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Wilda Descolline holds her 13-month-old nephew, Dolph, who is severely malnourished. Dolph is being raised by his aunt. After a one-week stay at St. Boniface Hospital, he went from about 9½ pounds to about 11½ pounds.

A daily struggle to SURVIVE

A four-part series by KAREN ESCHBACHER & photos by GARY HIGGINS / THE PATRIOT LEDGER

South Shore volunteers help bring food, water to poor region of Haiti where many fight starvation

FOND DES BLANCS, Haiti

Veronise Denorvil rose in the dark and rustled her 14-month-old son from his dreams.

It was 2:30 in the morning. The moon and stars offered the only traces of light as Denorvil started walking, her son cradled in her

arms.

She walked for six hours. At the end of her journey, she knew food would be waiting.

"It's here I always come," Denorvil said in Creole as she sat on a folding chair in a large room adjacent to St. Boniface Hospital, her son, Dekay Jr. Jaque, propped up in her lap.

It is Tuesday morning, and Denorvil is among some 35

parents who have traveled for hours so their sons and daughters can be at a children's nutrition clinic run by the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, a South Shore group that provides medical care and humanitarian aid to a rural region in southwest Haiti.

Each child is weighed, and the child's blood pressure and

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Police seek to charge beer buyers, party hosts

By RICK COLLINS and CASEY ROSS

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SCITUATE — Police are seeking to charge five men in connection with underage drinking parties that contributed to two car crashes that killed three teenage girls last month.

Three Scituate men would be charged under the state's Social Host Responsibility Law, which makes those who allow minors to drink at their homes responsible for guests who leave drunk and hurt themselves or others.

"We intend to hold those people accountable under that law," said Scituate police Detective Lt. Michael Stewart, who has led his department's investigation.

Two men from Hanover and Braintree also face charges of giving alcohol to minors, police said.

The charges come after a five-week investigation by police who interviewed families and witnesses still mourning the loss of their daughters and close friends.

"It's a lousy thing to have to do," Stewart said.

Police have applied for criminal complaints against four of the men in Hingham District Court and against the fifth in Quincy District Court. Clerk magistrates will hold separate hearings for the men later this month to determine whether to issue the charges.

The charges are being sought in connection with two fatal crashes that occurred two weeks apart.

On Aug. 6, Shannon Dwyer, 19, of Scituate was killed when her car veered off Hollett Street and hit trees. Police said Dwyer had been drinking at two parties in Scituate. Two men from Scituate are accused of hosting the parties and a Hanover man is charged with supplying the liquor.



Dwyer



Carriere



Desmond

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New Fore River Bridge set to open tomorrow

By JEFFREY WHITE

The Patriot Ledger

WEYMOUTH — Travel begins tomorrow on the new, temporary Fore River Bridge between Quincy and Weymouth, state highway officials said.

The southbound lanes running to Bridge Street in Weymouth will open first; the northbound lanes are still about eight weeks away from completion, officials said.

The state Highway Department, which is in charge of the project, will begin diverting traffic onto the span at about 3:30 p.m. Northbound traffic will continue using the existing Fore River Bridge.

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for the Highway Department, said the decision to open the temporary bridge, which has taken more



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Officials say the temporary Fore River Bridge will open tomorrow.

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Hurricane, coming winter make twin weather worries

By DAN DeLEO

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QUINCY — After a soggy summer that spoiled vacations from New Hampshire to Provincetown, New Englanders are facing yet another round of troubling weather news.

A powerful hurricane is swirling in the Atlantic, causing locals with water views to begin wondering if this is the year their luck runs out.

And then there is that "Old Farmer's Almanac" — which made

disturbingly accurate weather predictions last year — and its forecast of an early, colder-than-average winter.

It is enough to make a New Englander wonder if this might finally be the year to flee for milder climes.

"The winters have been so cold here, I've been thinking about moving to Alaska," joked Quincy resident Michael Berry, an electrician who moved to Boston with his fam-

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John Brennan dismantles the deck outside his home on Cedar Point in Scituate yesterday as he prepares for Hurricane Isabel.

A tame Isabel expected to brush New England

Patriot Ledger staff and news services

Forecasters expect Hurricane Isabel to continue to weaken as it approaches New England, but Massachusetts emergency management officials and coastal residents aren't taking any chances.

The latest update from National Hurricane Center predicts the hurricane will strike well to the south late Thursday or early Friday along the mid-Atlantic coast, probably in North Carolina or Virginia.

Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, said his agency was preparing to contact cities and towns to make sure they're ready in case the storm makes a sudden right turn — "just to ensure that everybody's making their preparations . . . they've got their ducks in a row," he said.

Patriot Ledger Meteorologist Rob Gilman says Isabel is expected

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