

Fatal forklift accident at Knowlton Packaging

By Gordon Lambie

A 47 year old man was killed in a workplace accident shortly after 2am Wednesday morning at Les Emballages Knowlton (LEK), the local enterprise known to many as Knowlton Packaging. According to Marie-France Rouiller of the CNESST, Quebec's workplace health and safety board, preliminary investigation at the scene suggests that the victim was crushed beneath a 1,200kg reservoir after making a wrong turn with a forklift.

Rouiller said that three CNESST investigators were dispatched to the scene of the accident to better determine the factors that led to the death, adding that they will be working alongside investigators from the Sûreté du Québec.

Nicholas Whitley, CEO and P of the Knowlton Development Corporation, of which LEK is a subsidiary, said that the company is cooperating fully with both investigating agencies.

"Our focus right now is on being respectful and supportive of the immediate family and obviously the employees within Knowlton," Whitley said. "The KDC team here are working collaboratively with the CSST and SQ in terms of conducting the investigation."

The CEO underlined the fact that it is still too early to say exactly what happened, although he contextualized the accident by saying that LEK operates 24 hours a day and has a night crew of about 100 people. The accident took place in the facility's warehouse.

"Obviously we're still in early stages of the investigation" Whitley said. "The investigation will be thorough and will provide us with clarity as to what exactly transpired."

Fate of Stanstead Township rental properties uncertain



MATTHEW MCCULLY

By Matthew McCully

Stanstead Township's public consultation held on Monday evening regarding bylaw 403-2017 left members of the public uneasy about the lack of detail in the proposal to increase the zones where short-term property rentals are allowable; it also left some owners hanging about the future of their rental properties on the territory.

The first draft of the bylaw included a clause giving an acquired right to property owners already operating rental accommodations certified by the

Corporation de l'Industrie Touristique du Québec (CITQ).

At Monday's consultation, a second draft of the bylaw was presented, with the acquired right clause removed.

Council's motivation for the new bylaw stems from the fact that currently, there is only one zone in the township where short-term rental properties are legal. Even so, permits were issued by the municipal building inspector between May of 2011 and March of 2014, giving the green light to a number of property owners to rent in other zones.

Following complaints in 2015 from

locals about the rental properties causing disturbances in the neighbourhood, council discovered the building inspector's misstep, but was unable to take action because the owners had a legal right to rent.

During a meeting last summer, the mayor and town manager told citizens that the building inspector had issued the permits without the knowledge of council or the manager.

Bylaw 403-2017 would, in theory, answer to the demonstrated desire for

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The furious incident of the stupid dog in the night time



ROSS MURRAY

The stupid dog goes to the door around 5:30 a.m., maybe earlier. Dogs can't tell time. Every night when I come up to bed, Deb reminds me, "Did you let The Beast out?" If I haven't, I do, even though I know it's probably pointless because, at 11 o'clock, the dog doesn't need out. The dog needs out at 5:30 a.m., maybe earlier. Stupid dog.

She scratches at the door, or sometimes she'll stand in front of it and make a sound like a congested umpire calling a strike: "Rmmph!"

Deb or I will roll out of bed. I'm a little deaf, so sometimes I don't hear her (the stupid dog), which makes getting up that much more aggravating for my wife. But I honestly do try to intervene when I hear the dog and am in no way only pretending to be asleep, I swear.

Sometimes we'll whisper-shout from the top of the stairs: "Bella! No! Go lie down!" But the stupid dog is not to be deterred. Scratch. "Rmmph!" Scratch.

I slide on my slippers, go downstairs, open the front door and grab the leash that's lying there. But first I have to grip the cold metal clasp in my hand to thaw

the mechanism so I can attach it to the collar. The cold air swirls through the open door and up my pant legs. "Rmmph!" I grumble.

The dog pads down the steps as I close the door, I find a nearby blanket and curl up on the couch while the stupid dog does her stupid business.

And that's when the stupid dog starts barking.

"Wurf!" Pause. "Wurf!" Pause. "Wurf-wurf!" Long pause. I start to drift off... "WURF!!!"

There were a couple of nights in the early winter when the barking stopped. But then it stopped for too long. I woke up half an hour later. I went to the door and spotted the leash, but no dog. This had already happened a few times during the day, because there is something wrong with the clasp (and not because of how I hooked it, Deb!).

When Bella's loose, she bolts. At 5:30 a.m., maybe earlier, it's not the best way to meet your neighbours, wandering around their back yards as their motion-detector lights snap on. Still, better than when I first met our new neighbours after I drove over their cat. (The cat was fine; neighbour relations not so much.)

But most nights, it's "Wurf!... WURF!" Again, not a neighbourhood pleaser.

As I lie there on the couch, I wonder, what is she trying to express? What is her message to the night?

"I am Bella, spawn of Candy! I did not choose my name, but I shall choose my voice! Even though I have nothing to say, I will keep saying it! I am the comments section made flesh!"

"Cold! It's cold! COLD! I have no

clothes on. COLD!!!"

"I eat garbage! I like it! Bring me garbages! All of the garbages! To ME!"

"I can't stop retweeting! If I stop retweeting, Trump wins!"

"My owner wrote a novel! A novel! Why haven't you bought it yet? It's really good! Everybody! Did you write a novel? No! My owner did! A whole novel! He also ran over a cat. I'm a good dog!"

"Those alarm system signs on people's lawns? They're fake! Fake I tell you! Haha! Haha! I'm barking. Now that's an alarm!"

"Anyone who thought Justin Trudeau was actually going to keep his electoral reform promise is a fool. A fool I tell you!"

"Trump! Trump! Trump Trump! TRUMP!!!"

"In the darkness lies a hollow of the sickness of the mind/Where the brambles of delusion shade the sense you cannot find..."

"TRUMP!!!"

But then one night I got off the couch and went to the door to see what exactly she was barking at. By the streetlight, I could see the dog pace the lawn, then bark, then sniff and pace, then bark. Then she did her circle, bark, circle, bark, bark, squat, bark, pace, circle, bark, squat, bark, bark, and finally down to business. That's when I realized what she was saying:

"HEY! I'M POOPING! NOBODY LOOK, 'CUZ I'M POOPING! POOPING AT 5:30 A.M., MAYBE EARLIER! I CAN'T TELL TIME! BECAUSE I'M A DOG! AND I'M POOPING! DON'T EVEN THINK OF PEEKING! HEY!"

Stupid dog.

UdeS carries on despite strike, weather

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The University of Sherbrooke has announced that the University is open: and its educational and ad-

ministrative activities are being maintained as usual on its three campuses. However, the ongoing strike of professors attached to the SPPUS will result in some classes and exams being canceled.

The university is asking its community members to refer to the websites

<https://www.usherbrooke.ca/actualites/in-fo-greve/> for more information related to the strike and <http://www.usherbrooke.ca/urgence/urgence-meteoto> find out more about weather emergencies at UdeS.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

According to Caron-Markwell, acceptance or rejection of the bylaw will happen zone by zone. Only residents living in or contiguous to a zone in question can oppose or accept it.

Sherbrooke supportive of Muslim cemetery

By Gordon Lambie

Inspired by the recent promise of Quebec City Mayor Régis Labeaume that his city's Muslim community will have its own cemetery, one Sherbrooke resident brought the question of a local cemetery back to Sherbrooke's city council on Monday night.

After expressing gratitude for the show of support that Sherbrooke and the surrounding community made in turning out to the vigil on January 29, the citizen expressed a hope that Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sévigny would make a similar commitment to that of his Quebec City counterpart, both as mayor and as president of the UMQ, Que-

bec's union of municipalities.

Sévigny responded to the man by noting that the situations of Sherbrooke and Quebec City are slightly different in that the Quebec City Muslim community already had a location picked out that met the necessary criteria. He added, however, that there is already a conversation underway in Sherbrooke to

try to find a local solution.

"We had discussion with members of the Muslim community in Sherbrooke just before the holidays," the Mayor explained, saying that the city is more than willing to "accompany" the local community in the search for an appropriate site either in the city or one of the neighbouring communities.

Magog to remove Merry Park exit crosswalk

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The City of Magog is going through another signal change downtown, this time removing the pedestrian crossing at the exit of Merry Point Park. The Municipality announced last De-

cember measures to solve the circulation problem that has affected this area for several years. In particular, a decision was made to add a mandatory stop at the McDonald's restaurant, as well as the removal of priority crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.

Since these measures will result in

more frequent stops, the City has decided to remove the pedestrian crossing very close to the railway track. Pedestrians will be directed to the intersection of Principale West and Merry North to cross at the lights.

This change, which will be effective this spring, had been demanded for

some time by the Memphrémagog Police, who had even suggested stationing an officer there to direct pedestrians.

Elsewhere, beginning this spring, a pedestrian crossing will be added on Merry Street South near the Baptist Evangelical Church.

Stanstead Township rental properties

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rental properties around the lake in Fitch Bay, while imposing limits on the number of tenants and restrictions regarding parking, in an effort to curb neighbourhood disturbances.

The comments at Monday's consultation suggested neither residents nor renters were enthused about the proposed bylaw.

The consultation took place before the regular monthly meeting. Adoption of bylaw 403-2017, the subject of the consultation, was on the meeting's agenda, but following comments from the public, was withdrawn.

Of major concern was that the bylaw does not have a limit on the number of rental properties allowed in a given zone.

"There could be five, ten, fifteen next to each other," one citizen said, worried about the environmental impact around the lake.

Another member of the public pointed out that renters would likely bring their own boats to the rental properties, which would increase the potential pollution of the lake.

There was also the issue of the monitoring of septic systems, which could be overburdened if originally installed to accommodate single family use.

Stanstead Township Mayor Francine Caron-Markell acknowledged that imposing a limit on the number of rental properties should be discussed, but dismissed the potential impact on the area.

"I don't think people renting pollute more than the people who are there," she said.

A number of property owners who rent spoke up during the consultation, worried the future of their business could now lie in the hands of the residents in their zone.

"I did renovations, I pay insurance, I

have inspections," one citizen said, explaining that he invested substantially in his business.

According to Caron-Markwell, acceptance or rejection of the bylaw will happen zone by zone. Only residents living in or contiguous to a zone in question


can oppose or accept it.

"For some, it won't be a problem," she said.


When asked what would happen if a zone with a CITQ certified rental property were to reject the bylaw, Caron-Markwell was unsure of the recourse the

business would have.

Caron-Markwell said there will not be another consultation regarding bylaw 403-2017. She added that it will likely not go before council for adoption before next month's regular meeting.



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Sherbrooke “meetups” offer friendly talks in foreign tongues

By Gordon Lambie

Looking for a chance to practice a second, third, or fourth language? Emilie Couture wants to help. Since moving to Sherbrooke two years ago the former Montrealer has been voluntarily organizing what she calls “language meetups” at local bars to help people explore the world without ever straying too far from home.

“I travel a lot and like to learn languages,” the event coordinator said, explaining that she used to regularly attend activities like the ones she now runs while she was living in Montreal as a way of practicing. “I started going and just got addicted to meeting people from all over the world and not even needing to travel anymore. After moving there was no way I would survive in this region without international events happening, so that’s when I decided to start them.”

The meetup itself is very informal, according to Couture, and the languages that are present for conversation vary depending on who shows up.

“It is an informal, open conversation,” the organizer said. “I tried to structure it and put a flag on the table for French or for Spanish, but people just mingle. I think it is better like that. The idea is to just socialize.”

Couture said that she has seen many people develop lasting friendships out of the event

“The main idea is to practice languages, and it works,” the organizer said, “but a lot of people treat it as a way to meet people and make new friends.”

Initially Couture was running weekly gatherings and said that she was happy if as many as ten people showed up. As time went on it became clear that once a week was too frequent for the local community, at which point she dialed the model

back to once per month with great success.

“I did it like that for a year, one a month,” the organizer said. “Every time was like 25 or 30 people.”

At this point, Couture said, demand is so great that the activity runs on Wednesday evenings roughly once every two weeks in two different bars in Sherbrooke, the downtown Siboire location and the Refuge des brasseurs on Galt Street West. The gatherings are open to anyone of legal age, but Couture said that so far the activity has mostly drawn people in the 20-40 year old range.

Over the time she has been running the events locally, Couture said that she has seen a very wide range of language communities represented with participants coming from Quebecois, Finnish, Iraqi, Brazilian, Colombian, and German background, among others.

“People are in this open mindset,” she said. “They’re coming wanting to meet people.”

Couture said that she has more or less accomplished what she was looking for in the activity when she started out but is now looking for help to organize the events and engage in broader outreach.

“I’ve reached a point where I need someone to give me new ideas,” the organizer said, explaining that she doesn’t have the time or energy to do too much extra work on top of her existing job. “Alone I’ve reached the end of my possibilities

Ideally, the organizer said that she’d like to see the event grow beyond its current Facebook and word of mouth existence to connect with local international programs and language schools.

The next Language meetup in Sherbrooke is scheduled to take place at the Refuge des brasseurs on night of the 15th of February at 7pm.

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MATTHEW MCCULLY

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The Border Report

The club still supports local elementary schools, Smith said, along with Border Minor Hockey, museums, and camps on both sides of the border

Boundary Rotary Club viable despite declining membership

By Steve Blake

The Rotary Club of the Boundary was the first international Rotary Club in the world to draw members from two countries.

Despite the invisible divide between the United States and Canada, most people who live on either side of the border consider the area a single neighborhood. Family siblings live in both countries. The Haskell Library was built directly on the border and serves the community on both sides. Border Minor Hockey has players and coaches from Quebec and Vermont. The Border Curling Club has members from both sides of the border. And fire departments from both sides have a mutual aid agreement.

The Rotary Club of the Boundary was chartered in 1935. The charter included Rock Island, Stanstead, Beebe, and Ayer's

Cliff in Quebec and Derby Line and Derby in Vermont.

The club raises money for local and international interests, but Vice President Allan Smith of Beebe, Quebec says 70 percent of the money the club raises stays local.

According to the club's history posted on its website, written by Lloyd Bliss, the late publisher of the Stanstead Journal, the Boundary Rotary Club provided money for the Frontier Swim Project, which taught Canadian and American children to swim at Lake Salem in Derby. It has also provided glasses for school children who needed them.

The club still supports local elementary schools, Smith said, along with Border Minor Hockey, museums, and camps on both sides of the border — Coutts

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STEVE BLAKE

The Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser is its monthly book sale in this building on Main Street in Beebe.

PHELPS AIDE PHELPS HELPS

By Clea Corman

After five years in the Stanstead community, countless students have participated in Phelps's weekly programs: the High School Tutoring Program, Elementary Homework Program and Elementary Educational

Program help students succeed in school, taking them one step closer to completing their education. All these programs are free and are attended by students on a voluntary basis. By coming to Phelps, these students are taking charge of their own educational path — and hats off to them. However, some-

times a little more legwork is required, and this is where the collaborative nature of education comes to the forefront. Phelps offers Educational Support as one of their core services, taking on the task of coordinating between the student and school. Struggling in a subject is already time consuming and stressful for a student; let Phelps track down the teacher for more information, let Phelps coordinate with the school's administration to come up with a solution that best fits the student's reality, let Phelps research tools and approaches to best support the student. Phelps's Programs Director has office hours throughout the week and is available for appointments: teachers, students and parents reach out to us, and let Phelps help you.

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps is an educa-

tional non-profit striving to reduce the elevated drop-out rate in the Stanstead area. Phelps was started in 2012 by two community members, and has grown from a single program to five unique programs, providing Stanstead area students with free tutoring, educational support and hands-on learning for both elementary and high school students.

We are once again looking for volunteers from the Lennoxville area who would be able to drive up a couple of other volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Help make our programs a success and volunteer with Phelps!

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Featured pet: Juniper

Please someone adopt this marvelous cat!!

Juniper has been at the shelter since January 2016 and given that she is only about two years old, that represents half of her life. Sometimes we understand why a particular cat is not as popular as some of the others but usually we can attribute it to a characteristic such as shyness or fearfulness. As for Juniper, we are truly mystified as to why this outgoing, happy, playful and interactive young cat has yet to win the heart of a potential adopter.

When she first arrived, Juniper, who was an owner surrender, was stressed, scared and likely very confused as to why she was suddenly thrust into this very new and very unfamiliar environment. Within a few months she settled into a new routine and has since become a fixture in the cat room always there to en-

thusiastically greet volunteers and visitors alike. Inevitably, when someone sits down, Juniper is the first to jump on their lap. She soaks up any attention she can get and loves to be brushed.

While in our charge, our shelter cats are very well cared for. They have toys, comfy beds, perches, sunshine and in the summer they have access to an outdoor "catio" but still, a shelter is not a home and Juniper deserves a home.

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EDITORIAL

I went to my first funeral as a child and right from the start I realized this was a solemn occasion. Those were the days when cremation was still a rarity and an open casket was de rigeur.

Funerals, visitations and one last selfie



TIM BELFORD

I've never been good at funerals. Part of it is that I have always been a bit of an emotional sot. I cry at the drop of a hat. I can summon up tears watching It's A Wonderful Life for the thirtieth time. My eyes start to flood at Remembrance Day services and you might as well hand me a box of Kleenex if someone sings Danny Boy.

I went to my first funeral as a child and right from the start I realized this was a solemn occasion. Those were the days when cremation was still a rarity and an open casket was de rigeur. Friends and relatives would line up and move quietly past the coffin paying their last respects and often making remarks about the deceased.

These personal eulogies varied; "It's just as well. At least now he's not suffering any more"; "She's in a better place"; "He looks good"; none of which, I may add, made any sense with my child-like perception of death. If that was good, what had he looked like in life?

The one indisputable comment I have come across came with the death of my great uncle. The body was laid out in the parlour of the house for the normal "viewing", before his sons carried it a hundred or so yards down the road to the family plot.

One of those giving his condolences

was an elderly farmer from across the road. My uncle and he had been neighbours for forty years give or take a year. The neighbour who was badly stooped also suffered from poor vision. When he got to the coffin he leaned forward until his head was mere inches above the deceased and said in a clear, loud voice, "Yep, that's Harry." And he was right.

It was also the custom, one to which I still adhere, to dress appropriately. A shirt, jacket and tie was the normal outfit for any man attending a funeral. Somehow it showed a certain respect for not only the deceased but for the proceedings. Even children were squeezed into their Sunday best. Alas, this is no longer the case.

Not too long ago I went to the funeral of a long-time acquaintance. Although many attending the visitation and subsequent ceremony were dressed for the event, there were just as many who could have easily been attending a barbecue or an outing at the beach. T-shirts, shorts, flip flops, blue jeans and tank tops, they were all in evidence, gave the event the air of a semi-sombre rock concert.

This being said, it did not surprise me to learn that the latest fad is the "funeral selfie." Increasingly, those attending the last rites of friends or relatives, find it necessary to get one last photo of the deceased and themselves. No mistake here, these pictures are not, for the most part, destined to appear in the family album. They are downloaded, texted and shared with anyone who cares to view them.

Just as thousands of Canadians out there will shove and fight their way through the crowd to snap a shot of themselves grinning inanely with one arm around the Prime Minister, so too will they now do the same with the



corpse of grandma, grandpa or any distant friend or relative. Even funerals have become "all about me."

Like so many other words "decorum" has fallen out of use. Who am I, or any-

one else for that matter, to say what is right or wrong, proper or scandalous? Why is clowning around at a funeral wrong? I can only offer the oldest and weakest of answers. It just is.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing to say what an excellent editorial Mable Hastings wrote, "When grief knocks...you must answer," reflecting the family's present grief. (Jan.3, 2017)

It spoke to my heart, expressed things in relation to grief that I had not considered. It was as if someone was with me in my grief. I also found it encouraging. The grief process is different for each person.

Yes, "When grief knocks...you must answer".

SINCERELY
JOHN SERJEANTSON
COWANSVILLE

Boundary Rotary Club

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Moriarty (now Siskin Coutts) in Derby, and Camp Massawippi in Ayer's Cliff.

On the world stage the club has helped build a vocational school in the Democratic Republic of Congo, shipped

shoes to El Salvador, and helped fight the malaria epidemic in Guyana.

The money comes from the local club's fundraising efforts with matching grants from Rotary International and the district, Smith said.

The club works with high school stu-

dents in both countries, as well. In Vermont it sends students to the World Affairs Seminar in Wisconsin. Canadian student are able to go to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa. The students report their experiences to the Rotary Club when they return.

In addition, the club provides two \$750 vocational scholarships a year — one to a Canadian student, and one to an American.

The major fundraiser for the club is the monthly book sale in Beebe, Smith said. People donate books and puzzles for sale. Smith pointed out that the club is currently inundated with books. He said the club makes between \$400 and \$500 a month from the sales.

The annual golf tournament and dinner at Dufferin Heights Country Club has historically been a successful fundraiser as well, Smith said, but last summer attendance was down, and continuation is in question. Part of the reason, he said, is that with the improvements made at the country

club, it has become more popular, and it is becoming more difficult to book a favourable date.

The Rotary Club of the Boundary remains viable despite declining membership, Smith said. The club is down to 12 members, only three of which live in Vermont. Recently the club has had more than 20 members, and in the 1950s boasted as many as 40.

"The club is getting smaller and smaller," Smith said. "No one is stepping up. We're getting older and older. We'd hate to lose the charter."

In contrast, the Newport Rotary Club is thriving with about 40 members, Smith said. He said some of the difference lies in the fact that the border area has fewer businesses.

"And younger people are not coming forward," he said.

The Rotary Club of the Boundary meets every Monday at noon at the Christ Church hall on Dufferin Street, in Stanstead.

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Local Sports

"We can see he's talented, for sure," Biello said of Ballou. "You have to understand that he's 17."

Impact see midfielders Ballou, Choiniere as potential homegrown stars

By Bill Beacon
THE CANADIAN PRESS

If there are younger players ready to earn playing time on the veteran Montreal Impact squad, it would be teenage midfielders Ballou Jean-Yves Tabla and David Choiniere.

Asked about the pair this week, coach Mauro Biello said: "I don't think we've seen talent like that in Quebec in the last 30 years."

The 17-year-old Ballou, as he is called, and 19-year-old Choiniere are seen as key players for the future of the Major League Soccer club. Ballou wants that to start this season.

"It depends on me, how I do," he said this week.

Asked what it will take to impress Biello, Ballou said: "By scoring goals and making combinations. The coach likes it when you've got the ball on your foot and you're shooting and scoring."

"I'm not afraid. I'm confident."

The five-foot-nine Ballou signed a contract for the upcoming MLS season last November. He starred for the club's academy teams and for their defunct USL team FC Montreal, with whom he scored five goals and added five assists in 2016.

He often trained with the MLS team last season alongside since-departed fellow Ivory Coast native Didier Drogba.

But his biggest moments came in a 2-1 win over England with Canada's under-20 team last March that reportedly drew interest from top Premier League clubs like Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester City, and strong play in a friendly match against AS Roma before a sellout crowd at Saputo Stadium in August.

Ballou, whose family moved to Montreal when he was a child, was named Canada's under-17 player of the year in 2014 when he was 15. He was Canada's under-20 player of the year in 2016.

He is sometimes compared to Alphonso Davies of the Vancouver Whitecaps, the Liberian-born forward who at 15

became the second youngest to play in an MLS game after Freddy Adu with D.C. United in 2004. Davies played 15 times in all competitions, including eight MLS games last season.

"We can see he's talented, for sure," Biello said of Ballou. "You have to understand that he's 17."

"We have to bring him along the right way, but you can see his quality in practice. We saw it against Roma right away because what he did there is not easy against a team like that, showing his maturity and confidence in his abilities. There are flashes. In training, you saw certain things he's capable of doing with ease. Those are things you want to continue to develop. We hope one day he becomes that important player we think he can be."

Impact management has stated a long-term goal of having a core of homegrown players in the starting 11, as the club had when Biello was the star midfielder in other leagues before joining MLS in 2012.

Currently, the only local starter is 37-year-old Patrice Bernier of Brossard, Que. French-born defender Wandrille Lefevre, an Impact academy product, is the first backup in the central defence.

There are a handful of other graduates from the team's academy on the roster, including occasionally used forward Anthony Jackson-Hamel. Others only see meaningful action in Voyageurs Cup matches or friendlies.

The Impact hope Ballou and Choiniere, of St. Jean Sur Richelieu, Que., are the next ones to break through.

Choiniere signed with the MLS squad on June 28 and played his first MLS game in October against New England. He also impressed against AS Roma, taking a shot that went off a post.

"David did well last year," said Biello. "They need to accumulate experience."

"You can't go too fast. They will make some mistakes, learn and get better. Not get too high or too low. It's part of their development."

Legendary coach Scotty Bowman headlines Order of Hockey in Canada class of 2017

By Joshua Clipperton
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scotty Bowman had coached nine NHL seasons and won two titles by the time he was tasked with leading his country at the 1976 Canada Cup.

The teams set to face Canada that September, including the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, played and practised together year-round, while Bowman's NHL stars had little time to prepare by comparison.

But what Bowman did have was what he believes to be the best group of defencemen ever assembled.

"When I look back at many of the records of teams

that have played, and some that I even coached, I go back to a defence corps that will never ever be duplicated," said Bowman. "There was Serge Savard, Larry Robinson, Guy Lapointe, and also Bobby Orr and Denis Potvin."

"It was just a dream to coach that team."

Canada would win the tournament, one of countless coaching highlights for Bowman, who was honoured Wednesday with Murray Costello and Fran Rider as the 2017 class of the Order of Hockey in Canada.

Bowman owns 14 Stanley Cups with four different teams, including a record nine as a head coach. He holds the NHL record for most coaching wins with 1,244 in the regular season and 223 more in the playoffs.

Twice named NHL coach of the year, Bowman was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991 and was invested as an officer of the Order of Canada in 2012. He continues to work as a senior adviser of hockey operations with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Asked if any of his Cups held more weight than the others, the 83-year-old pointed to his first of five with the Montreal Canadiens in 1973.

"You feel a lot differently about the fact that it's not going to carry you forever, but it's going to give you something," said Bowman, before adding his last Cup in 2002 with Detroit was also special: "I had made my mind up that I was going to retire. It made it a lot easier to go through with that."

The recipients of the Order are honoured for their contributions or service to the growth and development of hockey in Canada.

The Order includes 21 honourees since its inception in 2012. This year's class will be celebrated at the Hockey Canada Foundation gala June 19 in Saskatoon.

Costello served as president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and Hockey Canada from 1979 to 1998, and was vice-president of the International Ice Hockey Federation from 2008 to 2012.

Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2005 and the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2014, he helped oversee the merger of the CAHA and Hockey Canada in 1994.

"That was a key point in our evolution as an organization," said Costello, who was appointed

an officer of the Order of Canada in 2013. "The merger really opened the door for the amateur side of the game to deal directly with the pros."

"The joy of it all has been to see it evolve once it became one organization."

Costello, who played 163 NHL games in the 1950s, held a number of other administrative roles throughout the hockey world, but said he never envisioned his life would be consumed by the sport.

"It was a series of accidents that happened on the way that kept me in it," said Costello, who turns 83 later this month. "The delight of it all is that when you're working in the game, you're really not working because the game is so deeply enjoyed and appreciated by all of the people of Canada."

"When you have some success along the way it makes it even better."

Rider, the president and CEO of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association since 1982, has played a vital role in the development of women's hockey as a player, coach, volunteer and executive for 40 years.

Invested as a member of the Order of Canada and inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame as the first female builder in 2015, Rider is now also the first female builder in the Order of Hockey in Canada.

"It's an honour for me to see the female game recognized in this scope," she said. "It's just a dream come true. When I first laced up the skates in 1967 the best thing was you got to be part of a team, you got to play the game that you loved as a Canadian."

"It wasn't for women at that time, and now it is for women."



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Scotty Bowman, Murray Costello and Fran Rider were welcomed into the Order of Hockey in Canada ranks Wednesday

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Beverly Anna Neeley Lodge (1939-2017)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Anna Beverly Neeley on February 5th, 2017 in her 77th year. She was the daughter of the late Raymond Neeley and the late Rita Westover.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years David, loving mother to Robert (Rick), Timothy, Donna (Andrew); loving grandmother to Kayla, loving sister to Noëlla (the late Rosaire), William (Rosemary), Jo-anne, the late Patricia, the late Diane (Dexter); loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and loving friend to many.

Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette crematorium. Family will receive condolences at the RESIDENCE FUNÉRAIRE BESSETTE IN WATERLOO, Friday, February 10 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. till the departure from the funeral home at 10:45 a.m. for the funeral at 11:00 a.m. at the St-Luke's Anglican Church.

Interment will be held at a later date at the Owl's Head cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Today is the 40th day of 2017 and the 51st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams as president, a decision that became necessary after no candidate took the majority of the electoral votes in the election of 1824.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederate States of America.

In 1950, during a speech in West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin claimed to have a list of more than 200 "known communists" serving in the State Department.

In 1964, the Beatles made their first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), ninth U.S. president; Ronald Colman (1891-1958), actor; Carmen Miranda (1909-1955), dancer/singer/actress; Brendan Behan (1923-1964), playwright; Roger Mudd (1928-), TV journalist; Carole King (1942-), singer-songwriter; Joe Pesci (1943-), actor; Alice Walker (1944-), author; Mia

Farrow (1945-), actress; Charlie Day (1976-), actor; Tom Hiddleston (1981-), actor; Michael B. Jordan (1987-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The game of volleyball (then called Mintonette) was created in Holyoke, Massachusetts, on this day in 1895.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige became the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The only legitimate right to govern is an express grant of power from the governed." - William Henry Harrison

TODAY'S NUMBER: 73 million — viewers estimated to have tuned in to see the Beatles' first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." At 45.3 percent of all U.S. television-owning households, it became the highest-rated TV telecast and is still the 26th-highest rated of all time.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Feb. 3) and full moon (Feb. 10).

Coaticook Area Senior Citizen's Club

We met January 17, 2017 for our monthly meeting at the Elie Carrier Center. For consultation, Ellen Bailey brought books and pictures on the history of the area. Quite a few people enjoyed going through them. She also brought some magazines to give away.

Our president, Shirley Desruisseaux started the meeting with greetings of the season and a few announcements. She also read a few jokes and stories. Lydia May had extra copies of The Record to give away.

Shirley had prepared a pot of various candies and we were asked to figure out how many of each were in there. Only one person came close, for one of the 3 types of candies, so it was decided that the winner would be the person that gave the exact number of all the candies in the pot — Wilma Cushing was the grand winner.

Door prizes were won by: Betty Haskell, Gerrit Van der Mark, Wilson May, Ernestine Whipple, Wilma Cushing and Tom Mayne. Joe Cutler was the winner of the two participa-

tion prizes. Members having a birthday this month were Barbara Bellows, Gerrit Van der Mark and Marry Cutler.

Since our speaker couldn't come, after lunch, Shirley offered that we play games or visit between us. Most preferred to talk but a game of chinese checkers was under way when I left... I heard through the grapevine that it was too long with six people playing so they decided to stop. No winner.

Our next meeting will be February 21, 2017 at the Elie Carrier Center. Our speaker will be Greg Bishop from Grace Village in Huntingville. This being Valentine's month, it would be nice to wear something red or a heart. You will be receiving a call ascertaining your presence. As usual if you gave your name to come and can't make it, please contact Shirley Desruisseaux before Thursday the 16 at 819-849-6170.

Submitted by
Shirley Desruisseaux, President
Suzanne Martin, Secretary

St. George's Evening A.C.W. Report

The Anglican Church Women of St. George's Church, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) are a small but diligent group. There are very few changes in the executive from year to year and our president is Ferne McConnell. We usually meet on the second Wednesday of each month excluding July and August.

The funds raised during the year go towards our outreach projects and, of course, towards helping support the Church. These monies come from such

projects as the annual Quilt Show, Christmas Bazaar and Tea, the sale of Christmas wreaths and our famous Easter Eggs for the past 35 years!

The outreach projects we support, to name only a few, are Lennoxville Elementary and Alexander Galt Regional High Schools, Bishop's University Campus Ministry and other local community organizations. We send shoeboxes to the Port of Quebec for the Seamen at Christmas and the A.C.W. Supports the work

of Save the Children Canada. Members of our congregation who are in need or sick receive Meals on Wheels, fruit baskets or a "cheery note".

To the parishioners and people of the community who have so willingly helped with our projects, a very sincere "THANK YOU".

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Margie Woollerton, Secretary

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Energy, action, common sense and the desire to get ahead will result in good fortune. Opportunity, negotiation and directly stating your goals, aspirations and strategies are all favored. A passionate approach to life and love will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't stop when you should be moving full speed ahead. Set your course and turn your attention toward achieving what you set out to do. Personal physical improvements are featured, and romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do what you do best without promising too much. Work quietly on your own until you are satisfied with what you have accomplished. Don't become trapped in an excessive situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Share your thoughts and feelings, and offer to lend a helping hand to someone in need. Your kind gesture will be met with an unexpected reward. Love and romance should be priorities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An emotional matter will rock your foundation if you believe everything you hear. Take a step back and size up your situation before you make a move. Avoid gossip and don't reveal secrets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Get into the swing of things. Join an organization that can help you expand your contacts or offer you the experience you need to advance. An opportunity will surface if you are forthright.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Stay alert and concentrate on the responsibilities you signed up for. Falling short at work, school or home will lead to unwanted criticism and disappointment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Share your feelings, make plans with someone you love and look for exciting ideas about places to visit and lifestyle changes. Romance is highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A challenge will help you put your life and situation in perspective. Use your intuition to help you avoid problems with partners. Compliments will get you further than criticism.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You must use your Libra charm and intelligence to convince others to see things your way. Personal gains look promising, and physical alterations will add to your appeal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't feel pressured to make a business decision or change your course of action due to what someone else is doing. Stick to what is most familiar, and strive for perfection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Discipline and high expectations and hopes will bring good results, as long as you don't overdo it. Setting parameters and guidelines will help you stay on track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Applying pressure in situations that you don't like will not bring the results you want. Diplomacy will be necessary, along with proper incentives and whatever else it takes to get your way.

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Hope for one card to be well-placed

By Phillip Alder

Carmine Gallo, an expert in business communications and leadership skills, said, "Nothing is more dramatic than a well-placed pause."

That pause might also be critical in a comedy. At the bridge table, though, we might need one card to be well-placed. In this deal, South was in six hearts. Which one card did he hope East held? How did South play after West led the spade 10?

South's jump to four hearts, a super-accept, promised four-card support and a good hand for hearts. I believe, though, that the hand should have had a doubleton.

Declarer had 10 top tricks: two spades, six hearts and two diamonds. He could have established a club winner and had two finesses that he might have tried.

There was a temptation to take the spade finesse at trick one, but South realized that that could wait. If he could just find East with the club ace, the contract was safe.

Declarer took the first trick with his spade king, drew trumps ending on the board and led dummy's club. East defended well by not taking the trick. However, South won with his king, ruffed the club three, played a trump to his hand, led the club queen and,

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

instead of ruffing it, discarded dummy's low diamond.

East took the trick, but was ended. If he led a spade or diamond, it would have been away from his queen into dummy's tenace. So he tried the club jack, but declarer ruffed in his hand (a seventh trump trick) and discarded the spade jack from the dummy. He claimed two spades, six hearts, two diamonds, one club and the club ruff.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Subj. for a non-native speaker
- 4 __-top: Beatles' style
- 7 Much of "Star Wars" FX
- 10 Clumsy type
- 13 __ Michele, 8-Down co-star
- 14 "The Princess Diaries" princess
- 15 Tetris shape
- 16 Sporty truck, briefly
- 17 War film with a cast of 60-Across?
- 21 "Rock and Roll All __": Kiss hit
- 22 Reckon
- 23 Custardy dessert
- 24 Thrown for a loop
- 26 Cool, once
- 27 Campus groups
- 28 Newspaper with a staff of 60-Across?
- 31 Dough for ramen?
- 32 Square __
- 33 Traveler's aid

- 37 "Hamlet, thou art slain" speaker
- 42 Political __
- 43 Big name in big tractors
- 44 1969 hit song by a group of 60-Across?
- 50 Write in code?
- 51 Actress Ramirez of "Grey's Anatomy"
- 55 __ d'Alene
- 56 Mideast sultanate
- 60 Off-putting sorts?
- 63 Pie choice
- 64 Like bread knives
- 65 Well-to-do
- 66 Unpredictable

- 34 Ode preposition
- 35 Spell
- 36 QB's mishap
- 38 Dream state letters
- 39 Technical foul signal, in basketball
- 40 West ender?
- 41 Place
- 45 Centipede home?
- 46 Stimulated
- 47 "Oh, now __ it!"
- 48 All-in-one vacation
- 49 Eliot's weaver

- 51 Canned meat used in Hawaiian cuisine
- 52 "The Good Dinosaur" dinosaur
- 53 Reddish horse
- 54 Source of cartoon explosives
- 56 Other, south of the border
- 57 Castle defense
- 58 Basic class with easels
- 59 Tiny time pd.
- 61 Siegfried collaborator
- 62 PDX info: Abbr.

Down

- 1 Twisty-horned antelope
- 2 Photo app effect
- 3 Founder of Taoism
- 4 Sport for Ronda Rousey, for short
- 5 Aromatherapy array
- 6 Outmoded public convenience
- 7 Center of moral corruption
- 8 TV show with mashups
- 9 Down with something
- 10 Wanted one
- 11 Bothered a lot
- 12 Fronded plants
- 18 Mediocre marks
- 19 Sonnet, e.g.
- 20 Do maintained with a pick
- 25 Kids' summer activity
- 27 "Another word for nothin' left to lose," in a Joplin hit
- 29 __ Aviv
- 30 Genetic messenger molecule
- 33 The Scooby gang's Mystery Machine, e.g.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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S C M W Y N E Y G E G H N D M H E U N T T G R
D N W E N H . T Y S U U E G . " — T I P S A I M Y H G

Previous Solution: "As an outside; don't worry about failure, because failure will take care of itself. Focus on success." — Henry Cavill

TODAY'S CLUE: *o s n e l b a v*

REALITY CHECK



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"Did you mean be home by 10 o'clock tonight or 10 o'clock tomorrow morning?"

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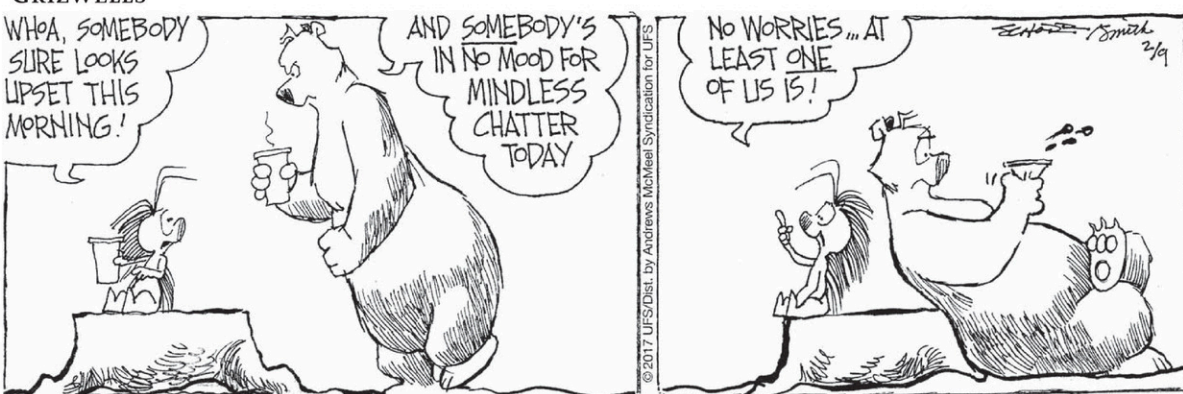
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LENNOXVILLE

Bingo on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Everyone is welcome! Info: 819-346-9122.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding Blood Pressure clinics on Tuesdays, February 14 and March 14, at 164 Queen Street, Suite #104, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding Blood Pressure clinics on Tuesdays, February 14 and March 14, at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Special Valentines Day Supper to be held at "The Hut", A.N.A.F., Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, on Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. Menu consists of spaghetti, salad and desert. Reservations appreciated, especially for groups. To reserve call Wanda Evans at 819-565-7099.

RICHMOND

Please join us at the St. Anne's Church 171 Principale Street South on Saturday, February 11, for the annual Valentine luncheon. You'll be treated to casseroles, salads and pies for dessert. The Attic Treasures and Food tables will open at 11 a.m., luncheon being served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid is hosting a FREE information session, OPEN TO ALL in the community and offered by Revenue Québec. This conference; "Seniors and Taxation" is presented in English and is dedicated to retirees for their provincial income tax returns. This will take place Thursday February 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Amédé Beaudoin Community Center borough of Lennoxville. Please register with us at 819-821-4779.

LENNOXVILLE

There will be 500 cards played at "The Hut", A.N.A.F. Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, on Wednesday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

Valentines Day Brunch on Sunday, February 12 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main Street, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your special someone

to enjoy a home cooked meal of ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, baked beans, pancakes with real maple syrup, toast, fruit salad, coffee, tea and juice. All are welcome.

NORTH HATLEY

February 14, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Intro to Poetry, North Hatley Library, 165 Main. Improve your writing or polish your eBook submission at this free workshop from Townshippers' Association's "Our Stories" project. More dates and info at www.Townshippers.org/Canada150 or under events at www.Facebook.com/Townshippers

LENNOXVILLE

HCC Seniors Luncheon. We will NOT be holding a Senior luncheon on February 23 as the Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St. Lennoxville, but will look forward to seeing you on March 30.

RICHMOND

Spaghetti Dinner to support the St. Francis Elementary School Library in Richmond. Come and join us for a tasty meal and support the love of reading! The spaghetti dinner will be held at St. Francis Elementary School at 355 College St. South, Richmond, on Friday, February 17. There will be 3 seatings; 4:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Admission charged, free for children ages 4 years and under. All prices include taxes. To reserve tickets, please contact Helena Bates at 819-826-3737 or by email at batesh@edu.etsb.qc.ca.

DANVILLE

The Directors of the Danville Curling Club are pleased to invite everyone to the Club's Brunch on Sunday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Danville Curling Club, 1449 Route 116, Danville. Curling to watch during the day.

BULWER

The Bulwer Branch of the Quebec Farmers' Association will meet at the Bulwer Community Centre on Thursday, February 9 at 8:30 p.m. Pot-luck lunch. All are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Third Thursday Soup Lunch at St George's Church Hall in Lennoxville on February 16, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please join us for a special Valentine's Day lunch. Your choice of three delicious homemade soups (with a vegetarian option) and two delectable desserts, Bruno's famous buns, tea, coffee or juice. Free will offering to support the charitable work of the church. Hope to see you all there.

RICHMOND

On Sunday, February 12, our second Sunday afternoon music jamboree will take place at the Richmond Legion. There is no admission charge but a donation for the musicians would be appreciated.

COWANSVILLE

Valentine's Party with Jimmy Edwards Country Folks Band at Trinity Anglican Church Hall, 409 South St., Cowansville on Saturday, February 11, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Door prizes, 50-50 drawing, canteen on premises, spot dance. Admission charged. Please support the church and food bank. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend and enjoy good country music at its best.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, 1195 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1G 1Y7, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

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Colder relations

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Dear Annie: I have lived within a day's drive of my eldest sister for many years. Several years ago, as she was getting back on her feet after a divorce, I went to visit for Christmas. I had a great time. But after that, things seemed to get progressively tenser with each visit.

She started participating as a foster parent for infants and canceled a Christmas visit to us on short notice because she had to look after her first child over the holiday. I tried to be supportive of her new endeavor, but when I asked about the family situation that put the child in foster care, I was snippily told, "That's confidential. I can't talk about that."

She is hurt that I am ignoring her now. But she has yet to invite us for a visit since canceling the Christmas visit several years ago. Email communication gets twisted, and she doesn't call by phone. She signs her emails, "May God bless your day," and when I told her that bothers me, she got very defensive.

Even if she were to invite me, I'm not sure I would want to go. If it were a short trip to see her for a short visit, I think I could manage that. But it's an eight-hour trip, and then I would be captive to her rules for a couple of days. It's more than I could handle. I am not really interested in staying in a motel in order to visit, and I expect she would be really hurt if I were to do so. And I have had enough of God blessing my day. What am I missing? — Puzzled

Dear Puzzled: First, I don't think there's any puzzle piece that would click and snap everything into place along with it. Your sister's behavior has very little to do with you and everything to do with where she is on her own path to self-discovery.

Perhaps you two could plan a trip somewhere halfway between your town and hers. The neutral ground might help you both relax. Try engaging her in an open, honest, judgment-free conversation. Tell her that you're proud of her for committing to taking care of a foster child, and ask her how that idea came to her. Seek to understand.

And keep in mind that in the aftermath of her divorce, your sister could have gone in any number of dark directions. Instead, she found solace in faith and charity. Good for her.

Dear Annie: I've recently read some letters to you about servers in restaurants. Personally, one thing that grates on my ears like fingernails on a chalkboard is when a server addresses me and says, "How are we?" Then he or she asks, "Are we ready to order?" or "Are we celebrating something special?"

I can't stand the "we" thing. Servers are not part of our experience, other than waiting on us. Is this something new training includes, or is it a personal choice? I've even gone so far as to ask why my server used "we," but I don't remember what the answer was. At any rate, I'd sure prefer it if they said, "How are you?" and "Are you ready to order?" — Annoyed Patron

Dear Annoyed Patron: Servers' livelihoods depend on tips, and studies have shown that personable little gestures from a server, such as drawing a smiley face on the check, inspire patrons to leave bigger tips than they otherwise would. Warmth is rewarded. So that might explain the "How are we?" phenomenon. I get that it peeves you, but try to empathize with your server rather than be irritated by her. She's just doing her job.

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



Robert Frenette, 19 from Woodstock, New Brunswick, along with Katie Neu, 17 of Kitchener, Ontario, are two youths who share one thing in common. They have been bullied. They also work for change.

The adversity they faced in school has propelled them to create **BullyingCanada.ca** - an anti-bullying website for youth and by youth. The website offers tips for a **bystander, victim and bully**. The site also features a database of links to other anti-bullying websites.

Subscribe to the free e-newsletter "Youth Voices" that highlights anti-bullying work around the country by emailing to: Subscribe@BullyingCanada.ca
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2017 Mercedes-AMG SLC 43



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2017 Mercedes-AMG SLC 43 - The right stuff



By Dan Heyman

If there's one thing for which you can give Mercedes-Benz kudos—there's a lot more than one, of course, but please bear with me—it's their ability to keep everybody's brain active by tweaking and tweaking their nomenclature, and then tweaking it some more. Is the C 63 a "Mercedes-AMG C 63" or a "Mercedes-Benz C 63 AMG" (it's the former, but you see what I mean)? What about the GLE? Is it a 4-door coupe or a more traditional 5-door wagon SUV? The model name is attached to both, after all...

Then there's the Mercedes-AMG SLC 43: While it doesn't feature an engine built by a single craftsman—the calling card of the AMG V8 and V12 models found throughout the lineup—it still falls under the "Mercedes-AMG" brand umbrella because it does use AMG-sourced parts. Its SLC 300 sibling, meanwhile, is just a "Mercedes-Benz." It's confusing, but all you really have to know is that this is the latest version of the Mercedes SLK-Class, which has been around since 1996 in the shape of a compact 2-seater roadster with a power-folding hard top.

But what's in a name?
The main addition—the one that helps the SLC gain "AMG" status—is a 3.0L twin-turbo V6 producing 362 hp and 384 lb-ft of torque, which is enough to have the little roadster sprinting from 0-100 km/h in a scant 4.7 seconds, on to an electronically limited top speed of 250 km/h. That's a lot of go-power for a tiny, low-slung roadster (its footprint is smaller than that of a Nissan Micra). Yes, the "AMG" designation no longer gets you the V8 from the old SLK 55, but the new engine, while down a little on power, is lighter, more efficient, and still a ton of fun.

The exhaust note, for example, is

actually quite sonorous and more than what you'd expect from a car that's always had the stigma of being more "Rodeo Drive" than "Autobahn." It's spat through twin tailpipes, and there's some proper pop-pop-popping as you lay off the throttle, or when hopping between cogs in the 9-speed 9G-Tronic automatic transmission—either automatically or manually via steering wheel-mounted paddles. While paddle shifters are often there as an afterthought, they are much more in keeping with what the SLC 43 has to offer, especially in Sport or Sport+ drive modes (those join ECO, Comfort, and Individual modes), both of which quicken the gear shift speed to some truly aggressive levels. I do, however, wish that the paddles themselves were a little heftier in their operation. Still, it remains a viable alternative to a proper manual transmission, which was dropped from the SLK lineup after 2015.

For me, in the age-old "Mercedes vs. BMW" discussion, the Z3/Z4 roadsters from Bavaria always had the edge on Stuttgart when it came to dynamics, while Mercedes had the luxury chops that couldn't quite be equalled by the Bimmer. Performance, not luxury, is what would have me laying out the \$70,900 required to purchase such a sporty roadster.

The 2017 Mercedes-AMG SLC 43, however, manages to buck that trend. It's got that great turbocharged engine, sure, but what really impresses is the ride and handling combination. The "handling" thing should come as little surprise: While BMWs may have had the edge in previous tests, that's not to say the SLK/SLC cars were slouches; it's just that they were up against some very tough competition. They were still agile as a short-wheelbase, 2-seater roadster should be, and would give everything from Mustangs to Miatas a run for their money on a good handling course. Throw in the fact that Mercedes-AMG has firmed up the suspension, and you have a car that will handle anything the average driver—and even some above-average ones—will throw at it. The SLC 43 is a willing dance partner. It really is.

Luxury inside

Remember the "luxury chops" I spoke of earlier? Well, they haven't been lost on the 2017 Mercedes-AMG

SLC 43.

The first thing that catches your eye once you look inside is the red-and-black colour scheme (\$1,500), which is quickly followed by a giant carbon fibre panel (at \$2,500, it is a rather expensive option, however) covering almost the entire transmission tunnel and centre stack, not to mention the door pull surrounds. There's little denying the car's performance bent when you consider the materials used.

The more luxurious features include the brushed silver that rounds out the rest of the interior trim and can be found on the climate control wheels, steering wheel spokes, gear lever surround, and HVAC vents. The best part is how Mercedes has managed to pull off the use of all these multi-dimensional materials without overwhelming the occupants. The available \$5,900 Premium Package, meanwhile, adds premium Harman Kardon sound, Sirius satellite radio, a rear-view camera, the panoramic Vario-Roof, and more.

With the top up, the SLC 43 manages to change character to a proper coupe; it's cozy, sure, but it's also quiet and makes for a nice-looking profile from outside, as well. The roof manages to stick with the squat proportions of the roadster, not seeming out of place when deployed. It also folds neatly into the trunk in quick fashion, though you will lose some cargo space. It's activated by flipping a lever mounted under a flip-up door on the centre console—you don't lose valuable armrest space that way—and does its business in just over 15 seconds. I just wish you didn't have to flip a second switch to activate the side windows; it would be nice if this was done in one fell swoop.

A step up

The 2017 Mercedes-AMG SLC 43 has enough power to impress, its chassis is well sorted, and most of the interior is befitting of the brand. Plus, when you consider the clever roof that makes the switch from convertible to coupe oh-so seamless, you realize that the latest version of Mercedes' stalwart roadster has left the Z4 in its rear-view mirror and turned its sights onto the Porsche 718 Boxster.



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