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BARBARA WINTLE

Halloween fast approaches. For trick or treating input see page 3.



JEN YOUNG

Like so many of us, this lone petunia shivered yesterday and refused to believe that winter is here.

HE SAYS, SHE SAYS...

"Nothing is preventing the reintegration of the parkland except the political will to do so."

Gisèle Lacasse-Benoit

(THE RECORD, OCTOBER 29TH)

Cops probe "suspicious package" that led to bomb scare

Was it or was it not a bomb?

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Police investigators are trying to find out who left a "suspicious package" in the parking lot between the offices of the Eastern Townships Tourism Association and Sûreté du Québec headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, and who it was aimed at.

The suspicious package, which was found by a passerby beside the garbage bin behind the tourism office at the corner of King and Don Bosco, caused a scare that disrupted activities along King Street until late into the evening.

After examining the package, Sherbrooke police immediately called the bomb squad and cordoned off a large security perimeter, evacuating restaurants, shops and offices, and blocking traffic on a 1.5 kilometer stretch of King that extended from Lionel Groulx to the Autoroute 410 exit.

SEE BOMB PAGE 4

Fire takes life of young girl in Brome Lake



DAVID ANDERSON

By Jessica Brown
BROME LAKE

A late night fire has claimed the life of a 7-year-old Brome Lake girl after a frantic effort from her father to rescue her.

The call came in at nine minutes past midnight early yesterday morning. Brome Lake firefighters arrived at 29 Frizzle only to find the two-storey home engulfed in flames and a desperate rescue attempt was underway. According to the SQ's Sylvain Ares, home owner, Hugues Nadeau made a fire before heading off to bed.

"At some point he woke up because of the smoke was filling the house and went downstairs to find out what was the matter."

Ares says Nadeau thought he had fixed the problem and had aired out the house before going back to bed.

"But either he hadn't fixed it or the problem started again and when he woke up again the house was full of smoke."

Nadeau got out of the house and put a ladder up to the second floor window of his 5-year-old son. He called his name and the boy came to him, and was carried down to safety. He then took the ladder to his daughter's window and climbed up calling her name. However, she didn't respond and the smoke was so thick and intense, he couldn't get into her window to get her. In his desperation he ran to the neighbour's house to get help but the fire was too intense to do anything but watch in anguish. Nadeau was alone at home with his two children. The children's mother was in Montreal at the time. Both the father and son were hospitalized with smoke inhalation and the father suffered an injured knee. SQ investigators along with their regional investigation unit will continue to investigate the cause of the blaze. It's not known if there were smoke detectors in the house at the time.

Magog and U de S unite efforts to attract IT industries

Gamer's haven

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

If all goes according to plan, Magog will soon become a haven for young gamers looking for employment testing video games and for computer technicians able to correct programming errors.

The town is also hoping to attract companies in the rapidly growing field of identify theft protection, with industries that design and produce security features for credit and other consumer cards.

Magog Mayor Marc Poulin, who is also the chairman of the Centre local de développement de la MRC de Memphrémagog, told The Record a feasibility study commissioned by the town of Magog shows there are a lot of opportunities for the region in the profitable world of Information Technologies, known in the lingo as IT.

The IT sector represents a market of \$1.4 billion a year in Quebec, he added.

"This is an area with the potential to create a lot of jobs," said Poulin.

But to attract those lucrative jobs, the town needs infrastructures and a trained workforce, he said.

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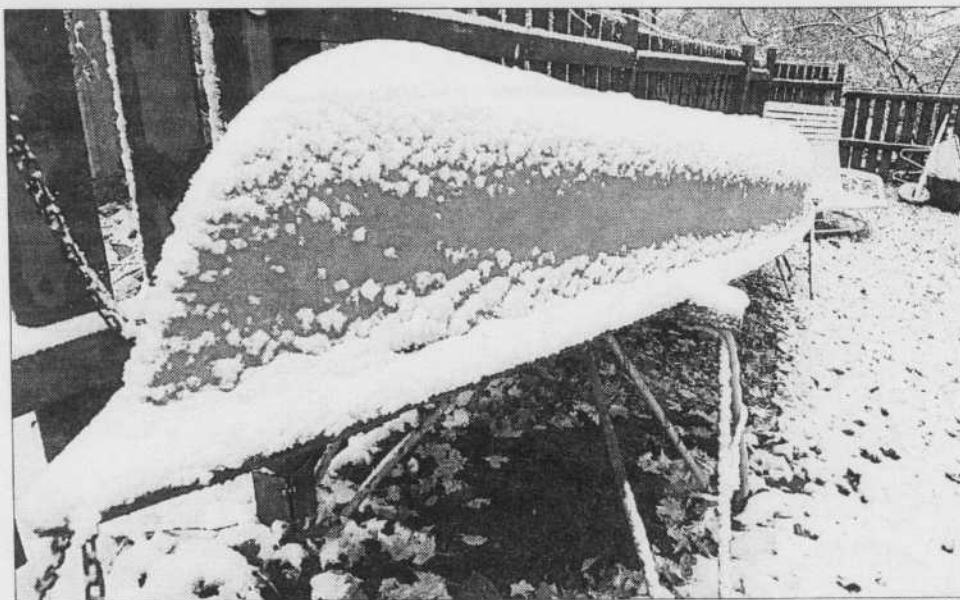


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Retchless Report—Bullet dodged

The Townships really dodged the bullet with this last storm. The Low pressure system tracked inland right over our area. The major snow amounts were in western New York state and eastern Ontario. This quick shot of winter will only be a two-day event and after a cool down on the weekend the long range forecast is calling for Indian Summer like conditions. The definition of Indian Summer is: A prolonged warm spell in mid to late fall after the first major cold spell.

Snow flurries should end today and a warm up will occur tomorrow. Temperatures will be cooler tomorrow where there is substantial snow on the ground. Late tomorrow a weak cold front will drift southward and this will kick off some scattered showers ending in flurries. Saturday will



DAVID ANDERSON

be a mixed day with another chance for flurries overnight. On Sunday, high pressure builds in and this should be the best day of the weekend. Sunday night will be clear and cold with good radiational cooling. Monday and Tuesday will see warming temperatures as we see a pattern changes to a milder fall pattern

Today: bright skies-10 degrees

Tomorrow: showers to flurries early - mostly cloudy - 5 degrees

Sunday: Sunny-5 degrees

Monday: Cloudy-10 degrees

Tuesday: Sunny-12 degrees

Andrew Retchless is The Record's trusted weather prognosticator. An ETSB school principal by day and local weather pattern predictor by night, Retchless brings local weather related expectations each Thursday.

Drier and milder winter expected, Almanac says

Almanac: "a calendar or table showing the days, weeks, and months. Many almanacs give information about the weather, sun, moon, stars, tides, church days, and other facts."

- Gage Canadian Dictionary

The 2009 editions of almanacs have hit the shelves - as always to my great delight. Chock full of entertaining tidbits of information, almanacs never cease to fascinate me. It sure is amazing what you can learn from them.

Here's a sampling of what's between the covers of Harrowsmith's Truly Canadian Almanac 2009:

- There is a listing of world record sizes for garden produce. And Canadians are the champs in three categories: the parsnip: at an unbelievable weight; the sunflower: with an huge head diameter; and Turks Turban squash: of an incredible heftiness)

- Did you know there's someone who believes that what distinguishes us Canadians from Americans is not the popularity of hockey vs. baseball but of chainsaws vs. guns?

- Then there's the intrigue of "Heirlooms in the Barnyard," the sentimentality of "A Breed Apart: An Ode to the Barn Cat," the practicality of "Forest-

Friendly Flooring" and the sense of pride that one of the Townships' own - Marion Phelps - is featured and another person of ET origins - Dr. Susie Tector - has penned a story of her experience in Darfur.

The pages of The Old Farmer's 2009 Almanac, Canadian edition, cover such topics as:

- Living to be 100: the how-to article suggests flirting, enjoying some sun, and chewing perfectly, among other things!

- Who'd have thunk of it?... a guide to manure, of all things, manure, featuring the primary nutrient content of various types of dung and suggesting natural remedies to fix clay, silt and sandy soils.

- Tips on trout fishing, such as tossing a bark chip upstream before casting.

- "Creatures That Glow in the Dark" explains how to attract fireflies, why they light up and mentions other organisms that produce bioluminescence.

- And there's sage advice regarding the best days to set eggs. The sign of the moon when chicks hatch seeming-

ly influences their health and the speed at which they mature. In an ideal situation, they should be poking their little heads out of their shells when the moon is waxing in the signs of Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS

Of course, what's most important to many almanac fans is the weather forecast. Based on The Old Farmer's 2009 Almanac's forecasts, Christmas will definitely be

white. Snow is predicted in Southern Quebec in every December time period listed from the first of the month up to and including the 29th. For the December 22 to 25 segment, flurries and very cold weather are anticipated. Overall, however, winter 2008-09 is expected to be drier and milder than normal, with the coldest temperatures in mid-December and early February, and the heaviest snowfalls in mid-December, early February and early March.

Harrowsmith's Truly Canadian Almanac 2009 also predicts snow throughout the month of December and for Dec. 21 to 27, colder weather with two or three days of "windy, snowy weather." Generally speaking,

this almanac calls for normal winter temperatures, heavy snowfall in December and near-normal snowfall for the remainder of the season.

So, in essence the two almanacs agree about snow for Christmas but disagree on average winter temperatures and precipitation. I guess they consult different charts and rely on different signs.

How often are almanacs right about the weather? I have no idea; I read them more for their unusual facts....

- Male red-winged blackbirds return north at least two weeks earlier than females of the species. (HTCA)

- Among the foods of the future are flower-flavoured yoghurt and water. (HTCA)

- In the 5th century, daisies were called "day's eyes" and foxgloves "fairies' beds." (HTCA)

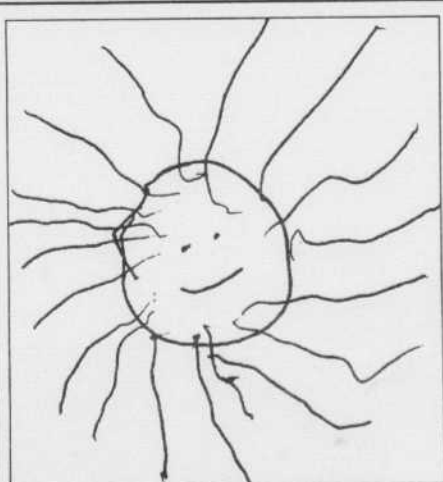
- If there was a llama in your dream, your current undertakings will be successful. If there were prunes in your dream, you should expect to move. (OFA)

- "Wishes will come true for a person who catches and releases a traveling bit of milkweed floss." (OFA)

First thing tomorrow, I'm going looking for milkweed floss. If it doesn't make my wishes come true, at least I can use it to stuff a cushion.



SUSAN MASTINE



Four-year-old Anthony Green has given The Record his masterpieces depicting your weather forecast.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Feds stay loyal to asbestos industry despite health study flap

By Stephen McDougall
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The federal government will remain loyal to the Chrysotile Asbestos industry despite having undertaken a study late last year that critics claim condemns it.

"We believe in and support the safe use of Chrysotile Asbestos," said Mark Quinlan, press agent for Public Works minister Christian Paradis.

"That position has not changed. We will continue to support this industry."

Quinlan would not comment on a Health Canada study prepared last March on the effects of the industrial fiber on the public that has yet to be made public.

Instead, the study is being reviewed by the HC department and no date has been set for its release.

Last week, three medical journals from the United States, Canada and England charged Ottawa with censorship for not releasing the study, claiming it was not favourable to the continued mining of the fireproof fiber in Canada and its export to developing countries around the world.

Stephane Shank, an official with Health Canada, said the study was initiated by the department's Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety branch as part of a routine peer review of health issues. The study was made over a five month period by a panel of seven experts from five countries and cost taxpayers \$101,000.

"The last peer review of the health affects of Chrysotile asbestos were made by the World Health Or-

ganization in 1998," said Shank.

According to Laryssa Waler, press agent of Health minister Tony Clement, the study was then ordered reviewed by the health minister himself.

Paul Duchesne, a media advisor with HC, said the experts come from Canada, the U.S., Switzerland, Italy and Australia and were chosen because they had diverging opinions on the health affects of the fiber.

He would not say what the study uncovered and was not surprised it had to be reviewed.

"These reviews are standard procedure in this department," he said.

"There is no rule on how long the review takes. It depends on the situation."

Clement could not be reached for comment.

The study concerned Jeffrey asbestos mine president Bernard Coulombe, who expressed fear earlier this week the federal government was backing away from supporting his industry.

"We are not a big industry and the government is always facing pressure from anti-asbestos militants who want to see us go under," he said. "But if the government does back away, they leave themselves vulnerable to political attacks and possible legal actions from the anti-asbestos camp. Then other natural resources that are unpopular become the next target for banning."

Coulombe suspects the study is being delayed be-

cause the experts could not agree on the health risks of the fiber.

This is the not the first time a government has backed the industry while its civil servants questioned or opposed it.

In 2003, Louise Deguire of the Quebec provincial health board presented a study indicating the number of lung cancer cases linked to some types of asbestos were increasing and argued further use of the fiber would only add to those numbers.

Her arguments were made despite the provincial government's repeated support for the Chrysotile asbestos industry.

She later appeared at an anti-asbestos conference on capital hill in Ottawa and expressed her opposition to continued use of the fiber. The conference was closed to the public, but recorded and later broadcast on the C-PAC parliamentary cable channel.

Coulombe and other industry people are also concerned the federal government is being influenced by native affairs minister Chuch Strahl, who claims to have the lung cancer mesothelioma and blamed exposure to asbestos fibers for the disease.

Strahl never made public any official medical diagnosis of the disease and did not directly link it to asbestos exposure in a newspaper column he wrote in 2005. He has been silent about the issue since then.

Tips to have a happy and safe Halloween

By Corrinna Pole
SHERBROOKE

The time for costumes and candy is almost here. This Friday, ghouls and goblins everywhere will take to the streets to collect their sweets as trick or treating officially takes place from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Despite being the most festive day it can also be one of the most dangerous for young pedestrians. Along with the thrills and chills of the day safety is needed from civilians and monsters alike. Taking a few small steps can keep the day fun for all.

"We remind the population to be cautious as young children take to the streets to collect their delicacies," said Martin Carrier of the Service de police de Sherbrooke.

These simple safety regulations, Carrier provides, will help everyone to enjoy the celebrations without incident.

Homeowners should turn on outdoor lighting and keep walkways clear. Pet owners, keep your furry friends inside and away from the front door. Noises can frighten pets, which might bolt and get lost. Remember candy can be harmful to pets. Motorists should be extra careful when driving. Children are more excit-

ed and may forget safety rules. Make sure you slow down and watch for children. Enter and exit driveways and take turns slowly. Don't drive distracted. Sherbrooke police, as well as many groups of volunteers, and 200 people from more than 30 organizations, will be present and visible in all the districts to help keep Spidermen and Hulks trick or treating safely.

Ten safety tips for Halloween

- Wear short clothing to avoid stumbling.
- Clothing must be bright colours or have reflective materials.
- Bring a flashlight to help you see better and to be more visible to others.
- Avoid masks that block your senses. Make-up allows you to see and hear better.
- Inform your parents of your travel route and hour of return.
- Knock on doors in groups or with an adult and wait outside.
- Look all directions before crossing the street. Avoid crossing unnecessarily.
- Cross the street at intersections or pedestrian crossings.
- Do not approach or get in vehicles without your parents' permission.
- Check all the treats you receive with your parents.

Falling axe surprises Magog's Dana plant

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

One of Magog's last car parts plants won't go down without a fight. On October 16th, about 120 workers at the Dana plant in Magog learned the facility was closing down next summer. The company announced that between now and August, jobs at the plant would be progressively eliminated.

But workers, most of whom have between 15 and 20 years seniority at the factory, have not given up hope of preventing the plant from closing.

In the wake of the announcement, the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) declared it planned to put pressure on the company and politicians to keep the plant alive, but workers aren't too optimistic.

"For sure there are possibilities to keep the plant open, but they're minimal," admits union leader Éric Dubois.

Dubois told The Record workers were taken by surprise when the axe fell.

"We weren't expecting it," he said, noting workers were in the process of negotiating their first contract when Dana announced it was closing the Canadian plant.

Camille Bisson, a spokesman for the CAW, said the unionization of workers and the imminent shutdown are not linked.

"We see no link between the two. The Magog plant is not the only Dana plant that is unionized."

Bisson said the company stated the main reason for the shutdown is the drastic decrease in the sale of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) as well as light and heavy trucks. The Magog plant manufactured drive shafts for SUVs and trucks. Sales of such vehicles are down 40 per cent, said Bisson.

The auto parts company, which will shift production to plants in the United States and Mexico, also argued transport costs were up significantly, Bisson added.

Since then, the skyrocketing loonie has plunged just as quickly as it rose making manufacturing in Canada a more cost-efficient option. The dropping dollar may help save the plant, but he said it will be a combination of factors that will make a difference.

Political pressure will be a major factor.

Bisson said workers met with Premier Jean Charest in Drummondville last week to seek his support.

"He said he was taking the matter seriously," said Bisson.

Workers also met with the Magog Mayor Marc Poulin and regional politicians who have seen

some 21,000 manufacturing job disappear since 2005. Sixty per cent of products manufactured in Magog's industrial park are destined for the U.S. market and with the economy down south on the slump, things are not looking up for local workers.

Magog mayor Marc Poulin told The Record that auto parts plants have suffered a severe blow by the skyrocketing loonie and rising gas prices that has impacted on the sales of cars and trucks. He said he's hoping that plunging loonie and dropping gas prices may help remedy the situation for Dana and other endangered car plants and manufacturing industries that export most of their goods to the United States.

"When the dollar is low, it's good for us," he said.

Poulin said the town was attempting to meet with Dana management to try and convince them to change their minds about the shutdown.

Dubois, who's been working at the plant for the past 19 years, said he and his colleagues who earned an average of \$17 an hour, will not be able to find similar jobs with similar wages - "especially not in Magog".

Dubois said car parts plants and other manufacturing industry jobs in Magog have become increasingly rare and that the pay for newly created jobs in the service and fast food sectors wouldn't be enough for them to raise their families.

Dubois remarked that dozens of other workers in the Magog area will also be hurt by the closing. That includes employees of service providers such as those who cleaned the plant and laundered uniforms as well as those who recycled oil and repaired machinery.

Plant manager Alain Plouffe did not return the Record's call but he told reporters last week the closing had nothing to do with the arrival of a CAW union at the plant.

Plouffe, who has been at the plant since the early nineties, said the plant was productive. The Dana drive-shaft facility in Magog, which once employed 175 workers, won the National Quality Institute Award of Excellence in 2002.



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BOMB:

The evacuation forced hundreds of people to leave work and the roadblock caused traffic chaos for hours along Sherbrooke's main drag.

Wednesday morning police spokesman Martin Carrier refused to reveal what was in the suspicious package, but he confirmed it presented a clear and present danger to the population.

Some eyewitnesses told reporters at the scene there were actually two suspicious packages, including one that included what looked like five butane bottles.

Carrier said the provincial bomb squad, which arrived early Wednesday evening, was unable to neutralize the suspect bundle despite four attempts.

The first two attempts were by a remote control robot which tried to neutralize the package first with a powerful water jet and then by placing an explosive beneath.

After that, a bomb expert dressed in padded safety clothing, approached the package and attempted to defuse it. He also failed.

Carrier said that after four failed attempts, police called in a second specialized bomb squad in the middle of the night. The team was equipped with an armored truck used to safely transport explosive materials.

"The package was taken to a safe location where they succeeded in neutralizing it," Carrier said, refusing to reveal where the package was taken.

Carrier could not confirm what was in the package, which has been sent to the police laboratory for analysis.

In the meantime police investigators are trying to figure out who put the package there and why, Carrier said. But while the investigation is underway, it was not clear on Wednesday morning who would complete it, Carrier said noting such investigations are usually transferred to the Sûreté du Québec.

Because it was unclear if the SQ was the target of the suspicious package, and since police forces don't investigate cases where they are involved, Carrier

said the investigation could remain with Sherbrooke police or be transferred to the RCMP.

"They are on the phones trying to figure that out right now," he said early Wednesday morning.

By mid-morning the investigation was transferred to the SQ which has begun interviewing witnesses and is seeking help from the public.

SQ spokesman Louis-Philippe Ruel said the investigation will continue in partnership with Sherbrooke police.

As for the suspicious package, Ruel wouldn't confirm if it was a bomb. He said the "device" was blown to bits by the bomb squad and that the recovered bits have been sent to the forensic laboratory for analysis.

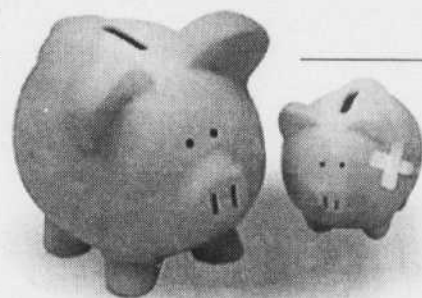
Anyone who witnessed anyone or anything suspicious at the corner of King and Don Bosco should contact provincial police at 310-4141.

Hitchcock or awesome sight?

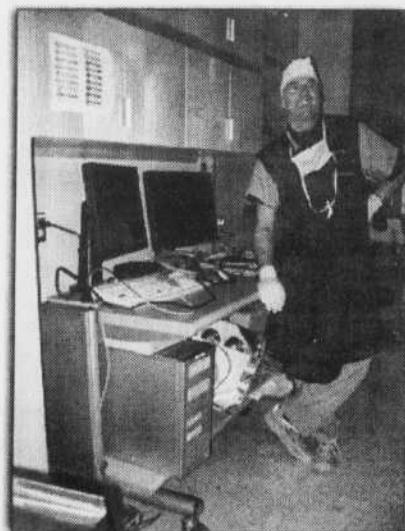
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ST-FELIX-DE-KINGSEY — Like Alfred Hitchcock's 1963 thriller, *The Birds*, thousands of migrating Snow Geese swarm over the small town of St-Felix-de-Kingsey, not on the attack but looking for a corn field to take a break and perhaps spend the night. In the Hitchcock thriller a northern California coastal town is filled with an onslaught of seemingly unexplained, arbitrary and chaotic attacks of ordinary birds. This fly-over of migrating Snow Geese was not terrifying, but spectacular. During the Snow Geese breeding season, from early June to early September, the Greater Snow Goose lives in the high arctic tundra near the coast or inland on rolling terrain or in low-lying wet meadows with many grasses and sedges. During the winter, along the United States Atlantic coast, it frequents marine inlets, bays, marshes, coastal prairies, and cultivated fields. The Snow Goose gathers in great numbers during its migration and 500, 000 geese at a time can be seen in early April at Baie-du-Febvre, Quebec also touching down briefly in Burbank Pond in Danville.

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"This choice partnership demonstrates the firm desire of the University of Sherbrooke to contribute to the full potential of Magog and the region," commented Rector Bruno-Marie Béchard in a press release. "In a world that's gone global, we have to act locally and join the forces of municipalities, industries and universities."

Poulin said the town is also looking for investors willing to provide infrastructures such as a high security building for companies working in the sensitive area of preventing identify theft.

"This deal shows the desire of Magog to carefully position its economy and to create more wealth," Poulin said.

The last few years have been tough with huge losses in the manufacturing sector, said Poulin, noting the town must develop new niches in emerging industries to ensure job creation.

"Moreover, we want to offer to future employers and employees access to the exceptional quality of life Magog provides as well as access to the quality of our education institutions."

Poulin said IT industries would create quality, well-paid jobs, not only for professionals but also for individuals who have not received their high school diplomas.

"Some of the jobs don't require a degree so much as gaming abilities," he said, joking he might be interested in applying for such a job.

On a more serious note, Poulin said the average annual salary in the IT field is \$49,000 and that could go a long way to helping replace well-paid jobs in lost manufacturing industries.

"This would bring back some of the wealth we have lost on the salary level," he said, noting it would offer well-paid alternatives to lost jobs.

Poulin said that once the infrastructures are in place, IT companies could create hundreds of jobs and possibly more.

Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Work on the controversial barrier on the Canadian side of the Customs crossing on Main Street in Stanstead has apparently come to a halt while elected officials continue their war of words over the gates.

Compton-Stanstead MP France Bonsant told the Record she heard the news from Joel Bernard, Senior Policy Advisor in the office of Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day.

Bonsant said she has also asked for the resolution that authorized the work and the contract for the execution of the barrier.

"We want to see who passed the resolution and which department gave permission for the barrier to go ahead," said Bonsant, who recalled that when she met with Minister Day and Stanstead Mayor Raymond Yates last year, Day promised no barrier would be erected in Stanstead.

"Mr. Day told Mr. Yates they wouldn't put up a barrier. It was not the solution."

"Then in the middle of the election campaign, they started building the barrier," she said, noting that she could not contact Day who was in the middle of the election campaign.

Bonsant, who said she has been working on the issue for the past four years, said she has been trying since October 15 (the day after the federal election) to get answers from the public security ministry. She received news yesterday afternoon.

Bonsant and Orford MNA Pierre Reid have been in a personal pissing match over the barrier since the middle of the federal election campaign when Bonsant commented it was a provincial road and that the provincial

government had jurisdiction.

Reid was reportedly furious over the remarks, but kept quiet until this week when he announced he would get involved in the gate debate even if it was a federal matter. Reid returned Bonsant's barb saying he had to get involved because of her inaction.

Even if the barrier is being built on a provincial road it's still a matter of federal jurisdiction, said Reid.

"We have no authority to impose anything," he said, noting that while the Canadian Border Services Agency had to seek permission to dig up the road, it was basically a rubber-stamp. "We could not say no."

"If we had said no because we don't like the barrier it would have become a federal/provincial conflict," he added, noting Premier Jean Charest and the Governor of Vermont Jim Douglas both promised the population at a public meeting that they would try and intervene with their respective federal government.

"I tried to find an appropriate communications channel," Reid said, noting that he talked to officials at Transport Quebec who "transmitted our request in a very polite manner because we have no jurisdiction and we got a good reception on the federal side," he told The Record.

Reid said the proposed barrier creates all kinds of problems for Canadian citizens who will be forced to cross the border and come back into Canada. He said municipal authorities as well as the Memphremagog Centre Local de Développement expressed concerns about the impact of the new infrastructures on tourism and the local economy.

"This is bound to affect traffic on Main Street,

Reid also announced this week he had asked the Canada Border Services Agency to postpone the installation of barriers at the border in Stanstead and asked for a new meeting with municipal representatives to discuss objections over the installation of "anti-port-runner" equipment on Main Street in Stanstead.

The Record called Day's offices for a comment on whose responsible for the moratorium, but a spokesperson passed us on to Canada Border Services Agency. The latter did not return our call before deadline.

Bonsant also commented that re-opening RCMP office along the border would resolve much of the issue.

"If there are police patrols on the border, it will be less tempting to try and sneak across the border," she said. "But they prefer to manage a fence rather than manage people."

Being treated like crap is one thing . . .being treated TO crap is another thing entirely.

A huge row has erupted in Australia over accusations that a very popular tourist pub had served a couple a dish of chocolate gelato that had been laced with fecal matter.

According to Food Minister Ian Macdonald, it has been confirmed that said dish was indeed served to Stephen Whyte and his wife Jessica after the two had complained about not being able to hear a televised soccer game because of too-loud music.

"The stench went through my nostrils," said truly potty-mouthed Jessica Whyte, "I retched and spat it into the napkin."

The pub, of course, has vehemently denied the charges and both the manager and chef at the pub have volunteered to provide DNA to prove that they had nothing to do with the occurrence.

Macdonald says DNA testing will be done, primarily to determine whether the contamination came from human or animal sources (Phony distinction here, I think). "Obviously we are keeping an open mind and do not want to pre-empt the investigation in any manner," he says.

The pub itself is standing by its staff and insists its own tests found no contamination in the gelato tub.

(McD)

Eastman (JB)—Firefighters in Eastman are investigating the cause of a blaze on Chemin du Lac Orford that started Tuesday night. Michel Dextraze, the Director of Eastman Fire Services says a neighbour called 911 around 9:25 p.m. when he saw flames shooting out of the home. No one was in the house at the time.

"It was an old house," says Dextraze. "About 100 years old."

The fire department called in help from the municipalities of Austin and Waterloo but they were unable to save the building. It took about 30 firefighters almost 6 hours to contain the blaze and finally extinguish it. There were no injuries and the incident's cause is still under investigation.

BRIEFS

Sherbrooke - A poll published by the firm Segma Unimarketing suggested that the favourite among possible successors to Sherbrooke mayor Jean Perrault is none other than recently re-elected Bloc MP Serge Cardin. According to the poll, Cardin is supported by 28 per cent of respondents, followed by outgoing Université de Sherbrooke's Rector Bruno-Marie Béchard, who has already indicated he has no intention of seeking the job, with 20 per cent, and former candidate Hélène Gravel at 10 per cent. Cardin, who has a previous history of involvement in Sherbrooke municipal politics has not commented on the poll, which questioned 517 potential voters.

Drummondville - The Cégep de Drummondville was placed on alert last week following reports a student was preparing to enter the campus armed and prepared to do damage.

Responding to rumours that a student at the college was planning to open fire on the campus, school authorities unleashed their emergency plan and contacted the Sûreté du Québec last Thursday. The provincial police then questioned the individual involved as well as some of those who had provided the information. On Friday, the suspect was released as police could find no reason to lay charges.

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A pair of putrid parables

Warning: The following stories contain gruesome and crude elements and are not intended for mature audiences.

Montessori's Revenge

A mild tremor rumbled beneath the Funky Dreadlock Centre for Childhood Exploration. It wasn't strong enough to disturb the children's self-discovery on the possibilities of what 3+4 might add up to. But it was strong enough to awaken something. Something evil.

Directly beneath the school, a chasm split open, and seeping from it like an evil seeping thing seeped a toxin, a toxin more toxic than aspartame, beef, traditional education and reality television combined.

The fumes filtered upward, eventually snaking into the building and into the Manual Dexterity Celebration Room where the children were learning about civil rights by creating figures of Gandhi and Mandela out of chick pea paste. The children's brains were like sponges – and they soaked up the evil toxin.

Within the hour, the children began to change. One minute they were singing, "This old man, he played six, he played knick-knack on his military-industrial complex," and the next they were drooling, vacant, babbling – even more than usual.

"Now children," said the adult facilitator, "let's all sit on our hemp mats and discuss our feelings about the alphabet."

As one, the children turned their heads toward her. There was silence. Somewhere in the distance, a gecko barked. "Gllrrrrgh....," gurgled a girl menacingly.

"Very good, Mashika," said the teacher. "Does anyone know another word that starts with 'gllrr'?"

And with that the children advanced, growling with sinister intent, their teeth bared and gnashing.

"Hmmm," said the teacher, "It's good that you're expressing yourselves dentally as well as orally. Though, I must say the eyes rolled into the back of

your heads? A bit off-putting. Who wants to go outside and fondle the grass?"

The children staggered closer, flinging aside hemp mats and free-form mobiles. "NRRGLLRBBH!" they growled. They stretched out their arms and grasped blindly with their hands.

"My, what an excellent homage to the cinematic zombie genre," the early childhood educator stuttered nervously, backing towards the Cooperative Board Game Corner. "It's good that you're role-playing but how are we all feeling about encroaching my personal

space? And who can tell me what 'encroaching' means?"

The infected children, some of them armed with homemade clay-dough, others savagely munching pastels, advanced.

"Children! Let's assimilate some competencies!" stammered the teacher as the snarling children began tearing at her. "Ouch! No, chil-

dren! AAGGH! No! We're vegetarians! YAARG! THINK OF YOUR SELF-ESTEEM!!!"

The moral of the story: Those who can, do; those who can't, get eaten.

The Happening

"So, what's happening?"

"Not much. What's happening with you?"

"Well, I have a feeling something's going to happen."

"Happen?"

"Yeah, some sort of... happening."

"A happening."

"Yes, a happening."

"Can you be more specific?"

"Not really, just some happening that'll make us stop in our tracks and say out loud to no one in particular, 'What's happening?'"

"Hmm. It's a funny word, eh? 'Happening.' Especially when you say it over and over."

"Yeah. Happening, happening, happening. You know what else is a funny word? 'Apocalypse.'"

"Apocalypse, apocalypse, apocalypse. Sounds like a type of dance. A happy dance."

"Yeah. doesn't sound anything like the end of the world. Now 'armageddon.' That sounds like the end of the



Ross
MURRAY

Remember when?



Ice fishing is a great family activity. Recognize the kids? When was it taken? If you know who is drilling the hole in this remember when, or where, let us know by emailing newsroom@sherbrookerecord.com.

LETTER

Democrats at fault in Florida

I could not get through this piece before "blood started coming out of my ears". It is clear that Mr. McDevitt has little or no understanding of the American electoral college system. If so he would understand that it was the democratic party that attempted to circumvent Florida state law on behalf of Al Gore and not the liberal lament that George Bush "stole the election". Probably, Mr. McDevitt believes the American government conspired to cause the 9-11 terrorist plot as well.

DAVID BEEBE
Magog

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MS Fundraiser a success

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

It was a lively time at Restaurant La Vieille Douane/the Old Customs on Friday evening as many people came out to show their support of the work being done by MS Branch 2000. A delicious spaghetti supper was served while the Bear Mountain String Band kept things tapping to the down-home sound. Although the dancing area was minimal, this did not deter several high-steppers from showing everyone how it is done.

There were door-prizes and auctioned items to be won. A special silent auction was also held for one of Shannon Cooney's amazing drunkwood art

pieces. Several larger ones were also on display. Cooney is a local artist whose medium is drunkwood that he personally retrieves from the depths of lakes and other bodies of water. He admits that while it may be easier to start with a new piece of wood to sculpt, it is far more interesting to work with these pieces of wood that have been sitting at the bottom, naturally crafted by the sand of time. Cooney's more recent works are a blend of drunkwood and other materials such as marble and glass, creating something trophy-like or something as large as a coffee table. He is also one of the local artists who participated in the first International Sculptors' Symposium

in Stanstead. His creation Memphré, made of Stanstead Granite, now sits in its new home at the bottom of Lake Memphremagog (commemorating the launching of the 2nd International Sculptors' Symposium 2007).

"The support we have been receiving from the people of Stanstead since we made the decision to move our office here, from Rock Forest, is so heart-warming. It tells us that we have made the right decision," said Lynn Bennet.

Bennett gave a touching testimonial of what it is like to live with Multiple Sclerosis, an illness that changes from day to day in intensity.

"It makes us feel so good to know that there are so many people out there who really do care! With the money from the supper and the vigorous effort on the part of our fundraising co-ordinator Jerry Smith, we were able to raise over \$1000 on Friday evening," commented Lee Aulis, Pres. Of MS Branch 2000.

Aulis also wanted to express her personal appreciation to the waitresses and staff of the restaurant who donated their time, to managers Bashar Shbib and his team for encouraging them to hold such an event and once again to everyone who attended.



NANCY NOURSE

Example of the work done by Drunkwood artist Shannon Cooney (from Georgeville).



The Canadian delegation at the Games of La Francophonie is made up of three distinct teams: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. Professional artists under 35 years of age as of September 27, 2009, have a Canadian citizenship and are interested in representing **Team Canada** in the cultural competitions, should register now.

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Canada

All hallow's eve creeps up on you

The Halloween party at Stanstead's Can-Usa Bowling Center seemed like any other ghoulish bash from years past. Everyone was in full costume ranging from Superman to Cinderella to Fonzie. As I scanned around the room viewing the countless ghosts and goblins, something was very obvious. I was the lone person inside the bowling alley who was not dressed for the occasion.

"What's the matter, friend? You in the ghetto or are you lonesome tonight? Where's your costume?" a masqueraded Elvis asked me with an annoyed look on his face.

"I didn't have time to find one," I replied.

Elvis pointed in the direction of other costumed figures standing around at one of the bowling lanes.

"Hey party pooper, get into the program. Batman, Igor and Cher need a fourth bowler. Why don't you redeem yourself for not wearing an outfit to this party and go join them?" Elvis snapped at me with sarcasm.

DAVE'S DEN

DAVE
ELLIS

I slowly walked towards the disguised trio not knowing who their true identities were under their Halloween attire. I was about to ask them if they needed an extra bowler when Batman handed me a bowling ball without speaking. Igor gestured to throw the ball while Cher nodded her approval.

Nervous for not recognizing the concealed impersonators, I held onto the ball and concentrated on knocking down the pins that stood ominously far down the lane. Suddenly, the lights eerily dimmed. A cold chill ran down my spine as "Phantom Of The Opera" blared from the bowling alley's sound system and a Vincent Price horror flick appeared on the TV's giant screen. Fear gripped me when I then realized that my three so-called bowling mates were the only ones in the room. Elvis and the rest of the Halloween party-goers had somehow mysteriously vanished.

Batman, Igor and Cher began to laugh hysterically. I quickly surmised that something wasn't right about the place. The poorly lit bowling alley, the morbid music and TV show, the sudden vacant room...and now the three masked characters acting very oddly. This was my cue to drop the bowling ball and run for my life.

I tossed the ball aside and sprinted through the nearest open door. The three maniacal beasts chased after me. I found myself in a candlelit room full of dust and cobwebs. I slammed the door shut to keep out the demon persuaders.

"Scared, are we?" a female voice remarked from behind me.

I whirled around to find the bowling alley proprietors dressed as Fred and Wilma Flintstone. But they, too, didn't appear to be normal. In fact, they scowled at me while they brandished bowling pins.

"Harriet! Norman! Am I ever glad to see you! There are three evil hoodlums out there trying to get me," I exclaimed.

"Make that two more," Harriet glared at me as she and Norman began marching towards me.

I screamed at the top of my lungs just as the door crashed open. Batman, Igor and Cher stumbled into the room to join their Flintstones ruffians. The five of them cornered me as I begged for my life. The terror I felt was overwhelming.

"Is this some kind of prank? Okay, I give up! The joke's on me," I pleaded.

But they weren't listening. I could see the wickedness in each of their bloodshot eyes. I was about to die a painful death. I then tried to grasp my last chance of survival. I spotted a high-powered flashlight on a shelf next to me and grabbed it. I switched it on and blinded the masked fiends. As they were temporarily incapacitated, I bolted out of the room to escape this madness and headed for the main exit of the sinister bowling alley.

I fled out of the building and into the empty parking lot where the only car was JP Taxi. Extremely terrified and bewildered, I banged on the driver's window for help. I knew it was only seconds before the five diabolical headhunters would catch up with me. I heard the doors unlock so I opened the rear and jumped inside the vehicle.

"JP, you're a life saver. You'd never believe what just happened to me inside that inauspicious building. I thought I was history," I stammered.

A pair of flaming red eyes stared back at me in the rearview mirror. My face dropped when I discovered JP was garbed in a rooster suit. He was obviously Foghorn Leghorn, another bowling alley crony. With menace, he gunned the taxi and spun out of the parking lot - and headed straight towards the murky depths of the adjacent Tomifobia River. I shrieked as my life flashed before my eyes....

Still napping, Dave? Too many late nights?" a co-worker jolted me awake from my silly 'nightmare' as lunch hour ended.

"Shouldn't have stayed up past midnight watching the World Series," I muttered, still trembling from my mindless Halloween daydream.

Stanstead Caisse Desjardins gives to kids



COURTESY OF CAISSE DESJARDINS

Among the festivities planned for la Semaine Desjardins - Semaine de la coopération, the staff of the Caisse Desjardins of Stanstead not only served breakfast to students at l'École du Jardins des Frontières and Sunnyside Elementary schools, they also held a special drawing at Sunnyside which was won by Sébastien Langevin - \$100 and an invitation to open his own student account at the Caisse Desjardins de Stanstead. The Caisse has always had a strong policy of giving back to the community and this was just one of the ways chosen to do so. When Langevin presented himself at the financial institution, he was greeted in song by staff members and given a tour of the new, larger facility.

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QNEK's Season Finale

Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

In keeping with a new tradition begun last season, a dessert theater-style event will close out the 15th anniversary season of QNEK Productions (resident theatrical company of the Haskell Opera House). This event will be held at the Universalist United Church Hall in Derby Line, Vt. (two buildings after crossing the US Customs station) on Nov. 6th - 8th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with a special matinee on Nov. 9th, at 2 p.m. The featured performance will be *Christmas Belles*, a hysterical comedy, once again bringing the town of Fayro, Texas to life through the Futrelle sisters - Honey Raye, Twink, and Frankie - and their hilarious friends. We first were introduced to this zany, dysfunctional family during *Dearly Beloved* which opened this anniversary season last April.

Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, the three playwrights responsible for this wonderfully funny script, all have impressive backgrounds: Jones co-authored the play *Dearly Beloved* and developed the screen adaptation (*Kingdom Come*), Hope won the Texas New Playwright's Festival for his first play and was Director of Casting for ABC Television in Los Angeles while Wooten has written and produced nearly four hundred episodes of network television, including four seasons of the series *The Golden Girls*. All three of these gentlemen were born and raised in the pre-Wal-Mart South. They write about the South they know best - "the South of their childhoods before the great homogenization of American culture took hold".

Perceptive Susan-Lyon Johns (Associate Director of QNEK Productions), once again, takes the reins to direct this comedy about a church Christmas pageant that could not have gone more wrong: an ailing Santa, a vengeful sheep, a reluctant Elvis impersonator, and a family secret which emerges unexpectedly. Johns has proven her ability to multi-task as she gives her time to production areas but also to set design, sound and lighting design as well. She is also a talented vocalist and stage performer.

Admission (\$15), includes the show, dessert and beverage. Canadian money taken at par. Tickets may be purchased at the Haskell Free Library or by calling QNEK Box Office at 802-334-2216. Reservations are a must to accommodate for food preparation. Seating is limited.



COURTESY OF QNEK

The totally dysfunctional Futrelle family attempt to wow their Fayro neighbors with a fabulous wedding in Dearly Beloved.

Dr. Peter Southam to speak in Georgeville

Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Stanstead Historical Society will be hosting an informal workshop with Dr. Peter Southam at the Murray Community Center, Georgeville, on Saturday, November 1st (10 a.m. - noon). Among the topics at the workshop will be the rise in interest in oral history in recent years, history as practiced in the Eastern Townships from long ago until the present day, advice on planning, preparing, conducting and preserving history in such a way. Dr. Southam is associated with the Department of History at the University of Sherbrooke.

"This workshop is an initiative of Robbie Colby's, in response to an interest expressed by several members of the Georgeville and Stanstead historical societies. They are hoping to be able to conduct interviews with older residents. Robbie will be out of town this weekend so he has asked me to help coordinate this event," commented

Ann Montgomery, SHS President.

Creating an oral history has multiple benefits. It creates an insight into the actual experiences of our predecessors and honours our seniors for the many turns that their lives have taken and the challenges that they have faced in times very different from the high tech world we live in today. From these conversations, we not only learn about their personal lives but we can also discover how similar are our goals when it comes to family and building a strong community. Many will be surprised to hear about all the changes the communities, that we think we know so well, have gone through over the years, from early settlements to industrial communities to retirement-based towns and villages, each playing an important role in shaping our lives.

There is no charge for this workshop. Coffee will be available. If you wish to attend, please advise Ann Montgomery either by e-mail at ann.montgomery@sympatico.ca or by phoning 819-876-7837.

BRIEFS

Pumpkins pummelled

Halloween pranksters began early in the Stanstead area as decorative jack-o-lanterns were snatched and pummelled along main street. More ambitious pranksters decided that it would be amusing to make off with 'two prized lion statues' from a home on Dufferin Street (souvenirs from a previous home). The owners would appreciate it if the guilty parties would return them to their rightful place aligning the entrance to their home - the mere weight of these cement statues proves that it was no child who took them. This will probably not be the only signs of mischief done in the name of Halloween but the municipality hopes that nothing more will be of such a negative nature.

Safe Halloween

The Stanstead Fire Department will be patrolling the streets of Stanstead on Friday evening, Oct. 31, to make trick-or-treating a safe experience for young children.

Please support their efforts and work with them as much as possible. The Association des Loisirs will also be holding a Haunted House activity at 35 Canusa Street on Oct. 31. The event is guaranteed to be spooky but one thing is sure, it has been created with safety in mind.

Wednesday lecture series

The First Wednesdays Lecture Series continues with Dartmouth professor Peter Saccio, who will explore the ways in which the Shakespearean figure Henry V is portrayed in the play and subsequent films featuring Laurence Olivier and Kenneth Branagh, actually speaks to our times. This excellent series of lectures is being hosted by Stanstead College and the Goodrich Memorial Library of Newport, Vermont, on an alternating basis. The Saccio lecture will take place at Stanstead College on Nov. 5th, beginning at 7 p.m. The series is being sponsored once again by the Vermont Humanities Council (the Windham Foundation) and the Donner Canadian Foundation. These lectures take place on the first Wednesday of each month from October to May.

Final fall lecture

The Stanstead Historical Society will be hosting the last in its 2008 Fall Lecture Series on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Christ Church Hall, across from the Colby Curtis Museum. This particular lecture, by Dr. Gérard Leduc, will be held in French only. It is the SHS wish to involve all members of the Stanstead community in their attempts to shed light on the rich history of the Stanstead area.

Lake Memphremagog also harbours a rich history (a history that the late Jacques Boivert was one of the most ardent promoters). With the help of illustrations, Leduc will bring the past to life, exploring the lake's legends which still haunt its waters, through discoveries made by Jacques Boisvert below the surface. A short period of time will also be devoted to the current ecology of the lake.

Admission fee of \$17/members and \$20/non-members includes the lecture, a light luncheon and a chance to visit the extensive exhibits of the Colby-Curtis Museum.

Stanstead trail re-opened

The management of Sentier Massawippi are pleased to announce that the Stanstead section of the trail which had been closed for repairs due to a major washout earlier this fall have now been completed. Many loads of rock and dirt, in addition to a strong new culvert should make for a much more resistant foundation to this well-traveled pedestrian pathway.

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Bishop's women's basketball win Loebe Glebe tournament



COURTESY OF BISHOP'S

Katy Germain led the Bishop's Gaiters women's basketball team to the championship of the Loebe Glebe Invitational tournament at Carleton University in Ottawa over the weekend.

Zachary-Cy Vanasse
LENNOXVILLE

Katy Germain led the Bishop's Gaiters women's basketball team to the championship of the Loebe Glebe Invitational tournament at Carleton University in Ottawa over the weekend. Germain drove to the net in the dying seconds of the game against the University of PEI on Saturday, forcing the game into overtime, eventually helping her team earn the win, and in the process earning herself women's athlete of the week honours for Bishop's. From that win the Gaiters then went on to face Carleton, and beat them in the tournament final 58-53.

The Gaiters trailed by as many as 18 points in the game, but Germain and her teammates dug down and found the extra push to force the game into OT and then an eventual win.

While Germain, who led the Gaiters with 22 points in the overtime win, was soloed out in the athlete of the week honours, she spreads credit to the rest of her teammates who she feels turned things around for a positive following a disappointing tournament in Alberta.

"We played a lot better as a team at Carleton, and it showed in our three victories," said Germain. The skill spread out among all the Gaiters players was also demonstrated in Germain being named her school's athlete of the week while teammate Laurie Pitfield was named the tournament's MVP. Germain contributed 48 points to the Gaiters' winning effort over the weekend, being named to the tournament all-star team, while Amanda Piribauer contributed a double-double in the overtime win, and tournament MVP Pitfield led all Gaiters in scoring in the tournament final with 14 points.

In the final, the Gaiters pulled down an impressive 29 defensive rebounds, and the Gaiters felt it was their defence that brought Bishop's its first tournament championship in five years. "Our defence was definitely the catalyst that spurred our offensive game," said Germain.

She then added that the Loebe Glebe Invitational victory was a great for the Gaiters' confidence going into the upcoming regular season, though she doesn't feel the team is quite where they need to be yet.

"We know that we have many things to work on to get where we want to be this year in the QUBL," she said, adding that next weekend's action at UMass should help the team work out the final kinks as they prepare for their November 14 season opener at McGill.

Gaiters men's basketball uses tournament to fine-tune prior to the start of the season

Zachary-Cy Vanasse
LENNOXVILLE

With football season now concluded for Gaiters' fans, the attention now makes its shift from the gridiron to the hardwood. The Bishop's Gaiters men's basketball team had a busy past weekend as they prepare for the regular season QUBL games which begin on November 14th when the Gaiters travel to McGill.

The Gaiters travelled to Hamilton at the end of last week to face McMaster and then played in Waterloo over the weekend in the Golden Hawk invitational tournament. The Gaiters dropped their game against McMaster 94-62 when the Gaiters were out rebounded 39-23 while committing 32 turnovers.

Not happy with their performance, the Gaiters went into the weekend tournament looking to make some adjustments. A Friday game against tournament hosts Wilfred Laurier gave Gaiters coach Rod Gilpin a chance to go toe-to-toe with his university coach Peter Campbell, under whom Gilpin played for five seasons at Waterloo.

"Traditionally his teams play an up-tempo style and shoot the ball well from the three-point line," said Gilpin of his former coach's teams.

Gilpin's assessment of WLU proved to be accurate but Bishop's still fell short. They were able to put forth an improved rebounding effort against Wilfred Laurier, out rebounding their opponents 47-40 but another 23 turnovers compared to WLU's 11 were

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likely one of the major difference makers as the Gaiters lost 97-76.

Junior Nicolas had 22 points for the Gaiters while pulling down seven rebounds, and despite the loss a positive fourth quarter effort likely set them up for their Saturday battle with Laurentian.

"Simply put, we needed this win and we needed to play well," said Gilpin of the Gaiters 102-72 victory over Laurentian. Despite a shaky first half, the Gaiters only trailed by three at the midpoint.

A third quarter 26-0 run allowed the Gaiters to take over the game, outscoring their opponents 62 to 29 in the second half.

"Could not have come at a better time," said Gilpin of the 26-0 run. "Our defence generated some offence and we scored well on the fast break."

Following three weeks on the road that had them playing in five different cities the Gaiters return to Lennoxville this weekend to host an exhibition game against the Royal Military College at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

"It'll be nice to be home for awhile," said Gilpin on finally playing one at Bishop's. RMC have yet to win a game this season and are coming off a 92-54 loss to Brock University and will be looking to put one in the win column, while the Gaiters are looking to continue to improve and play like they did against Laurentian.

Obituary

GARTH JAMES CALL

Garth James Call passed away peacefully at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke, Quebec on September 19, 2008 after contracting contagious pneumonia.

He was born in Magog, Quebec on March 18, 1928 to Leslie and Bernice (Abbott) Call. He attended school in a small one room schoolhouse on the Fitch Bay Road, known as Tryon's Corner.

In 1948 he married Eula Williamson. They had one daughter Sharon (Smith) of Port Alberni, BC. Former son-in-law Peter Smith lives in Alberta. He had two grandchildren Shawn (deceased) and Lisa of Nanaimo, BC, and two great-grandchildren Chelsie and Dustin. He was predeceased by his brother Wendyl (Opal) and a sister Lillian (Raymond) Ellis.

During his lifetime, he lived and worked in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia as a taxi driver, truck driver, carpenter and musician. After his retirement, he lived several years in Saskatchewan.

In June 2005 he came to Lennoxville for a visit and decided to stay. He always said the last three years were the happiest of his life as he found someone to love and who loved him.

He had a kind and loving heart and liked to tell jokes. He had fun playing cards and going to garage sales and playing the guitar and fiddle. He was a loving companion for Meryl Nutbrown.

According to his wishes, he was cremated and his ashes were laid to rest in Ayer's Cliff Cemetery. The graveside service was conducted by Rev. Ruth Charleau and was well attended by family and friends.

Death

ETHIER-JEWETT, Thérèse Florence - On Thursday, October 23, 2008, at the age of 85, passed away Thérèse Florence Ethier-Jewett, lifetime resident of Vale Perkins, wife of the late Charles Fredrick Jewett and daughter of the late Edmond Ethier and the late Graciosa Lamoureux. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Fernande and son-in-law, Ernest Tomuschat, her sister Hélénda (late Armand Brière), her brothers Paul (Leona Jewett), Raymond (Gisèle Cabana), Roland (Dorothy Donnelly) and the late Eugène (late Germaine Côté). She will be missed dearly by her family and friends. At the deceased's request, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 30 at Église St. Cajétan, Mansonville. The family will accept condolences one hour before. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the SPCA Société Protectrice des Animaux de l'Estrie, 1139 Queen Victoria, Sherbrooke, QC, J1J 4N5 would be appreciated. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Centre Hospitalier de Magog and the members of l'Envolée.

In Memoriam

Your generous contribution will help finance research into lung disease such as asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and lung cancer.

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Death



KYLE, Marie France (nee Beaudoin) - She died as she lived, with great dignity at home on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Marie was born in Lac Mégantic, QC, on June 7, 1948 to Grégoire and Marie Beaudoin (Audet). Amongst her early favourite memories were helping her father, on snowshoes, at his sugarbush each Spring as they led the horses on their rounds filling the huge sap collection vat. She came to Sherbrooke in the mid 1960s to continue her higher education which culminated later in life with a Bishop's University Honours B.A. and Golden Key membership. On July 4, 1970, she married her best friend and soulmate, Brian Kyle. They were blessed with two children, Christopher (Jennifer) of Peterborough, ON, and Kathryn of Ottawa, ON. She welcomed two grandchildren, the lights of her life, Nicholas and Brynne, who loved their "Grandmaman". Marie is also survived

by her devoted brother, Richard (Christian) Sherbrooke, QC, dearly loved sister, Nicole (John) of North Vancouver, B.C., and the twins, Leliann and Fabiann of Sherbrooke, QC, brother-in-law Deane (Penny) of St. Catharines, ON, and sister-in-law, Aveleigh of Kingston, ON, as well as several nephews. Marie had special gifts. She loved painting, hand-sewing teddy bears, crocheting and many other crafts that still warm the homes of friends and family. She adored being at the ocean with her fifth wheel and having long, heartfelt chats with friends. Visitation will be held at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca on Thursday, October 30, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A Celebration of her life led by the Reverend Heather Thomson will be held at St. Mark's Chapel at Bishop's University on Friday, October 31, 2008, beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Cleghorn Hall. Although Marie enjoyed receiving flowers during her lifetime, we would appreciate donations instead, in her honour, to the C.H.U.S. Foundation, 580 Bowen St. south, Sherbrooke, QC, J1G 2E8, specified to Dr. Paul Bessette's research and the 7th Floor Chemotherapy unit. They facilitated, above and beyond the call of duty, Marie's quality of life since 2004 (Thank you, Dr. Bessette and your devoted staff for your incredible support and compassion). Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Raymonde Vaillancourt and Mrs. Danielle Raymond and her excellent staff.

Rest in peace, Fighter!

Cards of Thanks

SIMPSON - Sincere thanks to everyone who made Gertrude Simpson's (Lloyd) surprise 82nd Birthday Party on October 11, 2008 a wonderful time. The love and warm wishes really made her day. A special thanks to everyone involved in the planning and preparations for the party, including the Ladies of the U.C.W. Also to all who attended and for all the lovely and thoughtful gifts, cards and currency.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH - To each and everyone who helped, donated and attended our "Early Bird Christmas Bazaar" at Trinity United Church, Danville, I thank you! Success is achieved through working together. See you next year.

DOROTHY EVANS
President & Bazaar Convener, U.C.W.

In Memoriam

MORIN, Steven - In loving memory of our dear son who died accidentally October 29, 1984.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Guild

Lennoxville: Members of St. Andrew's Guild met at the home of Hildegard Ratsep on Tuesday, October 21. President Nancy Brown welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to Hildegard for having the meeting in her home.

Louise Savage led in devotions. Her scripture readings from James 4-17 followed with a short story from "The Daily Bread" booklet. The topic, "doing what is right today, means no regrets tomorrow". Louise closed with prayer.

Eight members replied to roll call and we had two guests present.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read by Ferne Murray.

Correspondence was read. A nice note had been received from Ferne Murray, Treasurer for the Word of Grace, thanking the Guild for the generous monetary gift to the Outreach Ministry

of the Word of Grace. On behalf of the Bethel Bible Camp Committee, Anita Mack wrote to thank the Guild for the generous donation, which will be a great help in their ministry to children.

Treasurer Norma Brown gave a detailed financial report, which showed a good balance on hand.

New Business: December 10 was set for our Christmas Luncheon with the ladies of the congregation, also the date for the St. Valentine's Tea and Food Sale, which will be February 21, 2009.

Our next meeting will be November 18 at the home of Ferne Murray, Lorraine Codère will be in charge of devotions.

Jean Parnell then moved adjournment and President Nancy closed the meeting with prayer, after which a social time followed.

Hildegard Ratsep, Secretary.

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TOWNSHIPS' CRIER

WATERVILLE, HATLEY, NORTH HATLEY
November 2: Service and Sunday School in Hatley United Church will be at 9 a.m. Waterville and North Hatley Congregations and Sunday School will be in Waterville United Church at 11 a.m. Rev. Patricia Lisson, 819-837-1112.

ROCK ISLAND

Annual Art & Craft Auction to benefit the Frontier Animal Society on Sunday, November 16. Viewing at 1:30 p.m. Auction starts at 2 p.m. M.C. Mr. Phil Desormeaux, Haskell Library, Rock Island. Paintings, watercolours, collectibles,

Graduation



Congratulations to Michelle Amy Lepitre who graduated recently from the University of Sherbrooke with a Masters Degree in Comparative Canadian Literature. Michelle is the daughter of Stephen and Bonnie Lepitre of Cookshire and granddaughter of Rita Nugent of Lennoxville.

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Happy 70th Birthday

Happy 70th birthday to
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Shirley and Sam

Happy 90th Birthday

November 2nd
Happy 90th Birthday
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Christmas crafts, something for everyone! Also a silent auction table and refreshments. Info: 819-876-5016 or 876-7785.

BURY

Christmas Craft Sale at Pope Memorial School in Bury on November 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch of soup and sandwiches will be available. For more information or to rent a table, call Cindy Powell at 819-875-1252 or Pope Memorial 819-872-3771.

DANVILLE

St. Augustine's Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, Saturday, November 1 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Home baking, cookie table, candy, Christmas crafts, knitting, sewing, White Elephant, treasures and more. Come and see our church hall decked out in silver and blue. Door prizes for luncheon that finishes at 1 p.m. All welcome.

WATERVILLE

Luncheon and Bazaar on November 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Waterville United Church Hall. Chicken and biscuits, dessert pies, food and novelty tables. Admission charged.

TOWNSHIPS

Community Search Conference Information Session. What is the most desirable future for a vital English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships in 2014? Open to everyone interested. Lennoxville, November 8, 10 a.m. Amedee-Beaudoin Community Centre, 10, Samuel Gratham. Richmond, November 8, 2:30 p.m. Richmond regional High School, 375 Armstrong. Cookshire, November 10, 7 p.m. Cookshire Elementary School, 95 Park Street West. Cowansville, November 15, 10 a.m. Massey-Vanier High School, 224 Mercier Street. Knowlton, November 17, 7 p.m. Brome Lake Community Centre, 270 Victoria Street. Richmond, November 18, 2008. 7 p.m. Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong. www.searchtownships.ca, 819-566-5717 (1-866-566-5717).

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall - Rummage Sale on Friday, October 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Bag Sale on Saturday, November 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please call 819-563-1659 or 819-562-6245 for info or pick-up. Save your \$\$\$ - shop with us!

ROCK ISLAND

Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar at Stanstead South United Church (Rock Island) on November 1 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake table, craft table and door prizes.

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Plymouth-Trinity United Church Women's annual pre-Christmas Buffet and Sale at 380 Dufferin Ave., on Saturday, November 1 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Includes sales tables of home baking, novelties, etc. Everyone welcome.

COWANSVILLE

The Regional Entrepreneurial Concertation Table of Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska invites all entrepreneurs and autonomous workers to participate in an entrepreneurial 5 to 7, November 12, 2008, at Théâtre des Tournesols, 331 chemin Brosseau (Route 139), Cowansville. A cocktail is planned for 5 p.m., and Mr. Charles Crawford, proprietor of the prestigious Domaine du Pinnacle, will speak to all on his en-

trepreneurial journey and the importance of marketing. Local entrepreneurs of small businesses and autonomous workers are invited to present their products and services during the cocktail evening. The partners on the committee are looking for the participation of a hundred entrepreneurs. Free admission to the public. Learn about services, network and promote your business. Places are limited. Contact: Elsa Carlier 450-776-7700 or 450-266-0993

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Military Whist on Thursday, November 6, beginning with casserole lunch at noon, at the Bulwer Community Center. Please reserve by November 4 with the Lowds 819-823-8042 or the Nutbrowns 819-823-8473.

DANVILLE

Craft Fair at A.D.S. School, 217 Water Street, Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, cafeteria and Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE

The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding their annual Used Book Sale at the Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville Borough) on the following dates: Thursday, October 30 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, October 31 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. - noon. If you have used books to donate to the sale please bring them to the church on Wednesday, October 29 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. or Thursday, October 30 from 9 a.m. - noon. All proceeds go to assisting our sponsored students.

MAGOG

Christmas Craft Fair at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 420 Bellevue West, Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffles, baked goods, bistro service, caricaturist, hair stylist. Approx. 40 exhibitors. Something for everyone. For tables, call 819-843-4847 and leave a message.

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TOWNSHIPS

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DANVILLE

Royal Canadian is holding an Armistice Supper starting at 6 p.m. on November 1. There are a few tickets still available. Please call 819-839-2581 or 819-434-1005. Entertainment will follow at 8 p.m. with Buck Shot. Admission charged.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Curling Club Ladies Opening Tea on Tuesday, November 4. Bridge at 1:30 p.m., followed by tea. All members welcome.

MAGOG

Turkey Dinner and all the trimmings on Saturday, November 8 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 233 Pine Street. Benefit of the Frontier

Animal Society. Admission charged. Info: 819-843-3237.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Sacrament of Holy Communion and Sunday School on November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. James Potter, 819-565-8449.

DANVILLE ASBESTOS

Danville Asbestos, South Durham, Ulverton, Trenholm Shared Ministry Sunday Services. Danville Asbestos Service 11 a.m. Bilingual Sunday School at 11 a.m., Choir meets at 10:30 a.m.; Friday night Halloween movie marathon starting at 7 p.m., also trick or treat on the front stairs "who said that church isn't scary". Ulverton United Church Worship Service 7 p.m. Thank you to all who made the Danville and Trenholm events so successful last Saturday: Blessings Rev. Reg.

AYER'S CLIFF

Sunday Brunch at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu of: sausage, ham, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, jam, fruit salad, coffee and tea. All are welcome. This is our last fundraiser for the year and we would like to thank the community for attending our suppers and brunches during 2008. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LENNOXVILLE

Army, Navy, Air Force Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Borough of Lennoxville, Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 9, 2008. 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts at the Fire Station, 10 Samuel Gratham, Lennoxville. All veterans are welcome. 11:45 a.m. Form up of parade on Speid. All veterans are welcome. 11:55 a.m. March to the Cenotaph. 12:00 noon Service at the Cenotaph. 12:30 p.m. Dismissal on Spied Street. 3 p.m. Service at the Cenotaph in North Hatley. 6 p.m. Remembrance Day Supper at Unit 318. All are welcome. 7 p.m. Guest speakers: Major Christopher Galvin and Master Corporal Gary Hadley.

WATERLOO

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #77, wish to announce an Armistice Luncheon of Turkey and Biscuits on Thursday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Concert on Sunday, November 9 at 4 p.m. Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will present a free concert featuring promising young musicians from Bishop's University. This event is open to the public. To reserve, call (819) 564-0409.

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by Luis Campos

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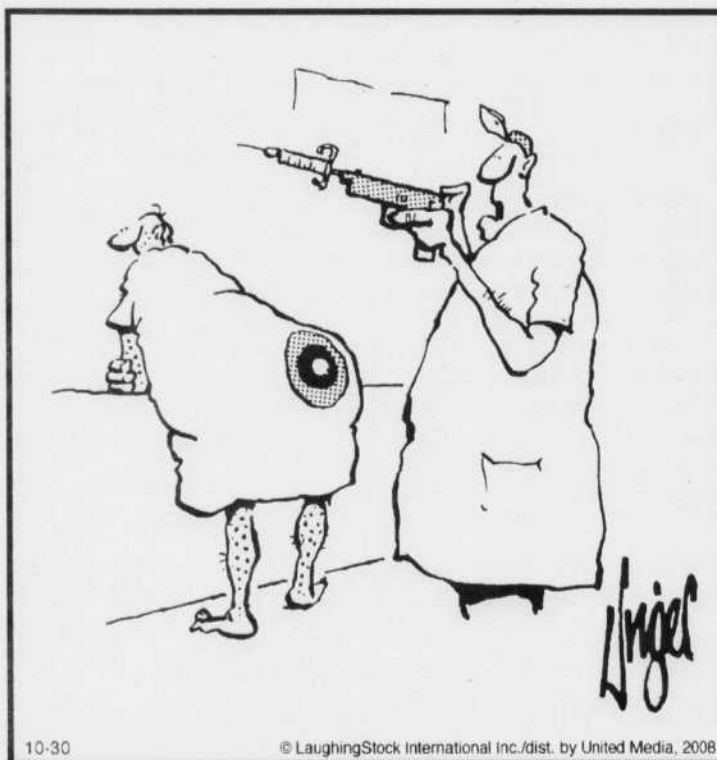
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Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

In the year ahead, knowledge and tenacity will be required to fulfill worthy objectives, and you will possess plenty of these important traits to accomplish your goals, even those you previously thought were unattainable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you require a partner to accomplish something big and important, go to a reliable friend or co-worker first. With the right help, that which was overwhelming will be reduced to a manageable size.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You won't be afraid of a little competition, especially where work or career is concerned. Rivalry is what encourages people to take on huge challenges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What you learn — through personal experiences or from books — will be retained and used to your advantage later in ways you never would have suspected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There are times when a little bravado can be skillfully applied to mask a shaky situation. Your bluffs will prove to be quite useful and effective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This might be one of those days where you find it impossible to work things out by yourself. Seek advice from someone you trust, like a friend or family member who can offer wise counsel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Larger earnings than usual can be generated

from more than one source. Some new possibilities to cash in are right under your nose, so instead of doing business as usual, look around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A current partnership arrangement will continue to grow considerably, providing larger benefits for both partners as the events of the day should prove.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a strong possibility that, in a situation where you weren't fairly compensated or acknowledged, someone has gone to bat for you, making it possible to rectify this neglect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your great diligence and patience in carefully planning and executing an important project will pay off. You don't have to move mountains; you merely have to apply a strong, sustained effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Through hard work, an opportunity will enable you to alter a negative situation that's been standing in your way. You'll now realize the rewards you deserve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Merely keeping busy won't cut the mustard. You must have something to do where your industrious inclinations can come into play and produce some worthy rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There are strong possibilities for financial gains, but, when the dust settles, it will become clear that your large gains were all due to the strong efforts you applied toward these ends.

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The exact spots were exacting

By Phillip Alder

Honor cards win many tricks, but often success is decided by the spot cards. West leads the diamond king against four hearts. Would you bet on declarer or the defenders? What is the key spot?

After South shows at least six hearts, North raises to three hearts. South accepts the game invitation because he has a near maximum. (Note that three no-trump stands no chance.)

Declarer wants to win four spades, five hearts and one diamond, or some slight variation. The defenders need to take two hearts, one diamond and one club.

South wins the first trick on the board (ducking doesn't help) and calls for a trump. What should East do?

The cover-an-honor-with-an-honor rule is qualified by saying that one should cover the last of touching honors, not the first. If East is a believer, he will not cover the heart 10. That, however, is fatal. Declarer runs the heart 10. West's best defense is to duck, but declarer can play a heart to his ace, cash the spade queen, lead a spade to dummy's jack, and pitch a diamond on

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North
♠ A K J 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A 6
♣ K Q 7 6 2

West
♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q J 9
♣ A 9 8 3

East
♠ 10 8 6 5 3
♥ J 2
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 4

South
♠ Q 7
♥ A Q 7 6 4 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 10 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South

West

North

East

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

the spade ace. The defense gets only one heart, one diamond and one club.

Now let's have East cover the heart 10 with his jack. South has no riposte. If he finesses his queen (the normal play), West wins with his king, cashes the diamond queen, and (simplest) continues with the diamond jack. When dummy ruffs, a trump trick is promoted for West.

If you bet on the defense, you were right. South needed the heart eight.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Young fish
- 4 Deep, unnatural sleep
- 9 Addis __, Ethiopia
- 14 "Seinfeld" uncle
- 15 Texas landmark
- 16 Bob and Elizabeth
- 17 Bull markets
- 18 Start of Bernard Baruch quote
- 20 Cost of living?
- 22 Boardroom bigwig
- 23 Factual
- 24 Part 2 of quote
- 27 Olympic sled
- 28 Deposited
- 29 Piccadilly Circus statue
- 30 Chart anew
- 31 Columbus Day mo.

- 32 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 33 Former French coin
- 34 Part 3 of quote
- 36 Part 4 of quote
- 40 Pers. pension
- 41 Symbol of office
- 42 Numero __
- 43 Deer sirs
- 46 "South Park" boy
- 47 Glee club voice
- 48 Baloney!
- 49 Part 5 of quote
- 51 Junior exec
- 52 Chem. contaminant
- 53 Abound
- 54 End of quote
- 58 A Turner
- 60 Blew it

- 24 Coagulate
- 25 "Chicago" role
- 26 Buffalo's county
- 30 Churn up
- 32 Boat propellers
- 33 Alan Ladd classic
- 35 Take a tour
- 36 Cause to wither
- 37 Brief announcement
- 38 Early or late
- 39 Warner Bros. creation
- 41 Pierced

- 43 Forceful flowings
- 44 Hebrew month
- 45 Declare
- 46 Break away
- 47 Pint drink, perhaps
- 49 Typist's stat
- 50 Bar members, briefly
- 55 Append
- 56 Part of NATO
- 57 Jurist Fortas
- 59 Elmer, to Bugs

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 61 Churchill Downs event
- 62 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 63 In place
- 64 Outer limits
- 65 Big Apple inits.

DOWN

- 1 Grippe
- 2 Censure
- 3 Park in California
- 4 Took care of
- 5 Catalonian cheer
- 6 Block of paper
- 7 Greek vowel
- 8 Cowboys' showcases
- 9 Big fuss
- 10 Keep inside
- 11 Old-fashioned warning
- 12 Caviar source
- 13 Sawing logs
- 19 Alternative to smoking?
- 21 Beatty of "Deliverance"

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

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Simply show her you won't stick around to be abused

Dear Annie: For 10 years, I've bitten my lip while my mother-in-law says things that are emotionally abusive and critical. She tells me she'll never accept me, I need to lose weight, I'll be a horrible mother when I have kids, etc. Dealing with her is a constant challenge because no one puts her in her place. The entire family remains silent while she rips into people.

My approach has been to kill her with kindness. But when she is allowed to say whatever she feels, her meanness only gets worse. Recently, she said my husband will never want to have kids with me. Did I mention she says these things when my husband is not present?

Is it OK to tell her such comments are not acceptable, or should I just put up with them? I am concerned because my husband and I are talking about starting a family. Mom already is disrespectful, and the comments aren't directed only toward adults. I don't want my children to have to "put up with her." What can I do? — Desperate Daughter-in-Law

Dear Desperate: Killing someone with kindness doesn't mean you have to tolerate unacceptable behavior. It's OK to set boundaries. If Mom says something nasty, reply sweetly, "I see you aren't feeling well, so I'll talk to you another time," then hang up the phone or leave. Always remain polite. Don't yell or be nasty in return. Simply show her you won't stick around to be abused. And your husband must back you up. When you have children, the consequences will be much clearer to her and she may behave better. If not, at least you won't be sitting there taking it.

Dear Annie: My boss sent me a message that my perfume is too strong. According to him, somebody complained that my scent brings on a headache.

I'm sure this isn't the case. I hate people who wear strong perfume, so I use only a small amount. The scent makes me feel great, but I never overdo it. No one else has ever said anything about my perfume.

I'm so angry. Should I find out who the "somebody" is who's spreading this rumor? Please give me your advice. — Seoul, South Korea

Dear Seoul: We don't believe anyone is spreading a rumor. You may not think you are using too much perfume, but some people are so sensitive that even a tiny drop can bring on a reaction. A healthy work environment is good for all employees, and it would be best to save the perfume for special occasions.

Dear Annie: You told "Choosing Happiness" that living with a person who is bipolar can be exhausting and stressful, and that you could not fault her for wanting to make her life better.

Please don't make generalizations about people with bipolar disorder or those who live with them. Many bipolar patients comply 100 percent with doctor's recommendations and medications and have rich, fulfilling lives. Look around at your colleagues, friends and family. You may be surprised to know that some may be managing this illness and seem perfectly "normal" to you. — Bipolar and Bountiful

Dear Bipolar: The only one making generalizations is you. "Choosing" has a husband who is bipolar, refuses to get help and has become abusive. She is already in the process of divorcing him, not because he is bipolar, but because he is non-compliant and treating her abysmally. Bipolar disorder is difficult, but with treatment it is manageable, and you are right that those with the illness can lead rich, fulfilling lives. Unfortunately, not everyone is willing. Too many cannot see that their illness is a problem for themselves and those who love them. When this type of relationship becomes abusive and the abuser is not interested in getting help, it's time to get out.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Scared Mother," who thinks her daughter is shoplifting because she has found expensive items in her room.

Maybe Mom should be worried about some adult buying this stuff for her daughter. In high school, I had friends who would meet these much older guys who would try to "buy" them for sex, nude photographs and other things. — Just a Thought in California

Dear California: Thanks for pointing out that alarming possibility. We hope "Scared Mother" will talk to her daughter and find out what's really going on.

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Annie's Mailbox

A pickup truck for everyone: Preview: 2009 Ford F-150



2009 Ford F-150

By Graeme Fletcher

For Canwest News Service

ROMEO, Mich. — The latest iteration of the Ford F-150 is going to rock the truck world. Not only is it bigger, better and bolder, there is a derivative for just about every type of buyer from the hard-core trucker to those with a pup trailer to tow. The array is truly bewildering, which makes a knowledgeable sales person a must.

Along with the three cab types (regular, SuperCab and SuperCrew), three box lengths (5-foot-5, 6-foot-5 and 8-foot), three wheelbases (3,200 millimetres, 3,378 mm and 3,683 mm) and two body styles (Styleside and Flare side), there are two- or four-wheel-drive versions and no fewer than eight different trim variations — XL, STX, XLT, FX4, Lariat, Lariat King Ranch, Lariat Platinum and the new SFE (superior fuel economy) model. A truck for just about any type of buyer.

Rather than being a mid-cycle makeover, the latest F-150 is all new. Style-wise, it picks up the nose of its heavy-duty sibling — the tall hood line and imposing three-bar grille present a formidable picture in the rear-view mirror.

It proved to be bold enough that the left-lane loafers that typically ignore the vehicle trailing them scurried out of the way like cockroaches exposed to sunlight.

Beneath the brightwork, there's a new frame. While the hydroformed, fully boxed chassis is 45 kilograms lighter, the structure is 10 per cent stiffer torsionally. This and the judicious use of sound-deadening materials, an acoustic headliner, quiet steel and thicker glass bring a significantly quieter ride. It is now possible to hold a normal conversation with someone sitting in the rear of the SuperCrew without having to shout.

The other big change is a 152-mm

stretch to the SuperCrew's cabin. The outgoing model was roomy; the new one is a monster. Factor in the completely flat rear floor section and flip-up rear seats and there is 57.6 cubic feet of lockable storage space in the cab. It also means that, unlike so many other stretched cabs, sitting in the rear is now an enjoyable experience.

For the driver, the fact the B-pillar has been moved rearward means better visibility when doing a shoulder check. It is a small thing in the scheme of things, but one that makes a big difference.

Mechanically, the F-150 adopts an all-V8 lineup (the addition of Ford's EcoBoost V6 engine will change this down the road). This brings a towing capability of 3,318 kg across the board. The base two-valve, 4.6-litre, 248-horsepower engine, which is essentially carried over from last year, comes with a rather passe four-speed automatic. The up-level 4.6L uses new three-valve heads to deliver a rewarding 292 hp and 320 pound-feet of torque. The good news is that this engine comes with a smooth-shifting six-speed automatic. The difference it makes is worth the extra money. It has a very tall first gear (at 4.17:1, it's great for towing) and a loafing top gear (0.69:1). The unspoken benefit is that this engine/transmission combination is actually better on fuel than the base unit.

At 9.8 litres per 100 kilometres, the 4x2 version uses almost one L/100 km less gas on the highway. Another simple economy move sees the idle speed of all engines drop from around 650 rpm to 525 rpm. This and the new six-speed box are the key reasons the F-150 range is, on average, eight per cent better on fuel than the outgoing model.

The powertrain of choice is the new three-valve 5.4L V8 and its six-

speed automatic. The 320 hp and 390 lb-ft of torque make a big difference to the manner in which the F-150 drives, especially if it's motivating the SuperCrew body. The torque plateau is broad and the response to throttle input is instantaneous. It also sounds better than the 4.6L engine.

Inside, the F-150 is very nicely finished. The materials are rich and the amenities are bountiful — everything from heated and cooled leather seats and a trick backup camera that displays what's behind the vehicle in the rear-view mirror to a full-on navigation system and Ford's clever Sync system are available.

The broad array of models and options explains why the base truck starts at \$24,199 and tops out at \$54,699 for the Lariat Platinum — even then there are still options.

Two of the highlights are the new front seats and an upgraded sound system. Where the outgoing truck used a seat that could be likened to a park bench, the new ones are form fitting and very comfortable. The up-level Sony audio package is loud, proud and very good at filling the enormous cabin with symphonic sound.

From a safety perspective, the F-150 again succeeds and will earn a five-star rating. Along with front and side seat-mounted air bags and drop-down side curtains comes AdvanceTrac. It not only controls unwanted wheelspin and deals with oversteer and understeer, it can also counter a potential rollover and includes trailer sway control.

This preview really only scratches the surface of the new F-150. The list of improvements would take several pages to itemize. The bottom line is a simple one: The rework will maintain the F-150's 42-year status as Canada's favourite lineup of pickup trucks.

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