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The Stanstead community plays ball!



PHELPS HELPS

By Phelps Helps

It was a dark and stormy Friday evening for the first round of the Phelps Helps annual soft-ball tournament this past weekend. The Phelps team, being the optimists

that we are, began set-up regardless, lugging our coolers into the canteen at Beebe Memorial Park and loading the fridge with soft drinks, hot dogs, and beer. The freezer was packed with hamburgers and Freezies. The tables were loaded with buns, condiments,

and chips. Tents were assembled, the BBQ hauled into place, a speaker set-up for music, and garbage and recycling bins placed strategically about the park. Out in the baseball diamond, the team raked the field and laid down the lines. When the first teams arrived to

play at 5pm, we were ready to play ball! That night we succeeded in playing two out of the five scheduled games before the rain set in, the last game ending on a muddy field. Not bad

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CLOUDY

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LOW 8

As the suds turn...



LINDA KNIGHT SECCASPINA

It appears that in the 'prehistoric days', as my kids call it, many of the women used to wash their clothes in the river. The clothes were carried down in wicker clothes baskets and then were put into a shallow natural basin near the shore. There was a current of water over this basin and the dirty wash water was thus carried away.

The reason that the river was used for washing, instead of the backyard at home, was chiefly because of the cost of water. Water cost 12 cents per barrel and most people in that era were poor, and kept the bought water as far as possible for drinking. Every house in those days had its rain water barrels and the rain water was used for all purposes except drinking.

There was no particular day that officially was called wash-day and the ladies went to the river with their household washings when it suited them best. Perhaps another reason the ladies went to the river to do their washing was the opportunity it gave them to meet the neighbours and hear all the latest neighbourhood gossip.

The women used to claim that clothes washed in the local river were cleaner than those washed at home, because of the unlimited amount of rinsing water available. Three, four or five women would wash at the one place side by side, and the washing process was made less onerous because of the talk that could be indulged in as the washing went on.

On the Pyke River about a mile northwest of Frelighsburg in the Eastern Townships lies a small village that was once called LaGrange (Hunter's Mills). Isaac LaGrange made his way up from the United States in 1790 and bought three lots, built a house north of the bridge, and soon

after a sawmill. Colonel Phillip Luke also bought lots in LaGrange and then opened a store and also a popular ashery that was known throughout the area. I had never heard of an ashery before but much of the bread in those days was procured by making ashes and also hardwood ashes were converted into lye, potash, or pearl ash. Lye was produced by soaking ashes in hot water which could then be mixed with fats to produce soft soap.

Many settlers sold their ashes to those engaged in the manufacture of pot and ash and some even supported their families almost entirely in this way. When I read about the trials and tribulations of the LeGrange ashery all I could think of was my Grandmother and her giant ash pile. One could say she never supported anyone with it, but she certainly got her money's worth from that pile of ashes.

My Grandmother swore by her woodstove and would empty the ashes out every few days on her treasured outdoor ash pile. Who knows what went on with that pile of ashes that sat near the top of the garden but she took care of that thing like it was a goldmine. Sometimes she even threw remnants of decaying fruit on it in the summer which resulted in things growing out of it that resembled freaks of nature.

Every Monday morning my Grandmother would crank up that wood stove to a temperature that rivalled Hell to heat up the water to begin her wash. It always had to be on Mondays regardless of the weather with her- and no one ever argued with Mary Louise Deller Knight. My sister had just made her mark into the world and my mother was back in the hospital so my Grandmother was looking after us and washing cloth diapers. There were no disposable diapers then and it was a huge job to keep the diaper stock current and that wood stove was kept going all day long.

Sometimes she used her wringer washer and then there were days that she could be seen out in the backyard scrubbing with her washboard. Everyone had a clothesline in those days and my Grandmother had my Grandfather string up two lines for her. I will always remember her oversized underwear hidden in the middle of the line which were

personally scrubbed by her with hopefully no one watching.

Sometimes as the laundry dried on the line she would scatter some of her ashpile through the garden as it "plumped up her tomatoes" she said, or, in the winter the ashes would be scattered on the slippery ice on the driveway. Whatever ailed anyone or anything the remedy seemed to be in that ash pile.

When the weather was bad she hung bits and pieces of clothing all over the house with the bulk hung in the shed in between the barrels of apples and stacks of wood for the wood stove. What bothered me was the "freeze drying" of outdoor laundry in the winter- but as soon as it was brought in she would pound her hot iron on those clothes like a construction worker.

The ironing was always done on a wooden board right next to the wood stove. What feared me most was when she used the wringer washer, as gossip was always circulating of those that had lost a limb or two in the wringer. One day she almost got her thin grey hair, caught trying to solve some "machine problem". I happened to be there at the time and immediately pulled the plug. It was a no-brainer that if anything happened the only solution was to pull the plug fast.

She got a great kick out of washing clothes, as in those days people didn't change every day and wore the same outfit a couple of days in a row. I always thought she might have been a bit of a hoarder but Mary definitely needed cleanliness in her life. Later on my Grandfather bought her a washer and installed it in the basement next to where they kept the bottles of Sherry. I never saw her use it but every Saturday night at 8 pm when Lawrence Welk began on TV my Grandfather would go to the basement and fill up two small silver cups that she polished once a week with- you got it- her ashes.

When I grew up scattered ash piles were everywhere and it was a very common thing. Maybe the Phoenix never rose out of the ashes for the small Quebec town of LeGrange and it ended becoming nothing but shattered dreams, but the memories of Mary Louise Deller Knight will endure forever in my life when things turn to dust and ashes and most things are forgotten.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

Before immigrating to Sherbrooke, Quero says Canadian officials led him to believe he'd find work in his field of expertise.

Meet Alberto Quero

Immigrant with doctorate stuck working at call centre

By Jack Wilson
Local Journalism Initiative

Six and a half years after arriving in Canada, Alberto Quero says he no longer expects a fulfilling career in his new home. A university teacher before immigrating from Venezuela and holding a PhD, Quero now works at a call centre.

Before immigrating to Sherbrooke, Quero says Canadian officials led him to believe he'd find work in his field of expertise. Government representatives suggested he "was going to be a VIP immigrant," he says.

In Venezuela, Quero taught English, French, Spanish and creative writing at a University in Maracaibo. Well educated and fluent in both official languages, Quero scored highly in Canada's points-based immigration system. He was accepted under the Federal Skilled Workers Program, arriving in the country as a permanent resident. "I thought I was going to make it."

But he quickly learned that his credentials didn't carry the weight he expected they would. Bishop's University, the Université de Sherbrooke, McGill, Concordia and universities outside the province all rejected his applications for work. Quero says he would apply to work in elementary or high schools, but he's lacking the qualifications.

He is just one of many immigrants who can't find work in his area of expertise. Quero can attest that many immigrants he's met are in a similar situation. Indeed, the Conference

Board of Canada, a public policy thinktank, estimates that immigrants lose out on \$12.7 billion per year in wages due to underemployment.

Those who do find jobs similar to the ones they worked before immigrating tend to redo much of their education, Quero says. "Either you study everything again and then you have to be lucky or you content yourself with other kinds of jobs."

Working at a call centre, Quero is struggling to make ends meet. Pay is low to begin with, he says, and his employer cut his hours down to three days per week when call volumes decreased over the summer. Now, he's applying for government assistance to top up his limited wages.

"It's a little bit frustrating. It's a little bit disappointing," Quero says, "because that was not what I was offered."

On top of day-to-day living expenses, Quero sends money back to Venezuela to support his 83-year-old mother. His mother is disabled and relies on the care of Quero's friend and his wife. Though he'd like to bring her to Canada, Quero says he requires a more stable job to apply to the family reunification program. "I have never been able to have a stable job," in Canada, he says.

Quero says he's tried everything in his efforts to find a better job. Though experienced as a teacher, he applied to work as a secretary at CEGEPs and school boards. Quero says he would gladly take any work in education. "That's my world. That's what I'm familiar with." Those employers

rejected him for being overqualified. "In my field of expertise, they will not hire me because my credentials are not valid," Quero says. But for other jobs, "they will not hire me because I'm overqualified."

Quero has scoured job listings across the country, applying to teach Spanish in British Columbia and offering to cover relocation costs himself. That job also rejected him.

Six and a half years into living in Canada, Quero says he's resigned himself to working at the call centre indefinitely. "I'm realistic. If it involves some kind of negativity, well that's the way it is." He's no longer checking postings in Canada, having shifted his attention to opportunities in the U.S. or Europe.

Disappointed with the limited opportunities for immigrants, Quero says he feels government misrepresented what a future in Canada would look like. "They said one thing knowing that that was not the case," he says, suggesting that lawmakers are simply turning to immigration to fill undesirable jobs. "What the government needs is cheap workers to do the hard work."

A Canadian citizen since 2022, Quero says politicians aren't interested in helping him. "I don't plan to vote."

When he speaks to friends back home considering coming to Canada, Quero warns them of difficulties finding jobs in their fields. "Be careful and know what you're getting into," he tells them. Some are comfortable with that possibility, he says. "At least



JACK WILSON

Alberto Quero

when they arrive, they will know what to expect."

Ultimately, Quero acknowledges it's the employers who aren't hiring immigrants. He's signed up for PRIIME, a provincial program that pays a portion of immigrants' salaries should they be hired in their areas of expertise. That program hasn't panned out for him since employers aren't taking advantage of it, he says. "Nobody, not even the government, can force enterprises to hire people if they don't feel they are adequate for the job."

Despite employment woes, Quero says he's grateful to have been welcomed by many. "I have met wonderful people here." But he came to Canada to pursue a career, hopes he now says are unlikely to pan out. Quero says he'll go anywhere if he can find an employer who recognizes his skills. "I can go to Antarctica if I am taken seriously."

Federal Cabinet ministers and their titles following the shuffle on Wednesday, July 26.

Provided by Canadian Press

Anita Anand: president of the Treasury Board

Gary Anandasangaree: minister of Crown-Indigenous relations

Terry Beech: minister of citizens' services

Francois-Philippe Champagne: minister of innovation, science and industry

Marie-Claude Bibeau: minister of national revenue

Bill Blair: minister of national defence

Randy Boissonnault: minister of employment, workforce development and official languages

Jean-Yves Duclos: minister of public services and procurement

Soraya Martinez Ferrada: minister of tourism and minister responsible for the Economic Development

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Sean Fraser: minister of housing, infrastructure and communities

Chrystia Freeland, deputy prime minister and minister of finance

Karina Gould: government House leader

Steven Guilbeault: minister of environment and climate change

Patty Hajdu: minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario

Mark Holland: minister of health

Ahmed Hussen: minister of international development

Gudie Hutchings: minister of rural economic development and minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Marci Ien: minister for women and gender equality and youth

Melanie Joly: minister of foreign

affairs

Kamal Khera: minister of diversity, inclusion and persons with disabilities

Dominic LeBlanc: minister of public safety, democratic institutions and intergovernmental affairs

Diane Lebouthillier: minister of fisheries, oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Lawrence MacAulay: minister of agriculture and agri-food

Marc Miller: minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship

Mary Ng: minister of export promotion, international trade and economic development

Seamus O'Regan Jr.: minister of labour and seniors

Ginette Petitpas Taylor: minister of veterans affairs and associate minister of national defence

Carla Qualtrough: minister of sport and physical activity

Pablo Rodriguez: minister of

transport and Quebec lieutenant

Harjit Sajjan: president of the King's Privy Council for Canada, minister of emergency preparedness and minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada

Ya'ara Saks: minister of mental health and addictions and associate minister of health

Jenna Sudds: minister of families, children and social development

Pascale St-Onge: minister of Canadian heritage

Filomena Tassi: minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

Rechie Valdez: minister of small business

Arif Virani: minister of justice and Attorney General of Canada

Jonathan Wilkinson: minister of energy and natural resources

Fever Fest fast approaches

By William Crooks
Local Journalism Initiative

Fever Fest, an annual fundraiser concert to be held July 29-30 at John Maysenhoelder's 'Maysen Manor' on the outskirts of Lennoxville, is just around the corner. Well over a dozen local bands and musicians will show off their stuff at the event, which is free (donations welcome) and will offer food available for purchase. The Record dropped by Maysenhoelder's house to speak with him about the specifics.

"If you're a musician in the area, you know who I am, because that's what I do," Maysenhoelder began. He sells, buys, and fixes guitars, he specified. Fever Fest started as a party in his backyard. "All my customers are musicians," he continued, so the event began as a place for them to share their music with each other for fun. So many people attended his girlfriend suggested they use the event to raise money for good causes. "That works really well," he added. "People need to see live music these days... [and] every band will sound great," Maysenhoelder said, referring to the top-notch sound system they will be using. "It's everything from country, to rock, to jazz, to blues, to punk," he said. If you don't like the music, wait 45 minutes, he added. Each band will be strictly limited to a

set of that length, he insisted.

Robert Lafond, owner of Lennoxville's Provigo, will donate all the meat to be barbecued and sold at the show, Maysenhoelder said. Boulangerie Georges, a Sherbrooke bakery, is donating half of the buns. Siboire Microbrasserie is providing beer for the musicians at no cost. "We're not selling any alcohol... that's a different ballgame," he explained, but attendees can bring their own (no bottles). Admission is free, he continued, but there will be raffles and a donation box to raise money.

All the money raised will be evenly split between the Sherbrooke Alzheimer's Association, the Lennoxville Pet Connection and the Canadian Red Cross. The Alzheimer's Association was chosen because Maysenhoelder's mother was afflicted with the disease.

"Come, come, come!" Maysenhoelder exclaimed; Rain or shine, the show will go on.

Maysenhoelder extended a special thanks to Corey Stone, who will man the grill, Jean Pierre Lavallée, who helped with sponsors, and Jody Goodsell, who, "puts up with all this in her home."

Complete Fever Fest details, including who will be playing and when, can be found on the 'Fever Fest 2023 July 29-30th' Facebook page.



JOHN MAYSENHOELDER

Rocky River/Gypsy Souls band performing at Fever Fest 2019

Touching base with the Pinnacle

By William Crooks
Local Journalism Initiative

The Pinnacle (also known as Mont Pinnacle) and its trails, in Parc Harold F. Baldwin, has recently changed its model from free of charge to pay-per-use. The Record spoke with the Pinnacle's director general, Annick Antaya, to see how things were going.

The model change was made during the height of the pandemic, she began. So many people were visiting that the trails were being enlarged and eroded. Crowds of people make the experience less pleasurable, she added. Thus, they decided to change to a pay and reservation model to lessen trail traffic.

The recent July rains contributed to trail erosion as well, she continued. They had to close trail number five because it was so muddy. It was reopened quickly, she said, and will be modified to prevent future similar problems. The rest of trails are draining well and relatively undamaged, "which is good news," she stated. All trails are now open.

Visitor numbers this year have been, "less than expected," she explained. The bad weather in July

lessened the number of customers and tickets sold. "Our activities depend on the weather." They may have to re-evaluate their financial model going forward, she added.

"We have a large team [that runs the Pinnacle]," she said. Many employees are seasonal, but Antaya works full time. Some employees are available at the information desk and some patrol the trails to make sure everything and everyone are safe.

"Our busiest time of year is in the autumn, because of the colors," she explained. Visitors can reserve a predetermined time (with limited space) to visit online, but leave when they wish, she added. It is their way of controlling traffic on the trails, she said.

The Pinnacle was open for the first time in the winter this past year, though it temporarily closes during the freeze and thaw periods of every year. "It depends on the weather and the temperature."

"The Pinnacle is for all ages," she insisted. It offers a wide variety of special nature-related activities, the details of which can be found on the park's website, involving topics such as astronomy and mushrooms.



BRIAN WHARRY

Ben Morse, in his childhood, takes in the view atop the Pinnacle a few years ago

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The Border Report

Over the three days, the crowd cheered on the twelve teams as they pitted their skills against each other.

The Stanstead community

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considering the weather! Our optimism continued to be rewarded the following Saturday and Sunday, Sunday being sunny and hot, ideal play weather as well as perfect Freezie/cold drink weather.

Over the three days, the crowd cheered on the twelve teams as they pitted their skills against each other. On the lawn outside the diamond, kids gathered to play their own informal softball games, with equally skilled players throwing, catching, batting, and racing from base to base.

Events like these are always a great pleasure for the Phelps team. They're a chance to get out and have fun with the community. A big part of what makes it so enjoyable is the number of young volunteers who help out. In the score booth, teen "Phelpers" kept score. Another of our high school participants, Tyson, ran the BBQ as efficiently as a pro, even though it was his first time. At the canteen, we had a rotation of elementary school kids taking orders, tallying prices and making change for all our customers under the guidance of the Phelps team.

Twenty-four games later, with a nail-biting score of 10-9, the winning team (the Maybees) and the runner-up team (Gold Rush) were awarded their prizes, photos were taken and the tournament was officially over, with both teams very generously donating their winnings to Phelps Helps.

In all, Phelps Helps raised over \$4000. As a non-profit, in addition to government funding, Phelps depends on private donations to run our five programs. Not only did we have a lot of fun this weekend, we raised some of the funds we need to support our work with our kids! Our many thanks to the players and the community for your participation in this event!

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps was founded in 2012 and has grown organically from a single high school tutoring program to six unique programs, providing the Stanstead area with free educational and career support. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.



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Louna is dog social and enjoys playing with other dogs but she can be a little dominant so proper introductions are needed. She lived with a Yorkie and she plays well with

the other dogs at the shelter. Louna lived with children but we aren't certain of their age. Because of her size and since she is a little insecure, kids should be 12+.

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EDITORIAL

I suppose a lot of his problems could be solved by just getting rid of some of the old departments and creating new ones that would better reflect today's day and age.

When the music stops, grab the nearest chair



TIM BELFORD

speech.

Perhaps more worrisome in all this is another often overlooked criteria; that would be competence. According to political insiders, the Prime Minister, facing an upcoming election, is looking to fill his cabinet with "good communicators." Apparently, our selfie-obsessed Prime Minister thinks it's more important that government ministers be able to put a good spin on what their department does rather than to actually ensure it does what it is supposed to do.

One bright spot for the P.M is the announced resignations of several sitting members which

means the number of cabinet members that he has to actually axe has been reduced.

I suppose a lot of his problems could be solved by just getting rid of some of the old departments and creating new ones that would better reflect today's day and age. I'm sure Industry Trade and Commerce, Finance, Revenue Canada, and two or three others could be combined. This would leave room for a new Ministry of Parliamentary Inquiries. It would look after the growing number of investigations being called for, whether they concern Chinese electoral interference, government interference into the investigation of Chinese interference, or the cover up of interference into the government interference.

It also might help the Prime Minister if he were to come up with a short list of candidates for a cabinet seat that included some vital information other than "he or she is bilingual and looks good on camera." If you're tapped to take over National Defence it might help if you've at least read the Coles Notes on the modern military and know the difference between an armored personnel carrier and a frigate. If you are up for the job running Revenue Canada

As of this writing, the Ottawa press corps, and anyone else who follows the daily machinations of the federal government, were patiently waiting for the music to stop.

The Right Honourable Organ Grinder was playing a merry tune and when he lays down his instrument every Liberal member of parliament, like so many children at a birthday party, will scramble to grab a chair, or in this case a seat in the cabinet.

As with all cabinet shuffles, the axe will fall on some and others will do a political version of a Grand Jeté landing gracefully in a different portfolio than the one they had previously occupied. It isn't easy. The Prime Minister must make allowances for geography (every province and territory has to have someone at the table), gender (he must retain parity between the sexes), and experience.

It's not that he can enlarge this group to keep even more people happy. At last count Trudeau had thirty-nine cabinet ministers. That's about one out of every four Liberals sitting in the House of Commons. He could, I suppose, follow Mulroney's or Harper's lead and get into the 40s but why give Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre cause for another hour-long



it should be compulsory for you to have, at least once, completed and filed your own income tax without the help of a chartered accountant.

What the Prime Minister

doesn't seem to get is that what his cabinet needs are more people who understand what they're doing not just how to put a shine on what they've done.

Letters

I recently remembered the summer of 2004, when Charlie coached the Eastern Townships youth rugby team.

One of the boys, lightning fast even while playing rugby with broken soccer cleats, from a broken home in an isolated corner of the Townships, had his money stolen as he played that day, over \$100. A significant sum for a 17-year-old.

Charlie pulled out a \$20 bill and the entire team did the same on the ride home, to replace the boy's stolen money.

"Not everyone is as fortunate as us, boys," he said.

Chas Goode (Charles, Charlie) Goode passed away yesterday.

Age 45.

Charlie was one of my best friends, mentor, rugby coach and bartender.

In trying times, he was often the first I would message or call.

Sometimes, when I had nowhere else to go, he would give me dinner, a beer and a bed.

Our political debates at the Lion on Friday nights were the stuff of legend.

He served me my first beer, taught me how to tackle and how to, well, socialize.

Most importantly, he helped me grow my confidence and Charlie was one of the few people who saw potential in me as a shy, introverted and awkward adolescent.

Our friendship continued far past the playing fields of BCS.

I'm glad I saw him three times in July, just last Monday night and he sent me a message less than 24 hours ago.

There are literally hundreds, if not over a thousand, students and players Charlie mentored, taught and made feel worthy.

A community mourns.

He is the referee in this photo.

Cayman Islands Rugby, 2004.



LOVE,
COLIN STANDISH

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Local Sports

Canada had never had a sport minister like Qualtrough when the Delta MP was first appointed to that portfolio and to persons with disabilities in 2015.

Qualtrough returns as Canada's sports minister, replaces St Onge

By Donna Spencer
The Canadian Press

Carla Qualtrough returns as federal minister of sport a more experienced cabinet member, and at a tumultuous time.

The former Paralympic swimmer will face continued calls for a national inquiry into Canadian sport, which her predecessor Pascale St-Onge said was in a safe-sport crisis.

Qualtrough was reassigned the sports file in Wednesday's cabinet shuffle in Ottawa. St-Onge was shifted to the heritage department, which has sport under its umbrella.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau changed sport leaders for the fifth time in his Liberal government's eight years and amid a flood of athlete complaints and reports of abuse, maltreatment and harassment.

Safe-sport issues dominated St-Onge's 21 months as sport minister.

Parliamentary committees have heard revelations in recent months from tearful athletes about mental, physical and sexual abuse, and their fears for their careers if they reported it to their organizations' leadership.

Canada had never had a sport minister like Qualtrough when the Delta MP was first appointed to that portfolio and to persons with disabilities in 2015.

The Paralympic athlete, visually impaired lawyer and mother of four arrived from positions of sport leadership, including president of the Canadian Paralympic Committee and chair of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.

Qualtrough has been Trudeau's minister of employment and disability inclusion since 2019 and oversaw public services and procurement from 2017 to 2019.

"She was a junior minister in 2015. Now she's a very experienced and accomplished federal minister on several difficult files," said Bruce Kidd, professor emeritus in sport and public policy at the University of Toronto and a 1960 Olympian.

"I'm hoping her appointment means that the Prime Minister wants to give much more attention to resolving the crisis in sport.

"The fact that Pascale St-Onge has been promoted to heritage and Carla now in sport and the two of them working together with a cabinet relationship, I'm very encouraged by that."

Gymnasts For Change co-founders Amelia Cline and Kim Shore, who have testified in Ottawa about abuse they experienced as athletes, met with Qualtrough in Ottawa in May.

"We felt she was very receptive

to what we were saying and really motivated to actually see change come to the sport system," Cline said. "At that point, we didn't know she was going to be the sport minister.

"We welcome a change in leadership at this point. I think Carla brings a breadth of experience and knowledge that this portfolio really needs. She held the position before, which is helpful, and she knows the sport system well enough to know how broken it is."

Said Shore: "She was able to connect with us as survivors. She's had so many barriers put in front of her as an athlete, as a person, and I believe she said flat out to us she succeeded in her sport journey in spite of the sport system, not because of it, and that really resonated.

"She's operating in a completely different environment than it was eight years ago. She will have advocates like us and others that who will be supporting and helping illuminate the way."

Qualtrough was followed by Kent Hehr and then Kirsty Duncan as sports ministers between 2015 and 2018.

There wasn't a designated sports minister from November 2019 until St-Onge's appointment, when Heritage minister Steven Guilbeault oversaw the file during that gap.

Duncan introduced safe-sport policies during her year in the sports portfolio.

They included a national helpline, a third-party investigation unit, mandatory prevention training, a coaching code of conduct and an agreement from all provincial and territorial sport leaders to make safe sport a priority.

St-Onge was under pressure to do a lot more.

Revelations that Hockey Canada settled a lawsuit with a woman who alleged she was raped by members of the national junior men's team at a 2018 gala _ and that Hockey Canada used a portion of minor hockey registration fees to settle it _ sparked national outrage.

St-Onge was called on to use her funding powers to punish sports organizations that allowed a culture of abuse, and to force change within those cultures.

She suspended Hockey Canada's funding last year and ordered an audit to determine if public funds were used to settle lawsuits. The audit determined public funds were not involved, and Hockey Canada's federal money was restored in April.

St-Onge also froze Gymnastics Canada's money until it became a signatory to the Office of the Sport

Integrity Commissioner (OSIC), which the organization did in October.

She's ordered an independent financial audit and governance review of Canada Soccer, with federal funding a condition of that work.

St-Onge established the Office of the Sport Integrity Commission to be an independent body for abuse complaints. OSIC began processing complaints and reports over a year ago in June 2022.

All NSO's were given a deadline of April 1 of this year to become signatories to OSIC lest they lost federal funding.

St-Onge announced a slate of safe-sport reforms in May, including a public registry of people who have been sanctioned or suspended within the sport system, restricting the use of non-disclosure agreements, making financial statements public and changing the makeup of boards of directors.

Demands for a national public inquiry continue from several

quarters, including St-Onge's predecessor Duncan.

St-Onge said in May: "I will respond to the requests from athletes and survivors for a national inquiry. This is a legitimate request and I'm working to be able to announce this as soon as I can."

How St-Onge's shift out of the sports ministry will impact a possible national inquiry is unclear.

"She rightly identified that this was a crisis and was very clear she felt she thought this was an urgent issue," Cline said.

"Her announcement that she made several months ago that there would be some sort of national inquiry didn't happen and we're not really sure why.

"From a survivor and advocate perspective, we did feel there was a level of stonewalling that was happening and that dialogue wasn't really occurring in a way that was productive. We're encouraged and optimistic about a leadership change on that front."

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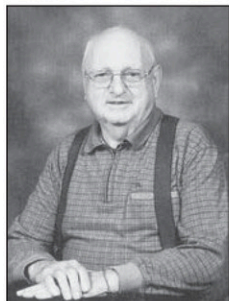


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Death



SPECK, Carl Waldo
(May 12, 1930 - July 20, 2023)

Died peacefully at the Hôpital Fleurimont (CHUS) with family by his side after a long and well-lived life. Pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 57 years Glenna (Stronach) and fondly remembered by his three cherished children, Randy (Debby McLeod), Dannie (Patti Elvidge), and Linda (David O'Neill).

Devoted grandfather to Greg Speck, Katie Speck (Tom Singleton), Sean O'Neill (Chelsea Kusnick), Erin O'Neill (Melanie Cox), Andrea O'Neill (Ben Lenders), and Cheryl O'Neill and great grandfather to Ben and Nick Singleton, and Luke Lenders.

Sorely missed by long-time friend and companion Doreen Cairns. Survived by dear sisters Ina Hamilton and Lois Szabo, and in-laws Graydon and Simone Stronach, Chick and Gloria Stronach, Lois and Carroll Buzzell, and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by siblings Lloyd, Everett, Gerald, Rowena, Alma, Pauline, and Charles, sister-in-law Shirley Sayers, and son-in-law David O'Neill.

In his later years, Carl resided at the Grace Village Seniors Residence. The entire family would like to thank the Grace Village staff for their kindness and warmth. All who knew him will miss his kind, easy-going nature, his generosity and willingness to help, and his sense of humour.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held at the Lennoxville United Church on Saturday, July 29th at 11 AM, with visitation at 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Grace Village Care Foundation (formerly Dr. W. J. Klink Foundation) or Maple Leaf Cemetery Inc (c/o Linda Fisk, 67 Robert Peel St., Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1X5)

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Death



Alfred HAYES DOUGAN
1944-2022

Passed away suddenly at his Vancouver BC home on June 13, 2022.

Hayes was born in Toronto on April 26, 1944 to the late Alfred Atherton Dougan MD and late Marion Isabell Dougan (nee Huddart). Hayes was the 45-year partner of Joseph Moran, a guiding spirit who passed away in May 2020. Hayes leaves his sisters Catherine (BC), Rosemary (Ontario), and brother James (Ontario).

Hayes was predeceased by his sister Maureen (Montreal) in 2013. Cousins (Huddart) include Stephen, Patrice, Margot and Christopher.

Hayes was born in Toronto and after WW2 the family moved to Lennoxville, Quebec where Hayes's father established a medical practice. Hayes graduated from Lennoxville High School in 1961 and gained his BSc (Honours) in Biology and Physics at Bishop's University in 1965. Awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, he undertook his PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of California Berkeley. Hayes migrated from Berkeley to Vancouver and joined the TRIUMF research facility at UBC, becoming a Staff Scientist working on radioisotopes for medical research and treatment. Challenged by Parkinson's Disease, in 2003 he took medical leave to focus on his health and sustaining his mobility.

Hayes had a sharp and inquisitive mind, single-minded determination and was gifted with a keen sense of humour. Despite health challenges, Hayes lived in his home until his passage, surrounded by books, music, art, garden and birds. Interment of ashes will occur on Friday August 4, 2023 at 1 PM at Malvern Cemetery, Sherbrooke QC. For information and condolences, please contact dougan.ah@outlook.com. Memorial donations may be made to Parkinson Canada at <https://www.parkinson.ca/> or call 1-888-664-1973.

Death

Date Book

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

Today is the 208th day of 2023 and the 37th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, later renamed the Department of State.

In 1953, a Korean War armistice was signed after three years of fighting.

In 1974, the House of Representatives voted to recommend the first article of impeachment against President Nixon.

In 1996, a bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park during the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, killing two people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953), writer/historian; Leo Durocher (1905-1991), baseball player/manager; Norman Lear (1922-), TV producer/writer; Jerry Van Dyke (1931-2018), actor; Bobbie Gentry (1942-), singer-songwriter; Peggy Fleming (1948-), figure skater; Donnie Yen (1963-), actor; Triple H (1969-), professional wrestler; Nikolaj Coster-

Waldau (1970-), actor; Maya Rudolph (1972-), actress; Alex Rodriguez (1975-), baseball player; Jonathan Rhys Meyers (1977-), actor; Jordan Spieth (1993-), golfer.

TODAY'S FACT: The Republic of Korea (South Korea) refused to sign the armistice agreement that ended the Korean War. It has never made a peace treaty with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1986, 83 years after the Tour de France was established, American cyclist Greg LeMond became the first non-European to win the race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Loss and possession, death and life are one / There falls no shadow where there shines no sun." - Hilaire Belloc

TODAY'S NUMBER: 4 - Major League Baseball teams (Dodgers, Giants, Cubs and Astros) managed by Leo Durocher on his way to a career total of 2,008 wins.

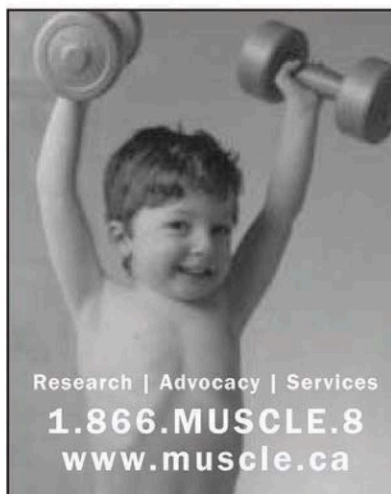
TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (July 25) and full moon (Aug. 1).

Do just one thing

by Danny Seo



It may still be warm outside, but here's a plan-ahead tip for the cold winter months: Invest in an electric snowblower. New electric snowblowers utilize rechargeable batteries, so there are no gas tanks to fill and no greenhouse emissions are released when they are in use. They're also the perfect solution for small-scale snow removal. Of course, the greenest snow-removal system is a shovel and broom, but if you need a snowblower, go electric.



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Country Gospel Hour in the gardens of Marilyn Mastine & Lawrence Bushey, 275 Route 255 north, Danville on July 30th at 2 pm. Dave McBurney and Jamie Allan will provide the music. Bring a chair and enjoy an afternoon surrounded by God's beauty and filled with music in the air. In case of rain, we will move to St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Danville. Call 819-839-2554 or 819-452-2534 for more information.

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WaterforAfricanWomen.org. Eight Years Later. Jonathon Ellison will report on UUEstrie's efforts to help women to build market gardens, earn a steady income and create food security in West Africa. After eight years in Senegal, Jonathon will also share the flaws of humanitarian aid and the lack of male support in villages and from governments, but how neither can hold back the integrity, commitment and successes of these amazing women. Sunday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Community (UUEstrie), 201 Main, North Hatley. All are welcome. Info: info@uuestrie.ca, www.uuestrie.ca, Facebook UU Estrie.



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Faux pas costs me a friendship

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

Dear Annie: Recently, I had a major social misstep that has essentially pushed one of my best friends out of my life. During the week of my birthday, I had a mid-30s crisis; a string of bad memories from dating and bad luck with women hit me and put me in a very emotionally weakened state of mind. In front of this friend, I was reduced to what felt like a whimpering fool, complaining about my bad luck with dating and women. Two days later, I was back to my normal self and saw her at my birthday dinner with friends.

During the dinner, she was distant from me, which was fine, and I gave her space with the hopes that she would enjoy herself with our friends. At the end of the night, when people started saying their goodbyes, she just said, "I need a social detox," and when I heard that, I just said OK and kept my cool in front of our friends as we parted ways.

Since that night over four months ago, we have had very limited contact. The only time we spoke on the phone since then was when I called her to wish her a happy birthday. While appreciative, she still wanted to detox.

I've seen her with mutual friends, but we have not really spent time

together since my social misstep. She did reach out to me after a sports injury, and we did spend time among our group of friends and had a small conversation together, but it still feels like our relationship is strained. It's sad, too, because we used to hang out almost every weekend and would tell each other anything going on. Unfortunately, my saddened mind-state during the week of my birthday was very off-putting to her.

I know we still care about and value each other, and I want to get our friendship back on track. However, I feel like this is more of a breakup versus friends taking time apart.

What should I do? Can this 10-plus-year friendship be saved? – Social Missteps

Dear Missteps: A "social misstep" is not enough to end a 10-year friendship. In fact, that is exactly what friends are for: to help each other when we are at our lowest (or, as you say, in our "emotionally weakened state of mind").

It sounds like there is something more going on here. Could there be other points of tension in your relationship to this woman? Is this a pattern of behavior for you?

I would do some self-reflection and then clearly, concisely tell her exactly

what you told me in this letter – that you value your friendship and hope to get it back on track.

Dear Annie: The story from "Getting Old and Going in Circles," who is being dragged down by her long-term boyfriend, sounds so familiar. I left my husband of 37 years just before my 60th birthday. I am fortunate to be financially stable. However, even if I weren't, I would have left him. You don't realize how bad it is until you get out. Then, after a while, you begin to bloom. And the world awaits you. It took me years of counseling to put my needs before his. I hope she doesn't wait that long. There's a fabulous life waiting for her. Good luck! – Been There

Dear Been There: Thank you for sharing your inspiring story. It's never too late to claim the life you deserve.

"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology – featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation – is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

What's the scoop on food recalls?

(NC) Canada is known to have one of the safest food systems in the world. Still, when you hear about a recall on the news or from a friend, it's normal to be curious about how and why it could have happened. To put your mind at ease, here's a run down on how food recalls work in Canada.

What is a food recall?

A food recall is the removal of a food from further sale or use because of the possibility that the food may be contaminated or mislabeled. If a food poses a risk to the health of Canadians, the government agency that oversees Canada's food system, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, or CFIA, will step in and ask the manufacturer to issue a recall. For us consumers, that generally means we're warned about the issue and the item is taken off store shelves.

How do recalls work?

First, something triggers a food safety investigation by the CFIA, such as the results of a food inspection or a recall in another country. The investigation quickly looks to find out as much information as possible, including potential health risks, the cause of the issue and where along the supply chain it happened.

If the CFIA requests a recall based on what it finds:

- it's the food company's responsibility to carry it out (with the agency's oversight)
- industry removes the product from the market – this means stores stop selling it

- the agency notifies the public about by posting it on the government's Recalls and Safety Alerts website and sharing through media, social media and email notifications

- the food company works with the agency to fix the problem and prevent it from repeating

If the company hasn't carried out the recall effectively and is unwilling to do so, the CFIA can seize and detain the product.

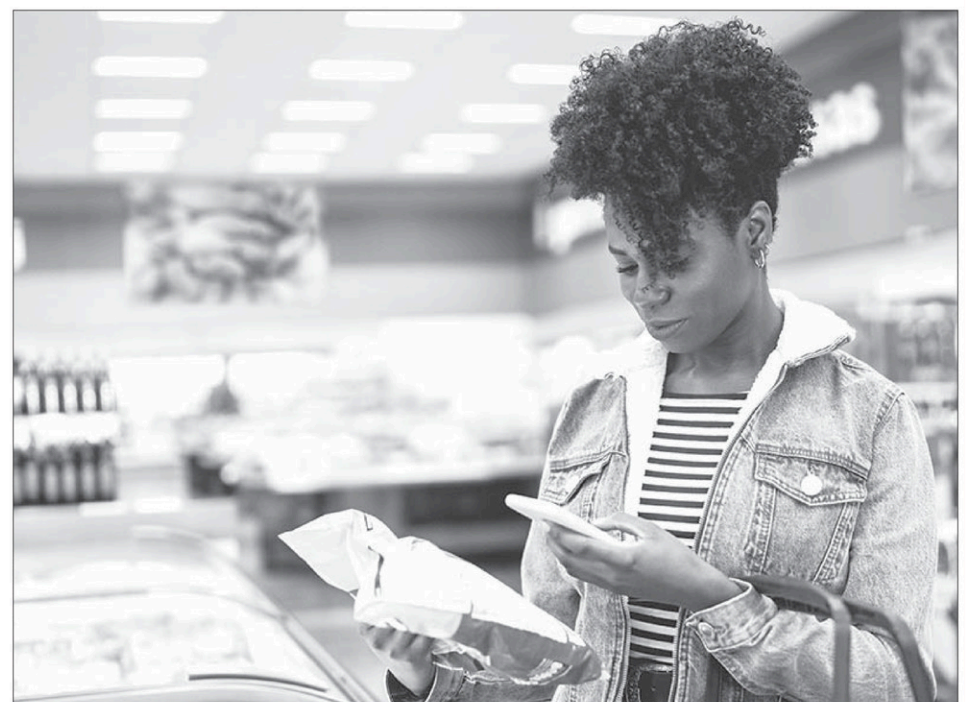
Why aren't there more recalls?

Many checks and balances work to keep the Canadian food system safe. A set of rules called the Safe Food for

Canadians Regulations plays a major part. Aligned with international standards, they apply to food that's imported, exported or traded across provinces – whether by small batch producers or major corporations.

The updated rules streamline food safety requirements and make them more straightforward for businesses to follow. They also include requirements about tracing products and ingredients, which help with more efficient and effective recalls.

You can find more information at inspection.canada.ca.



CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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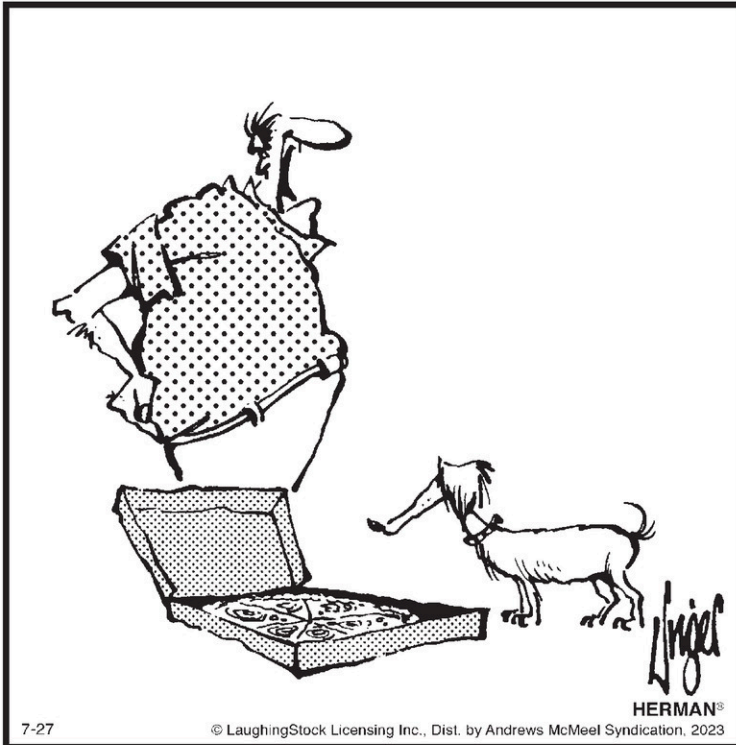
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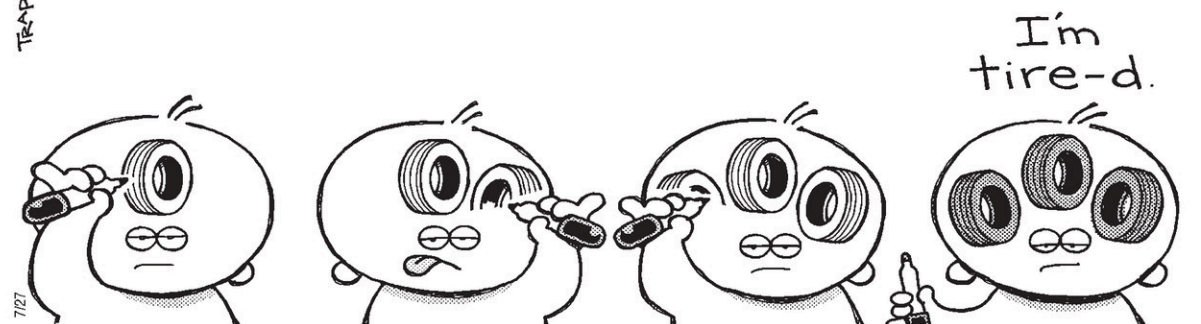


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Take a unique approach to life, love and achieving happiness. Build a foundation that encourages growth and satisfies your soul. Don't fear being different or taking the road less traveled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Pick up the pace and finish what you start. Clearing your calendar will put your mind at ease. Keep your promises, regardless of what others do. Relationships will require work and understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Put emotions aside and consider all aspects of a situation. A friend will help you develop a unique plan to position you for a better future. Contribute to something you believe in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Attend events that enrich your mind. Turn what you enjoy doing most into a lucrative endeavor. Make your feelings and intentions clear, and answer important questions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - What you should do and what you want to do will clash. Schedule your day carefully to ensure you take care of responsibilities and have time left over for pleasurable pastimes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Anger and aggressive behavior will set you back. Rethink a relationship if someone does something you don't like. Make your home your haven, not your prison. Keep things positive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - A creative project will help you reconsider your prospects. Find out how you can turn your passion into something tangible. Stop dreaming about what you want to do and get to work.

Indecisiveness will stand between you and the success you crave. Refuse to let others confuse you or hold you back. Be resourceful and find a way to make your dreams come true. An emotional situation at home or work needs to be addressed and dealt with before you can move forward with your plans. Dismiss the negatives in your life and replace them with whatever makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Don't sit in an emotional gridlock. Recognize what is holding you back and what will encourage positive change. Take control and manifest opportunities, and you'll find the happiness you deserve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Set your priorities and head for the finish line. Put pressure where necessary and you'll outmaneuver anyone in your way. Don't expect support; you must rely on yourself to avoid setbacks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You may be better off doing certain tasks yourself if you don't want to clean up others' mistakes. Romance is favored. Work on self-improvement instead of criticizing others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - You may be on the right track, but don't expect others to see things your way. If you take on too much, you'll fall short. Prioritize, and you will keep your goals doable. Protect your reputation.

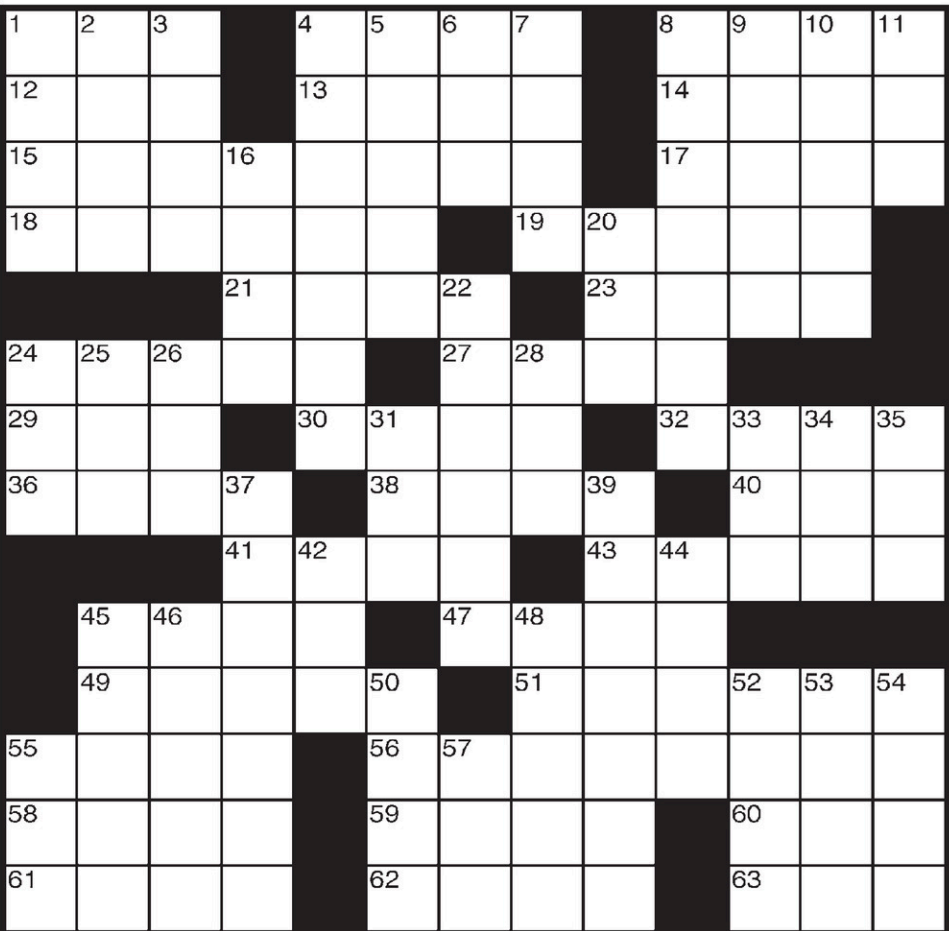
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Be intelligent and resourceful, and you'll discover how to use your attributes to make things happen. Don't let what others do sidetrack you. Set your goals to suit your needs.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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 - 4 Blend
 - 8 Spreads seed
 - 12 Ego companions
 - 13 Jai —
 - 14 October's stone
 - 15 Post-party chores (hyph.)
 - 17 Sweet-scented flower
 - 18 Place for shadow
 - 19 Genetic copy
 - 21 Request
 - 23 Slapstick missiles
 - 24 Mural base
 - 27 Low voice
 - 29 Lyric poem
 - 30 Not strong
 - 32 Skater Lipinski
 - 36 — spumante
 - 38 Lffy attempt
 - 40 Smoked salmon
- 41 Become slack-jawed**
- 43 Loosen**
- 45 Tight as a drum**
- 47 Swede's neighbor**
- 49 Paper quantities**
- 51 Creek**
- 55 Ripped**
- 56 Greed**
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- 59 Portent**
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- 61 Pub pints**
- 62 Lemony taste**
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- DOWN**
- 1 Bad habit
 - 2 Lazily
 - 3 "Got it" (2 wds.)
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 - 5 Give the slip
 - 6 Race unit
 - 7 Record

- 8 Lone player
- 9 Reckon
- 10 Corduroy ribs
- 11 Furtive
- 16 Swiss range
- 20 Vinyl spinners
- 22 Subsided
- 24 — — few rounds
- 25 Publishing execs
- 26 Clique
- 28 Alias abbr.
- 31 Sixth sense
- 33 Elev.
- 34 French king
- 35 Lumberjack tool (var.)
- 37 Some reptiles
- 39 Flags
- 42 Cash giver
- 44 Techie
- 45 Goblin
- 46 Condor nest
- 48 Rockies resort
- 50 Laird
- 52 Limerick locale
- 53 Surmounting
- 54 Chatty pet
- 55 Crumpet companion
- 57 Ms. Thurman of film



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Cover their hands, uncover your play

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Bridge is a tough game because the textbook approach does not work all of the time. It can be difficult to spot the exceptional deals. Today, let's look at one of the earliest play techniques a beginner is taught - a finesse. Normally you take one, hoping it will win and gain you a trick. However, there are times when you shouldn't take a finesse, for one reason or another.

Armed with that helpful hint, how should South play in four spades after West leads the heart six?

What would you have bid with that South hand over one heart? The original South hoped both to buy a useful dummy and to shut out the opponents. He succeeded on both scores. If he had bid only one spade, a modern West would have made a preemptive jump to three hearts, getting to the nine-trick level with nine trumps. Then North might have squeezed out three spades, but even if he had passed, South would have rebid three spades, and then North would have raised.

When the deal was originally played, South won the first trick with the heart ace and immediately took the spade

North 07-27-23			
♠ A 8 7			
♥ Q 5 3			
♦ Q 9 7 3			
♣ 8 7 5			
West			East
♠ 9 4			♠ K
♥ 10 8 7 6			♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ A J 8 5			♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9 6 4			♣ K Q J 10
South			
♠ Q J 10 6 5 3 2			
♥ A			
♦ K 6			
♣ A 3 2			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
4♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
			Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

finesse, running his queen. When that lost to the king, the declarer could not avoid losing one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

Rather than commit himself immediately, South should lead the diamond king at trick two. When that is won by West, it marks the spade king in East's hand; otherwise, where are the values for his opening bid?

Winning the return, South should lead the spade queen (tempting a cover from West, just in case) and put up dummy's ace. When the king drops, declarer is home.*