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## What's opened, closed for New Year's

Record Staff

The following is a guide to what's open and what's closed over the New Year's holiday:

### What's closed:

Most stores close at 5 pm today, December 31.

Big-box grocery stores (more than 375 sq. m) are closed on Tuesday, January 1.

All branches of the Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ) are closed on January 1 and open at 1:00 pm on the Jan. 2. SAQ Express stores are open until 7:00 pm on December 31. The Quebec Cannabis Society (SQDC) hours do not change, given that the stores are only open from Thursday to Sunday.

Banks are, for the most part, closed on January 1 and 2.

CLSCs are, for the most part, closed on statutory holidays. Some may be open; check the websites before going.

Government offices are closed on January 1 and 2.

Post offices are closed on January 1.

Waste collection is postponed or canceled in most places. Check your municipality's website before leaving your garbage on the side of the street.

### What's open:

Hospital emergency rooms are open at all times.

Small grocery stores (less than 375 square meters) may be open.

Gas stations

Convenience stores

Most pharmacies (some have modified hours)

Restaurants (there are even special menus for the occasion)

Cinemas

Ski resorts

Public transport will operate with reduced schedules. In Sherbrooke, the STS is running on its regular Monday schedule until approximately 7 pm. Transportation is free. There is no service on January 1. Service on Jan. 2 will be on the Sunday schedule.

## Anyone want to go swimming?

How a joke led to 200 meters of frigid fun



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By Gordon Lambie

The Eastern Townships is known as a region that is host to a wide array of winter sports and activities. When people think of winter sports, however, the tendency is to think of skiing, skating, snowshoeing or similar bundle-up activities. It may come as a surprise, then, to know that a group on Lake Memphremagog is getting ready for their fifth annual winter swimming competition.

"What I say is 'a bad joke takes a wrong turn and leads to an adventure,'" said Phil White, founder and director of Kingdom Games, the Vermont-based group that organizes the winter swim, explaining that the first edition took

place after he posted a photo of an iccutter owned by the town of Newport, Vermont, on the Kingdom Games' Facebook page with the caption, "anybody want to go swimming?"

Although he had meant it as a joke, White said that a group of lake swimmers who had recently returned from a trip to Europe took him up on the offer claiming that they had been interested in starting a winter swim but lacked a venue.

As a result, according to White, the Kingdom Games' pool is the only ice-cut 25 metre winter swimming pool in North America. Every year it hosts 25, 50, 100, and 200 metre swim competitions at an annual festival in February.

Although winter swimming is fairly

common on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, the event organizer said that he has had to work to cultivate a local population. From a registration of 41 swimmers that first year, the event has grown to the point where now, one month before the registration closes for the 2019 festival, 80 are signed up with participants coming from across the United States, Ontario, and Quebec. Of those registered White estimated that roughly a third are newcomers.

Julie Zeitlinger of Sutton is one of those participating in the winter swim for the first time this year and even though she is an experienced ice-diver, she said that first-timers need to be prepared for the fact that the temperature

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# “Jog your hearts” keep those simple random acts of kindness going in 2019



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

It was a simple act of kindness but the message was clear. Yesterday a friend and I decided to hit the stores for after Christmas bargains hoping to score some deals for next year. The stores were packed with other folk who had obviously come out for the same reason as wrapping paper, bags, bows and decorations lined the counters as we all proceeded to pay. I did take note that before Christmas, gestures were made a little more frequently and many took the time to exchange smiles and greetings but, on this day, everyone was on a mission to save money, get the bargains and marvel at the markdowns!

On the way home we decided to stop at the local donut shop for a donut and a drink, but due to another line up, we

chose the drive thru. We did our usual arguing over whose turn it was to pay and we scrounged for change to be exact and quick. Pulling up to the window we handed the server our money. With a smile, he pushed the money back and stated, “The man before you paid your order and said to wish you Happy Holidays.” What? We were surprised, taken aback and giddy.

As we drove, we exchanged our thoughts on who the mystery man was and this random gesture of kindness. We talked about it most of the way home and as we enjoyed our treat we exclaimed, “thank you mystery man who treated us.” For just a moment, we were a little younger, felt a little more special and talked about how we ourselves could extend a random gesture of kindness.

Recently, a co-worker at the Volunteer Centre(CABMN) offered a ten week program called, “Jog Your Mind.” The sessions were for seniors to help them find ways to keep their brain active and functioning with awareness and clarity. I found myself imagining a course entitled, “Jog Your Heart;” a program that would remind us all of ways to keep the small random acts of kindness going in 2019. Can you imagine if each of us, for no rhyme or reason, throughout the year were able to just focus on being a little

kinder and showing thoughtfulness to others in a more conscious way?

Potton will soon begin its annual Festival of Hearts month in February where activities are organized to encourage people to keep their heart healthy through activities, motion and awareness. This is always a great time to initiate heart health. This year, perhaps it can also focus on the health, joy and positive results that come from showing heartfelt kindness to others. The Holidays are always a time of reflection and we tend to bring kindness to the surface as we feel gratitude for who we have, what we have and this makes us want to share. 2019 could be a year of giving, a year of going the extra mile to be kind, a year of compassion and awareness.

The little things often disappear, like socks in the dryer and go unnoticed or undone. Let's make 2019 the year of self awareness in random acts of kindness. I promise you that you will leave the recipient of your acts feeling a little younger, special and maybe even giddy and in giving, these feelings may surface inside of you as well. Happy New Year and remember, you have 365 days to make 2019 special as we all “Jog our Hearts” in giving in small ways to others.

# Jean Dumontier, architect and artist of Montreal subway stations, dies

The Canadian Press

Jean Dumontier, an architect who helped design Montreal's subway and adorned its walls with his art, has died in his early 80s.

A spokesperson for the city's transit agency confirmed the death, which Montreal's La Presse reported was due to cancer.

“The (agency) learns with much sadness of the departure of a great builder of Montreal's metro, and underlines the important heritage he leaves to Montrealers and especially the hundreds of thousands of clients who use the network daily,” the Societe de Transport de

Montreal said in a statement.

The native of Labelle, Que., in the Laurentians area north of Montreal, designed the plans for the now-renamed Ile-Sainte-Helene and Longueuil subway stations, which were among the flagship stations opened just before the 1967 World Fair.

He was also the first architect to create the art for the stations he designed, including four painted concrete murals in the Ile-Sainte-Helene station, since renamed after former mayor Jean Drapeau

The distinctive yellow murals represent the character of Atlas, who in Greek mythology was condemned to hold up the heavens. They were created to tie in

with the Expo 67 theme of “man and his world,” according to the agency's website.

Dumontier later served as the metropolitan transit agency's architecture director in the 1970s and 80s, where he oversaw the subway system's expansion.

He pushed for lofty spaces featuring natural light and the inclusion of the large scale sculptures, murals and paintings which have since become the network's hallmark, the agency said.

“He favoured the integration of works of art in each station, a characteristic that still distinguishes Montreal's metro from other networks in the world,” it said

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# LOCAL NEWS

Abdrmane-Bada was also arrested for having threatened several people at the Carrefour de l'Estrie on December 21.

## Bar fight leads to stabbing in downtown Sherbrooke

Record Staff

A bar fight at the Albert Hotel in Sherbrooke early Saturday morning got a little out of hand leading to a man in his forties being stabbed four times over a \$40 debt.

Police arrested a man, Hissein Abdrmane-Bada, well known to the police.

The fight broke out around 8:55 a.m. in the hotel located at 77 King St. East. Witnesses contacted the police and Abdrmane-Bada, who is approximately 24

years old, was located near the scene of the attack.

Abdrmane-Bada was also arrested for having threatened several people at the Carrefour de l'Estrie on December 21.

After being involved in a couple's quarrel, he showed his knife to everyone who was trying to intervene.

Abdrmane-Bada's victim, 46, was quickly transported to the hospital on Saturday, where he was treated for a serious injury to his right bicep.

## Boy, 16, dead after ATV crash in Quebec's Eastern Townships

The Canadian Press

A 16-year-old boy is dead after an ATV accident in Quebec's Eastern Townships yesterday.

The all-terrain vehicle lurched out of control as the teen tried to climb a

hill in a quarry near Stanbridge Station, about 70 kilometres southeast of Montreal.

Quebec provincial police say the teen was taken to hospital in critical condition but later died of his injuries. Authorities are investigating.

## Anyone want to go swimming?

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change is unlike any other they might have experienced.

"It literally hits you in the face," she said, explaining that she started training this past fall.

Despite being a triathlete and thus no novice to physical activity, the Sutton resident stressed that the winter swim has taken her some adjustment.

"This is not something to just jump into. You want to try it out step by step," Zeitlinger said, adding "and talk to your doctor first."

Similar to White's story of a joke facebook post, it was a teasing email from her triathlon coach that got Zeitlinger signed up for the swim. She told the story of receiving a message containing

a link to the winter swim webpage with the question, "this is the one Julie is signed up for, right?"

"They all think I'm a little crazy," she said, explaining that she took the joke as a challenge and signed up immediately.

Having worked with White in the past on some projects, the prospective swimmer said that she took his words to heart when he recommended she build up some qualifications. Since then, she has been working on her times and distances so that she can be ready to do her best come February.

With regard to actually getting in the water, Zeitlinger said that her focus has been on staying calm and breathing through the initial shock.

"Your body just decides you are insane," the swimmer said, explaining

that after the first few moments, the body is flooded with adrenaline and endorphins. "You feel almost like a high."

As one might expect, White said that the winter swim team is very careful to ensure that there is proper security measures on hand. He also said that although there are some very long distance winter swimmers in the world, he keeps the Memphremagog swims to 200 metres or less.

"It is an extreme sport, and you can do some damage pretty quick," White said, pointing out that the water the swimmers are in is between 0 and 5 degrees Celsius. Prolonged exposure, he said, can cause nerve damage. "We're ready to pull (the swimmers) out at any time if they need." He added, noting that each swimmer in the two-lane pool

is shadowed by a person with a rescue hook. On top of that, an ambulance is on hand, just in case.

"You have to have trained and done a 25 metre swim in water (5 degrees Celsius) or colder," White said, explaining that people who cannot demonstrate this qualification are not allowed to participate.

The 2019 Memphremagog Winter Swim Competition will take place from February 22-24 just on the other side of the U.S. border. Registration to participate is open until February 1.

More information on the winter swim and other Kingdom Games activities is available at <http://kingdomgames.co/>

"People have a lot of fun" White said.



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# 'I resolve to do better': Playwright Robert Lepage on 2018 race controversy

By Giuseppe Valiante  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Renowned Quebec director Robert Lepage is promising to be more racially sensitive with his work in the new year after two of his plays in 2018 were widely condemned by members of Quebec's black and Indigenous communities.

In a public letter published Friday, Lepage \_ recognized around the world for his theatre productions \_ acknowledged "clumsiness and misjudgments" that led to the cancellation of his play on black slavery last summer during the Montreal International Jazz Festival.

Called "SLAV," the play included a mostly white cast picking cotton and singing black slave songs. Activists protested outside the theatre and accused Lepage of appropriating black pain for profit.

Lepage admits in the letter "the version of SLAV that we were presenting last June was far from finished and that perhaps it wasn't by chance that the show's dramaturgical problems corresponded exactly to the ethical problems the show was criticized for."

The director and playwright didn't make many public statements during the controversy and Friday's letter goes into detail about his meeting with a group of black artists and activists whose protests helped cancel his play.

"... Unlike the angry far-left extremists depicted in certain media, the people I met with were welcoming, open, perceptive, intelligent, cultivated, articulate and peaceful," Lepage wrote.

He said following the June protests "the content of SLAV has been reworked and rewritten" and the play is scheduled to be shown again in select theatres across the province beginning in January.

The Gilles-Vigneault theatre in Saint-Jerome, about 60 kilometres north of Montreal, is one of several venues scheduled to host SLAV, in early 2019. Tickets can still be purchased for dates in cities such as Sherbrooke, Drummondville and Saguenay.

"As this new year begins," Lepage wrote, "I resolve to do better."

Lepage committed in the letter to inviting a member of the activist group to rehearsals of SLAV to witness changes

made to the show before it is remounted next month. He said he would make "structural changes" within his production company and will "ensure a significant representation of people of African descent from Quebec City in the programming" of his upcoming new theatre in that city.

One of the artists and activists mentioned by name in the letter is Lucas Charlie Rose, whose initial posts on social media about SLAV helped trigger the protest movement against the play.

"I'm really happy this letter got posted," Rose said in an interview. "I felt like it was important to show people that we are actually in contact. What happened this summer wasn't just a controversy ... but the start of a really important conversation that we hope is going to change the artistic climate in Quebec."

Friday's letter did not address the criticism surrounding another one of Lepage's productions \_ "Kanata" \_ a play about the relationship between whites and Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous activists and artists accused Lepage of producing a culturally insensitive play with

little input from the communities portrayed.

The play was scheduled to run in Paris but was cancelled in July after American co-producers withdrew. But in September, Lepage announced the show would go on, reworked and under a new name: "Kanata \_ Episode 1 \_ The Controversy." Three Indigenous artists from Quebec travelled to Paris in December to see the dress rehearsals for the show and came back disappointed.

Rose said he's not optimistic the revamped "SLAV" will be better than the original.

"I'm very curious to see what it's going to look like, and I speak for myself when I say this, but I'm skeptical," he said. "I think the best thing to do, is to go back to the drawing board and put together a brand-new play."

Rose, however, lauded Lepage's commitment to including more black perspectives in his future work in Quebec City.

"Only good things can come out of something like that," Rose said. "Because black people have a cultural power that is very important."

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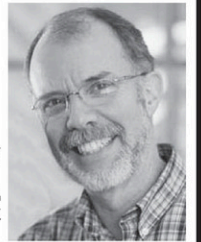
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# New funding available for dairy farmers

Record Staff

The Government of Canada has announced the second phase of the Dairy Farm Investment Program. Dairy producers will be able to apply for funding through the program from January 7, 2019, to February 8, 2019. This second round of funding is valued at \$ 98 million.

The Dairy Farm Investment Program is a five-year (beginning 2017-2018) \$250-million program to help Canadian cow milk producers improve productivity through upgrades to their equipment. It is intended to assist dairy producers adapt to the anticipated impacts of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Phase two of the program provides funding assistance from April 1, 2020 until March 31, 2022. Applicants have the flexibility to seek funding for eligible activities that started on or after August 1, 2017. The project activities must be completed by March 31, 2022.

Reimbursement to applicants will be made in 2020-21 and 2021-22 as projects are completed.

Based on the demand, the program will strive to support investments in all provinces – approximately in proportion to their share of the total national milk quota.

The program will now have a two-stage application process involving a pre-selection step, which, if an applicant is selected, will be followed by the submission of a full application. This new process will give all applicants an equal opportunity of being selected for funding. Projects will be eligible for a contribution of up to \$100,000. Between 1,000 - 1,500 projects are expected to be funded in Phase two.

A number of changes to Phase II of the Dairy Farm Investment Program were developed following consultations with the industry and feedback from farmers.

More information on the Dairy Farm Invest-

ment Program, including an application guide is available on the Agriculture and Agri-food Canada website: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/> under the programs and services heading.

## Studio Georgeville presents Growing up in Austin

A bilingual audio-visual presentation by Dr. Andrea Fairchild, Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Aware of how precious but ephemeral memories can be, Dr. Madeleine Saint-Pierre and Dr. Andrea Fairchild interviewed and videotaped the recollections of twenty-seven elderly citizens of the municipality of Austin. The result was a pair of DVDs titled Growing Up in Austin / Grandir à Austin. These DVDs cover the themes of home, family,

work, education, landscape, and leisure and thus give a glimpse into life in the past in the Eastern Townships. Dr. Andrea Fairchild will present one of these DVDs, which runs 75 minutes and is in French and English with subtitles.

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# EDITORIAL

Following the holiday break, municipal waste authorities describe finding whole turkeys in the garbage, large amounts of baked goods and mountains of leftovers from holiday parties.

## 'Tis the season to redesign and reduce our waste

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be eliminated.

### Food fright

We also tend to overbuy, bake and cook over the holidays. What doesn't get eaten winds up in the trash – or the green bin if your municipality supports a composting program. In Canada, we throw out \$31 billion in food per year. While a good portion of that comes from restaurants and grocery stores, 47 per cent of food waste it generated by consumers.

Following the holiday break, municipal waste authorities describe finding whole turkeys in the garbage, large amounts of baked goods and mountains of leftovers from holiday parties.

If all the extra organic refuse is not diverted or captured, it winds up in a landfill where it produces methane, a greenhouse gas that is far more potent than carbon dioxide.

We're not just throwing away food, but also money. In its most recent food waste report, Value Chain Management International estimates that the value of our food waste is "higher than the combined GDP of the 29 poorest countries."

The waste numbers are alarming, not only because they are huge but because they are unnecessary. Yet they're a direct consequence of our consumer lifestyles where the preference is for new things, especially at Christmas.

### Redesign the holidays

To change our waste, we need to celebrate the holidays with an entirely new approach.

Thinking with design challenges us to create new directions by transforming our understanding of the materials around us. Redesigning our holidays can reduce waste, but most importantly, the action can help us make sense of how these substances – turkey, paper, tinsel and bows – act in the world.

The best way to begin redesigning the holidays is to prepare to do a waste audit.

On average, each Canadian produces 720 kilograms of municipal waste – more than the per capita output in the United States and double what is produced in Japan. And over the holidays, our waste volumes double.

Think about it: We're each throwing out several additional kilos of holiday food, plastic packaging, foil wrapping and household goods each day.

Reducing waste this holiday season requires a whole new approach, a complete redesign of how we plan and celebrate this time of year.

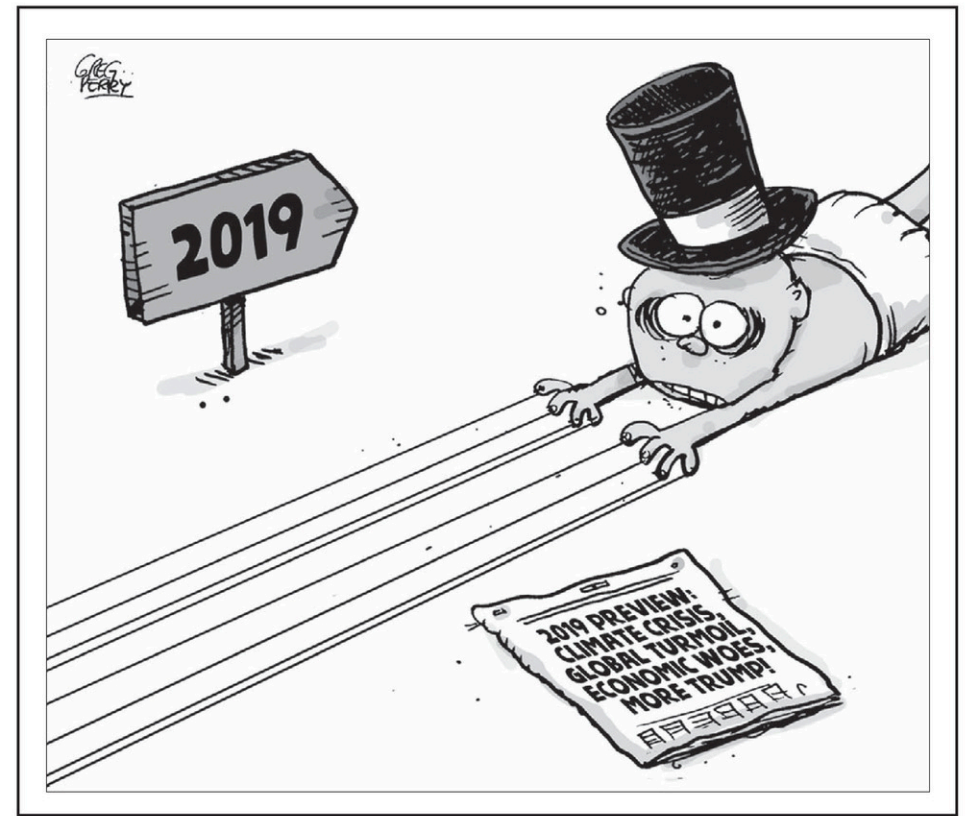
Design can help us create a different future – and a new way of thinking about the holidays that takes aim at the way we consume day-to-day.

### Take back the tinsel

Waste management costs Canadian taxpayers several billion dollars each year. During the holidays, we are paying to buy new stuff and then paying some more to take away the castoffs and detritus of Christmas.

We're not even doing it right. Municipal employees have indicated that consumers don't know how to deal with shiny, crinkly Christmas stuff that's not part of everyday recycling. Tree ornaments, gift wrapping and the unwanted Elves on the Shelves wind up in the wrong bins.

According to the Recycling Council of British Columbia, an estimated 545,000 tonnes of waste is generated in Canada from gift-wrapping and shopping bags alone. It estimates that if each Canadian family simply cut down on their waste by just one kilogram for the two-week holiday, 34,000 tonnes of garbage would



An audit takes into account all of the waste generated by a specific event, such as a holiday dinner party.

The objective of a waste audit is to assess the volume and types of materials ending up in the garbage such as plastics, textiles and hazardous wastes, including batteries. Some municipalities have seasonal tips and information to help, such as Metro Vancouver's campaign to Create Memories Not Garbage.

Redesign your holiday dinner menu so that it generates zero food waste. Cook with recipes that use food waste and make it tasty. Brew a winter tea with fruit peels, make a soup from vegetable scraps or bake a pudding from leftover party bread.

There are many recipes on the internet, old ideas that previous generations knew well.

Redesign gift giving. Again, this requires attention to the materials you use to keep your gifts under wraps until the big reveal. Gift wrap in the garbage can be completely eliminated by doing a few simple things.

Re-use paper or newspapers that you decorate yourself, or give the gift in a holiday cloth bag that can be re-used for several years. They're easy to make yourself, or pick one up at a local Christmas fair.

If you must use new gift wrap, opt for paper (not foils) and avoid the plastic bows, ribbons and foil to make recycling easy.

Beyond the wrapping, what about the package?

Aim to buy gifts that have no packaging or packaging that can be recycled by your community. Before you buy, look at the recycling numbers.

You can also reduce your shopping time and money spent by making gifts at home. Fill mason jars with your favourite cookie jar mix or other food from local farmers and businesses.

Finally, when you are out shopping, resist the holiday disposable cup, an especially problematic piece of waste that is only a moment in use but hard to recycle with its mixed plastic and paper.

Holiday customs have changed over the decades and vary from household to household. However, at this time in our history, reducing waste must become a new tradition. A shift in our holiday traditions to place greater value on materials would make our ancestors proud and future generations thankful.

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## Local Sports

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## Canada downs Czech Republic 5-1, remains undefeated in world juniors action

By Gemma Karstens-Smith  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

A little adversity has helped some of Canada's young players reach a new level at the world junior hockey championship, says the team's head coach.

Tim Hunter benched 17-year-old Alexis Lafreniere and 18-year-old Joe Veleno in the third period of Thursday's 3-2 victory over Switzerland, saying the pair weren't playing well.

Lafreniere responded by putting up a big goal in Canada's 5-1 win over the Czech Republic on Saturday. Veleno notched an assist on another play as Canada improved to 3-0.

"When guys are challenged and talked to directly ... they understand the process and they understand the trust factor," Hunter said after Saturday's victory.

"For the first time in their careers, (Veleno and Lafreniere) faced a little adversity, they missed some shifts. They haven't had that happen to them before. So, I get that, poor guys are a little de-

spondent at times and you have to communicate to them about the process."

Lafreniere has lit up the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, where he plays for the Rimouski Oceanic and has put up 17 goals and 34 assists so far in his second season.

The six-foot-one, 192-pound forward has played to his identity in the world junior tournament, but not consistently, Hunter said.

"And that's typical. He's only 17," he said. "I'm not looking for him to be perfect, but when he's not perfect, he's not going to play as much. And he understands that."

Lafreniere, the ninth-youngest player to play for Canada in the history of the event, agreed with the coach's critiques.

"I have to improve my defensive game without the puck. He's right. I have to get better and that's what I tried to do tonight," he said, adding that Saturday night's goal was a weight off his shoulders.

Captain Maxime Comtois, Brett Leason, Morgan Frost and MacKenzie Entwistle also scored for defending

champion Canada on Saturday.

Ondrej Machala put up the lone goal for the Czechs (0-1-0-2), who finished fourth last year after losing 7-2 to Canada in the semis in Buffalo.

Jiri Patera \_ who plays for the Western Hockey League's Brandon Wheat Kings \_ made 16 saves before he was swapped out to start the third period.

Jakub Skarek stepped in to fill the Czech net and stopped nine-of-10 shots.

Vancouver Canucks prospect Michael DiPietro stopped 23-of-24 for Canada, including a leaping glove save on a penalty kill midway through the second period.

The netminder said his team is getting better as the tournament goes on.

"We're not putting up 14 goals, but being stronger in little areas," he said, referring to Canada's 14-0 Boxing Day blowout against Denmark. "I think it's just the way we're playing, kind of the make-up of our team, we're playing to our identity and the offence is going to come."

Getting that offence takes an entire roster, not just a top line, Hunter said.

"To win games you have to get scoring

through the lineup. Because your No. 1 lines and your No. 2 line aren't going to score every night," he said. "It's like a playoff series \_ if you expect your top line to score every night in a playoff series, good luck."

Entwistle, who started the tournament as the 13th forward, is the only Canadian to have goals in each of the first three games.

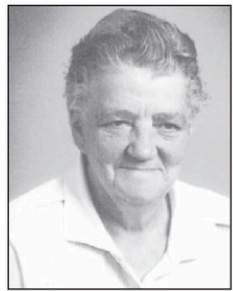
While he's had a carousel of linemates across those matchups, the Chicago Blackhawks prospect said they're all great players, which makes the changes easier.

"We all have some size, we all have some skill and playing down low behind their net is what we need to do. We've been doing that and developing some chemistry," he said. "Obviously, it's tough to get in a groove but later on in the game it's a little bit easier."

The Canadians will finish up round-robin play Monday when they battle Russia.

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**NEW YEAR  
EVE GAME**  
**DEC. 31<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Death**



**Muriel BUZZELL**  
(nee Harrison)  
(1937-2018)

It is with regret that we announce the sudden passing of Mrs. Muriel Harrison, at her home in Stanstead, on December 28th, 2018 at the age of 81. Wife of the late Hurbie Buzzell and daughter of the late Gordon & Josephine Harrison. She was the cherished mother of Ronnie (Wendy), Debra (Harry), the late Rose (Denis), Randy (Patricia), Andy (Angie), Shirley (Brian), Gary and Martha (Sid); a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her brothers Bob, Valmore and sister Elizabeth and is survived by her brother Kenneth and sister Marjorie as well as her sister-in-law and brother-in-law. Visitation will take place at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin St., Stanstead, QC, on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Interment at a later date.

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**Death**



**Helen MILES**  
(nee Needham)  
1938-2018

Passed away peacefully at the Centre d'Accueil of Cowansville on December 27, 2018, at the age of 80, wife of the late James Miles, long time resident of Inverness, Qc. She leaves to mourn her brother Doug (Joyce), her son Jean Gravil, her nieces and nephews, as well as many other relatives and good friends. The family will receive condolences at the: BROME-MISSISQUOI Funeral Complex, 402, de la Rivière, Cowansville, QC on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 10 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 12:30 p.m. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all the staff of the Centre d'Accueil of Cowansville for the excellent care rendered. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Fondation du Centre D'Accueil de Cowansville would be appreciated by the family. Forms available at the Complex. Condolences may also be expressed via our website at: www.complexebm.com

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**Death**



**Clarence ROLLESTON**  
(1926-2018)

On December 27th, 2018, Mr. Clarence Rolleston passed away at the CSSS Memphremagog at the age of 92, formerly from Stanstead. He is preceded in death by his first wife Louise Sheldon and second wife Esther Washburn. He was the son of the late Annie Thayer and the late Harry Rolleston. He leaves to mourn his daughter Dale; his stepchildren: Ralph, Roger, Brenda, Roy (Suzanne) and Louise (Ronnie) as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Brian (Nicole Maclure). He also leaves many other relatives, nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be taking place at the Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead, QC, on Saturday, January 5th, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. followed by a service honouring his life.

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**Death**



**Donald Frederick SANGSTER**

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Don Friday, December 28, 2018, age 83. He is survived by his loving wife Eleanor (Doherty); his children Vicki Williams (Michael), Cameron (Alicja), Sharon and Geoffrey; his grandchildren Lewis and Sonia; sister Janet Bourgeau (late Angus); and brother James Sangster. Don was a research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada for 33 years. He was an avid canoeist/canoe craftsman, community firefighter volunteer. The family would be pleased to greet friends at the Kars Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes, 1610 Roger Stevens Dr., Kars, ON on Friday, January 11th from 12 p.m. until time of memorial service in the chapel at 1 p.m. followed by a reception. Spring interment at Elmwood Cemetery, Sherbrooke, QC. In Don's memory a donation has been made to the Society of Economic Geologist Foundation by his family. Those wishing may make memorial donations to the Ottawa Firefighters Community Foundation Inc. Condolences, donations or tributes may be made at: www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com.

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**PERRON, Florence Liza Blouin** (March 24, 1929 - January 1, 2018).  
*A year has come and gone,  
But you are not forgotten.  
You are always in our hearts.  
You are always present in our minds.  
Our love is still strong  
And will never fade away.  
We love you, always.*

**OSWALD PERRON AND FAMILY**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Today is the 365th day of 2018 and the 11th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1600, the British East India Company was chartered.

In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed a bill admitting West Virginia into the United States.

In 1879, Thomas Edison staged the first public demonstration of the electric lightbulb.

In 1999, the United States handed over complete control of the Panama Canal to Panama.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Henri Matisse (1869-1954), artist; Elizabeth Arden

**Datebook**

(1878-1966), businesswoman; George C. Marshall (1880-1959), U.S. military commander/diplomat; Anthony Hopkins (1937- ), actor; John Denver (1943-1997), singer-songwriter; Ben Kingsley (1943- ), actor; Diane von Furstenberg (1946- ), fashion designer; Donna Summer (1948-2012), singer; Bebe Neuwirth (1958- ), actress; Val Kilmer (1959- ), actor; Lance Reddick (1962- ), actor; Nicholas Sparks (1965- ), writer; Gabrielle "Gabby" Douglas (1995- ), gymnast.

**TODAY'S FACT:** West Virginia, a new state created from Virginia counties that chose not to secede from the Union, was originally named Kanawha, after the Kanawha River.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1967, Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers defeated Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys in the NFL Championship Game, 21-17, in subzero weather. The game became known as the "Ice Bowl." Green Bay went on to defeat the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl II.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Youth offers the promise of happiness, but life offers the realities of grief." – Nicholas Sparks, "The Rescue"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 3,987 – length in miles of the border between Canada and the lower 48 states.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter moon (Dec. 29) and new moon (Jan. 5).

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# Noisy neighbours

Dear Annie

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

**Dear Annie:** The couple who live in the apartment next to mine are, well, noisy. Today I could hear them being intimate several times — loudly. I've heard other people in the building giggling about it, too. I don't want to get management involved if I don't have to, but this is a little ridiculous. Would it be reasonable to slip a note under the loud neighbours' door, nicely asking them to be considerate of the other people in the building? If so, what sort of language should I use? I don't want to be rude or overstep, but they are so loud. The guy sounds as if he's in pain, to be honest. They must know that other people can hear them! — Noisy Neighbours

**Dear Noisy Neighbours:** Believe it or not, you're not the first person who's written to me about this issue. Apparently, there are a lot of people who don't realize others can hear them or just don't care. Let's give your amorous neighbours the benefit of the doubt and assume it's the former.

Though I'm usually all for face-to-face discussions to work things out, in this case, anonymity is kinder for all parties involved and will spare you all embarrassment when you bump into each other in the laundry room. So a polite, anonymous under-the-door note, as you proposed, is the right approach. Let them know the walls are very thin and you'd appreciate it if they could try keeping things down. If they don't turn down the volume after that, then you can hand this unpleasant situation over to building management.

**Dear Annie:** I live with two other women. I'm the one who handles utility bills; they're in my name. Every other month, when they come due, I text my roommates to let them know how much we all owe. They send me the money via an app. Without fail, one roommate, "Tracy," always rounds down to the nearest dollar when sending me money. So if it's \$82.64, for example, she just sends \$82. Sure, it's only 64 cents, but it's the principle of the thing. Shouldn't she be sending me the full amount? Should I speak up or just deal? — Shortchanged

**Dear Shortchanged:** Your roommate should be pay-

ing you the exact amount, especially because of how easy it is to do so on an app, but it's a few nickels and dimes — hardly worth your peace of mind. If she's a good roommate in all other respects, try to let it go. Consider that 50 cents or so your monthly donation to the Being a Bigger Person Fund.

**Dear Annie:** In response to "Not Sure in Norfolk," I would like to tell you that I also use the handicapped stall. I have had successful knee surgery, a broken kneecap and bulging back disks. You would never know it to look at me, because I continue to work hard to keep mobile. I need the higher toilet and side rail. People should not judge a book by its cover! — Bee in Tennessee

**Dear Bee:** I'm printing your letter in case anyone needed further convincing not to assume a person doesn't have a disability just because you can't see it. Thanks for writing.

**Dear Annie:** I have a good friend who has been like a kid brother to me. He has always been a very thoughtful, caring, respectful man whom I've gotten along great with. This man has autism and borderline intellectual functioning, so I have always explained things so that he can better understand. I have had him over for a meal on several occasions; we enjoy playing board games, and I have taken him on a few day trips.

We care deeply for each other, not in a romantic way but like siblings. Enter his on-again, off-again girlfriend, who is physically, verbally and financially abusive. She has had him in tears, left marks on him and broken his glasses. She isolates him. She is an alcoholic whose behavior gets very bizarre, as well as dangerous, when she is drunk.

I have tried to get him to think for himself regarding her, but I have also told him that he doesn't deserve to be hit or called nasty names or ridiculed.

He has confided to me that he is very unhappy, sometimes calling me for help, but later has gotten upset with me. The girlfriend is constantly harassing him over our friendship, so now he will not speak to me. I have called adult protective services; I don't know what else I can do.

I am heartbroken that I have been cast off to the side. I thought I was his friend, his sister. The worst part is knowing that he is being abused and suffering in silence. I've tried to contact him, but he gets very upset over that. I feel as if I have lost my best friend, my brother, to a woman who treats him horribly. — Missing My Brother in Wisconsin

**Dear Missing:** Calling adult protective services was the right thing to do, and you should continue to call to report incidents of abuse. I understand that you feel hurt, but it's important that you not take this personally. He has not cast you aside; he has become a victim of abuse. Be careful not to try to force his behavior, e.g., issuing an ultimatum that you can't continue being friends with him while he dates her. That would only leave him feeling more isolated. So as hard as it is to watch him be subjected to this abuse, try to stay in the picture. You can help him make a safe escape plan when he's ready. See the article "Supporting Someone Who Keeps Returning to an Abusive Relationship" on the National Domestic Violence Hotline website (<https://www.thehotline.org>), or call the hotline (800-799-7233) for guidance.

**Dear Annie:** Your explanation of EMDR psychotherapy was excellent, but beyond EMDR is a new alternative known as Havening Techniques. Many therapists have found this to be an effective alternative in helping people heal their wounds from past emotional traumas. You can learn more at <https://www.havening.org>. — Dr. Robert B. Nolan Jr.

**Dear Dr. Robert:** Thank you for the tip. Though I cannot vouch for the efficacy of Havening Techniques personally, I'd encourage readers to learn more and talk to their counselors if they feel it might be a good treatment modality for them.

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Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

## Heritage Night

ing the evening meal. Following steaming bowls of pea soup, entrees were then distributed consisting of tourtiere with mashed potatoes and baked beans. Portions of 'rainbow pudding' made up the dessert offering.

Following the meal, the president thanked Chef Carole and her crew and extended best wishes for the holidays. He also thanked the White Knights for their contribution. Drawings for the evening's door prizes pleased senior members Walter Enslin and Ashford Lothrop, his second win in as many weeks.

The jokes of the night included one about a couple affording a mortgage, one as to determining the height of a flagpole, and one concerning the ineptness of Liberal MPs.

Ashford Lothrop then took the opportunity to recall memories of his father Nelson, a champion snowshoe racer who represented the club during the early decades of the 20th century. He showed the membership one of his father's racing snowshoes, remarking on its diminutive size relative to normal sized counterparts. Referencing back to one of the quiz questions of the previous week regarding Silver Spring Breweries, Ashford described how local farmers assisted in the reduction of one of the company's byproducts. Apparently, a natural approach to waste disposal, left local

herds in a very contented state.

Once again, Assistant Chorister Gary MacDonald conducted the traditional sing-along during the post-dining array of activities. Joining him were various members of the club, along with pianist, Janis Graham. Unfortunately, Honorary Chorister Phil Kerwin, was again a no-show, the second time in a row. Club members speculated on the need to send out a search party to Ayer's Cliff to track down the elusive chorister. Others considered acquiring a case of hair cream as an inducement for better attendance.

Following a very brief business meeting and an opportunity for members to stretch their legs, President Steve addressed the evening's theme of heritage by discussing a national institution, namely, the National Film Board (NFB) of Canada. He then presented three nationally recognized animation productions, including The Logrunner's Waltz, Blackfly, and The Cat Came Back. These lighthearted animations amused the members, young and old, and served as shining examples of the country's rich heritage.

The presentation completed, members prepared for the ride home.

Submitted by Steve Moore  
SSSC Secretary



Members of the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club met for the last meeting before the Christmas break on Wednesday, December 12th. Given the upcoming holidays, everyone was in a festive mood.

As the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., President Steve Moore called on Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Heath to identify the emergency exits in the absence of the 2nd vice-president. To this he complied as well as declaring the individual doors secured as requested. The response was delivered without the display of bravado expressed the previous week.

Following the national anthem, the president called on former president Hugh Bowen to say Grace. Unfortunately, the former club official who is well known for his love of food, appeared to be at a loss for words. Consequently, the president himself asked the blessing in his stead.

The White Knights then began the process of serv-

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### CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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'GX OGNV VC PDMMGCW'..."  
— DNLWCB NEWB XCYYZTEY

Previous Solution: "We have come dangerously close to accepting the homeless situation as a problem that we just can't solve." — Linda Lingle

TODAY'S CLUE: C equals S

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— X.C. BJOMNFSMT

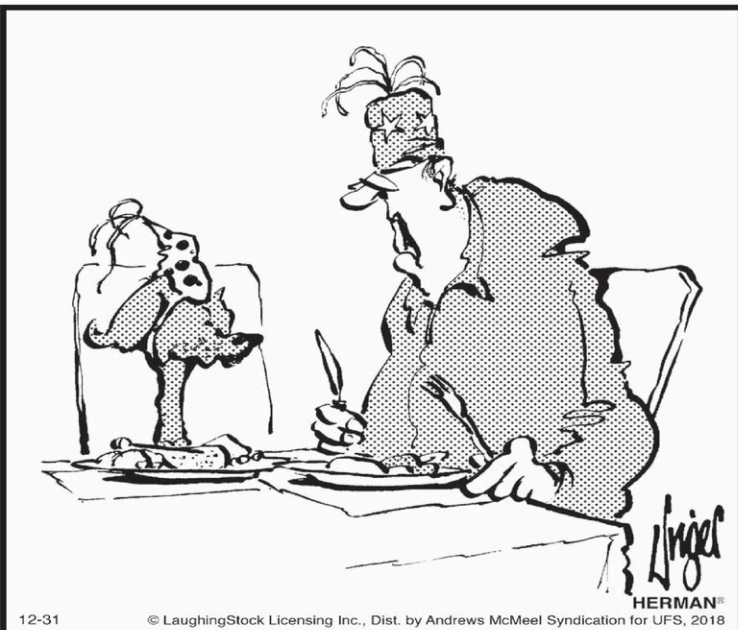
R equals C :EVLTS,ADAVS

Previous Solution: "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, / Whispering 'it will be happier'..." — Alfred Lord Tennyson

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### HERMAN



"How come he's got a leg AND a wing?"

### ALLEY OOP



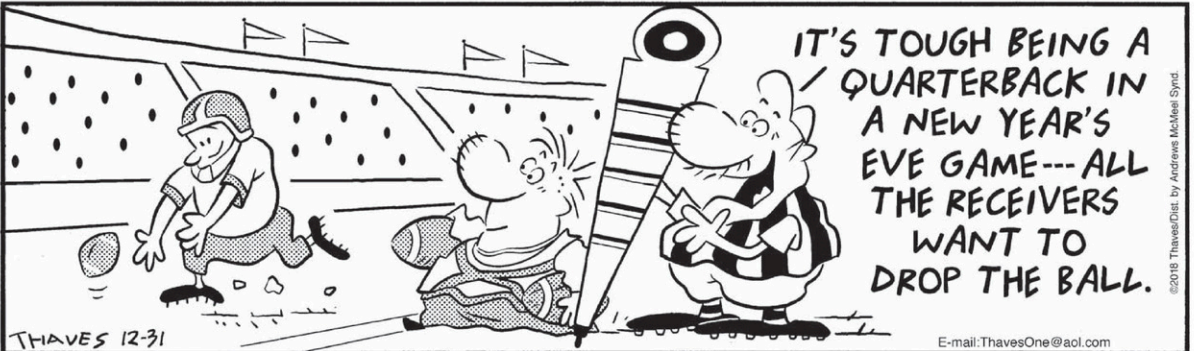
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*We would like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!*



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

## SUDOKU

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

## HANDY POINTERS



on writing a successful classified ad

**It's easier than you think**

Prepare an outline of your ad and then write it.

Be specific – buyers want useful information such as price.

Group related facts in the same sentence.

Avoid slang and abbreviations. Abbreviations are not needed because **The Record** charges by word rather than space.

Above all, don't forget your telephone number or address and when respondents may contact you.

# NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Certain
  - 5 Hosp. worker
  - 8 Rural spread
  - 12 Motorist nos.
  - 13 MacGraw of the movies
  - 14 Michigan neighbor
  - 15 Sunbathes
  - 16 Winter mo.
  - 17 Sports event
  - 18 In the lead
  - 20 With hands on hips
  - 22 Team cheer
  - 24 Ostrich kin
  - 25 Lively
  - 28 Tie down
  - 32 Place
  - 33 Be mistaken
  - 34 Like Rambo
  - 35 Church part
  - 37 Turkish title
  - 39 Period
  - 40 Where poi is served
  - 41 Pretend
  - 43 "Ulalume" poet
- DOWN**
- 1 Sp. miss
  - 2 Provo's state
  - 3 Actress — Russo
  - 4 Prose pieces
  - 5 Boy
  - 6 Urgent request
  - 7 Pocket change
  - 8 Baby food
  - 9 Crazy captain
  - 10 "Miami Vice" cop

Answer to Previous Puzzle

R	O	M	P		M	R	S		S	T	O	W
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- 11 A Stogie
- 19 Hinder
- 21 "— on Fire"
- 23 Windhoek's cont.
- 25 Bantu language
- 26 Soul singer — James
- 27 Caspian Sea tributary
- 29 "Back in Black" group
- 30 Took pictures
- 31 Dog days weather
- 32 Trusted friend
- 34 Perhaps
- 36 Nannies from abroad (2 wds.)
- 38 "My — Sal"
- 41 Skinned
- 42 In the land of Nod
- 44 "The Wizard of —"
- 46 — vera lotion
- 47 Claw badly
- 48 Broad valley
- 50 Island near Corsica
- 51 Look happy
- 52 Desires
- 53 Yes
- 55 Place for laundry

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# Your Birthday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

Moderation and making up your own mind will save you from a mistake.

Doing research, planning and following through will be your keys to success. Persistence and discipline will also be necessary. Put the past behind you and turn any anger you are feeling into constructive energy. Revenge is a waste of time. Offer peace and love, not discord.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pony up if you have any personal debts. Clear the path ahead in order to avoid wasteful detours. Positive change will eliminate stress.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Look at the bright side of any situation you face and turn a negative into a positive. It's up to you to bring about the changes that will make your life better.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — A physical improvement will make you feel good and help you ring in the new year with a little style. A loved one will make you feel special.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You may want to consider how you want to head into the upcoming year. Look at your qualifications and redo your resume to fit the direction you want to pursue.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Make a promise to yourself to do and look your best next year. Step things up a notch when dealing with a loved one and make your feelings and intentions known.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You'll be easily tempted into doing something you should probably walk away from.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — If you socialize with people who inspire and motivate you, you will come up with an idea that will help you turn next year into something special. Partnerships look promising.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Use your intelligence to ward off a problem with someone you are emotionally connected to. Make positive suggestions to turn a dispute into a collaboration. Don't take risks while traveling.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You are best off spending time with people who put you at ease. Take a break from your everyday life and go somewhere special. Romance will enhance your life.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Surround yourself with the people you find most interesting. Make and enforce a resolution that will promote positive emotional, mental and financial change.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Put your heart on the line and make it clear how you feel. Put what isn't working behind you so you can head into the new year with a fresh start.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Do your best not to get caught up in the moment and overdo it. Too much of anything will cause problems that will hold you back when you should be moving forward.

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## Are you a tiger at the bridge table?

By Phillip Alder

I watched a fascinating program last month about my favorite creatures, the big cats. The show had a really scary fact about tigers: There are more tigers in captivity in the United States than are in the wild on the rest of the planet. We just cannot let them become extinct; they are so beautiful.

This deal comes from a book called "Tiger Bridge" by Jeremy Flint and Freddie North. Flint had a telephone call from Tony Priday, another of England's great players. As Flint explained, Priday liked to try to distract you by describing a fictional setting, here, a game with his aunt in Framlingham, Suffolk. South is in seven no-trump after opening with a weak no-trump (12-14 points) and showing one ace and one king in answer to Gerber. West leads the spade jack to dummy's queen.

South starts with 12 top tricks: three in each suit. Flint saw that South should plan to collect a fourth diamond trick. Obviously, if the suit is splitting 3-2, or the jack is singleton, it will be easy. But if either opponent has jack-fourth, declarer can pick up the suit with the aid of a finesse.

Flint took his three heart winners, noting West's club discard. Declarer

North				12-31-18
♠ A K Q 7				
♥ A K 5 4				
♦ A 9 6 3				
♣ K				
West		East		
♠ J 10 9		♠ 8 5 4 2		
♥ 6 2		♥ J 10 8 7		
♦ J 8 5 2		♦ 4		
♣ J 10 5 2		♣ 9 8 4 3		
South				
♠ 6 3				
♥ Q 9 3				
♦ K Q 10 7				
♣ A Q 7 6				
Dealer: South				
Vulnerable: Both				
South	West	North	East	
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass	
5♥	Pass	7NT	All Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ J				

cashed dummy's other two top spades and the club king, crossed to hand with a diamond and played off the club ace-queen, everyone following suit.

What has Flint learned? That East started with at least three spades, exactly four hearts and at least three clubs. That is 10 cards known, so East cannot have four diamonds. South cashes his diamond queen, and when East discards, plays a diamond to the nine and claims.