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Big dogs breathe easy in Sherbrooke

By Gordon Lambie

After announcing in late June that city bylaws would be changed to require dogs over 20 kilograms to wear a halter, Sherbrooke's city council backed off on Monday night. Instead, Council President Serge Paquin explained, the city will hold off on rule changes until after the report commissioned by the Provincial Government comes to its conclusions in late August.

Paquin said that the council reflected on the matter several times both before and after making the initial announcement. With that reflection it became clear that what otherwise seemed like a simple adjustment to the law had several complications, not the least of which was the weight restriction.

"We decided as a council to not go ahead with the adoption of the new rule," the Council President said, explaining that the city didn't want the police to have to go around weighing dogs or citizens to have to certify the weight of their animals. "We will await the presentation of the report and then follow with our own action afterward."

The news was met with heavy applause from those who had gathered in the council chamber for the night's question period, many of whom had come to speak on the subject of the rule changes. Though some of those who'd planned to speak left after Paquin's announcement, many stayed to offer their views nonetheless.

Lennoxville's Jen Young was among those who addressed the council, asking what the city planned to do if the Provincial Government decided to enact an all-out ban on pit bulls. She also told the council that despite the fact that the change has now been stopped, she was proud of the initial decision that had been made regarding halters.

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Bishop's Bridge may need replacement



RACHEL NEWCOMBE

The traffic leading up to the bridge currently under construction

By Gordon Lambie

Drivers whose daily commute takes them across the Massawippi River in Lennoxville are already well aware of the fact that the Bishop's Bridge is once again undergoing repairs. According to Nadège Tessier of Transport Quebec's Eastern Townships office, however, this latest round of repairs might be the precursor to more serious work in the near future.

"There will be an evaluation after the reinforcement work being done right now," Tessier said. "If the repairs do not prove to be lasting then further action will need to be taken."

Though underlining that the eventual course of action will be decided as a result of further study, Tessier said that the installation of a whole new bridge deck or a reconstruction of the bridge itself were both possibilities.

The Bishop's Bridge has been undergoing nearly annual repair work since its roadway was widened and refurbished in 2005. At that time the deck of the bridge was replaced with a lightweight Sandwich Plate System; a then state-of-the-art technology in which two steel plates are bound together with an elastic polymer.

Along with the Shenley Bridge in Saint-Martin-de-Beauce, the span in Lennoxville was one of only two in the province to be fitted with the SPS because the technology soon proved to be problematic and lacking in the durability necessary for its assigned task. According to Tessier, the bridge in the Beauce has since been completely rebuilt by the MTQ, leaving the Lennoxville bridge unique in its flaws.

While past repairs to the Bishop's Bridge have involved injecting more polymer between steel plates that have

started to come apart, the MTQ representative said that this time around the Transport Ministry is installing a series of steel beams on the base of the bridge in the hopes of more permanently reinforcing the stability of the structure.

Asked about the overall cost of work on the bridge since the SPS was installed 11 years ago, Tessier said that the MTQ is not in a position to say because the cost of the repair work has been covered by SPS manufacturer CANAM.

For the time being work is expected to keep one lane of the bridge open until about 2pm on Friday, July 8, when the bridge will be closed completely until the following morning. Once the work is completed, Tessier said there is no fixed period of evaluation to determine the durability of the repairs, but rather that the bridge will be evaluated under normal conditions to see if further action is needed.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Official Languages Consultations



The Canadian Government wants to know what you think about official languages by participating in an online Cross-Canadian consultation. The Department of Canadian Heritage launched the public consultations toward the development of a new multi-year official languages action plan.

A roundtable webcast discussion, on July 5 and 6, offered one way to provide feedback. Opinions are also being collected through an online questionnaire accessible at <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455565579172>

Ready. Set. GO! To Stanstead's 5K Borderfest is taking a break this year, but fresh air and fun can be enjoyed at the 15th edition of Stanstead's annual

5k race, which is ready to take off on Saturday, July 9.

Open to all ages and abilities, the race will start (at 10 am) and finish at the town hall, 425 Rue Dufferin. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st place runners and a medal will be given to the top three in each category. Registration is required and can be done just prior to the race, from 8am until 9:45 in the Stanstead College gymnasium, located directly across the street. Registration fees are based on the runner's age.

While in town, explore some of the beautiful tourist attractions such as the Colby Curtis museum, the Granite museum, the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, and Bleu Lavande. If running is not your sport, take a ride on one of the many bike paths that join our communities together.

Townshippers' Day: Exhibitors Don't Wait to Register!

According to the 2011 Census, less than 47,000 out of about 890,000 people in the historical Eastern Townships speak English as their first official language. Each year, Townshippers' Association partners with a volunteer committee to celebrate this small but vibrant community by hosting Townshippers' Day (T-Day).

As a bilingual and family friendly festival, T-Day provides a chance for visitors of all languages to discover the creativity, diversity and heritage of the region's English-speaking community and its artists. It is also the perfect place for English language students to practice!

The Town of

Brome Lake, with the assistance of Brome Village and West Bolton, are hosting the 37th annual T-Day, Saturday, September 17 from 9am to 5pm at the Brome fairgrounds. Organizers are expecting thousands of visitors - from those who are new to the region or born and raised Townshippers - to come out to support one another, strengthen old friendships and make new ones.

Known as one of the largest annual events for the Townships English-speaking community, participating entertainers and exhibitors offer visitors a one-stop exploration and discovery for countless activities, organizations and resources this fascinating region has to offer.

Talented local artisans, community organizations, historical organizations, and food vendors can participate by registering by July 29. Artisans, enjoy a special early bird discount if they register before July 15. Spaces are limited and tables are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Register online or download forms from the "Participate" section at TDay.ca or pick up forms at Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke and Brome Lake.

For festival details visit TDay.ca or contact Townshippers' head office at 819-566-5717 (toll free: 1-866-566-5717).

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, keep reading this weekly Keeping in Touch column in The Record and visit us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook and our website www.Townshippers.org. Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 - 257 Queen St. 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717 or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421.



COURTESY ROSS MURRAY

A pack of runners from the nearly 130 participants in the 2015 annual 5K in Stanstead. The 15th edition of the family run takes place this Saturday.



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LOCAL NEWS

The Bishop's Bridge has been undergoing nearly annual repair work since its roadway was widened and refurbished in 2005

Fraser Lake claims Magog man

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Magog police are reporting that a 49-year old Magog man drowned Tuesday morning in Fraser Lake in Orford.

Police were called to the beach at the Fraser Lake campground in Orford at about 11:45 a.m., for an unconscious man who appeared to be a victim of drowning. According to a witness the man was swimming from the beach to a rock about 100 meters from the shore

when he stopped swimming and started to sink. The witness who was with him shouted for help while trying to keep the man out of the water. A passing leisure boat rescued the man by bringing him to shore. From there, the park lifeguard and a citizen began resuscitation ma-

neuvors until the arrival of the ambulance and police.

The man was taken to the Hospital in Magog where he was pronounced dead.

The coroner has been advised of the death and a police investigation has begun to determine the cause of death.

City seeks grant for Centennial pool

By Gordon Lambie

The city of Sherbrooke is seeking a community infrastructure grant to rebuild the Centennial Park pool in Lennoxville. With an estimated \$1.25 million in work needed for the pool and its adjoining building between now and 2020, the grants offered through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program present an opportunity to have as much as \$500,000 of the work covered by the Federal Government.

"There's no guarantee we'll get the grant, but I think there's a fair chance," said Lennoxville Borough President

David Price, adding that he was disappointed at the delay the grant seeking brought into the plans to rebuild the pool. "We expected it to be a project that would start this fall. As soon as the pool closed at the beginning of September that project would have been underway. Now it goes to next year because getting through the grant process will take that time."

The plan is still flexible, according to Price, but the idea is to tear down the existing building and replace it with a multifunctional structure that could service the pool, the nearby tennis courts, and the skating rink that is set up in the

area during the winter time.

The pool structure at Centennial Park was the subject of criticism in the 2013 Auditor General's report. At that time, Auditor General Claude Cournoyer said that the equipment at the pool was in such a state of disrepair as to cast a negative image on the city of Sherbrooke, explaining that the issue was focused on inadequate ventilation in parts of the building.

In the plan approved Monday night, the city plans to apply for the grant based on a budget of \$600,000 for the new building and a \$400,000 overhaul for the pool itself.

The study carried out by the City also considered altering the pool design for conversion into a beach pool like those opened this summer at Andrew Sangster and Saint-Alphonse de Ligouri parks but ultimately decided against the possibility because of the greater cost involved. Price added, however, that because of the pool's role in the community, such a redesign would also have been unwelcome.

"It's basically the only pool in Lennoxville," the Borough president said. "It's pretty hard to make a water park out of something like that."

City wants review of traffic flow on Rte 220

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke municipal council has made a formal request to the Ministry of Transport, Sustainable Mobility, and Transportation Electrification (MTMDET) to do something about traffic congestion on Highway 220, between Ch. Dion and the new double roundabout where the highway meets the new extension of Portland Blvd.

The extension of the boulevard and the installation of the roundabout have been completed since autumn 2015 and since then, traffic on the stretch of the 220 between the roundabout and Ch. Dion has increased significantly, causing traffic flow problems.

The presence of a roundabout increases traffic flow because vehicles rarely have to make a full stop to yield. As a result, the City of Sherbrooke finds that the infrastructure and the traffic

lights at the intersections of Ch. Godin and Ch. Dion do not have the capacity to allow vehicles to flow smoothly on route 220.

The existing traffic lights inhibit traffic from the roundabout, forcing vehicles to stop, and sometimes back up to the roundabout and even as far as Portland. Traffic is perilous, dangerous and not fluid, the city says.

In addition, motorists are struggling to get in and out of businesses lining

this stretch of road. Vehicles emerging from Saint-Jacques St. during the morning rush hour are also unable to turn on to Route 220 west.

The City therefore is asking the MTMDET to analyze the flow of traffic on Highway 220, the roundabout, and Ch. Dion, and take corrective action for the short and medium term. The City also requests the MTMDET to review the physical layout on this stretch of Route 220 to improve traffic flow and safety.

Sylvie Daigle monument to be replaced

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke City Council authorized Monday that a replica of the Hommage à Sylvie Daigle sculpture be made, at a cost of \$23,309 plus taxes. The original was vandalized in October 2015 and following damage assessment, it was determined that restoration work was impossible without undermining its

integrity.

The artist who had created the original work in 2002, Pierre Chouinard, was approached to offer various reconstruction options. The new sculpture therefore will respect the original concept, although it won't be identical to the original, and will consist of a high performance concrete, representation of the athlete, surrounded by a stainless steel ring symbolizing an Olympic

medal.

The sculpture, which is located in front of Léopold-Drolet Palais des Sports at the Sylvie Daigle Park, has an important symbolic value because the athlete, who among others won medals at the Winter Olympics in Calgary and Lillehammer, was appointed honorary citizen of Sherbrooke in 1994.

To realize this project, the Groupe Béton at U de S has donated the high per-

formance concrete, as well as the working time required to cast the work. An unnamed donor will also grant \$10,000 to the City in order to contribute to the reconstruction.

Hommage à Sylvie Daigle is part of the City's collection of works of art and commemorative monuments. For more information on this collection, consult the sherbrooke.ca/oeuvre webpage.

Big dogs

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Paquin responded that it was not the city's position to challenge provincial legislation.

Following Monday night's meeting Mayor Bernard Sévigny told The Record that the changes in the council's decision were just part of a natural process of response.

"Obviously there has been a reaction.

We see that in Montreal and Quebec this evening," Sévigny said. "It gives the impression that we are backtracking, but we were actually just listening to the people."

The Mayor explained that both the initial tightening of dog restrictions and the reversal of that decision came as a result of public reaction. On the one hand people reacted out of concern when a woman was killed, and on the

other hand dog owners and professionals in the canine world reacted when blanket restrictions were applied in response.

"We will not compromise on (citizen safety), but we will wait for the results of the report and then change the rules only one time," the Mayor said.

Asked if he felt that there is a point to holding public consultations on the matter prior to the tabling of the

provincial report, Sévigny said that there was no plan for any formally organized event.

"The provincial working group is engaged with experts," the Mayor said. "A public consultation is not planned at this point, but at the same time and with the number of reactions that there have been, even without a public consultation, we hear what is being said."

Local businessman looking to put out some fires

By Matthew McCully

“I just want people to realize we’re not all bad guys,” said Matthew Fortin, owner of a Protection Incendie Sécurmax MRF franchise, which sells and maintains fire and safety equipment door-to-door throughout the Townships.

Fortin contacted The Record after local media warned citizens of itinerant salespeople in Cookshire-Eaton and the Sherbrooke area, claiming an affiliation to municipalities and suggesting that people could be subject to fines if they do not take advantage of the services and equipment offered.

“I’m trying to build a good reputation,” said Fortin, who has operated the local Sécurmax franchise for the past two years.

“I plan on retiring on this,” he said, upset that there are other unscrupulous vendors in the area compromising his credibility.

Fortin said his company, based in Trois-Rivières, has been around for 16 years. He became a franchise owner two years ago and has three employees.

“It’s a career, not a get rich scheme,” Fortin said, regarding his business.

“I like the public, I like being social,” he said, regarding his motivation to get involved in door-to-door sales. He is also a volunteer fireman, and was already familiar with the products and services offered by Sécurmax when he got the franchise.

“This is something that’s really important to me, especially out in the middle of nowhere, where fire protection services are sometimes 10-15 minutes away,” Fortin said.

“When I knock on your door, I’ll be wearing this shirt,” Fortin said, pointing to his uniform with the company logo. He said he then presents his permit from the town to sell door-to-door, as well as his permit from the Consumer Protec-

tion Bureau.

“I educate them and see if they want maintenance. If not, I move on,” Fortin said.

In recent weeks, another company has been manoeuvring in the Townships; while they do have a legitimate business selling similar fire safety products, their sales tactics led to complaints, and local municipalities issued warnings regarding door-to-door vendors.

“I did Cookshire-Eaton last year,” Fortin said. When he went recently to re-apply, he discovered someone else had recently been through town claiming an association to municipal authorities.

Fortin referred to the tactic as forced sales or pressure sales, something he considers unethical. Impersonating a municipal employee is illegal, he added. Fortin also questioned the services being provided by the salesman after seeing a receipt provided for fire extinguisher maintenance.

“I heard he picked it up, and then dropped it off the next day,” Fortin said, charging for full maintenance.

According to Fortin, at least for his company, full maintenance of a fire extinguisher has a one-week turnaround, suggesting the other vendor could be over-charging, or not doing the job properly.

“People still remember 10 years ago,” Fortin said, when a fire and safety equipment company went through the area, and then never came back.

“I’m trying to get the message out; we’re not all here to get rich quick and disappear,” Fortin commented. He said he has all of his clients entered into a computer system that sends notifications when products he has sold require maintenance or inspections.

“Hawking and pedalling are the only two English words that describe us,” he said, aware he has an uphill battle to preserve his status as a reputable door-to-door vendor.

Since Fortin has been involved with Sécurmax, he has had two contract cancellations, and has had the cops called on him three occasions.

“It doesn’t bother me a lot because I know I’m not doing anything wrong,” he said.

“I’m going to stick with it, try and educate and change people’s minds,” Fortin said, passionate about fire safety and the services his company provides. “I take the initiative to go out into rural areas and help people,” he said, explaining that a lot of his customers have safety equipment that requires maintenance, but they don’t know where to go.

He said consumers should be wary of any vendor that doesn’t present a permit when they introduce themselves. The permit number should also appear on the bill, as well as the full personal address of the vendor. If it is only a name and phone number, or if the vendor claims to represent a municipal employee, Fortin suggested customers should call the town or the SQ immediately.

He added that any door-to-door sales contract can be cancelled within 10 days of signing.

Charles Tanquay, spokesperson for the Quebec Consumer Protection Bureau (Office de la Protection du Consommateur in French), pointed out that a permit from the CPB is not an endorsement or guarantee of the quality of a product.

“Consumers should always be cautious,” Tanguay said, explaining that a CPB permit signifies simply that a company complies with the regulations related to door-to-door sales.

Tanguay went on to say that it is often part of a sales pitch to imply a sense of urgency; he suggested consumers delay a purchase they are unsure of and research the company in question.

There is an option on the CPB website in the consumers section to enter the name of a company and see if any legal



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Matthew Fortin owner of a Protection Incendie Sécurmax MRF franchise

action or formal complaints have been filed. Tanguay also suggested entering the company’s name in internet search engines, and specifically check small claims court judgments to see if there have been any settlements against the company.

The Record entered Protection Incendie Sécurmax MRF inc. in the CPB search engine. According to the website, no complaints were filed against the company. Tanguay performed the same search in his database and confirmed the same result.

The Record also called one of the towns where Fortin claimed to have a permit to operate.

According to the municipal inspector, Fortin’s permit was valid and up to date.

Brome Lake Ducks expands to Asbestos, introducing 150 new jobs

By Rachel Newcombe
Special to The Record

Brome Lake Ducks (BLD), a widely known company based in the Brome county area, with a specialization in the breeding and processing of Pekin duck products, has acquired a processing plant in the Asbestos area. This expansion of the company’s facilities will lead to new jobs and new opportunities both for the municipality and the company.

The plant BLD purchased, which was previously owned by the beef company Viande Laroche, is an approximately \$21 million dollar investment that according to president and COO of BLD, Claude Trottier, is definitely worth it.

“We’re at capacity now,” Trottier said of their current plant, located in Knowlton. The expansion to Asbestos will not only add a second plant, but also include an expansion of the hatchery and other facilities. “We’re fully integrated,” Trottier remarked. BLD handles every step of

the process, from laying the eggs to taking care of the ducks.

With the purchase of a new plant, this means that BLD is growing on every level. An expansion of the company means an expansion of the jobs available.

Already one of the largest employers in the area, with over 200 employees at their Knowlton location, Trottier said they were looking to hire local citizens, including some who may have worked at the plant under its previous ownership.

“We’re looking at approximately 100 people in the first year,” he said, adding that about 50 more jobs would follow in the next couple years.

Not only is BLD looking to introduce 150 new jobs, but there is potential for contract duck farms as well. Trottier explained that the intention of the company is to give priority to local citizens and resources.

A move like this is not one that happens overnight. Trottier explained that the plan to expand into the local area

has been in motion since last year.

“We took a few months last fall to do the due diligence,” Trottier said about inspecting the plant and engaging in the buying process. “The building is quite new,” he remarked, and added that it is a federal plant, something BLD needed.

The appeal of the approximately 50,000 square foot plant was pretty obvious. “It’s a good investment, and it’s a good location,” Trottier said when asked what had attracted BLD to the building in the first place.

Having purchased the building, Trottier commented that things were progressing as planned. “Now we are starting to work on the building,” he said, adding that with the ordering of special equipment, the removal of unnecessary equipment left over from the previous owners, and general modifications to the building, the plant would hopefully be operational sometime in November.

This expansion is a good sign that BLD is doing well, despite an unfortu-

nate event in early January. One of BLD’s buildings caught fire and according to Trottier, they lost over 50,000 ducks. “It was a major loss,” he commented, but added, “We were able to rally quickly.”

BLD, which has been in business since 1912, is now looking to move forward, with this expansion opening up more opportunities. “The goal is to double the initial production,” Trottier said. BLD currently produces and processes approximately 2 million ducks per year.

Trottier said he hoped they could produce 4 million ducks in the coming years with the two plants working simultaneously to turn out the well-known and respected BLD products.

BLD’s products are already available in many places, including across Canada, in the United States, Mexico, and throughout Asia. Trottier said that at BLD, “Our goal is to keep growing.” This new plant in Asbestos is a promising step in that direction.



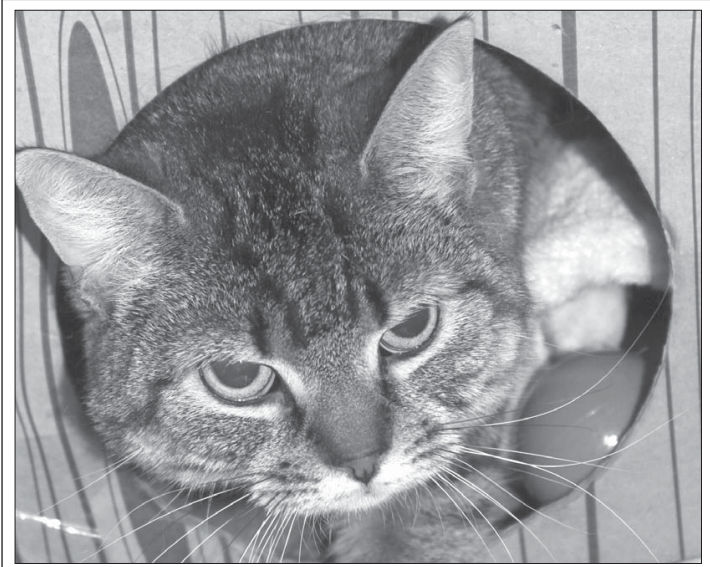
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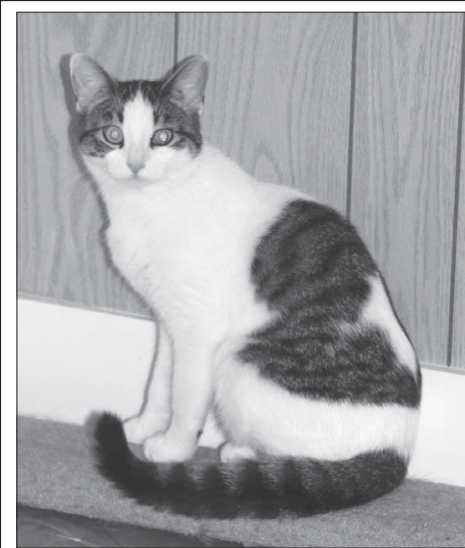
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In spite of the dramatic success Trudeau has had scrubbing away residue from the Harperite Contamination, this was only the largely unspoken aspect of the Liberal Party's electoral campaign.

The high and the mighty



MIKE McDEVITT

Since his election on October 19 last year as Canada's 23rd Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau has ushered in an astounding shift in Canada's political atmosphere. No longer are we enjoined by an angry, suspicious, and hateful government to live in fear and loathing of those who might trigger our xenophobic tendencies because of different beliefs, customs, or even methods of preparing foods. We are no longer asked to spy on our neighbours and rat out 'suspicious behaviour or, God help us, have 'Barbaric Practices. Age-old habits of homophobia and loathing of other gender identities are no longer encouraged by a fundamentalist leadership and scientists are no longer gagged, filtered, and silenced, Natives are no longer ignored or despised by government and generally, the air of oppression that hung over the country during the Harper decade has vanished into thin air.

For many, this alone is enough to justify the trust we placed in the dapper, selfie-loving son of Canada's most illustrious and controversial leader, as he clearly, at least, represents forward-looking leadership, as opposed to a heartfelt longing for a past that never was.

Indubitably, young Trudeau has also raised Canada's profile on the world stage with his youth, compelling good looks, and intelligence-fuelled charm. He also represents a rare, new 'progressive' victory at a time when much of the world has chosen, or is in the process of choosing, leaders with decidedly fascist inclinations - a fondness for violence, excessive nationalism, a contempt for science and 'experts,' and a glaring mistrust of any who might think differently. In that context, he is a beacon of multi-coloured light.

On the other hand, he is Prime Minister based on his leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada, an institution not fa-

mous for its independence from the corporate elite, many of whom make up its favourite constituency. Given that, the Trudeau government has also encouraged oil sands exploitation, pipelines, fracking, and oceanic drilling, despite the obvious planetary toxicity of our addiction to fossil fuels, to the dismay of many progressives who may have been over-optimistic about his environmental passion.

In spite of the dramatic success Trudeau has had scrubbing away residue from the Harperite Contamination, this was only the largely unspoken aspect of the Liberal Party's electoral campaign. In other area, his success has been less spectacular.

Bill C-51, the notoriously oppressive security bill, which the Liberals supported but promised to revise, remains unchanged, placing thousands of individuals at risk of virtually unaccountable repression, and the rest of the country at the whim of government. The latter issue seems not quite so urgent under the current regime, however, compared to the terror such power in the hands of Harperites instilled. Nevertheless, rights one enjoys at the whim of the powerful are no rights at all and governments, as well as attitudes, can change dramatically, of which Trudeau himself is a striking example.

One of the key promises the Liberals made during the election campaign is that, if elected, they would proceed with the legalization of marijuana, both for recreational purposes. This alone was surely a contribution to the Liberal electoral success as the belief in the medical benefits of the weed is gaining ground rapidly and its recreational use is enjoyed by millions of Canadians of all stripes and is viewed with profound indifference by most of the rest.

Nevertheless, what Colorado and Oregon have accomplished with great success and little complication has become mired in the Canadian Parliament's addiction to pondering, hemming and hawing, and fighting over details. Meanwhile, police are still arresting, charging, and in some case imprisoning Canadians for marijuana offences and have no intention of putting a halt to that. The law is the law, after all.

The medical use of marijuana was validated by the Supreme Court of Canada



back in the Days of Darkness, and the Harperite government reacted in its usual way of dragging its feet and imposing whatever limitations it could to keep the subject moot, causing considerable discomfort to those for whom its use is helpful. Those entitled to its use are forced to purchase their medicine from government-approved sources, in what I hear is a contentious and often unsatisfactory process. Marijuana is a simple plant to grow and has very few demonstrated harmful effects. The restrictions, in fact, are almost purposely designed to counter the Court's explicit desires.

Marijuana, used recreationally, is perhaps the most benign substance of its kind on the planet. It is demonstrably less dangerous for the user than alcohol, tobacco, and even sugar, yet the government is handling it like toxic waste. If the government's commitment were honest, it would apply controls that, at the very least are no more restrictive than those opposed on them. Liquor laws, which are determined provincially, allow people to produce at home a limited volume of beer and wine annually for personal consumption. Their sale without a permit is forbidden. Other controls, such as age-limits and driving while impaired are treated separately.

The same sort of approach should be applied - and quickly - to cannabis. It should be made available through accessible retail outlets, at reasonable prices, and at potencies determined by the de-

sires of the consumer. As its major health concern stems from the demonstrated correlation between excessive marijuana use in adolescence and schizophrenia, it recommended that it not be available to anyone under 21. This of course, will not go down well with the juvenile stoner crowd, but at least what would be available won't be laced with other less desirable substances.

Perhaps the greatest roadblock will be in the relationship between marijuana and driving. Government has determined that a blood alcohol content of 0.08 per cent should be the standard baseline for impairment and has acted, with little controversy, based on that rate. For marijuana, however, the problem isn't so clear-cut.

There is an old maxim states that a cocaine user will race gleefully through a stop sign, while a drunken one won't see it. The pothead, in turn, will wait for it to turn green. There is no agreed upon level of impairment in marijuana use and, as we can expect driving under the influence to be heavily sanctioned, significant research could still be done to determine whether a marijuana 'high' automatically equals impairment.

Legalization, if properly carried out, will see its greatest benefit stem from separating criminals from a major source of their income, unless of course taxes, as they have with tobacco, send the consumer right back to them.

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Local Sports

Based on recent World Series performances, the Canadian women were seeded third in the Olympic field behind No. 1 Australia and No. 2 New Zealand. Britain was seeded fourth.

Canadian women to open Olympic rugby sevens competition against Japan

The Canadian Press

The Canadian women's rugby sevens team will open its Olympic campaign against Japan before facing host Brazil on the opening day of competition.

The Olympic rugby match schedule was released Tuesday. The women play Aug. 6-8 while the men go Aug. 9-11, both in Rio.

Canada will face Britain on Day 2 to wrap up pool play at Deodoro Stadium.

Teams will then be split into medal or consolation rounds later that day with the competition concluding Aug. 8. The top two teams from each of the three pools, plus the two best third-placed sides, advance to the last eight.

Britain, drawn mainly from the England side that placed fourth on the World Series circuit this season, is ex-

pected to be Canada's toughest test in the pool round.

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Canada split its four meetings this season with England, which joins forces with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to compete as Britain at the Games,

but won the last two encounters.

The Canadians beat 10th-seeded Japan both times they met this season but did not face No. 9 Brazil on the world circuit.

The women's competition opens with France facing Spain, the last team to qualify for the field. The men's side opens with France versus Australia.

The Canadian men did not qualify for Rio.

Rookie Salazar steps up just as report says Impact ready to sign Italian striker Mancosu

The Canadian Press
By Bill Beacon

Michael Salazar picked a good time to score his first Major League Soccer goals, because competition for forward jobs on the Montreal Impact is heating up.

A report from Italy on Tuesday said the Impact is on the verge of signing Matteo Mancosu, a 31-year-old forward who has spent most of his career in Italy's second level but who has recent experience in Serie A. The club confirmed there have been talks with Mancosu but that a deal has not been finalized.

The Impact were looking for an experienced striker who can take over when 38-year-old superstar Didier Drogba's contract expires at the end of the season.

But the rookie Salazar showed the club has another candidate for the job when he scored twice in a comeback 3-2 victory over the New England Revolution on Saturday, earning a spot on the league's best 11 of the week in his first MLS start.

"He's shown signs of that quality, but we have to be realistic," said coach Mauro Biello. "He's still a young player and there could be ups and downs."

"You don't want to say anything too early because he's just starting off, but it looks good so far."

He may get more work soon as Drogba is nursing a thigh injury and may not be fit for a two-game road trip to Salt Lake on Saturday and Portland on July 13. The Ivorian felt pain after training Monday and did not practice.

Dominic Oduro is usually the back-up forward, but he stayed on the right wing as Salazar moved into the lineup against New England. The rookie got his head on a deflected pass from Ambroise Oyongo in the 40th minute and tied the game in the 48th before Ignacio Piatti got the game-winner on a penalty.

The mop-haired Salazar, 23, was

drafted in the second round, 24th overall, on Jan. 14 and was impressive from the start of training camp. He signed his first pro contract on March 1.

"He was able to impress us and he continued to work hard and listen and be coachable," said Biello. "Because of that he's got opportunities."

"He started two pro games for us — one in the Canadian cup and one in the league and scored in each of those games. He's hungry to score and hungry to work. If you bring those qualities every day, chances are you're going to have success."

The MLS draft is a secondary source of players for most teams after signing international free agents, but some unexpected gems are found, and not always in the first round.

The Impact had the first overall pick when they joined MLS in 2012, but that player, Andrew Wenger, was traded two years later. Their second rounder in 2012, midfielder Calum Mallace, remains on the squad.

Another still with the team is forward, Cameron Porter, who was picked in the third round, 45th overall, in 2015. Porter, who scored perhaps the biggest goal in team history in the quarter-finals of the CONCACAF Champions League last year, recently returned from a pair on injuries that kept him out for nearly a season and a half.

Montreal's first pick this year, defender Kyle Fisher, has seen some playing time, but Salazar has stolen the show.

"I feel like I've always been confident in myself and the coaching staff and everyone else believes in me," the Belize international said. "They gave me an opportunity to play and I just did the best I could."

"They just told me to stay focused. The season is long and it's just one game."

Oyongo did not train with his teammates due to a bruised heel but should be ready to play on Saturday.

Joseph leads Canada to 77-69 win over Turkey at Olympic basketball qualifier

The Canadian Press

Toronto Raptors point guard Cory Joseph led Canada to a 77-69 win over Turkey on the opening day of the FIBA Olympic basketball qualifying tournament.

Joseph led the Canadian attack with 21 points, five assists and three rebounds.

The No. 8-ranked Turks pulled within five late in the second quarter but Joseph and Tristan Thompson of the Cleveland Cavaliers quashed the momentum as 26th-ranked Canada entered halftime with a 39-30 lead.

Canada outshot Turkey from the floor, hitting 42 per cent of field-goal attempts and 37 per cent from three-point territory. The Canadians also posted a stellar 83 per cent rating from the free-throw line.

"Obviously they're a very good basketball nation and it was a hard fought win," said Canadian coach Jay Triano.

Thompson and Phil Scrubb each scored 10 points for Canada while Sinan Guler led Turkey with 14 points.

"It was a good win, we fought hard," said Joseph. "We still have a lot to work on, but ultimately we got the job done, we've just got to keep on continuing to build throughout the tournament and try to get to our end goal."

A win over Senegal on Wednesday will secure Canada a spot in the semifinals.

"Bottom line is it was a win and it helps us with what our goal is, so we've got to turn around, play again tomorrow, and we have to keep getting better," said Triano.

The top two teams from each group in the preliminary round will move on to the semifinal crossover games. Those teams will then compete in the finals, with the champion qualifying for Rio. France, New Zealand and the Philippines make up Group B.



CANADIAN PRESS

Turkey's Cedi Osman is fouled by Canada's Cory Joseph as the former drives to the basket during the Group A FIBA Olympics Qualifying basketball match Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines. Canada won 77-66.

Death



**Mary Aveline McHarg (Down)
1934-2016**

DOWN - Mary Aveline McHarg passed away peacefully at CHUS-Fleurimont, on July 1st, 2016 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of Edwin Down and daughter of the late Samuel McHarg and Amanda Sarrasin.

Mary leaves to mourn her children Janet (Tim Danard) from Fahler, Alberta, Lynn (Scott Clever) from Sarnia, Ontario, Allan from Mono, Ontario and Brian (Lynay) from Campbell River, B.C.; her grandchildren: Valerie, Matthew (Erin), Jeremy (Desiree) Clever; Joshua (Haley), Caiti (Richard McClelland), Joe, Logan (Adrienne) Down; Kyanna and Xinya; as well as her 6 great-grandchildren. She will also be sadly missed by her brother Ron (Betty), sister-in-law Louise from Alberta, her brother-in-law Murray (Anne), as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and cherished friends. Mary was predeceased by her sister Bea, and brothers Arthur and Lloyd.

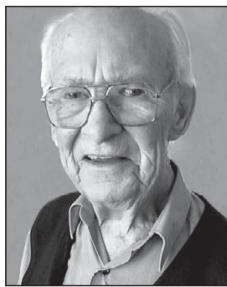
Visitation will be held at the Cass funeral home, 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff, on Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. as well as on Thursday, July 7th, 2016 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Barnston Baptist Church, Baldwin-Mills-Barnston Rd., on Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 2 p.m. Interment at the Ayer's Cliff cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary Down to the Gideons Bible International of Canada (888-482-4253) would be appreciated by the family.

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Death



**George WAUGH
(1923-2016)**

George Elwood Waugh, surrounded by the love of his family, passed away on Friday, June 24th, at La Maison au Diapason in Bromont, Quebec at the ripe old age of 93. He was the son of Christopher Waugh and Elizabeth Sarah Murray.

Predeceased by his darling wife, Elizabeth 'Betty' (nee Ross), he leaves to mourn his daughter Heidi (Glenn Hunchak) and son Andrew (Virginia Wallace), extended family, and many friends.

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, George proudly served in Italy with the Canadian Army during World War II. After the war, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto. George, with an offer of employment from the Miner Rubber Company as a chemical engineer, moved to Granby, Quebec in 1950. At the invitation of a co-worker, he joined the choir of Granby United Church, where he met the love of his life, Betty, whom he married in 1954. Together, they raised 2 children, were active members of their church, avid volunteers, and enthusiastic square-dancers with the Brome Squares. He was an eternal optimist who had a kind word for all, a great sense of humour, and could be counted on to help out when needed. George stated that he had lived a full and happy life with no regrets. He was loving and loved, and will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched.

The service to celebrate George's life will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Granby United Church, 101 Principale St., in Granby, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to thank the staff in the Palliative Care Unit at the Centre hospitalier de Granby, the staff of the CLSC Haute-Yamaska, and the caring volunteers and staff of La Maison au Diapason.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of George can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and/or La Fondation au Diapason. Forms will be available at the church or online at: www.cancer.ca/fr-ca/?region=qc and/or www.audiapason.org/la-fondation/.

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Today is the 188th day of 2016 and the 17th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1785, Congress chose the dollar as the monetary unit of the United States.

In 1854, the Republican Party was formally launched at a convention in Jackson, Michigan.

In 1892, 16 people were killed during fighting between guards and striking steelworkers at a Carnegie Steel Co. plant in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

In 1942, diarist Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in a "secret annex" in a warehouse in Amsterdam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frida Kahlo (1907-1954), painter; Nancy Reagan (1921-2016), actress/first lady; Merv Griffin (1925-2007), TV personality; Janet Leigh (1927-2004), actress; Tenzin Gyatso (1935-), 14th Dalai Lama; Ned Beatty (1937-), actor; George W. Bush (1946-), 43rd U.S. president; Sylvester Stallone

(1946-), actor; Geoffrey Rush (1951-), actor; Brian Posehn (1966-), actor/comedian; 50 Cent (1975-), rapper; Kevin Hart (1979-), actor/comedian; Pau Gasol (1980-), basketball player; Manny Machado (1992-), baseball player.

TODAY'S FACT: Future Beatles bandmates John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time at a fair in Liverpool, England, on this date in 1957.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first African-American athlete to win a tennis title at Wimbledon.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I paint flowers so they will not die." – Frida Kahlo

TODAY'S NUMBER: 49,200 – fans in attendance at Major League Baseball's first All-Star Game, held on this day in 1933 at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The American League defeated the National League by a score of 4-2.

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By Danny Seo

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Time bomb with the in-laws

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I've been happily married for 10 years. During the time I've known my in-laws, I've gone from liking them and tolerating our differences in how we relate and communicate to dreading their visits and having very little tolerance for them. They always think they know best. And even when they actually do know better than we do and help us come to the right solution for something, it's explained in a condescending way. It has the tone of, "That's obviously how you should do it. Why didn't you think of that?" It puts me on the defensive, and then the whole day feels tense, although I'm not even sure they notice.

Another thing that annoys me is when my mother-in-law decides to start cleaning the house and reorganizing the cabinets. I know; it sounds nice — but if you knew this woman, you'd see she's being passive-aggressive. She makes little "joking" comments about our clutter.

Then there's my father-in-law, who tinkers with the thermostat whenever he's here until it feels as if we're in a jungle. I would never dream of changing the thermostat without asking in a house I'm a guest in! Even thinking about it now, I feel my blood pressure rising.

With every visit, my fuse gets shorter and shorter. My wife hears me, but she's lived with it all her life; she doesn't know any different. And she's always quick to point out all the things she has to deal with when we're with my parents.

What do you suggest? — Tick, Tick...

Dear Tick: You'd better dial your own thermostat down a few degrees, bub! There's a lot to be said for picking your battles, and that goes doubly when it comes to in-laws.

The next time they're in town and you feel your temperature rising — literally or figuratively — take a quick break to cool off. Go in the bathroom and splash yourself with cold water if you need to. Stamp out those flames of anger before they consume you.

With practice, you'll learn to let the little things slide. And chill out about the thermostat.

Dear Annie: I live in an apartment, and my next-door neighbor is on my last nerve. His TV is on our shared wall, and the sound permeates my apartment. I get that apartment dwellers have to deal with occasional parties and loud music and such, and I've always tried to be tolerant. But no one needs to watch CNN at

full volume all day long. He's a young guy, probably mid-30s, so I don't think his is an issue of poor hearing.

We don't have much of a relationship. When we see each other, we nod. That's about the extent of it. I don't want to make things awkward, but I can't take it anymore. How should I go about asking him to turn down his TV? — Blasted Out

Dear Blasted: Ah, the soothing sounds of the 24-hour news cycle. What's not to love?

Drop hints that you can hear him. Perhaps the next time you see your neighbor in the hall, you could ask him what he thought of Anderson Cooper's show last night.

If that doesn't work, be direct. Tell him, "I'm sure you're not aware, but I can hear your TV loud and clear." Then work together to find a mutually agreeable level at which to cap the noise.

If this neighbor turns out to be not-so-neighborly, then it's time to go to the landlord and complain.

Hey, on the bright side, at least you're up on current events.

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

Grand Master 2015-2016



Brian Lowry and Arnold MacKeage



Marshal Tom with GM Arnold



L. to r.: Bernard Gravel; Howard Foster; GM Arnold (standing); and DDGM Larry Royea



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Larry Royea, DDGM #10; Noble Grand Peter Flynn; and PGM Ron Talbot

(Here I am trying to play catch-up for our Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Quebec, Arnold MacKeage, 2015/16.)

later and it left a big hole, not only our hearts, but in all who knew and loved him!

Kinnears Mills - On Mar. 9/16 the Grand Master Arnold MacKeage was royally received by District Deputy Grand Master, #15 of Kinnears Mills, Brian Lowry. As always everyone present was officially greeted and welcomed by the boys.

Huntingville, Unity #8 - Mar. 16/16, Grand Master Arnold visited Unity #8 in Huntingville. At 6 p.m. a special meal was served and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all members of Unity #8 and to all who attended this Visitation!

Very sadly we lost Brian a short time

Knowlton - April 12/16 was the

fundraiser for the Grand Master's projects - Visual Research de l'estrie and the Quebec Lung Association - at Knowlton Lodge Hall. Many thanks to the Odd Fellows of Knowlton #28 and to all who supported this worthy cause.

Knowlton #28 Lodge - April 14/16 was the Grand Master's Visitation to Knowlton #28.

Noble Grand Peter Flynn opened the meeting "in form" and welcomed every-

one to the Grand Master's Official Visitation. All Officials were introduced and welcomed. Grand Master Arnold MacKeage was welcomed separately as is the custom. All were properly greeted and later given a chance to address the meeting. Following the meeting all were invited to the delicious food set out for us. Many thanks to all who prepared this food and to all who attended.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple

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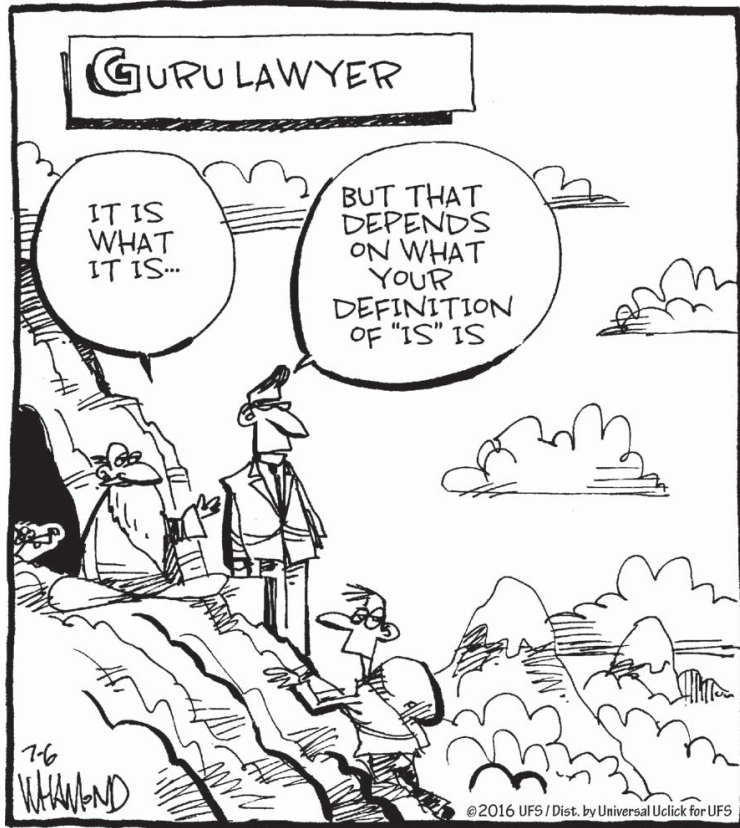
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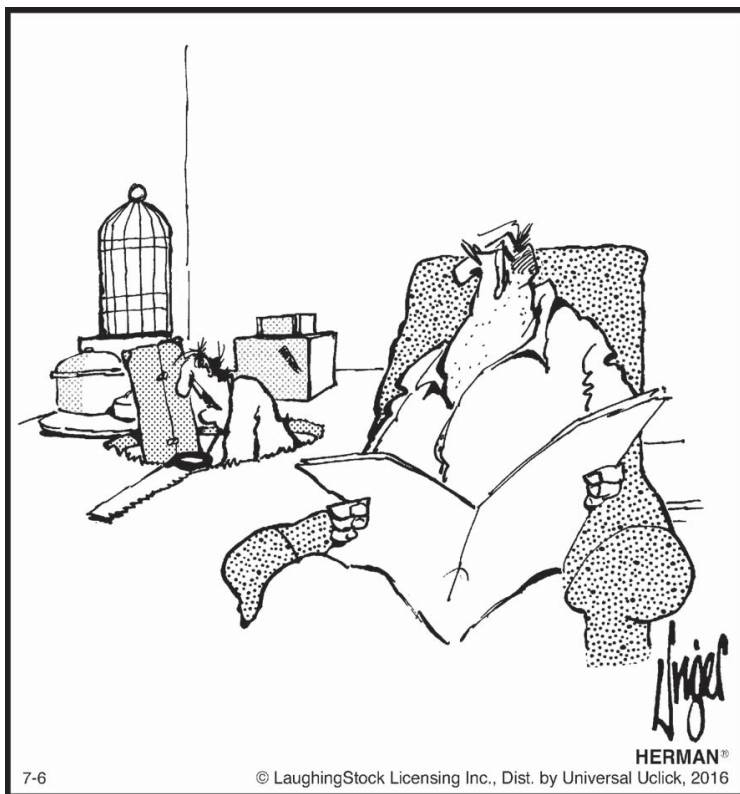
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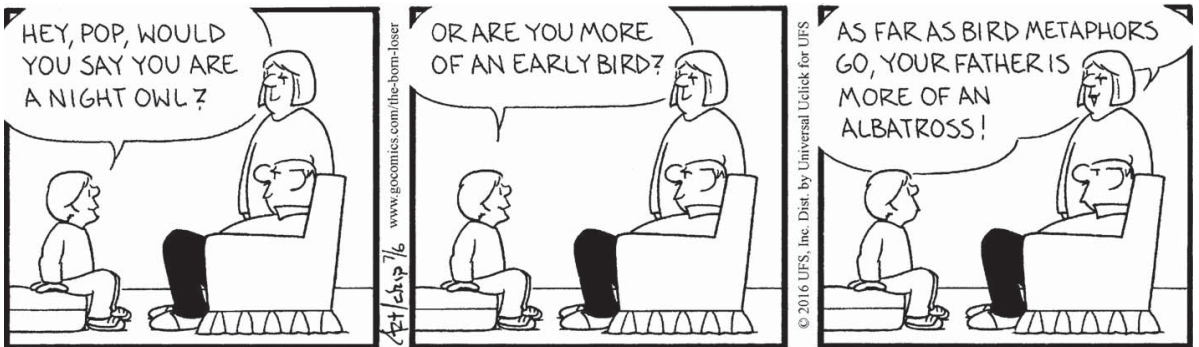
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2				5			8	
3			4			9		
9	6				2			7
	3	9		1				
		4		3			2	
6				5				4

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HOW TO PLAY:
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

URGENT

THE RECORD
 is **urgently** searching for carriers in and around **Sawyerville**

(Routes can be divided)

Motorized carrier(s) for Ch Sawyerville, Dawson, High Forest, Johnson, Jordan Hill, Laberee, Lachance, Lapointe, Lowry, Luce, Route 210 (26 customers)

Walking carrier(s) for: Bedard, Church, Clifton, Cookshire, de la Station, High Forest, Hurd Hund, J.A. Lowry, Lisée, Principale North & South, Saint-Germain, Randboro (35 customers)

If interested in any of these routes, please contact our offices at **819-569-9528** between 9 and 4:30 or by email at billing@sherbrookerecord.com

