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Black Cat offers writers 10 minutes of fame

By Gordon Lambie
LENOXVILLE

Black Cat Books in Lennoxville will be hosting the third in a series of new monthly open-mic nights this coming Thursday at 7 p.m.

"It's something I've thought about for a long time," explained Janice LaDuke, who operates the bookstore along with Barry Husk.

The bookseller shared that the idea of holding open-mic type events, where local authors could share a piece of writing they have put together, has always been appealing to her, but she never felt like there was enough space in the store to accommodate such a gathering.

That feeling changed, according to LaDuke when she spoke with a patron over the summer about the Argo Bookshop in Montreal. The visitor pointed out that the narrow bookstore on Saint Catherine Street in Montreal regularly invites the public in for evenings of performance, and is almost always packed with participants to every corner of its 200 square feet.

"It dawned on me that I didn't really have an excuse," Black Cat's owner said.

From that realization, the little Lennoxville book shop set itself up to have an open-mic night on the fourth Thursday of every month, starting in September. Turnout to the first was around a dozen, with the vast majority of those present sharing their own work. October's was more sparsely attended, although LaDuke blamed that mostly on the weather.

"It was just a miserable night outside," the bookseller recalled, "and I know there were many other events going on in town that night."

There is no actual microphone to the Black Cat's open-mic night, people are simply invited to gather with either a piece of their own writing or a favourite passage from a book to share aloud.

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Quebec hoping to chop number of bureaucrats by two per cent



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Quebec Treasury board president Martin Coiteux during question period, Tuesday, at the legislature in Quebec City.

The Canadian Press
QUEBEC CITY

The Quebec civil service is being put on a diet. The government wants to shed two per cent of its roughly 60,000 bureaucrats as part of its cost-cutting measures, Treasury Board President Martin Coiteux said Tuesday.

That translates into about 1,150 jobs on the chopping block, although Coiteux is holding out hope that attrition through impending retirements will take care of them.

The announcement comes as the government prepares to table salary offers for public-sector employees ahead of what promises to be tough negotiations.

The Couillard government has made posting a balanced budget in 2015-16 its top political priority and has recently announced plans to hike daycare fees.

Coiteux said ditching the objective of a balanced budget is out of the question and that provincial employees will have to take into account the government's commitment to financial rigour.

"My message (to unions) is we want to work constructively with them," he told a news conference.

"We want to work constructively with everybody. Everybody has to make an effort. Our employees also have to make an effort. The leaders of Quebec have to make an effort.

"We are working together to get the job done for our children and the ones that will follow."

Coiteux had another message for unions: the government will not back down regardless of whatever pressure tactics they may employ.

"We will succeed because we are determined to succeed....We're not going to give up."

He also said Quebecers want a government with "the courage to take the actions that are needed."

Senior civil servants will not get performance bonuses and the number of contracts awarded to non-government consultants will be reduced to a bare minimum.

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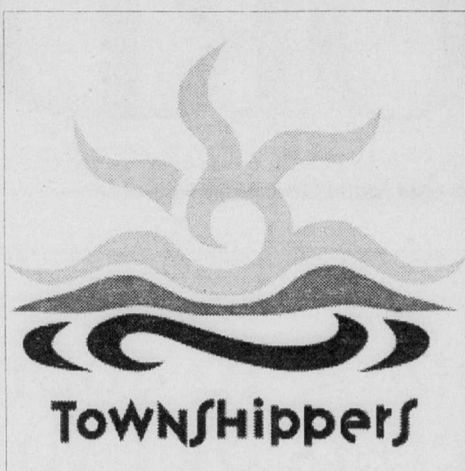


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Angels and Anniversaries

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

In conjunction with local schools and La Cellule Jeunesse, the Club, compiles a list of recipients who are in need this holiday season. This list contains specific information on each recipient, such as age, size, and gender, etc. The information is then transferred onto paper angels, which are then distributed to participating retail locations. Anyone interested in being a Christmas Angel can visit these retailers, select a paper angel and, using the information provided; purchase a gift.

After wrapping the gift and attaching the paper angel, Christmas Angels are asked return their gift to the retailer where they chose their paper angel by Dec. 6. The YVO then distributes the gifts before Christmas. This year, 180 wishes are waiting to be filled.

Paper angels can be picked up at participating retailers in Cowansville at Nettoyeur Houle, 101 Oliver Street; Magasin Tigre Geant, 179 Principale Street; in Knowlton at La Vie Sucree, 29 Lakeside; Barnes General Store, 39 Victoria; De la Ferme a la Table - 605-101 Knowlton Road; and in Sutton at Pharmacie Brunet, 25 Principale N.

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Applications open for Sherbrooke Social Housing Complex

With construction of a new housing complex at the Habitations Place de l'Est in Fleurimont underway, the Parallele de l'habitation sociale, under the arm of the Office municipal d'habitation de Sherbrooke, is accepting applications from the general population until December 15, 2014.

The first building, equipped with an elevator, includes 66 apartments for retirees (50 years and over), fifty of which are one-bedroom apartments (3 1/2) and 16 two-bedroom apartments (4 1/2). Fifteen 3 1/2 units will be subsidized by the Programme de Supplement au loyer (rent supplement program). Units will be rented with services included: heating, electricity and hot water.

Building No. 2, no elevator, will have 36 subsidized apartments for families (59 years old and under). Units include nine one bedroom apartments, four two bedroom units, 17 three-bedroom apartments (5 1/2) and six four bedroom units

(6 1/2) to be rented excluding utilities.

Applications for the 51 subsidized apartments will be processed according to selection criteria and assigned based on how households rank on the eligibility list.

Applications for the 51 non-subsidized units will be processed in the order they are received and according to the occupancy standards specified in the Regulations on the Allocation of Housing to Rent. Households must meet income thresholds provided under the AccèsLogis program.

Housing applications can be submitted to the Office municipal d'habitation de Sherbrooke, 22 William-Ives, Suite 100, Sherbrooke, QC, J1E 2C2.

For additional details and forms, contact the office at 819-566-7868, dir.generale@omhshebrooke.qc.ca or visit www.omhshebrooke.qc.ca

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"We can go out and it's sort of a win-win for us; we get to travel the country and meet some neat people,"

Scott Woods bringing Christmas Tradition to Galt

By Gordon Lambie

Much-loved stunt fiddler Scott Woods is back in Lennoxville this Friday for another of his crowd-favourite holiday shows.

Touring this Christmas season under the theme of "Christmas Tradition," Woods promises to deliver his usual family-friendly evening of fun and festive spirit while also offering local groups the opportunity to fundraise for worthy causes. The show, which will take place in the Auditorium of Alexander Galt Regional High School, is Woods' only one in Quebec, and will be supporting Leucan Estrie, the St George's Parish Guild of Lennoxville, the Cookshire-Eaton Vacation Bible Camp and the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen.

"Basically, our approach is almost like ministry," Woods said, when asked why it was that almost all of the shows he does are fundraisers.

"We can go out and it's sort of a win-win for us; we get to travel the country and meet some neat people, but at the same time some groups get to raise funds in their communities for quite variety of causes, from mission work to raising money just for their church, to service clubs.

Woods said that for him and the band, the joy comes just from sharing some, "tradi-

tional old time flair," while also working to make the world a better place.

As in years past, Friday's concert will have a new theme and new approach to the holiday season in order to keep things interesting for newcomers and long-time fans alike

"It's a very different look and feel to the show, but still within the realm of old-time fiddle music and traditional country music," the fiddler explained. "It's something audiences can expect, without having necessarily seen it before.

Woods sang the praises of his bandmates, speaking of his fellow musicians like members of his family. Repeat audience members will recognize the musical styling of Gary & Nadine Boles as well as 14-year old singing, fiddling and step dancing sensation Amanda MacInnis.

While obviously close to his whole team, Woods noted that there is a change to this year's lineup, in that it is the first year his mother will not be playing alongside him on stage. He assured that she is still lively and playing showed, but explained that she's chosen to retire from the life of a touring musician.

Aside from the musicians touring with him, Woods also made sure to highlight the guest appearance of 17-year old Courtney Drew of Cookshire.

Drew toured with Woods through the Maritimes last year, celebrating her 17th birthday on the road, and Woods said that he makes sure to invite her to play with him whenever he is in the area. Drew has studied classical violin since the age of 7. She recently graduated from high school receiving the Governor General's Academic Medal and is part of a Praise and Worship team and plays fiddle music regularly with her brother and parents for dances, at retirement homes and for many community events.

"Courtney is just a fabulous young player," Woods said.

Though music was clearly at the heart of what Woods had to say about the upcoming concert, the man known to many across Canada as 'The Flippin' Fiddler' said that he is frequently asked, in the lead up to one of his shows, if he will still be doing his trick fiddling.

"I've got a few different tricks for this year, but the one carry over is my front-running somersault. They can't call me the flipping fiddler if I don't do that one for the folks."

Woods said, revealing that he has been using that particular move ever since it won him the trick and fancy fiddle competition at the Ontario open fiddle contest when he was 11 years old.

Having only ever tried the



COURTESY

Scott Woods is bringing his Christmas show to Galt on Thursday

move with drumsticks on a crash mat, the fearless youngster launched right into the flip on stage.

"I tried it, it worked, and I've done it ever since," Woods said. "I've never smashed a violin or

a bow, or any bones, though I have had some not-so graceful landings."

Woods is a two-time winner of the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest, two-time winner of the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Championship as well as Fiddle Entertainer of the Year. To date, he has helped raise over \$2 million dollars for groups all across Canada.

"Scott Woods Christmas Tradition" takes place Friday Nov. 28th at 7 p.m. at Galt.

The two-hour live presentation, according to Woods, will celebrate Christmas traditions with old time fiddling, sensational step dancing, seasonal songs, inspirational stories, trick fiddling, and family humour.

Advance tickets are on sale at Fleuriste Lennoxville, located at 159 Queen Street or by calling either 819-564-8960 or toll free 1-855-SCOTTWOODS (1-855-726-8896).

Adult tickets are \$25, Children aged 6-12 are \$10, and Children aged 5 and under will be admitted free.

Black Cat

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LaDuke says that there is no theme to follow and the only rule is that whatever is shared can't be longer than 10 minutes.

It is also possible, of course, to simply come and listen to what is being shared, without having to get

up and speak.

Given the plan to hold the nights on the fourth Thursday of the month, this week's will be the last of 2014, as December's would fall on Christmas Day.

More information about Black Cat Books and the store's upcoming events is at www.blackcatbook.net.

Quebec cuts

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The key health and education sectors will not be affected.


Civil servants will have their expenses closely monitored, while the premier's office will have to authorize out-of-province trips by cabinet ministers.

"If we are to balance, on a sustainable basis, the budget here in Quebec, we have to act on the costs of the

public sector," Coiteux said. "And 60 per cent is basically remuneration, so we have to act on that front too."

A government-commissioned committee released a report Sunday and argued Quebec should scale back funding for municipalities and agriculture.

It also recommended further hikes to the cost of day-care, ambulance fees and tuition for international students.



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On being committed



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Ever find yourself somewhere, where you sat looking around yourself, maybe even a little numb, wondering, "What the heck am I doing here? What is the universe's grand plan for this moment? Is there a higher purpose to how in this very moment I could be anywhere else? I could be in pajamas for Pete's sake. I could be eating a bowl of soup, or cookies fresh out of the oven. This is a Saturday morning. I could be anywhere else but here."

If you're a person who tends to be on the active side, community-wise, you've probably

had this situation play out more times than you can shake a craft sale flyer at. You've likely been at any variety of fundraiser, volunteered your time for some event at your child's school, or maybe that your kids aren't even involved in any more ... you just didn't say no.

Community involvement is so important. Putting ourselves out there is important too, to contribute to the flow of energy and vitality in a community. Hard work in planning, and yearly traditions (especially around this time of the year) often means that plans pay off, and the usual suspects attend said event. If it's a sale, then perhaps they look forward to a certain kind of homemade goods each year, perfect for stocking stuffers, or for a teacher's Christmas gift.

There is that moment though, that one where you think, "Why did I decide to do this again?" You look around yourself for some glimmer of the universe's plan. Your inner accountant is doing the math on how much your gas cost, and your contribution to the day ... and perhaps you already know

you will likely head home with a day that not only meant you weren't sitting on the couch, relaxing on a Saturday in the sweatpants your loved one hates, but that feel so right.

Around you there is hustle and bustle, and people are setting up and getting ready, so you watch their excitement, and hope that they do well. You bump into your one good friend at the event, and the knowing glance back in her eyes says that she is feeling exactly the same way as you are.

Sometimes it's not even your own event, but something you decided to become involved in because the greater meaning of it would reveal itself at some divine moment in the day. Peering around you though, you don't spot it. You see a ton of interesting things, but know that today is not a shopping day - there are too many events in the coming weeks to afford even a little spending. The extra coffee you picked up on the way to the event was perhaps a bit much. You are grateful for the bottle of water someone brings around to all kioskers.

It's not that you haven't "bailed" before. You've had mo-

ments where you just knew it couldn't happen. Such as that child who barfed all over his bed during the night, and was feverish and still sick, or the last minute babysitter cancelation, and even though there was a tug on your wish to honour your commitment, you were oddly more comfortable dealing with gastro detail than at the event in question....and you felt guilty for that. You knew you weren't irreplaceable - there were plenty of others on hand. But, you felt guilty that you were off of the hook, guilty because you were off of the hook because of a sick child. Oh, you felt like a terrible mother, and that little guilty creep hung around your conscience all day. You were relieved when a phone call at the end of the day said that either it was terribly quiet, or that extra help showed up and you weren't needed.

There it is, that oozing, sticky word - guilt. It just sucks the sunshine away ... seeps into our worry lines, crow's feet and whatever that great big dent is between your eyebrows.

Don't get me wrong, a sense of duty, and enthusiasm for

community events is extremely important in life, and in community vitality. Even if typically the same small groups of people organize the same things, in the same places.

At the end of an experience like this (the one where you start peering around and looking for silver linings hidden under tables and chairs, in the chatter of the day, in the articles on tables, some of them hand-made, others carefully assembled, all of them connected to some form of hope and progress, and in some cases tradition) sometimes the silver linings swell up, they come in the form of regulars, or of someone home visiting, of news from friends, acquaintances and loved ones, and we go home feeling that our sense of fulfillment outweighed our longing for jogging pants, comfort movies and the couch. Even if it's just a little.

So, for all of you out there preparing, or who have endured and managed your events for the year, you deserve thanks and gratitude, and I hope the silver linings glow. Oh, and every once in a while, spend some time on the couch.

Still something magical in a "Thank You"



THE SCOOP
MABLE HASTINGS

It hasn't been the best of weeks. As the Director of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre's Youth Programs, there are times when a variety of happenings can leave one feeling overwhelmed.

That is the kind of week I'd been having with what seemed like one thing after another and deadlines seemed to pile up like a nagging pile of dirty laundry with other things getting in the way.

It was Friday morning and as I sorted through the pile of paper on my desk and prepared my "to do" list, I was feeling a little down.

From the youth centre window I saw a group of elementary aged students descending the hill heading in our direction; clearly on a mission. The pessimist who had come to nestle inside of me for the day surfaced, and I couldn't help but wonder what was coming. In

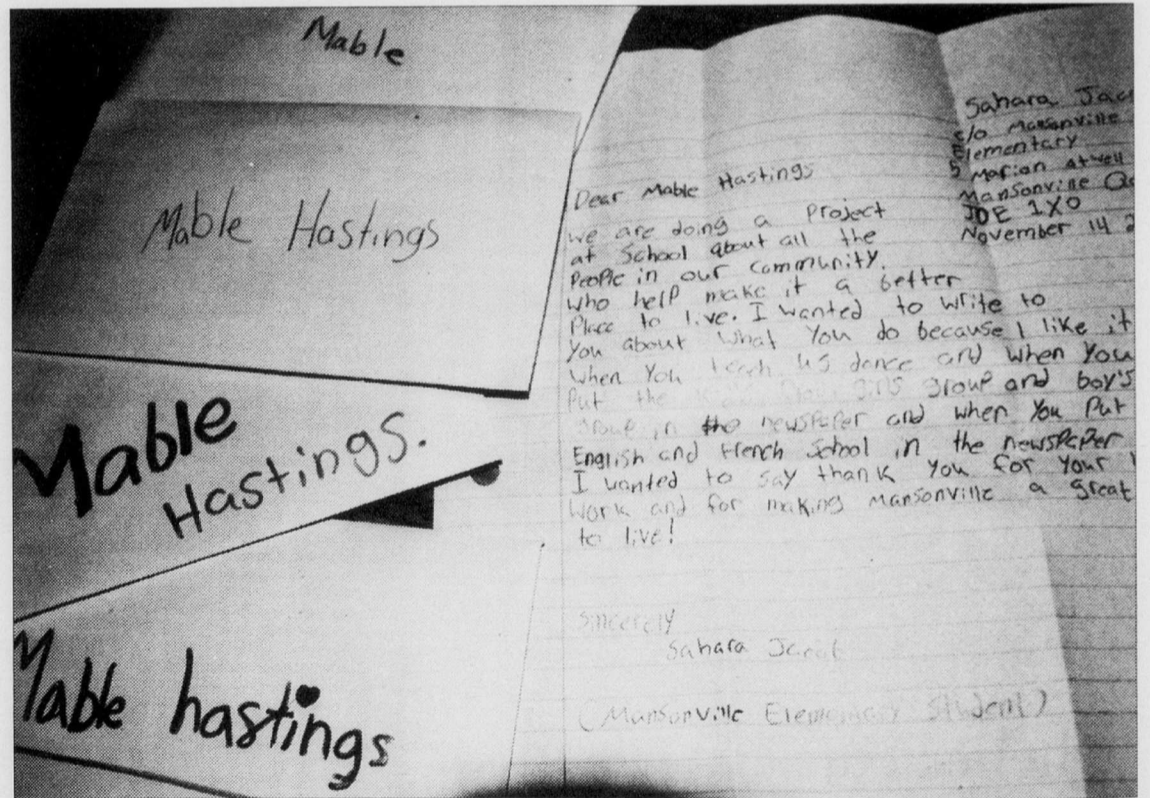
moments, the banging of snow filled boots and the sound of giggles and then, a knock on my door.

Laura Teasdale, whose claim to fame ranges from drama and music teacher to actress and all-around wonderful person, stood smiling with a troop of beaming youth all around her. Laura explained that she has been working with the students at Mansonville Elementary School on a project that focuses on "community." As a finale, she encouraged the children to write to people in the community that they feel make it a better place.

"Today," said Laura, "We are delivering the letters the students wrote, in person to the people in Potton that the kids chose to write to and, you are one of those people."

With a cheerful good-bye and smiles wider than those they were wearing as they scurried down the hill, they were off to deliver other such letters, their laughter blowing in the November wind with the snowflakes as they fell.

A hot cup of tea in hand, I now sit with the letters given to me. In the letters I am thanked for dancing with the youth, for writing for The Record newspaper and putting in stories and photos about "them" and others in my community. I am told that I work hard and make a dif-



Some of the "thank you" letters that Mansonville elementary students wrote that they delivered last Friday.

ference in contributing to making Mansonville being a great place to live! One of the students even thanked me for the difference I am making in the World!

And, while sometimes it feels the world expects a lot and that work can be demanding, one student added a "ps" to the bottom of her note that was oh so respectful bringing a smile

to my face...

"Please write me back... if you have the time."

My teacup is almost empty now but my heart feels full. Happy tears fall from what can best be described as Mr. Scrooge getting a second lease on life. The demands of a work day, the realities of life's everyday priorities can all be soothed by a "thank you" and when it comes

from some beautiful kids, well, for me...that is just a bonus!

Thank you Laura Teasdale and the students at Mansonville Elementary School for making my day! I will do my best to "pay it forward" but most of all to remember to count my blessings as I continue to make a difference not only in Mansonville but in the World as well!


THE PET CONNECTION




Jen Young

Never too late for fleas

I have now been in contact with two different families to help rid them of their terrible flea infestations. Yes, your pets can still have fleas at this time of year. You can not just put your pet outside and think that the fleas will freeze off. It doesn't work that way. The only way fleas will die off your pet if it is out in the cold is if the pet dies too, so do not leave your pet outdoors longer because it has fleas.

Fleas will bury in to the skin when the pet is outside but they will not die or jump off. But don't worry. It is quite easy to get rid of them. Go to your vet, you do not need an appointment, and ask for three month's worth of Advantage! The Advantage will not only kill the fleas on your pet, but over a course of three months, a treated pet will also help rid the environment (your home) of them as well.

A flea can live in dark corners of your house for weeks, but when they come out to feed on your treated pet, they too will die. If you think fleas are driving

you nuts, imagine how your pet feels. Act quickly to make everyone more comfortable. Remember; fleas are a part of life for pet owners (like lice is a constant worry for parents) and when dealt with quickly and correctly, no one in the family has to suffer needlessly.

- Catch fleas early - You don't have to see fleas for them to be there. In fact, when you do see them, you are actually dealing with what is considered an infestation. Rule of thumb. If you see one there are actually hundreds, but watch for signs, such as your pet chewing on itself, mostly on the back, where the tail meets the back and scratching under its front arms and its ears.

- Flea test - take a white piece of paper and hold it under your pet while you rigorously scratch these spots. Carefully, without losing anything that fell off your pet's fur, drop water on all the little pieces or objects that fell off your pet and let it sit for a few seconds. If any of the black spots you scratched off your pet turns red or a dark brown, you have fleas. Flea excrement is blood. Makes sense right? They eat blood and they poop blood.

Adopting and Christmas

People have been asking me lately, "Are you against adopting a pet at Christmas time?"

Good question. My answer is no. I am not against adopting a pet, as a family, at Christmas time. I believe it can be the best time to welcome a new family member in, if the thought has been put in to it and the parents are aware and ready for the

responsibility for the long haul.

I am, however, against adopting a pet for someone else for Christmas as a gift. I have never permitted anyone to adopt a dog or cat for someone else anyway. I always have to meet the person who will be responsible for the animal.

I know that other shelters will shut down adoption around the holidays, but I encourage them. To me, adopting during the holidays or for the holidays is no different than adopting any other time of year.

Interested families need to follow the trial period, then the legal contract that states if anything changes the animal has to come back anyway.

The one thing that does change at Christmas for me, is I place much more emphasis on whether or not the family feels they will have the time to give the new member provided all the hustle and bustle of the season.

If a family is looking to add a family member to their home, then the holidays, when everyone is on vacation for a bit, is a perfect time in some cases. I do not, however, permit families to place any animals in a box under the tree as a real gift.

While we all have those childhood dreams of opening up a gift and that cute little Golden Retriever puppy pops out with a big red bow, it is not practical and I do not condone it. I always encourage that families bring the new pet in a few days before the actual big day to give the animal a chance to adjust before all the excitement of Santa hits.

Thank you Samantha

We would like to thank Samantha Dodwell who manned a table at the Sawyerville Elementary School fundraiser to help us raise funds for vet expenses. Samantha raised \$142. She did not have to do that, use her entire Saturday to try and help our animals, but we are very thankful that she did. Our most sincerest thanks.

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Please remember that the store has to continue to pay its bills or we have to close, and if the store closes, we can not continue to help the animals that need it.

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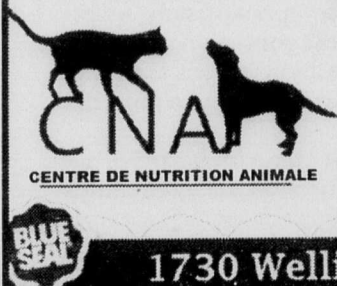
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Oh, Canada!



MIKE McDEVITT

Faced with the impending release of a report by the Auditor-General, the Royal Canadian Harper Government announced last week the injection of an additional \$200 million into mental health care services for the military in a desperately transparent attempt to deflect well-earned criticism of its shameful treatment of this country's veterans.

Posing as defenders of the Armed Forces, the Harper government clearly hopes that this belated, begrudging, and insufficient gesture of self-defence will mollify the hundreds, if not thousands, of abused, neglected, and insulted "heroes" the government has toyed with in its attempts to play "tough guy" on the international stage. While any additional support for wounded and traumatized soldiers in welcome, the sheer hypocrisy of the government in this instance clearly outshines its efforts in all other areas.

For years, the government — and the military — have inflicted barriers, insults, suspicion, and bureaucracy on men and women who have been victimized by the RCHG's impulsive belligerency. Eager as it is to enter any military fray, despite our painfully obvious lack of material to do so, the government has been aggressively indifferent to the consequences of its policies on the men and women unfortunate enough to have to carry them out.

This, of course, is in direct contrast to the interminable rhetoric about freedom, our heroic military, and the "courage and determination" of our leaders.

In his report, Auditor General Michael Ferguson, a Harper appointee,

didn't mince many words in describing the situation as "the disconnect that happens when departments don't have a clear understanding of whether the services they are providing are meeting the needs of their clientele."

In other words, the effectiveness of the Department of Veterans Affairs in meeting its clients' needs is irrelevant. Another \$200 million isn't going to change that.

To begin with, both government and the military seem to be stuck in another age. They assume that the 12 per cent of veterans suffering from psychological problems are, in effect, malingering and whining, and they make sure that services, when available at all, are found at the end of a bureaucratic labyrinth that keeps soldiers, who are in desperate need, waiting up to a year and a half for the services they need immediately.

To make things even more frustrating, the Department does not even begin to process an application until the application procedure — complex and frustrating as these always are — is completed. When waiting for mental health services, this delay can seem interminable, with sometimes fatal consequences.

We have become increasingly aware in the past decades that combat can have seriously detrimental effects on those forced to endure it.

With physical injuries, the damage is obvious, and treatment usually fairly straightforward. Psychological damage, however, that comes from witnessing (or participating in) horrific acts of violence, are often less immediately apparent — even to the victims.

Often, behavioural and emotional symptoms emerge long after the events that trigger them, leaving victims and their families to deal with the fear, aggression, substance abuse, and alienation that often accompanies post traumatic stress. Add to these the macho culture inherent in all military organizations, and the end result is that victims are reluctant, if not ashamed, to admit that their limit has been surpassed.

It is never easy to admit psychological problems under any circumstances; it can become almost impossible if one expects derision or contempt from one's peers. Camaraderie and mutual support



are essential keystones of any military grouping, and to admit that one cannot "pull his weight" represents the ultimate soldier failure.

With this in mind, it would probably go a long way if veterans who have served their country faithfully at the whim of political leaders could expect to be treated honourably upon their return home. What they instead get is typical Harper cynicism in the face of anyone who wants anything from the government they pay for.

Like the poor, natives, and other minority groups, veterans are treated as a class of people who want something for nothing from everybody else. Rather than deal with complaints directly, or actually try to make things better, the RCHG instinctively goes into its combat mode, which is, of course, to attack the integrity of the critic, deny that anything is wrong, and circle the wagons.

In the case of Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino, this tendency has been painfully and shamelessly obvious.

When it became apparent that his government was helping to balance its budget with \$1.1 billion "unused" by the Department, the government's attitude became apparent. With veterans screaming for more desperately-needed resources and services, the Department found itself in the embarrassing situation of having to return this huge sum back to the federal treasury.

This is not an unusual accounting procedure, but it is an unforgivable humanitarian one. Nothing in these events suggests that the Department made any effort to come to grips with the absurdity of being unable to spend desperately needed money.

This too, is not surprising, as bureaucracies are generally blind to cracks in their own infallibility — a characteristic they share with the government that currently mismanages them.

So here we are. Mr. Harper and his

minions, desperate to prove their "fiscal responsibility" and to balance the budget regardless of the social costs, heroically announce a \$200 million injection for mental health services for veterans, thereby reducing their loot from the exercise to a piddling \$900 million. That should shut us up.

Years ago, Canadians were granted a painful front-row seat to the psychological collapse of one of our greatest military-humanitarian heroes (in the true sense of the word), General Romeo Dallaire, whose abandonment by his political masters allowed the horrific Rwandan genocide he was assigned to prevent, was the impotent witness to human depravity that is almost impossible to comprehend.

Unable to fulfill the desperately needed task he was assigned, Dallaire was forced to watch impotently as hundreds of thousands of innocents were slaughtered in the most brutal of fashions.

His very public breakdown, the courage with which he faced it and the understanding and support he received from the country he paid so much to serve should all have led to a serious attempt to mitigate the political and institutional barriers that soldiers with these kinds of issues face.

We made him a Senator and then went back to sleep.

The Royal Canadian Harper Government is perhaps the most militaristic Canada has ever endured, glorying in its militant posturing and eager to join in any adventure, regardless of how ineffective or counterproductive it might be. If we are going to go along with this nonsense, as we appear ready to do, then to ignore the consequences of our policies on the 'heroes' we assign to carry them out is purely and simply disgraceful.

We may not deserve better — we elected the bums after all — but surely our soldiers do.

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Local Sports

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Mackey and Lafrenaye-Dugas honoured by QFAE

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record
MONTREAL

Kevin Mackey and Marc-Antoine Lafrenaye-Dugas were among the big winners Tuesday night when the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence hosted their annual gala in Laval.

In all, 13 local student-athletes received 15 bursaries for their performances on the playing fields and in the classroom during the 2013-14 season.

Bishop's Mackey reaped the rewards from the Gaiters' strong showing in the 2013 season during which he was named Coach of the Year for both the Quebec conference and Canadian Interuniversity Sport, as he directed a Bishop's resurgence that saw the team rise from a last place finish in 2012 to second place in 2013. The Gaiters posted a 6-2 record,

the team's best ranking since 1993, and the team's quarterback, Jordan Heather, became the first player in school history to win the Hec Crighton Award as player of the year in Canada.

Lafrenaye-Dugas, a track and field star from the University of Sherbrooke, was recognized twice as he was named Male Athlete of the Year (individual sport) as well as a bursary for academic excellence.

He won a gold medal in the hammer throw at the CIS championships, setting a conference record at the same time. Lafrenaye-Dugas also won two gold medals and one silver at the Canada Games.

Other honourees included nine Sherbrooke student-athletes and two from Bishop's. Sherbrooke had four recruitment bursaries as Audrey Lagarde (soccer) and Jonathan Naisby (swimming) received \$5,000 recruitment bursaries;

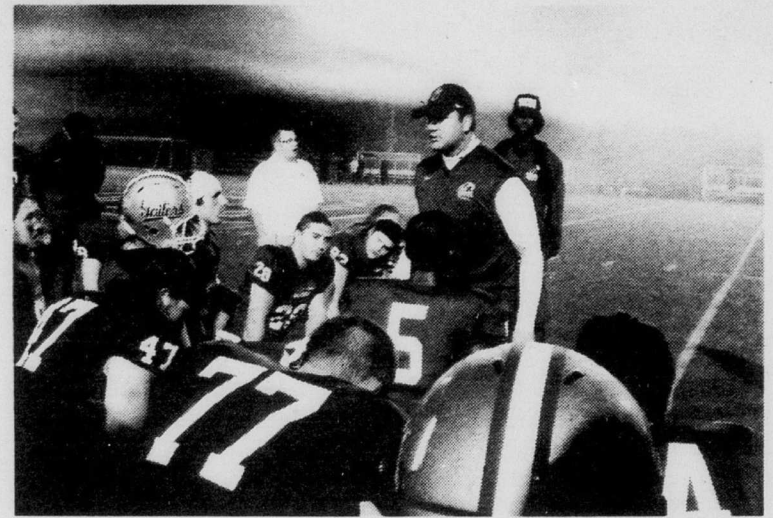
Catherin Deslauriers (volleyball) and Vincent Lanctot-Reeves (track and field) were presented with \$3,000 stipends. Bishop's footballer Dashaun Smellie also was awarded a \$3,000 recruitment bursary.

Sherbrooke's Roxanne Haseni (volleyball) won bursaries for academic excellence and athletic excellence while soccer player Marie-Eve Jacques also received an athletic excellence bursary.

Sherbrooke swimmer Julien Bilodeau received a \$1,500 Leadership bursary while volleyball player Daniel Moreau was awarded \$1,750.

Sherbrooke football player Rami Saintus and the Gaiters' Theo Thompson were awarded \$1,500 bursaries for athletic excellence.

The Foundation granted a total of \$258,750 in individual bursaries to Quebec-based student-athletes in 2014. Of this



PERRY BEATON

Bishop's Gaiters head football coach Kevin Mackey, shown here talking to his team after the Mount Allison game in September, was named the 2013-14 male sport coach of the year by the Quebec Foundation for Athletic Excellence yesterday.

amount, 86 bursaries, totaling \$218,750 were distributed Tuesday during the 29th Quebec University Sports Gala presented by RDS in association

with TKNL. An additional \$40,000 was also distributed to 11 university-level student-athletes in other FAEQ bursary programs during 2014.

Alouettes confident for next season with Jonathan Crompton at QB

By Bill Beaton
The Canadian Press
MONTREAL

Jonathan Crompton is looking forward to having a full season with the Montreal Alouettes, even if it is without favourite receiver Duran Carter or QB coach Jeff Garcia.

The long-haired pivot, who joined the Alouettes midway through the CFL season and put up a 9-3 record as a starter, will be listed as the top quarterback in training camp next spring.

With a full training camp under his belt, the Alouettes will see if he has what it takes to get them back to the Grey Cup game after a four-year absence.

"It'll be huge," Crompton said Monday as the Alouettes cleared out their locker-room stalls following their elimination from the CFL playoffs. "We have a good core group of guys, so I'm excited about the future of this team. We have a high ceiling on where we can go."

The Alouettes season ended Sunday with a 40-24 defeat in Hamilton in the Eastern final.

The team that started the campaign 1-7 battled back to finish the regular season 9-9 and win the East semifinal over B.C. before falling to Hamilton. The comeback coincided with the arrival of the sometimes erratic but surprisingly effective Crompton behind centre.

He was helped by guidance from in-season hire quarterbacks coach Garcia, although the former CFL and NFL star is expected to find a coaching job

closer to his family in San Diego.

Garcia's replacement may end up being former Alouettes great Anthony Calvillo, who is expected to take up coaching, although no contract has yet been signed. It is among many changes expected on a team that spent most of the season adjusting to a coaching change and Calvillo's retirement after the 2013 campaign.

General manager Jim Popp put out a list of 20 players whose contracts are up, including top receivers Carter and S.J. Green, linebackers Chip Cox, Bear Woods and Winston Venable, cornerback Geoff Tisdale, defensive back Jerald Brown and running back Tyrell Sutton.

Popp considers Cox, Woods and Green top priorities to resign, but expects to lose Carter.

"Because of the interest that's come from NFL teams, and also based on my evaluation as a player, I expect he'll have his choice of where to sign and that he'll be going to an NFL camp," Popp said of Carter, who led the team and was third in the CFL with 1,030 receiving yards. "If things don't work out, the door's open for him to return here."

Green, who caught three TD passes in the East final, would be a big fish on the market if he's not signed before Feb. 15.

"I'd like to come back, but we'll see how it goes," said Green, who looks forward to working with Crompton from the start of camp. "Last year, we thought we had a quarterback

(Troy Smith). Now we have a quarterback this organization believes in and who I believe in. We have a lot to look forward to."

It was a bizarre season. It started in the off-season, when team owner Bob Wetenhall waited until late in the winter to announce that Tom Higgins, who had not coached in six years, was the head coach.

Then offensive co-ordinator Rick Worman was fired during training camp and replaced by the inexperienced Ryan Dinwiddie.

Garcia and Turk Scoenert were brought in to bolster the coaching staff and, with Crompton at quarterback and thanks to the solid play of the defence, they managed to have a respectable season.

"Who knows what Crompton could have achieved in the first half of the season, having a training camp and having a solid situation," said Garcia. "Nothing about this year was very solid until the second half. He's got a tremendous upside. I think we've just seen a sample of what he's capable of."

Higgins agreed, saying the starting job will be Crompton's to lose in camp.

"He allowed us the opportunity to get to an Eastern final, along with a lot of other people," said Higgins.

Higgins, who will be back, wants more depth in Canadian talent and on the offensive line, which he said is starting to age.

He expects changes to the coaching staff, but hasn't decided whether to continue han-

dling special teams. The punt coverage took heat for Brandon Banks' two return TDs in the East final.

"It's not like we let him score," said defensive lineman John Bowman. "Everybody fought their heart out, but the guy just made plays. He's a

great returner."

One who expects to be back is former NFL star Chad Johnson, who hardly saw the ball playing the far side wide receiver and then suffered a concussion and a groin injury that will need surgery.

"I had fun," said Johnson.



Dear Santa,

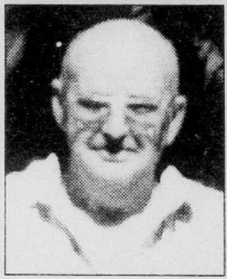
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We need many elves, so please act quickly.

Death



Laurie Owen WEBB

Passed away in the presence of his loving family and dear friend on November 19,

2014. Dear husband of the late Sandra Sisco and precious father of Laureen (David Farrow). Cherished brother of Harry (Shirley) and Stephen (Diane). Laurie will also be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews, and many friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #5, 15 Maple Street, Stanstead, Que. on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As a tribute to his memory, donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King West, bureau 130, Sherbrooke, Que. J1L 1C9 or the Frontier Society, C.P. 2505, 1 Bigelow, Stanstead, QC J0B 3E5 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Annual District #5 meeting held at Victoria #16 in Coaticook



Head table: Dorothy, Ernestine, Arnold, Joyce and Ed

On November 8, several members and visitors gathered at Victoria #16 Lodge Hall for a soup and sandwich supper with dessert and beverages.

During supper, District Deputy Grand Marshal #5 Ernestine Whipple had the honour of presenting our District Deputy Grand Master #5 Dorothy Babbin-Houle.

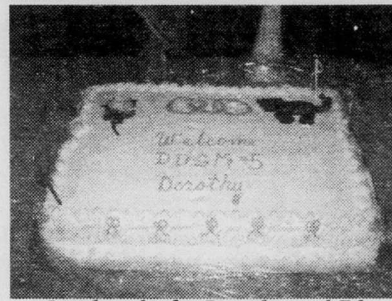
At the Head Table: Dorothy Babbin, our DDGM # 5; Noble Grand Arnold MacKeage and escort Ernestine; Grand Marshal of GL of Q. Joyce Copping, and Grand Master of GL Ed Copping. Arnold welcomed everyone.

Dorothy Babbin, who is Chaplain of Victoria, said "Grace" and asked for a minute's silence in honour of all service men and women, especially those tragic events resulting in the deaths of Patrice Vincent and Nathan Cirillo - we never imagine that in our own country something like this could happen.

After good food and fellowship we were ready to start our meeting.

Noble Grand Arnold opened the meeting "in form." Then DDG Marshal Ernestine introduced the DDG Master Dorothy who then took over her District meeting. Since Ernestine is also Secretary, Dorothy appointed Evelyn Keeble as Secretary for the day. Thank you Evvie and all who assisted.

DDG Marshal Ernestine presented the Appointed Officers of all branches of



Lovely cake for Dorothy and Ed



Dorothy, with Ernestine, ready to cut cake and serve with ice cream

the Order. They were welcomed and seated.

Then G. Marshal Joyce presented the Elective Officers. They were given "the Honours" and read a lovely verse, then seated. Joyce then had the privilege of presenting the GM Ed. He also received "the Honours" and seated beside Dorothy.

Dorothy ran an excellent meeting and was congratulated by all present. Her Installations were also very well conducted. We are very proud of her!

After all who wished to speak, Dorothy extended the Greetings and thanked all her Installing staff and all who filled in today and all who attended.

The Meeting was then closed "in form" by NG Arnold who also did a fine job.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple

Datebook

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Today is the 330th day of 2014 and the 66th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, the United States observed a day of Thanksgiving declared by George Washington in celebration of the new Constitution.

In 1922, Egyptologist Howard Carter became the first person to enter Tutankhamun's tomb in 3,000 years.

In 1992, it was announced that the Queen of England would begin paying income taxes, the first time a British monarch would do so since the 1930s.

In 2000, nearly three weeks after Election Day, Florida's presidential election results were certified in favor of George W. Bush.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919), physician/activist; Charles M. Schulz (1922-2000), cartoonist; Robert Goulet (1933-2007), singer/actor; Rich Little (1938-), actor/comedian; Tina Turner (1939-), singer/actress; Dale Jarrett (1956-), race car driver; Shawn Kemp (1969-), basketball player; Peter Facinelli (1973-), actor; Natasha Bedingfield (1981-), singer.

TODAY'S FACT: To preserve the length of the holiday shopping season, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation in December 1941 that decreed Thanksgiving would always fall on the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving had been celebrated on the last Thursday of November, which in some years was the fifth, since 1863.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1917, the National Hockey league was founded in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think I've discovered the secret of life - you just hang around until you get used to it." - Charles M. Schulz

TODAY'S NUMBER: 537 - number of votes by which George W. Bush secured victory in Florida in 2000.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 22) and first quarter moon (Nov. 29).

Successful Christmas Tea

It was overcast but milder on Saturday afternoon, November 22, when about eighty people came out to the Christmas Tea and Bazaar at the festively-decorated St. Anne's Church, Richmond. A popular food table and a bazaar claimed everyone's attention first and then they went to the Silent Auction table to bid before the deadline of 3 p.m.

Following greetings and a prayer by The Reverend Canon W. Lynn Dillibough, the Tea commenced with a wide assortment of sandwiches followed by "non-fattening" squares - yeah, right! The tables were charmingly served by the Church Youth Group and friends. While folks ate, the fourteen door prizes were chosen by Rick Goodfellow, Linda Davidson, Frances Mackey, Elizabeth McCourt, Maureen Quinn, Muriel Webb, Sharon Moore, Lois Carson, Blanche Mastine, Helen Gallup, Shirley Smith, Annie Day, Andrew Hanna and Frances Dewar. These door prizes had been donated by the various merchants in Richmond and other friends of the Church.

A charming Bundt cake had been made and donated by Rita Noel. Everyone who bought food or cookies from the table was offered a chance on it. It went home with Susan Mastine.

A little drawing of seven articles was also held and these articles were chosen by Robin Converse, Marjorie Lancaster, Frances Dewar, Annie Day, Linda Brighton, Megan Coddington and Marge Lancaster.

Promptly at 3 p.m., there was a mad scramble to the Silent Auction table to see if each person had secured his or her chosen article.

A very capable crew manned the kitchen under the experienced leadership of Elizabeth Mastine, who has resigned after many years on the job. She will be missed but we're sure she will still be participating in any capacity where she is needed. Thanks, Elizabeth, for your devotion.

Our sincere thanks goes to all those who donated food and other articles for the Tea and Sale, those who spent hours in preparation and the clean-up afterwards but especially to all our guests who came out for a good time and delectable food.

Holiday greetings to one and all from the members of St. Anne's Church.

Submitted by Jean Storry

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But he doesn't seem eager to make them part of his life

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My boyfriend, "Darrin," and I have been seeing each other for five years. I love him and feel loved by him. He is affectionate and a great listener. I have grown children who are free to pop in and out of my house whenever they please. We also have many extended family get-togethers throughout the year.

Darrin will ask me about my kids and siblings and seem interested when I talk about them. But he doesn't seem eager to make them part of his life. He says he doesn't like big groups, so he rarely goes with me to family get-togethers. He also doesn't like to come over when my kids are here and makes no effort to get to know them. When I invite him, he makes up excuses for why he can't come.

My kids think Darrin is distant and doesn't care about them. Will he be like this if we marry and live in the same house? Is this something that can be worked through? — Wishing for More Involvement

Dear Wishing: You need to discuss this directly with Darrin. Tell him you find his lack of interest in your family upsetting and want to know why he doesn't care to get to know them better. Your children (not to mention your siblings) are important to you, and should the relationship progress, you want to be certain he will not alienate your family. Keep in mind, however, that not all people are close to the children and relatives of their significant others. This doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. What counts is that he not interfere with the level of attachment that you want.

Dear Annie: "Need Some Guidance" said her friend is educated and intelligent, but mispronounces some words. You are right that it is difficult to correct a

grownup's pronunciation, but I believe it is still worthwhile. After all, the objective is to help a friend be seen by others in the best possible light.

Many years ago, I was in the habit of using the word "irregardless." My employer helped educate me. She casually said, "You know, you have such a good command of the English language, it surprises me when you say 'irregardless.'" She then enlightened me about it not being a proper word, and I will always be grateful she did. — Know Better Now

Dear Know: Several readers weighed in on this. Read on:

From Florence, Ky.: As a child, most of my friends and family said "liberry" instead of "library." During my senior year in college, I was walking with a good friend and said, "Do you want to go into the liberry?" She slammed her books onto the concrete sidewalk and said, "It's LIBRARY! It has an 'a' and an 'r.' Say it!" I smiled and said it correctly. She had never raised her voice before. I laugh every time I think of the word and say it correctly now.

Simi Valley, Calif.: There are people who were taught to read by memorization and don't understand that letters have specific sounds. Phonics helps.

New York: As a speech language pathologist, I address these issues all the time. It may not be a reflection of education and intelligence, but rather a learning disability.

Boston: My husband has always mispronounced words. He once saw a speech therapist, but it didn't help. I often wonder whether he has a slight form of dyslexia. No matter. We've been married for 50 years,

and he's a great person.

Pittsburgh, Pa.: In parts of southwestern Pennsylvania, we say "pitcher" for "picture." We also "redd" up a room, which dates back to an Elizabethan English term related to the word "ready," referring to removing stones from a field. I have traveled through many American small towns and love hearing the accents and word usages that are unique to specific regions.

Dear Annie: I am a 70-year-old widow. Two years ago, a friend told me that a classmate, "Tom," wanted to get in touch with me. The friend gave me Tom's phone number, and a few months later, I called. We had a lovely conversation and still talk at least once a week.

Here's the problem: Tom said he was coming to visit, but he hasn't. He drives a truck and is semi-retired, so he can pretty much drive when he wants. From his place to mine would take 12 hours, but he has family here, so it seems odd that he still calls but there has been no visit.

I hope you can clear up this mystery. Tom is a widower, but if he had a girlfriend, I know he wouldn't be calling me every week. — Penelope in Portland

Dear Penelope: Well, Tom could have a girlfriend and still call you. More likely, he wants to visit, but the 12-hour drive is too daunting. The only way to know is to ask. Next time you speak to Tom, say that you are looking forward to seeing him and ask whether he is serious about visiting. Try to pin down a date.

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- 54 Flip over
- 55 Three-time NBA MVP Malone
- 56 It can walk the dog
- 57 Comet, to some
- 58 Starbucks size
- 60 Opposite of 24-Across
- 64 Apollo vehicle, briefly
- 65 Kiss guitarist Frehley

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- 1 Fatigued action figure?
- 2 Lexus rival
- 3 Burrows
- 4 "___ 13.5% BY VOL": wine label phrase
- 5 Leonard ___: Roy Rogers
- 6 Bayer allergy relief brand
- 7 Gold: Pref.
- 8 Teahouse floor mat
- 9 Native of Florence, e.g.
- 10 Disclose
- 11 Grandson of Eve
- 12 First name in whodunits
- 13 Stalk by the swamp
- 18 Seek divine guidance from
- 23 Oft-mooched item, briefly
- 25 Center X, in a game
- 27 Sorority letter
- 29 Well-used pencil
- 30 Forget to put in

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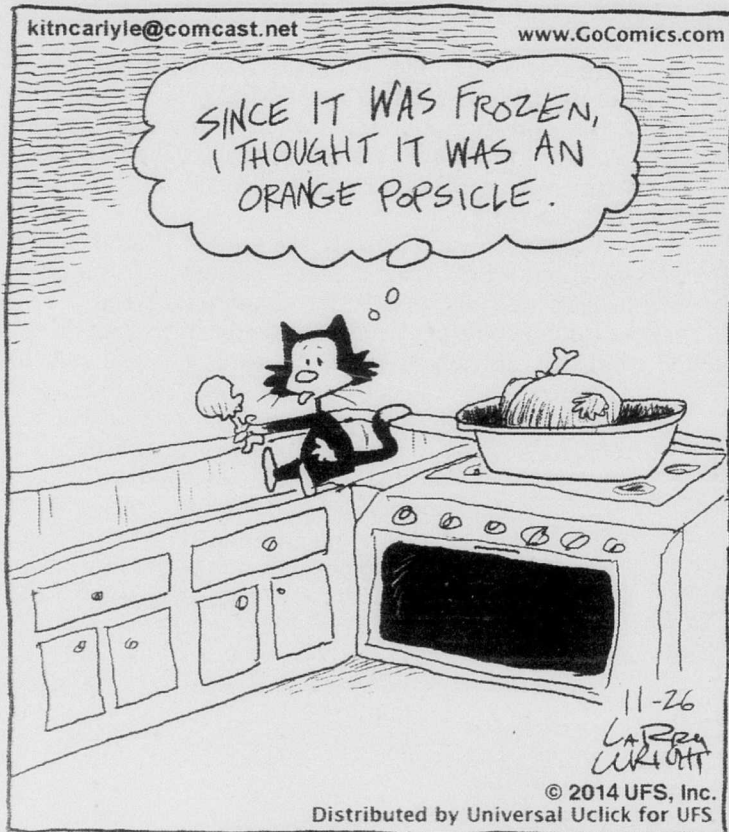
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"Take it easy, take it easy. I've come to fix the window."

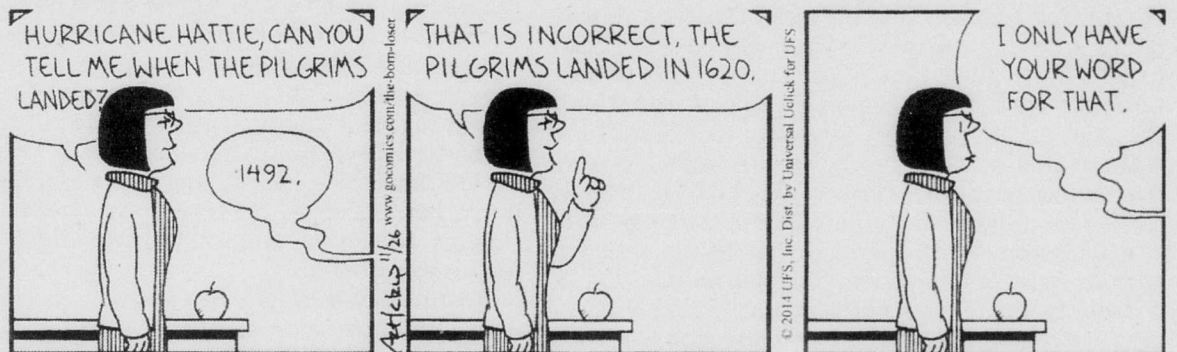
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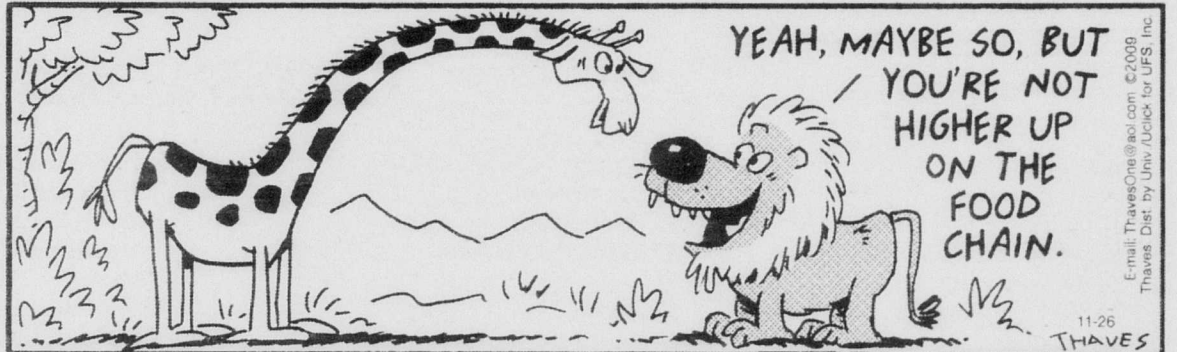
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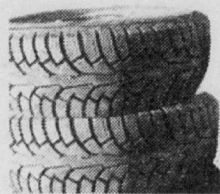
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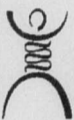
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Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Diplomacy and planning will be instrumental to your quest for success this year. Take your time and shop around for the best possible information regarding how to reach your goal. Interacting with experts is essential if you want to learn the ropes and hone your skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – If you pay close attention, you will learn valuable information from one of your peers. Consider the motives of someone who is after your personal information. Only offer what's necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Love looks promising. If you are honest about your expectations, you will build a solid

relationship. Make a point to protect your valuables, whether at home or away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Greater stability will be yours if you are ready to make a commitment. Rumors will spread if you try to keep matters hidden. Tell the truth and silence your opponents.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – It's time to put your plans into action. You will waste precious time if you wait for someone else to make the first move. If you take the initiative, you will stand out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Start saving for your future. Curb unnecessary spending and look into various ways to market your services. You have more to offer than you realize, so don't sell yourself short.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Go after

your dreams. Once you learn the fundamentals, you can begin training for the career that appeals to you the most. It's never too late to start something new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – You will gain plenty of inspiration if you are around optimistic and enthusiastic individuals. Arguing will be a waste of time and could end in emotional, physical or financial loss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Make your home your sanctuary. Redecorating or making minor renovations can add value to your property and impart a sense of well-being to you and your loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Finish off odd jobs you have been postponing. You will have more time to spend with friends and

family once your to-do list is complete. Take charge in order to make a lasting impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't confine yourself to the same old routine. Make travel arrangements that will give you a chance to explore new cultures, different points of view or a unique lifestyle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Find a way to keep busy away from home. Being in too close contact with certain people will lead to tension that you can do without. Focus on self-improvement, not what others do.

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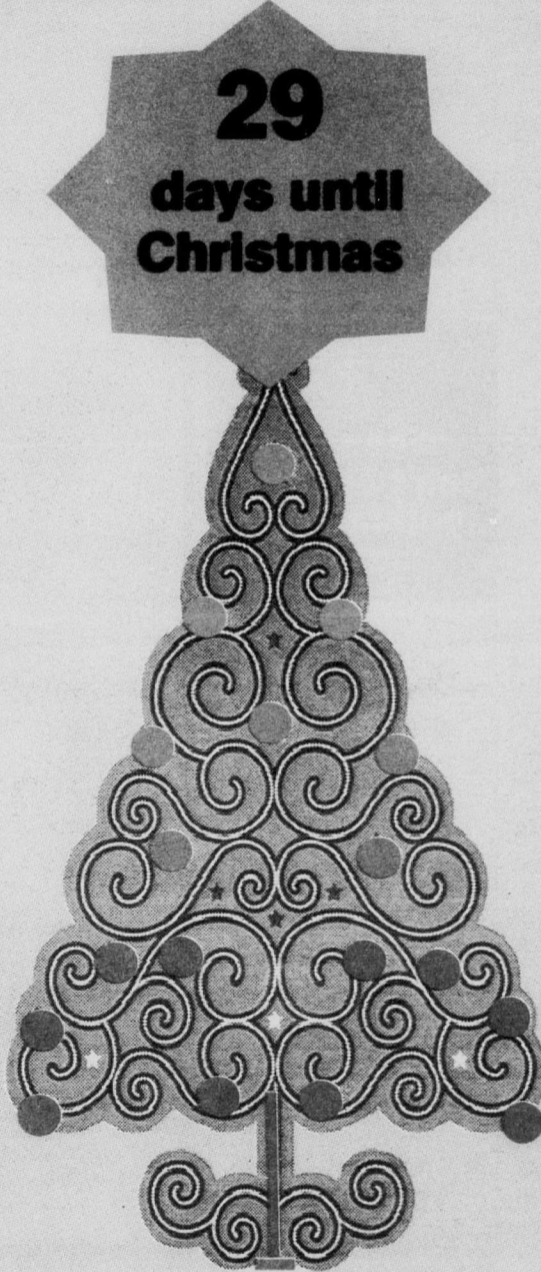
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