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8 drivers hit with DUIs over weekend

By Doug McCooye

It was a busy last few days for the Memphrémagog police as this weekend saw eight drivers stopped and charged with drunk driving.

Early Saturday morning, between one and four a.m., the region's officers filed four separate drunk driving reports. Of the men who were charged, one was from Montreal, three were from the area, and all failed the breathalyzer test. Additional charges for possession of marijuana were laid in two of the cases.

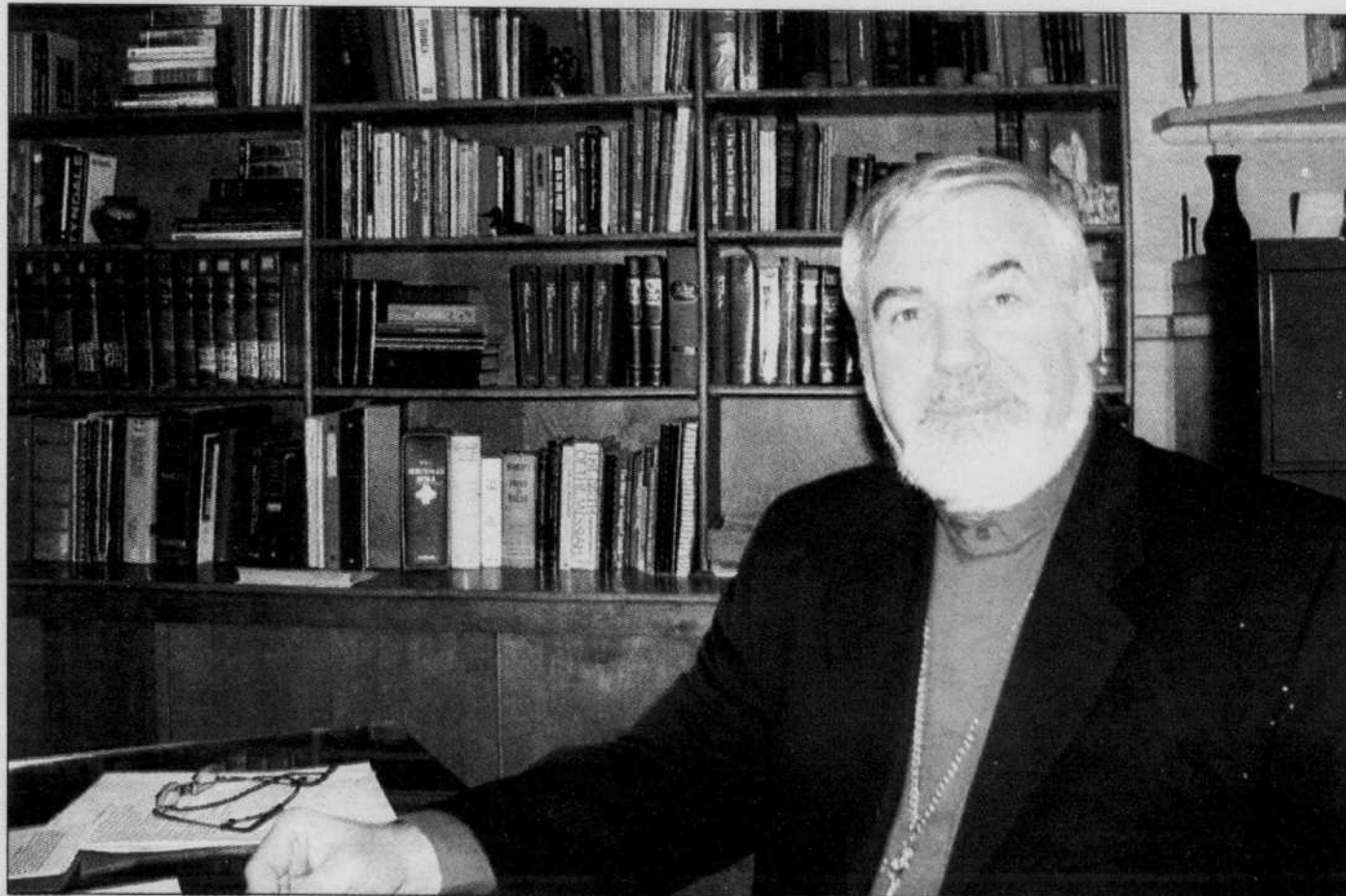
Around 7 p.m. on that same day, a young driver who had alcohol in his system was given a fine and saw his license suspended for 90 days under the province's zero tolerance policy. "The fine is \$300 for an adult and \$100 for a minor, plus 4 demerit points," explained Paul Tear of the Memphrémagog police.

The rest of the weekend saw three more drivers arrested for alcohol related infractions, including a 22-year-old Granby man who failed a breathalyzer test just before midnight on Saturday. Sunday night saw two 18-year-old drivers show alcohol in their system when they only possessed a learner's license; a violation of the province's drunk driving laws.

On top of the driving incidents, Tear was happy to report the arrest of a 32-year-old man in connection to a series of shoplifting episodes. The man, who was out on probation, faces charges of stealing hundreds of dollars in at least two stores and violating the terms of his probation. "He will remain detained until his court appearance," assured officer Tear.

Diocese teetering on brink: Bishop

Parishioners not suprised by bankruptcy fears



SHARON MCCULLY

Bishop Dennis Drainville fears that he may be the last Anglican Bishop of Quebec if finances do not improve

By Sharon McCully
LENNOXVILLE

Anglican Bishop Dennis Drainville said he was not being alarmist when he told a recent meeting of bishops that the diocese of Quebec is "teetering on the brink", and that he may well be "the last bishop of Quebec."

The statements were made at a meet-


ing of Bishops in Niagara Falls in December and published in the Anglican Journal where they were picked up by local parishioners.

"I'm not suprised they are near bankruptcy," commented Charles Catchpaugh, who along with some 25 other disaffected parishioners of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Magog left the parish following a dispute over finances with the former Bishop of Que-


bec. "It's exactly what we predicted when they wanted to take money from our parishes."

"We did not 'take' money," insists Bishop Drainville. "The situation we are in today is the result of rural depopulation. We simply don't have the critical mass we once had to support our parishes."

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ETSB garners international recognition; Canuel retiring



Brome's best search engine

At 102, Archivist Marion Phelps admits town tidbits don't always come to her as quickly but all the information is still there...see BCN for more

Food Recall

By Corrinna Pole

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has issued a warning for the Compliments brand Italian Blend salad mix distributed in Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador, because the product may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Ontario importer Sobeys Inc. is voluntarily recalling Compliments brand Italian Blend, sold in 284-gram (10 ounce) packages bearing UPC 68820 10093 and a Best Before Date of 10JA18.

To date there have been no reports of illnesses, but the public is being warned to avoid consumption of the product.

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Townshippers hearing Haiti's call

By Corrinna Pole

It's been one week since the devastating 7.0 earthquake hit Haiti and the situation is still dire despite the generous outpouring of support from the international community.

Described as the worst humanitarian crisis to face the world body in decades by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, estimates of the dead range from 50,000 to 200,000, including confirmation of 11 Canadians.

Reports are emerging of the increasing presence of gangs, looting and retaliating lynch mobs amid the disaster zone. Brush fires have added to the hazards in Cité Soleil and over 4,500 inmates have escaped following the collapse of the main prison in Port-au-Prince.

Bishop's University graduate Olivier Vilaire was in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince, 15 kilometres southwest of the epicentre, when the quake hit. He emailed an account of the immediate situation to the National Post begging for help.

Following the quake Vilaire first started looking for his parents. Once he located them and established they were fine, he and a friend then headed to the streets to locate other relatives, friends and help whoever needed it.

Amid the aftershocks, debris and dazed survivors, Vilaire witnessed bodies laying on the street and was overwhelmed by the crying and yelling of those who were injured or homeless.

“Everyone looks broken,” he wrote. “Please let everyone know that we need help, we are broken and on our knees. Canada, please give us your hand.”

By Saturday, Vilaire told The Record he was still “overwhelmed” and was trying to help local hospitals that are short resources and staff to treat the countless injured.

“It's very hectic because we are short of doctors,” Vilaire said. “We found five doctors from the UN for one (hospital) and some supplies, but it's very difficult to get our hands on instruments for them operate.”

Vilaire said they had been waiting for two days to collect supplies for the hospitals, especially water, but items were difficult to come by due to “insane” air traffic.

“One (hospital) in particular that's being (run) by Marie Marcelle Deschamps who is one our most known doctors and who is overwhelmed by close to 1,000 patients,” said Vilaire who cut the conversation short so he could head to the airport and attempt to pick up supplies.

Locally, Townshippers are mobilizing with a variety of activities to contribute funds to the Canadian Red Cross Haiti Earthquake Fund, which is attempting to provide basic supplies such as clean water, shelter, medical supplies and medical support for survivors.

Last Saturday, the Red Cross expressed gratitude for more than \$17 million by

Canadians and nearly \$4 million from Canadian corporations and governments that, alongside global donations, have helped the international organization deploy 11 Emergency Response Units, which are self-contained teams of specialists and pre-packed sets of standardized equipment.

Despite the generous financial donations the Red Cross encouraged people to “maintain the flow” of cash to help the organization continue its support as well as begin addressing the long-term needs of survivors.

While the Red Cross was calling for continued efforts, Bishop's University held one of the first fundraisers to help the organization raising approximately \$500 through a \$1 cover charge donation at the campus pub.

“Once again the Bishop's community has rallied to help those in need, they did it for Katrina and for the students who lost their apartments in a fire (last September),” said SRC (Students' Representative Council) general manager Annis Karpenko.

“The Bishop's community is compassionate and quick to respond to the needs of others,” Karpenko added that president of the Students' Representative Council Brad Leung generated \$60 from the sale of hot dogs and an anonymous donor gave \$100 all of which will be given to the Red Cross.

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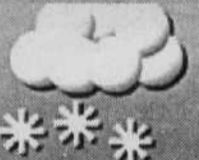
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UdeS faculty depart for Haiti

By Doug McCooye

A dozen members from the medical faculty at the Université de Sherbrooke departed for Haiti on Monday evening to help the people recover from the devastation caused by last week's earthquake.

The delegation is the brainchild of Dr. Vincent Échavé, a professor at UdeS. A day after the quake rocked Haiti, Échavé, who has worked extensively with the humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders, expressed his desire to get a team together to help with the relief effort.

“I've been waiting for a large scale humanitarian disaster to happen in a country already struggling and impoverished,” said Échavé in an online



Réjean Hébert



Vincent Échavé

article last week. “What I was waiting on was an extremely difficult situation.”

His call did not go unheard, as a number of his fellow faculty members have come forth to participate in the mission. Thanks to the efforts by Réjean Hébert,

Dean of medicine at UdeS, Échavé's team features surgeons, doctors, and nurses who possess expertise in a wide variety of disciplines, including trauma and emergency care.

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LOCAL NEWS

"The last time a Canadian school was recognized was (17 years ago) in British Columbia. This is a huge feather in our caps."

Weekend accidents keep rescue workers busy

By Doug McCooney

A number of major accidents have occurred throughout the Eastern Townships over the last few days.

The latest one, a head on collision involving two cars and resulting in one fatality, occurred Sunday afternoon on Route 147 near Waterville.

At around 3:30 p.m., a 48-year-old Sherbrooke woman was driving just south of where the 147 intersects with route 108/143 when she left her lane and collided with a jeep that had four passengers.

According to reports, the impact was so great that both vehicles were facing in the opposite directions when they finally came to a stop.

The Sherbrooke woman died on impact and the four in the jeep were injured. While they were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, they are not in critical condition.

Investigators suspect that the carcass of a small animal that was found near the site of the accident could have been the cause of the accident. Police shut down route 147 for the rest of the day, forcing many cars to detour through Johnville to reach their destination.

Lennoxville Bridge Accident

Early Sunday morning a 19-year-old driver struck one of the pillars of the College Street bridge near Bishop's University, leaving his passenger injured.

The Sherbrooke police who arrived on the scene sometime after 3 a.m. suspect that the passenger, also a 19-year-old, may have been ejected from the vehicle due to the impact. He was taken to the nearby CHUS for observation, but his life is not in danger.

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ETSB draws international attention

National School Board Association applauds township's technology

By Jen Young

Sixty-five thousand colour brochures, printed by the National School Board Association in Alexandria, Virginia (NSBA) are presently circulating throughout North America and in them a handful of school boards, including the ETSB, will be visited for their outstanding advancements in technology. Visitors from the US educational organization will be coming to ETSB schools March 28.

"This is the first time in 17 years that the NSBA is actually signalling a board outside of the United States. This is the largest school board association in the world," said outgoing director-general Ron Canuel. "These visits have to do with leading the way in technology and even in the other areas the Association is visiting, they are not to the extent of one-on-one like we are. The last time a Canadian school was recognized was in British Columbia. This is a huge feather in our caps."

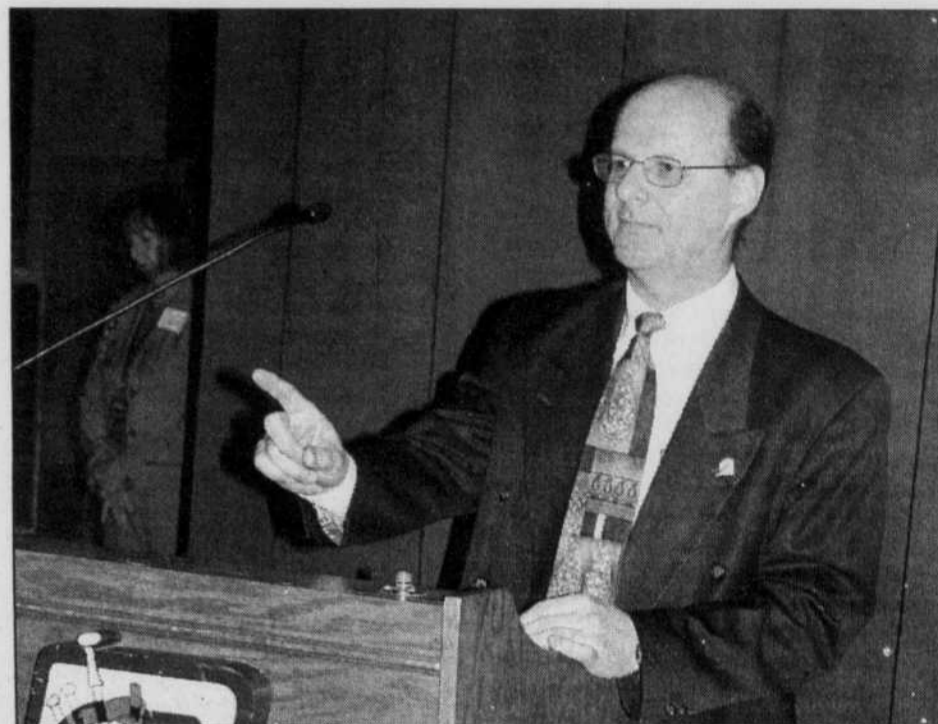
The visit, which comes at no expense to the local board, will take place over three days and Canuel hopes the event will command the recognition it deserves, locally and beyond, for the boards Enhanced Learning Strategy (ELS), and the staff that has worked so hard to see it to fruition.

"Other countries are contacting us and asking us for direction in this project," said Canuel, who was approached in 1999 to come to the ETSB. "It would be very nice to see people in our system recognized for their work."

It seems only fitting that in his final stint as ETSB's director-general, Canuel, who pioneered the ELS, the source of controversy over the years, will be present for the March visit from the NSBA. In fact, he says that he was asked to extend his mandate until the visit.

While he says his April departure will bring mixed emotions, he will pack fond memories along with his more than a decade's worth of office things.

"I was in British Columbia at a friend's house when I saw the ad for the ETSB DG position. I thought it was interesting but put it down and didn't think any more of it," said Canuel, a former classroom teacher and administrator. "They called me and the rest is



JEN YOUNG

Outgoing Director General Ron Canuel says the upcoming NSBA visit will be the last accomplishment he will add to his long list of memories while at the ETSB.

history."

He said his greatest source of pride stems back to his years spent in the classroom in front of his students.

"I've always been proud of being a teacher. It has always inspired me. Just knowing that I was making a difference in even one student's life is what gave me the drive and passion to keep going," he recounts. "I will never forget about four years ago, a student from Farnham Elementary School wrote to me thanking me for the laptop and for making life different for him. Knowing that a child has been given skills for his future, not mine, is huge for me."

As he walks away from his Magog office April 1, he says profound memories, such as the death of Dennis McCullough, for whom the ELS initiative was named in 2002, certain school plays and shows that have been conducted over the years as well as his bypass surgery in 2001 will most likely provoke strong emotions for him.

He says he will never forget the numerous individuals dedicated to the education and well being of students that he has had the pleasure of working with.

"This job has been tough physically. Yeah it's a tough job but I never actually called it a job. When you like what you're doing, it's not a job," he said. "My bypass surgery was a memorable moment. You know, after I had that surgery I was flooded with letters and cards from students, teachers. I couldn't believe it. It was so comforting and I will never forget that."

He considers his accomplishments to be the positive attention and comments the ETSB has received over the years, which he doesn't believe he would have seen working at any other school board, as well as a significant decrease in the dropout rate.

"I take a lot of pride in knowing that our school board was rated 66th out of 69 years ago and is now rated 23rd," Canuel says. "I've seen increases in student achievement and a dramatic drop in drop-out rates. The official results from the government, MELS (Ministère de L'Education, Loisir et Sport) five years ago showed a 40 per cent dropout rate. That's down to 26 per cent. Our internal numbers indicate that for 2008-09 the rate was at 20 per cent."

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Immigrants needed to rebuild rural pop.

By Stephen McDougall

A shrinking, aging population is forcing more rural areas of Quebec to find new ways to entice immigrants to leave urban areas and settle in smaller towns, according to a local economic development manager who is himself an immigrant.

"If our towns are to survive, they need people who want to live and work here," argues Rachid El Idrissi from the local development center in the Des Sources municipal regional council.

"We have to find ways to convince them that urban centers are not their only option. We believe the country life has its advantages as well."

Idrissi, a native of Morocco, agrees it is an uphill battle given that immigrants stick to larger urban centers for better jobs and close contact with their ethnic community. But he argues some immigrants do not like city life and want to explore the rural alternative, if the door is opened by a rural community.

"Many of them, like myself, like the challenge of finding opportunities outside of the city," he says.

"But if they believe the residents of that rural area will not accept them, then they are discouraged and remain in their urban cocoon even if it is crowded and stressful."

A management graduate from the University of Quebec at Trois Rivières, Idrissi is presently managing a new program in the MRC that will train two center employees - Marc Cantin and Anni Plamondon - this winter on techniques for finding immigrants who have the work skills and the desire to leave the cities.

But Idrissi admits it is a difficult sell given the lack of jobs in the MRC's seven small towns and the minimal public and private services provided to residents.

"In many cases, the new citizens have to create their own jobs by starting up or taking over a business here," he said.

"We have two Chinese families that run a restaurant in Danville and a corner store in Asbestos. And we have learned that another store has been bought up by a couple from Spain."

He also admits that present immigration laws hinder the process because they restrict entry to those with higher educations and money to spend and invest.

"The only other immigrants are refugees and those who are here on guest work permits. We have several people from Columbia who work at the Savoura tomato plant for about six months of the year, then go home for the winter."



Rachid El Idrissi

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"Even if they wanted to stay here, the laws presently do not allow them."

Idrissi knows that without more immigration to the rural areas, towns in his MRC like Danville and Asbestos will continue to shrink.

Presently, the Des Sources MRC has some 14,500 residents in the towns of Danville, Asbestos, St. George de Windsor, St. Adrien de Ham, Ham Sud, St. Camille and Wotton. In the last five years, the area has only seen a population increase of about 200 residents.

In the MRC alone, keeping trained staff is also a challenge. The council just announced the replacements for four employees who have gone to other jobs in larger urban centers.

But the four new employees - Dominic Poulin, Louise Beaudoin, Marie-Christine Foucault and Jean-Sebastien Labreque - are all Quebec natives.

One selling point for the Des Sources area is the over-3,000 square kilometers of land and cheap rents and housing prices.

Area inspector Helene Menard said a new study indicated people here invested heavily in their homes and businesses in 2009, with 778 permits issued on construction and renovation projects valued at over \$23 million.

"Those who live here want to stay and are willing to invest in their houses and businesses," she said.

"We need more people with that type of mindset."

HAITI RELIEF

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The extremely popular Bishop's University Charity Fashion Show scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on January 29 at Centennial Theatre will also donate proceeds from the \$15 tickets to a Haiti relief program, but the chosen charity in this case is UNICEF. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore.

Elsewhere in the Townships, local band 4 Wheel Drive and the Lennoxville ANAF (Army Navy Air Force) Unit 318 have joined forces to host a unique benefit dance.

"We're a five piece band and I've got musician friends coming; its going to be like a jam session," said Phil Patton. "I've invited a whole bunch of musician friends of mine, I'd say close to 18 musicians, and everybody I talked to said they would come and get up and do a little something."

Like many events, planning for the dance has been rushed due to the urgency of the situation. Patton said he was "just watching the news in the morning and seeing the mayhem," when asked what inspired him to hold the dance. "We saw an interview with Bill Clinton and he was saying that money was really needed to help and we just thought we should do something. It's totally last minute but they need the help down there right now. I'd love to have a month or so to organize and advertise but for the people who are thirsty, hungry and dying they don't have a month to wait."

The 4 Wheel Drive and ANAF benefit dance will take place this Saturday, January 23 from 8:30 p.m. until closing at 300 St-Francis Street in Lennoxville. All proceeds from the evening and the \$10 ticket price will be given to the Red Cross. Tickets may be reserved or purchased at the ANAF anytime after 10 a.m. daily. For more information call 819-346-9122.

Joe Kelly, who has been collecting refundable cans and bottles for "Help the needy of Richmond" and the Wales Home Foundation's campaign, will now be earmarking proceeds from the collection to the Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti.

Bottles and cans in the Richmond area can be deposited under the carport of the United Church's Manse on Aberdeen Street or at Reverend Andy O'Donnell's house on College Street. Pick up can also be arranged by calling Kelly at 819-826-3929. The collection will continue until the end of February.

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Diocese teetering: Bishop

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Drainville said the Anglican primate asked him to make a presentation to the bishops on the state of churches within the diocese and he did.

"It was not all doom and gloom," Drainville said. "What I tried to convey is that the institution as we know it is dying. Jesus Christ is not dying and our mission is not dying. The message I was delivering is that we can no longer afford to maintain the traditional church model."

"In the diocese of Quebec, 50 out of 82 Quebec congregations have few or no children. In 35 congregations, the average age is 78- years old with only eight to 10 people attending Sunday services. We have 95 buildings to maintain and we simply can't continue doing things the way we have," Drainville said in an interview before a Sunday service at St. George's Anglican Church in Lennoxville on Sunday.

"Each deanery is different," Drainville continued. "There is no cookie cutter approach to how we will reorganize and set policies, and each deanery will have to be creative and find solutions that work for them."

The St. Francis deanery, which encompasses churches in the Estrie region, is already taking steps to recreate the way services are delivered, he

The St. Francis Deanery has already come up

with a model for a mutual ministry which will combine the resources of lay readers, ordained ministers, and retired clergy," Drainville said.

"And yes, some churches will close because they don't have the resources to continue," Drainville said. "It's sad, but when you reach a certain number of people in the pews, you just can't afford to maintain the traditional model of church."

This in no way means the loss of the Christian ministry, the bishop was quick to add. "The church is being recreated so that the ministry can continue. Something new and positive is happening within the church."


Drainville said Anglicans must also reevaluate the true meaning of their church.

"The mission has become very inward looking, with people asking how the teachings of the church can help them individually in their lives. The mission of Jesus Christ is outward looking - we live in a world where we, as Christians, are called to do our Father's business, and there is much we should be doing to help others."

Drainville said his message to the Canadian delegation of bishops was not designed to alarm, but it wasn't hyperbole either.

"Hopeless is not a word in the Christian lexicon," he said. "The situation is serious, yes, but I am very hopeful that we will be creative in finding solutions for the times."

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Weekend accident report

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Police suspect that slippery road conditions leading up to the bridge were the cause of the accident.

The driver, who may have been intoxicated, was charged and released on his own recognizance. He could be accused of driving while intoxicated causing injury. He has no prior drunk driving record.

Queen-Victoria Accident

A heavily intoxicated 22-year-old Knowlton man wreaked havoc on himself and his car last Thursday night on Queen Victoria Street in Sherbrooke. The driver lost control of his vehicle and hurled in to a nearby snow bank.

The inebriated driver did not stop there.

According to SPS spokesperson Karine Côté's account of the incident in a recent La Tribune report, the driver proceeded to travel thirty meters through the snow and strike a parked Chevrolet Tracker. The vehicle then continued its course into the brick wall of an Ultramar gas station. Finally, the driver did an about face and rammed his vehi-

cle once again in to the original snow bank.

When police arrived on the scene around 2:40 a.m., the Knowlton man was asleep at the wheel of his car. As police arrested the suspect, he attempted to fight off the arresting officers while launching insults in their direction.

The suspect's vehicle was seriously damaged and the airbag was deployed. Debris was found all around the scene.

Charges of refusing to take an alcohol test, driving while under the influence, and fleeing the scene of an accident are expected to be laid.

Pedestrian fatally struck

A 77-year-old man who was crossing rue Frontenac in Lac-Mégantic was fatally struck by a vehicle on Friday night. Claude Roy was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead sometime after 8 p.m.

The driver of the vehicle, a young man in his early twenties, was not injured and is not expected to be charged in the incident. The Sûreté du Québec investigation, however, is still ongoing.

Ron Canuel leaves ETSB

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Canuel went on to explain that the board continues to change how the government classifies a dropout.

"Any student who has left the province is considered a drop-out. Unfortunately, in my time at the board we have had eight students who have lost their lives in accidents. They too are considered dropouts in the eyes of the government. We've been persistently making the request to change this."

Canuel's decision to retire does not stem from an unwillingness to continue, or disliking the challenge. He says after 34 years at the ETSB and other school systems, "it's just time to move on."

"Lots of golf and fishing. That's what I'm going to be doing," he says. "Those two things are seriously on my agenda for the next few months. I'm open to things but there has been nothing mapped out. I have received offers but I've told them all to come back later."

Up North has always fascinated me, so has North Africa and I may be looking at some travel. I can say I'm a little tired of winter. I'm emotional but not upset. I don't regret my decision. It's just that feeling of leaving people that you have worked with for so long that you grow attached to."

Stepping up to replace Canuel April 1 is assistant director general Chantal Beaulieu, who joined the ETSB in 2000 as the secretary general.

EDITORIAL

"... it is important to remember the role that churches, particularly in rural areas, have played in the development and maintenance of a strong community spirit that still thrives and strives to ensure its future."



Mike McDevitt

Through tragedy, hope and fear

"Hopeless is not a word in the Christian lexicon." - Dennis Drainville.

It should have been a splendid occasion. Gathered at Lennoxville's St. George's Anglican Church on Sunday, parishioners from some 35 parishes throughout the region attended a service by Dennis Drainville, Bishop of Quebec. While the occasion was a celebratory one, the story between the lines was a little more worrisome.

There was a time when churches were among the defining characteristics of Quebec society. A little more than a generation ago, religion served as the point of delineation for Quebecers, who seemed to fall neatly into two categories - Catholic, composed of the vast majority of francophone citizens as well as some Irish, Scots, Poles and Italians; and Protestant, meaning, in practice, just about everyone else. Before the great debates over language, it was religion that served to divide Quebecers, a fact that underlies the importance that religion once played in our communal lives. The original British North America Act, which created this country, offered guarantees of religious freedom in areas like education and more or less ignored language, other than to make both English and French official languages of the new confederation and Quebec.

Today, of course, things are different. Language has become the source of much of our outrage and formal religious observance, once the mainstay of our social lives, has drifted into the background - a quaint and nostalgic holdover for the elderly.

As religious devotion no longer evokes the admiration it once did and has in some places evolved into a form of murderous political activism, it is important to remember the role that churches, particularly in rural areas, have played in the development and maintenance of a strong community spirit that still thrives and strives to ensure its future.

It might be the Townships' celebrated church suppers, where generations of talent continuously produce unmatched chicken pot pies, home-smoked hams, mouth-watering bread rolls and baked beans that would shame any can you tried to put them in.

It might be the seasonal church choir performances, where old and young combine in a love of music and a joy in performing, where young performers can first get a taste of the magic of performance.

It could be the services that have seen us through day of tragedy, hope and fear, and remind us that despite the vagaries and menace of a large, dangerous world, we are not alone and that community is the underlying strength of the human animal.

Bishop Drainville recently received some criticism for painting a less than rosy picture of the state of his church in this province, but his message has serious import. Churches will be closing in the next few years and as they disappear, more will go with them than an arbitrated relationship with God. Our communities could be on the verge of losing social and cultural focal points that no community centre can ever replace. Let's hope the Bishop has a plan.

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Letters

It is time for them, after years of dragging their feet, to put a significant amount of our aid money towards building capacities for microfinance services

GOOD DAY,

DEAR EDITOR,

I wrote an email last night to all the people I knew who could help find my Canadian aunt (Josette Bellange), who is in Haiti. Reporter Gary Tuchman from CNN called me early afternoon today : he said that he was with her and that she was fine! Soldiers were there too. I announced the good news to her daughter, grandchildren and brother, who are in Quebec. They feel relieved and are smiling for the first time since the catastrophe. The world stopped for several days for us and now, life starts again. M. Tuchman acted as an angel of good news. We are very happy and are praying for my aunt to come back as soon as possible. Thank you all for your compassion and support.

TETCHENA BELLANGE
Montreal

There can't be a more opportune time for our government and our aid dollars to support the devastated poor in Haiti, and we have donated admirably. But in the long run, in the months and years to come, who will give Haitian people the hope, the courage and the opportunity to rebuild from the ground up?

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Yet CIDA and Minister Oda keep finding fault with the usefulness of microfinance rather than seeing its unprecedented transformation of poverty. It is time for them, after years of dragging their feet, to put a significant amount of our aid money towards building capacities for microfinance services.

A small step for CIDA, yet a giant step toward giving a 'hand up' to the poorest - and democracy - in Haiti and other parts of the world where the need is also great.

Sincerely,

OLIVER & ANITA MARK
Saanichton, BC

DEAR EDITOR:

Thanks to all who supported our small project about Salmon Creek Days. We continue to hear more memorable stories about that time. We are happy that so many enjoy it, Thanks to Nick Fonda for the article explaining what we did to get it all done! A special thank you goes out to Andrea Barrie and her staff at the Boutique Trillium in Richmond for their gracious support in helping folks pick up the DVD at her store in Richmond. We appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA AND KEITH WHITTALL,
Richmond

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Local Sports

"They made the hosting Saints pay for putting a man in the penalty box early on"

Canadian junior hockey captain's hit reviewed by QMJHL

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The QMJHL is reviewing a weekend hit by Rouyn-Noranda Huskies forward Patrice Cormier, which sent Quebec Remparts defenceman Mikael Tam to hospital.

Cormier, Canada's captain at the recent world junior championship, came off the bench during overtime of Sunday's game, skated hard to centre and caught an unsuspecting Tam with what appeared to be an elbow.

Tam convulsed at centre ice before being taken off on a stretcher.

According to TSN, Tam lost several teeth, and suffered trauma to the brain and skull. He is in stable condition in hospital where he'll remain for observation.

The website also reported that Remparts head coach Patrick Roy filed a complaint following the game with Quebec Provincial Police.

The QMJHL announced it wouldn't comment on the incident until a review has been completed, and the disciplinary prefect, Raymond Bolduc, announces any sanctions.

Cormier, a native of Cap-Pele, N.B., has scored 11 goals and 20 assists in 31 Quebec Major Junior Hockey League games this season. He played just three games with the Huskies since he was acquired from the Rimouski Oceanic in a trade on Jan. 7.

The 19-year-old centreman was drafted by the New Jersey Devils in the second round, 54th overall, in the 2008 National Hockey League entry draft.

Tam, an 18-year-old defenceman from Quebec City, is in his third season with the Remparts. He has scored 10 goals and 12 assists in 47 games this season.

Saints stalling in second

By Zachary-Cy Vanasse

The battle for the top spot in the LNAH rages on. The Trois-Rivières Caron et Guay have held firm in first-place over the course of the past couple weeks but the St-Georges CRS Express and the Sherbrooke Saint-François remain in hot pursuit.

The Saints picked up a point in a Friday night 3-2 shootout loss. Unfortunately the front running Caron et Guay were the winners in the shootout, meaning they put another point between themselves and Sherbrooke. The Saints would rebound on Sunday with a 5-3 win over the Saguenay Marquis.

Goalies Louis Ménard and Mathieu Poitras turned away the first three shooters they faced in the Friday night shootout before Marc Beaucage solved Ménard with the game winner.

Three periods earlier things had started off well for Sherbrooke. The Saints took very little time generating offence on Friday. Thierry Douville took a penalty just 12-seconds into the first and Pierre-Luc Courchesne's fourth goal of the season gave the Saints the early 1-0 lead 45-seconds later.

The early lead did little to take any wind out of Trois-Rivière's sails though. Simon Laliberté tied the game at the 4:07 mark of the opening stanza for his 18th of the season. The two sides skated through the rest of the first and the entirety of the second with the score stuck at 1-1.

Michael Lambert provided the Caron et Guay's second dose of offence on the day 7:52 into the third. Mathieu Dumas (6) scored the equalizer, a powerplay-goal, with just under seven minutes remaining in the third. Had Sherbrooke been better with the man-advantage they probably could have avoided overtime all together and left Trois-Rivières with two-points. Instead a 2-for-9 performance with the extra attacker saw them miss several opportunities in a crucial game. The same could be said of Trois-Rivières. The Caron et Guay were a paltry 0-for-7 on the powerplay.

The weekend turned near disaster for the Saints in a return to Sherbrooke ice on Sunday afternoon. While Trois-Rivière's powerplay was anemic, the Marquis were very effective with Sherbrooke a man short and they made the hosting Saints pay for putting a man in the penalty box early on.

Powerplay goals from Mathieu Benoit, Daniel Gauthier and Marc-André Huot gave the Marquis a 3-0 lead with just under three-minutes gone in the second. The Saints failed to answer until the final minute of the middle period. Michael Novosad's fifth of the year finally saw Sherbrooke take advantage of the extra attacker, but the Saints still trailed by a pair going into the final 20-minutes at Léopold-Drolet.

Novosad's goal seemed to spark the Saints and their home crowd. Yannick Tremblay (11) wasted little time cutting the Saguenay lead in half in the third beating Marquis goalie David Guerrero 27-seconds into the period. David Chicoine



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(5) tied the game at the 2:33 mark and momentum was undoubtedly shifting towards the Saints before a Saguenay powerplay threatened to kill the power shift.

Instead the Saints used a shorthanded goal by Novosad, his second of the game and sixth of the season, to take their first lead of the game. Grégory Dupré (17) made the two-points official when he added an empty net goal in the final ten

seconds.

The Saints have the opportunity to take sole possession of second place when they host the St-Georges CRS Express (19-6-3-3) on Friday night. The two clubs are currently deadlocked at 41-points for a share of second in the standings, though St-Georges hold a game in hand. Sherbrooke (17-8-5-2) then travel to Thetford Mines on Sunday afternoon for a meeting with the struggling Isothermic (11-18-0-2).

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HILLHOUSE, Chad Alvin - 33, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, passed away January 14, 2010, at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Pugwash. Born in Cowansville, Quebec, he was the youngest son of Alvin and Louise (Voghel) Hillhouse, Pugwash; brother to Shawn Hillhouse (Yuko - nephews, Noah, Jonah, niece, Sofia) and sister Tammy Hillhouse (nephew - Austin) Edmonton, Alberta. Chad is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Francois and Madeleine Voghell, Granby, Quebec. He was predeceased by his paternal grandmother Dora Hillhouse Collicut (William). An interment of Chad's ashes will take place at a private graveside service at Christ Church Cemetery, Cowansville, Quebec. Donations in memory of Chad can be made to the North Cumberland Memorial Health Foundation, Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mundle's Funeral Home, 204 Water St., Pugwash (902-243-2506). Private condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the funeral home website at www.mmcfunerals.com or you may send them direct to the family at P.O. Box 72, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, B0K1L0 or email to Candlelite@basicISP.net

Death



HOBBS, Hannah Audrey - It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing into God's Hands of Hannah Audrey Hobbs (nee Spanswick) on January 8, 2010 at the Toronto Western Hospital, at the age of 83. Loving wife to the Rev. Canon W. Ebert Hobbs for 60 years; devoted mom to Deb (John), Illinois, Chris (Sue), Guelph, Roxanne (Gary), Brighton, and Kim (Ron), Australia; proud grandma ("Nana") to Bronwen, Jennifer, Erin, Theresa, Christopher, John, Rachael, Gary, Megan and Nathan; delighted great-grandma to Ethan, Isaac and William. Audrey's family was her greatest joy. Audrey was born on January 29, 1926 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, daughter of Walter and Elsie Spanswick. She was a faithful, life-long member of the Anglican Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Worker, member of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mother's Union, Chancel Guild, St. Paul's Prayer Connection and, most noteworthy, the dedicated wife of an Anglican priest. She enjoyed listening to music, reading, gardening and family get-togethers. Audrey worked in administration at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. She had a wonderful sense of humour and a great passion for life that she has passed on to her family. The family received friends at the HUMPHREY FUNERAL HOME - A.W. MILES CHAPEL, 1403 Bayview Avenue (south of Davisville Avenue) on Monday, January 11. A service of celebration and thanksgiving for Audrey's life was held on Tuesday, January 12 in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor Street East, Toronto at 2 p.m. If so desired, the family has requested that you consider a donation to St. Paul's Heritage Fund (M4W 1C8). Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com.

Card of Thanks

MACEY - I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for making my Christmas so special, with the 97 cards and letters, pictures and gifts. Thanks to the Baptist carollers for singing at Christmas. I would like to thank David and Carlyle McBurney for the music on New Year's Day. God bless you all,
EVELYN

Deaths

JUDD, Roy G. (1921-2010) of Alburgh/St. Albans, VT. - Passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2010. He will be sadly missed by his wife Ruth; his children Dianne (Gary), Rodney, Gary (Leisha), Tammy (Leo), Patti, Julie (Wendell), Deborah (Arnold), Karleen, Dianne (Ted); 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; his sister Evelyn, brother Sid (Madeleine); sisters-in-law Pauline and Helen; niece Linda (Gerry) and many cousins and good friends. Roy was predeceased by his son Dale (2007) and brother-in-law Elden (2009). Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 3 p.m. at Spears Funeral Home, 96 Dickinson Ave., Enosburg Falls, VT. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Interment will be in the spring at Fairmount Cemetery in Sutton, QC.



KENDALL, Catherine Stewart (Honey) Passed away at the Magog Hospital on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at the age of 82 years. Honey was the beloved wife of Clarence Kendall. Mother of Janna and Doug (Suzan) and grandmother of Jamie and Andrew. She was predeceased by her brother Jim and leaves to mourn two sisters Jean Stefano of Lennoxville and Patsy Brown of Fredericton NB. Honey was a graduate of Dalhousie High School in New Brunswick and received her music degree at Mt. Allison University in Sackville NB. Honey moved to Quebec in 1949 and taught music, home economics and commercial sewing in several high schools in the Eastern Townships including Alexander Galt Regional High School until 1984. Honey is resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St. Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) (819)564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may call on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service conducted by Rev. James Potter will be held at the Lennoxville United Church on Thursday, January 21 at 2 pm. Interment at the Elmwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Honey Kendall to Alexander Galt Regional High School, Box 5002, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1Z9. Receipts are given for donations of \$25.00 or more. Donations will be used to purchase ski equipment or to help the drama and music department. Donations would be greatly appreciated by the family

Death



MILLS, Mabel (nee Crack) - Mabel Mills' wonderful life journey came to a peaceful end surrounded by loving family on January 14, 2010. Mabel is survived by her children Raymond (Delores), Dennis (Anne), Ginny and John (Jennifer). Mabel was the devoted wife to Norman Mills (deceased) and the caring mother of the late Rodney (Dee) and Jef (Pearl). Mabel will be greatly missed by many adoring nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchilder friends. Mabel, always wanting one to focus on her life, has requested no funeral services. In accordance with her wishes, her family will be organizing a celebration of her life in the springtime. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wales Home Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home (819)564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca

In Memoriam



LESSARD, Rénald (Dave) - In loving memory of our father who passed away on January 19, 1960, at the age of 43 years 11 months. He was married to Cécile Parent. Rénald worked as Chief Pressman at The Record and was the inventor of colour on the letterpress (around 1958). His two sons worked at The Record as well, Robert "Bob", (1956-1973) and Richard for 47 years. He also enjoyed playing darts and was a great dart player. Deep in our hearts Your memory is kept, To love, to cherish, To never forget. Always remembered by his children
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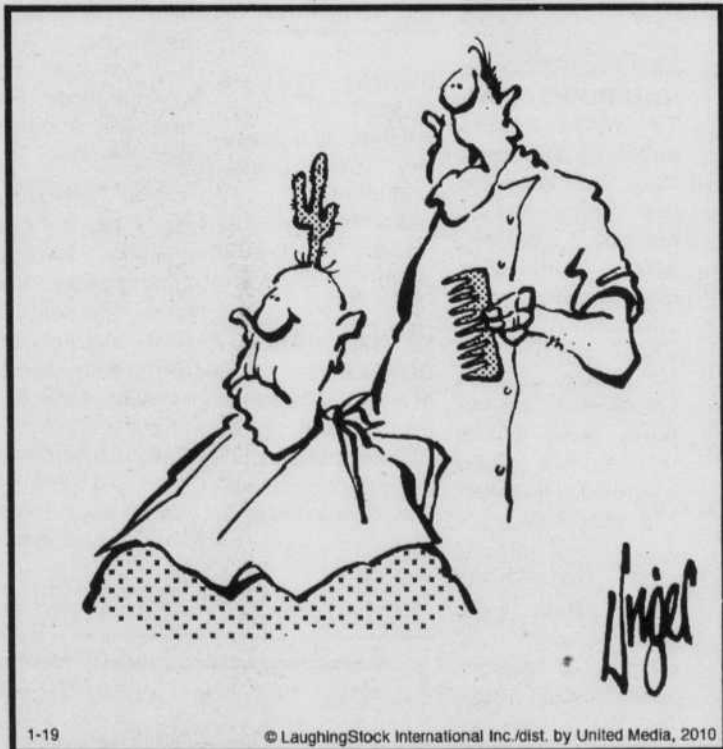
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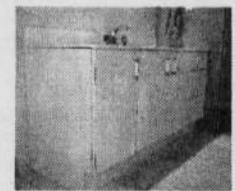
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALENDAR OF 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS TO ALL INTERESTED

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, secretary of the Société de transport de Sherbrooke,
That during a regular meeting held on January 13, 2010, the board of directors adopted resolution no 004-10.

RESOLUTION 004-10

CONSIDERING THAT article 26 of the Loi sur les sociétés de transport en commun (L.R.Q., chapter S-30.01) foresees that the board of directors join in regular meetings at least ten times per year and that at its first meeting of the year, it adopt the calendar of meetings for that year.

IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED :

That the board of directors adopt the following calendar for its meetings :

DATE	TIME	PLACE
January 13, 2010	8 a.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
February 10, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
March 10, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
April 14, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
May 12, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
June 9, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
September 8, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
October 13, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
November 10, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke
December 8, 2010	6 p.m.	Société de transport de Sherbrooke

That, according to article 26 of the Loi sur les sociétés de transport en commun (L.R.Q., chapter S-30.01), the secretary have published within 15 days following the first meeting of the year, in a newspaper distributed in the société's territory, a notice giving the dates, times and places of the board's meetings.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — With a little expert financial gymnastics, this could be a surprisingly successful money-making day. Of course, you'll have to use your ingenuity and resourcefulness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone you helped previously might request another favor. If this person has shown no signs of reciprocation, it might be better to say no until he or she can learn to show gratitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your spontaneous kindness won't allow you to exclude anyone who wants to be recognized and counted, including someone who is stubborn and fastidious. This person's gratitude will surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can accomplish much more by not retaliating in the same harsh manner as another has behaved. In fact, your forgiving example might soften this person to the

point of amenability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When witnessing someone mock the good idea of another, don't sit idly by. Support the proposal by showing the detractor the merits of the concept.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — By not giving up on a close associate or family member, he or she will surprisingly keep the faith as well. Your support and persistence will inspire this individual to find success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you are asked to make a decision off the top of your head without knowing all the facts, stall for time, especially if it affects others, too. Success can be magnified when all are in accord.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It might become necessary to take a calculated risk on a slow-moving endeavor, or you'll risk total collapse. If you believe the chances are good that you'll succeed, go for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An idea that pops in your head might be just what you need to prop up something in which everyone has already lost faith. It could produce the anticipated benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A distasteful assignment might reveal a wonderful side that you never knew existed. It will no longer be the menace it once was.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This might not be a bad day to go shopping. There's a good chance you will find item after item that you never thought you needed, but once discovered can't do without.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010

The danger hand governs the play

By Phillip Alder

English scholar and preacher Thomas Fuller, who died in 1661, said, "He that will not sail till all dangers are over, must never put to sea."

Yesterday, we started to look at the subject of the danger hand, the defender you do not want to gain the lead.

Today's North and South hands are the same as yesterday's, but the East and West hands have changed. When West leads his fourth-highest spade against three no-trump, you put up dummy's king, but East wins with his ace and returns the spade 10. How would you sail your ferry out of the harbor of a distant island, across the ocean, and safely to your home port? Or would you refuse to put to sea because you know you will capsize?

Let's be optimistic. You have seven passengers who have already paid their fare (winners): one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and one club. And at least two more passengers are lining up at the ticket office in diamonds. The risk, like yesterday's, is that if you lose a diamond trick, the opponents will get that diamond and four spades to sink your ship. Who is the danger hand?

North 01-19-10			
♠ K 3			
♥ A J 4			
♦ K 10 9 8 6			
♣ J 5 2			
West			East
♠ J 9 8 6 4			♠ A 10 5
♥ 10 7			♥ 8 6 5 3 2
♦ Q 7 3			♦ 2
♣ Q 9 8			♣ K 7 6 4
South			
♠ Q 7 2			
♥ K Q 9			
♦ A J 5 4			
♣ A 10 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 6			

If the spades are 4-4, no one — all will be smooth sailing. But if they are 5-3, presumably West, since he led the suit. You must duck the second spade, take the third round, then tack to keep West off the lead so that he cannot cash his two remaining spades. How? Cash your diamond ace, then run the diamond jack through West. Here, the finesse wins and you reach home port with an overtrick. But even if the finesse lost, you would still return safely with your contract intact.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Somewhat warm
- 6 Polio vaccine developer
- 10 Wheel edges
- 14 Like top-quality beef
- 15 Prefix with logical
- 16 Jacques's state
- 17 Phi Beta __
- 18 Earth inheritors, with "the"
- 19 Water barrier
- 20 MAGIC
- 23 Saint Francis's home
- 25 Little Red Book follower
- 26 TIGER
- 30 Madre's brother
- 31 Silky synthetic
- 32 Volkswagen sedan
- 36 Stuff of headlines
- 38 Cooking apples

- 40 Teen detective Nancy
- 41 Palmer with his own "army"
- 43 Stories
- 45 Hagen of Broadway
- 46 PRIME TIME
- 49 Glossy cotton fabric
- 52 Bath sponge
- 53 YOGI
- 57 Akron's state
- 58 Nastase with a racket
- 59 Tells really badly, as a joke
- 62 Suvari of "American Pie"
- 63 Society oddball
- 64 And the following, in bibliographies: Abbr.
- 65 Piggied out (on), as junk food
- 66 Takes one's turn
- 67 Cinema chain

- 28 "Witchy __": Eagles hit
- 29 Law school beginners
- 33 Test type with only two possible answers
- 34 Aquarium fish
- 35 Covered with water
- 37 Hardly a main drag
- 39 Black Panthers co-founder
- 42 Very wide shoe
- 44 Coral reef explorer's device

- 47 Unit with six outs
- 48 Frito-Lay chip
- 49 NFL replay feature
- 50 Responded to a massage
- 51 Strong string
- 54 Egyptian played by Liz
- 55 Green land
- 56 Dream worlds?
- 60 Kareem, formerly
- 61 Four-sided figs.

Down

- 1 Rd. often spanning an entire state
- 2 Historical span
- 3 Shuts up
- 4 Damage
- 5 Letter opener?
- 6 California's __ Valley
- 7 Yemen's Gulf of __
- 8 Actor Cobb
- 9 City north of Indianapolis
- 10 Like Rudolph
- 11 "Who's calling?" response
- 12 Strong sharks
- 13 Surgical tube
- 21 Goldsmith's Wakefield clergyman
- 22 Trip to Mecca
- 23 Health insurance giant
- 24 More devious
- 27 Former Japanese capital

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TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

WATERVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Tuesday, January 25 at the Town Hall, 170 Principale South, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Mental Health Estrie's activity afternoon will be held Monday, January 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the office of MHE, Marguerite Knapp Building, 257 Queen, Lennoxville. For more information, call 819 565-3777 or e-mail mentalhealth.estrie@bellnet.ca.

LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at the ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke, on Sunday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come try our pancakes, eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, toast, home fries, fruit, juice, coffee. Everyone is welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis St., Sherbrooke, Men's General elections on Saturday, January 23 at 1 p.m. sharp. All members are encouraged to attend and exercise your right to vote for a new Executive and Board of Directors.

SHERBROOKE

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, 971 Galt East., Sherbrooke will hold their President's Supper at 6 p.m. on January 23. For reservations, call 819-563-4944. Also the general meeting will be held on January 25 at 7 p.m.

MAGOG/BURY/COWANSVILLE

Townshippers' hosts a Free videoconference on Parkinson's Disease on January 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Magog CLC, Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 120 Bellevue W., Magog; Eaton Valley CLC, Pope Memorial School, 523 Stokes, Bury; Massey-Vanier High School, Room 507, 224 Mercier, Cowansville. For more: Shannon Keenan (Bury or Magog), 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717), sk@townshippers.qc.ca; Kate Murray (Cowansville), 450-242-4421 (1-877-242-4421), km@townshippers.qc.ca

BURY/GRANBY

Townshippers' Association's Coffee Mornings, January 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Eaton Valley Community Learning Center (CLC), Pope Memorial

School, 523 Stokes, Bury, and St. George's Anglican Church, 130 Principale, Granby. Information: Kate Murray (Granby) 450-242-4421 (1-877-242-4421), km@townshippers.qc.ca; Shannon Keenan (Bury) 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717), sk@townshippers.qc.ca.

DANVILLE

The Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church will hold a Military Whist on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome. To reserve a table call 819-839-2552.

BULWER

Chicken Pie Dinner Fundraiser for Galt English History Trip at the Bulwer Community Center on January 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Advanced tickets only. Call Lynsey Sylvester 819-823-8761, Krista Sylvester 819-875-1894 or Roberta Sylvester 819-889-2608.

LENNOXVILLE

Ham & Turkey Bingo at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis St., Lennoxville on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Everyone welcome.

HATLEY

Luncheon in St. James Church Hall on Wednesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m. Benefit of the A.C.W. Everyone welcome.

HUNTINGVILLE

Dr. Mario Soulard's Flu Vaccine Clinic to be held at Grace Christian Home on Friday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Grace Christian Home is pleased to announce this upcoming Flu Vaccine Clinic and invites the population to receive this vaccine at 1501 Campbell St., Sherbrooke (Huntingville). Welcome to all.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Your wife isn't letting you in on the secret

Dear Annie: My wife and I were high-school sweet-

hearts. We have been together for 13 years and married for seven. I am 29 and she is 28. Like every couple, we have had our ups and downs, but nothing that couldn't be resolved, until this year.

We used to be so spontaneous, but now our sexual relationship is over. She doesn't want to touch, kiss, hold hands, nothing. She says she still loves me, but can't give me what I want as far as affection or sex and I need to find it somewhere else. She has asked for a separation so we both can clear our heads.

I can't figure out what's going on. She tells me there is no affair, and I believe and trust her. I love my wife with all my heart. She is so beautiful and sexy. How could she lose the desire to be passionate? I have tried to figure things out, but it seems I only make it worse and push her farther away.

We have a 5-year-old girl, and I don't want to break up our family. My wife says she has no time for me now and thinks a separation will help us get back that spark. I can tell whenever I am with her, she would clearly rather be doing something else. Every conversation ends with her becoming angry and picking a fight. I need some friendly advice. — Lonely in North Carolina

Dear Lonely: The birth of a child can change the relationship between a husband and wife, but whatever is going on, you seem oblivious and your wife isn't letting you in on the secret. Please ask her to go with you for counseling so you can work on this without becoming angry. Say it is for the sake of your daughter. If she refuses, go without her. Something is going on and you need to figure it out.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary with a party. In the invitations, we requested no gifts, but several people brought them anyway.

One couple gave us something that was obviously re-gifted. We have no

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problems with re-gifting, but this was a beautiful glass

platter with the other couple's names engraved on it, along with the date of their last anniversary.

What do I do? The couple that gave it to us either forgot it was engraved or never fully opened the package to begin with. Should we return it, saying we are sure they wrapped it by mistake, or do we simply send a thank-you note and get rid of the platter? I don't want to hurt their feelings, but I would feel terrible throwing away such a lovely personalized gift. — Stymied in Ohio

Dear Stymied: We have to assume the couple had no idea this platter was engraved. Re-gifting is usually more subtle. Please call, thank them and explain that you are certain they brought the lovely platter to the party in error and you are anxious to return it as soon as possible since they must surely want it back. (It might even be true.)

Dear Annie: I have another suggestion for "Louisville Lass," who wants the grandparents to limit the number of toys they give to the children.

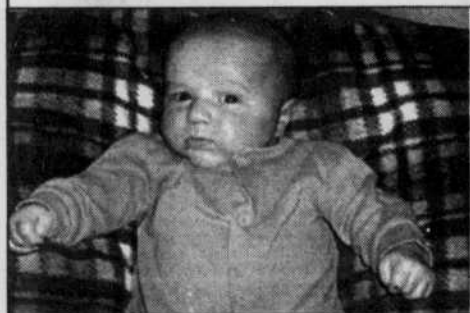
We had that situation in our family. My daughter-in-law requested no toys, explaining that the kids were overwhelmed. When I saw with my own eyes what she was talking about, I suggested that we grandparents give "experiences" instead of presents.

Now, as gifts, we take them to kid-friendly places, museums, trips and such. As they got older, we added books and gift cards. The time we spend with our grandchildren makes wonderful memories. I admit, we sometimes bought gifts anyway, but we expanded the idea of what a present means. — Happy Grandma aka Nana

Dear Nana: We love these gifts — they create bonds to cherish forever.

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

Vincent Jacob Gauvin



Baby's name: Vincent Jacob
Birth date: November 7, 2009
Parents: Joseph Gauvin & France Ouellette
Hometown: Orleans, ON

Grandparents are Michel & Jane Gauvin of Lennoxville, Jacques & Diane Ouellette of Orleans. "Our own little miracle."

Military Whist Hosted By St. Anne's

Christmas and New Year's are over and everyone is eager to get back into the regular routine. Thursday, January 14, found seventeen tables of players ready to start the Military Whist season at St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond.

Play was lively and over quickly. Everyone rushed to enjoy a beautiful lunch, set out with care by Cathy Watson and supplied by many parishioners. Then it was time to award the prizes, all wrapped in white. The first-place table consisted of Doris Stevens, Rose Oakley, Evelyn & Bill Fraser. Two

tables tied for second place, that of Hughie & Raymond Lancaster, Ross Davidson and Raymond Mastine; the other made up of Melodie Pariseau, Robin Converse, Valerie & Emma Redburn. Two tables also tied for low score - Noel Gregoire, Freda Coote, Doris Weare & Helen Knowles; also the table of Jeannine Gosselin, Jacques Dubois, Guy Gaulin & Paul Rioux.

There was a draw on four 4's in a single hand, the winner was Melodie Pariseau. Only one person, Marjorie Lancaster, held four 7's. Door prizes were awarded to Gordon Irwin, Daisy

McGee, Hughie Lancaster, Raymond Lancaster, Peter Boisvert and Gordon Alexander. The two grocery boxes were chosen by Gordon Redburn and Jackie Ross.

With the usual excellent help, the Hall and kitchen were soon put back into proper order so everyone could get back home. Next month, on the 11th, the prizes will be wrapped in red hearts or paper to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Hope to see you then.

Submitted by
Marjorie Lancaster and Jean Storry