

Weedon advocacy group declared mission accomplished

By Gordon Lambie

The Comité de citoyens pour la survie du CLSC et du CHSLD de Weedon, the citizens advocacy group formed in Weedon in 2013 as a result of concerns about the merging of two local healthcare facilities, has declared its mission officially over. In an open letter published on Sunday, committee spokesperson Claude-Gilles Gagné called the work of advocating for the survival of the two facilities well and truly finished.

"After nearly four years of struggle, the people and common sense have won out over the stubbornness and persistence of a deliberately deaf and blind administration," Gagné wrote. "Thanks to the tenacity of many volunteers and the perseverance of the people who refused to give in, we have kept our two institutions intact."

Speaking on behalf of the whole committee, the spokesperson praised recent openness and support that the people of Weedon have felt from the administration of the CIUSSS de L'Estrie - CHUS, the healthcare institution responsible for the entire Eastern Townships region. He described the agreement reached, namely that the town's CLSC and CHSLD will both remain open and be renovated, as a win-win situation for the community.

"We spoke with two different administrations and two different ministers about this," Gagné told The Record. "It's very satisfying to know that they listened to us."

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Townshippers saddle up for some snow joring



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM VON KAPHERR

Adam Deyette pulling Justin Whitehead at a snow joring competition hosted by A.C. Ranch in Mansonville over the weekend.

By Matthew McCully

While saddling up a horse and strapping on a snowboard or a pair of skis doesn't usually go together, A.C. Ranch owners Adam and Chelsea Deyette introduced Townshipers to the sport of snow joring by hosting a competition in Mansonville this

past weekend, a first for the region.

"It's huge in Alberta," commented Chelsea Deyette.

She and her husband recently spent six years in Alberta, where they learned about snow joring.

When they decided to move back to the Townships, they wanted to try and bring the sport with them.

"It was a good first event," commented Deyette, even though the warm weather wreaked havoc on the track intended for the competition on their ranch.

Just 24 hours before the competition, the entire course had to be moved to

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Explore a future in the Estrie



If you know a city dweller who is thinking about a change of scenery, or you are an employer trying to encourage a prospective employee to move to the Townships, Make Way for YOUth Estrie has a great opportunity for young professionals to test-drive life in the Townships.

From March 17 to 19, Make Way for YOUth will be hosting a Discovery Days weekend in the Val-Saint-François and Des Sources municipalities —areas with an affordable cost of living, an abundance of career opportunities, and everything needed to turn dreams into reality. During the exploratory weekend, plenty of activities have been planned to help participants discover the area, it's businesses, organizations, and other attractions while building a network of personal and professional contacts. Best of all... it's on us!

An initiative of Place aux jeunes en région offered to the English-speaking community by Townshippers' Association, Make Way for YOUth is open to soon-to-be or recent post-secondary graduates ages 18 to 35 who are interested in living and working in the region. It supports young professionals in choosing where to settle and launch their careers.

Spaces are limited, but if you miss out on this one, at least two other exploratory activities are in the works in 2017.

For more information or to register, contact the Make Way for YOUth Migration Agent at mwfy@townshippers.org or call 819-566-5717 (toll-free 1-866-566-5717).

Where to turn? The Resource Team!

Seniors and caregivers of seniors may wish to talk to someone about loneliness or physical and mental health issues or may want someone to accompany them to a notary or doctor's appointment. Per-

haps an older adult you know wishes to find resources dedicated to his or her needs, or simply wants someone to talk to. So where do you turn?

At the March 3 Food for Thought lunch, guest speaker Simon Dancause will share introduce you to the Memphremagog Resource Team "Ressources Relais" – a free, confidential service offering flexible support for a variety of circumstances. Simon has already been spending time listening and serving seniors in the Magog area and wants to hear more about what may be needed to best offer support services for the senior population.

Join us at 12 noon at St. Paul's United Church hall (211 des Pins, Magog) for a lunch of homemade shepherd's pie (vegetarian option available), salad, coleslaw, and dessert, and stay for Simon's presentation at 1 pm. Food For Thought sessions are open to everyone in the Townships community. The presentations are free a small fee of \$7 is charged to cover the meal.

Laughter is the best medicine

Laughter can be a great workout for your muscles, a release of stress-relieving hormones, and can even have the power

to fight illness. R.H.Rediker CAB and Townshippers' Association invite you to a fun presentation on Monday, March 6, to discover some of the simple ways you can bring laughter into your life at the Beulah United Church 967 Main Street, Ayers Cliff.

In the workshop, "Laughter is the best medicine," Laura Teasdale will fill you in on the theory of laughter and its benefits, and you'll do some simple games that begin as exercises, but end in genuine laughter. The presentation will be from 10 AM to noon followed by a light luncheon. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information please contact Lynn Wood at R.H. Rediker at 819-876-7748.

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, keep reading this weekly Keeping in Touch column in The Record and visit us on Twitter

@Townshippers, Facebook.com/Townshippers, and our website www.Townshippers.org. Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 – 257 Queen, 819-566-5717, toll-free: 1-866-566-5717 or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll-free: 1-877-242-4421.



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Make Way for YOUth's Discovery Days weekends give young professionals the chance to "test-drive" life in the Townships. A limited amount of spaces is available for the next event March 17 to 19.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Held each year since 1999 in memory of avid skier Rob Lutterman, the benefit for the Cancer Research Society has raised more than \$1.2 million to date.

Ski for a cure snags \$50,000

By Gordon Lambie

The Ski for a cure event held on February 18 that Mont Sutton is being hailed as a success after having raised nearly \$50,000 to support pancreatic cancer research. Organizers are praising the sunshine as well as support of family, friends, and the greater community, as key components of the fundraiser's ongoing success.

Held each year since 1999 in memory of avid skier Rob Lutterman, the benefit for the Cancer Research Society has raised more than \$1.2 million to date.

The sun shone bright for all those who participated in the latest edition of the Rob Lutterman - Ski for a Cure," shared Carolyne Lord, Director of Communications and Marketing with the Cancer Research Society. "For 18 years now, the event has been a beacon of hope for pancreatic research in Canada."



Joel and Randy Lutterman



The Lutterman family and friends

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Text message scam hits region

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The Sherbrooke Police are warning the public to be on guard against a new type of fraud circulated via cell phones.

Police say criminals send victims a

text message concerning transfers from their bank accounts. This is a false Interac transfer and should be ignored. Clicking on the suggested link renders the victim vulnerable by opening a gap that gives access to personal data, which provides a wealth of information for

fraudsters.

The police suggest deleting the message and checking its validity with its police department, or contacting the alleged issuer, usually as a cell phone provider, to see if the text messages are legitimate. You can also visit www.anti

tifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca to learn more about this type of scam.

Sherbrooke Police have not received any formal complaints about this fraud, although people have reported having received text messages of this kind in the last few days.

Sherbrooke up for UMQ 'Ovation' prize

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For the third year in a row, the City of Sherbrooke has been selected as a finalist for a municipal 'Ovation' merit award from the Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ) in the Public Safety category. This year, the City's innovative canine project (Kanak) is in the running.

"This third nomination demonstrates how important the safety and well-being of citizens are for the City of Sherbrooke, which never hesitates to set up innovative projects in these areas," said Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sévigny.

Kanak is the first emotional support dog in service in Quebec, having joined the Police Service in June 2016. His main task is to support investigators in inter-

views with victims, specifically with physically, psychologically or sexually abused youth.

Kanak's presence often calms and comforts victims, facilitates the creation of a trusting relationship with judicial system agents, and creates a positive diversion from traumatic events. Kanak is called upon to accompany victims at all stages of the justice system, from front-

line intervention to testimony in court.

There are 99 projects from across the province submitted to the Municipal Ovation merit awards. The UMQ awards the Joseph-Beaubien Prize's gold, silver and bronze stars to the three projects that have most distinguished themselves in the seven categories during its annual meeting at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, May 4 and 5.

Prince de Galles closed for good

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The Prince de Galles Golf and Tennis Club on the north end of Sherbrooke has shut its doors for good, Sherbrooke's La Tribune has reported.

President Vincent Scallon made the 'regrettable' announcement in a letter sent to club members last week citing "a change in the vocation" of Développement Cité Clark Ltd, which owns the land.

The Prince de Galles Golf and Tennis

Club was officially inaugurated in September 2001 with a 4,300 yard, 18-hole course with a par of 68. When the land was first purchased, the company planned to build a residential complex alongside the golf course, although the development never materialized. The 70-

acre site on Ch des Écossais, off Highway 55, was formerly owned by J. Lemuel Clark.

Those who have already paid for their membership or who have gift certificates were invited to submit their mailing address in order to be reimbursed.

Weedon advocacy group

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The survival committee has dissolved and its spokesperson said that the torch has now been passed to those working

within the institutions to maintain them as the community has asked. Gagné pointed out that the citizens' committee does not have the expertise to properly follow up on the operations

moving forward and said that he felt that was a task better left to people on the inside.

He speculated that there is room for a citizens committee for the mainte-

nance of the two buildings if needed, but said that it would be headed by different people.

"Our work is done," Gagné said.



THE PET CONNECTION




Jen Young

Endless Paw-ssibilities

It has been a very busy few weeks for us at The Pet Connection. Busy, but appreciated and uplifting few weeks, especially for me.

It started with the Alexander Galt Visual Art Concentration Art Exhibit and Auction on February 21st. In the past, the Art Concentration class holds the Auction to benefit different not-for-profit organizations and initiatives throughout the Townships, but this year, the class chose to help us at The Pet Connection. It was student, Audrey-Anne Deslauriers, who mentioned The Pet Connection to the class, and it was agreed upon. I know the Deslauriers family from our work with the animals. They, in fact, adopted from us years ago and have been constant supporters of the animals and the mission since. I became closer with the family last year after their old cat, Simba, had stopped eating. The family asked me if I could help and the only thing I could do was basic emergency care to help them sustain him until he started to eat again on his own. It took some time of them coming in daily with Simba, but it worked and now the old man is doing

very well. The event was held at the United Church in town and was a full house with students, who created works of art; all in the helping animals theme, and community and family, as well as the band VOA (J.F Coley and Pascal Demarais), who volunteered their time for the event. The art work touched me. Some depicted the love between and animal and a human, while some depicted the heartaches and pain felt in our animal population. It was hard for me not to bid on all the art-work. Well, actually, I did bid on quite a few and won quite a few too, but I am glad I was able to walk away with a remembrance of the night. A remembrance that they high school students all now have a greater appreciation for not only our mission, but the plight of pets and animals right here in our backyards. Thank you to Maena Aguilar, Samuel Bayley, Madison Bradley, Thomas Brisson, Mackenzie Christie, Brenna Clement, Lea Cote, Audrey Couture, Rebecca Deslauriers, Bryanna Dumont, Emily Fowler, Samantha Loiselle, Marilou Grenier, Leclerc Brooklyn, Maya Goodin, Christian Loiselle, Ashley Poulin, Audrey-Anne Deslauriers, Brittny McCallum-Boutin, Mercedes Pehlemann, Hannah Poulin, Brianna Raycraft, Amanda Rodgers Laller, Elizabeth Anne Savage, Sienna Waller, Melia Sophie Hodge for not only putting your heart and souls in to your works of art to help my animals, but for also parting with them. Also a big thank you to teachers Sigal Hirshfeld and April Blampied. Your class is exceptionally talented, and a driven and inspired class starts with good teachers. While I have yet to know how much the auction

raised, I hope the students know that every little bit helps incredibly and I am touched to know that my mission is now in the hearts of such young Townshippers. The animals, animals who have been abandoned or hurt, say thank you for helping them get all the vet care they need to finally get a second chance at life and love.

“Don’t treat animals like animals. Treat them as living beings. That’s what they are.”-A.D Williams

Working to fight the cat overpopulation problem

Last Sunday was an incredibly big day. A day that saw 39 cats; stray, barn, rescues, or pets of people unable to afford it, sterilized. The idea was brought to me by my vet tech, Fernanda Glitz, who wanted to hold a cat sterilization program. Obviously since vets are not permitted to offer discounted medical procedures in Quebec, there would have to be a “contributor” to the event, which would be me. In order to hold the day, I needed to find as many cats as I could that would help cut down on the cat overpopulation problem we have, and I had a week to do it, and Fernanda’s part was to find as many vets and techs as she could to help conduct the operations on a voluntary basis. Lucky for her, she is of the Hopital Veterinaire de L’Estrie team, which is filled with kindhearted individuals who prove daily that their jobs are more of a passion than a job and she had more than enough volunteers. In one week, 39 cats were sought, many which had to be caught, and the day began at 7 a.m. at Blue Seal. Because the professionals volunteered their time and because I was willing to contribute whatever necessary, the operations were made extremely affordable. The cats fixed were cats that would have most likely contributed to our overpopulation problem at least a few times, but what did my heart the most good was people like Eva Rigler. Eva has been trying to help strays in her area for some time. When she heard of the project, she immediately contacted me. She needed to work quickly since she would have to trap a big stray that had been around her home for some time in an appropriate time frame; a cat can’t stay in a trap cage for too long. She did it. I got a message from her the night before saying, “Jen, I haven’t seen him all day. I hope he comes tonight.” Then the next morning at 5 am, “I got him Jen. I got him.



Will see you in Lennoxville at 7.” Not only did Eva give so much of herself to make it possible to get this big boy fixed, but she also paid for his operation. Needless to say fitting all 39 cages in my van that morning was “interesting” and thanks to Marika Grenier who also accompanied me and brought 4 with her, we got to the vet for 9 as intended. The entire team was waiting for us. Fernanda organized her end so well that all 39 cats were fixed and ready for me to pick up by 1 pm. That’s amazing. I picked everyone up, brought them all back with me and observed everyone to make sure everyone was eating and not licking their stitches too much for one hour before calling their guardians. The whole day was amazing. Thanks to everyone who brought their cats, thanks to everyone who pitched in financially, but biggest thanks to Fernanda and her team or the day would not have happened. I can’t lie though, I felt a huge relief when the 39th kitty was picked up and now in the caring hands of their guardians, and I am very happy I sell Yankee Candle car jars because that many unfixed upset males in one vehicle.....well, I needed a few. Thank you to everyone for participating and making the day possible.



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'Turn towards excellence!' registration has begun

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La Financière agricole du Québec (FAQ), the provincial front-line agency supporting agricultural projects in Quebec, has announced the start of the 12th edition of its Turn Towards Excellence! competition, which aims to highlight the next generation of farmers. Since its inception in 2005, the contest has enabled more than 300 young farm entrepreneurs to improve their business plan in order to expand their businesses. In that time, 33 young farmers have been awarded grants totaling \$100,000.

As in past years, the FAQ will select 10 finalists based on the excellence of their entrepreneurial profile, their passion, their talents, and the managerial qualities that drive them. Among those ten,

three winners will share a grand prize of \$5,000 and two of \$2,500. In addition, for a fifth year, the Agricultural Succession Fund (FIRA) will award a \$1,500 bursary to one winner who has distinguished him or herself in either management or mentoring.

"La Financière agricole du Québec places the next generation at the heart of its concerns and this competition is a good example of this," said Alain Perras, FAQ Regional Director. "In our region, some thirty young entrepreneurs have benefited from the knowledge and competence of our advisors when preparing their application and some have even been won prizes."

"Since its beginnings, the Turn towards Excellence! competition has been an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the passion and competence of the

young people of the next generation," said Interim FAQ President, Ernest Desrosiers. "Their presence is essential if we want to continue to enjoy the richness of Quebec's local products. Those who succeed in carving out a place in this area deserve to be recognized."

Young farm entrepreneurs who wish to submit an application can do so until May 19 at the nearest FAQ service center. In the Townships that means either on Boulevard Bourque in Sherbrooke or on Principale in Granby. To be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 40 at the time of enrollment; have been in business for two to seven years; hold at least 20 per cent of their company's shares; and must have received or must be preparing to receive a start-up or settlement grant under the Farm Succession Support Program.

A jury will select ten finalists who will then be invited to the announcement of the winners in November in Drummondville during the Management Conference organized by the Quebec Agricultural and Agri-Food Reference Center (CRAAQ).

In addition to the scholarships offered under the "Turn to Excellence!" Contest, the FAQ has supported nearly 4,500 young entrepreneurs over the past 11 years. Together these hard workers have shared more than \$100 million under the Agricultural Succession Support Program.

To learn more about settlement assistance, start-up assistance and the "Turn towards Excellence!" Competition, visit the La Financière agricole du Québec's Web site at www.fadq.qc.ca, or its Facebook page.

March is colorectal cancer awareness month

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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness about colorectal cancer. It is a month where we honour individuals who have been touched by the disease.

Colorectal cancer is Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable, and yet remains

the second leading cause of cancer related deaths in Canada. It can affect anyone, young or old, male or female. and though the disease is more common among those 50 years and older, many young people are also touched by the disease, particularly those with Lynch syndrome. The Never Too Young (N2Y) campaign reaches out to this young population with information, education

and support.

Colorectal cancer is a preventable cancer, yet most are unaware of how it can be prevented. Consequently, The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada programs and campaigns are designed with a common goal in mind; to raise awareness of colorectal cancer and how it may be prevented with timely screening and healthy lifestyles.

Colorectal cancer - cancer of the colon or rectum - is the second leading cause of cancer deaths overall in men and women in Canada. Though highly preventable and curable when detected early, an estimated 26,100 Canadians were diagnosed with colorectal cancer last year. One in 12 men and one in 14 women are expected to develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime.

Matthieu Binette at MBAS

Record Staff
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The Musée des Beaux-Arts de Sherbrooke is featuring an exhibition by Timmins, Ont. native Matthieu Binette 7 200 battements à l'heure is a personal narrative based on the themes of emerging and unfolding, movements which are the essence of the creative act. For Binette, who works out of Sherbrooke, "between the artist and the

viewer of the piece, there is a common element: the beating of the heart which propels the blood in our body. This is what unites us one to another. This is what creation is. In each beat, there is this creative spark, coming from the centre, the heart, leading to the final work, then reaching you."

For this exhibition, Binette has taken a new direction with the creation of semi-abstract forms in bronze and pictorial works, as well as the inclusion of

video and audio. The installation 7 200 battements à l'heure becomes an exploratory space permitting the artist to reveal his creative process. "What amazes me in all these ideas floating around is exactly that they progress, always going in a direction that one least expects. (...) This ideosphere is within us. These ideas are within us. This vibration is within us. Each beat of the heart is a beat of wings, an urge towards creativity. We are a creation, and each one of

our heartbeats reminds us of that."

Born in Timmins, Ontario, in 1977, Binette grew up in Sherbrooke where he still lives. For more than fifteen years, the sculptor has been working with molten metal. He studied arts at the Cégep de Sherbrooke under sculptor Yves Trudeau. Represented by Dimension Plus since 2009, his work can be found in a number of galleries from Baie-Saint-Paul to Toronto.

Snow joring

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higher ground where there was more snow.

"All our friends and family came and worked to move the track," Deyette said, crediting their help for being able to go forward with the event in a new location.

Deyette said 16 teams participated in the snow joring competition, and over 200 spectators came to check out the unique sport.

Snow joring is a team sport with three members; a horse, a rider, and a ski/snowboarder. It is often referred to as ski joring (skijoring), but Deyette opted to change the name to snow joring to include snowboarders and not just skiers.

Teams are timed as the horse and rider pull a skier or snowboarder attached by a rope along a track, complete

with jumps and obstacles.

Blue flags mean a skier must bear left, red flags mean head right, according to Deyette. There are also rings that the team must collect along the course as well as several jumps.

For each fault, the team receives a two-second penalty.

Depending on the conditions of the course, Deyette said a horse could pull a ski/snowboarder up to 60 km/h.

"We posted the track early so people could practice," commented Deyette.

On the day of the competition, each team got a practice run so the horses could get their footing and the people being pulled could plan their route, Deyette said.

The first of its kind in the area, Deyette said the competition drew competitors from all over the Townships, and even Montreal, Quebec and Ontario.

"People want to do it again," Deyette said, but pointed out it is too late in the season for another competition this year. "It's a lot of work," she added, but plans to host another snow joring event next winter.

Zachary George, from Mansonville, was one of the competitors at this weekend's snow joring event.

He did the course on a snowboard and was pulled by Deyette's husband Adam.

"I thought it was a lot of fun," George said, hoping the sport will continue to grow in popularity in the area.

While getting pulled by a horse seems easy enough, George said it's a lot harder than it looks.

Spectators might liken it to waterskiing, but George said it is very different.

"A boat can hold one speed," he said. "When you go off a jump and the horse decides it's going to pull while you're in

the air, that can hurt," commented George.

A good run requires a rider that has control of their horse and a skier/snowboarder familiar with how a horse moves.

"There's a lot of practice involved, not only for the skill, but for every muscle in your body," George said, adding it's not easy being pulled to the left when the ring to grab is to the right.

"This year there was a good bunch of people," George said, pointing out that even more competitors in the future would make for more exciting races, and also give the horses more of a break between rounds.

At this past weekend's competition, George opted to snowboard, but said he is comfortable on a horse, and may try his luck in the saddle at another snow joring event.

EDITORIAL

In the last few weeks, hundreds of people – men, women, and children – have stumbled across the undefended border into the arms of authorities to whom they can, now that they're here, apply for asylum.

Hammering at the door



MIKE McDEVITT

As we watch with rapt, but horrified, attention at the continuing dysfunction proliferating in the early days of the Donald Trump presidency, Canadians have suddenly found themselves dealing with a spike in asylum seekers pouring across our borders. This new class of wanderers, fleeing what they once saw as a safe refuge in the midst of an American Dream, have concluded that the Land of the Free is no longer welcoming, as the Donald's enforcement bullies react to new immigration standards with surprising vigour and enthusiasm.

The current wave of asylum seekers is different from those fleeing the horrors of Syria and Iraq in that they have already entered the United States and are therefore considered to be in a safe third country, making them ineligible to enter by the proper channels. With their status in the United States appearing precarious at best, many have decided that a perilous trek through deep Canadian snow offers them the safety they have fled half way around the world to find.

In the last few weeks, hundreds of people – men, women, and children – have stumbled across the undefended border into the arms of authorities to whom they can, now that they're here, apply for asylum.

While most Canadians have lived up to our welcoming reputation by nodding approvingly at images of RCMP officers gathering up vulnerable children and families and whisking them to warmth and safety, on the greater question of immigration in general, however, evidence is emerging that we might not be as open and tolerant as our reputation would imply. In fact, a recent poll has indicated that nearly half of Canadians

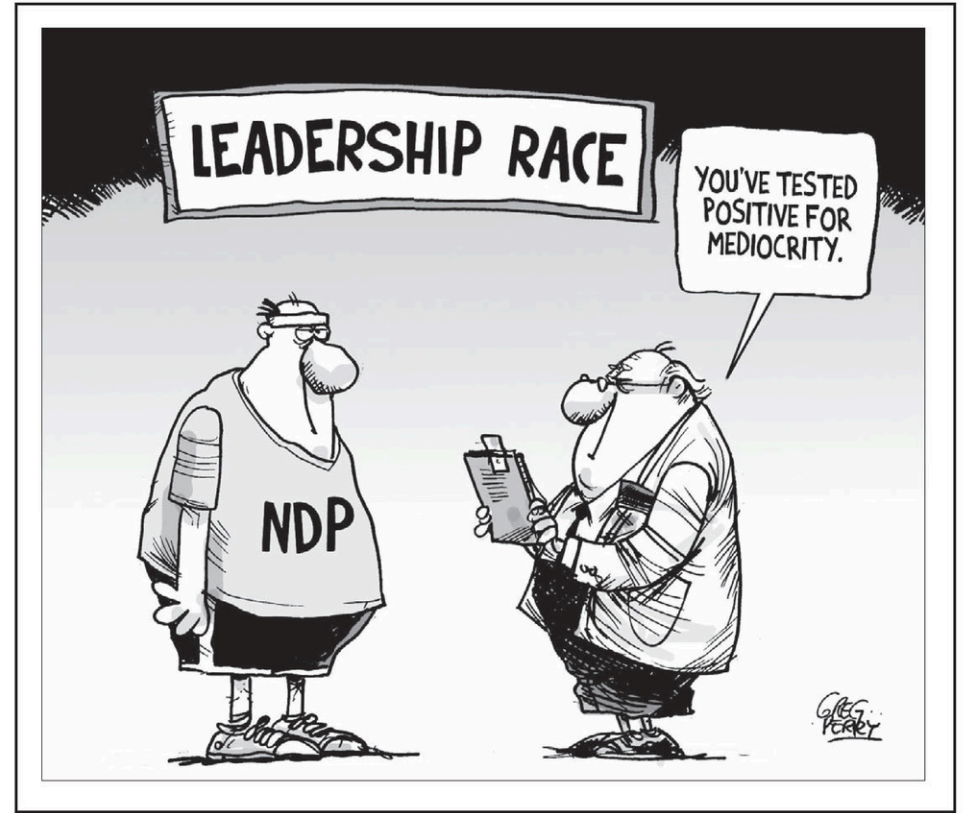
feel Canada is too generous in its refugee and immigration policies.

Canada, of course, is a country that was built by immigrants and one which continues to benefit greatly from the vast number of migrant and immigrant newcomers in our midst. With every mass wave of newcomers, however came a backlash. This was true of the Irish fleeing the famine, Jews from eastern Europe, the Japanese and Chinese who flocked to the west in the 19th and early 20th centuries and the vast numbers of 'displaced persons' fleeing the rubble of World War Two. All were accused of importing strange customs and religions, threatening the public order, and stealing jobs. All have become integral parts of the Canadian mosaic.

If history has a lesson for us, the current wave of desperate newcomers should be no exception. Like their precursors, they can be expected to struggle, face discrimination, find some deeply-held customs and beliefs challenged, and watch as their children inevitably leave their history behind to become Canadian in their speech, habits, and outlook. This is not a painless process, but it has served us well.

Besides facing all the trials and tribulations that face all strangers in a strange land, the most recent wave of refugees is burdened by the irrational associations North Americans have come to see between the religion of Islam and violent religious terrorism. The belief is strong among us that murderous religious fanatics could abuse our hospitality by not blending in with those of peaceful purpose to perpetrate acts of violence against the West – and us.

This fear has proved to be a gold mine for unscrupulous politicians and nativist demagogues, who have nurtured and propagated it for power and profit, leading up to the embrace of the most demonstrably unsuited person ever to seek the White House. Knowing full well, from whence is bread is buttered, the new president has doubled down on his intimidation of the undocumented, sowing confusion and fear among hundreds of thousands of Latino and Muslim residents – as well as those who look foreign enough to distrust. Since the election, incidents in the United States (and Canada)



have surged, feeding a simmering distrust throughout many of our communities.

As spring approaches, we can expect the numbers crossing the border illegally to increase along with temperatures, putting a strain on areas close to the border and far from official crossings. This can put a strain on local resources and leave small communities feeling that they are bearing the brunt of a national crisis.

So far, the astonishment of seeing so many flee from American 'persecution' has kept the Canadian backlash at a minimum, but we shouldn't be arrogant enough to believe that this will continue. Numbers – and costs – will inevitably increase and, as two national political parties seek new leadership, immigration, refugees and our reaction to them will surely become subjects of intense political debate. We need to keep it all in context.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Eastern Townships, like many Canadian regions, experienced an influx of American immigrants fleeing the Vietnam War. Many settled in rural areas bringing with them American self-confidence, brashness, counter-cultural lifestyles, and political aggressiveness. Despite having a common language, shared tradi-

tions, and religious similarities, these newcomers were not always greeted with glee by their new, more stoic neighbours, and tensions remained. Today, they are recognized as having brought new blood, youth and ambition into declining areas.

Today's immigrants are largely more visible and bring with them sharper cultural and religious differences that can make them seem strange. Nevertheless, they are similar to every previous wave of newcomers to our shores. They are fleeing wars and oppression, famine and lack of opportunity. They are seeking a place where they can live and raise their children in safety and prosperity. They are the same as us.

In spite of our record and our good intentions, Canadians must remain aware that waves of immigrants and the backlash against them mark an unbroken trend in our common history. This is not by definition racist, but it can appear to be wrapped in the same fears and distrust that underlie racial hatred.

Soon enough, immigrants from the Middle East will sew their own patch onto the Canadian quilt and the next generation will look back and marvel at our reticence. They'll have someone else to be afraid of by then.

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Local Sports

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Stanstead College Winter athletics

Three of Stanstead College's girls athletic teams made school history this past week.

On Sunday, the Girls Hockey Spartans capped their second undefeated season in the North American Prep Hockey Association (NAPHA) by capturing their second straight playoff title. The girls dominated finalist Northwood School 6-0 in the play-off.

Audrey-Anne Veillette scored just 22 seconds into the final and added another goal a little over a minute later, with team co-captain Stephanie Desjardins then giving Stanstead a 3-0 first period lead. Maude Poulin-Labelle's beautiful shorthanded second period marker was followed by two goals in the third by Desjardins, her hat trick earning the sniper extraordinary player-of-the-game honours.

Stanstead's Alexie Guay was named MVP of the playoffs.

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On Friday, the Senior Girls Basketball Spartans captured the AAESQ McLeod provincial high school championship, defeating Collège Notre-Dame-des-Lourdes of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu 52-47. This was the fifth appearance by Stanstead in the final since the tournament began in 1953 but the first-ever win.

The Spartans made it easily to the final, defeating Heritage 45-15 and Centennial 63-13 in round-robin play and Quebec High 46-11 in the semi-final. The girls faced a fight in the final against NDL, however, and were down by a point at half-time and trailed 38-33 at the end of the third quarter. But the Spartans rallied to a 52-47 win.

Rina Takahashi was named tournament MVP.

This has been an exceptional season for the senior girls. They have won their home invitational, the Montreal Independent Schools and the BCS Invitational tournaments as well as the Bailly Small Schools Provincial Tournament. They were also fi-

nalists at the CAIS national tournament.

Finally, last Wednesday the junior girls basketball team won the AAESQ Jeff Dunn Tournament for the first time since its inception in 2006. The girls defeated Massey-Vanier Regional in dramatic style; down 26-22 at the end of the third quarter, the Spartans scored 16 points in the fourth to win 38-33.

The week earlier, Massey-Vanier had beaten Stanstead in the ETIAC playoff championship.

Emily Willis was named Dunn MVP.

Congratulations to all winter athletes on their excellent seasons. The Winter Athletic Assembly will take place March 15.



The Senior Girls Basketball Spartans



The Girls Hockey Spartans



The Junior girls basketball team

Final Home Game
vs Stanstead College

U18/Varsity Hockey
March 1, 2017 @ 2:30 PM

Venue: Bishop's University

March 8 is International Women's Day

March 8 is a day to celebrate women, whether they are stay-at-home moms, volunteers at the school or library or business owners, it's a way of recognizing the contribution of women in the community and saying thanks.

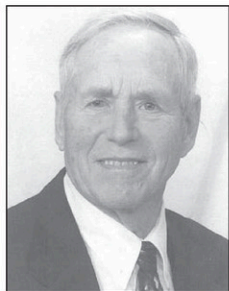
If you would like to recognize a special woman in your life, send us your message (50 words or less) with \$5., or \$10 with a photo, for publication in a special section on March 8.

Email your message (and photo) to classad@sherbrooke.com or drop them off at our office: 6 Mallory, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), J1M 2E2

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Deadline for submissions: March 3, 2017

Death



**Harris NUGENT
(1922-2017)**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Harris Nugent, aged 94, who passed peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on February 24, 2017.

Harris always had a ready smile and a story to tell. He will be sorely missed by family, friends and his community, but will not be forgotten.

Son of Grant and Harriet Nugent, born on November 16, 1922 in Maple Grove. Settled in Cookshire at the age of 13. Farmer, W.W.II veteran, dear husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Husband of the late Gloria Coates, and survived by his dear life companion Geraldine Macaulay, brother Bobby, sons Dany and Kim, and grandchildren Jessica, Scott, Kelly, Julia, and Corey.

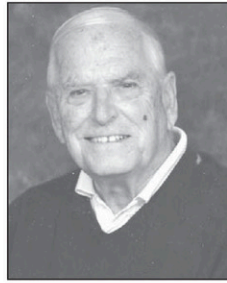
A special thanks to family and friends for the all the phone calls, visits and continuous support, as well as staff at La Maison Aube-Lumière for the wonderful care Harris received.

All are welcome to join us in honoring Harris's life on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Armory in Bury. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be followed by a celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to La Maison Aube-Lumière, 3071, 12e Avenue Nord, Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 5H3.

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Death



**Henry
Harry
BUTLER
(1925-2017)**

Peacefully on February 23, 2017 in Chateauguay, Que. Loving husband of the late Barbara Ball, father of Blair (Jay), Vance, Sonia (Bill), Drew (Carrie), and granddad to Kaila, Tristen, Bryant and Alexander. Retired from a career at Foxboro Canada, he enjoyed the outdoors, skiing, and tennis. Long time member of the Candiac Ideal Club.

Resting at Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Homes (307 Riverside Dr., Saint-Lambert, Que.) on Friday, March 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Graveside service to be held at a later date at Knowlton (Lac Brome).

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Saint-Paul's Anglican Church, 321 Empire Ave., Greenfield Park, QC J4V 1V4.

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Death



**Alan Walter
COX**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alan on January 25, 2017 in his 81st

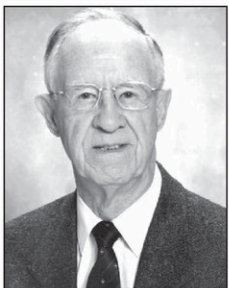
year. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Helen White. Cherished father of Dale (Joan, Karen), Brenda (Bruce), and Karen (Darrell), beloved grandfather of Samantha (Josh), Jordon (Amy), Sarah (Hamed) and Philippe (Hannah). Brother of Jean (Doug) and Donald (Jannette). Brother-in-law of Lyman (Charlotte) and Frances (Jim) and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will meet at the Lennoxville United Church (6 Church St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on Saturday, March 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by the Service, refreshments and social. Private interment.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lennoxville United Church, Sherbrooke Snowshoe Club, Diabetes Association, Cancer Research or charities of your choice.

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Death



**Charles W.
ROSS**

Passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont in Sherbrooke, on Thursday, February 23, 2017, Mr. Charles Ross in his 91st year.

Charles leaves to mourn his loving wife of 66 years, Lena Millar, along with his nieces, nephews, many dear friends, with a special thanks to Jim Thompson for being there for us.

Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), where friends may visit on Friday, March 3rd from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, March 4th at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Blair Ross officiating. Interment in the Malvern Cemetery. There will be a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the staff of the 8th floor surgery, CHUS Fleurimont, for the wonderful care they provided. Donations to The Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte 243N, Cleveland, QC JOB 2H0 would be greatly appreciated.

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In Memoriam

PATTERSON, Gordon - In loving memory of our special Gordon Patterson who left us on March 1, 2004. *May the magic of memories Continue forever.*

**Sadly missed and dearly loved,
your wife
JUNE
and ALL THE FAMILY**

In Memoriam

PATTERSON, Gordon - We fondly remember our dear brother-in-law and uncle who left us on March 1, 2004. *Memories are irreplaceable Gifts to treasure!*

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

Today is the 60th day of 2017 and the 71st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1781, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1803, Ohio was admitted as the 17th U.S. state.

In 1867, Nebraska was admitted as the 37th U.S. state.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy issued an executive order establishing the Peace Corps.

In 2003, Pakistani counterterrorism forces captured al-Qaida operative Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, a principal planner of the 9/11 terror attacks.

In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that capital punishment for crimes committed before the age of 18 was unconstitutional.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frederic Chopin (1810-1849), composer; Glenn Miller (1904-1944), bandleader; David Niven (1910-1983), actor; Harry Caray (1914-1998), sportscaster; Ralph Ellison (1914-1994), author; Yitzhak Rabin (1922-1995), Israeli prime minister; Harry Belafonte (1927-), singer-songwriter/actor;

Roger Daltrey (1944-), singer-songwriter; Ron Howard (1954-), actor/director; Zack Snyder (1966-), filmmaker; Javier Bardem (1969-), actor; Jensen Ackles (1978-), actor; Kesha (1987-), singer; Justin Bieber (1994-), singer.

TODAY'S FACT: The International Criminal Court held its inaugural session in The Hague on this day in 2003.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1969, New York Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle announced his retirement.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I was looking for myself and asking everyone except myself questions which I, and only I, could answer." - Ralph Ellison, "Invisible Man"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 5,335,247 - English-language pages on Wikipedia.org, as of mid-February 2017. Wikipedia estimates that without images, its pages would fill 2,421 volumes of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica."

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 26) and first quarter moon (March 5).

Estate planning is unpleasant

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

Dear Annie

Dear Annie: After a difficult life, I was fortunate to meet and marry the perfect man. He is everything I dreamed of and more. We are blessed with a daughter, who is now doing well at a prestigious university.

Our now-empty nest has been nice and intimate. I was a stay-at-home mom during our daughter's school days, and since our girl went away to college, I have been a stay-at-home wife, supporting my husband the best I can and doing my best to make the few hours he has away from work enjoyable and happy.

But there is one problem we have. He refuses to talk about making plans for how our affairs should be taken care of upon our death. He is in his late 50s, and I am in my 60s. We both are blessed with good health, but I know we will not live forever. But anytime the subject comes up, he shuts down and goes to bed without any discussion. To his credit, he is always short of sleep because of his career, which he is passionate about and I support.

He is so generous and dedicated, but this is one subject he will not deal with. We have no will or trust, but I get the feeling he would be fine with anything I would want to arrange financially. As far as what to do with our bodies upon death goes, though, that's something we would need to decide on together. Even though I am older than he is, my family has a history of living long, and his family does not. And there is always a possibility we will go at the same time in some kind of accident. I wouldn't want my grieving daughter to have to decide what to do with our bodies on top of everything else she would have to deal with. I love this man so much, but I don't know what to do about this. How can I handle this? — Very Happy Family

Dear Happy: Marriage makes life a tag-team sport. Estate planning isn't one of your husband's strong suits, whether it's because he simply feels too tired to face such a big task or he's uncomfortable with the subject of death. Fortunately, you seem equipped to tackle this challenge on behalf of you both.

Tell your husband that you'll prepare a draft of the will and that he can simply sign off on it or make revisions before it's finalized. My guess is that he'll be relieved. Once the will is behind you, you'll have the peace of mind to enjoy the rest of your lives together even more.

Dear Annie: I'm a 75-year-old retired teacher. It doesn't bother me when a store clerk calls me "honey." I'm fine when the young woman who works in my husband's nursing home refers to me as "dear." If the receptionist at my hair salon greets me with "sweetie," no problem. The waitress at my favorite lunch counter often says, "Hi, love. What are we going to have today?" I smile and give her my order. I can't understand why so many older women make a kerfuffle about nothing. You can call me "honey" anytime. — Bonnie in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dear Bonnie: Your laid-back attitude is refreshing — but I assure you, it isn't just women making kerfuffles.

Dear Annie: My son just turned 6 months old, and he is my entire world. I love him to pieces, and I love being a mom more than I thought was possible. I also work full time as a science teacher and softball coach

at the local middle school. When I get home, I am beyond tired.

My husband and I live very close to where we grew up — we are from the same town but didn't meet till after college — and our families are close by. This is super helpful when it comes to last-minute baby-sitting needs, hand-me-down toys and just being around supportive people. But being this close to our families is creating an issue.

Lately, my mother-in-law won't stop asking me when I'm going to get pregnant again. When I say that we're in no rush, she asks pointed questions. For example, "Don't you love being a mom?" "Don't you want your son to grow up with siblings?" Of course I do! And I do want more children, but, Annie, I'm so drained all the time. And I didn't know the strain that a baby would put on my relationship with my husband. I'm barely holding on as is, and I want to take the time to enjoy being with my son. How do I get my mother-in-law to back off without offending her? I don't want to have another fight. But I'm not ready for another kid, either. — Tired in Tulsa

Dear Tired: Your mother-in-law's pointed questions are best met with a soft — but clear — response. You might say something like, "I am overjoyed by how excited you are to be a grandma. Thank you so much for the help you've given your son and me. We definitely want siblings, but I'm not nearly ready to think about that yet. When I am ready, I promise you'll be the first to know."

If she continues scanning the sky for storks and giving you the third degree, enlist your husband for support. He can get away with being more blunt. After all, he is her baby boy.

Dear Annie: You advised someone ("Sudden Loss for Words in TN") how to discuss a recent death, a suicide, with someone who misses the decedent greatly. I can tell you what I did and how it turned out.

In the early 1960s, the mother of a chum died suddenly of a condition that was very seldom fatal. Her widower, son and daughters were shattered, but they coped, being all strong people. I was about 20 years old and knew the woman only tangentially, but I wrote a letter of condolence. I stressed that I remembered my chum's mother and would for the rest of my life. Last month, I had a rare visit from my friend, who is now a hale septuagenarian like me. He remembered my letter and my vow to remember his mother and said that he had felt comforted by the simple fact that I remembered her.

Of course, I have many family members to remember now, as well as more than a few chums, but I, too, am strong, and I cope.

I think you might advise your correspondent in Tennessee to report that she remembers the absent friend and will do so steadfastly. That declaration might encourage the grieving family members who hear it. Dead people who are remembered are still with us, in a way.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our 60s and have lived in our community for almost 20 years. The community has mostly retired couples, many of whom

have been friends for years.

We have three adult children, who are all settled and successful. However, four years ago, our 36-year-old son became addicted to painkillers after an injury that required surgery and physical therapy. He lost his job and spent four months in jail. He has been clean for three years, and last year, we welcomed him back home. He found a job and is doing well.

Our dilemma is that we do not feel comfortable entertaining anymore because it always involves alcohol. — Concerned Parents

Dear Concerned: You cannot control your son, and ultimately his continued recovery is up to him and him alone. That said, I don't think you should bring alcohol into the house while he's living there.

Not all entertaining involves alcohol, especially luncheons or get-togethers over activities or sports. But if you'd really like to have a dinner party and you want to serve alcohol, tell your son in advance and persuade him to be out of the house until the guests have left. Then give away or dump out all the extra booze.

After losing his job and spending four months in jail, he probably made his sobriety No. 1 in his life. It is the most important thing in keeping him alive, and as long as he is living with you, it should also be No. 1 in your lives — way ahead of hosting parties for friends.

Dear Annie: My heart goes out to "Confused Young Life in California," who wrote to you from prison. It seems he has given up on himself and is resigned to a life behind bars.

I would encourage him to never give up and never give in. Prison is no life for him. My advice to him is to set some goals for the future. He should take advantage of any educational programs that are offered at the institution, read any books he can get his hands on and seek out programs that will help to further his well-being and education.

Three years ago, I began mentoring a young man who has been incarcerated nine years of his life. He is now 27 years old. I offered to mentor him and finance a two-year degree for him if he did the work. I was able to get him enrolled in a correspondence program for inmates at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He did the work and passed the course. We continue to work toward his educational goals.

My goal in mentoring is to help a young person reintegrate into society. I have found this way of giving back to be very rewarding. We have established trust and open lines of communication and have shared many of our life stories. I am very proud of the man he has grown into over the few years I have known him. His release date is this month, and he will pursue his college education upon his release.

I would appeal to your audience to think about possibly committing to mentoring a young person who is incarcerated.

I hope "Confused" gets the mentoring and help he needs to realize a better future. It will start and end with him — if he sets his mind to his future and never looks back. God bless and keep him. — Mentor From Wisconsin

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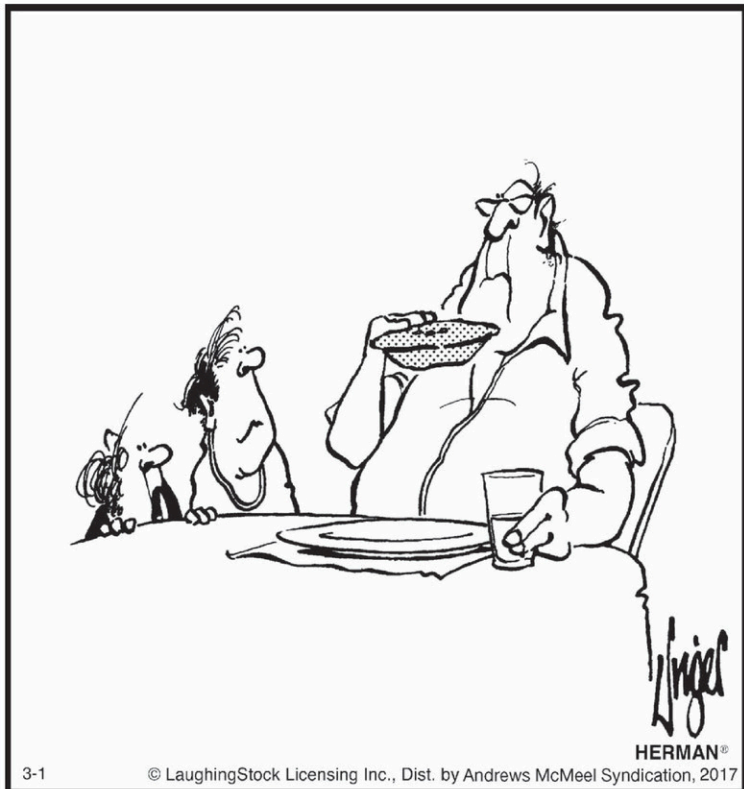
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Previous Solution: "There are so many people in the world with so little. Who cares why you decide to help?" - Amy Poehler
TODAY'S CLUE: C equals d

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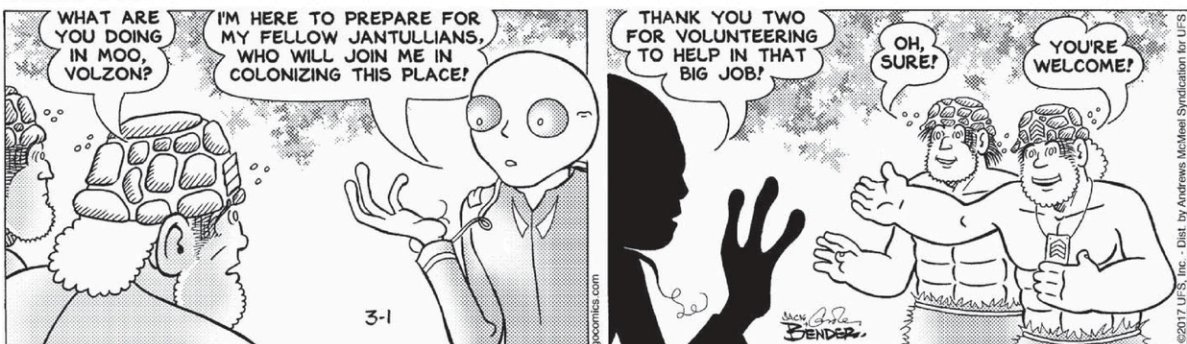


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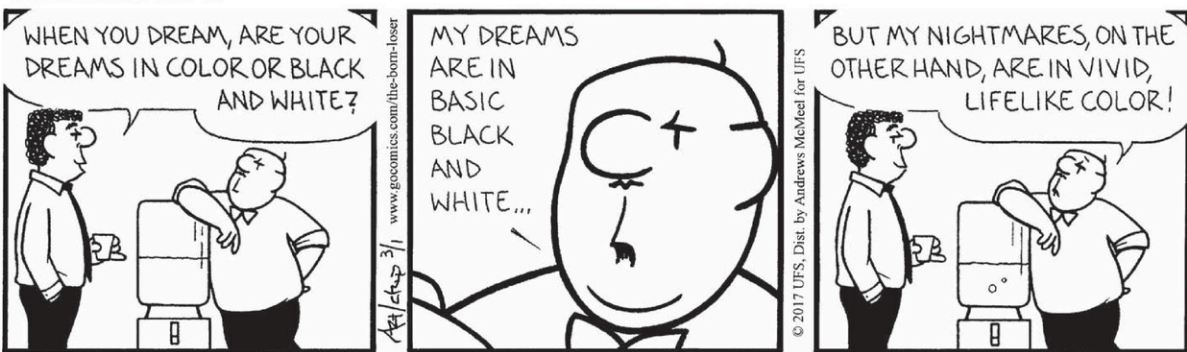
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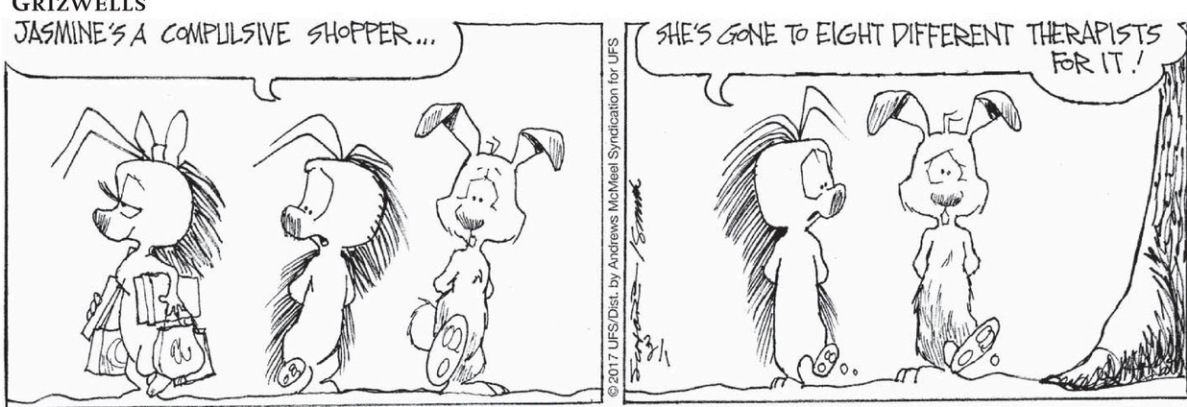
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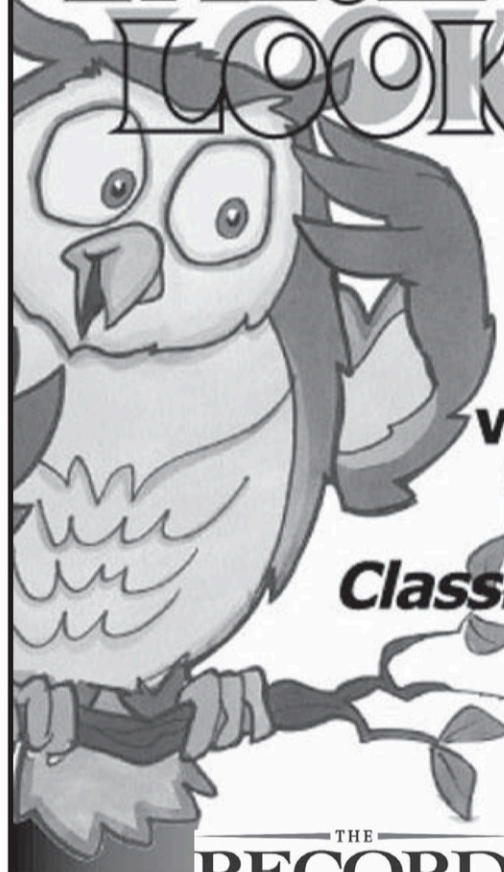
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make self-improvement your goal. If you are proud of your accomplishments, others will recognize and honor what you achieve as well. Romance is highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone will try to involve you in a dubious plan or pressure you into buying something you don't need. Be firm and you will avoid reckless behavior. Choose personal benefits over added liabilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't let minuscule problems spiral out of control. Address issues head-on, and do whatever needs to be done so that you can continue down your path of choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Refuse to be a follower. Do your own thing and don't feel left out if no one joins you. The solitude will bring you peace of mind and insight into what's best for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Networking can bring about change if you are concise and only promise what you can deliver. If you nurture relationships with those close to you, you will always have someone to lean on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A trip or conference will cost more than anticipated. Don't jeopardize your financial position just to keep up with your peers, relatives or neighbors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Join forces with someone as talented and intelligent as you are. A physical change will add to your appeal. Romance is in the stars.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

Make it expensive for him to win

By Phillip Alder

Joey Adams, a comedian and columnist who died in 1999, said "A psychiatrist is a fellow who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks for nothing."

At the bridge table, it is sometimes a question of making it too expensive for an opponent to win a trick — as in this deal. How can South make four spades after West leads the diamond king to declarer's ace?

South's four-spade overcall was sensible. He needed little from partner to be making game, he knew a slam was unlikely and he wanted to make it expensive for the opponents to bid higher.

South started with nine top tricks: seven spades, one heart and one diamond. He could get an extra winner if (a) he could play the trump suit without loss; or (b) the heart finesse worked; or (c) he could gain a club trick; or (d) he could ruff a club on the board.

However, the bidding suggested that both major-suit finesses were losing. Also, West was most unlikely to have the club ace and king, because he surely would have led that ace at trick one.

Then South saw the solution. He played a heart to dummy's ace and led the club four. What could East have done?

North				03-01-17
♠ 7 4				
♥ A Q 6 3				
♦ 9 8 5 3 2				
♣ J 4				
West		East		
♠ K 5		♠ 2		
♥ 8 7 2		♥ K J 10 9 5		
♦ K Q J 10		♦ 7 6 4		
♣ A 10 7 6		♣ K 9 8 3		
South				
♠ A Q J 10 9 8 6 3				
♥ 4				
♦ A				
♣ Q 5 2				
Dealer: West				
Vulnerable: East-West				
South	West	North	East	
	1♦	Pass	1♥	
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ K				

If he rose with his king, declarer would have gained a club trick from the jack opposite the queen-five. So East played low. But when West took South's queen with his ace, he couldn't win, either. He did his best by returning a club. East won with his king and shifted to his trump, but declarer took the trick with his ace and ruffed his last club on the board.

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Across

- 1 Article
- 5 Die down
- 8 Military action toys
- 14 Something frowned upon
- 15 Graphic introduction?
- 16 Harm
- 17 *U.S. Steel co-founder
- 19 Roofer's supply
- 20 "August: ___ County": Meryl Streep film
- 21 Spinal column part
- 23 Words on a candy heart
- 25 "CHiPs" co-star Erik
- 27 Newspaper VIPs
- 28 Crèche figure
- 31 Like Parmesan cheese
- 32 "Didn't I tell you?"
- 33 Peas, for shooters
- 34 Racetrack equipment

- 36 "Whiplash" Best Supporting Actor
- 38 Wealthy campaign donor
- 41 Picture framing materials
- 42 Orch. section
- 45 "It's not too early to call"
- 46 Sprain support
- 47 Dove's call
- 48 New York brewery known for its cream ale
- 51 College choices
- 54 Turncoat
- 57 "Pardon me," in Palermo
- 58 Singer Warwick
- 59 *Peter Pan creator
- 61 "Imagine so"
- 62 Bird on Australia's coat of arms
- 63 Some celebs have delicate ones
- 64 "Almost ready"
- 65 Dollop
- 66 Took off

- 26 Website pop-ups, e.g.
- 29 Bordeaux buddy
- 30 Matriarchal nickname
- 33 Wanted poster initials
- 34 ___ pole
- 35 MetLife's business: Abbr.
- 36 *Retail chain founder
- 37 AAA handout
- 38 Newton fruit
- 39 Explorer Vespucci for whom the New World was named
- 40 Turn a deaf ear to
- 42 Cause of calamity

- 43 Twisting force
- 44 Most cheerful
- 46 Twinings product
- 49 Sixth ___
- 50 Cast out
- 52 Simile words
- 53 Clothing chain ... or what the answers to starred clues comprise?
- 55 Played mixes at mixers, briefly
- 56 Jane Austen novel
- 58 Racket
- 60 Mac

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- Down**
- 1 Humor for a select few
 - 2 On the open deck
 - 3 All together
 - 4 Classic music synthesizers
 - 5 ___ McMuffin
 - 6 Cleaver nickname
 - 7 Talus or radius
 - 8 Central points
 - 9 Small bay
 - 10 "Lost" co-creator
 - 11 Serious injustice
 - 12 What may be charged for books?
 - 13 French possessive
 - 18 Sleep acronym
 - 22 Pickett's Charge soldier
 - 24 Nightmare loc. of film

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