

# ETSB suspends TTFM survey

By Matthew McCully

At Tuesday evening's council of commissioners meeting, the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) decided unanimously to suspend administering the Tell Them From Me survey until May 4, after the board has had an opportunity to address parent concerns about the survey.

The issue came up as parent commissioner Ken Waterhouse delivered the parents' committee report, pointing to concerns about consent, assuring the anonymity of the students, and setting up an ethics committee to ensure the appropriateness of the questions.

Waterhouse read out a resolution drafted by the central parents committee to suspend the implementation of this year's survey.

Following a discussion among the councillors, ETSB Chairman Mike Murray proposed an amendment to the parents' committee resolution. Rather than suspend its implementation this year, Murray suggested the survey be suspended until after a May 3 meeting where concerns about the survey can be addressed. That way, there would still be a window to move forward with the survey for the current school year.

"We've heard and tried to address the negative aspects, but we've never delved into what are the benefits that apply directly to the students," Murray said.

"Without listening to what the students tell us, we're less able to understand their needs."

Waterhouse pointed out that 'without criticism, there is no improvement,' suggesting what parents want is a proper evaluation of all aspects of the survey before moving forward.

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# Canadian Cancer Society daffodils have arrived in Lennoxville



GORDON LAMBIE

The volunteer organizers of the annual Canadian Cancer Society daffodil campaign were hard at work in the hall of Lennoxville United Church on Wednesday morning, organizing boxes for delivery. Over the course of the day runners crisscrossed the communities of Lennoxville, Cookshire, Hatley, North Hatley, Bury, Milby, and Ayer's Cliff to present the bundles of spring blooms that were purchased in support of the fight against cancer. In addition to having met their fundraising goals for this year, the team was able to set up a table at the Lennoxville Provigo to sell extra bundles of 10 flowers each to people who had not ordered them in advance. "Robert Lafond is so helpful," said committee member Maureen Quigg, explaining that this was the first time that the order-and-delivery based team tried such an approach in Lennoxville.

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# Risky days for columnists



ROSS MURRAY

Hi there. How's tricks? Does anyone say that anymore? "How's tricks?" Sounds Damon Runyon-esque. That's Damon Runyon, the American writer, not Damon Runyan, the Canadian actor and star of "Degrassi: The Next Generation," though, honestly, what kind of parent does that to a child? It would be like if my last name were "Frankenstein" and I named my child "Brideof."

But seriously, how's tricks?

That's one of those greetings I like to spring on the members of the high school yearbook club I supervise. Most of the girls in the club are from Asia, so when I come in and say, "What's up, Doc?" they just look at me. Then I ask them if they know who Bugs Bunny is, which they do, and the rest is fairly self-explanatory. I've also tried "What's the story?" and "What's cooking?" which likewise generate blank stares.

I have never tried "How's it hanging?" nor do I intend to. Never once have I thought, "Would it be so bad, just to see what it felt like?"

Also, I would like to point out that I am not generalizing about Asian girls. I write this based on my own experience knowing full well that there may be

many Asian girls, perhaps the majority, who are familiar with North American greeting colloquialisms.

Sorry. I'm a bit nervous, kind of stalling here actually, because I don't want to inadvertently write something that crosses the line or displays bad judgement on my part.

Recently, Maclean's columnist Andrew Potter had to step down as the head of a prestigious institute at McGill University over an ill-considered and poorly substantiated blindside of Quebec society, and this week, Globe and Mail columnist Leah McLaren got the Internet in a froth when she wrote about the time she attempted to breastfeed a stranger's baby at a party.

I'm worried because I too have been to parties. I've been to lots of parties. I've done stupid things at parties. But there were never babies involved. That's not necessarily true. Babies were sometimes present. But there was no nursing. By me. I have not nursed any babies. At parties or elsewhere.

I'm sorry you're now picturing me nursing a baby.

You see? You see how easy it is? I set out to write something specifically about not ever having breastfed strange babies at parties and then I find myself telling about that time I went to a house party and had to go to the bathroom, and I noticed that the toilet was running, so I lifted the lid to fiddle with the doodad, because toilets - how hard can they be? And then suddenly there was a geyser of water shooting out of the tank. So I put the lid back on and left. A few minutes later, I heard the owner upstairs yelling, "What the hell!"

But, still, I didn't break any social mores. Just a toilet.

I've got to be extra careful, because my deadline is looming, like maybe McLaren's deadline was, and she was thinking, "Well, I have to write something..." Maybe like me she had tumbled down the rabbit hole of Netflix, letting hours slip away instead of writing, delighted by the entertainment yet coming away with a bloated sense of wasted time and chip crumbs down her shirt, which would make breastfeeding uncomfortable for both her and a stranger's baby, I can imagine.

And that could easily get me talking about how it's odd I don't feel guilty about reading books for hours, which in turn could lead to me telling about that time I went to a party and saw a book I liked on the host's bookshelf and took it home. People do that all the time, right? Perfectly normal behaviour? Hosts expect that. If you open your home to guests, you assume you're going to lose a bestseller or two, especially in Quebec society, where people steal books because of the underground economy and instant teller machines that spew copies of pirated DVDs.

And I don't feel guilty about it at all, because if I did feel guilty, or if I suspected this might be behaviour or a sweeping generalization that people might find really, really weird, I certainly wouldn't write about it.

Or would I? That's why I'm nervous, see?

So what have we learned today? That writing a column is fraught with risk, that vigilant editors are important, that I make Asian girls uncomfortable, that breastfeeding should be handled by professionals and that you invite me to a party at your peril.

# Potton seeks artist for Mansonville park artwork

Record Staff

The Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee is inviting artists from the MRC Memphrémagog to propose a second public artwork of Les pierres angulaires to be produced and installed in André-Gagnon Park in the heart of Mansonville. The work must be inspired by natural elements of the park

and, the use of recycled materials and collaboration with a local contractor will be among the criteria considered by the jury. The work must be completed for the community's "Cultural Days," which will be held on September 29, 30, and October 1, 2017

This project is subsidized by the Fonds de développement du territoire of the MRC de Memphrémagog and by the

Potton Township Municipality.

Interested artists are invited to an information meeting at Mansonville Town Hall on Friday, April 21, at 6 pm. Those interested should confirm their presence by calling 450-292-5698. For more information on criteria and the 2017 schedule, please consult the following link: [www.potton.ca/pierresangulaires](http://www.potton.ca/pierresangulaires).

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

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## Caregivers conference brings community resources under one roof

By Matthew McCully

Close to 70 people attended yesterday's caregivers conference at the Community Centre in North Hatley. In addition to a lecture on caregiving and compassion fatigue by social worker Amanda Rocheleau, information kiosks were set up to inform people about the services and resources related to caregiving in the community.

"A lot of people don't know about the services available," said Sylvie Gilbert Fowlis, Executive Director of Lennoxville and District Community Aid, one of the community groups in attendance.

Fowlis said people can often fall into a caregiving role, not realizing how overwhelming the job can become or where to turn to for support.

She referred to the 'sandwich generation', who are raising their own children but also need to care for their parents.

"A lot of seniors are caregivers," she added.

The conference brought 10 different community organizations together to inform locals about resources available for caregivers, including respite services and support groups.

Rocheleau's lecture on the subject of compassion fatigue, helped caregivers realize their limits and discussed the importance of self-care to be able to properly help others.

She explained that compassion fatigue is the combination of a burnout (physical and emotional exhaustion) and vicarious trauma (repeated exposure to traumatic information that transforms one's sense of self and safety).

Rocheleau explained to the audience how to recognize the symptoms of compassion fatigue, and offered tools and techniques to integrate self-care into their roles as helpers.

"There's a lot of networking among the organizations themselves," pointed out North Hatley councillor Pauline Farrugia. "They're all here to help, they have the same goal," she said, adding that having them under one roof to exchange ideas was beneficial to them as well as the community at large.

Farrugia added that North Hatley was a good location for the conference, which has a high senior population.

"A lot of people want to stay here," she said.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

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## New development at Desranleau Park begins in May

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Beginning in May, the City of Sherbrooke will implement a major re-development of Desranleau Park that is expected to continue over the next two years.

The work planned in 2017 concerns

the installation of a new skatepark where the tennis court is currently located. Tennis players are now invited to use the acrylic asphalt surface at Gilles-Charland Park or the crushed-rock court at Édouard-Boudreau Park. Both parks are both located near Desranleau Park.

In addition, the City wants to continue the development of Desranleau

Park in 2018 and 2019 with the construction of a new service building, a half-field basketball court, and volleyball courts, as well as securing the slide area.

The work will take place over a three-year period at an estimated cost of a little over \$800,000, of which \$225,000 will be spent this year.

"The City has taken great care to con-

sult with local stakeholders in order to respond to the needs of the population and to offer it a pleasant and friendly playground and relaxation area. An information session was also held on March 21 to explain the details of the new development to residents of the area," says Desranleau District Councillor Danielle Berthold.

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During Tuesday's meeting, more commissioners attended the meeting via Google hangout than in person.

During his report, Murray referred to the \$3.4 billion announced for education in the provincial budget.

"What this really means for the school board is we have finally been granted a long standing request for predictable funding for years ahead," Murray com-

mented, saying the board can now look at staffing and spending in a wider timeframe.

The education budget is a five-year plan, representing a 4.5 per cent annual increase, compared to consecutive cuts in recent years.

Murray called the budget encouraging.

The board pointed out that a decision regarding the class action suit filed by a Saguenay Lac St-Jean parent regarding school fees is expected to be made by April 11.

The ETSB is one of 68 school boards named

in the class action suit, questioning the legality of some of the fees parents are required to pay, asserting that public education should be free of charge.

The suit seeks punitive damages in the amount of \$100 for each of the plaintiffs in the class action.

The board approved the academic calendar for the youth sector of the ETSB for the coming school year.

No questions were asked during question period.

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# Praxis Malawi stands to benefit from anonymous donor

By Gordon Lambie

The Transformative Praxis Malawi (TPM) project is the charity of choice this year for the Bishop's University Singers' Spring Concert, benefitting from added exposure through lobby access before the show and during intermission. Thanks to an anonymous donor, however, the project to establish a centre for education and sustainable community development in the Chilanga region of Kasungu, Malawi also stands to get a significant financial boost so long as the local community gets involved.

"For anybody who says they support Praxis Malawi, an anonymous donor will make a \$10 donation for every ticket sold," explained Melanie Bennett-Stonebanks, Interim Director of Practice Teaching with Bishop's University and Education Coordinator for the project. "It's a prof here from Arts and Science who wishes to remain anonymous. The generosity is huge."

Bennett-Stonebanks highlighted the fact that even as the TPM team grows to include an increasingly broad international representation the project depends heavily on support from the local community.

"The only way we can do this type of thing is by connecting communities to communities," the Education Coordinator said. "The Eastern Townships has re-

ally now become an integral part of this."

Since beginning in 2008, the TPM project has focused on initiatives supporting Education, Health and Development through equal participation of its members on the creation of a community learning space, known by locals as "the campus".

Bennett-Stonebanks said that despite being classified by the United Nations as being impoverished, local Malawian TPM members continue to challenge hopelessness and see their community as a location of possibility and opportunity as the different players work together on the "brick by brick" initiative.

"Every small little way helps to fill the bucket," the coordinator said, adding that the project is bringing people together across great distances in a positive way. "That's the type of thing that this project has been about since the beginning."

In terms of recent developments, Bennett-Stonebanks said that the completion, last year, of a solar-powered "learning lab" on the campus has resulted in a significant step forward for the work happening on the ground. While the ongoing major target of the project remains the construction of a local elementary school, the education coordinator said that the creation of the lab has opened the door for greater educational enrichment with local teachers



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as well as a far more reliable line of communication year round.

"We have laptops and a projector and we gave a two-week university course to six teachers, two from each of our sister schools," she said. "We're moving into a space where we're engaging more with the community and I think it will have a far-reaching impact."

The funds raised this coming weekend from ticket sales as well as by other

fundraising opportunities that the project members will be offering in the lobby of Centennial Theatre will be committed to the primary school construction project specifically, with the hope of having a first classroom completed this coming summer.

"We definitely would not be able to do it without the support and generosity of this community," Bennett-Stonebanks said. "It's very heartwarming."

# Community Aid marks Meals on Wheels week

By Gordon Lambie

The week of the 26th of March to the 1st of April has been the 12th annual Meals on Wheels week in the Province of Quebec, recognizing the importance of the service particularly when it comes to people living with a loss of autonomy. The theme of this year's week, organized by the Regroupement des popotes roulantes, is Nourishing Home Care, one meal at a time!

According to the organizing body loss of autonomy is an issue that affects more than one quarter of all seniors.

On the local front, Lennoxville and District Community Aid says it reaches approximately 450 people living with a loss of autonomy in Lennoxville, Waterville, North Hatley and the Canton de Hatley and delivers just over 9,700 meals each year to more than 175 different clients.

"As the population is aging, the demand for this service continues to grow," the organization expressed in a statement issued earlier in the week, adding that there is always a need for volunteers to help deliver the meals. "When one is in a loss of autonomy, moderate or severe, especially if one lives alone, it is very common to suffer from loneliness. The volunteer who delivers the meal is often the only visit these people have during the day."

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# The Border Report

Angala is gentle and interacts nicely with children.

## PHELPS AIDE PHELPS HELPS

By Clea Corman

Let me try to paint you a picture. You are a young student, full of potential and your own interests. You are bright and curious. You come home from school with a backpack full of homework and books to be explored. The bus drops you off and you walk the short distance to your door and go inside. Your younger siblings run over quickly to say hello before chasing each other into another room. You all share bedrooms and there are always overflowing laundry hampers. Your shirt needs to be washed, after the third day of wearing it. You clear off a small corner of the kitchen table to set up your homework. A dog comes in and whines for a pat beside your chair. You were working on a math problem. A parent comes in to start dinner while wrangling a toddler. You were interested by your science book with its many exciting facts. The television blares from the living room, punctuated by laughs from another parent. Your focus at the end of the school day is quickly fading. You had every intention of doing your homework and showing the completed work to your teacher. Frustration starts to seep in. You were writing an essay, trying to find that perfect synonym. Except you cannot find

the right word and it is the last straw. The homework goes back into the backpack, all half started but nothing finished, the books stuffed in unread. Defeated, you leave the messy table and worry how far behind this will put you in tomorrow's classes.

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“Our economic plan is well-balanced, predictable, sustainable, prudent and it works,” he said. “We did what we said we were going to do.”

## Budget madness



TIM BELFORD

With a couple of budgets to deal with over the last two weeks I couldn't help but be reminded of the old joke about the man searching for a one-armed economist. When asked why he was looking for this oddity the man replied, “So when I asked him to explain, he could never say ‘on the other hand’.”

Economics is, at the best of times, a modern and slightly more intellectual version of voodoo. It is rife with incantations, rituals and continuing calls for sacrifice. Thus, when economists get together to present the nation's or the province's budget for the coming year it pays to know where they're coming

from.

As far as I can see, and I did take Economics 101, there are two basic modern theories of how the economy works. First there are the Keynesians. This lot are the disciples of John Maynard Keynes a British economist who came to the fore in the 1930s and 40s. Keynes, who witnessed the depression first hand, essentially said the government should spend money to kick start the economy even if it meant running a deficit. He also said in good times the government should also pay down the debt. Most governments can get the first part right but invariably skip the paying part.

The other major group is the monetarists. They draw much of their theories from Milton Friedman who said all would be made right if the government controlled the amount of money in circulation. Too much money led to inflation. Too little money led to stagnation. Unfortunately, nobody seems to ever know how much is too much or when to turn the tap off.

Somewhere in the mix are those who believe in the “trickle down” version of economics. This theory, once espoused

by Ronny Reagan, says helping those at the top make more and more money will eventually see that prosperity gradually spread to the less fortunate. As we soon discovered it's not called “trickle down” for nothing.

Canada's Finance Minister, William Morneau, appears to fall in the Keynesian camp. He started out his budget speech by saying “Everyday folks who work hard to provide for their families are worried about the future” right before he announced a deficit for 2017-18 of \$28.6 billion and predicted deficits totaling around \$140 billion between now and 2022. This will bump up the accumulated national debt to over \$750 billion. If the “everyday folks” were worried about the future before the budget just imagine how their kids are going to feel.

This is the same government, the same finance department and the same Bank of Canada that has been sounding the alarm and scolding those same everyday folks for the past year or two about soaring personal debt and the potential bursting of the housing bubble. Apparently taking out a mortgage on a house is a lot worse than refinancing a

country once a year.

It's not much different in Quebec. Having led the nation in debt, deficits and level of taxation since about a week after the battle of the Plains of Abraham, the province's Finance Minister, Carlos Leitao, announced a balanced budget for the coming year. He also announced the government is sitting on a \$2.488 billion surplus. So far so good. But then Mr. Leitao and Premier Couillard got carried away with the “what a good boy I am” routine and announced that taxpayers would get a gift of \$768 million.

Not wanting to bite the hand that feeds me, it is nevertheless important to point out to Messers Leitao and Couillard that it's not a gift. As nice as it is to get money, what they are doing is returning something we gave them. It was our money to begin with. They are just acknowledging that they took too much in the first place and were unable to spend it all.

Quebec, for a change, seems to be on the right track but ninety bucks for every man woman and child in the province won't go that far.

## Quebec introduces mild income tax cuts and projects balanced budget

By Giuseppe Valiante  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

As governments across Canada fund services with billions in deficit spending, Quebec announced a third consecutive balanced budget Tuesday containing modest personal income-tax cuts.

Finance Minister Carlos Leitao's penultimate budget before next year's provincial election makes the elimination of a health tax retroactive to 2016 for Quebecers earning less than \$134,000 a year.

It also hikes the first income tax bracket that is exempt from tax to \$14,890 from \$11,635.

In tabling the 2017-18 budget, Leitao called it prudent and said it reflects “a

determination on our part to get it done.”

Recent budgets in other provinces as well as the federal budget are projecting deficits in the billions, but Leitao boasted that Quebec “has its house in order.”

Given Quebec's overall indebtedness and infrastructure spending needs, he said the province had no choice but to balance the budget.

“Our economic plan is well-balanced, predictable, sustainable, prudent and it works,” he said. “We did what we said we were going to do.”

Health and education, the two departments that suffered most of the painful cuts as the government previously balanced its books, will receive billions in

investment over the next several years.

Leitao said schools will get an additional \$3.4 billion over five years, while the health sector, which accounts for almost 43 per cent of government spending, will also receive more money.

While mild in its criticism of Ottawa when compared with the rhetoric in budgets of previous Parti Quebecois governments, Leitao did call on the federal government to do more to help out with health funding.

“Despite the significant gains that were made, the federal government's contribution remains insufficient,” he said.

“Ottawa must consider the pressures exerted by rising health expenditures. We are experiencing these pressures directly more than ever before and our government intends to continue making its requests to the federal government.”

He noted it is estimated that 26.3 per cent of Quebecers in 2036 will be 65 or over.

Leitao said Quebec will end the 2017-18 fiscal year with a \$2.5-billion surplus, which will go entirely toward paying down an overall provincial debt that is projected to be \$211 billion.

Quebec's gross debt will increase by \$3.9 billion in 2017-18.

Its debt-to-GDP ratio is expected to be 52 per cent in 2017-18, down from 52.7 per cent in 2016-17, but still the second-highest in the country after Newfoundland.

Leitao said Quebec's economy grew by

1.7 per cent in 2016. He projected the same growth rate for 2017 and 1.6 per cent in 2018.

Quebecers will benefit from a rare reduction in personal income tax for the 2017 tax year. That will save each Quebecer \$55.

Quebec is also making the elimination of the health tax retroactive to 2016, one year earlier than scheduled.

Therefore, all Quebecers making under \$134,000 will save between \$50 and \$200 when filing their 2016 taxes. All Quebecers making more than \$134,000 will pay their last health tax in 2017.

Transfers from the federal government will be \$22 billion in 2017-18 on total provincial revenue of \$106.3 billion.

PQ finance critic Nicolas Marceau criticized the budget and said the Liberals shouldn't have made the previous cuts to begin with.

“This stop-and-go approach was wrong,” he said. “And they are trying to repair it now but it's only partial to the damage that was caused.”

Francois Legault, leader of the Coalition for Quebec's Future, said his party has calculated the Liberals “have taken roughly \$1,300 from Quebec families per year” since returning to power in 2014.

“This budget is a failure for the pocketbook of Quebec families and lacks ambition,” he said. “They cut in the budget early in the mandate and then give it back as we near the election. That's not how to do it.”

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# Local Sports

Kelly Bradbury was named the female academic-student athlete of the year for third consecutive year.

## Gaiters Athletes Honoured at Annual Awards Banquet

By Dylan Konecny

Wednesday night Bishop's University athletics hosted their annual end of year awards ceremony to honour their student-athletes from the 2016-2017 academic and athletic seasons.

This year's athletes of the year winners both won the award for the second time.

Lee Hudson from the men's rugby team took home the honour as the Gaiters male athlete of the year for the second straight year and Edith Noblecilla from the women's basketball team took the honour as the female athlete of the year for the second time in three years.

Kelly Bradbury was named the female academic-student athlete of the year for third consecutive year.

The Ray Almond award was given to volunteer men's rugby coach Mark Gandey who's also a full-time business professor in the William's School of Business.

The list of award winners is as follows:

Ray Almond: Mark Gandey

Female Academic Student-Athlete of the Year: Kelly Bradbury, women's soccer

Male Academic Student-Athlete of the Year: Mark Fitzpatrick, golf

Female Freshman of the Year: Metchline Gabelus, women's basketball

Male Freshman of the Year: Andrew Neilson, lacrosse

Female Athlete of the Year: Edith Noblecilla, women's basketball

Male Athlete of the Year: Lee Hudson, men's rugby

### Football

Newcomer of the Year: Keagan Hughes

Marcel Lebrun Award: Mathieu Demers

Best Lineman: Matthew Ouellet De Carlo

Special Teams Player of the Year: Cecil Belanger

Brian Morley Defensive Player of the Year: Shayne Cowan-Cholette

Offensive Player of the Year: Vincent Davignon

Most Outstanding Player: Ryan Hector

### Men's Basketball

Newcomer of the Year: Joany Castor

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Most Improved Player: Andrew Howarth

Garth Smith Award: Duncan Lambert

Most Valuable Player: Jona Bermillo

### Women's Basketball

Rookie of the Year: Metchline Gabelus

Most Improved Player: Mara Marchizotti

Nancy Knowlton Award: Eva Kuhar

Most Valuable Player: Edith Noblecilla

### Women's Soccer

Rookie of the Year: Andrew Neilson

Most Improved Player: Rebecca Bension

Most Valuable Player: Emily Osmond

### Women's Rugby

Rookie of the Year: Katie Quinn

Most Valuable Forward: Gina Patenaude

Most Valuable Back: Meagan Parsons

Miriam Cozen-McNally Memorial Award: Emily Norris

Team Award: Gina Patenaude

Most Improved Player: Alexia Dupuis-Gaudreault

Most Valuable Player: Taylor Mer-

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### Men's Rugby

Rookie of the Year: Patrick Giroux

Cody Triggs Award: Shayne Crawford

Coaches' Award: Josh Quirion

Best Forward: Sean Smallwood

Best Back: Patrick Lawton

Most Valuable Player, B-Team: Thomas Cote-King

Most Valuable Player: Lee Hudson

### Golf

Rookie of the Year: Connor Lyon

Most Valuable Players: Zoe Whitfield & Nick Dupuis-Gaudreault

### Lacrosse

Rookie of the Year: Andrew Neilson

Defensive Player of the Year: Shayne Jackson

Team Award: Alex Tooth

Most Valuable Player: Rhett Handley

### Women's Hockey

Rookie of the Year: Katie Quinn

Charles Chapman Award: Acey Maves

Most Improved Player: Brooke Gorham

Most Valuable Player: Acey Maves

## Fucale called up from Brampton Beast to Canadiens

2013 2nd Round pick backed up Carey Price for Tuesday night tilt against Stars

By Dylan Konecny  
BRAMPTON, ONTARIO

The Brampton Beast had just departed from the Powerade Centre for a road trip when a phone call came directly to the team bus.

After Montreal's backup goalie, Al Montoya, went down in practice with an injury Tuesday morning. Needing to have a backup for their game the Montreal Canadiens had limited available options and made the call to Beast GM Cary Kaplan to recall their prospect from the ECHL to the NHL for their game that same night against the Dallas Stars.

Fucale and the Beast had just departed for Cincinnati by bus to play the Cyclones the next night when the news came in. Fucale returned to the Powerade Centre and caught a flight to Montreal to be at the Bell Centre in time for the game.

Fucale, a second-round draft selection of the Canadiens, 36th overall in the 2013 NHL Entry Draft, has been enjoying a stellar season with the Beast. As a starter with the Habs' ECHL affiliate, the 2016 Spengler Cup champion has a record of 25-12-2 with a 3.17 goals-against-average and 0.898 save-percentage.

His 25 victories are fifth most in the

ECHL and he's tied for third in league shutouts with four.

Several Beast skaters past and present have enjoyed time in the NHL prior to joining the Beast, including current Beast forward David Ling. With the callup Fucale became the first player to graduate to the NHL having first played on Brampton's roster.

The callup was Fucale's second stint in the NHL as he was summoned once before from the Canadiens' American Hockey League affiliate, the St. John's IceCaps, back in November 2015.

His current callup is a unique one as very few players make the jump directly to the NHL from the ECHL.

"It's really exciting to see Zach become the first Beast player move to the NHL," said Beast Head Coach Colin Chaulk.

"We're creating some history and showing the players that it's not about where you start, it's where you finish. For Zach Fucale, this is the starting point in his career and we believe that this is a great step for him to get a taste in the NHL."

This past year the NHL had 76 players with ECHL experience on their opening day rosters.

Strangely enough Fucale was just one of two goalies to be called up to the NHL

directly from the ECHL on Tuesday. Florida Everblades goalie Alex Nedeljkovic was also called up that morning to the Carolina Hurricanes on an emergency basis.

Following the team's 4-1 win against the Stars, where Carey Price made 27-

saves, Fucale remained in Montreal as Montoya was listed day-to-day with a lower-body injury.

The Beast play the Wheeling Nailers tomorrow tonight in a crucial divisional matchup.



MONTREAL CANADIENS INSTAGRAM

Fucale drinking water during warm ups against the Dallas Stars Tuesday night.

**In Memoriam**

**BARNES, Helen** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt who left us on March 30, 2013.

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## March events with Richmond 50+

March 1st was like a lamb, March 2nd not so much! But March 6th found something wrong with the heating at the Richmond Melbourne United Church so all folks out for a 50+ afternoon found themselves heading back home for this week.

What a beautiful, sunny Monday it was on the 13th, as twenty-six folks headed off to Au Bec Sucree in Valcourt for the annual outing with members of the Wales Home. The drive was beautiful, the dinner delicious and everyone was craving a nap afterwards.

President Matty Banfill welcomed twenty-four people to a fun afternoon of "500" played at 6 tables on the 20th. At the end of play, high score of 5160 was earned by Hughie Lancaster and second place was taken by Marie-Berthe Skerry with 4780 points. Matty Banfill ended the afternoon of play with low score. Everyone remarked on their enjoyment of the previous Monday's activities. A delicious lunch ended the afternoon.

Twenty-one people turned out on the 27th for "Military Whist", games being played at six tables. Invited to join them were "Mr. & Mrs. Dummy" and their daughter "Alice". At the conclusion of the games, the winning table with 38 flags was that of Norma Morin, Klea Mastine, Helen Gallup and Freda Coote. With 18 flags, low score went to Linda Badger, Shirley Beasley, Helen Knowles and "Mrs. Dummy". During the delightful lunch, the March birthdays of Shirley Beasley and Freda Coote were celebrated.

We hope you will join us next month for more cards, socializing and food galore each Monday afternoon at the Richmond Melbourne United Church.

*Submitted by  
Elizabeth Mastine and Jean Storry*

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# Today in History

### Today in History for March 30:

#### On this date:

In 1135, Moses Maimonides, the renowned medieval Jewish scholar, was born. Considered the foremost Talmudist of the Middle Ages, his most important writing was "Guide to the Perplexed" (1190), in which he tried to harmonize Rabbinic Judaism with the increasingly popular Aristotelianism of his day.

In 1809, the Labrador Act gave Labrador to Newfoundland. This was later disputed by Quebec and a final decision was not made until 1927.

In 1842, ether was first used as an anesthetic by Dr. Crawford Long in Jefferson, Ga. His patient paid \$2 for the anesthesia before having a cyst removed.

In 1853, artist Vincent Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands. He committed suicide in France in 1890.

In 1858, the first pencil with an attached rubber eraser was patented by Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

In 1874, Louis Riel arrived in Ottawa to claim the Manitoba Commons seat of Provencher, to which he'd been elected that year. Riel, a fugitive since the 1869 Red River Uprising, took the oath of office but never entered the Commons.

In 1901, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that marriages of Catholics by Protestant clergymen were valid.

In 1917, all imperial lands, as well as lands belonging to monasteries, were confiscated by the Russian provisional government.

In 1935, Newfoundland changed its time to three hours west of Greenwich Mean Time, and repeated 44 seconds.

In 1939, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said Canada would not conscript men for foreign service. That commitment was scrapped in 1944.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during the final months of the Second World War.

In 1954, the Yonge Street subway, the first subway line in Canada, was opened by the Toronto Transit Commission.

In 1972, Canadian sailors got a daily rum ration for the last time, ending a navy tradition dating back to 1667.

In 1973, the U.S. military role in Vietnam formally ended when the last American prisoner was released and the last soldier withdrew.

In 1978, the Ontario government banned advertising that portrayed the drinking of alcohol as a desirable thing to do and reduced the amount of beer and wine advertising a company could place on any radio or television station.

In 1981, U.S. President Ronald Reagan was shot while

leaving a Washington hotel. The gunman, 25-year-old John Hinckley, said he hoped to attract the attention of actress Jodie Foster. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity and sent to a mental hospital. Reagan recovered fully after surgery. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty. Brady suffered permanent brain damage.

In 1987, Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers," painted in 1889, was sold at auction for the equivalent of \$55 million. The sale came on the 134th anniversary of the artist's birth. Van Gogh sold only two paintings during his lifetime.

In 1991, Patricia Bowman of Jupiter, Fla., told police she had been raped by William Kennedy Smith - the nephew of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy - at the family's Palm Beach estate. Smith was acquitted.

In 1998, Judy Buenoano died in the electric chair in Florida, the state's first execution of a woman since 1848. Prosecutors dubbed her the "Black Widow" after she poisoned her husband, drowned her paralyzed son and tried to blow up her fiancée.

In 1999, Nunavut's legislature and mace were unveiled in a native ceremony.

In 2002, Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, died at the age of 101.

In 2003, the International Ice Hockey Federation cancelled the women's world hockey championship in China over fears of SARS, which had claimed more than 85 lives around the world.

In 2004, Alistair Cooke, the British-born prolific author, broadcaster who hosted "Masterpiece Theatre" and wrote "Letter from America" that ran for 58 years on the BBC, died in New York at age 95.

In 2008, Dith Pran, the Cambodian-born journalist whose harrowing tale of enslavement and eventual escape from that country's murderous Khmer Rouge revolutionaries in 1979 became the subject of the award-winning film "The Killing Fields," died in New Jersey at age 65.

In 2008, members of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians overwhelmingly endorsed an agreement-in-principle that gave the Mi'kmaq status as the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band. While the deal didn't include land or a reserve, status under the act means funding for education, health, economic development and other programs.

In 2010, Serbia's parliament narrowly approved a declaration condemning the 1995 Serb massacre of 8,000 Muslims in Srebrenica.

In 2010, the \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider, located in an underground tunnel near the French-Swiss border, was started at its highest energy level, recreating conditions at the "Big Bang" birth of the universe. The world's largest atom smasher set a record for high-energy collisions by crashing proton beams into each other at three times more force than ever before.

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### SOUTH DURHAM

Brunch at South Durham United Church on Sunday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, maple syrup, toast etc. Everyone welcome!

### NEWPORT VT.

Osher Lifelong Learning Lecture series introduces their Spring 2017 season on Wednesday, April 5: Allen Yale presents "Salem City - A Counterfactual History" from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lectures are held at the Hebard State Office Building in downtown Newport, 2nd FL Conference Room. Admission charged, season passes available. Dessert, coffee, tea, and conversation follows. More details on www.learn.uvm.edu/osher or contact Suzi, 802-673-9499 or suzi\_dix@sympatico.ca

### LENNOXVILLE

Pass It On! Clothing Exchange at Oasis Christian Centre, 219 Queen Street, Sherbrooke. Free used clothes. All are welcome! Distributing: Thursday, March 30 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, March 31 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, please contact Stephanie Goddard at 819-564-1377 or

info@oasiscentre.ca.

### STANSTEAD

5th annual Jamboree for the benefit of the Children's Wish Foundation will be held on Saturday, April 1 at the Stanstead Legion from noon to midnight. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available to purchase. Admission charged. All proceeds donated to the Children's Wish Foundation. For more information contact the Stanstead Legion at 819-876-5844. Please come out and support such a worthy cause..

### SAWYERVILLE

On April 1, country music legends Hank Williams and Patsy Cline are coming to Sawyerville with Ralph Steiner and Laura Teasdale performing their not-to-be-missed tribute show at the Sawyerville Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. The show imagines Hank & Patsy making beautiful music together. Get your tickets in advance by calling Elaine Lebourveau 819-563-8700. This is a benefit for the Eaton Corner Museum.

### LENNOXVILLE

1st Lennoxville Scouts Mechoui Fundraiser on Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the A.N.A.F. unit #318, "The Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Come and enjoy a delicious meal of Beef, Chicken Pork, salads and dessert prepared by the Hut and served by your own 1st Lennoxville Scouts. Tickets available at Clarke & Sons, SWM Peinture or from any 1st Lennoxville member. Info: 819-562-4969. Admission charged, 4 under free.

### LENNOXVILLE

HCC Senior luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, March 30 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Entrance from parking lot, wheelchair accessible, elevator available. Everyone welcome. The next luncheon will be held on April 27.

### SHERBROOKE

Prom Fairy Family Bingo, Sunday, April 2 PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION: Alexander Galt Cafeteria 1700 College, Sherbrooke. The action starts at noon with the opening of the canteen and the games; bottle caps, Spinning wheel and Fairy Drop. Bingo starts sharp at 1:30 p.m. and bring your dabbers. An adult and child winner each game. 10 games in

total to be played. For more information look up our event page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/734545053380691/

### WATERVILLE

The Waterville-North Hatley United Church will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast consists of pancakes, egg frittata, sausage, fruit cup, muffin and tea, coffee or juice. Admission charged.

### LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage tournament to be held at A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Thursday, April 6. Registration at 7 p.m. Profits to go to the Breakfast Program at L.E.S. Everyone welcome, bring your partner.

### LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist will be played at "The Hut", A.N.A.F. Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, on Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. To reserve a place for yourself or a table for 4, please contact Cheryl Bradley at 819-569-2067.

### LENNOXVILLE

The annual pre-Easter supper will be held at "The Hut", A.N.A.F., Unit #318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, on Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. Roast beef dinner with all the fixings. To reserve, please call Doreen Morissette at 819-821-2967 no later than April 4.

### KNOWLTON

Join Townshippers' Association for a free Intro to Poetry writing workshop at the Brome County Historical Society, 130 Rue Lakeside, Lac-Brome on Thursday, April 6, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Offered through the "Our Stories" project to commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary of confederation, with the participation of the Government of Canada. Dates/info: www.Townshippers.org/Canada150 or under events at www.Facebook.com/Townshippers Register for the event on facebook [select going] or call Townshippers' at 819-566-5717 (toll-free 1-866-566-5717).

### RICHMOND

Richmond Legion Br. #15 Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual Flea Market and Bake Sale on April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. If anyone has anything to donate please bring to the Legion on Friday

morning, thank-you.

### LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's University Fine Arts Collective, composed primarily of faculty members from the University's department of Fine Arts, joins creative forces with the faculty of Champlain College-Lennoxville's Visual Arts Program for an exhibition at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center, on display from April 2 to May 21, 2017. Participating faculty members from Bishop's University include Jim Benson?, Tim Doherty, Micheline Durocher?, Mona Godbout?, Darren Millington and Regine Neumann, while Cynthia Touchette, Lisa Driver, Lucy Doherty, and Kevin McKenna will represent Champlain College-Lennoxville. The public is invited to meet the artists during the opening vernissage on Sunday, April 2 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Uplands, 9 Speid Street in Sherbrooke (Borough of Lennoxville).

### LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding a Furniture Pre-Sale on Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. to noon in the old arena on the Bishop's University campus. We have already received substantial donations of furniture that we need to sell in order to make room to set up for our regular Garage Sale, which will take place on Saturday, May 13.

### LENNOXVILLE

The mission team is hosting a fundraiser at Hope Community Church (HCC) to raise funds for our trip on Friday, March 31, 5-8 p.m. There will be spaghetti, salad and cupcakes. Admission charged. You can pay at the door. Plus there will be a used book and DVD sale on site. Everyone is welcome to come out and support us.

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## A religious divide

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

Dear Annie

Dear Annie: My husband, who is serving in the Army, is loving and caring and is a wonderful father to his two children. He works hard for his family. He just has one flaw: He has a very strong contempt for the Roman Catholic Church.

My family raised me Catholic, but I left the church because of a lack of interest. I consider myself a part-timer (attending during holidays). When I brought up about how he felt about getting married in a church, he went into a tirade. I never brought up the subject again.

When our son was born, I considered having a baptism at my church because it's a tradition in my family — and he threatened to leave. I asked him why he has such strong feelings about this, wondering whether something happened in his past. He finally told me that when he was a child, he was close to a priest who ended up taking advantage of him. It was a shock. He requested that I not share this with anyone. I decided to honor his wishes.

Now I just had my daughter. His family and my family would like to have a baptism, but I do not want to go against his wishes. Forget about having it in a non-

Catholic way, because I'd end up disappointing my family. I am torn between what my family wants and what my husband wants. I hate being the middle woman and just don't want to do it at all. — The Torn Middle Woman

Dear Torn: Instead of considering yourself the "middle woman," you might want to think of yourself as the leader of the pack. Take it upon yourself to find a counselor with whom you and your husband can discuss this matter and with whom your husband might continue to meet one-on-one. He must address the anger and hurt that this horrible trauma inflicted on him. The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests offers many resources, from free downloadable literature to a directory of support groups. Visit <http://www.snap-network.org> for more information.

Dear Annie: I was disappointed in your response to the 25-year-old woman whose friend wants to go to parties given by men she doesn't really know. The friend admitted that she didn't know the people throwing one party that well but said they would have "good beer and hot guys." You told the letter writer to "loosen up" and be "less judgmental." Do you not read the

news or watch TV? Last night on TV, it was said that people are now encouraged to take a bottle opener with them and never drink from a container that is already open. It is too easy to slip drugs into a drink at a party, and you should be especially careful if you don't really know the people handing out the drinks. Too many young women are being drugged without their knowledge.

One of the new drugs cannot be tasted and can put you into a coma. One young woman showed up at the emergency room in a coma. She had been somewhere, drunk what she thought was a simple Mountain Dew and ended up in a coma. My advice is to never go to a party where you don't know the people well and only drink a drink that you have opened. Those were my rules for my kids. — Safe Is Best

Dear Safe: I agree that safety is paramount, and I'm printing your letter here to endorse that point. However, I stand by my advice that "Murky Waters" ought not to dismiss her best friend's new friends out of hand, even if she doesn't want to go out to parties with them. We could all stand to be less judgmental.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

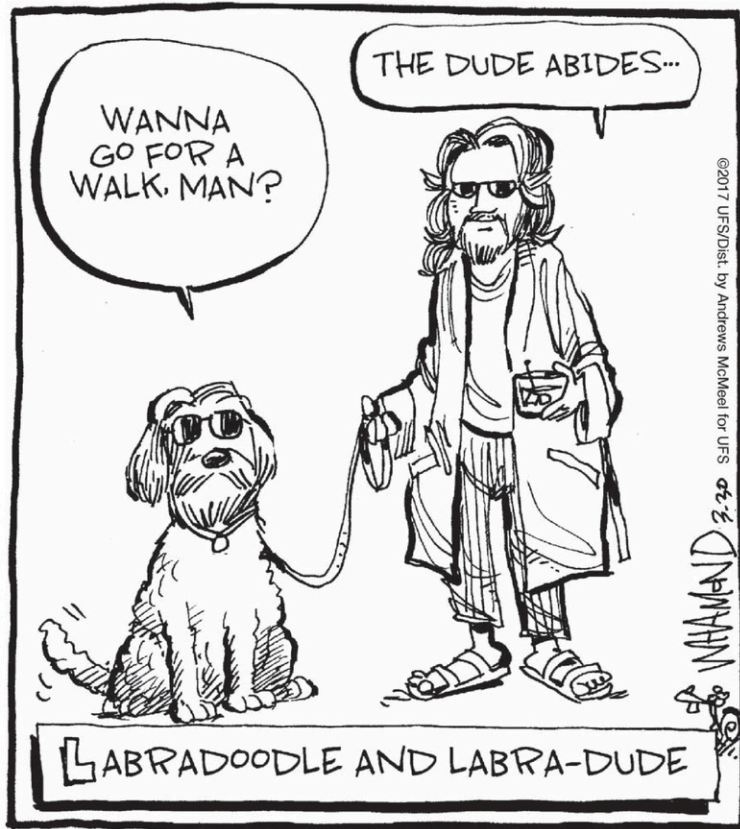
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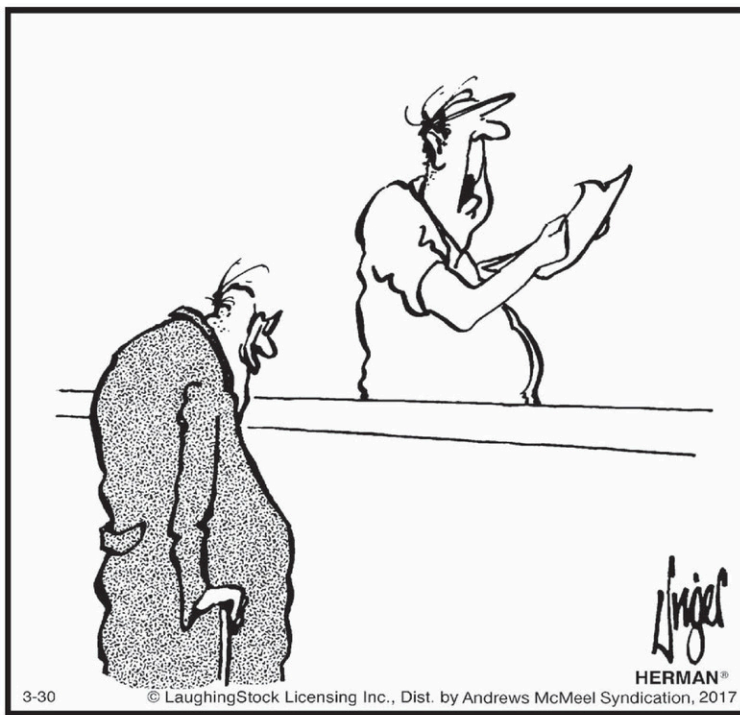
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TODAY'S CLUE: X equals M

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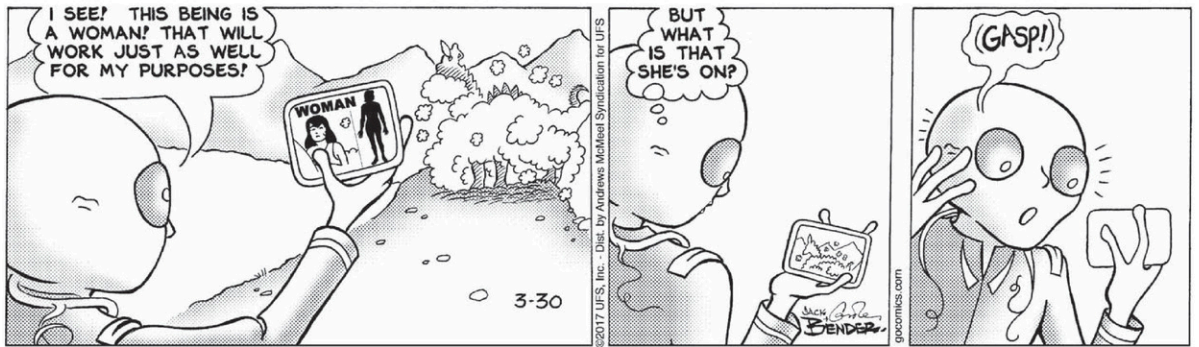


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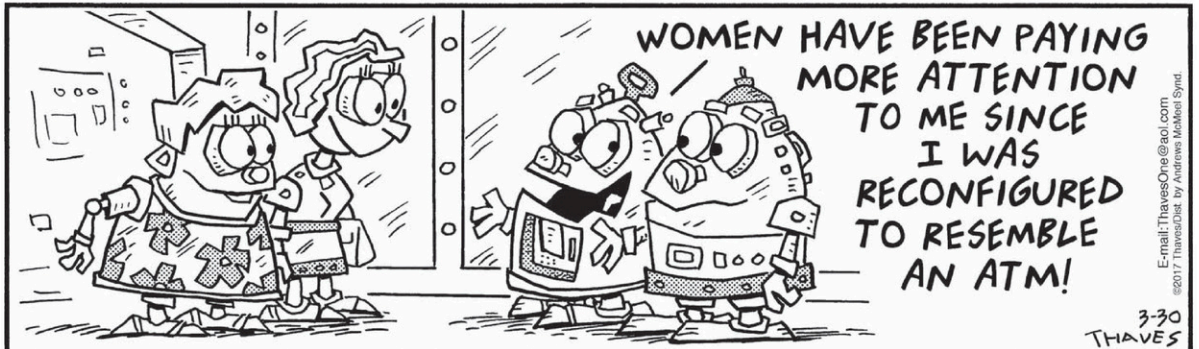
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## Richmond County W.I. Annual County Meeting - March 25, 2017

The annual general meeting of the Richmond County W.I. was held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at St. Andrew's Church Hall in Melbourne. President, Joyce Cinnamon, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. by all repeating the Mary Stewart Collect followed by the singing of O'Canada in keeping with the 150th Anniversary. A moment of silence followed for deceased W.I. member, Marjorie Lancaster.

Motion: A motion was made to change the order of the agenda.

Moved by: Estelle Blouin, 2nd by: Matty Banfill. All in favour.

A total of 28 members answered the roll call.

Joyce thanked branches for their work and Craig and Fran Dewar for donating prizes for a drawing to raise money for Richmond County W.I. Reminder that dinner was supplied by Group'92.

The minutes of the semi-annual meeting were approved as read.

**Business Arising:**

**QWI Handbook -** Vera attended a meeting to go over the new QWI Handbook. There were many errors and it will need to be rewritten. Nothing further has happened so will probably not be voted on at Provincial.

**Interbranch Competition -** Some members felt that the pattern for this was very difficult to make.

**Member Information Sheets** from each branch are to be given to Joyce Cinnamon.

Still collecting pop can tabs, soup can labels & bread tags. Vera mentioned that

now you can keep the outside plastic bag from the 4L milk bag. Vera will collect these and send them on to make mats.

Correspondence was read. This consisted of letter from the Richmond Volunteer Center with four tickets to their recognition evening, thank you from the two recipients of the QWI Bursaries and a thank you from Jean Story for her Abby Pritchard Throw.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vera Hughes, acting treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. A copy was given to each branch. Bills were presented for expenses for the Church Hall Rental and the printing of the booklets.

Motion: A motion was made to pay all bills.

Moved by: Estelle Blouin, Seconded by: Norma Morin. All in favour

**Secretary's Report:** Mona McGee gave the Secretary's Report.

**President's Report:** Joyce Cinnamon gave the President's Report.

**Committee Chair Reports** were read. Patricia Keenan-Adank gave the Agriculture Report. Vera Hughes gave the Education & Personal Development report. Health & Community Living was given by Matty Banfill. Publicity report was given by Mona McGee

Motion: A motion was made for the adoption of all reports as read.

Moved by: Susan Mastine, Seconded by: Fran Dewar. All in favour

Mona McGee for Richmond Young W.I. distributed the new program books to each branch.

A small break was held and we were served a refreshing green tea & mint beverage by Group'92.

**New Business:**

Joyce presented Muriel Duffy with a Life Membership.

Resolution on In-Active Membership Fees was discussed.

Motion: Richmond County W.I. do not agree with the resolution presented by Chateauguay Huntingdon County for the QWI membership assessment fee for inactive members.

Moved by: Muriel Duffy, seconded by: Elizabeth Mastine. Motion passed.

Joyce announced anniversaries for the following groups: Group'92 -25 yrs; Spooner Pond - 80 yrs; R.Y.W.I. - 70 yrs; Melbourne Ridge - 95 yrs.

Joyce Cinnamon's name will be given to the Richmond Volunteer Center as the volunteer for Richmond County W.I.

The QWI annual open convention will be held on May 27, 2017. The County will pay expenses for Joyce Cinnamon to attend. Groups who have no delegate at the Provincial Convention, should send in a proxy vote with someone else. A copy of this form is in the QWI Handbook.

Richmond County will participate in the Richmond Canada Day Parade. Members are to meet on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 1:45 p.m. on Adam Street to ride on the float.

Bars are now available for 60, 65 & 70 years of service, instead of certificates.

Reminder that there is free advertising space available in the Advocate.

Branches can now get their own Abby Pritchard Throws.

**Election of Officers:**

Muriel Duffy acted as Chairperson for the Election of Officers and declared all offices vacant.

Susan Mastine, Melbourne Ridge W.I., read the list from the nominating committee. All officers will remain the same as last year except for the treasurer's position.

Motion: Susan Mastine moved the nomination of Vera Hughes as Treasurer.

Seconded by: Norma Morin, Vera accepted.

All others accepted to stay on in their positions.

Motion: Susan Mastine moved to accept all nominations. Seconded by: Rhoda Warden

**New Slate of Officers for 2017 - 2018 is:**

President: Joyce Cinnamon, President-Elect: Cindy Jackson

1st Vice President: Sui Min Jim, Secretary: Mona McGee

Treasurer: Vera Hughes, Agriculture: Patricia Keenan-Adank

Education & Personal Development: Vera Hughes

Health & Community Living: Matty Banfill, Publicity & Awareness: Mona McGee

Lunch was served by Group'92 W.I. Tickets were sold on the three drawings and the winners were: 1st: Shirley Beasley; 2nd: Vera Hughes; 3rd: Estelle Blouin.

Louise Perkins, Cleveland W.I. introduced guest speaker, Susan Freeman, Volunteer for the Day Centre in Richmond. Susan spoke about the Day Centre and the programs and services they offer. Day Centre is available to people who are in their own homes or private rooms. She stressed that people need to use these services that are available. Many needs are covered and the staff is very qualified. There is an English day - every Friday from 10:00 to 2:00. Lunch and transportation are available at a minimal cost. Telephone numbers were given out on who to contact.

Trans Appel was then discussed. This service is available to anyone at a small charge. You need to call them a day ahead to set up a schedule with them.

**Semi Annual Meeting:**

The semi-annual meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 25th, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Andrews Church hall. Group '92 W.I. is in charge of snacks.

As there was no further business Joyce Cinnamon adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. with all singing the Hymn of All Nations.

Submitted by: Mona McGee, Publicity Convenor, Richmond County W.I.

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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# Your Birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

Rethink your position, goals and plans. Put more energy behind the ideas that excite you the most. Consider what you know already and sign up for courses or internships that will help you achieve your goals. Preparation will lead to greater opportunity and will ensure your success.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — A change may be required, but you should look before you leap. Not every opportunity will be as equally beneficial. Question what's being offered and make intelligent choices. Don't feel pressured; take your time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Emotions will surface, forcing you to take part in situations that concern you. Voice your opinion, but be sure to have facts to back up your allegations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — The changes you enforce now will set a standard for what's to come. If you want to bring about greater stability, believe in the quality of your plans and put them in action.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — An old partner will be your savior if you listen to the warnings being offered. Be cognizant of someone trying to benefit at your expense.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Use your energy wisely and control your emotions in situations that can influence your position or reputation. Be prepared to make reasonable compromises to reach your goals.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get involved in functions that interest you and take part in challenges that will encourage you

to work alongside like-minded individuals. An emotional revelation will help you move forward.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Domestic, personal and joint finances look promising, as long as you don't go over your budget. Common sense, discipline and moderation will help you avoid stressful financial issues.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Communication with someone you deem responsible and hard-working will help you assess your situation and come to terms with what needs to be done.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — At networking functions, you will be tempted to brag and make promises you may not be able to keep. Stay focused on what is and isn't doable to avoid embarrassment. Romance is highlighted.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Assess your situation and evaluate your relationships with individuals who lack common sense or have behaved erratically. Stay focused on obtaining greater stability in your personal life and relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Helping others can be healing, but can also lead to you being taken for granted. Set boundaries so you don't wind up resentful. It's how you handle situations that will make the difference.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — What you do for others will be appreciated and reciprocated. Compromise will help you overcome any concerns you have about what's fair. Pursue your dreams avidly.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

# More bad luck balanced elsewhere

By Phillip Alder

Edward Ugel, a sales and marketing expert, said, "Worrying about gray hair when your weight's soaring out of control is like mowing your lawn while your house is on fire."

Yesterday, we had a deal in which a bad trump break was mitigated by a lucky lie in a side suit. Here is another. South was in six hearts. What did he do after winning the first trick with the diamond ace?

North might have jump-rebid four hearts with his six-loser hand. South immediately bid what he hoped he could make. He knew that moving slower probably wasn't going to help him, so he kept the defenders in the dark.

South had a possible loser in each red suit. However, if the trumps were behaving, he rated to take 12 tricks via four spades, five hearts, one diamond and two clubs. But after cashing his heart ace and leading a second heart, West's club discard was a blow. Now declarer had to eliminate all of his diamond losers before East could ruff in and lead a diamond to his partner's queen. How could South do that?

The only chance was to find East with four spades. Then if the suit was played

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

without loss, when East ruffed the fifth spade, declarer would be discarding his last diamond.

If East had four spades to his partner's two, he was twice as likely to hold the spade jack. So South bravely played a spade to his nine. When it won, he cashed the spade ace, led a club to the king and pitched his three low diamonds on the spades to sneak home.

# CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 "Yeah, sure!"
- 6 Some CPAs and MBAs
- 10 \_\_ bean
- 14 What choir members have to carry
- 15 Lined up, with "in"
- 16 2001 Winslet/Dench title role
- 17 Hero makers
- 18 Window shopper's buy
- 19 Bottle part
- 20 Double-helix molecules
- 21 Stat for which Babe Ruth's 457 is the single-season record
- 23 Site of many Ansel Adams works
- 25 Online chortle
- 26 Wide awake
- 28 Joan \_\_
- 32 Aplenty
- 36 Carmelite, perhaps
- 38 Muffin topper
- 39 What the groups of circled letters

graphically represent

- 42 Labyrinth
- 43 Plop down
- 44 Legal scholar
- 45 "Obsessable series" movie channel
- 47 What "two" meant to Paul Revere
- 49 Bow \_\_
- 51 Billboard charts
- 56 Tart vodka cocktails
- 60 Petunia part
- 61 Greenish blue
- 62 Use the escalator, about half the time
- 63 Plant swelling
- 64 What a stet cancels
- 65 Alternatively
- 66 Cheap mags
- 67 Old jet-set jets
- 68 Bob or dog attachment
- 69 Canines, e.g.

**Down**

- 1 Irrigated grain field
- 2 Courtroom figure
- 3 Hippy dances?
- 4 Italian cookie flavoring
- 5 Filmmaker Craven
- 6 Holly Golightly's creator
- 7 Place for annual pledging
- 8 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
- 9 Balloon
- 10 Elite Eight survivors
- 11 War god
- 12 Target of many a New Year's resolution
- 13 Poses
- 21 Floor installers
- 22 Savior of Scout and Jem, in "To Kill a Mockingbird"

24 Filly, eventually

- 27 Mild rebuke
- 29 End of a ball game?
- 30 Great American Ball Park team
- 31 COLA component
- 32 69-Across holders
- 33 Vet school subj.
- 34 Joel's "Cabaret" co-star
- 35 Hinted-at hidden meanings
- 37 AFC East team
- 40 Sis or bro
- 41 Grade of excellence: Abbr.

46 Cab alternative

- 48 Opposite of guzzled
- 50 Cube's dozen
- 52 Expectant mom's words
- 53 Inscribed pillar
- 54 Lead on
- 55 Blockbuster
- 56 Some TV screens
- 57 They work better when they focus
- 58 Dairy Queen order
- 59 Lucky streak
- 63 Skillful, facetiously

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