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HE SAYS,  
SHE SAYS...

"The roads are bad, but people are driving really well so we hope to have a quiet afternoon."

— MARTIN CARRIER

(THE RECORD, FEBRUARY, 24TH)

## Quebec to try out photo-radar on motorists

By Stephen McDougall  
QUEBEC

Cameras could start to replace police officers in the province's continued effort to reduce speeds on public roads starting this spring.

Quebec Transport Minister Julie Boulet announced Tuesday she will introduce the use of photo-radar machines in a pilot project for 15 areas of the province. One of the municipalities chosen for the project is Thetford Mines.

"The areas chosen are where the number of accidents caused by excessive speeding and ignoring stop lights are high," said Boulet.

"Our main concern is reducing the number of those accidents, especially those that cause deaths."

The project will start May 19th and use fixed and mobile machines administered by the department and by provincial and municipal police. Instead of being stopped by a police officer, drivers who drive too fast or run a red light will be sent a fine in the mail along with photo proof of their offense.

Motorists will be warned of the project with signs posted near where the machines will be used.

Six of the areas used for the project will be in Montreal, four will be on the South Shore-Monteregion and five will be in a sector between the Eastern Townships and Quebec City.

In the Eastern Townships, the municipality of Thetford Mines will see a red light camera at the intersection of Frontenac and Ouellet boulevards.

Another red light camera will be set up in the town of Levis, along with a fixed speed radar camera.

St. Georges de Beauce will also see a fixed speed radar camera, and nearby Beauceville will have a mobile speed radar camera.

On the South Shore, one red light camera will be set up in St. Constant, two stationary speed cameras will be installed in

## Snow-where to go



By Corrinna Pole  
SHERBROOKE

Waterville resident Serge Brochu has been frustrated by a growing problem, the snow. This winter by-product annoys many Townshippers, but Brochu's irritation comes from the snow and sand being deposited on his property by snowploughs.

"They push snow onto my property," said Brochu. "They don't push it away like they should. I have tried calling to have them send someone to clean up their mess but they don't do anything, they don't carry it away."

According to Brochu, the ploughs turn around near his house on route 147 and when they do they push remaining snow and sand

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Boucherville and Pincourt, and a mobile camera will circulate in Marieville. The Boucherville camera will be set up on the Trans-Canada highway 20 near the municipality's main shopping center.

In Montreal, three red light cameras will be installed on the intersections of University and Notre Dame streets, St. Catherine and Iberville streets and Decarie Blvd and Pare St.

The city will also have stationary speed radar cameras on McDougall Road and Cedar Ave. as well as on Autoroute 15 near the Atwater exit.

Though the project starts May 19th, motorists will have a three month warning period. Those photographed will be sent a warning rather than an actual fine. But

starting August 19th, the fines will be issued in the mail for a period of 18 months.

After that period of time, the Quebec government will decide if the program is effective and workable.

Transport Quebec official Mario St. Pierre said the project will cost the government \$6.6 million and will be judged on whether or not it can reduce the number of traffic accidents.

"We are not setting this up to make more money," he argued to The Record. "If people follow the speed limits and drive safely, we could see no increase in fines at all. For each kilometer reduced in speed, we decrease the number of road fatalities by three percent."

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# Are you up to The Challenge?



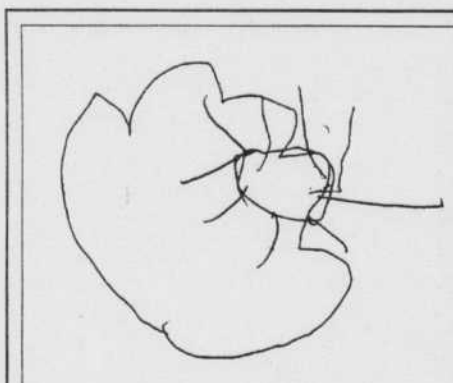
CORRINNA POLE

The new Open Door Productions put on a great show at its launch party last Friday, as part of the Theatre Townships - Stanstead project. Theatre Townships - Stanstead is carried out by Townshippers' Association and supported by Service Canada, within the context of its Skills Link program. (see page 9 for more coverage)

Can you take it? Can you take five servings of fruits and vegetables a day AND 30 minutes of exercise?

Townshippers' Association's staff can. Staff members have registered as a team for the 5/30 Health Challenge. This is a province-wide campaign that invites all Quebecers aged 4 and up to take action for their health during the 6 weeks of March 1 to April 11, 2009. During the Challenge, all participants commit to eating at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day (Goal 5) and being physically active for at least 30 minutes per day (Goal 30), for at least 5 days a week.

**Goal 5:** Aim to eat fruit and vegetables at each meal and to think of them for snacks - it's a habit worth developing. For example: 1 portion at breakfast, 2 at lunch, 2 at supper, and you're already at 5! And 5 is a minimum, because



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

If you would like to depict the Townships weather via a drawing, send them to 1195 Galt East, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1G 1Y7. Don't forget your name, age and address.

## Weather

**Today:** A mix of sun and cloud. Becoming sunny near noon. Increasing cloudiness in the evening. High minus 4.

**Tomorrow:** Rain showers or flurries. Low minus 8. High plus 3.

**Friday:** Rain. Low minus 5. High 6.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Low minus 19. High minus 4.

the new Canadian Food Guide recommends at least seven portions of fruit and vegetables per day for women, and eight portions for men.

**Goal 30:** It's not necessary to start jogging or join a gym! Aim to accumulate at least 30 minutes of moderately intense physical activity each day, like walking at a brisk pace. You can choose to move for 30 minutes in a row or in blocks of time, for example: 15 minutes twice, or 10 minutes three

times during the day.

This is the fifth anniversary of the 5/30 Health Challenge. Since 2005, more than 300,000 people have registered to take action. The Challenge is a winning approach to learning healthy lifestyle habits. The important thing is to enjoy taking action daily at your own pace. The Challenge also contributes to preventing numerous lifestyle-related health problems (cardiovascular disease, certain cancers, diabetes, obesity, etc.).

By registering for the 5/30 Health Challenge, participants can count on receiving help and support throughout the Challenge, with tools and practical advice. One tool is the IGA 5/30 Health Challenge kit, containing healthy goodies and helpful information. You can also find interesting and motivational information at the [www.530HealthChallenge.ca](http://www.530HealthChallenge.ca) website with a family zone and via encouraging emails.

Speaking of motivation, participants have a chance to win prizes worth a total value of \$20,000; including a trip to Mexico and a \$5,000 Desjardins Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), which will be given to the Desjardins 5/30 Family.

Register individually, as a team or as a family, but do it before March 1st at [www.530HealthChallenge.ca](http://www.530HealthChallenge.ca)! Townshippers' staff did - will you?

The 5/30 Health Challenge is a production of ACTI-MENU, presented by

the Prevention Division of the Montreal Heart Institute and the Canadian Cancer Society. It is produced in partnership with the Quebec Public Health Departments (DSPs), the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS) as well as IGA, the Desjardins Group, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Danone, The Dairy Farmers of Canada and Énergie Cardio.

### TOWNSHIPERS' PLUS-VALUE

As if the inherent benefits of the 5/30 Health Challenge aren't enough, Townshippers' Association is upping the ante! If you have registered to join the 5/30 challenge, contact Townshippers' Association by e-mail at [ta@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:ta@townshippers.qc.ca) and register to be eligible to win one of two prizes:

A free six-week membership at either the Spa AVIVA /Auberge Quilliams, 572 Lakeside, Brome Lake, [www.avivaspasante.ca](http://www.avivaspasante.ca) and the Pro Gym Serge Moreau, 1261 King E, Sherbrooke, [www.progymsergemoreau.com](http://www.progymsergemoreau.com). Thanks to both these partners!

### OPEN HOUSE

The Montérégie office is opening its

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

### TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

doors to show off its new digs! Townshippers, Association is hosting an Open House / Networking Event on Wednesday, March 4th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The office is located in

the building of Tennis Lac Brome, 584 Knowlton, just across the street from RONA. The Montérégie staff and many head office people will attend this event. Please plan to come and join us!

February 28th is the LAST CALL FOR MUSICIANS & DANCERS of all ages to register to perform at the Great Inter-generational Participatory Music Festival which will happen Saturday, March 28th, at the Amedée-Beaudoin Community Centre in Lennoxville. For information, contact Eric Akbar Manolson, [hal@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:hal@townshippers.qc.ca).

Townshippers' Association is a non-partisan, non-profit community organization serving the Eastern Townships English-speaking community. Contact [www.townshippers.qc.ca](http://www.townshippers.qc.ca); [ta@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:ta@townshippers.qc.ca); 257 Queen, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), (819-566-5717; 1-866-566-5717) or 584 Knowlton, Lac-Brome (450-242-4421; 1-877-242-4421).

### PUBLIC PORTRAITS

## Brome Barn



ATTACHED IS A PICTURE OF A BARN I TOOK A FEW WINTERS AGO. IT'S LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF KNOWLTON AND WELLS ROAD IN WEST BROME - PHOTO BY DARLENE ADAMS OF WEST BROME.

**Thank you for the submission Darlene.**

You don't have to be a professional to snap photos of the Townships and The Record invites you to share your snap shots of landscapings, buildings and anything else with others. Email your Kodak moments to [jyoung@sherbrookerecord.com](mailto:jyoung@sherbrookerecord.com) or send them in the mail to 1195 Galt E, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1H 5L6. A different photo taken by Townshippers will be printed daily.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Price confirms intention to run for council

Former Lennoxville mayor wants to represent borough  
 By Rita Legault  
 With files from Mike McDevitt  
 LENNOXVILLE

They may be months away but municipal elections in Sherbrooke are on many minds these days and among those considering a run for municipal politics are former Lennoxville Mayor and Compton-Stanstead MP David Price.

"I am very strongly considering it for sure," Price told The Record Tuesday when they called to check out persistent rumours of his candidacy.

Before entering federal politics, Price ran his own electrical company before being elected mayor of Lennoxville in 1994. He served as mayor until he resigned to run in federal politics in 1997.

Elected in the Compton-Stanstead for the Progressive Conservative Party in the 1997 federal election, Price switched allegiances to the Liberals and was re-elected in the 2000 general election.

Price was defeated in the following election in 2004 by France Bonsant of the Bloc Québécois. He attempted to re-enter Parliament in the 2006 election but was again defeated by Bonsant.

Price's name was been in the municipal rumour mill for months.

"It's not news for sure," he said. "We don't know what's coming up with the new mayor and Lennoxville needs to be well represented," he said.

As a former federal politician, Price is a member of the Privy Council and still very much involved in federal politics, although less so with the Liberal party.

"I am well-connected at the federal level," he said. "I can help there."

While he would not confirm he was definitely in the running, Price's comments when asked if he will join a slate belie his hesitation and confirm his real intentions.

"I'm running completely independent," he said. "I'm running to represent Lennoxville and what I can do on Sherbrooke council for the whole area."

Price said he hasn't filed papers but expects to do so in May or June.

Price is not sure if he will be running against his former Lennoxville council mate Doug MacAulay, who is the current chairman of the Lennoxville borough.

In the meantime, the race to replace Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault may be getting a little more crowded as three new names are being tossed around as being prepared to throw their hats into the ring.

La Tribune columnist Luc Larochelle reported this week

that H el ene Gravel, a Sherbrooke radio host and former mayoral candidate, has announced her intention to give up her daily radio show "to reflect" upon her future.

While Gravel, who ran second to Perrault in the last municipal election, has not officially announced her candidacy, she admits to have been approached and does not hide her interest.

"I know that I have the ability to take up this challenge, but I'd better have a social plan to propose, one has to have the humility to see if the people want it, and to listen to what they have to say."

Also sending up trial balloons is Serge Audet, the former regional director for Bell Canada and currently part of the Nordia team.

"I didn't have any plans in this regard," he says, "but, yes, I have been approached. Not a day goes by that I don't get a call encouraging me to run. Audet has previously been scouted by both the federal Conservatives and the provincial ADQ in past elections.

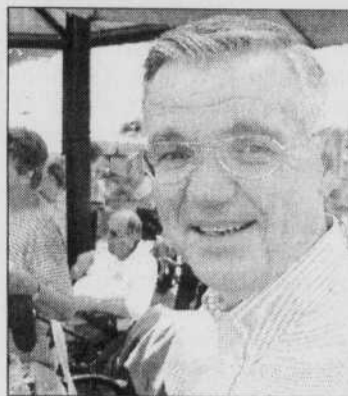
Former grocer and current financial manager Jean Pelchat says that he too, has been approached.

"Yes there has been some pressure," he says. "It has not been part of my plans, but I have arrived at a stage of my life where I could consider such an option."

Another name that has been floated is crime victim advocate Pierre Hugues Boisvenu, the president of the Association des familles de personnes assassin ees ou disparues (AFPAD).

None of the four mentioned above has officially entered the race, but, in the case of Gravel, it appears that the decision has already been made.

A number of names from the existing municipal council have also been floated as potential candidates, including Chantal l'Esp erance, Jean-Fran ois Rouleau, Bernard Tanguay, Bernard S evigny, and Robert Pouliot. The latter two are running to lead the new Renouveau Sherbrookois party.



David Price

PERRY BEATON

## RADAR:

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But he admitted the cameras can operate 24 hours a day and fine more drivers than present police surveillance programs can.

He said the money collected from the fines goes into a road safety fund and compensates victims of road accidents.

And he added the decision to send a motorist a fine will still be determined by police officers.

"They will decide if the speed that is detected and the car photographed merits a fine," he said. "If they think the speed was within reasonable limits, they could pass on issuing the fine."

But St. Pierre could not explain why the motorist will not be issued demerit points for the offenses caught on camera during the pilot period, whereas motorists being stopped by actual police forces will.

"It is a matter of proof," is all he would say.

St. Pierre admitted one of the problems the new system could create is an increase in court challenges given that the car is being ticketed instead of the driver. The onus will be on the owner of the car to prove he or she was not driving the car on the day of the offense.

"We have put that question to our lawyers and they believe the program can survive legal challenges," he said.

"It has so in other countries such as France and England. But it is something we will have to consider if we choose to keep the system in place."

## PLOUGH:

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just out of the Eaton Corner area into Waterville and specifically onto his land. When spring comes and the snow melts, Brochu is left with a damaged lawn.

"Every spring I ask them to clean up their mess," he said. "It burns the grass so it dies and nothing will grow there, it makes big messes."

Brochu, who has lived there for 30 years, says the unwelcome deposit has been a regular occurrence over the last five years. On Tuesday he returned home to find the snow pushed even further onto his land and the largest snow bank to date.

"They pushed it 45 feet from the centre line onto my property," said a frustrated Brochu. "There is now a big snow bank, must be 50 foot long by 10 foot high, sitting on my land."

Complicating the situation is that the municipal ploughs are not from Waterville but Brochu is. He has had little luck getting anyone in the Cookshire-Eaton municipality to respond to the problem.

"At the beginning when they made a mess I called Waterville (municipality) because I live here and pay taxes and they told me that it wasn't their area so I would have to call the Eaton corner municipality," said Brochu. "I've called them and left messages and no one has ever called me back."

"I haven't heard about it," said Kimball Smith, Director General and Emergency Coordinator of Waterville. "If he is a resident of Waterville then we would look into the situation."

Although The Record placed calls to the Cookshire-Eaton municipal office no one was available for comment.

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# Air Sherbrooke to Toronto saved

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

**A**ir Sherbrooke flights between Sherbrooke and Toronto will resume in mid-March thanks to a deal between Sherbrooke industrial development agents and their counterparts in Rouyn Noranda.

Sherbrooke's Economic Development Corporation, which became Innovation et Développement économique Sherbrooke (IDES) in January, announced this week airplanes will be back in the air on March 16th.

IDES announced this week it will be changing carriers. The contract for the air service has been signed with Pascan Aviation, a small company that has served the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region for many years.

Pascan Aviation has conceived a project that has every chance of becoming economically viable soon after it begins operating in mid-March, said the economic development agency.

IDES also notes that the presence of an airport in Sherbrooke is a major economic development tool for the region and that it was essential to ensure its profitability. A daily link with the international airport in Toronto will be an asset for the region and good news for business people who have shown a great interest in the service.

The new service provider will be adding a larger plane, an 18-seat Jetstream, and add Rouyn Noranda to its flight schedule. That means it will operate more flights and has the potential for greater profitability.

Early morning flights, however, will be a thing of the past. The airplane will now depart for Toronto

around 2:50 and land in the city around 4:30. It will then continue to Rouyn Noranda. Return flights will leave Toronto at 9:45 a.m. and land in Sherbrooke around 11:10.

The regional carrier, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary in March, has been on hiatus since mid-December. It hoped to resume flight in mid-February but was forced to delay the return of air service till mid-March.

For the past few years, the flight left the Sherbrooke Airport in Cookshire-Eaton around 7 a.m. with a return flight leaving Toronto at 5:30 p.m. and arriving in Sherbrooke by 7 p.m.

While that flight got business people to Toronto in plenty of time for meetings, some customers complained the return flight left Toronto too early. Providers also hope the new schedule and larger, more comfortable airplane will be also more accommodating to the tourism industry like ski hills.

In the past, Air Sherbrooke's clientele has been mainly business people going to meetings in Toronto and students travelling to and from Bishop's University. Managers hope to expand its clientele. Among them are students travelling from the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region to the University of Sherbrooke.

Pascan Aviation president Serge Charron told reporters at a press conference on Monday that he expects past passengers will continue to use the regional air service despite the new schedule. He notes there is a huge advantage in taking off from Sherbrooke compared to travelling to the Montreal airport.

In a press release IDES notes the

air link with Canada's largest metropolitan area and provides a link with markets throughout the country and the world is a definite asset to Sherbrooke and its industrial and commercial leaders.

Mayors for both municipalities said they hope the partnership between Sherbrooke and Rouyn Noranda may also open up possibilities of further commercial exchanges between the two regions of Quebec.

The business model for Air Sherbrooke, which is partly owned by the city of Sherbrooke, was not working and the agency negotiated with a number of partners to find a cost-sharing deal that worked, said councillor Pierre Boisvert, the chairman of the Corporation de développement de l'aéroport de Sherbrooke.

Le Centre local de développement (CLD) of Rouyn-Noranda also invested some \$67,000 in the project.

IDES general manager Pierre Bélanger said the CLD will guarantee the profitability of the airline, paying for empty seats up to a maximum of \$100,000 a day. It will also promote flights through Tourisme Sherbrooke.

This week Aéropro threatened to sue Air Sherbrooke claiming it is owed some \$230,000 for the last three months of operation, reported Radio-Canada Estrie.

Air Sherbrooke, which is financed in part by the city of Sherbrooke, has said it will make arrangement with all of its creditors.

Reservations on the new carrier will be made by telephone, by Internet and through travel agents. The price of flights will be more flexible depending on travel dates and the date they are reserved.

## CHUS Caf gets environmental life support

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

**T**he cafeteria and staff of the Fleurimont site of the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke is making huge efforts to reduce its environmental footprint.

The cafeteria serves some 1500 meals a day and plays host to numerous staffers who bag their lunches. That's a lot of plastic knives and forks, empty pop cans and juice bottles, fruit peels and plate scrapings.

Two weeks ago, the cafeteria staff set up a recycling and sorting center made up of reused materials.

Francine Campeau, the head of service for patients and cafeteria users at the CHUS Fleurimont said the program got off to a slow start on the first day, but since then almost everyone is on board.

"The first day people were wondering what was going on. We recuperated less than anticipated, but since then I would estimate participation at about 95 per cent," she said.

Before the new program, the cafeteria was equipped with 17 garbage cans. Now it has seven bins to collect plastic, glass and metal; seven to recoup organic waste; and 10 for remaining waste.

Campeau said that during the first two weeks a staffer was on hand to raise awareness on how the use the recy-

cling, composting and garbage bins. Now there are posters indicating what cafeteria users should do with their trash.

Campeau said that at the cafeteria tray clearing station, they used to collect some 20 bags of waste for every meal. They are down to a single bag per meal.

Paper and cardboard are also collected in offices throughout the Fleurimont site.

Every day the CHUS recuperates some 40 kilos of organic waste; 10 kilos of plastic, glass and metal; and 20 kilos of residual waste.

But that's just a start.

In the coming days and weeks, the CHUS cafeteria will begin recycling and recuperating waste in the kitchen. After that, it plans to eliminate the use of styrofoam - a material that cannot be recycled and which takes up much of the space in the garbage bins.

"There is still a lot of polystyrene on the trays," said Campeau, noting the hospital is moving towards the use of compostable dishes.

Campeau said that by the time the Fleurimont cafeteria moves to a new location in the coming months, it will be as eco-friendly as possible. That, she said, is the desire of both management and staff at the hospital.

The pilot project will eventually be extended to the Hotel Dieu site of the CHUS.



PERRY BEATON

Recycling at the CHUS cafeteria.

### IN BRIEF

#### Dumbest criminals part 467

**Sherbrooke (RL)** - A few more Sherbrooke suspects appeared to be campaigning for a spot on the next season of dumbest criminals this weekend.

The first was arrested Saturday after leaving an obvious trail for police to follow.

On Saturday, the suspect entered the Dépanneur Gamma at 699 Rue du Curé in Rock Forest, said Sherbrooke police spokesman Martin Carrier. Armed with a kitchen knife he demanded the contents of the cash drawer and fled on foot.

Carrier said police were on the scene a few moments later and got a description of the man wearing blue jeans and a black sweat-shirt.

Beside the dépanneur they found footprints in the snow and followed them to a neighboring apartment building, said Carrier.

Once inside the building, an individual came out of his apartment, appeared startled to see police, and ran away, said Carrier. The officers caught the man, who was in his pajamas, and found a pair of jeans, a black sweat-shirt and a kitchen knife on the floor of his apartment.

Robert Jutras, 42, was arraigned on charges of armed robbery at the courthouse on Monday.

Two more suspects were bagged because they were acting suspiciously.

Around 4:30 Sunday afternoon, two patrolers were driving past the a bar on Galt Street West when they spotted two men in the parking lot looking through a plastic bag.

"When the men spotted police, they dropped the bag and pretended like nothing was happening," said Carrier.

Noting their suspicious behavior the two patroller went over to investigate and discovered some 400 ecstasy pill in the bag, he said. Police also uncovered a large amount of cash and a couple of cell phones on the suspects.

The two men spent the night cooling their heels in the cell block of police headquarters before meeting with investigators Monday, said Carrier. They were not yet scheduled for arraignment yesterday afternoon.

#### 50 teenagers escape bus crash

**Mont-Orford (JY)** - On a ski outing from Montreal to Mont Orford 50 teenagers were forced to save themselves Saturday morning by climbing through the shattered front windshield after the bus they were riding in skidded off the road, exiting Highway 10 at exit 115, and landed in the ditch. Three of the teens suffered minor injuries from the 8:30 a.m. incident, which is still under investigation.

#### Spring Break Challenge

**(JY)** - Richmond, Melbourne, Cleveland, and Ulverton's youth project agent Donald Dubuc has joined forces with Townshippers youth action project coordinator Alanna Fernandes to offer not only something for local high school students to do over March Break, but something that will challenge them.

The Spring Break Challenge, offered to secondary 3 and 5 students in the Richmond and surrounding area, will test leadership, communication and team-working abilities, while providing an opportunity to make new friends for three days.

The Spring Break Challenge will be held in the community room of Richmond's recreation center, 820 Gouin street (next to the arena) on March 4th, 5th and 6th, but participation is limited. For more information call 819-826-5814.

# Sherbrooke 911 loses contracts to the Beauce

*'Technology won't be ready for two or three years,' says Hebert*

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

Townships' fire departments and officials aren't the only units feeling inconvenienced and burdened from the provincially imposed Risk Management Plan. Sherbrooke's 911 is dealing with loss of territory and work because of a lack of technology the Plan demands, and now send local emergency calls to Saint-Georges-de-Beauce.

For the past few months, individuals

in need of emergency assistance and living outside of the Sherbrooke area, like Waterville, are no longer calling Sherbrooke Marquette Street operators. Now, when residents of smaller municipalities bordering the City dial 9-1-1 they are communicating with non-profit CAUCA (Centrale d'appels d'urgence de Chaudiere-Appalaches), but according to involved officials, the new contract has brought nothing but positive results.

"They could be in Russia. It doesn't matter where the operators are," says

Waterville town manager Kimball Smith. "In the Coaticook MRC, with our Risk Plan it was required that we go up a level in our 911 service and Sherbrooke wasn't there yet."

He explains that one of the services that wasn't available with Sherbrooke is the way an operator, perfectly bilingual, can stay in communication with the emergency responders throughout the call.

Smith says it was not a question of satisfaction, and Coaticook's Fire and Safety project coordinator Sebastien Lajoie concurred.

"Sherbrooke did not have the technology that CAUCA has," he states. "When the call comes in CAUCA has, well will have once we provide them with it, all the information necessary. It

wasn't that we weren't happy with the (Sherbrooke) service, but we need to have to best service possible."

Each of Coaticook's municipalities is now under the CAUCA umbrella and Lajoie says things are going 'well', but according to Sherbrooke spokeswoman Guylaine Hebert Sherbrooke will have the newer system eventually.

"We are in the process of installing the new (technology) we need," she says. "We should have everything installed in two or three years. We allowed municipalities to break their contract so we could be ready."

She says that around the same number of calls as usual have been treated since Coaticook jumped 911 service, but numbers will not be confirmed until next year. The Sherbrooke service is managed by the City but Hebert could not say what kind of a financial impact fewer customers will mean.

Sherbrooke police spokesman Martin Carrier says aside from fewer calls making their way to his desk he doesn't see any other negative aspects.

However, Lajoie does have a thorn in his helmet, but it's not due to Sherbrooke or CAUCA. It has to do with the 911 service that Memphremagog holds a contract with.

"Magog is still with the 911 service in Levis," he said. "There are a few municipalities in Magog that we service and since Magog is with Levis it causes problems, but hopefully that will get remedied soon."

## Record Senior-ity

Even though she is over 80, Carol Sager Soule is always interested in young people, engaging in new activities and giving back to her community through volunteer work.

She was married to Stanley Soule for over 50 years until his untimely death two years ago. She has two sons, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, a sister, a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law.

Carol is an outstanding and very active person as you will see as you read the following:

After graduating from Bedford High School Carol was employed with the Bank of Montreal in Bedford. She left the bank for a few years to be with her two sons while they were growing up. Later on she was Secretary Treasurer for the Bedford School Board, then became truant officer for The District of Bedford Protestant Regional School Board. For several years she was an agent for Gilman's Real Estate Agency. Presently she works for Voyages Bedford organizing and taking groups on many trips- to date she has done approximately 60 trips. Needless to say these trips have become very popular to folks in the area and beyond.

Carol is an active member of The Stanbridge East United Church and holds several offices in the Bedford Pastoral Charge of the United Church.

She is the Treasurer for the Bedford Stanbridge East Educational Fund which lends money to students wishing to further their education. Carol is also Treasurer of The Old Mystic School House, is an active member of Yamaska Valley Canadian Club, and for the past five years has helped organize their "semi annual day trips".

She is a member of The Bedford Avante Women's Centre. She also was on the organizing committee for the four Bedford School Reunions in 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001.

She is an active member of the UEL (United Empire Loyalists). Carol and her late husband Stanley hosted three Soule Family Reunions which were held each year in different locations with relatives attending from across Canada and the United States.

Carol enjoys playing bridge, attending her grandson's hockey games and attending the monthly Coffee House in Stanbridge East.

As one can see Carol is a very active and busy person. Her motto is "Go While You Can". We wish her many more "Go While You Can" years.

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## Who gets what?

Those of us who follow politics closely are very aware of the two natures of the political exercise. For many, politics is merely a sport – a contest between two or more teams in which strategy, communication, and personality play the largest role. It's about spinning the message (if not actually creating it) so that it can be sold to as many voters as possible. It is also about demonizing the enemy, fear, misinformation and sometimes outright lies – whatever it takes – to emerge on the winning side. It's a brutal game and power is the prize.

There is another aspect to politics, however, one that has earned a negative image of late, but which nevertheless remains at the heart of political decision-making: ideology. This refers to the underlying core beliefs that serve as a framework for policy development. In recent columns, I have referred negatively to many current politicians and parties as "ideological," and in so doing, I may have given the impression that ideology is a bad thing. It isn't. Without ideological underpinnings, no organized politics is possible. It is, of course, also a natural focal point for those seeking to align themselves with others. Shared beliefs, shared vision – or at least that's the idea.

In politics, the crucial question is always "who gets what?" – how does a society divide its resources? How do we manage them? There is a wide range of answers to these questions.

The 20th Century was an arena in which three major ideological proposals battled it out, sometimes militarily and sometimes politically.

Ever since the Age of Enlightenment and the success of the American and French Revolutions, western Europe and its offspring have adopted varying forms of government based on "liberal democracy." Whether they be republics like the United States and France, or constitutional monarchies, like Great Britain, Holland or even Canada, these countries have chosen to govern themselves based on principles of universal suffrage, representative democracy, as well as individual and economic freedom and the rule of

law. It is important to remember that in this context "liberal" refers to "classical liberalism" which advocates personal and economic freedom from interference by government – in other words- free markets. It is the purest form of this kind of liberalism that modern North American "conservatives" currently advocate.

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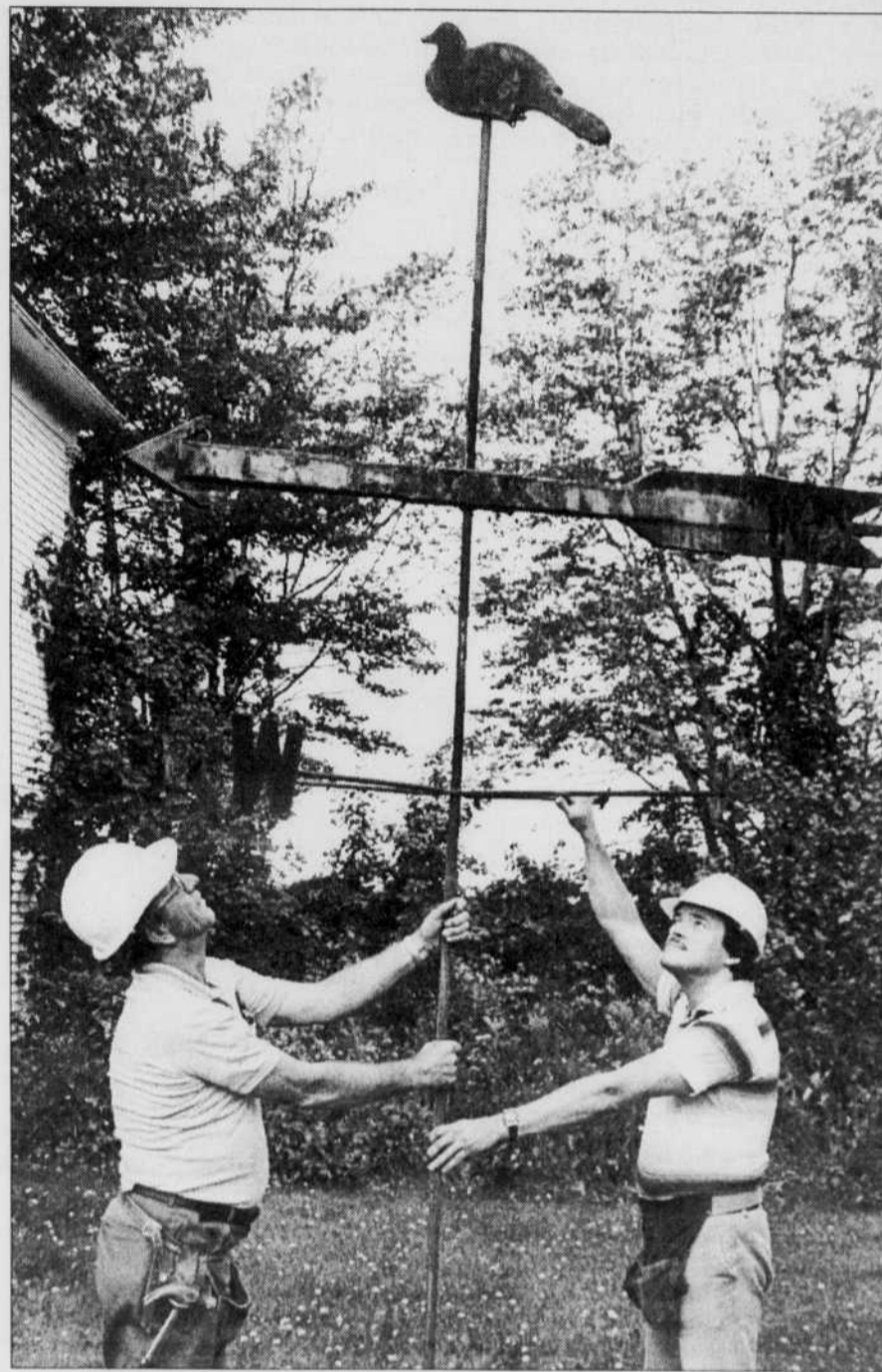
MIKE McDEVITT

This explains the -reaction of conservatives in the United States to President Obama's stimulus package. From their perspective, government bailouts, regulation, executive pay limits, etc. all represent the exact antithesis to what they believe in. With a faith reminiscent of religious fanaticism, any idea that the government should interfere in business and finance, is greeted as near-heresy. They cannot support the kind of initiatives now demanded without abandoning their faith. Somehow, these same people have no problem milking the public teat for themselves, as the recent craven begging of the auto industry has proven, but get downright apoplectic when it is suggested that maybe the poor deserve financial help as much as the rich. "Socialism", they scream.

Socialism represents another major ideological offspring of the enlightenment. Socialism believes that social ills are largely the product of class divisions based on an inadequate division of a society's wealth. Socialism does not see society as a collection of individuals alone, but rather as a whole, composed of individuals, but with a collective goal. Socialists tend to be distrustful of private property, particularly of large agglomerations of it, and some (failed) socialist experiments have tried to do without it entirely – obviously based on a total misunderstanding of human motivation. Modern social democracies, on the other hand, have retained a commitment to both a collective mission and individual freedom, while at the same time trying to assure that the society as a whole has a say in the management of social property and obtains some benefit from it.

Fascism, the third major 20th century ideological force, rejected the idea of individual liberty in favour of a

## Remember when?



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nationalist "state first" approach. Fascism also holds democracy in contempt for being "to soft" or "decadent". The goal of fascism is to preserve and protect the "nation" as represented by the "state". All individual concerns must be subsumed to this. Economically, fascists believe that private ownership of productive property is more efficient, but demands that industrial and commercial activity be driven by the needs and dictates of the state. The second world war more or less put the kaibosh to fascism's reputation, but it's impulses are deeply emotional and recurrent. Troubled times usually unleash them.

So, to get back to my point: The ideological rigidity of conservatives, particularly in the States, is admirable insofar as it goes. Core beliefs should not be abandoned for frivolous reasons. The problem here, however, is

that the ideological beliefs of these same conservatives have proven themselves to be bankrupt – they do not work. Being pathetically out of date is not a sin, at least that's what my kids tell me. Being deliberately blind, however might be. The very policies of deregulation and underenforcement of existing regulations has brought us to this brink. Left to their own devices, the "masters of the universe" bled the system dry, stole billions and are now crying in their beer. It's time to rein them in.

So, while I admire sincere and honest ideological commitment, I have no patience for those who refuse to see the obvious. Like the Inquisition of old, these cardinals of capitalism refuse to accept what is proven beyond a doubt and continue to cry "heresy" at anyone who does.

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# Interview with the video store guy

The prelude is almost always the same: the house-lights dim...faces focus on the big screen. The crowd searches for snacks without the benefit of sight - rustling and crunching begins, the slurp and swallow of soft drinks, "Glosette" raisins slide against cardboard, palm-bound. Late-comers stop, allow their eyes to adjust, find their seats, slinking silhouettes pass the screen discreetly. Trailers play, and NOW FOR YOUR FEATURE PRESENTATION...the spectators, settle in.



DISHPAN HANDS  
Sheila Quinn

While off-put by a tally of the expense of a night out, I still LOVE the movies. The first time was when I was five years of age. My Auntie Debbie brought me and my younger brothers to see Walt Disney's "The Aristocats". I was HOOKED! This was a perfectly beautiful temporary escape from everything. The closest thing to a fantasy world!

Following the Academy Awards' presentation this Sunday evening, the only avenue for Dishpan Hands involved a logical contact. Dom Messier, great friend and former "video store guy" in Lennoxville. Currently living in Toronto, Dom enthusiastically responded to the request for an interview. Dom is a Feature writer for [www.suite101.com](http://www.suite101.com), more specifically for Sci-Fi TV. A walking film and pop culture encyclopedia, Dom's brain is imbued with trivia, quotes, and other film-related varia.

I began with a question concerning his history of interest in film:

**(DH):** What is the story behind your interest in films - your own personal movie history? Where did this obsession begin?

**(DM):** "It began at a very early age, in my little home town of Bedford, in the mid-seventies. My two older brothers and I would make up movie nights, and would often catch film marathons running overnight. Little did my mom know, that we'd sneak out and watch these sci-fi classics ("War of the Worlds", "It Came from Outer Space", "Creature from the Black Lagoon") from dusk till dawn. I wasn't long before I discovered the local theatres and drive-ins (the one in St-Albans, VT, has a special place in my heart.). By the 80's, you can betcha I was a loyal video store customer, and proceeded to use up my allowance to watch a mountain of movies. My fondest childhood movie memory was watching Superman on television, with my brothers Dan and Pat. Can't watch that movie now without going back to that night. By now, about 2254 movies in, I can't seem to stop discovering new jewels on the store shelves."

**(DH):** Can you trace a rough timeline from those days to beginning your movie review job? Outline what you do - how did you get this opportunity, and what are the links to your work?

**(DM):** "Well, some Townshippers might remember a few radio shows I had in the 90's, on CJMQ Radio Bishop's. "Reel to Reel", "He Said/She Said" (with Jen Heale), and so on. I had managed to finesse myself some press access to the local theatres, in exchange for plugging their locale. This was pretty much where I started. Later, I did some film re-

views for the Sherbrooke Record for about a year (1997-98), and moved to Toronto where I now live with my wonderful wife (also a web writer), Naomi Szeben.

Gaining access to the media in Toronto is easier said than done. Only last year (after close to a decade in Toronto) did I find a home to write for, a Canadian Arts and Culture site called [www.Suite101.com](http://www.Suite101.com). Within a few weeks of starting to write for them, I was quickly promoted to Feature Writer, for

Sci-Fi TV. Mind you, I have many other themes I cover, so on a daily basis, I usually cover the gamut of genres. Interested readers can check it out at <http://www.suite101.com/profile.cfm/dommessier>."

**(DH):** Any ideas or suggestions for people interested in writing film reviews themselves?

**(DM):** "As to how writers can get into this field...that's a very loaded question. It's not so much what you know, as much as it is really who you know. At the risk of sounding clichéd, it's really all about networking. I started out with one contact with Warner Brothers made through a mutual friend, and by now I am finally in touch with every major studio (Universal, 20th Century Fox, Disney, MGM, Alliance, Paramount, Maple/Lionsgate, etc), where I get to screen pre-release movies and interview wonderful people. It's a demanding occupation, but in the end, the rewards outweigh the efforts."

I am usually busy screening away DVD after DVD on a daily basis, and so it's very much like trying new foods: some you'll go back to, others are downright pungent and bad. It's always recommended to have mobile means to watch said movies (portable mini DVD player, iPod Touch, whatever works), to maximize on the hours in the day."

**(DH):** What are your thoughts on the films of 2008?

**(DM):** "WALL-E was probably my favorite of the year; any film that manages this much emotion with so little dialogue, regardless of its format, is a gem. I wasn't that excited (or as much as others, anyway) about Slumdog Million-

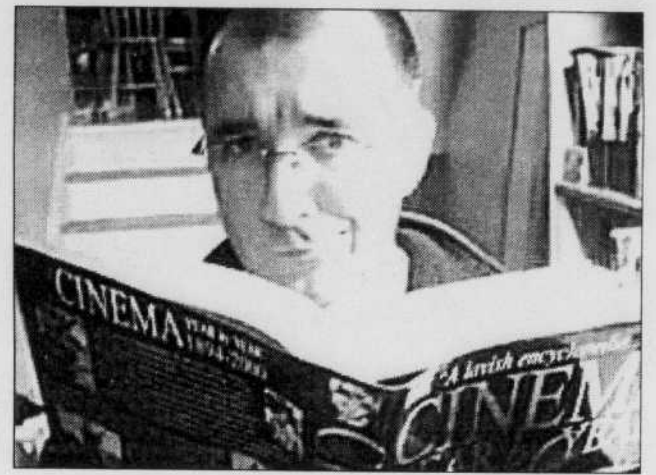
aire, and I can only say that I will never forget Heath Ledger's winning performance in The Dark Knight. There are myriad other names and titles to mention, but we'd turn The Record into an encyclopedia for the day!"

**(DH):** The films of 2009 - what are you looking forward to?

**(DM):** "I must ashamedly admit my tastes run towards the fantastic. Zack Snyder's live action version of Watchmen will knock it out of the ballpark. Fans of graphic novels will also love the X-Men Origins: Wolverine prequel, where we get to see how Logan (Hugh Jackman) got his "adamantium" skeleton and claws. We'll have to see if the new Star Trek remake is any good."

**(DH):** Any predictions on up and coming stars?

**(DM):** "Right off the bat, rest assured that we'll keep seeing the younger names coming back for an encore on a semi-annual basis. Robert Downey Jr will continue to thrill us in years to come. Evan Rachel Wood (from The Wrestler and Across the Universe) will also come into her own big time. Johnny Depp isn't a kid anymore, but like Downey he'll keep getting better and better...if that's even possible."



COURTESY DOM MESSIER

Dom Messier - Just Reeling

While watching a film in the comfort of your own home lends to the coziness of jammies, cheaper refreshments, and an oh-so convenient "pause" button, all this talk of movies has me pining for the big screen, the cinema routine. Having read the graphic novel, I too, look forward to the opening of "Watchmen", and a slew of movies awaiting launch in 2009.

One place I'm never afraid of the dark - munching on Glosettes, at the movies!

**Dishpan Hands Update:**

A few weeks ago I featured promising young filmmaker Ryan Knight in Dishpan Hands. Here's a link to a brand new video he directed - "Beautiful" by the group Brane. [www.ryanknight.ca/beautiful.mov](http://www.ryanknight.ca/beautiful.mov) Great work, Ryan!



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Seems like some people don't understand that a little dog can have as much spirit, energy and the same desire to love as a 'large dog'. Having had dogs of every size during my life. Bear was the largest, standing 5ft 4in on his rear legs, weighing 140 lbs. He was a bundle of energy, needing lots of running room as well as more exercise time than a tiny dog, yet he was as gentle and kind as a lamb.

My smallest dog a tiny Chihuahua could get a week's exercise running across the living room a few times, she had a ferocious personality. Gentle with family, but God help those who entered uninvited. To me, size does not really make a difference in what makes a good dog, deciding what size dog to get depends on how much time, energy and how much room you have to exercise your companion.

If you live in an apartment, work 9 to 5 and want a dog, or if you are like me not able to run outside in all kinds of weather to exercise your companion, you might find great happiness adopting a toy breed. Maggie May will only be about eight pounds when fully grown, but she will give no less love or loyalty than a 108 lb. dog. Don't let size fool you.

By Anna May Kinney



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New pets will be featured each Wednesday. If your pet has already been featured, but has a new story to tell, or a funny new picture to show off send it in to us. This section is proudly sponsored by Blue Seal-The Animal Nutrition Centre.

## Honey the ball player



This is Honey, our 10-year-old baby who still loves to play ball and hide and seek.

George and Beth Hartwell

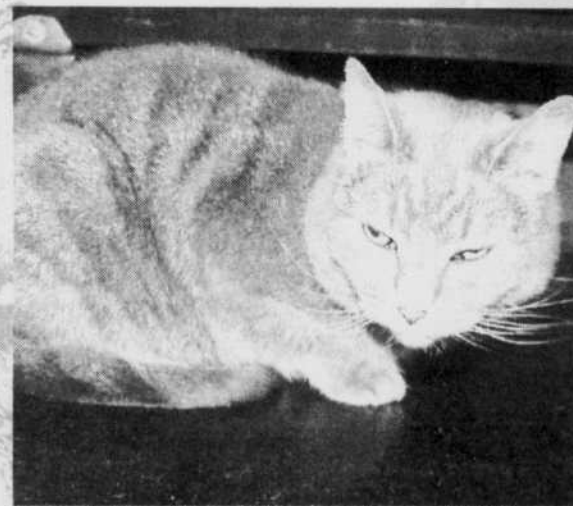
## Fate brought Toby



Finally, after waiting two years to adopt a Westie we discovered Toby. Toby was the last one in the litter available when we called the owner. Fate must have intervened. Our beautiful, lovable Westie turned four-months-old on February 1st. We are overjoyed.

-Gloria and George

## Sadie loves the fireplace



I am 4-years-old and live on a farm with Mike and Elsie. I have lived with them for about three years. I used to live with Jamie Coles, but after her tragic accident I had to find a new home and I did with the Harbinsons in Eaton. I have a best friend Zoey that also lives here. I am treated like one of the family. My favourite place to sleep is under the wood cookstove where I stay toasty warm.

## Bella and Danika

I'm Bella, a three-month-old Basset Hound, and I live in Sawyerville with my owner Danika. I love going out for walks and I really like going to the skating rink. I make new friends when we go. Everyone always wants to play with me and pat me and I love it.



## Just call me Pep

I'm Pepper but everyone calls me Pep. I am small, only five pounds but you certainly know that I am around. I love to play ball, my master has taught me to ring the bell outside, and to wipe my feet when I come into the house. I

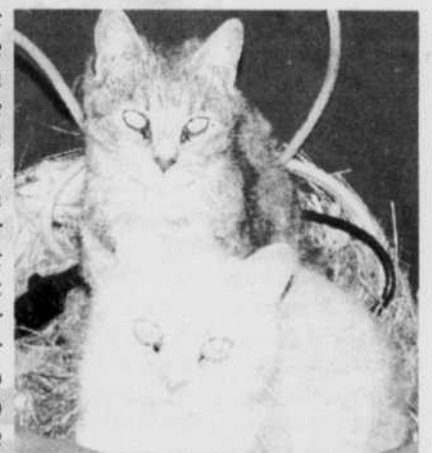


am really smart, that's what everyone says. I am usually very well behaved and listen to my master most of the time. But my master says that I can be a very busy girl. I love to play with my toys and to sleep in the most unusual place. I love to cuddle up with my master and also to drive Ted crazy with my squeak toys. He just takes the toys away, but that is ok because I can always find something else to do. I also love to have company; everyone is welcome to visit and hold me and I kiss them all. Douglas bought me to keep my owner Lydia (his grandmother) company. I think he made a good choice with me, because I sure do love her and she loves me a whole bunch. She always says I was the best present ever.

-Colleen Davis

## Mic and Mac in the barn

Our names are Mic and Mac and we live on a farm in Eaton Corner. We live in the barn with our sheep, donkey and llama friends. Our owner has a big plastic garbage can that he throws his baler twine and it is our favourite place to sleep. We curl up together because we are best friends. It's a busy barn lately since we are having lambs so it makes our days very interesting.



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## African Night at Project Underground

By Corrinna Pole  
SHERBROOKE

February is Black History Month and the Lennoxville Youth Center (LYC), Project Underground, will be commemorating with an evening celebrating African food, culture and life, according to animator Stephanie Beaudoin.

The event, called African Night, will feature a half an hour interactive conference by the Actions interculturelles de développement et d'éducation about community involvement and the contribution of important black personalities to our society.

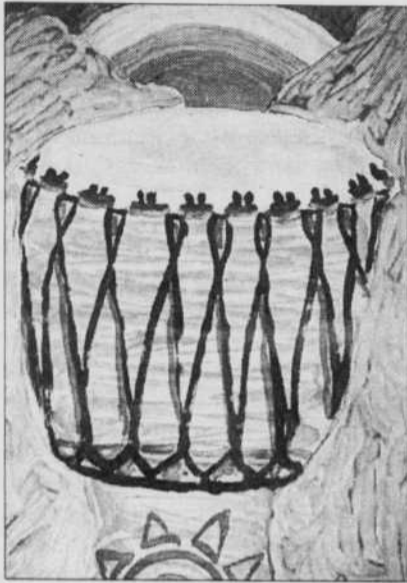
One LYC member, who moved to Canada a few months ago from his native Congo, will also be contributing to the evening by reading a poem.

"The first time I met him was about eight months ago when I was visiting the schools," said Beaudoin. "He's very excited and he's

a very generous person too. He loved talking about his culture and loves learning about Canada and comparing the differences between the cultures but always in a positive way."

Continuing with the centre's 5/30 health challenge which began earlier this month, dance instructor Kéméahalo Bidjaki Abalo, accompanied by musicians will host a course of traditional dance. Lastly, a sampling of African cuisine will be provide by Kilimandjaro Restaurant Exotique.

The free African Night is open to youth ages 12 to 17 and takes place Thursday February 26th at 7 p.m. at the Lennoxville Youth Centre at 168-B Queen Street. For information call 819-821-4805.



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Celebrating Africa at Project Underground.

## Open door launches latest show

By Corrinna Pole  
STANSTEAD

The cast of Open Door Productions made its first premier last Friday with its Winter Meltdown launch party. Held at the Beebe Community centre the actors presented a cabaret woven around local history beginning with the story of Seba Beebe, Stanstead's past as a boomtown and the great fire of 1915.

"One of my greatest joys is bringing people together in common purpose," said director Christopher Freeman. "Watching an audience's appreciation reflected in the efforts of all those involved. This is where seeds planted in the community grow."

The night not only featured the talents of the Townships cast, which included Mack Boomhower, Jessica Bourque, Charles Lavoie, Tanya Mathers, Heather Nangreaves, Mike Nangreaves, Amy Rediker and Matthew Sparks, but helped to raise money for local community program PACE.

The centre for the non-profit program, which sees children under the age of five adequately socialized through a variety of activities, burnt down follow-

ing a theft and subsequent fire earlier this winter.

The cast of Open Door Productions was touched by the effect of PACE on the community. After a project called "Save the World", in which the participant proposed an action that would help to improve the world in various ways, they choose to raise funds to replace equipment and supplies the program lost in the fire. By the end of the evening they were able to raise over \$200 through donations and a raffle.

"We had a small turn out but every one was very generous," said Mathers. "We were overwhelmed with the amount of donations and community support and very grateful to those who participated in making the evening a success."

The eight aspiring actors of Open Door Productions are participants of the Theatre Townships - Stanstead project under the direction

of Freeman and Mary Harvey. Carried out by Townshippers Association and funded in part by Service Canada, the intensive theatre program helps them experience personal transformations, learn invaluable skills, gain confidence, and connect with their community.



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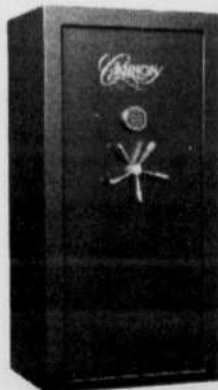
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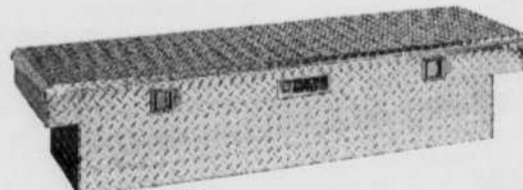
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## Gaiters women's basketball start playoff run

Zachary-Cy Vanasse  
LENNOXVILLE

“It's going to come down to who wants it more,” says the Bishop's Gaiters' Amanda Piribauer, AP to Gaiters fans, of tonight's QUBL semi-final playoff game against the UQAM Citadins.

The Gaiters are expecting things to get rough and scrappy against the Citadins and it's going to take a full 40 minute effort from Bishop's if they want to get by the third place Citadins. Don't look for much finesse between these two teams either, as senior Laure Pitfield puts it, “It's not as much strategy either, really it's about who shows up.” Recalling the first time the Citadins ever beat Bishop's she says simply, “They never give up, it's always like that, even 20 points down they always come at you.”

That means no rest for head coach Alex Perno's Gaiters, something that plays into the mind of Pitfield, who has battled knee injuries for the past two seasons.

“If I can get on the floor even to give some of these girls a few minutes to rest that'll be valuable right now.”

She has been trying to rehab her injury, which she knows will require off-season surgery. She also hopes that her knee can hold up for something of a playoff run for the Gaiters. Pitfield blew her knee a week before the final game of the season and hasn't played since, but has decided it's time to play through the pain.

“It's my last year you know, I know I'll need surgery, so it might as well be good surgery,” she says with a laugh. “I don't know if I will play, I don't know if I can play, but it's my final year you know, what else am I going to do?”

While the Gaiters know that the Citadins bring a no-quit approach to the game, it's obvious from Pitfield's attitude and the way Bishop's closed out their final “meaningless” game of the season against Concordia with a win, that they don't exactly believe in quitting either.

That attitude comes from the top. Coach Alex Perno is a highly-competitive individual and he has his squad in the same mental fighting state at all times.

“We wanted it, there was no talk of being

already in and taking a night off,” said Piribauer of the final game against Concordia. “Especially with Alex (Perno),” added Pitfield. “He wants to win at everything, that's his goal in life to be the best at everything. He wants to be the best, he wants to win.”

These Gaiters do legitimately have a chance of being the best in Quebec, if not Canada. While Bishop's takes on UQAM tonight in their semi-final, Concordia and Laval will be going head-to-head in Quebec City in the QUBL's other semi-final game, and the outcome of that one is definitely not set in stone.

Laval took three of four games from Concordia during regular season play, though the two most recent games in January saw the Stingers beat the Rouge et Or in overtime in one game while the Stingers lost 73-22 during their last encounter, all indications that anyone could come out of Quebec City with a win and a trip to the QUBL finals.

Meanwhile, the Gaiters and Citadins split their regular season games with two wins and two losses apiece, though Bishop's home-court advantage, which they earned in beating the Stingers on the second to last game of the season, may give Bishop's an advantage, as the home team has won every encounter between these two teams.

This is why the Gaiters are looking for the fans to come out in full force for this evening's game.

“I hope so,” said Pitfield when asked if she thought a good crowd would show up to back them, mentioning that a Facebook group had been created in hopes of generating a buzz both at the school and in the community for the game.

The Mitchell Gymnasium can be one of the best gyms to play in right across Canada when the atmosphere is right, and the women's team is hoping the kind of turn-out that is commonplace for the men's games will transfer over to their team now that they are the only ones left playing serious hoops.

Ask any visiting player which gymnasium left the biggest influence on them over the course of the season and the answer will invariably be Bishop's. In fact, there are very few experiences in Canadian University basketball quite like the Bishop's Gymnasium when the crowd is packed in and ready to go for a little Purple and White hard court action.

The second-place Gaiters are arguably the best team on campus this year, unfortunately the crowd support they get is marginal compared to that behind the men's team, who finished in fifth place in the league and missed the playoffs.

Besides being perhaps the best team on campus, this Gaiters squad may also be one of the most likeable. No team seems to get along better, work as a team better, or have faith in themselves more than this women's basketball team.

They are lead by a true team and community leader in captain Pitfield, a Sylvia Sweeney Award nominee for the QUBL this season for demonstrating a commitment to community and basketball, while all-stars like Katy Germain and Jessy Roy are some of the best playing on the Quebec scene today. They are an unselfish bunch, sharing credit all the time, a philosophy that starts with Perno and lives amongst his squad.

If the fans do show-up in the full force this team deserves, they will unquestionably be treated to some great basketball in a hard-fought contest. “It's going to be a good game,” promises AP.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the Mitchell Gymnasium on Bishop's University campus.



ZACHARY-CY VANASSE

Coach Perno prepares his team for tonight's game against UQAM.


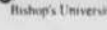



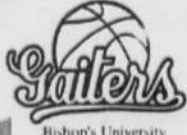
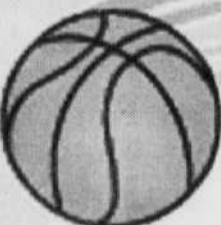
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## News from Ayer's Cliff Lodges

On December 13/08 the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows of Ayer's Cliff held their Annual Christmas party. This was an extra special time as it was also the Official Visitation of our Grand-Master and President. Nancy Barton, President, and Harold Willey, representing the Grand Master, John Green, were on hand.

Evelyn Keeble, co-ordinator, welcomed everyone, thanked all for participating, and introduced the Noble Grand of Fidelity, June Bolton; and Noble Grand of Alexandra #59, David Tear. They greeted everyone and thanked Evelyn for her hard work. Lloyd Smith, D.D. Marshal, then introduced D.D.P. Barbara Smith; and Assembly Marshal, Thomas Barton. Thomas introduced the President, Nancy, who extended "the Greetings", and spoke briefly. Lloyd then presented D.D.G.M. Tom, who in turn introduced D.G.M. Harold Willey, who extended "the Greetings" on behalf of Grand Lodge. Grand Warden, Ernestine Whipple was also introduced and welcomed. Lloyd then presented the Appointive Officers of all branches.

The children were entertained with the fish pond, and happy with their catch. The games tables were loaded with all sorts of things and all placed their name below the prize they hoped to win. Leonard Wilson sang some songs and we all enjoyed them. After awhile it was time for the man in the red suit. What a delight to see the kids and older ones sit on Santa's knee! Pictures were taken.



Ayer's Cliff Joint Rebekah - Odd Fellow Christmas Party

### Card of Thanks

**COLEMAN** - I wish to express my sincere thanks to my family and friends for their visits, cards, phone calls and gifts during my 5 week stay at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke. I want to especially thank the H.D.H. staff for the excellent care I received during my hospitalization. From the Emergency Room to I.C.U. to Medicine 5 and 6, the care I received was outstanding. Heartfelt thanks to Physiotherapist M. Trudel for helping me to regain my strength and the confidence to walk and to take care of myself again. Thank you also to the Paramedics for their care and promptness on New Year's Day.

May God bless all of you.  
MURDNA COLEMAN

After all this, it was time to sit and eat the delicious meal prepared for us by Richard. Many thanks to him and his helpers. Birthdays for Dec., Jan., Feb., and Mar. were mentioned and the lovely cake was cut.

Winners of the prizes were: turkey, Susy Goddard; plum pudding, Linda Landry. Profit goes to various projects in the area.

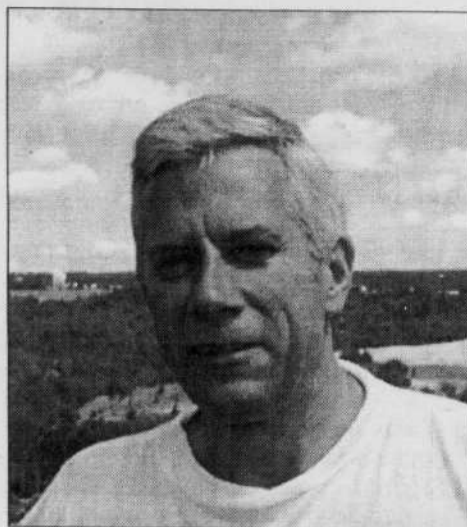
Prizes were won by - grocery box, J.P. Houle; Donnie Dumond, grocery box; wreath, Barbara Smith; and wreath, Maggie Gauthier. The party was over and Season's Greetings were exchanged.

Christmas Cheer was given to our shut-ins. Donations were made to food boxes gathered by the church.

There are many benefactors in the area and these donations are annual, with special requests often given too.

Submitted by  
Ernestine Whipple

### Death



**BRUHMULLER, Andrew Charles Brandon** - Passed away after a courageous battle with Cancer at the C.S.S.S. Memphremagog on Friday, February 20, 2009, at the age of 59. Loving husband of Barbara Heath and cherished brother of: Frank (Diane) and Marjorie (Jim). Andrew will also be sadly missed by his sister-in-law Betty and brother-in-law Brian, and will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews: Billy, Ben, Emily, Darla, Dena, Jamie, Darcy, Stephanie, and Chantal, as well as other relatives and many close friends. He was predeceased by his parents John and Jean Bruhmuller. The service will be held in Centenary United Church in Stanstead on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Catherine Smith officiating. Donations made to the Memphremagog Hospital Foundation, 50 St-Patrice Est., Magog, Qc. J1X 3X3 would be greatly appreciated. The family wishes to express their most sincere appreciation to the staff of the 2nd floor of the C.S.S.S. Memphremagog for the kind and loving care given to Andy and Barb. La famille désire remercier sincèrement le personnel du 2e étage au C.S.S.S. Memphremagog pour les soins prodigués avec tendresse envers Andy et Barb. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead, Qc. JOB3E0 819-876-5213 /www.casshomes.ca

### Death



**TRACY, Marina (nee Fraser)** - Peacefully at the Grace Christian Home on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the age of 74 after a four-year battle with cancer and Alzheimer's disease. Beloved wife of 53 years to Dick Tracy and loving mother of Pat (Sean Callahan), Rick (Jennifer Warren), David (Teresa Kielczewski), Bruce (Sian Morgan), Joanne (Bryan Caruthers) and her beloved dog, Toonie. Cherished grandmother to Angela, Liam, Delaney, Benjamin, Matthieu, Lyanne, Sarah, Katie, Xavier, Zosia, Rhys, Tyler, Natania and Siobhan. Beloved oldest sister to June, John, Malcolm, Winston, Marilyn, Stevens, Warren, Karen, Diane, David and Jim and sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and cousin to many. Marina was a friend to all in the Lennoxville community and beyond in her volunteer work with the Lennoxville and District Girl Guides, the ACW (Anglican Church Women) and UCW (United Church Women), Lennoxville Community Aid, Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Society and much more. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends. Visitation at St. George's Church, 84 Queen Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) on Friday, February 27 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm and Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 1 to 2 pm. Celebration of Marina's life at a memorial service on Saturday, February 28, 2009 also at St. George's Church at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marina's memory may be made to the Dr. W. J. Klinck Foundation, 1501 Campbell Avenue, Sherbrooke, QC, J1M 0C1 or through www.klinckfoundation.ca.

### In Memoriam

**MACRAE** - In loving memory of my dear parents, David and Ethel. Mom passed away on February 25, 1988 and Dad, April 9, 1983.  
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Silent thoughts of time together  
Hold memories that will last forever.  
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(daughter)

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# You are trapped with an abusive wife

**Dear Annie:** I love my wife of 30 years, but I've had it. For 10 years, I had a great job in which I was well respected and well paid. Under pressure at home to bring in more money, I took a promising position at a startup company. Six months later, I was sacked. Since then, I've had to jump on any opportunity that came my way. I've had seven jobs in nine years and things have been financially tough. I have made some job mistakes, but still, we're almost back to where we were nine years ago.

However, whenever any difficulty occurs, my wife rubs it in my face. I try to be a devoted husband. I am the prime breadwinner and still do more than half the cooking, cleaning and chores. Until recently, I was active in church and local community organizations. We have three wonderful children who have excelled academically.

I rarely buy anything for myself, yet if I spend any money at all, I get a screaming apoplectic display from my wife. She is taking back my birthday gifts because "we need the money." Meanwhile, we seem to have the funds for her to travel (without me) and refresh her wardrobe

each season.

Many of these arguments occur when my wife has been drinking. She sometimes hits me and says things that aren't easily forgotten. We don't have much of a romantic life, either. It's difficult to be a good lover after being scolded.

I don't believe in divorce, but if I had any way to leave the marriage and make sure she's financially fixed, I would. I suspect I am clinically depressed and fear I might lose control one of these days. What do I do? — No Name Please

**Dear No Name:** You are trapped with an abusive wife and recognize how close you are to reacting violently. Talk to a lawyer about a legal separation, which will enable you to provide financially for your wife while living apart. Then get some counseling, with or without her, and contact Al-Anon ([al-anon.alateen.org](http://al-anon.alateen.org)) at 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666).

**Dear Annie:** I've been friends with "Robert" for seven years. Recently, he has started giving me unsolicited (and unwanted) advice about my life. He

## Annie's Mailbox

makes suggestions about my relationships, how I dress,

what I eat and even tells me how to treat my family. I've asked him to stop, but he persists.

Is there any way I can get him to mind his own business without destroying our friendship? — Confused in New Hampshire

**Dear Confused:** After seven years, Robert feels proprietary toward you and thinks that gives him the right to dictate your behavior. You need to create some distance — don't see him as often, don't confide in him as much — so he is no longer close enough to be overbearing. If he still won't stop, we're afraid the friendship is over.

**Dear Annie:** I am consistently amazed at the number of women whose lives are apparently shattered because their husband/fiance/boyfriend had an affair.

I lived for many years in Europe and Latin America and have always been impressed with the mature and tolerant attitude of the women there toward this "congenital" flaw in the male psyche.

Blatant promiscuity is inexcusable, but a discreet relationship is never cause to destroy either a marriage or the wife's entire life, as happens in this country. Are American women so incredibly fragile that their lives simply fly to pieces when hubby flirts with some woman in a bar?

In case you have ever wondered, this is the reason so many American males marry foreign women when given the opportunity. — Danny in the South

**Dear Danny:** It doesn't surprise us that you find those attitudes "mature and tolerant." Some women want only the status of marriage and others want only the perks of an affair. But most American women expect their men to be grown up and responsible, which some men resent. Boys with attitudes like yours prefer women who demand nothing.

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

## 93rd Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to  
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## Happy Birthday



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## Happy Birthday Greetings



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JOSE VARGAS,  
of Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, and our daughter,  
JO-ANN VARGAS  
also of Edmonton. Very best wishes for a happy birthday on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
We wish you both good health and much happiness always.

*With lots of love  
Dad, Mom and all the family  
xxoo*

## Hatley Centre Q.W.I.

Members of the Hatley Centre Branch of Q.W.I. met at the Community Centre, North Hatley on February 3 at 1.30 p.m. for the annual meeting.

President, Margaret Belec, chaired and the Collect was said. The roll call was answered with the payment of dues.

As we did not have a meeting in January, the minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

Thank you notes were read, also verbal messages had been received from Christmas cheer recipients.

The North Hatley Elementary School held their usual Christmas dinner and a donation was sent to them in December.

The treasurer, Helen Johnston, gave the monthly balance, followed by the year end audited balance. This statement was moved accepted.

The committee chairs had forwarded their annual reports.

Margaret thanked the members for their continued support.

The Officers and Committee Chairs will stay the same for coming year.

The Community Centre meeting and the Services for Seniors meeting had been attended by Janet. Volunteers are always needed and are welcome to help with Meals on Wheels.

A letter from Q.W.I. President, Joan Griffith, was read reminding us to support Convention and to raise funds for the 100th Anniversary of Q.W.I.

The draw was won by Janet.

We will host the County meeting in March.

Following adjournment, we worked on compiling the year's program while enjoying tea and a snack.

*Submitted by  
Janet McLellan*

Run in papers of Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009

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by Luis Campos

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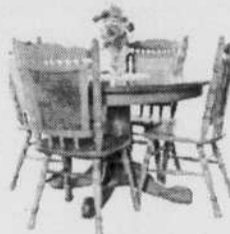
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# Your Birthday

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In order to achieve gains and rewards in the year ahead, a lot of tenacity and imagination may be called for. If you would rather wilt on the vine, so be it. But if you draw upon your will to win, you will win.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you encounter severe opposition, don't get your back up and attempt to buck it head-on. If you use your head and leave some wiggle room, things will work to your advantage.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Instead of doing something the same old, difficult way, look for a more creative method to accomplish your purposes. Try taking the path of least resistance.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Don't let a pleasurable distraction take your mind off a more serious issue that needs to be addressed. Once accomplished, you can relax and enjoy fun things.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — If you want something badly enough, you must be ready to battle for it. You'll be successful if you're prepared to pull out all the stops in order to achieve your goal.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — It's important to think before you speak, especially when talking to someone about a subject that could be touchy if not addressed properly. A thoughtless remark could make things worse.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — An important project or endeavor might require many

more resources than you have allocated. To be on the safe side, have a backup source prepared to put up what is needed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A long-running personal issue might rear its ugly head again. Deal with it once and for all so that you can finally get onto a happy life.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A responsibility that has been collectively shared might be dumped solely into your lap. Now that you don't have to wait on others, you can deal with it once and for all. Do so immediately, and be set free.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although your views might oppose those of some friends, there is no reason to act in disharmony. It might require you to outwardly modify your stance, but the ensuing peace will be worth it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are a bit imaginative, a way can be found to get something you want without looking selfish and greedy. Think in terms of "we," and the others will end up promoting your position.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Circumstances might once again set up in a manner that could make you look selfish, so handle it wisely. Take advantage of what you've learned from similar past unpleasant experiences.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A financial arrangement may have more flaws than first suspected, but early signals point to the fact that it has more potential than you thought. Sort them out, and use your smarts.

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# The one chance for each side

By Phillip Alder

On many deals, if the defense or the declarer makes the right play, the contract will be defeated or made. A fair chunk of the time, though, one side or the other — and sometimes both — must guess what to do. In this deal, there is a right play and a correct defense. If East slips, four spades will make. But if East defends perfectly, the contract might fail.

Against four spades, West leads the heart king, East signaling enthusiastically with his 10. West continues hearts, the defenders taking the first three tricks in the suit. Then they exit passively with a diamond to dummy's ace. What should happen now?

In the auction, I think North should rebid a forcing three spades, but traditionally it is only game-invitational with three-card support. Discuss this with your partner.

South must play the trump suit without loss, which seems to require finding West with exactly king-doubleton. So, declarer plays a club to his ace, then leads a low spade to dummy's jack.

If East unimaginatively follows suit with the five, South will have no choice but to cash dummy's ace, with gratifying results from his point of view. But if

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

East has been there before, he will false-card with the spade 9 or 10 under dummy's jack. This will give declarer something to think about: Did East begin with the doubleton 10-9 of spades? If so, South can make the contract by returning to his hand with a club and leading the spade queen from his hand to pin East's remaining spade. And as you can see, if declarer does that, he goes down, East taking a spade trick.

# CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Tessie or Milo
- 6 Tidal flows
- 10 Sphere starter?
- 14 Tunes up for a bout
- 15 Corduroy rib
- 16 Horse shade
- 17 Accordion
- 19 Joule fractions
- 20 \_\_\_ longa, vita brevis
- 21 Dunkable treat
- 22 French floor
- 23 Imperfection
- 26 Broadway moneymaker
- 28 Czech Republic region
- 31 Balanced conditions
- 32 1977-79 Broncos' nickname

- 35 Wall upright
- 36 Moon car, briefly
- 37 Sailor's shout
- 41 Crash protection space
- 45 Greek letters
- 49 Wise king
- 50 Whiskey ingredient
- 53 Contribute
- 54 Beige shades
- 55 Baseball's Berra
- 57 Weep
- 60 Fight stoppers
- 61 When push comes to shove
- 64 9th month
- 65 Actress Sorvino
- 66 "Bellefleur" writer
- 67 Unfledged bird

- 29 Table scrap
- 30 Rights grp.
- 33 Dream sleep
- 34 Pitch callers
- 37 Black Sea arm
- 38 Residence location
- 39 Lennon's widow
- 40 Longing
- 41 Pushrod pushers
- 42 Mandela's nat.
- 43 Clear thinking
- 44 Lilly or Wallach

- 45 Pestilent fly
- 46 Game on ice
- 47 Satellite of Jupiter
- 48 Depends on
- 51 Aleppo's land
- 52 Noon and midnight, e.g.
- 56 Tiny insect pest
- 58 Foreboding sign
- 59 Outdo
- 61 905
- 62 Sweltering
- 63 Black goo

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Greek peak
- 2 Roman acronym
- 3 Soccer mom in Munich?
- 4 Afore
- 5 Peer Gynt's mother
- 6 Bedside pitcher
- 7 Infants
- 8 Put forth flowers
- 9 Male or female
- 10 Singer Franklin
- 11 Synagogue scrolls
- 12 Actress Smith
- 13 Beginnings
- 18 Yikes!
- 22 Book after Neh.
- 24 Touch down
- 25 Part of GPA
- 27 Numbskull
- 28 Nov. and Dec.

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By Annabel Michaels  
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# Do you have a hearing problem?

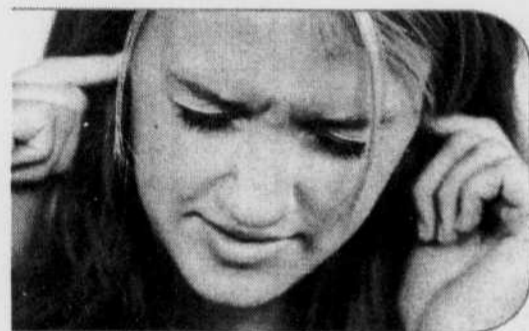


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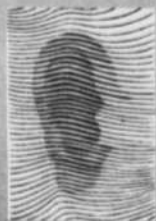


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