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After the blackout

SHERBROOKE

With Sherbrooke's electricity service now fully restored, the city's emergency services have closed the emergency coordination centre. Officials are asking citizens to report any new outages of Hydro-Sherbrooke services at (819) 821-5728. Hydro-Quebec customers should report problems by calling 1-877-790-2424. For emergency shelter, contact 819 821-5511 or the Red Cross at 1-877-362-2433.

The warmer weather, wind, and rain will likely get most of the ice off the region's burdened trees. However, some trees and branches may still come down under the weight of the recent precipitation. The city is urging citizens to be particularly careful when moving about the streets or woods. As trees and branches break, some residences may again be deprived of power as falling tree limbs and piles of ice come loose.

In order to avoid a momentary overload causing a new failure, citizens are asked to reduce their consumption as much as possible as the system is being restored. Hydro-Sherbrooke is asking its subscribers who are still without power to contact customer service at 819 821-5728, to verify that the outage has been registered.

Fire prevention teams were on the move over the weekend, visiting all areas affected by the outage and advising on how to verify heating systems, for example, in an effort to minimize more tragedy.

In addition, the Sherbrooke Citizens Hotline remains open at 819 821-1928.

Magog ends emergency services

With the complete restoration of electric service to the Town of Magog, authorities have discontinued the emergency services it has deployed since the beginning of the crisis.

The town has also opened a temporary stop-off point for broken branches at the water treatment plant at 831 Hatley Road in Magog.

Surviving the ice storm



RACHEL GARBER

Birches and white pine suffered in Sawyerville as a result of the ice storm.

By Rachel Garber
Record Correspondent

Day one starts in the pre-dawn with a clack and a clatter. It is Sunday Dec. 22. The sound is not of reindeer hooves on the roof, but of the power supply flickering off, on, off, on and off again. The ice storm has arrived.

The silence is great. Then we hear cracks and great sighs from outdoors -

the sound of trees splitting and branches plummeting to the ground. Outside is sheathed in ice. Two major birch limbs are down across our driveway. The birches bow down, heads to the ground, under the weight.

Rise, oh daughter of the backwoods. Drain all the faucets into water jugs. Just in case, for drinking water. I fill the electric teakettle, a futile reflex. Gradually the mind charts a new map of possibilities. Is there nothing in our daily

routine that does not require electricity?

This is what 'off the grid' really means: No fridge, no freezer, no stove, no heat, no light, no internet, no computer, no TV or radio. No sewing machine. No espresso machine. No phone. Cell phones, yes, but no battery charger. Gas in the car, so we can recharge the cell phones, if need be.

The first day tests our conservation

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LOW OF -20



TUESDAY:
MIX OF SNOW AND CLOUDS
HIGH OF -15
LOW OF -21



WEDNESDAY:
MIX OF SNOW AND CLOUDS
HIGH OF -12
LOW OF -22



THURSDAY:
SNOW
HIGH OF -18
LOW OF -27



FRIDAY:
FLURRIES
HIGH OF -18
LOW OF -26

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE

The Hackett Family



Unidentified Hackett family, Christmas, ca. 1950s.

The Hackett family name is well-known in the Townships, in particular in the Stanstead area, for their involvement in politics, business and the community in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Michael Felix Hackett was born in 1851, to Patrick Hackett of Ireland and Mary Griffin of Granby, Quebec. His father was the first mayor of Granby, who died when a bridge collapsed in April of 1869.

Michael F. Hackett studied locally at the Granby Academy College, as well as at the College of Sainte-Marie de Monnoir, and College of Saint-Hyacinthe. He studied law at

McGill University and, in 1874, he was admitted to the Quebec provincial Bar.

In 1883, M.F. Hackett married Florence Knight, daughter of Albert Knight, who had been a Member of Parliament for Stanstead. They had a family of five: Sybil Rose, Florence Julia, Mary Griffin, John Thomas and Felix Winfield.

M.F. Hackett practiced law in the Stanstead community, was the Mayor of Stanstead Plain from 1890 to 1904 and as well as Prefect of the County from 1891 to 1897. In 1915, he was elected as a judge for the Superior Court of Quebec for the Bedford District. He passed away in 1926 in Cowansville.



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John Hackett campaign poster, ca. 1930s.

John Thomas Hackett, M.F. Hackett's eldest son, was born in 1884 and educated at St. Charles Seminary, Loyola College, and graduated from McGill's Law School. It was there that J.T. Hackett founded the student council of McGill (1909). He married Linda Harding in 1912 and together they had at least eight children.

J.T. Hackett's occupation as lawyer was followed by terms as a Federal Conservative M.P. (1930-1935, 1945-1949) and Senator (1955-1956). In his life-

time he participated on the board of governor's for McGill University, Executive Board of The Charity Organization Society, the Catholic Social Service Guild, the Stanstead County Historical Society and the Loyal Convalescent Home.

Like his father, Senator Hackett was involved in the military as a Lieutenant of 55th Regiment, Irish Canadian Rangers. He passed away in 1956.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Here, 308 students think about their future and the value of their education not out of luxury or a sense of entitlement but out of necessity.

A chilly dip into Lake Massawippi to help Burmese migrant and refugee kids

By Mary Purkey
Special to The Record

It may sound crazy but two adventuresome members of the Eastern Townships community, Carleton Monk and Stephen Sheeran, are going to don their swim suits and take a dip in the chilly waters of Lake Massawippi on New Year's Day.

It is something they do each year to draw attention to an important humanitarian cause. This year, they are inviting us all to support them by dipping into our pockets and donating \$20 in support of the Mae Sot Education Project which has been assisting schools for Burmese migrant and refugee youth in Thailand since 2004. It is the project that offers assistance to the school described below.

A Picture of uncertainty A migrant school fights to continue its mission

By Elizabeth Serra
Bishop's grad and volunteer with the Mae Sot Education Project
WRITING FROM THAILAND

It's 9 a.m. and the school day at BHSOH Learning Centre has begun. The school wakes up the same way each day. Standing on tip-toe and stretching his arm in a hisoutgrown uniform shirt, a young student gives two sharp swings of a hammer hitting the gong that serves as the school bell.

The boarding students begin their morning chores of sweeping the grounds and preparing food for the day ahead. A curry of green beans, minced pork and chilies is scooped out of large, blue plastic bins onto plates, a breakfast provided by an NGO. The morning routines of these students are fairly unchanging.

Nevertheless, there is a feeling of rapid change at the school. BHSOH opened in 1999, making it one of the oldest of the Burmese migrant schools in the area, and over the years it has earned



Elizabeth Serra with her BHSOH students.

a reputation for producing outstanding students.

Each year, despite a lifetime of challenges, numerous BHSOH students go on to study in some of the few post-secondary programs open to migrant youth. However, these successes do not guarantee the school's security. Like all the migrant schools, BHSOH must look to donors to satisfy that need. For the past five years, the school has been generously provided with teacher's salaries, teaching materials, food, transportation costs, electricity, water and many other basic needs by a single donor. Sadly, the donor has announced that starting March 2014 this funding will stop.

As I walk through the school grounds, it's difficult to forget this fact. A large banner displaying a group photo of the students bears the donor's logo. All of the buildings and materials in sight have been donated. I am reminded that in Mae Sot's informal migrant school system, intended to provide education to any student who seeks it, money too often decides which schools survive and which do not. There are over 70 migrant schools in the area that compete for the limited pool of available funding. Each year these schools must face the reality that the funding available just isn't

enough.

I take a closer look at the large group photo hung on the side of the school building. My eyes meet the eyes of the primary students first, then middle school and finally secondary students. In the far corners of the picture, stand a stern faced director watching over the children in front of him and a small row of teachers. For those who know the school, it is the character of these educators with their bright faces - their optimism, perseverance and determination - that defines BHSOH.

In the midst of their crisis and the uncertainty that clouds the future of the school, these traits shine through more strongly than ever before. Their confidence, hard work and tenacity encourage a cohesiveness that enables parents, teachers and students to put aside their worries and channel their energies into overcoming their obstacles. Despite the uncertain future, there is still a sense of strength and calm throughout the school.

Looking around BHSOH, it is plain to see the strength that is gained through struggle. Here, 308 students think about their future and the value of their education not out of luxury or a sense of entitlement but out of necessity. Khat Khat



Khat Khat Soe.

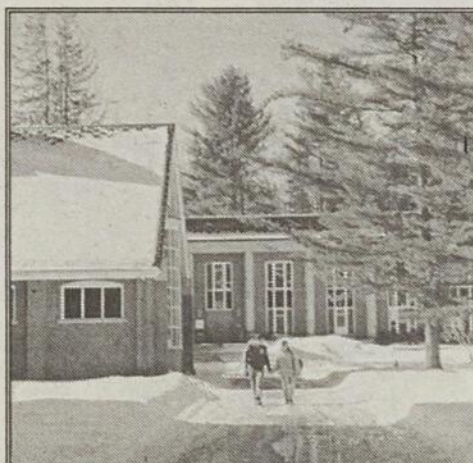
Soe is a grade 9 student at BHSOH. This is her sixth year attending the school. Her leadership among the boarding students and her work ethic both in and out of the classroom truly exemplify the school's motto "Try hard every day."

Khat Khat Soe says of her future, "I would like to be a doctor, because I want to save people who are unknowledgeable in health. Especially children." Then when questioned about the importance of BHSOH in her life, she answers, "This school is very important for me because there is no discrimination and the teachers are good at teaching."

Students like Khat Soe remind me of the vast potential of this struggling community. And still the unavoidable questions remain: what will happen to this prized learning centre when the money runs out in March? Where will the students go and what will they do if the school is forced to close?

If you would like to support this most unusual initiative to help a group of children who exist on the margins in our world and whose education depends on people like us, you may do so by sending your cash or cheque made out to the Bishop's University Foundation (with a notation for MSEP) or by sending it to the Mae Sot Education Project at Box 67, Champlain College - Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1M 2A1.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW - PART 1

The Record's headline highlights for 2013

By Tanya Siega
Special to The Record

Another year has come and gone and The Record is dedicating a few pages over the next days to review 2013 headline highlights. As we embrace the possibilities of 2014, may the last year's events shed light on that which typically lies ahead and may we be determined to courageously meet the challenges.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

The CHUS temporarily bans visitors

Due to a particularly intense outbreak of influenza coupled in many instances with gastroenteritis, the CHUS put a temporary ban on visitors in all hospital wards with the exception of Maternity, Pediatrics and Palliative Care where one visitor at a time was allowed.

This decision was based on the hospital's priority to protect its patients and to prevent further contagion among the general public. Once again, medical staff advanced preventative measures including the wearing of masks by persons presenting symptoms and frequent hand sanitizing for everyone.

Monday, Jan. 14

Thieves strike Waterloo United Church

Saint Paul's United Church in Waterloo suffered a break-in and robbery sometime between Tuesday, Jan. 8 and Thursday, Jan. 10. Numerous sacred religious accessories were stolen.

The Reverend David Lambie reflected that although the misappropriated articles were material things, they held inestimable sentimental and historical value for the congregation since many of them had been given to the church as gifts to commemorate special events and specific members.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Cultural Programming details for Canada Games revealed

In a press conference held on Monday, Jan. 21, Sherbrooke 2013 Canada Games organizers revealed the details of their cultural programming. Ten projects by artists and cultural organizations from the region were selected by the games' cultural consortium.

Among the diverse projects intended to serve as appropriate complements to the games were: murals, exhibitions, a concert performance, a theatre production, the publication of a book, audio-video presentations, a dance performance, a media arts and digital culture festival and a video presentation projected on a giant water screen installed on Lac des Nations.

Monday, Jan. 28

Lennoxville welcomes Scottish curlers

Visiting representatives of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club of Scotland played against local curlers Sunday morning, Jan. 27 at the Lennoxville Curling Club.

Approximately one third of the Scottish team was assigned to eastern Canada and the members who started in Halifax, played Quebec City immediately prior to Lennoxville and North Hatley immediately after.

Although unprepared for the frigid Canadian winter temperatures, the bagpipe-playing athletes, who ended up reclaiming the Strathcona Cup on their 2013 Canadian tour, found Lennoxville to be warm and welcoming and enjoyed the camaraderie with their opponents.



Curlers from Scotland prepare for their first match in Lennoxville.

Monday, Feb. 4

Sherbrooke gets its own French Consulate

François Gitzhofer, a professor at the Université de Sherbrooke, was recognized as Sherbrooke's first Honorary Consul to France at a ceremony held on Thursday, Jan. 31 at the city's Hall of Honour.

The new consulate, which will partially operate out of City Hall, was deemed important because of the increasing connection between Sherbrooke and France in the areas of tourism, education and commerce.

France's presence in Sherbrooke and vice versa is seen to represent increased economic advantages for everyone involved but the support and services need to be available to encourage this relationship.

Thursday, Feb. 14

A love story of 67 years

Mayotta, 88 and Grant Taylor, 92 of Lennoxville were preparing to celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary coming up on Mar. 2 when they were interviewed by The Record in February 2013.

Among the various things to which they and others attribute the longevity of their marriage are: being young-at-heart; respecting supporting and caring for each other; worshipping, working and playing together; and last, but not least, a sense of humour.



Mayotta and Grant Taylor are still sharing kisses after 67 years.

Monday, Feb. 25

Justin Trudeau tours the Townships

Friday, Feb. 25 was a busy day for Justin Trudeau, Federal Liberal Leadership Candidate as he visited various locations in the Eastern Townships on his national tour.

Chatting with shoppers at

the Carrefour de l'Estrie in Sherbrooke, shaking hands with seniors at the Wales home in Richmond and otherwise endeavoring to rebuild the confidence of Canadians in the Liberal Party during visits to Victoriaville and Granby as well, Trudeau was reported to be warm, sincere and friendly.



Justin Trudeau stopped at the Carrefour de l'Estrie in Sherbrooke to shake hands during his campaign tour.

Thursday, Mar. 7

Fundraising goal almost met for new environmental camp on Lake Massiwiippi

At a reception in North Hatley on Tuesday, Mar. 5, The Quebec Lodge Foundation appealed to public generosity in order to raise the final \$200,000 of their \$1.5 million goal by the end of March for a camp on Lake Massiwiippi.

Previously owned and operated by The Anglican Diocese of Quebec, the nearly 70 acres of land, including 185 feet of lake-front would become a jewel of the Townships, serving as a secular camp with a mandate to increase environmental awareness by adopting environmental practices and devoting 45 of the 70 acres to a nature preserve.

Thursday, Mar. 14

City of Sherbrooke and Townshippers' Association oppose Bill 14

The section of Bill 14 proposed by the PQ government and originally defended by Premier Pauline Marois whereby municipalities' bilingual status could be revoked if their English population drops below 50 per cent was not met with approval by the City of Sherbrooke nor the Townshippers' Association.

Mayor Bernard Sevigny reassured the Borough of Lennoxville that the city supports the right of communities to decide for themselves regard-

ing their bilingual status.

As for the Townshippers' Association, a representative group was the first to appear before the parliamentary commission on Mar. 12, appealing to the government's responsibility toward its language minorities, demonstrating the added economic burden associated with the passing of such a bill as well as enumerating the significance and value of the bilingual communities which constitute the very identity of the Eastern Townships threatened by the proposed Bill 14.

Monday, Mar. 18

Proceedings stayed against deceased "Ray" Coulombe

Proceedings against alleged gangster, Raymond Coulombe of South Stukely, have finally been halted by the court, two months after his death on Jan. 4.

Accused of drug trafficking, attempted murder, arson, gangsterism and concealment, Coulombe passed away due to complications related to kidney damage and liver problems.

Friday, Mar. 29

Music video series honours maple sugar tradition

Townships singer-songwriter Matthew McCully came up with the concept of the Sugar Shack Series to preserve sweet memories of our region's sugar culture by matching five different sugar camps with five Townships musicians and five filmmakers.

The initiative which was also intended to spread appreciation for the hard work involved in sugar operations as well as create awareness about the vulnerability of the declining maple sugar industry, received support from the Townshippers' Association and was made available to the public through social media.



PHOTO COURTESY SUGAR SHACK SERIES
Ghislaine Lablonde's sugar camp in Way's Mills is the setting for a video in the Sugar Shack Series. Here Michelle Bourque is filmed.

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Devastated Lac-Megantic library eyes 2014 reopening

By Andy Blatchford
The Canadian Press
Lac-Megantic

The public library incinerated in Lac-Megantic is aiming for a 2014 renaissance after receiving so many donations it politely pleaded that people stop sending books.

The institution and its treasured archives were consumed by flames in July after a runaway tanker train derailed, exploded and destroyed part of the Quebec town, killing 47 people.

Lac-Megantic's only library lost a one-of-a-kind trove, which included original local artwork, heirlooms donated by families, the oldest-known photos of the town and the negatives.

The blaze also swallowed nearly all of the library's 45,000 books, sparing just the 1,000 or so titles out on loan at the time.

The only item recovered from the ashes was the library's petty-cash box.

But thanks to a cascade of donations from across Canada, the United States and even Eu-

rope, the library's 2,500 members could see the doors open at a new location, in another part of town, as early as this spring.

The rebuilding project is a key part of the recovery process in the community of 6,000 that is still struggling to cope with a disaster, said the library's chairperson.

Diane Roy added that as the derailment obliterated part of the downtown core, many popular gathering spots like the library disappeared with it.

"Through the summer, there was no library — there was nothing in Lac-Megantic," Roy said in an interview at the new site, as a team of volunteers assembled shelves and labelled books. "They hope that it will open soon, as soon as possible. Every day, they ask us when."

A project to move the library to a larger building outside the downtown area started around six years ago. The board was planning to gradually move the 22-year-old institution to an old factory.

But except for the new building, the library had to restart

from scratch when disaster struck on July 6.

Support, however, for the library's revival flooded in — so much so that workers became overwhelmed.

Two months after the crash, the library issued a news release to say it was deeply touched by the outpouring of generosity, but asked the public to stop sending books.

"It's now time to evaluate them, classify them, process them and make them accessible for the population," said the September statement.

"It will be a colossal job." At the time, the library said it had received more than 100,000 books, with most coming from donors across Quebec and eastern Ontario.

Today, the library's directors estimate they've taken in some 200,000 documents, including books, comics and CDs. They stored 37 pallets worth of donated goods in one warehouse alone, Roy said.

The library expects to keep up to 15 per cent — or 30,000 — of the donated items and it has

already sold many of the extra volumes, an initiative that raised \$16,000.

Supporters, meanwhile, in places like British Columbia, Maine, Pennsylvania, France and Germany held fundraisers and sent cash gifts totalling \$90,000.

Those contributions include a \$5,000 cheque sent to the library by a Halifax woman shortly after the accident and \$47,000 from the Quebec branch of the Lions Club.

Roy also hopes to build another archives with the help of new donations she says the library has been promised from the owners of private collections.

The library reconstruction team is mulling plans to display the only item recovered from the old Frontenac Street building: the mangled, oil-soaked petty-cash box.

The librarian recalled the day the box was returned to him. Daniel Lavoie said police brought him to the site of the old building a few weeks after the crash.

"There was nothing left," Lavoie said.

"All that remained were the two columns that had supported the building and the petty-cash box."

Inside the dented metal box, he found about \$500 in rolls of coins and oily bills.

"It's a relic," Lavoie added.

The reopening date has yet to be determined, but one board member said he has a personal goal of seeing it happen on April 6.

"That will be nine months since (the disaster) happened," Jacques Dostie said.

"So, that will be the rebirth of the library."

The project has even helped some of those involved deal with the pain of losing a loved one.

The library's treasurer, whose brother was killed in the disaster, said staying busy has helped him get through the grieving process.

"It's a good moment to work with our friends," Pierre Paquet said.

"We need that."

Kingsey Falls, St. Felix trim some taxes for 2014

By Stephen McDougall
Special to The Record
KINGSEY FALLS

Residents of Kingsey Falls will see a one-cent rise on residential taxes, a four-cent rise in business property taxes, but a cut in their municipal services for the coming year, according to figures released by the town last week.

The residential and farm mill rate goes from 79 cents this year to 80 cents in 2014. The business and industrial rate goes from the present \$1.78 to \$1.82 next year.

But the present \$77 charge for sewage will drop to \$66 next year, along with the water tax, which will go from the present \$61 to \$56 in 2014.

The waste management charge remains at \$203.

The town plans to spend \$783,110 on leisure and infrastructure improvements in 2014.

The total budget will be \$3,155,287, down from last year's \$3.3 million.

St. Felix

St. Felix de Kingsey residents will see their residen-

tial mill rate frozen at 93 cents, while some of their service charges will drop.

The present residential waste management fee drops from the present \$140.98 to \$133.87 in the new year. Businesses will pay \$267.73 for waste disposal, down from the present \$281.96.

Industries will pay \$401.60 for waste, instead of the present \$422.94.

But sewage charges will rise next year for residents and industries.

Residents and industries with 19 employees or less will pay \$279.63 instead of the present \$263.81.

Industries with between 20 and 49 employees will pay \$559.27 for sewage services in the new year, and those with 50 or more employees will pay \$838.90

The basic charge for septic tank cleaning starts at \$139.11. Owners with tanks larger than 2000 gallons will pay \$320.42

The town plans to spend \$110,000 next year on the rebuilding of the Domaines road.

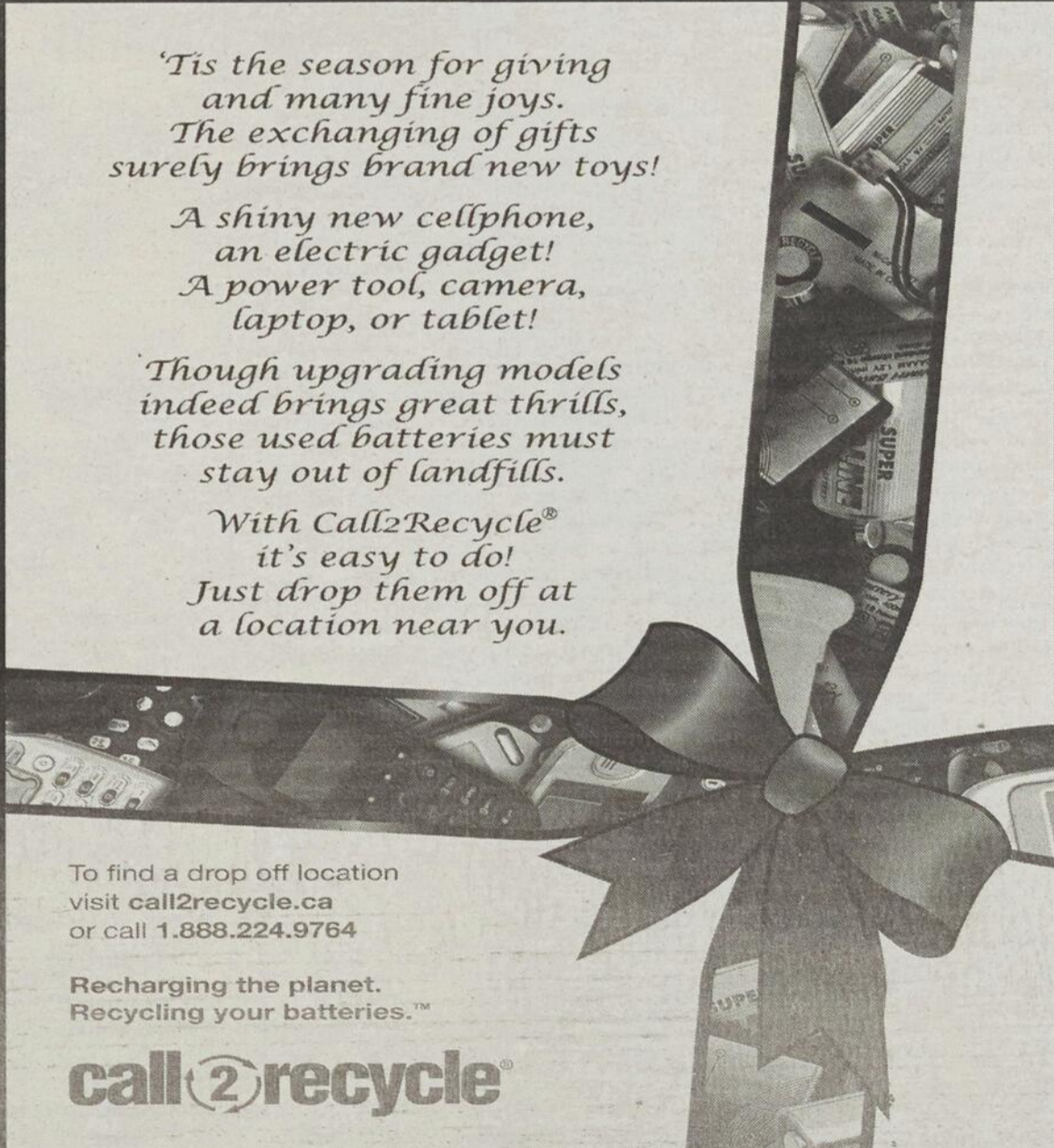
The 2014 budget is \$2,130,787, up from the previous year's budget, which was \$2,091,240.

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EDITORIAL

Snow and ice are important to life on Earth for many reasons.

Let's celebrate the gifts of winter

By David Suzuki

We Canadians have a special relationship with snow and ice. We ski in it, skate on it, play in it, shovel it, drive through it, sometimes even bicycle through it and suffer through it for many months of the year – some of us more than others, depending on what part of the country we call home. But how much do we know about it?

Do Inuit really have dozens of words for snow and ice? Are snowflakes always six-sided? Can two ever be alike? Why is snow white? Is it a mineral? What makes frozen water so important to us? Some of the answers are more complicated than you might imagine.

Even though English-speaking skiers and snowboarders use multiple adjectives to more accurately describe different types of snow, such as powder, corn and champagne, some say the claim of numerous Inuit words for snow and ice is a myth. But is it?

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, "the few basic words used by the Inuit to refer to different types of snow or ice do not translate everything they can say about these two natural elements." In Inuktitut, words consist of a foundational element that provides basic meaning, along with other elements "to clarify and/or modify the basic meaning. New words can therefore easily be created from another term." For example, the word siku refers to ice in general, and sikuaq ("small ice") refers to "the first layer of thin ice that forms on puddles in the fall." Sikuliaq ("made ice") refers to "the new ice appearing on the sea or on rock surfaces." Some words also have broader meanings, depending on the context. The word maujaq, for example, means "soft ground," but when referring to snow, it means "the snow in which one sinks."

So, "the total number of terms referring to the various aspects of snow and ice goes far beyond ten or a dozen," allowing Inuit to "draw very subtle distinctions between a very high number of snow or ice types."

When it accumulates on the ground, snow appears white because, unlike many natural materials, it reflects most light rather than absorbing it, and visible light is white. And although snowflakes form in near-infinite pat-

terns and shapes depending on temperature, wind, humidity and even pollution, each single crystal is always hexagonal, or six-sided, because of the complex way water molecules bond. When a frozen droplet or crystal falls from a cloud, it grows as it absorbs and freezes water from the air around it, forming a six-sided prism. The almost infinite variables mean it's unlikely, although not impossible, for two snowflakes to be exactly alike.

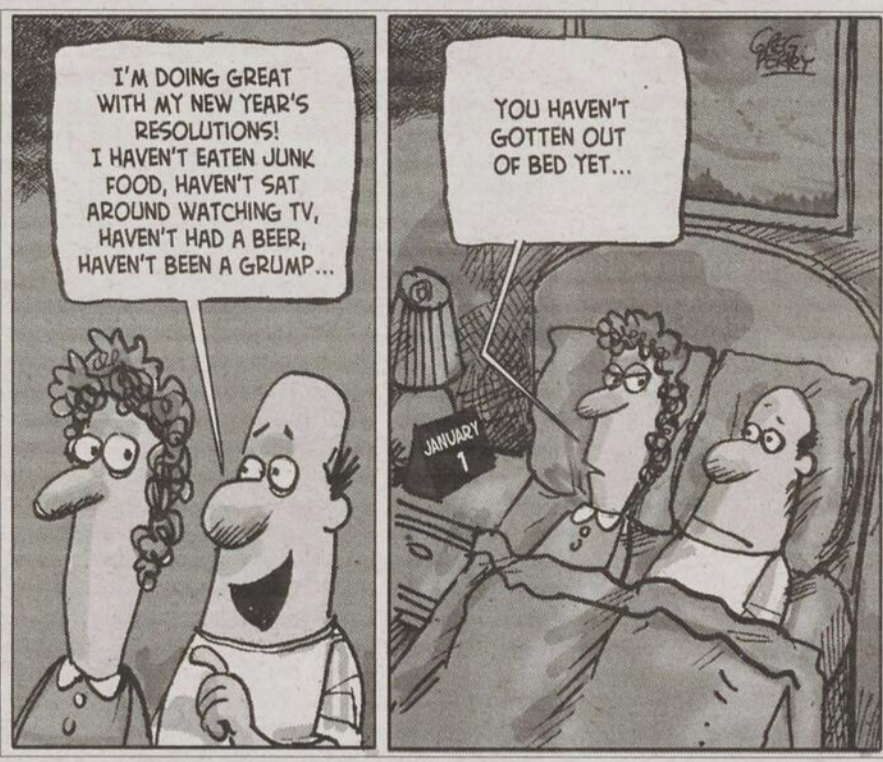
And yes, snow can be classified as a mineral. According to the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center, "A mineral is a naturally occurring homogeneous solid, inorganically formed, with a definite chemical composition and an ordered atomic arrangement." Frozen water fits that description.

Snow and ice are important to life on Earth for many reasons. Both are part of the cryosphere, which includes "portions of the earth where water is in solid form, including snow cover, floating ice, glaciers, ice caps, ice sheets, seasonally frozen ground and perennially frozen ground (permafrost)," according to the Snow and Ice Data Center. It covers 46 million square kilometres of the planet's surface, mostly in the Northern Hemisphere, and helps regulate the planet's surface temperature. Changes in the cryosphere can affect climate and water availability, with corresponding effects on everything from winter sports to agriculture.

By reflecting 80 to 90 per cent of incoming sunlight back into the atmosphere, snow cover cools the Earth. Losing that reflective protection, as is happening in the Arctic, upsets the energy balance and accelerates global warming. Snow also insulates parts of the Earth's surface, holding heat in and keeping moisture from evaporating. When soil freezes, it prevents greenhouse gases like carbon and methane from escaping into the atmosphere. When snow melts, it fills rivers and lakes.

Instead of complaining about the dark and cold of winter, we should celebrate snow and ice. The cryosphere is an important piece of the intricate, interconnected puzzle that keeps us alive. So, build a snowperson, play some hockey, get out on the slopes and enjoy the gifts that winter brings.

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Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

In the Dec. 27 issue of The Record, Kevin Richard's Editorial shows clearly the wide divergence between the endowed rights of a society and efforts of those who would erode them for some appar-

ent supposed gain of their own, whether they be the Quebec National Assembly or blocs of voters. To erode those God-given rights is to destroy the foundations of society, not just place them in jeopardy.

KATHY JONES
WATERVILLE

DEAR EDITOR:

From our house to yours, our prayer for the New Year for Family and Friends.

Once a day

Once a day, I try to say,
I love you, in different ways.
Through touch, or a smile,
A gentle hug, that lasts a while.

Once a day, I try to be,
A person, worthy of thee.
One that cares,
with an open heart,
From days end, to days start.

Once a day, and every day,
I pray He guides me
along my way
To live my life, just as I should,
With truth and love,
and not falsehood..

Once a day, in many ways,
I praise the Lord, to him I say.
Thank you God for loving me,
Your grace alone, has set me free.

Once a day, Dear Lord, I plea,
Keep my family, close to thee.
Take care of them,
in a special way,
For in your love,
they shall not stray

Once a day, I say again,
Dear father,
please take care of my friends.
They are like family,
that I love so,
Your blessings for them,
please show.

Once a day, I stop and pray,
And ask the Lord,
in my life to stay.
To take care of all, all around,
So that evil will be cast down.

Once a day, everyday,
I start to pray again,
Praying these prayers, to no end.
Cause I am weak,
and sometimes sway,
From Christ's loving arms,
where I wish us all to stay.

BEV GREY
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The radio is full of news about Toronto. We're not only off the grid, we're off the map.

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smarts. We deploy the wood stove, oven and all. We collect dripping water from the roof to flush the toilet. We collect icicles in pots and put them in the fridge to cool it. We are grateful the freezer is already well equipped with jugs of ice. (That's a strategy we inaugurated after we lost our freezer contents due to a tornado a few years back.)

We assemble candles, flashlights, spare batteries. We use the remaining juice in our cell phones to call Hydro-Québec for updates.

But the real drama unfolds outdoors, as freezing rain keeps on falling and branches keep on breaking. The ground is littered with debris, large and small. A wary deer approaches the house. A pair of ruffed grouse take refuge near the house, up from the lower orchard, which is now a tangle of fallen and falling icy branches. They eat the seeds from the fallen acacia branches. Smaller birds mob our feeder – gold finches galore, evening grosbeaks, blue jays, downy woodpeckers, and hairy ones. They can't peck through the ice on the feeding board. We break it so they can eat the sunflower chips.

This day we read. This evening we read by candlelight, in front of the wood stove. And the morning and the evening were the first day.

Day 2

Rising rituals are minimal, to conserve water. Breakfast is slow, over the wood stove. Hydro-Québec still doesn't know when we might get power back. We don't check for messages as often as we did yesterday. The radio is full of news about Toronto. We're not only off the grid, we're off the map.

We manage to hack through some of the ice on the roof, and scrape it off. We call neighbours and friends. We discover some places in Cookshire and downtown Sherbrooke have electricity.

Oops, the chain saw is electric. Using a hand saw, we cut through the major birch branch blocking our driveway, and move it aside. The car starts. We load up all our rechargeables and head off to an internet café. The landscape resembles images from Narnia under the evil queen, whose reign was a century of perpetual winter with no Christmas. But I exaggerate.

We see evidence Hydro-Québec crews have been at work. Branches have been sawed off and thrown to the side. The roads are passable, but down to a single lane in some places. On Route 210, we see a stretch of four telephone poles where the lines are completely down.

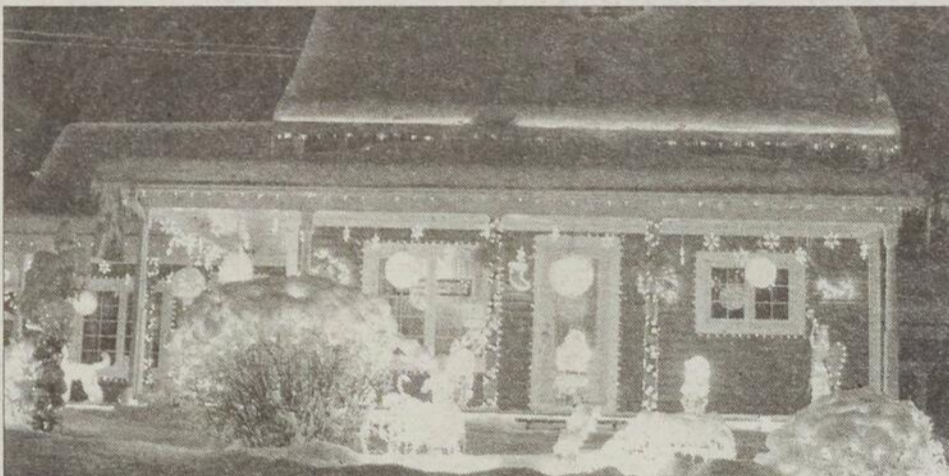
Our neighbour goes to buy a generator, on special order. I see the factory farms around us all lit up, and can hear their generators droning across the fields.

We're back home. It's colder tonight, but the house seems to be conserving heat well. The ice adds insulation. We stoke up the wood stove. We melt snow and ice for flushing the toilet. We read



Day 4: Santa Claus in Sawyerville bows low under the weight of ice.

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Day 7: Christmas lights in Sawyerville.



Day 4: North Hatley's arch holds firm on Christmas Day.

some more by candlelight. And the morning and the evening are the second day.

Day 3

It's Christmas Eve. This is a two-sweater day. We've become very fond of the wood stove. I make a pot of vegetarian chilli. Birds perch on icy twigs, and slide along them. The dog can now walk across the icy crust on the snow instead

of breaking through it at each step of the way.

Hydro-Québec predicts our power will return at 11 p.m. on Christmas Day. In the afternoon, the mailman comes, so we deduce Sawyerville has electricity back.

I read about the year there was no summer, in 1816. The grass wouldn't grow, so the farmers cut birch boughs to feed to the cattle. I wonder where the deer are. I imagine they are in the

woods, eating downed birch twigs.

That evening, we do our gift exchange by candlelight. Then we read.

And the morning and the evening are the third day – but oops! Another clack and a clatter, and here comes the electricity back on. We gratefully stoke up the furnace.

Day 4

Merry Christmas. We have light and heat, but still no internet or phone. My neighbours up the range and beyond still do not have electricity. In short, it's just another Wednesday. I hear the shock in the voice of my next-door neighbour when I tell them we have power, and we learn they do not. I have an illogical sense of guilt. We hear news, now, about many others in the Eastern Townships without power.

We think about family far away, outside the reach of our cell phones.

Nonetheless, the sun shines and the ice glitters. We're grateful to be warm. To take a bath. We watch TV, a bit. But have some good reading to finish. And the morning and the evening are the fourth day.

Day 5

Boxing Day, but we have no motivation to venture into town. Sidewalks are treacherous, anyway. The birds are still swarming our feeding station. The ice is thick. We look at our devastated stand of poplars, so many branches on the ground, so few on the trunks. It's going to be a long hard haul to clean things up. But how fortunate we're safe and warm and fed.

Late afternoon, the power returns for our neighbours, and our internet is back. But we are aware of others who still do not have electricity. And the morning and the evening are the fifth day.

Day 6

We've made reservations to eat at Shalimar, but it is not to be. Our friends are too busy chipping ice off their vehicles, and Shalimar calls and says they had to close again because of another power outage. We make alternate plans with our neighbours, and we go out to eat in downtown Sherbrooke. We exchange gifts and stories about the week that was. Waiting at the store for hours until the generators arrived; getting the last one; having it break the next day.

Another neighbour has no wood stove, and is dependent on kerosene for heat. It's in short supply. They phone, and are told a store has some. They go. There is none. They are told to wait there, some will arrive. They wait four hours. The order arrives, but no kerosene comes. Now it is the end of the day. They buy some pure alcohol for fuel.

A friend in St-Isidore-de-Clifton says they were without power for six days and five nights. They had two wood

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stoves, and a well outside. That meant many trips to carry wood in and fetch water. Then they invested in a small generator to pump water. They said they were relatively comfortable, but fed up with "winter camping." And they're mourning a 100-year-old maple tree that fell.

Another friend described a family Christmas gathering replete with candles, with social games, and with long face-to-face conversations...with the teenagers. That's the generation

that came after the 1998 ice storm, the ones that seem to have been born hardwired to smart phones. "That was fun!" said one, in amazement.

We laugh about our stories. A legend is born, the ice storm of 2013. Not as great as the one of 1998, but like ice for destruction, it will suffice for a store of stories. We make our way home, grateful for open roads, for a warm house, for good friends. Sawyerville is aglow with Christmas lights. And the morning and the evening are the sixth

day.

Day 7

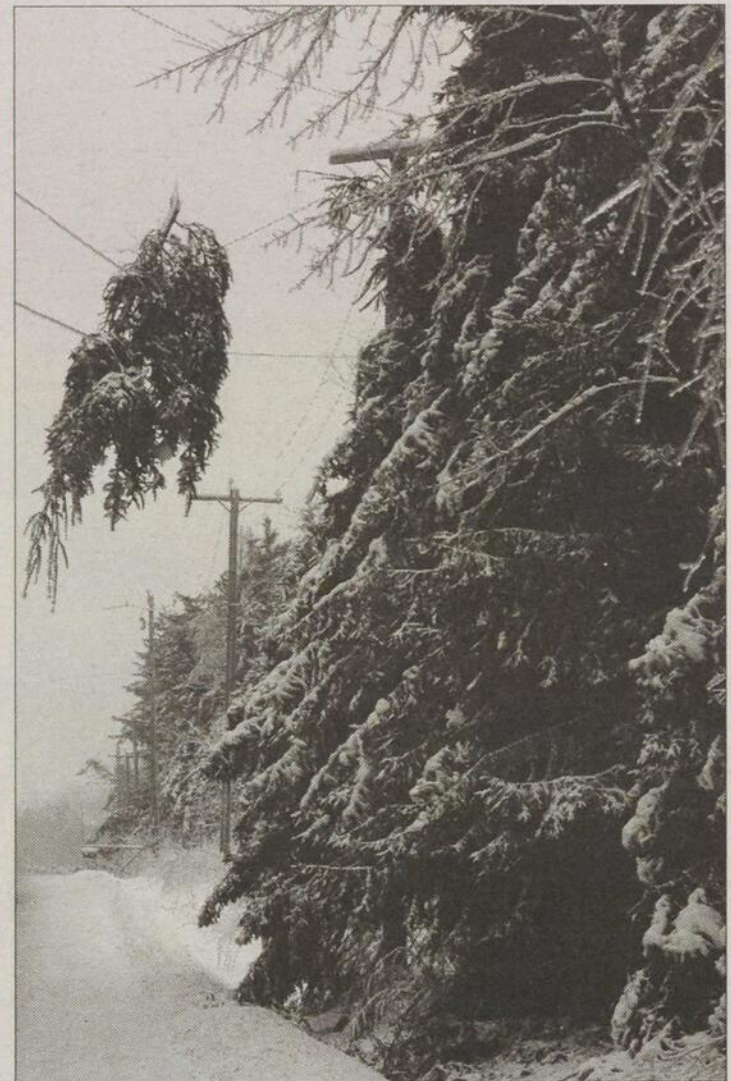
A freezing drizzle is falling again. We hear more cracks and sighs of branches falling. We wonder if we will lose electricity again, but so far it holds mostly steady.

"I love my electricity," a friend says. For myself, I realize I'm missing my wood stove.

The landscape has changed. The spruces wear a heavy shroud of snow and ice, and



Day 1: On Sunday, the birches bow down to the ground, squashing the lilacs and blocking the driveway. Behind them, the poplars are mere trunks stripped almost bare, surrounded by a heap of broken branches.



Day 2: On Route 210, lumberjacked trees and branches allow cars to pass, but not power. A stretch of four poles are bereft of their wires, while a spruce branch dangles from a wire over the road.

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bow their heads. The birches remain bent to the ground, and will probably remain so. So many apple trees are cracked down the middle. White pines have lost branches, although the trunks stand tall. I wonder how the poplars will fare. Will they sprout new branches from their decimated trunks? I hope so.

And indoors, the landscape has changed too. New habits formed: I'll probably

do more reading this year. I'm drinking ginger and pear tea now instead of espresso. We'll be beefing up our supply of water and batteries, and keeping the car full of gas.

And that was Christmas week, 2013.

p.s. It's the morning of Day 8, and the electricity just konked off again. I guess that'll expiate my guilt for Day 4 and 5. Happy New Year!

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Local Sports

Lavoie is in his first season in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and, at just 17, fits in perfectly with the players currently on the team.

Phoenix sends native son to Rimouski

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Sherbrooke Phoenix managing director Patrick Charbonneau has announced a deal with the Rimouski Océanic sending forward William Couture to that city in exchange for 17-year old forward Jean-François Lavoie.

Couture, a native of Sherbrooke, is leaving for the first

time in his career and has worn the Phoenix jersey since the creation of the team. Charbonneau expressed gratitude to Couture for his years of service but added that the team's depth allows it to both rejuvenate its squad while permitting Couture to play to full advantage elsewhere.

Lavoie is in his first season in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and, at just 17, fits in

perfectly with the players currently on the team. "My scouts liked his performance last year in the Midget AAA Hockey League playoffs. It is important not to rely on statistics for this season only in evaluating Jean-François' potential, given his very limited ice time in Rimouski," Charbonneau says.

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Matthew Boudens scored once and set up two more and Frederick Gaudreau added two goals as Drummondville extended its win streak to six games by downing the Phoenix Saturday at the Sports Palace in Sherbrooke in front of 3,194 spectators.

Olivier Caouette and Jerome Verrier also scored for the Voltigeurs (25-11-2), who are 9-1-0 in their last 10 outings.

Time Wieser and Jean-Christophe Laflamme supplied the offence for Sherbrooke (13-22-4), which is on a three-game slide.

Louis-Philip Guindon made 22 saves for Drummondville while Francis Desrosiers kicked out 32-of-36 shots for the Phoenix.

The Phoenix were in action late Sunday afternoon in Drummondville.

Opinion

Hickey: Top sport stories take place away from competition venues

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record

When the Associated Press announced its top sport stories for 2013 last week, the number-one and number-two selections dealt not with individual or team performances but rather tragedy and scandal. In fact the first five stories were grim: terrorism, performance-enhancing drug use, legal settlements and murder charges. The first on-field action came in at No. 6 — the Boston Red Sox's worst-to-first World Series title, though even that was tinged by

the city's heartache less than seven months earlier.

The first one was the Boston Marathon, an iconic annual event that became the latest Western institution targeted by terrorists. The throngs of spectators lining the streets at a storied big-city marathon were once a wholesome scene of civic pride and friendly support.

April's attack came as a haunting reminder that the crowds at a high-profile event are also a vulnerable target. Bag searches and metal detectors were a common sight at games the rest of the year. As

victims persevere on prosthetic limbs, the 118th edition of the world's oldest marathon is set for the spring, with security undoubtedly heightened but runners determined to take part.

The second story was the admission by Lance Armstrong that he took performance-enhancing drugs during his record-breaking cycling career. After years of denials and bully tactics against anyone and everyone who questioned his possible steroid use, Armstrong finally admitted it, telling Oprah Winfrey: "It's this myth, this perfect story, and it wasn't

true."

It was a remarkable turnaround for the man who used lawsuits to quell his critics and was not above throwing friends and teammates under the bus in order to protect the myth.

Armstrong amassed a fortune of over \$100 million dollars, most of it coming from endorsements and therefore it was important for him to continue to deny, intimidate and keep the cash flowing from sponsors.

Apologists for the disgraced cyclist will point to his charitable work with the LiveStrong

campaign and certainly he merits some credit for that initiative. However, if Canadians need someone to inspire charitable donations they can find that motivation in a true hero, Terry Fox. Fox ran a marathon for 143 consecutive days on one leg and never personally profited from his amazing athletic performance. His continued legacy through the Terry Sports Foundation, which has raised over \$500 million dollars for cancer research should be an example of how we can make a difference if we do things for the right reason.

Fucale to get first world juniors start for Canada against Slovakia

By Bill Beacon
The Canadian Press
MALMO, SWEDEN

The first change after Canada's first setback at the world junior championship will be in goal.

Coach Brent Sutter has confirmed that Zach Fucale will replace Jake Paterson as the starting goalie when Canada faces Slovakia on Monday with second place in their preliminary round group standings at stake.

Fucale watched from the bench as Canada opened with a 7-2 win over Germany before dropping a 5-4 decision to the Czech Republic in a shootout. The 18-year-old comes with big game experience, having backstopped the Halifax Mooseheads to a title at the MasterCard Memorial Cup last spring.

"He's a very confident guy," Sutter said. "He's a goalie that has great ability. He's won a Memorial Cup at a young age.

He's one of two very good goalies here and he's going to get an opportunity."

And Fucale may have a chance to earn additional starts with a strong game against Slovakia.

"We'll see how he plays and we'll determine that after the game," said Sutter. "I'm taking it game to game. I haven't said who's going to be our number one. We have a plan in place and we'll see how it unfolds."

Fucale played one pre-tournament exhibition game against Finland and is anxious to make his first start in a game that counts.

"It hasn't been difficult at all," he said about waiting for his chance. "I just wanted to be supportive and stay ready all the time. I'll just get in the net and play the best I can. That's all I can really do."

Forward Charles Hudon, who like Fucale is a Montreal Canadiens prospect, was also in a buoyant mood at practice Sunday. He looks to have earned

a regular spot on a line with Jonathan Drouin and Anthony Mantha after sharing the position with 13th forward Taylor Leier.

Drouin and Mantha share the team scoring lead with five points apiece.

Hudon got the tying goal in the third period that forced overtime against the Czechs and earned Canada an important point in the standings.

"I thought he was really good," Sutter said. "He created a lot of stuff for us and he got a huge goal at a critical time. He's had a great attitude. He's stayed positive."

Hudon lined up with Drouin and Mantha for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League side in the recent Subway Series against Russia, so no adjustment is needed.

"I have to go 100 per cent every shift," said the five-foot-10 Hudon, who was on right wing while Mantha moved to the left. "It doesn't matter if I'm on the same line or the 13th forward."

Leier skated as the extra man on the unit with Bo Horvat, Sam Reinhart and Connor McDavid.

The 16-year-old McDavid was benched in the third period after taking his second minor penalty, both of which led to Czech goals. But Sutter put him in for Canada's last attempt in the shootout, only to see the puck slide off the gifted forward's stick before he could shoot.

"You (reporters) make a bigger deal of it than it is," said Sutter. "He played 13 minutes. He didn't have the game he probably would like to have, but he's a very important part of this team."

McDavid said he's been benched before and knows he has to be better next game.

"It's the world stage," he said. "Everyone's looking at me as the 16-year-old and I know some people are saying after (Saturday) night that I'm too young for this, so I just want to come back and help the team

have a good performance."

Defenceman Griffin Reinhart will serve the last game of a four-game suspension for slashing an American player in last year's world junior tournament. He will return for Canada's last group stage game Tuesday against the Americans.

Reinhart's return will give Canada seven defencemen. They nearly had to play the Czechs with only five, but Matt Dumba played through a nasty virus. It started during Canada's win over Germany, and he missed practice the next day with a fever, a bad cough and a sore throat.

Despite the setback, Canada remains in second place in the five-team group with four points. The U.S. (3-0-0) leads with nine while Slovakia (1-1-0) is third with three. The fourth-place Czechs earned only two points because their win was in a shootout.

The top four teams go the quarter-finals, and Canada has already qualified.

Datebook

Today is the 364th day of 2013 and the 10th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1853, the United States completed the Gadsden Purchase, establishing the border with Mexico.

In 1916, a group of Russian aristocrats carried out the murder of Rasputin, private adviser to the ruling Romanov family.

In 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was officially established.

In 2006, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was executed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), writer; Bo Diddley (1928-2008), singer-songwriter; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball player; Davy Jones (1945-2012), singer; Patti Smith (1946-) singer-songwriter; Meredith Vieira (1953-), TV journalist; Matt Lauer (1957-), TV journalist; Tracey Ullman (1959-), actress/comedian; Sean Hannity (1961-), TV host; Tiger Woods (1975-), pro golfer; Tyrese Gibson (1978-), Singer/actor; Eliza Dushku (1980-), actress; LeBron James (1984-), basketball player.

TODAY'S FACT: The geographical center of the United States lies 17 miles west of Castle Rock, S.D. The center of population is about three miles northeast of Plato in Texas County, Mo.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1908, a special commission tasked with discovering the origins of baseball ruled that Abner Doubleday had invented the sport in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839. The finding has since been debunked.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We're all islands shouting lies to each other across seas of misunderstanding." — Rudyard Kipling

Death

SAVAGE BROWN, Audrey Marie (nee ESLER)

Passed away peacefully at her home in North Hatley, QC, on December 26, 2013 in her 93rd year. Audrey was predeceased by her husbands; William Kerr George Savage and Robert Francis Brown Sr.. She is survived by her only daughter Deborah Audrey (Savage) Tyler, and her son-in-law, Robin David Tyler. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Alzheimer's Society or to the charity of your choice would be deeply appreciated. Interment will be at the Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal, in the spring of 2014. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Homes, Sherbrooke. www.casshomes.ca



Miss Patricia HANSFORD 1931 - 2013

At the CHSLD in Granby, December 24, 2013, at the age of 82 years, passed away Patricia Hansford of Granby. Daughter of the late Stanley Hansford and the late Evelyne Purdy. She leaves to mourn her sister and many relatives and friends. Cremation was held at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. A graveside prayer at the Pinewood Cemetery will be held at a later date.

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Audrey Doreen MULCAHY nee LANCASTER

It is with sadness that the family of Audrey announce her death on Christmas Day. She is predeceased by her daughter Susan and her husband Richard [Dick]. She will be terribly missed by her daughter Pat and family Victor, Tyler, Chad, Jennie, Emily and Samantha and her son Bill and family Theresa, Caitlin and Lauren as well as the many who loved her. Audrey had a special place in her heart for Linda, Clarence, Tory and Elizabeth.

Audrey spent her final years at the Wale's Home in Richmond Quebec, where the staff took excellent care of her. The staff treated her with kindness, respect and love. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

A special thanks to Bev and Russell Nutbrown. Your friendship and caring meant so much to Audrey and her family.

A memorial service will take place in the spring in Lennoxville, Quebec.

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Death

John KNIGHT



John Knight passed away peacefully at home in Ottawa on December 22, 2013.

He is survived by his wife Norma (nee Evans, of Georgeville); brother Bill (Eileen); three sons Alan of Seattle (Kirsten Carlson), Douglas of New Westminster (Ruth Silverman), and Scott of Toronto (Natalie Fong-Yee); two grandchildren Marisa and Charlotte; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his mother Mary, father Rixford (of Stanstead), and sister Margaret (the late Robert Diehl).

John was a Professor of Electrical Engineering at Carleton University since 1967 and remained there until well after retirement. Thousands of engineering students will remember him fondly as an inspiring and entertaining lecturer who was always willing to help.

A memorial celebrating John's life will be held Dec. 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Riverside United Church (3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa). In lieu of flowers, donations to Stride Wheelchairs Plus or the charity of your choice.



Death

BEVERLY BINNS BRYANT 1918 - 2013

Died peacefully December 23 at B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville. Born in Montreal West August 7, 1918, daughter of Frank C. Binns and Dora Turnbull Binns. Beverly grew up in Montreal West, lived in Magog for 52 years, and spent her last 9 years in Knowlton in good health.

She will be greatly missed by her loving daughters Beverly Bryant (Bradley) and Diana Bryant (Colby); her grandchildren Cole Bradley (Stephanie Guthrie), Gillett Bradley (Alarey Alsip), Dana Bradley, Lindsay Colby Wright (Stuart Wright), and Charles Colby; her sister Phyllis Tolmie; and by Tim Bradley (Diane Elsliger), and Charles Colby (Lizanne Ryan). Predeceased by her beloved husband John A. Bryant (Jack); her sisters Dorothy Jekill, Marion Orlando, Eleanor Leach, and her brother Ken Binns.

A Service of Celebration of Beverly's life will be held: Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 2 p.m. St. Paul's United Church, 211 rue des Pins, Magog, QC J1X 2H8.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be greatly appreciated: Butters Foundation (John A. Bryant Memorial Fund) 127 rue Principale, Suite 105, Cowansville, QC J2K 1J3 www.buttersfoundation.ca

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Maureen Elizabeth DOUGAN

On Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Chateau Westmount, Montreal, aged 64. Beloved daughter of the late Dr. Alfred Atherton Dougan and Marion Isobel Dougan (nee Huddart) of Lennoxville, QC.

Cherished sister to Hayes and Catherine of Vancouver, BC, James of Alma, ON, and Rosemary of Toronto, ON. Immeasurable gratitude to lifelong friend Pastor Joanne Kingsley and family of Lennoxville, QC. Sincere thanks to friends Miriam Cohen, Ellen Scanlon and Odette Nadeau of Montreal. Special remembrance to Eugene Paquin, Montreal. Special thanks to caregiver Sonia McLean and the staff of Chateau Westmount and 5th Floor, CHU St. Mary's.

Educated at Sir George Williams and York University, Maureen worked for 24 years at the McGill University Medical Library as a specialist in the cataloging of medical materials and publications. She was formally trained in fine art and became a skilled water colour artist. While at McGill, she served as a literacy volunteer and was also keenly involved in community-based art groups. Maureen valued her lifelong interest in art for its healing effects for herself and others.

A ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Kane and Fetterly Funeral Home Chapel, 5301 Decarie Blvd. (corner Isabella), Montreal, QC. Refreshments to follow. Final interment in Lennoxville, QC in June 2014 will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Forward House, 2240 rue Girouard, Montreal, QC H4A 3C3 (www.forwardhouse.org) or the Canadian Red Cross (www.redcross.ca) would be appreciated.

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I don't know what I expected as we all grew older, but it certainly wasn't what I got

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have two grown daughters. I don't know what I expected as we all grew older, but it certainly wasn't what I got.

Here's the problem with my older daughter, "Bethany." The three of us had lunch together, and afterward, Bethany said she was bored and had taken on part-time work as a phone sex worker. I was stunned and thought she was making it up. She is notorious for lying. But she swore she was telling the truth. Annie, she and her husband both have good jobs, and she certainly doesn't need the money. It made me furious, but we have not mentioned it since.

Now, my younger daughter is treating me terribly. After high school, I discovered that "Miranda" was a bully to her classmates. She made fun of them and tormented them for years. I had many conversations with both of my daughters about being kind to people, but obviously it never meant a thing to Miranda. I now believe she is transferring that attitude to me. She never misses an opportunity to correct me in front of my grandchildren. She once hurt my feelings so badly, I broke down in tears.

After Thanksgiving, she invited me to go shopping. I was at the designated place, but she wasn't there. When I phoned, she said she was tied up at the check-out line in another store — one where she knows I love to shop. I said I couldn't wait and was going home. She didn't object. I invited her for Christmas dinner, and she refused to let me know whether she could make it until the day before.

Annie, I have had many surgeries and illnesses over the years, but in spite of that, I have lived a pretty good life. My husband and I have been generous with our children. If you see a problem with my attitude, tell me. I am willing to change. Right now, however, I am considering cutting my losses by limiting my contact with both of them. I am too old to put up with this nonsense. — North Carolina

Dear N.C.: We think your daughters enjoy yanking your chain in whatever direction it will go. We know this can be aggravating, but it does seem that they are close to you, having lunch together and offering to go shopping. If you enjoy that aspect of the relationship, we'd urge you to take the rest with a grain of salt, knowing that this is how they are. But if it is too stressful for you to be in their company, it makes perfect sense to limit contact to what you can tolerate.

Dear Annie: I consider myself a generous person. I never forget the birthdays of my children, grandchildren or friends. I bring casserole dishes to those who are sick or have lost a loved one.

Is it asking too much to get a simple thank you? I wouldn't care whether it was by text message or email. Have we become so entitled that we can't take a few minutes out of our busy lives to show gratitude?

I'd like to tell my family and friends that if they don't get a check, gift or card from me in the future, it's because they don't seem appreciative. — Less Generous

Dear Less: Don't tell us and hope they will see it. Tell them directly. Explain that without an acknowledgment of your gifts, you aren't sure they are welcome or even that mailed items were received. If there is no word of thanks, you will assume in the future that they prefer not to get your cards, checks and casseroles.

Dear Annie: I just wanted to add my suggestion for "No Hallmark." My 93-year-old mother recycles greeting cards into beautiful bookmarks. Many go to our local library. She loves to do this, and it keeps her busy. — Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear Annie: I am a married mother with two children, both in high school. But I am in love with a man

who is not my husband of 21 years. "Harry" is my first love, and he came back into my life unexpectedly. He is also married.

Neither of us is passionate or loving toward our spouses anymore. We both feel that we are growing apart from them. I am waiting for my children to finish high school before I make any final move.

My husband still seems to believe we can be a happy couple, but I don't agree. He is unaware of my affair, but I can tell that he feels that I'm growing more distant from him every day.

An additional problem, however, is that Harry seems to go through fits and starts about leaving his large family for me. But his marriage is based on a lie. Do you have any suggestions on what we should do? — Massachusetts

Dear Massachusetts: Yes. You should stop lying and cheating and being disrespectful to each other and to your marriages. If you are unhappy with your husband, get counseling or get out. But do not rely on Harry to "save" you. We suspect he enjoys the affair more than he would a divorce, and that you enjoy the romance and intrigue more than working on the day-to-day responsibilities of a real marriage.

You've invested 21 years and have two children. Please see whether there is something worth salvaging, and if so, take the energy you are giving to Harry and put it into your marriage. You'd be surprised what a little genuine effort can do.

Dear Annie: I plan to ask my girlfriend of seven years to marry me. I put the ring I wanted on layaway. It's a nice simple band with a big stone.

However, when we were talking about rings, she mentioned that she'd love a giddy, girly ring with smaller stones and a lot of design. She doesn't know about the ring I've already picked out.

Since I'm the one who has to buy the ring and do the asking, I feel I should get to pick the style. We can choose the wedding bands together. And if she changes her mind about marrying me, she doesn't get to keep the ring, right? — A Little Help

Dear Little: No about selecting the ring, but yes about returning it. Your girlfriend, not you, will be wearing this ring for a long time. If you're smart, you will let her pick the style she prefers. Otherwise, she may resent wearing it. You get to decide the price range. And if she breaks the engagement, she should return the ring. But as your first lesson in marriage, please learn to listen to the other person and be accommodating when you can.

Dear Annie: "Perplexed in Pennsylvania" was upset that her friend never remembers her birthday. If her entire relationship is based on that, she needs a new friend.

"Janie" and I have been friends for 35 years, and I have correctly remembered her birthday perhaps five times. We have not seen each other in almost 10 years because we live a thousand miles apart, but we communicate nearly every day. It might be an hour-long phone call or simply a text that says, "Thinking of you today."

One day a few years ago, I woke up and thought I had missed her birthday (again), so I sent her a text saying, "Hope it was happy." The next morning, I realized her birthday wasn't until the following month. We are not best friends because I can remember her birthday. We are best friends because she knows I am an idiot and she loves me anyway. Isn't that what friendship is? Caring about someone despite their flaws? If you are truly her friend, it shouldn't matter whether she gets your birthday right. — California

Dear Annie: I am an 84-year-old woman in love with a 92-year-old man. Since I'm rather old-fashioned, I do not believe in living with him unless we are married. However, marrying him could change our financial status. Is there any service that could be performed so that we may live together legally and not impact our children's legacy? — In Love

Dear In Love: Please discuss this with a lawyer who specializes in marital law. There are clergy who will perform religious marriage ceremonies that may not be legally binding, depending on the state you live in, whether you present yourselves as a married couple and whether your state recognizes this as a common-law marriage. (The same goes for any secular ceremony that pronounces you "married" without a valid state license. It could, in fact, be legally binding.) A lawyer also can discuss a prenup that will protect your assets for your children, allowing you to marry legally without worrying about your financial legacy.

Dear Annie: You've printed a few letters about married couples who are not enjoying a good sex life. I think there is more advice you should give on this subject.

First of all, married couples should not sleep in the same bed. Sleeping together causes people to become overly familiar with each other, leading to boredom. It should be special. Therefore, in order to preserve a good sex life, each spouse should sleep in a separate room and use a separate bathroom.

As far as the physical problems, there are many possible reasons for a low libido. But for men, it's food preservatives, which often contain salt-peter. Men who want to stay virile must avoid packaged foods.

Besides over-familiarity and physical problems, there is the issue of what to do in bed. Couples who explore the Persecutor-Victim-Rescuer story are usually able to develop some very exciting scripts. This makes the bedroom experience much more intellectually stimulating and fun. It's not just a random experience, but rather a planned game that both people can look forward to. — R.

Dear R.: You certainly have some interesting theories, some of which may be helpful. Of course, not all married couples can afford a spare bedroom and bathroom — in which case, that is impractical. And we have no information on salt-peter in packaged food and the impact those foods may have on a man's libido. Even so, avoiding those foods may do nothing for a woman's libido, and that seems to be the more common problem. But we agree that playing fantasy roles in bed can add some spark to one's sex life, and we recommend it for couples who wish to try, as long as it doesn't become dangerous or abusive.

Dear Annie: "Fed Up with Potluck" complained that one woman in her group of friends always insists that everyone bring a dish to their gatherings. Perhaps the reason is not financial, but something to do with health issues. It's possible that this woman may have an illness or a health concern that she has not shared with everyone in the group. Perhaps she is simply unable to cook for such a large number of people.

Isn't the point of getting together more about the social interaction and not so much about the eating? — 60-Something in Illinois

Dear Illinois: We don't mind potluck dinners, whether someone feels up to cooking or not. But it is important that the other participants are aware that it is a potluck dinner at the time the invitations are issued and they volunteer to prepare something. Otherwise, it appears that they are being taken advantage of.

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

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "Marry an orphan: you'll never have to spend boring holidays with the in-laws." — George Carlin

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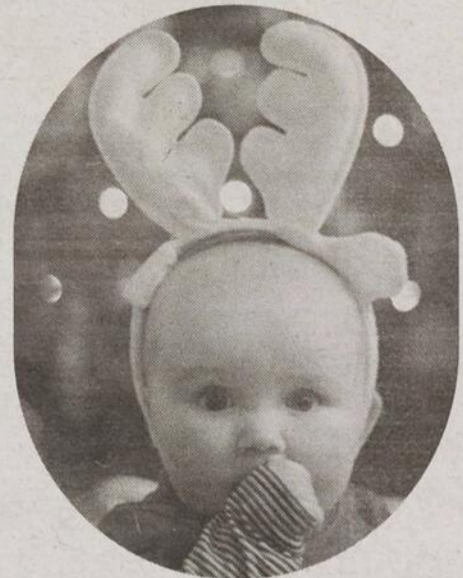
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Your Birthday

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Strong desires will persist this year. Follow through with your plans and maintain your convictions in order to achieve success. If you make the necessary sacrifices, this will be a creatively fertile period. Keep loved ones in the loop so they won't cause difficulties at crucial moments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's time to make positive changes, but now is not the moment to share your thoughts in advance. Reflect on the past year and make decisions about how to proceed in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Networking and making new friends will keep your mind active. Join a new group. Alone time will not be sufficiently challenging or stimulating. Interaction will lead to innovation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your partner will express frustration if you avoid your chores. If you take an honest approach, you may save yourself the hassle of having a needlessly emotional day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Chasing excitement will turn out to be costly. Focus on being productive and acquiring useful information. Your choices will set the tone for the year to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A financial venture may reach a dead end. Do not take legal action, though you may be tempted. Someone unexpected may cause difficulties. Try to be helpful without being critical, and meet your responsibilities without complaint.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You should

make time for social activities today. Be cautious if you are juggling relationships. If you are asked for an honest, clear answer, you may have to make a difficult decision on the spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Think carefully before promising something that you can't deliver. If you've been exaggerating your abilities, you may get stuck with a job that leaves you feeling out of your depth. Keep your opinions to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Get to know your colleagues better through social activities. Distant friends or people from your past may turn up unexpectedly. Prepare to reminisce.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you use your imagination, you can turn your home into a palace. Assess the costs involved carefully before proceeding. Someone will oppose you fiercely if they think you are overspending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make sure to complete your domestic duties before relaxing or socializing. Don't rush through things, or you may injure yourself. Try not to get into a bickering match.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Focus on what you want to see change in the new year. You can advance professionally if you network with well-connected people. Make a point of revealing your abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your emotional vitality will be strong, leading to greater self-confidence. Try new things and chase your dreams. Your ability to challenge others will catch someone's eye.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

Chosen the best play of the year

by Phillip Alder

As 2013 comes to a close, let's recognize the deal that was chosen by the International Bridge Press Association panel for its Keri Klinger Memorial Declarer Play of the Year award.

Appropriately, it was played by the top-ranked player in the world, Fulvio Fantoni. He was born in Italy, but now represents Monaco. The journalist prize went to Toine van Hoof from the Netherlands.

How did Fantoni make six hearts after West led the club queen to declarer's ace? Fantunes (as Fantoni and his partner, Claudio Nunes, are known) play an unusual system in which one-level opening bids are natural and unlimited. North's three-heart raise was pre-emptive. East then produced a revealing takeout double. South made two control-bids (cue-bids), and North jumped to the slam.

Fantoni felt that East had 4-0-5-4 or 4-0-4-5 distribution with the four honors he actually held. Trusting his reading of the position, at trick two, Fantoni played a low heart to dummy's seven!

When East discarded a diamond, declarer continued with the club 10, pitching a diamond from his hand. West won

North 12-30-13			
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♣ Q J 4			♣ K 7 5 2
South			
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♥ A Q 9 8 5			
♦ A K 10 7			
♣ A			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Dbl.
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	6 ♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♣ Q			

with his jack and returned a trump. South won with dummy's 10 and led the club nine, covered by the king and ruffed with the heart queen. Then two rounds of trumps ending on the board squeezed East, not that it mattered.

Declarer discarded a diamond and a spade on the eight and six of clubs before taking the marked spade finesse to land his slam. Terrific.

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Across

- 1 Key with no flats or sharps: Abbr.
- 5 Terra __: pottery clay
- 10 Dog's greeting
- 14 Big deli sandwich
- 15 Extreme fear
- 16 Away from the wind
- 17 1965 Righteous Brothers hit repopularized by its use in the 1990 film "Ghost"
- 20 " __ sera": Italian "Good evening"
- 21 Clip __: earrings for non-pierced ears
- 22 Choir section
- 23 Letter-shaped hardware items
- 25 Pilot's approx.
- 26 Fixes firmly (in)
- 29 Mini-burgers
- 33 Scarily unpredictable type
- 36 However, briefly
- 37 1/12 of a foot
- 38 See 67-Across

Down

- 39 Leg bone
- 40 Sleuth, slangily
- 41 Monopoly board corner
- 45 Lash holders
- 47 Tenor and bass
- 48 Where cows graze
- 49 Coffee maker brand
- 51 TV financial adviser Suze
- 54 Sturgeon delicacy
- 55 Macaroni shape
- 59 Pep that won't quit
- 62 "That __ say ..."
- 63 Indy 500 family name
- 64 Wall Street order
- 65 Skin pics
- 66 Bearded farm critters
- 67 With 38-Across, Popeye's kid
- 1 Common freshwater bait fish
- 2 List of dishes
- 3 With the bow, in music
- 4 '80s-'90s "Entertainment Tonight" co-host
- 5 401, in old Rome
- 6 "To be, __ to be ..."
- 7 Adolescents
- 8 Little boys
- 9 Naval bigwig: Abbr.
- 10 Song from a troubadour
- 11 Very much
- 12 Decorate again
- 13 Lock inserts
- 18 "Duck Dynasty" network
- 19 Part of EIK
- 24 Trojans' sch.
- 25 "Xanadu" rock gp.
- 26 Privileged few
- 27 Cold hard cash
- 28 Lawn bowling game
- 29 Ginger cookie

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Across

- 30 Code of conduct
- 31 River valley known for Riesling wine
- 32 Karaoke selections
- 34 Tarzan's foster family
- 35 Once known as, in society pages
- 39 Like less-caloric chicken pieces
- 41 Devilish one
- 42 Nutritional stat.
- 43 Gardner of the silver screen
- 44 Cathedral city on the Seine
- 46 Gauchos' plains
- 49 __ nova: Brazilian dance
- 50 Stopwatch button
- 51 "In memoriam" column, briefly

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- 52 Civil rights activist Parks
- 53 Mixed-breed pooch
- 54 Nevada casino city
- 56 Make, as coffee
- 57 Look at lecherously
- 58 Noah of "Falling Skies"
- 60 Carry with effort
- 61 Triage ctrs.

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