

Valentines on a stick

Elaine Annett Almond

NEW CARLISLE: - One of my fondest childhood memories is “sticking valentines” for my friends and relatives in the snowbanks near their back door every Valentine’s Eve in Wakeham, Quebec. Both my mother and father played a part in making this tradition so very special for my brother and me.

Weeks before February 14, I remember spending hours at the kitchen table creating homemade valentines. My mother provided the paper doilies, left-over shiny red Christmas paper, silver paper from the cigarette packs, bits and pieces of ribbon and lace and flowers cut from Vesey’s Seed Catalogue. I would arrange and rearrange the hearts and flowers to create each card, glued together with Lepages glue. I still remember that glass bottle with the red rubber top and its unique smell.

Valentine’s Eve, my father would cut, a dozen or so, thin strips of kindling



wood. Then using his pocket knife he would cut a slit part way down each piece of the kindling to secure a valentine card. My father always helped us deliver our bundle of valentines throughout the neighborhood,

sticking them securely in the snowbanks near each friend's backdoor. That evening, the neighborhood would be busy with little people racing from house to house sticking their valentines in the snowbanks. You really were supposed to

wait until the next morning to collect your mail from the drift in the backyard.

I would like to believe it was my parents who began this tradition in Lower Wakeham all those years ago. Perhaps not, but I certainly do

remember waking up Valentine's Day morning, racing downstairs to the backdoor and collecting all my “Valentines-on-a-Stick”.

Happy
Valentine's Day

Ombudsman releases health care report

Gilles Gagné

MARIA: - After investigating 10 hospitals, CLSCs and senior residences on the Gaspé Peninsula, the provincial Ombudsman states that the nursing services, although adequate, are fragile and that “the wiggle room is almost non-existent if extra work occurs,” in the senior homes.

In his 25-page report, the Ombudsman also noted the long delays in response time when patients use their bell in their room, the staff's lack of training and the shortcomings of service organization when dealing with patients suffering from cognitive problems, such as Alzheimer's disease.

The report also mentioned the early wake-up practice at the New Carlisle Centre d'ac-

cueil de la Baie, where some patients are forced to get up at 5:30 a.m. in order for the personnel to have enough time to care for each patient. That situation is a result of the reduction in the number of nurses, from two to one, during the day shift.

This situation doesn't respect some patients' way of life and is a testimony to the insufficient amount of time overworked staff members have to spend with them.

The report states that, as of last summer, at the Monseigneur Ross Centre in Gaspé, some long-term care unit patients had not received a full bath in years. They only received partial baths in their bed.

The situation deteriorated in a couple of senior resi-

dences to the point that some patients were attacked physically by other patients.

Regarding the hospitals and the CLSCs, the report identifies the long delays in the assessment of patients in the emergency unit and the absence of surveillance in the waiting room. There are also delays in the second assessment of the patients' state at the emergency unit and long stays of patients in that unit.

The long delay situation also applies to the time elapsed between a hospitalization request and the hospitalization itself. The report also emphasized the personnel's lack of continuous training and the nursing staff's lack of knowledge in the palliative care unit.

Carried out between Sep-

tember and December 2016, the investigation, “doesn't say that the patients have been put in danger because of the staff's workload.” The document nevertheless shows that “the nurses and auxiliary nurses are able to meet, with difficulty, their deontological (ethical) obligations.” On a couple of occasions, the document puts emphasis on the health sector employees' dedication to their work.

The initiator of the complaint that prompted the Ombudsman Office to investigate the Gaspé Peninsula case, Micheline Barriault, president of Eastern Quebec's Nurses Union, was expecting an incisive report.

“The 19 recommendations in the report deal with all the situations criticized in the

“black file” we gave to the Ombudsman Office in June (...) It is the first time that a union has given a complaint that lead to an investigation, which also lead to a report. It proves that the \$21 million cuts carried out two years ago by the Integrated Health Centre, when it was created were applied to patients' care instead of being applied to the administrative level. We filed complaints to the Integrated Health Centre for two years and we hit a wall every time,” explains Ms. Barriault.

She thinks that the Ombudsman understood the main problem by the first recommendation which states that “the nursing personnel must be able to obtain some support

Hunting and Fishing Show

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ: - Something unique will soon take place in Gaspé: the first ever Gaspesian Hunting, Sport Fishing and Outdoor Show. It will take place from April 28 to 30 at Gaspé's Centre Récréatif Luc-Germain. "This event will gather all sorts of people, experts, fishermen, hunters, sports fans, and so on. It's going to be a unique and very interesting event for everyone. It took a lot of work and preparation to get things on track and we expect more than 2500 visitors and more than 40 exhibitors from the Gaspé Coast," states the executive director of the event, Caroline Smith. Caisse Desjardins, the Gaspé Chamber of Commerce and Hôtel des Commandants are some of the sponsors. You can also visit the event's website at www.salongaspesien.ca

Getting in shape in a pool

Thierry Haroun

CHANDLER: - Do you have back problems or sore feet? Are your knees hurting? Maybe you feel you are in shape, but you feel like exercising in a new environment. Well a new activity is available at Chandler's swimming pool, it's called *Gym Aquatique*. The project, that was made possible by *Adrenaline Sauvetage* (a local organization) is valued at \$31,500. The money was used to purchase the special underwater equipment, such as exercise bicycles, treadmills and even trampolines. The activity started on January 26 and the spokesperson for *Gym Aquatique*, Dominique Giroux, who is also responsible for Chandler's Sports and Leisure Department confirmed that registration is going very well. "There are people of all ages, some who are in shape and others who are not. I have people who have sore legs and some who are overweight. It's for everyone. Our exercise program adapts to your needs and at your rhythm." For further information, call Ms. Giroux at 418 680-4122.

HEALTH CARE:

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quickly and when required in case of overwhelming situations." Ms. Barriault is worried about what the follow-up to the report from the Integrated Gaspé Peninsula Health and Social Service Centre will be.

In 2006, the emergency at Maria Hospital was rated the most efficient in Quebec. In 2013, a report indicated that the situation had deteriorated to the point of being a concern. The Ombudsman report also noticed efficiency problems at that emergency.

"They closed a significant number of beds, 12 or 15, I don't remember. The patients stay on a stretcher for a long time waiting for a bed. It creates jams in the emergency department," points out Micheline Barriault on the matter.

At Maria's Saint Joseph seniors residence, statistics collected by the Ombudsman investigators show that out of 8,382 alarms triggered by patients, 4.3% of them, or 361, were answered by staff members more than 15 minutes after the ring. In 1.2% of the cases, or 98 times, the waiting period exceeded 25 minutes.

Chantal Duguay, president of the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Services Centre, "positively



Photo: G. Gagné

Micheline Barriault, president of the union representing the nurses of Eastern Quebec.

receives" and even finds the Ombudsman report "reassuring". She states that her organization started rectifying some situations last summer, as they were identified.

"We are in an action mode. We have been taking additional measures since December (...) We implemented an action plan on January 26," she points out.

Assistant director general, Connie Jacques adds that some changes were made to deal with the training needs of the staff. "When we have adjustment needs, we make the adjustments."

Human resources director

Michel Bond says that "we try to allot the resources according to the needs (...) We are not working well or better uniquely through adding staff. If we don't revise the procedures, we will face the same problems."

The annual budget for the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Service Integrated Centre hovers around \$300 million annually.

The Ombudsman report can be consulted by doing an internet search for "*rapport d'intervention concernant le Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de la Gaspésie*".



Photo: courtesy of Tammy Lapointe

New Carlisle's hockey skills group.

First game for hockey skills team

Tammy Lapointe,
New Carlisle Arena

NEW CARLISLE: - On Sunday, January 29, the children who participate in the hockey skills activity laced up their skates and played their first game of the season. It was an exciting game to watch, with lots of fun and laughter. We are grateful to the amazing men who happily accepted the challenge: Brent Hocquard, Dominic Belanger, Stephen Leberre, Eric Leblanc and David Thibault. The hockey skills activity is made possible thanks to three young men who volunteer twice a week, Kyle Flowers, François Skeene and Steven Cayouette. *Game well played!*





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Port Daniel-Gascons budget gets boost thanks to McInnis Cement

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL-GASCONS: – The Town of Port Daniel-Gascons taxpayers will get a break in 2017 due to a \$1 million municipal provision paid by McInnis Cement, in anticipation of the value of the cement plant, whose construction should be completed in April.

Despite a new evaluation roll that led to an increase of all of the properties' municipal values, Mayor Henri Grenier points out that at least 90% of the taxpayers will see a decrease in their bill for 2017.

"It will be between \$50 and \$200 of reduction per property. It should have been a sizeable increase because of the new municipal evaluation. It was six years since the last evaluation. However, we discussed (the issue of taxes) with McInnis Cement and they agreed to pay \$1 million in municipal taxes even though the value of the plant has not yet been determined," explains Mayor Grenier.

The total budget will increase to \$3,977,000 in 2017, from \$2,980,000 in 2016. The municipal tax rate will go from \$1.06 per \$100 of municipal value to 72 cents. The \$600,000 increase for 2017 is the difference between McInnis Cement's contributions for 2016 and 2017, as well as the effect the new evaluation would otherwise have had.

"McInnis Cement paid \$300,000 in 2016 and \$1 million this year. We don't know what the final assessment of the cement plant will be yet. We may only know by September. If McInnis Cement is supposed to pay \$1.1 million, they will owe us \$100,000. The same logic will prevail if the plant is supposed to generate only \$900,000 in municipal taxes. We will give them a credit of \$100,000," explains Mr. Grenier.



Photo: G. Gagné

Marcil residents protested over the condition of their roads.

The wiggle room provided by McInnis Cement's presence prompted the municipal council to adopt an envelope of \$250,000 for economic development and another chunk of \$200,000 for road improvements.

Will there be money for Marcil road, arguably one of the worst rural roads in Quebec? "We will have money for Marcil road. We are also looking at a government program for that stretch of road," points out the mayor.

In April of 2016, about 15 residents of Marcil demonstrated to express their determination to see their road paved as soon as possible.

Henri Grenier says that the presence of the McInnis Cement plant has not contributed much to the new evaluation of Port Daniel and Gascons' individuals' properties.

"According to the Servitech expert, the assessment company hired by the municipality, the cement plant is not a major factor explaining the increase in property values. They were under-assessed right from the start, and a six-year period without assessment, which the law permits for towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants, contributed to the hike. We saw some ac-

tivity in the municipality but not much from the workers of the cement plant. The newcomers are mainly natives of the area coming back after living in the city. The cement plant workers are living everywhere along the coast, Chandler, Paspébiac and Bonaventure as well as here," says the mayor.

The current year could bring development to the drinkable water project that has been on the table for decades for the Gascons part of the municipality.

"We are close to being ready to give out the contract for plans to BPR (the engineering firm). It is a project nearing \$30 million. The government has a program that allows 50% for the funding of such projects. It can go up to 70%. We are targeting 90%, which would be a political decision. It has happened elsewhere," says Henri Grenier.

The properties connected to the aqueduct system will pay \$350 this year. The special tax linked to the loan contracted for the work carried out in 1994 is now a thing of the past, as that loan has been reimbursed. It represents a break of \$230. The waste and recycling tax will be \$250 per household and \$270 per business.

Police report



Photo: G. Gélinas

Home destroyed by fire in L'Anse à Brilliant.

On January 23 a mobile home situated at 1828 Douglas Boulevard in L'Anse à Brilliant was completely destroyed by fire. The firefighters found a body in the charred remnants of the mobile home, property of Lance Leggo, 68, who has not been seen since the fire. The body was sent to the Montreal Laboratoire de sciences judiciaires et de médecine légale, a forensic laboratory that will perform an autopsy to identify the victim.

On February 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Omer, on Route 132 in the vicinity of the church, a Couture and Cahill bus collided with a car causing minor injuries to three occupants. "The driver of the car was leaving a parking lot to get on Route 132 when it was struck by a Couture and Cahill bus carrying youths going to a sports competition," says Sgt. Claude Doiron, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec. The occupants of the car and a youth were sent to the Maria hospital where they received treatment. The investigation of this accident is ongoing.

On February 3, a fire completely destroyed a home situated on Port Royal Street in Bonaventure. "The alarm was given at 6:55 p.m. The occupants of the house were absent. The house is totalled and so are the two cars that were parked in the driveway. "We have no reason to believe that foul play was a factor in this case. The investigation will, therefore, be conducted by the Bonaventure fire brigade," says Sgt. Claude Doiron, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.

On January 30 in Hope, a fire destroyed a home situated at 267, Bugeaud (range 2). The fire was declared shortly before noon. The Paspébiac and Bonaventure fire brigades and the Sûreté du Québec intervened to distinguish the fire. The investigation is still ongoing to determine the cause of the fire. Nobody was injured during the intervention of the firefighters.

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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

One more political lie

Justin Trudeau promised hundreds of times before the October 2015 election and hundreds of times after that Canada's electoral system would change in time for the 2019 election.

On February 1, he told recently appointed minister of Democratic institutions Karina Gould to announce publicly that changing the electoral system would not take place between now and the end of 2019, that such change was no longer part of her mandate.

Most political observers had seen that announcement coming since last summer, the season picked by the federal government to hold town hall meetings about the relevance of changing the country's electoral system. It was already a pretty bad choice, as people entertain other thoughts in the middle of summer heat.

In a report prepared over the fall, a multi-party committee strongly suggested to make room for proportional representation. The Conservative Party stuck to an old position, requesting only a Canada-wide referendum on any change in the electoral sys-

tem.

The December release of that committee's report was greatly criticized by then minister of Democratic institutions, Maryam Monsef, for the report didn't recommend a specific alternative system. Ms. Monsef received so much flak for the ungracious and embarrassing way she greeted a report that had taken months of hard work to prepare that she was ousted from the cabinet during the January shuffle. Ms. Monsef had neglected the importance of the electoral system reform to such an extent that she had also failed to make a report on the matter.

It is now clear that Justin Trudeau just wanted to save appearances when he axed Maryam Monsef. Until the end of January he kept saying that he intended to change the electoral system.

However, other less-than-inspired actions of Canada's department of Democratic institutions tend to prove that the government had abandoned the idea of changing the electoral system months and months ago.

The MyDemocracy.ca consultation, supposedly initiated to make proposals and ask Canadians which system was their favorite one, only contained and defined a set of values. A number of Canadian groups nevertheless took it seriously and proposed concrete systems. Actually, 360,000 people submitted suggestions during that consultation.

Now, Justin Trudeau buries the whole exercise, justifying his position by the lack of consensus on the matter across Canada.

It is possible that trying to tackle such a big subject

requires more work and reflection than it is feasible to tackle in one term. Then, why give up now, if the intentions were sound? Canadians, including government officials, should have kept working at it, maybe to suspend the exercise six months prior to the next election, only to resume the task in 2020. It is a democratic stake. It is of prime importance.

Our current electoral regime, called the "first-past-the-post voting system," is highly imperfect. It allows a government to win a strong majority with as little as 39.5 percent of the votes, sometimes less. That is what happened to the Liberal Party of Canada in October 2015, as they won 184 House of Commons seats out of 338.

Justin Trudeau favoured on a couple of occasions the "ranked ballot" system, which is not recommended by experts on the matter.

The proportional system, which could leave some room to the first-past-the-post mode, makes sense because it prevents some distortion, like the fact that in the 2008 poll, the Green Party gathered 941,000 votes across the country, or 6.8% of the electorate, without getting one Member of Parliament elected. Party leader Elizabeth May has since been elected but the support of the party diminished in 2011 and 2015, a condition undoubtedly linked to people thinking that they cannot have an impact on the results. It leads to cynicism.

Justin Trudeau convinced NDP and Green Party supporters to vote for him in 2015 because he would change an electoral system that was fuelling cynicism. He is now fuelling cynicism.

Guest Commentary:

Cynthia Dow

It's time to make peace happen

I thought he was kidding. When the hotel clerk in Ste-Foy told me it would take a long time to get a cab because an attack had happened at a local mosque just a few blocks away, I thought, "This young man has a sick sense of humour."

You see, I was in Ste-Foy on January 29 for a meeting. That evening I was just hanging out at a hotel on Laurier Boulevard waiting to take the train. At about 9 p.m. when I went to ask the clerk to call a cab, I found out what was going down and I was shaken, to say the least.

Here? In this country? In this province? In this city? No, no, no...

It got worse. When a cab driver finally did arrive he told me one of his best friends had been killed: Azzedine Soufiane. My cabbie was a Lebanese Christian; he was friends with a lot of people at the mosque. During our ride to the station, he got another call to the effect that one of the men had his three-year-old son with him in the prayer room during the attack. We did not know at that time who had died or what their ages were. We feared the worse. I thought I was going to vomit.

By the time I got on the train, I needed a good cry. Tears flowed until I fell asleep. I felt relieved to be leaving the city, but guilty for leaving the carnage behind so easily while some wives wept over the bloody bodies of their spouses, and 17 children struggled with the news that daddy would never be home again.

We may want to see this as the deranged act of one man alone, but this kind of hate crime is conceived and gestated with the input of many: politicians who use ethnic division to garner votes, shock-radio hosts who use vitriol against "others" to boost ratings, far-right groups who use fear to gather support for their simplistic views. This kind of thing does not happen in a vacuum.

I am touched by the outpouring of support for the Muslims of this province as a result of this heinous crime. I attended the vigil in Gaspé and over 100 people were right there beside me. I have seen many people interviewed on TV who are obviously saddened, shocked and angry that this kind of thing can happen in our country. I was so glad to hear the wise words from both Premier Couillard and Prime Minister Trudeau supporting diversity and condemning hate.

But I am not naïve: I know that there continues to be great fear and distrust of Muslim people. A Forum Research survey last year indicated that 48% of Quebecers see Muslims in a negative light – the highest proportion in any province. A year after the public debate on the PQ's so-called Charter of Values in 2013, hate crimes in Québec rose 40%.

This begs the question: just what "values" are we aspiring to?

My analysis is this: when you play with the fire of

ethnic nationalism, you are not always sure who will get burned, and how badly. To me, it is not a surprise that some of the most shocking attacks on our freedoms and public institutions have been perpetrated by angry young Quebecers: Denis Lortie, Marc Lépine, Kimveer Gill, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. Ethnic nationalism creates victims on all sides.

I realize a lot of people, particularly in rural areas like ours, do not know Muslims. I went to college and university with Muslims from all over the world, from different walks of life and various cultural backgrounds. I lived for a year with two sisters from Iran. I dated Muslim men from Senegal and Saudi Arabia. I know that the Muslim faith is one of peace, compassion and charity. I know that Muslims are like any other people: they want a good life, want their children to prosper, want a peaceful world. And most Muslims are here in our country to escape violence in their native lands. No doubt due to collective trauma created by the terrorism attack in September 2001, and subsequent attacks claimed by "jihadists", some people think every Muslim is a potential terrorist. Funny thing: Irishmen spent 300 years killing each other over religion, yet we don't consider every Irish person a potential terrorist...

We have to get over what happened on 9-11. We have to deal effectively with the leftover angst and move on. Last week's tragic event provides us with a perfect opportunity to do so.

What with the vitriol being slung from south of the border every day, the daily violence in the Middle East, the threats of terrorism in cities around the world, we are now called to act with the strength of our highest ideals. There is no future in sitting on the fence: if we want to have peace on this planet, EVERYONE has to MAKE it happen.

Please ask yourself what actions you will take to change things. I have pledged to ensuring that whenever I hear or see hatred or prejudice, I will confront it head on. In the past I often have, but sometimes in haste -- or just being weary of confronting people -- I have let things slide: not any more. If I am truly concerned about someone's attitude, I will report it to the police. I will also call on the Quebec government to drop the up-coming discussion on Bill 62 which promises to bring up the issue of religious clothing once again. We do NOT need to repeat that.

We can wallow in the dirt like the Donald Trumps and Alexandre Bissonnettes of this world, or we can shine like stars. Which is it to be? We can sink to the lowest depths of fear, distrust and hatred, or rise to the heights of compassion, understanding and love. My heart will not allow me to choose anything but the latter.

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Gaspésians affected by mosque shooting

Thierry Haroun

CHANDLER: - The recent shooting at a Quebec City Grand Mosque that killed six Muslims and injured five others has shocked the Muslim community on the Gaspé Coast.

Spec spoke with Ali Bouhouch, who is a Muslim living in Chandler. He was born in Morocco and arrived in Canada in 2009. He studied at Sherbrooke University where he received a Master's Degree in Professional Orientation. He then proceeded to look for a job and he found one in Chandler, last year, as an Orientation Counsellor at the Rocher-Percé employment centre. Spec reached him a few days after the shooting and by the sound of his voice, it was obvi-



Photo: Ali Bouhouch

Ali Bouhouch.

ous that he was still very emotional. "I was in shock when I was informed of the shooting. I

was really surprised to learn that such a brutal thing could happen here in the province, in

Québec City. I was troubled with what I learned as the information came in. How can that happen?", he said over the phone.

The number one suspect is Alexandre Bissonnette, aged 27. He was a Laval University student in Political Science. He was raised in Cap-Rouge, a Québec suburb. Bissonnette allegedly opened fired just after the last prayers on Sunday, January 29. He now faces 11 charges, six which are for first-degree murder.

"After the shooting there were vigils here on the Gaspé and across the province. "This felt so good in my heart. I was reassured by so much support and attention from Quebecers and Gaspésians alike. I would also like to take this moment to thank the organizers and par-

ticipants of all vigils, and would like to send my sympathies to all the families concerned with this terrible tragedy," he said adding that terrorism has no religion, no frontiers nor citizenship.

About Trump

Spec also asked Ali Bouhouch what he thought of President Donald Trump's executive order barring immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries, including Syria, Yemen and Somalia. "It's so sad and disappointing. How could the president of the United States, a country where the Statue of Liberty stands, do such a thing and therefore stigmatize minorities."



Photo: G. Gagné

Large crowd takes part in march

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON – A crowd of close to 200 people participated in a march held on February 3 in Carleton to support the local Muslim community, whose members occasionally attend the Quebec City mosque where six members were killed on January 29. In the biting cold, the marchers first gathered at the town hall and then walked to the *Marin d'eau douce restaurant*, owned by father and son, Moustafa and Mohammed Ben Amidou. The march was initiated by a friend of the family, Michèle Blouin. Mohammed Ben Amidou was very touched by the support received from local people, at the march but also throughout the week that preceded it. "I thank you very, very much. We really appreciated your presence and support. We love you," he said. The owner of nearby Auberge Océane, Kahina Ramdani, also expressed her gratitude to the crowd. Some people replied: "We love you too. Thanks for the cultural diversity you bring here." The Ben Amidou family has been living in Carleton for 18 years now.



Photo: Sharon Howell

Back row: Rev. Nicholas Forte, new RC priest from Nigeria, Deacon Douglas Johnson, Pentecostal Minister Jacques Robitaille, Vicar General Moïse Adekambi. Front row: Rev. Cynthia Patterson, Mgr Gaétan Proulx, Baptist Minister Israël Leguedard, and retiring Vicar Gerald St Croix.

Gaspé vigil draws 106 from different faiths

Cynthia Dow

GASPÉ: A vigil was held in Gaspé on the evening of January 31 to show support for the Muslim victims of the shooting at a mosque in Ste-Foy which occurred on the 29. The event drew a large crowd as people of various faiths, including at least one Muslim family, sang and prayed together for peace and love. Organizers included Cynthia Patterson, priest in the Anglican Church, and Mgr Gaétan Proulx, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaspé. Other officiants included ministers from the Pentecostal and Baptist churches, Rev Nicholas Forte from the Anglican Parish of Chaleurs Bay, Rev Douglas Johnson, a local Anglican Deacon, and a number of Roman Catholic priests, nuns and laity. Municipal councillor Marcel Fortin and his wife represented the Ville de Gaspé. The choir from the Greater Gaspé Anglican Parish, led by Douglstown's Karen Briand, sang "We Shall Overcome" and "Peace is Flowing Like a River," while the Mgr led the crowd in singing "*Pour que l'amour règne sur la Terre.*" The fully bilingual service included readings and prayers in both languages and ended with Rev. Patterson expressing the hope that "We can continue this kind of gathering and work together in the future." For his part, Mgr Proulx noted, "This has brought us together with great hope."

Candlelight vigil in Gaspé

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ – Approximately 75 people gathered in downtown Gaspé on Monday, January 30. They observed a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting at the Québec City mosque, and shared their thoughts about the event. "It happened as our eyes were on the United States," pointed out a participant, Gabrielle Neveu. "It's a brutal reminder that hatred, islamophobia, isn't only dangerous from a statesman. It's never acceptable, whoever is saying this kind of thing," stated Ms. Neveu, who called upon people to condemn hate messages on social media.



Photo: G. Gélinas



PERCÉ ELECTION:

Cathy Poirier might run for mayor

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ: – Percé business-woman, Cathy Poirier, states that she has “a very, very great interest,” in running for the position of mayor. Until now, no one else has clearly shown their interest in running for the position. However, Barachois councillor, Robert Daniel hasn’t excluded the possibility of running as well.

The date of the election, which could be this spring or possibly only in November, had not yet been decided when Spec went to press. “I’ve been involved in Percé for years, I know the issues,” says Ms. Poirier, co-owner of the Monsieur Émile smokehouse on Ireland Road and president of the Percé Geopark Cooperative.

“I certainly have an interest, because I love this place,” she adds. Ms. Poirier is waiting for the election date to be decided before confirming her candidacy.

Mayor André Boudreau and five of the eight councillors resigned last November, after the project for developing a new commercial street in the Percé centre was rejected through a referendum.



Photo: G. Gagné

Cathy Poirier is interested in running for the position of mayor in Percé.

Ms. Poirier says that the atmosphere of contention which sometimes exists since the referendum in Percé doesn’t scare her. “I still think that things can go well and debate is mandatory in a healthy governance.”

Barachois councillor, Robert Daniel is thinking about the election and the position he should run for. “My first impulse would be to run

for councillor again. A lot of people want me to run for mayor. I really don’t know.” Mr. Daniel was very critical of the commercial street project. He is one of the three remaining councillors after the resignations.

Owen Bouchard, who lost in the 2013 election to André Boudreau, probably won’t run again. “I haven’t made a final decision, but I don’t believe

that I will run.”

Election date still unknown

At the beginning of January, the minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula, Sébastien Proulx, discussed a bill allowing Percé to hold an election in the spring. At the Municipal Affairs ministry, which rules on this matter, the spokesperson of Minister Martin Coiteux replied in writing that “at the present time, various scenarios are being assessed. The decision will be announced in due course.”

The Member of the National Assembly (MNA) for the riding of Gaspé, Gaétan Lelièvre, spoke to Minister Proulx during the week of January 23. “He said that they were thinking about an election in November. The decision wasn’t made, but I felt that there was a repositioning (in favor of an election in November).” “My first thoughts would be to prioritize having a municipal council as soon as possible, considering all the issues to be dealt with, among others the boardwalk reconstruction. I told Minister Proulx that if the government

wants to proceed with decrees, that have a 100% government contribution therefore, no need for a municipal contribution or a borrowing by-law, I’m less uncomfortable with an election in November,” says Mr. Lelièvre.

“However, if important files are delayed, it’s a problem. I’m very concerned about the file on the Percé wharf. I don’t think that the Quebec government is going to negotiate with the federal (level),” adds the MNA.

If Quebec decides to hold an election this spring, the government will have to file a bill to the National Assembly after the opening of the session, on February 7. Nothing has to be done if the government prefers to wait until November 5, 2017, the date of the general municipal election.

The Quebec Municipal Commission appointed lawyer France Thériault as the interim administrator of Percé. Percé director general, Félix Caron, says that he has “no power” and “no preference” about the timing of the election, “We’re not consulted, we have no say on the matter. That’s a purely political decision, from the Municipal Affairs minister.”



Photo: T. Haroun

Warehouse interior.

Major investment in fisheries

Thierry Haroun

SAINTE-THÉRÈSE-DE-GASPÉ: – The Quebec government made a significant investment in the region’s fisheries sector on February 3. Treasury Board Minister, Pierre Moreau, was at E. Gagnon & Fils, located in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, to announce that the government was granting E. Gagnon & Fils \$621,911 for the con-

struction of its new refrigerated warehouse that will be in full operation on March 1.

“With this new infrastructure, our company will be more competitive by enabling us to stock more than 800,000 pounds of processed products (such as crab and lobster) at a temperature of -20 degrees celsius.

We will also save a lot on energy because the warehouse is environmentally friendly.

We’re hoping to get the Global Food Safety Certification,” explains the Vice-President of the company’s Marketing Department, Bill Sheehan.

The structure itself is 120 feet in length, 46 feet in width and has a height of 33 feet. The total investment for this project is \$1.3 million. E. Gagnon & Fils employs approximately 500 people during peak fishing season.



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Rebuilding the boardwalk: the process speeds up

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ: – Percé is accelerating its project to rebuild the boardwalk and protect the coastline, suffering from erosion. The Quebec government authorized the Town to award an untendered contract to an engineering firm, to prepare the project's plans and specifications. The purpose is to start the work before the height of tourist season. However, the \$15 million required to carry out the work still remains to be settled.

There are concrete walls fallen on the beach with rusty metal cables sticking out from them, gaps between the boardwalk, and pieces swept away by the sea. It's difficult to imagine welcoming tourists in the rubble along the Percé coast, caused by the December 30 storm.

Last year, Percé stakeholders decided to show the damage to tourists and ex-



Photo: G. Gélinas

The Percé coastline requires extensive work after the December 30 storm.

plain erosion, thanks to two observation towers and a temporary boardwalk. However, this year, there's too much damage and it's getting dangerous.

"Given all the people we have in Percé during the tourist season, we'll have a security problem. A fenced beach is not very attractive for visitors," says Percé di-

rector general, Félix Caron.

Percé wants to have at least cleaned up the mess and have gravel trucks reload some parts of the shoreline by June 24. The beach if restored with gravel would absorb the waves and protect a new boardwalk, rebuilt farther from the sea, just a bit away from shoreline.

On January 27, the Quebec Municipal Affairs Ministry gave the go-ahead for a non-tendered contract, which permits them to speed up the timeframe. The delay in hiring a firm, Tetra Tech, in this case, is reduced from 45 days to one week, explains Mr. Caron.

The director general points out that there is however, "a big if" remaining. The go-ahead "doesn't mean that the government is going to pay 100% of the work."

The Town of Percé wants to get the financial aid from

Quebec and Ottawa to pay for the project's completion. The \$15 million represents two and a half times the annual budget of the 3,150-inhabitant town.

Time is running out. "The work has to be done by October 2017, because then the high tide season will resume," says Mr. Caron.

The director general is aiming to start the work in May. However, there will be machinery and construction in Percé during the tourist season, Mr. Caron admits securing the seaside and not harming the tourist season are "equally important," he says. "I think that we'll be able to satisfy both. It depends on when we start the work."

Percé has \$1.3 million, paid by Ottawa, Quebec and the Town itself, to pay for the final preparations leading to the work. The amount will be used to update and refine the plans and specifications according to storms having been more intense and more frequent since the first plans, based on 2010 data.

Percé will also have to test its gravel quarries and find one with the right gravel, in sufficient quantities, and test in a laboratory the model for adding gravel on the beach. Environmental studies are also mandatory because "we'll be working in the water," as well as survey work.

The contracts for these studies will be awarded without a call for tenders. However, the company retained to carry out the work will be chosen after a call for tenders. "We want no exception for that part," says Félix Caron.



Photo: G. Gélinas

The concrete slab at the entrance to the Percé wharf has collapsed.

The wharf: "a big unknown"

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ: – The Percé wharf cannot be used this spring without repairs. The concrete slab at the entrance to the wharf has collapsed over the first few meters, cutting off the access to the rest of the structure. The rebuilding or repair of the wharf remains "a big unknown," states Percé director general, Félix Caron. "In its present condition, we have no guarantee that we can use it in 2017. I don't even know if it can be repaired and the boat

tour companies as well as the tourist industry need it."

The damages are "more serious than those suffered over the last years," confirmed Bernard Beaudoin, Québec director of the small crafts harbours at Fisheries and Oceans Canada. "A more thorough inspection will tell us the extent of the damage and the feasibility of repairing it or not." Mr. Beaudoin cannot guarantee that the wharf will be repaired in time to start the tourist season.

Fisheries and Oceans, the

owner of the wharf, is ready to build a new structure if the Town of Percé acquires it. The Town of Percé, which had first accepted the ownership transfer, suspended the process last fall, because there was no agreement between the Town and the boat tour companies about their contribution to maintenance funding for the wharf. Mr. Caron is resuming negotiations with the companies. "We'll use a new approach to get the money for maintenance," he says to Spec, refusing to give more details.



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MADE In...

Fumoir Cascapedia Smoke House

ARTISANALLY SMOKED FISH AND MEATS

Wendy Dawson

The Made in ... series profiles locally created products available throughout the Gaspé Peninsula.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: – Tucked behind a family home on Gallagher Street in Cascapedia-St-Jules is a building with a steady stream of smoke coming from the chimney. It is Saturday, and inside Anne-Marie Trépanier is spending her day slicing and packing smoked salmon.

After a full week of teaching at Wejgwapniag School in Gesgapegiag, she fills the remainder of her week with hours at the smoke house. Despite her full weeks, she exudes energy, is quick to offer a smile and has a cheery disposition.

“This is a tradition that has been passed down. My husband Jerry (Legouffe) is a third generation fishing guide. His grandfather was a guide, his father was a guide, he started guiding at 15 and my son Jordan is now a guide. It used to be that your fishing guide was also the one that was responsible for smoking your fish and he (Jerry) learned how to smoke at the same camp where his grandfather was a guide and where his father was a guide. The recipe that Jerry uses is the recipe of the Cascapedia River – all the smokehouses up and down the river use the same recipe,” she says.

Anne goes on to explain that the recipe, while not a



Photos: W. Dawson

Anne carefully slices salmon fillets on a slicer modified by her husband Jerry.

trade secret, is however entirely dependent on the weather. “It’s a dry brine,” she holds up a bag showing a beige granular mixture. “It’s made up of brown sugar and salt. If it is cold out like right now, there is more sugar in the mix. If it is hotter like in the summer months, then there is more salt in the brine. The fish will stay in the dry brine for about 24 hours depending on the size of the filet.”

Anne opens up the one of the many rooms in the building, this one housing a rack of fish waiting to be smoked. “You want to make sure that the filets are dry to the touch,

so they feel like leather. If there is any liquid then it’s not ready for smoking.” After this drying phase is complete, the filets will be transferred to the smoke room portion of the building. On this day, the racks in that room include salmon bites and bacon. “Smoking takes two weeks,” explains Anne “and that is why we can never earn a living off of this operation commercially. The turnover time is too long. When we do ham or bacon, that is done using a wet brine or a salt brine and that can take as long as a month.”

Outside, housed in its own building is a wood stove that is fed hardwood wood chips picked up in St. Quentin, New Brunswick. The stove is fed the wood chips throughout the day, and the smoke is funneled through the smoke room and escapes through a chimney at the top. “There is no electricity used in our process at all, the woodstove can continue to operate even if there is a power failure and we can continue to smoke salmon. We do it really traditionally.”

When Anne Trépanier and her husband Jerry Legouffe chose to develop the smoke house in the late 90s, the traditional approach was not an easy sell to the many governing bodies that oversaw food transformation activities.

They were faced with a series of challenges and had to make many modifications and investments to meet the strict food production guidelines. There was one thing however that they were unwilling to waiver on, and that was the smoke process. “They didn’t want smoke escaping from a chimney into the environment, but that was the way it had been done forever. So, a few officials in white suits were on the roof analyzing the escaping smoke, but we finally got permission.”

Preserving the knowledge of the Cascapedia smoke tradition was important to Anne and Jerry, but so was providing opportunity for their own children, Jessica and Jordan.

“We wanted to give them something that would provide them with a work opportunity either in the summer or when they came home from school. They have both worked in the smokehouse extensively at different times but have had little jobs since they were 7 or 8. When we started, guichet payment didn’t exist and Jessica was just little and would call credit card companies to get authorizations.” She speaks proudly of her children’s involvement and their contributions over the years.

Anne explains that while Fumoir Cascapedia Smoke-

house is a family business, it also extends beyond that. They have since 1999, had as many as 10 different employees.

Anne Trépanier demonstrates the final step in the smoked salmon preparation as she sprays the fillets with a mixture of syrup and brandy. “We use locally made syrup, made by some of our relatives and the syrup is boiled to a temperature specific for use in our smoking process.” After that, it’s off to the slicer, a machine modified by Jerry to better accommodate the fillets for fine slicing.

Fumoir Cascapedia Smokehouse has products available all over the region and the province as they are distributed through a variety of wholesalers. In addition to smoked salmon, they have smoked trout, bacon, dips, salmon bites, smoked herring and mackerel to name but a few products. Perhaps the best place to pick up their products however, is at the smoke house itself, located at 70 Gallagher Road behind the family home in St. Jules where you will be greeted with a smile. There on the walls you will find the long and rich story of a family, and a business, steeped in tradition.

Fumoir Cascapedia Smokehouse is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year until 5 p.m.



Fumoir Cascapedia Smokehouse products can be found in many locations. Come check out the great variety at their smokehouse store.



Photos on the store wall tell the tale of many traditions in the area of Cascapedia-St. Jules.

Congratulations to Gaspé's newest centenarian

Sharon Howell

WAKEHAM: - On Sunday, January 22 a delightful celebration was held in the Wakeham School to honour of Mary Miller (née Patterson) on the occasion of her 100th birthday (which was on January 23).

Some of her nieces and nephews from far and near: Martha Patterson Costello from Ottawa; Lorna Miller, Pauline Hackett, Sylvia Hackett, and Debbie O'Brien Boulay from Gaspé; Vanessa Adams Eden from Kamloops, BC; Ronald Boyd Young from London, ON; Boyd O'Brien from Gaspé, and Sean Costello from Ottawa; were delighted to be with their Aunt Mary on this wonderful occasion. Mary's numerous friends from the surrounding communities and some from great distances were so very pleased to be able to share this special day with her.

Although it was a "best wishes only" event, Mary received many lovely gifts along with touching sentiments for the occasion. While it is positively amazing for anyone to achieve such a marvelous age, Mary takes it a bit further in that she is in such great shape. Not only is she still active, it's quite a job to keep up with her. She is up-to-date on all that is going on in the world and she enjoys discussing current



Photo: Courtesy of Sean Costello

Mary's birthday cake.

events. She does all her own cooking, cleaning and she still bakes her own bread.

Mary loves a good game of cards. She plays 500 and Whist at the seniors' card parties each month. She also enjoys a good game of cribbage. Mary keeps herself busy knitting socks, mittens, and toques for inclusion in the shoe boxes that are given to the sailors at Christmas time. She knits items that are sold at the Douglas Hospital sale each year. She also quilts and is currently working on one that she started in 2016. Her life has been one of service to her family, friends, and to others in her community.

Mary's late husband, Austin Miller, passed away 25 years ago in November. They built their own house in Sandy

Beach and they were a couple who worked hard. They also took part in all the community's activities from church services, ACW events, card parties, and dances in the community halls in the area as well as numerous house parties.

Please join us in congratulating Mary on her good fortune and to wish her many more years of good health and happiness.



Photo: Courtesy of Lorna Miller

Mary Miller turned 100 in January.



Photo: Courtesy of Alfred Cassidy

Back row, L-R: Martha Patterson Costello, Pauline Hackett, Lorna Miller, Mary Miller, Vanessa Adams Eden, Debbie O'Brien Boulay, Sylvia Hackett. Front row, L-R: Boyd O'Brien, Sean Costello and Ronald Boyd Young.

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The Chamber Pail!

I remember when I was younger and my grandmother lived in Hope Town, there used to be a lot of people traveling. Back then we called them 'Hobos'.

Every person who travelled knew my grandma by name because she fed everyone in the country who would come to her house. They also used to sleep in the woods across the road, and they would get up and come to grandma's.

This didn't happen every day, but it happened quite frequently. Everyone passing through seemed to know where she lived. They would come in and she would give them a hot meal.

Back then they had outside toilets so inside we used a chamber pail and to keep them clean, you had to empty it regularly. So while grandpa was relaxing on the couch below the stairs,

grandma sent me out to empty and rinse out the chamber pail.

Upon returning, while I was headed upstairs to put the chamber pail back in the room, I looked up and saw this huge dark man coming towards me. He was wearing a long dark coat, had a beard and he was very scary to me since I was only around 9 years old.

I got such a fright, I dropped the chamber pot down on the couch and it landed on Grandpa's head! The pail hit Grandpa such a smash I thought I had killed him! I took off home and I said "I killed Grandpa! I killed Grandpa!" When I had calmed down, I learned Grandpa was fine but he had a huge bump on his head for a few days!

Story told by **CLYDE MACWHIRTER**
Interviewed by **ALLISON LEGOUFFE DEA**

The Stinky Dance

I remember Wayne Major and I used to go down to Ralph Dea's. He used to have a dance hall in Port-Daniel and we would meet up with Syp and Siddy Benwell, who were good friends of mine. We would all meet up at these dances. We would get there by hitch-hiking.

Then all of a sudden the cops stopped people from hitch-hiking, but we still had to get to the dances. So one night Wayne and I started hitch-hiking and the cops showed up. We took off!

We didn't want to get into trouble for hitch-hiking. As we were running from the cops, in

the dark, Wayne fell into a cesspool and I was running so fast that I stepped on a skunk! I could not get stopped in time.

There we were, both of us out of breath, stinking to high heaven. One smelt like sewer and the other like skunk! There was a mess we were in.

We went to Uncle Hubert's house, and we got cleaned up and put other clothes on and when I got home I had to wash in tomato juice. That is something I will never forget!



Marcil W.I. activities update

Marcil Branch W.I.

Ethel Bradbury, Secretary

SHIGAWAKE: - In August, the school garden students received prizes that were presented by Mrs. Gloria Hayes. Seven students participated in the School gardens, Matthew and Nathan Prince received "the best all-around garden" prize. We wish to congratulate all the students who made a garden and we encourage more students to do so next year. The students who participated in the gardens are: Colton Hottot, Samantha Major, Spirit Martin, Nathan Prince, Matthew Prince, Abigail Felker, Wyatt Major, Jaxson Major and Hannah Woods.



Ethel Bradbury, Lisa Sauson and Gloria Hayes.

The Women's Institute held a strawberry social in July. This is an annual fund-raiser and appears to be a favorite one for the population. Another event is the W.I. booth at the Bonaventure County Fair in August where we raffled off a grocery basket, had tables of baked goods, fudge, books and a display of art. Another big fund-raiser is our W.I. Cookbook. They are sold at the SPEC office and CASA for \$12.00 each or you can call Audrey at 418-752-6564. They make a nice gift.



Photo: Courtesy of Ethel Bradbury

Audrey Dea (left) presenting Lisa Sauson (center) with a gift, also in the photo is Gloria Hayes (right).

Donations were made to people suffering from serious medical problems, also to the LIFE Association, Residence Vimy Place, which needs constant upkeep.

On November 26, 2016, Audrey Dea, President and Ethel Bradbury took Lisa Sauson to Tim Horton's for a quick outing, there we presented Lisa with a monetary gift. Lisa had typed and organized our lovely cookbook and it is selling very well. We appreciated all her time and hard work even though she was not in the best of health.

On November 11, 2016 the Marcil branch laid a Remembrance Day wreath at the New Carlisle Cenotaph in the Arena. Sympathy and get well cards were sent out during the year and boxes of cookies were given to the shut-ins and

people living alone. Most newsletter deadlines were met this year.

Several Marcil branch members attended the Annual Convention in Montreal. All had a wonderful time. Some members also attended the Semi-annual Convention in Cascapedia-St-Jules. Essay prizes were presented to students at Shigawake Port Daniel School. Matthew Prince, Grade 2 won first prize for his story. One new member was recruited and we welcomed her with open arms. There is a possibility of another.

Our Resource person, Melissa Horsman hired by CASA to help the organizations who signed with CAP, has met with us to discuss the monthly calendar and the survey sheet and the workshop to be held this fall. She was hired

to help us in any area we need and she has been a great help at our events.

At the November meeting some of our members visited Audrey Acteson's Christmas wreath and kissing ball factory. We found it to be a very interesting operation and a pleasant place to work. Thank you Audrey for having us interfere with your workers for a short period of time.

Our December 8 meeting was at Joyce Steele's she had a lovely display of her Christmas village and other beautiful things. A gift/poem exchange was done and Bertha read the Christmas story; Gloria told one of her famous stories. All in all, we had a nice day.

On December 12, some members went to the Grand-Cascapedia Christmas party. Hope you all have a great year for Home and Country.

Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Ancient Stories

The Gaspé is beautiful and unique. We recognize that and there are too many beautiful places to write about in one column, some well known and others little hidden spots that have been discovered off the beaten path. The landmark I wish to remind you of today is Miguasha which has been designated by the United Nations, through its branch UNESCO, in 1999, as a location of natural significance. Keep in mind there are just 20 of these sites in all of Canada. We can boast having one of these.

These sites are recognized by the United Nations and are legally protected by international treaties. The underlying view and belief is that these sites are important for all mankind and should be protected and maintained. The proper name for these sites is World Heritage Site. Besides Miguasha, Canadian World Heritage Sites include Old Quebec City, Lunenburg, Rideau Canal and Gros Morne National Park and 15 more. And to have a site officially designated is not a fait accompli. There is a process of application and review by committees and this does not take place at lightning speed. It is a bureaucracy and these work slowly.

It is a rare honour to be a World Heritage Site. So why Miguasha? What is there that is unique and precious? Miguasha National Park has been recognized for the abundance of fossils which provide proof and examples of the evolution of life on our planet. Sometimes it is referred to as Miguasha Fossil Site. In fact, many geologists consider Miguasha to be the world's MOST important example of a period in the history of our planet going back 370 million years, called the Devonian Era. This time of Earth's evolution is also called the 'Age of Fishes.' At the Miguasha site five of the six known fish groups from 370 million years ago, can be found. And not only is there an abundance of fossils they are also considered to be excellent specimens. These prehistoric fishes are believed to be part of the evolutionary chain which led to the first 4-legged and air breathing creatures on Earth.

The designation as a World Heritage Site brings protection for Miguasha. In fact, it is guaranteed. The Quebec Parks network is the sole owner of the actual site and is obligated to protect it. This means no exploration for oil, gas or minerals in the Park and surrounding area. It also means that development in the adjacent areas is closely monitored. Further any changes such as erosion, climate change and illegal removal of fossils is scrutinized.

You may want to visit the Interpretation Centre at Miguasha this year. It is open from the beginning of May and closes in October. A visit costs around \$10 and would be a memorable outing for the family. For information go to parc.miguasha@sepaq.com or call 418-794-2475, in season.

We know it's a rare and wonderful place on the Gaspé, but it is flattering to be recognized by the United Nations. Now what about getting the same honour for Percé Rock? A committee needs to get working on that!

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Understanding disasters and what they mean to you

(NC) Disasters like floods and tornadoes can profoundly impact our lives, homes and communities. In fact, flooding and other water-based events are the most frequent and costly disasters in Canada, making up 80 per cent of all claims under the Disaster Financial Assistance Agreements.

Wildfires are also increasing in frequency and cost over the previous decades. We can't predict when disasters will happen or the extent of damage they will inflict, but we can understand and learn about disaster risk so we can plan and be prepared to react.

There are simple steps we can all take to do so. We can start by finding out about risks and other hazards that can trigger emergencies in our communities. Could it be an event

like an earthquake, flood or winter storm? Who in your community would be affected? Could it be residents, family pets, children and women, or residents at the local retirement home? And what are the tools and services at your disposal that could help you respond to the potential vulnerabilities? This information can help you assess, prevent and mitigate potential disasters around you.

A lot of useful information is available online. For example, you can learn how to make an emergency plan and kit (<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssg/index-en.aspx>) and how to be flood ready (<https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/flood-ready.html>). These resources are readily available at no cost and can

help all of us take action before disaster strikes to make our communities safer and more resilient.

Sometimes disasters cross boundaries, like city limits, provinces and even borders. It can be a domestic and even an international issue. Here in Canada we have a platform for Disaster Risk Reduction that's helping to build community resilience by having ongoing discussions about innovative ways governments, communi-

ties, the private sector and individuals can reduce the risks and impacts of disasters.

Internationally, last year the United Nations' endorsed the Sendai Framework for DRR that aims to substantially reduce losses in lives, livelihoods and health due to disasters over the next 15 years.

As part of this commitment, Canada will be hosting the United Nations Fifth Regional Platform for Disaster

Risk Reduction in the Americas (www.eird.org/rp17/), an international emergency management event with over 1,000 delegates from the Americas, including over 50 sovereign states and territories. This will be an opportunity to advance collaboration and coordination in meeting objectives to reduce disaster risks. The event will take place on March 7 to 9, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec.

Follow the discussion on Twitter with #SendaiAmericas.



Photo: G. Gagné

Railcar excursion cancelled due to state of track

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND – The state of the Gaspé Peninsula railway and the uncertainty with regards to future repairs hurts tourism in the region. The *Draisineurs du Québec*, a group affiliated to the North American Rail Car Operators Association (NARCOA), is cancelling the June 2017 trip to the Gaspé Peninsula due to the lack of guarantee by Transport Québec that the damage sustained by the rail line in six places of the Chandler, Grand River and Percé area will be repaired on time for the excursion. “We had 25 railcars (...) We were to spend five nights on the Gaspé Peninsula. We have to cancel the trip (...) We might try for September if the track is repaired,” says Louis-François Garceau, of *Draisineurs du Québec*, a group of motor car owners based in the province. A number of owners were to come from the United States for the occasion. The Matapédia to Gaspé line has been chosen by NARCOA members of affiliated associations on many occasions over the past 20 years, notably in 1998, 2001, 2006 and 2011. A member of NARCOA, Alan Freed, came by himself using hi-rail car in August and November 2016, supervised as in the case of other excursions by a crew of the Gaspésie Railway Society, the operator of the line. The Gaspé Peninsula line is considered one of the finest pieces of railway in North America, scenery-wise. The line belongs to Quebec's department of Transport. The Gaspésie Railway Society sent an assessment of the damage sustained during the December 30 storm and it amounts to approximately \$900,000, including protection dykes for the line. The damage could have been avoided with proper maintenance between 2011 and 2016, stated Luc Lévesque, director general of the Gaspésie Railway Society.



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Announcements...

Obituaries



CAMPBELL-MUNRO: Jean

Family and friends were saddened by the death of Jean Munro-Campbell, which occurred on January 9, 2017, at St. Joseph's Residence, Maria, QC.

Jean was born on June 29, 1923 in Glenboig, Scotland. She was the daughter of the late Margaret Richardson and James Munro. Jean was the wife of the late Colin Howard Campbell who predeceased her in 1990. She was also predeceased by her son Ivan in 2008 (husband of Irene Cyr), as well as her four sisters; May, Margaret, Liz and Ruby and six brothers-in-law; Ivan, Chester, Thomas, George, James and Charles.

She leaves to mourn two sons; James (Elaine), Oshawa, Ont., and Alistair (Orinda) New Richmond, QC., and one daughter Luella (Paul), Maple Ridge, B.C. She also leaves one granddaughter Theresa, four grandsons; Darryl (Terra), Jaimal, Jarnel and Ian. Jean also had three great-grandsons; Jacob, Christian, Keegan as well as two great-granddaughters; Sienna and Madison and two great-stepgranddaughters; Alexa and Jenah. Jean also leaves behind a sister Luella in Scotland, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Her body rested at Henri Thibodeau Funeral Home in New Richmond, Quebec. A veteran-memorial service was held in her honour during the evening visitation hours. She was a WWII veteran serving in the Women's Air Force where she was assigned to the Balloon Barrage.

Funeral services were held on January 12, 2017 at the Bethel Bible Chapel with Mr. Raymond Ricard officiating. Hymns sung were Jean's favorites "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus", and "Jesus Lover Of My Soul".

Sandy Dugas played the guitar and sang a beautiful solo "Where The Roses Never Fade" and Jeanne D'Arc Poirier also played the guitar and sang a Beautiful solo "Abide With Me". "Amazing Grace" with the bagpipes played on a CD at the closing of the service. The eulogy was done by her daughter Luella. A special presentation to her grandmother, on behalf of all her grandchildren, was done by her granddaughter Theresa.

Pallbearers were Stanley Harrison, Delwyn McColm, Eldon Powell, Brian Garrett, Ralph Campbell and Mark Garrett.

Interment will be in the spring at the Black Cape Cemetery.

A delicious lunch was served by the Ladies of the Bethel Chapel following the service.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and kindness as well as their support during our time of sorrow. God bless you all!

In Memory



BRENNAN: Carmelle (Brideau)

In fond and loving memory of my wife who passed away February 14, 2007.

*Just when your life was brightest,
Just when your years were best,
You were called from this world of sorrow,
To a home of eternal rest.*

Always loved and remembered by husband Frank and family.

GAVEY: John

In loving memory of John Gavey who passed away February 12, 2012.

*Today we recall the memory
Of a loved one gone to rest,
And those who think of him today,
Are those that love him best.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Always tender, fond and true.
Not a day goes by,
That we do not think of you.*

Loved and remembered by wife Carolyn and family.

GUIGNION: Percy

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 13, 1995.

*Twenty-two years have slipped by,
But memories stay.
Quietly remembered day by day.
Happy thoughts of times together,
Memories that will last forever.*

Forever in our hearts and always remembered, Janis and grandchildren and Judy, Graham and grandchildren.

LEGGO: Cletus

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away February 14, 2004.

*It is sad to walk the road alone,
Instead of side by side.
But to all there comes a moment,
When the ways of life divide.
You gave me years of happiness,
Then came sorrow and tears,
But you left me beautiful memories,
I will treasure through the years.*

Sadly missed by wife Lee and daughters Janet and Brenda.

Happy 80th Birthday



This lovely lady turned a young 80 years old in September 2016. She enjoyed a supper surrounded by her children and grandchildren in New Carlisle. Looking as lovely as ever.
Love from all of us.

Card of Thanks

I would like to extend a huge thank you to my family and friends who came to my 100th birthday party to celebrate with me. All the good wishes, gifts, flowers and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Albert for serving a delicious lunch! Special thanks to Boyd and Lorna for organizing and preparing the party for me.

Please accept this as a personal thank-you.

Mary Miller

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Jean-Munro Campbell would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to relatives and friends for their sympathy, prayers, floral arrangements, plants, food, cards, phone calls and messages of condolences on the funeral home's website. As well as all the donations to different organizations in our mother's memory. Your acts of kindness and support during our difficult time were a great comfort to us.

A special thank-you to Mr. Raymond Ricard for such a lovely service and to Jeanne D'Arc Poirier and Sandy Dugas for their lovely music and songs, as well as the Ladies of Bethel Chapel for the lovely lunch they served.

Thank you to the pallbearers and the New Richmond Branch of the Legion for your contributions.

Many thanks go out to all of her friends who visited her so faithfully, while she was in St. Joseph's Residence, she looked forward to each visit.

Thanks also to Anola Powell and Cathy Garrett who were there for us at a moment's notice.

Our thanks to Dr. Cormier and all the nursing staff that took such exceptional care of our mother while she was a resident there.

Your kindness towards us will never be forgotten.

God bless you all!

The Campbell Family



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FOR SALE: A 1973 Upright Willis piano including bench. Must be picked up by the buyer at the Fifty Plus Club, 319 rte 299, Cascapedia St. Jules. Donation for article will be greatly accepted. For more information please call Dorothy at 418-392-4686.

COAST ROUND-UP

YORK:

York River Senior Citizens Upcoming Events

Friday, February 10: There will be a lumberjack supper held at the community hall. First setting starts at 5 p.m. and second setting starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Bar service is available. Call Tony Patterson for more information at 418-368-3276.

Saturday, March 18: There will be a St. Patrick's Day supper and dance starting at 6 p.m. at the community hall. Entertainment with the Senior's band. Cost is \$10. Bar services available. For advance tickets call Tony Patterson at 418-368-3276.

Saturday, April 8: The Annual general meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. Punch will be served from 5 to 6 p.m., supper is at 6 p.m. and a dance will follow with live entertainment. The cost is \$20 with a \$10 refund to members. Bar service available. Call Tony Patterson for more information at 418-368-3276.

Sunday, April 30: The annual bingo will be held at 1 p.m. at the community hall. Cost is one card for \$3 or 2 cards for \$5.

DOUGLASTOWN:

Community Center Upcoming Events

Friday, February 17: A board game evening will be held at 7 p.m. Come alone or bring a friend and of course your favorite refreshments. Some games provided are Settlers of Catan, 7 Wonders, Small World and Dominion. A voluntary contribution would be appreciated. Have a fun evening!

Sunday, February 19: A community breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join us for an excellent breakfast with a traditional menu. A voluntary contribution of \$7 for adults (12 and over), \$4 for children (5-11 years) would be appreciated, ages 4 and under (free). Everyone is welcome!

Friday, February 24: Happy Hour starts at 5 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get together with old friends or make new ones. Bring your refreshments and a dish to share. A voluntary contribution would be appreciated.

Travel Talks: Every **second Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. A neat way to travel around the world! Most

talks will be in French. Voluntary contribution. February 15 is Collette Mainville, Madagascar, a perinatal experience. Everyone welcome!

DOUGLASTOWN:

Golden Age Club

Walking Every Monday: The Shamrock Golden Age Club invites you to walk with us at 10 a.m. every Monday. Meet at the Community Center and walk 3 to 5 kms in and around Douglstown.

BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261 Upcoming Events

Every Monday: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 261 will be having a bingo night at 7 p.m. at the legion. Everyone welcome!

Saturday, February 11: Come out for a fun night of music by NASH starting at 9 p.m. Entrance fee is \$5.

BARACHOIS:

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

The Barachois and Area Development Committee is having a Soup and Sandwich lunch, **Saturday, February 11** at the Royal Canadian Legion in Barachois from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5. Partial proceeds will go to the Gaspé Cancer Foundation. Snowmobilers are welcome. For information contact Sandy Coombs at 418-645-2874.

BARACHOIS:

Yoga

Have you made your New Year's fitness resolution? How about learning Yoga? Learn relaxation, breathing, while working on balance and flexibility and helping your heart and circulation. A new 8-week session started on **Saturday, January 21** for \$70. You can drop-in weekly for \$10 per lesson. These bilingual classes are held at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at the Belle Anse School. To reserve a place call Sandy Coombs at 418-645-2874.

SHIGAWAKE:

Cookbooks for sale

The Marcil Branch W.I. has a cookbook that would make a perfect gift. The cost is \$12. The cookbook includes wonderful recipes from past and present W.I. members. To purchase a copy call 418-752-6564 or pick up a copy at the Spec office.

SHIGAWAKE:

Community Center Upcoming events

Saturday February 11: There will be a Valentine's dance starting at 8 p.m.

Shigawake winter carnival:

Friday, February 17: There will be a lumberjack supper from 4 to 6 p.m. following that there will be a masquerade dance on ice at the skating rink at 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 18:

Games on ice and snow from 1 p.m. (rink)

Sunday, February 19: There will be a brunch from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (center) A ski doo rally at 12 p.m. Sliding on hill across from skating rink starting at 12 p.m., old timer vs younguns at 2 p.m. Family games, minute to win it games inside and out all weekend. For more info call Tiffany at 418-752-4236.

SHIGAWAKE:

SPDS Governing Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 28: There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Town Log Cabin.

Tuesday, May 30: There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Shigawake Port-Daniel School.

SHIGAWAKE:

WI Marcil Branch Advance Notice

Friday, February 10: Valentine's Tea. From 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the 3 Star 50 Plus Club. \$6 per person. Kids 6 and under free. 50/50 and door prize.

HOPE TOWN:

Hope Baptist Church

"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). We are a Bible-based, Christ-centered and family-focused church. Sunday School is for all ages, it starts at 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.; Worship service starts at 11 a.m.; Friday Kings Club (ages 5-12 yrs) at 3:30 and Young Peoples (ages 12-18 yrs) starts at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us at Hope Baptist Church, 305 Route 132, HopeTown. www.hopebaptistchurch1.com. 418-752-5838. Pastor Paul Bedford BTh. MTh.

HOPE TOWN:

Whist Party

The military whist party will take place on **Saturday, March 11** at 8 p.m. at the Optimist Club in St. Godefroi.

HOPE TOWN:

Community Center Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 18: There will be a crib tournament at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. To register your team call Linda at 752-2015 or Laura at 752-5495 before **Thursday, February 16**. Sponsored by Hope Town Sports & Recreation Club.

Friday, February 24: Gift bingo at 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Town community Center.

PASPEBIAC:

Donations Needed

The *Collectif Aliment-Terre* appeals to the public for donations of plastic dishes with lids, glass jars, jam jars or mason jars. These containers would be very useful for our collective kitchens. We are also looking for a 6 foot tall freezer in

good condition. It would be greatly appreciated because we unfortunately lack space for our frozen products. Thank you very much! Do not hesitate to contact us at 752-5010 or visit us at 8-A, Boulevard Gérard-D.-Lévesque East in Paspébiac, in the basement of the Knights of Columbus building, back door.

NEW CARLISLE:

Legion Dance

The Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting a dance on Saturday, February 18 entertainment by The Landsmen. Dance starts at 8 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 at door.

NEW CARLISLE:

Spaghetti Supper

New Carlisle High School will be holding a spaghetti supper on **Saturday, February 11** at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 a ticket or 2 for \$25. Supper includes a full plate of spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Proceeds go to the grade 11 trip to Toronto. Tickets available at the school office. The supper is in the school cafeteria. Storm date is **Saturday, February 18**.

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers - 9:30 a.m., Sunday night service - 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible study and prayer at 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

NEW CARLISLE:

Monthly breakfast

The New Carlisle 50+ Club will be holding their monthly breakfast on **Wednesday, March 8** at 9 a.m. at the Heritage Restaurant.

NEW CARLISLE:

Pancake Supper

A pancake supper will be held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on **Tuesday, February 28**. More details to follow.

NEW RICHMOND:

Friperie Notice

Friperie Entraide de l'É.P.É. We always have a large selection of clothing in all sizes for families as well as furniture. Couches, beds, dressers, etc. If you have items which are still functioning and no longer need them don't throw them away before calling us because there are people who need stoves, fridges, washers, dryers, beds, chairs, tables, etc. For information please call 418-392-5161 (Boul. Perron West, New Richmond).

NEW RICHMOND:

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NEW RICHMOND:

United Church

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 30: An after service hotdog luncheon will be held at the church. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.

Saturday, November 18: There will be a ham and scalloped potato supper held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Jam Session

On **Friday, February 17** at the 50+ Club, 319, Route 299, there will be a jam session open to all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and canteen services will be available on site. Welcome to all!

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Legion Branch 172

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12: The legion will be hosting a Valentines brunch from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the community hall. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Please come join us for a great meal. Also on the same day there will be live music from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entry is free.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50 + Club

Every Tuesday: A prize bingo will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Entry fee is 2 cards for \$5 and \$1 for each additional card.

GESGAPEGIAC:

Community Market

A community market will be held in the Galgosiet building on **Saturday, February 25** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve a table for \$5 call the band office (Bonnie Jerome) at 418-759-3441.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 12

New Richmond

10:30 a.m.

Hope Town

10:30 a.m.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, February 12

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Holy Eucharist 3 p.m.

New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Hope Town

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Port Daniel

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

On the lighter side



What Is This Artifact?



Marshall Billingsley

The artifact in the photo is a peculiar thing that some of our readers may be familiar with.

It is made entirely of wood and measures about 2 feet when standing upright. It looks as if it was once used as some sort of mallet.

What do you think it is? Can you solve this mystery?

The answer will be in next week's issue of The Gaspé Spec



Thank you to Elaine Almond for sharing this artifact with our readers.

CANADA



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1922

The world's first insulin treatment is made at the Toronto general hospital. Creators of the technique would later win a nobel price.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
It may be hard to separate reality from fiction this week, Aries. You need to find a way to distinguish the two so you can move forward with confidence.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your heart is telling you to aim for the highest peak because anything is possible if you put your mind to it. It might be a bit scary, but you won't know unless you try.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Your reputation will precede you, Gemini. That reputation may elicit positive feelings in some and negative sentiments in others. Don't let the detractors get to you.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
You may notice a strange vibe in the air this week, Cancer. You might feel your intuition kick into high gear. Trust your instincts on this one and see where it goes.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you have a generous heart and you often see the good in all of those around you. This can make you an excellent friend for anyone to have on their side.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may become preoccupied with what others think of you. Try not to worry so much about what others think. If you're comfortable with yourself, that will reflect positively.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
It may be difficult to pull yourself out of a slump this week, Libra. However, if you surround yourself with upbeat friends, the week will end up being positive.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, try not to drift on autopilot this week; otherwise, you may miss crucial details along the way. Try to be engaged even if it is challenging at this juncture.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, make extra time for your immediate family and other loved ones this week. Enjoy the warmth and laughter, and embrace the companionship that family provides.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, do not beat yourself up for little mistakes you might make. No one is keeping a tally, so just go with the flow instead of trying to control every little thing.

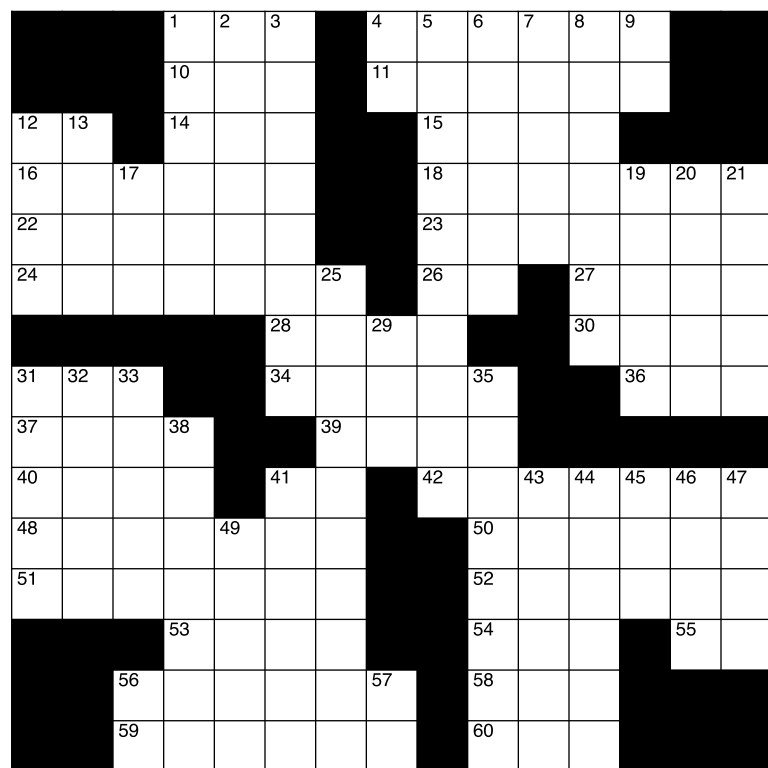
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Wishing and hoping for dreams to come true will only get you so far, Aquarius. You must take certain steps to make plans come to fruition. If you must, go it alone.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, give an important decision ample consideration. A solid foundation of careful thought will make you feel more confident.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- FEBRUARY 5**
Duff McKagan, Musician (53)
- FEBRUARY 6**
Kathy Najimy, Actress (60)
- FEBRUARY 7**
Chris Rock, Comic Actor (52)
- FEBRUARY 8**
Klay Thompson, Athlete (27)
- FEBRUARY 9**
Charlie Day, Actor (41)
- FEBRUARY 10**
Chloe Grace Moretz, Actress (20)
- FEBRUARY 11**
Sheryl Crow, Singer (55)

Crossword Puzzle...



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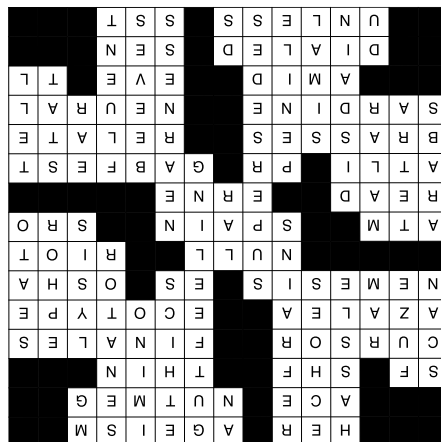
1. Not him
4. Discrimination against older people
10. A team's best pitcher
11. Hard aromatic seed of an East Indian tree
12. San Francisco
14. Superhigh frequency
15. Not fat
16. A movable indicator on a computer
18. Endings
22. Rapper Iggy
23. Environmental kind
24. Agent of downfall
26. Spanish be
27. Rocky Mountain herb
28. ___ and void
30. Uprising
31. Automatic teller machine
34. European country
36. No seats available
37. Make sense of a language
39. Sea eagle
40. One of Thor's names
41. Public relations

42. Chitchat
48. Metal alloys made of copper and zinc
50. Explain
51. Canned fish
52. Of the nervous system
53. Surrounded by
54. Adam's wife
55. Thallium
56. Called
58. Monetary unit
59. If not
60. Very fast airplane

CLUES DOWN

1. Bother
2. Sounds caused by reflections
3. Abstains from
4. Article
5. Intuition
6. Ideas of right and wrong
7. Group of chemicals
8. Elected official
9. Magnesium
12. Inspect
13. Initiates function (military)

17. Los Angeles footballer
19. Decomposition of a cell
20. Spartan Magistrate
21. Treaty organization
25. Supplants
29. The common gibbon
31. Members of a Semitic people
32. Small tropical fish
33. Of the cheek
35. Closeness
38. Consider to be unworthy
41. Of the penis
43. Plural form of beef
44. Able to speak or write a language
45. Body part
46. Information
47. Communicate information
49. Nabran village
56. Of (French)
57. Darmstadtium



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