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City releases Well Inc. analytical documents

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As part of the development of Quartier Well Inc. the City of Sherbrooke is releasing analytical documents that were tabled to municipal officials in a workshop on December 11.

Documents and fact sheets began being posted on the City's website as early as Tuesday morning. In addition, a public information session will also be held on January 30 to take stock of major areas of the revitalization project.

"A lot of information has recently been released about the Quartier Well inc project," Mayor Steve Lussier says, "I want to bring more transparency to this issue, which is why I asked that information is available to the public so that they can understand the issues and the project as a whole."

The Mayor has also appointed a political committee on the revitalization of downtown. "The revitalization of the downtown area is an important issue for the coming years," he says.

The committee will be co-chaired by Chantal L'Esperance and Annie Godbout

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"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, will you please try once again"

Mégantic jury at an impasse



GORDON LAMBIE

Charles Shearson, one of the lawyers defending Lac-Mégantic train conductor and engineer Thomas Harding, answered questions on the jury's impasse for French and English media following the brief sitting of the court on Tuesday afternoon.

By Gordon Lambie

Day six of deliberations at the Lac Mégantic Criminal Negligence Trial in Sherbrooke brought with it a jury at an impasse. One day after returning to the courtroom for the first time to ask questions of clarification, the 12-member jury sent word mid-afternoon on Tues-

day that they could not come to a consensus regarding verdicts and asked for guidance from Judge Gaetan Dumas.

"You have reported that you are having difficulty reaching a verdict," Judge Dumas said. "It is not mandatory, but obviously desirable, that you do so."

The judge pointed out that he does have the power to excuse a jury that has

reached a stalemate, but emphasized that he would not use such a power without careful consideration.

"Often when we give juries more time to deliberate they are able to come up with a verdict," Dumas said, stressing the fact that he was not sending the

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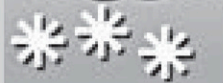
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## KEEPING IN TOUCH



Containing 7,000 toxic substances, including more than 70 carcinogens, it's no secret that smoking is bad for your health. Statistically, smoking is the leading cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) cases, contributes to a large portion of cardiovascular diseases, oral and dental issues, a third of fatal cancers and is the first cause of avoidable death. [Source: social health promotion enterprise, Cap-sana.]

This year commit to becoming a better statistic by joining the over 436,000 people who have participated in the Quit to Win! Challenge.

For nearly two decades, this provincial campaign encourages Quebecers to free themselves from tobacco by providing information, tools and a positive motivation, such as a trip for two to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and other special prizes.

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To access tools, information and to register for the Challenge, in English, visit [DefiTabac.qc.ca/en](http://DefiTabac.qc.ca/en).

### Keep Your Teeth Healthy Longer!

Oral health is not only important to your appearance and sense of well-being, but also to your overall health. According to Health Canada, cavities and gum disease may contribute to many serious conditions, such as diabetes and respiratory diseases. Untreated cavities can also be painful and lead to serious infections (The Effects of Oral Health on Overall

# Quit to Win!

Health @ [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)).

Please join Townshippers' and the Community Health Education Program (CHEP) on Wednesday, Jan 24, from 10-12pm for a live video conference about your teeth and oral health at the Richmond & Region Community Learning Centre, 375 Armstrong Richmond.

Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Fabiola Lamothe will help you learn more about taking care of your teeth and how to keep them longer. You'll get information on why we have teeth, why it is important to take care of your teeth to have them for life and discover the connection between oral health and your overall health. Since the state of your mouth can be an indication of other illnesses, you won't want to miss this event. There will also be a question period at the end of the presentation.

Fabiola is also the Interim Supervisor of the Dentistry and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Department at the McGill University Health Center (MUHC), and she coordinates tasks in providing dental care to Head and Neck cancer patients and medically compromised patients. A member of the Canadian Dental Hygiene Association and the Ordre des Hygiénistes dentaires du Québec, Fabiola

educates and promotes good dental health through presentations to MUHC departments and other institutions.

We hope you will join us for this free event. Coffee and snacks will be served, no registration is required, and all are welcome.

The next CHEP presentation "What did you say? Hearing Loss" with St. Mary's Hospital Audiologist, Lorna Dowson, is on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, from 10 am to 12 pm. Location to be determined.

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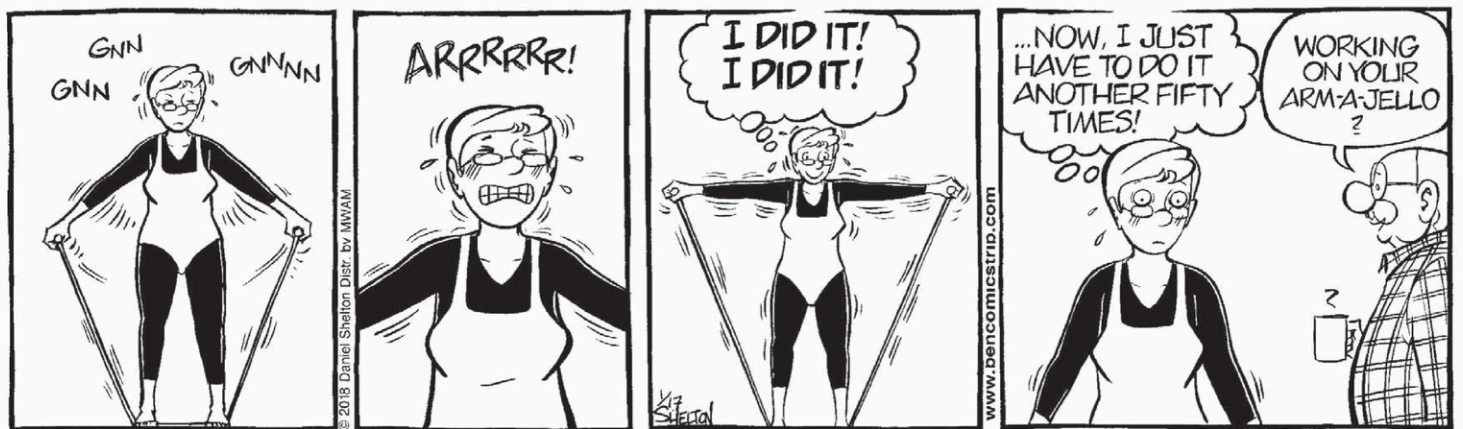
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There are a lot of bad statistics linked to smoking, but the perks of quitting increase over time. Just 20 minutes after quitting your body will start to experience the positive effects as your blood pressure returns to normal and your heart rate improves, warming your hands and feet from better circulation. Take the Quit to Win! Challenge to experience even more benefits.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

Last year, Proulx argued that there were too many “gaps” in the educational history of children in Quebec and that he wanted to create a standard digital file, similar to the health record that follows each patient.

## New Executive Officers and Directors Unit 318 of the Army Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada

Unit 318 of the Army Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada is proud to announce the new executive officers and directors.

Each executive and appointed direc-

tors of this unit, carries out the Association’s mission to all Veterans, their families and the community with their leadership and camaraderie.



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Left to right: Brady Smith (Director), Bill Raymond (Director), George Martel (Director), Nina Stubbert (2nd Vice President), Peter Goodin (President), Gary Vance (1st Vice President), Linda Caron (Director), Keith Langevin (Director), Andrew Letemplier (Director)

## Transport truck catches fire in Richmond



GORDON LAMBIE

The Richmond Fire Department made a late-night call along Route 243 in Melbourne Township on Monday night after a transport truck experiencing mechanical issues caught fire. According to a department representative, the fire started in the vehicle's engine around 11 p.m. and was quickly extinguished. Owing to the swift response and the fact that the truck was not hauling a trailer at the time, damage was limited to the vehicle itself and the driver was uninjured. Although the fire did not last long, emergency crews stayed on site much later to ensure that oncoming traffic would not collide with the wreck during the wait for it to be towed away.

## Quebec students to get digital files

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All Quebec schoolchildren, from pre-school to high school will soon be assigned a personalized digital file that will follow them throughout their school career, in the hope of ensuring a better transition between daycare and school and between elementary and secondary school.

The idea for such a file was originally put forward over a year ago by Education Minister Sébastien Proulx and is one of several measures in the ‘0-8 Strategy’, which was unveiled Tuesday at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Quebec City. The planned cost the province a

total of \$1.4 billion by 2022.

Last year, Proulx argued that there were too many “gaps” in the educational history of children in Quebec and that he wanted to create a standard digital file, similar to the health record that follows each patient.

A child attending a childcare center (CPE) or a subsidized daycare center will have information about their development gathered in a file by educators. Upon reaching the age of five, the file will be given to parents, who can then provide it to the school of their choice.

From kindergarten, another file will be created based on that from early childhood. It will be digital and be managed by schools that are part of the pub-

lic system. It will contain information about the student's strengths, difficulties and peculiarities. It will not be a report card, however, says the Ministry of Education.

Currently, parents who are moving or changing their child’s school must provide information about their child's journey to the new school verbally. The digital file will help the transition and will follow the child during transition to secondary school.

In addition to digitizing a personal file, the 0-8 strategy also includes providing free breakfasts to students from 725 underprivileged schools, in collaboration with the Breakfast Club, which is currently present in around 300 schools.

Eye exams will also be provided to kindergarten students at four or five-years-old, because at present only 20 per cent of parents have their children's eyes examined before they begin school. These examinations already covered by health insurance.

The strategy also proposes a family literacy program in public libraries and a reading literacy program to be rolled out in school libraries

The development of 4-year-old kindergarten classes will continue in some disadvantaged areas, but details about the number and location will be decided in the coming year.

## Well Inc.

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and includes Nicole Bergeron, Danielle Berthold, Paul Gingues, Rémi Demers, Claude Charron, and the mayor. Depending on the issues involved, the committee will work with the downtown development community, economic community and institutional

partners, as well as other sectoral political committees, such as that for culture, and the City’s administrative personnel.

Studies estimate that the Well Inc. project will create more than 1,500 jobs in the neighborhood as well as 132 new dwellings and consumer spending by new workers and residents will also have a positive impact on the economic vital-

ity of the sector and the financial health of the City.

Other development targets have been set for the development of Quartier Well inc. in terms of initiating environmental measures, promoting economic diversity, encouraging cultural activities and facilities, and active mobility.

Those wishing to comment or ask

questions about the Quartier Well inc. development can do so through the Well Inc. website or at the Well Inc. office, located at 36 Wellington Street South, Suite 200, to meet with Philippe Cadieux, who will be present every evening from January 16 to 19, from 3 to 7 pm, and on Wednesday, January 17, in the afternoon at the Well Inc. office.



## THE PET CONNECTION



Jen Young

I have seen some very incredibly rare and odd things in my years of rescuing animals, but I am still in awe over what I learnt on Friday about my little black stray that was brought in a few weeks ago. I was mind blown! It will forever change how I respond to someone who tells me; "My female cat sprays and stinks", since I can no longer say with complete certainty that "female cats do not spray testosterone. Only male cats do that." Females can pee in a "spray" kind of way, but only male cats actually spray a strong pungent mix of a sex cocktail. Not necessarily true anymore.

A few weeks ago I was brought in a cat that was found outside to check for a microchip. The cat was all black and as soon as I took it out of the carrier I smelled male cat spray. I quickly checked for a chip. No chip and quickly felt for any proof of sex. I assessed an unfixed male cat since I felt an obvious bump between his legs. I agreed to take him in as I had a spot that was now empty and with the beginnings of frost bite already on his ears I wanted to help him. Typical to my routine, he was treated for mites, fleas and worms immediately and he was set up for a few days to take it easy and adjust. On the third day of coming in, I perform a big thorough, top to bottom, exam of my new guys. They have had a chance to relax now. I was now seeing a big belly. But, in my exam I also assessed that I OBVIOUSLY was wrong since he was actually a she. Female genitals and no bumps. Hun. So what was that bump? If it wasn't a testicle, could have been the beginning of an infection, or she had just mated. Her big belly was now either worms or she was pregnant. I was hoping for worms. Needless to say, for three weeks she did great. Her belly went down and was obviously worms. I treated her for a urinary infection. She ate wonderfully and was feeling great.

Friday she went to be fixed. That morning my vet called, and so begins the beginning of my mind blowing shock. Sarah asks me, "Jen, I have a few

questions about your little girl here. How long has she been with you?"

Me: a few weeks. Why?

Sarah: Have you ever noticed her go in heat?

Me: No. She has become wicked friendly but I haven't seen any real signs of a heat.

Sarah: Have you smelled male cat spray?

Me: Oh yeah, I really did when she came in. That's one of the reasons I thought she was a boy when she came in.

Sarah: Well, we have just started her operation. We have her open. Yes, she has a uterus, but we smell male cat spray really strong and (pause) we're not sure, but we think she has a testicle. But, she also has an ovary. But we're sure there is also a testicle in her abdomen. Really not quite sure what this all means exactly.

Ok. You have to understand that I started laughing my head off. For a few reasons. 1: It's a common joke with my vets and I that if there is going to be a rare weird case, it'll be me that brings it to them. And 2: because I KNEW I wasn't crazy. I knew I smelled it and I swear I had felt a testicle.

To make a long story short, our stray has a uterus (misshaped, but a uterus none the less). My vets found an ovary and a testicle and another round ball. You have to understand that figuring out an ovary and a testicle that had not descended without tests is almost impossible. So, either they found both ovaries and one testicle, or one ovary and two testicles. Although Claire is pretty sure they found two ovaries and one testicle. My vets followed ligaments for over an hour trying to figure out which one led to testicles and which ones led to ovaries. Now, without entirely opening her entire abdomen and doing a "where's Waldo" search to find that other testicle, it could still be there. As if that is not odd enough. She has a vulva, like a female, but wait for it, she also has a penis! Not as big as usual and hidden inside her vulva, but a penis! In 37 years, Claire, one of my vets, has seen cats of one sex with evidence of the opposite sex, but Claire has never seen two complete sets of reproductive organs in one cat. Like we're not talking about a male with a stray ovary here. We're talking about two sexes in one cat. Unbelievable! Now, we wait to make sure she recovers okay from such an extensive operation, which was a male AND female operation on the same cat, and then I will need to watch her for any evidence of spraying. Yeah. Can't believe I just said I have to watch

HER to see if SHE sprays. If there is another testicle hanging around, (they do not stick out like they should) then she will be able to spray. Like, do you guys realize the implications of this? 1: If the penis was functional (which there is no evidence that it wouldn't) then she would have been able to mate with both sexes. Her uterus was malformed so the chances that she ever had babies, or could, is unlikely. Very. 2: If she did have owners looking for her, were they looking for a male or female? I have yet to see a "Lost female AND male cat" post. I've read that this can happen (although WICKED rare to have so many organs of reproduction from BOTH sexes) and it is indeed a chromosome malfunction at its finest, but it can also be a consequence of in-breeding (evidence of how serious our overpopulation is) as well as a side effect of using prednisone on a pregnant mother, but I never thought I would see it. Like seriously, how many thousands of cats have I fixed?

It has been 3 days since her operation and she is doing well. I have named her Jessie since that is a gender neutral name. Some of her vets and techs refer to her as him, and for once, in this sit-

uation, it doesn't matter. She technically is both. She is a sweet girl and didn't deserve to freeze to death outside and while she will forever be a real "she-male" she is unique and special. Now to get her feeling in top shape, continue to hope for no evidence of spraying and then we will need to try and find her a good home. She's kind of lucky in a way. She has better chances since whatever sex someone is looking for in a cat, she can be either.

### Auction up and running

We have started another online auction; on my Facebook Page and The Pet Connection Lennoxville Facebook page. It will run until Saturday. Again, lots of people brought in items to donate to help us and we are so appreciative. Each auction goes directly to paying expenses for all our animals and right now we have 64. It's an immense help since our monthly expenses for vet, food and necessities runs around \$4000 to \$5000. I only wish I had thought of them earlier. Thank you to everyone who donated and thank you to everyone who will bid.

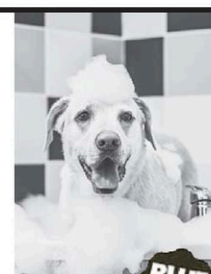


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# Automated phone system checks in on vulnerable people living alone

By Matthew McCully

Programme Pair is a free resource available to seniors and people with diminished capacity or a chronic health issue who live alone.

The automated calling service phones the home of subscribers as often as they like to check in and make sure they are ok.

The Sherbrooke branch of the program is managed by the Sherbrooke Police Service.

According to SPS sergeant Alain Roy, Pair has been around in the area for over 25 years.

"The average is 80," Roy said, regarding the age of subscribers.

Roy said there are two types of calls. The first, and main focus of the program, is security calls. A subscriber can determine the frequency of the automated check-ins, either once or twice per day, even tailoring the schedule to

have the calls at different times on different days.

The computer makes the scheduled calls, and the subscriber simply answers the phone and presses any number on the keypad to confirm that they are ok. If the system calls and there is no answer after three attempts, Roy said the SPS will then try to reach a secondary contact, usually a family member or neighbour. If no one can be reached, police are dispatched to the address of the subscriber to check on them.

A second service available to Pair subscribers is a reminder call for those who might be prone to forget when to take their medication, or to check their blood sugar level.

Pair has 100 per cent coverage of the Townships, and is available across roughly 80 per cent of the province, Roy said.

Each region has its own way of running the program. In many areas com-

munity organizations (centre d'action bénévole) manage Pair.

"In Sherbrooke the SPS does everything from A-Z," Roy said. The SPS will often include a home visit when subscribers first sign up to make sure they are in a secure living environment and make recommendations if necessary.

Sherbrooke has between 250-300 subscribers, Roy said. There are usually around 50 new ones each year, he added.

The Pair service gets an average of 400 alerts per year. In some cases the subscriber forgot about the scheduled call and went out, or didn't hear the phone ring.

Roy said last year there were around seven situations where the SPS intervened with emergency services.

In most of the cases, people had fallen and couldn't get up, Roy said. On one occasion, a woman in her home was feeling unwell and dizzy and couldn't get up to answer the phone. She was trans-

ported to hospital as a precaution.

Roy said there were two instances when Pair alerted the SPS to people with heart conditions who had close calls in their home. Luckily those people had subscribed to two calls per day, one in the morning and one in the evening. Roy said if a full day had passed between calls the subscribers may not have survived.

Roy stressed that the program is free of charge and any citizens in a vulnerable position who could use a check-in from time to time.

Anyone in the Sherbrooke area who would like to subscribe to the Pair program can call the SPS at 819-822-6080, ext 0.

Anyone in a different part of the Townships looking to subscribe can visit the website at [www.programmepair.com](http://www.programmepair.com) or call 1-877-997-PAIR (7247).

## Police take over investigation of Magog fire

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The Memphremagog Police have begun an investigation into the fire that broke out around noon Monday afternoon in an apartment at 10,

Ruisseau Rouge St., Magog, after initial findings by firefighters led to unanswered questions.

Since the fire, investigators have gathered witness accounts and the scene is being protected by patrol units. The

Sûreté du Québec's forensic identification came on board Tuesday to help the investigators clarify some aspects of the case.

The occupant of the apartment was slightly injured when he attempted to re-

turn to his home to recover items.

Since there is an investigation, the Police will be providing no other information at this time. Information will follow if and when the cause of the blaze is determined.

## Mégantic jury

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jury back to their discussions with the intent that anyone should change their minds, but rather to ensure that every member of the jury had made his or her best effort to come to a just conclusion based on the evidence presented over the course of the four-month trial. He recognized that keeping the jury sequestered longer if they have reached a true impasse would be useless, but strongly encouraged the jurors to take more time and go back to discussions with an open mind.

Dumas also warned against the temptation to change one's mind in order to reach a consensus. He reminded the jury of the oath each member swore at the beginning of the trial to "return a true verdict according to the evidence".

"You must not give in to any such temptation," the judge said, adding that there is nothing wrong with an impasse as long as the matter has been given due consideration by all.

"There are some cases, perhaps this is one, where jurors simply cannot come to a unanimous decision," Dumas said before asking, "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, will you please try once again to reach a verdict?"

Following the brief court session Charles Shearson, one of the lawyers de-

fending Train conductor and engineer Thomas Harding, took questions from local and national media on the development.

"We certainly would have liked a unanimous verdict, but an impasse is always a worry when you have a trial in front of jury," Shearson said. "It is never desirable to have an impasse, but it is a reality, particularly in cases that involve complex legal concepts."

The lawyer noted that the questions brought to the judge by the jury on Monday likely represented an effort to come to a consensus, but he said that given the length and complexity of the trial, it is hard to say whether the long deliberation is a good sign or not for his client.

"We are anxious to see the trial come to an end," Shearson said.

Harding stands accused, along with operations manager Jean Demaître, and railway traffic controller Richard Labrie, of criminal negligence causing death. Harding also faces the possible lesser charges of dangerous operation of railway equipment causing death or dangerous operation of railway equipment. The charges stem from the derailment and explosion of a train carrying crude oil on the night of July 6, 2013 in Lac-Mégantic, which resulted in the death of 47 people.



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Weddings are milestone events and The Record is planning to compile a special section, on January 25, that captures these special moments over the decades with their various styles of wedding attire.

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# EDITORIAL

If grassland and pasture rearing of cattle is favoured because of lower GHG emissions, we could see significant deforestation in those countries that produce beef extensively, but not a substantial reduction in consumption as desired.

## Cows exude lots of methane, but taxing beef won't cut emissions

By Michael von Massow, Associate Professor, Food Economics, University of Guelph and John Cranfield, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Guelph  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Will taxing meat products based on their carbon footprint reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve public health? The answer is maybe, but not notably – and it will come with significant costs.

A recent study in the journal Nature Climate Change advocates applying taxes to the consumption of meat as a means of lowering GHG emissions.

The idea is that if meat is more expensive, consumers will buy less of it. In turn, when faced with reduced consumption, farmers will produce less cattle.

Not all meat production produces the same volume of emissions. Since cows produce a lot of methane (a greenhouse gas), fewer cows should mean less methane, which in turn should help lower GHG emissions. Pigs and chickens don't spew methane the way cows do, but there are also the emissions associated with feeding them, as well as with the decomposition of manure.

While it's clear we need to proactively reduce GHG emissions globally, we believe the emissions tax approach is unlikely to achieve success.

It will likely increase food prices for consumers and decrease the prices farmers charge for their products, but it's unlikely to lower meat consumption significantly and therefore unlikely to lower GHG emissions from the livestock sector. There may be other detrimental impacts to taxation too.

### Price hikes don't usually curb consumption

Food consumption is not as strongly linked to price as one might think. Changes in consumption of food are typically much smaller than changes in the price consumers face in the grocery

store. This is a phenomenon that has been recognized and measured for decades.

We would need to implement huge taxes to achieve a small decrease in consumption. As an example, the study in the Nature Climate Change journal suggests a 40 per cent tax on beef would only reduce beef consumption by 15 per cent.

Because taxes on food at the retail level tend to raise the prices paid by consumers, it's also worth noting that any increase in the price of meat would tend to affect low-income consumers more than more affluent consumers. Low-income consumers would pay relatively more than the rich.

We also need to consider substitution effects. While a high tax on beef and other meats will lower beef consumption somewhat, it may also lead to economizing by consumers through increased consumption of lower quality or more highly processed cuts of meat.

This could actually increase the relative prices of these cuts, making the negative impact of the tax on lower-income consumers even stronger, and would undermine some of the suggested health benefits.

It's worth noting that beef consumption is generally falling in Canada and the U.S., independent of price. Other factors are likely to be more effective at reducing beef consumption than taxation.

### All cattle are not raised equally

It's also important to recognize that different types of cattle production create different volumes of emissions.

There is a suggestion that any tax on meat should reflect the production system. Those that raise cattle on grasslands or in pastures, for example, would have lower taxes than cattle raised using intensive production systems, like those used throughout North America, which create higher emissions.

While cattle in North America spend their early life on pasture, most beef cat-



tle are finished in feedlots where they are grouped and fed high-energy grain rations to efficiently produce the preferred texture and taste of beef.

A tax based on how cattle are raised, however, would be both politically and logistically difficult.

If grassland and pasture rearing of cattle is favoured because of lower GHG emissions, we could see significant deforestation in those countries that produce beef extensively, but not a substantial reduction in consumption as desired.

We could end up in a situation where many differences in production practices, even within countries, create different emissions estimates and therefore cattle producers would seek different tax levels.

### Unintended consequences

There's also a risk that a meat tax would reduce the incentive to initiate research and development that could help cut emissions within the sector.

Examples of such R&D include efforts to improve the feed efficiency in cattle production. At the farm level, feeding more cattle on a forage-heavy pasture diet could increase the costs of producing cattle and change the characteristics of the beef while eroding the incentive to adopt climate-friendlier production practices.

It's worth noting that the United Na-

tions Food and Agriculture Organization has said that emissions could be reduced by 30 per cent today if current best practices were broadly implemented. This is beyond the impact of a 40 per cent tax. The incentive to adopt these best practices would be removed by the implementation of a tax.

### Progress can be made

As experts in food and agriculture economics, we agree that reduced GHG emissions are important for the future of humanity. We also believe that we are likely to substitute plant or insect proteins or cultured meats for traditional meat products over time.

Even if it were possible to get broad-based agreement for a global (or even just a Canadian) tax on meat, however, it is important to look not only at whether these efforts would reduce GHGs, but also at the unintended consequences of these efforts.

In the case of the proposed meat tax, it is not only unlikely to achieve the intended outcome, it is equally likely to create a spate of unintended consequences that would negatively affect not just cattle producers, but also consumers.

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# Local Sports

Carrying the flag into the opening ceremony will put some pressure on the duo to perform to their highest ability, said Moir.

## Ice dancers Virtue and Moir to carry flag at Pyeongchang Olympics

By Terry Pedwell  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Not since Kurt Browning at the 1994 Lillehammer Games has a figure skater carried the Canadian flag into an opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics.

Next month, there will be not one, but two skaters — ice dance darlings Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir — leading the way with the red-and-white Maple Leaf as Canada's Olympic team begins its medal quest at the Pyeongchang Games in South Korea.

The eight-time national champions and three-time world champions were introduced Tuesday at a news conference in Ottawa where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was beaming as he made the announcement.

Being given the honour of carrying the flag made coming out of retirement a couple years ago for the Games the best decision ever, even before lacing up to compete, said Virtue.

"It's a good thing we decided to come back and it is certainly incredibly rewarding," she said. "I mean it doesn't get any better than this."

Their entrance in Pyeongchang on Feb. 9 will mark the first time a Canadian duo carries the flag into an opening ceremony.

"The honour of carrying the Canadian flag ... brings with it a sense of duty,

privilege, and above all, great pride," Virtue said.

Virtue, 28, and Moir, 30, made their Olympic debut eight years ago on home ice in Vancouver, where they captured a gold medal and became household names. They won ice dance silver four years ago in Sochi and added another silver in the team event.

The duo then took two years off before deciding to make one more run for Olympic gold. They say they will retire after the Games in Pyeongchang.

Carrying the flag into the opening ceremony will put some pressure on the duo to perform to their highest ability, said Moir.

"But we like that," he told reporters. "We always say that we see that pressure as moral support because we put as much pressure on ourselves as we can and we're going to be ready for the opportunity."

Their biggest challenge for gold will come from French couple Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron, who edged the Canadians at the Grand Prix Final in December.

Hockey player Hayley Wickenheiser carried the Canadian flag at the opening ceremony in 2014 while decorated speed-skater Clara Hughes had the honour at the Vancouver Games.

"In accepting this unparalleled honour, we commit to embodying the values and the standards that make Canada

such a special place and we vow to embrace the Olympic spirit in its purest form," Moir said. "Team Canada is ready

and we cannot wait to be in Pyeongchang with the Maple Leafs on our backs and in our hearts."



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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announces Canadian figure skaters Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir as Canada's flag bearers during an event in Ottawa, Ont., on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. Ice dance darlings Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir will carry Canada's flag into the opening ceremony at next month's Winter Games in South Korea.

## Canadian Milos Raonic stunned in first round of Australian Open by Lukas Lacko

The Canadian Press

Canadian Milos Raonic is out at the Australian Open.

The 22nd seed in the men's tournament, Raonic was stunned by unseeded Lukas Lacko of Slovakia 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (4) on Tuesday in the first round of the Grand Slam event.

The Thornhill, Ont., product is coming off an injury-filled season that saw his ranking drop to No. 24 from a career-high of No. 3 in 2016.

Raonic missed last year's U.S. Open after undergoing wrist surgery. He returned to the tour for one tournament in Japan in October, but retired from his quarterfinal match. He has been among the most vocal proponents for shorten-

ing the nearly year-long tennis schedule to protect top players from injury.

Raonic is a former Wimbledon finalist and has reached at least the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park the last three years.

It's only the third time that Raonic has lost in the first round of a major. Raonic also lost in the first round of the 2010 US Open and the 2011 French Open.

On the women's side, Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., advanced to the second round of the tournament with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over France's Oceane Dodin.

Bouchard will face top-seeded Simona Halep next.

## Olympic veterans Crawford and Green lead Canadian biathlon team to Pyeongchang

The Canadian Press

Two-time Olympians Rosanna Crawford and Brendan Green headline Canada's biathlon team for the next month's Pyeongchang Games.

Crawford and Green were part of the quartet that finished 11th in the mixed relay at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Green was also seventh in the men's relay in a foursome that included 2018 Olympic

teammate Nathan Smith, while Crawford was on the team that wound up eighth in the women's relay.

Green and Smith, along with brothers Christian and Scott Gow, captured Canada's first-ever relay medal at the world championships with a bronze in 2016.

Smith, who missed most of last season due to illness, became the first Canadian male biathlete to win a world

championship medal in 2015 when he grabbed silver in the 10-kilometre sprint.

Crawford, meanwhile, picked up the first World Cup medal of her career last week in Germany with a bronze in the 15-kilometre individual race.

Also heading to South Korea next month as part of Canada's 10-member squad are Sarah Beaudry, Macx Davies, Emma Lunder, Julia Ransom and Megan Tandy.

The biathlon competition gets going Feb. 10.

-Full roster:

Sarah Beaudry, Prince George, B.C.; Rosanna Crawford, Canmore, Alta.; Macx Davies, Canmore; Christian Gow, Calgary; Scott Gow, Calgary; Brendan Green, Hay River, N.W.T.; Emma Lunder, Vernon, B.C.; Julia Ransom, Kelowna, B.C.; Nathan Smith, Calgary; Megan Tandy, Prince George.

**Death**



**Bernard MAYHEW**  
(1929-2018)

At SHERBROOKE, on January 7, 2018, at the age of 88 years, Mr. Bernard Mayhew passed away. Mr. Mayhew was the husband of Stella Veilleux. He also leaves to mourn his brothers George, Gerald, as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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**Death**



**Leonard (Len) Cormier**  
(1941-2018)

Passed away at the CHUS-Hôtel Dieu, Sherbrooke, QC, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Leonard Cormier, in his 77th year, son of the late Walter Cormier and the late Genevieve Mills and beloved husband of the late Angèle Goulet of Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC.

Mr. Cormier leaves to mourn his loving children André (Eugénie Beaupré) and Sonia (Steve Garand); his grandchildren: Mélissa, Alexandre, Félix-Antoine, Kaylee-Ann; his great-grandchildren: Mélodie and Mavrick; his brothers and sisters: the late Pete (Sheila), the late Garvise (the late Huguette), Claudette (the late Charlie), Marie and Ronnie (Lorraine); his brothers and sisters-in-law: Bertrand (Yolande) and the late Normand (Noëlla); as well as many nephews, nieces, other friends and relatives.

Family and friends will meet at the Steve L. Elkas Complex, 4230 Bertrand-Fabi Street, Sherbrooke, QC, on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A service will held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Funeral Complex.

The family would like to thank the medical staff of the 4th floor -CHUS-Hôtel Dieu, for their kind and professional care given to Mr. Cormier. As a memorial tribute, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 1194 Chambly Rd., suite 200, Longueuil, QC J4J 3W6 would be appreciated.

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**Death**

**In Memoriam**

**TAYLOR, Grant Frederick** - In loving memory of my dear husband of 70 years who passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

*By the old rugged cross  
You sit with a smile,  
Waiting for those  
You have left for a while.  
And those you have left  
With their grief and their loss,  
Will meet you one day  
By that old rugged cross.*

**Always loved and remembered  
by his wife  
MAYOTTA**

**TAYLOR, Grant Frederick** - In loving memory of our dear uncle who passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

*Nothing could be more beautiful  
Than the memories we have of you,  
To us they're very precious  
Because they are of you.*

**Always remembered by  
MILES  
RON & TRUDY  
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**Datebook**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

Today is the 17th day of 2018 and the 28th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1773, Captain James Cook and his crew became the first to sail south of the Antarctic Circle.

In 1819, Simon Bolivar proclaimed Colombia a republic.

In 1917, the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first session.

In 1991, a United States-led coalition's planes struck targets in Kuwait and Iraq, launching the Persian Gulf War.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), statesman/inventor/author; Al Capone (1899-1947), organized crime boss; Betty White (1922- ), actress; Eartha Kitt (1927-2008), actress/singer; James Earl Jones (1931- ), actor; Muhammad Ali (1942-2016), boxer; Andy Kaufman (1949-1984), actor/comedian; Steve Harvey (1957- ), comedian/actor; Jim Carrey (1962- ), actor; Sebastian Junger (1962- ), journalist/author; Michelle Obama (1964- ), U.S. first lady; Kid Rock (1971- ), singer-songwriter; Zooey Deschanel (1980- ), actress; Dwyane Wade (1982- ), basketball player.

**TODAY'S FACT:** The term "military-industrial complex" was first used by President Dwight Eisenhower during his farewell address to the nation on this day in 1961.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1971, the Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 in Super Bowl V, a game so filled with errors it was nicknamed the "Blunder Bowl."

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "What would you risk dying for — and for whom — is perhaps the most profound question a person can ask themselves. The vast majority of people in modern society are able to pass their whole lives without ever having to answer that question, which is both an enormous blessing and a significant loss." - Sebastian Junger, "Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 26 — age at which gangster Al Capone became boss of the "Chicago Outfit."

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (Jan. 16) and first quarter moon (Jan. 24).

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# Your Birthday

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Good fortune is the result of making positive choices. Make this year one to remember by displaying intelligence, discipline and the willingness to step up and get things done. If you act selflessly, you will be remembered and rewarded for your kindness, generosity and contributions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An innovative idea can give a presentation some needed pizzazz. Welcome input and be ready to collaborate with people just as eager to try something new.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Trusting someone with your money or possessions will lead to disappointment. Do your research and be willing to walk away from a deal that poses many unanswered questions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take care of personal money matters and documents that need to be dealt with before tax time. Being fully prepared will lead to savings and greater opportunities.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Don't accept help unless you know what's expected of you in return. Someone will have a change of heart and let you down. Get the skinny before you make a commitment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Partnerships will work well for you. Collaborate with someone to come up with a plan that can help you advance. Control your emotions when dealing with personal matters.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Personal improvements will build your confidence and give you a greater sense of what you have to offer. Love and romance will change how or where you live.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Intelligence will be required when dealing with personal money, health or legal matters. Take a pass if someone urges you to take a shortcut or to let someone else handle your affairs.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Emotions will surface if you can't come to terms with what others want. Don't be afraid to do your own thing, cut your overhead and lower stress.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An energetic schedule will be illuminating. Try new things and challenge your strength, courage and discipline. Stay focused and you will make a difference. Romance is encouraged.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take on a physical challenge and re-evaluate your feelings and domestic situation. A change may be necessary, but first you must come up with a strategy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let an emotional response you receive deter you from following your heart. You must live life your way if you want to find peace and happiness.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep your thoughts secret. Saying or revealing something prematurely will put you in an awkward position. Speak the truth or say nothing at all.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

## A wrong does not always do badly

By Phillip Alder

Thomas C. Haliburton, a Nova Scotian politician, judge and author who died in 1865, said, "When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry."

Some bridge players who get cross with partner are guilty, adopting the "offense is the best defense" policy. In contrast, sometimes making the "wrong" bid or play does not cost. In today's deal, critique the auction.

South might have opened one no-trump; the heart suit was a plus value, but the black-suit holdings were minuses. If he had, though, maybe three no-trump would have been the final contract. After West led the club jack (or seven), that would have gone down two.

North might have responded two clubs, Reverse Drury, showing three-plus heart support and a maximum pass. Then South would have insisted on game, reaching four hearts one way or another.

Finally, South was aggressive in going straight to game. Two no-trump would have been a better rebid, but North would have jumped to four hearts.

West did well to lead a trump. How should South have played?

He immediately cashed the diamond king and played his nine to dummy's 10.

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

However, East took that trick and shifted to clubs for down one.

South would have done better first to try for a club ruff on the board: heart 10, club two. If East rose with the king and returned a trump, South would have next led the club queen. Here, that would have worked nicely. But if the defenders could have denuded dummy's trumps, the diamond finesse was still available.

# CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 Like most cookies
- 6 Director of the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 10 Food inspector's concern
- 15 Jazz singer O'Day
- 16 Osso buco meat
- 17 Swerved at sea
- 18 Math teacher's favorite sport?
- 21 Diplomatic bldg.
- 22 Flying off the shelves
- 23 Praise to the heavens
- 24 Rock's Grateful \_\_
- 26 Fiat fuel
- 28 Perspire nervously, say
- 31 Math teacher's favorite brew?
- 36 Arrowhead Stadium NFL team
- 38 Mark for deletion
- 39 Sellout sign letters
- 40 Very confident
- 41 Chanel competitor
- 42 Museum worker

- 44 1869-'77 pres. monogram
- 45 Place for private dining?
- 46 New York hockey team
- 47 Math teacher's favorite hat?
- 51 Bathtub outlet
- 52 Product prefix suggesting winter
- 53 Activist Parks
- 56 Minds someone else's business
- 59 Slice of history
- 61 Old conductance unit
- 62 Math teacher's favorite cut of beef?
- 67 As scripted
- 68 World Golf Hall of Famer Isao
- 69 Cosmic comeuppance
- 70 Gives a hand, in a way
- 71 Editorial override
- 72 Hog caller's call

**Down**

- 1 With \_\_ breath
- 2 Japanese art genre
- 3 "L.A. Confidential" Best Supporting Actress Oscar winner
- 4 Bastille Day time
- 5 Short run
- 6 Gamer's game face
- 7 Syr. neighbor
- 8 Half a chipmunk team
- 9 "Roots" author Haley
- 10 Shoelace hole
- 11 Cambridge student, informally
- 12 Have title to
- 13 Luau loop
- 14 TSA requests
- 19 Roman robes
- 20 Major Arcana deck
- 25 Kicked out of the game, informally
- 27 Gender-specific, to some
- 29 The Joker portrayer on TV
- 30 \_\_ Haute

- 32 Many a tabloid pic
- 33 Fowl poles?
- 34 Possessive word
- 35 Fishing gear
- 36 Lingerie size
- 37 Member of a strict Jewish sect
- 41 Article written by Marx and Engels?
- 42 Break
- 43 App offering fare estimates
- 45 Wildly excited
- 46 Future fern
- 48 Downy amount

- 49 New faces around the water cooler
- 50 In the slightest
- 54 Disgrace
- 55 Fine
- 57 Flight sked data
- 58 Many a bagpiper
- 60 Wants to know
- 62 Sci-fi escape vehicle
- 63 St. Louis-to-Indianapolis dir.
- 64 Label for Elvis
- 65 Hula strings
- 66 Lao Tzu ideal

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### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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ZCDEJW HM MYX OFCZCHG HM VCNJ  
FCXHL HM O ILCZW." — SMJ EOSOD

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TODAY'S CLUE: F equals U

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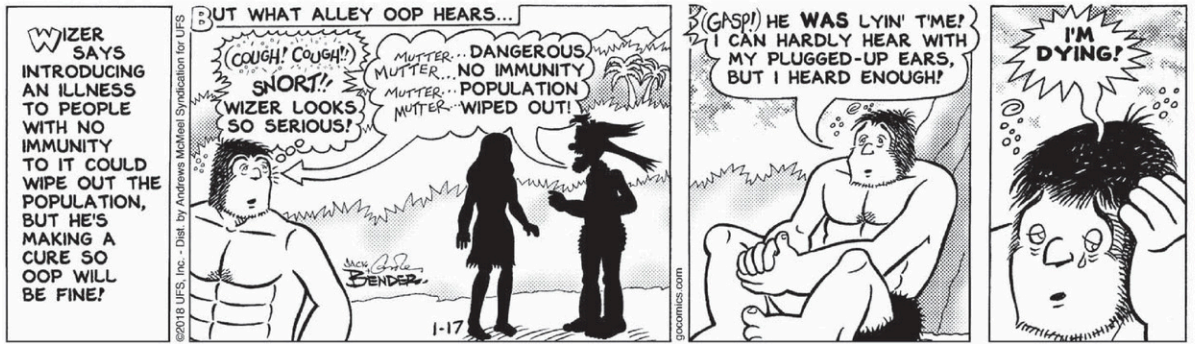


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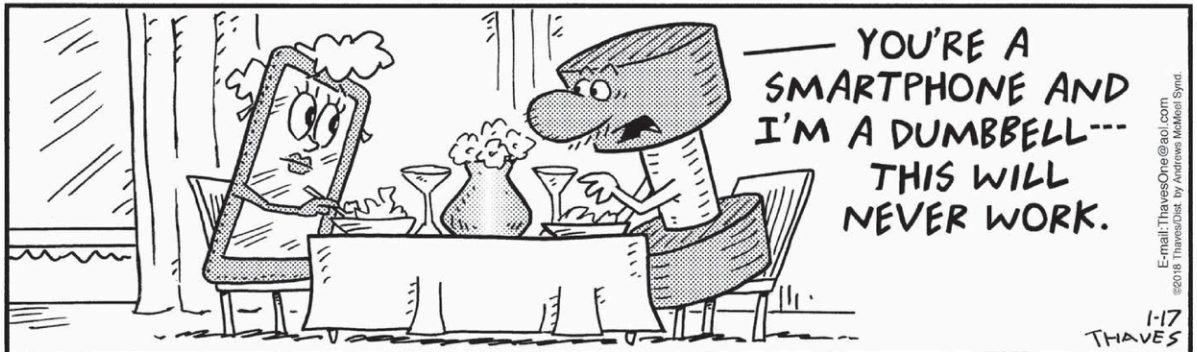
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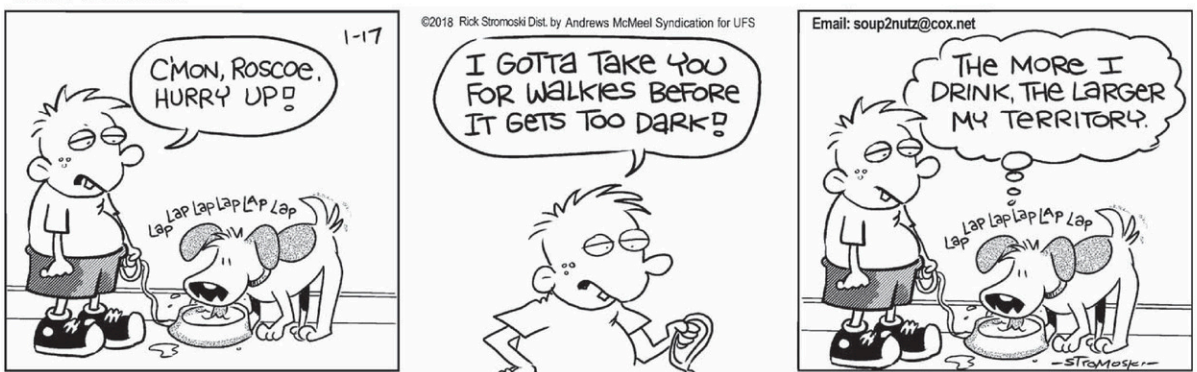
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Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

Dear Annie: I am a 50-year-old married woman with two children. I am far from perfect, but I do feel I am a decent person. My issue is my sister and my mom. I have spent most of my adult life trying to please both of them. I walk on eggshells every time we have a family function, because I never know what I've done that they will be upset about. The latest blowup was because I suggested a different Christmas game. I was yelled at by my sister in front of my parents and grandma, and they all sat there and let her rip me to shreds. I think they are afraid of her, too. One year, she screamed at me because I couldn't pick up a birthday cake for another family member because I had to be out of town for a few hours. That same week, my mom screamed at me for a half-hour while I was at work, all because I couldn't make this relative's birthday supper. I plan and organize family birthdays, get-togethers, etc., but my mom and sister come late, pick fights and make me feel terrible.

They don't like my friends and tell me so. They have made fun of my hair color, my make-up, my weight, the fact that my house is clean — you name it! To them, any part of my life or personality is fair game for attack.

They once took my son when he was small and drove him around and grilled him because they thought he was being abused. He had fallen and hit his face on a bleacher at the pool. My mom was there and saw the whole thing happen but pretended not to know. I worked for Child Protective Services at the time and was humiliated. But thank goodness, my son and I were interviewed, so we could prove nothing bad had happened.

What do I do? I make myself sick trying to please these two. I make myself sick thinking I should cut the ties. Any suggestions? Talking to them doesn't work. — Sick of Them

Dear Sick of Them: You're making yourself sick; you can also make yourself better. Stop trying to please your mom and sister. In fact, stop trying to please anyone. Act out of integrity and with love and respect for yourself. Take

a break from seeing or communicating with your relatives for a while. Think of it as a detox. Then, with a more clearheaded perspective, decide what level of relationship you can have with them while still protecting yourself. You may indeed need to cut ties, or you may just need to limit the frequency and duration of visits. As you seem to have internalized a lot of guilt, consider enlisting the help of a therapist for constructing and placing boundaries.

Dear Annie: I had a friend who went through a tough breakup last year, and I was there for her every day. This year, I find myself going through something similar, but she's too busy with her new boyfriend to answer the phone when I call, I guess. Why is it that so many people want your companionship during rocky periods but can't be there for you when you're in need? — Bitter

Dear Bitter: The hard times are great for showing you who your real friends are. This woman is not one of them. Don't be bitter. Do find better friends. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Many hands made light work of the clean up and everyone was on his/her way home quickly. Please join us next month on Thursday evening, February 8, for another fun evening of cards.

Submitted by Loretta Irwin and Jean Storry

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