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Thousands of Canada Geese stop over at Danville's Burbank pond to noisily make their flight plans for their trips south. This event at Burbank Pond Park draws bird watchers from al over the area to witness this annual fall spectacle

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GILLES GOULET, LENNOXVILLE APARTMENT OWNER, ON THE CONTROVERSIAL WATER DEBATE (THE RECORD, OCTOBER 9TH)

RIVARD'S LAWYER QUILTS

By Doug mcCooeye

Jean-Pierre Rivard has had a tough month. After facing a creditor's assembly that saw a number of angry ex-clients throw accusations and insults in his direction, Rivard's lawyer, Ghislain Richer, announced that he would be stepping down as the dis-

graced ex-notary's legal representation.

Richer, who has represented Rivard since the former notary filed a \$4.7 million bankruptcy claim in August after borrowing money from over 100 different clients, would not specify his reasons for quitting; saying simply that his reasons were seri-

ous and, if revealed, could be damaging to his ex-client.

Recall that some of the creditors claim to have lost as much as \$200,000 in loans to Rivard.

Some reports have compared the Magog-based ex-notary to Earl Jones, Bernie Madoff, and Vicent Lacroix.

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Local News

St-Louis withdraws, Pouliot wins by acclamation

By Doug McCooye

A fourth candidate has won his seat in Sherbrooke. Robert Y. Pouliot of the Renouveau Sherbrookoïis party was elected by acclamation in the Ascot district of the Mont-Bellevue borough this past Thursday when his only opposition, Francine St-Louis of the Comme une eau Terre party, withdrew her candidacy.

"I'm quite satisfied with this turnout," said Pouliot in a phone interview with The Record on Monday. "I had already started my door-to-doors with the people in my district, and had been receiving some very positive responses."

This will be Pouliot's third term as the representative for the Ascot district. He joins Nicole Bergeron, Brompton's Borough President, as the only City Council members to be re-elected without facing any opposition. Bergeron, along with Michel Lamontagne and Benoit Dionne (Brompton's two Borough Council members) were re-elected without facing opposition when the candidacies were announced on October 2.

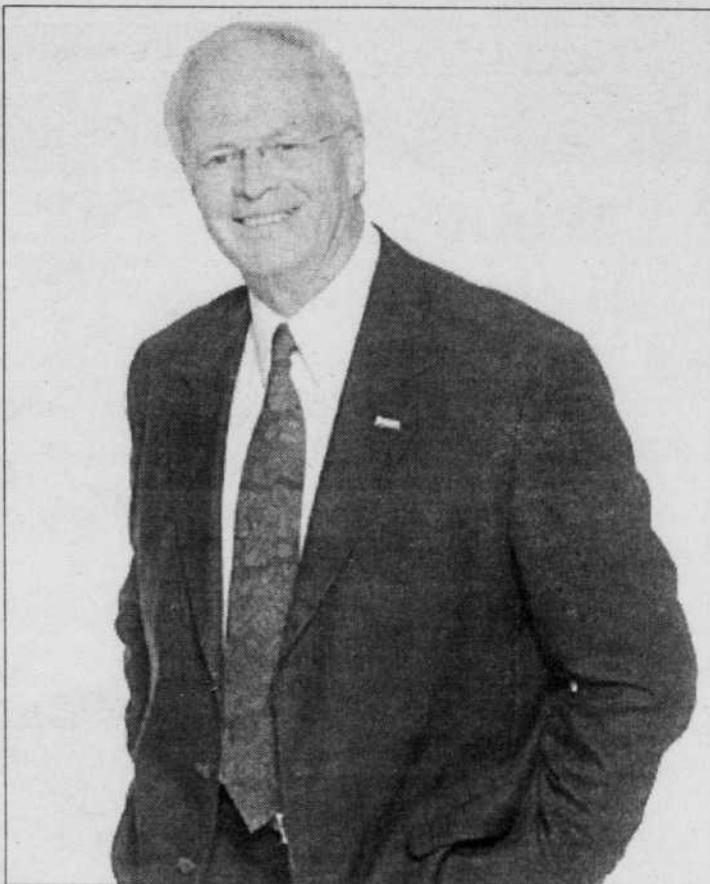
"Since I have already been elected, it gives [me] a chance to help out Mr. Sévigny and our other candidates as well," added Pouliot.

Indeed, Pouliot is one of 16 Renouveau Sherbrookoïis candidates who are running for an available seat, including Sévigny who is running for City Mayor.

For their part, the Comme une eau Terre party also has 16 members running in the upcoming elections.

Diane Déglise of the Deauville district - who along with Sévigny and Pouliot are the only incumbent members of Renouveau Sherbrookoïis - is also facing a single opponent in the upcoming election, Kevin Coté of Comme une eau Terre.

Barring any changes, on November 1st twenty candidates will be elected to the various positions throughout the City of Sherbrooke in what promises to be one of the more contentious municipal elections in recent memory.



COURTESY RENOUEVAU SHERBROOKOIS

Robert Pouliot, former Ascot mayor wins seat by acclamation

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Sherbrooke job market stable

By Doug McCooye

A report published by Statistics Canada last week found that employment rates in the province of Quebec stabilized in the month of September. According to the study, the unemployment rate dropped below 9-percent in Quebec for the first time in months; eventually stabilizing at 8.8-percent province-wide.

The data recorded in September found that the unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent from the previous month. Last month saw an increase of some 8,300 full-time jobs and 11,800 part-time jobs.

The number of jobs decreased by 5.2

percent in the United States at the peak of the recession, with the numbers reaching 2.1 percent in Canada and 3 percent in Ontario, over that time. "Quebec skilfully managed to keep the decline at only 1.7 percent," said Sam Hamad, Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity for Quebec, via press release on Friday. "While the recession seems to be coming to an end, it is not finished yet. That is why we need to continue our efforts."

Hamad noted that Quebec has been very active in all of the different regions of the province. "It is important, as a government, to pursue our actions in supporting our workers, people looking for work, as well as enterprises," said the minister in the press release. "In this respect, it has been possible to pro-

tect, to date, more than 21,180 jobs thanks to the Programme de soutien aux entreprises a risque de ralentissement économique (SERRE) that was put in place."

The unemployment rate across Canada fell to 8.4 percent in the month of September, the first time the rate has fallen since the Fall of 2008.

Despite Hamad's excitement over the change, the Stats Canada report was less enthusiastic. "Quebec's employment level was little changed in September for the second consecutive month," said the report. "The unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage points to 8.8%, as fewer people participated in the labour market."

Ben by Daniel Shelton



And it happens: the beginning of the sub-zero temperatures

Weather

TODAY: LIGHT RAIN. HIGH OF 6. LOW OF 2

WEDNESDAY: CLOUDY. HIGH OF 4. LOW OF -1

THURSDAY: SUNNY BREAKS. HIGH OF 4. LOW OF -5

FRIDAY: CLOUDY PERIODS. HIGH OF 7. LOW OF -5.



LOCAL BRIEFS

CHUS Elections

The Users' Committee of the CHUS will be holding its election of new members tomorrow, October 14.

Since 2006, the CHUS Users' Committee has had the responsibility of representing those who use the institution's services and facilities through informing users of their rights and responsibilities, the defense of users' rights and to help users interact with the CHUS by directing feedback or lodging complaints.

Of 15 candidates, four are representatives of the anglophone community: Ruth Atto, Debbie Bishop, Dr. Ouida Molinar, and John Pratt.

Anyone who is, or has been, a user of CHUS services is eligible to vote upon presentation of their CHUS hospital card (the purple one).

Voting takes place between 5 and 5:45 pm in the auditorium of the CHUS Hotel-Dieu at 580 Bowen St. south in Sherbrooke. Voters may vote for up to seven of the 15 candidates.

The CHUS reminds the anglophone population that it is important to have a representative on the committee to ensure the continuation of existing English services and to lobby for more.

SWAT team arrests

At 6 p.m. Sunday night, the Service de Police de Sherbrooke (SPS) deployed their SWAT team at the home of an armed suspect at 498 St. Michel Street.

According to the report, the 29-year-old male suspect made death threats to an acquaintance as well as SPS police officers the afternoon of October 11, in Sherbrooke. He was thought to have been carrying a weapon.

The police took no chances in handling the situation.

"We evacuated the area surrounding the suspect's home, and then sent in the SWAT team," said Martin Carrier of the SPS. "The suspect was apprehended and brought in to custody."

The suspect will stand before a judge in a Sherbrooke court on Tuesday. He faces charges of making death threats and threatening a police officer.

Man lives after close call

Late Sunday night, the SPS received a call from a distraught man who was worried about the well-being of his father. The caller said he had received a call from his father, who was incoherent. The caller did not know his father's whereabouts. Later that night, a 911-call was made from the father's cell-phone. The elderly man was barely audible and the dispatcher who received the call struggled to get answers.

Once on the scene, SPS officers found the man in his car, barely conscious. An officer had to break in the glass of a window to reach him and the man was quickly sent to a nearby hospital.

A bad mixture of alcohol and medicine is thought to be the cause of the man's problems. He was stabilized and kept overnight as a precautionary measure.

Living History in Compton

By Corrinna Pole

Elementary students are being given the chance to travel back in time to the turn of the 20th century and experience village life in a bygone era while learning about a local boy who grew to be an impressive leader, at the only Parks Canada site in the Townships, the Louis S. St. Laurent National Historic Site of Canada in Compton.

"The Parks Canada mandate is to protect the cultural resources that are (loaned) to us and also to communicate it to the people," said site manager France Provencher. "So what we did is this winter Monique (Sicard), who develops different products for our clientele, finished this summer our education program for three cycles of primary schools."

The new educational program combines lively investigations, various games and visual activities to introduce students to concepts of the past as well as the change in their society and the area around them, Sicard explained to *The Record*.

Participating grades will have the opportunity to explore a specific theme such as citizenship and community life, environmental awareness and consumer rights and responsibilities, through learning activities consistent with the Quebec Education Program.

"It's designed to meet teacher pedagogical requirements," said Sicard. "Teachers get a CD-Rom with a teaching guide for each activity and an easy-to-use notebook for students. The teaching guide (also) has an evaluation for students so at the end teachers can assess what students have learned."

Including the visit, the program runs three to six periods long per learning situation and covers such subjects as social sciences, visual areas and English language arts.

One of the five activities allows students to shop in the authentic 1901 to 1910 general store that was owned by St. Laurent's father, Jean-Baptiste-Moise.

"When they come to the general store they play roles, there are six roles of the past and they buy items they would have used in their role," said Sicard. "They prepare their role in class and do crafts, like one will make a moustache to be a doctor and then they come in the store to buy things a doctor would use. It's a very funny activity."

From the general store groups then make their way to the adja-



ALEXANDRE CHOQUETTE

Local schoolchildren can now travel back in time and relive a family's existence from 1882 to the 1950's at the birthplace of Canadian Prime Minister Louis S. St. Laurent in Compton.

cent house in which the 12th Canadian Prime Minister was born. Depending on the grade, students can then take part in an activity that may involve leading an investigation in the St. Laurent home.

Attached to the general store is the warehouse that features a multimedia sound and light show on the life and career of Louis St-Laurent. Third cycle students can learn about the Prime Minister and then participate in a mystery game in the house. Once in class again they can be introduced to democracy exercises.

In refining the program, Sicard had

the assistance of local schools, which she called both valuable and precious.

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At a Glance: Sutton



COURTESY PRO SUTTON

Winston Bresse and his Pro Sutton team



COURTESY VISION SUTTON

Kenneth Hill and the members of Vision Sutton



COURTESY ALTERNATIVE SUTTON

Alternative Sutton led by Pierre Pelland

By Virginia Wilson

Sutton- Candidates had until October 2 to submit their candidature or this year's municipal elections to be held on November 1. The candidates for Mayor of Sutton are

Kenneth Hill, current mayor and his team of six councillors, "Vision Sutton"; **Winston Bresse**, ex-mayor for over 20 years and his team of four independent candidates, "Pro-Sutton"; and **Pierre Pelland** with his team of six candidates, "Alternative Sutton".

Kenneth Hill's "Vision Sutton" team consists of himself and six candidates; Veerle Beljaars, Anna Bellavance, Louis Dandenault, Luc Tessier, and current councillors Heather Sherrer and Jean-Claude Marchand. The well-balanced team consists of three men and three women, has municipal experience, formal education, represents all age groups, and is bilingual and even multilingual. "Vision Sutton" is committed to responsible financial management, families and social needs, infrastructures, the environment, development, sports and culture, and democracy. The team is focused on transparency and wants information to be available to the public whenever requested. When asked his reasons for running for re-election, Hill states, "I have been involved in my town all of my adult life to try to make a difference and make it better for the next generation. I have worked hard as mayor and as president of the CLD (Centre Local de Development of Brome Missisquoi) so that Sutton be

put in a position to keep its youth and to attract young families to our town. First is our quality of life, job opportunities in the area, a low tax rate, keeping our school and our social services, doctor's office, CLSC, and activities for our youth and our less young. I think we have started to win on this issue and I truly believe we can achieve our goal if we all work hard. The result will be a better place that we can all call home." The team wants to develop Sutton while conserving and protecting the environment. Anna Bellavance commented, "The members have roots in Sutton and want to give something back." Team "Vision Sutton" has regularly updated information on their website at: www.visionsutton.com.

Winston Bresse is running with "Group Pro-Sutton," consisting of four independent representatives; Gérard Champigny, John Hawley, Paul Boivin and Roger Cusson. The major objective of the group of independent council candidates is to have the power to make independent decisions at the municipal council table. They believe that by not having to tow a specific party line they will be best representing and protecting the citizens' concerns. The team backs Bresse as mayor and believes he is the best candidate due to his experience and qualifications. "Pro Sutton" wants to change the electoral process to an equitable system in the form of six geographical districts each to be represented by a single councillor. Bresse and "Pro-Sutton" want to manage the municipal budget in a responsible manner, improve services, recreation, jobs and ac-


tivities for youth, create a tax credit for those using ecological techniques to save energy when building a new house, encourage agriculture, create jobs, assure the protection of rural landscape, and assist with new home construction. Bresse says, "With my long experience in financial management I want to make sure the money is spent well. I am disappointed in the last four years and want to lower the debt of \$13,000,000." Bresse also mentioned the work that needs to be done on the roads and felt \$500,000 should not have been taken from that budget for a team of consultants. His goal is to develop in a responsible way to protect the mountain like he did in 1983. "I want to bring leadership back to the table. I am easily available and always have been," says Bresse. For more information on "Pro-Sutton" you can visit their website at: www.teambresse.com.

Pierre Pelland's team "Alternative Sutton" consists of himself and six representatives; current councillor François Champagne, Sébastien Landry, Dominique Parent, Laval Perreault, Jules Piette and Charles Weldon. The diversified team offers expertise in finance, management, town planning, arts, recreation and agriculture. No matter what problems or concerns a citizen may have, the team says any one of their councillors will be readily available to assist and not have to refer the citizen to another councillor because it is not their territory. Pelland hopes to utilize readily available systems to bring Sutton up to date in methods and procedures that

would save time and money for the Town. The team's goal is to make the tax dollar work harder, improve the quality of life, create jobs and put a fresh administration in town. When it comes to urbanism, the team believes in "Smart Growth" and wants to clarify town development by-laws and make things clearer and more detailed to avoid conflicts and to protect the mountain from being developed improperly. To do so, Pelland hopes to implement a "Geomatic" system that will make the landscape details of Sutton available and up to date so that all residents would be able to access them easily. The team wants to respect, pursue and improve what is already well underway, such as the cultural policy, the urban plan and regulation, development of a year-round outdoor positioning, and the village-mountain trail. The team is focused on transparency, "No member of our team will ever be in a position of a conflict of interest," says Pelland. For more details on "Alternative Sutton", you can visit their website at: www.alternativesutton.com.

With the Town of Sutton in court with a resident over permits for land development, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, all candidates were quick to mention the importance of clarifying and improving the "urbanism plan" and proceeding to set clear guidelines for Sutton developers in the future to avoid such costly disputes.


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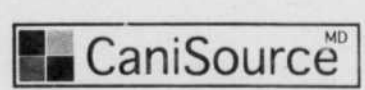
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Columnist

How friends help us keep young



NATURE'S WAY

ANNA MAY KINNEY

With Thanksgiving past us now, I was wondering what kinds of things most people were thankful for? Yes, we always mention our families when giving thanks around the dinner table, but are not most people in our affluent, materialistic society inclined to be thankful for

THINGS, rather than relationships? This was rather a difficult year for me, a time for some serious thought about life. There are times when illness can be a blessing, helping us to put value on the more important things, like how the friendships we make are precious jewels that inspire us and help keep us going, especially when someone has no family now or never had one to fall back on. When we talk about friends, we can't help but divide them into different categories in both our minds and hearts. There are lifelong friends, like the friend I met in fourth grade that lives in Bridgeport, Connecticut. We've kept in touch since I married and moved away

at nineteen. While we don't see each other, we share and care about one another. And then there's my first Quebec friends Denise and Arcade who have never failed the last 42 years to drive all the way out from Montreal to spend a day with me. Friends like these are diamonds, always there, willing to help and give love.

I'm really blessed for having many of these long-term friendships in my life, as well as many others I treasure and call friends, even though I may not have known them as long. Each and every one enriches my life with their knowledge and wisdom. Some friends I've never met in person, yet I know their families and history and care about their lives as much as if they lived right next door. And some friends think of me as just an acquaintance, but even these casual encounters can be life altering under the right conditions.

Our social structure

Today when many children would rather spend hours alone playing video games and adults find themselves playing solitaire, many do not take the time to reach out and touch someone. With neighbors so busy trying to earn a living, the days of friendly visits for coffee and cake are past memories of easier times and families being dispersed to far distant corners of the earth, aren't we all slowly becoming islands drifting alone in the sea of life?

While e-mail, FaceBook, twitter and other online networks helps us make new friends, do most people today really appreciate and care about those they call a friend? Or are we all becoming meaningless names on someone's FRIEND list? Are our children and grandchildren going to have the same kind of memories of times shared that we have?

Friendships help us to see ourselves through unprejudiced eyes. True friends are there to encourage us, like the dear friend encouraged me to take to writing in the early '90's and even found a second hand electric word processor for me to use. And then the kind dear soul that gave me my first computer, it was so primitive; it could barely do simple word processing, yet I was able to write my cookbook on it. Another life altering experience that was able to be finished through the help of a casual friend. These people may not have known it, but they helped mold and change my life, this is what friendship is all about.

Starting a new adventure

Guess I'll be a gardener till my dying breath, and then as I leave this world the only hope I'll take with me is that there's a big garden in heaven where I can watch and help things to grow. Well, this spring, I really wanted to find some globe artichoke seeds, but they could not be found in any catalogue I

had, so I called my friend Cathy Neville, if you live in Lennoxville you might know her as the part of Chuck & Cathy's garden center.

While we haven't seen each other often, only spoke a few times on the telephone and shared a little on FaceBook, we do share a love for plants. Well after asking her if she could find some globe artichokes seeds for me, I didn't hear from her for sometime. Then I heard how she not only got the seeds but had started the plants for me, and just this last week she drove all the way out here and dropped off four of the cutest little globe artichoke plants for me. I hope to keep these perennial plants going for many years by putting them in the basement to go dormant for the winter as I've done with my fig trees for the last 25 years.

Cathy also grew some for herself with really good results, but even though we don't live that far from each other, our places are so different in regard to temperature, it's almost like mine is on a different planet, a much colder one. Just the same, I'm hoping that I can overcome our short season and also have success. What a gift! So here I am starting a new adventure. Like I've said, people may not always realize how important something they do is, but it is such a friend that helps keep us going and young. Thank you God for giving us friends!

National Historic Site has students living in history

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"Before we printed our materials we had the help of the two schools in Compton," said Provencher. "Teachers came in with their children and (after) we went to see them to find out what worked well and what we can do better."

Eight visiting French classes have since used the final product so far no English classes have yet participated. When asked what kind of feedback they were getting on the program, Sicard proudly answered that it's been very positive.

"For both students and teachers," said Sicard.

Provencher then highlighted some of the things she hopes students will take away from the program.

"First, that it's a neat experience. That a museum is not boring and that you can learn a lot of things and have fun doing it," she said. "We are trying to teach changes evolve and it's not so easy for a child to get the notion of time. So that's our focus, for children to learn something, have fun preparing to come here, have fun while being here and then complete the preparation and realization back in school."

"And maybe make future visitors of National historic sites," Sicard added.

Although many visitors may overlook it, the National Historic site is very

unique for several reasons. One of those reasons being that the St. Laurent family owned the property and then passed it into a trust before it was obtained by Parks Canada, according to Provencher. Since the property had not been sold to private owners over the years, it bears the distinction of being preserved in its original state as used by the family and also houses many original objects that belonged to them.

"It's one of the rare sites of Parks Canada that can say most of the articles are


original. What's interesting about the house is that many of the furniture or objects that you see belonged to the family," said Provencher. "We reconstructed the (store) site with authentic reproductions, the cans which stack the shelves have been researched and the labels have been reprinted. Many of the objects in the store are reproductions but the floors, counters and ceilings are all original and the structure is original."

While the site is presently closed to general visitors, the season runs from

May 15 until Thanksgiving Day, they are open for groups on reservation until the end of October. The activities are offered to school groups in either English or French at a cost of \$2.90 per student, chaperones are free.

Information on the program or group reservations can be made by contacting the Louis S. St. Laurent National Historic Site of Canada administration, which is open year round, at 819-835-5448.

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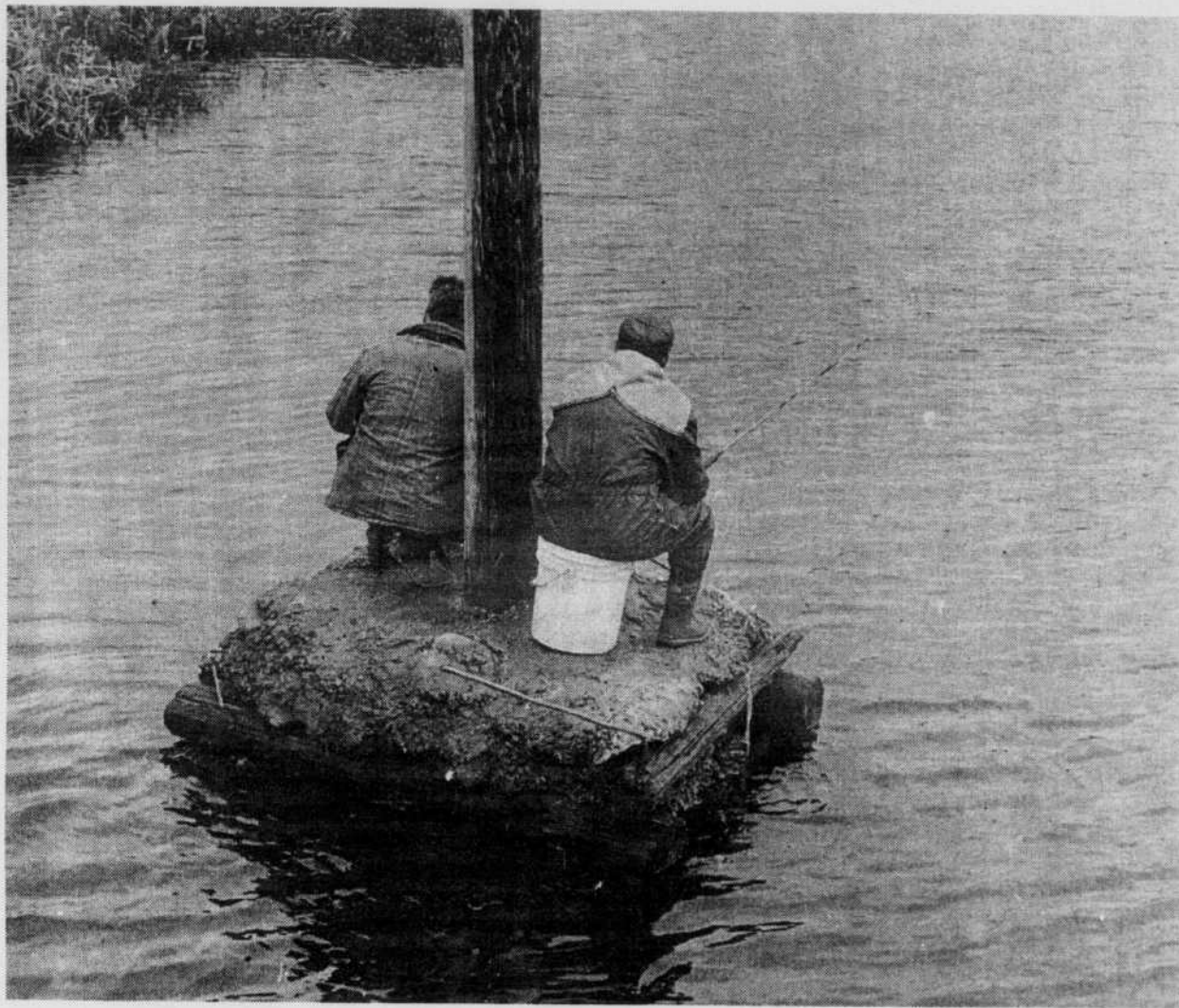


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LETTERS

The furor over Lennoxville's potable water seems short on facts. How many times in the last ten or even twenty years have we had a 'boil water advisory'? This past summer, two such warnings were issued in complete contrast to preceding years. What was the reason? Aside from being told that the tests did not indicate the presence of fecal matter, we were left uninformed.

Over the years when this borough acted independently, Sherbrooke periodically breathed down the neck of Lennoxville Council in an attempt to influence a decision to hook-up to their water supply. Sharing their costs was obviously a win-win strategy. Following due diligence, the move was systematically thwarted. The cost was deemed to

be prohibitive; the distance to Lake Memphremagog problematic; the proposed route circuitous and the chemical chlorine additive unwelcome. While our appliances didn't like the minerals in our wells, the human population did. Those of us privy to the Public Works portfolio were told by the experts that an experiment with chlorine had been abandoned because the chemical acted upon residue in the pipes, causing cloudiness and allowing floating particles to surface. Besides, the well water didn't need it.

Assuming a rigid position, without a thorough familiarity with the dossier, does not bode well for future policies. Our water supply is too crucial for snap decisions to be foisted upon us by potential office holders in a mis-

guided bid for votes. Spreading fear doesn't cut it! Nothing short of due diligence once again, should be demanded before any serious discussion on such radical surgery should be contemplated. If there are sound arguments that would justify such a change, let's hear them, one by one by one.

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EDITORIAL

A Surprising Turn

As the municipal elections get underway, in Quebec's quadrennial flurry of democratic exuberance, many of us are stunned by the lack of major controversy in many municipalities. The ubiquitous demands for tax management, reasonable development and "transparency" aside, there really doesn't seem to be any major fighting points in most places. Lennoxville, however, is not most places.

Ever since Sherbrooke mayoralty candidate Hélène Gravel proposed the linking of the borough's water supply to the municipal system, water has become the most vocal issue among both candidates and citizens.

Immediately, Lennoxville's exceptionalism leapt to the fore and, with a few notable exceptions, insisted that the city should keep its hands off the borough's wells. With the mystery of the cause of last summer's "boil alerts" still resounding, and no cause of contamination yet identified, there are even the inevitable conspiracy theorists who opine that the alerts were merely part of a municipal plot to scare the borough into the city's greedy aquatic grasp.

While the only other borough with its own council acclaimed both its councillors and president, the Lennoxville race is a hotbed of participation, with no fewer than 12 candidates seeking a total of three positions. This, in and of itself, is good news. A large number of candidates reflects community involvement and a high level of interest. There is a glaring characteristic, however, that perhaps needs some investigation.

Of 12 candidates, only four have francophone names, and among these, some function primarily within the Anglophone community. Others, sadly, appear to be parachute candidates primarily designed to fill out a party ticket. Given that Lennoxville has a slight francophone majority, this is a surprising turn of events.

To be sure, Lennoxville has always been thought of as an anglophone entity and it certainly serves as a regional centre for the anglophone community. It's two English high schools and two post-secondary anglo institutions have also encouraged Lennoxville to continue as a major local English cultural centre. Nevertheless, residents of the borough all share the same level of services and one wonders at the apparent lack of interest among its majority stakeholders.

It is entirely possible that the local issues that so motivate anglophone residents do not resound to the same degree among francophones. As many native Sherbrookers have moved into the borough in recent years, perhaps they naturally look to the municipal core for governance. Do they see the borough campaign as a quaint anachronism set up to quiet the nervous anglo population, of no real concern to them?

Whatever the reason, the dearth of francophone participation is something we should be concerned about.

As the anglophone community ages and the borough's demographic changes, more and more of its residents will be newcomers taking advantage of Lennoxville's marvelous neighborhoods. The extension of Highway 410, rerouting through-traffic around the borough, will only heighten its attractiveness and the little borough could see itself becoming one of Sherbrooke's most desirable residential neighborhoods very quickly. This will be good for property owners, but not necessarily for the English character of the community. Already, many who work in the former town cannot afford to live there and this is likely a trend that will continue. The burying of power lines and other downtown improvements will also further this development.

Newcomers to Lennoxville, particularly those from Sherbrooke, will not likely be as concerned about preserving Lennoxville's well-fed water supply, particularly if the cost of repairing it is high.

If the borough of Lennoxville is not successful in fully integrating its francophone population into its electoral processes, it is unlikely that this population will develop an active interest in protecting Lennoxville's special status within the city. If that goes, then there goes the neighborhood.

MIKE McDEVITT

Donald Badger: West Bolton candidate for mayor

By Frank Nixon

Incumbent Mayor Donald Badger, who owns and operates a farm raising Highland cattle, has been a fixture in West Bolton municipal politics for over thirty years. He is once again asking residents for their vote, as a mayoral candidate, in the municipal elections to be held Nov. 1.

Badger responded to a series of Brome County News questions.

BCN: How long have you been mayor of West Bolton and why do you want to continue to serve as mayor?

Badger: I started serving my community as a West Bolton municipal councillor in 1975, and continued until 1993 when the experience I had gained as a councillor allowed me to make the smooth transition to the position of mayor.

The citizens of West Bolton are directly affected by two governing bodies, the local West Bolton Council which handles local matters and the Municipal Regional Council (MRC) which is responsible for decisions on regional concerns. I believe the most effective way to serve my community is to be involved in the decision making process at both levels. The strength of the municipal councilors I have been honoured to work with is their open-mindedness in being able to discuss possibly divisive

issues and yet reach solutions based on consensus, reflecting my belief in encouraging free and open debate.

As mayor of West Bolton, I am the municipality's representative at the MRC table. Having been elected to serve on several MRC committees, West Bolton has a voice on the Executive Committee as well as on several other committees where the MRC makes important recommendations concerning such dossiers as water courses, gravel pits and quarries, land use planning, green zone farming activities, community and handicap transport services, Pact Rurale issues, and the municipal evaluation service. I also serve as the Brome-Missisquoi representative on the Montérégie Forestry Agency and the Agricultural Zone Development project. These responsibilities give me a good vision of where the MRC is headed and allows me to make the views of West Bolton known. Whether I am in favour or against a certain proposal, I have earned a great deal of respect at the MRC level over the years and my opinion is often sought.

If re-elected as mayor, I look forward to continuing West Bolton's influence in the regional decision-making process despite its small population.

BCN: What do you think is the most pressing need in West Bolton at the moment?

Badger: The most pressing need for most taxpayers in West Bolton is to maintain the current level of municipal services without an increase in taxes. Additional demands for services will be evaluated by the Municipal Council following a cost-benefit analysis.

BCN: In your opinion, what makes a community sustainable?

Badger: West Bolton is sustainable as an independent rural municipality due to the determination of its citizens to support the concept of single family homes at a density that ensures enjoyable and relaxed living while maintaining a debt free municipality with the lowest mil rate in the MRC.

BCN: There are three historic burial grounds in West Bolton that have been abandoned - the Fuller, Blunt and Last Wayside sites. If elected, what would you do?

Badger: While considerable research has been put forth by a group of dedicated citizens, there remain several key issues to be resolved. In order to advance this project I would ensure that it be added to the agenda of the West Bolton Urbanism Committee as soon as all parties are free to participate.

BCN: Is there anything else you would like to share with the voters of West Bolton?

Badger: Remember to vote on Sunday, Oct. 25 or Sunday, Nov. 1, at the



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Donald Badger

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Morris House Reading Series brings Canada's brightest authors to the Townships

By Tiffany Godin
MORRIS HOUSE READING SERIES
COORDINATOR

The Morris House Reading Series is entering its fifth year as the most recognized reading series in the Eastern Townships. It brings both established and up-and-coming authors to Bishop's University to present their work, answer questions, and meet with the audience during the informal reception that follows. The readings take place in the Bishop's University bookstore in the Marjorie Donald Building at 4:30pm. Past authors featured included Brian Fawcett and Alistair MacLeod.

The 2009-2010 season started on September 17, with an engaging and thought-provoking reading by Ojibway author and Carleton University professor Armand Garnet Ruffo. He read a selection of prose biographical pieces on the late Ojibway painter Norval Morrisseau.

The series continues with four more authors hailing from across Canada. "This year's series is shaping up to be the

most interesting yet," said this year's student coordinator Taylor Evans.

The series welcomes new author and former Bishop's student Sarah Dowling on Thursday, October 22, at 4:30pm. She is originally from Regina, Saskatchewan. She received a B.A. in English from Bishop's University, an M.A. in Creative Writing from Temple University, and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Pennsylvania. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in *The Capilano Review*, *Cue*, *Dusie*, *EOAGH*, *How2*, the *ixnay* reader, and *West Coast Line*. Her first published book of poetry, *Security Posture*, won the 2009 Robert Kroetsch Award for Innovative Poetry.

On Thursday November 12, Claire Rothman will be joining us. A Montreal native, she has worked as a lawyer, a columnist for the *Montreal Gazette*, a literary translator and a teacher at Mariapolis College and McGill University. She currently makes her living translating for film and television. She has written two collections of short stories, *Salad Days*, and *Black Tulips*, a novel, *The Heart Specialist*, and she won the John Glassco

Translation Award in 1993 for *The Influence of a Book*.

Pam Calebrese Maclean will be returning to read for a second time in the series' history on Thursday, November 19. She lives in Antigonish, Nova Scotia where she works in the Library of St. Francis Xavier University. She was the recipient of the 2000 and the 2003 Ray Burrell Poetry Award. Her flash fiction has appeared in two US anthologies: *Women Behaving Badly*, 2004 and *Blink*, 2006. Her first book of poetry, *Twenty-four Names for Mother* was published in 2006. Her first play, *Her Father's Barn*, was produced by Festival Antigonish as part of their late night series in 2002. Her *Father's Barn* went on to award-winning performances at The London Fringe Festival in 2005 and Liverpool International Theatre Festival in 2006, before being invited to The Uno Festival in Victoria, BC in 2007. Her latest play, *Sunnyside Cafe*, recently appeared in The Atlantic Fringe Festival.

The final author for the 2009-2010 season, Sally Clark, will read on Thursday, March 25, 2010. She is a playwright,

painter and filmmaker. She has been the resident playwright at Theatre Passe Muraille, Nightwood Theatre, The Shaw Festival, and Nakai Theatre. Her play *Moo* won the Chalmers Award, and she was nominated for the Governor General's Award for her play *The Trial of Judith K*. She has written and directed two short films, *Ten Ways to Abuse an Old Woman* and *The Art of Conversation*. *Ten Ways...* won the special Jury Award at the Henri Langlois International Short Film Festival. *The Art of Conversation* won the Bronze Award for Best Dramatic Short at the Worldfest Charlston Festival in 1993 and has been screened at several film festivals around the world.

The Record will continue to support the Morris House Reading Series by featuring a spotlight article on each author the week of their reading. All readings are free of cost and take place in the Bishop's University Bookstore. An informal reception, with free refreshments, will follow. The Morris House Reading Series is an excellent opportunity to showcase the current face of Canadian literature.

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LETTERS

As Winston Churchill once famously said, "90% of quotations attributed to famous people are bogus". So is this attribution, because I just made it up. Mike McDevitt's claim ("Famous fossil", The Record, October 6, 2009) that Albert Einstein once famously said, "If the facts don't fit the theory, then change the facts" falls into the same category. If Mr. McDevitt can find evidence that Einstein ever said this when Barbara Wolff, the assistant curator at the Albert Einstein Archives could not, I'd like to hear it.

Just don't tell me it's on the Internet. Of course it's on the Internet. That's what keeps it going.

The term "bogus" also comes to mind concerning the article "Digital age detrimental to baby boomers vision" (The Record, October 6, 2009). The article, based on a press release of the Canadian Association of Optometrists, describes the alarming

"Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)". It urges readers to rush to their nearest optometrist to have it treated. I suspect this

vague syndrome was invented primarily to improve business for optometrists, and the article reads disturbingly like an infomercial. If it had included interviews with a few optometrists who pooh-poohed the whole business, we might perhaps have some real news here.

I also see that a record may have been broken in The Record for most uses of the annoying phrase "going forward" in a single article. In "Bishop's in the black for fiscal year" (October 6, 2009) the university publicist David McBride tells us,

"We still have some major challenges moving forward", which means "We still have some major challenges". Devotion to hackneyed buzzwords is expected from a publicist, but how do we explain its use in the same article in two separate quotations from Principal Michael Goldbloom, a former newspaperman? It's not The Record's fault for reporting what others say, but I still hope that going forward we will be able to stamp out this tedious and superfluous term.

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BRIEFS

Weather doesn't dampen Galt's Spirit Day

By Zachary-Cy Vanasse

The weather was far from cooperative for Alexander Galt's Spirit Day as the cold rains came down trying to put a damper on the activity afternoon normally meant to pump up school spirit.

Nonetheless some of Galt's soccer teams took to the fields in the cold and the rain, taking the fall weather in stride.

Much like the weather, the Massey Vanier Vikings were looking to sober spirits somewhat as they played the visitor's role for the senior boys and girls soccer games.

The Vikings earned a 3-2 win in the senior boys game, continuing a trend of hard-fought, close played games in the ETIAC senior boys league which promises an excellent post-Thanksgiving regular season push and an ever harder fought playoffs.

The senior girls Pipers team used a pair of goals from Emilie Pauw with singles from Karole-Anne Rosa and Sherri Stratton to defeat the Vikings by a 4-0 score.

The senior girls squad were glad to find the back of the net in Friday afternoon's contest following Tuesday's excellent defensive battle that ended in a 0-0 tie with Stanstead College and saw very few scoring opportunities for either team. All three meetings between the Spartans and Pipers have ended in a draw this season.

Galt was guaranteed a win as the school's two bantam girls teams faced off in an all Blue, White, and Gold battle on Friday. The 'Pipers' squad came out on top the 2-0 winners over the 'Galt' team. Lindsay Moore and Carly Standish-Wallis scored the goals in the winning cause for the 'Pipers.'

The loss to the 'Pipers' capped off a week of pre-Thanksgiving soccer action for the 'Galt' team in which their only loss came against their schoolmates. Cassandra Grenier notched a hat trick and Jennifer Difley added another goal in 'Galt's' 4-3 win over BCS on Wednesday night.

One night earlier they were lead by Vanessa Stevens who scored three times while Sarah Poudrier and Elodie Toulouse each found the back of the net twice in a 7-1 win.

Galt giving thanks with wins

By Jen Young
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Galt Pipers; Bantam, Junior and Senior, had something a little extra to be thankful for last weekend as they sat alongside loved ones over turkey dinner, namely their football field wins across the board.

Football action began on Friday as the seniors hosted Du Phare. The 2 p.m. event, which coincided with Alexander Galt's Spirit Day, brought a record number of fans and spectators as the entire school population was encouraged to show their school spirit and cheer on their team. With their peers decked out in blues and yellows lining the football field, the senior team took full advantage of the colossal support and dominated the field with 64-0 shutout against the Du Phare Patriots.

According to Coach Andrew Hynd, who leads the team alongside Patrick Dubois, the team showed a strong game on both sides of the ball.

"The game on Friday went about as well as we can expect. The crowd was phenomenal, and the boys loved playing in front of that many of their peers," Hynd stated after the victory. "Coach Dubois and I have been working with the team to eliminate many of the little mistakes that have plagued our team over the last couple of weeks. The team did that this past week. As a result, they played well on both sides of the ball. Defensively, we were able to create many turnovers, and stop Du Phare from effectively moving the ball. Offensively, we were able to spread the ball around and get everyone involved, thus we had some very good drives. It shows how well we were able to spread the ball around as we had eight different people score a touchdown. Receiving touchdowns were scored by Brandon Wright, Caleb Willms and Shayne Crawford. Rushing touchdowns were scored by Joey Guarnaccia who had two of them, Ryan Hartwell, Pat Wang and Keven Hurdle. Tchad Savage Belouin also added a 58 yard interception return."

So far, the team has only lost one game on Le Ber turf with a 31-24 score in overtime, but Hynd says the team will be ready should they meet the Rebels again.

"It was our first regular season loss in almost two years," the defensive coach says, "it was tough. However, (coaches) were happy with the way the team fought back to at least take Le Ber to



JEN YOUNG

overtime. We struggled in the first half, but pulled together as a team to play a much better second half. We didn't take the loss lightly, and we will be ready if we are to meet them again in the playoffs."

Last year, the senior team was undefeated until the finals where rivals, La Ruche, beat them out, but according to receiver Brandon Wright, 15, the team stands a better chance this year.

"I think we have a better team than last year," Wright, who has been playing the sport for the past seven years, stated. "Our defence is great and we have a great quarterback."

Senior Piper quarterback is Jeremie Choquette.

Under cloudy skies and brisk winds the Bantam Pipers took to their own field Saturday morning for a 10 a.m. match up with the Mitchell-Montcalm Cavaliers for a muddy win.

Head Coach Ian Breck said the 32-19 game, with a final touchdown scored in the last minute of the game, was in "classic Canadian football weather".

"Our defense forced a fumble and recovered the ball in the last minute of the game," said Breck. "In Canadian football that last minute takes forever. We don't keep statistics, our objective is to get these players learning and enjoying the game and it's always a team effort, but we can't ignore the individual efforts of Matt Cloutier. I'm fairly certain that he scored all five of our touchdowns. We were trying to run out the clock and he got another."

At one point in the game, Cloutier ran 75 yards for a touchdown. Breck believes he ran on average 40 yards plus per play.

"That's close to a 250 yard day, which is pretty impressive," the coach stated.

"It was a great individual performance, but it's a team game and probably wouldn't have been so great without great blocks and other efforts."

He says the game was a "big, big step up" for the team's defense, and in all, the match up showed a much improved performance from the week before.

"We were a better team this week and we'll be an even better team next week."

Following in the Bantam's winning cleat prints were the Juniors for some 1 p.m. shutout action of their own.

Also on their own field, the Juniors took on the Du Phare Patriots and won 27-0 as the clouds parted and allowed for the team to bask in the sunlight, and their win.

Breck says that a weekend filled with Piper wins brings back memories.

"It was a big football weekend for Galt," he stated. "That's three wins from three teams in one weekend. Remarkable. It's been a while since that happened. We've got some terrific kids making really good football players out there."

Breck made mention of five cegep coaches that were present to witness the senior Pipers shutout their Friday rivals.

"Our senior program is beginning to be recognized as a quality program with quality players," said the coach with many years experience with the football Pipers. "If you do the math roughly, Galt has around 1,000 students and around 100 of them play football. That's around 10 per cent of the school population, so one out of five play football. I say that out of pride for our football program. Anything that gets the kids active outside of the classroom is incredible."

All teams take to the field again this weekend.

St. Anne's Plays Whist

Seventeen tables of players gathered in St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond, on Thursday, October 8, to enjoy some rousing games of Military Whist. Marjorie Lancaster, who sets up all the card parties at St. Anne's, asked the players to take note of anyone who had four 4's in his/her hand or four 7's.

Once the games were all completed, it was time for an enjoyable lunch. In the absence of Catherine Watson, Francis Cunningham came in to take care of kitchen duties. Then there was the awarding of the gaily-wrapped prizes. The table with the highest score was made up of Loretta Irwin, Mildred Holliday, Marjorie Lancaster and Daisy McGee. Taking second place were Elizabeth Mastine, Norma Morin, Marion Coddington and Klea Mastine. The table with the lowest score was that of Joe Bell, Zetta Olney, Edna Smith and Clara Boisvert. Freda Coote had four 4's in her hand and Debra Knowles Johnston took the honour of having four 7's. Door prizes were awarded to Pierre Labree, Ali Vander-Wal, Joe Bell, Freda Coote, Rose Oakley, Marion Coddington, Doris Weare, Doris Stevens, Marjorie Lancaster, Raymond Lancaster, Raymond Mastine and Pauline Fecteau. Two grocery boxes were claimed by Edna Smith and Noel Gregoire.

In no time, the usual crew of helpers had cleaned up the Hall and kitchen and everyone returned home until the next Military Whist party, which will be held November 12. See you there!

Submitted by
Rita Noel and Jean Storry

Card party

Huntingville

Another card party was held at the Howe home on September 29, 2009, with proceeds for St. James Church, Compton, and the Sunshine Fund.

Highest score, Edna Smith, 5,860; second, Patsy Millar, 5,360; third, Pat Howe, 5,140; consolation, Doris Weare.

The Guessing Game (no. of candies) was won by Isabel Nelson. Special prizes: paper goods, Sue Nichols; dish clothes and dish soap, Louise Peasley.

Door prizes were claimed by Pearl Armstrong, Doris Weare, Patsy Millar, Edna Smith, Louise Peasley, Harris Olson, Helen Knowles, Klea Mastine, Helen Gallup, Helena McComb, Freda Coote and Ruth Charleau.

Thanks once again to Nilda and Pat for all they do for us.

In Memoriams

HARRISON, John (Jack) - In loving memory of our brother who passed away one year ago today, October 13, 2008.

Like fallen leaves time goes by,
But memories of you will never die.

CHARLOTTE & BUDDY
(sister)
BOB & SHIRLEY
(brother)

HARRISON - In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law and uncle, Jack, who passed away October 13, 2008.

The times we spent together,
The good times that we knew,
Are lived again so often
In our memories of you.

Always remembered and sadly missed
by
SHIRLEY, HAROLD & FAMILY

WALKER, Kay - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away October 11, 1970.

As the days grow shorter
And the leaves begin to fall,
That is the time of the year
We miss you most of all.

Always remembered by
NORMAN & PHYLLIS
ANNIE & SHANE
(grandson)
EMILYE & LILIANNA
(great-granddaughters)

WRIGHT - In loving memory of our parents: Charles Wright who passed away December 1969 and Thelma Moore Wright, February 1981; Anne Wright Lasenba, October 1993, her husband Roderick, October 1982; Dorothy Wooten Wright (Edward), March 1994; Calvin Fleming (Mildred), October 1994; Robert Wright (Margaret), February 2006; and Murray Wright (Christina), October 2007.

Every day in some small way
Memories of you all come our way.
Though absent, you are very near,
Still missed, still loved and always dear.

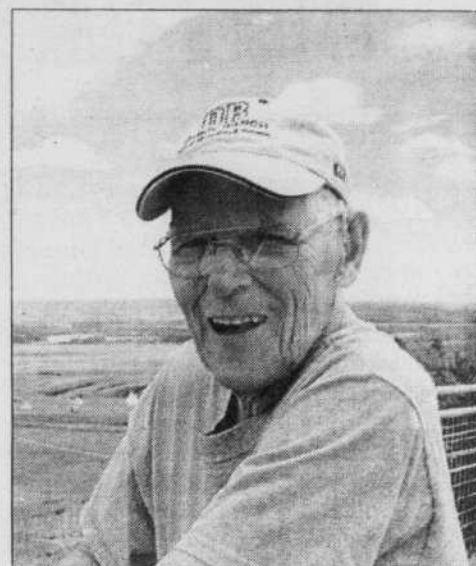
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Death



CARSON, Eileen G. (nee Horan) - Eileen passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont in Sherbrooke on October 6th, 2009 in her 90th year. Daughter of the late Mildred and Charles Horan and beloved wife of the late Roy Carson. Loving mother of Dorothy (John Peartree), Donald (Betty), Dale (Jane), Heather (Dale Savenko) and of the late Janet Carson. Cherished grandma of Robert (Sandra), Trevor (Kathryn) and Leanne (Craig Scott) Peartree, Kathay (Rodney) and Jason (Christie) Carson, Shane (Amanda) Carson, and Justin, Graeme and the late Jacob Savenko. Eileen also leaves to mourn her 9 great grandchildren, her brothers and sisters, Hazel (late Garth Carson), George (Evelyn and the late Margaret), Deveda (late Foster Morrill), C. Douglas (Ann), Elva (Norman Lockwood), and Murdeena (Alex Jordan, and her sister-in-law Zetta (late Everett Olney and dear friend Joe Bell). Pre-deceased by her brother Andrew (late Stella), Leola (late George Kazulak), Gordon (Lucille), and Carl (Brenda). Eileen will be sadly missed by several nieces, nephews and many friends. Resting at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 148 Daniel Johnson St., Danville, QC (819) 564-1750 \ www.casshomes.ca, where friends may visit on Wednesday October 14th from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM. A Rebekah service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. Funeral service will be held in the Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church on Thursday October 15th at 2:00 PM with the Rev. Martyn Sadler officiating. Please note; the family will be at the Church to receive condolences 1 hour prior to the service. Interment in the Danville Protestant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church, P.O. Box 68, Danville, QC J0A 1A0 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Death



JOHNSTON, Robert Ivan - Passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont in Sherbrooke, QC, on September 19, 2009, Mr. Robert Johnston at the age of 92. Loving husband of the late Rheta H. Massey, and dear brother of the late George Johnston (the late Shirley), the late Ruth French (the late Gerald), the late Ernest Johnston (the late Irma), Ivan Johnston (Fran, and the late Gweneth), and the late Miriam Johnston (the late Elton Pike). Robert was predeceased by his brother-in-law Gordon Massey. Robert also leaves to mourn his many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at the Wales Home, 506 Rte 243 N, Richmond, on Wednesday October 21st at 10:00 AM, followed by a graveside service at St-James Cemetery, South Durham, on Friday October 23rd at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Andrew O'Donnell officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, Richmond. 819-826-2502

Card of Thanks

REALFF - Please accept this as a personal thank you for the ones that attended the service for Mary Jane, also for the flowers and the cards. A special thanks for the phone calls that were made by Nancy Webb. Thanks as well to Father from Saint Damien Church and Rev. William Blizzaird from Stanbridge East. Much appreciation to the B.M.P. Hospital, Ronnie Haynes and Mr. Baker for their services.

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TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

AYER'S CLIFF

Celebrate the fall season by attending our Fall Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 17 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main Street, Ayer's Cliff. Settings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The menu includes Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, peas, horseradish, homemade rolls, coleslaw, coffee/tea and dessert. Please reserve your tickets by calling Wendell Cass 819-846-7180 or Dean Young 819-838-5815. All are welcome!! Thank you to everyone who ate at the Beulah United Church booth at Townshippers' day, we appreciate your continued support!!

SHERBROOKE

Autumn Supper will be held at the Church of the Advent Hall, Bowen Ave., on Saturday, October 24 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ham, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, rolls and pies. Sales tables.

LENNOXVILLE

Mental Health Estrie. The regular monthly support group meeting will be held Monday, October 19, 1:30 to 3 p.m., at the office of MHE, 257 Queen, Lennoxville. For more information, call 819-565-3777 or e-mail mental-health.estrie@bellnet.ca.

LENNOXVILLE

Hut's annual Musical Achievement Award Day will be held on Saturday, October 17. Live bands from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Canteen will be open. Award presentation at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For info, call 819-346-9122 after 4 p.m.

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Annual Family Bingo at Ives Hill Hall on Friday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Prizes for all ages. The annual Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. For info contact: June Sutor at 819-837-2289 or Jennifer Sylvester at 819-835-1212.

LENNOXVILLE

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

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, October 27 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please note this is a new time.

NORTH HATLEY

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, November 6 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Rummage Sale at the Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church St., Lennoxville on Friday, October 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 17, 8 a.m. to noon., bag sale.

LENNOXVILLE

There will be a 500 card party at the St. Francis Manor, 125 Queen St., on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Princess Rebekah Lodge No. 4. All are welcome.

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St. George's Church Hall, Rummage Sale on Thursday, October 29, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, October 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Bag Sale on Saturday, October 31, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call 819-563-1659 or 819-562-6245 for info or pick-up. Save your \$\$\$ - Shop with us!

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Turkey Supper and prize giving of the Sherbrooke-Compton Plowing Match will be on Thursday, October 22 at the Ives Hill Hall at 7 p.m. Please reserve by October 20 by calling Mac at 819-875-3842 or Dianne at 819-562-7145. Admission charged. Door prizes. All welcome.

BEACONSFIELD

Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations is hosting their Fall Conference on Saturday, October 24 at Beaconsfield High School. A day full of interesting and educational workshops has been planned. This is an excellent networking opportunity for all parents and educators. Registration is taking place now. Please call 514-481-5619 or info@qfhsa.org for more information.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Curling Club opening dinner on Saturday, October 17 at 6 p.m. Menu: Octoberfest sausage and chicken breast, vegetables, desserts. All members and guests welcome.

RICHMOND

The Richmond Legion is holding a Brunch on Sunday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Legion Hall, 235 College St. North. Come and enjoy a hearty brunch. Everyone is welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

A.N.A.F. Ladies Auxiliary meeting on

Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. Please try to attend.

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"500" cards start at the "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, on Wednesday, October 14 at 2 p.m.

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Flea Market at A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on Sunday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 819-569-4958 to rent a table.

SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships Canadian Club and CFUW Sherbrooke & District invites members, both men and women, and the public to attend the next gathering for a luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 20. The guest speaker will be Manon Tremblay, Coordinator of the Centre for Native Education at Concordia University. Manon Tremblay is of Plains Cree and French Canadian heritage. She is dedicated to helping First Nations, Métis and Inuit students achieve their highest academic potential. Manon Tremblay is also currently a Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics where she studies the Cree language. To reserve for a delicious meal and fascinating presentation, call 819-820-8101 before October 16. Reservations are necessary for both meal and presentation. There is a small charge to attend the presentation only (1 p.m.). Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of the event.

RICHMOND

Richmond Legion, Branch #15, will hold an Old Time Country Music Jamboree on Friday night, October 16, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, featuring Bernie Lefebvre, Dave McBurney, Terry Howell, Brian Lowrey, Willie Fisk, and other well known musicians. Admission at door or tickets available at the Legion (819-826-3444).

He has to grow his own backbone

Dear Annie: My husband seems to be the "go to" guy in his family. He used to do carpentry work, and now his three siblings call on him for all their repair needs. He is asked to fix broken windows, install appliances and everything in between. One of his sisters is quite wealthy. She lives out of state but owns property in our area. My husband keeps her apartments rented, hires painters, answers maintenance calls at any hour and does general upkeep. For these services, he receives nothing. Not one of his siblings has ever offered to pay him for work that, over the years, has saved them thousands of dollars. At the very least, wouldn't most people send a gift card for a free dinner? I know my husband is at fault for never saying no, but his family is so domineering that he doesn't want to make waves. Our home needs work, too, but his time is taken away due to his siblings' demands. What makes people feel they are entitled to these services for free? All of them can afford to pay someone else to do the work. We are

the ones who are not well off, yet we are catering to them, and they have yet to reciprocate with kindness or time for our family. The favors are totally one-sided. How can I help my husband get out of this mess? — Seething

Dear Seething: Your husband must be willing to do this on his own. The easiest way is to make himself too busy to be so accommodating. That can mean joining a bowling league, basketball team, civic organization or church volunteer group, or even starting a small business as a part-time handyman. Then, when the relatives call, he can honestly say, "Sorry, but I'm too busy now. You should hire someone." Of course, if he refuses to do this, you'll have to make the best of it. He has to grow his own backbone.

Dear Annie: My brother's wife, "Brandy," is a compulsive liar. My family chooses to ignore it. At a recent family gathering, however, the conversation turned to politics, and Brandy and I had a heated argument.

Annie's Mailbox

She contradicted herself multiple times, and when I accused her of lying, she stormed out of the house. I phoned the next day and left a message saying I hadn't intended to upset her and we simply both have strong opinions. Later that afternoon, she sent me an e-mail claiming she never said those things and wants nothing to do with our family. My parents contacted my brother, and Brandy apologized to them. My brother said he would continue to have a relationship with my parents, but not with me or my husband and child. I was going to call Brandy and tell her I accept that apology, too, but the more I think about it, the less I believe I can sit through family dinners with her. How do I get past this? I miss my brother. — Feeling Empty Inside

Dear Feeling Empty: Brandy may have a vague relationship with the truth, but confronting her only creates hard feelings and estrangements. You don't have to like every member of your family, but if you want to see your

brother, you should make an effort to get along with his wife or, at the very least, not let her opinions get under your skin. There are repercussions when you accuse someone of lying, and one of them is that you need to swallow your pride and apologize to your sister-in-law for upsetting her.

Dear Annie: I am responding to "A Dad," who would like his daughter to be more active. Has he considered offering her dance lessons? Dancing is a wonderful way to gain physical strength, enjoy music and develop physical confidence in a noncompetitive environment. — Still Dancing at 62

Dear Still Dancing: Several readers suggested the girl take up dancing, and we think it's an excellent idea — provided, of course, that she has some interest in it.

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

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. Today's clue: F equals P

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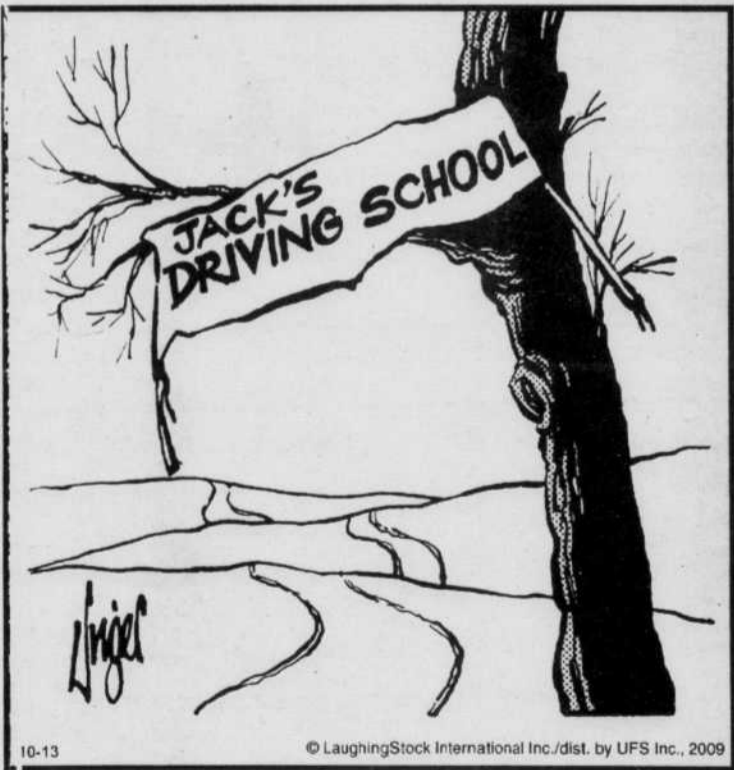
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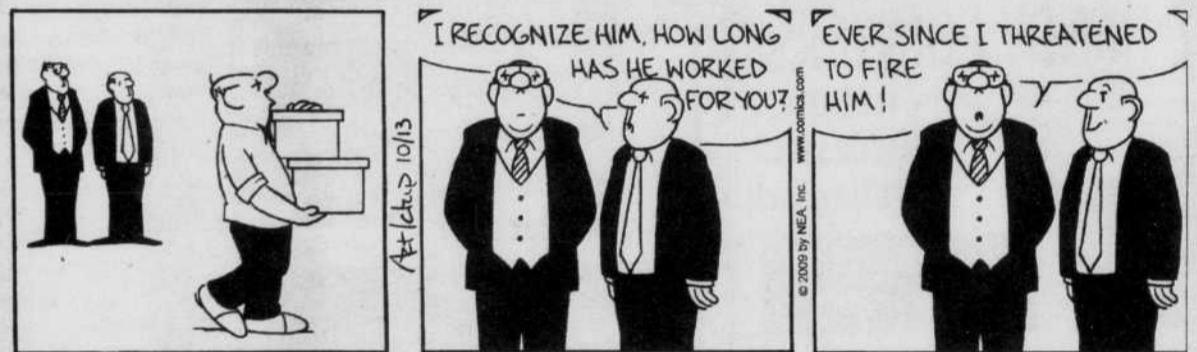
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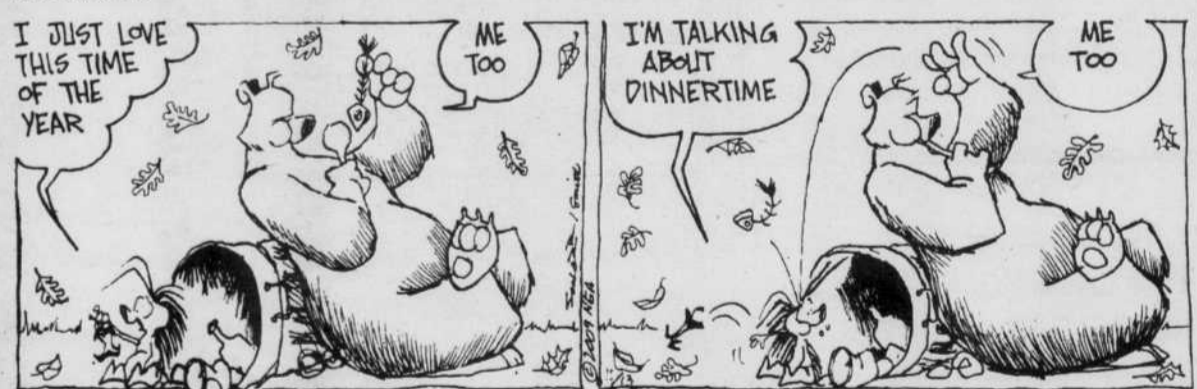
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You've always been told not to play favorites. If you weaken between two of your closest friends, you'll discover quickly why this advice is trenchant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Get all of your chores out of the way as soon as possible. As time moves on, what you don't mind doing early on could become extremely distasteful and never get accomplished.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're usually a good sport about going along with the majority, and you will be so again, but only up to a point. The moment could come when you've had enough and will bluntly say so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It'll make you feel good to perform little favors and help others without expecting anything in return. Yet if you feel your efforts are unappreciated, it could be another story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Select fun-loving companions because they will help make your day a happy one. However, remember everyone tires eventually, so know when to call it quits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let

anyone but you lay out an agenda for yourself, and you should be more fortunate than usual. Conversely, giving negative companions a say will be a costly mistake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll enjoy interacting with fun people, yet, ironically, associating with these types could make you feel inadequate or a bit sad if you are someone who thinks ill of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It is important not to allow the slightest negative signal to throw you off course. If you keep it all together, this could turn out to be a fun day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if you do a number of things that are deserving of sincere compliments, there might be times when you think someone is trying to manipulate you through flattery. You could be right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If a cohort offers to do something special for you, it's OK to accept — but be on guard. There is every reason to believe he or she could be trying to play you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It might require the wisdom of Solomon to render a judgment between two close family members or friends who are having a disagreement, so try to stay out of it no matter how strongly you feel about things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When opportunity knocks, time might not be your strongest ally. Unless you act on things immediately, you could lose the chance to take advantage of a good thing.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009

Unthinkable play may be thinkable

By Phillip Alder

Salman Rushdie said, "One of the extraordinary things about human events is that the unthinkable becomes thinkable." That applies to this deal. If you think of the "unthinkable" play, you will realize that it is correct — "thinkable."

You are in three no-trump after East overcalled one spade. West leads the spade eight and East covers with his nine. What do you think you would do? Your three-no-trump response showed 13-15 points, a balanced hand and (usually) at least two spade stoppers. Don't investigate a diamond contract with such a flat hand. (Note that five diamonds by North fails unless East leads a heart and declarer finds the club queen.)

You start with five top tricks: two spades (given the first trick), one heart and two clubs. You can establish three more in diamonds. Then, since the heart finesse will surely fail, it looks as though you must guess who holds the club queen. However, if East has only five spades and fewer than four clubs, you have a sure thing.

Take the first trick, drive out the diamond ace and win the second spade, noting that West follows suit. Now cash

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South	West	North	East
3 NT	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
		Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 8			

two rounds of diamonds to denude East. Then make the "unthinkable" play: lead your last spade. East gratefully grabs his three tricks in the suit, but you discard two hearts from your hand and a heart and the last diamond from the dummy. What does East do next? If he shifts to a heart, it is into dummy's ace-queen. And if he plays a club, he finds the queen for you. Nine tricks are guaranteed.

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Across

- 1 Magic amulet
- 5 With 13-Across, "Lonely Boy" singer
- 9 UPS deliveries requiring payment
- 13 See 5-Across
- 14 Ship to remember
- 15 Related
- 16 Window treatment support
- 18 Christmas trio
- 19 "___ Beso (That Kiss!)": 5- & 13-Across hit
- 20 Prefix with China
- 21 Lukewarm
- 22 Proceed cautiously
- 26 The flu, for one
- 28 Dynamic start?
- 29 God
- 30 Most intelligent
- 34 Looooong time
- 35 Blocker of offensive TV-material

- 37 Penn & Teller, e.g.
- 38 "Put your John Hancock on this line"
- 41 Desert rest stops
- 43 Chaplin's fourth wife
- 44 Weepy people
- 46 Sports show staple
- 50 Orderly display
- 51 Has a meal
- 52 Repair
- 55 Reddish horse
- 56 No longer in trouble
- 59 Oklahoma city
- 60 Numerical relationship
- 61 One-named Deco artist
- 62 Personnel dept. IDs
- 63 Greenish-yellow pear
- 64 Treos and iPhones, briefly

Down

- 1 Riot squad spray
- 2 Weighty obligation
- 3 Harry Potter's creator
- 4 Bit of granola
- 5 Bamboo-eating critters
- 6 ___ superiority: obvious confidence
- 7 Juan's "one"
- 8 Was in first place
- 9 King Arthur's realm
- 10 Giraffe relative
- 11 "Let's eat!"
- 12 Like a catty remark
- 14 Expensive furs
- 17 Dance company founder Alvin
- 21 La., on old U.S. maps
- 23 Bug in a colony
- 24 "___ Said": Neil Diamond hit
- 25 Minimum-range tide
- 26 March 15th, e.g.
- 27 First of 13 popes

- 30 "___ Believes in Me": Kenny Rogers hit
- 31 His name wound up on a lemon
- 32 Plaintiff
- 33 Partner of turn
- 35 "___, vidi, vici": Caesar's boast
- 36 Mountain goat's perch
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- 40 Sanctified
- 41 Way beyond pleasingly plump
- 42 Prez on a penny
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- 45 Big name in garden care

- 46 Rabbit look-alikes
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- 48 Smidgen of sand
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- 57 Toy magnate ___ Schwarz
- 58 Like cool cats

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