

Monthly Lennoxville borough meeting

Snow removal, parking and local events discussed

By William Crooks
Local Journalism Initiative

Snow removal, parking issues on College Street and many upcoming local events highlighted the Lennoxville Borough's monthly council meeting Nov. 28. Beginning at 5 p.m., Borough President Claude Charron presided over the nearly hour-long meeting with seven local residents in attendance.

Question period began with a complaint from a resident on Speid Street concerning snow being plowed onto her property from a neighbouring apartment building's parking lot. The problem has lasted years, but became pressing when she recently installed a plastic snow-fence in the area. She circulated pictures of the problem to the council members.

Although she installed a sign saying 'private property, no snow dumping permitted', they have continued to plow snow there, right up against her fence, ripping it apart. "I just want them to respect the property line," she explained.

Charron asserted that the apartment

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Sûreté du Québec leads province-wide initiative against intimate partner violence, sets up in Cookshire



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Sûreté du Québec police and La Méridienne interveners gathered to raise awareness on intimate partner violence in Cookshire

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The Sûreté du Québec (SQ), in collaboration with a diverse array of partners, launched a

province-wide campaign Nov. 29 to combat intimate partner violence (IPV). Marking a significant step in public awareness and action, these concerted operations spanned across Quebec, involving strategic interventions on

road networks and local business kiosks, including one at Cookshire's main intersection of routes 108 and 253. This year's campaign, building on the success of last year's 90 operations,

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RAIN

HIGH 4
LOW 0



SATURDAY:
RAINY

HIGH 3
LOW 0



SUNDAY:
MIX OF RAIN
AND SNOW

HIGH 4
LOW 3



MONDAY:
PERIODS OF
SNOW

HIGH 1
LOW 4

Thoughts about toys



LINDA KNIGHT SECCASPINA

In 1959 according to the Granby Leader Mail “the Cowansville Brownies closed their notably successful season with a Doll Dressing Contest and Show at the Trinity Memorial Hall. Nearly 30 entries were judged by Mrs. Doug Wilson, Miss Eleanor Barker and Miss Joan Taylor, who awarded two lovely books from the Treasure Chest on Main Street to Judy Clough, of the 8 and under group. Linda Lee Pratt also won a book in the 8 1/2 and up category. Judy’s winner was a large baby doll in dainty pink organdy; Linda Lee’s doll was a wee girl in a well-knitted ensemble. The Brownies and parents were welcomed by Brown Owl Irene Gowdy”.

My beautiful Miss Revlon doll did not even place. Seems the second judge, Mrs. Wilson, our neighbour, told the others that my mother had sewn most of the doll dress, not me. I never ever forgot that lesson. That’s where I learned not to lie about doing things you never did. In fact it was the exact second I figured out I should devote my life to rock’n’ roll instead. Seemed like a better idea, and a way to avoid a real personality crisis.

Remembering our toys means remembering part of our childhood. For those of us who were kids in the 1950s to the 1970s, memories like the Easy Bake Oven are still with us.

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For those of us who were kids in the 1950s to the 1970s, memories like the Easy Bake Oven are still with us. I think they gave you some odd little recipes for cakes, took forever for them to bake, and finally got thrown into the forgotten toys pile. It seemed to help with my cooking skills because I do more baking than cooking sometimes. The Easy Bake Oven was a nice diversion because I’ve always loved to eat, so it was perfect for me.

I don’t have many photos from my childhood, but the photo on the page is a favourite of mine. I have often wondered what this doll was as I have never come across it in my research journeys until last week. There it was, staring at me from the 1954 pages of the Almonte Gazette. I remember my doll talking, but it wasn’t 24 inches long so I assume it was a fake Trudy doll bought at the local 5 and 10 “The Ritz Store” situated on the Main street in Cowansville, Quebec.

My family didn’t travel much, so my beloved doll was a knock off, just like the knock off purse I got myself last week. But, my friend Stacey says we shouldn’t call anything fake anymore— you call it “designer inspired” as it’s all about the verbiage. So the Trudy doll I had was “designer inspired”. This doll meant a lot to me as my mother was in the hospital a lot, so she was a constant friend. I even used her on the cover of my book about cancer, because I never forgot her.

As a final stab at family togetherness the Kenner Products Co. introduced the Daddy Saddle

in the late 50s. It was a real-looking saddle with stirrups and a Vinyl skim coat over foam rubber with a tooled-leather western trim. All Dad had to do was get down on all fours and go go go.

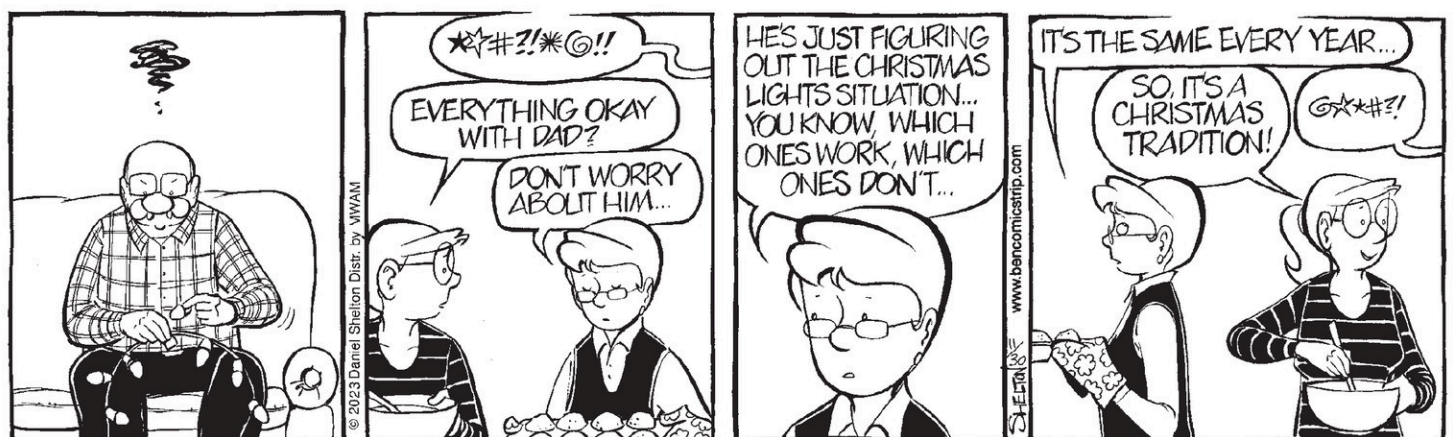
For \$4.98, the catalogue said: “You can buy a Daddy Saddle to make your children’s horsey-back rides more realistic. No more hanging on tightly to Daddy’s shirt”. The advertisement said in the Gazette: “Give the kids a horse that they can ride Daddy with a Western saddle to put on him and chances are that Daddy will have little free time!”

The Daddy Saddle had a padded underside “to save Daddy’s aching back,” and it was supposed to fit Daddies of all girths. With all due respect to the makers and wearers of Daddy Saddles, I wonder how many fathers rose up on their hind hooves to protest. Daddy has enough problems without having to worry about saddle sores. Didn’t it magically turn Daddy into a talking horse like Mr. Ed? What did Daddy do when the doorbell rang in the 60s, and what did the Avon Lady think when the door opened and she was confronted by a man with stirrups dangling from his midsection?

No matter how you look at it we are all still kids, we just have different toys now which seem to be more expensive. But the rule of thumb still going on is that no matter how old you are, if a child hands you a toy phone you answer it— but chances are they’re too busy playing with yours.

See you next week!

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

The campaign features the participation of significant organizations such as SOS Domestic Violence, the Federation of Women's Shelters, and the École Nationale de Police du Québec, among others.

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building is privately owned, so what the contracted snowplows do is not the responsibility of the town; conflicts between citizens can be resolved using a mediation service that avoids lawyers. He suggested a real fence could be installed, but the woman insisted such a fence would just be damaged itself and cause her more problems. Charron noted that the new fence would count as a "shared expense", so the apartment building owner would have a personal interest in its maintenance. Charron suggested the apartment building owner's phone number could be ascertained through finding the lot number on the town's website.

A Bishop's University (BU) student, who lives in a residence there, practicing his French, asked why the installation of a winter bike route on King Street had been voted against by the Sherbrooke City Council. It was a "difficult" project, Charron responded, at a projected cost of half a million dollars. Other more important projects exist that require monetary support and this one was too much of a challenge. The minor objective of lessening of gas emissions do not weigh favourably against the possibility of injury which would be the City's responsibility.

Another resident pointed out that College Street was not plowed, after the recent snowfall, until 2 p.m. Other minor streets were plowed first, which did not make sense to him. Charron responded that the issue was likely due to new personnel and a lack of City employees. The man was skeptical. "There has to be a system," he said, that even new employees can follow. Charron insisted that he is trying to improve the system in the best way he can from his position. Garfat noted there were some equipment breakdowns and things will only get better.

The resident went on to question the legitimacy of some new parking spots on the corner of College Street and Vaudry Street. Charron explained that the new parking there was authorized recently

because of related new construction. The resident emphasized that his issue was about the "aesthetics... of having cars everywhere". Charron assured the resident that the new parking plan submitted was a reasonable request, but admitted there could be more cars there than there should be, so an inspector could be sent to see if the plan was being followed. Charron noted that similar parking could be seen higher up on College, so a denial of the request would have been unfair.

The Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité Durable (MTMD) recently put in a request that, according to their guidelines, the stop sign on the corner of Mount Street and Charles-Lennox Street should be removed. The council reported that they denied this request, citing safety concerns. Councillor Jennifer Garfat explained that many use Mount to avoid Lennoxville's main intersection, and that the stop sign contributes to speed reduction on the residential road. Charron noted that the request would now be bumped up to the City level and may still be accepted.

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Garfat thanked the organizers of the Sunday Santa Claus Parade in Sherbrooke. Over 40,000 people



WILLIAM CROOKS

The Lennoxville Borough Councillors, and two Bishop's University students who attended to practice their French

participated, she noted. She mentioned that Nov. 27 began the 16 Days of Action Against Gender-based Violence campaign, which will culminate with a commemoration of the École Polytechnique Massacre on Dec. 6. Many other activities are happening this week, including Santa Claus coming to Square Queen, details of which can be found on the borough website. Jeux de Québec is still looking for volunteers; they need 2,500 and only 900 have signed up.

Borough Councillor Guillaume Lirette-Gélinas mentioned some recent public and private meetings and applauded the move towards more public meetings. He congratulated the BU Drama department for their recent play 'Life is a Dream', which was "tackled with great talent". The BU Singers still have tickets available for their upcoming concert on Saturday afternoon. BU's Chapel Choir is putting on a 'Festival of Carols' event at St. Mark's Chapel on Dec. 9 and 10. Lirette-Gélinas stated that he attended Premier

Legault's recent press conference in Sherbrooke and hopes the "shoes will follow the mouth" and an official positive announcement concerning BU's relationship to the proposed tuition hikes will come sooner rather than later.

There was a brief objection by Garfat to Lirette-Gélinas' comments on public vs. private meetings, wherein she insisted on the importance of private meetings. Charron suggested the debate be taken up at another time.

Charron noted that volunteers were needed to help out with Santa Claus coming to Square Queen. He explained that the best way of making a complaint about snow-removal was to call 819-821-5858. There is a fundraiser selling boxed cookies and squares at Uplands on Saturday. Charron thanked the two BU students in attendance, one hailing from B.C., for attending the meeting and practicing their French. "It's a big challenge, thank you," he said warmly.

The meeting was adjourned just before 6 p.m.

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extends the involvement to various municipal police services and indigenous police forces, amplifying its reach and impact.

"The fight against intimate partner violence requires a unified front," stated Caroline Girard, Lieutenant Coordinator of the SQ's specialized IPV team. "Our concerted efforts today, alongside organizations directly aiding victims, demonstrate a powerful collaboration of expertise and resources, reinforcing our commitment to support and protect victims and their families."

These awareness operations underscore a societal call to

action, emphasizing the collective responsibility in addressing and preventing IPV, states a press release. The campaign features the participation of significant organizations such as SOS Domestic Violence, the Federation of Women's Shelters, and the École Nationale de Police du Québec, among others. This initiative is not just a law enforcement operation but a societal movement, aiming to weave a comprehensive safety net for victims and their children and enhance access to available support resources.

"It is the second edition of this type of operation," said SQ Agent Louis-Philippe Ruel on the scene in Cookshire before the intervention began. Its aim

is to engage those that are not usually reached on the topic of IPV and inform them of the various related public resources at their disposal. With the holiday season approaching, it is important for people to know they must not remain "mute" in the face of IPV, he explained.

He emphasized that incidences of IPV must be reported to the authorities or other organizations tasked with dealing with those situations, whether one was personally involved in the incident or was merely a witness.

"Frédérique", an intervener at La Méridienne, a local organization with the mission of helping female victims of domestic violence, and

their children, participated in the initiative in Cookshire. Her real name was kept confidential for security reasons having to do with her vocation. The organization supports afflicted women and children with all aspects of their situation, including helping them navigate the legal system and with their health, both physical and psychological. She expressed her gratitude that Quebec police forces organized this initiative.

The police and interveners set up at the Cookshire intersection, flagged down cars traveling through, and, handing out pamphlets, spoke briefly with commuters to raise awareness.

Google to pay \$100M a year to Canadian news publishers in deal with Ottawa

By Mickey Djuric
The Canadian Press

Ottawa has agreed to set a \$100-million yearly cap on payments that Google will be required to make to media companies when the government's controversial online news legislation takes effect at the end of the year.

The announcement Wednesday has the Liberals bending to the tech giant's demands after Google threatened back in February to remove news from its platform.

The Online News Act compels tech giants to enter into compensation agreements with news publishers for content that appears on Google sites and contributes to the company's revenues.

A formula in the government's draft regulations to implement the bill would have seen Google contribute up to \$172 million to news organizations. Google balked, saying it was expecting a figure closer to \$100 million, based on what it said was a previous estimate from Canadian Heritage officials.

The company appears to have gotten what it wanted after an extended period of negotiation.

Still, Canadian Heritage Minister Pascale St-Onge called it a "historic

development," insisting Wednesday that the agreement was ultimately a win for the government and for the local news publishers it is seeking to support.

"We have found a path forward to answer Google's questions about the process and the act. Google wanted certainty about the amount of compensation it would have to pay to Canadian news outlets," she said on Parliament Hill.

"Canada reserves the right to reopen our regulations if there are better agreements struck elsewhere in the world," she added.

Google's president of global affairs, Kent Walker, thanked the minister for "acknowledging our concerns and deeply engaging in a series of productive meetings about how they might be addressed."

He said in a statement that the "extensive discussions" addressed the company's "core issues" with the bill.

"While we work with the government through the exemption process based on the regulations that will be published shortly, we will continue sending valuable traffic to Canadian publishers," said Walker.

The deal will allow Google to comply with the legislation by paying into a single collective bargaining group that will serve as a media fund.

Meta, on the other hand, complied simply by blocking all news content from Canadian users of its largest platforms, Instagram and Facebook.

Last month, News Media Canada—a lobby group for hundreds of Canadian

contribution, Canadian Heritage said Google will continue to make programs available for Canadian news businesses, such as training, tools and resources for business development and support for non-profit journalism projects.

Google said Wednesday that the deal means there will be immediate changes to existing agreements it has with publishers in Canada under its Google News Showcase agreements, which were part of a \$1-billion global investment.

The company said it will review its ongoing investments in Canada when the final regulations are published.

Google wouldn't say how much it is already paying publishers under existing contracts, saying such agreements are confidential commercial arrangements.

Companies that fall under the Online News Act must have total global revenue of \$1 billion or more in a calendar year, "operate in a search engine or social-media market distributing and providing access to news content in Canada" and have 20 million or more Canadian average monthly unique visitors or average monthly active users.

For now, Google and Meta are the only companies that meet those criteria.

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newspapers and magazines—said it agreed with many of the issues Google raised during the back-and-forth over how the bill would be implemented.

The group said there should be a cap on how much the search giant would have to pay under the law.

"Google plays an essential role in helping Canadians find trusted news sources, and we are confident there is a path forward for the company and publishers to continue what has been a mutually beneficial relationship for many years to come," the group's president and CEO Paul Deegan said at the time.

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The Let's Talk about Sex initiative is the brainchild of medical and nursing students from the University of Sherbrooke who saw a need to raise awareness and inform youth about sex

Let's Talk About Sex

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At our weekly Phelps Helps' Youth Club this past Friday evening, a dozen teenagers gathered around a table with two medical students, members of the Let's Talk About Sex initiative from the University of Sherbrooke. On the table was a board game – a large piece of paper with rows of squares with the occasional question mark on a square. The teens rolled a die to determine the number of moves they could make and when their piece (an empty bottle) landed on a square with a question mark, that person and their team was asked a question. The purpose of the game and the nature of the questions and answers was to open a dialogue with the teens about sex.

The Let's Talk about Sex initiative is the brainchild of medical and nursing students from the University of Sherbrooke who saw a need to raise awareness and inform youth about sex, a topic that is often unevenly addressed in our schools. The program is by young people for young people with the main goal

of harm reduction. The Let's Talk About Sex hour-long workshops address four topics: consent and sexual violence; contraception and STBIs; sexual and gender diversity; and, pornography and technology. The team has conducted over 300 workshops, primarily in Sherbrooke but also in surrounding areas.

It was the non-profit, Le Tandem, who approached our Phelps Helps' Youth Club Coordinator, Kaisha Goodsell, with the idea of holding a Let's Talk about Sex workshop at Phelps' Friday night club. Le Tandem, a community social pediatrics organization, has been working with the Let's Talk about Sex team and thought it would be beneficial to Phelps' participants.

In addition to being a safe place for local teenagers to hang out and play games on Friday evenings, the Phelps Helps' Youth Club holds a variety of activities and events with workshops and speakers who address a variety of topics beneficial to our teens. The Let's Talk About Sex Workshop fits in well with the club's mandate, as well



as with Phelps' mandate to support our community and kids so we stay healthy and informed.

On this Friday night, with plates loaded with much appreciated sustenance courtesy of le Tandem, the teenagers (with occasional giggles) rallied with answers to the questions, sometimes correctly, sometimes incorrectly. They learned about safe sexual practices and how to prevent STDs and pregnancy, never a bad thing for a teen to have in their pocket!

Phelps Helps is a community-led non-profit organization dedicated

to improving the lives of children, teens and young adults in Stanstead, Quebec and its surrounding areas. Through a range of free, tailored programs and initiatives, Phelps Helps supports educational achievement, careers, youth development and more. Its focus on collaboration and community engagement ensures lasting, positive change for a brighter future.

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Now 5 months old, Dudley and Dante are ready to find loving, responsible forever homes where they can live safely as indoor-only cats.

Having had limited contact with people during what is a critical stage of socialization (prior to 3 months), both kittens are still a little uncertain around people. While they don't yet come to us for affection, we can easily approach them, and they accept our attention and pets. They are timid,

more than they are scared.

What stands out about these two is their extraordinarily calm nature which they seem to have inherited from their mom. Gentle and good-natured, once in a quiet home where they can settle into their routine and know they are safe, they will be wonderful companions to their lucky adopters.

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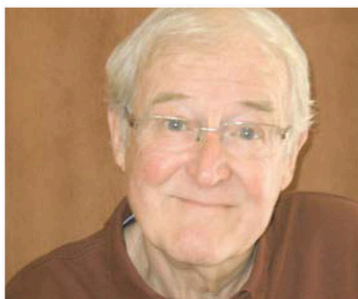


Dudley

EDITORIAL

You hardly have a chance to check out your credit card balance and it's time to scoop up what's left since Black Friday now continues through Sunday and most of the rest of the week.

Giving Tuesday needs better advertising



TIM BELFORD

Does anyone actually pay the going price for anything anymore?

Black Friday offers a pre-Christmas chance to pick up gifts at "unheard" of lower prices. And if you miss the Friday sales don't fret, there's always Super Saturday to help clean the shelves.

You hardly have a chance to check out your credit card balance and it's time to scoop up what's left since Black Friday now continues through Sunday and most of the rest of the week. What's next; Witless Wednesday?

Yes, a lot of people out there are having a hard time making financial ends meet. Food banks, we are told, are now serving an increasing number of the less fortunate and rents are soaring. Yet the endless push to shop rings out loud and clear with a constant barrage of advertising on television, radio and in the few newspapers that are left, all geared to one thing; more consumption.

Thanks primarily to a flip flop on behalf of the government, the biggest player in an extraordinarily lucrative business, legalized gambling has become just another enticement to spend your hard-earned cash. The promise here is not cheap lotto tickets or a chance to pick the winners in any sporting event but the dream of having more money than you could possibly spend.

On-line gambling features advertisements of fabulously attired

men and women strutting into dazzling casinos amidst a whirr of one-armed bandits, blackjack games and craps tables. You're asked to believe that you're just a computer click away from Monaco or Vegas. The reality, however, is too many foolish people huddled over a computer screen in their jeans, sweaters or pajamas looking to be part of a world that for most of us just doesn't exist.

Sadly, it won't end with the Christmas rush. Boxing Day, traditionally the day when you take the argyle socks or the gravy bowl that mother gave you and put it back into the box to be returned at your earliest convenience, has become Boxing Week; or in some cases Boxing Month. Once again, ever mindful of their duty, retailers will offer up anything they didn't sell during the Christmas season at "fantastically" reduced prices.

Is it any wonder that more and more Canadians are "strapped for cash?" Yes, there are too many people eking out an existence on minimum wage and too many who can't find work even though they have tried. They deserve our concern and help.

At the same time, how many people out there are in financial trouble because they bought that special house with four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen the size of a barn and a mortgage that needed two salaries to just keep up? How many need a new car every three years? How many are where they are because they believed in the advertising and thought "Interest free and no payment for the first year" was a good deal?

Sadly, the one seasonal special day that appears to be suffering is "Giving Tuesday" which has seen donations plummet. In fact, according to the latest statistics, Canadians and Quebecers in particular, are less inclined to give to charities than ever before.

I guess Giving Tuesday needs better advertising.



Quebec legislature unanimously condemns human rights commission's Christmas criticism

The Canadian Press

Quebec's legislature has unanimously adopted a motion in defence of Christmas.

Christopher Skeete, the province's anti-racism minister, introduced the motion today condemning the Canadian Human Rights Commission for describing Christmas as an "obvious example" of systemic religious discrimination linked to Canada's history of colonialism.

In an October discussion paper, the commission described statutory holidays related to Christianity as examples of

religious discrimination because they are the only statutory holidays linked to religious holy days.

It says that, as a result, those who celebrate other religions may need to request special accommodations.

The motion, a copy of which will be sent to the rights commission and to Parliament, denounces attempts to "polarize" events that unite Quebecers and that have been part of the province's heritage for generations.

All 109 members of the national assembly who were present voted in favour of the motion, which was co-sponsored by Liberal Jennifer Maccarone, Parti Quebecois Leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon, and two Independents.

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Impact of COVID on Gender-based violence

By Julia Coote

The past triennial has proven a difficult time for everyone, and for several reasons. The pandemic has had a negative impact not only epidemiologically but has also indirectly exacerbated social and political unrest across the world. As a result, COVID has unfairly disadvantaged several demographics. Undeniably, one of these groups of people is women.

On the precipice of the new year, we take time to reflect on the past. With the viral spread slowing down, there comes a time when we begin to take an accounting of the damage done. This does not only include vaccination rates and death tolls anymore, but the long-lasting social repercussions that come with quarantining for the past three years. This phenomenon is often referred to as the shadow pandemic.

No-contact has become synonymous with social distancing in many people's minds, visualized as two-meter sticks laid back-to-back. However, it has another meaning in the world of victimized individuals. No contact is the slow but sure social isolation that takes place in a relationship with a power imbalance, where more often than not, the victim of said power imbalance is a woman.

The consequences of COVID-19, and more specifically lockdowns, have exacerbated the pre-existing inequalities and gender-based violence in Canadian society by facilitating this exploitive power dynamic. Not only has it increased the potential for direct harm, but this power dynamic has also made it more difficult to report and end the cycle of violence.

It has been clearly established that gender-based violence, and specifically sexual violence, increases

after emergencies and disasters. In Canada, there has been an estimated increase of 20 to 30 per cent in rates of sexual and gender-based violence in regions when lockdowns were imposed.

While the reasoning behind the increase is complex, it can be linked, at least in part, to abusers experiencing additional fear, stress, or loss of employment or income—all of which were amplified during the pandemic.

Following health guidelines during COVID-19, such as social distancing and staying home, led to an increase in gender-based violence for several reasons. Women and families who were already experiencing violence at home could no longer leave for work or school, leaving them trapped with abusive partners which led to increased rates of violence against women.

With this isolation also comes a loss of outside support. Spaces like religious gatherings, workplaces, community centres, support groups and community agencies where women could previously find support became inaccessible. Even in the age of technology, victims are unable to seek help safely and privately from devices at home.

As members of the community, it is our responsibility to understand the systemic oppression and impact on women. Exploring the relationship between the pandemic and gender-based violence requires an intersectional approach. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence are a call not only for government to address gender-based violence and share their prevention plan, but for citizens to raise awareness and share the actions they are personally taking to create a world free from gender-based violence.



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Today is the 334th day of 2023 and the 69th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1782, provisional articles of peace were signed in Paris between Britain and the United States, under which Britain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Finland.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, a major gun-control measure.

In 1999, Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. completed their merger, creating the largest publicly held oil company in the world at that time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), clergyman/satirist; Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) (1835-1910), writer; Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British politician; Dick Clark (1929-2012), TV personality/producer; Bill Walsh (1931-2007), football coach; Abbie Hoffman (1936-1989), political activist; Ridley Scott (1937-), filmmaker; Mandy Patinkin (1952-), singer/actor; Billy Idol (1955-), singer-songwriter; Bo Jackson (1962-), football and baseball player; Ben Stiller (1965-), actor; Clay Aiken (1978-), singer; Chrissy Teigen (1985-), TV personality; Magnus Carlsen (1990-), chess grandmaster.

TODAY'S FACT: Mark Twain published a number of pieces in newspapers and periodicals under a variety of pen names, including Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass, W. Epaminondas Adrastus Blab, John Snooks and Josh.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1991, the U.S. women's soccer team defeated Norway 2-1 to win the first Women's World Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it, ignorance may deride it, malice may distort it, but there it is." - Winston Churchill

TODAY'S NUMBER: 34 million - certified American units sold of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," making it the bestselling solo album of all time, according to Business Insider. The album was released on this day in 1982.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 27) and last quarter moon (Dec. 4).

Phyllis GAUTHIER

June 6, 1930 -
November 21, 2023



It is with great sadness that we announced the passing of Phyllis Gauthier (née Rowe), on November 21, 2023 at Centre d'Hébergement Argyll in Sherbrooke, QC.

Phyllis had an exceptional career as both a radiology and nuclear medicine technician. She loved giving back to her community and once retired, she joined the Anglican Church Women (ACW), where she continued to thrive and create lasting friendships.

She was sadly predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years George and son Bob. Phyllis leaves to mourn her daughters Anne and Susan (Serge); sister Pauline; daughter-in-law Ruth; sister-in-law Caroline; her grandchildren Chlœ, Jaime, Christie, Eric, Mark and Daniel; her great-grandchildren Benjamin, Briar and Hadley. She also leaves behind her nephew Steven and nieces Catherine and Lynn. Phyllis loved gathering the family and made many unforgettable memories for us all.

A service will be held and announced by the family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St-George's ACW, which she presided over for many years, (c/o Elizabeth Schoolcraft, 885 Clough Street, Ayer's Cliff, JOB 1C0). Donations may also be made to St. Thomas Westbury Cemetery Maintenance Fund (c/o Mr. Roger Heatherington 338 Warner Street, East Angus, QC, JOB 1R0).

The family extends its gratitude and appreciation to all the compassionate staff from Le Renaissance Manoir St-Francis in Lennoxville and to the staff at Centre d'Hébergement Argyll in Sherbrooke for your immeasurable empathy and diligence.

She will be missed by all that knew her.

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Please make cheques payable to Mental Health Estrie and indicate HUGS on the memo line. Thank you to all for your continued support and help! For more information, call 819-565-3777 or projects@mentalhealthestrie.com.

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Lennoxville and District Community Aid is inviting interested seniors and their caregivers to a presentation by a representative of the Curateur public on assistance with decision-making. The presentation will cover the topics of aptitude, the role of the Curateur public, measures in place to support individuals with decision-making, and the new assistance measure, which can be used to name someone to communicate with third parties on your behalf. Join us for this important topic on Thursday, November 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Amédée-Beaudoin Community Center, 10 rue Samuel-Gratham, Borough of Lennoxville. For information, please call 819-821-4779, ext. 305.

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HCC Senior Luncheon will be held

at noon on Thursday, November 30 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Everyone welcome. Entrance from parking lot. Wheelchair accessible. Please call Elaine at 819-563-8700 or elebourveau@videotron.ca to reserve your place. Next luncheon will be January 25, 2024.

MAGOG

Deutsches Weihnachtslieder-Singen / German Christmas Carol Singing with German Christmas cookies and cakes to taste and to purchase on December 3 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 211 Pine Avenue, Magog. For more information: apiche.pasteure@gmail.com or 819-993-1554.

ULVERTON

Ulverton United Church Community of Faith is holding its annual general meeting at the Church, 159 Route 143, Ulverton on the 1st of December 2023 at 7 p.m.

MAGOG

Princess Elizabeth Elementary School (120 Bellevue) 42nd annual Christmas Craft fair will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas movie and popcorn for the kids, Santa, Canteen, raffle prizes every hour and much more! Please bring non-perishables for the Banque Alimentaire Memphrémagog.

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The Bibliothèque Lennoxville Library will be holding a Used Book Sale on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre. English and French books of all types, including many for children, very reasonably priced. Proceeds to support the library.

SHERBROOKE

Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church (20 rue Gordon, Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 4Y5) with the purpose of raising funds to feed the needy. We feed between 70 to 90 people every Sunday. There is no fixed amount or entrance ticket. It will only be a monetary donation at your discretion. There will be a box at the entrance of the church where you can put your donation. Come enjoy the music and help us help!

Relationship between daughter and godmother seems to sour

Dear Annie

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Dear Annie: My daughter recently and courageously moved across the country to the city her godmother lives in. I chose this friend to be her god mom based on what I thought was a beautiful bond the two had with each other. I adopted my daughter when she was in her late teens after a heck of a time in the foster care system. My friend gave my daughter a dear nickname early on and lavished praise on her to no end. Fast-forward 15 years later, and my daughter obtained a master's degree, bought herself a new car, has great credit and is otherwise doing well.

Because my daughter has no rental history, the management company at the apartment she applied to wanted a co-signer. My daughter decided to ask her godmother to co-sign for her, adding, "I have significant cash that I could give to you to hold until you could be removed as co-signer." Her godmother replied, "No. I won't be doing that. Welcome to adulthood."

When my daughter shared this with me I was floored! I immediately told my daughter that I would co-sign myself, which, of course, I did.

Annie, am I wrong to be offended to the point of no longer wanting contact with my "friend"? I am shocked and disgusted at how she treated my daughter. No reasoning, no discussion, no contact with me to ask me anything about it. A few weeks later, she sent my daughter a text as if nothing was wrong.

I thought about talking to her about this but frankly can't imagine what she could say to me that would make how she handled this OK. I feel like I don't know who she is anymore. Am I being unreasonable cutting this "friend" off?
- Godmother Goes Awry

Dear Godmother Goes Awry: I would certainly talk to your friend before

jumping to any conclusions. Everyone has a different parenting philosophy; clearly hers is "sink or swim." Perhaps she thinks she is doing your daughter a service by forcing her to figure things out for herself. Or perhaps she doesn't have the money. Another good guess is that, like many people, she has an inordinate fear of financial commitments. Their attitude is, "Anything to do with money, or signing a contract, forget about it." This seems possible because your daughter offered to give her the cash as security, and she did not want any part of anything to do with this.

Regardless of the explanation, it seems that your friend and your daughter have a unique relationship, and you should do all you can to keep it intact.

More importantly, how does your daughter feel about her godmother's response? If she is upset, you should encourage the two of them to have a conversation as well. If she's not upset, then you should certainly let it go.

Dear Annie: My son is getting married in a year. He has sent out save the dates to family and friends. He sent one to his cousin and his cousin's fiancée.

Two months later, the same cousin and fiancée sent out wedding invites for their own wedding (taking place two months before my son's) and did not include my son's fiancée. I spoke with my nephew to see what happened. He said it was a mistake but he would need to wait to see if others reply before inviting my soon-to-be daughter-in-law. It is going to be a fairly large wedding, and I feel like my nephew should remedy the situation now and not later. At this point, if my son's fiancée is not invited, then the rest of our immediate family, including myself, do not want to attend my nephew's wedding.
- Irritated Aunt

Dear Irritated Aunt: Your nephew's logic doesn't make much sense. If it was a mistake that your son's fiancée

never got her invite, then it shouldn't really matter how the other guests RSVP. I would speak to your son directly about the matter, and then have him

reach out to his cousin and explain why it's important for his fiancée to receive an invite sooner rather than later.
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by Luis Campos

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GPZORD." — LFSA ORGGV

Previous Solution: "Hollywood is wonderful. Anyone who doesn't like it is either crazy or sober." — Raymond Chandler

TODAY'S CLUE: *Keats's*

REALITY CHECK



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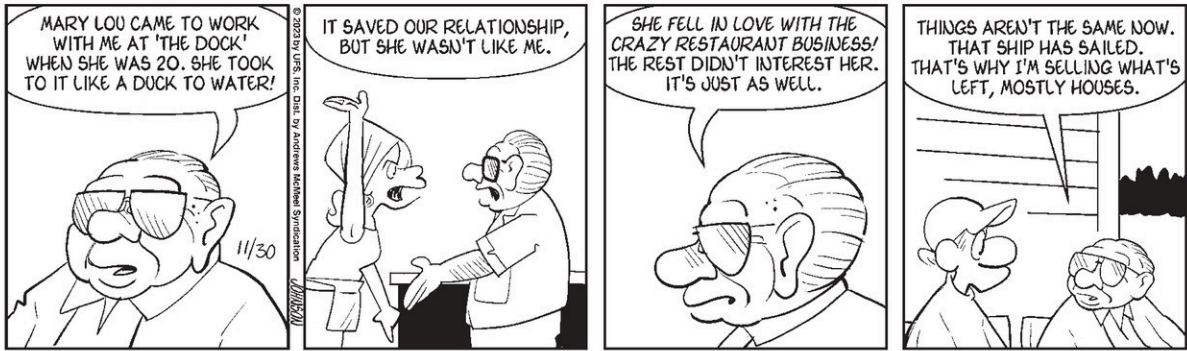


"Goodbye and good luck."

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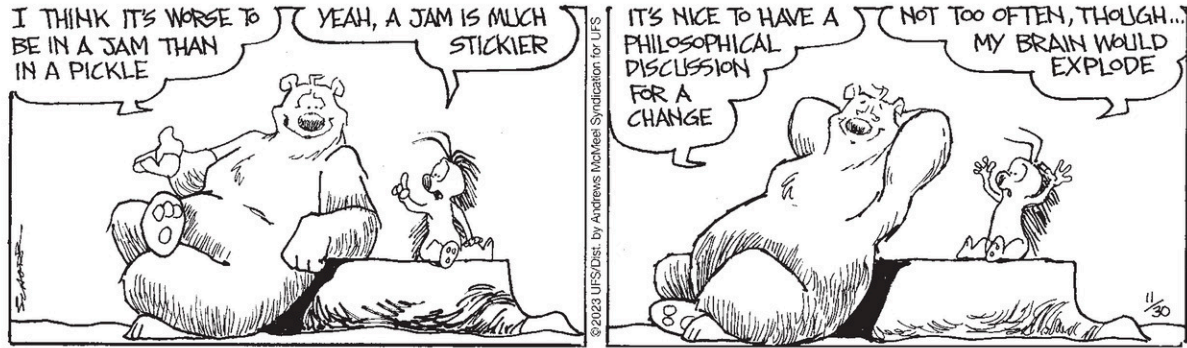
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

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an opportunity and follow your plans. Be open regarding your intentions and be open-minded about suggestions. Think big, but stick to a budget. Avoid indulgence of any kind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Take care of pressing matters and talk through any conflicts you face openly and honestly. Verify any information you receive and put your heart and soul into what makes you happy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Monitor your progress. Let your imagination lead you in a direction that helps you stand out and surpass any competitor. Let your experience be your guide, and you'll make a valuable connection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Keep life simple. Take care of your responsibilities without letting drama get out of hand. Focus on progress, getting things done and building a solid base. Don't deny yourself love and happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Use your imagination and come up with plans that address concerning issues. Working with others will help you bring about positive change and opportunities if you are willing to compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don't put up with mind games, especially when money or legal issues are involved. A third party will help you navigate your way to a fair deal. Overdoing it will cost you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Be clear when talking about your thoughts and feelings. An open discussion will provide insight into how to move forward. A relationship can prosper from a shake-up if handled appropriately.

Adjust how you deal with money, contracts and health issues. Don't let anyone control decisions that influence how you live. Design your routine to fit your needs and take advantage of your skills. Approach relationships with equality in mind and refuse to let anyone overrule you regarding matters that influence your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Don't give anyone the chance to take advantage of you. Keep an open mind and a closed wallet until you are sure you want to participate in something that involves money or joint ownership.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Don't sign up for something strenuous or put yourself in a vulnerable position. It's better to be safe than sorry regarding illness or injury.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – You'll gain momentum if you don't take an emotional detour. Stay focused on your objective and walk away from uncomfortable situations. Stick to what you know and do best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Use your imagination, be creative and refuse to let anyone pressure or push you to do something you don't care to do. A change will spark your interest or bring you in contact with someone who can help you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Keep your thoughts to yourself. Focus on monitoring your finances, health and any contractual dealings that need attention. Don't believe everything you hear or mix business with pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Look for

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grouch
 - 5 Pie — — mode
 - 8 Hit hard
 - 12 Tramp
 - 13 Prohibit legally
 - 14 Deal (with)
 - 15 Napoleon's place of exile
 - 16 Chum
 - 17 Stood up
 - 18 Had an elaborate meal
 - 20 French painter
 - 21 Dog in a handbag
 - 22 Backtalk
 - 23 Flat floater
 - 25 Clever fellow
 - 26 That woman
 - 29 Humdinger
 - 30 Keep for later (2 wds.)
 - 32 Blind devotion
 - 34 Bewilder
 - 35 Director Spike —
 - 36 Once around a track

- 37 TV award
 - 38 Singer — Winehouse
 - 39 Calendar abbr.
 - 40 "— Family Robinson"
 - 43 Keep in check
 - 47 Essence
 - 48 Short-lived phenomenon
 - 49 Band instrument
 - 50 Scottish Gaelic
 - 51 Work unit
 - 52 Actor — McCormack
 - 53 College VIP
 - 54 Poor grade
 - 55 Miami- — County
- DOWN**
- 1 Top cook
 - 2 Part in a play
 - 3 "Mamma Mia" group
 - 4 Like a braggart
 - 5 Beatles album "— Road"

- 6 Extol
- 7 Moreover
- 8 Discarded piece
- 9 Crackpot
- 10 Altar's place
- 11 Encounter
- 19 Toddler
- 20 Catcher's glove
- 22 Actress — Tomlin
- 23 Ill-behaved
- 24 Lotion ingredient
- 25 Distort
- 26 Was in a whirl
- 27 Indistinct
- 28 Storm's center
- 29 — Abner of Dogpatch
- 30 Command for a pooch
- 31 Granted
- 33 Charity
- 37 Transgress
- 38 Not at all ruddy
- 39 Soft candy
- 40 Went at top speed
- 41 Filament
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The beauty of language

By Phillip Alder

English is a difficult language, but one full of variety. I particularly enjoy the diverse ways one can play with the words: anagrams, puns, homophones, spoonerisms, malapropisms, and so on. In particular, I like malapropisms. Mrs. Malaprop was a character in Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "The Rivals." She had the habit of using a word close to the one she really should have employed. For example, "an allegory on the banks of the Nile." See how many malapropisms you can find in the rest of this column.

Today's deal comes from a rubber bridge game in which the stakes were expansive, very extensive. North had just bid and made seven no-trump. This was the second deal.

West had a normal preminent opening of five clubs. North cue-bid six clubs to show a stroganoff two-suiter: but not necessarily that shapely and sarong. The rest of the bidding contained three ill-advertised doubles.

Declarer thumped the club ace lead in hand and dashed one round of trumps with dummy's king before twitching his attention to hearts. When West absconded on the first round and couldn't ruff, it was an easy job for

North		11-30-23	
♠	K Q J 10 9 7		
♥	A K J 9 8 5		
♦	—		
♣	2		
West		East	
♠	5	♠ 8 6 3	
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♣	A Q J 9 8 7 6 3	♣ K 10 5 4	
South			
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♦	K 10 9 8 6 5 3 2		
♣	—		
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
	5♣	6♣	7♣
7♦	Dbl.	7♥	Dbl.
7♠	Dbl.	Redbl.	All Pass
Opening lead: ♣ A			

South to ruff out East's heart queen. Declarer retrained to dummy with a diamond ruff, drew East's two trumps and claimed.

North-South had won a 50-point rubber. (Don't forget both the 100 honors on this deal and that now you receive a 100-point bonus for making a redoubled contract.) They corrected so much money that they were suddenly *effluent.