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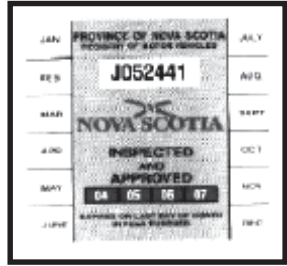


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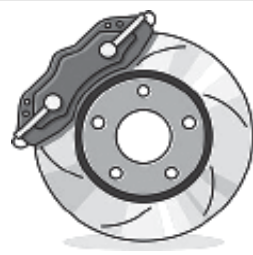
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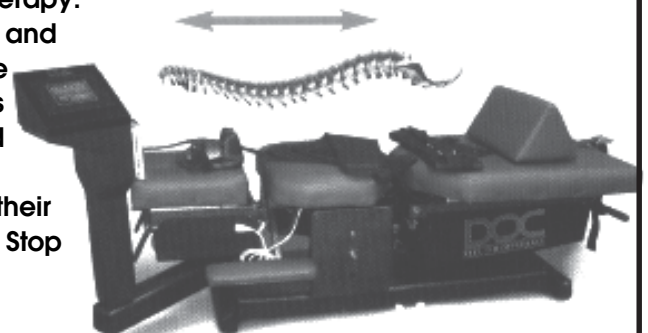
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Womens Curling Championship Slated For Sydney Centre 200 - March 16 - 24

Organizers have released the schedule and announced which teams will be competing in a world curling tournament that's set to take place in Cape Breton this winter.



The BKT Tire World Women's Curling Championship will be hosted at Centre 200 in Sydney, N.S., from March 16 to March 24.

Curling Canada announced that teams from 12 countries as well as Canada will compete for the gold medal. Those teams include the defending world champions, Switzerland, the United States and Sweden.

The team that will wear the maple leaf at the tournament is still to be decided, as the Scotties Tournament of Hearts determines which province will represent Team Canada.

Canada will open the tournament on March 16 with two draws. The first will be against Sweden in the afternoon, before an evening draw against Denmark.

Paul MacDonald, vice-chair of the host committee for the event, said teams from South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Turkey and Estonia will also take part.

"It's just amazing how fast this sport is growing, and we're seeing such a diverse group of teams and they're very competitive," he said.

MacDonald said single-draw tickets will have different pricing depending on who is on ice. The goal is to make the tournament affordable and to have good crowds for every draw.



Tickets for the round-robin start as low as \$15, with playoff and semifinal games starting at \$25.

He said the tournament is setting up to be very competitive.

"Now this is not just Canada being, you know, an automatic in the gold medal game. They're going to have to earn it and there's a lot of great teams out there," MacDonald said.

The tournament already has a full slate of volunteers, he said, and ticket sales were brisk over the holidays, particularly for the opening and championship weekends.

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FLORENCE LIBRARY SLATED TO CLOSE

Official word has come down that the Florence Library will cease operations on March 21.

The Library has been a part of the community of Florence for 73 years. But usage has declined by 63 per cent since 2017.

Cape Breton Regional Library spokesperson Lisa Mulak stated, "There were some days that nobody came through the door,"

"It's hard to justify a staff person there when nobody is coming, or maybe it's two people, right?"

Northside This Week editor, Glen Gray, said, "It's unfortunate that the Library is closing. The North Sydney Library and

the Sydney Mines Library have been excellent community resources for information and community meetings."

With a steep decline of 63% in usage, it is inevitable that closure is necessary.

At a community meeting called to discuss the future operations of the Library only had 8 people attending.

This is an indicator of how computer and internet usage has become more prevalent and book reading has declined. Personally, I feel this will be a great loss to the community.

The library will continue to operate until March 21 for picking up books or to have Internet access. After that, materials will be distributed to other branches.

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Take 2

PAUL POWER

This week's column focuses on one of the biggest hoaxes in music history. It's about Milli Vanilli and it is a fascinating tale laid bare in this documentary of the same name; the story of how an evil Svengali named Frank Farian (himself a singer) took advantage of two disadvantaged young black men (one from Germany and one from France) by making them think that they were going to be a music duo he would create and produce, but Farian recorded everything with other American musicians first and coerced Rob Pilatus and Fab Morvan into basically signing their life away with the promise of fame and fortune. Farian did the same thing years before that with his other claim to fame - Boney M. Yes, the male lead vocals in Boney M were by Frank, with another man lip-syncing to Farian's voice. Milli Vanilli had phenomenal success selling 10 million albums, scoring top 10 hits and drove fans crazy at appearances and concerts.



When a hard drive broke and the lip-syncing was exposed in July of 1989 that was it. The truth was out and eventually Farian admitted to it and walked away, leaving Pilatus and Morvan to take all the soul-crushing blame. Soon after there was a second Milli Vanilli album released with the real singers on the cover and in the promotional material, but Farian hired a photogenic black man and woman to front the band; they lip-synced as well. The jerk never learned any lesson, and kept cashing in on the backs of minorities. Unfortunately later in 1998 Rob Pilatus lost his life through substance abuse. The documentary's ending is so powerful as we see and hear Fab Morvan (now married with 4 kids and living in Holland) sing Milli Vanilli songs on stage to huge crowds - and he is a wonderful singer.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

The **new year** is ticking away and we now are getting somewhat back into a routine again after gorging on turkey and cookies over the holidays - I'm so glad we dodged several snow storms and I hope we have a **milder Winter** this year... by the way, if you are looking for a **2024 calendar**, logon to our website - www.kleeradio.com and download your own copy and while you're there, make sure to look around and find some entertaining music programs that can help pass the time away over the dark Winter months while we're cuddled up around the fire - click on the **DOWNLOADS** page and "fill yer boots"..... the Sydney Mines Seniors and Pensioners Club offer club programs like Bingo, 45s, Fun Night and dances with live music, see their information on page 2 of this edition and come and join in the fun..... the North Sydney Firefighters are sponsoring a **Spaghetti and Meat Ball Supper** at their club headquarters on Pierce Street, North Sydney on January 28th 12:00 - 4:00 - Eat In, Take Out or Delivery - \$15 per person - get tickets from any firefighter or at the Bar.... on page 3 you will see a story about **Womens Curling** being held in Sydney - this is your opportunity to see world class teams from all around the world compete in the BKT Tire World **Women's Curling Championship** will be hosted at Centre 200 in Sydney from March 16 to March 24 - tickets for semi final and final matches are a very reasonable \$15 & \$25..... **Paul Power** has an entertaining column for us this week all about **Milli Vanilli** and the controversy they created in the music industry with their lip syncing.... on page 5 you'll see a story from the "**Oh, Me Shattered Nerves**" book all about a treasured hockey stick, it's a true tale of intrigue.... the **Installation of Officers** at Branch 83 in Florence takes place at the Branch on January 17th at 7:00 pm.... with the new year comes the inevitable tax returns, see page 6 for some timely **TAX TIPS** that you can use to increase your deductions and we will feature tax Tips each week until the end of the tax season..... our **Free Horoscope Page** is back again along with a Free Soduko Puzzle and on age 8 you'll see **The Wuzzle Puzzle**, a popular phrase guessing feature - A **Special Thank You** to all local merchants who keep their entrances and sidewalks clear of ice and snow, we appreciate the time and effort you put forth for us, until next week.... **NOTICE** - to all Church groups, Legions, Seniors Clubs, Fire Halls and Community associations - if you want free publicity for your upcoming event, simply email us with your if information and we'll publish it in our printed edition and digital edition - email us at - thisweek@kleeradio.com



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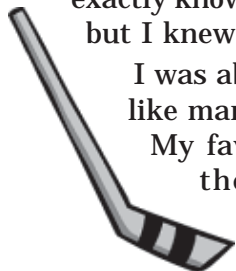
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My Father's Treasured Hockey Stick

The phrase that fits this story the best is "Your father's going to have a conniption fit". I didn't exactly know what a conniption fit was back then, but I knew it was not a good thing.



I was about 9 years old and a hockey fanatic like many of the young boys were back then.

My favorite team back then, as now, was the Montreal Canadiens. I often dreamed that I was Rocket Richard and we played road hockey on

Davenport Road from dawn til dusk most Winter days.

On this particular day, I was running down the road and I slipped and snapped my hockey stick in two. There wasn't much I could do with it so I went home upset that my game was done.

As I was having a light lunch, my eyes went to the fireplace and there, above the mantle, was my father's prized hockey stick. He took the train to Toronto and went to see his beloved Leafs team and was able to watch a practice where he got many of the Leaf players at that time to autograph the stick.

My father worked at the Steel Plant and wouldn't be home for another hour or so and I figured I could run right back to the game and get in another 45 minutes or so and nobody would be the wiser.

So I got a chair and took down the prized stick and headed back to the street to rejoin my team. On the first rush up the road I took a pass and when I went to shoot the ball, the stick snapped in two.

For a minute I just stood there and watched my life pass before my eyes. I grabbed the two pieces of the hockey stick and ran back home. I opened up the kitchen cupboard where we kept the Elmer's glue and proceeded to glue the stick back together.

I was so engrossed in my gluing that I didn't hear my mother come into the living room. "Oh, me shattered nerves! Your father is going to have a conniption fit!"

I carefully glued the stick back together and climbed back onto the chair and put it back in its usual place. For the next several months I prayed fervently that my father would not take the stick down to show to any visitors.

After a time I forgot about it but three years later, one of our relatives from Hamilton came to visit and, of course, my father wanted to show him the treasured hockey stick.

As soon as he flexed the stick, it snapped in two. I felt time stop and my uncle said to my father, "It must have dried out from the heat of the fireplace."

My father agreed with him and glued the stick for the second time. Sometimes things just work out if you wait long enough.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BRANCH 83 FLORENCE

will take place at the Branch on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm

BRANCH 19 LEGION NORTH SYDNEY UPCOMING EVENTS



GENERAL MEETING will be held at Branch 19 on Wednesday January 24th at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Installation Of Officers to take place.

Note: the **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS** will be held Tuesday January 23rd at 7:00 pm.

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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TAXES THAT YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN SCHOOL - With all of your classes, homework, exams and more, what could possibly be left to learn? Filing your taxes in Canada might not have made it into the curriculum, but we're here to show you the ropes. T

WHAT AGE DO YOU START PAYING TAXES IN CANADA? - In Canada, there's no specific age you need to be to start paying income tax. It all depends on when you start earning a certain amount of money each year. Your employer might automatically withhold tax from your paycheque and send that money to the CRA. This can happen even if your total annual income is less than the basic personal amount that every Canadian can earn, tax-free. In this case, it's important to file your taxes so you can get this money back in the form of a refund. Refunds also happen when the amount of tax you paid is reduced by credits and deductions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS THE FILING DEADLINE? - For most 2023 tax returns, the deadline is April 30th, 2024. We'll start with the good news: if you don't owe additional taxes, there are no penalties for missing the deadline. In this scenario, filing early or on time is the best option because it means you'll get your refund sooner and that's money in your pocket to pay off debt, invest, or spend on something fun.

If you do owe additional taxes and blew past the filing deadline, you'll likely be subject to late-filing penalties generated off the amount you owe. Even if you can't pay your taxes owing immediately, it always makes the most sense to meet the deadline to avoid any initial extra penalties.

KNOW WHAT CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR - Being a student is expensive! More time in school often means less time to work and make money. An H&R Block Tax Expert is ready in the wings to help you find every tax credit, exemption, and deduction you might be entitled to. Young Canadians are eligible for the same tax credits as everyone else, but there are some that are more likely to apply if you're under 25.

These include: tuition tax credit, RRSP contributions, moving expenses, and self-employment expenses. If you're not rolling in cash, get rolling in credits and deductions instead!

WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY TAX RETURN? - Mistakes happen! Even on tax returns. Fortunately, the CRA makes it possible to request a change to a return for the previous 10 years. You'll have to wait until you receive your NOA for that return and file an adjustment request. If the adjustments are approved, you'll receive a Notice of Reassessment.

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7 2 - blame
3 - blame
4 - blame

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over
over

9 JACK

10 I right I

11 BAD
BAD

12 AALLL

ANSWERS - 1 Head In The Sand, 2 See eye to eye, 3 X marks the spot, 4 right under your nose, 5 put two and to together, 6 kick in the butt, 7 no one to blame, 8 left overs, 9 jack in the box, 10 right between the eyes, 11 that's too bad, 12 all in all

INTERESTING BUT USELESS TRIVIA

Many moons ago when I was an apprentice printer at the Cape Breton Post, one of my jobs was to set short fillers that were used at the end of a story to fill space.

The fillers usually consisted of trivia and interesting facts. The apprenticeship was 6 years long so you can guess how many fillers I set.

Here are a few to give you an insight into the trivia world.

160 cars can drive side by side on the Monumental Axis in Brazil the world's widest road.

A 10 gallon hat holds only 6

pints of liquid.

A jiffy is actually a time measurement it's length is 1/100th of a second.

A jumbo jet uses 4000 gallons of fuel to take off.

A quarter has 119 groves along its edge while a dime has 118.

Dreamt is the only English word that ends in "mt".

Every time you lick a stamp, you are consuming 1/10th of a calorie.

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YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) - Today's New Moon is the perfect opportunity for you to think about resolutions you might have considered for this new year. This particular New Moon urges you to think about your attitude to authority. (You are independent and self-reliant and might chafe at authority.)

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) - Each New Moon is an opportunity to make resolutions and set intentions. Today is an excellent day to ask yourself what further training or education you could get that would improve your job or your career. Or what learning or travel might enrich and enhance your life?

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) - The New Moon today is a lovely opportunity to take care of paperwork and unfinished business related to shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and all that red tape stuff you like to avoid. Why not reduce some of it and enter this new year free of these niggling details?

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) - Today the New Moon opposes your sign, and it will again on December 30 at the end of the year. Bookends for you. Each New Moon is the perfect opportunity to set intentions or make resolutions. This New Moon relates to partnerships and close friendships. Ideas?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) - As this year begins, today is the perfect day to think about what you can do to improve your health, either by eating better or getting more exercise or both. Sometimes dropping a bad habit is a great benefit as well.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) - The New Moon today is the right day to consider how you balance work and play in your life. Both are necessary. You want your life to be well-rounded with a good balance between duties and obligations versus free time. How is this working out for you?

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) - The New Moon today is an excellent chance to think about how to improve your relations with family members; as well as how to improve where you live so that you enjoy your home more. These are both important considerations for you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) - We are gregarious creatures. We need to be seen, and we need to see others. We need to be heard, and we need to hear others. The New Moon today is a perfect time to think about how well you communicate to others, and how you might improve your communicating style?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) - Today's New Moon takes place in one of your Money Houses, which begs the question how are you handling your money? What about your spending habits? For that matter, how are you handling your possessions and taking care of them?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) - Today's New Moon is in your sign, which is an excellent time to take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself what you can do to change your hair or your wardrobe so that you create a better impression on your world. Ideas? You value the respect of your peers.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) - The New Moon today is in a hidden part of your chart, which means this is an excellent day to think of how your childhood habits might trigger today's behaviour. Sometimes this is a good thing; sometimes not. A bit of navel gazing might reveal some truths.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) - Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about your friends. Your friends are important because they can influence the way you think; and in turn, the way you think is how you will make your choices - and your choices create your future.



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