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Magog man faces weapons charges

By Doug McCooye

Magog resident René Lemieux faces a series of weapons charges after being turned in to police by an ex-girlfriend.

At around 2:15 pm last Wednesday, the Memphrémagog police received a call from a woman claiming she found firearms belonging to Lemieux in her bedroom while she was packing up her stuff after the two broke up.

Having cause, officers rushed to the scene and searched the residence, finding and seizing a .357-caliber revolver and a 223-caliber hunting rifle. "The weapons were not loaded but were improperly stored as was the ammunition," said Paul Tear of the Memphrémagog police. "The suspect is known to police in relation to a number of violence and firearms cases outside the region."

Because of past charges, the 32-year-old Lemieux was not supposed to own or possess a firearm for the rest of his life.

"What's more, the (.357) handgun was reported stolen and the hunting weapon is still being investigated because the serial number had been scratched off," noted Tear.

Having sufficient evidence, police arrested Lemieux at about 4 am Thursday morning.

He appeared in court later that day to face a number of charges including possession of two weapons without a permit or registration, unwarranted possession of a weapon, possession of a stolen weapon, and unsafe storage of two firearms.

Signs of the times

Lennoxville enforcing new by-laws



DOUG MCCOONEYE

Maryse Houle, owner of Sucré Salé on Queen street in Lennoxville, has been informed she'll have to change her signs

By Doug McCooye

In a special sitting of the Lennoxville borough council on Monday morning, Maryse Houle - owner of the new Sucré Salé located at 253 Queen Street - voiced her displeasure over new signage regulations being enforced at her establishment.

As councillor Bill Smith listed all of the alterations that needed to be made

to the exterior of the former ice-cream shop, Houle's frustration was evident.

"Do I need to close the store down as well?" she asked sarcastically.

Houle purchased the property in October 2009 to turn the formerly summer-only, ice cream-only shop into a year-round restaurant. The place now offers ice cream, pastries, as well as a little sit down bistro for sandwiches, salads and the like. Houle said that the business is doing fine, but is worried

about the winter more than anything.

"It's the summer, so the people know that we're open," explained Houle in an interview with The Record. "But for the last fifteen years its been closed in the winter, so the people aren't aware that it will be open (...). That's why I wanted the signs. We needed something that moves and attracts people."

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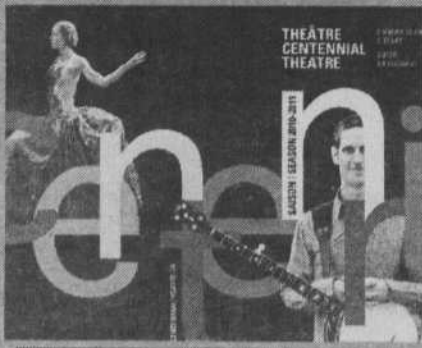
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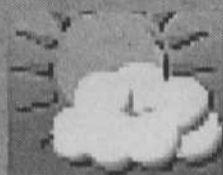
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Richmond rest stop ready to roll



Richmond - A new and spacious Provincial Rest area opens next weekend July 2nd in the Melbourne Section of Richmond at the intersection of Rte 55 and Rte 243. The facility will be open 24 hours a day and seven days a week offering ample parking for mobile home stopovers, an overnight rest area for truckers, a full-sized McDonald's Restaurant with a children's playground, a Couche Tard convenience store, Esso gas station and a Tourist Information office. (Photo by Gordon Alexander)

Undercooked SpaghettiOs not in Canada

Last Thursday the Campbell Soup Supply Company issued a high-risk recall for roughly 15 million pounds of under-processed SpaghettiOs with Meatballs. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is assuring Canadians that the recalled products have not been imported into Canada but are warning Canadians who have purchased food in the US or will be travelling in the country, to check the United States' Department of Agriculture's (USDA) website for the list of recalled USA products.

A malfunctioning cooker at the company's Texas plant failed to heat the meat properly in various lots of three varieties - SpaghettiOs with Meatballs, SpaghettiOs A to Z with Meatballs, and Spaghet-

tiOs Fun Shapes with Meatballs (Cars) - products.

According to Campbell's website the massive recall of the products that were manufactured between December 2008 and June 2010, was launched "in an abundance of caution" since the company isn't sure when the cooker first malfunctioned.

The recalled products, sold across the US in 14.75-ounce cans, bear plant code EST4K, individual codes and a use-by date between June 2010 and December 2011 printed on the bottom of the can.

For more information visit Campbell's website at www.campbellsoup.com or the USDA's website at origin-www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recall/s/Open_Federal_Cases/index.a.sp.

Brompton gets new pool

The borough of Brompton officially inaugurated a new outdoor municipal swimming pool at Nault park on Monday afternoon. City and borough officials, including mayor Bernard Sévigny and borough president Nicole Bergeron, were on hand at the opening of what Sévigny called "a modern pool that will respond to local needs for many years to come." In 2007,

fire destroyed the municipal pool building at Kruger park leaving residents without a local watering hole; the City decided to build a modern facility at Nault park, a more central location for the borough, rather than rebuild and update the aging Kruger pool. The new pool, a \$1.4 million investment for the town, features a solar-powered water heating system - the first such system in the Townships.

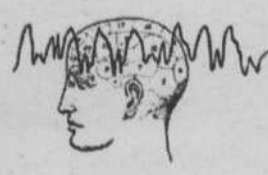
Cardboard box collection during moving week

As many Sherbrooke residents prepare to move near the end of the month, the City is announcing a special cardboard collection.

Cardboard will be collected in the Brompton, Jacques-Cartier and Rock Forest-Saint-Élie-Deauville boroughs on the week of June 28 and in Fleurimont, Lennoxville and Mont-Bellevue during the week of July 5.


Residents are asked to break down the boxes so they are flattened (the maximum size accepted is three foot by three foot) and stack them beside the recyclable bins only during the collection period.

The City reminds residents that the boxes can only be placed curb side for this collection, the rest of the time only recyclable objects that fit inside the designated bins will be picked up. Recyclable Materials that do not fit in the bins can always be dropped off at one of the Sherbrooke's two ecocentres - Michel-Ledoux located at 1000 rue Léon-Trépanier and Rose-Cohen on 365 rue Pépin.



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LOCAL NEWS

I doubt that this citrus (solution) really exists. Maybe it was just a smokescreen to buy them some time. In the meantime, we lose another summer.

Ani-Mat's citrus solution bears no fruit

By Doug McCooye

The area around the Ani-Mat factory in St-Élie still smells like burning rubber and it will likely remain that way for the rest of the summer, said Sébastien Aubé, spokesperson for the Regroupement citoyen de St-Élie (Citizens' Group of St-Élie).

In February, Ani-Mat's director Guy Couture assured the citizens' group that the rubber-flooring manufacturer's factory would be putting in a temporary preventative measure that would mask the odour for the summer.

This stopgap solution was meant to bide time until the new rubber-cooling system, which will eliminate the smell completely, could be constructed and installed in August to be fully operational by the fall.

"It is a temporary solution that should improve the smell," said Couture back in February of the citrus scent that was to be released whenever the foul-smelling fumes passed an external air duct. "We hope that it will be ready for when it gets warm so that the area's residents can enjoy the summer."

The summer is here, but according to residents, the smell remains.

"We did not see changes and it never smelled like citrus," said François Beaudette, a St-Élie resident, in a recent La Tribune report. "I doubt that this citrus (solution) really exists. Maybe it was just a smokescreen to buy them some time. In the meantime, we lose another summer."

"There seems to have been a bit of deception," echoed Aubé in an interview with The Record. "They are pretending

that there is something in place, we can believe them, but us, we have not seen any impact."

After years of complaints and facing a threat of a class-action lawsuit from the citizens' group, Ani-Mat officials met with St-Élie residents and City Hall officials in February to discuss how the company planned to deal with the odour problem.

Coming out of those talks, Aubé had been excited with Ani-Mat's plans, saying that it was "going to smell like Florida in St-Élie this summer."

With another meeting with City Hall and Ani-Mat scheduled for Wednesday, and the recent revelation that the citrus scent solution has been a failure, does the citizens' group plan to take action?

"I have the impression that we won't be doing anything drastic," said Aubé,

admitting that Couture never guaranteed that the citrus scent would work perfectly. "The real solution is the changing of the installations. If nothing has changed after August and September, then we'll consider filing the lawsuit."

A member of the citizen's group visited Waterloo, Ontario earlier this month to check in on the status of the new \$2 million rubber-cooling system. "(The representative) saw them building it and he was impressed. It's an expensive investment, so we're going to give them a chance to install it."

In the meantime, it seems that St-Élie residents will have to spend yet another summer with the sweet smell of burning rubber.

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Lennoxville sign issues

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A regulation proposed Monday calls for the removal of a number of signs and outdoor lighting that adorns the Sucré Salé property, changes which Houle agreed to.

However, Houle has issue with the forced removal of the replaceable-lettering underneath the business' main sign.

Its first two lines currently read "Nouvelle Administration" (New Administration), a message that Houle said has been responsible for 50 per cent of her business since she took over. "They had stopped coming to the ice-cream bar because they didn't like it, but when they saw the new sign, they said they decided to give it another try."

Eventually, the council wants Houle to remove the message.

The reason?

In an effort to "beautify" the borough, in particular its downtown area, Lennoxville placed restrictions a couple of years ago on the types of signs that can get erected.

"We want to revitalize the character of Lennoxville," councillor Mark McLaughlin explained to Houle during Monday's meeting. "If we allow you to keep this stuff up, other people will want to do the same."

While the council agreed to discuss with Sherbrooke City Hall a possible temporary allowance for the message, borough president David Price noted that "in the long-term, the (replaceable-lettering) signage will have to disappear," adding that the neon signs that are also in place will also eventually need to be removed.

As Price described in an interview with The Record following the meeting, signage in Lennoxville's downtown core has been an issue with the council for some twenty years. Instead of forcing sign changes with an iron fist, the bor-



DOUG MCCOYE

Lennoxville councillor Bill Smith explains the borough's sign regulations at a special council meeting, Tuesday morning

ough has taken a gradual approach to the process. Essentially, if a business has had the signs up for years, they are hesitant to force them to take them down. But, when alterations are made - as in the case of Sucré Salé - a "blank-canvas" approach is taken and the sign restrictions are enforced.

"We're trying to ease it in. We don't want to come down with a big hammer," said Price.

Houle is disappointed that the dossier, which was first brought to council in February, has yet to be resolved. "I think they forgot about it to be honest," she said. "I want it to be resolved quickly so we can move on."

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Fête Nationale celebrations at the D'Youville centre

For the 25th year, the CSSS-IUGS is inviting the public to its Fête Nationale celebrations in the D'Youville Hospital and Residential Centre gardens this Thursday.

The annual event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a mass, followed by the ceremonial flag raising at 11:15.

A picnic lunch for residents and their families will follow with hot dogs and drinks, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Vitae Foundation, being sold on site. Residents of the neighbourhood are invited to attend the festival with residents, their families and staff and volunteers of the CSSS-IUGS.

After lunch a parade of antique cars and mascots will take place around 1 p.m. and Normand Verret and his band will entertain from 1:30 until 3.

Around 2 p.m., Quebec Premier Jean Charest and Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sévigny will address residents of the four CSSS-IUGS long-term care centres gathered on site.

In case of rain, the event will be move indoors at the Place J.-Armand-Bombardier. The D'Youville Hospital and Residential Centre is located at 1036 Belvedere South in Sherbrooke.

ROAD WORK

The City of Sherbrooke is advising Lennoxville borough residents of road-work on College street today between Queen and Conley for aqueduct main-

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 06, 2010 to receive the Annual Report, the Financial Statements and to elect directors for the following year.

The meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m., at the Foundation office: 257 Queen, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) QC. Please confirm your attendance by July 2nd 2010 (819) 822-3314.

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Toronto trial could impact citizen's arrest powers

By Shannon Kari
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

TORONTO - The rights of store owners to protect their property balanced against concerns that enhanced citizen arrest powers could lead to more vigilante justice, is at the heart of a closely watched trial that begins Monday in Toronto.

The case involving David Chen, a merchant in the downtown Chinatown section of Toronto charged after he briefly tied up a notorious neighbourhood thief last year, has sparked calls for more protection against chronic shoplifters.

The merchant's lawyer is arguing that the present citizen arrest powers, which require someone to be caught in the act of a crime, are too narrow and violate the Charter of Rights.

Last week, a Liberal MP in Toronto introduced a private member's bill in the House of Commons in support of Chen. If enacted, it would provide merchants with police-like powers to arrest suspected thieves, regardless of when the al-

leged crime took place.

While sympathetic to the plight of store owners, civil liberties groups and police are both cautioning against expanding citizen's arrest powers.

In major Canadian cities where there are chronic drug addiction and shoplifting issues in the downtown core, this could lead to more violence, said David Eby, executive director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

"It could mean street fights," said Eby.

In neighbourhoods such as the troubled Downtown Eastside in Vancouver, this could lead to people joining up to target suspected thieves in the name of citizen's arrests. When someone is arrested by police, "there are accountability mechanisms," that do not exist when arrested by a private citizen, said Eby.

Calgary Police Service spokesman Kevin Brookwell said "it's healthy to have dialogue" about the issue. But he also expressed reservation about citizen's arrest powers, beyond what is presently permitted. "You might have people believing something happened.

Potentially, you could have a whole new set of problems. Let us effect the arrest and you become the star witness," said Brookwell.

Citizen's arrest powers date back to a time "before there were professional constabularies," noted Susan Chapman, a former senior-level prosecutor in Ontario, now in private practice. "Bringing citizens back into the crime fighting equation poses new risks in the 21st century, in light of the proliferation of guns and drugs," she said.

In the trial starting Monday, Chen and two of his employees at a produce store are facing assault and forcible confinement charges.

They briefly detained a man suspected of stealing \$60 worth of plants an hour earlier. He was tied up and kept in a van for a couple minutes until police arrived. The alleged victim, a 52-year-old drug addict with a long criminal record for theft and street-level drug dealing, will be called upon to testify for the Crown.

Defence lawyer Peter Lindsay is argu-

ing that limiting citizen's arrests to witnessing a crime is "too narrow" and violates the fundamental justice provisions of the charter. A store owner who makes an arrest based on witnessing a theft on security video an hour earlier, "is no more morally blameworthy," than an arrest made at the time of the shoplifting," says Lindsay, in court documents.

If there is not the requirement to witness the crime, then what are the boundaries on citizen arrests, asked Chapman. "Would it permit you to get a posse and confront an alleged offender a year later?"

There is another route that might be more effective for merchants plagued by shoplifting, suggested Eby. Store owners have the right to ban people from their businesses. If an individual returns and resists "reasonable" force to remove the person, they are committing the offence of "assault by trespass." That would permit the merchant to make a citizen's arrest and hold the person until police arrive, said Eby.

National Post

Ministers set out on global bragging tour

By Paul Vieira
FINANCIAL POST

OTTAWA - With Canada just days away from hosting

the G20 and G8 leaders' summits, a team of federal cabinet ministers, led by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, hits the road Monday for an international tour to boast

about the nation's record during the financial crisis and how other economies should look to Canada for leadership in the post-crisis era.

Flaherty is set to speak to Wall Street, the global capital of finance, and outline Canada's priorities for the G20 and G8 meetings in Toronto and Huntsville, Ont., this weekend. Sources indicate he will reinforce the need for governments to get their fiscal houses in order - much like Canada did in the mid-1990s - in order to assure the global recovery has legs.

The government plans to highlight once again the benefits of Canada's financial system, and how the prudence displayed by lenders and the vigour demonstrated by Canada's banking regulator have served this country well. In the lead-up to the G20, Canada has pushed not only the need for an overhaul of banking regulations - that will require banks to hold more capital on their balance sheets and limit risky lending - but also better supervision of lending practices.

Flaherty is set to address a blue-chip crowd in Manhattan Monday morning, while Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis is in Beijing and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is scheduled to be in London.

The ministers will address the release of a report that highlights how Canada's economy has outperformed its industrialized peers during the crisis, and how Canada is one of the few countries that has already spelled out a plan to return to a budget surplus by mid-decade.

"Our fiscal situation is the envy of countries facing crippling deficits," said a person with knowledge of what the cabinet ministers will talk about, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The International Monetary Fund projects the country's debt-to-GDP ratio will stand at 31 per cent in 2015, compared to 85.5 per cent for the United States and less than one-third of the G7 average of nearly 95 per cent.

The report is expected to include an update on Canada's economic outlook, and that to date the Canadian economy has surpassed expectations, exemplified by first-quarter annualized growth of 6.1 per cent. Both the IMF and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development have forecast that Canada will lead growth among industrialized countries.

In fact, the economy has been so hot that the Bank of Canada was the first central bank among the G7 to begin raising its key interest rate, in an effort to "normalize" rates and begin cooling down the economy before inflation strikes.

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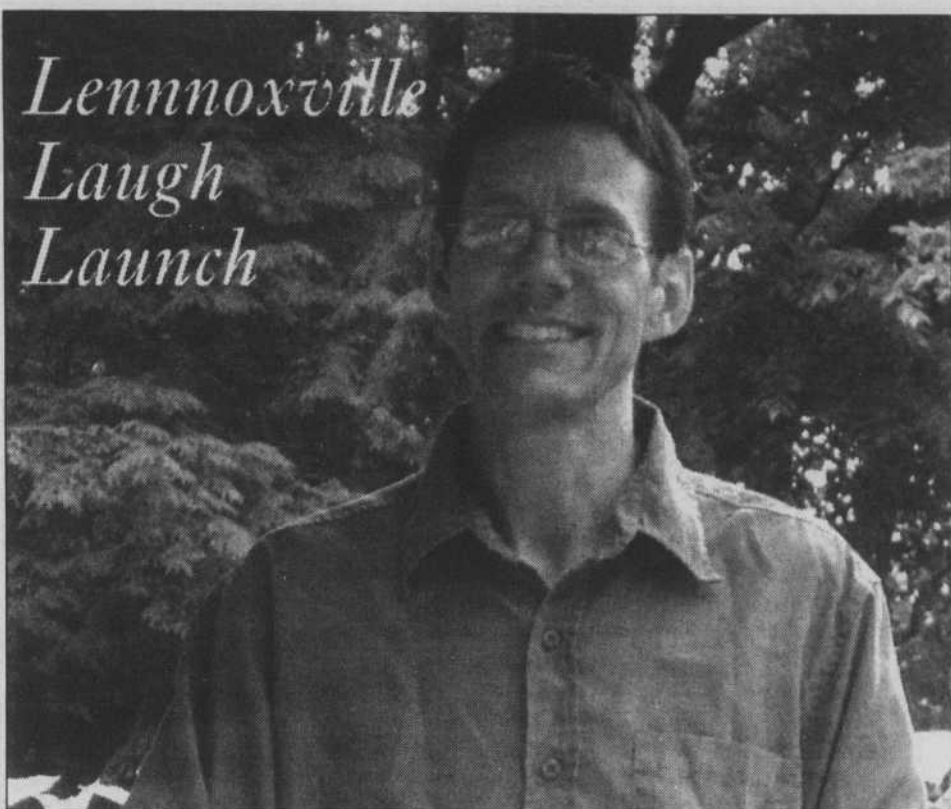
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MIKE MCDEVITT

Stanstead writer (and Record columnist) Ross Murray reads a selection from "You're not going to eat that, are you?" - the recently published collection of some of his best columns during the Lennoxville launch at Uplands on Saturday

Provigo Lennoxville gets new owner

From cashier to franchisee Robert Lafond culminates his 30-year Provigo and Loblaws career as the new franchise owner of Provigo Lennoxville.

Lafond began his career with Groupe Gaudette which owned several Provigo stores in the Sherbrooke region before joining Provigo Pelchat in Magog. After 11 years in Magog, the business was sold and Lafond became store manager at Loblaws Granby.

As Lafond takes his place as the 17th franchise owner in the network, he plans on working with the Lennoxville store's current team, which includes managers Patrice Beaudoin (Grocery), Yvon Lambert (Meat), Jean-Nil Roy (Produce), Josée Brousseau (Bakery), Bernadette Bégin (Deli and Home Meal Replacement), Marco Désautels (Front-end), and Administrative Assistant Audrey Couture, to reinvigorate the store's role in the community.

"It is rewarding and encouraging to be part of a team that consistently aims

to offer its customers innovative products and a variety of options to satisfy the taste preferences of local palates," explained Lafond. "Our customers can be sure of one thing, our team will continue to provide outstanding service day after day."

According to the company, Lafond, who is also a former Lennoxville Elementary and Alexander Galt Regional High School student, is dedicated to his community and intends to support various local food banks, sport associations and fundraising campaigns such as those organized by the Canadian Cancer Society.

On the business side, Lafond plans on setting his store apart from others by "introducing initiatives that bring together gourmets of all ages".

Que. judge charged with murder back in court Wednesday

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

QUEBEC - A retired Quebec judge accused of killing his wife will be back in court Wednesday for a bail hearing.

Former Court of Appeal judge Jacques Delisle made a brief appearance in court Monday morning, but his case was put off.

The frail looking 75 year-old was in handcuffs and will remain behind bars until his bail hearing.

Delisle is charged with the first-degree murder of his wife Nicole Rainville, who died on Nov. 12 2009.

Police initially thought the woman killed herself, but the investigation concluded there was enough evidence to charge Delisle with murder.

Friends of Delisle said his wife suffered a stroke two years prior to her death.

Delisle is the first Canadian judge - sitting on the bench or retired - charged with a crime as serious as murder.

"I just saw your face on a bus"

Young Townshipper wins modeling contest



COURTESY

Proud Papa Greg Duncan with daughter Erin's metro ad

By Kelly McDevitt

The Quebec clothing brand Joshua Perets has a fresh new face - and that face belongs to a Townshipper. Erin Duncan, a nearly nineteen-year-old Stanstead native, got the gig as the face of Joshua Perets' summer ad campaign through an online contest. But her original plan was much more humble.

"It's my favorite brand," Duncan told the Record in an interview on Monday, "but there was no store in Sherbrooke. When I heard a store was going to open in Sherbrooke I went online to send in my CV." It was while applying to work at the casual clothing store that Duncan saw the contest and decided to enter.

It wasn't long before Duncan received a call saying she was one of nine finalists. Three weeks later, after a primary photo shoot with the other finalists, the Montreal-based company called to tell her she had won.

"It was really low-key," said Duncan about her photo shoot. "We all went into Montreal, and it was just outside in the Old Port. There were just the photographer and my stylist. I thought they were going to be picking and prodding me all day but it was small and low-key. We shot

from 9:00 to 1:00. It was great."

Duncan says she had no ambitions to be a model, only she thought she'd give the contest for her favorite brand a try. "Now I get calls and like three messages a day from my friends saying, 'I just saw your face on a bus!'"

And her friends aren't the only ones happy for her. Dad Greg Duncan, former publisher of the Stanstead Journal and current executive director of the Quebec Community Newspapers Association, is also pretty proud.

"They have stores all over Quebec," he said, "and the ads are in the metros in Montreal and on buses. It's a pretty big deal."

Still, Duncan has no plans to drop her current plans for a modeling career. A recent graduate of the Home Care program at the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre, she plans to continue in that field and pursue sciences courses.

"I always thought it would be something fun to do if it was offered to me. But I'm not going to follow it and maybe ruin my life," Duncan laughed. She recently spoke with the company and while there's a possibility some of her other shots from the winning photo shoot could be used in the future, so far there are no plans for them beyond the summer campaign.

ATV champion laid to rest

Hundreds of people attended Saint-Eusèbe Church in Princeville on Sunday for the funeral of Catherine Plante - the 16-year-old ATV racing champion who died tragically during a race last weekend in Sainte-Sophie-de-Lévrard.

A native of Victoriaville, Plante was well known in Quebec ATV racing circles, having won Fédérations québécoise des motos hors route (FQMHR) and Canadian Motosport Racing Corporation (CMRC) championships in 2009.

Many of Plante's friends and family paid homage to her ATV career, wearing their racing gear during the emotional religious ceremony.

The June 13-race was only a few seconds old when Plante's ATV was clipped by another racer, sending her flying from her seat. Suffering from a severe neck injury, Plante was quickly rushed to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The 16-year-old was wearing all the necessary safety equipment and the track itself met all the regulation safety requirements at the time of the accident.

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EDITORIAL

The alarm went off four separate times and no-one heard it - not even her husband who was visiting with her at the time



Competence unplugged

Mike McDevitt

A British Columbia woman died in January at provincial government health centre because staff allowed the batteries of the ventilator she needed to breathe to run down. No one will be held accountable.

The details of this case are more than a little startling and yet one can imagine them repeating themselves given the overburdened nature of our health care delivery systems. That no one will ultimately be held responsible gives us considerable food for thought. Judith Jarabek-Gray suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and was being treated at a subsidiary of the Fraser Health Authority. After having spent sixteen days at the \$6,000 a month facility, staff took her off her bed ventilator and moved her to a chair model, which unlike the bed version, uses batteries instead of being powered from a wall socket. The batteries have only a six-hour lifespan and she was only on it for one hour, but nobody thought to reconnect her to the bed ventilator when she was returned there. Although Jarabek-Gray was visited by staff several times over the next few hours but nobody noticed the precariousness of her power supply and nobody heard the faint, intermittent buzzer that signalled the batteries were running low. The alarm went off four separate times and no-one heard it - not even her husband who was visiting with her at the time. An alarm that doesn't disturb anyone is not, generally, a particularly good idea. Jarabek-Gray died about an hour after her husband had left for the night.

The Health Authority has acknowledged the sequence of errors that lead to the woman's death and has assured her family that "staff will be required to demonstrate competence in ventilator operations and standards," an excellent plan considering that taking care of people on ventilators is the primary task of said staff.

That the law does not allow for compensation to grieving relatives in cases like this is not reassuring, although no compensation can make up for the unnecessary premature loss of a loved one. That no-one can be held responsible, however, is downright discouraging. The facility taking care of Jarabek-Gray was being paid good money to carry out a specific task, they failed to do it responsibly and somebody died.

It would be very easy to simply blame 'incompetent' staff and certainly there is some blame to be laid there, but it is just as likely that overwork, and understaffing also played a role. The engineer who designed an alarm that doesn't make any noise to signal that a person's life is in danger might also benefit from a talking to, but all of it is quite beside the point at this stage.

When illness strikes, we all want to feel confidence in the vast network of service providers that our governments have created. We want to be confident that the medical staff are alert, well-trained and caring. We don't always get that, but having someone around who knows how to plug in a machine is definitely not asking too much, is it?

AUDITOR GENERAL TO LOOK AT MP EXPENSES, BUT...



Letters

"I think that under certain circumstances, they should be socked... often"

EDITOR:

JENNIFER PALIN, Lennoxville

I see on the news a lot of hoopla over a cop in the USA who socked a teen after being harassed by two of them. I say, "go, cops, go! They're after equality? I mean this cop took a lot.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am so glad to see you back on the internet with some reading for us out here. I love to pick up on the local news in the Townships, especially Richmond and area.

Of course, he'll probably get canned because they were female. Makes me nauseated! Teens today! When I was that age, well let's not go there.

Thanks again,

I think that under certain circumstances, they should be socked... often.

JOAN COTE, Entwistle, Alta

Can't we all just get along?

Beautiful-only dating site spawns sexy sperm bank

By Misty Harris
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Most people think all babies are beautiful. The folks behind a new "virtual sperm bank," however, claim to know better.

"Initially, we hesitated to widen the offering to non-beautiful people," says site founder Robert Hintze. "But everyone - including ugly people - would like to bring good-looking children into the world, and we can't be selfish with our attractive gene pool."

BeautifulPeople.com, the notorious dating site with a ban on ugly, is launching a fertility introduction service for people who "want to maximize their chances of having good-looking children."

Greg Hodge, the site's managing director, says the concept was borne of numerous advertising requests received from fertility clinics hoping to court beautiful donors.

Open to anyone, the online platform will operate as a kind of digital bulletin-board for people to state their procreation interests. The idea is that they'll potentially link up with one of BeautifulPeople's members, a number of whom have, apparently, expressed interest in sperm or egg donation.

"Any parent wants their child to have as many fine attributes as possible. And like it or not, right or wrong, attractiveness falls into that category," says Hodge. "If you had a choice between a genetic donation from Brad Pitt or Shrek, you're going to roll with Brad Pitt."

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"As I get older, I can understand how difficult it might be to talk with my children about these matters, let alone trust them with my finances..."

If you love your children...



ELLEN GOLDFINCH

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

This has been a sad time of year for a few of my friends as they have either had parents who have passed away, parents whose chronic age-related illnesses have gotten worse or parents who have been forced due to deteriorating physical and mental ability to move into a nursing home.

Someone once told me that no matter how old you are, you are still someone's child, and even in middle age, I find that I miss my deceased mother's guidance and the guidance of my father who is suffering the ravages of dementia. He does know he's losing it and it saddens him. There is no question that no matter how old you are, it's tortuous to watch

your parents come to rely on you instead of it being the other way around, the way it's always been for most of us who have had parents who did their best to bring us up.

What is so difficult for most families, however, is to undergo this kind of pain and to make matters worse, deal with disorganized finances of parents who could not face the fact that someday they might not be able to take care of themselves. This was the case with my parents. Although they had made out a will, they never created any trust funds, always kept their home in their own name, and never discussed any of their finances with my sister or me. They assumed that they would live in their home until they keeled over.

Then my mother's cancerous tumour burst in her colon and as I sat with my father in the hospital while my mother was in surgery, it became all too apparent that Mom had been hiding the severity of my father's dementia so that they could continue living in their own home. Both were in their eighties and once they both came out of the hospital (yes, Dad had to be hospitalized at the same time with heart and respiratory problems), my mother and father had to be moved to a nursing home, which in

the United States can cost \$10,000 a month... each!

The usual practice below the border is that once placed in a nursing home, the elderly run through their money quickly, voluminous forms are filled out, and they go on Medicaid. They lose the ability to pass down money, homes, etc. to their family. I remember a horrible moment in a nursing home room in upstate New York with my parents and their elder care attorney when after learning what the nursing home would cost and what Medicaid would eventually take, my mother looked me in the eye and said, "You would have been better off if we had died." Sadly, if my parents had faced up to age and been better informed, this might have been avoided.

Firstly, colon cancer - if Mom had gone for regular checkups, the polyp that turned cancerous could have been removed, but my mother was too frightened to go to the doctor. Secondly, if my parents had kept up with their taxes and if they had gotten financial advice when they were in their sixties or seventies, they could have made provisions to protect their family estate so that they wouldn't go through the pain of watching the government take their home and all their savings. We, their children and

grandchildren, might have had more time to focus on their care then spending hours on the phone trying to settle matters and not fight with one another about the best way to deal with all the issues that we had to face.

It is very difficult for all of us to face old age and death. We don't like to talk about it and we don't like to think about it. As I get older, I can understand how difficult it might be to talk with my children about these matters, let alone trust them with my finances, but if we love our children, this is precisely what we must do.

If you are in your sixties or seventies, I urge you to take a deep breath and make plans for illness and incapacitation so that things work smoothly for your children and so that they can take care of you instead of taking care of your money. It's the kindest thing that you can do for them and they will praise you for it, and you will keep your children from the kind of battles that might keep them from talking to each other for years. On the other hand, if you've done this already, kudos to you...go play with your grandchildren.

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Stephen Hawking expects 'great things' from Waterloo

By Joseph Brean
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

WATERLOO, Ont. - Stephen Hawking, one of the world's most famous scientists, told a crowd Sunday that he expects "great things" as he accepted a new research position in Waterloo.

Hawking was hired by the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics from the University of Cambridge in England last year, following his retirement as Lucasian professor of mathematics.

On Sunday, Hawking told a crowd that included three federal cabinet ministers and the Ontario premier, that he hopes Waterloo will become an inspiring and free intellectual environment where top minds can pursue ambitious and timely research, leading to "magical progress."

"I am hoping and expecting great things will happen here," he said.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty introduced Hawking, comparing him to Newton and Galileo.

"You could say he is drawing a picture of God," he said.

Meanwhile, CEO of Waterloo-based Research In Motion Mike Lazaridis described the scientist as an "entrepreneur" in the tradition of Einstein, whose research unleashed a flood of "value creation."

"We are at the point where new ideas are needed if we are to secure our future," he said.

Unable to move or speak due to the crippling effects of motor neurone disease, Hawking delivered his remarks using the talking computer designed for him by a Cambridge colleague.

In 1988, he and Roger Penrose won the prestigious Wolf Prize for Physics for, as the citation said, "their brilliant development of the theory of general relativity, in which they have shown the necessity for cosmological singularities and have elucidated the physics of black holes. In this work they have greatly enlarged our understanding of the origin and possible fate of the universe."

He told the audience on Sunday that he and Penrose focused on cosmology and quantum mechanics.

"It was a glorious feeling to have the field all to ourselves, how unlike particle physics where people were falling all over themselves trying to latch on to the latest idea. They still are," Hawking said.

Hawking has been in the news lately for arguing that mankind should not try to contact aliens because they are likely to be as dangerous to us as Europeans were to the indigenous peoples of pre-contact America, but he did not mention that on Sunday.

National Post

Gulf spill to hurt offshore industry, push up oil prices

By Andrew Mayeda
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

OTTAWA - The massive spill in the Gulf of Mexico could hamstring the offshore oil industry and push up global oil prices in the long run, according to a new report by TD Economics.

And while it might become harder for oil companies to win approval for drilling licences off Canada's Arctic coast, the oilsands could be seen in a more positive light in the wake of the Gulf Coast disaster, TD predicts.

The Gulf spill, unleashed on April 20 after an explosion at BP's Deepwater Horizon rig, continues to gush as much as 60,000 barrels of oil per day. This week, US President Barack Obama called it "the worst environmental disaster America has ever faced."

Nevertheless, the spill has so far had little direct impact on the oil market, notes TD economist Dina Cover. In fact, crude oil prices have actually fallen since the spill, partly because global oil inventories remain above their historical averages. Meanwhile, US oil output has changed little, since the BP well was still in the exploratory, rather than production, stage.

Still, the spill should have a "significant" adverse impact on the offshore oil industry in the longer run, says Cover. In response to the crisis, the Obama administration has imposed a six-month moratorium on deep sea drilling and

suspended the sale of leases to explore for oil off the coasts of the Gulf of Mexico, Virginia and Alaska.

TD expects the spill to have "no meaningful" effect on US oil output this year. But that could change in the next few years if deepwater drilling projects are delayed or shelved.

Cover notes that offshore drilling in the Gulf or Mexico accounts for about 30 per cent of total US oil production, and roughly a third of the Gulf production is from "ultra-deepwater drilling."

"Hence, any ban on future offshore drilling, or tighter regulations limiting production, would dampen the long-run oil supply outlook in the country," writes Cover, noting that offshore drilling ban "could be a major setback for the country's goal of becoming less dependent on foreign oil."

TD expects the crackdown on US drilling to have only a "limited" impact on world oil prices in the near term, since US offshore production amounts to less than two per cent of global production. But if tougher regulations make it unprofitable to drill for offshore oil, "the market could see a supply squeeze down the road, leading to higher oil prices," says Cover.

She expects the fallout from the Gulf catastrophe to have a smaller impact on Canada's fledgling offshore industry. At present, there are only three offshore projects producing oil in Canadian waters, all of them off the coast of Newfoundland.

Montreal mom who beat kids with hockey sticks gets four years

Canwest News Service

A mother of eight who hit her children with sawed-off hockey sticks, punched them in the face, held their heads under water and raised them in filth for 12 years is going to jail for four years.

The woman's behaviour, Quebec Court Judge Jean B. Falardeau said, has to be denounced unequivocally.

"It's hard to believe that something like this could be happening in a city like Montreal" in this era, he said.

Researcher probes impulse control in preschoolers

By Andrea Sands
Canwest News Service

Developmental psychologist Sandra Wiebe is doing research on kids between ages three and six this summer to measure their brain activity and see how impulse control develops.

"In early childhood, you see these huge changes. In infancy, infants are just kind of reacting to their world and parents do a lot of work helping them regulate their behaviour and deal with little frustrations," Wiebe said. "As kids make the transition to preschool, you just see this blossoming as they become better able to regulate their behaviour and do stuff on their own."

Wiebe's study will look at preschoolers' behaviour and see how that matches up to what is happening inside their brains.

Children in her study, which still needs more participants, will play a computer video game in which

they press a button to catch fish. They will be given rules ahead of time not to catch a specific type of fish, such as a shark.

"Basically, kids are having to keep this rule in mind and use it to regulate their behaviour and withhold this button press," Wiebe explained. "What we'll be able to do is look at what their brain is doing when they're in a normal pressing-the-button mode versus when the occasional trial comes up where they have to not press the button. We sometimes call that inhibitory control and it's related to control of attention and behaviour."

As the child plays the game, a tight-fitting cap containing 128 sensors sends electroencephalogram (EEG) readings to a computer. Those readings will show researchers which areas of the child's brain are communicating with each other as that child makes decisions during the game.

Researchers are particularly interested in watching the frontal lobe of the brain, the area that co-ordinates other parts of the brain and is linked to impulse control, Wiebe said.

The older kids in Wiebe's study are expected to outperform the younger kids, so researchers will look for differences between their EEG readings, she said.

The study is intended to trace normal brain development during the preschool years. However, Wiebe hopes eventually her research will be able to help children who are having problems controlling their actions, such as kids with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Wiebe expects to finish the testing in the fall sometime, and then her team will analyze the data and publish the results.

RCMP adds water cannons to G8/G20 security arsenal

Canwest News Service

The Integrated Security Unit has confirmed that the RCMP will be deploying water cannons during the G8 summit in Huntsville, Ont., and the G20 summit in Toronto.

"It will assist public order units with crowd and riot control," said ISU spokeswoman Jillian Van Acker. "Research has shown that the water projection system causes less injury than other use of force options and it reduces the physical contact between police and members of the public."

The water cannons, which the RCMP refers to as "water projection systems," will be mounted on trucks that can be driven to the edge of large groups of demonstrators.

The G8 starts this Friday, while the G20 takes place on Saturday and Sunday.

More than 5,100 police officers are expected to be walking the streets of Toronto when foreign leaders arrive.

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Combat engineer Canada's 148th military fatality in Afghanistan

By Matthew Fisher
Canwest News Service

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Sgt. James Macneil of Glace Bay, N.S., was killed Monday morning while on a foot patrol in Nakhoney, about 20 kilometres southwest of Kandahar.

Macneil was a combat engineer with 2 Combat Engineer Regiment of Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ont. A 10-year army veteran, the 28-year-old Cape Bretoner was two months into his fourth tour in Afghanistan.

The sapper, who was known to his comrades and friends as "Jimmy," was patrolling with other members of the Royal Canadian Regiment battle group in Panjwaii District, when he was killed by an improvised explosive device - a homemade landmine.

He is the 148th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since 2002.

"Insurgent forces use improvised explosive devices to instill fear in the local population and restrict the efforts of those attempting to aid and protect that population," Brig.-Gen. Jon Vance said in announcing Macneil's death Monday evening near a memorial honouring all those Canadians who have fallen in Afghanistan.

"Canadian soldiers and combat engineers like Sgt. Macneil put their lives on the line every day to rid Afghans of this indiscriminate weapon."

The general commands a joint Canadian/American force of nearly 6,000 troops a little less than half of whom are Canadians.

The last Canadian to die before Macneil was also a combat engineer conducting a foot patrol. Sgt. Martin Goudreault of the Edmonton-based 1 Combat Engineer Regiment was killed by an improvised explosive device on June 6. Like Macneil, Goudreault also died in Nakhoney. Canadian troops seized the village from the Taliban last winter when insurgents fled rather than fight for that territory.

The bulk of Canada's combat forces are now concentrated in Panjwaii, which along with neighbouring Zhari and Arghandab is considered the three most dangerous districts in Kandahar. The province is the spiritual home and military and political heartland of the Taliban and is widely regarded as the key to winning or losing the war in Afghanistan.

While Canadian and American troops under the command of Vance work on a plan to secure Kandahar City by this fall, Canadian and American forces deployed on the western and northern approaches of the provincial capital are attempting to slowly push concentrations of Taliban away from populated areas. Part of the plan includes living among Afghans with Afghan soldiers and police after the areas have been cleared of the enemy.

Macneil was saluted Monday by Vance as a soldier who made others laugh.

"His troops unanimously agreed that he was someone who was fun to be with," the general said. "He couldn't say no to a social gathering and was inevitably the life of the party."

But Macneil was also an excellent engineer. After his last tour of Afghanistan, he was chosen as the outstanding master corporal of 2 Mechanized Brigade Group, Vance said.

"Sgt. Macneil was a courageous, dedicated soldier who gave his life trying to help the Afghan people build a better future for themselves and their country," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a news release.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay echoed his sentiments, noting that Sgt. Macneil "was bringing hope to a population that has seen much hardship and turmoil."

"His passing illustrates some of the risks that the selfless men and women of the Canadian Forces face every day in carrying out their duties," MacKay

added.

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean said Canadians "shall forever be indebted to him for the tremendous perseverance, courage, heroism and generosity that he exhibited."

As well as Macneil, five other NATO soldiers were killed Monday in Afghanistan. Three of those killed were Australian special forces troops, who died along with an American soldier in a helicopter crash. It was the second NATO helicopter to go down this month.

According to running tally kept by Agence France-Presse, 281 NATO troops have been killed in Afghanistan this year.

On a month-by-month basis, the casualty rate for 2010 is slightly higher than last year. Senior commanders predicted after U.S. President Barack Obama ordered more troops to Afghanistan last winter that the number of dead in the south was expected to rise this summer.

With Macneil's death Monday, 10 Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan this year - the lowest number of Canadians to have died by this time of year since the Martin government redeployed forces from Kabul to Kandahar in 2006.

Thirty-two Canadians died in Afghanistan last year and in 2008. The worst year for Canadian casualties was 2006, when 36 soldiers died.

Like Macneil and Goudreault, more than two-thirds of the Canadians who have been killed in Afghanistan drove or walked over improvised explosive devices that had been buried in the sand by insurgents. Few of the Canadians who have died were killed in direct combat with the enemy.

Harper has insisted that all Canada's soldiers will leave Afghanistan by the end of next year. Parliament decided two years ago that Canada should wrap up its combat mission in Kandahar by next summer, with Canadians serving

there being given six months after that to pack up their gear.

However, some members of a parliamentary delegation that visited Kandahar and Kabul last month said they were open to discussing the possibility of several hundred Canadian troops participating in a new, much less risky training mission that, if approved by Parliament, would begin next year. The move was backed in a new policy statement by the Liberal party last week.

With violence expected to rise further this year, the UN announced Monday that it was continuing with the withdrawal of some of its people based in Afghanistan.

In Brief

Comedic sharpshooter Irwin Barker dies

One of the most intelligent, inventive and unique voices in Canadian comedy has been silenced.

Comedian/writer Irwin Barker died early Monday in Toronto after a lengthy battle with leiomyosarcoma, a rare form of soft-tissue cancer.

He was diagnosed in June 2007 and informed that he had a year to live, but he defied the odds and confounded his doctors by not only surviving for a couple of extra years, but also continuing to work as a writer on CBC's The Riek Mercer Report while regularly touring and performing to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

"A lot of comics get up on stage and they're like machine guns, trying to mow the audience down. Irwin was like a sharpshooter," said This Hour Has 22 Minutes star Mark Critch.

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Sports

"But I'm really happy for Graeme. It breaks 40 years of hopes for Europeans."

McDowell claims U.S. Open title

By Cam Cole
Canwest News Service

Sometimes, when winning the US Open is too much to ask, the best you can do is not quite lose it as badly as the other fellows.

Graeme McDowell, like everyone else who dared to be under par at Pebble Beach during the 110th playing of America's national championship, found himself drawn inexorably backward until, even as the man holding the trophy Sunday night - by definition the best of them, all week - he was just what the scorecard prescribes for competent play, and nothing more.

Level par.

But there'll be no apologies for that, or for laying up with a nine-iron at the par-five 18th, when the last man with a chance to catch him, Frenchman Gregory Havret, had failed to make birdie up ahead.

McDowell, the 30-year-old from Portrush, Northern Ireland - a five-time winner on the European Tour - two-putted from 20 feet behind the hole at Pebble's signature closing par-five to shoot a just-good-enough 74, and do what neither third-round leader Dustin Johnson nor a handful of the game's greatest players could do: play the golf course to a draw, for 72 holes.

He is the first European-based professional to win the US Open since England's Tony Jacklin, 40 years ago.

"I've dreamed all my life of having two putts to win a US Open and I had 20 feet for it. And now they've given me this thing, and to win it on one of the most incredible golf courses on the planet - it's surreal."

Havret, the last man with a chance, once McDowell found the manageable first cut of rough with his tee shot at the dangerous 18th, splashed out of the bunker fronting the green to 10 feet. If he'd made the putt, McDowell would have had to follow suit. But he missed, and the stocky Ulsterman played smartly for par to clinch it.

"That's a bad putt," the 33-year-old Havret said. "Probably the worst of the week. You don't want to make a big mistake hitting it too strong, and I just pulled it."

"Greg was unlucky to bogey 17," McDowell said - though most everyone did - "and then not make par at 18, but once he didn't get up and down, my plan changed. I had 220 to the front edge and as soon as I saw Greg miss his putt, I completely bailed out of that idea."

His father, who'd never been to Pebble Beach before, ran on the green to embrace him.

"It's such a difficult golf course," McDowell said, having survived the pursuit from some of golf's biggest names. "There's bogeys out there, doesn't matter how good you are. It's just difficult to make birdies. You go chasing and you'll make bogeys."

Or worse.

It was Johnson's Open to lose, and he wasted no time losing it, authoring one of the greatest collapses in major championship lore.

The incredible long-hitter from South Carolina saw his three-shot overnight lead go poof with a triple-bogey at the second hole, where he needed three chips to escape the deep greenside

rough - one of them left-handed - and didn't even come close to holing a three-footer for double-bogey. All McDowell did was make two pars and he was tied for the lead.

Johnson then hit his tee shot at the third 100 yards left, so far off line a search party couldn't find his golf ball in the allowable five minutes, so he had to go back to the tee, found a bunker with his third shot, double-bogeyed the hole and was gone. Then he hit it in the ocean off the fourth tee for good measure. By the time he'd putted out at the 12th hole, he'd given away nine strokes, and was off the map, en route to a final-round 82 and a tie for eighth.

McDowell kept plugging away.

"I kept my head down pretty good, I thought, until I bogeyed 10 and then I had a little peek at the scoreboard," he said. "But I stuck to my game plan, did my job. I made some great swings on the back nine, I really did."

Woods' run at the title ended almost before it began. He bogeyed the first, fourth and sixth holes - essentially losing two shots to the field at the latter, which was an easy birdie, and surrendered a number of eagles, and even a Shaun Micheel double-eagle Sunday.

As it turned out, when McDowell started to wobble with bogeys at the ninth and 10th, if Woods had played even-par golf through 12 holes, he'd have been a shot out of the lead. Instead, he was 4-over for the day at that point - soon to be five, when he bogeyed the 12th - and all but out of it.

The golf course was as beautiful as ever, but it was a monster to play, in dry, breezy conditions, and there was

scarcely a man among them who could handle its terrors.

"Our game plan today was to shoot under-par for the round, and we'd probably win the golf tournament," said Woods, who shot 75. "If not for some mental errors, I'd have been right there."

"But I feel like I can play now. I've got a feel for my game, the shape of my shots, and the two major championships, I had a chance to win both of them. So it's not too bad."

No one even bothered looking at Havret, the No. 391-ranked player in the world, who was playing alongside Woods and, so it was assumed, would certainly fold like a poor man's Jean Van de Velde.

But when Els self-immolated at the turn with a bogey at the ninth, a double at the 10th and another bogey at No. 11, Havret was the only one of McDowell's pursuers still under par. Soon enough, even that distinction was gone, but he played remarkably steady golf to give McDowell all he could handle.

"I was expecting maybe a nicer surprise from the sky, to make that playoff. But I didn't make it," Havret said. "But earlier in the week, my French guys, journalists, were asking me who would win, and I said it would be a European. It's the links conditions, and also the weather, quite cold, quite windy - and the rough is not silly and the greens are hard and a bit bumpy. I mean, we have this pretty much quite often."

"But I'm really happy for Graeme. It breaks 40 years of hopes for Europeans."

Injuries holding court at Wimbledon

By Stephanie Myles
Canwest News Service

Roger Federer used to be as sure a bet to win at the All-England Club as a healthy Rafael Nadal was to win at Roland Garros.

But this year, the year of the injury, nothing is certain.

Federer has had some curious losses, some match points he failed to capitalize on, some days he sprayed his forehand all over the court.

In Germany 10 days ago, the Swiss star was beaten by Lleyton Hewitt - on grass - for the first time in his last 16 matches against the Aussie.

So if you thought the French Open was a little wacky, get ready for potentially an even wackier Wimbledon, especially on the women's side.

The men's field is staggered by some notable absentees. Federer always makes a point of bringing up Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, who defeated him in the US Open final last summer and has been out all season. But there are a number of other missing spoilers.

The talented Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, who gave both Federer and Nadal fits during the clay-court season and was slotted to face the Spaniard Nadal in the third round, officially withdrew Sunday

because of a hamstring injury suffered in Paris.

Ivo Karlovic, the six-foot-10 Croat with a serve that makes him the uncontested winner of the "guy I don't want to play at Wimbledon" contest, is out with a foot injury. The dangerous Fernando Gonzalez of Chile is out with a recurring knee problem.

In all, nine top-50 players couldn't answer the call on the men's side. Twenty-eight of the 128 players in the draw - nearly a quarter - either are qualifiers, wild cards or lucky losers from the qualifying.

Meanwhile, the top contenders have taken steps back. Scotland's Andy Murray has stuttered since reaching the Australian Open final in January. Novak Djokovic of Serbia is at sea. American Andy Roddick, last year's finalist, has suffered his share of surprising defeats and doesn't have a ton of match play this spring.

Still, both Federer and Roddick believe that on this big occasion, the top names still are the ones worth talking about.

"I think you have the normal cast of favourites, you know," Roddick said. "I think Roger's always a favourite when he comes here. Rafa's in form, he's play-

ing well.

Federer, who has Roddick in his half of the draw, believes Murray deserves consideration.

Who are the spoilers? Several will be watching on television from their physiotherapist's office.

Michael Llodra of France (who won at Eastbourne last week) and Feliciano Lopez of Spain, both lefties with huge serves and great grass-court skills, could make noise.

But Hewitt, the last man not named Federer or Nadal to win here (in 2002, seemingly a generation ago), tops the list. Beating Federer so recently can only help.

As for the women, the only thing you can predict is the unpredictable - except perhaps for Serena Williams, who has looked fiercely fit in her all-white during practices this week, and who also happens to be the defending champion. The rest of the field is an enigma.

You expect Venus Williams to always summon up her best tennis as soon as she sets foot in the All-England Club. But the newly 30, five-time champion has had some startlingly passive losses this season.

You expect the Belgians, Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin, to challenge, but

they also have been up and down. Plus, one will knock out the other in the fourth round, if they both get there.

You thought the talented Victoria Azarenka of Belarus was ready to make a run. And she had the draw to do it; the seeds in her section are No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 10 Flavia Pennetta and No. 6 Sam Stosur.

Then she gets to the final at Eastbourne on Sunday, another mystery injury happens and the tears come again.

The interesting thing about all the names mentioned above is that Azarenka, at 20, is the youngest. And she's been around several years; you can't even call her an up-and-comer.

It's the year of the injury, but it seems it's also the year of the grown-up.

"In eight years, the Williams won everything, so I think them," said French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, who turns 30 on Wednesday and was a quarter-finalist at Wimbledon last year after getting out of the second round only once in nine previous attempts.

Perhaps, as with Federer and Nadal, it's best to leave it to the two sisters, and see if anyone can knock them off their throne.

DR. GOTT



Alzheimer's gene testing not necessary

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My father has Alzheimer's disease. Should I be tested for the APOE 4 allele? I would like to know what I'm facing.

DEAR READER: Your short note has a complex answer. I must start by asking some questions. How old is your father? At what age was he diagnosed? What are his symptoms? Is there any doubt of the diagnosis? Is he under the care of a neurologist or other physician familiar with Alzheimer's disease? Does anyone else in your family have Alzheimer's or other neurological conditions? How old are you? Are you displaying any symptoms or early-warning signs? The more infor-

mation readers and patients provide, the more accurate the answers they will receive. Given that I don't know these things, I can only provide a general overview.

There are several types of dementia. These include Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's dementia, normal pressure hydrocephalus and more; however, the most common form is Alzheimer's, of which there are two forms — early-onset and late-onset. AD affects about 4.5 million Americans.

Early-onset AD is rare. It occurs in people between the ages of 30 and 60 and accounts for only about 5 percent of all cases. In some cases, the condition is inherited and known as familial AD. It is caused by several different gene mutations on specific chromosomes, which cause abnormal proteins to be formed. If one parent is affected, a child has a 50 percent chance of inheriting one of these mutations, and those that do almost always lead to the development of AD.

Late-onset AD develops in those over the age of 60 and accounts for the remaining 95 percent of AD sufferers. No specific gene has been found to cause AD, but there is a predisposing genetic factor that increases the risk of developing the condition. It is known as the apolipoprotein E (APOE) gene. There are several forms of this gene, but APOE 2, 3 and 4 occur most frequently.

APOE 2 appears to be somewhat rare but may provide some protection against AD. Those with this type who do develop Alzheimer's typically do so later than others.

APOE 3 is the most common form. It is thought to play a neutral role, neither

increasing nor decreasing risk.

APOE 4 is found in about 40 percent of all late-onset AD sufferers but occurs in about 25 percent to 30 percent of the population. Having this gene does not mean a person will develop Alzheimer's, but it does increase the risk.

There is no known way to determine who will develop AD and who will not. According to the National Institute on Aging, a division of the National Institutes of Health, most researchers believe that APOE testing is beneficial only for studying AD risk in large groups of people, not for defining a single person's specific risk.

There is no great advantage to undergoing the test. You would be better served by learning as much about the condition as you can and by watching for signs and symptoms. In the meantime, eat properly, exercise regularly, and engage in brain-stimulating activities such as puzzles and other strategy games, reading, writing, painting and anything else that keeps your brain active and functioning at its highest possible level.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Dr. Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

Death

Douglas Richmond ARMSTRONG

Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond QC, on Saturday June 19th, 2010 at the age of 94.

Husband of the late Vesta Fletcher, and dear father of the late Noreen (James Stevens), Bryan (Roberta), Gloria (Malcolm Wheeler), Myrna (Russell Worgan), Sharron (Kerry Coffey), Bruce, Wayne (Suzanne), and Craig (Martha).

Doug also leaves to mourn his 13 grandchildren, his 16 great grandchildren, his brother Bill, sisters Alice (Joe), and Vivian, along with many other nieces, nephews and dear friends.

At Doug's request, a private funeral service will be held at a later date.

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Memorial Service

RAMAGE, Agnes Helen (1914 - 2010) - A Memorial Service will be held at St. Georges Anglican Church, Georgeville, QC, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010 to celebrate the life of Agnes Helen Ramage (Ruby) who passed away on February 3, 2010. Venerable Stuart Martin officiating. Hymns entrusted to Sarah Hoblyn. Interment of Ashes in MacPherson Cemetery, Georgeville. Reception following service at Georgeville Community Centre.

Card of Thanks

McMORINE - The family of the late Ray McMorine would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and thoughtfulness at the time of Ray's passing. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls, to the Oddfellows for their service, to Rev. Sadler, Rev. Jennings, the choir, Barry Evans and the staff at Cass Funeral Home, and also the U.C.W. who served the lunch. Everything was very much appreciated.
LIL, JANICE AND FAMILY

Joy Nugent,
Secretary

Kinnear's Mills U.C.W.

The Kinnear's Mills United Church Women met on the afternoon of June 10 in the church.

We were pleased to have Sheila Allan, our new President, at this meeting which was opened by repeating the U.C.W. Purpose. The Devotions were taken by Sheila, the theme being "Pentecost". This is the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church. Open the windows of your hearts so that the wonderful winds of the Holy Spirit can enter. The Scripture Reading was Acts 2: 1-8, 12-14. She read an interesting reflection on the theme and gave two short prayers. Also told us what the different jelly bean colours stand for.

The Roll Call was answered by five members with a Bible verse. Our young visitor was Emma Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Prayer Shawl had been given to Grace Cox. Several other people were

mentioned to receive one. A get-well card was sent to a friend in hospital. The L.O.L.-L.O.B.A. banquet served on May 7 was attended by 59 persons. We thank all who helped us in any way. A donation will be given to the Women's Institute and several thank you cards sent.

The Treasurer's report was given by Audrey Allan.

The farewell meal served in Thetford Mines Church on May 16 for Rev. Carla Van Delen and her husband Bert Weiss will be paid for by the three Women's Groups of the K.I.T. Pastoral Charge. They were presented with a painting scene of Kinnear's Mills. We will miss Rev. Carla and Bert but wish them well on their move to Ottawa.

Flora MacNaul had taken a picture of Rev. Carla and had copies of this made to distribute. She also took pictures at the church. We thanked her for doing this.

Thank you notes were read from Rev. Carla Van Delen and Grace Cox. A pam-

phlet of "Rosemary's Ramblings" (Walker) was received which is interesting reading. Two copies of mandate were also given out. This informative edition concerns "Living for the Earth", connecting farmers and consumers.

All were agreed to again serve our usual supper and sales table fundraiser on July 10 following the Mégantic County Orange Picnic.

Our new minister, Rev. Lynn Hamilton, will have her first service on August 8 and all are looking forward to meeting her.

The flowers have been planted in the Church sign box by the local Greenhouse owner, Collette.

Birthday cards will be sent to a friend who is in Residence.

The meeting adjourned with the reading of our U.C.W. Closing Prayer.

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NORTH HATLEY

"Sylvia", a romantic comedy at The Piggery. A love triangle... a husband, a wife and a dog. Thursday, July 1 at 2 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, July 2 & 3, at 8 p.m. Tel: 819-842-2431, piggery-media@gmail.com, www.piggery.com

NORTH HATLEY

On Sunday, July 4, 2010 at 4 p.m., the Rev'd David N. Oliver will be installed as Vicar of The Church of St. Barnabas, North Hatley by the Rt. Rev'd Dennis P. Drainville, Bishop of Quebec.

SAWERVILLE

Children of all ages welcome to Day Camp with Kevin Devizia and friends June 30 - July 2, 10am-3pm at 24 Cookshire St. Puppets and Games/ No charge/ Bring a bag lunch. Info- Michel 819-875-5221 or 819-239-8818

LENNOXVILLE

Annual Strawberry Social for Lennoxville United Church Hall, 6 Church St. Thursday June 24, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Hot dogs, freshly picked strawberries, homemade strawberry short-cake, ice cream, cake and drinks. Come and bring a friend!

MARBLETON

Concert presenting Calvin Vollrath, on June 26, at 8 p.m. in St. Adolphe Church, 191 Principale Street, Marbleton, QC J0B 2L0. Fundraiser event for the church. Calvin Vollrath composed five tunes for the opening ceremony of the Vancouver Games and played with the Symphonic Orchestra. Info : 819-887-6742 or 819-887-6669.

AUSTIN

Austin en fête! Saturday June 26, Austin's annual day of celebrations for the whole family! Optimists Soapbox derby, bingo, silent auction, garage sale, games and activities of all kinds, mechoui, dance and fireworks! Welcome to all! Info/Tickets: 819-843-4281.

COWANSVILLE

Walk-a-thon for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada on Sunday, June 27 at Heroes Memorial School, Davignon entrance, Cowansville. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Information: 1-800-461-4683, 450-263-8549.

LENNOXVILLE

A RED CROSS Guide to Babysitting Course will be offered by the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre for young adolescents (11-14 years old) on July 5th from 8:30-4 p.m. This one day course is taught in English by certified Red Cross Instructor Pierre Allard. You must register at 564-6626 by June 23rd to ensure your space. For more info, please give us a call.

NORTH HATLEY

Frontier Animal Society Fundraiser at the Piggery Theatre, North Hatley on Friday, July 2, 8 p.m. Come see the comedy "Sylvia" - the story of a dog being adopted by a man going through a mid-life crisis and his wife who is not happy about it; Bark in the Park Productions, directed by Emma Stevens. For tickets, contact Mary Rolland 819-838-1421. Come out and support a great cause while having a good laugh.

WATERVILLE(HUNTINGVILLE)

Brunch: Fraternité des Trois Anneaux/Three Link Fraternity, Unity Lodge #8 IOOF will be holding an all you can eat "Restaurant Style Brunch" on June 27 at 4150 Rte 147, Waterville (Huntingville). We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, beans, home fries, coffee, tea and juice from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to help support our commu-

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KNOWLTON

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Not seeing the grandkids is hurting my husband and me terribly

Dear Annie: My son and his family have been estranged from us for six years. We discovered the reason was that his wife was spreading vicious lies. When I caught her in one particular lie, she left a message saying, "To us you are dead." I assume my son believed her lies, because he does not contact us at all.

I have tried to mend the relationship, but every time there seems to be a little headway, she comes up with something new. I know she wants an apology from me. I would do that, but I'm sure she will use it as proof that her lies were true.

I love my son, and not seeing the grandkids is hurting my husband and me terribly. I pray daily for a miracle that will bring us together again. — Brokenhearted

Dear Broken: Some spouses (and it is primarily wives) are so insecure that they need to control every aspect of the marriage, and that requires alienating the in-laws. It borders on emotional

abuse. It also requires a partner who doesn't recognize what's happening or lacks the spine to take a stand.

You cannot change your daughter-in-law's personality, and you apparently cannot convince your son that she is a liar. He also may be unwilling to rock the boat at home by questioning her. Your choice is to remain estranged or to apologize repeatedly. An apology does not have to be an admission of guilt. Tell your daughter-in-law you are truly sorry for upsetting her, and make sure you say it in front of your son. We know it sticks in your craw, but it may be the only way to have any kind of relationship.

Dear Annie: I am a hairdresser and have a problem saying "no." My family and friends expect me to do their hair for free. It started when I said "yes" to one, and now I have 10 people who think I should do their hair. I used to do it at work, but it became too difficult. So now, after a 50-hour workweek standing

Annie's Mailbox

on my feet all day with my back aching, everyone wants me to make house calls.

I believe they are taking advantage of me. I honestly don't want to do anyone's hair anymore. I have to bring all my equipment to their homes, and they never offer to give me a dime. How do I put an end to this? I would never expect anyone to do this for me. Why can't I say "no"? — Sick of Saying Yes in N.C.

Dear N.C.: You obviously don't want to disappoint anyone, but they are definitely taking advantage of you. If it's too hard to say "no," try making yourself less available. Tell Sis your back aches and you cannot do one more head of hair that day. Or the next. Tell Aunt Judy your feet are killing you and you're staying home. It might help to stand in front of the mirror and practice what you plan to say. Put some starch in your backbone, honey, or you will be stuck doing this forever.

Dear Annie: "Victim of a Stroke" said

a sudden personality change could indicate a stroke. It could also be a sign of other life-threatening problems.

My husband's friend was a sweet person who suddenly turned into an unkind grump who continually belittled my husband, who was baffled and devastated. Three months later, the friend was dead from a blood clot to the lungs. He was 46. Our landlord was a vibrant, compassionate man in his 50s who jogged five miles a day. One day, he said our 11-year-old daughter had to move out. Even his wife thought it was odd. Three months later, he died of a heart attack while jogging.

A sudden alteration in the amount of oxygen to the brain can also trigger a drastic behavior change. — Still Grieving

Dear Still: Thank you for pointing out that any sudden personality change could indicate a serious medical condition and requires immediate attention.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

The Austin W.I. meeting for June

The Austin W.I. met on June 9 at the home of Linda Sayers in Magog.

After thanking Linda for her kind hospitality, Debi opened the meeting in the usual manner just after 1 p.m.

Motto: Middle age is when you finally know your way around but don't feel like going.

Roll Call: To bring a favourite recipe and was well answered by 10 members with a good variety of cookery - soups, salads casseroles and desserts, accompanied with plenty of humour along the

way.

Patti read the minutes from the May meeting and Betty gave the treasurers report - all were approved.

Patti also gave a very informative Health Report about Hospital & Home care.

Wool Gathering brought 2 Preemie Caps.

Final plans were made for the 'Village Festival' activities to take place in Austin in June 26. This Branch will be holding a Silent Auction in the Town Hall and a

Garage Sale at the Fire Station. Folks who have anything they want to part with for either of the sales are asked to call 819-843-8760 for info or pick up before Friday the 25th.

The birthday girls for this month are as follows: Claudette Giesinger - June 4; Linda Sayers - June 9; Lisette Maille - June 23. Linda was the only one present and appreciated the scrumptious birthday cake brought by Betty. Cards were sent to the other two.

Following the meeting all enjoyed a

delicious "tea" of sandwiches and squares and host Linda was thanked by everyone.

The next monthly meeting will be hosted by Bea Juby & will take place on July 21. Weather permitting we hope to visit the Rose Garden near Fitch Bay.

Roll call : Bring a folding chair.

Publicity: Betty Cochrane Telford
Submitted by Connie Girard, Magog

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.

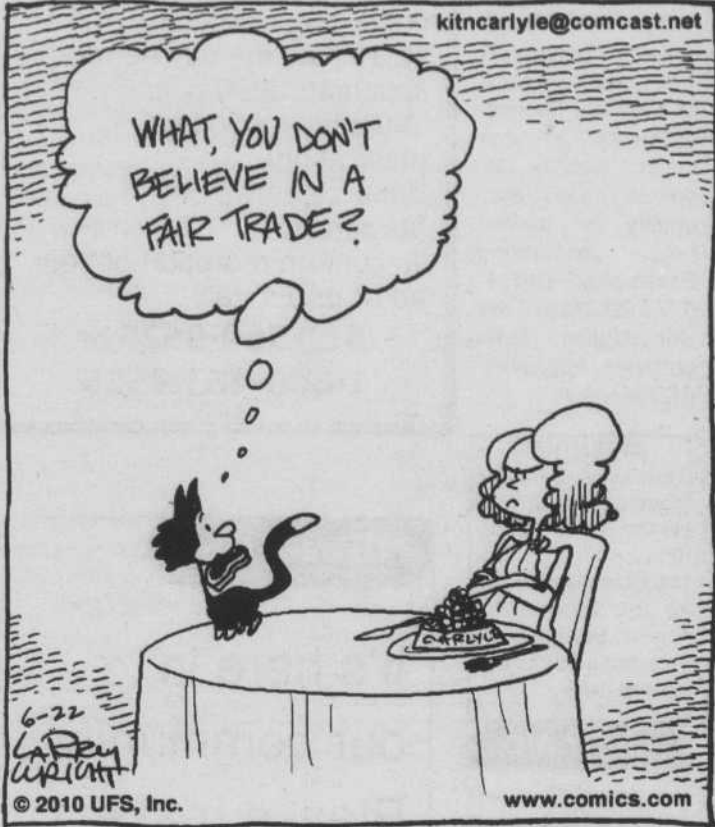
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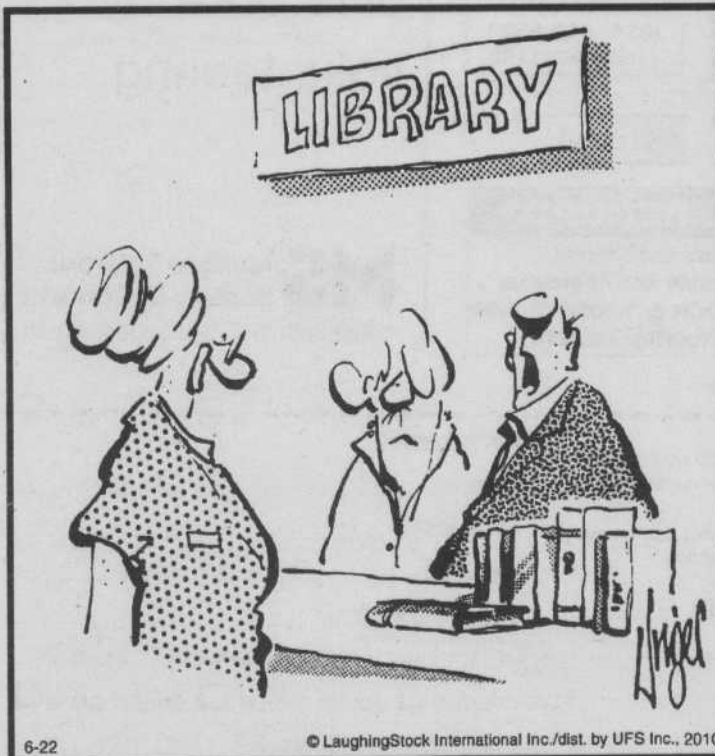
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you." - Langston Hughes

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the best ways to get others to approve of your undertakings is to let them think your ideas are theirs. Who authors what isn't important, only what you get out of it.

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The play reveals the winning line

By Phillip Alder

Raymond Chandler claimed: "At least half the mystery novels published violate the law that the solution, once revealed, must seem to be inevitable."

Each bridge writer hopes that at the end of any column, once the correct declarer-play or defense has been revealed, the reader is not mystified. Take this deal as an example. South is in four spades. After West leads his singleton heart, how should the play proceed?

North might have responded two no-trump, assuming that would have to show a balanced hand with 13-15 points and fewer than four spades. But the lack of a heart stopper makes a two-club response preferable. After North's three-spade rebid announced three-card spade support and game-forcing values, South expressed slam interest with his four-diamond control-bid (cue-bid). North, though, with such bad major-suit holdings, signed off at four spades.

East takes the first trick with his heart ace and returns the heart four, his lowest heart being a suit-preference signal for clubs. West ruffs and shifts to a club, East winning with his ace and leading another heart, which declarer takes in his hand, and West discards a club.

To make his contract, South must avoid losing another trump trick. Who has the spade queen?

				North 06-22-10	
				♠ J 6 5	
				♥ J 3	
				♦ A J 8 7	
				♣ K Q J 10	
West				East	
♠ ? 4				♠ ? 8 3	
♥ 2				♥ A 9 7 6 4	
♦ Q 10 5 3				♦ 9 6 2	
♣ 9 8 6 4 3 2				♣ A 5	
				South	
				♠ A K 10 7 2	
				♥ K Q 10 8 5	
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				♣ 7	
				Dealer: South	
				Vulnerable: East-West	
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4 ♦				4 ♠	
				North	
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				East	
				Pass	
				Pass	
				All pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 2					

If West had the queen, he would have ruffed with her majesty at trick four to defeat the contract. So East must have the queen. Declarer cashes his spade ace, plays a diamond to dummy's ace, then leads a low spade to his 10. When the finesse works, South cashes his spade king and claims.

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Across

- 1 Smoocher's smoochers
- 5 Course with fractions
- 9 Russian country home
- 14 Short race distance, for short
- 15 Peek or bug ending
- 16 Moral principle
- 17 Birthday treat
- 18 Mannerly man
- 19 "Here Come the ___": 1945 college comedy
- 20 Information disparity in a social system
- 23 Greets and seats
- 24 Piggy bank opening
- 25 Calif.'s second-busiest airport
- 28 Office conf.
- 30 Clapton's strings
- 32 Ready-made graphics for frames
- 37 Small songbird
- 38 Actress Lupino

- 39 Substitute spread
- 40 Standard cooking supplies
- 45 With 66-Across, each of this puzzle's four longest answers ends in one
- 46 NBC weekend revue
- 47 Ltr. afterthoughts
- 48 Docs prescribe them
- 51 Coffee orders
- 56 Skeet challenge
- 58 Can't stomach
- 61 Wordsmith Webster
- 62 Field of expertise
- 63 Mouthed on-field greeting
- 64 Gardner of mysteries
- 65 Painful skin ridge
- 66 See 45-Across
- 67 College leader
- 68 Not as much

- 33 Baltic natives
- 34 Cuzco empire builder
- 35 NFL six-pointers
- 36 Dugout equipment
- 37 Sitcom radio station
- 41 Boyfriend-to-girlfriend "You have to choose!"
- 42 Mountain ht.
- 43 "Here's what happened next ..."
- 44 Courtroom response
- 49 Ate a formal meal
- 50 Sleeper's sound
- 52 Move on all fours

- 53 See eye to eye
- 54 Has a hunch
- 55 ERA and RBI
- 56 Drop anchor
- 57 Red-carpet event
- 58 Satisfied sounds
- 59 Small piece
- 60 Patient care gp.

Down

- 1 Security devices
- 2 Absurd
- 3 Orange ___ tea
- 4 Distorts, as data
- 5 Purplish hue
- 6 Still in the sack
- 7 Salad servers
- 8 The Waldorf, e.g.
- 9 Central Illinois city
- 10 Situated on
- 11 Revolutionary Guevara
- 12 Stayed out of sight
- 13 Their capacity is measured in BTUs
- 21 Flaccid
- 22 Like disco dancers
- 25 Inscribed pillar
- 26 Taxi charges
- 27 Estimate phrase
- 29 Broad smile
- 31 Pop star
- 32 Reacts to a tearjerker

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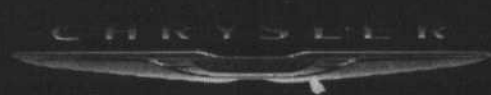
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