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Covid cases still over 100, more restrictions relaxed

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The most recent update from the Quebec government reported 125 new cases of COVID-19 on Friday, bringing the total number of people infected since the beginning of the pandemic to 377,297. There are currently 951 active cases in the province. According to public health, 365,105 people have recovered. One new death was reported on Friday, bringing the total to 11,241 deaths. Hospitalizations in Quebec decreased by two for a total of 60, and 17 patients are in intensive care, a decrease of two from the previous update.

In the Estrie region, the most recent update from the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, provided on July 29, reported 10 new cases of COVID-19 in the area. Six were in the Sherbrooke health sector, and four were in the Haute-Yamaska. According to the regional health authority, there are 17 active cases in Estrie; 13 in Sherbrooke and four in the Haute-Yamaska.

As of Thursday, no other sectors had active cases in Estrie.

On the vaccination front, 80.7 per cent of people in the Estrie have received at least one dose of vaccine against COVID-19 and 62.4 per cent have received two doses.

As of Today, closing times for bars and restaurants have been extended, and the capacities for gatherings increased. Indoor venues can now seat 7,500 people divided into sections of 500, and outdoor festivals and events can host up to 15,000 people in assigned seats.

Haut-Saint-François community projects underway



COURTESY

Cheques were presented to eight groups that came up with projects in the Haut-Saint-François designed to attract people to the region.

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Ose le Haut, a campaign that aims to attract people to Haut-Saint-François, launched its Les coups de pouce d'Apollo program in May, with the goal of funding projects for groups, sports teams, students, and municipalities.

The Apollo program was created to promote learning and entrepreneurship. According to a press release, it was also designed to increase education, promote an active lifestyle, encourage equality between men and women, and create a unifying vision for the future.

The project selection committee was made up of Carole Bouthillette, from Ose le Haut, Alexandra Bernier,

development advisor for Haut-Saint-François CLD, and Nicolas Lachance, communications consultant for the campaign.

The committee was presented with eight projects, and they selected the winners based on their ability to meet one or more of the eight criteria. They presented the cheques, which ranged from \$300 to \$700, on July 14.

La relève du Haut-Saint-François received \$700 for a project to help parents in financial difficulty to obtain school supplies for the next school year. The Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi du Haut-Saint-François was also awarded \$700 for its "Chill dans le Haut" project.

The project aims to set up workshops during pedagogical days

to students of the Polyvalente Louis-Saint-Laurent. A downriver kayaking activity on the St. Francis River, between East Angus and Ascot Corner was given \$350.

Three other projects received \$350: a ball tournament in La Patrie, training sessions on market gardening at the La Patrie community garden, and animation at the public market in La Patrie. Scotstown Mayor Sylvie Dubé congratulated the winners and participants.

"I am delighted to see our community mobilize and answer the call by organizing activities that contribute to achieving the eight desired changes, changes identified during consultations with our people in 2015-2016," she said.

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TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 13



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 14



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 27
LOW OF 13



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY
PERIODS

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 15

Acts of love and the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) work hand in hand supporting seniors



THE SCOOP
MABLE HASTINGS

One of the goals of the "Acts of Love" organization is to support groups that work to break the isolation and loneliness experienced by seniors in various communities. For the last few months, an active "Acts of Love" group of volunteers has joined forces with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Senior Services "VIGILE" program to extend loving acts toward seniors in the Potton area. The most recent initiative was an effort made in June by the combined groups to deliver plants as a gesture to lift the spirits and bring some beauty during the summer months to seniors either living alone or those 85 and over



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living in Potton.

Approximately seven volunteers plus the two CABMN Senior Services staff delivered to 109 of the 115 seniors identified in the above categories. Nine routes were mapped out and SAPA staff and volunteers drove to the homes of the seniors to spread some cheer.

"We found many of those we delivered to out working in their own gardens," shared Monique Gilbert, CABMN Coordinator of SAPA Senior Services. "We took the opportunity to deliver a beautiful plant along with information pamphlets about the CABMN services for seniors and another on the Prevention of Fraudulent Acts," she added.

The volunteers who delivered the plants and pamphlets were happy with their experience and enjoyed connecting with Potton seniors as well as the opportunity to brighten someone's day. The experiences also lead to the recruitment of two new CABMN volunteers, Suzanne Cote and Louise Boileau, both of whom took part in the deliveries.

Throughout the pandemic, the CABMN has strived to find ways to maintain strengthen and adjust

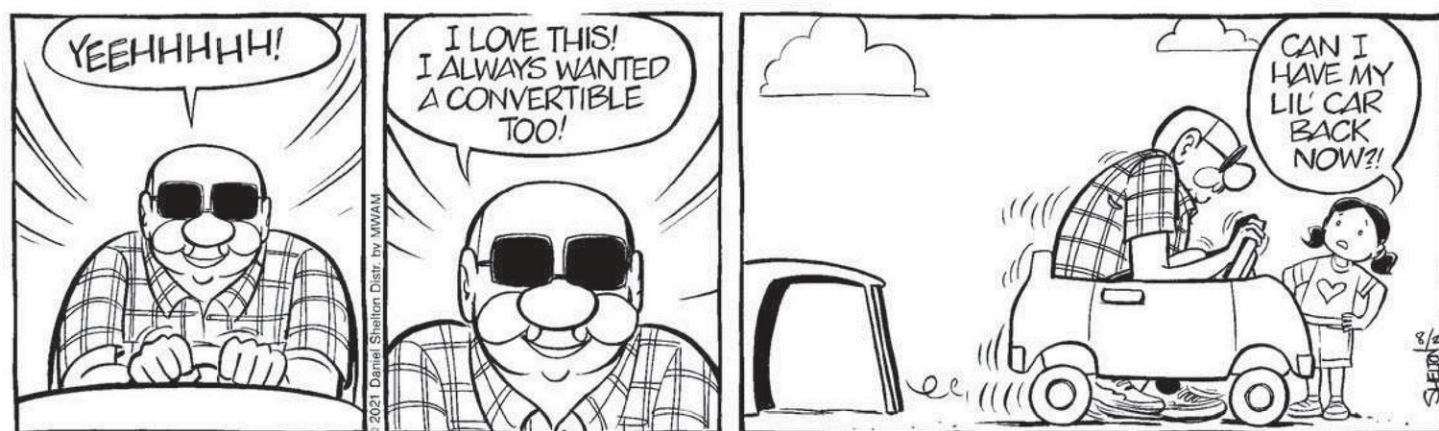
seniors programs to continue to remain an important part of the lives of seniors living in the western sector of the Memphremagog MRC.

"The Acts of Love group connected with our organization at the perfect time," shared Angelle Laplume, SAPA senior services team member for the CABMN for over 25 years. "Acts of Love is a compliment to our already abundant services and the volunteers added to our senior services support through this initiative have been extremely positive."

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre has a variety of senior services and programs lined up for the fall and the coming year promises to continue to emphasize meeting the needs of seniors and improving services while maintaining a personal connection.

If you would like more information about the CABMN Senior Services or for information on any of the many services provided to a diverse clientele visit: www.cabmn.org. The CABMN encourages all to sign up for the weekly electronic newsletter to stay informed about all activities and news. To reach the CABMN Main Office located at 314B Rue Principale in Mansonville call 450-292-3114.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

According to the Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU), a national organization that fights for the right to housing and promotes social rights, there are 244,120 Quebecers suffering from a precarious living situation.

Sherbrooke housing groups demand national public inquiry

By Michael Boriero

The Association des locataires de Sherbrooke (ALS) and Projet Appart have called on the next federal government to hold a public inquiry into the housing crisis across Canada.

According to Projet Appart spokesperson Samantha Watson, there are still 40 people in Sherbrooke that are either homeless or temporarily displaced since July 1. They are handcuffed by landlords imposing strict rules, and soaring rent prices.

"Most of the time if you go on Kijiji for Sherbrooke, you can see the apartments, you can get a loft for \$1,000 each month, it's too expensive. You can easily imagine a five and half it will be more expensive than \$1,000 each month," said Watson.

There are 13 large families in the mix, too, she added, and many landlords are refusing to accept children in their buildings. The city of Sherbrooke has attempted to accommo-

date low-income families by building habitation à loyer modéré (HLM).

HLMs are low-income housing units. However, the city's efforts have been slowed down by time-consuming bureaucratic procedures. The funding has not been authorized by the Quebec government, she explained, so Sherbrooke has not been able to start to the project.

"They bought an old church because they wanted to build apartments, but it's not done. They were supposed to build an HLM three years ago, but it has not been started," said Watson.

She told The Record that this was one of the worst years for families seeking low-income rentals. There were 70 people left without a home by the end of June. Projet Appart, in collaboration with ALS, managed to find housing for 30 tenants.

The rest, though, have been placed in a temporary hotel provided by the municipal council. The families were supposed to leave those rooms on Sat-

urday, but one of Sherbrooke's elected officials decided to extend their stay until Aug. 15.

While this is a generous gesture, she said, it is unlikely that these 40 people will find suitable, affordable, and liveable housing by the end date provided by the council. If they can't find anything, Watson told The Record that these families will end up on the street.

"They are stressed right now, and school is starting soon, on Aug. 26 [...] and they can't find an apartment, they are too expensive, or we don't have apartments for them, so it's very stressful, they are getting anxious, they are crying, it's very hard for them," Watson said.

According to the Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU), a national organization that fights for the right to housing and promotes social rights, there are 244,120 Quebecers suffering from a precarious living situation.

FRAPRU has voiced its concerns

about the government's promises to invest in social housing. The organization also slammed Quebec's program to create 500 new units in four years. They claim that it is not nearly enough to provide a roof over everyone's head.

FRAPRU has demanded that the government build 50,000 social housing units over five years. And they suggest that the best way to do this is through the socialization of the rental housing stock. Projet Appart has been preaching the same message for years.

The group has been helping people find affordable housing for roughly three years. And in that time, Watson has seen a significant jump in tenants stuck in a vulnerable situation. The number of residents seeking aid has more than tripled since 2019.

"The idea is that we want solutions, this is why we want a public inquiry. One of the solutions is to socialize the rental housing stock, to socialize housing, create more budgets for HLMs, and to create larger spaces for families," said Watson.

New businesses rolling into Ayer's Cliff

By Arianna Myers
Special to The Record

The quaint village of Ayer's Cliff is seeing a positive trend: a number of new businesses are opening up in the centre of town.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, for two years now, the Ayer's Cliff Rodeo and the Ayer's Cliff Fair have been cancelled - major annual events that usually draw thousands of tourists to the small town - dealing a major blow to many of the local businesses.

Nevertheless, the pandemic's impacts are seemingly temporary and this summer, the streets of Ayer's Cliff have been filling up with a few new businesses. Two of the new businesses include a beauty salon and a quilting boutique and workshop.

On Wednesday, July 28, KDM & Cie. celebrated the grand opening of their second beauty lab, and their first in Ayer's Cliff. Offering numerous services such as hairdressing and haircare, complete and personalized makeovers, manicures and pedicures, and other cosmetic procedures, KDM & Cie. has filled a need in the local community. The new beauty lab, which doubles as a boutique, also offers its clients a wide variety of skin, hair, nail, and makeup products.

Just one door down, and one day later, Lily Atelier Boutique also opened its doors to the local community. At

Lily Atelier Boutique, proprietor Lily Legault Murphy curates a wonderful assortment of quilted products, handmade mostly by herself and other talented local artisans.

Legault Murphy has been dreaming of opening up her own boutique in Ayer's Cliff since she returned from the Middle East nearly four years ago.

"I've been sewing all my life, but my passion for quilting started while I was living in Dubai," shared Legault Murphy. "While in Dubai, I became part of an international group of quilters that was made up of around 100 people from 40 different countries."

Therefore, according to Legault Murphy, when the opportunity came to buy the building in the centre of town this year, her dream quickly became a reality with the launch of Lily Atelier Boutique.

Moreover, COVID-19 lockdowns that confined city dwellers in restrictive urban spaces for months at a time have also seemed to make the small-town lifestyle extra appealing this year. Therefore, small towns, such as Ayer's Cliff, are seeing an increase of new residents who are now seeking a slow living lifestyle.

To accommodate new residents in Ayer's Cliff, earlier this summer, an old building that had been sitting empty on Main Street for years was renovated and restored into a modern, multi-unit apartment complex.

Therefore, if you are thinking of opening up a new business in a small town, or moving from the bustling

city to a smaller community, then the charming village of Ayer's Cliff is the place to be this year.



ARIANNA MYERS

Lily Legault Murphy, owner of Lily Atelier Boutique in Ayer's Cliff.

EDITORIAL

If you needed a glimpse of what the future might have been with Laurentia built in Quebec's port, check out MCS Melissa, the largest ship to ever sail the St. Lawrence, that docked in Montreal a few weeks ago.

Nixed gas and shipping projects give river dwellers a little relief



PETER BLACK

With a few strokes of politicians' pens, belugas, birds and a whole range of other aquatic life living in and around two of Quebec's major waterways can now breathe a little bit easier.

Those strokes were rendered by the federal Minister of Environment John Wilkinson in June, tanking the \$775 million Laurentia container terminal project in Quebec City, followed quickly by Quebec Environment Minister Benoit Charest's spiking of the \$17 billion liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal planned for up the Saguenay fjord.

The rejection of both these major projects, essentially because of their potential negative environmental impact, means, among many other things, there will be somewhat less shipping traffic added to the ever-increasing volume in the Saguenay fjord and particularly the St. Lawrence River.

The LNG plan involved tankers loaded with frozen and pressurized natural gas plying the Saguenay to transport the fuel to far flung parts of the planet. The gas would have been pipelined into the terminal from fracking operations in Alberta and B.C..

The Énergie Saguenay plant, according to Charest, failed the test of lowering greenhouse gas emissions and helping the transition to greener forms of energy. It also required adequate public support, which it didn't appear to have judging by the mobilized

opposition.

While the promoters of the project say they were surprised and disappointed by the Legault government's decision, particularly since it initially supported the scheme, it's possible they may spare a very private thought that they have been unwittingly saved from financial disaster.

The current global picture for the natural gas market sees huge surpluses in the face of stagnant demand, and with a bunch of new LNG plants in the works in places like Russia, Qatar and Australia, all of which are closer to completion and to the promising Asian market than Quebec's.

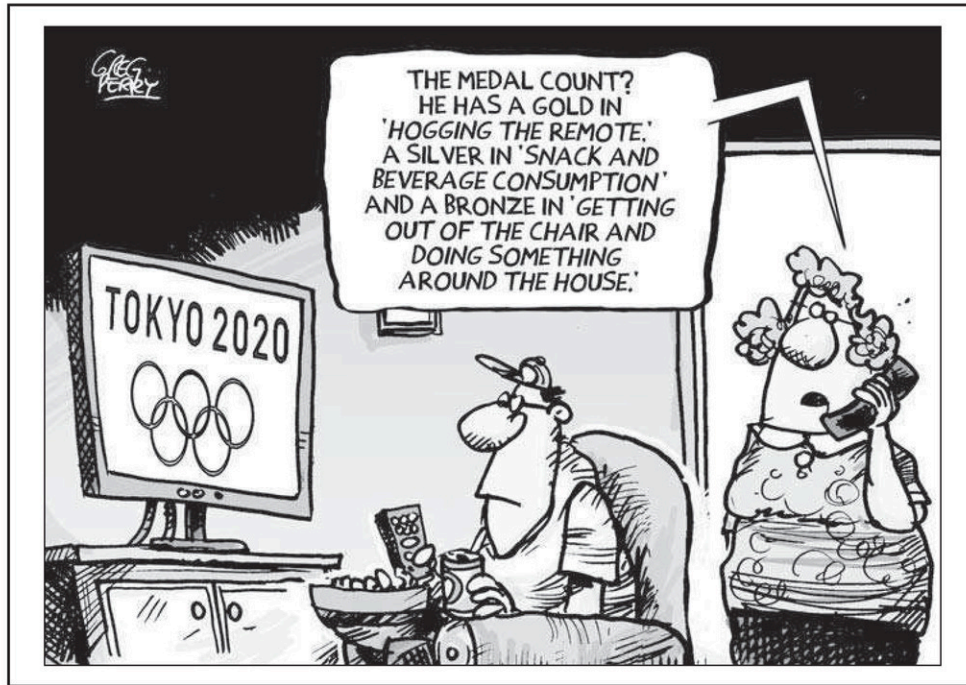
The Oracle of Omaha, legendary investor Warren Buffett, saw the LNG future and yanked his support and money from the Saguenay project a year ago.

As for Laurentia, a humongous hub of loud and dusty activity being located literally across the fence from Quebec City's only official riverside beach was not exactly good optics for the project.

The expected soaring traffic of trucks and trains into the site was unappealing enough, but the added parade of giant container ships plowing through fish and birds going to and from the terminal, mostly for the benefit of Chinese shipping interests, virtually guaranteed Laurentia was dead in the water politically. The greener-than-thou Liberals were never going to let it happen in a city where they covet a few seats towards a majority.

If you needed a glimpse of what the future might have been with Laurentia built in Quebec's port, check out MCS Melissa, the largest ship to ever sail the St. Lawrence, that docked in Montreal a few weeks ago. The 304-metre long "post-Panamax" class vessel is just the kind of ocean-going beast Laurentia hoped to attract to its deep-water terminal.

The rejection of Énergie Saguenay and Laurentia, despite the loss of a smattering of jobs, would not seem to



be crippling blows to the economies of either region. Neither scheme could be considered essential weighed against the potential harm to the already fragile environment in these areas.

The question does arise, though, as to just what kind of big time project would pass the environmental test these days. One is left in awe, for example, of the audacity of the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

When I was a kid we used to visit cousins in Cornwall, Ontario, and marvel at the vestiges of towns in the area flooded to raise the water level of the river. On July 1, 1958, a holding dam was

exploded to release the water, which in the space of three days erased 500 homes in nine villages where 6,500 had lived. Most of that flooded territory, naturally, would have been the traditional home of Indigenous people.

There is no question the Seaway was a game-changer for the economies of Canada and the United States, serving an area which collectively has a GDP larger than most nations of the world.

Could the St. Lawrence Seaway get built today? Who knows? But luckily for its proponents they got it done before people started to give a hoot about the environment.

Letters

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To celebrate one hundred or more
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Which we never had heard before!

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The Scheibs: A Sherbrooke family of merchants coming from Lebanon



COURTESY OF RENAUD SCHEIB, 2012

The store at 83 King Street Ouest from 1920 to 1989

By Gérard Coté (Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society) and Jean-Marie Dubois (Université de Sherbrooke)

A street named for Nicolas Scheib was opened in 2012 in the North part of Sherbrooke. It was to be the beginning of a place names system for local long standing immigrant families. A second one was opened in 2017: Ralph-Steinman Street. But a new promoter came along and prevailed in having the place names system changed for one on Quebec artists, even though several other names had already been decided upon for different immigrants and simply returned to the bank of future names.

Nicolas Joseph Scheib was born in 1889, in Beirut, Lebanon. Wanting to escape from both the political turmoil of the Ottoman empire with their stranglehold on the territory of present-day Lebanon, and from the possibility of being a conscript in the Turkish army, he decided to come and join his sister Victoria who lived with her spouse Constantin Berberi in Saint-Georges-de-Beauce. In 1916, Nicolas settled in Sherbrooke where he rented a commercial spot at the corner of King Ouest and Alexandre streets. Her specialised in men's and boys' wear and also in footwear for the whole family. The building is presently the location of L'Empreinte cafe. In 1920, he moved his store to 83 King Street Ouest where he stayed until 1989. It is now the location of Le Tapageur bar-restaurant. In 1922, Nicolas obtained his Canadian citizenship. In March 1930, he went back to Lebanon to marry Odette Rabbath (1908-1974) and returned to Sherbrooke with her. They had four boys: Vitol (1931-1991),

Renaud (1933-2021), Lloyd (1938-2014) and Donald (1945-1991). Before being married, Nicolas lived above his shops. He started living in 1931 in a rented apartment at 17, Wolfe Street (now Belvédère Nord), in the former home of Mayor Hubert C. Cabana that was burnt down in 2004. In 1935, he bought a house better suited for his family on Wellington Sud Street, a house that was torn down in 1987 to make place for a new commercial building of Le Service de l'Estrie (now Les Spécialistes de l'Électroménager). Like many other well known Sherbrookers, he also had from 1938 to 1970 a cottage in Deauville on what is now des Riverains Street. During 44 years, Nicolas went to his

store at 7 a.m. and, on Fridays and Saturdays, often stayed until 11 p.m. to serve his customers.

Nicolas retired in 1960 and handed over his business to his two sons, Renaud and Lloyd. He died in Sherbrooke in 1975 and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery with his wife and two of his sons, Vitol and Donald. Renaud continued his father's business after his death. As a matter of fact, after he had got his B.A. in 1954 from Bishop's University, he had helped out his father a clerk in the store and later as manager, while living with his parents.

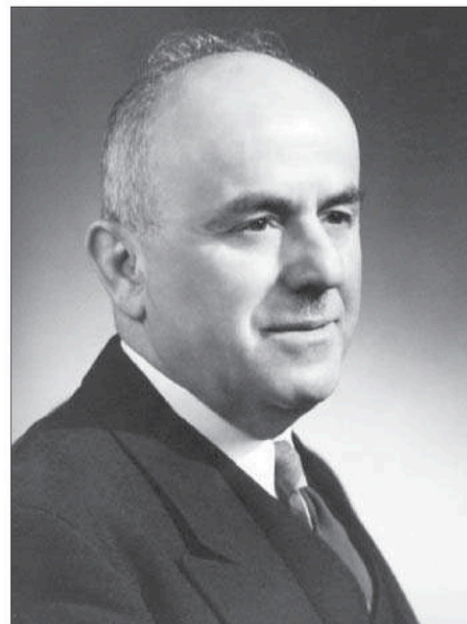
Vitol, had also helped out in the store from about 1948 to 1955 before going to live in Montréal.

In 1965, in Ville Saint-Laurent, Renaud married Eva Durunca-Lublinski, who came from Warsaw. They had three children: Joanna, James and Nicholas. As for Lloyd, he worked in the family business from 1955 to 1960 and was co-owner with Renaud from 1960 to 1963. He then went on to manage regional newspapers and radio stations and started different companies until he retired in 2011. In 1961, he had married Paulette Couture in Sherbrooke's St. Patrick's Church. They had two daughters: Lynda-Gayle and Lysa-Gyna. Lloyd divorced in 1987 and in 2012, he married Lyse Emond in Sherbrooke. She had been his partner since 1994.



COURTESY OF RENAUD SCHEIB

Lloyd, Vitol, Renaud and Donald Scheib



COURTESY OF RENAUD SCHEIB

Nicolas Scheib, taken by George Nakash



COURTESY OF RENAUD SCHEIB

Odette Rabbath, wife of Nicolas

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TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1790, the first official census of the United States was conducted.

In 1923, President Warren Harding died in San Francisco. Vice President Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president before dawn the next day.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler united the chancellorship and presidency of Germany under the new title of Fuhrer.

In 1939, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, requesting that the U.S. research the possibility of atomic weapons.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait.

In 2018, Apple Inc. became the world's first trillion-dollar company.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frederic Auguste Bartholdi (1834-1904), sculptor; Jack Warner (1892-1978), film executive; Myrna Loy (1905-1993), actress; Shimon Peres (1923-2016), Israeli prime minister; James Baldwin (1924-1987), writer; Carroll O'Connor (1924-2001), actor; Lamar Hunt (1932-2006), sports executive; Peter O'Toole

(1932-2013), actor; Wes Craven (1939-2015), filmmaker; Mary-Louise Parker (1964-), actress; Kevin Smith (1970-), filmmaker; Sam Worthington (1976-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The familiar enlarged copy of the Declaration of Independence bearing the signatures of 56 congressional delegates was signed on this day in 1776.

TODAY'S SPORTS: The "Black Sox," eight former Chicago White Sox baseball players charged with defrauding the public in a conspiracy to throw the 1919 World Series, were acquitted on this day in 1921.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Love takes off the masks we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within." - James Baldwin

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,929,214 - population of the United States as recorded in the 1790 census.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (July 31) and new moon (Aug. 8).

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| 12 Verdi's princess | 46 And so | 9 Disoriented |
| 13 Back in time | 49 Sci-fi knight | 10 Basted |
| 14 Not new | 50 Sorority letter | 11 NFL scores |
| 15 Coalition | 52 Hawkeye state | 19 Univ. degrees |
| 16 Ring thing | 54 Volcano in Sicily | 21 Traipse |
| 17 Brokaw's business | 55 Part of some German names | 24 Hindu title |
| 18 Native American group | 56 Laced up | 25 Wheel's need |
| 20 De Palma or Keith | 57 Frog cousin | 26 Food additive |
| 22 Way off | 58 Vane dir. | 27 Cry of surprise |
| 23 Caviar | 59 Otherwise | 28 Spruce |
| 24 Doesn't move | | 29 Hiss |
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| 30 Clothing | DOWN | |
| 31 Suffix for hero | 1 Engineer's place | |
| 32 Clean water org. | 2 Dagger handle | |
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Your Birthday

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things done.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - An updated appearance will lift your spirits and make a positive difference to the way people perceive you. Lighten up and enjoy what life has to offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Pay attention to what's going on at home and in your community. Speak from the heart, and you'll appeal to someone influential. A meaningful relationship will benefit if you start an open discussion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Focus on what's doable, and use your skills to bring about change. An opportunity to spend time with someone who has a unique approach to health and happiness will positively affect you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Evaluate your position, what's possible and the best way to move forward. Keep the peace and make your move. Concentrate on what you need to do to get ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Rethink the changes you want to enforce, and look for a better way to move forward. Kind gestures and a willingness to do the work yourself will get you where you want to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Observe others, and you'll recognize what's doable and what isn't. Knowledge and experience will help you bypass mistakes due to jealousy and insecurity. Trust and believe in yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Refrain from sharing what you are working on or toward until you feel confident you have everything in place. Revealing too much too soon will lead to interference and competition. Stick close to home.

Make decisions and take chances, and you will find a way to bring about positive change this year. Strive for consistency. Show discipline, compassion and a desire to look for and take advantage of opportunities. Turn anger into something constructive and productive. Choose to use your intelligence, not force, to overcome adversity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Flow with the current, and you'll find a way to master the skills you need to fulfill your dreams. Be fair and concise, and make the most out of whatever comes your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Idle time will lead to emotional disagreements with people you live or work alongside. Focus on positive changes and personal gain, not criticizing others. Be supportive, loving and kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Bring everything in your investment portfolio or personal documents up-to-date. Make adjustments that will counter any lapse of service. Voice your opinions, and you will make a difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Take responsibility for sourcing opportunities and following through with your plans. Be unique and do things your way. Keep everyone guessing, and you'll outmaneuver any challenge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Make adjustments that put your mind at ease. Focus on what you can do, and stop stressing about things you cannot change. Trust in your ability to get

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hindu discipline
 - 5 Tool handle wood
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 - 12 Stalk
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 - 18 Phoenix suburb
 - 20 Wild horses
 - 22 Sprout
 - 23 Shop tool
 - 24 Early moralist
 - 27 Know somehow
 - 29 Hawaii's Mauna —
 - 30 Target (hyph.)
 - 34 Hard work
 - 37 Six games, in tennis
 - 38 Manhandle
 - 39 Humble
- 41 Slashes
- 43 Gullet
- 44 Distrustful (hyph.)
- 46 Chicago airport
- 49 ESPN feature
- 50 At any time
- 52 Short letter
- 54 Zurich peak
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- DOWN**
- 1 Edible tuber
 - 2 Fail to include
 - 3 Vanished
 - 4 Hands-on-hips
 - 5 Invited
 - 6 Pig's digs
 - 7 Medicinal plant
 - 8 Coal strata
 - 9 Speedily
 - 10 Light browns
- 13 Wonderful thing
- 19 Litter member
- 21 Lubricates
- 24 Boxing's greatest
- 25 Geological period
- 26 Downcast
- 27 Roll tightly
- 28 England's Isle of —
- 30 Heat meas.
- 31 That, in Acapulco
- 32 Lubber's aye
- 33 Monsieur's summer
- 35 Refs' cousins
- 36 Window frames
- 39 Ooh companion
- 40 Safari leaders
- 41 Ivan's money
- 42 Not relevant
- 43 Gourmet mushroom
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You must occasionally trust an opponent

By Phillip Alder

J.K. Rowling, in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," wrote, "Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain."

At least a bridge player knows where his opponent's brain is kept. The difference comes in how efficiently it works at the game. The better it is, the more it can be trusted. (If you do not trust your partner, get a new one immediately - do not wait another trick!)

However, when you are the declarer, you must be wary of the defenders. Sometimes, though, they can be trusted to supply the right clue.

North's three-heart rebid showed a game-invitational hand (eight losers) with three-card support.

Against four hearts, West guessed well to start with his singleton diamond. (It is rarely best to lead a suit bid by an opponent.) East, after winning with his ace, returned the diamond eight, a suit-preference signal for spades. So, West ruffed and shifted to the spade three. East took dummy's queen with his ace and returned the spade 10 to dummy's king.

Declarer played a heart to his ace and cashed the heart king, groaning when West discarded: down one.

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

"Sorry, partner," said South. "I mis-guessed."

"No, you didn't," replied North. "You mistrusted. First, probably West wouldn't lead a singleton with queen-third of hearts. But more important is that if West had the heart queen, East would have led another diamond when in with the spade ace, aiming for a trump promotion. When he returned a spade, East could be trusted to have the trump queen."

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.

“ FAENZWN CNKXDN CNAZR CXDZ ,
 FAENZWN JKMDN VNJMP: EAKN AF
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 MUX TZKJMPXYJCN FAENZWNF .”
 — AFJCNE JEEENZVN

Previous Solution: “Real heroes don’t wear capes. Real superheroes wear uniforms and badges and stethoscopes!” — “Superman” Dean Cain
 TODAY’S CLUE: M sjenbæ n

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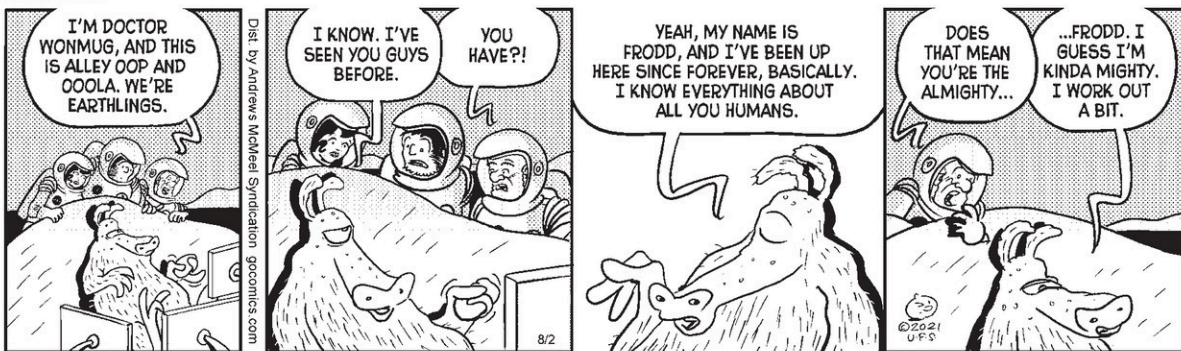


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Dear Annie: My 10-year-old's school administrators are over-the-top nose and won't stay out of our business. I think they mean well, but at times, they try to micromanage the care of our child. For example, his favorite pair of shoes are falling apart, and although he has new shoes, he prefers the old ones. The school sent home a pair of shoes, as if we couldn't afford to buy any. It seemed insulting and passive-aggressive, and my son liked those shoes even less than the new ones we'd bought him. So that was a waste.

Also, our son recently had a cut that became infected. The school nurse spotted the beginning of the infection, so we are grateful for that, though we were watching it closely, too. We took him in immediately and began treatment. The school sent home notes about where we could take him in case we could not afford a doctor. (We can and have never implied that we don't have the means or insurance.) The administrators even sent instructions on how to give him a bath using Epsom salt for the wound. They know that we are both professionals with advanced degrees, yet they treat us like nimrods. - Capable With a Cub

Dear Capable: Unless the school addressed the note home to "Mr. and Mrs.

Dear Annie

Nimrod," you're jumping to conclusions. I guarantee that the administrators were just trying to help.

Your son really shouldn't wear shoes that are disintegrating - no matter what he "prefers." A 10-year-old might prefer to eat pizza rolls three meals a day and play Xbox all night; that doesn't mean you let him.

We make concessions where we can as parents, but some matters aren't up for debate. Make your son wear the new shoes, no matter how much whining follows. (I know, I know. Easier said than done.) Sometimes cubs need tough love.

Dear Annie: My brother-in-law keeps borrowing money, and my husband just can't say no to his big brother. This wouldn't be a problem if we were Rockefellers. We're not. We both work full time. We have kids of our own to put through school. We are barely scraping by and even have debt. We're just not in a position to lend money.

Larry, my brother-in-law, seems to have a new career every year. This year, he's trying to get his real estate license. Last year, he started an online store, which never took off. In the past, he's tried photography and painting.

It's hard to watch him fail, and I would feel sorry for him if I weren't so ticked off that he's flushed thousands of our dollars down the drain along with

each of these new enterprises.

And now I find out that behind my back, my husband co-signed a loan, which his brother defaulted on, and we had to take out a second mortgage on the house to pay it. How can I get my husband to stop giving him money? How can I stop resenting both my brother-in-law and his wife for this? - Broke and Bitter

Dear Broke: You're right. He's wrong. But you probably married him because you fell in love with his generous disposition and his desire and willingness to help others in need - qualities at play here. Recognize that big heart of his while also telling him it's unacceptable to make such decisions behind your back. Tell him that his continuing to do so would be a betrayal of your trust.

Encourage him to support his brother in ways that have no bearing on your finances. He could help Larry work out a budget or set realistic career goals. In the long run, that kind of aid is better than simply handing him a check whenever he's in a pinch. Teach a man to fish.

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Do Just One Thing

By Danny Seo



If you feel you can no longer keep a goldfish in your fish tank at home, please think twice before releasing it into the wild. As beautiful as they are, goldfish are an invasive species that can wreak havoc in lakes and ponds. Recent reports have found giant goldfish that are not only thriving in these aquatic habitats but are destroying them. Rather than releasing it, take care of your goldfish, let it live out its natural life in your aquarium, and consider not buying another one in the future.

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