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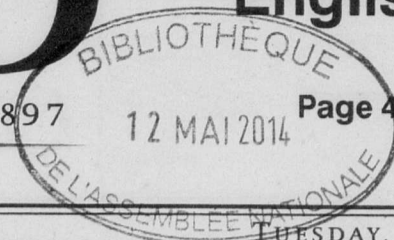
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## High speed chase in Magog Sunday

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Memphremagog police were caught up in a high speed chase Sunday night bringing down the driver of a vehicle speeding on Highway 141 at 146 km/h. The chase took place near the intersection with Ch. Fitch Bay where the limit is 90 km/h.

According to Memphremagog Police spokesperson Paul Tear, the driver accelerated when patrol officers tried to flag him down and began a very dangerous escape attempt.

"The fugitive did everything to escape police including turning off his headlights to be less visible," Tear said. "It was very dangerous, because the darkness was almost total, especially as the individual made several illegal passes."

The offender finally stopped after a wild 3.5 km. ride and was subjected to coordination tests when arrested as police suspect he was driving while impaired by drugs. In this regard, evidence has been submitted to the prosecutor.

The man was summarily fined \$580 plus \$152 in costs and issued 10 demerit points and an immediate suspension of his licence for seven days. The 26-year old Magog man will also face criminal charges of escape, reckless driving, and possession of cannabis, as well as breach of conditions and probation.

On Friday, May 2, a 47-year old free on condition that he not consume alcohol was spotted by police in an apparent state of inebriation and fled when the police called out to him. He will be charged with breach of conditions and interference with police.

Early Saturday morning, police arrested a 26-year old for an assault in a bar. The man was in possession of cannabis, a breach of his probation.

Police also intercepted a young female driver who is subject to zero-tolerance for alcohol whose breath sample indicated the presence of alcohol. Her driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and her vehicle towed as none of

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## Mental health week in the Eastern Townships Take an art break



GORDON LAMBIE

Francine Duguay, local art therapist, presenting on the value of art as a way of knowing one's self.

By Gordon Lambie

May 5 to 11 is mental health week in Quebec, and in recognition of that RRCSME, the Coalition of Community Resources for Mental Health in the Estrie, is reminding the people of the area of the importance of taking breaks. In particular, the group is emphasizing the importance of creative projects and art therapy to mental health and wellbeing.

"In the Estrie, we chose to focus the theme on creativity because, for the coalition, taking the time to create also represents taking a break," said Louise Levesque, president of RRCSME, speak-

ing at the L'Autre Rive Centre in Fleuri-mont on Monday. Levesque explained that the slogan that the local organization came up with for the week is, "create together to take care of yourself."

Drawing on the notion that art has the power to express what words alone cannot, the coalition President invited the region's population as a whole to take time for their own mental health every day through art and creativity.

"Taking a break to draw, paint, sing, dance, or garden is simple," Levesque explained, "its something everyone can do and it's good for mental health."

Francine Duguay, invited guest at Monday's event and art therapist by

profession, added to Levesque's words by saying that creativity comes from personal expression, and that the act of creation allows a person to get to know who he or she really is.

"It is not necessary to be an artist to create," Duguay explained, "we can create for pleasure and to relax; to rediscover the spontaneity of childhood and to act without rules, frameworks, or performance expectations."

The therapist referred to art as a means of awakening the senses that people might become more engaged in their own lives.

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# Sherbrooke Business Fair this week

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The third edition of the Sherbrooke Salon des affaires unfolds at the Sherbrooke Exhibition Centre Thursday, May 8, from noon to 8 p.m.

A hundred exhibitors will be on hand to welcome and interact with the thousands of visitors expected by the organizers.

"It's an event specifically designed for business people looking for new customers, suppliers, or business contacts," says event initiator Marco Bégin.

"Visitors are invited to come and discuss with experts and exhibitors and exchange business cards in order to create new contacts."

Exhibitors from the health, hospitality and catering, insurance, financial services, and many other sectors will be present.

Admission is \$20. For more information on the event, visit [salondesaffaires.com](http://salondesaffaires.com)

# Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society The annual Big Barn Sale

SHERBROOKE

Once again this year, the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society (LAHMS) will be holding a garage sale in the Red Barn at Uplands, 9 Speid Street in the Borough of Lennoxville.

The sale will take place on Friday, May 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sale items range from small appliances to electronics, dishware, decorations and furniture. This event is a fundraiser for LAHMS, a non-profit community based organization run almost entirely by volunteers.

If you have articles to donate to the sale, we will be grateful to accept them (no clothing please). You can drop things off at Uplands Monday



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to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact Dorothy Deacon to coordinate

a pick up: 819-829-5924.

For more information, please contact LAHMS at 819-564-0409 or by e-mail: [lahms@uplands.ca](mailto:lahms@uplands.ca).

Source: Kathy Bieber, Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society (LAHMS)

# Economic development professionals want respect

Record Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Fifty economic development stakeholders working in the Estrie gathered last Thursday for the annual review of their association, to which they have given a whole new name - The Estrie Economic Developers Skills Network. They also exchanged views on the challenges faced by members of the profession and discussed innovation.

Professional economic developers remains unknown to the general public and their role is unfortunately not recognized. "At a time when the economic growth of our communities depends increasingly more on entrepreneurship and local development, the work of economic development professionals is essential. They

work in the shadows, but provide basic services to start-ups or existing businesses, often at key moments in their development," says Danielle Simard, chair of the Network's Board of Directors and Director-General of the Haut-Saint-François SADC.

The issue of funding for economic development agencies, whether CLDs, SADCs, community development corporations, or development companies, has become a major concern for those who work in the field.

"While responsibilities are added and the needs of entrepreneurs are rising, our organizations must deal with divestment by the three levels of government. Economic developers work in the shadows, but do a tremendous job, often with very limited resources," Danielle Simard adds.

The newly-named Network took advantage of its annual general meeting to present a lecture on innovation by François Gouin, CEO and President of ABS Remorques and president of the MRC des Sources Diversification Fund.

"Innovation has become essential for development and even for the survival of businesses," Gouin said. "It is through innovation that they can distinguish themselves from the competition by developing a niche product. Customer needs evolve, technology changes, and the economy has become global. This means that you can have customers all over the world; but also competitors everywhere. Innovation must bring added value to your product. And it must be simple. If it becomes too complex, it is a sign that it's time to go back to the drawing

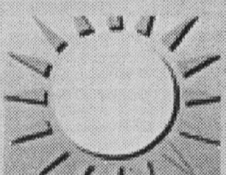
board." Simard said she was very pleased with the conference. "In economic development organizations, we work daily with entrepreneurs and innovation, as we all know, has become a central theme of their development. We discuss it a lot, but it is a very broad topic and it's still a bit abstract. The Skills Network team therefore believes the idea of tackling the topic of innovation with a specific case is appropriate." Simard and various committee members have made a positive assessment of the past year, highlighting the quality of training and the numerous networking events organized by the Skills Network. "Its role is to provide a meeting place, an exchange of information, and recognition to professionals," she concluded.

## Weather



TODAY:  
CLOUDY,  
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HIGH OF 10  
LOW OF 4



WEDNESDAY:  
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LOW OF 0



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CLOUDY,  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 17  
LOW OF 3



SATURDAY:  
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 19  
LOW OF 12

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Video game with townships roots looking to revolutionize collaborative gaming



GORDON LAMBIE

A new approach to video game creation is gaining momentum in Ottawa under the supervision and guidance of a team featuring two former Townshippers. Chris McLeod is the project leader, creative director and co-founder of Lucid Swarm, the company working to put together CoreTechs: Tactics, a multi-player, community based, digital board game that is built around the idea that its players will play an active role in the evolution of gameplay. McLeod, along with longtime friend and collaborator Ryan Cook, is looking to launch the games first prototype in autumn of this year.

"The game is a community-content driven combination of collectible card gaming and strategic war gaming," said Cook, game designer, writer and co-founder of Lucid Swarm, who has known McLeod since the two met at Alexander Galt Regional High School in Lennoxville.

"It's kinda like Magic, but you play it on a hex-board and you have a king unit that you move around called an operator," said McLeod, comparing the game to the popular card-based fantasy game Magic: The Gathering. "The goal of the game is to destroy the other player's operator using your deck (of cards)."

The project leader, who grew up in Magog and attended both Champlain College and Bishop's University with Cook before moving to Ottawa, explained that the game is built around the turn-based gameplay and concept of a board familiar to those engaged in table-top gaming but that the mechanics, and specifically the math, of the gameplay require that it run on a computer.

"It was always our plan to go digital, but we tested it that way because it is a lot cheaper to make a board game," McLeod explained. "We ended up using a lot of coloured dice to track all of the numbers the computer does in the digital version. At a certain point it just got really annoying and we decided we needed a computer to do the work."

That digital switch came a year and a half ago and, according to the design team, the project has only been gather-



Game creators Chris McLeod and Ryan Cook.

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ing momentum since then.

McLeod pointed out that the work is currently being done by a group of about eight people, though he added that there have been other collaborators who have drifted in and out of the process depending on availability and interest. He traced the game's inception back to a moment of inspiration chatting with friends Alex Botros and Sam Lazarus about a potential game idea. After that conversation, what might otherwise have been an idea that faded away to nothing latched onto McLeod and began to develop into something more, driven by an unfortunate personal loss.

"My dad died and I got really sad," the project leader said, "I needed something to dump a bunch of energy into that was positive and creative and helpful for me; I did it basically alone for many months and then got as many people as I could to jump in."

Though the initial interest from Botros and Lazarus disappeared for a time, McLeod explained that a group formed around the idea, developing the game's science fiction based, post-apocalyptic story and larger game concepts together. He said that the discovery, upon making the physical prototype, that the game was not just playable but fun, was a pleasant surprise, and led to an effort to make it bigger and better.

"Eventually I brought the idea back to Alex and Sam," McLeod recalled. "They were totally on board."

That ended up being good news for the project, according to Cook. Lazarus' computer programming skills have been

instrumental in the digitization of the game, and Botros has taken charge of the mathematics involved.

Given that one of the central concepts within CoreTechs:Tactics is that any player can add cards with different abilities to the game's deck, a complex system is required to make sure that players do not simply create elements that throw the game completely out of balance.

"That's where our math man Alex comes in," Cook said. "He's got what we call the 'harmonics engine'; it's a physics-based formula, 16 pages of math I can't understand, that analyses all of the different elements of the cards players create and sways them to come out with balancing numbers."

This player-generated structure is where McLeod and his team are trying to break new ground in gaming. The project leader explained that where a lot of games offer what he called opportunities for, "aesthetic differences," allowing a character to change clothes or appearance, CoreTechs will take up a whole new scale of community generated content, allowing the players to involve themselves in the very creation and evolution of the game.

The format really just forms an extension of the kind of work that Cook and McLeod have engaged in throughout their friendship.

"We've been doing this sort of thing ever since we met," McLeod said, "even though we never built games in this sort of way before, we've always been tinkering and building and exploring systems

together."

The two game-creators recalled time spent during university with the Bishop's University gaming club leading Magic: the Gathering sessions, as well as many hours spent planning and playing Dungeons and Dragons together. The imagination and creativity built into those experiences formed a baseline for the approach they find themselves taking today.

Asked about their objectives in putting the game together, beyond simply bringing an idea to life, McLeod said that the project has a lot to do with security.

"What Ryan and I want to do is start something that is stable for us to build so we can have kids or buy houses or whatever for the rest of our lives: something that doesn't require 40-50 hours of management on top of whatever else we're doing. It's about stability for us."

Cook said that even the "final" version of the game shouldn't be considered finished, however, since the hope is that the project, once launched, will more or less take on a life of its own.

"We want to build off of a base, and tinker with the project for years," Cook said, comparing the idea to that of Dungeons and Dragons, which has been consistently reinvented over the last several decades.

"The end goal is really to let other people tinker too and start forging interactions between those players, other players, and ourselves," McLeod continued. "We just have to show that we have a story, that we have momentum, that we have drive, and we're going to start attracting more and more people."

The team is currently in the midst of launching a fundraising campaign on Kickstarter, the popular crowd-funding website. They hope to raise \$30,000 to be able to have a working multiplayer prototype of the game that those who have pledged money to the project can play by this fall. From there, they aim to launch more fully by the end of 2014.

More information about CoreTechs: Tactics is available on the game's website: [www.coretechsgame.com](http://www.coretechsgame.com)

## High speed chase

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the passengers with her could drive. Sometime during the night of Friday-Saturday, an unknown suspect or suspects vandalized two swings at the Residences Saint-Patrice causing upwards of \$1,000 in damages. Police have

no leads.

At around 8:30 Saturday evening police looking for a vehicle involved in a hit and run accident earlier in the evening stopped a driver on Principale St. and discovered him to be inebriated. A

breath test revealed the presence of almost three times the legal limit of alcohol in his blood. The 28-year old had his licence suspended for 90 days and his vehicle seized for 30.

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## Education students resist 'Intensive English' implementation

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The General Association of Students from the Faculty of Education at the Université de Sherbrooke (AGEEFEUS) has sent a letter to new Education Minister Yves Bolduc, in which it expresses its mitigated opposition to the implementation of intensive English instruction at the primary level as proposed by the current government.

Although the association

admits that the method presented by the government is "the preferred method of teaching a second language," it says it "has many concerns about the overall impact that the implementation of the program would have on students."

While much is said about the usefulness of English proficiency in the labour market, the future teachers challenge the Minister on the following question: does the school serve only the search of a job?

"This is far from being a vision that we want to promote. It would mean forgetting that education is also used, and to a large extent, to form responsible citizens and to instill a solid foundation of general culture," the letter reads.

The letter does not make clear, however, how student mastery of a second language impedes the progress of any but unilingual aspiring teachers.

The students also express

concern over the sacrifice of other subjects in the promotion of English: "We are not ready to penalize every child in Quebec by eliminating half the content of the current program for the sole purpose of better equipping them for a future trade. Learning English is everybody's business, but it's also an individual affair."

Finally, the Association expressed its surprise at the decision to implement the program although it was never

mentioned during the recent election campaign.

"One thing is certain - that we cannot make decisions too early. Perhaps the Charest government had the data indicating that the project could be launched without fear, but now we must think again. This is not how political projects should be; you ought to discuss it before announcing it. Now, all that remains for us is to oppose it," the letter concludes.

## Take an art break

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creation of a concrete image of our fears and uncertainties, rather than leaving us floating in uncertainty," Duguay said. "The image is concrete, visible, and palpable."

The therapist referred to art as a transformative process that allows creators to change the demons into their past into representations of a positive and manageable future.

"In creation we transform external objects, but we also transform ourselves" she continued. "In a creation I can project my

conscious and unconscious desires, realities past and present, I can also project my hopes for the future or a secret and intimate image of myself... Artistic expression liberates intention, and generates wellbeing."

To expand upon those ideas, artist Nathalie Fortin presented her personal experiences of overcoming intense social anxiety through her work.

"I have always liked working with my hands," Fortin said. "I would create things both useful and decorative, forming a uni-

verse that resembled me."

The artist spoke of herself as having been an individual who was deeply timid and anxious, strongly influenced by the thoughts of others, and always very nervous. Art, she said, was her only means of getting outside herself and her own challenging thoughts.

"I know now that I invented all kinds of scenarios in my head that would never have actually happened, to keep myself in," Fortin reflected, saying that she nonetheless started to have panic attacks.

It was only after talking to her doctor and the local resource centres that Fortin said she was able to better under-

stand her anxiety and how her creative work could help.

"Starting from that moment, art took on a new meaning for me," the artist explained, "it became an integral part of my transformation into a much more serene person. Art allowed me to be present in the moment and forget about the little worries of life."

"I can say without hesitation that my art has given me the equilibrium I needed to persevere," Fortin continued. "Art is wherever we let our creativity express itself, regardless of whether it is in the way we set the table, the way we arrange a reception, the way we do a craft with a child or write a letter to a

friend. It is in the way we make our gardens and the way we maintain them... it is the best way to become a better person and to transform the world in which one lives."

In connection with the creative focus of the week, the RRC-SME is hosting exhibitions of user-generated art at five community resource centres across the region. L'Autre Rive and La Cordée RASM in Sherbrooke, the Centre L'Élan in Magog, L'Éveil RCM in Coaticook, and the Virage in East Angus, will all host the art shows as well as other events fitting the theme. A full calendar of events is available on the coalition's website: [www.santementaleestrie.org](http://www.santementaleestrie.org)

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## Foundations for Farming Canada begins in Sherbrooke

By Chris Hornibrook  
Special to The Record

The first Canadian training session for a new Christian ministry begins this week in Sherbrooke. Steve and Francine Lilford have recently returned from working in Zimbabwe, Africa where they were very involved with Foundations for Farming. Over the years, the Lilford's have written extensively for The Record on their incredible African adventures that were enjoyed by many Sherbrooke Record readers. "This will be the first training given in North America."

As a result of seeing firsthand the results of this conservation agricultural method, they were excited when Green Ridge Baptist Church agreed to host this pilot project. Essentially, it's a ministry to empower the poor and disadvantaged and is now in 38 countries in the world.

Soil management is key for producing healthy vegetables. According to the Lilford's, this week's training will "cover the major topics and people will be

given a good understanding of the basic subjects."

Those who love to garden and enjoy the outdoors will benefit greatly. Unlike many community gardens, however, Foundations for Farming includes the foundational teachings of Christian stewardship that includes Christ's message to feed the poor both physically and spiritually. "We will learn how God's creation works and grow food God's way."

Next week's inaugural training is focused on 'training the trainers.' "We have people from Fitch Bay interested in participating who would like to set up a community garden in their area. An organizing committee of five Fitch Bay residents have embraced Foundations for Farming and have the full support of the local rural council who have kindly allocated a piece of land to start a community garden. As well, we have local leaders who are setting up the same ministry in Cuba where food security is a major concern. They will be trained and be involved in setting

up Cuba's training station in July, 2014."

Why are the Lilford's doing this? They feel called and inspired by this African ministry and the desire to create unity among the local church communities and bring people together. "We also welcome people who don't necessarily garden or attend church. So many people can benefit. Although it's a Christian ministry, we want to invite people to consider working together by working the land and becoming a stronger community," said Steve Lilford.

Overall, there are many community garden projects. Lilford says that "what makes us different is that we make the Gospel message of Christ a core ingredient and use basic principles of agriculture. The main cost for 'Growing God's way' is time."

For more information, please contact Steve and Francine Lilford at [foundationsforfarming-canada@gmail.com](mailto:foundationsforfarming-canada@gmail.com) or call them at home at 819 791-3997 or drop by and visit them at their home next to the garden.

## Ministry orders Shefford marsh restored

Record Staff

The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against climate change has again ordered the manufactured homes company P.E. Potvin in Granby to stop its unauthorized draining of marshland on land situated in the Township of Shefford and to restore the site to its original state quickly.

Ordinance #640 aims to restore the land as closely as possible to the state it was in prior to the beginning of work carried out by the company in 2013, contrary to section 22 of the Act on the quality of the environment. To achieve this end, the order specified that the company must submit a plan for site restoration prepared by a professional and complete the work by May 10. Monitoring studies will also have to be carried out for the next three years to ensure the sustainability of the corrections, particularly with regard to backfill and plant regeneration.

The company received desist orders in August and in September 2013 aimed at putting a stop to the digging and drainage of an ecologically valuable marshland in order to avoid its drying out. Two trenches of more than 350 metres in length had been dug out illegally in July and the marsh had been cleared. Work done following these two orders was not properly done and failed to stop the flow of water from the marsh and the site has still not been restored.

The marsh, located close to the Yamaska River, is regarded as having outstanding ecological value. This site includes several wildlife habitats and is also a habitat for the wood turtle, a species in vulnerable status in Quebec. It is also home to the snapping turtle, a species at risk.

The texts of the orders can be consulted on the Ministry of Sustainable Development website at [www.reaistres.mddefp.gouv.ac.ca/ordonnances/index.htm](http://www.reaistres.mddefp.gouv.ac.ca/ordonnances/index.htm)

## Sherbrooke woman, daughter still missing

SHERBROOKE

There is still no sign of a Sherbrooke woman who disappeared last week along with her eight-year old child.

Ruben Jade Bischof-Desgroseillers, age 25 and her daughter Léa Bischof have not been seen since April 28.

The apartment where they reside has been left abandoned.

Anyone with information on this case can call the SPS at 819 821-5555.

## Domaine Pinnacle sanctioned

SHERBROOKE

Le Domaine Pinnacle, one of Brome-Missisquoi's shining economic lights, has been sanctioned recently by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (RACJ) as a result of deficiencies observed by inspectors. The popular wine and cider producer of alcoholic beverages has been prohibited from selling some of its products for a period of 49 days.

This decision will not affect the daily

activities of the company, said Charles Crawford, founding president of Domaine Pinnacle. "We are under renovation and it isn't peak season."

Several times between October 2009 and September 2012, inspectors from the Régie visited the Domaine Pinnacle on Miner Street in Cowansville and Ch. Frelighsburg in Richford.

Thirty offences were reported, the majority of which related to the unauthorized sale of certain products manufactured by the company. Some ir-

regularities were also found in the required monthly reports, in the purchase of alcohol, pressing, and non-compliant labeling.

Domaine Pinnacle and the RACJ began negotiations to reach a joint proposal and the complete ban on the sale of products manufactured under the aegis of the Frelighsburg licence for a period of 49 days and the same prohibition for certain Cowansville products for a period of 28 days was suggested to the commissioners.

## Student leader gets third conditional discharge

SHERBROOKE

Local student leader during the 2012 'Maple Spring' has benefitted from a third conditional discharge for charges brought against him during the student unrest.

Nicolas Lachance-Barbeau received a conditional discharge Monday after having pleaded guilty before Judge Erick Vanchestein of the Court of Quebec. Lachance-Barbeau is subject to a requirement to perform 100 hours of community service within one year of probation. It is the third time that Lachance-Barbeau has received a discharge for acts committed during the demonstrations.

The former spokesman for the Coalition large de l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (CLASSE) in Sherbrooke is now an addictions counselor and had asked the court not to impose a criminal record following his guilty plea for events that occurred during a demonstration on April 17, 2012.

Barbeau pleaded guilty to obstructing police officers during a demonstration outside the Chamber of Commerce offices in downtown Sherbrooke. At the head of a hundred protesters, Barbeau prevented the police from entering to ensure security inside.

After three warnings, he was arrested and detained a few hours.

Also Monday students pursuing the

Université de Sherbrooke for contempt of court during the 'Maple Spring' of 2012 announced that they have withdrawn their suit just prior to its scheduled hearing.

Philippe Bérard, Simon Soulières, and Yannick Gaulin recently signed a discontinuance of the case causing the contempt of court case they began in April 2012 to be dismissed.

The students were unable to return to classes despite a court injunction allowing them to do so and filed the suit against the school for its failure to enforce the court order.

A similar case launched by Sherbrooke Cégep students was withdrawn last year.

## Stabbing suspect remains in hospital

SHERBROOKE

Timothy Dawe, the man accused in the stabbing death of a Bromont man in Adamsville in March will remain in detention for the immediate future.

Dawe was back in court Thursday, and

referred to hospital where he remains in detention until he is brought before a judge on June 5 for his preliminary hearing.

At his first court appearance, Dawe was sent for psychiatric evaluation to determine his fitness to stand trial. The evaluation was extended until May 1. His

current hospitalization is not related to this evaluation, court records show.

Dawe, who has a criminal history, is suspected of stabbing Régis Pilote to death on March 22 in the parking lot of the Chez Loulou restaurant in Adamsville. Dawe was formally charged with manslaughter on March 24.

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# Letters

He seems to overlook the role played in Canadian history by people of faith – in the promotion of schools and colleges, labour unions, the old age pension, unemployment insurance, and health insurance.

## In response to Mike McDevitt

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week, with "War of the Worlds," Mike McDevitt introduced us to "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey," TV "that explores all manner of scientific questions." As soon as it's available on my TV screen, I know I'll be an eager viewer.

But McDevitt's unable to leave it there. He goes on to observe that today in America "the religious right" decries science "for its undermining of sacred scripture, which demands unqualified faith in the literal veracity of its often contradictory words... Religious faith relies on setting aside one's own senses and experiences and surrendering to a revealed truth that human logic may not understand."

So in response to an attack on science, McDevitt offers an attack on religious faith. Yes, at times he targets "the religious right," but then he forgets that limited target and tars all people of faith with the same brush.

He seems to overlook the role played in Canadian history by people of faith – in the promotion of schools and colleges, labour unions, the old age pension, unemployment insurance, and health insurance. Canadian faith communities have long encouraged the development of a fairer society. It was not that long ago that the CBC helped us choose the greatest Canadian: Tommy Douglas, Baptist minister and father of Medicare.

I too fear the power of the "religious right." I fear people who claim to hold in their hand the very words of God, who leave no space between the words on the page and the mind of God. Once you choose to read your scriptures that way, there's nothing to discuss, and even I am tempted to join McDevitt's crusade. In humility, people of faith have to admit we can't speak with absolute certainty on God's behalf.

For the time being, I'm confident the majority of Christians in both the US and Canada seek to know a compassionate God, one who longs to draw us towards justice and peace. For me, that's what it is to be a believer.

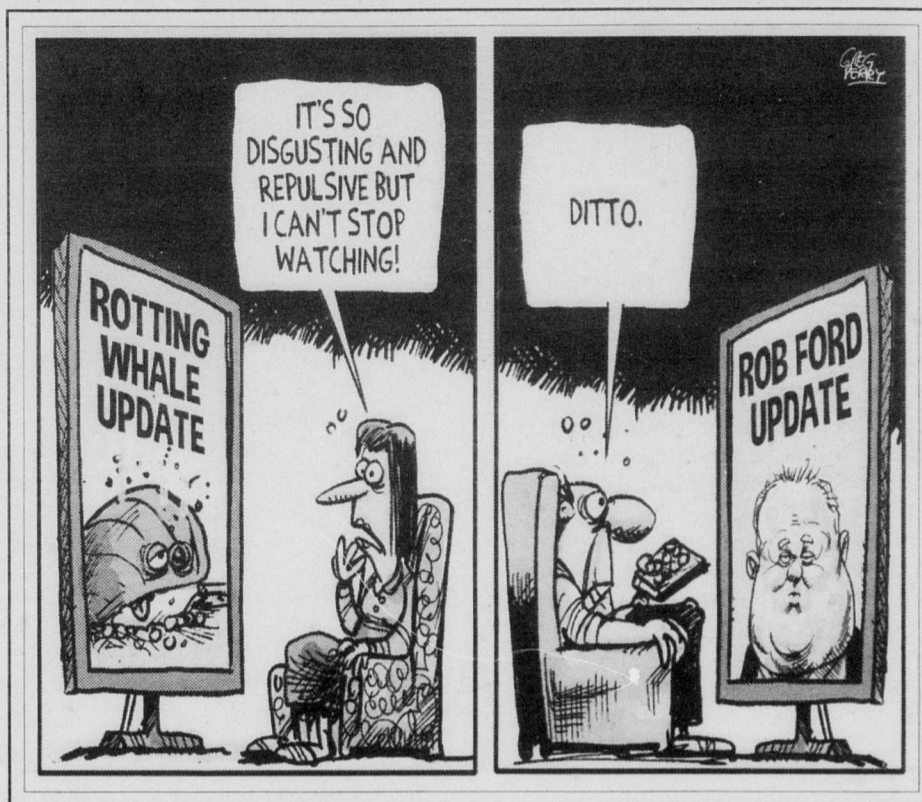
MARTYN SADLER  
LENNOXVILLE

DEAR EDITOR:

In the last federal election the Liberal party offered William Hogg as their candidate. Although Mr. Hogg seemed to be an intelligent, capable, pleasant and extremely hard working candidate, he was soundly trounced. I have no personal knowledge or opinion of Colin Standish, but I would hope that the Liberals do not repeat their error of the last election and nominate a candidate who does not have a deep and long involvement in the French community.

A measure of this unfortunate disconnect is the fact that while The Record devoted much of their issue Monday to Mr. Standish not one word appeared in La Tribune. Were they not even sent a press release?

KENNETH M. HYMAN  
SAWYERVILLE



## Letter

### Eastern Townships Canadian Club

DEAR EDITOR:

The Eastern Townships Canadian Club is pleased to feature Tim Belford, retired CBC personality on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Hôtel Le Président, 3535 King West in Sherbrooke. His presentation is called The Art of the Interview - A light Hearted Look at 25 Years of Asking Questions.

Tim Belford was born in St. Catharines, Ontario and attended university at both Dalhousie and Bishops.

His working career was diverse and eclectic. Tim Belford was at various times a public school teacher, a naval officer, the manager of a theatre, a newspaper columnist, a bar manager, a personnel officer with

Parks Canada, a college lecturer in history and political science, a newspaper editor and finally, for the last twenty-one years a radio host with the CBC. He has been retired since 2011 and lives happily in Lennoxville with his wife Jane and his constant companion Brando the Wonder Dog.

Members and the public are invited to attend this interesting talk and the final get-together of the Eastern Townships Canadian Club. To reserve for the meal and talk, call 819-837-0192 by May 15. There is a small charge to attend the presentation only (7:15 p.m.). Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of the event. Le Président is wheelchair accessible.

BEV TABER SMITH

## Fusiliers gathering history in 'Attic to Museum' campaign

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Fusiliers are sending out a call for artifacts, archives, and other mementoes of the storied regiment and other units from the region.

Through this campaign, the Fusiliers are hoping to gather old family treasures to be displayed and shared to honour the military history of the Eastern Townships. Several military units from the region have taken up arms over the years and they all have their own story.

"There are a lot of people aged 50-70 years who have kept these military objects belonging to their fathers, their uncles, and their grandfathers," says Capt.

Stéphane Patrick Dubuc. "These military artifacts of great sentimental value are often stored in attics, garages, and basements in conditions that can cause damage. It is in the interest of preserving these records that the campaign 'From the attic to the Museum' was established. We are inviting the public to give us the gift of its treasures. These items are precious and we can't afford to lose them as they pay tribute to our collective history. All these artifacts will be maintained with great care according to museum standards. Our campaign is also important to the English-speaking population that played an important role in the various combat units from the region."

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# Local Sports

"Our fans, as well as local-area schools are more than welcome to visit us on a daily basis, and we will gladly make time to answer all questions."

## Alouettes return to Bishop's University for 2014 training camp

Sherbrooke

The Montreal Alouettes announced on Monday that the team will return to Bishop's University in Sherbrooke for their 2014 training camp. For the fifth consecutive year, the Alouettes will hold all workouts and practices on campus at Coulter Field, as newly appointed head coach Tom Higgins and General Manager Jim Popp evaluate their players over the span of three weeks.

No less than 75 players are expected to report to Bishop's when camp opens on Sunday, June 1.

"We are very happy to return to Bishop's for a fifth consecutive year. The school offers our players and coaches first-class facilities and an atmosphere that allows them to keep their concentration at the highest level during this important learning phase," said Popp.

"Our fans, as well as local-area schools are more than wel-

come to visit us on a daily basis, and we will gladly make time to answer all questions. Training camp is the best way to get to see your favourite players up close and personal."

Michael Goldbloom, C.M., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University, said: "We are very pleased that the Alouettes will be back on campus. Bishop's has a football tradition and the Alouettes are an outstanding organization. Training camp affords a unique opportu-

nity to meet the players and I encourage everyone in the region to come to Coulter Field to watch them in action."

The club will play two pre-season games - June 14 on the road opposite the Tiger-Cats at McMaster University in Hamilton and then at home in Montreal to end camp by hosting the first-year Ottawa Redblacks on June 20 at Percival Molson Memorial Stadium.

The Alouettes will kick off their regular season on Satur-

day, June 28 when they visit the Calgary Stampeders at 3 p.m. before hosting their home opener a week later at Percival Molson Memorial Stadium when the BC Lions come into town on Friday, July 4 at 7 p.m.

All practices during training camp are open to the public. The 2014 training camp schedule will be sent out shortly. It will also be available by visiting MontrealAlouettes.com.

Source: Chantal Sneath

## Coaticook enjoys Games fallout

Sherbrooke

With a surplus of \$510,000, the Canada Games Organization can provide a legacy for its event host cities and Coaticook will receive a sports-themed painting and a cheque for \$18,500.

The Acting Director General of the Canada Games, Michel Dussureault presented the gifts to Coaticook mayor Bertrand Lamoureux and councilor Guy-laine Blouin Thursday.

"This is a way to thank our partners who ensured the success of the gathering," Dussureault said. "It also

recognizes that many of them surpassed themselves last summer."

Just prior to the event, Coaticook upgraded the Stade Julien Morin, particularly with the addition of bleachers and nets. Despite the expenses related to the competitions held in Coaticook, Lamoureux says he has no re-

grets at having been involved.

"We will take this gift to cover part of the development of new players' rooms at the stadium," he said.

"It was a small condition of the games that we reinvest that money into a sports project."

According to Dussureault, Coaticook was a "big hit" with

the organizers. "People could not believe we were offering such beautiful equipment and such beautiful grounds here. They were very surprised. There were many people who wanted to compete here."

As for the painting, it will probably decorate one of the walls in the mayor's office.

## 'Sherbrooke ç'a Roule' again

SHERBROOKE

With the return of warmer weather comes the return of bicycles and the Estrie Regional Environmental Council (CRE-Estrie) is launching its second annual Sherbrooke Bike Week, 'Sherbrooke ç'a Roule' from May 12-18.

A full program of activities is being provided by the CRE and its partners during the week, including a ride with Sherbrooke city councillors that leaves the Marché de la Gare on Monday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m., an outdoors cardio session at the Université de Sherbrooke and a bike delivery service at the Marché

de solidarité de l'Estrie.

Primarily, however, the awareness campaign is an opportunity for everybody to leave their cars behind and discover the pleasures and benefits of this healthy and environmentally conscious means of transportation.

In the meantime, any indi-

vidual or organization may still suggest an activity timetable by completing the website online form at [www.sherbrooke-caroule.ca](http://www.sherbrooke-caroule.ca)

For the second time, the pediatrician who initiated the call for mandatory helmet regulation, Claude Cyr Sr., will serve as spokesperson.

"The bike is a simple, inexpensive, and effective way to get around town. I challenge workers participating in Bike Week to go to work by bike a few days a week or month."

A full schedule of events can be found on the event website, [www.sherbrookecaroule.ca](http://www.sherbrookecaroule.ca).

## As more sports stars come out, a protocol evolves on how best to take that step

By David Crary  
The Associated Press

A new type of playbook is fast evolving in the world of sports: An informal, commonsense protocol for how prominent gay and lesbian athletes can come out with maximum acclaim and minimum turmoil.

Key decisions include how to reveal one's story, whom to tell it to and — crucially — when to tell it.

"The earlier in the off-season, the better," said Cyd Zeigler, a co-founder of the website Outsports, the platform of choice for many athletes to share their coming-out story.

"Minimizing the distraction to your teammates is super important," Zeigler said. "I recommend to everyone, 'Don't do it

in the middle in the season.'"

Jason Collins used an April 2013 column in Sports Illustrated to become the first openly gay player in the NBA. He's now a reserve with the Brooklyn Nets.

In February, Missouri defensive end Michael Sam came out via co-ordinated coverage by ESPN, The New York Times and Outsports. Sam is projected as a middle-round prospect in the NFL draft this week, which would put him on track to be the league's first openly gay player.

On April 9, University of Massachusetts guard Derrick Gordon became the first openly gay player in Division I men's basketball, making the announcement on ESPN and Outsports two days after the NCAA championship game.

The logistics of Sam coming out were co-ordinated by Howard Bragman, a public relations expert who is vice chairman of Reputation.com, which helps clients manage their online images.

Bragman has been ushering celebrities out of the closet since 1991, when he helped actor Dick Sargent of the TV series "Bewitched." The first gay athlete he worked with was Esera Tuaolo, who came out in 2002 after nine years as a defensive tackle in the NFL. Other clients included golfer Rosie Jones in 2004 and pro basketball star Sheryl Swoopes in 2005.

One of the biggest changes during his career, Bragman said, is the attitude of young Americans.

"This younger generation — the 'Will and Grace' generation

— is comfortable about having gay friends," he said. "Kids are coming out in junior high, high school."

Bragman offers advice for athletes considering coming out:

— Break the news before anyone else does, and don't feel obligated to repeat your story. Choose wisely how you tell it and whom you tell it to, because the first stories will define the narrative.

— Anticipate tough questions and answer them in a truthful yet consistent, controlled way.

— Define yourself in well-rounded terms, to make clear that being gay is only one facet of who you are.

— Get back to work.

In a column on his LinkedIn page, Bragman said it was crucial that Sam chose to come out

before the NFL draft.

"Had he come out after, he would have faced criticism for not telling the truth," Bragman wrote. "He not only owned his truth, he put it in perspective and got great respect for his integrity along the way."

One of the people enlisted to help advise Sam before his disclosure was Wade Davis, a former NFL Europe player who came out in 2012 — nine years after retiring. Davis is now executive director of the You Can Play Project, which seeks to increase acceptance of gay athletes in sports.

His paramount advice to Sam was to stay focused on football.

"The NFL doesn't want any player who's looking to get famous off of something other than being an athlete," Davis said.

**Deaths**



**Jean FARRELL (NEE LEARMONTH)**

Fondly known as "Wee Jeannie" and born in 1920 at her home in Inverness, QC, Jean Farrell (nee Learmonth) passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Alexander Place, Waterdown. Predeceased by her husband Vince. Lovingly remembered by her sister Grace (Bill) Mooney of Chilliwack, B.C. Much beloved aunt to Jim, Pete, Judy, Bill, Sherry, Faye, Art, Shirley, Brad and Verlie. She was adored and will be missed by many great-nieces and nephews. Jean lived most of her life in Colborne, ON, and served many years as the Post Mistress for that area.

Cremation has taken place. A Family Graveside Service will be held at Salem Cemetery, Colborne, ON, on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff of Alexander Place for providing Jean with warm and solicitous care for the last 8 1/2 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Friends of Alexander Place, 329 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON, L0R 2H0 would be appreciated by the family. Please sign the Book of Condolence at [www.kitchingsteepeandludwig.com](http://www.kitchingsteepeandludwig.com).

**Deaths**



**Gisele Marie Therese GRANDCHAMP (WAITE)**

Was called to heaven by the angels at the age of 82 on April 30, 2014 in Stanstead, QC. She is survived by her son Jeffrey Grandchamp and his wife Karen (Lebuis) daughter Francine (Waite) Bachman. Granddaughter Stacey (Bachman), husband Michael Lawton and children Ashley and Jacob; grandson Brian Bachman and wife Aimee and daughter Sydney; brothers and sisters-in-law Norman and

Pauline Waite, Robert and Lorraine Waite, Gilles and Jacqueline Waite, Richard Waite, Marcel and Dianne Waite, Laurent and (Liette) Waite and Mario Waite; sisters and brothers-in-law Jacqueline Giroux, Yolande and Donald, Benoit, Jeanine and Patrice Carrier, Claudette O Malley and (Orville Anderson), Noel Viens, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by her husband Harold James Grandchamp; father Armand Waite; mother Cecile (Joly)son in-law Stephen Bachman; sister Lise Viens; brothers-in-law Jack Giroux, Guy O Malley, and Louis, Fred and Philip Grandchamp; sisters-in-law Margot Waite, Rita (Grandchamp) Schlough and Irene (Grandchamp) Bentley. She was born in Sherbrooke QC, October 1, 1931, the eldest of fourteen siblings. She grew-up in the one room school house town of Capleton, QC, and later attended school at the convent in Stanstead QC. She married Harold on November 22, 1952 at Saint Joseph church in Sherbrooke QC. They resided in Montville and Norwich Connecticut for th first fifty years of their marriage. She had dreamed of becoming a journalist but after a variety of jobs, she settled into being a mother and homemaker. She was an avid reader and fan of classic movies and television shows. She had strong spiritual beliefs for God and prayer. In 2002 the couple moved to Stanstead, QC, where many special friendships were formed which she treasured and gave her much happiness. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead, QC, Canada, on Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. where friends and family may come to visit. A celebration of her life will take place in the funeral home at 4:00 p.m. with Reverend Lise Kuzminska officiating. Donations in her memory may be made to the Research Hospital for Children, St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN U.S.A. 38105. The family of Gisele wants to thank the friends and people of Stanstead for all the help and kindness given to her since the passing of Harold in 2012. Without you, she would not have survived on her own. Stanstead is truly a unique community.

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**Card of Thanks**

**ANDERSON** - I would like to thank everyone who helped to make my 80th Birthday so special. Thanks for cards, phone calls and gifts that I received, from family and friends near and far. Thanks to my nieces for giving me a surprise party at the Manoir Lac Brome, where I now reside. There was a wonderful gathering of family and friends.

With love and appreciation,  
**ALICE ANDERSON**

**Cemetery Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Way's Mills Cemetery Association will be held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Those interested please plan to attend.

**Datebook**

Today is the 126th day of 2014 and the 48th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1877, Native American war leader Crazy Horse surrendered to U.S. troops in Nebraska.

In 1937, the German dirigible Hindenburg caught fire while attempting to dock in New Jersey, killing 36.

In 1994, the Channel Tunnel, an undersea rail tunnel linking England and France, was officially opened.

In 2013, three women who had gone missing between 2002 and 2004 were rescued from their kidnapper's home in Cleveland.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), psychiatrist; Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), actor; Orson Welles (1915-1985), actor/director; Willie Mays (1931- ), baseball player; Bob Seger (1945- ), singer-songwriter; Tony Blair (1953- ), British prime minister; George Clooney (1961- ), actor; Martin Brodeur (1972- ), hockey player; Adrienne Palicki (1983- ), actress; Gabourey Sidibe (1983- ),

actress; Chris Paul (1985- ), basketball player.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Tony Blair was the first British prime minister in more than 150 years to have a child with his wife while in office.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1954, Roger Bannister, a 25-year-old British medical student, became the first person to run a mile in less than four minutes.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility." — Sigmund Freud

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 3:43.13 — current world record time (minutes:seconds) in the mile run, set by Moroccan runner Hicham El Guerrouj in 1999.

**TODAY'S MOON:** First quarter moon (May 6).

**The truth about antibiotics**

**FROM CONSUMER REPORTS®**

by the editors of Consumer Reports

The drugs we have relied on for 70 years to fight bacterial infections — everything from infected cuts to potentially deadly pneumonia — are becoming powerless, according to Consumer Reports. Why? Because antibiotics are often misused by doctors, patients and even people raising animals for meat. And that misuse, which includes prescribing or using those drugs incorrectly, breeds "superbugs" — dangerous antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can't be controlled easily.

Often, when we're sick, we ask our doctors for antibiotics to treat problems that the drugs simply don't work against, such as colds or the flu. Those illnesses are usually caused by viruses, not bacteria — and antibiotics don't work against viruses.

Doctors, of course, know that the drugs don't work for viral infections. But they're often all too willing to comply. That's partly because they want to make their patients happy, and partly because doing so is faster than ordering tests to confirm the cause.

In addition, many of us now use an-

tibacterial cleaning products in our homes. "They contain triclosan or other antibiotics," says Urvashi Rangan, Ph.D., director of the Consumer Reports Center for Safety and Sustainability. "These products may promote resistance, and plain soap and water is enough to get most cleaning jobs done."

Every time you use an antibiotic it kills some — but not all — of the bacteria in your body. The survivors might mutate, modifying their genetic material so that they are no longer vulnerable to the drugs. Antibiotics also kill off some of the "good" bacteria that normally live in your intestines, which may allow resistant bacteria to fill the void.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Consumer Reports recommends the following:

— Keep hands clean. Washing up with soap and water for at least 20 seconds helps you avoid getting and spreading infections. Avoid antibacterial hand soaps.

— Use antibiotic creams sparingly. Use over-the-counter antibiotic ointments containing bacitracin and neomycin only for cuts and scrapes that leave visible dirt behind. Wash all superficial wounds with soap and water.

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by Luis Campos

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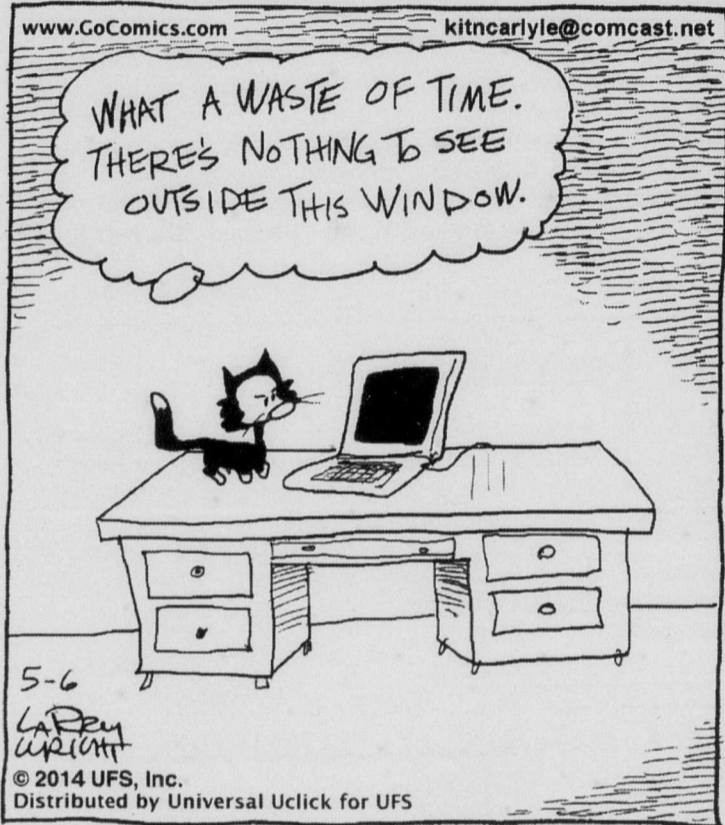
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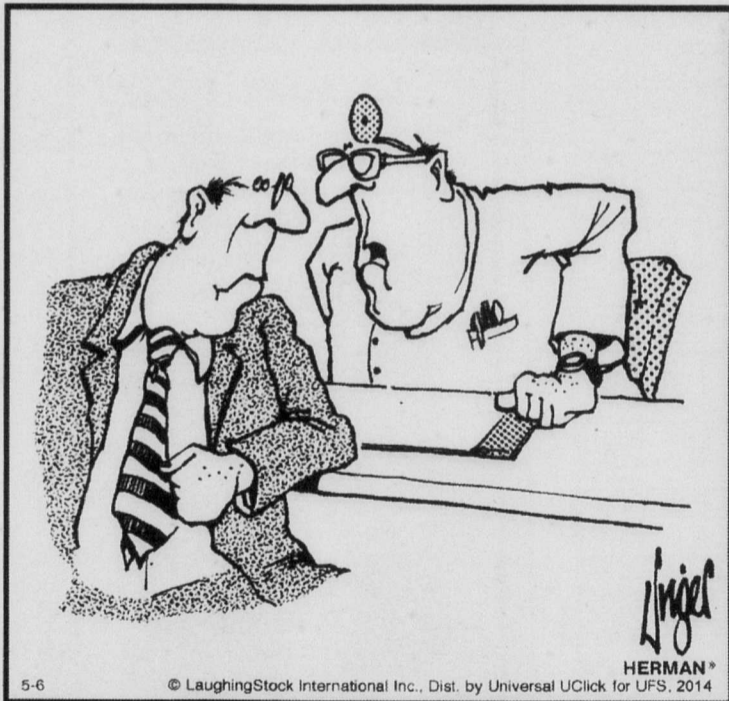
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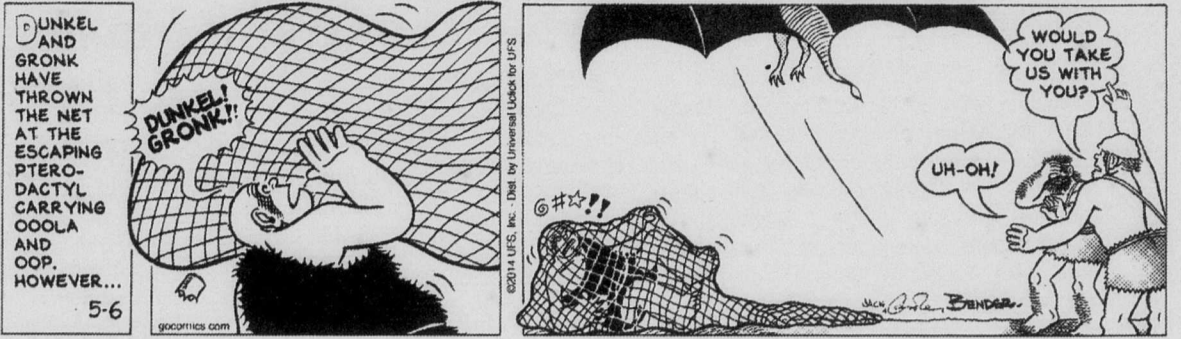


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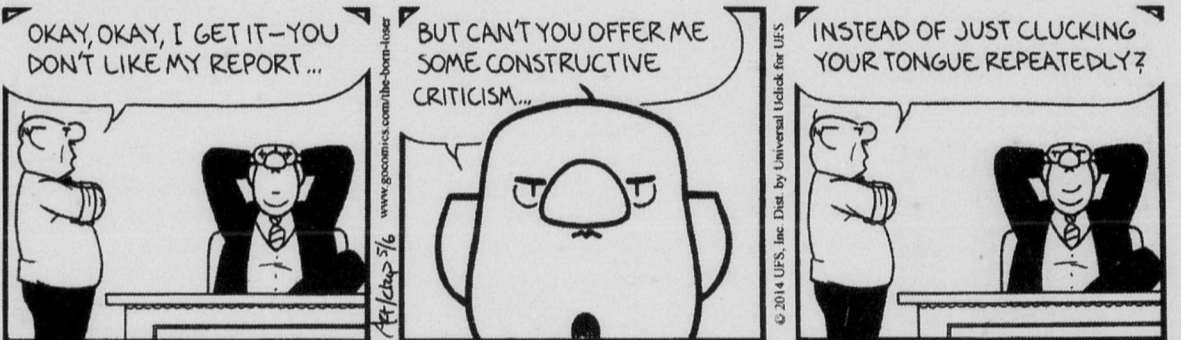
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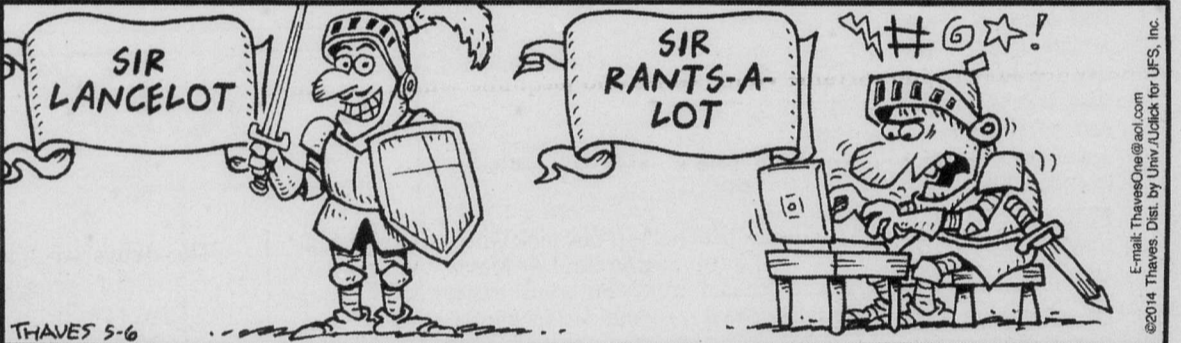
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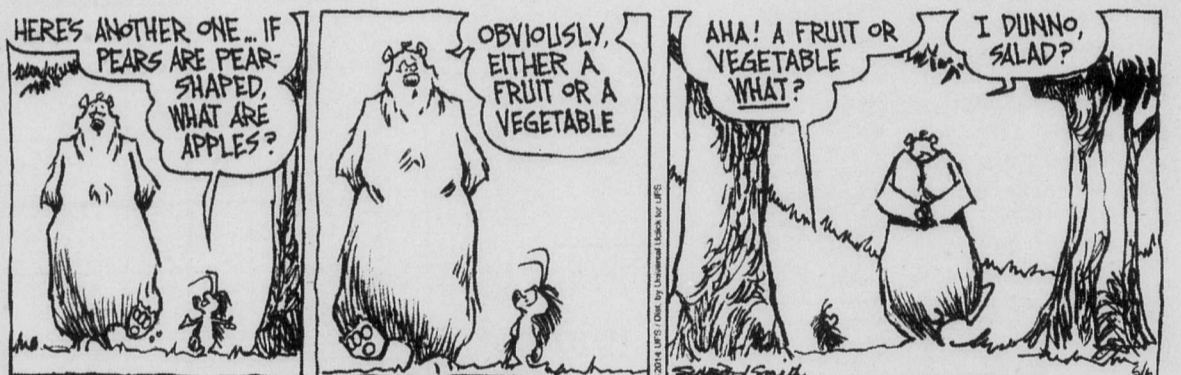
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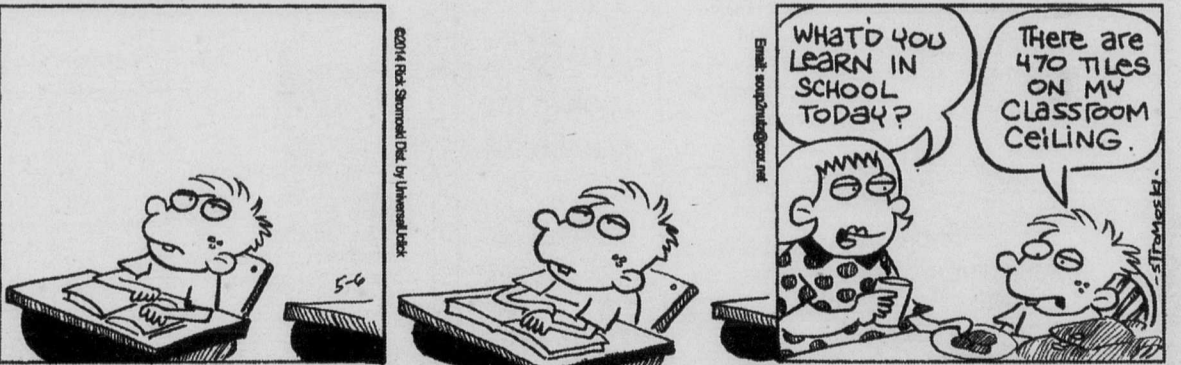
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## Grand Master Ed Copping's Official Visit to Eaton Valley #60 I.O.O.F.

On April 24/14, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Quebec Odd Fellows, the members of Eaton Valley welcomed the GM Ed and other guests.

Noble Grand Tim Morrison welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Janice Gordon, Financial Secretary, voluntarily introduced the Appointed Officers, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge, Arnold MacKeage.

She then introduced the Elective Officers of Rebekah Assembly being President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, Joyce Copping; Warden, Ernestine Whipple; Secretary, Nancy Barton; IARA Rep. Janice Gordon; and Grand Lodge Officers, Acting Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Barton; and District Deputy Grand Master, Linda Sayers.

They received "the Honours" and then were seated in the seats of their choice. Some guests took various Chairs., for the N.G.

GM Ed then installed the Financial Secretary of Eaton Valley, Janice Gordon; and the Vice Grand, Dick Sarasin.

The Marshal declared Officers duly installed

for current term.

Grand Marshal, Arnold then introduced the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, Joyce Copping; and the Grand Master of Quebec

Ed Copping. They were given "the Honours" then seated one each side of the NG Tim.

After much business being attended to guests were asked to speak. Joyce extended "Greetings" from the Assembly and herself, and said it was a pleasure to be present.

Ed explained their projects and also extended "the greetings" from Grand Lodge and himself.

After the meeting all went to Barry Berwick's lovely home for a delicious lunch, with oh, so many goodies. Barry's friend, Nancy, joined during the lunch after the hockey game, as all there were curious as to the winner, Montreal. Everyone expressed many thanks for all the excellent food and fellowship. Congratulations to Eaton Valley members who strive to keep this beautiful historic lodge going. We all wish them "the best"!

Submitted by Ernestine

## Cribbage Tournament

A cribbage tournament was held at the A.N.A.F Unit #318, "The Hut", 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on Thursday, May 1, to benefit the breakfast program at LES. A total of 38 people played, members and guests alike.

First place winners were: Doreen Morissette and Maureen Davidson with a score of 723. Second place winners were: Steve Gillam and

Richard Doyon with a score of 720. Third place winners were: Clemence Masse and John Hewitt with a score of 719. The winners of the half-and-half were Andre Masse and Richard Doyon.

We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations. All funds raised will go to the LES breakfast program.

Submitted by Colleen Matthews

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Your plans may not conform to what family members have in mind. Keep to yourself and don't waste energy trying to convince others of your ideas. Work on fine-tuning your concepts; the time to present them will come soon enough.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Take advantage of any chance you get to draw an audience. You can make great progress by promoting what you have to offer. Speak your mind in order to gain support.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Your health may become troublesome today. Be vigilant so that minor ailments don't worsen. Financial dealings will prove profitable. Take care of personal paperwork and legal matters.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Avoid being overbearing today. Show your friends and colleagues that you have a sense of humor and can be a team player. People will find you more attractive if you're congenial.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be aware of your surroundings and keep your defenses up. Protect your valuables and be prudent with regard to handouts. A jealous colleague will try to undermine you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's unfortu-

nate, but you cannot always protect the ones you love. Offer them your support, be a sounding board and give positive suggestions, but don't try to take over their lives.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone will get the wrong idea if you appear to be wasting time. Keep busy, do your job diligently, and resist the urge to put off things that should be completed today.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Travel and educational activities will bring you the highest return. Your adventurous mood will lead to new discoveries, connections and direction. Embrace the future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your patience and tolerance will be lacking today. Before you blurt out something hurtful, consider being on the receiving end of your intended comment. It's a good time to put your energy into self-improvement.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Meet-and-greet events will lead to new friendships and opportunities. Don't move too quickly. Savor the moment and build on solid ground. Strive for equality.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Focus on finishing what you start. Proof that you have what it takes to be successful will be directly linked to accomplishing what you promise. Put your best foot forward.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You can accomplish anything you set your mind to if you stay focused. Embrace a challenge with strength and courage, and you will grab the attention of someone who can influence your future.

## If only he had a dummy entry

by Phillip Alder

Matthew Lillard, an actor, director and producer, said, "Now, more than ever, we have the ability to make films for almost nothing and that's broken down all barriers of entry. I think it's a new golden age of filmmaking."

Make films for almost nothing? Interesting. In this deal, though, declarer needs to break down the barriers to get to the dummy. How can he do it?

South is in six spades, and West leads the heart queen to South's ace.

South opens two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing, then rebids two spades. North responds with two diamonds, typically 0-7 points, then rebids with a double negative, two no-trump or three clubs, according to partnership preference, to show 0-4 points. South, out of ideas, takes a shot at six spades.

It is easy to get careless. If South immediately cashes his spade ace, he can no longer make the contract. Yes, the 4-0 break is unlucky, but declarer should be looking at 12 tricks via five spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. But to get three diamond tricks, he needs a dummy entry. He must use dummy's spade eight.

At trick two, South should lead his spade jack. East ought to play low. But

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2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2NT/3♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

then declarer unblocks (cashes) his two diamond winners before leading the spade 10.

If East ducks again, South has no spade loser and is home. Or if East takes the trick and, say, returns a heart, declarer wins in his hand, leads his low spade to dummy's eight, discards his last heart on the diamond queen, ruffs a heart, draws East's final trump and claims.

## CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 SoCal enforcement squad
- 5 "12 Angry Men" star Henry
- 10 Swimming spot
- 14 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
- 15 Queen \_\_\_ lace
- 16 Cherub, in Chambéry
- 17 Fill-in-the-amout document
- 19 Actress Ward
- 20 Made sure of
- 21 Dines at home
- 23 Place to check your balance, briefly
- 25 Expanding bullet
- 28 Feathery scarves
- 30 Put down, in slang
- 31 Marinara sauce brand
- 32 Bear witness
- 35 Stun, as a perp
- 37 Uncomprehending look
- 41 French girlfriend

42 Soviet newspaper

- 45 Horoscope columnist Sydney
- 49 Opening for a chorus line
- 51 Free from bias
- 52 Like men modeling swimming trunks
- 56 Family animal
- 57 With perfection
- 58 Roofing piece
- 60 Prefix with sphere
- 61 Insincere talk, and a hint to the starts of this puzzle's four other longest entries
- 66 Wife and sister of Osiris
- 67 Seated yoga position
- 68 Increase, as prices
- 69 Loch with a monster
- 70 Garden tool
- 71 Crooner Williams

**Down**

- 1 Ad-\_\_: improvise
- 2 Internet giant
- 3 Flat panel in many a sports bar
- 4 Funnyman Carvey
- 5 Ipso \_\_\_
- 6 Waiting to talk to a real person, say
- 7 Peoria-to-Green Bay dir.
- 8 End-of-year abbr.
- 9 Out of kilter
- 10 Sunday speaker
- 11 Baby shower bodysuit
- 12 Leering at
- 13 Makeshift shelter
- 18 Electric bill meas.
- 22 Pop up
- 23 Lawyer's gp.
- 24 Day care attendee
- 26 Ignores the trash can
- 27 Mama bears, in Spain
- 29 Dead \_\_\_ Scrolls

54 Steven's wife on "Family Ties"

- 55 Margery of kids' rhyme
- 59 Frat party wrap
- 62 Unruly head of hair
- 63 School support org.
- 64 Flop
- 65 Undercover agent

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## TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

### TOWNSHIPS

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous 1-888-424-2975, www.aa.org

### LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Sunday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, ham, potatoes, baked beans and much more. All welcome. Info: 819-346-9122.

### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, May 13 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid Blood Pressure clinics: clients are invited to come to the Blood Pressure clinics in Lennoxville.

### LENNOXVILLE

Following the tragic events in the town of Lac-Mégantic last summer, the Uplands exhibition committee has decided to honour Mégantic artists by mounting an exhibit which will bring together eleven artists of this region. Hommage à Lac-Mégantic. Uplands, 9 Speid Street, borough of Lennoxville. The exhibit will be on display until May 25. Uplands is open Wednesday to Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m. Info: (819) 564-0409.

### DANVILLE

Spaghetti Supper and Bingo, organized by ADS Elementary School (students and staff), Danville on Friday, May 9 at the School. 4 p.m. Open House. 5 p.m. First seating for supper. 6 p.m. Second seating for supper. 7 p.m. Bingo. Supper includes spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert

and drinks, admission charged (children 0-3 free). Cards will be sold at the door for Bingo. Tickets can be purchased at the school or at the door. All welcome.

### NORTH HATLEY

Piggery Theatre presents Cyril MacPhee on Thursday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Cape Breton singer, songwriter, storyteller delivers a blend of traditional Celtic & Acadian music along with real stories. www.cyrilmacphee.com. Reservations: 819-842-2431. Look at our website www.piggery.com for upcoming events.

### ORFORD

The 33rd annual AA Magog Townshipers' Roundup, with Al-Anon participation, will be held on May 16, 17 and 18 at the Centre d'Art Orford, 3165 chemin du Parc, Orford. This year's theme is "The Way to Liberty and Happiness." There will be activities and speakers all 3 days starting Friday at 7 p.m. with registration, and finishing off with a lunch on Sunday. For more information: 819-843-3981.

### LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding their annual Sale in the Bishop's University Arena on Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Large selection of furniture, sports equipment, electronics, toys, clothes and household items. All proceeds go to support the refugee student sponsorship program. If you have items in good condition to donate, please bring them to the lobby of the arena any day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Last day for donations is Thursday, May 8.

### STANSTEAD

Saturday, May 10, Mother's Day Coffee Party at Christ Church, 548 Dufferin St., Stanstead, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Serving Mothers Day tea, coffee, fruit, cake & muffins. Sales tables, home baked foods, crafts, jewellery, ladies hand bags, attic treasures. Thrift shop open. Free drawing for a Mother's Day cake. All welcome. Bring Mom and a friend.

### SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke Women's Connection's Plant Exchange. "I Like Gifts!" with music teacher and speaker Ethel Wright. Soloist Ida Maegerlein. Thursday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m., at the ANAF "Hut", 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke. More info: Pauline @ 819-563-8061 or sherbrookewc@yahoo.ca

### LENNOXVILLE

1st Lennoxville Scouts Bottle Drive/Food Drive on Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to noon. Drop off: SWM Peinture (215 Queen St. Lennoxville). Pick Up: Melissa (819) 562-4969 or leave your items at the road by 9 a.m. Saturday. Thank You for supporting the 1st Lennoxville Scouts and/or helping the Cornerstone Food bank help those in need in our community!

### NORTH HATLEY

Mother's Day Brunch at the North Hatley Legion, 95 Jackson Heights, North Hatley, on Sunday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations appreciated. Family tables available with reservation. Info: 819-842-2933 after 2 p.m.

### LENNOXVILLE

Uplands will be offering a special Mother's Day Tea on May 10 and 11 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a hot cup of Tea served with Scones, Pastries, Cucumber sandwiches, Devonshire Style Cream, Jam and Fine chocolate. Half price for Mothers. Uplands is located at 9 Speid Street in the borough of Lennoxville. For more information please call 819-564-0409.

### WATERLOO

Mother's Day Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #77, 77 Lewis Street, Waterloo, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on May 11. Admission charged. Not only will it be good for your tummy but also good for your heart and soul. What better gift to give your mother than a gift that keeps on giving. Proceeds will be donated to the Children's Wish foundation (via Ayers Cliff Music Fest). Thank you for your support and let's hope we are as successful as last year.

### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community

Aid will hold Blood Pressure Clinics on Tuesday, May 13, Tuesday, June 10 and Tuesday, July 8 at the Masonic Hall, 3002 College St., from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Please note the new address for the clinic: 164 Queen St., Suite 104.

### WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community blood pressure clinics: clients are invited to come to the Blood Pressure Clinic in Lennoxville.

### NORTH HATLEY

There will be blood pressure clinics on Friday, June 6 and July 4 at the library, 165 Main St. N. from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

### LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church St., Garage Rummage Sale, Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to noon, Bag Sale.

### BULWER

Bulwer Branch of the Quebec Farmer's Association will meet at the Bulwer Community Centre on Thursday, May 8 at 8:30 p.m. Potluck lunch, all are welcome.

### RICHMOND

The Richmond Legion will be holding a Ham, Baked Potato & Baked Bean supper on Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. The meal also includes coleslaw, bread, dessert, coffee & tea. The Legion opens at 3 p.m.; come early to socialize! Everyone is welcome, and you don't have to be a Legion member to participate. To reserve tickets call: 819-826-3444.

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# So I guess my sister is accusing my son of stealing the ring

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My 32-year-old son is currently traveling overseas on business. He is staying at a hotel, but he visited my sister's house to see his aunt and his grandma, who live near his place of business. My niece and her husband also came by to see my son. My son spent a few hours napping in my niece's old bedroom and then left for the hotel.

Two days later, my son got a call at 2 a.m. from his aunt asking whether he had found a ring in his bag, because her daughter said she left her ring on the makeup table in her old room. Mind you, she didn't notice it was missing for two days. And while my son was in her room, he left his bag in the living room.

So I guess my sister is accusing my son of stealing the ring. My son denied taking the ring and was very upset and angry. He is still overseas, and I don't want to discuss this with him now and disturb his business appointments. My son has never had problems stealing as far as we know. He lives in L.A. and is financially secure.

What is the best approach to this situation? Should I just pay the value of the ring to my sister? Should we wait until my son comes back and ask what happened? — Upset Mom in USA

Dear Mom: Yes, please wait until your son comes back. You don't seem 100-percent certain that he didn't take the ring. And of course, it's equally possible that your niece put the ring somewhere else, doesn't recall doing so and believes your son took it. Things are misplaced all the time, and others are often blamed. Tell your sister you will speak to your son as soon as he returns and work it out. If you believe he is responsible for the ring, ask how much it would cost to replace it. If you think your son is innocent, you could offer to split the cost for the sake of family harmony. The price of the ring is less important than the relationship with your sister.

Dear Annie: I was recently in the emergency room and then admitted to the critical care unit for three days in danger of bleeding out. I remained in the hospital for an additional three days.

What hurts more than the illness is that not a single person from my family, including my parents and eight siblings, called or visited me. The hospital is close to them, and part of the time I was there, it was a weekend, and they weren't working.

Was I expecting too much? Wouldn't any decent person call to express concern for a hospitalized fam-

ily member? It certainly changes how I feel about them. — Sick at Heart

Dear Sick: Of course your family members should have expressed their concern. But did they know? Sometimes, we assume people are aware that we are sick or hospitalized, but they don't find out until you've been home for a week. Please call your parents and siblings. Ask why they seemed so indifferent to your situation. Let them know how much it hurt you. We hope things can be mended.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "A Wife" regarding job applications was spot on, especially when you said, "Be sure to include a cover letter."

When I owned my own business, I would not consider an applicant's resume without a cover letter. Only once did I disregard this rule and hired a person whose qualifications were exactly what I was looking for. She quit a month later, saying she was bored. I should have known, because she was not motivated enough to write a cover letter in the first place. A few years later, she contacted me and asked for her job back. I declined. — Paco from Albany, N.Y.

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