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## Tickets up, accidents down in Coaticook MRC

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The Sûreté du Québec in the MRC of Coaticook issued 1,266 statements of offence last year, representing an increase of close to 70 per cent compared to the average of the last three years.

This is one of the statistics revealed in the SQ annual report, which was recently filed with municipal officials. The Report covers the period from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

The increase is due largely to the increased presence of police in the area. Coaticook residents are correct in thinking to that they've seen a lot of flashing lights in the last months. "It's part of our mandate," says acting Coaticook SQ director Frédéric Pelletier. "We are working on four specific areas, including alcohol, speed, cell phone use, and seat belts.

Curiously, 10 per cent of the tickets were issued on Child Street, between St Marc and Michaud streets. A total of 133 drivers were ticketed for speeding in this sector alone. "From October to January, we undertook 88 radar operations in this sector," Pelletier confirms. "We also received some complaints from residents about motorists going too fast. We wanted to secure the area."

In spite of this, this portion of Child street is not considered "dangerous" by the authorities. "Recently, there have been no accidents with injuries at this location. We do not want to wait until there is before acting."

With more officers on the roads, drivers are a little more cautious, the Sûreté du Québec believes, and the Report seems to confirm this. Only 16 accidents occurred on the Coaticook MRC territory last year, while the average for the previous three years was 32. "These were only minor collisions with damage. This year, there has been no accident with serious injuries or deaths," Pelletier concluded.

## Eastern Townships Canadian Club disbands after 65 years



GORDON LAMBIE

The last guest speaker at the Eastern Townships Canadian Club meeting at the Hotel Le President Tuesday night was retired CBC host Tim Belford.

By Gordon Lambie

The members of Eastern Townships Canadian Club got together one final time before disbanding Tuesday night at the Hotel Le President in Sherbrooke. The decision to close the club came at the end of January after the executive determined that the dwindling number and growing age of members meant that the club would no longer be able to function. The club's membership had been meeting together to listen to guest speakers and share in friendship and community over meals on a near-monthly basis since 1949.

"We're all feeling sad tonight, because it's the end of an era," said long-time club member Meryle Heatherington, voicing a sentiment shared by many of the 38 people present for the final meeting.

According to club president Bev Taber Smith, the membership of the club after its founding in 1949 was in the 200-300 range. Then the Eastern Townships Women's Canadian Club, the social organization met for years at venues all over Sherbrooke, beginning at the New Sherbrooke Hotel, which stood until 1972 at the corner of King and Depot Streets downtown. Over the years, the Eastern Townships branch of

the Canadian Club decreased in membership, hitting 184 in 1985. Despite the decision in the late eighties to include men in the club, that number had dropped to 88 by 2002, and was at 45 for the 2013-14 year.

"Currently, we have members who rarely attend get-togethers and we average about 22 per session," Taber Smith wrote in a letter to the members sent out in February. "It is rather discouraging for the organizers and the speaker when the audience is so small."

The president explained that, as is becoming the case with many community groups and organizations, the

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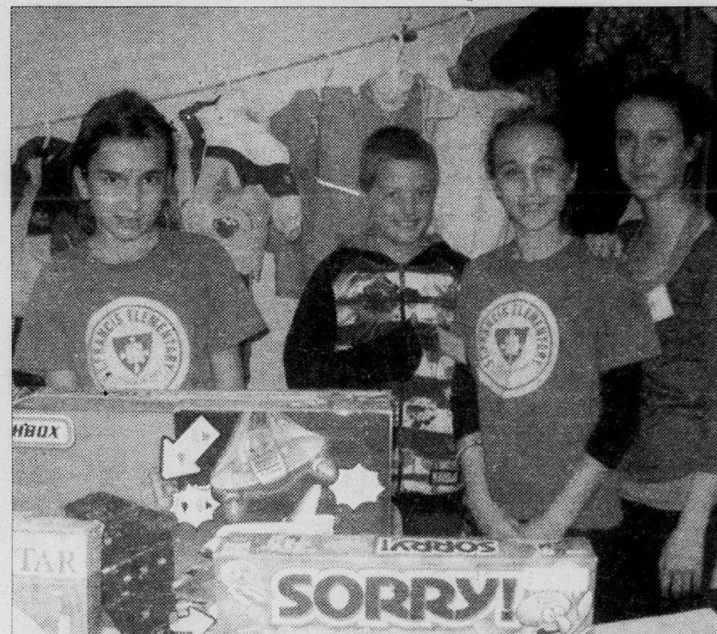
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Grade 6 students at St. Francis Elementary School would like to encourage you to think twice before buying new. Please consider buying second hand books and items for kids with the environment (and your wallet) in mind.

The 8th Babies & Kids Bazaar will be held this Saturday, May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30. The students learn entrepreneurial skills as they plan for and run this event. It's a great project for families to sell their used items and others to buy affordable ones. The profits from this project will be go towards school ac-

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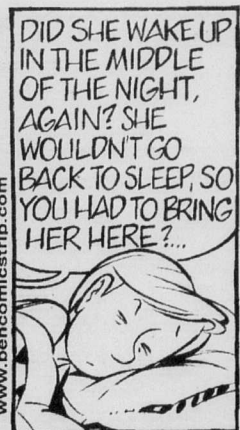
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Thanks for your support! Submitted by Mandy Sullivan, Cycle 3 Teacher, St. Francis Elementary School.

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# Peladeau will need wheelchair for a few months

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Pierre Karl Peladeau will need to use a wheelchair for three months after suffering several fractures in a cycling accident, doctors said Wednesday.

The media mogul and Parti Québécois politician will not be able to use his right leg or right arm, ruling out crutches or a walker, orthopedist Bernard Larue told a news conference in Sherbrooke.

"For the next three months, given that he won't be able to

walk, that will be the best way for him to get around," Larue said.

Peladeau also suffered minor bleeding in the head in Sunday's accident, but doctors say the majority owner of Quebecor Inc. should not suffer any long-term health problems.

"These lesions are not dangerous and there was never any moment where we thought there was any need for surgery for that," said Dr. Jocelyn Blanchard, who works with Larue at the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Sherbrooke.

"And since he's been here

since Sunday, he's been very alert and aware."

Blanchard said Peladeau remembers how the accident occurred and is displaying no signs of amnesia.

He may, however, experience headaches or dizziness over the next few weeks, the doctors cautioned.

Peladeau, who was wearing a helmet at the time, fractured his hip and collarbone as well as five ribs after tumbling off the bike in Mt. Orford park.

The exact cause of the accident has not been made public, although it is believed Peladeau

may have hit an obstacle or a pothole.

Blanchard said Peladeau is lucky in many ways, given the severity of his injuries. Blanchard said Peladeau's condition would have been a lot worse if he had not been wearing a helmet.

Blanchard said it is not head-related issues that are keeping Peladeau in hospital.

"He has a lot of trouble with his mobility, moving from the bed to the chair," Blanchard said. "It's mostly that that is keeping him in hospital."

Peladeau, who was elected in

a riding north of Montreal in the April 7 election, said Tuesday he will use his wheelchair to attend the daily question period at the national assembly as soon as he can.

The legislature is only scheduled to sit until mid-June before taking a summer break.

It is also unclear what impact the injuries might have on any aspirations Peladeau might have for the PQ leadership.

The PQ has set no timetable for finding a permanent successor to Pauline Marois, who announced her resignation after the party's election defeat.

## More towns eligible for flood fight relief

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety, Lise Thériault, has added 28 new municipalities to the list of those eligible for financial assistance for ice-breaking work performed on waterways between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31. A total of 36 municipalities are now eligible under the General financial Assistance Program in real or imminent disasters for compensation. In addition, the Minister announced the extension of the application period for this pro-

gram to include work done from Feb. 1 to Apr. 30.

"Prevention is the key element around which we must articulate the efforts of all stakeholders, including citizens, municipalities and businesses," Thériault said. "This is exactly why municipalities concerned need to clear the ice cover that could cause flooding. Acting proactively, they undoubtedly helped to prevent a disaster and to mitigate its potential consequences, thereby avoiding compromising the safety of citizens or an entire community.

Local municipalities eligible

for the general financial assistance program in real or imminent disasters due to work carried out between December 1 and April 30 include Bedford (Township), Coaticook, Cookshire-Eaton, Hatley (Municipality), Saint-Herménégilde, Sainte-Cécile-de-Milton and Stanbridge East.

For more information about this program or to obtain the necessary claim forms, contact the Directorate of recovery at 1-888 643-2433 or visit the Department of Public Safety computer website at [www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca)

## Long-term child molester to be sentenced July 8

SHERBROOKE

Chartier 'overwhelmed' by crying baby

A Sherbrooke man guilty of sexually touching a young girl will learn his sentence on July 8, following a sentencing hearing in a Sherbrooke courthouse Wednesday.

Judes L'Heureux, who has a mild intellectual disability, had lured the girl with promises of games of hide-and-seek. He admitted to having assaulted the child over a period of six years beginning when she was four. According to testimony, L'Heureux told the child, the daughter of acquaintances, that he wouldn't play with her anymore unless she let him engage in indecent touching.

L'Heureux committed the acts between 2001 and 2007 approximately ten times per year in the city of Laval. His case was transferred to Sherbrooke because he lives here and faces a shoplifting charge here as well. L'Heureux took advantage of the child's parents' hospitality to take advantage of the child.

While defence attorney Mia Manocchio is asking for a sentence of 14 days to be served on weekends, Crown prosecutor André Campagna is asking Court of Quebec Judge Conrad Chapdelaine to impose a one-year term.

"Our children are sacred. We don't touch children," Campagna told the court. Chapdelaine will deliver his sentence on July 8.

A woman convicted of assault on a baby under her care in Danville told her sentencing hearing that she told the child's parents that she was at the end of her rope.

Érika Chartier, 23, committed acts of violence against an eight month old baby in August 2012. She has admitted criminal acts of assault causing bodily harm.

The events in question took place at the home of the victim's parents on Water Street in Danville when the parents were not there.

Chartier testified Tuesday during sentencing submissions before Judge Conrad Chapdelaine of the Court of Quebec in Sherbrooke. She told the court that she had agreed to care for the child to please her former partner who could no longer fulfill a contract to babysit the child.

She mentioned that it had been recognized that the criminal acts had occurred in a context where the eight-month old victim was crying from morning to night. She insists she told both her ex-partner and the parents that she couldn't carry on. She was told that the parents were counting on her and that she couldn't leave them in the lurch.

"I wanted to grab her, not hurt her. I shook her. I have never intentionally hurt a child," she concluded.

## Canadian Club

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club's executive was made up of a relatively small group of members who had been working hard to organize the club for many years with little possibility of new members taking over the positions and tasks. She emphasized that while the club has been a host to many excellent speakers over the years, the Townships is an area privileged to have many alternate ways of hearing great talks and presentations.

As those gathered sat down to their roast beef supper, conversations varied in topic, but the talk of the club's significance to the area's English community was a consistent theme.

"I got to know the English community better by coming," explained Patricia Dupuis, who has been a member for 25 years, "it has meant a lot of things to me, from friendship and connection to interesting new ideas."

Many members lamented the loss of community and kinship that the end of the club represents, although they all noted the growing difficulty of getting to meetings, particularly at night in wintertime.

"We're not going to see most to these people after tonight," one member reflected, noting that the club connected people

with each other and with ideas that they might not otherwise have encountered, fostering friendships that spanned the townships.

Rodger Heatherington, Meryle's husband, pointed to the hectic energy of modern life as being partly behind the decline of community organizations.

"Everybody is so busy," Heatherington said, pointing out that the demands of the job market have changed since the club's founding. "The younger generations just don't have time for this sort of thing."

The club's very last guest speaker was retired CBC host Tim Belford, who shared his reflections on the art of the interview. Belford spoke for about half an hour, sharing anecdotes and key lessons he learned in his 21 years working with Canada's national broadcaster before turning to the audience for questions. Though his presentation had dwelt entirely in Belford's experiences as a host and interviewer, the tone of questions pointed to concerns the club members hold regarding the future of community organizations as a whole in the region.

Randi Heatherington, daughter of Meryle and Rodger, took a moment before the evening wrapped up to note the gravity of

the evening's event and recognize those who made the final decision.

"This decision was not an easy one," the younger Heatherington said. "We need to take the time to thank (the executive) for the work that they've done over the last year, and for spearheading the decision that had to be made."

After expenses are paid at the end of the 2013-14 session, there will be approximately \$1,400 left in the club funds. Drawing on the notion that remaining members should continue to support the community organizations that still exist, the executive has chosen to donate the remaining money to the following five organizations: The Wales Home, the Compton County Historical Society (Eaton Corner Museum), the Maison Aubé Lumière, the Pet Connection, and the St. Francis Naturalist Club. The clubs and organizations were chosen based on the thoughts and feelings of the club membership, following a poll taken earlier this year.

Over the summer, members of the executive will archive documents such as club membership lists, programs, minutes, and the guest book at the Eastern Townships Resource Centre at Bishop's University.

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# 152nd Annual Cadet Review at BCS

## Students show their colours for historic tradition that dates back to the mid 19th century



Kevin Wu sets the pace as the band walks down to the main field for the Annual Review of the entire cadet corps. Under the guidance of Band Director Mr. Jackson, the musicians play a wide assortment of music throughout the day, from old classics to today's hits.



At the end of the day, parents and students celebrate with family photos and a reception in Ross Hall, the school's dining hall. The Annual Review takes place in May every year. All photos courtesy BCS.



Reviewing Officer Lt. Col Sewell (right) graduated from BCS in 1959 and is the Regimental Secretary of the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada. He presents student Romy Zeitlinger with the Hugh Ross Cleveland Medal, awarded to the cadet displaying the "most officer-like qualities."



Wearing Black Watch kilts, the girls stand at attention on the field in front of the main School-house building. They learn to work as a team as they display various formations during the review. The corps has been linked with the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada since 1936.



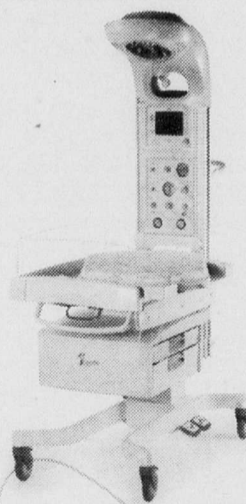
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## SQ hits another ET pot ring

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Public attitudes towards marijuana may have changed, but not the determination of the Sûreté du Québec, which yesterday carried out another series of raids against an alleged cannabis production network operating several indoor greenhouses in the Estrie.

Four greenhouses in Lawrenceville, Bonsecours, and Ste-Anne-de-la-Rochelle, in the MRC du Val-Saint-François were targeted.

"Six suspects have been arrested and face charges of production of cannabis, possession of cannabis for the purpose of trafficking, traffic" says SQ spokesperson Sgt. Aurélie Guindon.

Fifty police officers were involved in the operation including members of the Eastern Townships Division of Regional Investigation, the Val Saint-François, Memphremagog SQ detachments, and the Granby Joint Regional Squad. A Sûreté du Québec canine team and Hydro-Québec investigators also assisted in the operation.

"This operation is the culmination of a three-month investigation initiated after the transmission of anonymous information to Crime Stoppers in February 2014," Guindon added.

## Toponymy committee changes make-up

SHERBROOKE

**S**herbrooke City Council finally approved a change in composition of the toponymy committee Tuesday, settling an issue that had raised some controversy last February. The changes ultimately are not significantly different from the earlier proposal.

The Committee, responsible for suggesting place names, was seen as cumbersome and rigid with the number of members excessive in relation to needs. Until now, it has consisted of two elected officials and six citizens.

The new committee will be made up of a representative of the Sherbrooke Historical Society, another from the Sherbrooke Genealogical Society, and a third from The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society.

The committee will be chaired by Pins-Solitaire Councillor Hélène Dauphinais, and a municipal employee. The council retains its final decision-making powers. "The team is smaller, more flexible, and it references the

knowledge and experience of people working in toponymy related fields. These organizations are in some cases made up of volunteers, and can delegate a permanent representative or a volunteer, depending on what they decide.

Dauphinais says the new structure will ease the procedures for the official attached to the committee and accelerate decision making in the allocation of names.

Councillors Nicole Bergeron, David Price, and Chantal L'Espérance registered their dissent. "I would prefer that each district on a voluntary basis, could delegate a citizen or organization," Bergeron said.

"Fleurimont, Rock Forest, and Brompton are not represented," said Lennoxville's David Price. "It's sad because these places have a lot of history too."

For her part, L'Espérance said she would have preferred that at least one position were reserved for an unaffiliated citizen, but views the ultimate outcome as an "acceptable compromise."

## Deauville construction moratorium partially lifted

SHERBROOKE

**R**esidential construction will resume in the Deauville area of Sherbrooke, following a partial lifting of the moratorium imposed relative to the water purification plant by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife, and Parks in early spring. On Tuesday, the city approved its development projects priorities list.

As a result, three developers and a few waterfront property owners will have the opportunity to proceed with projects that have been held up. The brakes haven't been lifted entirely, however and the city is only approving some projects so that permits can be fairly distributed.

Placements Paul Brouillard Inc. has the largest residential permit with permission to build 15 units in its Terrasses Venise project near rue de la Haute-Rive. This project will consist of 40 eventual units.

Gestion S. M. P with 13 units, will go ahead with its Regina-Gagnon St. project that was originally submitted in 2005 and Denis Lachance can now proceed to build 12 units on Pruneau Street.

Riverside landowners on Sorel St. have been granted options to build seven units, with another ten to come when municipal services can be extended to accommodate them.

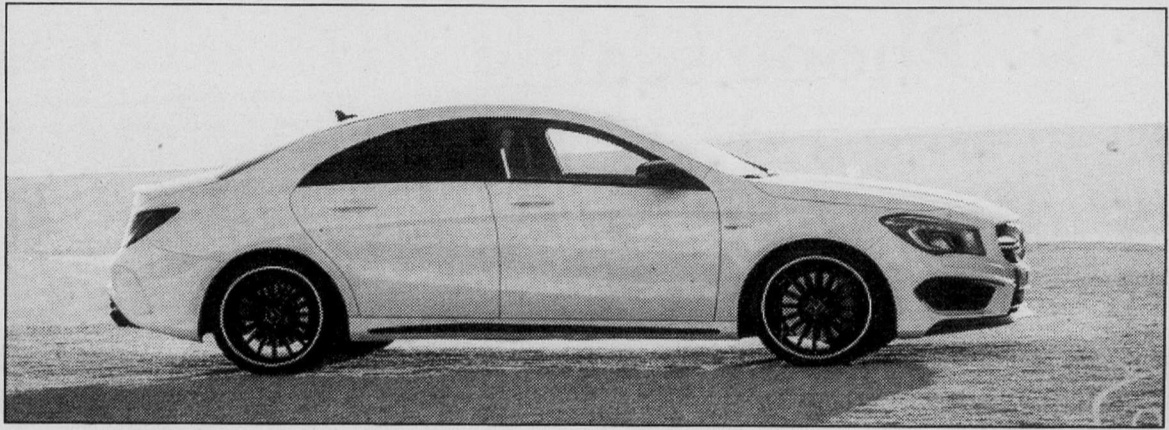
Although, the moratorium has been lifted in part, the city is still restricted to no more than 57 new units by the Ministry.

Projects were selected based on the age of the request or the request for service extension, the scope of the project, and its state of readiness and preparation, as well as its compliance with city objectives in urban planning, the environment or other standards.

Considering the limited number of units to be developed, it was recommended that the prioritization standards be effective for a period of two years.

The city plans to carry out an additional analysis as requested by the MDDEFP, according to new criteria to the additional processing capacity of the Deauville plant, after which the MDDEFP could allow for the addition of new units. The city has no plans to build a larger plant at the moment.

## 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG



New entry-level AMG Benz is a hardcore thrill ride



By Justin Pritchard

What is a 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG?

The CLA 45 AMG is what teenaged car-buff me would have created if he'd gotten his hands on the standard CLA and a boatload of cash for custom parts. And, if you're a younger sort of car buff who's spent weekends wrenching on your import tuner-type ride in the not-so-distant past, the CLA 45 AMG will make you feel right at home.

There's a body kit with vents and a front splitter, and the fancy xenon lights that tuners love. There are big exhaust pipes and humongous red brake calipers clamping on big slotted discs behind custom rims wrapped in performance tires. You probably installed some metal sports pedals and some sports seats in your former compact tuner car — the CLA 45 has them, too.

Like your old tweaked GTI, EVO, MR2 or Cobalt SS, the CLA45 gets a 2.0L engine with a monster turbocharger. Output is 355 horsepower: good to make this new powerplant the most powerful 4-cylinder engine on the market, and the highest output-per-litre engine you'll find in a new car today. Although the tuner kids have been making big power from little turbo engines for decades, this one probably won't toss a rod through its block or melt down like an over-boosted Eagle Talon.

2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG Price and Specs

All copies of the CLA 45 AMG get the 355-horsepower turbo-4, 7-speed speedshift dual-clutch gearbox with

paddle-shift, and 4MATIC All-Wheel Drive. Prices start a little shy of \$50,000 with a handful of options and packages available for fine-tuning.

Driving the 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG

Hammer on it, and a little turbo lag precedes a lot of exhaust snort and a body-slam into your seat as the turbo force-feeds the cylinders with 26 PSI worth of high-octane gas and intercooled air. Head for redline, and the instruments turn red to remind drivers to click the upshift paddle, which rips off a gear change in milliseconds and sends a delightfully sharp burp from the tailpipes. Notably, this engine packs robust low-end pull, and a midrange torque band that's meatier than a bag full of Baconators.

Former tuners will be familiar with the deep humming exhaust note while cruising around, and the barrage of turbo noises coming from under the hood, too. They're proudly on auditory display, so you can sound your mighty blow-off valve at fellow car buffs to tell them what's up.

The 7-gear dual-clutch transmission can fire off fully rev-matched gear changes in a split second via the shift paddles. It's not the fastest gearbox of its breed, but it's entertaining to shift manually, nonetheless.

The 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 handles precisely, flatly, and with an athletic confidence that sees it clamp into fast corners with gusto. The steering is quick and playful — more frisky than calculated, and precise — and loads of fun.

The track-ready suspension calibration results in another familiar element from your former custom sports car: a stiff, rough ride that you put up with because it rips corners like a boss. On rougher surfaces, the springs keep the body

bouncing quickly and tightly over the wheels. It feels nearly like a serious aftermarket coilover setup in terms of bounce and rebound.

The massive AMG brakes bite hard and fast from an initial press, and pedal feel is fairly precise but not exemplary. Regardless, they'll get you stopped with startling speed when called upon. The AWD system works conversely — pre-engaging all four wheels whenever the Merc CLA 45 AMG is at rest so drivers always get maximum traction for fast off-the-line launches.

Other notes? I recorded an exceptional test-average gas mileage of 10.1L/100km, which is about the same as a Volkswagen GTI. The xenon headlamps are potent, well calibrated and should add plenty of confidence when driving on dark roads.

Inside and Out of the 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG

Cues setting the AMG variant apart from standard CLA models are subtle, and in all the cabin pulls off an atmosphere that seems equal parts luxury, sportiness, and high tech. The front seats are gorgeously comfortable, though the rears are best left for very short adults or children, as headroom is very limited.

Further, the central display screen looks a little hokey — almost like a tablet attached to the dash as an afterthought.

Comparing the 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA 45 AMG

For some contrast, shoppers test-driving a CLA 45 AMG are advised to check out the BMW M235i, as well. Though not a "true" M car, this little hot-rod Bimmer delivers similar visual impact, pedigree, and precision. It's not as powerful, but it's a smoother and more refined performer, and likely a worthy model to investigate for shoppers after a more even blend of power and luxury.

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# EDITORIAL

Do you think my house looks run down? Are you (voice getting louder) saying I don't take care of my property?

## Phone scams



TIM BELFORD

Sally phoned me again yesterday. Apparently I've won another all expenses paid cruise to the Bahamas. This is the fifth one in the last six months. I declined it, like all the rest, since I'm not into cruises.

Having had my fill of the sea courtesy of her Majesty, Elizabeth II, I'm not tempted to go back, particularly packed in with four thousand other passengers. It would be sort of like taking a week-long jaunt with the entire population of Lennoxville. No offence, but I'd rather not, even if it is truly free with no strings attached as Sally assures me.

It seems I've been getting a lot of these phone calls lately. Just the other day, Mary, from accounts receivable, called to say she had an urgent message regarding my credit card balance. She said it was extremely important that I contact her immediately to rectify what ever the problem was.

She didn't mention which company's accounts she was on the receiving end of but I didn't think it could be my Visa card. I only use it about twice a year. As a matter of fact, the last time I used it four times in one week the Royal Bank phoned to find out if it was actually me going on an unprecedented spending spree and not some scofflaw who had somehow got hold of my card and pin number.

I was also pretty sure it wasn't my Sears card. I haven't used it since it was still Simpson Sears and even then I couldn't imagine there would be an "urgent" problem over the purchase of two pairs of socks and some jockey shorts.

Nope, not my cards. So I didn't phone her back.

Sally and Mary both got off easy. These kinds of calls are getting more

frequent and I'm often not as pleasant as maybe I should be. Good manners and proper phone etiquette were drilled into me at an early age but when I get a call two minutes after I've sat down for dinner my patience wears thin.

In my defence I've developed a couple of routines that have proven invaluable in getting my meaning across without actually threatening physical violence towards the over worked and under paid minion buried in the bowels of a call centre. One of them goes like this.

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Is Mrs. Loiselle there?

Me: No.

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Is Mr. Loiselle there?

Me: No. (All language laws aside concerning maiden names and marital relationships, I am not Mr. Loiselle, although for a brief moment just before the last referendum I did consider hyphenating it to Belford-Loiselle just in case.)

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Do you know when they will be back?

Me: No.

Now, this usually does the trick. With a few insistent types there's the commonly used follow-up, "Is there a better time to call?", but again the answer is a simple "No" which invariable brings things to a close.

Another often successful routine is one I like to call the 'reverse onus ploy' in which you try to turn the tables on the pesky caller.

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Is Mr. Belford there?

Me: Why?

Irritating Phone Solicitor: (Long pause) Because, uh because, I'm calling on behalf of Cheap Roofing R Us and . . .

Me: Why?

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Well, well, we'd like to offer our services . . .

Me: Did I ask for your services? Do you think my house looks run down? Are you (voice getting louder) saying I don't take care of my property?

Irritating Phone Solicitor: Click. Dial tone.

It doesn't always work but take it from me, it's lots of fun.

## Westfalia is not an option



ROSS MURRAY

I was walking through town on the weekend when I noticed a Volkswagen Westfalia for sale - old, drab, not the least bit sexy, and the van was pretty unspectacular as well.

"We should buy it," said Deb, who usually doesn't take much interest in these things (and, again, to be clear, I'm talking about the van). But Westfalias are different. While Deb and I tend to scoff at the rolling resorts that clog up campgrounds and remind us that we have no money, the humble Westfalia van speaks to something deep and simple within us, emphasis on "simple."

When we first got together in our twenties and it looked like, yes, well, this might work, our big plan was to quit our jobs and drive across Canada, surviving off our wits, the good will of strangers and the one-and-a-half Bachelor of Arts degrees between us. The other part of my plan was to write a book en route documenting graffiti in public washrooms. This was before the Internet killed the bathroom-graffiti-publishing industry.

When we ended up having our first child instead, we put that plan on hold. Then we had another child. And another. Well, at least we were having our children early, which meant that we could still plan for youthful excursions come empty nest time. Then we had another child.

Clearly, planning is not our forte.

So whenever we see a Westfalia - for of course we were going to cross the country in a Westfalia! - it taps deep into the nostalgia for those days when we were late-eighties pseudo-hippies nostalgic for late-sixties genuine hippies.

I peered through the driver's window of the boxy grey-blue van - 314,000 kilometres but undoubtedly good-karma kilometres! - and

I mentally noted the phone number, just in case, and also so I could do a reverse-lookup on the computer to see who was selling it, an invasion of privacy that would have appalled pseudo-hippie me and my genuine hippie progenitors.

But what if we actually bought the Westfalia? What if we did get our motor running, head out on the highway, looking for Tim Horton's or whatever convenient rest stop comes our way? (After four kids and with the ancient Volkswagen suspension, my wife's going to need a lot of pee breaks.)

We'd ditch our jobs, naturally, and by "ditch" I mean "take our allotted vacation times plus some personal days we had coming to us." Then we'd head off into the great beyond, with a pit stop first at the kennel for the dog!

I can just see us driving down the road, grooving to CBC Radio 2 and sporting our Peruvian hippie hoodies - with maybe a Roots sweatshirt on top, what with the chill in the air. We'd let impulse guide our decisions, pulling off to swim in a crystal stream, maybe, or join a drum circle or - look! - a sale at Winners!

Fate would determine where we'd stop for the night - the campsite near the washrooms or the one near the pool, we'd just go with the flow, man.

During the day, we'd hit the towns and earn some bread, me on the corner with my "Will Proof-read for Food" sign, Deb offering to take people's unwanted pets off their hands for \$5 (negotiable).

We'd be super open and friendly with strangers, except for the ones who, you know, you can just sort of tell...

We'd attend all the open air music festivals, but at the back because of the crowds and the speakers being so loud, and I don't think that's cigarette smoke! The young kids would gather around us to hear our tales, like marching in the Earth Day parade back in '90 and the importance of sunblock.

We won't buy the Westfalia, of course, not because our dreams have died or that we ourselves are the Grateful Nearly-Dead. It's because I've gained wisdom, and if I've learned one thing since I was in my twenties, it's that tie-dye is not my colour.

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# GARDEN & PATIO

## Warmer weather home updates that are easy on your wallet

(NC) As the weather turns warmer, we are anxious to escape to the outdoors. But has the harsh winter weather put a damper on your outdoor spaces? Don't fret. You can easily spruce up your exteriors with a few easy and inexpensive home improvement projects. Here are a few fast fixes that will have your yard, garden, porch and patio looking great without leaving your wallet empty.

### Unpack and Update

The first step in preparing your outdoor space is to unpack storage areas and populate patios and porches with furniture and accents you put away for the winter season. These pieces often don't fare well in storage and your once-beautiful accents may be scratched, faded or even rusty.

"It's disappointing to find once-vibrant outdoor furniture and accents looking worn and outdated, especially when you're not ready to invest in new," said Katherine Merkle, Krylon brand manager. "Luckily, with a bit of spray paint - especially a version that's paint and primer in one - it's simple to revitalize your current

pieces to make them lovely and enjoyable and for only a few dollars."

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"Whether looking to add a vibrant pop of colour to dull flower pots; restoring sun-faded patio umbrellas; or restoring damaged or dull furniture surfaces, Dual Superbond has the colour you need in the simple, one-step, affordable solution you desire," said Merkle.

### Clean and Clear

Cold weather can leave outdoor spaces looking dirty and gray, so the next step is to start cleaning. Pressure washing is a simple way to get patios, sidewalks, windows and sid-

ing looking ready for the season. Don't have a pressure washer? No worries. Most rental companies or home improvement centres offer reasonably priced daily rentals. Or, it's an opportunity to visit neighbours you haven't seen during the cold months to borrow theirs.

### Get Grilling

Once you've cleaned, repaired and painted, you'll be ready to enjoy some entertaining. To prep your grill for another year of burgers and barbeques, make sure you start with a good cleaning. Home improvement expert, Danny Lipford, has a simple and inexpensive way to clean the cooking surface using aluminum foil and white vinegar. The acid in the vinegar cuts through grease and cooked-on food, while the foil acts as an abrasive to remove residue. Simply pour white vinegar in a clean



spray bottle, spray the cooking surface and let it sit for a few minutes. Next, rub the cooking area with crumpled up aluminum foil. You'll have a clean grill with items you probably have sitting in your pantry.

With a few fast do-it-yourself updates, your home and outdoor areas will be looking fabulous in no time - and all without a huge price tag. For more information on Krylon paint products, visit [www.krylon.ca](http://www.krylon.ca).

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## Have you done your 'lawn health' check-up?



these four simple steps:

- **Right Source:** Buy the right fertilizer for your lawn. Review your options at a lawn and garden centre by reading the bag. The three numbers on the bag indicate the ratio of NPK, the three key nutrients needed for growing plants.

- **Right Rate:** Know the size of your lawn, buy only what you need, and follow the instructions on the bag. Using a quality lawn fertilizer spreader or handheld model will ensure even distribution for your lawn.

- **Right Time:** Spring and fall are the best times to fertilize. Don't apply if heavy rain is expected or while the ground is still frozen.

- **Right Place:** Fertilizer can't do its job if it's not on your lawn or garden. Sweep any fertilizer that lands on

sidewalks or driveways back onto the lawn, avoiding sewers and waterways.

Additional tips for maintaining your lawn's health are available online at GreenerWorld.ca.

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(NC) After a long winter's nap, your lawn and garden are starting to emerge – and guess what? They're hungry.

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ing plants need to thrive.

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healthy carpet of grass cools the environment surrounding your home while providing a soft place for kids and pets to rest and play.

When it comes to fertilizer, be sure to use up anything stored from last year. Fertilizer doesn't go bad as long as it's been kept dry. When buying and using fertilizer, consider



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# Grow your own edible garden

(NC)—If you're looking for a spring and summer activity that will provide you with healthy and delicious food all summer long why not try growing your own produce? Peter Cantley, a garden guru at Real Canadian Superstore, gives us some of his favourite fruits and veggies that can be grown at home.

**Savoury salads** - These days, you can grow virtually all the fixin's for your summer salads right in your own backyard. From delicious heirloom tomatoes, to refreshing cucumbers, crisp radishes and savoury herbs, the possibilities to make your salads come to life are endless. To give your salad real depth, try a variety of greens like romaine mixed with batavian or butterhead lettuce. For added easy nutrition, plant the PC Kale bowl (an exclusive at Loblaw garden centres) or add fresh basil leaves from the PC Longfoot Basil tree. This plant can be grown outside in the garden or on the patio in the summer and placed on the window inside the house in the winter for you to enjoy fresh all year long.

**Fruits of your labour** - Canadian summers provide the perfect climate for growing the freshest fruit your



family will ever taste, and it's easier than you think. If you're looking for something completely different, try a fig plant, which can be left outside over the winter in most areas of Canada.

**Berry tasty** - You'll never taste fresher berries than the ones you grow right in your own backyard. And what's more, these tasty little plants add the perfect pop of colour to any outdoor space. Try juicy blue-

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## Beautify your patio with outdoor-friendly materials

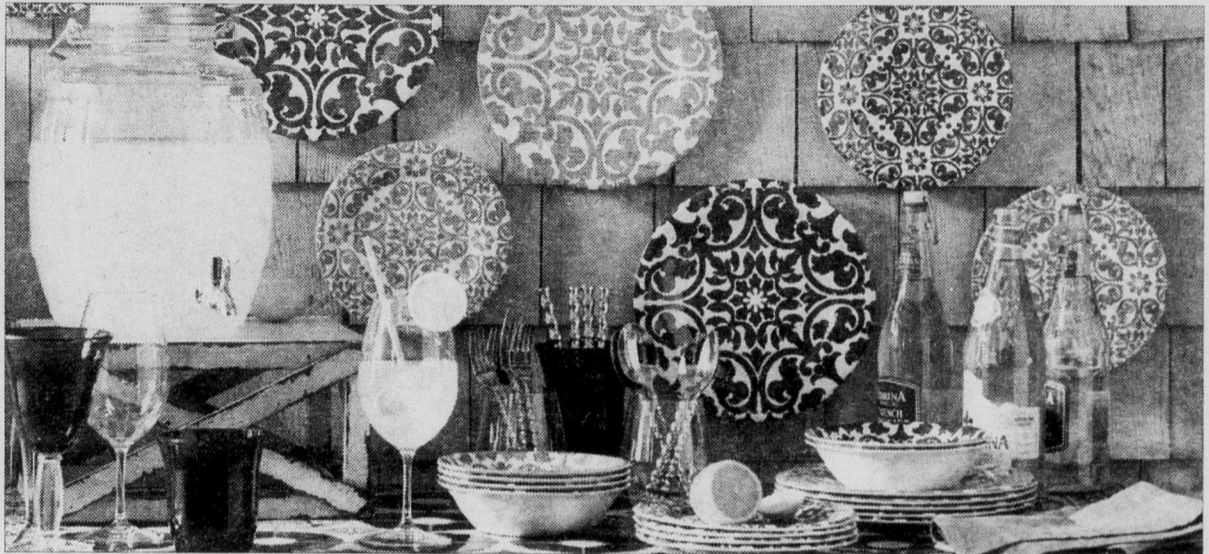
(NC) Have you ever wondered why some products are suitable for the outdoors while others can only be kept inside?

"Outdoor furniture and accessories are made with materials that offer more durability and weather-resistant appeal," says Aimee Beatty, an in-house stylist with Pier 1 Imports. "Durability doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style, however. There are many items that could look just as beautiful inside your home, but are durable enough for the outdoor elements."

Next time you're out shopping for your patio or garden, keep these specific materials in mind:

### Synthetic Fibres

Ever think about all the abuse from the elements that outdoor pillows, seat cushions and umbrellas suffer? Between the sun, the rain and everything in between, fabrics made for outdoor use are designed to withstand the elements, keeping your newly designed patio fresh



for all the parties to come. Synthetic fibres used in these fabrics are designed to bead water, resist stains and maintain their colour. You can also lengthen the life span of such materials by covering them when not in use and avoiding prolonged exposure.

### Acrylics and Melamine

Outdoor drinkware and dinnerware made of acrylic and melamine provide much of the same great style as their glass counterparts without the breakability. A nice set of acrylic drinkware and melamine dinnerware, such as Summer Quench Turquoise Goblets and Trellis Dinnerware, both from Pier 1 Imports (www.pier1.ca), will keep your outdoor soiree safe and fun throughout the evening.

material for outdoor furniture, but this new generation of synthetic wickers and rattans is not your grandmother's porch furniture. All-weather chairs, tables and more are woven of synthetic rattan or wicker over durable, rust-resistant frames, making them durable and easy to clean. This approach offers the flexibility to incorporate a woven look into furniture of all styles from traditional to modern and global to whimsical without sacrificing durability and longevity.

### Synthetic Rattan and Wicker

Wicker may be the traditional

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### Deck makeover in 10 easy DIY steps

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brush following the application.

- Rinse with a garden hose or pressure washer and wet the plant life after the cleaning process.
  - Repair loose screws or damaged boards on deck surface.
  - Allow deck to dry for a few hours.
  - Protect the finish and your work, with another top-selling DIY product (also from Thompson's) called WaterSeal Advanced Formula. It is available in clear, honey gold, nutmeg brown, and natural cedar finishes.
  - Clean up all equipment with soap and water.
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# Local Sports

This 94th Spring Open anticipates the presence of 104 golfers from 56 Quebec courses.

## ETGA Spring Open this Sunday

SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships Golf Association begins its 2014 season this Sunday, May 25 at Alain Danault's Victoriaville golf club with the presentation of the 94th Spring Open with over 100 amateur and senior golfers expected.

Last year, Dominic Brabant from the Kanawaki club took the title with a masterful 70 at the Château Bromont and Yves Therrien from Cowansville took the senior class title with a 73.

This 94th Spring Open anticipates the presence of 104 golfers from 56 Quebec courses, on the fairways of the magnificent 6,709 yard, par 72, Victoriaville club.



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Yves Therrien.

## New additions at the Tour du Lac Brome 2014



From left to right: Geneviève Baril, Owner, Sirius Sports Canins, Jean-Joly, Co-organizer of Tour du Lac Brome Merrell, Judith Lefebvre, Provincial Coordinator - Road running, Fédération québécoise d'athlétisme, Richard Burcombe, City of Lac-Brome Mayor, Monique St-Cyr, runner at her 35th participation in Tour du Lac Brome Merrell, Éric Fleury, Co-organizer of Tour du Lac Brome Merrell. Not pictured: Nicolas Lemaître, Ambassadeur.

LAC-BROME

More than 3,200 runners have registered for the 36th running of the now traditional Tour du Lac Brome, to be held this year over three days from June 13 to 15. Some new features have been added to a formula that is very popular among regional runners, while the accent is still on exercising for fun in a festive atmosphere that is enjoyable for participants and visitors alike.

This year, dog owners can also get involved, along with their 4-footed friends, as the Tour adds a 5 km Cani-Cross race on June 13. All human-dog duos, however, must have the necessary equipment: a harness for the dog connected by an extensible leash to the owner's belt. Sirius Sports Canins will be responsible for the smooth running of this event.

In another innovation, everyone who runs in an event of five km or more, including the Cani-Cross, will receive a large Tour du Lac Brome medal as well as a Merrell technical sweater, a valuable bonus for all registrants. Those running

in the one and two km events will also receive a souvenir in the form of a vinyl medal.

The quality of the Tour du Lac Brome has always been, and remains, a priority. The various events making up the Tour are certified "Gold" by the Fédération Québécoise d'athlétisme, this being Quebec's highest level of certification for technical quality and runner services. In practical terms, it means official distances, changing rooms, adequate toilet facilities, refreshment stations along the course and many other advantages. Among the popular services that are back this year are the drop-in day care centre, exhibitors' area, Café-Bistro for visitors, quality meals offered by Canards du Lac Brome and by Fontaine Santé to every runner crossing the finish line, and much more. As in previous years, the Tour du Lac Brome is part of the Timex circuit and offers the largest purse of any run in this series. The elite runners who finish in the top three in the 20 km road run, women's and men's, will share a total of \$3,600 in prize money.

Source: Annick Marseille.

## New Harness racing circuit testing this summer

Record Staff

Sherbrooke Harness racing fans in the Eastern Townships will have more to enjoy with the creation of a new series of four pari-mutual events that will culminate next September in Bedford.

"The top eight horses in the first three competitions will vie in the final for a purse of \$5,000 over a distance of a mile and a half. If a horse wins four events, the owner will also take home a bonus of \$5,000," says Michel St-Louis, of the Bedford Jockey Club.

The Estrie series will be presented on August 2 in Bedford, August 23 in Ayer's Cliff, September 1 in Brome, and September 6 in Bedford, with the blessing of the Quebec Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (RACJ).

The last time racehorses appeared at the Brome Fair was in 2008.

"Our participation is solicited every year and this year we decided to try again," said Brome Fair president Guylaine Tétreault. "The organization of such an event requires a lot of work, but we're prepared mentally and physically to do. It also responds to a request from some of our visitors and exhibitors."

St-Louis added that the Brome Fair has always had a good reputation and that its signing on to the series in the Eastern Townships is a plus for the entire region. "In the day, people bet more money in Brome than in Trois-Rivières today," he said.

St-Louis also saw the creation of the

series as the first step in a much more ambitious project. "If the series yields good results, one could envisage the creation of a Townships mini-tour in which each participating organization (the Brome County Agricultural Society, the Stanstead County Agricultural Society, and the Bedford Jockey Club) would present four programs for a total of twelve. There is nothing like the rivalry between the riders and breeders of the same region to capture the interest of bettors" he says.

The pilot series is also listed in the calendar of the regional horse racing circuit in Quebec that offers 15 different activities this year in the Gaspésie, Charlevoix, Lanaudière, Montérégie and Magdalene Islands.

"Each program in the Regional Circuit offers a purse of \$12,000 for an average of \$1,200 per race. The winner of each event gets 50 per cent of the prize pool, while the following four share the other half of the award, at 25, 12, 8, and 5 per cent each," says St-Louis.

The Jockey Club also takes care of the \$5,000 bonus for the special activity of Sep. 6, protecting its rear with an insurance policy with a Toronto company unearthed by broker Ralph Gilman. "This type of firm also covers organizers of golf tournaments for prizes awarded for a hole in one," St-Louis continued.

The Regional Circuit is innovating this year with auctions at the end of each race program where people can buy or sell horses that participated in the events of the day.

## 23rd edition of the Grand Tour du Lac Megantic

LAC MEGANTIC

Tourisme Region de Megantic is pleased to invite the public to participate in the 23rd edition of the Grand Tour du Lac-Megantic cycling event on Sunday, June 8.

The event is both a family cycling excursion and a sports activity. Two routes are available: the 40 km family cycling tour, and the 60 km intermediate level tour (complete tour around the lake). Note that the route for this 23rd edition has been adjusted due to a detour caused by the closure of downtown Lac-Megantic.

Since the very first edition of the event, some 15,000 cyclists from across Quebec have had the opportunity to pedal their way through an enchanting panoramic setting where the beauty of Lake Megantic meets the splendour of the Appalachian mountains.

Registration is \$20/person, and is free for those under the age of 12 (11 and under). Snacks and beverages included. A lunch is offered in Piopolis for an additional \$5. Register online in advance for the chance to win a road bike with a value of \$800 from Velo Shermont.

Source and information: Audrey Roussin.

Deaths

Deaths



**Annie Rose Etta  
DEADMAN WRIGHT**

1921 - 2014

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2014 at Glenwood Care Centre in Agassiz, BC, at the age of 93. Annie married Clifton Wright in Fulford, Quebec, in 1940.

She was a member of the Fulford Community Social Club and attended the United Church. She kept busy caring for her flower gardens, growing vegetables and fruits and she made quilts, hand sewn with love in each stitch.

Annie is lovingly remembered by her children: Kathie (Larry) Royer, Linda (Ken) Jersey, Gary (Karen) Wright, George (Brenda) Wright, Rodney (Sue) Wright, Cindy (John) Kingwell, and by 8 grandsons, 8 granddaughters, 9 great grandsons, 7 great granddaughters and 2 great great granddaughters living in BC, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Annie was predeceased by her parents George and Mary Clarisy Tremblay Deadman of Eastman, Quebec, her husband Clifton Wright, her sisters Hazel, Emma, Irla, Nettie and Marilyn and brothers Ira, John, and Ronald and by her daughter Beverley and her granddaughters Melissa and Kimberley.

In her memory, donations to the Fulford Cemetery or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Resting at Les Résidences funéraires Bessette, 5034 Foster Street, Waterloo, QC, J0E 2N0. Phone: 450 539-1606 or 1 888 730-6666. Fax: 450 539-3035. www.famillebessette.com

Member of the C.T.Q. Visitation: Friday, May 23, 2014 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, day of the funeral from 12 p.m. til departure at 1:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Fulford United Church, Rev. David Lambie officiating. Interment at the Fulford Cemetery.

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June (Lay) LESLIE

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Datebook

Today is the 142nd day of 2014 and the 64th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1807, former vice president Aaron Burr was indicted for treason.

In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the Amnesty Act into law, restoring full rights to nearly all Confederate sympathizers.

In 1947, President Harry Truman signed the Truman Doctrine, appropriating military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey to combat the spread of communism.

In 2011, a tornado struck Joplin, Missouri, claiming an estimated 161 lives and destroying nearly 7,000 houses.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** William Sturgeon (1783-1850), physicist/inventor; Richard Wagner (1813-1883), composer; Mary Cassatt (1844-1926), artist; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), physician/author; Herge (1907-1983), cartoonist; Laurence Olivier (1907-1989), actor/director; Charles Aznavour (1924-), singer-songwriter/actor; Morrissey (1959-), singer-songwriter; Naomi Campbell (1970-), model/actress; Ginnifer Good-

win (1978-), actress; Apolo Ohno (1982-), speed skater.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Abraham Lincoln remains the only president to have received a U.S. patent. His invention, a device for lifting boats over obstruction in rivers, was patented on this day in 1849.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 2003, Annika Sorenstam became the first woman golfer since Babe Didrikson Zaharias in 1945 to officially compete against men at a PGA tour event.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes." — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "The Hound of the Baskervilles"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 4,531 — episodes of NBC's "The Tonight Show" hosted by Johnny Carson, who began his tenure as host in 1962. Carson hosted his final show on this day in 1992.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter moon (May 21) and new moon (May 28).

**Stanstead County Horticultural Society holds benefit card parties in Ayer's Cliff**

A card party was held on May 3 to benefit the Stanstead County Horticultural Society.

Cards were played at 6 tables. Scores were added up. Barbara Wing (5840) claiming ladies high. Isabel Nelson (5340) won ladies 2nd. Gents high went to Royce Wallace (5620). Casey Vriensendorp (5160) claimed gents 2nd. Skunk prize went to Stephane Houle. 9 no trump was won by Mac Juby. The floating prize for having 3-5's went to Debbie Smith.

Door prizes were won by the following: Karen Patterson, Hazel Markwell, Stephane Houle, Elvera Patterson, Barbara Gosselin, George Peasley, Greta Nish, Alan Bullock, Len Swallow, Marion Cox, Jean Martin, Bud Wing, Ghislaine Leblond, Bea Juby, Louise Peasley, Mac Juby and Mead Baldwin.

Special prizes went to Bea Juby, Mac Juby, Louise Peasley, Louise Baldwin, Isabel Nelson, Hazel Markwell, George Peasley, Cindy Bowen, Len Swallow, Wendy Butler, Royce Wallace, Tricia Smith, Barbara Gosselin On behalf of the S.C.H.S., we would like to thank everyone who came out to support us, to anyone who gave prizes or food.

A second card party was held for the Stanstead County Horticultural Society on May 10.

Cards were played at 8 tables. After much laughter and fun, scores were added up with the following winning prizes. Ladies high went to Hazel Markwell (5760). Karen Patterson (5300) won ladies 2nd. Gents high went to Len Swallow (5720) with Harris Olsson(5320) receiving gents 2nd.

Skunk prize went to Leslie Bliss. 9 of hearts bid was won by Karen Patterson. For taking the most tricks with the 6 of spades was claimed by Louise Peasley.

Door prizes went to Jack Kimpton, Alan Bullock, Barbara Gosselin, Maunya St-Martin, Glenda Huff, Esther Rolleston, Clarence Rolleston, Marion Cox, Ken Huff, Casey Vriensendorp, Greta Nish, George Peasley, Royce Wallace, Elvera Patterson and Marsha Wallis.

Special prizes went to Barbara Wing, Leslie Bliss, Helena McComb, Marion Cox, Debbie Smith, Harris Olsson, Barbara Gosselin, Bud Wing, Tricia Smith, Merrill Grenier, Ghislaine Leblond, Esther Rolleston, Stephane Houle, Casey Vriensendorp, Glenda Huff and Wendy Butler.

On behalf of the SCHS, we would like to thank everyone who has helped to make these card parties a success. Hope to see you all on May 17.

Submitted by  
Debbie Smith

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### LENNOXVILLE

500 Cards will be played each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville. The last Wednesday, May 28, will be a military whist in the Memorial of Emily Smerdon Scholarship Fund. To play for yourself or for a table of 4 players, reserve with Betty Rice at 819-562-5625.

### RICHMOND

The Annual Wales Home Bazaar will take place on May 24. Sales tables open at 1:30 p.m., with tea being served from 2 p.m. on. The bids on Silent Auction articles and the sale of raffle tickets ends at 3 p.m. Sure hope you can come!

### NORTH HATLEY

The Estrie Angels will be hosting a mechoui at the Royal Canadian Legion, North Hatley on Sat., May 31 starting at 6 p.m. Meal consists of chicken or pork, baked potato, coleslaw, macaroni salad, pickles, rolls, cake and coffee. Admis-

sion charged. Tickets can be purchased at the Legion or by calling to reserve at 819-842-2933. Maximum of 100 tickets to be sold. All proceeds will go towards the Magog 2014 Relay for Life walk.

### AYER'S CLIFF

Sunday, May 25, Sunday Brunch at Beulah United Church, 967 Main St., Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a meal of ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes with real maple syrup, toast, fruit salad coffee tea and juice. All are welcome.

### HUNTINGVILLE

Garage sale at 4160 Barber St., Huntingville, May 23, 24 & 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books, small table, dressers, chairs, plus lots of small articles. Home-cooking, pickles. Proceeds for All Saints Church, Hereford.

### LENNOXVILLE

HCC Seniors lunch, Thursday, May 29 at noon. 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Everyone welcome. This will be the last one until September. For information, please call Elaine at 819-563-8700 or 819-570-8521.

### DRUMMONDVILLE

The directors of St. George's Church Foundation are pleased to invite everyone to its annual Feast of St. George fundraising barbecue to be held Saturday, May 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Church Hall, 276 Heriot St., Drummondville.

### WATERLOO

Pork and Beef Barbecue at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo on June 7 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged, children 10 and under half price. Everyone welcome. 4929 Foster Street.

### WATERVILLE

The Estrie Angels will be holding their annual multi-family garage sale on Saturday, May 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1525 and 1535 Principale S., Waterville. Antique cabinet record player with

radio, many LP records by various singers and musicians, household articles, clothing, large hammock, 4 large home theatre speakers, and much more. Money raised will go towards the Magog Relay for Life cancer walk.

### MAGOG

UCW, Chicken and Biscuit Supper, Saturday, May 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's United Church, 211 Pine St., Magog. Admission charged for adults and children 12 years old and up; under 5 free.

### EATON CORNER

Calling all members and interested people to the Eaton Corner Museum Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m. at the Museum church in Eaton Corner. Our special guest is Mr. Dick Evans, speaking on "Preserving local history". A meeting of the Museum Society will follow, including the election of board members. Light refreshments will be served. Please attend this interesting evening, take a look at our newly refurbished church building and new permanent exhibit, and purchase your Museum Membership for 2014. Museum opens to the public on June 7. Info: 819-875-5256, www.eaton-corner.ca.

### TRENHOLM

Trenholm United Church, worship and song await you at our service on Sunday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a "cookie hour" get-together.

### STANSTEAD

Lecture/luncheon: Anne Leydet (in English) titled: "The Notorious Stephen Burroughs: A Look at Each Side of His Coin." Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m., Colby-Curtis Museum, 535 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead. Admission charged. Info: (819)876-7322.

### STANSTEAD

7th Annual Plant Sale at Colby-Curtis Museum, 535 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead, Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lawn (weather permitting) or in

the barn at the museum. If you are tidying up your gardens and have extra plants to spare, we would really appreciate the donations, which can be dropped off at the museum from May 20 to May 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the morning of the sale Saturday, May 24 before 10 a.m. We hope that you will be very generous with your extra perennials, herbs, pots and other gardening items. For more info, please contact Jennifer Sudlow at (819) 876-5378 or by e-mail: jhsudlow@gmail.com

### LENNOXVILLE

Mechoui Fundraiser for the A.N.A.F. Unit #318 Sewage and Water Fund on Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at the the A.N.A.F. Unit #318, The Hut, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville. Beef, chicken and pork mechoui with all the fixings. Live music with Sylvie and Martin. Come out and enjoy a great meal while supporting our cause. For info, call 819-346-9122 after 10 a.m.

### LENNOXVILLE

Clogging Concert, featuring the Rainbow Country Cloggers with special guests Karen Robinson, Kevin Parnell and Kendra Parnell, on Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at Alexander Galt Regional High School. Free will donation. All welcome.

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# Alice blames me for everything bad that has ever happened to her

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** At least once a week, my oldest daughter, "Alice," asks me to babysit her two kids. I have back problems and cannot get up and down all the time. She has never offered me a dime, even when she was married and had two incomes. I could use the money.

Alice recently went through a divorce. I babysat a lot during that time, but she never showed any appreciation. Alice blames me for everything bad that has ever happened to her, because I divorced her father. So I feel guilty and agree to babysit all the time. Of course, their father moved away without saying goodbye to any of the kids and was out of their lives for seven years, leaving me with two teenagers and a 9-year-old to raise on my own. He never paid a drop of child support.

I am remarried, and my husband and I like to have the weekends to ourselves. We would love it if Alice brought the kids over for a visit and stayed. But she drops them at the front door and speeds away. She is often gone for hours. She doesn't answer her cell-phone when I call to ask when she's coming back. The kids run out to her car, and she zips off.

Alice never phones just to talk, only to ask me to babysit. If I don't answer, she drives over and pounds on my door. I'm afraid to sit on the porch for fear she will show up and ask me to babysit. All of the children are now reunited with their father. Why doesn't

Alice ask him to babysit once in a while? — Hiding Out in Indiana

**Dear Hiding Out:** You need to be more assertive with Alice. Tell her that you'd like her to visit once in a while instead of using you as a drop-off service. Also say that you love the kids, but cannot babysit so much. Be sure she knows you mean it. It's OK to say no, even if it makes her angry. If you want to work out some type of payment, that's between the two of you, but don't be afraid to bring it up.

**Dear Annie:** I am an 87-year-old widower and am appalled at the number of letters in your column about bickering between parents, children, siblings, grandparents, friends, husbands and wives.

I wish I could share some of the love I am blessed to experience. After my wife of 52 years died, I went out late at night to clear snow from the church parking lot. Upon returning, there were four messages on my answering machine, and my granddaughter was calling to say her father was on his way to check on me — a 40-mile round trip. So for the past 15 years, they have called every night, no matter where they are.

My son-in-law uses a week of his vacation to drive 1,500 miles to check on my 90-year-old sister. And he drives 80 miles on Sundays to get me to church. My granddaughters take me to the doctor, and my

nephew and his wife often take me to dinner. My wife's family includes me in their get-togethers. My son calls daily, and my grandson fills in when his family is out of town.

We reap what we sow. Love is like an echo: What you do or say will return to you. — A Blessed Grandpaw

**Dear Grandpaw:** It warms our hearts to know how close and loving your family is. We wish everyone were so cherished. Thank you.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Grimacing in Sarasota, Fla." and all the toilet hoverers: Use a piece of toilet tissue to pick up the seat. Then hover all you want. When finished, use another piece of tissue to put the seat back down. Piece of cake! — Ruth in Davenport, Iowa

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

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### CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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CTPO HRP VOBZHXM HA HR YOIO ZTR  
LBCBZEOX LD PBXZOPP." — EBIC  
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Previous Solution: "Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney dies. He was the Cal Ripken of show biz. RIP to one of the true legends." — James Woods

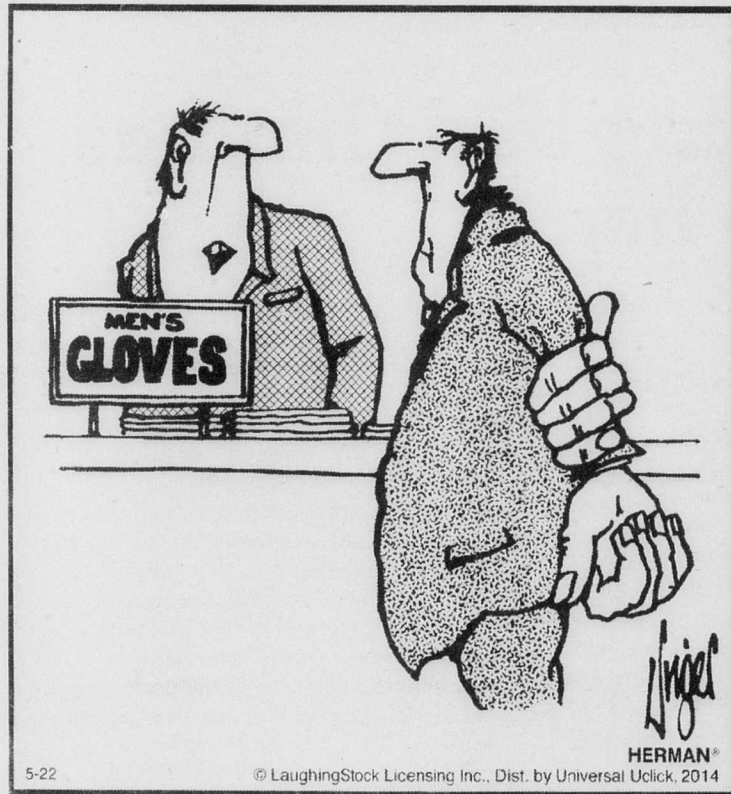
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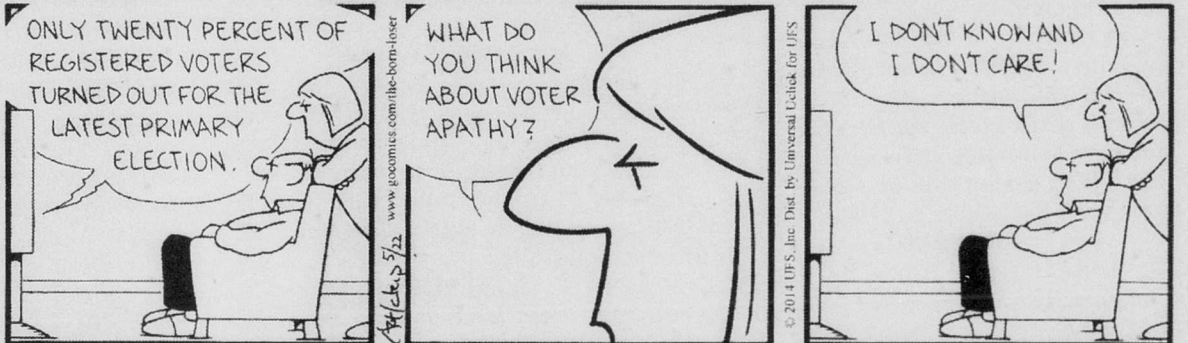
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**340 Garage Sales**

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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.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

North 05-22-14  
 ♠ A J 10  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ A Q 6 3 2  
 ♣ J 3

West East  
 ♠ 9 6 5 3 2 ♠ Q 8 7  
 ♥ Q 9 6 5 ♥ J 10 7  
 ♦ 8 ♦ K J 10 9  
 ♣ A 6 4 ♣ 9 5 2

South  
 ♠ K 4  
 ♥ 8 3 2  
 ♦ 7 5 4  
 ♣ K Q 10 8 7

Dealer: North  
 Vulnerable: Both

South West North East  
 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

**The form of scoring makes a difference**  
by Phillip Alder

Henri Poincare, a French mathematician who died in 1912, said, "Ideas rose in clouds; I felt them collide until pairs interlocked, so to speak, making a stable combination."

Despite lots of groundbreaking work, he only became famous with the study of chaotic dynamics, which started in 1963. Poincare is considered the Father of Chaos.

At the bridge table, you try to keep things orderly, but sometimes the form of scoring can make life chaotic. For example, in today's deal South is in three no-trump. What should he do after West leads the spade six if his only job is to make the contract; or if he is playing in a pair event (a duplicate) and would like to win as many tricks as possible?

North, despite having only 19 high-card points, was tempted to open two no-trump. But he decided against it because of the weak club holding.

South seems to start with six top tricks: three spades (given the lead), two hearts and one diamond. And surely he can establish four club tricks. However, if the defender with the club ace holds it up until the second round, declarer will need a hand entry, which must be the spade king.

So, if making the contract is all that counts, South should win the first trick with dummy's spade ace, then lead the club jack and another club. The contract is home.

In a pair event, though, it will be tempting to hope that West has led fourth-highest from a suit headed by the queen and call for Jummy's spade 10 at trick one. Here, that costs the contract, because West has led second-highest from a weak suit — unlucky.

