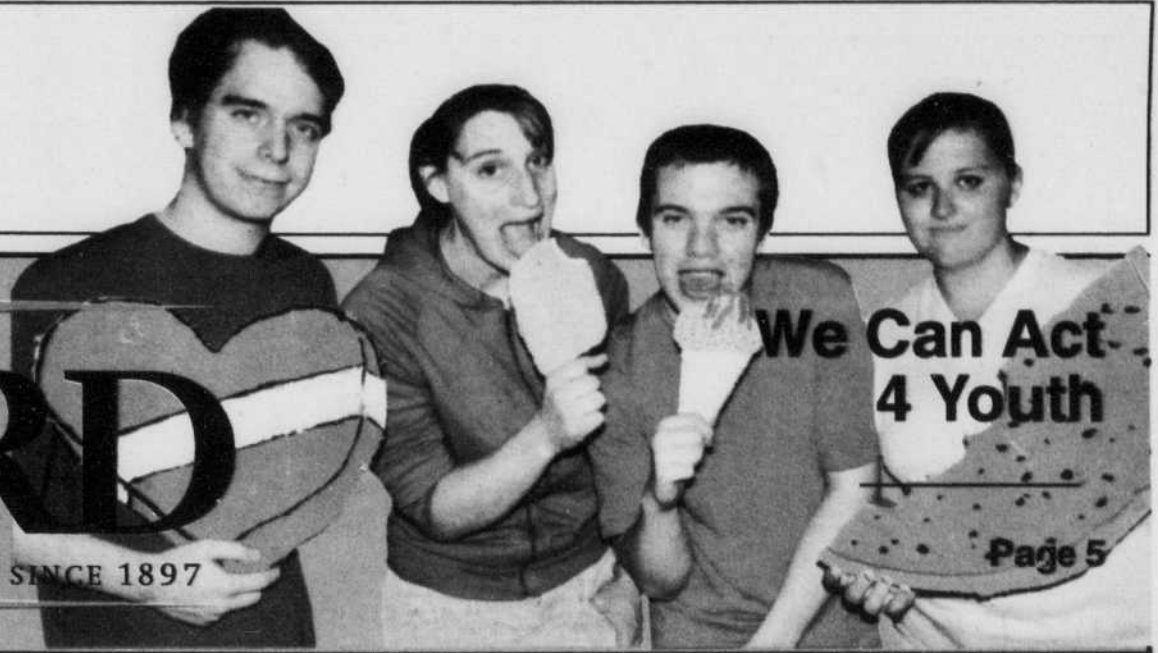


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Reducing GEG emissions starting at home

By Evan LePage

Taking public transit or increasing your composting are a few examples of simple ways you can help reduce the effects of climate change and participate in the third edition of Défi Climat, or the Climate Challenge, in the Estrie region.

Défi Climat is an annual sensitization campaign which encourages both citizens and organizations to take on the goal of reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint, and emphasizes that every little effort can help make a big difference.

"The fight against climate change begins with the actions we all take on an individual basis, which added together have an impact on the environment," said the campaign's regional co-spokesperson Chloé Legris, director of business development and clean technologies at Sherbrooke Innopole. "The Défi Climat is the perfect opportunity to demonstrate this willingness to change, to move to action, and I firmly believe that change comes in little gestures as much as in the large political policies."

As of yesterday, through June 8, institutions, businesses, organizations, cities as well as individuals can sign up online and commit to certain habit-changing challenges which will help them reduce their GEG emissions.

"Each new person, each new organization that signs up will help us to develop a greater awareness that each

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Demonstrators force class cancellations for third straight day



EVAN LEPAGE

Approximately 400 anti-tuition hike protestors gathered in front of the Cégep de Sherbrooke Tuesday morning forming multiple human chains and blocking the doors. They faced off with a group of between 30 and 40 students opposed to the ongoing student strike. While the situation was tense, things remained peaceful.

By Evan LePage

Despite being called into court and reminded of the terms of an injunction ordering them to hold classes as per usual on Monday, the administration of the Cégep de Sherbrooke cancelled classes for the third straight school day Tuesday morning in light of a heavy presence of both anti-tuition demonstrators and students op-

posed to the strike.


"Due to the presence of many demonstrators on campus and considering the tense situation that intensified this morning, the administration of the Cégep de Sherbrooke announced that the facility will be closed during the day and evening," reads a press release from the CEGEP. "All activities including regular teaching, continuing education as well as community ser-

vices taking place on the campus are suspended."


By 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning approximately 400 anti-tuition hike protestors had gathered in front of the main building on campus forming multiple human chains and blocking the doors.

Within an hour, a group of between 30 and 40 students opposed to the on-

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Lennoxville Library Mystery Story contest winners; Award presentations and reception

This contest, open to students in grades 5 and 6 attending school in Lennoxville, was held as part of the Bibliothèque Lennoxville Library's 100th anniversary. To announce and celebrate the winners, we are inviting the winning students, their parents, their teachers and the press to a reception at the Lennoxville Library on Saturday, May 5t at 11.15 a.m. Please note that May 5 is the start of the Canadian Children's Book Week.

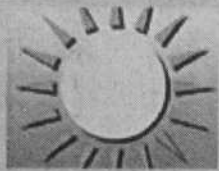
The judges enjoyed the many creative stories as well as the interesting and eye-catching covers. The prizes are sponsored by the Borough of Lennoxville and the Townshippers' Foundation.

For further information, please contact the library or Janet Angrave (Telephone 819-346-4496).

Weather



TODAY:
CLOUDY,
SHOWERS
HIGH OF 13
LOW OF 5



THURSDAY:
SUNNY
HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 2



FRIDAY:
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AND CLOUD
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SATURDAY:
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SUNDAY:
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By Corrinna Pole

Townshippers' Association is already off to a busy start, springing into a season full of change, especially at our Lennoxville offices.

At one time or another, every organization finds itself adapting to changing circumstances and Townshippers' is no different. Over the last few weeks the Association has bid farewell to Executive Director Ingrid Marini, Assistant Executive Director Michelle Lepitre and Make Way for Youth (MWFY)/Desjardins Migration Agent Sheila Quinn.

But with every parting comes a new beginning. With new Executive Director Rachel Hunting, Communications Agent Corrinna Pole and MWFY/Desjardins Migration Agent Jenny Ménard, joining our team of experienced staff and committed volunteers, the Association is looking forward to a promising future. -

Tired of Being Tired videoconference

Did you know that too much bed rest can actually be bad for your health? Townshippers' Association, in partnership with the Community Learning Centre at Richmond Regional High School (located at 357 Armstrong in Richmond) will be hosting a live and interactive videoconferencing session exploring the topic of fatigue and how to manage it, on Wednesday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The free session titled Tired of Being Tired: How To Manage Your Fatigue will be presented by France Hudon, R.N, a nurse specialist and lecturer at the University of Montreal who works with health care professionals in clinics and hospitals focusing on fatigue management.

Ms. Hudon will discuss the mental and physical effects of fatigue as well as the cause, signs and symptoms of fatigue and what to do about it. Believe it

Keeping in Touch



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

In honour of National Volunteer Week (April 15 to 20), Townshippers' Association Executive Director Rachel Hunting thanked Johanne Bilodeau for being an indispensable helping hand around the 257 Queen Street offices in Lennoxville over the last eight years with a certificate of appreciation.

or not, too much bed rest is not healthy.

This session is part of the telehealth series brought to various regions in Quebec by the Community Health & Social Services Network (CHSSN) in collaboration with such regional organizations as those hosting the sessions in the Townships.

For more information and to pre-register call Townshippers' Association at 819-566-5717 or email sk@townshippers.qc.ca.

Sherbrooke Wall of Fame search

Know of a member of the English-speaking community whose notable actions or service makes them worthy of being commemorated on a wall in Sherbrooke? In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the city's murals, Murales urbaines à revitalisation d'immeubles et de réconciliation sociale (M.U.R.I.R.S.) is accepting nominations for the subject of their 13th mural, scheduled to be painted next summer.

Teachers, doctors, volunteers, as long as there is a photo of the candidate, any citizen can be nominated for the Citoyenne de la Murale 2012. But you have to act fast; nominations will only be accepted until May 8. For full details and the application form, visit www.murirs.qc.ca.

Save the date for Annual General Meeting

May is here and that means the

countdown is on for Townshippers' Association annual general meeting on Friday, June 1 at the Richmond Arts Centre. The full program, which will include a ceremony recognizing this year's winners of the Young Townships Leaders Awards, will be released later this month but in the meantime members of the Association may want to save the date.

Add your voice

Membership to the Association has its privileges, so why not join us! We will keep you connected to the English-speaking community with our bi-annual publication, Townshippers, and our monthly E-bulletin sharing the latest news from the Association and its partners. Members are also eligible for discounts on tickets and entrance fees from participating cultural partners and on Townshippers' merchandise.

To get in on the action, or renew your membership, contact Evelina Smith, Townshippers' Association Information and Referral Coordinator, at 819-566-2182 (toll free: 1-877-566-2182) or info@townshippers.qc.ca.

For more information on the Association and our activities keep reading our weekly Keeping in Touch column in The Record and connect with us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook and our website at www.townshippers.qc.ca.

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LOCAL NEWS

"When we fulfill the actions we commit to [...], there are economic, health and environmental results."

Reducing GEG emissions

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action counts," Legris said. The campaign in the Estrie region, run by Nicolas Balasi of the Regional Council for the Environment of the Estrie region, has set a goal of attracting 4,000 individual participants and 130 organizations to participate in the challenge this year, respectively 1,500 and 30 more than in 2011. By the first day of the campaign Tuesday, already 65 organizations had signed up to participate.

Additionally, in 2011 the Estrie challenge succeeded in eliminating 2,532 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, a substantial decrease from 2010. They're hoping to bring that total back up to around 4,500 this year.

Balasi noted that even simple actions, like trying to go a week without throwing anything in the garbage or not using your car for a week, can have noticeable effects.

"When we fulfill the actions we commit to [...], there are economic, health and environmental results," he said. "If I say I'm going to give up meat one day a week from my menu, this could represent savings of \$100 per year."

The campaign has partnered up with the City of Sherbrooke and the Sherbrooke Transport Society again this year.

Serge Forest, the president of the city's environment committee, spoke of the city's commitment to reducing greenhouse gasses by setting itself the target of reducing emissions by 5 per cent by 2015, making it the first city in Quebec to adopt such a target.

"The reduction in the frequency of garbage collection, energy optimization measures during the renovation of buildings, and the enacting of a regulation regarding idling are a few concrete



COURTESY

STS president Marc Denault (left), Nicolas Balasi, the Regional Council for the Environment member in charge of the Estrie region's Défi Climat campaign, the City of Sherbrooke's environmental committee president Serge Forest, and regional campaign co-spokesperson Chloé Legris have all committed to personal challenges to reduce their GEG emissions this month.

measures taken by the City of Sherbrooke to reduce greenhouse gasses," Forest said. "But these actions would have little effect without the collaboration of the community."

On a personal level, Forest said he has signed up for the Marché de solidarité régionale de Sherbrooke, an initiative of Les Amis de la Terre de l'Estrie which allows you to do your groceries online and supports local commerce, which in turn allows you to avoid buying food originating from southern nations, a process that results in high levels of emissions. "No one can claim to have

never heard of (climate change). Thus, more and more, we are confronted with this reality. From the transport of food products, to the management of waste products, our habits influence the climate," Forest said of the challenge. "I hope eventually the government will identify on food products the greenhouse gas emissions used in the production of these products."

As for the STS, president Marc Denault said the organization has committed to acquiring only hybrid busses starting in 2013 and added that the city distinguished itself by increasing public

transit use by 13.1 per cent from 2006-2011, two per cent more than the provincial average.

Many activities will take place during the month long Défi Climat, including a shore clean-up along the Marais-de-la-rivière-aux-Cerises in Magog on May 5.

Prizes will also be given out to participants in this year's challenge. To sign up, or for more information about the Défi Climat, the type of eco-friendly changes you can make and the events to be held, citizens can visit www.environmentestrie.ca or www.deficlimat.qc.ca.

Demonstrators

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going student strike had formed a line of their own.

The situation seemed tense for nearly an hour, as the two opposing groups, adorned in red and green respectively, formed lines around five metres apart facing one another and chanted back and forth.

Things remained peaceful however, with the anti-hike demonstrators even chanting "We love you anyways," to their counterparts.

Officers from the Sherbrooke Police Service were on hand to ensure that tensions did not boil over and student organizers from both sides encouraged their colleagues to remain peaceful and keep their distance from one another.

Just before 9 a.m. protestors received word that the school had cancelled classes for the day and a loud cheer went up from the anti-hike crowd.

The demonstrators on both sides of the issues dispersed soon after.

"On a campus with eight pavilions and over 80 exterior doors, where over 7,000 people travel daily, security is a challenge. If management had forced ac-

cess to the CEGEP this morning in collaboration with the police, it would greatly exacerbate the level of aggression and would ensure that the situation degenerated inside," the administration specified in their statement. "Protection of all students and staff would be extremely difficult."

The administration also cited the arrest of two students following a scuffle Monday as evidence that the tension and environment on campus has not improved.

Still, some students who wanted to begin their classes again this week were disappointed in the school's decision.

"The police are capable of taking care of the crowd and dispersing them," one student said during the stand-off Tuesday morning adding "I think we have a right to our education and they can make that happen."

The Union of Teaching Staff of the Cégep de Sherbrooke (SPECS), affiliated with the CSN, announced that over 75 teachers would be holding a voluntary salary strike in support of the students.

The teachers will be forfeiting their

salaries, representing approximately \$8,000, to the student union's food bank and the CEGEP's foundation that aids students facing financial difficulties. The union itself will be contributing \$3,000 to the foundation as well.

"The student movement is defending a cause that the teachers of our CEGEP support," Steve McKay, president of SPECS, said in a statement. "The strike is costing the students a lot however, specifically the most vulnerable among them."

The statement notes that the extended school calendar means certain students will not have access to funding for their studies in May and June, and that the economic situation of the CEGEPs students is already worrying, with many of them depending on food banks.

The union also condemned the judicialization of the conflict, defending the validity of the students' general assembly votes and saying a forced return to class makes proper teaching impossible.

In a resolution, SPECS called on the government of Quebec to put a morato-

rium on tuition hikes and to hold an estates general on postsecondary education.

While the injunction granted by judge Gaétan Dumas prevented teaching staff from joining the students' picket line blocking access to the school, many staff stood showed their solidarity by standing across the street on Tuesday morning.

Students have now been on strike for eight weeks. With 35 days to make up on the scholarly calendar, the winter session is seriously at risk. Students will likely have to complete their session in August, were the conflict to be resolved.

FUTURE SHOP

Please be advised that the Samsung Tall Tub Stainless Steel Dishwasher (DMT300RFS) (WebCode: 10140905) found on page 21 of the April 27 flyer has been advertised with an incorrect feature. Due to new regulations it lost its ENERGY STAR status as of April 20, 2012 and no longer qualifies for any rebate offers. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

BEST BUY

On the April 27 flyer, page 11, this product: Sony DSCWX50 16.2 Megapixel Digital Camera (WebCode: 10199444/7) was advertised with an incorrect Optical Zoom specification. Please be advised that the camera in fact only has a 5x Optical Zoom capability. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

Help yourself



GORDON LAMBIE

Nervous anxiety. I don't like it. I don't really know anybody who does. I avoid it at all costs, yet every now and then it pops up. Isn't that odd?

I'm feeling anxious tonight because I want to spend my life doing two things; telling stories and helping people. I am feeling anxious because at this point in my life those two choices are filled with challenges.

To be a teller of stories is challenging because there is not enough time in a person's life to tell all the stories there are to tell and, even more so, not enough time to hear every story there is to hear. In the history of the vast and limitless universe, humanity has played a very minute role, and yet we are made up of more stories than a person could

ever dream of knowing. The implications are staggering. We are somehow limited and limitless, a paradox by our mere existence. One would think that would make telling stories easy, and it does to a certain degree, but it also means that the teller must work all that much harder to not do what is expected and really make an impression.

To be one who helps people is challenging in that there are a limitless number of things to help people with. One could devote a whole lifetime to helping one person, or try and help every person once, and succeed at neither task. The other issue, of course, being that I help no one if I do not help myself.

There is a book that I have always told myself I am too busy to read called something along the lines of, *When Helping You is Hurting Me*. I feel like some time I should read this book because I can probably relate to it, but deciding to do so is most easily seen as an act of helping me, which, as I already stated, I often feel to too busy for.

Sometimes I distract myself from my issues, thinking things like, "maybe this idea of me and you is part of the problem." I'm not going to say that there are no problems that are only mine or only yours, but I think that a lot of the time

we think of things as yours or mine when really they are ours.

Every time there is a United Church Youth Forum here in the Townships we have an evening worship service in which people light candles for people they love; either to say a prayer for healing or to celebrate the good things in life. I have, for the past several forums, lit a candle for a younger me. My idea was that I was lighting a series of beacons that lead the way from my troubled teens to the present day. My friend Cory called it a tachyon prayer, based on the idea that tachyons are particles that may or may not travel backwards and forward in our perceived understanding of time. Anyway, it occurred to me recently that aside from the poetic/romantic value of the prayer, I might be lighting those beacons because it is easier for me to imagine myself trying to be a hero to yesterday's Gordon than it is to face the things that bother or trouble me today.

I am tremendously good at ignoring myself when I need to be.

I avoid stress and anxiety as much as I can, but often I do so in a way that actually only causes more anxiety and stress in the long run. I am a chronic procrastinator because it is easy to put things off when I don't know what to

do, but putting it off only leads to greater tension. I said at the beginning of this column that the nervous anxiety sometimes comes up out of nowhere, but it only feels like that. Really it is bursting out from the back corner of my mind that I pushed it to, where it has been growing dense and expanding.

There is no solution for me but to face my problems. It's great to have someone around to face those issues with, which is part of why I like to help people, but problems need to be faced and dealt with in order to be overcome, even if it means facing them alone.

I really like telling stories, and I really like helping people, so I'm pretty sure that those are things I'm going to do no matter where I am or what I am doing. While I do those things though, I will remind myself to think about me every now and again. I don't mean the me of yesterday, nor the me of tomorrow, but the me of today. Me needs me, and if I can't help me, then I can't really be counted on to help anyone, because, in the long run, there will always be that worry building up in the back of my mind.

Don't let yourself fall by the wayside in the name of helping others; help yourself as well.

Memphremagog Conservation Inc. 45 years of volunteer efforts to protect Lake Memphremagog

MAGOG

Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) is this year celebrating its 45 years of existence, and continues to work towards its mission, the protection of majestic Lake Memphremagog, with the same passion as its founders!

This adventure started with a lake deplorably polluted. MCI's founders, Gordon Kohl, Peter Kohl and Herb Mitchell, worked tirelessly to make the installation of proper septic systems in all residences obligatory. The end result was the adoption of Quebec-wide regulations and the creation of the position of Municipal Inspector.

To quote the President, Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit: "We would like to pay tribute to these visionaries who had the

courage to fight for the protection of Lake Memphremagog at a time when the word 'environment' had little resonance with the public. Since that time, hundreds of volunteers have worked with MCI over the past 45 years in pursuit of this critical mission of protecting a drinking water reservoir, a jewel, an irreplaceable ecosystem: Lake Memphremagog".

Over the years, MCI's activities have multiplied. In 1972, MCI created its own lake patrol, providing a better presence on the lake. The lake patrol is still in operation, and this year is comprised of three graduate and doctoral students.

As well, the organisation has developed a variety of tools to inform the residents of the watershed: a code of ethics for aquatic activities on the lake, an educational program for day camps, a wa-

tershed residents' guide, as well as a large number of studies of various aspects of the lake and watershed.

Over the years, MCI has battled against a number of projects that could harm the quality of the lake, such as the American project to store nuclear waste in the north of the state of Vermont, the expansion of the Intersan (Quebec) and Coventry (Vermont) landfills, and has worked towards preserving the integrity of Mount Orford Provincial Park.

Also, since 2009, MCI has added a new element to its mission, with the development of a conservation program, whose aim is the safeguarding of aquatic and forest ecosystems in the watershed of the lake, to ensure its protection for the long term.

To emphasize this important anniversary, a cocktail party will be held

at the Hermitage Club on Saturday May 5, hosted by the Honorary President, Mr Donald Fisher, former President, to which members and non-members of MCI alike are invited. Mrs. Lacasse Benoit concludes "We will underline the perseverance of the hundreds of volunteers who, over the years, have worked towards the preservation of the lake, and we continue to passionately pursue the mission of the founders: preserving the quality of the waters of our majestic Lake Memphremagog."

For more information on the history and activities, please consult our web site at www.memphremagog.org.

SOURCE: *Memphremagog Conservation Inc. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, Volunteer President.*

Quebec Premier Jean Charest questions federal push for environmental streamlining

By Mike De Souza
Postmedia News

Quebec Premier Jean Charest says he's puzzled by the federal government's efforts to streamline environmental reviews, explaining that the process is already very efficient in his province.

Charest made the comments after delivering a speech to an environmental conference about the upcoming Earth Summit in Brazil, noting that Canada

must engage its population and show leadership to advance progress on green issues in the world.

He said he was told at the original Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro that humanity would never adequately address important issues such as climate change unless Canada stepped up to the plate with strong commitments.

Charest, who represented Canada at the summit as environment minister in Brian Mulroney's government, said the then-prime minister had told him that

showing leadership was "the right thing to do".

He also said that Quebec has not faced as much resistance from industry as he expected from launching green policies such as a carbon tax and market trading system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

But he said it helps when a government shows "clear determination" that it plans to act.

"In the end leaders lead . . . and industry will follow", Charest said.

Charest also took aim at the former Liberal government of Jean Chretien, saying it failed to engage all provinces in the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, and that Canada is now paying the price.

He also praised staff at Environment Canada, who are now facing significant cuts, saying they serve their country well in research and science required to develop policies.

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Theatre for health and well-being

Patrick Lacroix
Record Correspondent

Students from Massey-Vanier High School were offered an introduction to local health services, on Monday, by way of a dynamic, youth-oriented play. Written by Doug Hooper and Laura Teasdale, "We Can Act 4 Youth" brought together actors from Sunshine Theatre and students from the drama programme at Massey-Vanier.

This instance of intervention theatre is founded on the "belief model" of health and well-being, which states that familiarity with available services does not suffice. People must firmly believe in their ability to request and then obtain the services that they require. Intervention theatre, states Christelle Bogosta, liaison officer for CSSS La Pommeraiie, is a highly-regarded method for empowering people when it comes to their personal health and well-being.

"In the interest of changing mind-sets," says Bogosta, "the play aims to encourage English-speaking youths, who are overrepresented in third-line services, to fully utilise prevention services that are available across the areas covered by CSSS La Pommeraiie and CSSS Haute-Yamaska. Third-line services are generally a final recourse, when prevention and other solutions have failed. While Anglophones account for 20 per cent of the population in the area, they represent about half of all reported youth protection cases."

At the centre of the plot is a young man named Jordan, whose story is told from birth to adulthood. The various scenes show the difficult choices to



The stars of "We Can Act 4 Youth": Justin Metiguee, Meghan Allen, Francis Auger-Page, and Deborah Heatherington.

DOUG HOOPER

which Jordan and his friends are confronted as they seek to nourish their physical and mental health, along with tips that enable them to access services. Laura Teasdale directed the play, which featured her colleague Doug Hooper, Massey-Vanier drama teacher Bill Jarand, Kate Wisdom, Meghan Allen, and students Francis Auger-Page, Justin Metiguee, and Deborah Heatherington. The involvement of these students is being credited as instrumental in raising the credibility of the overall message.

The play was presented in two sets, first before lower-level and Pathways stu-

dents and then, in the afternoon, before Cycle II students - over 800 youths in all. Bogosta notes that the two groups reacted differently to various subjects, according to the concerns of the respective ages, but nevertheless manifested equal interest in the message at hand. The show ended with the appearance of social workers, CSSS personnel, and a nurse and a special care counselor from Student Services, all of whom were applauded. "Youths don't seek services; they seek a person they know and trust. That is how we change lives," states Bogosta.

"We Can Act 4 Youth" is the fourth

health-focused play to be brought to the stage by Hooper and Teasdale. The first three instalments of "We Can Act," which appeared from 2006 to 2009, were produced by Sunshine Theatre Productions with the support of Health Canada and the Community Health and Social Services Network. The scripts were played in Bedford, Cowansville, Knowlton, and as far away as Quebec City and the Gaspésie. The actors travelled to Rigaud on Tuesday to share their message about health services in their area to another set of eager audiences.

Stanstead man arrested after confrontation turns ugly

By Jesse Feith

The Memphremagog Police Service arrested a 60-year-old man from Stanstead on Sunday morning after receiving phone calls of an argument happening between two civilians.

After the argument heated up, the man who was eventually arrested allegedly made death threats towards the other and then proceeded to get in his vehicle and drive it towards the other man, presumably in hopes of injuring him. "Fortunately no contact was made but it remains a case of reckless driving on top of the alleged death threats," said a Memphremagog Police spokesperson. The suspect was released for now, with conditions pending on soon-to-come criminal proceedings.

Case of Internet fraud in Magog

Also on Sunday, a woman notified the police that she had been the subject of an Internet fraud. According to the police, the woman wanted to buy a \$200 puppy from a classified website that advertised that the dog was being sold by its owner in Magog, but that the money should be sent to Cameroon.

After sending her money by mail to

Cameroon, she soon noticed that the whole deal was a scam and the dog did not actually exist. "This happened to the woman with one particular website, but people should be aware that this is something that often happens on many different classified sites," explained Paul Tear, a spokesperson for the Memphremagog Police.

"People looking to buy things online need to be very careful of the process, this is something that often happens to a variety of people. Sellers lure the buyers in on popular classified sites, and at the last minute they notify them that the money should be sent elsewhere and not paid either in person or through the systems the websites have set up for secure transactions. People should be very weary of payments being done off the website and without a meeting."

On the website where this particular case happened, there is a clear banner on the right side of the home page warning people of exactly these kinds of situations, mentioning that people should meet the buyers in person to avoid any kind of fraud and that the website does not offer any type of reimbursements in these types of situations.

EDITORIAL

We will, apparently, feel the pain when an acute shortage of philosophers undermines our quality of life.



Mike McDevitt

A subsidized tantrum

The ongoing "strike" by a third of Quebec's post-secondary students continues unabated, in spite of court injunctions and the distinct possibility that an entire school semester could be flushed away, not only for those refusing to go to classes, but also for those desperately trying to receive the education that has already been paid for.

With their unique take on 'democracy,' the student unions have decided that their dissatisfaction with a political policy gives them the right to deny the fundamental rights and freedoms of those of whom they disapprove. More importantly, legitimization of these tactics has been supplied by professors (who are being paid whether they teach or not), the media (get a picture of that mean cop!) and the Parti-Québécois, whose political whoredom waxes full with its encouragement and support of vandalism, violence, civil disruption, and lies.

Jean Charest, already the most despised political leader in Canada, is heading a government under siege by a movement that cares not a whit for the democracy it likes to advocate (but likely can't spell), led by a trio of private school graduates ranting about the 'elites.' As the sane world watches in bemused disbelief, Quebec's youth is presenting a vision of oppression and persecution to a world that sees nothing but a bunch of whining spoiled brats who don't appear to have a clue of what these words mean. Perhaps nothing underscores the inadequacy of our education system than the apparent inability of our youth to understand just how good they have it.

In the first place, it is a misnomer in the extreme to refer to this boycott as a strike. A strike involves the denial of services as a means of exerting pressure. In

this case, students are refusing to attend the classes they (and we) have paid for in order to make a point. This is akin to refusing to eat a pizza you've already paid for because you don't like the colour of the box it came in. That'll teach 'em! It is reminiscent of the scene from the Mel Brooks classic 'Blazing Saddles,' in which the African-American cowboy played by Cleavon Little puts a gun to his own head and warns the gathering lynch mob not to move "or the nigger gets it." It worked in the movie, too.

The ultimate goal of the student movement is to establish a fully-subsidized education system 'a la Scandinavia' and, in and of itself, this is a discussion that deserves to be held. A society can legitimately choose to allocate the resources necessary for this vision to unfold, but sadly this is not a discussion that has yet been held. It is a decision that will be very costly and represent a significant burden to our already over-taxed middle class. Given the personal financial impact this would have on each and every Quebec taxpayer, one would hope that somebody would take their views into consideration.

The Quiet Revolution's vague promise of universal education has had lip service paid to it by successive Quebec governments, including those of which Madame Marois was a prominent member, but that is the extent of our commitment. Previous student protests have, of course, frightened our heroic elected officials often enough that past surrenders have taught our youth that a tantrum in the toy store will get them what they want. They seem to be completely dumbfounded that this time, the grown-ups haven't caved. As a result, physical and economic assaults on third parties have become acceptable and de rigueur. It's time to get out the hickory switch.

A close examination of the movement reveals some telling facts. The vast majority of the students on strike are those from the social sciences, humanities and the arts, arguably the most self-indulgent of the disciplines. Those pursuing professional degrees (medicine, engineering, law) have overwhelmingly continued to attend their classes - when not prevented from doing so by the threat of violence - and will graduate on time with valuable degrees

in their hands. So too, interestingly, have almost all the students from the province's anglophone schools. Many will then happily abscond to greener pastures to pursue lucrative and less-taxed careers. The sociologists, historians, political scientists, musicians and literature students, on the other hand, are prepared to deny us the value of their insights until we see the light. We will, apparently, feel the pain when an acute shortage of philosophers undermines our quality of life.

Not surprisingly, the students in the professional disciplines (whose education is about 90 per cent subsidized) recognize a bargain when they see one. The social science and humanities students, on the other hand, who pay almost 40 per cent of the cost of theirs, should perhaps be concerned that their already unmarketable degrees will become almost valueless as institutions desperately try to pretend that the pieces of paper they issue actually mean something.

While the immaturity and selfishness of the boycotting students and their leadership is clear to all, so is the hypocrisy and power-hunger of the revived PQ. With its raison d'être of inde-

pendence wallowing in irrelevance, the aging gang of revolutionary wannabes are reliving their radical youth through the actions of the pawns they direct. Indifferent to the financial and temporal damage students are inflicting on themselves, the PQ has decided to rigorously support the violence and self-indulgence of their trained monkeys by essentially declaring that the wishes of the majority are irrelevant (unless language is involved) when one has adopted a sacred cause. From such arrogance does tyranny spring.

There will be an election soon and it will be interesting to see how Madame Marois (of the residential castle and \$300,000 toilet) will rally her thumb-sucking troops against the 'elites.' It is no coincidence that the PQ advocates enfranchising 16-year olds in its desperate attempt to matter. It is hoped that when the time comes, those who will have to pay for this dream will have a say - regardless of whether this suits the fantastic idea of 'democracy' that seems to motivate the leaders of the next generation. It's time to put our collective foot down.

What dreams are made of

By Mable Hastings

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

From the time we are young we develop interests in things and sometimes those interests become passions and the passions become our dreams. Life is so much richer for the person who has a dream; a hope as one reaches for the improbable but not always the impossible.

For as long as I can remember, my son Simeon has wanted to buy his own truck. In fact, one of the first pictures he drew for me as a kid was a ten wheeler complete with grill and side pipes. No doubt, in his dreams he found himself firmly planted in the driver's seat of one of these massive machines, revving the engine and yanking on the horn.

A self-made business man of sorts, Simeon has always enjoyed purchasing motorcycles, ski doos, vehicles and other articles to resell. I use the word "always" lightly here as he is only 19 years old. He recently sold a motorcycle, saved the money and began his search for the truck of his dreams. Squirreling away what he could and adding it to his fund while searching the internet, magazines and truck dealerships for the perfect rig.

Simeon's love for big trucks was amplified after visits with the late Raymond Schoolcraft who, along with his son Alan owned the Jolly Transport Company in Mansonville. He and Raymond would talk about Raymond's experiences in trucking and Simeon



MABLE HASTINGS

Simeon with his dream truck a Peterbilt 360 ten wheel semi.

could imagine himself behind the wheel. The dreams of childhood were soon ignited and Simeon began saving.

This is the son who once gave me a Mother's day card when he was five years old that read, "I love convertibles," so I know that his love for motorized machines has been longstanding.

Last week, Simeon and his Father, Marvin went to look at a truck that Marvin thought would be the best investment for Simeon. This past Wednesday they picked it up and Simeon came face to face with his dream. Big, bright and blue; a Peterbilt 379 ten wheel Semi!

As Simeon pulled into the yard of my workplace in his new truck, he smiled and said,

"Hey Mom, you gotta put this in the Scoop!" Grinning from ear to ear he added, "Dreams really do come true."

Simeon hopes that one day, like Raymond and Alan, he and his Dad Marvin will start their own business. It's the new dream that Simeon holds in his heart and intends to see come true.

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If you haven't tried thrifting, I encourage you to give it a shot... eventually everyone has a thrifting score story to proudly tell.

The thrifting culture



DISHPAN HANDS

SHEILA QUINN

I know I've made this statement before, but it bears repeating. My name is Sheila Q., and I am a thrift store junkie.

It's a relatively reasonable addiction, I'll give you that. Some days it's more rewarding than others - the sense of adventure is worthy of any archaeological dig. Some days the dig becomes the closet I'm then faced with sorting, and deciding which of my accoutrements are destined for the donation bag, and an-

other fellow digger.

In recent years, one of my favourite spots has been the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre's Boutique Encore. Something about it was like this well-kept secret, with its simple storefront, it can occasionally go unnoticed...and walking in, for me, is what it must be like when Batman gets back to the Batcave.

Tucked between Queen Street's health food store and the Hatley shop, Encore's charm originally lay mostly for me in the nice wooden hangers, the chandeliers, and the cleanliness of what lay within. Encore was different from my usual haunts, but not necessarily more expensive. With most items ranging between \$3 and \$10, this little social enterprise was one I loved to support too.

Thrift and second-hand shopping has made an impact on my visits to regular boutiques - I'm more surprised by the prices of things, I pay a little attention to what's apparently popular for the season, once in a while I'll buy something special at full price, or on sale in a regular store...and then I go back to thrifting the days away.

Online thrift shops provide a heck of

a lot of interesting options as well, where those thrifters do the searching for you. Of course, you'll pay more than you would have had you hauled it out of a pile at a rummage sale, but the condition is also detailed, the item is clean and ready for wear. Favourite shops with great online sites to follow are Montreal's Annex Vintage, and Tara Marie Filteau's shop, Boutique Mademoiselle Vintage, and Couture Allure. Couture Allure in particular provides high-end, gorgeous pieces that seem to have emerged from a fashion Way-Back Machine - tailored and mostly immaculate.

A few weeks ago, I began volunteering at Encore, taking the Wednesday afternoon shift - just before heading over to CJMQ to jump into production for DH Radio. Among my many past employment incarnations are a few lives in various retail settings, but I'd never worked strictly in clothing before, let alone a thrift shop. As it happens, it's almost as much fun to assist in their archaeological apparel seeking as it is to look for myself.

Witnessing someone finding a piece or an outfit that interests them is exciting, and the relief (or thrill of) the price tag means that there's that much more of a story to the purchases in question.

Thrift is a culture. There's nothing new about it (pun pun), yet, there's certainly something current - reusing means it's environmental, not knowing

what you'll find makes it an adventure, wearing something that's more because you like it, and less because it's the line of the season makes it a STATEMENT.

For those of you with big events coming up (prom, weddings, etc.), consider going in the thrift direction - you can get real bang for your buck when it comes to quality, designer items or those from a bygone era when fabrics, details, stitching and craftsmanship was great. We've almost forgotten that once upon a time, buttons were properly sewn on.

Apart from the hunt, the fun at Boutique Encore is also the donating. Women's and men's clothing that's in good condition is always welcome, and anything that doesn't get used in the boutique goes on to another worthy cause. Donations can be brought directly to the store, located at 178 Queen Street in Lennoxville, or to Lennoxville and District Women's Centre at 257 Queen.

If you haven't tried thrifting, I encourage you to give it a shot...if you know someone who is already a seasoned scavenger, tag along, and you might not succeed on your first adventure, but eventually everyone has a thrifting score story to proudly tell.

Don't miss DH Radio on CJMQ 88.9 fm tonight from 9:00 - 11:00, when William Howard Stimson is in studio to recall the music of The Ravlers, with your hosts, Sheila Q. and Stéphane Bessette!

Car stolen from Terrebonne recovered in Ascot Corner

By Evan LePage

The hyper-vigilance of a Sûreté du Québec patrol officer in Ascot corner allowed the authorities to recover a car on Monday that had been stolen in Terrebonne more than a week earlier.

At just before noon on Monday, the SQ officer in question was parked on Highway 112 near Ascot Corner dealing with an unrelated matter involving a truck when he noticed a white 1999 Honda Civic drive by.

The vehicle was the same make and model as one reported stolen in Terrebonne, a city just north of Montreal, nine days earlier. At the beginning of his shift the officer was notified that the car might be located in the Cookshire-Eaton region.

"The car attracted his attention," explained SQ spokesperson Aurélie Guindon. "He attempted to intercept the vehicle but what followed was a short police chase."

The suspect refused to pull over the car but, after a brief chase, lost control of the vehicle and veered off the street on Galipeau Road in Ascot Corner.

The suspect succeeded in exiting the car fleeing into a wooded area close by.

"A police dog was brought in to track him but the suspect has not been found at this time," Guindon explained. "An analysis was done on the vehicle so it is possible this will lead us to the suspect."

Though the investigation is ongoing, if found the suspect could now face charges of fleeing police in addition to vehicular theft.

Construction begins again on Route 112

Construction work on a central strip of Route 112, between Highway 610 in Sherbrooke and Galipeau Road in Ascot Corner, will recommence this morning and will cause lane closures in the area.

Significant traffic slowdowns are to be expected as two of the route's four lanes, one in each direction, will be closed until June 15.

The timing of streetlights at the intersection of the 112 and Highway 610

will be modified to meet the traffic needs during rush hour.

The department of transportation noted that the lane closures will be maintained even outside of working hours.

They are also advising the population to consult www.quebec511.info in advance of any trips to inform themselves about the many road construction projects in the region.

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Jen Young

Foul play or bad judgment?

I can't wrap my head around an incident that transpired over a week ago involving a cat and road sign. On

April 24, I received an e-mail from a young girl stating that that morning, while on the school bus, they drove by a road sign with a cat hanging from it. "The young kids on the bus were so upset," she told me. As soon as I received the e-mail, I took off up the 143 in the direction of Waterville as described. With not being very clear on what to look for, I had my eyes peeled to the road signs. And there it was. On the right hand side of the road, by Deacon's Bridge on the 143, was a tabby cat draped over a tall yellow and black road sign. Being known as one of the most dangerous spots on the 143, I cautiously turned around and parked clearly out of traffic. I crossed the road and of course took pictures in case some kind

of case can be built the photos would be necessary. I used an old towel in the van and slowly took the cat down off the sign. I had to step on the guardrail to do so. I placed the cat on the side of the road, close enough to the guardrail that it would not continuously be run over in case its owners were looking for it and wanted to take it home to bury. The cat showed signs of collision, but what was this? Why was this cat draped up high on a road sign on one of the most dangerous curves of the 143? I received tips afterwards telling me the cat had been seen on the sign the week before? Why was it left for so long on the sign? For the life of me, I can't figure it out. Was this cat purposely draped on this sign? Did someone, using bad judgment,

accidentally hit the cat and take the time to go back and go out of their way to drape it up high so that the owners could find it? I don't believe an answer will ever really be sought in this case, but I do know that there is much about it that is wrong. If you see a pet accidentally struck by a car, call your municipality to inform them. They will contact officials to have the animal removed from the roadway. If the animal is microchipped, they will be able to inform the owners. If this was a case of foul play, it is unacceptable. Ask around. If you hear of anyone who thought this kind of behaviour was funny, contact The Pet Connection so a case can be built.



A cat that was apparently hit by a car was left draped over a sign on Route 143 about a week ago.



Fiona is three years old and she is very friendly with other cats and humans, but not dogs. She needs to be in a home with no dogs to be happy and comfortable.



Barnaby is a 7-month-old Bernese mountain dog and Border collie mix. He is still a pup and is very affectionate. Good with other dogs too.



Gilbert is a 2-year-old purebred Canadian Eskimo dog. He is shy at first but will make a loyal pet. He gets along with most other dogs but has never been around cats.



Gus is a 2-year-old shorthaired Saint Bernard. He is a big baby that loves everyone and everything. Will make an excellent family pet.



Harley is a 2-year-old Rottweiler, but she is smaller than most her age. She is good with other dogs and is very smart.



Ice is a 1-and-a-half-year old husky mix. She has lots of energy but is good with other dogs and cats. She is full of energy and will need an energetic family.

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Lennoxville Art Group Group annual exhibition and sale

Members of the Lennoxville Art Group will be showcasing their work at their annual exhibition and sale June 8-10, 2012 at the Amedee-Beaudoin Cultural Centre, 10 Samuel-Gratham Street (behind the Lennoxville Town Hall). The theme for this year's exhibition is "The Joy of Reading" in honour of the centennial celebration of the Lennoxville library.

The LAG consists of 25 artists, from amateur to professional who meet weekly from September to June to paint, critique one another's work and share ideas, techniques and information. Artists work primarily in watercolour and acrylic, however there are a few members working in oils and pastels.

Some artists from the group also exhibit in other shows throughout the year. Sonia Palik of Sherbrooke has served as President of the group since September 2010 and has organized a number of successful workshops, including those with Pierre Jeanson, Yvan Dagenais and a seminar with Golden Paints. The LAG was formed in the early 1990's as a way for local artists to learn from and support one another, and maintains four of the original members.

Each year during their exhibition, one painting selected by the group is raffled off with the proceeds benefiting the Uplands after school program which introduces children to the arts.

All paintings selected for the raffle are generously donated by the artists. After a group vote, a painting by Pauline Crease was selected to be raffled off at this year's show.

Pauline grew up in Sherbrooke, and is a Lennoxville resident who has always drawn and sketched. She has been a member of LAG for four years. Her whimsical pen and watercolour painting depicts Lennoxville residents enjoying reading activities outside of the library. It exudes a sense of joy and com-



COURTESY

A painting by Pauline Crease was selected to be raffled off at the annual exhibition and sale June 8-10 at the Amedee-Beaudoin Cultural Centre in Lennoxville.

munity and would be a wonderful addition to anyone's collection. Pauline said that she had fun with the painting and tying this year's theme of "The Joy of Reading" with the Library's 100th anniversary. When asked about LAG, Pauline stated, "I really enjoy the encouragement from the other members... it is a very talented group and there is so much to learn from them."

In the past three years, more than \$1,400 has been raised by the raffle and

donated to the Uplands program.

Pauline's painting will be on display during the show, and raffle tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or three for \$5. Admission to the exhibition and sale is free and all are welcome. The Vernissage will take place Friday June 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibition and sale will be open on Saturday June 9 from 9-5 p.m. and Sunday June 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to paintings, members

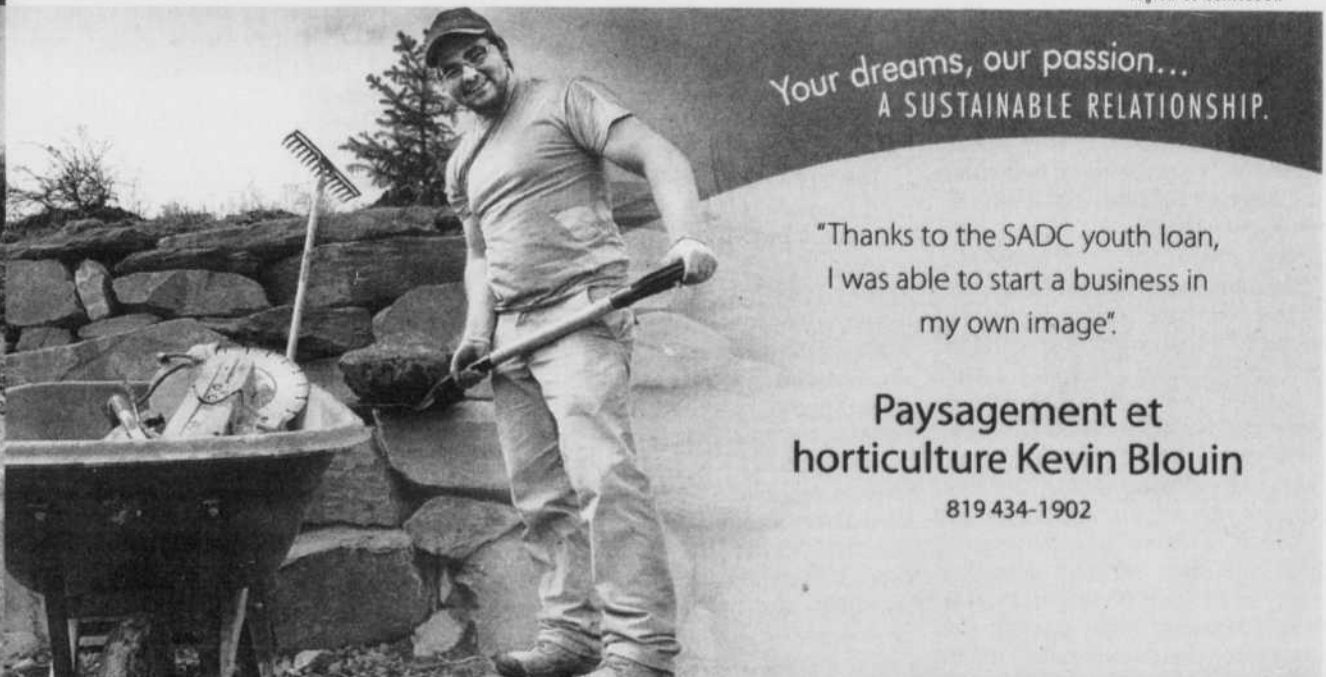
will also have greeting cards available for sale. The raffle will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m., and the winner does not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

The Lennoxville Art Group looks forward to seeing you in June. For more information contact Sonia Palik 819-823-7897

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Local Sports

...the young club members had the opportunity to be handed their medals by three Quebecois athletes who will be a part of the Canadian National Team that will be heading to London for [the] Olympic Games.

Sherbrooke tae kwon do club with impressive results

By Jesse Feith

Members of the Sherbrooke Tae kwon do Club have been productive and successful over the past two weekends, winning a total of 16 medals in two different competitions. First, on the weekend of April 21, the Sherbrooke team sent nine of their best athletes to represent the region in the Regional Finals of the Quebec Games, competing against the likes of clubs from Drummondville and Victoriaville.

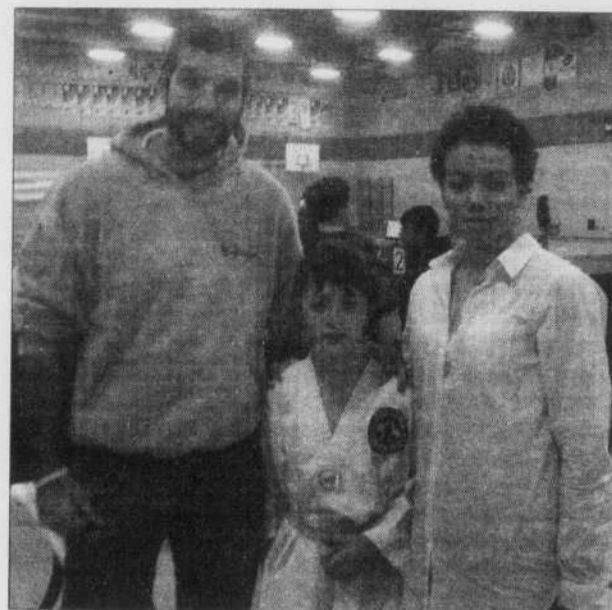
The Sherbrooke team was able to bring home a total of 10 medals, winning six gold and four silver during the weekend. In one of the last competitions of the day, the young members of the club had the chance to watch their black belt coach and trainer, Jean-François Bourgault, take home a gold medal of his own. Club member Léa-Rose Bossé Henri was arguably the most successful participant of the weekend, winning one gold and two silver medals.

Last weekend, the club was back at it again as they travelled to Sillery, near Quebec, to participate in the 2012 Ste-Foy Invitational, a provincial competition that

brought together more than 300 tae kwon do enthusiasts. Once again, the Sherbrooke club was impressive, this time winning three gold medals, two silver and one bronze. As an added bonus to the experience, the young club members had the opportunity to be handed their medals by three Quebecois athletes who will be a part of the Canadian National Team that will be heading to London for this summer's Olympic Games. Club member Antony Bossé Henri stole the show this time around, winning two gold medals and one silver.

The team will now focus on preparing for its next competition, the 2012 Eastern Canada Invitational, which will be held at Université de Laval on the weekend of May 19, where there is expected to be more than 400 of the best participants from tae kwon do clubs from all over Eastern Canada.

Sherbrooke Tae kwon do Club member Eric Diaz Faucher (middle) poses with Canadian Tae kwon do Team member Francois Coulombe-Fortier (left) and former tae kwon do world champion Karine Sergerie (right) at the 2012 Ste-Foy Invitational held last weekend in Sillery, Qc.



COURTESY OF THE SHERBROOKE TAE KWON DO CLUB

Pettitte recalls Clemens conversation

'Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH'

By Joseph White
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defence table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

"Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH," Pettitte testified. "And that it could help with recovery, and that's really all I remember about the conversation."

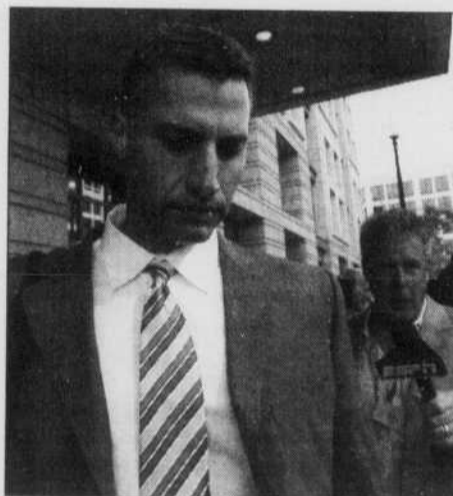
The rest of the details are fuzzy. Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It's a conversation that Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte "misremembers."

The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte's appearance enlivened the proceedings and came without warning. The government interrupted testimony from the trial's first witness to call Pettitte just before noon. Wearing a grey suit, he walked into court a day after allowing six runs and 10 hits with eight strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings in an extended spring training game in Clearwater, Fla., as part his comeback attempt at age 39 with the New York Yankees.

Pettitte testified mostly with his hands clasped in front of him and rarely looked at Clemens, even during the lengthy delays when lawyers held conferences at the judge's bench. Clemens frequently took notes. The two haven't spoken recently because of the trial, but



AP PHOTO/MANUEL BALCE CENETA

Andy Pettitte leaves the Federal Court in Washington, Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Pettitte took the stand Tuesday in the retrial of charges that Roger Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he had never used steroids or human growth hormone.

Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend.

Pettitte is crucial to a government case that will otherwise rely heavily on the testimony of Brian McNamee, who worked as a strength coach for both Clemens and Pettitte and has said he injected both men with performance-enhancing substances. The government showed the jury photos of the three working out together in Texas during happier times — "Mac, Roger and me," as Pettitte put it.

Pettitte has acknowledged he received HGH from McNamee; Clemens has not. Pettitte told the jury about the time he used HGH in 2002 while recovering from an injury, but he wasn't allowed to say he was injected by McNamee because the judge ruled that information inadmissible.

Pettitte said he used HGH one other

time, in 2004. He said regretted it both times he tried it, that he doesn't think it helped him physically and that it has tarnished his name.

"I wish I never would've" taken HGH, he said. "If I hadn't done it, I wouldn't be here today."

Asked to recall the conversation in which Clemens supposedly admitted to using HGH, Pettitte remembered it taking place during a workout at Clemens' house in Texas during the 1999-2000 off-season. Maybe inside the gym. Maybe outside.

Then, under cross-examination from one of Clemens' lawyers, Pettitte revealed how tenuous his account might seem to the jury. Attorney Michael Atanassio asked if it came amid a "lot of huffing and puffing" that accompanies a workout.

"Yes," Pettitte answered.

Pettitte was then asked if Clemens' remark was made "in passing" — as opposed to in a "focused conversation."

"I would say so," Pettitte said.

Pettitte will return to the stand on Wednesday.

Pettitte also recalled the other time he spoke with Clemens about HGH, during the media swirl surrounding earlier congressional hearings — in 2005 — on drug use in sports. Both were playing for the Houston Astros, and Pettitte asked Clemens at spring training what Clemens would say if asked by reporters about HGH use.

Clemens responded: "What are you talking about?" according to Pettitte, and that Pettitte must have misunderstood the 1999-2000 conversation.

"He said, 'My wife used it,'" Pettitte said.

"Obviously I was a little flustered," Pettitte said, "because I thought that he told me that he did."

Both Clemens and McNamee have said that McNamee injected Debbie

Clemens with HGH at the Clemens' home in 2003, although they differ over certain details.

Clemens has said publicly multiple times, including before Congress at a February 2008 hearing, that Pettitte "misremembers" the 1999-2000 conversation.

Pettitte mentioned Clemens — along with pitchers Nolan Ryan and Jim Abbott — as players he admired while growing up in Texas. Ten years apart in age, Pettitte said he "hit it off immediately" when he and Clemens first became teammates with the Yankees in 1999.

They remained teammates for nine seasons, five with the Yankees, then three with the Astros, then one more back in New York before Clemens retired after the 2007 season.

The trial was moving at a laborious pace before Pettitte appeared. Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, spent the morning trying to challenge the merits of the 2008 hearing, specifically honing in on whether the questions asked of Clemens had anything to do with Congress' stated mission of passing laws.

But Hardin was walking a fine line. A substantial challenge to the validity of the hearings could open the door to allow the government to introduce more evidence about the widespread use of steroids and HGH in baseball — something Clemens doesn't want the jury to hear for fear of guilt by association.

The trial's first witness, Phil Barnett, was majority staff director for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee when that panel held the 2008 hearing. He said the hearing helped determine the accuracy of the 2007 Mitchell Report on performance-enhancing drug use in baseball, but he added that no legislation was passed as a result.

Associated Press writer Frederic J. Frommer contributed to this report.

Death



Ona (Nee Currier) Gilbert

Passed away peacefully at the Grace Christian Home, Sherbrooke, on Sunday, March 4, 2012 in her 90th year.

Daughter of the late James and Lois Porter Currier and wife of the late Douglas Gilbert. Dear sister of Norman Currier, and sister-in-law of Charles Kingsley (the late Orma Currier). Also left to mourn are her several nieces and nephews in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Sawyerville QC, and the USA. Ona was pre-deceased by her sisters and brothers Iris, Orma, Clinton, Keith,

Austin and Byron.

She lived many years at Lime Ridge and Bishopton QC. In 2001, due to failing health, she moved to the Grace Christian home in Huntingville, to be near her sister Orma. At her request, cremation was held.

Funeral service will be held at Bishopton United Church, on May 5, 2012, Rebecca service and visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by the funeral service. Interment following at Lakeside Cemetery.

Donations to the W. J. Klink Foundation c/o The Grace Christian Home, 1501 Campbell Ave., Sherbrooke, QC J1M 0C1 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Death



Audrey TILLOTSON

Audrey passed away on April 29, 2012, in her 89th year. The cornerstone of her family, Audrey was the proud mother of Nellie, Dent, Audrey Ann, Gillian and Gwen (David) and grandmother of Tara (Mark), Brian, Sam (Paula), Edward, Max, Ashley and Lori. Her beloved husband William and daughter-in-law she adored Barb, pre-deceased her.

Born in Otley, Yorkshire, Audrey was the only child of Dent and Nellie Hawkins. Educated in England and Finland, young Audrey was an avid

cross-country skier and explorer who, with her parents, roamed Yorkshire and Finnish countryside. As World War II closed in, Audrey and her parents slipped out of Finland to England, only days ahead of a Nazi invasion.

Audrey served with the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), assigned to help build AVRO Lancaster bombers. After the war, Audrey and her parents moved to Canada, traveling by ocean liner and steam train via New York to Montreal, settling in Huntingdon, Quebec. Audrey met her dance partner and love, William (Bill) Tillotson, and they soon married, moving to Sherbrooke where they raised their five children.

Spending summers at Baldwin's Mills in a renovated logger's cabin, with organic plumbing and oil lamps, Bill and Audrey nurtured their family with a steady diet of sunshine, trout fishing, swimming, hunting, roaring bonfires and marshmallows, card games, jam sandwiches, tea, and Vermont drive-ins often featuring John Wayne.

Winter saw Audrey serving fries, English style, each Sunday evening. Montreal Canadian game intermissions meant Bill and Audrey would dance together, hand-in-hand, gazing into each other's eyes, gliding around the room as Lawrence Welk music filled the air and their children looked on. They taught their children to be independent, resourceful, and see the world through their hearts. No matter where they went, Bill and Audrey held hands, enjoyed the simple things in life, and were forever in love with each other.

In her later years, Audrey enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren, moving to Lennoxville in her senior years, where she was active in senior citizen groups and community activities. Audrey is now with her dance partner and love, Bill, watching over their legacy: their children and grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

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Death



LODGE - The family of Robert Bob Lodge wishes to express a heartfelt thank you to all whom offered their support through visitation, donations, flowers and cards. A special thank you to the 730 Truck Stop employees for their support and food donations. Your caring words, thoughtfulness and support are greatly appreciated.

THE LODGE FAMILIES



Violet M. OSBORNE (1915-2012)

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the age of 95, with her family by

her side. She was a resident of the Foyer of the Magog Hospital.

Survived by her brothers John (Isabelle Simard) and Ken Dezan (late Jean). Predeceased by her parents the late John Osborne and Ella M. Lawrence; her brother Lyle (Lucille Hamel), nieces, nephews and relatives.

A funeral service will be held at St Paul's United Church 211 Pine St., Magog, on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro officiating.

One hour prior to the service the family will receive condolences. Interment taking place in Pine Hill Cemetery

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Death



Thomas Herbert RICE

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the age of 91 years. He was a resident at the Connaught Home, North Hatley, QC.

He was the loving husband, of 63 years, of Dorothy Rice, deceased, and loving and caring father to three sons Jeffery (Barbara) of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Michael (Jona) of Norman, Oklahoma and Brian of Norman, Oklahoma. The cherished grandfather to Debbie and Tony (Jeff & Barbara) and Erin & Keri (Mike & Jona) and great-grandfather to Tyler Ferguson (Debbie & Tim Ferguson),

Riley Pointer, Kale and Kamden Daugherty (Erin & Tyson Daugherty) and Arianna, Anaya and Joplin Rice (Cindy & Tony Rice). Tom is survived by his caring sisters Francis Rice of Huntingdon, QC and Emily Smerdon of Sherbrooke, QC, and brother Fred Rice of Ottawa, ON, many nieces and nephews, other friends whose lives he touched and was touched by.

A funeral service will be held at the Hatley United Church, Hatley, with Reverend Mead Baldwin officiating, on the 5th of May 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Interment taking place in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the W. J. Klink Foundation c/o Connaught Home, 77 Main St., North Hatley, QC, J0B 2C0 would be appreciated by the family.

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Isn't it time for Shawna to find a new best friend?

Dear Annie: Our daughter is 42 years old and divorced. For the past two years, she has been seeing "Matt." We accepted him and welcomed him at our numerous family gatherings.

Several weeks ago, our daughter drank too much at a party and ended up in bed with another man. Needless to say, Matt became quite angry. But he went into a rampage. He threw bricks through her car windows, punched her in the eye and showed up at our doorstep to cuss her out. He also confronted her kids.

We strongly advised her to end the relationship. But after Matt calmed down, he apologized, went for court-ordered counseling and now attends AA. So our daughter has started seeing him again.

We totally disapprove of this relationship, but she has asked us to accept this guy again and welcome him to our family gatherings. We don't want him near us. It sounds like Matt is trying to do the right thing, but we can't forget what happened. We worry about her constantly when she is with him, in case he loses his temper again. How should we handle this? — Concerned Parents

Dear Concerned: You don't have to approve of Matt in order to have a relationship with your daughter, and it is important that you stay in touch with her. It is not mandatory that you welcome Matt into your home, but please arrange to meet your daughter in other locations. If Matt abuses her again, she will need to know you are close by and available.

There are men who have managed, through hard work and counseling, to find healthier ways to handle their anger, and we certainly hope Matt is one of them. Please urge your daughter to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline for information (thehotline.org), and to give Matt plenty of time to prove himself before she becomes too entangled. Her life may depend on it.

Dear Annie: A year ago, my teenage daughter, "Shawna," had a new friend

spend the night. The next day, Shawna discovered her new friend gave her head lice. We treated it and told her friend to do the same.

The problem is, this friend keeps giving lice to my daughter. We know it's her because it only happens when this particular girl spends the night or Shawna goes to her house. In between, there are no outbreaks. My daughter has missed several days of school, and I have bought countless treatments, sprayed the house, and washed and disinfected everything. I have talked to the girl's mother, who claims she's doing everything possible, but Shawna says she only vacuums.

I told Shawna there will be no more visits with this girl until her parents figure out how to get rid of the lice. Isn't it time for Shawna to find a new best friend? — At My Wits' End Here

Dear Wits' End: They can still be best friends over the phone and online for the time being. We suspect someone else this girl regularly comes into contact with is causing repeated infestations. The parents should carefully check every person in their home (including themselves) and talk to their pediatrician.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Stepped On," whose volunteer organization suffers from a rude and abusive supervisor, left out an important option.

She and her colleagues should document instances of unacceptable behavior with details, dates and times, and present the facts in writing to the board, pointing out how the behavior harms the organization by alienating both volunteers and potential donors, two crucial resources. They also should document their efforts to get the supervisor to correct his behavior. They should be willing to sign their letter and be prepared to leave if no corrective action ensues. — Don't Put Up with it in Hawaii

Dear Annie: My husband's parents live on the farm where he grew up, which is about an hour away from my folks' house. When we go home to visit,

Annie's Mailbox

I prefer to stay with my parents.

I have no problem visiting the farm and spending time with my husband's family, but the accommodations at my parents' house are more comfortable. We have an entire section of the house to ourselves, including a private bathroom. At my in-laws', the entire family shares a bathroom. Also, my mother-in-law has OCD and insists we shower every time we enter the house, and anything in our possession (phone, watch, wallet) must be wiped off. The last time we visited, my husband had to tell his mother three times not to wipe off my dry-clean-only outfit with her wet dishrag. In addition, all of our belongings end up smelling like manure.

I think the family is only enabling my mother-in-law's issues by accommodating all of her odd requests. I've tried to tell my husband how uncomfortable this makes me, and that I'd rather spend the night at my parents' home and split the daylight hours between the two houses. But he says it's not fair, it hurts his feelings and we should spend nights at the farm, too. What is your take on the situation? — Sick of the Farm

Dear Sick: We can certainly understand your discomfort, but you also must consider your husband's preferences. If you visit only once or twice a year, we say suck it up and stay there half the time and wear clothes you don't mind wiping with a wet dishrag. His mother's issues are not really your business unless you live with her. But also discuss this calmly with your husband and ask if you can spend more daylight hours at the farm to make up for fewer sleepovers. Find other things to like and admire about his family so this doesn't turn into a power play. He needs to know that you don't consider his folks inferior to yours.

Dear Annie: I love my wife, but find us drifting apart. She must control every aspect of our day-to-day lives. She has a fuse that is extremely short and spends a lot of time being angry.

Why would anyone want to share time or romance with a person who is always mad? Then, when I don't want to be with her, she gets angry that we don't spend quality time together. Also, I don't want to make love much anymore.

We have seen counselors, but they have not been helpful. How do we end this death spiral that will surely end in divorce? — Sad in Buffalo

Dear Sad: Ask your wife to see her doctor and be checked for any type of hormonal or endocrine imbalance. She also should be evaluated for depression. Sometimes, underlying medical conditions can create or exacerbate personality issues. Please check it out before giving up.

Dear Annie: This is for "Hanging Loose in Calif.," who worried about where he and his wife would be buried.

There are more than 100 national cemeteries across the country. As long as the couple is still married at the time of death, and pending the veteran's eligibility, his spouse is entitled to be buried at a national cemetery at no cost. The Veterans Administration provides the following burial benefits: opening and closing of the gravesite; a grave liner for casket burials; a headstone or niche cover for cremated remains to be interred above ground; perpetual care.

The process of determining a veteran's eligibility is occasionally complicated. Those interested can contact their local national cemetery or Veterans Affairs office. The National Cemetery Administration also has an informative website at www.cem.va.gov. — NCA Customer Service Rep

Dear Rep: Thank you for your excellent information. Many readers let us know that veterans' spouses can be buried at national cemeteries. We thank all who wrote.

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

CORRECTION: St. Anne's holds Military Whist


It took forever for me to get the write-up done about the Military Whist which was published in the Record of Monday, April 30. And would you believe that I really screwed up! Of course, aren't we entitled to at least one mistake? So, my apologies to the winners and this is how it really went down

After the tie for first place (and I got that right), I should have said that second place was grabbed by Joyce Mastine,

Carole Nixon, Allie VanderWal and Doreen Waterhouse. Then, I gave credit to another table which, instead of taking second place, was actually the winners of low score.


So sorry to everyone who enjoys seeing these write-ups and knowing who the real winners are.

Submitted by Jean Storry, culprit.



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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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UL LKRGX K CGDXFZ LY OGGT
AYM YLZGMX' FZUEHMGD." — XKC
EGNGDXYD

Previous Solution: "The way money goes so fast these days, they should paint racing stripes on it." — Mark Russell

TODAY'S CLUE: X siende H

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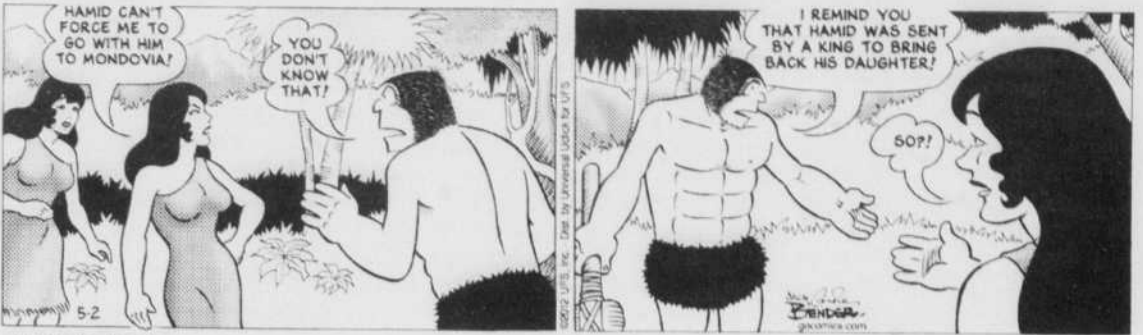


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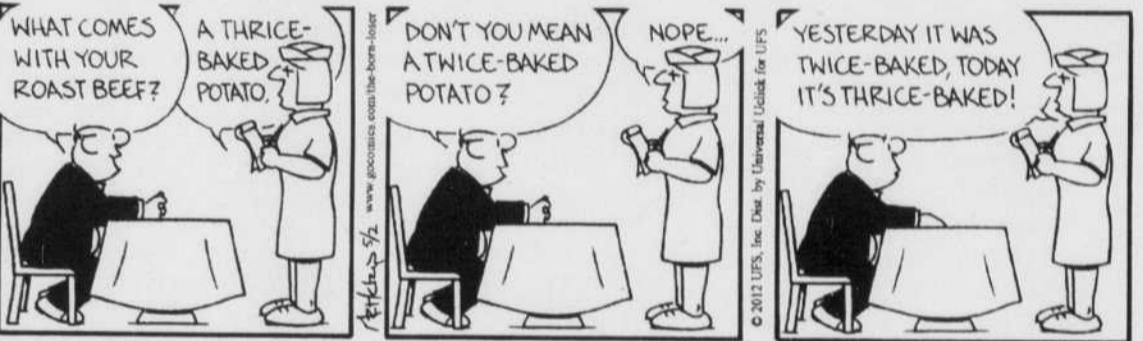
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something rather exciting could happen if you visit places where you have a chance to make new contacts. Expose yourself to these kinds of occurrences, and the universe will do the rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you continuously stay positive, an important situation in which you're presently involved will work out to your satisfaction, or perhaps even better than you thought possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Rather than discussing something important over the telephone or even putting it to paper, you'll be much more effective going over the matter in person, if that's at all possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Financial trends are moving in your favor, so if you have anything important monetarily that needs to be shared with others, do so now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If at all possible, avoid people who always try to tell you what to do and how and when to do it. Your personal freedom and independences will be of utmost importance to

you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your day won't count for much if you fail to be compassionate when a situation calls for it. It's not what you do for yourself as much as what you do for others that'll afford you the greatest pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Base your social activities around friends with whom you're totally at ease. Pretentious people will put you in a negative mood and make yours and everybody else's day miserable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you have responsibilities dumped on your shoulders that affect others as much as they do you, take them very seriously. Everyone will suffer if you are indifferent or negligent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your intuition regarding the outcome of events is likely to be right on the money. If you have to make any projections for the day, keep this in mind and refrain from listening to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Joint ventures should work out quite satisfactorily, provided nobody tries to rush things beyond their normal pace. Press forward without being pushy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's best not to make any important decision that affects the entire family without first talking things over with them. Move on only after they've all had their say.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't hesitate to take on something that is a bit beyond what you normally handle. It's a day when things come easier for you, and that includes handling something new.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012

You can stop 10 by taking four

By Phillip Alder

David Hilbert was a German mathematician who died in 1943. He discovered and developed many fundamental ideas, including Hilbert spaces in functional analysis. He claimed that if one were to bring 10 of the wisest men in the world together and ask them what the most stupid thing was in existence, they would not be able to discover anything as stupid as ... what?

It does not require a particularly wise man to realize that to defeat a four-spade contract, the defenders must take at least four tricks. How would that thought have helped West in this deal? He leads the diamond ace: five, two, four. What should he do next?

South opened three spades to show a respectable seven-card suit and 5-10 high-card points. West made a borderline takeout double. North raised, hoping his partner was short in diamonds. (Yes, three no-trump works here but is probably against the odds.)

What does East's diamond two say? That he does not have a doubleton, when he would have started an echo (high-low). If South has two diamonds, can the second card disappear?

Only in layouts where the contract cannot be defeated. Which four tricks must the defenders get?

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| North 05-02-12 | | | |
| ♠ A 9 8 | | | |
| ♥ K Q J 10 | | | |
| ♦ Q 8 5 | | | |
| ♣ A J 6 | | | |
| West | | | East |
| ♠ 6 3 | | | ♠ 2 |
| ♥ A 9 4 | | | ♥ 8 7 5 2 |
| ♦ A K J 6 | | | ♦ 10 9 3 2 |
| ♣ 8 7 4 3 | | | ♣ K Q 9 2 |
| South | | | |
| ♠ K Q J 10 7 5 4 | | | |
| ♥ 6 3 | | | |
| ♦ 7 4 | | | |
| ♣ 10 5 | | | |
| Dealer: South | | | |
| Vulnerable: East-West | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 3 ♠ | Dbl. | 4 ♠ | All pass |
| Opening lead: ♦ A | | | |

One heart, one diamond and two clubs, or one heart, two diamonds and one club.

This means that it must be best to shift to the club eight, high denying an honor.

As you can see, this defeats the contract. But if West cashes the diamond king at trick two, South's second club evaporates on the diamond queen.

Hilbert was talking about astrology. Do you agree?

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- Across**
- 1 Skiing need
 - 5 Color Me __: 1990s R&B group
 - 9 Wait for a light, perhaps
 - 13 Debate choice
 - 15 Hardly __: rarely
 - 16 French company?
 - 17 __ acid
 - 18 Lamebrain
 - 19 Behold, to 57-Down
 - 20 2002 DiCaprio/Day-Lewis historical drama
 - 23 Ending with stamp
 - 24 U.S.'s Ryder Cup foe
 - 25 Letters from Greece
 - 26 The past, in the past
 - 28 1968 Davis/Lawford spy spoof
 - 32 "Me __": "My name is," in Spain
 - 33 Mrs. Gorbachev

- 34 Big Island city
- 37 Aquarium fish
- 40 Fed. crash site investigator
- 41 Assured way to solve a crossword puzzle
- 43 Moved, as a dinghy
- 45 1940 Grant/Russell comedy
- 49 First National Leaguer with eight consecutive 100-RBI seasons
- 50 Society page word
- 51 Pier gp.
- 52 Circle segment
- 55 1962 Rat Pack remake of "Gunga Din" ... or collectively, the ends of 20-, 28- and 45-Across
- 59 Island goose
- 60 German crowd?
- 61 Word after dog or lop
- 62 1-Across vehicle

- "I Never Played the Game"
- 21 Lash __: attack verbally
 - 22 Belgian river
 - 27 Not at all colorful
 - 29 As a companion
 - 30 __ this world: alien
 - 31 Bamboo lover
 - 34 Onetime Ritz competitor
 - 35 Per se
 - 36 SiriusXM Radio subscriber, say
 - 38 Once-in-a-blue-moon events
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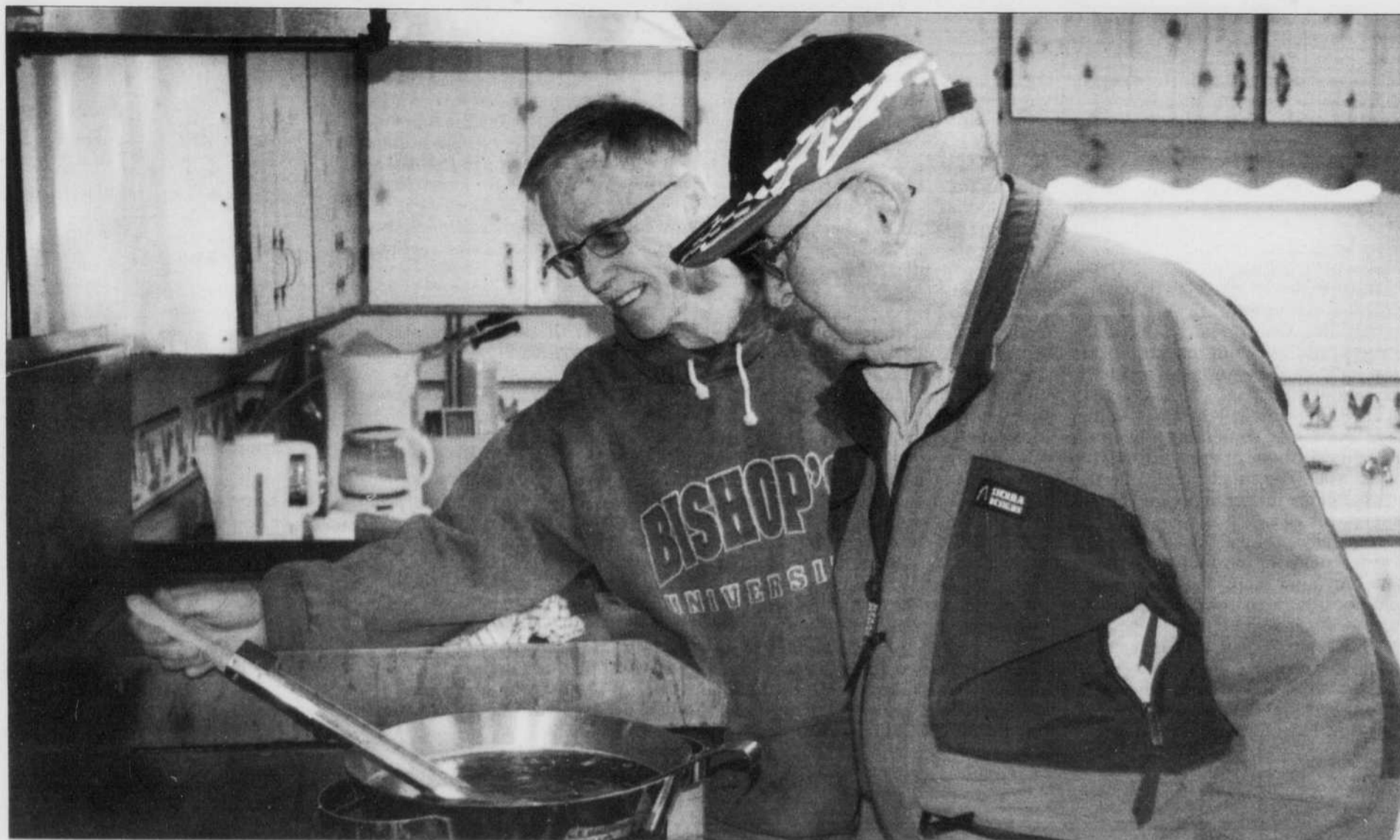
- 42 High card
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- 46 Change further, as text
- 47 Gets the lesson
- 48 Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
- 53 Christopher who played Superman
- 54 Gives up
- 56 Take from the top
- 57 Fabled fiddler
- 58 Can't stand
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Sugar-On-Snow Party



Expert syrup producers Colin Jardine & Don Parsons.



On Saturday, March 17th, members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club, family members and friends, gathered at the clubhouse on Prospect Street for the annual sugar-on-snow party.

Like the recent abnormal winter season with its lack of snow cover, spring 2012 may similarly be characterized as somewhat unusual. While the pleasantly warm temperatures recently experienced in March were well received by most people suffering from 'cabin fever', it proved rather detrimental to the production of maple syrup in the region.

This year, as a result, club organizers were hard pressed not only to secure a sufficient quantity of snow, but also faced the problem of a limited supply of maple syrup for the re-boil at the annual party. Fortunately, members Don Parsons and Brian Heath scoured the woods in the 'wilds' east of Cookshire and were able to locate some scarce reserves of unmelted snow, enough to fill all the serving pans needed for the party. In similar fashion, club member Colin Jardine, was able to set aside an ample supply of fresh syrup from his limited production run at his sugar bush south of Sherbrooke.

So everything was set for the party when the crowd gathered at the century-old clubhouse in mid March. The



Members, family & friends of the SSSC.

weather was fine, with sunny skies and a chill in the air and there were lots of smiles on all the friendly faces.

Special door prizes for the event were handed out to Dave Moore and George MacDougall. Adding to the festivities was a drawing for a painting donated by talented member Richard Goodhue,

which was won by club president Don Jondreville.

Besides the ever sweet 'sugar-on-snow' distributed throughout the hall by club volunteers, there was steaming hot coffee, doughnuts, pickles and other treats on hand for the 70 plus individuals who attended.

The party signaled the end of club gatherings for the present season. Notwithstanding the club's garage sale in June, it will not be until September that the members gather once again for the fall re-union.

Steve Moore