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BCS rugby campaign a sparkling success

Before heading off for their Christmas holidays, the Bishop's College School's senior girls rugby team left a word of thanks to those who encouraged their first ever diamond campaign.

Launched in November, the team aimed to raise funds by selling tickets for pairs of diamond earrings for \$20 each. Of the 500 boxes of earrings, 499 contained pairs of cubic zirconia earrings but one box held a pair of Genuine 14 Karat white gold diamond, valued at \$1,500.

The tickets sold out at the BCS annual band and choir concert on Dec. 3, netting the team \$10,000. Winning ticket number 335 belonged to Bert Kang and was sold by Rugby player Yonna Dunkley-Clark.

The funds will be used to buy new uniforms for when the 25 members of the girls team practice, train and play against European teams during a 17-day youth rugby tour in March.

The team wanted to especially thank Marie-Genevieve Pilon designer of 88 Queen St. and Boutique Encore for fashion consulting, Joan Andrade for makeup, Studio Unik stylists Emily Benson and Roxanne Boutin for hairstyling and Grant Simeon Photographe for marketing and photography ideas.



New use for Danville convent

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MS fundraiser breaks records



COURTESY PHOTO

MS Branch 2000 President Lee Aulis posed with Lennoxville Borough President David Price and Santa Claus (aka Al Barber) outside the Lennoxville Provigo Saturday for one of the branch's most successful fundraisers to date.

By Corrinna Pole

Townshippers overflowing with pre-Christmas generosity have helped to ease the financial burden for multiple sclerosis (MS) sufferers and managed to break all previous donation records for the MS Branch 2000 last fundraiser of the year.

"We made \$1,100. I've never raised

that much in one campaign," said a happily surprised branch president Lee Aulis.

Aulis, who battles the degenerative disease, collected funds outside the Lennoxville Provigo from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, and gave toys to donors of more than \$5.

"It was wonderful. I've done a lot of fundraisers and I think this was the

first one where people weren't giving \$1 and \$2, but they were putting in \$5 and \$20 bills," Aulis said. "I think it really helped that people are starting to realize that the money is helping people locally."

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World-class Sherbrooke skier on the shelf

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Art gift show at North Hatley Library

By Sylvia Bullard

The North Hatley Library not only offers great reading material, but currently has been featuring the Christmas art and gift show of creative works. It started on November 26 and is going on right up until December 30 at the library located at 165 Main Street in the scenic village of North Hatley. A variety of paintings, carvings, jewellery, baskets, knitted items, wooden toys, note paper and cards from some 29 artists and artisans from our local area are exhibited. The works on display attest to the wonderful talent of many of our locals. The exhibits on sale are also a fundraiser for the library as 20 per cent of what is sold goes towards its upkeep. There is a great variety on exhibition. Many of the artists have private collections throughout Canada, United States and many other areas around the world.

The event is not new to many, as it has been going on for at least 20 years, having been started by Donnie Rittenhouse. Something new this year was that Esther Saamum opened the usually closed North Hatley Library on December 24 to give everyone a chance to check out the local artists and artisans art show.

"Many people come back for the holidays to the North Hatley area and want to shop for those last-minute Christmas gifts," said Saamum. Tanya Bellhumeur - Allatt board member and buyer for the library's children's books says she often does her Christmas shopping at the library. The gifts are unique and exquisite.

Many of the artists feature a theme for their works. This year, for example, Libbey Griffith featured the "chair" theme for her artwork. If some of the paintings are a little out of reach for a person's budget, less expensive cards or prints of



PHOTOS BY SYLVIA BULLARD

Esther Saamum features baskets to her right that she weaves for sale and to her left a pottery collection by Paula Curphy.

the larger paintings can be had, for example, from artists like Naisi LeBaron. Annis Karpenko also sells art cards and magnet sets, custom invitations and posters. Her photographs and artwork have been exhibited in Toronto, North Hatley and Lennoxville, Quebec and are represented in private collections in Canada and the US. Multi-talented, young local Trevor McKiven paints how he sees it and the results are exceptional and admirably done paintings. His work is put on view and can be purchased along with those of Ena Greyeyes, an aboriginal artist. Greyeyes uses a hand held fret and cuts intricate and creative designs out of Baltic birch.

Beautiful pottery by well-known Paula Curphy is also on display and available. Not to be forgotten is the beautifully designed jewellery by Danielle Cantin. In the way of relaxing music and at a very affordable price are "Healing Piano" CDs from Eric Monolson.

Other artist and artisans whose works can be purchased include Melanie Beauchamp, Shirley Brown, Sarah Colby, Bob Farnham, Cher Farnham, Hazel Farnham, Caroline George, Margo and Peter Heyerhoff, Judy Labaron, Ray Losito, Joey Marosi, Jane Pankovitch, Mary Rassmusen, Ann Rothfels, Gladys Sharman, Janet Sutherland, Mona Wisenberg.

Saamum says, "It is not uncommon to see someone come in for a book and leave with artwork, or for that matter to come in for artwork and leave with a book."

There are so many reasons to support our local artists and artisans. What they do not only enriches the community with the beauty of their work, but also helps to educate children, encourages tourism and keeps local economies growing and thriving. However, the arts can't survive without support. One of many ways we can help keep the arts alive is by attending art events and purchasing artwork at local galleries or events such as this exhibition at the library. Even though Christmas may be past for this year, there is always next year to plan for. So make a special note for next year to check out the show for gifts. Remember, there are still a couple of days left before the event is over for this year. For any additional info call Librarian Annie Potter at 819-842-2110.

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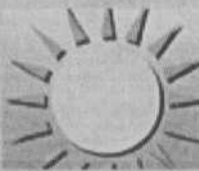
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The works of Ena Greyeyes, aboriginal artist and beautifully designed jewellery by Danielle Cantin.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"Upton is such a small place. Everybody knows everybody. We made sure that they were surrounded by people who loved them and cared for them."

Body of Townships boy found several days after he slipped under ice

By Nelson Wyatt
The Canadian Press

UPTON

As most families gathered for the yuletide holidays, the relatives of a young boy who vanished into a frozen river huddled grimly on a blustery shoreline Friday to watch police recover the child's lifeless body.

"Family was here maybe 10 minutes after the discovery," said Sgt. Louis-Philippe Ruel, a Quebec provincial police spokesman, adding that other relatives and friends clustered around to offer comfort.

"Upton is such a small place. Everybody knows everybody. We made sure that they were surrounded by people who loved them and cared for them."

The body of Maxime Dion, 6, was found in the water on Friday, 400 metres from the spot where he slipped from his older brother's grasp on Monday and disappeared into the churning water.

Ruel said the discovery of the dead child also hit the search teams hard.

"Everybody was pretty emotional," he said of the police, search-and-rescue workers and firefighters, who came from several communities.

"Everybody was working hard, no-



THE CANADIAN PRESS/PAUL CHIASSON

Police divers search the Riviere Noire for a missing six-year-old boy in Upton Tuesday, December 20, 2011. It's a tragic ending for a Townships family after a five-day search for a missing boy. The body of six-year-old Maxime Dion has been found.

body counted the hours. Everybody made sure those persons would have a certain peace of mind before Christmas."

Dion was playing with his older

brother and another boy on the frozen surface of the river late Monday afternoon when the ice cracked beneath him.

His older brother, the friend, and the

friend's dog tried pulling him out of the water as he struggled.

The dog also slipped into the water and drowned.

A massive search of the river, which is 80 kilometres east of Montreal, and the surrounding shoreline was launched. A provincial police helicopter swept the rural area from above and crews probed the ice and the river on the ground.

Ruel said the search was "pretty extensive and pretty intense."

Two boots — one belonging to the dead boy and the other to his brother — surfaced the next day, Tuesday. The dog's body was found on Wednesday.

An ice-breaking boat was also brought in to help the efforts of searchers.

"We knew that some cold time was coming upon us," Ruel said. "They were talking about -17 for the next night. We knew that we had to use the time that we had as efficiently as we could so that's why we had three diver teams here today."

Besides provincial police and local police, divers from the RCMP and Montreal police also helped in the search.

"Everybody had in mind that we had a limited time to do the search and that we had to be pretty intense about it."

Urgent recall — pediatric tracheostomy tubes

An urgent North American recall is underway for tracheostomy tubes for young children that could pose a life-threatening situation if they are accidentally disconnected. The problem has led to 22 complaints, though none were reported in Canada.

Friday Health Canada alerted Canadians and health care practitioners that Smiths Medical is voluntarily recalling Lot Numbers 1631477 through 1923406 of Bivona Neonatal, Pediatric and Flexend Tracheostomy Tubes, which are used both in the hospital and at home.

According to the company, the recall is due to some customers experiencing difficulty disconnecting accessories from the connectors of the affected tubes. Some customers were also unable to disconnect the accessory or excessive force led to removal of the tube. If the tube is accidentally

pulled out, this can be a life-threatening situation. In some cases, emergency intervention by experts may be required to reinsert the tube to prevent suffocation, states Health Canada.

The agency is recommending caregivers with an infant or child that use the device consult with their health care practitioners. Medical professionals should identify all affected unused devices and segregate it to a quarantine location.

For more information visit the company's website at www.smiths-medical.com and click on "Urgent Field Safety Notice" at the lower left portion of the page or contact Smiths Medical at 905-477-2000, ext. 135.

Information about this advisory from Health Canada can be found by contacting the Public Enquiries Line at 1-866-225-0709.

Hydro-Sherbrooke on holidays

Hydro-Sherbrooke is reminding clients that holiday hours are currently in effect for its telephone service.

The service is completely closed on Dec. 27 and 31, 2011, and Jan. 1 to 3, 2012.

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Former Carmelite convent to become hostel for visitors

By Stephen McDougall
Record Correspondent

DANVILLE

An abandoned 121-year-old former school and Carmelite convent has found a new use as a visitor's hostel that will focus on two activities the building was always used for: education and spirituality.

"We want to focus on groups and individuals who care for the arts, music, education and inner peace," said Alain Beauchemin, one of six local residents who recently bought the building to preserve it.

"It will be used by people who want to retreat from the world just like those who visit the St. Benoit du Lac monastery. This building was last used by the Carmelite nuns, so we want to preserve the interior and the peaceful atmosphere they left for us."

Beauchemin said his resident preservation committee paid \$25,000 for the building because the committee was a non-profit organization.

Beauchemin said the building will be open to visitors by next summer, but admitted it will need renovations and funding for its upkeep now.

"We held a fundraising supper two weeks ago that raised over \$9,000," he said.

"That will help pay for the \$15,000 heating bill and the \$10,000 insurance costs. All we have to do now is find other funding, including more fundraising activities and government help."

The building was abandoned by the Carmelite order last year when the nuns realized they could no longer recruit new members to their cloistered group.

The convent building, situated on DuCarmel St., started out as the Danville Academy, which was built in 1890.

In 1954, it was sold by the Danville School Commission to the Danville Catholic School Commission and converted into the convent. To do that, the building had to double in size to allow for as nun's residence and a chapel. In 1957, the members of the Carmel de Belle Croix moved in.

The nuns were made up of seven Canadian sisters and 14 sisters from Vietnam, refugees from the civil war between the then French colonial power and communist rebels.

"We think the building has potential as a hostel because it has 30 bedrooms, enough for group retreats and individuals wanting a low-priced accomodation," he said.

"We think that can work for those wanting to stay over for our annual art and bird festivals. We also hope to find groups that practice meditation, t'ai-chi and yoga or who need a reasonably priced place for seminars away from urban areas."

Beauchemin said the new hostel will be called Academie Carmel and will operate on a non-profit basis. But he admitted the renovations needed to upgrade the rooms for visitors will have to be paid for somehow.

"We are planning to have the rooms sponsored by local businesses, so that the visitors will know what goods and services are offered in the area if they wish to stay for a while," he said.

"We need about \$100,000 in funding over the long term. That means we will be holding fundraisers several times a year."

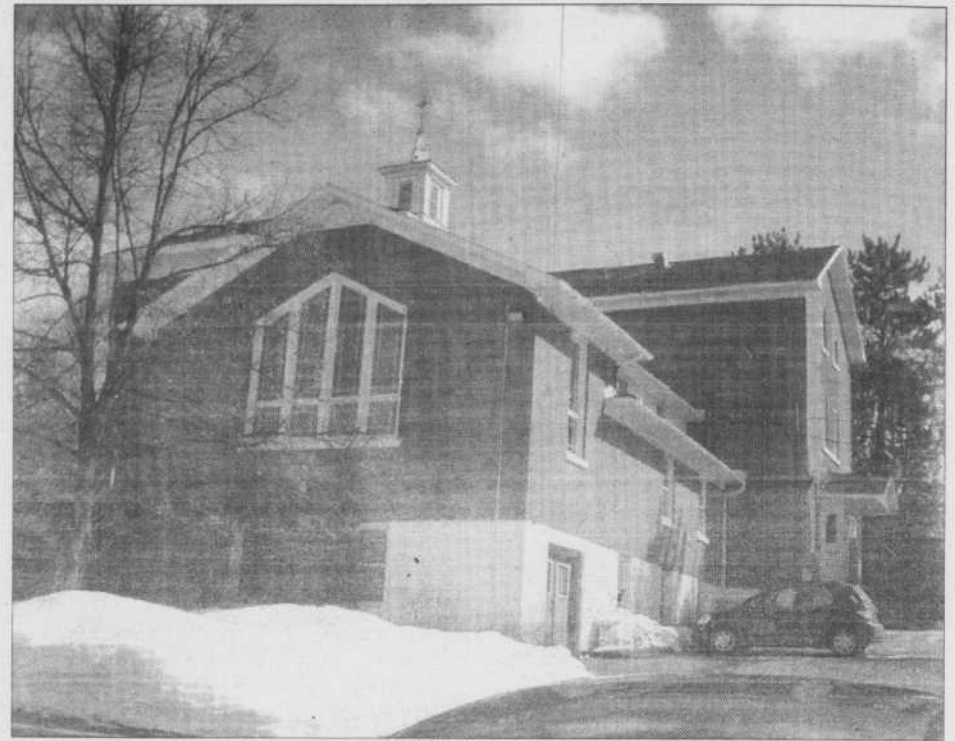


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The exterior of the convent.

Shoppers in annual Boxing Day frenzy despite online bargains

The Canadian Press

Bargain hunters packed stores across the country Monday for the annual Boxing Day sales that cap off the holiday shopping season.

While retail chains now offer deals online, it appears many still enjoy the ritual of heading to the mall to take part in the frenzy.

In Montreal, the first shopper arrived outside Future Shop on Ste-Catherine St. at 1 a.m., 12 hours before the store opened.

Kevin Bergeron, 18, said it was a long, cold night. He hoped the electronics store would give him a prize for being first in line.

"I think I'll buy a TV or some video games, or maybe a laptop," he said. "Whatever has the best deal, that's what I'll take."

Down the street, Sammy Bazizi began waiting outside H & M at 11 p.m. Satur-

day.

"I'm here for a good reason," said Bazizi, 18. "They give \$300 for the first person in line. So it's worth it."

Bazizi, who took breaks in his car parked out front to keep warm, said he wasn't even sure if he would buy anything right away.

In north Toronto, shoppers vied for parking spaces at the Yorkdale Shopping Centre, circling the jammed lots for any sign of an opening.

Roads leading to the mall were backed up for much of the day.

Crowds were just as thick in downtown Toronto, where eager shoppers staked out spots outside some big chains hours before the doors opened.

Inside the Eaton Centre, lineups to get into the most popular stores stretched more than a dozen long well into the afternoon.

"The crowds outside some of Montreal's stores, however, appeared thinner than in previous years.

Many chains began offering deals online on Christmas Eve, leading some shoppers to buy goods from the comfort of their homes.

Despite the increased emphasis on online sales, many customers still enjoy the ritual of the Boxing Day frenzy, said Thierry Lopez, Quebec's director of marketing at Future Shop.

"A lot of people really like coming in the store, touching the product, and there is a social aspect to it," he said.

Lopez added, though, that "being outside and waiting is maybe not for everybody, so that's why we developed the online sale."

Regardless of where shoppers choose to make their purchases, sales are expected to be up this year.

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Reality show searches for Canada's Smartest Person

By Corrinna Pole

Townshippers who think they just might be the smartest smarty-pants in the country have a chance to earn their bragging right nationwide this March for the CBC's upcoming reality television special.

Titled Canada's Smartest Person, the show questions not how smart contestants are but how they are smart.

The show is the brainchild of Toronto-based Media Headquarters producer Robert Cohen who says he was inspired by a discussion about trying to define intelligence.

"Most people associate being smart with being intelligent and strong in subjects like math, language or science but being smart doesn't necessarily mean having a high IQ," Cohen said. "We did research into it and that's when we learned about the Theory of Multiple In-

telligences, that there are really several kinds of smarts."

Dr. Howard Gardner's theory specifically lists six major shades of intelligence - logical, visual, physical, linguistic, musical and social.

The two-hour television special will pit four of the top self-proclaimed brainiacs to a series of fantastic challenges in these areas, developed in consultation with experts.

"Each area will be tested and because intelligence is different, each of the tests will be different," Cohen said. "For instance they will have to navigate a lasers obstacle course to test their physical aptitude, for musical they might have to compose a score in less than five minutes."

Many people may be strong in one or two areas but the show aims to find that one person who is versatile enough to successfully complete all the challenges.

Since the casting call went out on Dec. 5, applications have been coming in from across the country but Cohen wants to cast his net even wider, even to the Townships.

"We're not looking for neuroscientists or rocket scientists, although they are welcome to apply - we're looking for a diverse range of regular Canadians whether they are a mechanic, an athlete, a stay-at-home mom or dad, or a professional like a doctor or a lawyer - it can be anybody," he said. "We want people who can show that they are the renaissance men and women of our day, someone who can move across the board."

Cohen, who usually produces documentary series and dramas, will be challenged to film in front of a live audience but he's excited by the show's special format.

"This is really quite unique in the television landscape because it follows a

contestant along on their journey and we're going to get people plugging and playing along at home on their smart phone apps."

Of course Cohen is hoping the show won't just be a one-time deal but more than that he wants to kick-start Canadians' grey matter and get them talking about redefining intelligence.

To get on the show, or nominate someone else, fill out the online application at cbc.ca/smartestperson and upload a photo. A video is helpful but optional.

Casting agents will review the applications and follow up with interviews and tests. Those who make the cut will be taken to Toronto, expenses paid, for filming at the CBC studio. The casting call closes January 1, 2012.

Canadian astronauts could be grounded for years after next mission

By Peter Rakobowchuk
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian astronauts could be stuck on the ground for years following Chris Hadfield's space mission scheduled for 2012.

That six-month visit to the International Space Station, which begins next November when Hadfield blasts off in a Russian spacecraft, will mark the end of a busy era for Canadian space travel.

It's not clear when another Canadian will leave the planet, says an official at the national space agency.

"According to our agreement

on the International Space Station we don't have a flight - beyond Chris Hadfield - before the end of the decade," Gilles Leclerc, the Canadian Space Agency's director-general of space exploration, said in an interview.

In the 27 years since Marc Garneau became the first Canadian to fly into space, a total of eight Canadians have taken 15 space trips, many of them enjoying several voyages into the cosmos.

For the next while, the Canadian space program will focus on sending not people, but machines into space - like rovers and satellites for earth observa-

tion and military applications.

At one point Canada had six active astronauts. Now there are two young ones, but David Saint-Jacques and Jeremy Hansen still have to undergo a few years of training before any trip.

They will still get their chance - eventually.

NASA has an agreement to ship all Canadian astronauts up to the space station as long as it's in orbit, which is until at least 2020. Because it helped build the space station using the giant robotic Canadarms, Canada gets "credits" for trips to the space station.

That basically means it's able to send an astronaut with the Americans picking up the tab, under a barter system.

One small problem: Canada

has no credits left after Hadfield's flight.

"We've used up all our credits for transport of Canadian astronauts to the International Space Station," Leclerc said. "We're trying to negotiate a flight before 2019, obviously."

There may be another option. Since the retirement of the US space shuttle fleet this year, the focus has been on commercially developed vehicles which will carry cargo and astronauts to the space station.

One US firm, SpaceX, successfully launched its Dragon spacecraft atop a Falcon 9 rocket in December 2010 and it returned safely to Earth.

NASA has given the company the go-ahead to launch Dragon, in February 2012, to carry cargo to the International Space Sta-

tion.

Leclerc points out that the Canadarm on board the space station will be playing a big part in that flight.

"We will capture the spacecraft as it approaches, so it's a new role for us and it's part of our duties on the International Space Station," he added. He said the Canadarm has already been used for a number of years to grab supply ships sent up by the Europeans and Japanese.

Leclerc says "it's highly possible" the next Canadian astronaut after Hadfield will be transported to the space station in a commercial rocket.

But that is also years away.

NASA had been hoping to use commercial flights to get astronauts to the space station.

MS fundraiser

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the MS Society of Canada, that depends on public generosity to directly help MS suffers in the Townships purchase medication often not covered by insurance. In a year the service helps 10 to 30 people.

"We help people afford their medicine - we pay what they can't," explained Aulis. "For example, when I get my meds from the doctor, the government will pay a portion of it but I have to cover the rest. For some that can be \$145 to \$175 out of their own pocket. Some people are left having to decide between having Christmas or their medicine."

The branch has already helped four people this month alone. The funds raised from the recent campaign will help cover the medicine for three more and keep the branch in operation.

"We made several happy calls the other day to tell them," Aulis said Monday afternoon.

Proviso franchisee Robert Lafond and his employees warmly supported the recent campaign. Aulis was also joined by local volunteers, including well-known shutterbug Al Barber, who swapped his camera to bear the cold weather in a Santa suit.

"Santa alone pulled in \$300 in donations himself," said Aulis. "Robert Lafond is so nice to let us use his space and his employees kept checking on us, challenging us to raise more and encouraging the customers to come out and give."

Aulis thanked all those who came to support the fundraiser, including The Record for its continued support of the MS branch.

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EDITORIAL

The average North American emits 17 times more CO2 than the South East Asian from Mumbai! They expect serious monetary support NOW.



FRANCOIS TANGUAY

In the end, the so-called Durban Accord is more of a letdown than a solution. Why? Because the urgency to act as been pushed forward a good ten years and ten years is an eternity right now if you ask the climate change experts, the science people who, day in and day out, measure the state of the planet, and have reached a major international consensus: if we wait any longer there is no amount of panic driven actions that will stop the climate from getting away from our control.

The keep within a reasonable limit of a two-degree rise for the foreseeable future (the agreed to Kyoto Protocol target), very serious measures to reduce our carbon emissions on a mid- and long-term basis had to be taken now. A reduction of at least 75 per cent of global emissions has to be reached by 2050. We have not even begun to get in line the policies that would have the necessary results, scientists say. In fact the two-degree scenario is now officially dead in the water. How come? Well to make a long and complicated story short: there is no political consensus to act!

The UN climate negotiations function on a consensus base, not a majority vote, and...there are almost 200 nations at the table, a big, big table! As you can easily imagine it is impossible to expect that China, South Africa, Norway, Indonesia, Vanuatu in the South Pacific...and Canada, agree on how to limit climate-changing emissions. So in essence, we have witnessed since Copenhagen in December 2009 a near total stalemate in the negotiations.

A good example of this is The Green Fund, a multi billion dollar fund that the richer nations would feed to help the poorer nations deal with the need for better technology, more high quality work on the ground, education programs and a ton of land and forest sav-

ing measures. The urgency is agreed to by all! Well there is not a dime in the fund and no one knows for sure how and when the money will come. This fund is to reach \$100 billion a year by 2020! So much for progress on the ground!

The 120 poor nations are, as one may expect, very angry at the political haggling that has brought this urgent financing need to a halt. In Durban they reminded the richer nations that they have exploited their forests, natural resources, corrupted the governments and isolated the indigenous peoples for decades and now is the time to make up for the mess! The average North American emits 17 times more CO2 than the South East Asian from Mumbai! They expect serious monetary support NOW. But, no amount of kicking and screaming from the least developed countries has made the US, Canada or Japan make amends!

So what we are left with is the following: a COP 18 meeting in Qatar next December that could very well be boycotted by more than half the nations that are party to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Having attended a few of these meetings, unless something drastic happens between now and the end of the 2012, I will not make a trip that would amount to tourism and be of little use. As much as I enjoy being in the heart of the beast come December of each year, it is becoming obvious that the battleground is shifting.

We are now entering the age of what will become "the carbon wars." In using the plural I point to the fact that, for the foreseeable future, the carbon war will be fought on many a battlefield. What is this new war? Within the Kyoto Protocol it was agreed that the 35 or so countries of Annex 1 of the agreement, the rich, would commit to reducing by 5 per cent their level of emissions of 1990. Canada is almost 30 per cent above that goal and, faced with potential major costs for not complying, has decided to opt out of the Protocol all together, claiming it would arm our economy to pollute less! Thank you Stephen and Peter for saving us from economical doomsday!

But, on the other hand, Europe has made bold moves to act on global emissions. A carbon stock exchange is in place where businesses who have complied with the national targets can sell

And now the carbon wars

to polluters their acquired carbon credits. For the time being the credits are too cheap at a little under \$10 a ton to really incite polluters to reduce their emissions: it is still too cheap to pollute, not worth the effort of buying credits. But at something like \$30 a ton, polluting would become too expensive and modernizing the only economical option because \$30-a-ton credits would be bad for the balance sheet.

Quebec and California, within what is called the Western Climate Exchange, are going the same carbon market route. Problem is that the credits in Quebec will be cheaper here than those on the West Coast. As a result an unfair emis-

sions balance will ensue where, a polluter in California will be able to buy a credit, let's say from Hydro-Quebec, thus bypassing companies with credits in California. Imagine this on a global scale, where Third World nations could very well underbid each other for the carbon credit market. This could very well be the next environmental nightmare! Who sells the cheapest carbon credits, thus killing any incentives to really lower emissions because polluting will be too cheap to even bother with upgrading one's factory or production line. This could get very ugly. We'll keep you posted.

A new person of interest



ANNA MAY KINNEY

With all the hustle and bustle of Christmas behind us, it's time for a little R&R, for me that always meant rest and reading. What better time to finish that thick book started during last summer's vacation, or focus on an issue you may have wanted to learn more about and have not found the time. How about looking into what has been happening to our food supply, who is trying to get control of it and why? What's behind and who profits from all these new GMO vegetables, fish and now meats? Once you get into learning about the changes in what we all eat daily, even the grains our animals eat, and what these changes are doing I feel you won't want to leave this dilemma to your prodigy.

There are a few very educated and interesting people who are diligently working to inform the public of the dangers involved in the genetic manipulation of our food supply. Over the years I've written about two who have risked it all to stand firm against GMOs, with time on your hands you might like to relax at your computer and look up Canadian educated Dr. Vandana Shiva, an Indian ecologist, physicist and editor who has established Navdanya, a movement for biodiversity conservation and farmers' rights. She teaches India's farmers to save and use their own regional seeds through small regional seed banks. She also directs the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Natural Resource Policy.

Then there's Dr. Arpad Pusztai, a Hungarian born protein scientist and probably the world's greatest expert on plant lectins. He started off as an advocate of the GMO industry, having been employed at the Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, Scotland from 1968 to 1998, when he conducted research on

rats fed genetically modified potatoes that showed damage to their intestines, which went on to harm their immune systems. He became one of the most publicized whistle blowers of all time, not only getting him dismissed from Rowett, but after his employer accused him of misconduct they seized all his data, and banned him, his wife and colleagues from speaking publicly. His research and website are a great testimonial of the dangers of genetically engineered foods.

Experience vs. critics

Now there's someone new sounding the alarm; he's Professor Emeritus in Plant Pathology at Purdue University. Dr. Don Huber stands out as one of the United States' top senior soil scientists. From 1957 to 1959 he attained B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Idaho. In 1963, he earned his PhD at Michigan State University and also graduated the US Army Command and General Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 1971 he joined the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University, after spending eight years at the University of Idaho as a Cereal Pathologist.

During 50 years of research, he's focused on the epidemiology and control of soil born plant pathogens, especially microbial ecology, biological and cultural controls. From his work history one can only say that this man is a soil expert, specializing in nutrient disease interactions. How does a man with such a great educational and work record get torn apart by those saying he's no expert and really does not know what he's talking about? Knowing the power of the biotech industry, this type of slander is nothing. The two people I mentioned at the beginning of this article have been through the courts fighting the system just to maintain their credibility. Both have many written interviews, videos and Dr. Vandana Shiva has written quite a few books being one of only a few who have actually taken Monsanto to court and won. When the biotech industry is backed by billions of dollars and a team of lawyers on the ready to take anyone to court for the littlest infraction of their

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YEAR IN REVIEW — PART 1

The Record looks back at the stories of 2011

There is a general consensus that 2011 was busy year, for many it seems as soon as it began, it was over.

Starting today and over the next few days, the Record will look back at some of the headlines and stories that graced our pages over the last year.

All of us at The Record wish you and your loved ones happy holidays and the very best for 2012. We look forward to Townshippers helping us to make this next year one to remember.

January

The first Record of 2011 printed on a Wednesday and kicked off a busy year of weird weather, striking Sherbrooke blue-collar workers and generous acts by Townshippers.

Wednesday, January 5

Student puts up reward for dog shot with nail gun

Townships student Justin Adams put up his hard earned cash up as a reward in hopes of finding the individuals involved in a horrific pre-Christmas case of dog abuse in Lac-Brome.

Adams, a 19-year-old Champlain College student, told Record reporter Corrinna Pole he was disgusted at recent media reports that the mother of a litter of six puppies, between eight and nine weeks old, had been shot in the head with a nail gun before being dumped on the side of Stagecoach Road in Lac Brome.

Rural Canadian households still waiting for high speed Internet

As 2011 began, Stephen McDougall reported on rural Townshippers without access to high speed Internet who found themselves still lagging behind on dial-up service.

Friday, January 7

Harper in the Townships: PM announces \$24.8 M for Domtar

When Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited the Eastern Townships, Doug McCooeye and Claudia Villemare reported on the Prime Minister's multi-million-

dollar investment announcement of the Windsor Mill.

Owned by the Domtar Corporation, the pulp and paper manufacturer will benefit from a \$24.8 million subsidy that will go towards upgrading the plant's energy efficiency.

Monday, January 10

Elderly woman saved from Saint-Malo fire

It was the occupants of a passing car who noticed the smoke billowing out of an old two-storey house at 380 Route 253 in Saint-Malo on Saturday and reported the incident to the local fire station.

Her son-in-law saved homeowner Armande Robidas, 84, after a small kitchen fire burned out of control. More than 20 firefighters from both the Saint-Malo and Beecher Falls departments responded to the call. Officials have described the ancient two-storey house as a total loss.

Monday, January 17

Final mass at St-Antoine

The St-Antoine Church held its final mass on Saturday afternoon in Lennoxville. Located on the corner of Queen and College streets, church officials made the decision to close the building down last October because of the dwindling number of parishioners and mounting operational costs. At the time St-Antoine's was accepting bids for the sale of the building.

Wednesday, January 19

Demo site's rubble raising legal woes

After months of staring at the rubble eyesore left by the demolition of the former Korvette's discount store and the neighboring furniture store in the core of Lennoxville, Corrinna Pole reported that the City of Sherbrooke had stepped in and decided to take the matter before the Superior Court.

Monday, January 24

Five-star seniors home planned; Potvin's legacy to community

Pierre Bédard of Bédard & associés

presented residents of Cookshire-Eaton with the plans for a future full service retirement facility that would be opened in the centre of town next year. Corrinna Pole reported that the idea of the future Residence Cookshire-Eaton was credited to late Mayor Normand Potvin, who lost his third bout with cancer in March 2010, and was seen as his final gift to the Cookshire community.

Influenza outbreak at CHUS-Fleurimont

An outbreak of the influenza A virus at the CHUS-Fleurimont led to a full quarantine of the hospital's surgical intensive care unit and the imposing of limitations on visitations for both the CHUS' Fleurimont and Hotel-Dieu locations, reported Doug McCooeye.

CHUS officials said that six staff members from the surgical intensive care unit had been diagnosed with the virus, while another five CHUS personnel (four from intensive care, one from another health care unit) have shown flu-like symptoms.

Herring-Fairview dairy auction

Auctioneers helped to liquidate effects and equipment from the houses and stables at the 1 Queen Street farm in Lennoxville after serving the Herring family for 220 years.

The special auction was being held before the buildings on the farm were torn down to make way for the new 410 highway extension.

Wednesday, January 26

Richmond home nets top national prize

Wales Home executive director Brenda Piironen, along with residents Fern Ellison, Eleanor and Francis Cleveland, Dorothy Cassidy, Armand Rivard and Marjorie Fraser raised a glass in honor of the Richmond retirement home winning the grand prize in a national community fund competition.

Corrinna Pole reported The home's therapeutic garden oasis for Alzheimer's patients was chosen by national vote and a panel of judges from 1,724 community conscious concepts vying to win over \$90,000 from the Aviva Community Fund.

February

Tuesday, February 1

Champlain rez fire victims showing resiliency

Three months ago after a three-alarm fire ousted 53 students from Champlain residence 17, on Winder Road in Lennoxville, Doug McCooeye reported that the students were recovering thanks to help from the school and the local community.

More than 50 firefighters responded to the accidental fire on November 1, which gutted much of the inside and cost an estimated \$150,000 in damages.

Lenn church auction

About 300 people turned up as the contents of Lennoxville's St-Antoine church, from statues of angels, marble stands, old church robes, antique dishes, silverware and even the old church pews were auctioned off to help maintain the church's cemetery once the church closed.

Thursday, February 3

Schools closed for vast storm

As heavy snowfall from the United States swept across the region, Town-

shippers scrambled to adapt to one of the first real snowstorms of the year, reported Corrinna Pole.

No major accidents despite snowstorm

Despite the snowstorm that struck the Eastern Townships, Doug McCooeye reported that local law enforcement were not called to any major accidents in the region.

Wednesday, February 9

114 years strong and counting

The Record staff gathered in the pressroom to celebrate the newspaper's 114th birthday. For the occasion, a special souvenir reprint of the original February 9, 1897 issue was included in copies of The Record.

More than 1,400 Crown prosecutors on strike

Doug McCooeye reported that Quebec government lawyers, including the 450 Crown prosecutors, went on strike Tuesday in protest of the current state of their contract negotiations with the province.

The judicial system had essentially been halted.

Teen charged with first-degree murder

Doug McCooeye reported a new charge of first-degree murder was laid against the 16-year-old boy accused of kidnapping and sequestering 82-year-old Réjeanne Pelletier-Charette.

Thursday, February 10

ETSB laptop program gets passing grade

Researchers from the Université de Montréal officially unveiled the results of their independent assessment of the Eastern Townships School Board's hotly debated laptop deployment strategy, reported Corrinna Pole.

Canada Research Chair in ICT and Education Dr. Thierry Karsenti and his colleagues examined the challenges and benefits associated with the Enhanced Learning Strategy integration of technology as a teaching tool and concluded that the strategy contributes to student academic success.

Monday, February 14

City to replace parking meter system

The hour of free parking enjoyed by motorists who park on Sherbrooke's main streets will be coming to an end this summer, as the city plans to take out all of the existing parking meters and install a more modern electronic payment terminal system. Doug McCooeye reported on the \$600,000 project that resulted in the elimination of the free parking hour.

Friday, February 18

Scotstown councillor disqualified

Quebec's Chief Electoral Officer determined Scotstown councillor Marc Charron's criminal record makes him ineligible to sit on the municipal council.

Charron was found guilty on counts of possession of stolen property and for his participation as the alleged getaway driver in a 2006 bank robbery. He was elected in July 2010 while he was still serving his 21 months prison sentence.

Mayor Barbara Szots resigned from her position last August over the matter.

Anna May Kinney

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laws, what can the average person do to protect himself? As a few Canadian and American farmers, who have been put out of business by biotech know, almost nothing.

In a letter dated January 16, 2011, to USDA Secretary Vilsack, Dr. Don Huber warned and called on the federal government to immediately rescind the decision they made to allow for the use of genetically modified alfalfa. In March he wrote a second more detailed letter to Europe, both letters are available online. He's quoted as saying, "For the past 40 years, I have been a scientist in the professional and military agencies that evaluate and prepare for natural and manmade biological threats, including germ warfare and disease outbreaks." And "Based on this experience, I believe the threat we are facing from this pathogen is unique and of high-risk status. In layman's terms, it should be treated as an emergency."

In the letter, Dr. Huber states that a senior group of plant and animal scientists discovered a microscopic pathogen,

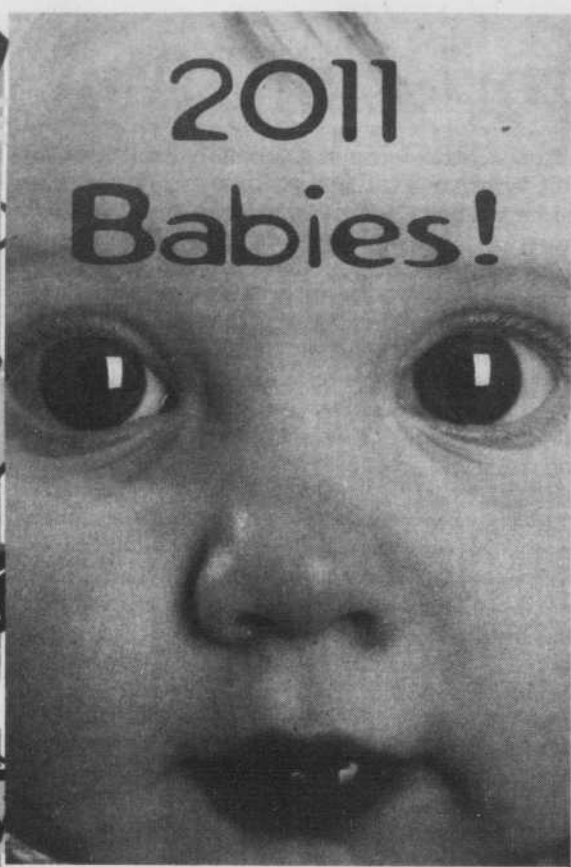
which appears to have never been seen before and one that could wind up having a significant impact on the health of plants, animals, and eventually human beings. The findings stated there were higher concentrations in Roundup Ready (RR) soybeans and corn suggesting a link with the RR gene or more likely the presence of Roundup. The letters both go on to say how much more research needs to be done in order to verify what this team of scientist believe, how he is seeking assistance from the USDA and others in order to identify the pathogen's source, prevalence, implications, and remedies.

Considering this new finding and its implications to our health and well being, wouldn't it be time we let our politicians know that we want labeling showing us what is genetically altered and what is not?

As Dr. Huber carefully points out, this information could result in a collapse of US soy and corn export markets and cause a significant disruption of domestic food and feed supplies.

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Year in Review



2011 Babies!

Proud parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, show off your pride and joy in our "Babies of 2011" edition of **The Record** to be published on January 13, 2012. Although all babies are welcome and will be featured in our special issue, only those born in 2011 will be considered for a 2011 photo and story (randomly selected for this honour).

Mail a photograph of the baby with: baby's name, birthday, parents' name, hometown and **10 words** describing the little tyke, along with \$20. (taxes included), daytime phone number and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to **The Record** at 1195 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke, QC J1G 1Y7 OR 5B Victoria St., Knowlton, QC J0E 1V0 or e-mail: classad@sherbrookerecord.com with Visa or MasterCard for payment.

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Library accessibility, not 'if' but 'when'

Three years after Lennoxville Borough council stated \$50,000 had been allocated and plans had been drawn up, Corrinna Pole reported that the Lennoxville Library still didn't have wheelchair accessibility.

After one wheelchair bound resident expressed his disappointment at not being able to get into the building, the head of the library's board, Doug Blair, told the Record the approved project was in the hands of the City of Sherbrooke since the previous summer, yet nothing had been done.

Tuesday, February 22

Townshippers take spring break in Haiti

Twenty-five Townshippers were preparing to head to Haiti for spring break exchanging rest and relaxation for manual labor as they help to build three homes over ten-days for Haitian families displaced by last year's earthquake. Corrinna Pole reported that the volunteers, ranging in age from 16 to retirees, raised \$7,500 towards the project to help three families transition from homeless to housed.

Three-year-old found dead

The Sherbrooke police (SPS) were investigating the circumstances around the death of a 3-year-old boy who was discovered by his 16-year-old sister in his Jacques-Cartier home on Sunday evening, reported Doug McCooeye.

The mother of the boy, 36, was in critical condition at a Sherbrooke hospital after she tried to take her own life.

Friday, February 25

At long last "Bomb" is moving on

After years of waiting, the Sherman tank that stands as a memorial to the 130 fallen World War II soldiers and those who served in both the French-Canadian reserve unit Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke and the English-Canadian Sherbrooke Hussars Regiment, would be moved to a prominent site in the heart of the city, reported Corrinna Pole.

Several Sherbrooke Hussars veterans were present when Minister of Veterans Affairs, Jean-Pierre Blackburn announced the federal government would help relocate the indestructible tank dubbed the "Bomb" to much safer quarters.

March

Friday, March 4

Stanstead seniors evicted

Corrinna Pole reported on the sudden closure of the White House seniors home in Stanstead as the result of financial woes. Along with leaving the home's dozen staff members unemployed, seniors and their families were given only three days to find new accommodations.

Roxton Pond murder suspect identified

The Sureté du Québec released the identity of the suspect arrested in connection to the murder of 25-year-old Marie-Elyse Tremblay, found beaten to death in her Roxton Pond home on Monday afternoon, reported Doug McCooeye.

Thanks to a tip from the public, Simon Charbonneau, 28, was arrested as he exited his motel room on Tuesday afternoon in Iberville.

Accused incestuous father back in court

Doug McCooeye reported that the 24-year-old Sherbrooke man facing sexual abuse and incest charges for acts committed against members of his family was returning to court for the continuation of his judicial proceedings.

Monday, March 7

Fire at Shefford pig farm

Two of three buildings at a pig farm on Lequin Road in Shefford were completely destroyed in a fire resulting in the loss of more than 300 pigs and over \$200,000 in estimated damages reported Doug McCooeye.

Wednesday, March 9

Record snowfall strikes the Townships; A storm of epic proportions

Townshippers awoke Monday morning to find that high levels of snow had fallen throughout the territory, crippling the ability of many citizens to get to their cars and, in some extreme cases, even leave their homes, reported Doug McCooeye.

Sill waiting to receive the official numbers, Environment Canada meteorologist André Cantin estimated that about 70 centimetres of snow had fallen confirming, that the snowfall was a 24-hour record-high for March 7 in the region.

Friday, March 11

Feds must do more for Quebec's Anglo rights; Senate report

After two years of work, the Senate Committee on Official Languages unveiled its findings on the status of Quebec's English speaking minority in a 129-page report. The Senate determined the perception of Quebec's English speaking population needs to change and the federal government must do more to promote and protect its rights, reported Corrinna Pole

Tuesday, March 15

Bishop's science labs unveiled

Bishop's University principal Michael Goldbloom, MNA for Saint-François Monique Gagnon-Tremblay and Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu took a tour of Bishop's Johnson Science Building to check over the newly renovated and thoroughly equipped laboratories.

Corrinna Pole followed the tour to view the technological and structural facelift was supported by equal contributions from the federal and provincial governments totaling \$4.4 million through the Canada-Quebec Knowledge Infrastructure Program Agreement.

Rescue at Owl's Head ski centre

Search and rescue routines don't happen every day in Pottton but, if the efforts made on March 10 at Owl's Head Ski Centre are any indication of the competence and efficiency of rescue workers, Mabel Hastings reported that locals were in very good hands.

After a 22-year-old Sorel man was reported missing from the Owl's Head Ski Centre, Mansonville firefighters found the snowboarder who had left the trail and became disoriented and ended up on the Lake between the Mountain House and girls camp area.

Wednesday, March 23

Forced clean-up for resident

Lennoxville resident Terry Moller says the City of Sherbrooke and the borough did not just enforce a cleanup of his compulsive collections but thoroughly cleaned out his William-Paige Street home. Corrinna Pole reported on the move that the self proclaimed "collector and archivist" says left his cupboards and shelves bare.

Tuesday, March 29

Hovey Manor restaurant to reopen next week

Closed to dinner service since a mid-February fire, Hovey Manor announced it would resume its full restaurant services on Tuesday, April 5. The fire was caused

An electrical malfunction in a wall located between two unoccupied rooms led to a fire that the North Hatley' inns main dining room and a handful of suites. Damages were estimated at \$200,000.

Al, a new Canadian

Former Record photographer Al Barber became an official Canadian citizen when he took the oath of citizenship along with some 90 other people. In all, some 30 nations were represented, including Barber's native Britain.

Wednesday, March 30

Quebec-New Hampshire cross-border transmission line project; 'No lines in our back yard'

While Hydro Quebec continues to analyze its Quebec-New Hampshire 300-kilovolt cross-border transmission-line project, Doug McCooeye reported that at least one group of local landowners was not happy with the initial plans.

World War II bomb found in city home

A Second World War bomb was discovered by an inspector from the city's fire department, executing a municipal court order, in the basement of a St-Elie residence.

After getting a look at the object, Sherbrooke Police officers called in the Canadian army to remove what turned out to be an old practice bomb.

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Local Sports

"Injuries are part of the sports and the majority of World Cup skiers have been there before. If anything, I can consider myself a true skier now."

Sherbrooke skier optimistic despite season ending injury

By Jesse Feith

Successful Sherbrooke skier Ève Routhier's season has unfortunately come to an end after a serious injury that has forced her to take a break from her career and passion.

Routhier returned home to spend the holidays with her family after a broken fibula she suffered in the slalom World Cup in France last week forced her to make the long trip home on crutches.

In the sport of skiing, injuries are not considered a rare thing given the unpredictable nature of the sport that comes with descending a snowy mountain at such fast speeds and Routhier understands that this setback is something most professional skiers go through at one point in their careers, and she isn't letting it keep her head down.

"Injuries are part of the sports and the majority of World Cup skiers have



COURTESY PHOTO

Sherbrooke native, skier Ève Routhier has been sidelined with a serious fracture to her fibula.

been there before. If anything, I can consider myself a true skier now," said Routhier.

Despite her injury forcing her to leave the World Cup and bringing an end to her competitive season, Routhier is trying to see the positive side of things, as she hopes to be reinstated in time to resume her early summer training with the rest of the Canadian national ski team.

"In one way the timing of the injury could have been worse; this way here I'll be able to start back up again with everyone else at the beginning of the summer," said Routhier, adding that maybe the time off will allow her to rest not only physically but also mentally over the next three months.

Although she hasn't quite figured out exactly what the repercussions of the injury will be in the long run, the one certainty for right now is that she can't put any pressure or weight on her injured leg for six weeks.

The fractured bone in her leg has

been fixed with a plate and screws with an emergency surgery that was performed right away instead of using a cast that would have fixed the fracture over time but never properly bring the bone back to where it belongs.

"I can't put weight on it right now, but I can do physical therapy to work on my mobility. Right now, I think at the beginning of February I'll be able to start putting weight and hopefully I would like to be able to ski at the end of March, just doing some free skiing, which is much less demanding than competitions."

Routhier's injury unfortunately happened right at a moment when the Canadian women's ski team has started to make a real name for themselves on the World Cup circuit, achieving better and better results this season.

SPORTS DEATHS IN 2011 — PART 1

Crashes take down an Indy champ and a Russian hockey team

By Fred Lief
The Associated Press

The images were of fire and smoke, of wreckage from terrifying, high-speed crashes.

Everyone wanted an explanation. There were only investigations and heartbreak — from Las Vegas to the Volga River.

Dan Wheldon, months after winning an improbable second title at the Indianapolis 500, died at 33 in an incendiary scene of carnage in the desert in the closing race of the IndyCar season.

The hockey club Lokomotiv Yaroslavl, one of the best in Russia and featuring former NHL players, plunged into a river bank soon after takeoff as it was about to begin a new season. All 37 players, coaches and staff died.

Sports lost a roster of greats in 2011: Joe Frazier in boxing, Duke Snider and Harmon Killebrew in baseball, Al Davis in football. Golf's Seve Ballesteros and the marathon's Grete Waitz never made it out of their 50s.

But the deaths of Wheldon and the entire Lokomotiv team — athletes on the job and in the primes — stood out as both sudden and shocking.

Wheldon was one of racing's most popular drivers, an Englishman whose success never quite registered at home. And even though he already had won Indy in 2005, he had trouble getting rides this season because sponsors were hard to come by.

But there he was at the Brickyard in May, sailing to victory out of nowhere, the beneficiary of a rookie mistake by JR Hildebrand with one lap left.

"You never know what's going to happen," Wheldon said.

Less than five months later, his wisdom played out in the most chilling way possible.

Wheldon was well behind the leaders at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but moving up. In an eye blink, he was caught in

mayhem that would engulf nearly half the 34-car field. His car soared into the air and careened into a post in the fence surrounding the track.

The 19 cars that escaped that day later rode five laps in tribute. By year's end, IndyCar said no one single factor was responsible for the accident, calling it a "perfect storm" of events.

"We put so much pressure on ourselves to win races and championships, and that's what we love to do," said Dario Franchitti, a former teammate. "Days like today, it doesn't really matter."

The Lokomotiv team was on its way to Minsk for its opener in the Kontinental Hockey League, the world's best after the NHL. But before the chartered jet reached full altitude, it smashed alongside a river and burst into flames. It was one of the worst air disasters in sports history. Investigators later cited lax oversight and insufficient crew training.

The players may not have been household names in Europe or North America. But those who know hockey can speak of Pavol Demitra, a Slovakian and three-time NHL all-star; assistant coach Alexander Karpovtsev, who spent a dozen years in the NHL and won a Stanley Cup with the Rangers in 1994; goaltender Stefan Liv, who won an Olympic gold medal with Sweden in 2006; Ruskan Salei, a defenceman from Belarus who played with four NHL teams; Josef Vasicek, a Czech who was with the Carolina Hurricanes when they were Stanley Cup champs in 2006; and Brad McCrimmon, Lokomotiv's 52-year-old Canadian coach who played in the NHL from 1979 to 1997.

The memorial drew some 100,000 people, including Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

"For the first time in my life I had trouble entering an ice arena," said Vyacheslav Fetisov, the former NHL star and now the KHL chairman. "It's an inexplicable tragedy."

The crash also put a spotlight on the fear of travel across all sports — teams forever in flight and heading to the next game, crossing time zones and oceans in all sorts of conditions and all sorts of aircraft. The basketball community at Oklahoma State needs no lessons on this.

Kurt Budke, the 50-year-old women's coach, and assistant Miranda Serna, 36, were making a recruiting trip when their small plane went down in Arkansas. Their deaths came not long after the 10th anniversary of a fatal crash involving the school's men's basketball team.

The doomed Lokomotiv flight culminated hockey's mournful summer. Three NHL players died in four months. Derek Boogaard, 28, a Rangers enforcer was found dead in his apartment and later determined to have a degenerative condition resulting from hits to the head. Another brawler, 27-year-old Rick Rypien of the Vancouver Canucks, battled depression. Recently retired Wade Belak, 35, was said to have hanged himself in Toronto.

Boxing sustained a big loss with the death of Frazier, 67, who spent his last days in hospice with liver disease. Smokin' Joe was not big for a heavyweight, but how to measure his heart and grit? Or the ferocious power of his left hook? Or his sheer will in his three fights with Muhammad Ali? Promoter Bob Arum called him a "great, great warrior."

Frazier — quiet and workmanlike amid the din and commotion that was Ali — in 1971 became the first to beat "The Greatest." In their third fight, the epic "Thrilla in Manila," Frazier's corner held him back for the last round. Ali called the bout the "closest thing to dying that I know of."

Also gone from boxing in 2011 were heavyweights Ron Lyle, Scott LeDoux and knighted Englishman Henry Cooper. So were Gil Clancy, 88, the trainer who handled Emile Griffith, and Butch Lewis,

65, the promoter who went shirtless under his tuxedo and worked with Frazier and Ali, among others.

Davis was in command on pro football's stage for more than a half-century and died at 82. With his slicked-back hair like some character out of "West Side Story," he helped shape the game as the primal force behind the Oakland Raiders and as a key player in the AFL-NFL merger. Davis won three Super Bowls with the silver-and-black. He bedeviled commissioners, irked fellow owners and impelled players to, "Just win, baby."

"There was no element of the game of professional football for which Al did not enjoy a thorough and complete level of knowledge and passion," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

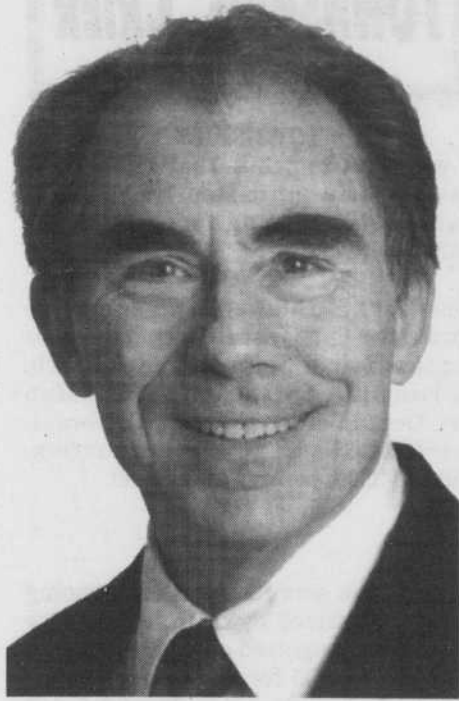
Football is now without four running backs who meant much to the game: Cookie Gilchrist, 75, a Bills star from Davis' AFL days; Joe Perry, 84; John Henry Johnson, 81; and Ollie Matson, 80, once traded for nine players. Lee Roy Selmon, the defensive end who teamed with his brothers to help send Oklahoma to consecutive national championships before starring for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was 56. There were also a couple of ex-Giants in defensive end Andy Robustelli, 85, and kicker Don Chandler, 76.

John Mackey, stricken with dementia and dead at 69, was a force at tight end and later as players' union president. Ex-Bears safety Dave Duerson was 50, turning a gun on himself, with his family agreeing to donate his brain for research. Orlando Brown, the 360-pounder who missed three seasons after a penalty flag struck him in the eye, died at 40. Bubba Smith, a fearsome 6-foot-7 pass rusher who later cut a more welcoming persona as an actor, was 66.

Associated Press writer Misha Japaridze in Yaroslavl, Russia, contributed to this report.

See Part 2 in tomorrow's Record.

ASK DOCTOR K



Several theories explain why we yawn

By Anthony L. Komaroff, M.D.

DEAR DOCTOR K: I've been yawning a lot lately, and it got me thinking about what causes this phenomenon. Does anyone know why we yawn, and do you have any idea why yawns seem to be contagious?

DEAR READER: Most people yawn several times per day, sometimes without even noticing it. In fact, almost all vertebrate animals yawn up to 10 times per hour, by some estimates. Yawning is most common in the early morning and late evening.

What do these yawns mean? That you are tired? Bored?

The fact is, we don't know. It's probably a myth that yawning always means you're sleepy. People do often yawn as they are ready to go to sleep at night, but it also happens when we wake up in the morning and at other times of day. Nevertheless, I find myself yawning more often when I'm sleepy (or having trouble waking up).

Yawns do seem to pass from person to person, as if they were contagious. What causes this? It's probably the power of suggestion. We see someone yawn, and all of a sudden we also need to yawn. Maybe it's a behavior that is programmed into us. Maybe it's a way of showing someone else that we are connected and sympathetic to them.

None of the theories about why we yawn have been proven. But there are still lots of theories, anyway.

People used to think yawning meant our bodies weren't getting enough oxygen, because yawning forces us to take

in more air. But a study in 1987 debunked this theory. When volunteers were exposed to high oxygen levels, they didn't yawn any less.

Some believe that yawning stretches out the lungs and nearby tissues, preventing tiny airways in the lungs from collapsing. Yawning may also help make us more alert after a period of relaxation, because it's associated with stretching of the muscles and joints and an increased heart rate. Both of those theories seem reasonable to me, particularly the first one.

My red-flag question to you, if you were my patient, would be, Has your yawning increased beyond the normal amount recently? Believe it or not, yawning may be a sign of disease.

Excessive yawning has been observed among people with multiple sclerosis, ALS (also called Lou Gehrig's disease), following radiation treatments, and among people treated for Parkinson's disease. Rarely, it may precede a migraine headache.

Don't misunderstand: If you find yourself yawning more often than usual, the chance that you have any of these diseases is still very small. I raise this point only to say that when a patient tells me that he or she is yawning more often than usual, I look harder for other symptoms.

That's why I think that noticeable changes in the amount you yawn may be worth mentioning to your doctor. Or maybe you just need to get more sleep.

DEAR DOCTOR K: Over the past year I've suddenly developed allergies. The problem is, I don't know what I'm allergic to. My doctor wants to do a scratch test. What can I expect?

DEAR READER: Scratch tests are often done in cases like yours, when allergy symptoms have no clear trigger. The tests usually are done by allergy specialists.

A scratch test checks for a skin reaction to substances that often cause allergies. These may include foods, molds, dust, plants or animal proteins. Your doctor will decide what allergies to test for, possibly up to a few dozen at one visit.

You should be asked not to take antihistamines, which can interfere with the test results, for three days before the test. If the doctor does not tell you that, call his or her office and check.

Here's what happens in the test: First, your doctor will drip drops of fluid in rows across the skin of your forearm. (In children the test is done on the upper back.) Each drop contains one substance, such as cat dander, that you might be allergic to. Your doctor will note where each drop of fluid is placed.

Then the doctor will make small, light scratches with a needle in the skin under each drop. This helps the substance you might be allergic to, to get under the surface of the skin. That's where the immune system can "see" it, and produce an allergic reaction against it.

In Memoriams

DESCOTEAU-McNAB, Travis: December 25, 1960 - December 27, 1980. In loving memory of our son and brother who was taken from us so suddenly and unexpectedly.

*It's hard to put on paper
The feelings we have inside
Of a broken hearted family
That has missed you since you died.
To us you were so special
What more is there to say,
We only wish within our hearts
That you were here today.*

**Love with a love beyond all telling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.
MOM, DAD,
CHRIS (brother)**

SMITH, Calvin - Who passed away December 27, 1990.

*The depths of sorrow we cannot tell
Of the loss of one we loved so well;
And while he sleeps a peaceful sleep
His memory we shall always keep.*

**Sadly missed by his son
FREDERICK
and daughter-in-law
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That's it. It's all over, except for the waiting. And this can be difficult. You have to stay still for about 20 minutes. Some of the scratches are going to start itching, but you won't be allowed to scratch.

At the end of the waiting time, your doctor will examine each needle scratch for redness or swelling. Your doctor can tell you right away which substances caused a reaction.

A serious allergic reaction during a scratch test is extremely unlikely. It's never happened to any patient of mine that I have sent to an allergy doctor. Serious reactions include a drop in blood pressure, shortness of breath and other symptoms.

To be safe, tell your doctor if you have ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction or a serious reaction to a previous allergy test. The doctor may not want to test for that particular allergy, or may want to have special treatments all ready to go if you do start to have a serious reaction.

We have a lot more information on allergies in our Special Health Report called "What to Do About Allergies." You can find out more about it at my website.

Knowing what you are allergic to can help in at least two ways. First, you know what to avoid. Second, for some allergic substances, there are special shots - desensitization treatments - that can greatly reduce your allergic symptoms.

Many people don't need allergy scratch tests to know what they are allergic to. But people like you who just know they are allergic to something can benefit from the test.

Death

**Pearle
(NÉE LEWIS) GÉLINAS**

Passed away at the CSSS des Source, Asbestos, QC on Sunday, December 25, 2011, Pearle Gélinas at the age of 93.

Dear wife of the late John Gélinas and loving mother of Edward (Janet Molson), the late Diana (Phil Bartley) and Elizabeth. Special grandmother of Maryann (Michael), Bill (Gretty), John (Annette), Jane (John), Marlo (Rick), Nathan and Jason (Kristal). Pearle also leaves to mourn her 13 great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Estelle Pettigrue, along with her nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Pearle was predeceased by her sisters Dorothy Green and Helen Spafford.

A graveside service will be held at the Danville Protestant Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, Richmond.

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Card of Thanks

BENNETT - I wish to thank everyone for attending my 90th birthday party and for all the cards, gifts, flowers and money. I also would like to thank my daughter and granddaughters for arranging this event.

**Thanks again,
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I suffer from social anxiety issues, as well as problems with eating around others

Dear Annie: My husband, "Frank," retired three years ago, after more than 40 years with the same company. He frequently mentioned a co-worker, "Dolly," saying how nice she was and what good friends they were. He wondered how she was doing. Once, he even said he missed her, but the expression on my face must have made him rethink that.

Last week, I ran into one of Frank's former co-workers and asked about my husband's relationship with Dolly. The co-worker said they seemed to have a strong attraction, but assured me it was probably just an office flirtation between two married colleagues. Then he said, "They only went out to lunch together a few times." Annie, Frank never once told me he had lunch with Dolly.

Should I mention this encounter to Frank and tell him what I suspect? The other day he was texting when I walked into the room, and he immediately stopped and put his phone down. He was visibly shaken. When I asked who he was texting, he claimed it was his brother. Now I'm thinking of checking his email, something I never would have done before.

Dear Doubt: This could be an ongoing flirtation and nothing more, but at this point, your marriage is in jeopardy regardless. Please discuss this with Frank, openly and honestly. Tell him what you know. Explain that his behavior has eroded your trust. Ask him to go with you for counseling to talk about this with a neutral party. If he refuses, go without him and decide how best to handle this.

Dear Annie: The holidays are a difficult time of year for me, not because of loneliness, but rather the opposite. I suffer from social anxiety issues, as well as problems with eating around others. I frequently find myself sitting in a corner trying to avoid people and food alike. I am often asked why I am

Annie's Mailbox

not eating. I usually say "I'm not hungry" or "I'm trying to watch my calories," but sometimes that fails to satisfy the person asking. Even though I've told my extended family and close friends the truth, they still insist I should eat something. How can I politely communicate my feelings while still being a grateful guest? — Me

Dear You: The fear of being judged by others or embarrassed in front of them is not an uncommon anxiety disorder and often manifests itself as an inability to eat in public. You can practice taking some food and moving it around on your plate if you don't want questions. But if you are willing to examine your anxieties, you can work to overcome them. Some people have found success with behavior modification, hypnotherapy, counseling and/or medication. Please talk to your doctor about this, and also contact the National Institute of Mental Health at 1-866-615-NIMH (1-866-615-6464).

Dear Annie: I think you missed something in your response to "Not a NASCAR Fan," whose husband drives like a maniac. She needs to call 911 from the car or home and report this wild driver. I certainly don't want to meet him on the road. — Omaha Driver

Dear Omaha: Nor do we, but unfortunately, unless he is caught committing a traffic violation, nothing will change. Calling the police from home and saying that your husband is probably somewhere speeding and tailgating won't do any good, and we don't think she should be in the car with him.

Dear Readers: A Merry Christmas to one and all. Here's an interesting take on the following well-known song, figures courtesy of the PNC Christmas Price Index:

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree (cost: \$184.99, an increase of 14.2 percent from last year).

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two turtle doves (\$125, an increase of 25 percent), and a partridge in a pear tree (another \$184.99).

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me, three French hens (\$150, no increase), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, four calling birds (\$519.96, those actually decreased 13.3 percent), three

French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, five gold rings (\$645, believe it or not, a decrease of 0.8 percent), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, six geese-a-laying (\$162, an increase of 8 percent), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300, expensive to begin with, they went up 12.5 percent), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eight maids-a-milking (\$58, still at minimum wage), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03, no increase in salary), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70, no increase), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eleven pipers piping (\$2,427.60, slightly higher at 3 percent), ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, twelve drummers drumming (\$2,629.90, also a 3 percent increase), eleven pipers piping (\$2,427.60), ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

The total cost of these gifts would be \$101,119.84 — even more for Internet shoppers with delivery costs. Have a happy holiday. Stay away from the swans.



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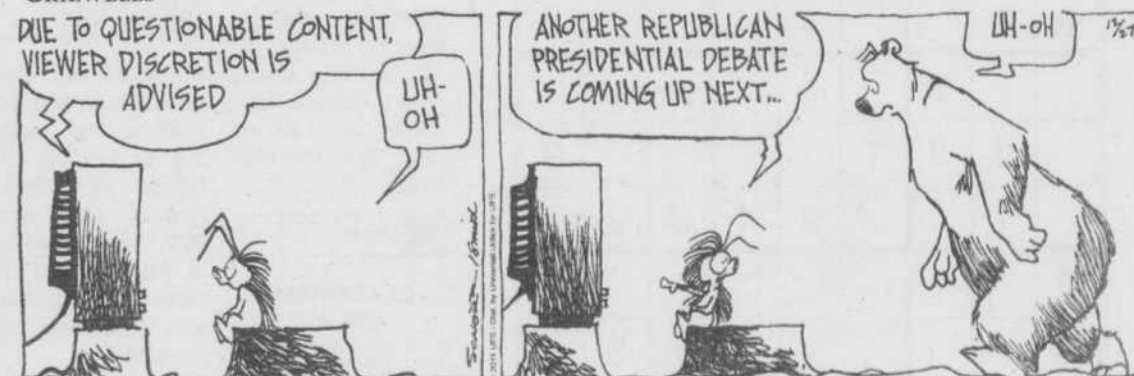
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The shower was given by her sister Kerry Vye and assisted by Amy and Kerry's mom, Joyce Rathwell. Rebekah Vye and Olivia Grubb assisted their Aunt in opening the lovely gifts after which Amy expressed appreciation and thanks.

A delicious lunch and shower cake were later served and enjoyed by all.

Many family members and friends attended with special mention that Amy's dear grandma, Aurette Wallingford, was present, to help her granddaughter celebrate this special occasion.

Submitted by Mrs. George Grubb

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6	2	1	5	8	3	9	7	4
3	7	8	4	1	9	6	5	2
4	5	9	6	7	2	3	1	8

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Your Birthday

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Notable improvements in your material affairs are likely in the year ahead if you put your mind to it. Although some might not consider your acquisitions gigantic, they will be significant and meaningful to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you find yourself badly in need of a small but urgent favor, go to someone you help all the time. Anyone of this ilk would be eager to do what he or she can for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A rather big opportunity could come in a small package. Someone you know socially who is involved in a new enterprise might want to bring you in on the action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — In order to have a chance for good results, don't broadcast your ambitious intentions. Take positive measures to accomplish your aims and speak only after your efforts are fulfilled.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Faith is based on believing in something about which little or no proof exists. The more faith you place in someone, the more you'll think that she or he will come through for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you aren't apt to seek out competitive situations, you aren't likely to dodge them either. Once you enter a race, however, you'll thoroughly enjoy the challenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you

don't feel you are being weighed down by a difficult situation, the more open you'll be to suggestions on handling one. Someone will have the perfect solution for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Things will go more smoothly when implementing an important change if you handle any complications that arise one at a time. It'll reduce your chances of bungles and gaffes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Because you'll enjoy testing your physical skills as well as your mental abilities, try to find and participate in a fun activity that would challenge both your muscles and your brainpower.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be sure to dot every "i" and cross every "t," especially in a critical matter that you're attempting to finalize. All those small details can be of greater significance than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You're likely to be acutely aware of the shortcomings of others, but you should take strides to offer your insights in the form of constructive criticism, not put-downs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The possibilities for making personal gains look very good. Although many people might not consider yours a hefty haul, it could still be a significant amount to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll be far better equipped to handle assignments of a mental nature than you will be attempting most physical tasks. Thus, delegate the grunt work while personally seeing to the matters that require the little gray cells.

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The modern style of competition

By Phillip Alder

Niklaus Wirth, a Swiss computer scientist best known for designing several programming languages, including Pascal, said, "A good designer must rely on experience; on precise, logical thinking; and on pedantic exactness. No magic will do."

A good bridge player must rely on experience and precise, logical thinking; magic will not do.

Study this deal to understand the concepts of competitive bidding when neither side has a large majority of the points.

South opens one heart; West passes because his hand is not quite strong enough for a takeout double; North raises to two hearts; East passes because takeout doubles with 4-3-3 distribution are dangerous, especially at this high a level; and South passes because he has a minimum opening bid.

Now the spotlight falls on West. The logic of the auction is that East must have a number of high-card points. And so West must get his side into the bidding by making a takeout double. He is hoping partner's hand will fit with his; but if not, perhaps the opponents will go to three hearts.

North 12-27-11			
♠ 7 2			
♥ K J 8 5			
♦ 10 3 2			
♣ Q 10 9 6			
West		East	
♠ K Q 8 3		♠ A 10 9 4	
♥ 2		♥ Q 10 9	
♦ 9 7 6 4		♦ Q 8 5	
♣ K 5 3 2		♣ A 7 4	
South			
♠ J 6 5			
♥ A 7 6 4 3			
♦ A K J			
♣ J 8			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	??		
Opening lead: ♠ K			

North, with four-card heart support, should immediately reraise to three hearts. With nine trumps, bid to the nine-trick level. Now East should resist the temptation to advance with three spades. West has already bid East's values. If West were strong, he would have doubled on the first round.

Note that both three-level contracts can be defeated. South loses two spades, one heart and two clubs. East concedes one heart, three diamonds and one club (or two hearts and three diamonds).

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 Prayer ender
 - 5 Plant used as flavoring
 - 9 Galaxy downloads
 - 13 Underworld figure
 - 15 Jai __
 - 16 Hilarious thing
 - 17 All the world, to Shakespeare
 - 18 Building extension
 - 19 Wild about
 - 20 Farm peeper
 - 22 Unintended radio broadcast silence
 - 24 Merciless
 - 26 Squeal like a stoolie
 - 27 Little piggy
 - 28 Authentic
 - 29 "A mouse!"
 - 31 Castro's smokes
 - 33 Against
 - 34 Etiquette guru Vanderbilt
 - 35 "2001" computer

- 36 B.S., e.g.
- 37 Christina of "The Addams Family"
- 39 Salt Lake City collegian
- 42 Guys
- 44 2011 Huffington Post acquirer
- 45 "It follows that!"
- 47 Prayer incantation
- 50 Swingers' gp.?
- 51 Sound of relief
- 52 Commotion
- 53 Fail to hit
- 55 High-tech business
- 57 Kook
- 59 Get hitched
- 60 "Aha!"
- 61 Tiny bit
- 63 Insurance spokeslizard
- 66 Jazz great Getz
- 67 Polish target
- 68 Greek or Caesar follower
- 69 Ratted (on)

- 23 Liquid in un lago
- 24 "Push-up" garment
- 25 Rip apart
- 26 Airport handlers, and in a way, what the first words of 4-, 8-, 21- and 32-Down are
- 30 U.K. record label
- 32 Chatterbox's output
- 38 Gear part
- 40 Tot's wheels
- 41 Fought-over food in old 1-Down
- 43 Author Bombeck
- 46 Resistance measurement

- 47 Follower of a Chinese "Chairman"
- 48 Builds a deck for, say
- 49 Negotiator's turndown
- 54 Longtime Utah Jazz coach Jerry
- 56 FDA and NFL, e.g.
- 58 Give a little
- 59 Beer base
- 62 Carrere of "Wayne's World"
- 64 Mary __ cosmetics
- 65 Pigs out (on), briefly

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A	A	N	D	W			R	E	N	T		K	I	L	L		

- 70 Tiny biter
 - 71 Data entry aids
- Down**
- 1 Commercials
 - 2 Congregated
 - 3 Remove from, as a storm-threatened area
 - 4 Bogeyman deterrent, so it's said
 - 5 Warmonger
 - 6 Inventor Whitney
 - 7 "Amazing" magician
 - 8 Organization leader, in slang
 - 9 Lacking water
 - 10 Whacked gift holder
 - 11 "Love" concoction
 - 12 Puts away for later
 - 14 "I'd just as soon kiss a Wookiee" speaker
 - 21 Unobstructed progress

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