

Paradis suffers concussion after fall from horse

By Matthew McCully

Quebec Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Pierre Paradis is on leave from work following a fall while horseback riding earlier this week.

Paradis, who has been the MNA for Brome-Missisquoi since 1980, is an avid equestrian, and struck his head when he fell from a horse. According to media reports, he did not break any bones, and is expected to meet with his doctor on Friday to get an update on his condition.

Transportation Minister Laurent Lessard has taken over Paradis' duties in his absence.



COURTESY

Quebec farmers prepare to block land access to snowmobilers



GUILLAUME NADEAU

By Matthew McCully

According to l'Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) communications representative Valéry Martin, farmers are preparing to follow through on the threat to block access to their land to snowmobilers in protest to rising property taxes.

On Jan.6, The Record reported that the UPA had set a deadline for Feb 1. to impose a blockade on snowmobilers if an agreement could not be reached with the provincial government.

The UPA claims that the changes in the administrative reform of the agricultural property tax credit program (PCTFA) by Agriculture Minister Pierre

Paradis will represent a 30 to 40 per cent increase in net costs for more than 80 percent of farm businesses.

According to Martin, the blockade could include all of Quebec, with the exception of the Saguenay Lac-St-Jean region.

Martin said the signage is available for those farmers that want to let snowmobilers know their territory is off limits as a form of protest.

While ultimately it is individuals who will decide who can go on their territory and when, Martin explained that the UPA encourages producers to support the blockade as a form of protest.

"We're not against reform," Martin said, but explained that the UPA wants

to make sure changes to the property tax credit program are done properly and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Martin said that between Feb.1 and Feb.6, some farmers may opt to just stop snowmobilers on their land and inform them of the situation rather than cut off access outright.

"We have not completely decided yet," Martin said, regarding an official plan of action.

The issue in question fell under the jurisdiction of Pierre Paradis, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who is currently on health leave.

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O, supplemented youth!



ROSS MURRAY

In the 1960s and early 70s, Canadian children did not regularly eat fresh fruit or vegetables during the winter months due to complex British Commonwealth rules that stated that all food must be grey or mush or both.

Even if fresh fruit were allowed, the cost of transportation from warmer climates was prohibitive. This was due to isolationist trade regulations that required each piece of fruit to be packaged and shipped separately due to an irrational fear that foreign fruits might contain parasites or demons. Today, of course, we understand that fruit demons are extremely rare.

Consequently, if you were a Canadian child growing up in the 60s and 70s, you basically became transparent during the winter months. One of the reasons we survived at all was because in the spring and fall we ate a steady diet of lawn clippings and Lik-M-Aid.

During the brief summer months, it was important to ingest as much fresh fruit as possible. The countless strawberry festivals across the land were not so much social events as ritualistic intakes of vitamin C that happened to involve (as do all good things in this world) whipped cream and cake.

But winters in Canada were bleak. By the mid-60s, our pioneering skills in canning fruits had been lost due to the per-

vasive American belief that sugar should not be used as a preservative but consumed directly.

Thankfully, Canada at this time benefited from the burgeoning nutritional supplement industry. For example, I distinctly remember taking a daily dose of vitamin C syrup. It was orange and viscous and formulated to supplement a child's winter diet of potatoes and Squeez-A-Snak cheese.

(My mother, incidentally, has no recollection of such a syrup, but who are you going to believe, someone whose brain was nourished by vitamin C syrup, or someone whose wasn't?)

There was also, of course, Broccolot, which promised all the goodness of broccoli in the form of a syrup that was also a silver polish. It was truly an age of wonders. Broccolot wasn't particularly popular, however, because most Canadians had never heard of broccoli until 1980, coinciding with the United Nations International Year of the Stinky Vegetable.

Banoobe was a banana-flavoured paste in a tube that you could spread on toast. It contained zero percent real banana but seemed like the real thing if you had never tried the real thing. It was the Tang of breakfast spreads.

And it wasn't just fruits and vegetables. There were other supplements as well. For example, who can forget Mr. Beef-O? These were pills shaped like miniature T-bones that offered concentrated doses of growth hormones and testosterone "For The Little Raging Man Inside You." Mr. Beef-O pills are now thought to be responsible for Paul Henderson's iconic winning goal versus Russia in 1972 as well as 63% of all schoolyard fights between 1968 and 1977.

Vitee-Teet was another popular supplement for children who were unable to get enough dairy. It was particularly

popular during the mid-70s when Canada was converting to the metric system, and there was an extended period when the only available containers that could hold the revised volumes of milk were Kodiak boot boxes. That's where the term "Sloshing '76" came from, as I'm sure you know.

Powdered milk also became popular at that time, but mainly as a form of punishment.

Then there was Squink. I knew a lot of kids who used to drink Squink, which was powdered squid ink that, when diluted with water, tasted like low tide and armpit. With its label depicting a winking squid with a leering grin and outstretched tentacles, Squink was chockful of vitamin B, potassium and the stuff of nightmares. Lightly diluted Squink could also be used to devise crude prison tattoos. Squink was eventually discontinued when it was found to contain high levels of plutonium. RIP, all those kids who used to drink Squink...

Astro-Dent was popular for a while, it promised "Strong, Healthy, Extra-Large Teeth... Just Like the Astronauts!" Whatever was in those pills made your gums tingle.

Everything changed in 1982 when Canada repatriated its constitution, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Free Plums. No longer was the country duty-bound to follow British trade rules. Fresh fruits and vegetables flowed into the country all year long in great abundance, although to this day, no one knows exactly what is meant by "field-berry."

Today, our children have access to a yearlong variety of healthy foods and no longer require a market flooded with ridiculous supplements and fruit-like substitutes. Thank goodness the food industry came to its senses about what we should be feeding our kids.

High-speed driver nabbed

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The man involved in a police chase with Memphremagog Police was finally arrested on Tuesday, more than two days after the incident.

The suspect is a 24-year-old Sherbrooke, man with no criminal record.

The young man, who had hidden and abandoned the vehicle in his flight from

police, was arrested when he showed up at the police station to get his vehicle back. The latter had been abandoned in the backyard of a residence on Saint-Patrice Street East.

As Lt. Sylvain Guay explained, the suspect had managed to hide after the police had stopped the chase for safety reasons. The man had been traveling at more than 100 km / h in residential areas. "The man left a note to the owner

of the place (where the car was hidden) in his vehicle explaining that he had had a breakdown. On this note, he left his cell number. He probably did not believe that the police were going to find his vehicle the same evening thanks to traces of oil left on the road."

As the investigators are still gathering evidence in the case, the accused was released by way of summons.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Bibeau added "I am proud to announce the restoration of this building, a true architectural gem in our region, and home to the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke"

Hungry for labour, pulp and paper industry begins recruitment campaign

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The Pulp and Paper Industry, a pillar of Quebec's industrial development has changed considerably over the last decades as technological advances have had profound impacts on both production and demand. A lot of people wonder: what the future of the industry might be.

A video produced by the Commission scolaire des Sommets (CSS) in partnership with companies Cascades, Domtar, Kruger and SCA is at the heart of a web-based information and promotion campaign aimed at countering misconceptions and negative perceptions about employment in the pulp and paper sector. In the clip, current leaders

and several employees testify to the strength and vitality of the industry, its needed for a skilled workforce and the reality of factory work.

As economist Luc Savard, a professor at the École de Management at the Université de Sherbrooke says "The media, have talked a lot since 2000 about the decline in this sector, but what we see now is a reversal of the situation since 2012. "Pulp and paper remains one of the most important export sectors in the Quebec economy. It is a sector that provides more than 20,000 direct jobs for the Quebec economy and probably about three times as many indirect jobs. In addition, these are generally higher-paying jobs than in the rest of the Quebec economy for similar qualifications."

The history of closures in the indus-

try a decade ago scarred people and created the perception that the industry is still in decline. After years of difficulty and closures, pulp and paper companies have modernized and developed new markets. Demand for tissue papers, cartons and hygiene products, among others, is growing. In addition, the substitution of digital media for paper is not happening indiscriminately across the pulp and paper industry, but affects mainly newsprint. Companies are recruiting, especially to fill positions opened the many retirements but the Windsor Center of Excellence for Industrial Training does not have enough students to meet the needs of local businesses.

To complete the social media advertising campaign, the CSS will hold a live

online information session on Facebook on Monday, February 6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Those interested in training and employment in the field will be able to ask their questions to the head of the training center, a teacher and a representative of the partner companies.

The training offered at the Windsor centre lasts 10 months and includes internships. Classes start on February 16. At the end of the course, participants will receive a diploma of vocational studies enabling them to work as a paper machine operator. The partner companies offer very good terms of employment (holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, insurance, etc.) and salaries start at about \$20 / hour. Opportunities for advancement within companies are also numerous.

Sherbrooke Historical Society gets federal restoration funds

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Compton-Stanstead MP Marie-Claude Bibeau announced on Wednesday that the City of Sherbrooke will be receiving federal funding of \$1,027,500 to restore the building housing the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

This funding is provided through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, and will help preserve and showcase the heritage of the Eastern Townships by ensuring the conservation of the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke's collections and effectively promoting them.

"As we begin this exciting year marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation, we believe it is more crucial than ever to support projects that allow local

organizations to celebrate their region's history and heritage," says Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly. "We are proud to help communities showcase the significant events that helped shape their history."

Bibeau added "I am proud to announce the restoration of this building, a true architectural gem in our region, and home to the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke. This renovation work will allow the Société to continue its work to preserve and promote our historic heritage."

Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sévigny, who is married to Bibeau, added that "The people of Sherbrooke are proud of its past and confident in its future. That is why today's announcement to invest in the refurbishment of this important heritage building is a priority for the

Ville de Sherbrooke."

The restoration work will be carried out from April 1, 2017, to August 31, 2019, and will include the restoration and waterproofing of parts of the foundation, the roof, and the outer walls of

the building, including facade eaves and mortar. Inside, renovations will include replacing the building's ventilation system and improving climate control in the consultation, exhibition and work rooms.

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“I think we’re all called to something deeper.”

Father Giuseppe Gagliano begins life in rural Quebec

By Gordon Lambie

The St Francis Regional Ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada picked up a new priest this month in Father Giuseppe Gagliano. A graduate of Queen’s University and Yale Divinity School, Gagliano told The Record that despite never having felt, growing up, like Quebec was a place he was destined to be, he’s really excited to be here.

“I thought to myself when I accepted this position that I’m not doing anything to help the paradox of my identity,” Gagliano said. “I’m a half Sicilian Roman Catholic, half Swiss German Mennonite who is an Anglican from Ontario with only a foundational knowledge of French, living in rural Quebec. I am quite aware of the oddity of my identity being here, but I’m also really excited.”

Sitting in the living room of the rectory in North Hatley, the young priest said that a big part of what called to him about the area is the approach to regional ministry that is being put in place locally.

“My last parish was a single church, essentially, and this one is upwards of 16 churches,” Gagliano said. “It’s a different entity altogether.”

Though 16 churches sounds like a lot if seen through the traditional lens of

one priest per church, Gagliano pointed out that not all of those communities meet every week and, when they do, there is a rotating schedule of ordained and lay leadership that moves across the area.

“We are essentially leading a team of other priests and laypeople who are all ministering in their churches,” the priest said explaining that he feels very engaged by and interested in the model that gives room for laypeople to step into the leadership of their church communities. “I’ve seen so many laypeople who are committed to their church and to many churches throughout the whole deanery.”

Looking at the secular turn that Quebec society has taken over recent decades and similar trends across North America, Gagliano speculated that the work being done in the local community is on the forefront of approaches that other communities of faith will need to take in the coming years.

“Maybe I’m just inventing this history, but in the last few hundred years it’s kind of become the case that the priest is everything to everybody, and I don’t know if that’s the healthiest structure,” the priest said. “It’s important to have laypeople be given the opportunity to grow the church which has been entrusted to them by God.”



GORDON LAMBIE

Giuseppe Gagliano in front of St. Barnabas Anglican Church in North Hatley

Asked if there are challenges to being a young man working in a context where churches are mostly made up of middle-aged or elderly people, Gagliano said that he views that reality more as an opportunity.

Bad attitude costs burglar six more months

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Displaying visible contempt for the justice system, Wail Chaaban, 33, was sentenced to six extra months in prison for obstruction and intimidation against a police officer at the Sherbrooke Courthouse.

As Court Of Quebec Judge Conrad Chapedelaine read his decision to impose an additional six months to his current one-year sentence, Chaaban made repeated displays of indifference to the judicial process and he was called to order by correctional officers when he turned his head, closed his eyes, yawned and looked away from the judge, who in turn made several references to Chaaban’s attitude throughout the proceedings.

Chaaban was sentenced to six months’ detention for obstructing the work of a Montreal police officer in June 2015. When the officer tried to arrest him following an arrest warrant in a Sherbrooke robbery case, Chaaban shook the officer and tried to escape. Once in the patrol vehicle, he threatened the officer by saying that his goal in life was to attack his family and him.

Declared guilty in that case, Chaaban refused to cooperate with the probation officer assigned to inform the court in a pre-sentence report.

The six-month sentence is in addition to that of twelve-months imposed recently in a break and enter case at a Sherbrooke beauty salon that saw the theft of a laser device worth more than \$50,000.



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The Border Report

"It's nice to have an event where people don't have to pay," Przytyk said

ShazamFest winter carnival

Lightning strikes in winter

By Matthew McCully

While ShazamFest has been around for more than a decade now, in recent years co-founder Ziv Przytyk has started hosting a winter carnival as well, to curb the cold weather blues, and also help raise funds for the popular summer event.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Przytyk will host a free, family friendly day of activities at 2722 Way's Mills in Barnston West, followed by an evening of music, burlesque and circus performers at the Way's Mills municipal hall.

"This is the fourth year," Przytyk said, adding that the point of the event, which they started as a family, was to help with the typical cabin fever that usually takes over mid-winter, and bring Shazammers together for a day of winter fun.

According to Przytyk, the daytime ac-

tivities are free for everyone, and in the evening there will be a show at the Way's Mills municipal hall, charging admission.

"It's nice to have an event where people don't have to pay," Przytyk said, explaining that the fundraising aspect is secondary to bringing people together for a good time.

The daytime activities will include hockey/broom ball, sliding, skiing and snowshoeing.

"I'm about to go out and clear off the pond and flood it," Przytyk said.

The evening show, called Freaks and Burlesque, will feature performances by Old Time Honey and The History of Gunpowder, as well as circus and burlesque performers.

"It's a beautiful hall," Przytyk commented, excited for the show on Saturday.

"The show will start around 7 p.m."

he said, adding that there will be a bar and food available at the event.

Admission to the evening show is \$20.

More details are on the ShazamFest Winter Carnival facebook page.



DAVID NANASI

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Featured pet: Banjo

Banjo's back story is a pretty simple one. Prior to coming to our rescue, he was adopted by a family who, within months of bringing him home, decided that a young energetic puppy was a little more than they could handle. Of course, maybe the fact that they had three other dogs in the household was at least part of the problem. Puppies need time and one-on-one attention; something Banjo's former family simply could not provide.

Yes puppies are cute and fun but they also require a serious commitment of time and energy. Puppies need lots of playtime and exercise, they need socialization, they need to learn boundaries and they need training.

Fortunately, Banjo was very well socialized which, in some ways, is the most important piece of the puzzle to raising a well adjusted dog but a little basic training would have also gone a long way.

The good news is that Banjo is a great dog who is focused and listens well and he isn't a high energy dog. Banjo is an 11 month old Belgian Malinois Shepherd mix (or so we are told and admittedly he does have the look of one). He is a happy and playful pup who lacks discipline so he'll need a little work in that department but he is smart and learns fast. He walks well on the

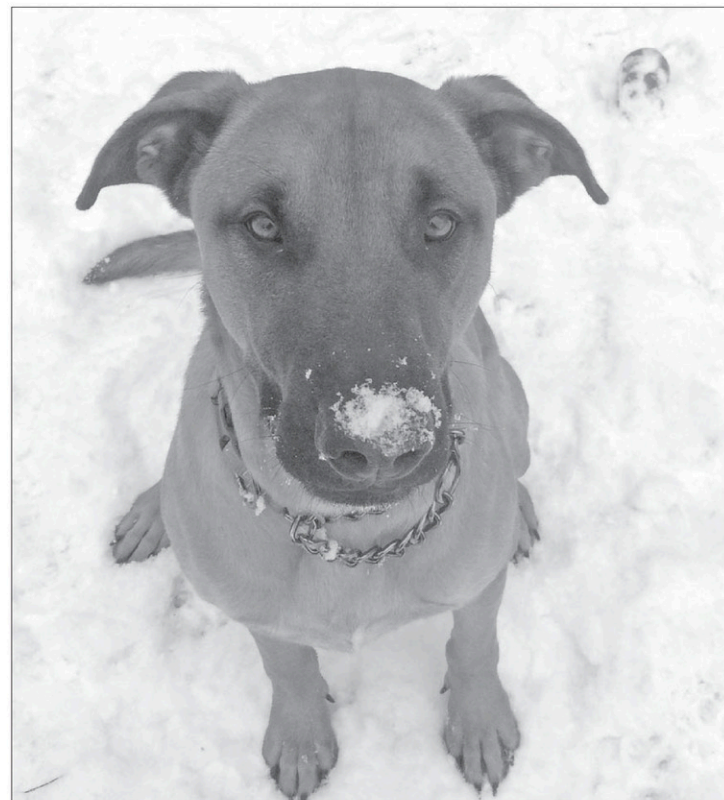
leash and enjoys his morning stroll. Banjo has a great time playing with his kong in our fenced in dog park and while he does run and chase his toys, he isn't great about bringing them back. He releases very gently though.

Although his former family reports that aside from some typical puppy chewing, he was well behaved in the house, we see some indication that he might be a bit insecure when left alone. Given this, we feel he'll do best in a home where he is not left alone for long periods on a regular basis especially while he settles into his new routine.

Banjo does well with other dogs and seems fine with cats too.

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Trudeau: What about all this talk about cancelling NAFTA? Canada is your biggest trading partner and we sent five airplanes to help in Syria. That must count for something.

The new "Three Amigos" work on NAFTA



TIM BELFORD

SAN ANTONIO, JANUARY 25, 2017

The new "Three Amigos", President Donald Trump, President Enrique Pena Nieto and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held their first meeting in this Texas border town yesterday and The Record has obtained an exclusive transcript of the summit. The following is an edited version of what was said.

Trump: Let me make this very clear. No one, no one, has more respect for Mexico and Canada than I do. I have a thousand times more respect than Obama had. A thousand times more. Welcome.

Nieto: Good day Mr. President. I am glad to be here to discuss some of our mutual problems.

Trudeau: Since we are in Mexico I'll greet you in the language of the majority. Hola!

Trump: This is Texas! It hasn't been part of Mexico since the last time Amer-

ica was great and Davy Crocket kicked out all the rapists and drug dealers.

Trudeau: In that case, since Canada is a bilingual nation, bonjour.

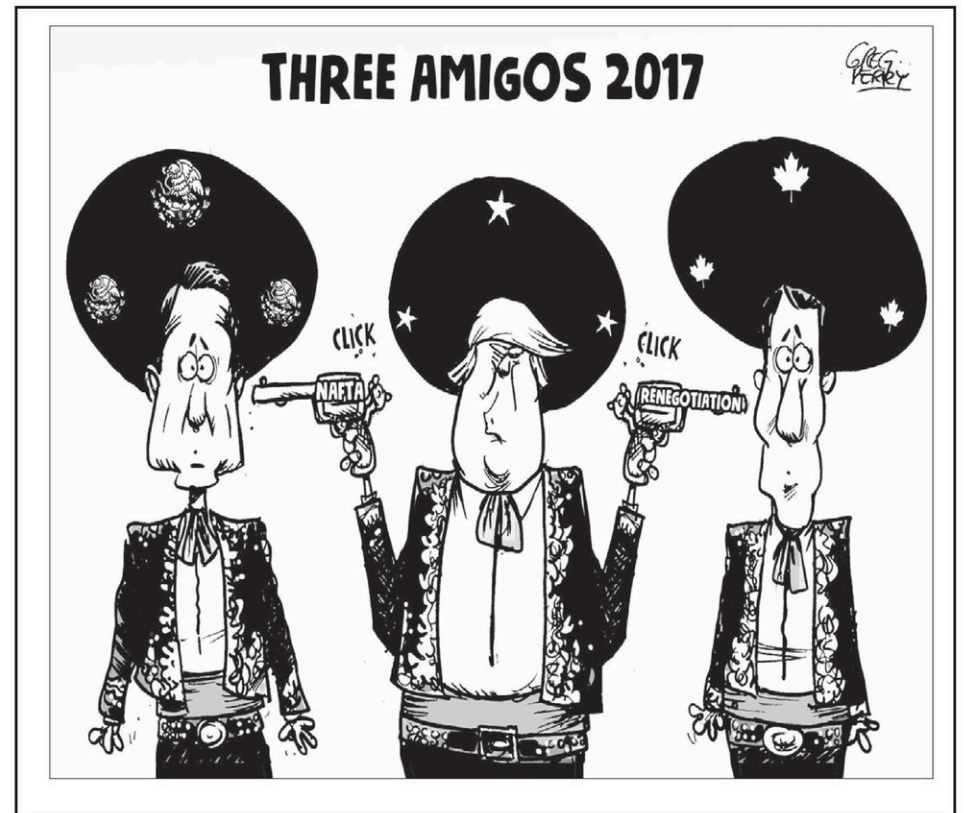
Nieto: Speaking of rapists and drug dealers, I want to know why, if you think all Mexicans are criminals and deserve to be deported, you demanded the extradition to the United States of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the head of the Sinaloa Cartel and the biggest dealer in Mexico?

Trump: My advisors tell me he is a very bad man, very bad. He is too bad to be kept in Mexico. He keeps escaping from your jails. America has the best jails in the world. The best. And they're going to get better. Starting today. Starting now.

Trudeau: What about all this talk about cancelling NAFTA? Canada is your biggest trading partner and we sent five airplanes to help in Syria. That must count for something.

Trump: Wrong. NAFTA is the worst trade deal ever. The worst. All the jobs in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan were stolen by Mexico. It was worse than the depression. Very worse. We want all of the jobs back but not the rapists.

Nieto: We didn't steal any jobs. Your companies moved to Mexico because labour was cheaper, heating cost lower and taxes better. If you take away those jobs more people will try to sneak into America and look for alternative work as



rapists and drug dealers.

Trudeau: Will Canadian companies be allowed to bid on the contracts for you new wall to keep out the Mexicans? Many Canadians are already familiar with Arizona and New Mexico from wintering there.

Trump: No. No. No. From now on all trading agreements are going to be all about American workers first. If we don't make it we don't want it. Unless it's cheap vegetables, tequila, fresh water or inexpensive lumber. We believe very strongly in freely trading. Very freely. That doesn't mean we won't charge taxes on anything you can build cheaper than we can unless it's going to Walmart.

Trudeau: What about the Keystone XL pipeline? My friend Barak said it was too dirty and would ruin the environment. I think we have to gradually close down the oil sands extraction and go green.

Trump: Wrong! Oil is what made America great and to be great again we have to stop being dependent on oil from the middle east where ISIL or ISIS or that guy Al Kyda can control the price. We'll build Keystone XL with American steel and American workers and take all the oil you can produce at a fair price that we'll set later on and let you know.

Trudeau: Sounds fair. Hosta la vista.
Nieto: Oh give it a rest.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

Some school boards need to get their priorities straight. Here's why:

Last week, Prime Minister Trudeau got himself into hot water, in Sherbrooke, for refusing to answer in English, questions posed to him in English.

One question, in particular, which

seemed to upset most people dealt with access to mental health services for the English-speaking minority.

This week, on Wednesday, January 25, is "Bell Let's Talk Day." The day is aimed toward promoting awareness and understanding of mental health concerns - and where to get help.

One group Bell is recommending is Kids Help Phone - a kid-friendly, bilin-

gual, phone and web counselling service for teens, as some, at times, do suffer from feelings of inadequacy, despair and hopelessness.

For the past ten years, and including the Executive Committee meeting held on Jan. 23, I have asked the Lester B. Pearson school board, to consider creating a Kids Help Phone link on its website, similar to what the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school board has on its site with 'Tel-junes'.

That said, in late March, Lester B. will be sending two commissioners to a

convention in Denver, Colorado, at a cost of over \$5,000.00 (five thousand), which was the cost for the same event, in past years, held in Nashville and New Orleans.

This expense does not serve the taxpayer well, nor is it in "the best interest" of any student.

All school boards should be helpful and, post the Kids Help Phone link on their sites: (kidshelpphone.ca).

It is free.

CHRIS EUSTACE
MONTREAL, QC

DEAR EDITOR:

A word of thanks to the town of Brome Lake. I appreciate greatly that the walking path to the beach was cleared so beautifully today after storm yesterday. A special thanks to the man who did the work. He cleared it in

a way that we all had a perfect walk because he cleared half the path (for the walkers) and left the snow for the skiers and snowshoers on the other half. We need the exercise and he made it enjoyable.

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Gaiters officially ink deal with AUS for football

2017 AUS schedule released

By Dylan Konecny

The Gaiters made it official when associate athletic director Joey Sabo signed paperwork in Halifax to play football in the Atlantic University Sport conference this past Monday.

Bishop's will have eight games, playing all teams in the conference twice, and two bye-weeks during the 10-week season. The AUS kick-off starts on August 26th with that week being the Gaiters' first bye-week of the year. The first season for the Purple and Silver in the AUS has a sort of rhythm. The first half and second half have the Gaiters play the same teams in the same order alternating the hosting duties.

After the bye in week one Bishop's will travel to Acadia week two, host Saint Mary's week three, travel to Mount Alli-

son week four and host St. Francis Xavier in week five for homecoming on Coulter Field September 23rd before their second bye-week for week six.

Coming off the second bye-week Bishop's will host Acadia, travel to Saint Mary's in Halifax, host Mount Allison and travel to St. Francis Xavier to finish off the regular season schedule against the defending league champs.

The play-off format will continue to give the team with the best record a bye to the Loney Bowl and have the teams ranked second and third play in a semi-final game, with the bottom two teams missing the post season. The AUS winner will host the Yates Cup winner from the OUA for the Uteck Bowl this year with the victor earning a berth into the Vanier Cup at Tim Horton's Field in

Hamilton on November 25th.

According to the AUS' press release the regulations were changed to allow for each team to play one out-of-conference exhibition game. So, the possibility of cross-town rivals Sherbrooke and Bishop's continuing to play the Mayor's Cup game remains a slim possibility.

AUS executive director and football chair Phil Currie "(Monday) marks the first time in 27 years that we have been able to expand our AUS football conference," said Currie. "This landmark event has been made possible through a tremendous amount of cooperation and diligence on the part of all of our—now five—AUS football members. Our philosophical alignment with Bishop's paves the way for additional growth."

"We are proud to have this opportu-

nity to participate in the AUS," said Sabo in a press release. "We strongly believe in the student-athlete experience and we feel that in the sport of football, we can offer that opportunity to our Gaiter student-athletes."

Gaiters head coach Cherif Nicolas has already been active in recruiting using the new conference as a selling point with players, adding two different Bold'Or champions to the Gaiters ranks coming into 2017.

Louis-Philippe Grégoire was a running back with the Cégep de Jonquière, rushing for 1,740-yards as his team won the division three championship. The Gaiters have also added a new offensive lineman in Samuel Ducharme, 6'6 and 275 pounds, from division one champion Lionnel Groulx.

Alouettes name Catherine Raiche, Joe Mack as assistants to GM Kavis Reed

The Canadian Press

Catherine Raiche and Joe Mack will be Kavis Reed's assistant general managers, the Montreal Alouettes announced Wednesday.

Raiche, 27, was named assistant GM for football operations. She joined the Alouettes in December 2015 as co-ordinator of football operations, where her duties included tracking the salary cap, negotiating contracts and handling team travel. The Montreal native previ-

ously spent three years practising corporate law.

Mack, 62, was named assistant GM for player personnel, where he will manage the player personnel and scouting departments. He first worked in the CFL with Winnipeg in 1984 and returned to the Blue Bombers in 2010 as GM and vice-president of football operations. Mack helped the Bombers reach the Grey Cup final in 2011.

He has also worked in the NFL for Atlanta, Washington, Carolina and Cleveland.

"We are fully satisfied to be able to count on such accomplished and qualified people to head up our football operations and player personnel departments," Reed said in a statement. "Catherine has a great understanding of the business and has rapidly proved that she is ready to take on greater responsibilities, while Joe's invaluable experience is a welcome addition to our scouting staff."

Reed was named GM on Dec. 14 to replace Jim Popp.

Bulls win another banner



KARINE BOIVIN

Bulls Bedford-Farnham Midget B team came close again at the Chateauguay Tournament. Winning 4 out of 5 games and coming home with yet another banner for their Arena! They lost to Mariniers 1 De A.H.M.B.R. in the Finals. It was a great tournament and fun was had by all. Great job boys!!

Line up: Guillaume Viens (Goalie), Jeremy Garcia, Joakim Bergeron, Joshua Boivin-Drouin, Louis-Philippe Emond, Tommy Chenard, Vincent Racicot-Roy, William Chenier, Xavier Demontigny, Alexis Bonvouloir Longpre, Jesse Salois, Dylan Boudriau

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Death



Thirza GRAINGER

Thirza Smith (Grainger), 98 years of age, died peacefully at the C.H.R.T.R. Sainte Marie

Hospital in Trois-Rivieres, Québec on January 22, 2017. Thirza's husband was Herbert Smith, predeceased (1976). The funeral will be held at J.N. Donais Funeral home, 2625, blvd Lemire, Drummondville, Québec at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2017. Viewings are on Friday, January 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Burial (at a later date) at St. Anne cemetery, Richmond, Québec.

The deceased is survived by her children Grace Thiffault (François deceased 1994), George Smith (Judy), William Smith (Mary), Linda Smith, Douglas Smith (Trudie), 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

Thirza was predeceased by brothers and sisters George, Charlie, Mary, Evelyn and Beatrice.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to: Drummondville St. Croix Hospital or St. Georges Church, Drummondville, QC.

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Death



Mae WOOD (nee Finkle)

Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at Linhaven Nursing Home

on Monday, January 23, 2017 at the age of 90. Predeceased by her beloved husband Norman (1987), parents Gladys (nee Cooper) and John Finkle, brother Jack, son-in-law Edward, and great grandsons Bradley and Rino. Mae will be lovingly remembered by her 10 children, 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren and her Brother Eric in England. Special thanks to the staff and residents at Linhaven Nursing Home.

The memorial service to honour Mae's life will take place at the JAMES L. PEDLAR FUNERAL HOME, 1292 Pelham Street, Fonthill on Friday, January 27th with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. and words of reflection from 7 to 8. As per Mae's wishes cremation has taken place. An interment will be held in Bury, Quebec at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society. Online condolences can be placed at www.pedlarfuneralhome.ca

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Today is the 26th day of 2017 and the 37th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1802, Congress passed a bill that established the position of Librarian of Congress.

In 1837, Michigan was admitted as the 26th U.S. state.

In 1950, the Indian Constitution went into effect, marking the birth of the Republic of India.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton denied allegations of an extramarital affair during a televised speech.

In 2015, Libby Lane became the first woman to be appointed as a bishop by the Church of England.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), military leader; Maria von Trapp (1905-1987), matriarch of singing family/memoirist; Paul Newman (1925-2008), actor; Jules Feiffer (1929-), cartoonist/writer; Scott Glenn (1941-), actor; Gene Siskel (1946-1999), journalist/critic; David Strathairn (1949-), actor; Eddie Van Halen (1955-), guitarist/songwriter; Ellen DeGeneres (1958-), comedian/talk show host; Wayne Gretzky (1961-), hockey player; Vince Carter (1977-), basketball player.

TODAY'S FACT: The first Library of Congress was burned (along with the rest of the Capitol building) by British soldiers in 1814, and its 3,000 books were destroyed. The library was rebuilt in part through the purchase of President Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books in 1815.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1986, Chicago crushed New England 46-10 in Super Bowl XX, as the Bears' renowned defense held the Patriots to seven yards rushing.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have known the bitterness of defeat and the exultation of triumph, and from both we have learned there can be no turning back. We must go forward to preserve in peace what we won in war." – Douglas MacArthur

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1.37 – weight (in pounds) of the Cullinan Diamond, the largest gem-quality diamond ever found. The 3,106.75-carat gem was discovered in the Premier Mine near Pretoria, South Africa, on this day in 1905.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (Jan 19) and new moon (Jan. 27).

Cribbage Tournament to benefit "The Bravehearts"

The cribbage tournament held at "The Hut" ANAF Unit #318, on Saturday, January 21st, was a huge success. Fifty people participated in the tournament and many others came to support "The Bravehearts" and spend an afternoon with family and friends.

The Bravehearts are a team who have walked in the Relay for Life in Coaticook since 2006. They are well known for their hard work and dedication to support cancer research.

This was our sixth annual tournament and we plan to continue to support this team.

Colleen Matthews welcomed everyone and explained the rules. Team Captain Linda Guillette expressed her pleasure with the turnout. A lovely lunch was provided by the cribbage team as our donation to the cause.

Results: First place winners were: Mickey Chute and Chico Latulippe with a perfect score. (726)

Second place winners were: Clemence Masse and Dannie MacIver with a score of 722.

Third place winners were: Cathy Marcotte and Steve Gillam

with a score of 711.

The half-and-half was won by Randall Cook and Dannie MacIver.

I wish to thank everyone who made a donation to participate in the tournament. Also to anyone who made a donation who were unable to attend. Thank you Judy Williams for taking care of door prizes, as usual they were fantastic. Special thanks to everyone who donated beautiful door prizes, it was much appreciated.

Everyone was very pleased with the event and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

On behalf of myself, Linda and Judy, once again we wish to thank everyone for their generosity.

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Your Birthday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

Re-evaluate your personal finances and career, and look at all your options. You can tend to legal, medical and domestic matters, putting an end to unfinished business that has been standing in your way and dragging you down. Don't feel guilty about putting your needs first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Disciplined actions will be rewarded. Put your energy into setting goals and reaching your destination. A personal change will do you good.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A romantic gesture will be met with an interesting response. Don't feel pressured to spend too much. You can have fun doing something simple or entertaining at home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Handle important partnerships with care. Listen to complaints and suggestions, and look for a way to compromise. It's best to keep the peace to avoid emotional backlash.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Share your thoughts and collaborate with people heading in a similar direction. A chance to travel or communicate with people who have something to offer will be enlightening. Romance is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Learn from watching what others do, not by opposing those who will never do or see things your way. If you want change, it's up to you to make it happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Partners and children will be demanding. Before you think about giving in, set down some

ground rules. Don't overspend just because someone makes you feel guilty. Offer love, consideration and understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Changes at home will come as a surprise if you haven't been paying attention. Don't neglect the little things. Pay close attention to detail, especially where personal relationships are concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't sign any contracts until you negotiate the deal you want. Your ability to persuade others to see and do things your way must not be wasted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It will be difficult to choose between an emotional and an intelligent response. Don't let anyone goad you into an argument you aren't prepared for. Gather facts and make your point clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Plan to have some fun or find a creative outlet that will give you the platform you need to display your talents, skills and foresight. Engage in romance to celebrate your achievements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Added responsibilities can work for or against you, depending on how you handle matters. Dig in and get the work out of the way fast in order to garner praise and avoid criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll discover a unique way to use your knowledge, expertise and skills to bring in extra cash. Don't reveal your plans until you have every detail in place.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

How many lines are there to follow?

By Phillip Alder

Jean Nidetch, a co-founder of Weight Watchers, said, "It's choice — not chance — that determines your destiny."

That is not always true at the bridge table. Sometimes, as we have seen over the last few days, you make your choice for a line of play, and it is up to chance whether it works or not — unless it has a probability of 100 percent.

Does declarer have a guaranteed line in today's deal, or must he choose the approach that is mathematically most likely to work?

West leads a low heart against South's six-spade contract. What should declarer do?

North blasted straight into Blackwood, eventually putting his partner into six spades when he learned that two kings were missing.

South starts with 11 winners: six spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club. There are two obvious chances to make this small slam: Either the heart or club finesse works. But there is a third line; do you see it?

If East has the heart king, the slam is laydown with an endplay. Declarer wins with dummy's heart ace, draws trumps, cashes his diamond winners and exits with a heart. Assuming East takes that

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♥ A Q			
♦ K 8 5			
♣ A Q 10			
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South			
♠ A J 10 8 5 2			
♥ 6 3			
♦ A Q 7			
♣ J 4			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 2			

trick, he must either lead a club around to the dummy or concede a ruff-and-sluff (South sluffs a club from his hand and ruffs on the board). Note also that if West does produce the heart king, the club finesse is still available.

Finally, yes, it would have been simpler if North had signed off in six no-trump. North has 12 tricks after taking the club finesse, even if it loses.

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Across

- 1 Hindu noble
- 5 Like pastrami
- 10 Rum cake
- 14 "O no! it is an ___-fixed mark ...": Shak.
- 15 "SNL" alum Cheri
- 16 Restaurant in the same corporate group as Applebee's
- 17 What rattlers that never bask in the sun may get?
- 19 Pool element
- 20 Vegetable ___
- 21 Sore
- 22 Oaf
- 24 Careless
- 26 "This ___ test"
- 27 Strikebreakers at a brewery?
- 34 "Curb Your Enthusiasm" creator
- 37 Different

- 38 By way of
- 39 Controversial sightings
- 40 Demonstrators, often
- 41 Grammy category
- 42 Budgetary waste
- 43 Allen who managed the Beatles and Stones
- 44 Farmyard noises
- 45 What berets cover?
- 48 Wee battery
- 49 Odorless gas
- 53 Declare
- 56 Comic actor Jacques
- 58 Words in praiseful titles
- 59 Track component
- 60 Angry looks in the hayloft?
- 63 Military wind
- 64 African herbivore
- 65 Lot
- 66 Lost traction

- 25 Trident-shaped letters
- 28 Johnnycakes
- 29 Top story
- 30 Fine ___
- 31 Lady's company?
- 32 Take to the cleaners
- 33 Fifth Avenue store
- 34 Keister
- 35 Miles off
- 36 Suffrage, with "the"
- 40 Moorish palace of southern Spain
- 41 Sneakily seek, with "for"
- 43 Dodge Aries, e.g.

- 44 Eye-related
- 46 Aced
- 47 Shows one's feelings
- 50 Battling
- 51 "48 HRS." co-star
- 52 Moved carefully
- 53 Stray sounds?
- 54 Epic ___
- 55 Name for a poodle
- 56 Vacation plan
- 57 Diarist Frank
- 61 "I get it" sounds
- 62 Not quite right

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- 67 Quaker in the forest
- 68 Adele's brother

Down

- 1 They get carried away
- 2 Be of use to
- 3 Pudding snack cup maker
- 4 It may come after you
- 5 Bone below the sacrum
- 6 State on the Colorado Plateau
- 7 Fall back (on)
- 8 Before, in verse
- 9 Doesn't care for
- 10 Lunch order with "special sauce"
- 11 "May I speak?"
- 12 Pro ___
- 13 High point
- 18 Flavorful
- 23 Cold War letters

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

“ DZBOIBDRGE PZG RBHG DZPVGZE ;
OFMRG, FK IFXZEG, MXS PJHJPZN PS
P DPZSV.” — RPNV YBFRGS (LPUUBG
ELBSC)

Previous Solution: “I wouldn't want to be reincarnated as a butler. I couldn't for the life of me do the job in real life.” — Jim Carter

TODAY'S CLUE: O equals F

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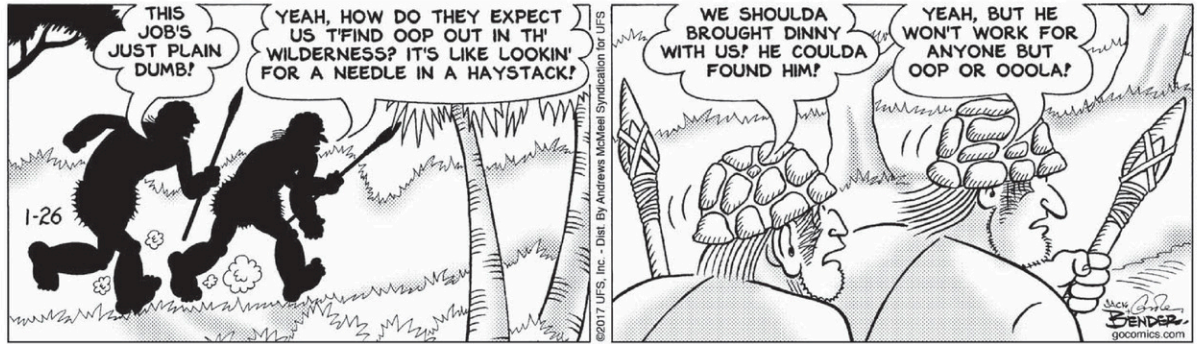


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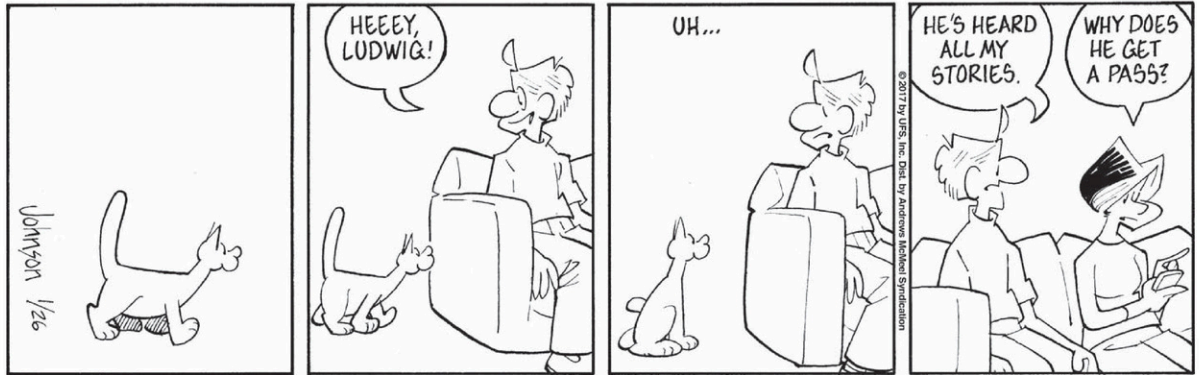


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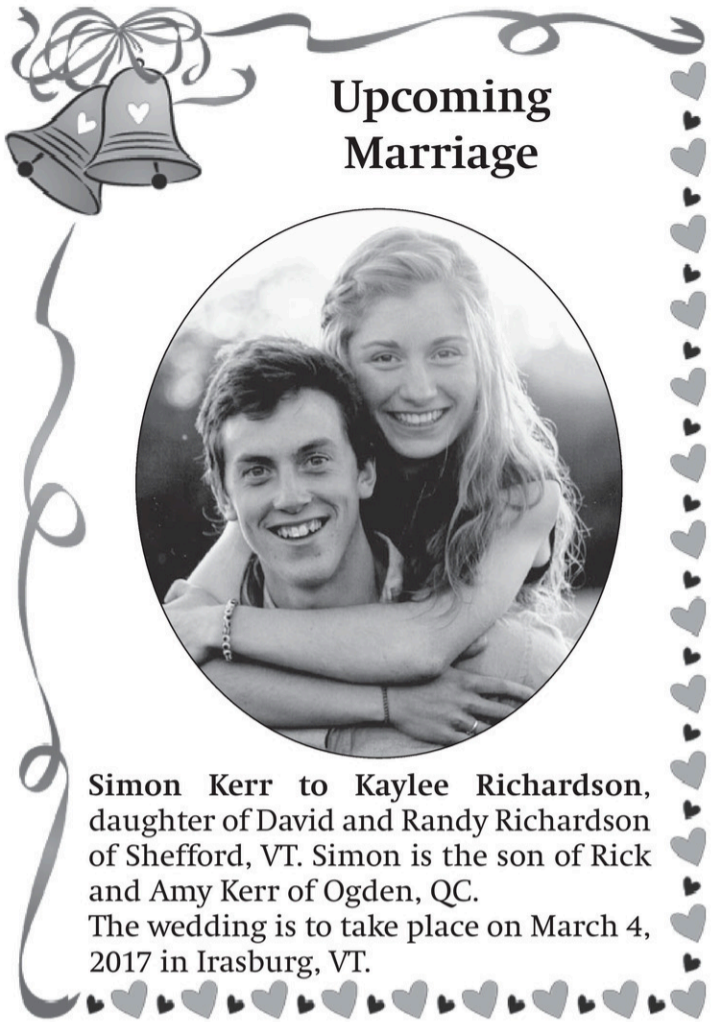

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Upcoming Marriage



Simon Kerr to Kaylee Richardson, daughter of David and Randy Richardson of Shefford, VT. Simon is the son of Rick and Amy Kerr of Ogden, QC. The wedding is to take place on March 4, 2017 in Irasburg, VT.

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RICHMOND
 Please join us at the St. Anne's Church 171 Principale Street South on Saturday, February 11, for the annual Valentine luncheon. You'll be treated to casseroles, salads and pies for dessert. The Attic Treasures and Food tables will open at 11 a.m., luncheon being served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE
 HCC Senior luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, January 26 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Entrance from parking lot, wheelchair accessible, elevator available. Everyone welcome. The next luncheon will be held on February 23.

LENNOXVILLE
 Lennoxville Girl Guides are collecting donations for their annual St. Patrick's Coffee Party and Auction that will be held on March 18. If you wish to donate please contact Barbara Keller at 819-542-1962 or email us at lennoxville@guidesquebec.ca

LENNOXVILLE
 Lennoxville and District Community Aid is hosting a FREE information session, OPEN TO ALL in the community and offered by Revenue Québec. This conference; "Seniors and Taxation" is presented in English and is dedicated to retirees for their provincial income tax returns. This will take place Thursday February 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Amédé Beaudoin Community Center borough of Lennoxville. Please register with us at 819-821-4779.

RICHMOND
 The Richmond Legion will be holding a

SUNDAY AFTERNOON COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE on Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. An assortment of musicians will be participating. They include: Sam Morrissey, Gilles Beaudin, Normand Menard, and Jackie and Big John. There is no admission charge - a donation would be appreciated. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! We hope to make this a regular activity, if there is enough interest, and we invite other musicians to come and participate.

WATERVILLE (HUNTINGVILLE)
 Princess Rebekah Lodge #8, IOOF wishes to inform all of our loyal customers that due to circumstances beyond our control we must cancel our Chicken Pie Supper this month, January 29, 2017. We know many of you are disappointed but rest assured we will be back in March! In the meantime please remember that Unity Lodge #8, IOOF, will be hosting their Roast Beef supper in February as usual. If you have any questions please contact princess4ioof@yahoo.ca - or 819-562-3222. See all of you in March!

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

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Dear Annie

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

Dear Annie: You usually give sensible advice, so I'm hoping you can settle a disagreement between my husband and me.

First, let me say that I am not pro-texting while driving. I think it's foolish and dangerous. I would never do that. But I don't see the problem with texting while sitting at a traffic light or stop sign or while idling in traffic that's at a complete standstill. I'm not scrolling through Facebook or anything, just shooting some quick texts — for example, to let a friend know that I'm running late or to tell my husband to pick up some milk.

My husband gets really annoyed with me when I do this with him in the car. He says it's reckless and I could get a ticket. I feel that as long as the car isn't moving, there's no harm in quickly looking at my phone. That's fairly logical, right? — Safe Driver

Dear Safe: Your husband is right. People who read or send texts while driving are 23 times likelier to get in a crash. And whether or not your foot is on the gas, you're still operating a 2-ton hunk of steel. If you have a hard time resisting the temptation, consider installing an app that limits your texting ability while driving, such as DriveSafe.ly or AT&T DriveMode. DriveMode also can automatically send preset replies to let those who text you know you're driving.

No text is so urgent that it demands an immediate reply. Or if it is, find the nearest safe, legal place to park and take care of it then. Seriously, it can wait.

Dear Annie: I'm weighing in with a millennial response to "Seething in the Great Plains" and "Mrs. in Minnesota." "Seething" is tired of people addressing her as "honey," and "Mrs." doesn't appreciate her daughter's friends calling her by her first name. As a 25-year-old from the East Coast, I realize that my perspective may be different from others' — but that's all the more reason to share it.

I grew up addressing my friends' parents by their first names, and my own parents insisted that my friends call them by their first names. My professors in college preferred to be addressed by first name. To me, true respect is in the tone and content of the message, not the form of address. If I refer to or address a politician by his or her title and last name, it is not intended as a sign of enhanced respect. I respect my professors more than I do many politicians.

The most important thing is to address people the way they prefer to be addressed (within reason). If my parents and professors want to be called by their first names, their wishes are respected; if "Mrs. in Minnesota" and "Seething in the Great Plains" specify their preferred forms of address, their wishes should be respected. No point in getting worked up because someone didn't read your mind in advance of being informed of your preference.

I hope my contribution to this conversation will help to show other readers where people are coming from and reduce misunderstandings. — Respectful Millennial

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

Bursary

The Bulwer Branch Quebec Farmers' Association is offering a Bursary to students currently enrolled in post-secondary education in the field of Agriculture or related fields, living in the area served by Bulwer Branch Quebec Farmers' Association. Applications must be received before February 9, 2017. Contact person: Mrs. Theda Lowry, 30 High Forest, Sawyerville, QC. JOB 3A0.

2017 Honda Ridgeline Black Edition



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The Ridgeline we've been waiting for



By Dan Heyman

On the surface, when the original Honda Ridgeline debuted in 2005, it was a bit of an anomaly here in Canada. Obviously, we'd seen trucks before, from brands with blue ovals and bowties and wildlife on their snouts. Those were trucks: body-on-frame construction, 4x4 powertrain, gasoline V8 or diesel power, low-ratio rear axles, and column-mounted shift levers. They could drive through snow, through mud, through streams, and over rocks, all while towing boats and RVs, flatbeds and work equipment.

And then came Honda with a unibody vehicle of some sort that was essentially a Honda Pilot SUV with no roof over its rear cargo area. What was that about? Not to mention it bore a striking similarity with the Chevy Avalanche, which was already kind of an anomaly itself.

Still, a year after it first went on sale, Honda managed to sell almost 5,000 Ridgelines in Canada, which wasn't that far behind the Avalanche numbers. However, Ridgeline sales began to decline immediately after, although they briefly spiked in 2012-2013, while its Pilot twin continued to trend mostly upward.

Here's the thing with the Honda Ridgeline, though: It was never really positioned to do battle with the Silverados and F-150s of the world. Indeed, it was always a little more of a lifestyle vehicle, a possible alternative for SUV and CUV buyers who wanted a little more "utility" to go with their "sport", but also wanted to be comfortable and use less gas. Now, they could have a pickup that drove like an SUV, but could more easily haul extra stuff. After the first generation hit nine years, it was clear that it was time not just for a refresh, but for an entirely new vehicle. The Ridgeline was facing new competition from a rejuvenated light-truck market where GM and Toyota had come to play—and seriously so—with models like the Colorado and Tacoma.

Change one, change two

Luckily for the Honda Ridgeline (and prospective Ridgeline buyers), the 2016 model year saw the arrival of an all-new

Pilot, so you knew that a Ridgeline variant couldn't be far behind. Sure enough, for 2017, an all-new Ridgeline went from fantasy to reality.

Ignore the pickup bed for a minute, and there's very little to distinguish the Ridgeline from the Pilot. Yes, it's higher, longer, and has a bigger gap between the front and rear axles, but the differences are almost imperceptible to the naked eye, especially considering you can only get the Ridgeline as a crew cab model. Seen from dead-on, the connection between the two is even stronger as the headlights, grille, and front bumper are pretty much exactly the same.

It's a similar story inside. The dashboard is almost identical to the Pilot's, although the new Ridgeline does swap the SUV's newfangled push-button gear selector for a more traditional lever, emphasizing its utilitarian side to please many truck guys.

The offshoot of all this, of course, is that the 2017 Honda Ridgeline has a much more attractive and car-like interior than any other pickup you may come across. Forget the Pilot; the abundance of soft-touch materials (especially in the top-spec Black Edition seen here), the chunky and button-laden steering wheel, and the modern centre stack wouldn't look out of place in a CR-V crossover or Accord sedan. Same goes for the seats, which are well padded and covered in Black Edition-spec ventilated leather with red accents. As for fit and finish, there's very little to complain about.

It's a pickup, remember

With all of those top-notch materials and displays inside and all the fancy Black Edition stuff outside (black 18" wheels, grille inserts, trim), it's easy to forget that the Honda Ridgeline remains a pickup, and that means the existence of a proper pickup bed behind you. Not just any pickup bed, either: at 5.3", there's actually more room in the Ridgeline's bed than there is in the 4-door versions of the Chevrolet Colorado and Toyota Tacoma.

An added bonus, here, is the way the rear half of the bed's floor opens to reveal a secure storage bin. It's fantastic, perfect for items you need to keep dry such as sports gear or various kinds of power equipment. Also, the tailgate can either flip down or open sideways, depending on what you're planning to load in there.

No live axle, no ladder frame, no matter

As much as the new Honda Ridgeline looks and feels similar to an SUV, it drives like one, too. Yes, parts of the chassis have been reinforced with more high-tensile steel for better towing and

off-road capability, but you'd have to really be concentrating hard to feel it in the everyday.

The Ridgeline's somewhat slippery shape and well-insulated cabin make for some properly relaxing and quiet progress, while the suspension tuning is such that the usual road imperfections like train tracks or cracked concrete simply don't make themselves felt anywhere near as much as they would in other pickups.

Think the trade-off is reduced abilities and capacities? The 2017 Honda Ridgeline's 5,000lb tow rating is pretty much what you'd get from more "standard" pickups. The same goes for its ability to haul; you could stick a dirt bike in the bed if you wanted. In fact, Honda encourages this—its powersports division is an active one, remember—by offering what's actually called a "truck motorcycle bed extender." If you'd rather tow your bike, then the standard trailer stability assist system offers great peace of mind. If you want a trailer brake, however, you're going to have to look to the aftermarket, although the Ridgeline does come pre-wired to make this addition a little simpler.

It's got the power to make all this work. A 3.5L V6 engine is your only choice, and it's good for 280 horsepower and 262 lb-ft of torque. That's the same output as the Pilot, and more horsepower than the V6 versions of the Tacoma. The Colorado trumps it a bit in both departments, but the Ridgeline makes up for that by remaining practical and oh-so-smooth to drive... mostly.

I say "mostly" only because the 2017 Honda Ridgeline is let down a little by its transmission. It's a 6-speed automatic, but one that tends to get hung up on a gear every so often and will sometimes engage gears in a chunky fashion. Maybe the engineers wanted a modicum of chunky truckiness to remain, but it does stand out a little especially considering just how smooth everything else is. All-wheel drive is standard here in Canada.

A viable alternative

It's rare to see a pickup that can so readily walk the line between utility hauler and family hauler. Honda has turned quite a trick with the Ridgeline, somehow managing to improve on what was already a very good—if a little underappreciated—platform.

We're quite certain that this switch to more SUV-like styling, the reasonable cost of entry (\$38,471 in base trim; \$50,471 for this top-spec Black Edition), and its inherent ability to drive like a car one day and tow like a truck the next will make the new 2017 Honda Ridgeline blip on buyers' radar shine that much more brightly.

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