

Townshippers' Day to return this fall

Celebration of English community to be hosted by local high schools

By Gordon Lambie

Comments by a commissioner at the Tuesday night Eastern Townships School Board Council of Commissioners meeting revealed that Townshippers' Day's return this fall will be hosted by Richmond Regional High School. Townshippers' Association President Gerald Cutting had confirmed to the Record in January that Townshippers' was in the process of finalizing a three year agreement with a new partner for the return of the event to celebrate the local English community. Tuesday night's revelation makes it clear that the partner in question is the ETSB and that the three years will cover an event at each of the board's regional high schools.

Although no formal announcement was made, in the course of the meeting Commissioner Gary Holliday made reference to discussion with members of the Townshippers' Association at a recent governing board meeting in Richmond, where it was agreed that the school would host the event.

Speaking with The Record on Wednesday morning, Cutting would not directly confirm any new details about the event, but he did say that the announcement at the meeting put the news out a little sooner than the partners had originally hoped.

"We are in the process of drafting a joint statement," the President said, noting that the organization had hoped to take more time to craft the announcement together.

Although Cutting was clearly

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Columbian student visit at Knowlton Academy



COURTESY

For several years now, our students have been very lucky to receive visits from students from different schools. This year a group of 34 students from Columbia came to Knowlton to visit our school. They skied 4 times with our school ski program and participated in many different activities with all the classes. Look for more Knowlton Academy news in tomorrow's Record.



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Prom duress



ROSS MURRAY

While recent history indicates that things are far from ideal, there is no question that women have made significant progress in the last half century. With greater access to careers, politics and high-power positions, women can now be just as overworked and miserable as men.

I am especially encouraged by young women, who embrace empowerment like never before. And yet, as boldly feminist as they may be, just as they're about to enter adulthood, these young women go to prom, and all of a sudden they are Scarlet O'Hara.

The problem is not so much the glittering gowns, the flowing trains, the plunging necklines, the tastefully bared midriffs, the assemblage of enough material to provide shelter for a mid-sized refugee camp. In principle, there's nothing wrong with young women dressing up in elaborate outfits that make it difficult to perform everyday tasks, like bending. It's the burden of the procedure that makes me wonder. It's the prom dress oppression.

I am currently on my third daughter in search of a prom dress. It's February. The prom is in June. I point this out, but

Abby looks at me like I know nothing. It's the usual look she gives me these days, but in this case she backs it up with fact: "This is the time you get your dress, Dad." I can't argue with that.

Tremendous thought and energy are going into this dress. This dress is fraught with significance. Lives are hanging in the balance with this dress. There have been two dress-shopping excursions already and more are planned. I will not be invited. Abby's in a bit of a frenzy. I'm in a bit of a frenzy too, because I know the bill is coming.

Meanwhile, in an upstairs closet hang the two prom dresses worn by her older sisters. Once. Worn one single night each, and if I recall correctly, one of those nights ended up in a damp farmer's field. (The field was damp, not the farmer, though you never know.)

I try to convince Abby that she doesn't have to wear an elaborate, uber-formal dress to her prom, and not just because I'm cheap. I tell her it's merely social convention, a weird ritual that compels young women to costume themselves in extravagant finery that is completely foreign to who they are. She can wear whatever she wants, I tell her. She can wear pants. Her response is another one of those looks.

It wouldn't be so bad if it weren't for the fact that the boys in the equation are likely to spend a total of 10 minutes flipping through a tuxedo rental catalogue, point at a style and that will be that. They might even do it online. And it will likely be cheaper. The big challenge will be the tie, and chances are their dates have already told them to match the dress. "Something called 'teal'...?" they'll mutter.

Some might not even go that far. In my final year of high school, I played Al-gernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, complete with morning suit – the jacket, the waistcoat, ascot, the whole posh shebang. Pretty much the same as a tux, right? So, yes, I wore a theatre costume to prom. Hey, it was the eighties; no one looked good.

Of course, there was also the burden of buying the corsage ("Something called 'fuchsia'...?"), although comparing corsage shopping to prom dress shopping is like complaining to a woman about what a drag it is being a man because you have to shave every day, something, incidentally, a man should never, ever say at certain times of the month.

Why do we have this ritual at all, this late-teen pageantry so unlike their natural wardrobe, i.e. no decent place to stash a cell phone? Why in particular does this rite of passage put such pressure on girls – emotionally, stylistically, financially? Why not something more gender equalized, like square dancing or skydiving?

Perhaps the prom dress is a way of telling young girls that, even now, there is great intricacy lying before them. Manhood may have its cummerbund-like complexities, to be sure, but in terms of what's ahead for boys, manhood is essentially a rental. Womanhood, on the other hand, requires thought, creativity and the courage to wear strapless. It will be bright and stunning and possibly uncomfortable. The prom dress is the idea of female possibility, and when they make that entrance, oh how they'll all gasp!

Just like I will when I see the bill.

Townshippers' Day

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enthusiastic about the idea of talking about Townshippers' Day, he explained that both Townshippers' and their new partner had agreed to wait on sharing any details until both groups were ready to do so together.

The Townshippers' Association announced the cancellation of the 2017 Townshippers' Day in April of last year, citing declining interest in the event and difficulties in getting new communities

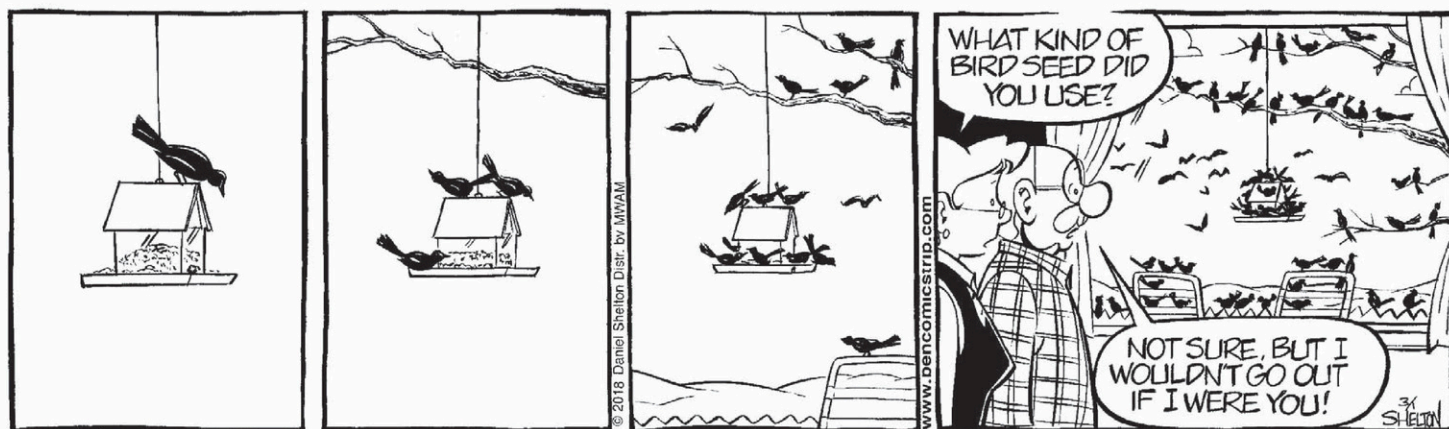
to host. At the time, Cutting told the *Record* that the annual gathering was being put on hiatus in order to find a more sustainable way of operating and to look at what would make the events interesting and exciting for visitors.

In the months following the decision, the association gathered feedback on Townshippers' Day from a range of sources and engaged in a significant reflection process.

"It was always coming back this year," Townshippers' Executive Director Rachel

Hunting said, echoing Cutting's statement that although an official announcement is imminent, the parties involved in the new partnership are not ready to talk about the details yet. As a result, it remains to be seen what may have been changed about Townshippers' Day based on the feedback of the local community, other than the idea of partnering with the local school board.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"They won't do something until someone gets hurt. I don't want my son to be the example," he said.

Board won't bend on bus policy

By Matthew McCully

Local parent Mike Pezzi worries every time his 11-year-old son walks down the narrow shoulder of the road to reach the school bus pickup spot.

Pezzi said his repeated requests to the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) have been denied for a pickup in front of his home even though the bus passes by his address twice during the route.

Pezzi lives in Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton on Rue Principale, which is a provincial road (Route 249).

His son is required to walk along the shoulder of the road. There is a sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, but Pezzi said it is not cleared in the winter.

"It's not a long walk," Pezzi said, explaining that it is roughly 160 metres, the equivalent of four houses down the street. "It's not a question of distance. It's a safety issue," Pezzi said, explaining that there is substantial traffic and the 50km/h speed limit is not respected.

Pezzi added that the recent freezing and thawing has made the walk very icy.

According to Pezzi, the bus passes by his house in the morning on its way to pick up a high school student further down the road. When he sees it pass, his son heads out and walks down the road to board the bus at the predetermined stop.

Pezzi first asked his son's bus driver if she could make the additional stop in front of his home. She said Pezzi had to contact ETSB transportation coordinator Bruce Banfill.

Pezzi said since October, he has raised the concern with Banfill as well as then-Director of Operations Michel Soucy and Secretary General Éric Campbell, all of whom denied the request.

Pezzi said he was told Soucy had contacted the local French school to find out how their students from that area get to school. According to Pezzi, because the French students in the vicinity walk to school, he said he was told it was acceptable for his son to walk on the same road to the bus.

"Just because they do it, doesn't mean it's right," Pezzi said.

"They won't do something until someone gets hurt. I don't want my son to be the example," he said.

Compounding Pezzi's frustration is the fact that he is a former bus driver himself for Autobus B. Dion.

He said he cannot understand why one additional stop, requiring no detour, and in the interest of his son's safety, was being refused.

"It's a matter of a minute. It would take 5-10 minutes per week, if that," Pezzi estimated.

The Record contacted Transportation Coordinator Bruce Banfill for an explanation. He referred the question to ETSB Communications Consultant Sharon Priest.

Priest confirmed that the board had received a request for consideration in that area. She explained that based on the distance the student is required to walk, and the parameters of the transportation policy, the request was denied.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

ETSB needs a new school in Drummondville

By Matthew McCully

Eastern Townships School Board Chairman Michael Murray's report at Tuesday evening's Council of Commissioners meeting was focused on the need for a new school in Drummondville.

"The cafeteria is being used as classroom space," Murray said, adding that Pre-K classes are being held in a church basement across the street from the school.

Enrollment has been increasing steadily in recent years and the school is currently bursting at the seams. The board is hoping for approval from the ministry for a new building sooner than later. Murray said the process to have a new school built would take around two years.

The board announced the appointment of Marie-André Cloutier as Assistant Director of the International Student Program.

In her Director General's report, Kandy Mackey talked about intentional-

ity of excellence and the importance of a positive mindset.

Rather than strive to be excellent, Mackey explained the ETSB community should wake up in the morning and make the conscious decision to be excellent on purpose. She also wished students and staff a relaxing March break.

During question period, Appalachian Teachers' Association President Megan Seline asked the board about the status about the ententes with the Val des Cerfs school board.

Assistant Director Michel Soucy said that the two boards have met a few times and intend to accelerate the negotiation process. They have made a timeline for certain agreements by June, but Soucy said it was too soon to name them.

Seline then asked who was on the negotiating team.

Soucy replied that the DG (Kandy Mackey), the assistant DG (Soucy) and finance director (Sophie Leduc) were dealing with the Val des Cerfs ententes.

Later in the meeting Seline asked about the Our Schools survey and if it

was being given to students only or parents and teachers as well.

Kandy Mackey replied that for the first year it was being given to parents and teachers as well, and there would be more details to come soon.

Audit committee presented resolutions for seven renovation projects, including bathroom renovations at Sawyerville Elementary, Butler and Ayer's Cliff Elementary, the removal of a septic tank and restoration of crawlspace at Mansonville Elementary, roof work at Massey-Vanier, Roof and front entrance work at North Hatley, and bathroom and electrical work at Parkview.

Education Services Advisory Committee presented a resolution to designate a representative to sign an agreement with the minister of culture and communication for the acquisition of books for ETSB schools.

Chairman Murray drew attention to the fact that it took just as long to read a resolution for \$5,700 in books as it did for resolutions spending hundreds of thousands on school renovations.

"The irony is not lost on us," Murray said.

He then asked Complimentary Services Director Gail Kelso if the resolution had any impact on pedagogy or special needs students.

Kandy Mackey replied that some of the smaller schools in the ETSB could likely benefit from additional books, adding that the ETSB's travelling library could use books as well.

"How much do we have to kick in to get this \$5,700?" Murray then asked. Mackey replied that agreement for the books would not cost the ETSB anything.

For the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) report, Parent Commissioner Cindy Véronneau said there was a new project in the works to develop a list of resources for parents of students with special needs and add it to the ETSB website under a SEAC tab.

Véronneau explained that the list would include community resources from across the territory and invited parents to get in contact with SEAC with recommendations to add to the list.

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School Page

Massey-Vanier High School

Kids helping kids



For the past two years, students at Massey-Vanier High School have been collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans in support of the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children. The Shriners collect tabs throughout the province and recycle them to support projects at the hospital. M-V's donation last year was a whopping 43 kg (103 lbs.) of tabs! This year, students are also collecting cans and trading them in for cash.

Last week, members of M-V's Students' Council, accompanied by local Shriners Dexter Larose and Xavier Guillaud, went on a tour of the hospital to see what their tab-collecting helps to support.

The tour started at the hospital's museum with the history of the Shriners and the hospital in Montreal. Built in

1925, the hospital originally focused on treating children with polio and TB.

The arrival of vaccines changed the hospital's mission, and it now specializes in treating critical orthopaedic conditions, including osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease) and severe spinal and limb abnormalities. The hospital offers a full array of services from reconstructive surgery to rehabilitation, regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

As the students walked throughout the building, they were struck by the care taken to make the facility child-friendly. "Seeing what they've done to make it an environment of hope and progress was incredibly inspiring and heartwarming. It's hard for a hospital, especially one for children, to avoid the bleak reality of the severity of illness, but

Alison Frendo

When Alison Frendo took a hip hop class at the Knowlton Community Centre at the age of 4, who would have known it would turn into an amazing life ride for this West Bolton 14 year old! Since those early days Alison has gone on to become a competitive dancer at Studio Tendanse in Granby and a member of the dance concentration program at Massey Vanier under the supervision of Tamara Burcombe.

Alison is a member of Teenagers, a crew of 5 girls (Alison Frendo, Coralie Dubois, Kilianne Rufiange, Isanne Fleury and Alexia Hébert) from the Knowlton/Granby area. The crew has had stellar success in their 4 years together, including winning the gold medal at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships in 2016. Their latest adventure has them competing on Danser Pour Gagner, Quebec's version of America's Best Dance Crew. The girls are competing against all adult crews



and have succeeded through 5 weeks of the competition so far. You can tune in and support them in the 6th episode that takes place live on Tele-V and noovo.ca this Wednesday at 7:30pm. Go Teenagers!!

somehow Shriners does it," said Cassandra Pegg.

The next stop on the tour was the Simulation Theatre, a centre dedicated to perfecting medical procedures through sophisticated technological simulations. Here, the students "met" José, a fifty-thousand dollar, high-fidelity medical simulator in the form of a 6-year-old child. They also learned how to suture, using simulated skin!

After lunch, the students visited a

casting room and learned about different kinds of casts, and then went to the motion analysis and therapy centre. Again, the importance of technology in the diagnosis and treatment of patients was evident at every station.

Next came the state-of-the-art research labs. The Montreal hospital is known world-wide for its research breakthroughs and innovative treatments.

The final stop was in the Child Life Centre, which features a classroom and large and colourful play areas with all kinds of toys and games. "The centre was really friendly-looking and had cute decorations," noted Anders Koraen. "All the centres had themes to them, and the Child Life Centre's theme was 'underwater.' There were large fish tanks filled with Lego fish and bubble lights hanging from the ceiling."

Everyone left the hospital with a feeling of admiration and a determination to step up the tab and can campaign. "This visit really opened my eyes to the complexity of the treatments and how collecting tabs can truly help the patients. It has inspired me to help, and to get others to help as well," said Christina Ciurlej.

Hayley Bouchard

Recently the students of Massey-Vanier High School were asked to submit designs for a school logo. There has always been a school mascot, the Viking, and a school crest, but they were in need of something more.

Out of all of the submissions, Hayley Bouchard's design was the one that was picked!!!

In the upcoming weeks Hayley will meet with a graphic artist and together they will tweak the image to become the new school logo.

Stay tuned for the big reveal!!!!

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The Border Report

Phelps is one of the best examples of teamwork that I have had the privilege to be a part of.

PHELPS AIDE PHELPS HELPS

By Clea Corman

Teamwork has always been a central part of Phelps. The opportunity to work collaboratively often generates that spark that ignites something truly special. The concept of Phelps started from two individuals brainstorming about how to address a real need within the community, and then reaching out to local resources to make a plan of action. Many community members knew that the systemic issue within Stanstead – one in three students do not finish high school – was never going to be effectively tackled by a single person; local youth needed a motivated team to support them. From the amazing work of our co-founders, to the dedication of

our board, to the commitment of our staff and to the enthusiasm of our volunteers, Phelps is one of the best examples of teamwork that I have had the privilege to be a part of. As a small rural non-profit, Phelps has faced many obstacles, but they have been overcome by the creativity and hard work of its team. Teamwork offers support, encouragement and a different perspective. With our younger students, we encourage teamwork through hands-on challenges, showing them the infinite number of outcomes possible when working with others. On Tuesday evening, we had 24 high school students arrive after school, ready to study and do homework. As a team, our staff and volunteers welcomed them and made sure that every



student was provided the individualized support they needed, whether it was math help, sitting in a quiet corner with one of our laptops or simply talking about the school day while working on a study guide. It was Hellen Keller that once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps is a rural community non-profit striving to reduce the elevated drop-out rate in the

Stanstead area. Phelps was started in 2012 and has grown from a single program to seven unique programs, providing Stanstead area youth with free tutoring, educational and career support and hands-on learning from Grade 3 to the end of high school and further. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.

FRONTIER ANIMAL SOCIETY

Featured pets: Missy & Thyme

This week we've decided to feature both Missy and Thyme. They do not have to be adopted together, they aren't related or bonded in anyway but admittedly they do make for a cute couple.

Missy is an angel of a cat who has been in our care since late summer. At first she was very quiet and reserved and struggled to find her place amongst so many big personalities. Even then, when a visitor or volunteer would take the time to seek her out, she always welcomed affection easily and seemed to enjoy the attention. Missy was rescued from a barn along with two of her siblings and although it had been our in-

tention to sterilize and return them, all were quite social and we knew they had the potential to be friendly and sociable house cats. Both siblings have since been adopted and now it's Missy's turn. In the last few weeks, Missy has really come out of her shell and it turns out she has quite the big personality herself. She is proving to be curious and playful and is so much more outgoing, especially with those she has come to know. As much as she has adapted to shelter living, we know she will be far happier in a home where she can settle in to a comfortable routine. If you are looking for a sweet, gentle and affectionate cat, please consider Missy. Missy is two.

Thyme who arrived when he was about 6 months, is a lovely and playful young cat who came into our care after being found abandoned in an empty apartment. Thyme, who we often refer to as Mr. Congeniality, has a great personality and a very even-keeled temperament. He is confident, happy go lucky and affectionate and somehow he has mastered the ability to get along with each and every cat in our colony. Even our most crotchety cats seem to tolerate him. He is good-natured, very engaged and full of life and love. He is also quite handsome. Thyme is approximately one.

If you are looking for a new addition to your family, one who we have every

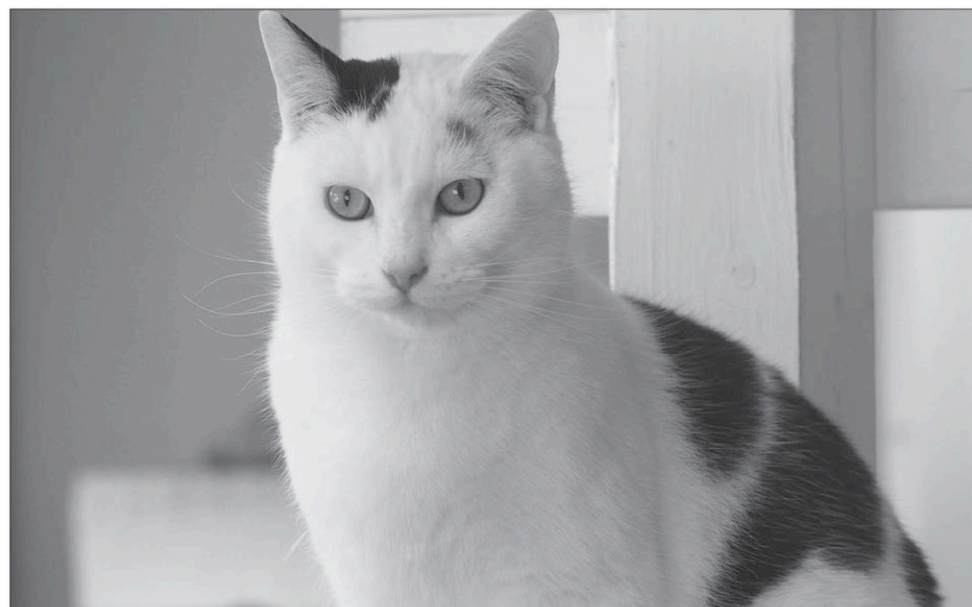
reason to believe will integrate nicely into a home with other cats, Thyme may well be your guy.

If you have room in your home and in your heart for one (or both!) of these cats and would like to inquire about adoption, please send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or call the shelter at 819.876.7785.

To meet Missy and Thyme or any of our adoptable cats, please consider stopping by the shelter for our weekly cat adoption open house which takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m to noon at 2405 Griffin (Route 247) in Ogden. Visits by appointment can also be arranged.



Missy



Thyme

EDITORIAL

The whole thing, as I said earlier, needs to be intricately planned from the word "go".

An amateur's guide to renovation



TIM BELFORD

As many of you know from following this space on a weekly basis my bride and I have been carrying out kitchen renovations. Well, I am happy to report the deed is done with only a few minor tasks and a little touch-up painting to come. It would be remiss of me, however, to not pass on a little advice to those who are thinking of attempting the same sort of life-changing experience. This, then, is what I have learned.

Plan ahead. You can never start the preparation process too early. There are myriad organizational hoops to jump through from choosing the right cabinet makers to picking an electrician who is familiar with your inevitably inadequate wiring. Fortunately, the love of my life possesses planning and executional skills not seen since Eisenhower carried out the D-Day landing in 1944 so all went smoothly.

Pick the right carpenter/handyman and do it early. This is essential since the average independent contractor is normally booked months in advance. The best ones can have a waiting list that rivals any orthopedic surgeon within the provincial health system. Waiting two years for a hip replacement pales when compared to the possible delay in having a new floor laid.

Be prepared for surprises. Taking up an old kitchen floor and removing no longer needed counters and cabinets is much like carrying out an archeological dig. Not only is it painstakingly slow and extremely arduous, it can also unearth unforeseen treasures as well as unforeseen troubles. In our case, when the ply-

wood and tile of the floor were removed it revealed another floor beneath it. When this was removed, plywood and tile, low and behold another layer of tile remained to be stripped off. On the up side, if anyone should ask, I am now familiar with tile design and colour schemes dating back twenty, forty and sixty-five years.

Be prepared for short periods of activity and longer periods of waiting. This is simply because renovating a kitchen, or any other room I presume, is very much like that old spiritual, Dem

Bones. First recorded in 1928 it goes something like this:

*"The leg bone's connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone,*

*The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord."*

In the case of renovations it's more like this:

"The cabinets can't come in until the floor's done,

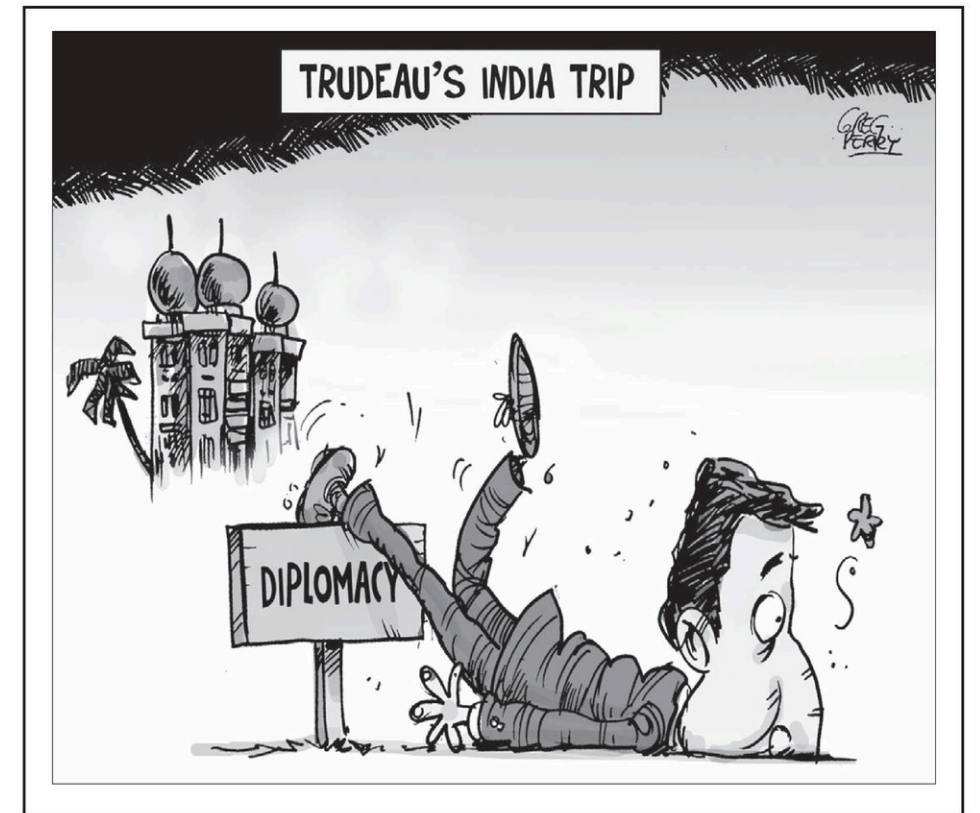
The electrician can't work until the cabinet's in,

The plumber has to wait for the countertops,

And the back splash is the last job to do."

The whole thing, as I said earlier, needs to be intricately planned from the word "go". Even then there are always unforeseen delays. Many of these are caused by the fact that after sixty years or so nothing in an old kitchen is square, level, smooth or plumb. This results in twisting, shimming, sanding, warping and, in my case, a liberal application of the amateur carpenter's best friend - Poly-Fil.

Then there's the dust. The only adequate preparation for this is to probably spend a couple of weeks vacationing in a resort somewhere in the middle of the Sahara to acclimatize yourself. The sixty-year-old dirt loosened when cabinets, counters and floors are removed is, I am sure, muchlike that released by Howard Carter when he opened Tu-



tankhamun's tomb in 1923 and let loose the famous curse of the Pharaoh. There is saw dust, plaster dust, sanding dust and dust I couldn't even recognize. It settles everywhere throughout the house, coating furniture, tables and any flat surface. And it remains for weeks.

The most important thing I learned

throughout all this is that, like all events in life, renovations require calm, patience and a partner willing to put up with your dark side, particularly when the stupid piece of moulding doesn't fit after the fifteenth cut.

Commentary

Budget 2018: Liberals don't go after the roots of problems

Quebecers who demanded that the federal government crack down on tax havens and loopholes that benefit the wealthiest are right to be dissatisfied, not to mention that despite the Quebec consensus, the Liberals did not have the courage to ask web giants such as Netflix to pay their fair share.

Budgets are opportunities to make choices: the Liberals have chosen to continue giving tax favors to wealthy CEOs and corporations while asking the rest of us to settle for less. They refuse to tackle the tax loophole on stock options for wealthy CEOs and they offer tax breaks to large multinationals. With priorities like these, it's only natural that Quebecers feel that there are two worlds.

The Minister of Finance's budget does not provide any measure that would prevent a company like Sears in Sherbrooke from having shareholders or priority creditors come before employee benefits and pension plans. For Justin Trudeau, there is no problem with this legalized theft of workers' pensions.

Despite improvements made to make automatic guaranteed income supplement membership automatic, I regret that nothing is being done by the Trudeau government to ensure that all seniors actually receive it.

It is extremely disappointing that the government is not taking the Auditor General's revelations seriously to improve the quality and delivery of Canada Revenue Agency services. In addition to seeing that Sherbrooke residents will have to wait until later to see the infrastructure spending promised arrive. The budget does not include anything to develop our regional airports such as Sherbrooke Airport or to fund regional passenger train projects.

Quebecers are right to be disappointed. While this budget does not present a plan to reduce inequalities; on the contrary, it may even increase them. It shows how Bill Morneau and Justin Trudeau are disconnected from the everyday reality; from Mr. and Mrs. Everyone.

There is no urgency to take action in the opioid crisis, the astronomical costs of housing, unaffordable child care, the high cost of prescription drugs, the poverty of our seniors, and the theft of Sears workers' pensions. The Liberals had a golden opportunity to tackle the inequities, and they missed it once again.

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Local Sports

The Bantam lady Vikings went undefeated in the Eastern Townships league this season.

Massey-Vanier Athletics

1-Our Massey-Vanier Wrestling team was very successful this year finishing 4th out of 10 teams in the RSEQ-GMAA league despite having only 7 wrestlers. 3 wrestlers medalled at the Provincial Championships in Saint-Césaire, QC on February 24. Jordan Messier won bronze, Nick Bates won silver, and Charles Blanchard won gold medals. With his first place finish at the provincials, Charles qualified and will attend the Canadian Nationals Championship in Edmonton, Alberta in April.

2-The bantam girls basketball team

captured the ETIAC banner as regular season champions and then defeated Stanstead College in a playoff final to win the ETIAC playoff trophy on February 21st. The lady Vikings went undefeated in the Eastern Townships league this season.

3-The junior girls basketball team qualified for the QSSSA Dunn Provincial Tournament and will compete in the one day event on February 28th at Centennial Regional High School in Greenfield Park, QC.

4-The senior boys basketball team are currently in 2nd place in the RSEQ Montérégie Division 3 league and are striving for a championship banner. Playoffs in that league are scheduled for the 2 final weeks in March and the final tournament is April 7-8.

5-The senior girls basketball team qualified for the QSSSA MacLeod Provincial Tournament and will compete in the two day event on March 1-2 at Howard S. Billings High School in Chateaugay, QC.

6-Spring athletics begin after March

break, and Massey-Vanier will compete in many different sports across numerous leagues. Rugby, Badminton, Tennis, Golf and the return of Track & Field are all on the Spring schedule.

7-The Massey-Vanier Athletic Awards are scheduled for Friday, May 25. An early dinner will be followed by the awards banquet in the MV Auditorium. An always popular event, our Viking athletes and their achievements from the athletic year will be on full display. More information about the evening will follow closer to the event date.



The bantam girls basketball team with the ETIAC playoff trophy.



Charles Blanchard with his Provincial Gold Medal (middle)

Impact signs midfielder Ken Krolicki

The Montreal Impact announced on Wednesday that it has come to terms on a one-year deal, with three option years, with midfielder Ken Krolicki.

"I am very satisfied to be able to count on Ken for the upcoming season," mentioned Impact head coach Rémi Garde. "He is a player we had noticed from the very first game at the MLS Combine. His commitment and his performances at our training camp prompted me to offer him a contract. He has a high work rate, a good capacity to win balls in duels and

the ability to bring the play forward. His daily participation in the first team's training sessions should allow him to continue his progression."

"We are pleased to add Ken to our roster," said technical director Adam Braz. "He showed he had the required technical ability as well as a strong level of determination and a positive mentality throughout preseason. He was consistent in training and in the friendly games. This contract is a reward for his hard work."

Krolicki, 21, was selected with the sev-

enth pick of the third round (53rd overall) in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft, last January 21. He previously recorded seven goals and 14 assists in 81 career games, including 67 starts, in four seasons with the Michigan State Spartans, between 2014 and 2017. He was named a First Team All-Big 10 Conference and a USC First Team All-Midwest Region in 2017.

Transaction: The Montreal Impact come to terms on a one-year deal, with three option years, with midfielder Ken Krolicki.

#13 KEN KROLICKI

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 155 lbs

Birthdate and birthplace: March 15, 1996, in Fukuoka, Japan

Citizenship: Japan & United States

Last club: Michigan State University (NCAA)

Date acquired: February 28, 2018

MLS Cup champion Toronto FC signs fullback Justin Morrow to extension

The Canadian Press

Toronto FC has locked up an important part of its defence, signing fullback Justin Morrow to a multi-year extension.

The 30-year-old, currently in his fifth season with Toronto, was named to Major League Soccer's Best XI for the 2017 season after helping the Reds win

the MLS Cup, MLS Supporters' Shield and the Canadian Championship.

Morrow scored a career-high eight goals in league play last season, including the first hat-trick of his career on Sept. 30 in a 4-2 win over the New York Red Bulls at BMO Field that clinched the Supporters' Shield, awarded to the MLS team with the best regular-season record.

Morrow has made 147 appearances across all competitions for Toronto FC.

Internationally, the defender from Cleveland has earned four caps with the United States' national team.

"Justin is one of the players who has led our turnaround as a club over the last few seasons. He has established himself as one of the best left backs in Major League Soccer," Toronto senior vice-pres-

ident of soccer operations and general manager Tim Bezbatchenko said in a release. "He has played such an important part in what we have accomplished as a club and will continue to as we compete for more championships."

Toronto returns to action Tuesday for the first leg of a CONCACAF Champions League quarterfinal against Mexico's Tigres UANL at BMO Field.

Death



Anne Catherine MacKenzie

At The Richmond Retirement Residence, on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Anne (MacLeod) formerly of Tweed in her 87th year. Daughter of the late Dannie D & Mary (Fitchell) MacLeod. Wife of the late Kelton MacKenzie. Mother of Shelley MacKenzie-Coates and Carl, Roslin and Julie MacKenzie-Ede and Rob, Whitby. Grandmother of Bryan and David; Fiona, Liam and Alexander.

The family will receive friends at the McConnell Funeral Home, Tweed from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday where a funeral service will be held on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Interment: Victoria Cemetery. Donations: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. (www.mcconnellfuneralhome.ca)

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In Memoriam

BAIN, Audrey Waldron - In memory of a loving mother and grandmother, Audrey Bain, who passed away on March 1, 2017.

*Kind was your nature,
True were your ways,
We will treasure your memory
For all of our days.*

NORMA, JIM AND FAMILY

In Memoriam

PATTERSON - In loving memory of our special Gordon Patterson who left us on March 1, 2004.

*The great joys of our years together
Are treasured memories.*

Greatly missed and forever loved,

**JUNE
CHILDREN and
GRANDCHILDREN**

In Memoriam

PATTERSON, Gordon - In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law and uncle who left us fourteen years ago.

*We cannot forget a remarkable man
Who gave us so much to remember.*

**Sadly missed by
THE FRASERS**



Datebook

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

Today is the 60th day of 2018 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-song-

writer/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: "What and how much had I lost by trying to do only what was expected of me instead of what I myself had wished to do?" - Ralph Ellison, "Invisible Man"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 5,571,036 - English-language articles on Wikipedia.org, as of mid-February 2018. Wikipedia estimates that without images, its pages would fill 2,591 volumes of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica."

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (March 1).

Reader's plea a reminder that the flu can be deadly for many

ASK THE DOCTORS

By Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

Dear Readers: With this year's flu season on a pace to be the worst in almost a decade, we want to take a moment to share an important letter that we received from a reader. As of this writing, at least 37 children have died from influenza infection. Because of the time lag in identifying and reporting flu deaths, officials suspect the true number is significantly higher.

Medical centers throughout the United States have admitted close to 12,000 people with confirmed cases of the flu, in many instances overwhelming the facilities. Here in California, some hospitals have resorted to setting up "surge tents" to house the crush of flu patients. Nurses and other medical personnel are being flown in from surrounding areas to help. And the capper is that, driven by H3N2, a particularly nasty strain of the influenza A virus, scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warn that things will probably get worse.

Which brings us to the letter - it's a plea, really - from one of our readers. She

begins by sharing that, in the five years after her diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, she has managed to find a treatment regimen that helps her live with this difficult disease. However, this includes medications that make her particularly vulnerable to infection. We'll let her take it from here:

"The same medications that keep my disease under control also suppress my immune system and leave me vulnerable to catching colds and other viruses that my body is unable to fight off," she writes. "As a result, I am very careful about being around other people in public places or in crowds. My request is that you please let others know that if you are not feeling well or are sick to please stay home! Those with compromised immune systems cannot fight off illness the way that you can. This has been a bad year for the flu, but it can be deadly to someone like me."

Research shows you're capable of spreading the influenza virus a day or so before you realize that you're sick. You'll continue to be capable of spreading the virus for another five to seven days. For children, it can be even longer. So the minute you recognize the onset of your own flu symptoms, whether it is fever,

chest congestion or body aches, know that you're contagious. Always cover your mouth when you cough. Sneeze into a tissue. Wash your hands. Stay at home.

We have long understood that flu is transmitted via the fine mist of aerosolized droplets from a sick person's cough or sneeze. Now a new study, funded by the CDC, suggests the virus is passed along on an infected person's breath, whether or not they cough or sneeze. People are particularly infectious early in their illness, yet another argument for staying home.

The advice for staying healthy has long been frequent hand-washing, keeping surfaces clean and steering clear of individuals who are ill. While this all still holds true, researchers in the study say staying away from enclosed public spaces is equally important.

And, we would add, get your flu shot. This year's version isn't as robust as one would have wished, but it does offer a measure of protection.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and primary care physician at UCLA Health.



DO JUST ONE THING

By Danny Seo

Reclaimed wood is all the rage right now in everything from flooring to furniture. It's eco-friendly because it's reusing wood that comes from places like barns and railroads, and it looks good, too. But reclaimed can also harbor dangerous insects. To make sure your new reclaimed wood table is safe to bring inside, ask if it's been heat-treated. This is an alternative to chemically treating the wood; it uses high heat to kill off bugs. You can also look for a small "HT" mark on the product, which indicates that the wood has been heat-treated.

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LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, March 13 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 clinic on Tuesday, March 13 at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NORTH HATLEY

The Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, March 2 at the Library, 165 Main St. North, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Elementary School Benefit Evening, Saturday, March 3, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville, featuring Black Dog. All proceeds will go towards the L.E.S. extra-curricular activities. Admission charged. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party Fundraiser - Lennoxville Girl Guides. Get your quarters ready! Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party fundraiser on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6 Church Street, Lennoxville. Come for coffee, tea, finger sandwiches and baked goods; and stay for our Caribou Social, silent auction, door prizes and more! Proceeds will go towards quality programming in Lennoxville. Admission charged, free for children 5 and under.

LENNOXVILLE

Indoor Sale at Hope Community Church, 201 Queen Street, Lennoxville on Saturday, March 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. Information: The Loughheeds 819-563-7750. Proceeds: Cornerstone Food Bank and Hope Community Church

upstairs renovations.

MAGOG

St. Paul's United Church Women are holding a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 3 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 211 rue des Pins, Magog. Admission charged, children under 5 are free. Gluten free and vegetarian options available. All are welcome.

DANVILLE

The next Country Gospel Hour will be held on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Danville. Music will be provided by Dave McBurney and friends. Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with some of your favourite country gospel hymns.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid are inviting seniors and their families to a public presentation on "Optimizing Seniors' Health Through Food" with Cora Loomis, Registered Dietitian. The presentation will be on March 1 from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Amédée-Beaudoin Community Center, 10 rue Samuel Gratham, Lennoxville. Free admission. For more information please call Community Aid at 819-821-4779.

SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke Connection (formerly Sherbrooke Women's Connection) will meet on Thursday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Grace Village, 1515 Pleasant View St., Sherbrooke. Program: Hope Beyond the Rainbow! The Pot of Gold Tocara Jewelry with representative Cheryl Coates; Freedom Film, a 10 minute inspiring movie with some discussion afterwards; Over the Rainbow, music with the Castaways. For more information call Pauline at 819-563-8061 or send an email to: sherbrookewc@yahoo.ca.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville & District Women's Centre would like to invite women in the community to celebrate International Women's Day in style! Join us on Thursday, March 8 (5:30 p.m.) for a Royal Tea Party at the Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre in Lennoxville and enjoy a lovely hot dinner, door prizes, a large silent auction, a photo booth and entertainment! Admission charged (we have some complimentary tickets available for anyone who is on a tight

budget.) RSVP by Friday, March 2, by contacting us by phone at: 819-564-6626 or via e-mail at: info@ldwc.ca.

LENNOXVILLE

Uplands Music Fundraiser on Sunday, March 25, 3 p.m. A spectacular musical presentation given by Daniella Bernstein and Lauretta Altman, two wonderful pianists, in support of the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre. Featuring works by Mozart, Schubert and Debussy. Bubbly included. Info or tickets (\$): 819 564-0409. Uplands is located at 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville).

AYER'S CLIFF

Card parties in Ayer's Cliff until March 16, every Friday, 1:30 p.m., at the Ayer's Cliff Legion, 176 Rosedale. Fundraiser for Refugee Support Group.

AYER'S CLIFF

The Women of the U.C.W. of Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff invite all women to come and help celebrate International Women's Day on Thursday, March 8 at the Church, 967 Main Street. The vestry will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come have a cup of tea and chat. Bring something interesting that celebrates or pertains to women.

COMPTON

All you can eat Sugar-on-Snow. Sugar shack outing organized by MP Marie-Claude Bibeau and the Federal Liberal Association of Compton-Stanstead. All are welcome to this free event! 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 11, at 170 ch. Couture in Compton. RSVP please: 819-868-7656.

AYER'S CLIFF

St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday, March 11 at Beulah United Church, 967 Main Street, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a home cooked meal of ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes with real maple syrup, toast, fruit salad, coffee, tea and orange juice. Admission charged. All are welcome.

BULWER

Come out and enjoy the fun at the Eaton Corner

Museum Irish Night on Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Bulwer Community Center. Admission charged. Musical performances, sing-a-longs, skits and more. For more info: Serena Wintle 819-875-5210.

LENNOXVILLE

Participants wanted: English tea, a treasured heritage. Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre is looking for men and women from Lennoxville (or any other English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships), who participated in traditional teas between the years 1940 and 2010, whether in their family homes or during social activities (charitable fundraising, various celebrations, parish meetings, etc.). We're hoping to hear your stories, in order to help us learn as much as we can about the tea tradition in this region, with the goal of creating new interpretive material for our visitors. We would ask for approximately 45 minutes of your time for an interview. If you are interested in this project, or if you would like more information about it, please contact Julie at 819-564-0409.

SHERBROOKE

World Day of Prayer 2018: This year's ecumenical celebration will take place at Notre-Dame-du-Perpétuel-Secours (basement), 905 Ontario St., from 5-7 p.m., beginning with a light supper. All welcome.

RICHMOND

Richmond Legion, Branch #15. It's that time again. Our Legion 'Green Sale' auction will take place on Saturday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. There is an entry charge, and after the sale a light lunch is served. P.S. You don't have to be a Legion member to participate in these events - everyone is welcome!

Time to take the keys?

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

Dear Annie: It makes me so sad to watch my family grow old. My grandfather has been in denial about his aging process, and now it's creeping up on him from behind. Growing up, I was always impressed by how youthful he was; well into his 70s, he was playing tennis every day, running, going on social outings and driving all over the place for various band rehearsals. He is now in his late 80s, and his body no longer lets him push the physical boundaries. However, that hasn't stopped him from pushing other boundaries. He is still driving, and I think it's dangerous.

Annie, he has been in several fender benders in the past few months, and though they were harmless enough to not deter him from continued outings, I feel that he has just been lucky. He often calls us lost, asking for directions from the road or not remembering where he's going. Adults in the family have tried to gently tell him he should not drive, but he won't hear it. It's also difficult to have this conversation without threatening his masculinity or coming off as disrespectful. I'm

scared for him and for others on the road. How do you tell your hero that he can no longer perform the simplest of tasks? - Granddad's Girl

Dear Granddad's Girl: Your granddad sounds like an amazing man. It's time for you to step in and be his hero. Speaking with him about driving could save his life or someone else's. Now that you know you have to have the conversation, the question is how.

If you are having growing concerns about his driving, chances are he has them, as well, though he might be reluctant to admit it. The key is to avoid making him feel defensive. Plan to have a quiet, calm chat with him at a time when he's not feeling stressed. As you approach the subject of driving, proceed slowly and gently. He will most likely voice his concerns about making appointments or outings. At that point in the conversation, you could offer to drive him to and from. And tell him he'd really be doing you a favor, because think of all the life lessons he could share in that valuable quality time.

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

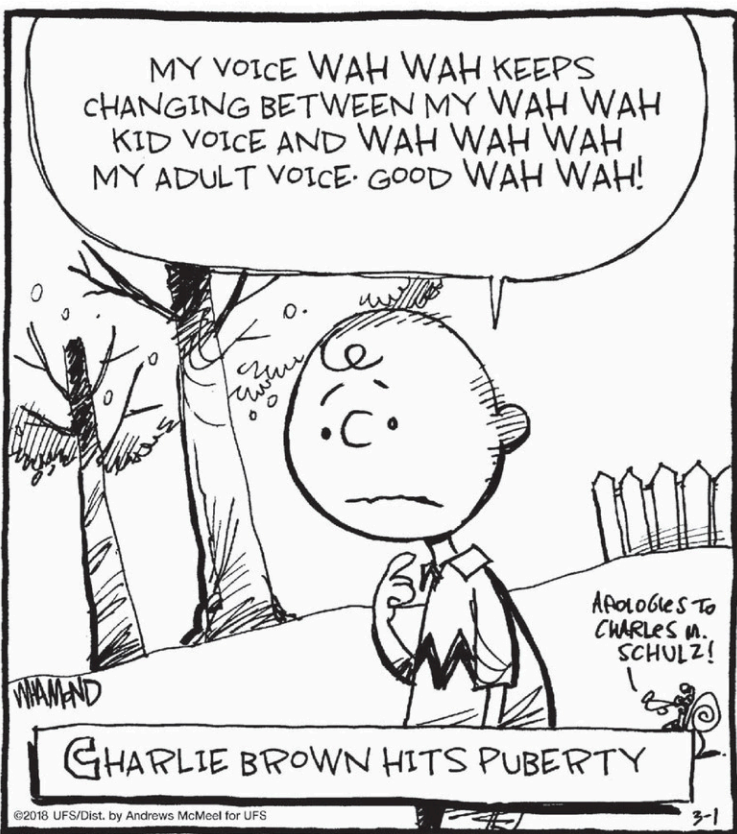
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OGUD." - XZYC

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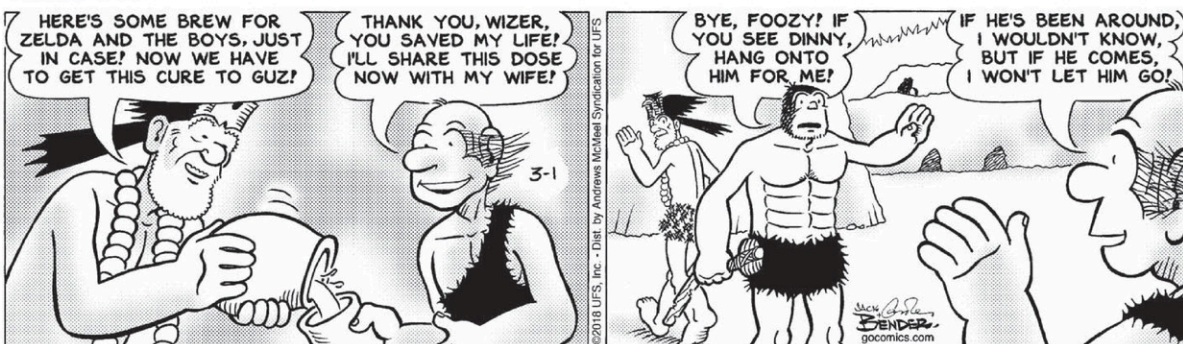


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"Can we get some service around here?"

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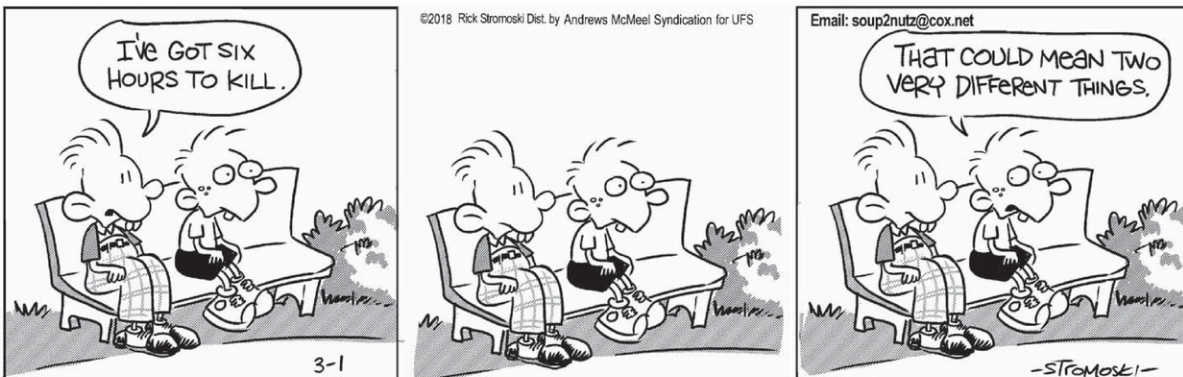
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St. George's Evening Anglican Church Women (Lennoxville) Annual report for the year 2017

It is with sadness that the Diocese of Quebec ACW was dissolved as a group this year. However, St. George's Evening ACW will continue to work for the good of our church and community.

Ferne McConnell, as in the past several years, is our president and we appreciate her dedication. The rest of the executive also remains the same. We have thirteen paid members and have an average attendance at our monthly meetings of 8.

Through our fundraisers, we are able to support community organizations and St. George's Church. St. George's Evening ACW received proceeds from the sale of 1045 decorated Easter eggs, 235 milkweed plants, 110 beautifully decorated Christmas wreaths, Dieleman products and

church calendars plus our share of the proceeds from the annual Fall Quilt Show and our Christmas Tea and Bazaar.

St. George's Evening ACW was able to help financially the following local community organizations: Lennoxville Elementary School, Alexander Galt Regional High School, Lennoxville and District Women's Centre for their "Secret Santa Project," Anglican Foundation of Canada, St. George's Social Committee and St. George's Church Corporation. We also helped and provided food for the "Friday night student suppers."

Every year for the past several years, the Evening ACW has sent shoeboxes to the Port of Quebec for the seamen at Christmas. Members of the congrega-

tion were sent cards and Meals on Wheels in times of need. Money is sent annually to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada from our Fellowship of the Least Coin collection. We continue to support Save the Children Canada. Each year we take part in the World Day of Prayer.

St. George's Evening ACW extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the members of the church congregation and people of the community who support us in many ways. Your help is truly appreciated.

We are few in members, so if you would like to join our group, your assistance would be most helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
 Margie Woollerton

Richmond Legion Branch #15 Ladies Auxiliary meeting

On the evening of February 20, 14 members met at the Legion Hall for our regular meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with Pres. Cmdr Donna welcoming everyone.

Roll call was taken, and Sec. Cmdr Lucie read the minutes of the last session and they were accepted. Treasurer's report was given by Cmdr Ann and was also accepted. Bills were presented and paid.

Correspondence: Thank you note received for our donation to the Christmas baskets.

Committee reports:

Health and Welfare - Cmdr Anne has sent out one Sympathy card.

House - Cmdr Linda reported all was well.

Membership - Cmdr Elsie report all memberships were paid.

Publicity - Cmdr Mildred had nothing to report.

Ways and Means - Cmdr Donna reported that the Food Sale at the Wales Home was a success and thanked everyone for their support and help. A thank you to Annie and Thelma Day for their help and also thank you to the residents for your support.

Special Committee - Cmdr Ann

Nixon needed and was given more funds to continue the snacks at the Regional.

Final arrangements were made for our card party on the 22nd of February. A short discussion was held on our upcoming Flea Market and Bake Sale to be held on the 7th of April.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned, closed in form.

The Half and half was won by Cmdr Ann Knowles. Congratulations.

In comradeship,
 Cmdr Mildred E. Holliday, P.P.

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Your Birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

Incorporating practicality, common sense, fortitude and ingenuity into your life will lead to a winning combination that will help you get ahead personally and professionally this year. Don't second-guess your ability or let a lack of confidence stand between you and your success. Romance is in the stars.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Listen to peoples' advice, but do what works best for you. Drawing from all sources of information will give you a well-rounded view of what's possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You can take action, but don't expect it to be smooth sailing. You'll face opposition, setbacks and stress. Be prepared to alter your course to ensure success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Avoid joint financial ventures. What you do on your own will prove to be a much better way to spend your time and money. Celebrate your success with someone you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Emotional matters will surface regarding partnership issues. Do your best to understand the motives behind what someone is asking of you. Be reluctant to take on another person's problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Listen attentively and get along with the people you need on your side. Networking will give you the opportunity to convince others to listen to your plans. A romantic opportunity looks promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll be dancing to a different beat when it comes to

work and getting things done. Don't underestimate someone trying to take control or make you look bad. Don't get angry, get moving.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The more you interact with others, the better. The information you are given and the related ideas that sprout will bring you closer to the people you enjoy working alongside the most.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take care of any matters pertaining to financial, medical or legal institutions before you move on to more enjoyable tasks. Protect your assets and personal documents. Don't lend or borrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your help will be valued and will lead to better relationships with your peers and employer. Embrace change and the chance to use your unique talents to get ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll be caught in the middle if you meddle in other people's affairs. Keep your distance from anyone trying to lure you into something questionable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Reconnecting with someone from your past will give you a chance to revisit some of the things you used to do. An opportunity that comes your way should be considered carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Listen attentively to others' viewpoints and carefully consider every angle of a certain situation. Having a precise view will help you find a workable solution to a problem that concerns you.

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How did the auction go off the rails?

By Phillip Alder

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, a Hungarian biochemist and Nobel Prize winner, said, "Discovery consists of looking at the same thing as everyone else and thinking something different."

In this deal at Bridge Base Online, all 16 North-South pairs had the identical auction to a hopeless contract. Where did it go off the rails?

Every bidder was a robot (computer program), but since the program bases its decisions on simulation rather than rules, it is surprising that every auction went like this. (At each turn, a program generates deals that satisfy the conditions and analyzes them to determine which action will work best over that sample.)

Since by North's two-spade rebid, the auction was game-forcing, South could have rebid three diamonds (my choice) or two no-trump; there was no need to jump. Over three diamonds, North should bid three no-trump (downgrading for the void) or a quantitative four no-trump. (If wishing to head for a diamond slam, North must raise three diamonds to four.) Over two no-trump, North can bid three clubs, South can sign off in three no-trump, and North can pass or raise to four no-trump.

North 03-01-18			
♠ A K 8 2			
♥ A 7 6 4 2			
♦ —			
♣ K Q J 10			
West			East
♠ J 4 3		♠ 10 7 6 5	
♥ K 10		♥ Q 9 5 3	
♦ K 4 3		♦ J 9 6 2	
♣ 9 8 7 4 3		♣ 6	
South			
♠ Q 9			
♥ J 8			
♦ A Q 10 8 7 5			
♣ A 5 2			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 9			

In the given auction, South should have passed out four no-trump. There was no agreed suit, and North was clearly very short in diamonds.

In four no-trump, declarer starts with nine top tricks: three spades, one heart, one diamond and four clubs. By running the clubs and reading the position, declarer can maneuver an extra winner. The curious may work it out. But just remember that misfits are miserable.

CROSSWORD

- Across
- 1 Tell target
 - 6 Look for
 - 10 Letting in some air
 - 14 Dakota natives
 - 15 Lyft alternative
 - 16 Record, in a way
 - 17 *Man Booker Prize winner for "Life of Pi"
 - 19 Put out
 - 20 When the fewest pieces are on the chess board
 - 21 Detoxification diet
 - 23 Lean-__: sheds
 - 24 [Boring!]
 - 26 "Letters From Iwo __": Eastwood film
 - 27 *Star of '70s TV's "Good Times"
 - 29 "Thwack!"
 - 32 Less ingenious
 - 35 __ window
 - 36 Through

- 37 Scuttlebutt
- 40 Souvenir shop display
- 42 Farm sound
- 43 Farm animal
- 45 Watering hole
- 46 Brimless hat
- 47 *Actor in two "Jurassic Park" films
- 50 Steamboat fuel
- 52 Inflates, as expenses
- 53 Significant time
- 56 Eurasian plains
- 59 ADHD medication
- 61 Fuzzy fruit or fuzzy bird
- 62 Whole new person who can literally be found in the answers to starred clues
- 64 OPEC member
- 65 2-point G, e.g.
- 66 Dreadlocks wearer
- 67 Island goose
- 68 Zipped
- 69 Sp. titles

- Juliet"
- 18 Eastern nurse
 - 22 Frozen Wasser
 - 25 Capture
 - 27 __ chicken: Jamaican dish
 - 28 Floor covering
 - 30 Start to trust?
 - 31 Fool (with)
 - 32 Worn out
 - 33 "The Last Jedi" general
 - 34 **"Atonement" novelist
 - 36 First antibacterial soap
 - 38 Confucian text, with "The"
 - 39 November tuber

- 41 Oater belt attachments
- 44 Economic fig.
- 47 Plant juice
- 48 Made
- 49 "With ya so far"
- 51 State one's views
- 53 Slasher film setting: Abbr.
- 54 Western prop
- 55 Actresses Gunn and Kendrick
- 56 Hide
- 57 Wear out
- 58 Armada unit
- 60 Purim month
- 63 Full Sail Amber __

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- Down
- 1 Up to now
 - 2 Composer John Cage's "Suite for Toy __"
 - 3 Cold cream name
 - 4 Organ with alveoli
 - 5 Richard M. Daley and Ed Koch
 - 6 Scattered
 - 7 Put down a hero
 - 8 Corp. head
 - 9 Party poopers
 - 10 Elite squad
 - 11 *Gomer Pyle por-trayer
 - 12 Driving company that sounds more like a flying company
 - 13 "Thy love did read by __, that could not spell": "Romeo and

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