QUINN

Thirteen years ago I was secretly, down deep inside of myself, afraid of the lonely experience of giving birth for the first time. I felt the closest with my baby. That child (we had opted not to learn baby's gender prior to arrival) and I were about to go through something that was new to both of us.

Angus, you started to arrive late at night, but everything slowed down for several hours in the morning before the real ordeal began. I couldn't believe what it felt like. I didn't feel like I was going to die or anything, but I sure as heck hoped it would be over soon. Thank goodness for our midwives. Thank goodness for your supportive Dad.

You were Baby New Year of 2003. Nine pounds, ten ounces, and twenty-two and one-quarter inches long - the very same measurements as my father had been, we read in his baby book.

Our first month was difficult. You had a very hard time latching on to nurse. I'll never forget when we finally got the hang of it - I can picture where we were sitting, the light in the room, and how proud I was of both of us.

You grew to be so robust. You were what I called "my little barnacle". You needed to be constantly in my arms. Doing everything was challenging, but it was another of the firsts that I needed to learn about to understand how to be a mother. I would rarely have control of all of my faculties and senses again, from that moment on. I had to predict the future, understand the sounds of everything in every house I visited. I felt lost when it came to establishing a routine for you, but together we chipped away at all of those funny little bits of life.

As of the holidays of 2015, you are not much more than an inch shorter than me. Your shoulders are wider than mine; your feet surpass mine by at least

a few inches in length. Your hands are bigger than mine too, but that's not surprising, me with my little Cabbage Patch Kid hands and all. Your eyebrows, voice and especially your nose are undergoing that boy-becoming-man thing - becoming defined, refined. You are stretching out - you continue your long v-shape just like Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps. Long arms, long legs, you are growing beyond coltish.

Your interests haven't changed much. You still love all things Disney more than anything else in the entire world. The top on my bucket list is a trip to Disney world for you (and your brother too of course) - there's nowhere else I can imagine enjoying being more than with you there. I know you will be beside yourself one day when we finally realize that dream. I am looking so forward to seeing Finding Dori with you, the follow-up film to Finding Nemo, one of your absolute favourites. When I showed you the trailer you were slack-jawed and in disbelief that you were watching something new from your favourite characters.

At one time, I felt like we would never get beyond a very, very limited diet. As with many folks with Autism, you have sensory sensitivities, and food textures is probably the most challenging of them. Your diet is more varied than ever now though, and I am so grateful for that. You have graduated from just chicken to being comfortable with fish, beef and pork (as long as it is all prepared in a relatively similar way). You still probably have the healthiest diet of all of us.

You are about to turn thirteen years of age. Here we sit again, you and me and all of your many friends, family and fans. We sit with you on the verge of the teens. This is a time of many milestones that your neurotypical peers are already experiencing - first crushes, strange changes, first slow dances (or fast for that matter), a bit of a pulling away from the nest. I want you to be able to experience as much of that as possible. I don't know exactly how we'll manage it, but where there's a will, there's a way. I want you to live your own life to the fullest, not made to fit into the same trajectory as others. I just don't want you to miss out on anything that you hope for either.

I feel so hopeful about your future. These days you have taken to lacing your fingers together with mine and stopping to focus. Sometimes I feel like you are

trying to read my mind, or to understand what is happening around you when you do that. I stop everything when you do it too, so that I can be completely in that moment with you. I don't know what it means, but I want to, so I just sit and pay attention, and try not to restrict it too much. It feels powerful. I really like it. I love to learn, and you are a great teacher, because you have a billion times more patience than all of us put together. I don't know how you do it; get through this totally bizarre world we live in, without all of the trappings of communication that the rest of us can at least sort of navigate.

I see the shadow of a mustache dusting your top lip. It's not overly present yet, but it will be. I know that helping you learn to shave will be like helping you to learn to brush your teeth or wash your hands properly or any of those other things has been like. You love to cook and help me grind coffee beans, and just need a little accompaniment through those processes. The same will go for shaving.

I know that we will always go together through life. I know you won't branch off into the world the way your brother, step-brother, step-sister and cousins will, but every way you want to, I will help you to explore beyond this nest.

There are no limits to this. There are no real rules. We're going to design our life together.

They ain't seen nothing yet, Angus. They ain't seen nothing yet.

Happy Thirteenth Birthday, my beautiful boy.

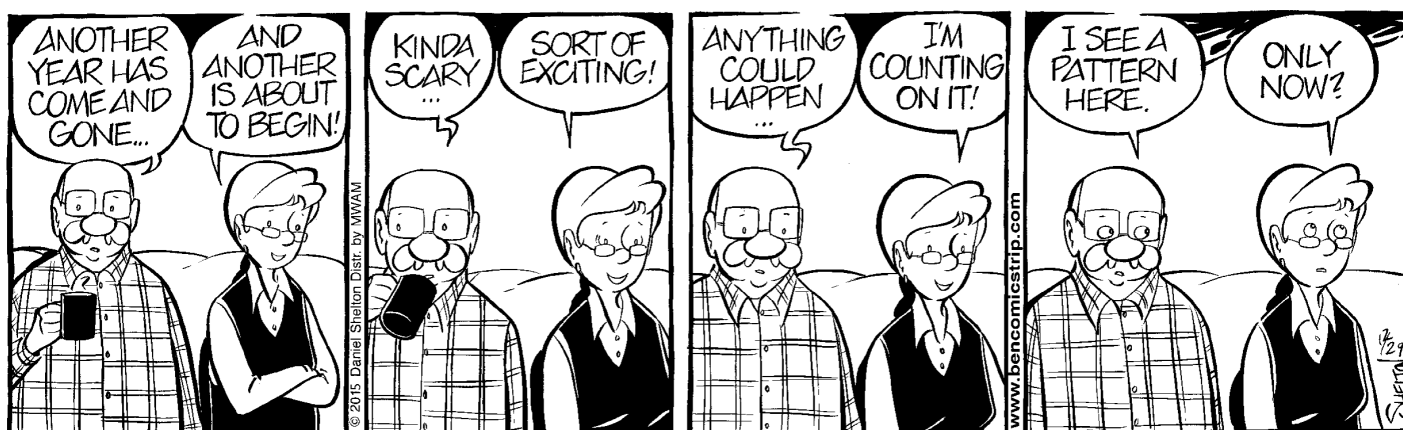
Love, Mummy xoxo



SHEILA QUINN

Angus

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"So far the weather has been very cooperative, so that some teams have been more effective..."

Weather could affect Nez Rouge service

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

Unstable weather conditions predicted for the next few days could force Operation Nez Rouge to reduce or temporarily cease its operations, Radio Canada Estrie is reporting. Environment Canada issued a win-

ter storm warning for several regions of Quebec, including the Eastern Townships, which may receive up to 35 centimeters of snow by Wednesday.

David Latouche, director of marketing operations and communications for the safe ride service explained that the organization must first and foremost ensure the safety of its volunteers and clients.

"When conditions do not cooperate, we have to slow down our operations," Latouche told the news service, adding that it is not unusual for the organization to have to cease operations for a few days due to inclement weather. It's the mild December weather that's unusual, he says.

"So far the weather has been very cooperative, so that some teams have

been more effective. When you don't need to clear snow from the car during the evening, you can provide one or two more rides."

Local coordinators determine whether activities are reduced or stopped in an area due to a storm. The public can stay informed by following the Operation Nez Rouge Twitter feed.

Councillor wants citizens group for Victoria Park

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

The Sherbrooke City Councillor for the District of Pin Solitaire, Hélène Dauphinais, is inviting the public to an information meeting and discussion aimed at the creation of the Friends of Victoria Park Association on Thursday, January 7.

This invitation is directed not only at park users, but also at residents of the sector, and anyone who cares about the protection, maintenance, and future development of the magnificent green space. Anyone with experience in creating this kind of citizens group and who desires to be actively involved is also encouraged to participate.

"This is one of the heritage jewels in the eastern part of the city and it is normal that citizens come together to see to its protection and harmonious development, as is being done for the Beckett Woods and Mont-Bellevue parks," says Dauphinais, whose district includes Victoria Park. Dauphinais believes that, once formed, an association of this kind could also act as an advisory body to the city, para-municipal organizations, and elected officials. "During my election campaign, I expressed my desire to involve citizens more directly in decisions about Victoria Park and that idea was well received," Dauphinais says, adding that she would like to see the organization take form in the coming year.

Victoria Park covers 32 hectares in the

heart of the city. It was created in 1910, with baseball games held in the stadium that would later become the Amédée-Roy stadium. It also housed a small zoo from 1947 to 1979. Today, the park includes trails, play structures, a dance floor, an outdoor pool, and the stadium, among other attractions. To learn more about the history of Victoria Park, visit the website of the city of Sherbrooke: <https://www.ville.sherbrooke.qc.ca/citoyen/arrondissements/de-fleurimont/histoire-locale-de-fleurimont/parc-victoria/>

The meeting to discuss the formation of the group will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in Room 309 of the Immaculate Conception Community and Cultural Centre, located at 987 Conseil St. in Fleurimont.



RECORD ARCHIVES

City councillor Hélène Dauphinais wants to form a citizens group to help protect Fleurimont's historic Victoria Park and plan for its future.

Fire ravages Plessisville pig farm

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

Some 3,500 animals perished as flames engulfed a pig farm on Range Rd 9 west in Plessisville overnight Saturday to Sunday.

Firefighters were called in just before midnight to find two of the three buildings of Le Porc du Moine family farm were completely destroyed. The animals in the other building survived, as well as those in breeding unit. Overall, about 1,000 pigs were saved.

The fire began on the building closest to the road, allowing firefighters to contain this fire but it had spread to the other two that were destroyed. The cause of the blaze remains unknown and an investigator was dispatched to the scene.

Forty firefighters battled the flames

with reinforcements coming in from Laurierville, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, St. Ferdinand, and Princeville.

Losses are estimated to be at least in the several hundreds of thousands, or even millions of dollars.

Winter claims first shoveling victim

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

The long-delayed arrival of winter wasted no time in claiming its first victim as a Drummondville octogenarian died Sunday morning while shov-

eling the region's first significant snowfall.

A neighbor summoned emergency services to a Jean-Paul-Riopelle St. residence after seeing the elderly victim collapse while he was trying to clear his driveway. Fearing a heart attack, the witness im-

mediately called 9-1-1 and ran to help.

Paramedics arrived quickly but were not able to resuscitate the man and he was pronounced dead at Sainte-Croix Hospital in Drummondville in the hours that followed.

Police have questioned witnesses and

studied the scene to conclude that the death was accidental. The Sûreté du Québec points out that heart attacks while shoveling snow are common and suggests that people respect their limits, take frequent breaks, and not to indulge in lengthy shoveling sessions.

Alternative Activities

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The arrival of more seasonal temperatures was enough to lift spirits in another part of Sherbrooke's physical activity portfolio. On Friday, the city took to its Facebook page to announce that the Mont Bellevue Ski Centre

would be opening one slope and its corresponding lift today for the first time today. Mont Bellevue will start its ski season at 9 a.m. and stay open until 5 p.m.

Based on the current forecast, the hill is set to be open on Wednesday the 30th and Thursday the 31st as well,

with the only scheduling difference being a 4 p.m. closure on New Year's Eve. Mont Bellevue will be closed on the first of the year, but will reopen again on the second with hours that have yet to be determined, but these first days of the season the hill will be offering a special discounted ticket

price to try to encourage impatient skiers and boarders out of their mild-December funk and onto the slopes.

The Ski centre, located at 1440, Brébeuf Street in Sherbrooke, can be reached at 819 821-5872.

My Take:

Matthew McCully

I have a message for my fellow Townshippers this holiday season:

You did good.

I'm exposed to a lot of the goings on in the region because of everything

flowing through the newsroom.

I have to say I was blown away by the generosity of people in the area.

What I covered barely scratched the surface, but I saw people jump into a freezing lake to raise money for Syrian refugees, I met a woman who knits and

donates her work to charity, I watched a group of volunteers feed 100 people on Boxing Day.

I know that because people cared, anyone who went to the homeless shelter in Sherbrooke on Christmas Day received a gift.

I also watched community members, flying under the radar, buy Secret Santa gifts for children in need they will never meet.

I just wanted to say Bravo! You did good.

Official visit, state dinner at White House for Trudeau set for mid March

The Canadian Press

U.S. President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have set a date for their first meeting in Washington.

Trudeau and his wife are to be welcomed by the Obamas for an official visit and state dinner at the White House on March 10.

Obama and Trudeau met on the sidelines of the APEC summit in the Philippines in November and Obama had mentioned then he had hoped to have the Trudeaus to the White House in the new year.

U.S. Ambassador Bruce Heyman announced the date in a statement Mon-

day, saying the visit is an opportunity for the two countries to deepen their bilateral relationship.

Heyman said it is also intended to advance co-operation on issues such as energy and climate change, security and the economic relationship.

The meeting will come just ahead of the end of the parliamentary mandate for Canada's participation in the U.S.-led bombing campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria.

Trudeau has said Canada will remain a participant in the fight against the militants but how and in what capacity remains unclear.

Another key issue will be the future of the Trans Pacific Partnership deal;

Canada agreed to the landmark trade package during the election but it still needs to be ratified and Trudeau has not set a timeline for when that will happen.

It will be the first White House state

dinner in 19 years for a Canadian leader.

The last one was in 1997 when then-president Bill Clinton hosted then-prime minister Jean Chretien.



CANADIAN PRESS

President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stand up following their bilateral meeting at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Manila, Philippines.

Sherbrooke woman succumbs to crash injuries

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

A woman involved in a head-on collision of Ch. Ste-Catherine in Sherbrooke Sunday afternoon has died from her injuries. She has been identified as Mélissa Dufresne, 30, from Sher-

brooke. The other driver involved in the accident, a 48-year old man, also suffered serious injuries, but is expected to recover.

Police are investigating the cause of the crash but believe that road conditions played a key role.

Woman fights for her life after Dunham collision

Record Staff
Sherbrooke

A 20-year old woman is fighting for her life after being involved in an accident in Dunham Sunday afternoon.

According to the Sûreté du Québec, the young woman was driving west-

bound on Highway 202 when she lost control of her vehicle and collided with an oncoming vehicle. An investigation has been opened by the Sûreté du Québec and an inspection of the woman's vehicle will be carried out. The three passengers of the other vehicle were treated in hospital for minor injuries.

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The Scoop

This year, Fred and Lillian Korman are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Owl's Head Ski

A very "Green" Christmas—What would Bing Crosby say?



MABLE HASTINGS

There are certain things that you don't really expect to see on Christmas day; cyclists in t-shirts on the Scenic Road to Sutton, teens enjoying a sneaker clad game of basketball surrounded by blow up Christmas minions in a family's front yard, the thermometer registering 10 degrees celsius and, flowers in full bloom in your sister's garden. While it is snowing as I write this, the scene I describe here is exactly what I witnessed this year on Christmas day as I made my way to join family for dinner.

Keeping with what seems to have become our family holiday ritual (or curse), we lost power at our place on Christmas Eve in the afternoon, as we seem to do every second year. While a warm wind blew and guests gathered for dinner, the generator got us through to the restoration of Christmas lights, baking and the comforts that only Hydro Quebec can provide. In the interim, the candles provided an ambiance and we made the best of the situation.

While Star 92.9 chugged out the festive tunes promising snow, winter wonderland and the thumpity thump thump of Frosty's broomstick, it appeared that this year, the Grinch got his way. Children and families who expected Christmas holidays to be filled with ice skating, skiing and snowshoeing found themselves baffled at best trying to decide if a sweater or sneakers were appropriate or even required. Those anticipating an

afternoon of skidoo rides or tobogganing instead had to settle for kicking around a soccer ball or taking a walk. Although beautiful, the holiday felt somewhat odd and misplaced. The calendar said December 25 but most could have sworn that it was an early spring afternoon.

While El Nino brings relief to heating bills and snow removal costs, the ski resorts suffer and those employed in seasonal jobs do as well. This year, Fred and Lillian Korman are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Owl's Head Ski but the warm temperatures have made snow making virtually impossible. No snow means no skiing and this can affect commerce for many businesses in small and large towns alike where a ski hill brings in the tourists with the holidays normally being one of their busiest times of the year.

Living in the townships, there is just something odd about looking out at the lake or river on Christmas day and seeing a canoe paddle by. While the bazaar weather makes for great conversation, winter enthusiasts will welcome the snow which no doubt will be arriving to stay any day now, right?



MABLE HASTINGS

My sister's front garden on Christmas day where her pansies are still in full bloom!

The latest statistics on the Liberals' Syrian refugee resettlement program

The Canadian Press

Here is a look at the latest numbers on the Liberals' Syrian refugee resettlement program.

10,000: Number of privately-sponsored Syrian refugees the government had said it was aiming to bring to Canada by the of the year.

7,218: number of Syrians who have arrived in Canada plus those who have had their applications approved but have not travelled.

2,413: As of Dec. 26, total number of Syrians who have arrived in Canada since Nov. 4.

1,452: number of Syrians listed as arriving on flights scheduled on Dec. 27 and 28.

6,135: Number of Syrians that would be required to arrive after that to meet the Dec. 31 goal.

1,500: maximum number of Syrian refugees that Immigration Minister John McCallum has said can arrive via government flights, per day, at the Toronto and Montreal airports combined.

9: government flights of Syrian refugees currently scheduled to arrive between Dec. 29 and Dec. 31.

5: maximum number of flights per day those two airports can accommodate.

2015 Babies!



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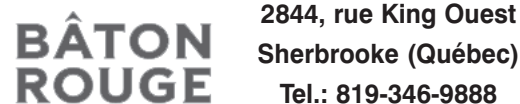
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EDITORIAL

The budget was tight and oranges and candy for all was a challenge.

Christmas trip down memory lane 2015

By Claudia Villemaire
Richmond

When Grandma was still with us, December was always 'memory' time, not just around the Christmas holiday but long before when plans of what to bake, what to buy for gifts, and when to send cards and messages to family and friends. As the days wound down to those last days before December 25, recalling the old days with hands flour-covered, perhaps pork knuckles stewing on the back of the kitchen stove and trips to the pantry regularly gave the story tellers sound effects modern technology has only recently mastered.

"We kept bags of wild cranberries in the summer kitchen where they would stay frozen until it was time to begin stringing those frosty, red berries on coarse white thread", Grandma would remember. "And ah yes, making strings of popcorn, always hoping a mouse or two would not devour the whole lot before Christmas morning," she would say, chuckling at the memory of several years when popcorn was reduced to kernels littering the tissue paper spread under the tree.

She was recalling a time before cars, electricity and indoor toilets - probably around 1875 or 80. "You know, the most precious treasure in our stocking was an orange. And that didn't happen every year. Trips to town were rare and by horse and sleigh and those were times when a .25 cent piece was as precious as a diamond."

But Grandma wasn't gloomy or morose as she told her stories. "We were fortunate to be living on a farm where gardens provided the vegetables for winter, berry-picking in summer always meant there was jam, jelly or preserves, homemade bread, rolls, were plentiful. The animals provided meat, milk, and wool, chicken and eggs. The only store-bought ingredients were flour, sugar, perhaps cereals such as oatmeal or bran, salt and sugar, pepper if there was enough money, vanilla and raisins. So that orange was like a special gift and quite often, the only gift we would get."

Three and four generations later, recalling Grandma's stories seem impossible and totally unbelievable to the 21st century young folks. Taking a short trip through time, we come to my generation when an apple, an orange, hard candy, and a small gift would bulge my Christmas stocking. At home with my Mom and Dad I never made cranberry and popcorn garlands, there were lights on the tree, Christmas dinner was always a turkey with all the trimmings. There were gifts under the tree and, even though Mom would recall her youth on the farm with Grandma, that's where the similarities would end.

But they say, history repeats itself. Early in the 60s I found myself back on the home farm, my family expanded to four children. The budget was tight and oranges and candy for all was a challenge. At some point, those old stories rose to the surface of my memory and once again, we were stringing popcorn, making paper chains and, for a few cents, buying a few Christmas balls that were actually chocolate wrapped in colourful aluminum paper. (Which by the way, the dog found and ate them all Christmas eve). We wrapped pairs of socks separately; toys were rare and carefully chosen.

However, it did not seem to matter. The turkey was actually a small chicken swimming in delicious gravy, desert would be Christmas pudding with white sauce, (no such thing as brandy sauce), but there was an envelope of love and fellowship warming the family circle. We went to Christmas Eve service, we gathered at the piano and sang carols, the kids did the usual thing, shaking gifts, hefting them high over their head, sniffing the wrapping to see if candy or chocolate was hiding under the Christmas paper and endlessly asking when they could begin opening their presents. We knew the story of Christmas - we talked about Bethlehem's newborn baby, we sang Gloria in Excelsis and nothing mattered more than being all together.

There must be a lesson in this story somewhere.

To my family and friends across the beautiful Eastern Townships - Merry



Christmas and wishes for the happiest and best New Year ever. Personally, many thanks to all the folks who helped bring my stories to life - the team at The Record during the six weeks of E.T county fairs,

and to all the people out there who graciously took the time to tell me their stories and adventures, hopes and plans for their county fair. God Bless one and all!

Dear Editor:

Please consider this letter as a follow-up to The Record letter to the Editor published on Dec. 23: "Bill 86: Helping linguistic minority or not?"

The thrust of the letter was, basically, a complaint levelled at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and other anglophone groups, who held a press conference, on Dec. 16., to denounce Bill 86, which calls for truly democratizing our public school system by scrapping school board elections.

They claimed the Bill was an "attack," an "assault" and argued, at the conference, Bill 86 removes linguistic minority rights and so it belongs "in the garbage."

The headline of Dec. 16, Le Devoir article read: "Mettez le projet de loi a la poubelle, disent des anglophones."

Let's put this in context:

1. There were no English boards before 1998 - and we managed.

2. The Bill does allow for full-scale board elections if 15 per cent of parents wish to have elections.

That said, this letter is about a more disturbing claim made by the president of the QESBA, at around 15-16-minute mark of the archived webcast meeting, titled: "Community takes a stand against Bill 86."

Jennifer Maccarone said the Bill shows the government is "disconnected" with the anglo community, makes "a mockery of our 85 per cent success rates" and "we cannot put student success at risk."

Let's analyze.

For starters: There is no record anywhere that school commissioners are directly connected to student success. They simply are not. Think about private schools and their success rates -

without commissioners.

Nevertheless, Bill 86 does "focus on ensuring student success" by giving more decision-making power to parents, teachers, principals and support staff. After all, it is these people who are beside the student, and evidence suggests that the closer the decision-maker is to the student, the greater the likelihood of improved student achievement.

However, the Bill also notes there is a significant number of students who need extra help to succeed.

Consequently, one innovative key feature of Bill 86 calls for a 'Resource Allocation Committee' manned primarily by school principals. No doubt, this committee will ensure maximum aid is obtained for our "special-needs" students, because principals really know what is needed in their schools. Moreover, the new Council (board) makeup must include one parent, of the six, to be a parent of a "special-needs" child, who is in the system.

Then add to that, the recent Liberal government promise to invest "\$100 million in front-line services for schools and students from underprivileged backgrounds."

Contrary to what the QESBA imagines, there is no "attack;" there is no "threat" to the anglophone community. Nothing is "at risk."

Indeed, Bill 86 provides mechanisms and tools designed for more democracy, and to increase student achievement, for our linguistic minority.

It is evident the Quebec government with its Bill 86, is truly on the right path to modernizing and democratizing our public school system, with the view to improve student success.

We should be working together.

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Montreal, QC

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Mitch Marner, Dylan Strome lead Canada past Denmark 6-1 at world juniors

By John Chidley-Hill
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mitch Marner and Dylan Strome had a goal and an assist apiece as Canada rolled past Denmark 6-1 on Monday at the world junior hockey championship.

Anthony Beauvillier, John Quenneville, Matt Barzal and Lawson Crouse also scored for Canada (1-1) at Helsinki Ice Hall. Mason McDonald stopped 10 shots in what is likely his last start of the preliminary round.

It's expected McDonald will give way to Mackenzie Blackwood on Tuesday when the Canadians face Switzerland (0-2). Blackwood had to serve the final two games of an eight-game suspension before suiting up for Canada.

Alexander True scored for Denmark (1-1), while Mathias Seldrup made 52 saves in net.

After a 4-2 loss to the United States on Saturday, Canadian head coach Dave Lowry and his players said more shots on net would be needed. They delivered Monday by firing 58 shots on Seldrup, more than twice as many as

Canada had against the Americans in the tournament opener.

Despite being outshot 11-4 after nearly 13 minutes of play, Denmark was the first to score as True put the puck past an outstretched McDonald. Beauvillier tied it 1-1 just over a minute later.

Canada's offence found its form in the second period with three goals in the first six minutes of the frame. Quenneville gave Canada a 2-1 lead 1:14 into the period, scoring on a screened Seldrup.

Although Quenneville was credited with the goal, Marner did most of the work by deflecting a shot off his teammate and into the net. Barzal made it 3-1 after dancing past a pair of Danish defenders and firing a snapshot over Seldrup's shoulder for a power-play goal.

Crouse piled on, scoring just 51 seconds after Barzal for a 4-1 lead.

A pretty passing play gave Canada a four-goal cushion as Brayden Point passed to Strome, who found a wide-open Marner in the right faceoff circle. Marner hesitated only briefly before

snapping the puck into the net.

The Canadian onslaught continued in the third as Strome tallied on the power-play. He dangled the puck

around a Danish defender who'd fallen to one knee, before firing a wrist shot into the net for an insurance goal.



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Canada's Dylan Strome, left, moves the puck around Denmark's Nicolas Weichel during second period preliminary hockey action at the IIHF World Junior Championship, in Helsinki, Finland

Boston to face Montreal in Outdoor Women's Classic on New Year's Eve

The Canadian Press

The Boston Pride will meet Les Canadiennes de Montreal in the first-ever Outdoor Women's Classic at Gillette Stadium on New Year's Eve, the NHL announced Monday.

The abbreviated exhibition game will be played on the outdoor rink before the alumni game that afternoon. On New Year's Day, the Boston Bruins will host the Montreal Canadiens in the 2016 Winter Classic.

"Two days with three Boston-Mon-

tréal rival matchups is a great way to celebrate hockey," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in a release. "A new year signifies a new chapter and we look forward to sharing the ice for the first time with two professional women's teams on the league's biggest stage."

The Pride play in the National Women's Hockey League while Les Canadiennes play in the Canadian Women's Hockey League. Montreal is led by Canadian women's team star forward Marie-Pepin Poulin.

Family, friends, former teammates attend funeral for hockey legend Dickie Moore

The Canadian Press

Former Montreal Canadiens legend Dickie Moore was remembered by family members, friends and former teammates on Monday as a humble and loyal family man who was always generous with his time.

Several former NHL players, including Habs greats Guy Lafleur, Serge Savard and Yvan Cournoyer, were in attendance at a Montreal church to celebrate the life of a man who helped the Canadiens win six Stanley Cups — including five in a row in the late 1950s.

Moore died on Dec. 19 at the age of 84. His son, John, said his father always had time for others.

"He respected his fans," he said, looking at his father's coffin draped in a red,

white and blue flag emblazoned with a Canadiens logo in the middle. "He made sure to respond (to letters) with a signature that they could read."

After his hockey days, Moore settled into the business world. His construction equipment rental company became a big success.

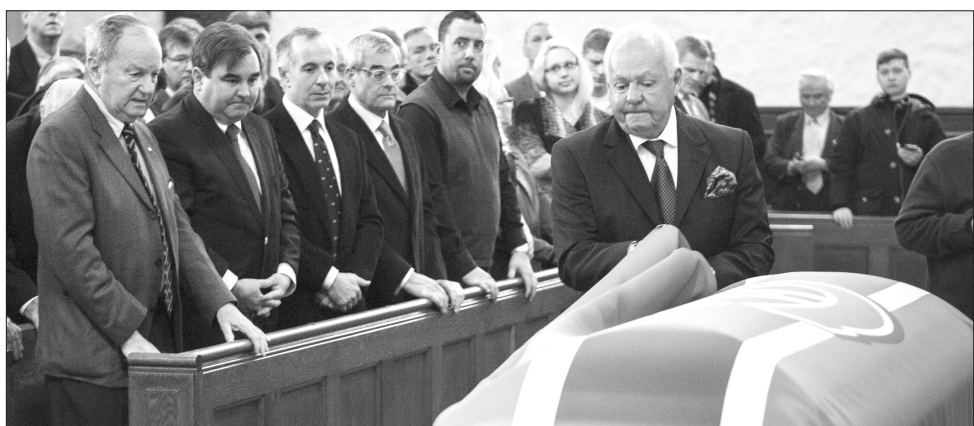
Rejean Houle, a former player and general manager with the Canadiens, said Moore "was always there to help with the older Canadiens alumni. Before we had an emergency fund, he was always there to help."

Moore played his first 12 seasons with Montreal and was an offensive force on the left wing of a line that included star forwards Maurice and Henri Richard.

Moore grew up in Montreal and came from a family of 12 children. He was the youngest of nine boys.

He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1974 and shared the retire-

ment of the Canadiens' No. 12 jersey with Cournoyer.



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Former Montreal Canadiens' player Yvan Cournoyer removes the flag from the casket during funeral services for Canadiens' hockey legend Dickie Moore at the Mountainside United Church, in Montreal

Death

Rebecca (Becky) FRASER
(née Humphrey)

Rebecca (Becky) Fraser (née Humphrey) died suddenly at home on December 23, 2015 of a heart attack. Becky was born in Sherbrooke, Que. on May 17, 1944. She is survived by her devoted husband of 48 years, Winston, her children Andrea (Andreas), Charles (Dyane), Elaine (Greg) and Elizabeth (George), and her grandchildren who gave her great joy: Jacob, Kira, Mattias, Kennedy, Cameron, Micayla, Caleb, Alice and George. Becky is also survived by her brother Byron (Betty).

A graduate of Sherbrooke Hospital School of Nursing, Becky dedicated her life to raising her children and caring for others. Her many volunteer activities included: helping children with learning difficulties, visiting the sick, coordinating youth groups and Sunday School. Later, she opened her childhood home as Humphrey Meadow Quiet Gardens, a retreat for those active in Christian ministry. Most recently, she founded and helped run the St. James Drop-In Centre. "Your unwavering love and commitment has meant the world to us Mom, Nana, Nanny, Momma-dear, and you will forever be in our hearts."

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 29 at 2 p.m. at St. James Church, 328 Pine Avenue, Rosemère, Que. A reception in the adjacent Havill Hall will follow the service. As expressions of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Becky's memory may be made to the St. James Drop-In Centre or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Death

Susan KERR ALLEN
(1954 - 2015)

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of Susan at the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, December 24, 2015 at the age of 61 years, beloved spouse of Richard Allen, residing in West Bolton. She leaves to mourn her spouse Richard, her sons, Rob and Derek (Pam), her sister, Karen (Warren), her brother Rob Kerr (Shawn). Susan will be greatly missed by her in-laws, David & Linda, Keith & Linda, Loren and Margot as well as many nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Contributions in Susan's memory may be made to the Montreal Children's Hospital or to the Hill House Cemetery, C/O Robert Quilliams, 67 Mizener Rd., West Bolton, QC J0E 2T0.

Cremation took place at the Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette in Granby. Family will receive condolences at the RESIDENCES FUNÉRAIRES BESSETTE in Waterloo on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, December 30 from 12 p.m. until departure at 1:30 p.m. for a celebration of life, to be held at the Knowlton United Church at 2 p.m. Interment will be held at the Hill House Cemetery.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

Today is the 363rd day of 2015 and the eighth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1170, Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered.

In 1890, U.S. Army troops massacred an estimated 300 Lakota Indian men, women and children near Wounded Knee Creek in South Dakota.

In 1940, Germany dropped hundreds of incendiary bombs on London.

In 1970, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was created.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), 17th U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British prime minister; Mary Tyler Moore (1936-), actress; Jon Voight (1938-), actor; Ted Danson (1947-), actor; Patricia Clarkson (1959-), actress; Sean Payton (1963-), football coach; Jude Law (1972-), actor; Theo Epstein (1973-), baseball executive; Mekhi Phifer (1974-), actor; Danny McBride (1976-), actor/comedian; Alison Brie (1982-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: OSHA imposed the largest fine in agency history on Oct. 30, 2009, assessing \$87 million in penalties against oil company BP. A 2005 explosion at the company's refinery in Texas killed 15 workers.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1978, Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes punched a Clemson player who had just intercepted a pass during the Gator Bowl. Ohio State went on to lose 17-15, and Hayes was fired the next day.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Legislation can neither be wise nor just which seeks the welfare of a single interest at the expense and to the injury of many and varied interests at least equally important and equally deserving the considerations of Congress." — Andrew Johnson

TODAY'S NUMBER: 6 — years that Thomas Becket spent in exile (1164-1170) for refusing to acquiesce to new laws set by Henry II.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 25) and last quarter moon (Jan. 1).



Antibiotic overuse in meat production gives rise to dangerous bacteria

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS(R)

By the editors of Consumer Reports

Nowhere are antibiotics more inappropriately employed than in the meat and poultry industries, according to Consumer Reports.

About 80 percent of the antibiotics sold in the U.S. are given to animals raised for food — including hogs, cattle, chickens and turkeys. The most recent data from the Food and Drug Administration show that almost 34 million pounds of antibiotics were sold for use in food animals in the United States in 2014 — up 22 percent from just five years earlier.

"In the last few years we've witnessed some of the bacteria most commonly found in food — germs such as salmonella and campylobacter — become increasingly resistant to some important antibiotics," says Robert Tauxe, M.D., M.P.H., deputy director of the CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases. Those resistant strains can cause infections that are "more severe, longer lasting and harder to treat," Tauxe says.

Consumer Reports' calculations using data from the CDC show that about 20 percent of people sickened by an antibiotic-resistant bug get it from their food.

Why Resistance is Risky

Antibiotics do have their place on the farm: to treat sick animals. When the drugs are used in therapeutic doses, antibiotic resistance is less likely to occur. But the low doses routinely given to healthy animals to promote growth or compensate for crowded and unhygienic conditions — a practice sometimes called "disease prevention" — are problematic.

"The combination of routine antibiotic use and the conditions the animals are raised in creates a hos-

pitable environment for superbugs to develop and proliferate," says Urvashi Rangan, Ph.D., executive director of the Food Safety and Sustainability Center at Consumer Reports.

The drugs can kill off weaker bacteria in the animals' digestive tracts, leaving a few hardy survivors to multiply. Those bacteria, as well as certain antibiotic residues, are excreted in manure, which is an excellent medium for antibiotic-resistant bacteria to grow and spread. Over time, you can wind up with colonies of almost indestructible superbugs.

Meat-Label Lingo: What It Means and Doesn't Mean

Shopping for "no antibiotics" meat and poultry can be confusing. Consumer Reports investigated the claims.

No Antibiotics Used Routinely

— American Grassfed Certified (AGA). No antibiotics are used.

— Animal Welfare Approved. No antibiotics are used for growth promotion or disease prevention. Sick animals can be treated with antibiotics. Animal welfare and hygiene practices are fully addressed.

— Certified Humane. No antibiotics are used for growth promotion or disease prevention. Some animal welfare and hygiene practices are addressed.

— Gap Steps 1-5+ (Sold at Whole Foods). No antibiotics are used routinely, and disease treatment is allowed only for chickens. Animal welfare and hygiene practices are addressed to varying degrees.

— No Antibiotics/Raised Without Antibiotics. The drugs aren't used for any purpose. Similar claims: "no antibiotics administered," "no antibiotics ever" and "never given antibiotics." Though those claims on their own should be accurate, the ones accompanied by the USDA Process Verified shield are more reliable.

— Organic. Animals can't be given antibiotics. Sick animals treated with antibiotics can't be labeled organic. The exception is chickens: They can be given antibiotics in the egg or on the day they hatch, but not afterward.

Antibiotics May Be Used

— American Humane Association. Neither animal nor human antibiotics are used for growth promotion, but both can be used for disease prevention. Some animal welfare and hygiene practices are addressed.

— Grass-fed. Don't assume all grass-fed beef is produced without routine antibiotics; look for an AGA-certified, organic or additional "raised without antibiotics" claim.

— Natural/All Natural. This has nothing to do with antibiotics, hormones or other drugs, or how the animal was raised. In fact, "natural" on meat and poultry means only that it contains no artificial ingredients or added color and is only minimally processed. Consumer Reports is urging the FDA to ban this label or develop a far more meaningful definition.

— No Hormones. This doesn't mean no antibiotics or other growth promotants. By law, hormones can't be used in poultry or hogs, so packages of meat from those animals with this claim are no different from those without it when it comes to these drugs.

— "Raised without antibiotics for growth promotion — antibiotics only used for treatment and prevention of illness." This label means antibiotics can still be given to the animals on a routine basis for disease prevention. Many livestock producers are moving away from using antibiotics for growth promotion but not disease prevention, so this label doesn't necessarily add much value.

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Only one sister, "Pam," never helped, and in fact, never even acknowledged the cancer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

Dear Annie: I am one of six sisters. We are all adults with children of our own. One lives in New Jersey and the others live in Florida, three of us in the same city. My sister, "Claire," lives two hours away. Three years ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. With good doctors and care, she has successfully come through five surgeries and battled the rounds of chemo. So far, she remains cancer-free.

Four of us did whatever we could to help Claire during this time. Two of my sisters worked remotely so they could help with her medical appointments. Even my sister in New Jersey offered to stay with Claire. Only one sister, "Pam," never helped, and in fact, never even acknowledged the cancer or wished Claire a speedy recovery.

The problem now is that four of us are empty nesters and we vacation together once or twice a year. We have been doing this for more than a decade. But family isn't only for the good times. If a person cannot care about her sister when she is ill, then I don't think she should be included when we go on vacations. We always stay in timeshares, which I own. I don't invite Pam on these

Annie's Mailbox

vacations, but another sister does. I can't uninvite her without creating a rift.

Annie, I don't want to vacation with Pam, but feel the choice is out of my control. I would appreciate advice from a disinterested party. — Sibling Dilemma

Dear Sibling: Are you sure you want to do this? The consequences could turn out to be more distressing than worthwhile. An estrangement hurts you, too, and, as you said, will create a rift between all of the siblings. We know Pam deserves your condemnation for acting so uncaring toward her own sister, but have you asked her about it? Did you say, "Pam, I am so disappointed and angry that you couldn't even wish her well"? She needs to know how upset you are and why. She may have some explanation for her callous behavior, and even though it will hardly be good enough, we hope you will hear her out and maybe even find it in your heart to forgive her. It's so much better than holding onto your anger.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Snowbird Driver," whose friends refuse to let her drive when they are going out

for dinner. The one thing that was not mentioned was alcohol.

We have many friends who gather together for cocktails before leaving for dinner at a restaurant. With a cocktail or two before, and several drinks at the restaurant, they may well be driving under the influence by the time they are on their way home.

I live in Florida and see this situation often. If the neighbors do not drink themselves, they might feel terribly uncomfortable driving with anyone who has had a few. I agree with your answer about treating them with a gift card or dinner out in order to reciprocate. However, the real reason for their reluctance to share driving responsibilities might be too many cocktails imbibed by the driver. — Sarasota.

Dear Sarasota: You could very well be right. Thanks for mentioning the possibility.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at Facebook.com/AskAnnies.

Getting second pneumonia vaccine is now recommended

ASK DOCTOR K

By Anthony L. Komaroff, M.D.

DEAR DOCTOR K: I'm 70 years old. I already had a pneumonia vaccine, back when I was 65. At my checkup last week, my doctor said I need to get another one. Why?

DEAR READER: I always like to hear that adults are staying up to date with their vaccinations, as you did when you received a dose of the PPSV23 (Pneumovax) vaccine at age 65. Pneumovax helps protect against pneumonia caused by one common type of bacteria, called pneumococcus.

Pneumonia caused by pneumococcus bacteria can make people very sick, very fast. I know: It happened to me.

Without treatment, the pneumonia can become severe. The bacteria can also spread into the bloodstream or can cause meningitis, a serious infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Now, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are advising adults age 65 and older to get a second vaccine to prevent bacterial pneumonia. The second vaccine, PCV13 (Pneumovax 13), is expected to prevent many additional cases of pneumonia.

The PCV13 vaccine is not "new." It has been included in childhood vaccinations for several years. But it is new for adults.

The CDC recommends a single dose of PCV13 for anyone who is older than 65. If you have the option, the CDC says it is best to get the PCV13 before the PPSV23. If you are getting the PCV13 first, wait a year between the two vaccines. If, as in

your case, you have already received the PPSV23 vaccine, you can still get the PCV13 vaccine.

Vaccines are important for avoiding infection. But these vaccines protect only against specific bacteria. There are many other things you can, and should, do to reduce your risk of catching pneumonia caused by other bacteria and viruses. These measures will also protect you against a cold, the flu and many other infections.

The best way to protect yourself from infection is to wash your hands often with soap and warm water. Rub your hands together for a full 20 seconds. If you don't have access to soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Stay away from people you know are sick. If you are sick, stay home to avoid infecting others. At home, avoid kissing, hugging and sharing utensils with someone who is unwell.

When I caught pneumonia due to pneumococcus, I hadn't received the vaccine — because I was not old enough. I was feeling great when I went to bed. When I got up the next morning, however, I felt very tired. When I looked in the mirror, I looked white as a ghost. I felt hot and had a high fever. I took myself to the emergency room and my blood pressure was very low: I was in shock.

Fortunately, prompt treatment turned me around and I was back in action a few days later. But I came close to dying. When it came time for me to get the vaccine, I surely did. I don't want that to happen ever again.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and pro-

fessor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)

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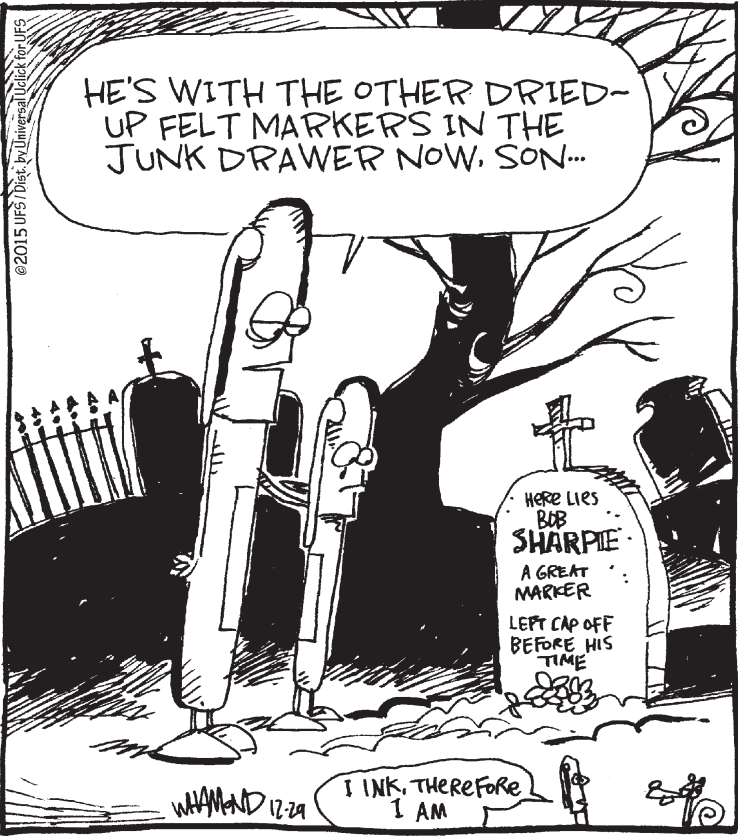
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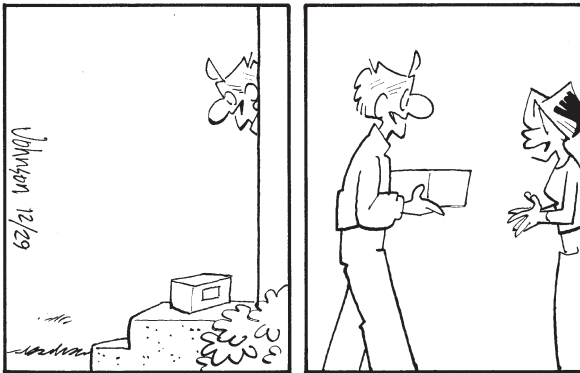


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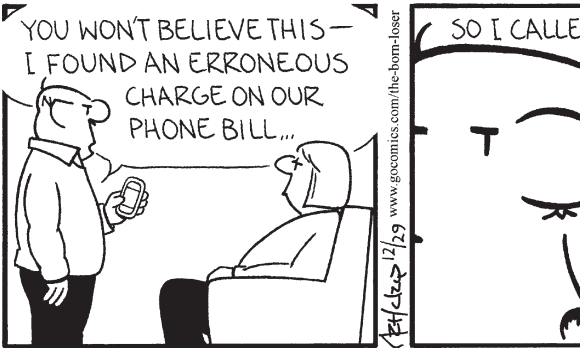
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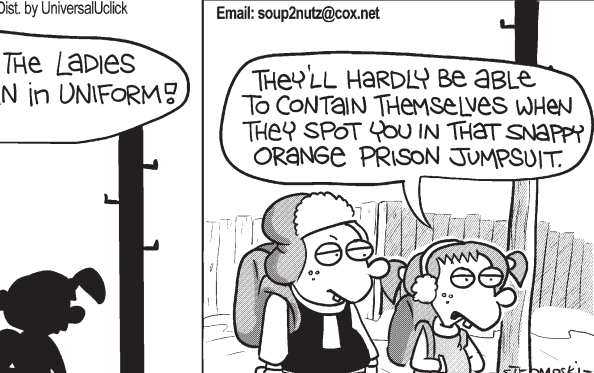
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1			2					
8					7	4	9	

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4	7	1	8	9	2	6	5	3
5	3	8	6	1	4	2	9	7
7	8	2	5	6	9	4	3	1
6	9	3	4	2	1	8	7	5
1	5	4	3	7	8	9	6	2
9	2	7	1	4	5	3	8	6
3	1	5	9	8	6	7	2	4
8	4	6	2	3	7	5	1	9

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