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E.T. will not have photo radar for now: Transport Quebec

By Stephen McDougall
 Special to The Record

Eastern Townships motorists will not have to be on the lookout for provincial photo radar cameras for the next two years. This despite the fact that 36 new cameras are to be installed later this fall and next spring around the province, according to Transport Quebec.

"The cameras cannot be deployed everywhere," said official Sarah Ben-sadoun.

"For now, there are no plans to install them in Sherbrooke and the surrounding towns of Estrie.

"The photo radar program is still in a pilot project status. The cameras are being tested in different parts of Quebec, especially where car accident rates and traffic violations are high."

The automated cameras take pictures of car licenses when a vehicle is operated too fast or runs a red light at an intersection. The owner of the car then gets a fine in the mail along with a copy of the photo radar picture showing the number on the car license plate and the offense. No demerit points are issued because the camera does not record the driver's identity.

The program was first introduced to

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Canadian municipalities and Senate speak out on rail safety

Gordon Lambie
 Special to The Record

Vicki May Hamm, Mayor of Magog, took part Friday in a meeting of the Municipal Working Group on National Rail Safety of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) on behalf of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ). Hamm joined the members

of the FCM in demanding the rapid implementation of improvements in the field of railway safety from the Federal Government.

"The Federal Government has no choice," Hamm said, "it must work closely with municipalities to respond effectively to rail safety needs. Citizens expect that all levels of government will be working together to develop effective

solutions in the short, medium and long term to prevent a tragedy, like that of Lac-Mégantic, from happening again and to ensure that rail transport can safely resume its economic role in this country."

These comments come after a wealth of concerns including, but not limited to, those expressed in Friday's Record

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Lennoxville Street Festival



MIKE MCDEVITT

Under a beautiful sunny sky, Lennoxville brought out its annual Street festival, organized by the Lennoxville Merchants Association which featured not only a diversity of wares and products, but also a diverse and entertaining mix of music, culture and street animation. This year's edition was described by many as the 'best ever.'

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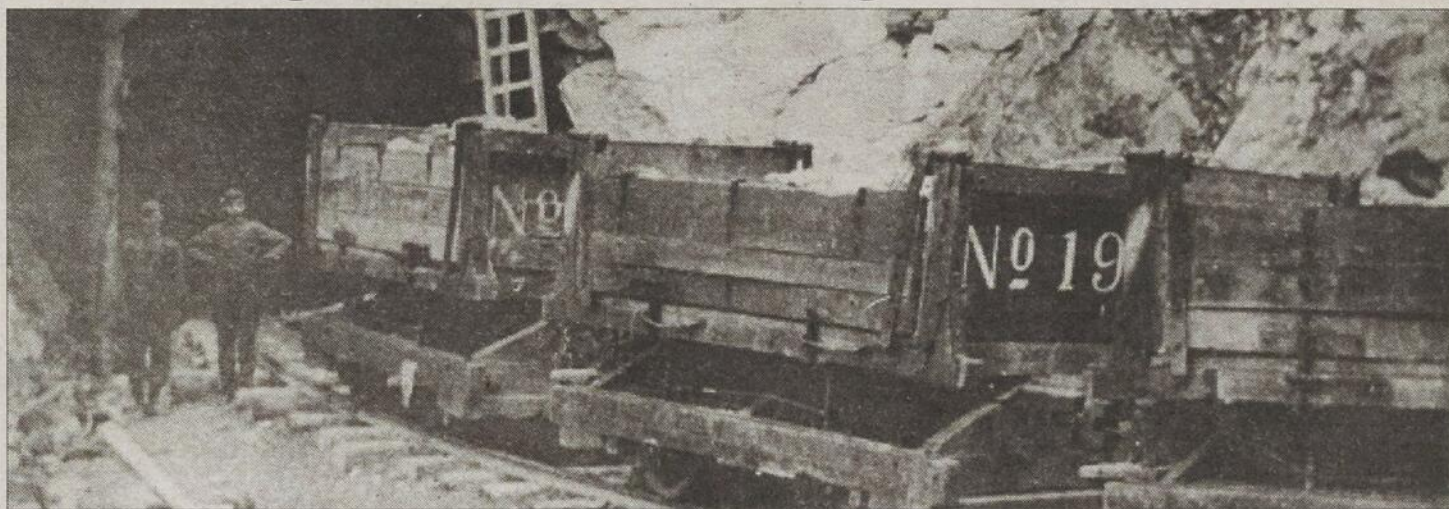
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Kingsville: a mining boomtown



Bell Asbestos Mines tunnel entrance at Thetford Mines, ca. 1910.



La Pension Therrien, boarding house, 1905.

Even into the early 1870s, the area that would become Thetford Mines was a remote farming and lumbering region. It was not until after the accidental discovery of asbestos in one of Robert Ward's fields in 1876 that a mining town began to develop.

Once the presence of asbestos was confirmed, the available land in the area was quickly bought up and a number of mining companies popped up, ready to

exploit this natural mineral.

When first incorporated in 1892, the small village was named Kingsville. This name was drawn from the King family, who were prominent, first as lumber barons and later in mining. It was also Charles King's presence on the board of the Quebec Central Railway that helped to bring railway access to Thetford Mines in 1879, a stop on the QCR's line from Sherbrooke to Lévis.

Similarly, the asbestos mines had a significant influence on the developing layout of the town. The new immigrants to the area built up houses in close proximity to the mines and roads were built and expanded according to the needs of industry.

The seasonal nature of mining meant that a number of hotels and boarding houses lined the streets of Thetford Mines. For example, in 1885, the permanent population of the village was still only 500 but this number doubled during the summer months.

By the early 1900s, the mining boom had hit the area and the population had seen rapid expansion, growing to 3,256 by 1901. In 1905, when town members applied for incorporation as a town, the importance of the mining sector predominated and the name was changed from Kingsville to Thetford Mines.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



Maple producers challenge marketing restrictions, seizures

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

An impassioned debate began to take place in a Sherbrooke courthouse last week as three maple syrup producers challenged the seizure of their 2013 production by the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers.

Superior Court Justice Paul-Marcel Bellavance has been

hearing arguments since Wednesday from the Federation and producers Steve Côté of Newport, Gilles Marois and Ghislaine Fortin, from Sainte-Clothilde-de-Beauce, and Roger Roy of Piopolis. The three producers had their spring production seized by the Federation in April.

The three producers are accused of exporting their maple syrup outside Québec with cer-

tificates of approval issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency without going through the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers, which has a monopoly on syrup exportation.

The federation seized 144 barrels from the G.F. Marois farm, 100 from Côté, and 200 in Piopolis. Each barrel of maple syrup sells for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

The total value of the seized goods amounted to about \$650,000 USD.

The producers claim that the maple syrup, which represents revenues from last year's production, be returned to them. They also ask the court to declare the allegations against them by the Federation false.

The producers are also asking the Court to declare that the Federation does not have

the right to claim the goods seized as they do for "extra-provincial" trade and it has no jurisdiction in markets outside Quebec.

In addition to challenging the seizure of their property, they also challenge the rules governing the marketing of maple syrup in Quebec.

Arguments will continue this week.

Group seeks long-term plan for St-François watershed

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The Governing Council of the St. François River water catchment (COGESAF) has to file the second stage of its

master plan with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks no later than March 31, 2014. With this in mind, the water quality group is taking the opportunity to develop a commu-

nity vision of the watershed.

This vision refers to an ideal that the Council would like to create over the long haul in the watershed. This is what the watershed would look like if the most serious problems were

solved completely. This vision must be simple, common, focused on the long term, and can be achievable.

The Council is asking residents of the St. François region to voice their opinions by com-

pleting a simple eight-question survey available on its website at

<http://fr.surveymonkey.com/s/Q6LS2ML>

The Survey must be completed by October 31.

Benefit Concert for Lac-Mégantic in Magog

Record Staff
MAGOG

Still reeling from the train tragedy in Lac-Mégantic last month, employees of the Town of Magog are organizing a benefit concert to be held on Wednesday Sep. 18, at Le Vieux Clocher. All proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Lac-Mégantic Support Fund.

Rouge FM radio host Yves Paquette will be the emcee the show,

which will feature Quebec artists Dany Flanders, Rick Hughes, Amylie, Hugo Lapointe, and Andréanne A. Malette.

"400 tickets will be sold at \$25 apiece," said organizers and Magog Volunteer Squad, Rachel Perron-Lessard. "This is an opportunity to help a good cause while enjoying a professional show with varied musical styles."

Tickets to the event are avail-

able as of today, Aug. 26 at the Magog City Hall, Le Vieux Clocher, at the three Sushi Shop stores in Magog, Sherbrooke and Fleurimont, and Toyota Magog.

"The idea of organizing a show came naturally as a result of the tragedy in Lac-Mégantic," says of the Magog Director General Armand Comeau. "The week after the event, our volunteer squad, consisting of employees of the Town of Magog

who volunteer in the community, received several emails from colleagues who wanted to do something to help the Mégantic people. A meeting, several phone calls and a few weeks later, the show is now ready to be announced."

The Volunteer Squad credits the involvement of many partners, such as Le Vieux Clocher de Magog for the use of the premises, Le Journal de Magog, Équipe Daniel Leblanc, Estri-

mont Suites & Spa, Comma imagination, Rouge FM, Groupe HBG, Imprimerie CRM, Toyota Magog, Sushi Shop, Brasserie Fleurimont, Méchant Steak, Picker Photo, and the Dôme de Morphée for making the show possible.

This initiative is in addition to fundraisers organized by the Volunteer Squad and firefighters in July that helped raise \$8,350 for Lac-Mégantic.

rail safety

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over the condition of track maintenance along the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic railway in the Eastern Townships.

Karine Martel of Transport Canada reminded that Transport Canada's oversight role includes monitoring railway companies for compliance with rules, regulations and standards, as well as the overall safety of railway operations through audits, inspections, and investigations.

According to Martel, individual railway companies are responsible for the safety of their rail line infrastructure, equipment and operations including ongoing inspection, testing and maintenance programs.

On top of this, Transport Canada has a regular inspection program in place to verify railway infrastructure, equipment and methods of operation.

"Railway companies, including all federally-regulated tracks, are inspected regularly as part of Transport Canada's risk-based inspection program,"

Martel said, "between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013 Transport Canada increased its inspections to more than 30,000." The Transport Canada report added that if non-compliance is found in inspection, Transport Canada takes immediate enforcement action.

In the meantime, the Municipal Working Group on National Rail Safety has identified three priority areas that they deem to require action by the federal government: equipping and supporting municipal first responders in the field of railway emergencies; ensuring that federal policies and regulations and industry address the concerns of municipalities in terms of rail safety; and avoiding pushing the costs of rail safety and emergency response on to local taxpayers.

"Despite the tragedy that it faces, the community of Lac-Mégantic must absolutely ensure the vitality of its economy, which depends heavily on the rail," the Mayor of Magog

added, pointing to the heavy dependence many municipalities across the country place on railroads. "The elected municipal officials of Quebec challenge the Federal Government to make every effort to ensure the continuity of rail service."

The events in the wake of the Lac-Mégantic tragedy have raised concerns over a number of issues beyond matters of safety, specifically that of liability insurance. The Bankruptcy of MM&A has caused many to demand that companies have sufficient coverage to pay all the costs associated with an accident. The FCM has announced that they will meet Transport Minister Lisa Raitt in the coming weeks to follow up on the recommendations of the working group.

Lending weight to the recommendations of the UMQ and the FCM, the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, Environment and Natural Resources called on the Federal Government to take the lead in a major

and independent review of the security systems, standards and practices of the Canadian railway industry with the aim of significantly improving the safety of rail transport of dangerous goods in Canada in a report released Thursday.

The report calls on Transport Canada to implement all the recommendations made by the Commission on the Environment and Sustainable Development in its December 2011 report on the transport of dangerous goods. It also calls on Transport Canada to work with its counterpart in the United

States to find ways to accelerate the phasing out of tanker cars that do not meet modern safety standards. It also calls on Transport Canada to impose a minimum coverage level for the liability insurance that railways will have to carry cover the damage caused by a major accident.

Senator Richard Neufeld, Chair of the committee, was quoted as saying that companies that couldn't afford the recommended minimum probably shouldn't be in the business of transporting dangerous goods.

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Granite museum fundraiser: Clock raffled

Matthew Farfan
Record Correspondent
STANSTEAD

Last week, Stanstead mayor Philippe Dutil, in the company of Robert Sheldon, the president of Granit Central, Stanstead's not-for-profit granite museum, drew the name of the first lucky winner of a miniature version of the 20-foot granite clock tower erected last year in Place Henry Seth Taylor, the public square in downtown Stanstead. The winner of the clock is Jean-Guy Duquette of Ayer's Cliff.

According to Sheldon, the proceeds from the raffle will all be going to the granite museum, which he says has been very busy welcoming tourists this season. In all, he says, six clocks will be raffled off. "We've just sold our first hundred tickets. As soon as we sell another hundred," he explained, "we'll raffle off another clock. We've got five left."

Raffle tickets sell for only \$2. a piece. The clocks themselves, which are handcrafted of local granite, with a quartz



Granit Central president Bob Sheldon (left) and Stanstead mayor Philippe Dutil were on hand last week for the drawing of the first winner.

timepiece mounted in each one, are the handiwork of Terry Smith. To find out how you can purchase tickets, call

Granit Central at (819) 876-5576. Or visit the museum at 14 Notre-Dame Ouest in Stanstead.



Last year, Place Henry Seth Taylor in downtown Stanstead, with its brand new clock tower, was the scene of an evening gathering during the filming of the popular French-language television show, *La Petite Seduction*.

E.T. will not have photo radar

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the province in 2009 to free up police officers from boring traffic patrols and see if an automated system could better reduce the high number of vehicle accidents on Quebec roads.

The first 15 cameras were placed on Quebec roads in the provincial administrative regions of Montreal, Monteregion and Chaudiere Appalache, where a red light camera was installed in the Town of Thetford Mines.

After a three-year wait, the province then increased the number of cameras by eight with temporary ones placed at road construction sites and near some school zones.

The 36 new cameras will be placed in the administrative regions of Quebec City, the Laurentians and Laval.

"A certain number of temporary cam-

eras will be set up starting in September," said Bensadoun.

"The permanent camera sites will be announced later this winter and installed next spring."

Although the majority of the actual camera sites will be on well used highways and thoroughfares in populated areas where speeding is prevalent, Bensadoun added some cameras will be installed in low speed areas where there are "particular traffic problems," and others at intersections where speeding is still persistent.

"We will not only have cameras to monitor red light violators, but also green light cameras to make sure drivers respect the speeds when they are allowed to proceed through an intersection."

She added no more cameras will be placed on Quebec roads until 2015, when phase two of the pilot project is officially over.

Bensadoun said the average cost per camera is \$91,000.

The province has claimed the cameras have reduced accident rates by 32 per cent in the past year.

But detractors still argue the program is less about reducing accidents than increasing revenue for the provincial government through an increased number of fines.

Since 2009, the province has issued 58,601 photo radar tickets in the mail and collected \$32.7 million in fines.

The provincial police department has not said if the system has saved it money in reduced police costs.

Previous speeding radar systems required the presence of a patrol officer to monitor the equipment and witness the speeding motorist, then pursue the car and issue the speeding ticket.

Montreal lawyer Jordan Charness, a specialist in the provincial highway code and traffic law, has called the system a cash cow, because it generates money quickly, but does little to discourage speeding overall.

"The system will not deter speeding and other reckless driving," he said.

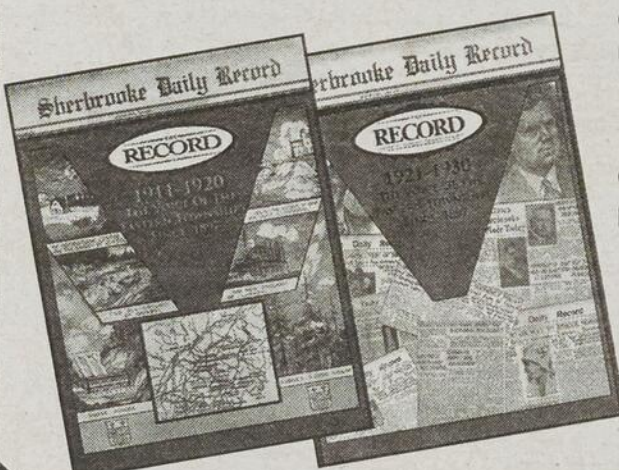
"By law, the driver has to be warned by a road sign if the camera is present, so the driver will slow down, pass the camera, then speed up again. If they are caught, they will just pay the fine and consider it another road tax."

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Windsor school evacuated after minor spill

WINDSOR

A minor chemical spill in a Windsor high school basement forced the evacuation of the school on Friday morning.

An incident during the handling of an anti-bacterial product created a cloud of gas and the school initiated its emergency measures. Windsor firefighters responded quickly.

Two employees were taken to hospital as a precaution and were quickly discharged. The spilled chemical was then recovered and decontamination was completed by the end of the afternoon.

Employees were able to enter the building to retrieve their personal items and the first day of class is being held as scheduled today.

Citizens First – Orford Vision launches campaign

By Josh Quirion
Record Correspondent

The municipality of Orford recently inaugurated a new political entity anchored on active listening, dynamic, innovative citizen-centred adaptability, and a general focus on common taxpayers: Vision Orford/Equipe Adam.

Orford, a township municipality of about 3,600 people will see the Adam team going up against incumbent Pierre Bastien in the fall municipal elections, Nov. 3.

Combining diversified experience and competence in social and political organisms, the members of the new party seek to solicit citizen support to assert and introduce their platforms and their ambitions.

Comprised of seven members, Team Adam's representatives are drawn from different backgrounds and project different horizons and ambitions.

"We are a cohesive team working jointly to maximize efficiency, everyone is pulling their weight, and the role of every member carries importance in the project's destination," said leader Jean-Pierre Adam.

A local native, Adam obtained his Masters in Social Sciences at the University of Sherbrooke. Between 1976-2009, he filled a variety of administrative roles at the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières. Retired, and established in Orford for the past three years, Adam seeks to invest his political experience, and public organization management expertise into the community.

"We aim to revive dialogue with citizens, and to establish proximity with the community. The municipality has changed in the past decade, and thereby it is necessary that our political ap-



COURTESY

Left to right: Cécile Messier, candidate; Robert Dezainde, candidate advisor; Jean-Pierre Adam, candidate mayor; Marc Bigué, candidate; Robert Paquette, candidate; Mrs. Nycole Brodeur, candidate; Réjean Beaudette, candidate.

proach, and the services we offer be adapted as well," said Adam.

Other members of the Adam team include Rejean Beaudette who was elected to the Orford municipal council in 2005. Beaudette is part of the financial activities committee and became a representative of the Mago-Orford Chamber of Commerce and Industry where he was responsible of leisure.

Marc Gilles Bigue has worked for the economic and touristic vitality of Orford, namely for companies, or as a member of the Association of Business People, of which he is a co-founder.

Cécile Messier is an agronomist of trade. A resident of Orford for the past

nine years, she has been involved in municipal politics for the past three.

Granby native Nycole Brodeur has worked in marketing and law. She founded her own company where she is perfecting her current vocation as a graphic artist. Devoted to the environment, Brodeur offers sensitivity toward the preservation of Orford's nature and wildlife.

Robert Dezainde spent 32 years at a multi-national corporation and has occupied diverse roles of supervision and management. Dezainde has previously sat as acting mayor.

Robert Paquette has spent more than 35 years in public services.

"All our councilors will be made to participate in orientation and decision making," concluded Adam at a press conference held last Thursday in Orford.

Councillors Messier and Bigué chose to leave the outgoing mayor's team as they were dissatisfied with the operation and decisions of the council.

"We are concerned about this situation. We believe that the town belongs to the people and not only to those elected. It is a common public good that must be protected" said Adam. "In the coming weeks, we will meet citizens in Orford. We will listen to their vision for the development and operation of their municipality."

Tecnic Cowansville - Great driver's education



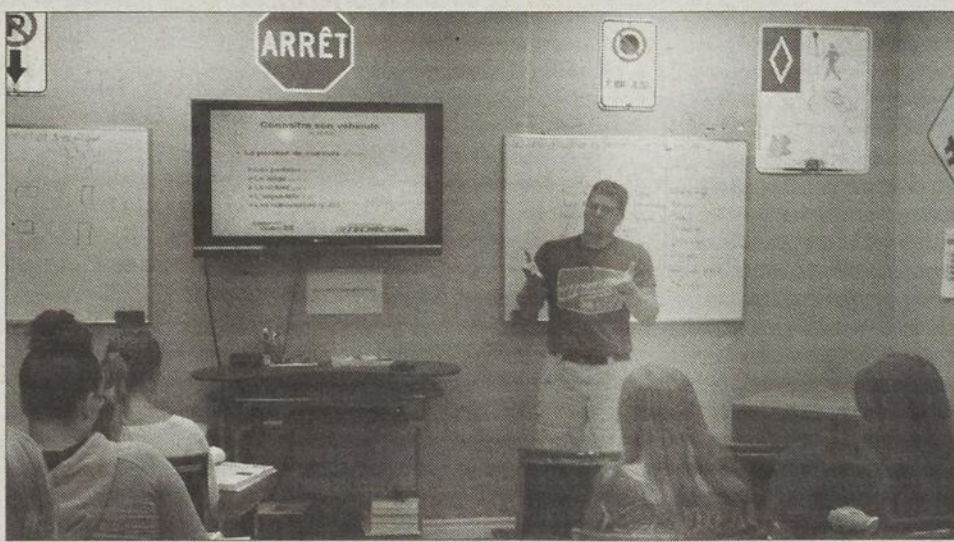
THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

My fifteen year old son, Ethan began his driver's education program with Tecnic Driving in Cowansville this week; he turns sixteen in September. Since this is a right of passage for all youth and parents, I thought it would be fun to cover his experience from this, the beginning through to the end with another article as he finishes the program.

In Quebec, the new mandatory Driver Training Program was implemented Jan. 17, 2010. The program is divided in four phases where Classroom modules alternate with In-Car Sessions. The course consists of 12 two-hour theory modules and 15 In-Car Sessions.

Within each phase, some modules are interchangeable but it is recommended to take them in the preprogrammed



MARIE-EVE GIRARD

Jean-Michel Sirois, Road and In-Class Instructor for Tecnic in Cowansville-just one member of the Tecnic team.

order. In each one of the phases, self-learning periods are highly recommended. You can learn on your own via the SAAQ website and by using your Tecnic handbook "To Master Driving."

The four phases include: Phase 1 (Prerequisites for the Learner's License), which includes topics like: the vehicle, the driver, the environment, at risk behaviours and an evaluation at the end of the phase. Phase 2 (Guided Driving), be-

gins the accompanied driving in car sessions and OEA strategy. Phase 3 (Semi-Guided Driving) which covers: speed, sharing the road and alcohol and drugs. Finally, Phase 4 (From Semi-Guided to Independent Driving) dealing with fatigue, distractions and then eco-driving.

The Tecnic program has gained customers' trust for more than 25 years. With more than 85 schools they have become Quebec's #1 Driving School Net-

work. The Tecnic Cowansville team includes: Jean-Michel Sirois, (in-class and road instructor), France Bouchard, Tabatha Boudreau, Thierry Pion Girouard, Rémi Villeneuve and Émile Cloutier, (road instructors), Annie Prémont and Guylaine Pelletier, (receptionists) and Marie-Eve Girard (administration).

Although the course is not cheap, Tecnic offers a convenient payment plan and, how do you put a price on this type of imperative instruction? The Tecnic Cowansville driving school is located at, 507 Rue du Sud Cowansville, QC J2K 2X9, 450-266-5756.

Ethan really enjoyed his first two hour "theory" session. He came home with lots of pointers, a workbook and he even had homework. He was impressed with the knowledge shared by Jean-Michel who, according to Ethan, seemed to know every detail when it comes to driving.

As I looked at the many young faces as the class gathered to partake in this exciting step toward the future, I could not help but note that Ethan is in good company. The warm reception at the counter as each youth arrived was a plus and the information provided was clear, concise and plentiful. Fasten your seat belts folks and let's get this show on the road!

EDITORIAL

My involvement with Christian Peace Teams (CPT) took me to Colombia in South America, and also on a project supporting a First Nations group against the Mounties in Burnt Church, New Brunswick.

On working overseas



TOM CAVANAGH

Once upon a time at Champlain College I gave a talk on organizations with whom I had worked in international development. My comments were idiosyncratic and personal. My "research" involved simply my life experience as a 'player' and what happened throughout the process: hiring, support, work in the field, problems, successes, debriefing.

In all there were nine organizations with the smallest (One World Global Education) run almost entirely by volunteers. I paid some \$3,000 to serve as 'leader' of a group of young Canadian students in Ghana. Only one of our group had finished university and they all gave up almost a full year (1997-1998) for the African experience. They were a credit to One World and Canada's development work.

With YAN I spent a summer (1993) teaching English as a Second Language in the Ukraine. The name YAN comes from the letters of the first names of two young sisters who studied at Bishop's, and at one point worked at the Golden Lion. They later changed the company's name which is booming today in Montreal. In all we were about fifteen young teachers who toured the Ukraine giving courses in English. Que de memoires precieuses. (Correction: A young team? Well not totally. My wife and I added - well, um, let's say a note of maturity.)

World University Services of Canada (WUSC) sent me for two years (1988-90) to the University of Malawi with my wife and our youngest daughter. After sixteen years in in a CEGEP it seemed more than a change - say rather, a deliverance. Later (1999-2000) I joined Canada World Youth (CWY), and CESO/SACO in a complex project in Bolivia. Earlier, CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) had seconded me for a six month teaching project in a Catholic seminary in Sri Lanka (1996). I owe a lot to CESO.

My involvement with Christian Peace Teams (CPT) took me to Colombia in South America, and also on a project supporting a First Nations group against the Mounties in Burnt Church, New Brunswick. The CPT types are so good, so prayerful, and always ready to burst into hymns. You have to love them. But on the train back to Montreal another volunteer griped that "they're a little too Christian for me."

In Colombia I had a similar crisis of conscience when our group offered moral support for peasants forced off their farm and shuttled onto a deserted broken down school in a huge dirty urban setting. They had not eaten all day. Before leaving we sang hymns and went back to our nice comfortable home for a nice comfortable supper. I raised the question that we could have/should have offered more than songs. I was reprimanded with: "Tom, we are about presence not presents." Okay I thought. Ships crossing in the night or was it 'to hell with them?' Perhaps a bit of both. But the bottom line is CPT works for the oppressed. They stand up for the poor and downtrodden. They pay their dues. And the cost and danger is considerable. They are better than me.

My initial intention was to name my best and worst sending organizations. It seemed an easy task but began to feel increasingly unfair as I progressed. After all I experienced some memorable benefits.

As a teacher I often used simulation games. They can be excellent teaching devices, but someone always loses. Debriefing then is crucial to ensure that no one leaves the room hurt. So in the "Press Conference Game" we end with a host of 'winners': the best prepared; the most insightful questions; the most original team, etc. Everyone gets applauded. Players see through it, but it helps assure the purpose of the game. In playing "The Confederation Game" one class rejects it. Another class votes in favour. No matter. The objectives of the game were served. They learned about our history, and no one was hurt or injured in the process. (I hope).

As in simulation games, so too with international development organizations. Criticism is okay but ranking one over another makes little sense. They differ in a myriad of ways, and all provided

enriching experiences and memories. Comparison is difficult and begins to seem an increasingly unfair bit of business. All of my projects had big time plusses. Well, almost all.

In Guyana (1999) I set up a student helper system in Cyril Potter Teacher College. That was one of the College's many 'wants,' and I met with all students, outlined my purposes and called for volunteers. A councillor at Concordia University provided tremendous assistance, and I must also thank Jan Draper (formerly of Champlain College) for her support in Guyana.

My student volunteers were diligent and hard workers. Of course we had problems but got through them and mastered techniques and methodologies. (Me too.) They all received diplomas, and a locale was in place for continuing work after I left. I am immodestly delighted with my Guyana students.

A few years after leaving Guyana a surprise letter arrived from a volunteer in Cyril Potter College. She was teaching my course, congratulated me on it, and in -

cluded messages from students. And here's the cherry on the cake. The College was so pleased with what the student helpers were doing they made it a required course for all students. She just wanted to let me know and say thank you. Wow. What a thoughtful gesture.

My last project in Armenia in 2009 was bungled. Few spoke English and my translator was a no-show. She went off with her boy friend to neighbouring Georgia, and I rarely saw her. Few spoke English except some very young campers who were totally unqualified to investigate camp problems and seek solutions. What a mess. The people were welcoming and much was good, but it was impossible to get traction. I spoke no Armenian. They spoke little English. I felt like Paul Newman's Cool Hand Luke (Paul Newman) negotiating with prison authorities. "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Well nothing new. The axiom is confirmed. You win some and lose some but enriching memories remain always in place.

Letter

DEAR EDITOR:

I read with interest your Record article of Aug. 19 related to events in Egypt and entitled "Anti-coup protests intensify in Sherbrooke." I would like to add some comments that shed a different light on a situation that has been reported widely in the Western media, but from a very limited and distorted perspective.

Your article falls into the trap of this distorted truth starting from the first two words of its title: "Anti-coup .." How could the media label the events that led to the deposition of former Egyptian president Mr. Mohamed Morsi as a "coup," when over 33 million Egyptians filled the streets from June 30 to July 3, demanding the departure of Mr. Morsi and the organization that he represented, the Moslem Brotherhood (MB)?

As correctly reported by some international media, this was the world's largest demonstration (just about the size of Canada's population). The military had no choice but to intervene in support of the masses, and listen to their demands.

But the departure of Mr. Morsi, and hence the MB, from power, comes at some cost. Tens of thousands of MB members and sympathizers occupied two large districts in Cairo for over six weeks, during which the normal lives of tens of other thousands of residents of these districts turned unbearable, as their parks, schools, shops and even homes were hijacked by the protest-

ers, who turned these large districts into dumps.

The situation had to end, so that the ordinary people could resume their lives. Sadly, this came at a price, when the demonstrators resisted the breaking up of their encampments, and turned to violence, which led to the unfortunate deaths of so many on all sides.

The so-called "innocent civilians" and "peaceful demonstrators," encouraged by the MB leadership, turned their rage not only against the police and military forces, who obviously had to fight back, but also first and foremost against Christian religious sites, attacking and burning over 61 churches by the last official count. Yet surprisingly, Western opinion remains largely sympathetic to the MB.

Democracy in Egypt was not attacked on June 30, 2013. But its path had to be adjusted, when the ruler who was presumably elected by a 51 per cent vote of 40 per cent of Egypt's electorate, proved to be a worse and more dangerous dictator in one year of power, than was his predecessor during the preceding 30-years.

Egypt is going through a serious crisis; it needs space to breathe and to determine its destiny free from foreign or religious pressure. But this great civilization has survived thousands of years through many difficult trials, and will surely triumph once again.

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RACHEL WRITES

And if an English speaker calls, will someone be able to answer in English? "Oui, oui, oui, bien sûr."

PARAVAN program for seniors Help for victims of abuse



RACHEL GARBER

The four PARAVAN partners in the Haut-Saint-François (HSF), at the signing of their partnership agreement. Left to right: Lieutenant Jocelyn Rose, director of the Sûreté du Québec in the HSF; Suzanne Duranleau, president of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées du HSF; Nicole Laroche, director of CAVAC Estrie (centre d'aide aux victimes d'actes criminels); and Luis Langlois, director of the SAPA program (soutien autonomie des personnes âgées) at the CSSS du HSF.



RACHEL GARBER

You've been generous to a friend in need. Now this person is asking for money again and again. You want to help, but your bank account is crying out. The friend is becoming more insistent and even aggressive.

Let's say you're over 65 and not quite as strong as you used to be. You're feeling afraid. Where do you turn?

The response is contained in the PARAVAN program – a partnership for seniors who are vulnerable to abuse or neglect.

The partners? They're the police, the CSSS (health services), the Table de concertation for seniors, and CAVAC (crime victim assistance centre). The official partnership was signed last spring for the Haut-Saint-François, but the program has been in effect for more than a year, and in other regions, too.

Is the program working?

The answer could be: More or less. And maybe that's because many seniors don't know about the services.

"We haven't had any complaints from seniors over the last few months," said Lieutenant Jocelyn Rose, speaking in French. "We only have one or two a year. And I don't know if they were French or English speakers."

Lt. Rose is the director of the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) police in the Haut-Saint-François.

To make a complaint to the police about abuse or neglect, he said, the thing to do is to call your local police station: 310-4141 (or *4141 by cell phone).

And if an English speaker calls, will

someone be able to answer in English? "Oui, oui, oui, bien sûr," he said.

In the Eastern Townships, 13.6 per cent of Francophones are over age 65. So are 21.6 per cent of Anglophones. That comes to 95,705 persons. Those numbers are from the 2006 census, as reported in the Profile of the English-speaking Community in the Eastern Townships, second edition, by Joanne Pocock and Brenda Hartwell.

Why are so few complaints received? "Maybe the PARAVAN program is not known well enough," said Lt. Rose. "It's difficult to know."

Enter the Table de concertation des personnes âgées du Haut-Saint-François. It's their role to inform seniors about abuse and how to get help, and to promote good treatment of elders. To do this, they carry out about six different kinds of activities and information sessions with both young and old. So far, they've done them in French, but are able and willing to do them in English too, if asked.

That's what Social Worker Maylis Toulouse said. She's the community organizer at the CLSC (health centre) in Cookshire. Persons who would like the Table to organize such an activity in English should contact her at 819-875-3373 x 1210.

Toulouse put her finger gently on another reason so few seniors report abuse. "It's really taboo," she said. "People don't talk about it. Because most of the time it's in the family. So we don't want to bring a person from the exterior into the situation."

That's why, at the CLSC, she said, "we don't have a lot of statistics about it. But I know, if we had statistics, the problem would be 10 times worse than is reported!"

"At the CLSC we have cases of violence," Toulouse said. "But we don't contact the police unless the person wants to."

Let's take the problem of the money-hungry 'friend.' "At the CLSC, we have a priority line for people who call about a

problem like that," she said. "It's a fast track."

Just call the CLSC's help line 819-821-4000. You'll be put in touch with an English-speaking social worker right away. You won't have to wait longer for services, she said. If you just want to talk about the situation, the CLSC is the place to go. If you decide to lodge a complaint, the CLSC will guide you to the police.

Persons in distress can also call the Info-Santé/Info Social (health help line) 8-1-1, or the crisis help line 819-780-2222.

Another good resource is CAVAC. In English, that's the Crime Victims Assistance Centre. There's one in every region of Quebec. This year, CAVAC is 25 years old. In the Estrie region, 15 support workers – social workers or equivalent – offer help to victims and witnesses of crime, as well as their friends and family members. That's whether or not they complain to the police.

Last year, they gave services to 10,012 persons. Just 854 of them were aged 61 or older. That's 9 per cent. Not much, considering that about 14 per cent of the Estrie population are aged 65 or older.

Hélène Boisvert Skrotzky is one of the workers. She said that CAVAC is there for any victim of a crime, no matter what age. But it is a key participant in the PARAVAN program for older persons.

"They are vulnerable people, and might need specialized services," she said. "Well, just like all people who are victims of a criminal act."

"The principle of this program is to have counselors 24/7 that are available to meet the victims and help them through their decision whether to press charges or not," she said. "Because it's a personal right, and we're not here to tell them what to do."

The 24/7 is for immediate intervention. But if you want services in English, don't delay calling – you may have to wait till the next day until a support worker is available who can work in English. Skrotzky said that 45 per cent of the workers speak English fluently. If one of

them is not available at the moment, someone will call back within the next day or so. The toll-free number for CAVAC Estrie is 1-877-822-2822, and it is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"But if the person is in danger, the best place to call is the police, that's for sure," she said. "The first reaction should be to call the police, in my opinion."

Depending on the needs of the person, the CAVAC worker collaborates with the CLSC, the police and the judicial system, she said. "Depending on who is the aggressor, and depending on who is the person, it might be trickier – we need to take the time and respect the rhythm of the person, but make sure the person understands their rights. And if the person is willing to denounce the situation, we are there to support them through the criminal process."

"For instance, if there are charges at the criminal court, we are there to support people at every step. We see ourselves as a bridge between the criminal system and the victims. We have definitely a good relation with the judicial system, with the attorneys and the police officers," said Skrotzky.

"Our goal is to help support people through the judicial system. Also if they have questions before, to make sure they understand what the process is about. And if they don't want to go through that, there are still things that can be done. If the person is in danger somehow, something has to be done."

The PARAVAN brochure gives one more resource. It's a Quebec-wide help line, La ligne aide abus aînés. It offers confidential information and referral for seniors who want to talk about a situation of abuse or neglect. Its name and its website may be in French only, but callers are answered by a fluently bilingual person. The service is part of the government of Quebec program against elder abuse, but it is offered by the Cavendish CSSS. And the number is 1-888-489-2287.

RACHEL WRITES

On the journey, the group stops for seven mesmerizing short performances.

RURART in generous nature - A review

By Rachel Garber

All the world's a stage, said Shakespeare.

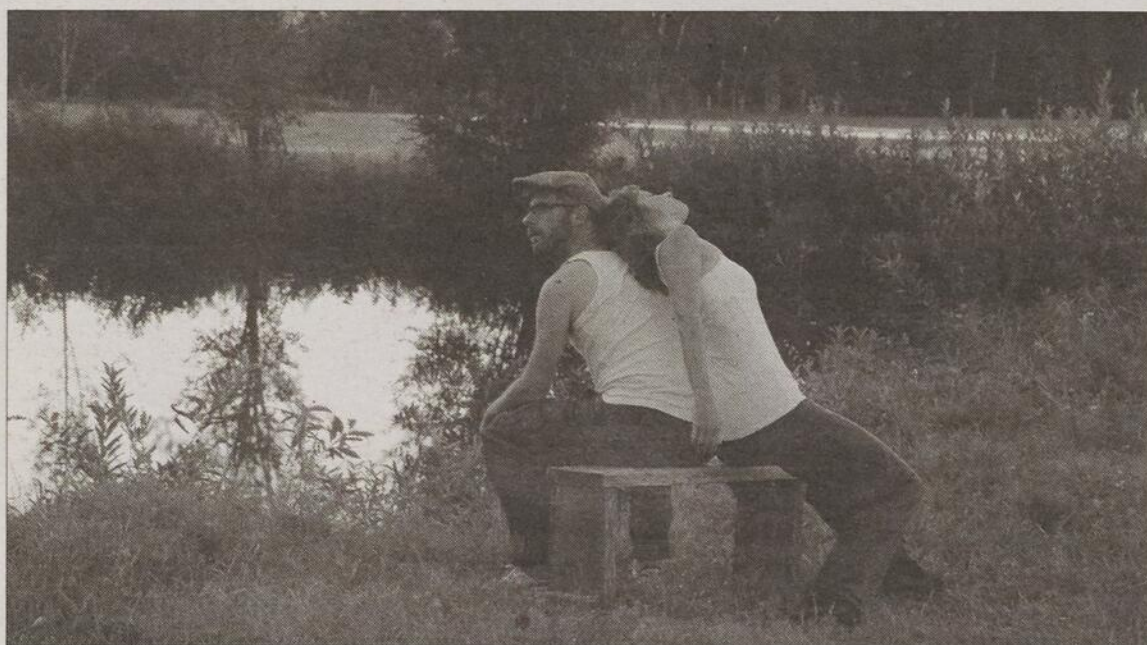
The RURART performance at La G n reuse near Sand Hill gives a special twist to that famous quote.

There, nature is indeed generous, almost overwhelmingly so. Orchard, meadow, marsh, forest, hayfield – all were the stage for the nine artists this weekend collaborating in this season's performance of the group. And for the 27 or so observers on Saturday evening. Well, audience afoot, shall we say? Because they tromped across the stage – orchard, meadow, marsh, forest and hayfield – after the dancers. It was not quite a two-kilometre trajectory, perhaps.

On the journey, the group stops for seven mesmerizing short performances. Clad in purple, a dancer materializes in an apple orchard. Is she a tree? An apple falling from the tree? A caterpillar crawling over the apple? Her agile performance intrigues by leaving room for creative interpretation. It is dancer at one with nature.

That is Am lie L-Choquette, contemporary dancer and visual artist. She is also the artistic director of RURART that takes place each season – now beginning its second year – at her family farm, the venerable organic truck farm, La G n reuse. So this is the fifth performance.

Francine Lemay, Am lie's mother and audience guide, leads the group to a pond. There, on its shore, two dancers began a saga that endures most of the evening. She loves him.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL GARBER

She loves him. He ignores her... RURART's dramatic dancers are Nathalie Louette and Bruno Briquet from Belgium.

He ignores her. He leaves. She chases him. A kilometre or so down the path, they face each other for an extended gaze as the audience files between them. And finally, they... But no, that would be giving away the ending. Suffice it to say, interweaving among the other performances, theirs eloquently evokes the emotional drama of sexual relationships, whether human or animal.

The couple are Nathalie Louette and Bruno Briquet from Belgium.

In the swamp are strange big birds with disquieting calls. How many? Why? Where?

Other mysteries inhabit the forest. Cross a little log bridge, and there is a double bass moaning in lower registers. The bassist is Beno t Conversent from Switzerland. Isabelle



Contemporary dance in an orchard – RURART dancer Am lie L-Choquette.

Gilson in a white flowing dress dances, also in low tones. It is sound and movement, intertwined. A delight.

On to another area of the forest. Sculptures, and the sculptress herself transformed into a sculpture, as it were, dressed in white and seated on a chair in the now sombre forest. The Silence, her piece could have been

called. The land artist is Laura Delarosbil from Montreal. It is the sherbet to clear the palate for another double bass performance. But it is also a dessert in and of itself, for someone who craves the Silence from which all is created.

Then on to the grand finale, Greg "Krypto" Selinger. He and his Body Slam group won the

multidisciplinary show prize during the 2011 Montreal Fringe Festival. Now he's breakdancing beside, against and on a giant round bale of hay. To the tones of the double bass. It's a talented and high energy ending to an enchanted evening, a small area of action in a wide expanse of field.

This is an organic performance, as befits the stage it meanders across. Nature has the upper hand, here, with all its plenty and its surprises. The performances are wordless, although sounds and silences are constant companions.

The evening began with a friendly welcome, in both French and English, and ended in a congenial farewell over samosas and around a campfire. Like the audiences, some of the artists make repeat appearances; others come for just one event. Next weekend, for example, the three artists from Belgium won't be there, but a percussionist is likely to make it. Expect experimentation, expect the unexpected.

The Saturday performances are at 6:15 p.m. and the Sunday ones, at 2 p.m. They last about an hour and a half, depending on how fast you walk. A walking stick might come in handy. Come dressed for the weather. RURART goes ahead, rain or shine.

La G n reuse is at 540 Labont  Road, in Cookshire-Eaton, just 20 minutes east of Lennoxville. From Route 108, turn north at the Sand Hill Cemetery. For a preview of the farm, visit lagenereuse.com or rurart.ca. Suggested donation is \$10.

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Eastern Townships School Board's summer campaign encourages its students to stay in school Back to school for a brighter future

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For a fourth consecutive year, the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has taken a proactive approach in encouraging its secondary students to stay in school.

The "Back to school for a brighter future" summer campaign, developed by the ETSB, targets secondary 4 and 5 students and their parents with various strategies. Internal sta-

tistics show that close to 60 per cent of the ETSB's dropouts come from these grade levels.

Each year, before school starts, over 900 postcards are mailed to parents of students entering secondary 4 and 5 asking for their help and support in encouraging their child's transition back to school.

Parents can play an important role in their child's educational success. By working as a team, students can get the sup-

port they need to make the right decision to pursue their studies.

During this same period, close to 100 at-risk students are contacted to touch base with them and see how they are doing. This is an opportunity to connect with them on a personal level and encourage them to continue with their studies. It can also open the door for discussing options and resources available to help them succeed

at school.

In addition, a follow-up is done with any high school student enrolled who is not present for the beginning of the school year. The purpose is to encourage the student to return to school and to offer information about services available to them. The ultimate goal is to have all ETSB students get a diploma or a qualification, so that they may have a brighter future.

Since 2004-2005, the ETSB's dropout rate has dramatically improved, going from 39.4 per cent to 22.8 per cent in 2010-2011. This represents an overall decrease of 42 per cent in six years.

School perseverance is a community affair. Parents and all adults involved with youth have a role to play in educational success.

Source: Eastern Townships School Board, Sharon Priest.

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"There was no doubt in my mind that we had to be here for the Maison de fin de vie but also for the Croix Rouge and M gantic."

Phoenix and Tigres draw large ovation in M gantic

By John Edwards
Special to The Record
LAC-M GANTIC

Most junior hockey pre-season games are quickly forgotten, and rightly so. However, Saturday night's contest between the Sherbrooke Phoenix and the Victoriaville Tigres in Lac-M gantic will stick longer in the memory, both for the club and the 1,149 fans assembled at the Centre Sportif M gantic.

"People are having fun, and that's what we wanted," said Louis Longchamps of Impact Media, who was the local organizer of the game. "The Centre is a place that was meant to be fun. That's what the mayor said when we opened [it] two years ago. I think she's happy tonight because that's what we're doing."

The game itself, a pedestrian affair won 3-1 by Victoriaville, mattered less than the fact that it was taking place at all, the first major sporting event in Lac-M gantic since the train derailment seven weeks ago that decimated the town centre and

killed 47.

"Hockey here is in our blood," said Longchamps. "Every Friday night there is a Senior hockey game or a Junior hockey game here. So when you look at this, it's a way of going back to normal."

"The people of M gantic are strong. They're amazing," said Denis Bourque, the Phoenix President. "They need to know that we're there [for them], that the people of Quebec are close to them."

Indeed, the game's highlight came prior to the opening face-off, as Bourque, who is the franchisee for Tim Hortons locations in Sherbrooke and Lac-M gantic, surprised the crowd by announcing a donation of \$104,355.63 for the Canadian Red Cross (Quebec Section) by the restaurant chain.

"That money came together in about eight hours," said Bourque, who explained that the total included \$50,000 from Tim Hortons' corporate headquarters, and the remaining \$54,355 from franchisees throughout Quebec. "It was a big surprise [to the crowd], and

a good one," said Bourque. "I'm very grateful to my colleagues because it's a lot of money."

This donation came in addition to a \$5,000 donation to the Maison de fin de vie du Granit, a local non-profit organization that provides free care to terminally ill patients and their families and was originally intended to be the game's beneficiary.

"There was no doubt in my mind that we had to be here for the Maison de fin de vie but also for the Croix Rouge and M gantic," stated Bourque.

Bourque was quick to pay tribute to his staff at the Tim Hortons in Lac-M gantic. "The girls who work for me here, they still work with smiles. Even the week when the tragedy happened, they still worked with courage," he stated.

The Phoenix's visit to Lac-M gantic was actually in the planning stages for almost as long as the Phoenix themselves, as the town was eager to show off its sparkling two-year-old arena complex.

"I talked to [Phoenix Vice-President] Jocelyn Thibault two

years ago about a game," said Longchamps. "In mid-December he called me up and said, 'We have a game for you.'"

After it became clear that the arena was undamaged, plans for the game quickly resumed.

"The following week, I talked with the mayor about what would happen. She said that the complex was all right, and it was just a question of time before we would get back into it. I called [the Phoenix] back and everything was on and we did our thing and we have our result tonight."

On the ice, the highlight for the Phoenix was a solid performance by 17-year-old rookie goaltender Gabriel Parent, who played his first complete game, making 28 saves.

"[Parent] was really good. He made some good saves in the second period," said Jude Vall e, the Phoenix head coach.

Beyond that, the combination of undisciplined play and the annual preseason crack-down on interference and stick fouls resulted in a game with little flow. The teams combined for 54 minutes in penalties and

16 power plays, with each side going 1-for-8.

"It's tough to have a good tempo when you are always in the box," said Vall e. "They are really big, but for us it's important to compete against big teams. We have to work really hard."

Jean-Fran ois Plante's power-play goal at 10:55 of the second opened the scoring for Sherbrooke, but Victoriaville's Petr Sidlik tied the game up five minutes later. Ross Johnston scored the eventual game-winner for the Tigres at 4:35 of the third with Angelo Micelli's empty-netter with 10.4 seconds left sealing the game.

After the game, the crowd gave the teams an ovation, and the players returned the favour, raising their sticks in honour of the fans and the community.

"The other thing is that we can have people dream about something," said Longchamps. "You have kids [from] the hockey school over there. They're watching kids that might play in the NHL some day. When you stop dreaming you die."

Gilpin finds positives in one-sided defeat

By Mike Hickey
Special to the record

Despite a one-sided loss, Bishop's men's basketball head coach Rod Gilpin feels his exhibition match against the NCAA powerhouse Syracuse Orangemen was a good idea.

That may sound surprising considering the Gaiters suffered a one-sided 77-35 loss last Thursday night in Montreal.

"If we could play again this week after having an opportunity to watch the game film, I

would do it," Gilpin said Sunday morning. "We had some good possessions in the first few minutes but we couldn't score and when that happens against a team like Syracuse you are in trouble."

The trouble Gilpin was referring to was a 20-0 run by the Orange at the start of the game that led to a 22-5 lead after a quarter of play.

Despite the big lead, Syracuse continued to dominate as their trademark 2-3 zone stymied the Gaiters offense. The visitors ex-

tended their lead to 48-8 at half-time as the Gaiters managed just three of 23 shooting from the field while connecting on one of eight free throws.

Bishop's came out strong in the second half beginning the frame on a 7-0 run and forcing Syracuse to call an early timeout. The Purple and White gave a much better showing in the final 20 minutes during which Syracuse held a slim 29-27 advantage.

"I was happier in the second half with how we played, we did

some good things and had some good moments," Gilpin said. "Our guys played hard to the final whistle. With more preparation I think our guys could have played them to a 25-point game, similar to what Ottawa (Ottawa Gee-Gees) did. I think it was worth it to get an extra week of practice in and if we have the opportunity to do it again I will. Our guys are going to be able to say that they played against one of the best teams in North America and against several players that are going to be

playing in the NBA"

Syracuse started their Canadian tour with a 40-point win over the McGill Redmen, recorded a come-from-behind 70-65 overtime victory over the Canadian National Champion Carleton Ravens and concluded their trip with a 73-50 win over Ottawa.

The Gaiters will now regroup and get ready for start of the fall semester. Their next action will be at the Queen's Big Four Tournament in Kingston, Ontario set to take place on Oct. 4-7.

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Let the lobster roll

by Marialisa Calta

Back in 1622, William Bradford, governor of the Plimoth Plantation in what is now Massachusetts, apologized to a new group of settlers, telling them he could offer them only a meal of lobster.

That was at a time when lobsters would wash up on New England beaches in piles 2 feet high, according to food historian John Mariani. Along the coast, it was considered food for the poor; many lobstermen wouldn't eat lobster to save their lives. Sandra L. Oliver, in her book "Saltwater Foodways," quotes a Capt. Thomas Fairfax of Mystic, Conn., who declared that lobster were "very good as an article of commerce," but that "as to eating them, I prefer cast-off rubber shoes."

Not everybody shared his taste, however, and by the mid-1800s, lobsters were quite popular and so widely available — live, cooked or canned — that cooks were constantly inventing ways to use them. According to Oliver, 19th-century recipes "commonly called for lobster to be added to sauces, scalloped, fricasseed, stewed, deviled, used in soup or bisque, made into croquettes ... and very, very often in salad." Lobster was almost never eaten boiled in the shell except at rustic "shore dinners."

Nowadays, lobster is a high-priced delicacy, which some of us are fortunate enough to have on our tables. The first rule of thumb in cooking lobster is: Don't mess with it. Forget the fricassee and the "Newburg." Forget the bisque or the croquettes. Eat lobster as plainly prepared as possible — which brings us to the lobster roll.

Lobster rolls, in much of the country, involve vast amounts of mayo and additives such as chopped celery and onions. These are not worthy of the lobster. Luke Holden, native of Maine and son of a lobsterman, realized that when he moved to New York City after college and couldn't find an affordable, unadulterated lobster roll in the city. Naturally, he decided to make and sell his own.

Holden now runs a small chain of 10 "Luke's Lobster" restaurants in New York and Washington, D.C., and environs, as well as a food truck, the "Nauti Mobile," that roams Manhattan and can be located on any given day by following @NautiMobile on Twitter. It was the Nauti Mobile that made it into a new book, "New York a la Cart," by Alexandra Penfold and Siobhan Wallace, in a chapter that highlights the joys of a pure lobster roll.

Holden uses only the claw and knuckle meat from lobsters; if you want to make one of these at home, you'll

probably want to use tail meat as well. That's because it takes the claws of about 10 to 12 lobsters to produce 1 pound of lobster meat; or about five (at least 1 1/4 pounds) whole lobsters.

Next to the lobster, the next important ingredient in a Luke's Lobster roll is the bun. Holden uses hot dog rolls from Country Kitchen of Lewiston, Maine. If you can't find them, go for a split-top hot dog roll with shaved sides. The shaved sides allow the bun to "toast out" perfectly.

The recipe below is an approximation of the Luke's recipe, which is given for shrimp rolls in "New York a la Cart." The use of thyme and oregano were revealed in an article about Luke's in The Village Voice.

Note: Luke's Lobster uses only sustainably fished lobster and shrimp, both from Maine. Wild-caught Maine shrimp can be found frozen year-round.

LUKE'S LOBSTER ROLL

Yield: 4 servings

6 tablespoons salted butter
4 split-top hot dog rolls
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 pound cooked, chilled lobster meat, or cooked shrimp, shelled, deveined and chilled
4 teaspoons mayonnaise (optional)
pinch of celery salt
pinch of dried oregano (for lobster roll)
pinch of dried thyme (for lobster roll)
salt and coarsely ground black pepper, to taste

Melt the butter and brush the outside of the buns. You will have several tablespoons of butter left over; whisk it with the lemon juice and set aside.

Heat a griddle, grill pan or skillet over medium-high heat and toast the buns for 2 to 3 minutes, or until both sides are golden.

If desired, spread a teaspoon of mayonnaise on the inside of each bun, then fill with chilled lobster or shrimp. Re-heat the lemon butter for 10 seconds in the microwave and drizzle over each roll. Top with a pinch of celery salt and oregano and thyme (if using), as well as salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

(Recipe adapted from "New York a la Cart" by Alexandra Penfold and Siobhan Wallace; Running Press, 2013.)

Death



Eric Dale GRUER

Born May 25, 1937 in Sutton, QC, passed away on August 22, 2013 at the age of 76. He was the youngest of the four children

born to Dr. Daniel Gruer D.V.M., born in Aubrey, QC, and Dora (Née Cullen), born in Allins Corner, QC. Predeceased also by his brothers Danny and Jim, and his sister Dorothy Moore. Dale leaves behind his wife Rachel Cain and his three children, Susan, and his sons Scott and David from his earlier marriage to Nancy Tucker. Dale spent much of his working life with IBM Canada and after leaving IBM in the 1980's diverted to self employment centered in the computer world. He was a curler in the winter, a trout fisherman in the summer and a duck and goose hunter in the fall and had remarkable success in all three activities. There is no funeral planned, and a private scattering of his ashes will be held at an appropriate time and place. Arrangement entrusted to Désourdy Funeral Homes.

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Death



John C. STOKES
(1922-2013)

Family and friends will be welcome at Desourdy Funeral Homes, 109 William St., Cowansville, QC, J2K 1K9 on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by a memorial service at the funeral home chapel with Rev. Allan Gault officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Forms available at the funeral home or at www.cancer.ca.

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Today is the 238th day of 2013 and the 67th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1920, the 19th Amendment was formally adopted, granting women the right to vote.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully developed and tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1968, thousands of antiwar protesters flooded the streets of Chicago as the four-day Democratic National Convention began.

In 1982, the Argentine government lifted its ban on political parties.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lee de Forest (1873-1961), inventor; Albert Sabin (1906-1993), microbiologist; Mother Teresa (1910-1997), missionary; Ben Bradlee (1921-), journalist; Will Shortz (1952-), crossword editor; Branford Marsalis (1960-), musician; Melissa McCarthy (1970-), actress; Macaulay Culkin (1980-), actor; Chris Pine (1980-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: Lee de Forest invented the Audion tube, which amplified weak electronic signals and made broadcast radio possible.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1939, announcer Red Barber called the first Major League Baseball game to be broadcast on television.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." — Mother Teresa

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,550 — strategic nuclear warheads the United States and Russia are permitted to have deployed according to the terms of the New START treaty signed in 2010.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 20) and last quarter moon (Aug. 28).

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...Her father slapped her so hard, her nose bled and she urinated on herself

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband has a brother, "Bart," who is several years younger. They are not particularly close, but we socialize on holidays. Bart has two daughters, a 20-year-old and a 7-year-old, both living at home in their small town. The family has lived a fairly isolated life. Bart is a pessimistic, rather unhappy and very self-absorbed guy. His wife is quiet and antisocial. My mother-in-law helps them financially and has always been available as a babysitter.

My husband and I are concerned about the older daughter, "Laurie." She has written very specific narratives on Facebook that have caused alarm. Laurie says she was constantly bullied as a child and recounted times when her father slapped her so hard, her nose bled and she urinated on herself. She says her ex-boyfriend was abusive, and she has attempted suicide eight times.

Knowing that a minister lives next door to them, we called and asked for advice. Sadly, he stated that he is afraid to confront Bart because of his quick temper and fear of further reprisals against Laurie. He said the family is quite isolated, no one visits, and they don't see other people socially. My daughter contacted Facebook, and they left resources and the number of a suicide hotline for Laurie. She attends college, and I'm sure there

are counseling services there. What else can we do? — Worried Aunt

Dear Aunt: Laurie is fortunate to have family members who care so much about her welfare. It is difficult to assess what is true in a Facebook narrative. Laurie can post whatever she likes, and there is no way to confirm it. However, based on the minister's comments and Laurie's isolated family life, it is better to err on the side of protecting her.

She has been given resources through Facebook. She has counselors available at college. You also could contact her privately and let her know she can come to you if she needs help. If you believe there is ongoing physical abuse, urge her to call the Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org) at 1-800-799-SAFE.

Dear Annie: I often babysit my 3-year-old granddaughter. She recently has developed allergies, and they suspect one trigger is my dog. Her family has a dog that stays outside. Mine is an indoor pet. My granddaughter loves the dogs.

Before my granddaughter visits, I vacuum, clean, dust and put my dog in a separate room. I do not have any carpeting. The allergic reaction doesn't occur every time she visits, but I'm getting the impression that her par-

ents want me to get rid of my dog. My dog is part of the family, and I cannot see doing this. But I also don't like seeing my granddaughter suffer. What should I do? — Torn Grandma

Dear Torn: We know you are doing your best to keep your home dander-free for your grandchild, but it's difficult to achieve that goal. Ask the parents whether you can go with them to the girl's next pediatrician appointment and discuss your options. The doctor may offer alternatives that will allow you to keep your beloved animal.

Dear Annie: I felt the need to respond to "Disgusted Parent," whose son's teacher accused him of plagiarism.

I am a middle school language arts teacher. As part of our curriculum, especially now that we have adopted the Common Core Standards, I teach my seventh graders the difference between what is and is not plagiarism. I teach them to remember that "when in doubt, cite it!"

In spite of what "Disgusted Parent" said, the majority of teachers do indeed teach their students how to think, read and write. I also require them to support their thinking in their writing. If this young man used someone else's information, even if he put it in his own words, he still must cite the source — Nash County, N.C.

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

Jean Humphries 90th Birthday

Please join Jean in celebrating her birthday at the Wales Home Richmond, QC on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. in the main living room.

Best Wishes only.

Fordyce Branch Women's Institute

Once again Fordyce Branch W.I. met in the park in Cowansville and experienced very nice weather. It happened on August 7, 2013 and began at 1 p.m.

President Norma Sherrer welcomed everyone, especially Sheila Needham, Provincial Q.W.I. Publicity and Awareness Chair, then read some memories from the past. "My mom used to defrost hamburger and I used to eat it raw sometimes too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting E. coli. I recall Donny Reynolds from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front stoop, just before he fell off. Little did his mother know that she could have owned our house. Instead she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof. It was a neighbourhood run amuck. To top it off, not a single person I knew has ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes. We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac. Love to all of us who shared in this era; and to all who didn't, sorry for what you missed. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Everyone repeated the Mary Stewart Collect, Salute to the Flag and "O Canada" was sung. No member had a Birthday in August. The Motto: "All work and no play doesn't make us just dull, it limits our brains." Roll Call: "Name a river beginning with the initial of your first or last name." Everyone was on their toes and performed well, even to giving one for each initial.

Elizabeth Milroy read the Minutes of the July Meeting, which were accepted. Business arising was a revue of a Healthier You and that orders from Veseys Seed Catalogue must be brought in at the September Meeting.

President Norma reported that she, Elizabeth Milroy, Paulette Mahannah and Judy Jones attended the celebration of the 4H Club's 100th Anniversary in Coaticook and had a great time. President Norma even presented an award. They were thanked for the

cookies, which they took there.

Correspondence read contained many notes of thanks. June Lamey read a letter from the Quebec Government regarding our picnic area. They need more proof to accept the offer, made by the Town of Cowansville, that our branch would not be required to pay any more taxes on it.

Treasurer's Report - June Lamey presented her report and also mentioned bills that would be forthcoming before the end of the year. Accepted.

New Business - The branch voted to give a donation to Lac Megantic and later many members added their own donations to it. The winner of the Fordyce Branch Bursary, 2013, is Mariah Mc Kenny and school supplies are to be brought in at the September meeting. They will be distributed to St. Leon's and Heroes' schools. On October 19, Pontiac Branch W.I. will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. A bus has been arranged to take the members there. Many plan to go.

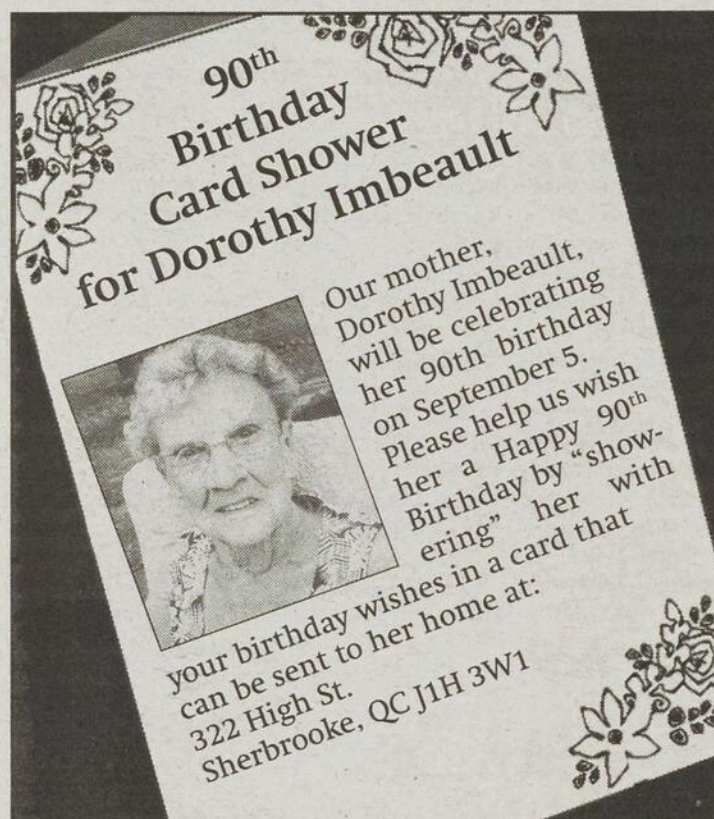
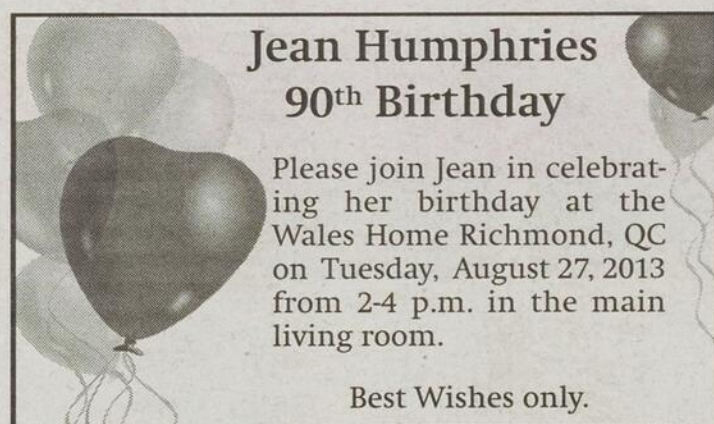
Antique dolls were given to our branch from a girl to whom the W.I. had given a Bursary many years ago. She is older now and wished to give them to where they might raise money. We were really pleased to receive them and decided to sell them with the money going to our Memorial Fund, which supports bursaries and school prizes.

There being no further business, Coins for Friendship and Social donation were collected. The members were then asked if they had a story to tell. Many true stories were told. June Lamey had a paper HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED - Why the sun lightens hair but darkens our skin? Why don't you ever see the headlines "Psychic wins lottery?" Why Noah didn't swap those two mosquitoes? Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe? Why people, who hate the rich and wealthy, buy lotto tickets? and why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?

A lovely picnic tea was enjoyed by all before heading home.

Until next time get out and enjoy the rest of SUMMER!

Submitted by Evelyn Beban Lewis (Publicity)



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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "Chess is mental torture." — Garry Kasparov
"Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn shop?" — Steven Wright
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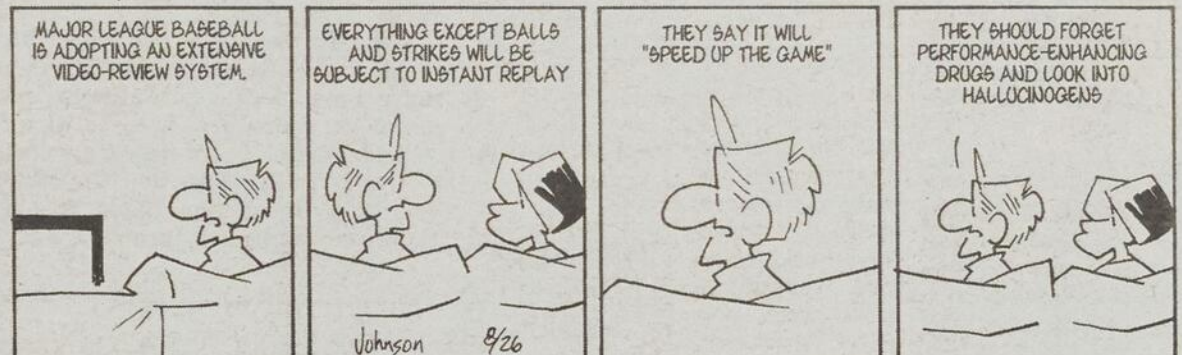


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Card party at St. John's Anglican Church

Hi, everyone. We had the first Fall five hundred card party on August 9, 2013. Welcome back everyone. It was good to see you all.

Ladies 1st went to Sue Nichols with a score of 5120; ladies second went to Helena McComb with a score of 4980; and the consolation went to Barb Wing.

Men's 1st was won by Bud Wing with a score of 6140; Meryl Nutbrown got the men's second (playing as a man) with a score of 5040; and Pat Howe (playing as a man) got the consolation.

Beulah Turnbull got the 9 diamond bid. Thanks to Pat Howe and Sue Nichols for all your help - much appreciated. Thanks to Meryl Nutbrown and Beulah Turnbull for sitting at the

door again. I appreciate your help very much.

Special prizes won by Helena McComb (twice), Beulah Turnbull, Marion Cox, Alan Bullock (twice), Meryl Nutbrown (who gave Judy Lane the Plant, thanks Meryl, the cat hasn't eaten it yet), and Len Swallow.

Door prizes went to Allan Bullock, Casey, Jack Haefeli, Marion Cox, Doris Beaudin, Joyce Ewert, Isabel Nelson, Len Swallow, Marie Sampson, Jack Kempton, Barbara Gosselin.

The next card party will be held on August 23, at 1:30 p.m. Advance notice: We will have two card parties in September and October, will depend on the weather.

Submitted by Judy Lane

Compton Historical Society holds meeting

Compton - On August 3, 2013 the Compton Historical Society held a meeting at the home of Eddy and Isabelle Echenberg, with an attendance of 10.

Russell Nichols, President, opened the meeting, and the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison. Sue Nichols, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and after a slight correction, it was moved that they be adopted as read.

The treasurer, Eliie Bailey, gave the financial report. Ellie Bailey will get 15 copies of her book on the cemeteries, which are being looked after the Pioneer Cemeteries Association. The Carr Cemetery is now being looked after by Mark Nichols, and has been mowed twice so far this

year.

The Libbey, Kinney, and Doak cemeteries have all been looked after, as well as the Fleming Cemetery.

Plans are underway to install a chair lift at the Hyatt Schoolhouse.

A lady from Sherbrooke called recently, and then came to see us; she was looking for info on the Kinney Cemetery.

Next meeting to be held at the Hyatt School House on October 5. Following adjournment, delicious refreshments and a social time were enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Sue Nichols

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Your Birthday

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

In the year ahead, your insight will guide you into interesting situations that will encourage you to expand your skills and friendships. Favors will be granted, and teamwork will help you reach goals that you have only dreamed about in the past. Travel is indicated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The people you encounter and the places you visit today will prove valuable. Know your limitations, but try your hardest to make the most of a good opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do what's expected of you and keep moving. If someone is being pushy, find out why, and do your best to defuse the situation. It's best to take care of your responsibilities before someone complains.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You're in an interesting cycle that will expand your spirituality and ability to handle change. Discuss those innovative ideas of yours — it's time to start making them happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Avoid gossip or idle chatter; someone could get you to talk out of turn. A change in your financial situation due to outside pressure will result in stress. Offer suggestions and hands-on help instead of cash to those seeking your aid.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Money is heading in your direction, enabling you to do more of the activities you enjoy. Your boss or colleagues will recognize your contributions and celebrate them. It's time to think big.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Improve

your health and the way you present yourself to the world. You'll need patience when dealing with an institution as well as a degree of financial flexibility.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's a good day to drum up interest in an idea or investment opportunity. Discuss your plans with potential helpers. The right colleagues will be eager to aid you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep your life simple. A move or domestic change will result in higher costs and trouble with someone you expected to help you. You need to play it cool and adjust to the shifting winds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Share your thoughts with knowledgeable people. Your recent personal growth will help you develop a friendship with someone who will prove motivational. Focus on making positive strides.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Change your routine and welcome events that introduce you to alternative ways of reaching your goals. Your family and co-workers will have lots of advice for you, but trust your own instincts foremost.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Use your creative assets to present your ideas and thoughts to others. You will get the support you need to make worthwhile contributions to a cause within your community.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll be eager to try something new or to enjoy the company of someone refreshing and eccentric. An emotional situation at home will need some fine-tuning if you want to avoid discord.

Take your time, notably at trick one

by Phillip Alder

Jack Benny said, "It's not so much knowing when to speak, as when to pause."

At the bridge table, it's often not so much knowing when to play, as when to pause for thought. That applies in particular at trick one. The more thinking at trick one, the better you will play, whether you are the declarer or a defender.

In today's deal, how should South play in five hearts after West leads the diamond king?

The bidding was short but exciting. East's four-spade opening bid would have usually been based on an eight-card suit, but was understandable since he was nonvulnerable. However, South had an easy five-heart overcall. West wondered about six diamonds, but knew it would be a wild action. (Six diamonds doubled can be defeated by seven tricks, minus 1,700.)

Now to this difficult declarer-play problem. Given the opening lead, South has only 10 top tricks: seven hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Yes, the club jack might drop singleton or doubleton, but that is unlikely. And assuming it does not appear, how can declarer possibly get

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		Dealer: East	
		Vulnerable: Neither	
South	West	North	East
5♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Opening lead: ♦ K			

home?

There is one chance: South must find West with the club jack. And, even harder to realize, declarer must not win the first trick.

Let's assume West continues with the diamond queen. South ruffs in his hand, draws trumps, cashes the club ace, and overtakes the club queen with dummy's king. Then he continues with the club 10, pitching a spade from his hand. West takes the trick, but must give the lead back to the dummy and allow declarer to discard his last two spades.

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Across

- 1 "Pay attention!"
- 6 Taj Mahal city
- 10 ___ of Arc
- 14 Tokyo automaker with a liar named Joe in its old ads
- 15 Forehead
- 16 Neutral shade
- 17 Home country
- 19 Amble
- 20 Add blonde highlights to, say
- 21 Whole bunch
- 22 Free-for-all
- 23 Out of touch with reality
- 26 Musical with nightclub scenes
- 31 Men of the future?
- 32 Take to the soapbox
- 33 Disco brothers' name
- 34 Church seat
- 37 Get one's head out of the clouds

Down

- 41 Tooth tender's org.
- 42 Trim, as a photo
- 43 Any one of New England's six
- 44 Fly alone
- 45 So far
- 47 Strike it rich
- 51 Stave off
- 52 March Madness org.
- 54 Performing pair
- 57 Missing
- 58 Position of moral superiority
- 61 Bear in the sky
- 62 Clarinet cousin
- 63 "Rubber Duckie" Muppet
- 64 Checked out
- 65 911 responders: Abbr.
- 66 Helps, as a perp

Down

- 1 Discover

- 2 Anthem start
- 3 Just darling
- 4 Israeli weapon
- 5 Honda Pilot and Ford Explorer, briefly
- 6 Not there
- 7 Watchdog's warning
- 8 "Vive le ___!"
- 9 Piercing tool
- 10 Tiara sparklers
- 11 Central Florida city
- 12 Specter formerly of the Senate
- 13 Microwaved
- 18 "Night" author Wiesel
- 22 "It's possible"
- 24 Slightly
- 25 Gray wolf
- 26 ___-Cola
- 27 Longtime infield partner of Jeter, familiarly
- 28 Ole Miss rival
- 29 Downed

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- 30 Minuteman enemy
- 33 Econ. yardstick
- 34 Seek guidance in a 34-Across
- 35 Suffix with sermon
- 36 Sharpen
- 38 Air France destination
- 39 Lumber
- 40 DOJ division
- 44 Butter or mayo
- 45 McDonald's golden symbol
- 46 Without a date
- 47 World Court site, with "The"
- 48 Old white-key material
- 49 Anxious

- 50 Gold bar
- 53 Geometry calculation
- 54 Sandy slope
- 55 Military squad
- 56 Keats works
- 58 Whack weeds the old-fashioned way
- 59 "Big Blue"
- 60 Sphere

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