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Lac-Mégantic Obstetrics department reopens

By Gordon Lambie

The Obstetrics department in Lac-Mégantic reopened full time on Friday after having been closed or run on reduced hours since October due to staffing shortages. During the closure, users were diverted either to the Fleurimont Hospital or to the hospital in Saint-Georges de Beauce, depending on which was closer.

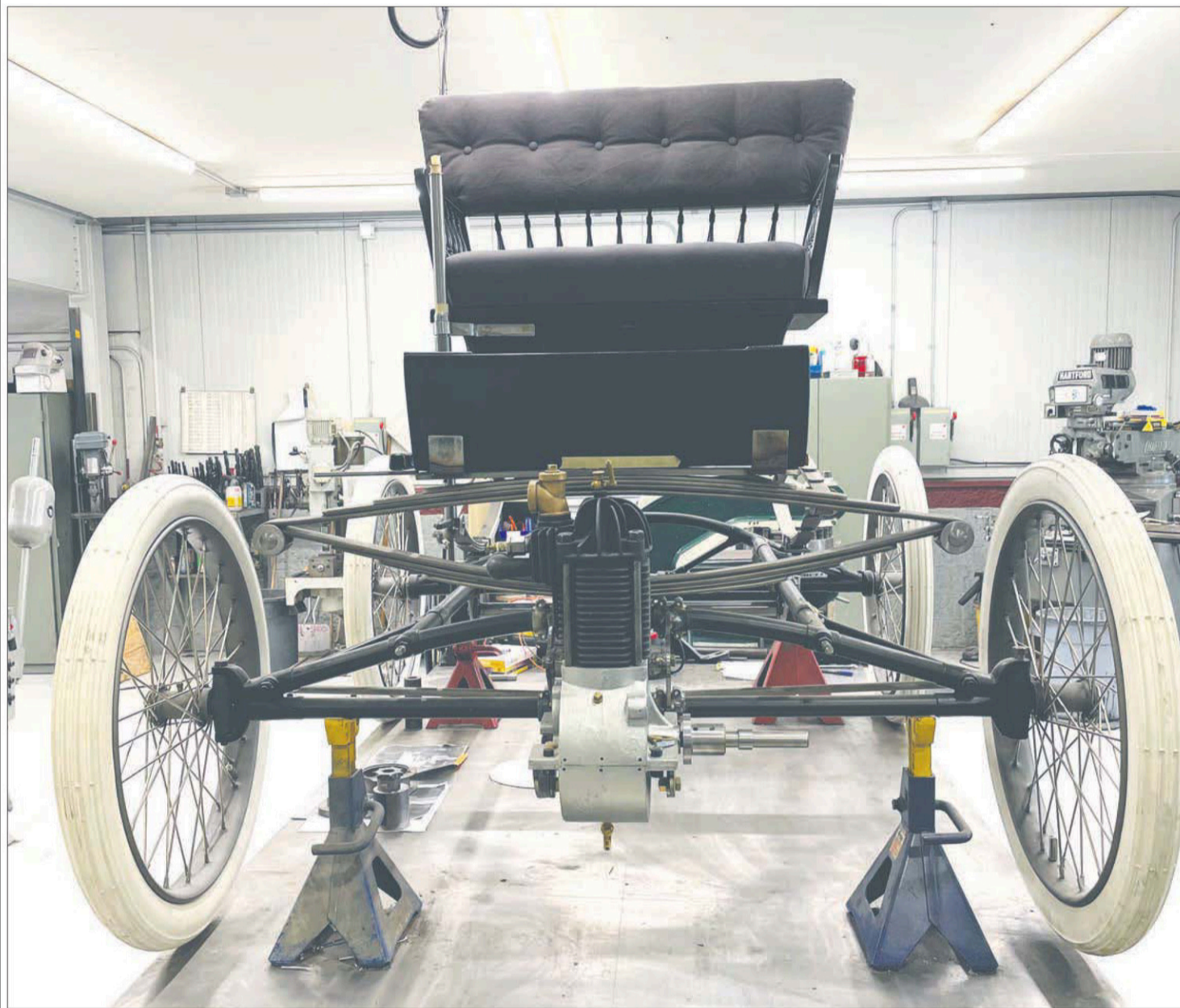
As of Sunday there were 3,300 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the province of Quebec, 1,446 of whom had the virus as a primary diagnosis. There were also 282 people in Intensive care with the virus, 228 of whom were there directly because of Covid. Of the 419 people admitted to hospital in Sunday's data, 289 were unvaccinated or less than two weeks after their first dose. This was also the case for 23 out of 27 new ICU admissions.

The Province recorded 185 new deaths related to Covid over the weekend, bringing the total number of deaths as a result of the pandemic in the province to 12,310.

In the update from the CIUSSS de l'Estrie CHUS on Friday, there were 142 hospitalizations for Covid in the Townships. Just over half of those (77) were at the Hôtel-Dieu in Sherbrooke, with 41 at the Fleurimont Hospital, 16 at the Granby Hospital, and eight at the BMP in Cowansville. The intensive care patients, all of whom were at one of the two Sherbrooke hospitals, numbered 26.

The region reported seven new deaths on Friday.

Fossmobile trying to find its way back to Sherbrooke



COURTESY RON FOSS

By Taylor McClure
Special to The Record

The Fossmobile, Canada's first successful gasoline powered automobile, created by Sherbrooke mechanic, blacksmith and bicycle repairman George Foote Foss, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this

year. His grandson, Ron Foss, is in the process of rebuilding the vehicle using original parts where possible, to create a replica as a tribute to a significant moment in Canada's automotive history and more importantly, Foss's legacy.

Through the establishment of Fossmobile Enterprises, which has a

goal of sharing Foss's accomplishment through collaborations and networking, Foss took on the tribute project and is getting excited for the Fossmobile's grand unveiling.

The vehicle is almost complete and Foss, in collaboration with the Sherbrooke Historical Society, is

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Weather



TODAY:
SNOW

HIGH OF 1
LOW OF -11



TUESDAY:
A FEW FLURRIES

HIGH OF -11
LOW OF -23



WEDNESDAY:
LIGHT SNOW

HIGH OF -3
LOW OF -8



THURSDAY:
SCATTERED
FLURRIES

HIGH OF -8
LOW OF -26



FRIDAY:
MAINLY SUNNY

HIGH OF -19
LOW OF -29

“I said it and I meant it”



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

Just after Christmas two years ago our five-year-old mixed breed dog, Spot, got sick and in less than two weeks we found out he had a terminal blood disease. Unable to walk and starting to become jaundiced, we had him put to sleep. My husband did the hard part, in this particular case, I could not. This dog was special and our limited time with him made his sudden departure from our lives both painful and difficult. “No more pets.” I said it and I meant it. Installing an alarm to protect the house was less costly and easier on the heartstrings.

The youngest of our three sons lives with us. In the past two years he has become a kunekune pig farmer and

the keeper of the youth centre laying hens who are his entire problem and his to care for. While we support in the occasional expense, these animals are not our problem and while we find them entertaining, I don't get too attached nor do I interact with them often. Better for the heart to keep a distance; less painful in the long run.

Over a year ago a stray cat that had obviously been abandoned to fend for herself found her way to our porch in the middle of winter. She looked a fright in an emaciated state of neglect and of course, son number three began feeding her. She found a safe harbour in our wood pile in the carport. Wild to human interaction, she wanted nothing to do with us and that suited everyone just fine. The food was put out, she ate it and then she went about her business living outside.

We noted a couple of times that she was expecting kittens, but they never found their way to us until this past fall. She had a litter and while neighbours up the road found them and took them to be adopted, one was rejected by the mother as a very small kitten and left on its own in the rain.

My son heard its cries, went and found it and brought it back to the mother's sleeping quarters in our



wood pile. A few hours later the kitten was back outside abandoned and crying. Son number three, the tough guy, snuck it into the house and in the next two days had purchased feeding materials, a bed, a litter box, a cat condo, Mr. Dress Up's tinkle trunk for kittens and starter milk. When it cried, son number three ran to help, and the rest of us tried to ignore to no avail.

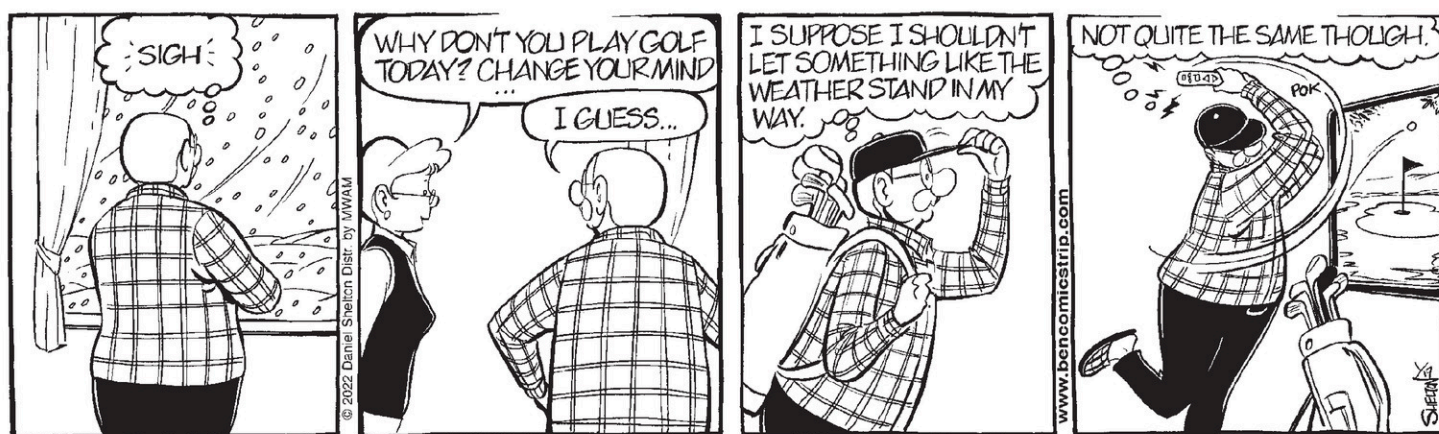
It took “Fez” a mere day or two and we were all making googley faces and noises and he was king of the house, charming the parrot and using the litter box far earlier than any “normal” cat (or so he told us)!

Fez has a bed, but is welcome to join any of us, a luxury he enjoys refusing at his leisure. He bites, he climbs, he purrs (in the presence of son number three only) and he has mastered all of the things I said he'd better never do. When my son whistles, he knows that means it is time to eat. When we spray him for being naughty, he knows that it is time to pretend he will not do whatever it is again (then does it again and again and again).

I never thought I would have an indoor cat. While he will never replace our Spotty, he sure is a nice reminder that our hearts are still vulnerable and capable of loving something we never thought we could. Fez is not going anywhere, and neither are we, unless he has other plans. and if he does, well, you will find me with the stray out in the woodpile with my pillow.



Ben by Daniel Shelton



Poll suggests support for Bill 21 provision may have dropped in Quebec; 55 per cent in favour

By Morgan Lowrie
The Canadian Press

A new poll suggests support may have slipped for a key element of Quebec's secularism law, known as Bill 21.

A web panel survey carried out by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies earlier this month found 55 per cent of Quebecers are in favour of banning religious symbols being worn by public school teachers.

That appears to be a drop from the results of a previous Leger survey published in September that found 64 per cent of Quebecers were in favour of Bill 21, which applies to civil servants in positions of authority including judges, teachers, and police officers.

Jack Jedwab, the president of the Association for Canadian Studies, says the seeming shift in public opinion could be tied to recent debate on the issue, including the case of an elementary school teacher in western Quebec who was removed from her teaching position in December because her hijab

contravenes the law.

The incident prompted calls for the federal government to intervene in court challenges against the law and spurred the mayors of several large cities to pledge their support to the legal battle to overturn it.

The survey was conducted by web panel between Jan. 7 and 9, involving 1,547 Canadians 18 years of age or older.

The polling industry's professional body, the Canadian Research Insights Council, says online surveys cannot be assigned a margin of error because they do not randomly sample the population.

Debate over Bill 21 was ignited in December after Grade 3 teacher Fatemeh Anvari was reassigned from teaching duties at her Chelsea, Que., school because she wore a hijab.

In an interview, Jedwab said he believed the incident demonstrated the real impact of a law that had previously felt mostly symbolic.

"When we saw someone wearing a hijab being removed from the classroom, I think my sense is that that's contributed

to this drop in support," he said.

Premier Francois Legault has repeatedly cited strong public support for Bill 21 as a warning to any leaders outside Quebec who challenge it. Jedwab said the survey results suggest that consensus could be eroding, although he said it was too soon to know if the dip in support were a temporary response to Anvari losing her teaching job.

The poll suggested that support for Bill 21 is divided along linguistic and generational lines.

While 59 per cent of French speakers in the survey said they either "strongly" or "somewhat" support banning visible religious symbols worn by teachers, only 26 per cent of English speakers felt the same.

Amongst Quebecers, 73.9 per cent of people aged 65 to 74 said they supported the ban – the highest of any age group – while only 27.8 of 18-to-24-year-olds said they did.

Across Canada, the average was 33 per cent in favour of the ban, 55 per cent against and 12 per cent undecided.

Across Canada, including in Quebec, a

majority of survey respondents said they felt it was important for the Supreme Court of Canada to issue an opinion on whether Bill 21 discriminates against religious groups.

Opinion was more divided on whether the federal government should intervene in any eventual Supreme Court challenge of the law.

A total of 39 per cent of respondents were in favour of federal intervention compared to 29 per cent against. That support was strongest in Ontario but lower in several other provinces including Quebec, where 42 per cent felt the government should not intervene and 37 per cent said it should.

Support was even more mixed when it came to the involvement of big city mayors outside Quebec. The greatest number of respondents, by a 34 per cent to 29 per cent margin, felt the mayors should not support opponents of the bill. That sentiment was strongest in Quebec, while respondents in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta voted narrowly in favour of mayoral action.

Transport ministry warns of winter storm

Record Staff

In the face of a forecast of heavy snowfall and strong winds across much of the province, the Ministry of Transport (MTQ) is encouraging the population to avoid non-essential travel on Monday.

Weather warnings issued Sunday by Environment Canada largely excluded the Eastern Townships, where the forecast included the possibility of rain

in place of the larger dump of snow, but warned much of the Saint-Lawrence Valley to prepare for snowfall amounts of 15 to 25 cm alongside strong winds that could limit visibility starting Monday morning and continuing through the day.

"Surfaces such as highways, roads, walkways and parking lots may become difficult to navigate due to accumulating snow," the alert read. "Rapidly accumulating snow could

make travel difficult over some locations."

In their notice, the MTQ shared that plow teams will be out as soon as the storm begins in order to improve conditions as much as possible, but they cautioned those who do travel to expect disruptions on several of the province's major roadways.

"Road users must take great caution and adapt their driving to variable road conditions," the notice states.

Anyone leaving home is encouraged to check road conditions in advance using Quebec 511, either online or by phone, and to check the condition and preparedness of their vehicle, including clearing all snow from the windows, roof, headlights, hood, and license plate. While on the roads, drivers are reminded to slow down, keep a greater distance from other vehicles, and try to ensure as much visibility as possible.

Memphremagog watershed, free online Leachate Symposium

Record Staff

"Leachate" is the liquid residue from landfills. The Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA) invited members of the public curious to know more about leachate management practices to join a free, online Leachate Symposium, Monday Jan. 31 from 7-9 p.m.

The MWA promises an informative and technical discussion offering unbiased and accurate information for the public. The Vermont-based not-for-profit notes that leachate and its treatment within the Memphremagog watershed has been a hot topic on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

The expert panel and Q&A will be free and open to the public via Zoom with moderation by a professional facilitator. Pre-registration is required. Visit the Events sections of www.mwavn.org to sign up.

"MWA understands that leachate is a fact of landfills and hopes that by informing the public, rational and thoughtful discussions can result between all parties," states Mary Pat Goulding, ex-officio board member. "This is not a topic unique to our location, and we hope to gain some insight from others across the

country and the world with this symposium."

MWA notes that Vermont's only active landfill is situated near Lake Memphremagog, and that about three quarters of the water that feeds the Lake comes from Vermont whereas three quarters of its surface area is in Canada.

A map in the cross-border watersheds section of the International Joint Commission website, circumscribes a Lake Memphremagog watershed that includes the Barton, Black, Clyde and Johns Rivers in Vermont, as well as the Magog, St-Francois, Saumon, Saumons, Eaton, Moe, and Coaticook Rivers in Quebec.

Panelists will include Justin Pimpare, Regional Pretreatment Coordinator, New England Office, Environmental Protection Agency; Anne Tavrlire, Pretreatment Program Specialist, Water Resources Division/Emerging Pollutant Section, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy; Rick Burns, Michigan Rural Water Association; Amy Dindal, Director of Environmental Research & Development, Battelle Laboratories; Nick Giannetti, Pretreatment Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Natural Resource, Department of Environmental Conservation; and Kasey Kathan, Vermont Solid

Waste Program, Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation.

MWA was founded in 2007 to preserve of the environment and natural beauty of the Memphremagog watershed. Its mission is to inform and educate the

public concerning issues related to the watershed. The association collaborates with Memphremagog Conservation Incorporated (MCI) in Magog, as well as the NorthWoods Stewardship Center and various lake associations throughout the watershed.

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QAHN's first annual "Scandal Makers" Online Film Festival

A new series for the new year

The Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) is virtually launching its world premier of a new series of its popular mini cemetery documentaries called "Scandal Makers." The first series, presented in 2020, features the stories of some of the more disreputable characters of the past buried in rural cemetery sites in the Eastern Townships' Missisquoi County. In this new series, viewers will enjoy seeing local historians visit the graves of legendary or notorious folks in graveyards found in Compton and Stanstead counties.

QAHN's mission to protect and preserve the history and heritage of Quebec includes the historic and often abandoned cemeteries that are found in the rural landscape across the province.

"The documentaries are a way of keeping the past from fading away by continuing to tell the stories of the dearly (or infamously) departed," says project director Heather Darch. "The words 'beloved mother or father' hardly tell the full story of a life, and most of us pass by graveyards

never knowing the stories of the people laid to rest there. It's people like Kathy Curtis from the Colby-Curtis Museum, local historians like Anne Leydet or QAHN's president Grant Myers who help keep those stories buried beneath tombstones and inside mausoleums from disappearing."

The goal of the documentary films is to engage the communities that are situated near the sites in the care and protection of the cemeteries. Bringing an awareness to the sites and the stories they hold helps people to discover aspects about their community they might otherwise never know. It is hoped that the series can serve to educate people about the importance of protecting these sites and seeing them as important to a community's past and Quebec's history in general.

"We want to make the documentaries entertaining, but they are also factual and well-researched stories so that we can bring local stories to life," says Darch.

QAHN's Executive Director

Matthew Farfan, who originally conceptualized the idea of creating films in heritage cemeteries, emphasizes that it is "important to bring to life the long-silenced voices of those who came before us. These were real people with jobs, families and lives who not only had joy and successes in life, but who also endured pain and misfortune, and in some cases scandal. I think they can offer lessons that we can still learn from today."

The live event will feature opening remarks from both Darch and Farfan with special guests Kathy Curtis, Anne Leydet and Grant Myers, the featured stars of the documentaries. Following the films, viewers will have the opportunity to participate in a live virtual discussion and Q&A.

The online launch takes place on Sunday Jan. 23, 2022. Everyone is welcome and viewers can access the event live by going to QAHN's public Facebook page (no need to have one of your own) at 1 p.m. at www.facebook.com/QAHNCanada or on Zoom by registering on the link found on the



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Facebook page.

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Foss mobile

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hoping to bring the vehicle back to Sherbrooke where it all began to mark the 125th anniversary of its invention.

The project, however, has hit a few speed bumps along the way.

"We plan to unveil it at the end of April and there will be a few local activities here (Ontario), but the next big initiative is to hopefully bring it to Sherbrooke the 19th, 20th, 21st, of August at the Marché de la Gare," said Foss.

Each summer, the Sherbrooke Historical Society holds an event at the Marché de la Gare that brings people back in time.

"It's an event we have been doing for 10 years and we bring the public market back to the 1900s. All of the vendors put a product at a historical price, you can have three cucumbers for 10 cents or a basket of apples for 20 cents," explained David Lacoste, director of the historical society. "We have performers, traditional dances, and the museum won the General Governor's Award for it in 2017. It's a known event and it is appreciated, it allows the museum to be seen and we can connect with the public in a historical context. The Fossmobile would benefit our tenth event."

However, the group has run into some obstacles to find financing to get the Fossmobile to Sherbrooke.

"We would really like it to come to Sherbrooke for its 125th anniversary so we asked for financial support from

Heritage Canada and we were refused," Lacoste explained, suggesting the funding body may not fully understand the historical significance of the Fossmobile.

"George Foote Foss received an offer from Ford, but he refused," Lacoste said. "He was the first inventor in Canada, it isn't just nothing."

The historical society's mission is to share local history and it wants to find a way to make sure the Fossmobile finds its way back home. It is currently working on finding other financial solutions and they are ironing out the details for the coordination of the event. "It's an opportunity we can't let slip by as a historical group."

While the car won't be up and running due to risks associated with a 125-year-old engine, the event would allow people from near and far to experience the Fossmobile in its completion. "About 80 per cent of it is completed, but if not for Covid or delays it would probably have been completed by now. The major components are done, but in order to get it within 95 per cent authenticity we have finer details and final work to do to make it complete. We are just in those stages now," said Foss.

The project required a lot of work. "The body is done, the wheels and chassis, a front calling that goes over the engine, the chain work is done, it's really down to the finer details. We put it all together using standard bolts, but in those days all the bolts would have been square so we have to replace



COURTESY RON FOSS

every bolt we used temporarily to put it together."

Foss also applied to Heritage Canada to receive financing to complete the car, but was at first refused until it was appealed. He recently received news that his request has been accepted. "Matthew Farfan wrote a letter directly to the heritage minister and so did my local MP. Between the two of them, I got a call within five or six hours from the administrator saying they would consider an appeal; that was not the

case at first."

Despite the setbacks for him and the historical society, Foss emphasized that Townshippers have been in their corner, including the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network and local corporate sponsorship. "There are significant groups from the Townships cheering us on to bring it to Sherbrooke."

If you're looking to support the Fossmobile, visit <http://www.fossmobile.ca/> for contact details and other information.

Former Cantonniers player laces up for Trois-Rivières Lions

By Michael Boriero

Olivier Hinse recently suited up for the Trois-Rivières Lions in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), returning to the professional level for the first time since coming back to Quebec after a four-year stint in Europe.

Hinse, who grew up in Sherbrooke and played for the Magog Cantonniers, jumped at the opportunity to play for Trois-Rivières when the team's General Manager, and former National Hockey League (NHL) defenceman, Marc-André Bergeron called to offer him a contract.

"It was pretty cool, for sure, it's nice to have an ex-NHLer call you and ask you to play for the team, especially the Lions because it's in the Montreal Canadiens organization. So yeah, it was pretty cool to receive that call and I was excited to try it out," said Hinse.

He was supposed to participate in two games, but an outbreak of COVID-19 cases within the locker room brought his time with the team to an abrupt end. However, Hinse managed to draw into the lineup for at least one game, notching an assist against the Maine Mariners.

Although he hasn't laced up for a professional club since his days in Europe, Hinse told The Record that he

was still used to the speed and intensity of the game. He has stayed sharp in the province's semi-professional Ligue Nord-Américaine de Hockey (LNAH).

"I was used to that pace of play, for sure, when I play semi-pro it's packed with very talented players, we all have jobs and it's not 100 per cent hockey, so we're not as in shape as those players who are on the ice every day, but it's still a good calibre," said Hinse.

He currently plays for the Sorel-Tracy Éperviers, where he ranks fourth in league scoring with 26 points. His team sits firmly in second place behind Thetford. But at this point in his career, hockey isn't everything for Hinse. He has a wife and two kids to think about now.

Hinse said that he would consider rejoining the Lions in the future, if they ever needed his help again, but he also has a tight schedule with his children, one and three years old, work, semi-pro hockey, and coaching several teams. It would merit a longer conversation.

"I'm at a point in my life where I just bought a new house and I like my work, my wife loves what she's doing, so I'm not saying no, but there's more chances of me staying where I'm at, and I like the league I play in, I'm well treated in Sorel," said Hinse.

He used to live and breathe hockey,

spending most of his days in the gym or the arena. And Hinse cherishes every minute he had in Europe. He split his time in Denmark and Germany from 2017 to 2021. But he understands that his hockey career is shifting now.

"I think the page is almost turned, I'd say three-quarters turned, because, for sure, going back there to play in the East Coast was fun and brought back that little spark, but yeah, it's a family decision now," Hinse said, adding his life is now entrenched in Quebec.

He works as a special educator and technician at St. Patrick's High School in Quebec City. And Hinse also coaches various school hockey teams between the ages of 12 and 17. He's still on the ice almost every morning, he explained, and sometimes in the evening.

He has always loved being behind the bench, teaching kids about hockey and growing their passion for the sport. He even coached a junior AAA team for one year while playing for the Concordia University Stingers. Hinse expects coaching will be his next hockey challenge.

When asked whether he would ever consider coming to coach in Sherbrooke, or for his former team in Magog, Hinse laughed it off, sharing he would never turn down an opportunity to return to his roots, but again, it



COURTESY OLIVIER HINSE

would require a lot of reflection, and a conversation with his wife.

"If I get the call I'm going to think about it, for sure, because I really liked my time there, it was fun and being from Sherbrooke, it would be something nice, but my wife is from Quebec City and we love it here, so it might be a bigger discussion," said Hinse.

EDITORIAL

I was a member of the recently “dismissed” Provincial Access Committee and I respectfully believe there are significant gaps in your knowledge and understanding.

More screaming with streaming: Crime shows still booming



PETER BLACK

As if the infernal misery of this pandemic were not enough to break the spirit of Quebecers, now comes the news that one of the most beloved French language television series of all time will soon give up the ghost.

Radio-Canada announced last week that its phenomenally successful cop serial District 31 will investigate its final case in April after six seasons and 720 episodes.

The series, an anomaly for its format of four half-hour episodes a week, regularly drew an average 1.7 million viewers, an incredible achievement in a province of 8.4 million.

The announcement came suddenly, driven by the pressure of having to write and shoot a steady daily product of compelling plots. Chief writer Luc Dionne noted in a press conference that “six years of daily writing, 4,800 pages per year, is a lot. At a certain point, you have to take care of yourself and your family.”

The 61-year-old said the sudden death last month of film director Jean-Marc Vallée was on his mind when the series creators discussed the possibility of calling it quits.

As impressive as 720 half-hour episodes over six years may be, District 31 is still a relative hit and run compared to some of the longest running crime series out there, at least in terms of years.

There are many ways to measure the longevity of a crime series since some shows produce varying numbers of episodes per year. That said, it would

seem a Scottish series called Taggart is the granddaddy of all crime shows, lasting 27 years, from 1983 to 2010, and even living on 16 years after the death of the actor who played the title character.

The British series Silent Witness has had no shortage of bodies to provide forensic challenges ever since it debuted in 1996. The BBC-produced show will celebrate its 25th season sometime in 2022. Another British series, Midsomer Murders, is close behind with 24 seasons and counting.

On this side of the pond, Law and Order: SVU has been on duty since 1999 and carrying on the franchise from the original Law and Order which aired from 1990 to 2010, a very decent run in itself.

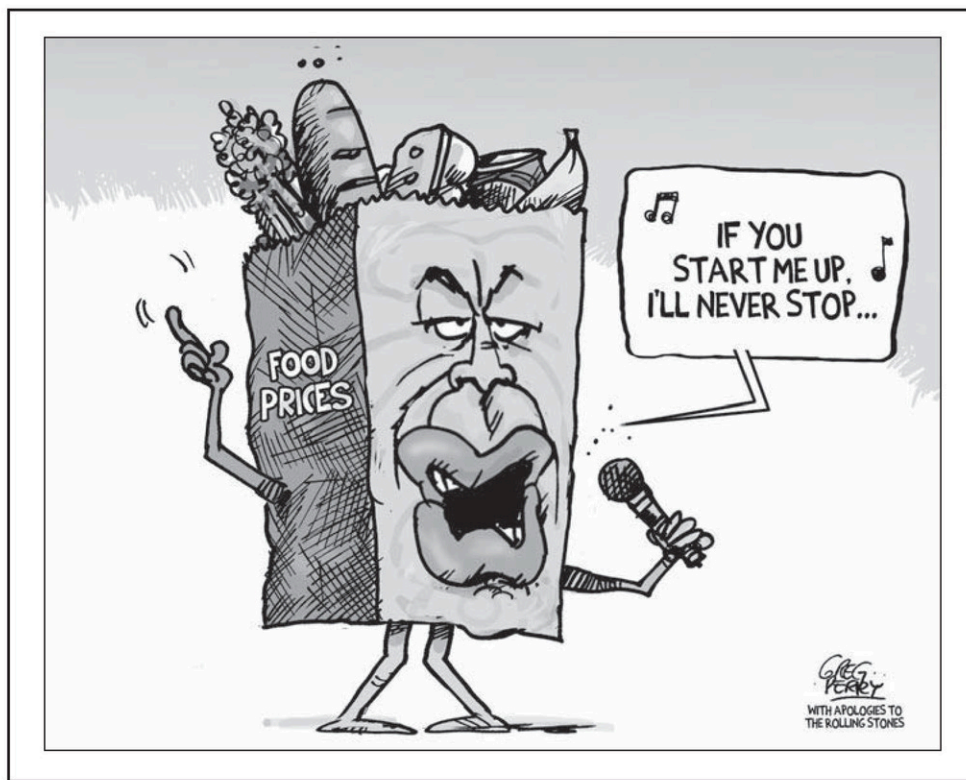
In this land of ice, snow, murder and mayhem, the uncontested champion of crime shows is the turn of the 20th century drama Murdoch Mysteries which enters its 15th season this year. It’s been among the most popular dramatic series on CBC since the peoples’ broadcaster picked it up in 2013.

Crime shows are of course ubiquitous, international and come in a bewildering variety of formats, styles, tones and topics. A study by The Hollywood Reporter found that cop shows comprise 20 per cent of all scripted shows and are by far the most popular genre of programming.

Of course, what has changed everything in terms of access to crime series - or any type of programming for that matter - is the on-demand and streaming revolution.

What is also obvious is that periods of COVID-19 confinement have had a major impact on streaming subscriptions. There’s been a leap of an average 20-30 per cent for the 26 streaming channels available in Canada during the first year of the pandemic. Growth tapered off last year, say the analysts, as viewers became saturated with content.

For fans of cops, coroners, prosecutors and procedurals, streaming and on-demand cable are a dream come true if you are willing to shell out for the subscriptions or blitz through as many series as you can during a free monthly or weekly trial.



There’s another thing that’s changed the world of crime TV - subtitles. Thanks to the genius of captioning - which is a legal requirement of broadcasting regulators - programming from around the planet in dozens of languages is available to those who don’t mind following the action while reading the dialogue.

Subtitles are all but essential for most

crime shows, in particular anything set in Scotland, where the dialogue, though nominally in English, is about as comprehensible as Swedish or Swahili.

District 13, alas, is not currently available with English subtitles. That would change, however, if and when it gets picked up by one of the big streaming players.

Letters

Re: Provincial Access Committees

DEAR MR. SKEETE:

Hello. I’m not sure what can be done at this point, and maybe it’s indicative that I’m not “political” but being talked about without recourse is very frustrating. Especially when being done by a government representative who does not (but should) have any first-hand knowledge of the Provincial Access Committee. I was a member of the recently “dismissed” Provincial Access Committee and I respectfully believe there are significant gaps in your knowledge and understanding. I am writing to you as a former member of the PAC (Laurentians) and concerned member of the ESCQ.

It has been beyond frustrating and heartbreaking to see 3 and 1/2 years of incredible hard work, dedication, and commitment to the ESCQ to be summarily dismissed by the CAQ, and, most recently by your comments in the Sherbrooke Record where you referred to our committee as “dysfunctional”. This is despite your refusing requests to meet with us I believe, or reaching out on your own as I would think would be acceptable from the Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers. I don’t know of anything more pressing than the health, safety and well-being of a group of people to which you are responsible for “relations” with.

I learnt of our being disbanded like most of the population: in the news. This should not have been surprising, since I feel communication with the MISSS has been the bane of our existence throughout our mandate (I believe as of this moment, only 1 of our year-end-reports have been made public?). Despite NO clear guidelines to the contrary, I feel we were actively blocked from speaking with the ESCQ throughout our tenure, despite this being at the core of the mandate of the PAC. It seems we were also blocked through bureaucracy regarding the provision of appropriate training to Regional Access Committees during their development of the latest plans. During a pandemic, when the CAQ used this as a ready excuse for further delays in communication, we were mandated to read through the entire province’s submissions of Regional Access Plans to have them finalized by a deadline... now recognized as their deadline to disband us.

These are just a few of the examples of the dysfunction. However, I believe you have erroneously placed the dysfunction upon the PAC instead of where it clearly lies, on the CAQ. If anyone cares to dig, there is an ample paper trail of a PAC who worked tirelessly to advocate for the healthcare rights of the ESCQ and who were summarily blocked, ignored, dismissed, chastised at every turn. This is beyond a tragedy for the health and well-being of the ESCQ, I have heard “through the grapevine” that the CAQ

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Re: Provincial Access Committees

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did not enjoy having a PAC that asked questions, clarified linguistic laws as they applied to accessibility of the ESCQ in healthcare, made logical recommendations, and who really read and assessed Regional Access Plans (as opposed to a mere stamp of approval). In short, the CAQ did not enjoy a PAC who tried to keep the Ministry honest and accountable in their legal obligation to provide for equitable health care to the ESCQ; for this we are being shamed by being referred to as “dysfunctional”. This from the person responsible for relations with English-Speaking Quebecers?

This is surely why, instead of merely adjusting the format of the PAC allowing for a redistribution of regional and Indigenous representation while allowing for continuity as the regions move into implementation of their plans, the government has seen fit to begin once again from nothing. From personal experience, it can take up to 2 years to fully understand the Quebec health care system, governance, and wrap one’s head around the political bureaucracy entrenched in this province. This position is not for the faint of heart or the easily frustrated. And may I remind you, it is a volunteer, unpaid position that requires full-time hours. You have once again been quoted in the Sherbrooke Record as saying that any member is “welcome to reapply” but have not provided clarification where the eligibility criteria indicates one cannot be a member if they have previously been dismissed from the Committee. It certainly feels as if we have been “dismissed”, especially as this notion is supported by your allegation of “dysfunctional”. Surely you can provide clarification before the deadline to submit my interest?

We will see what comes next, but when a PAC who is nominated by the population through advocacy groups cannot hope to be able to meet their mandate over the course of almost 4 years to ensure equitable access to health and social services due to government disingenuity, I do not have much hope for a PAC who is appointed and managed by more explicit governmental controls. Someone needs to know the actual truth of the PACs last 3 and 1/2 years.

Again, I am writing to you as a former member of the PAC (Laurentians) and concerned member of the ESCQ. Sincerely,

CAROLYNN ROBERTS
FORMER PROVINCIAL ACCESS COMMITTEE MEMBER
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Date Book

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Today is the 17th day of 2022 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1773, Captain James Cook and his crew became the first to sail south of the Antarctic Circle.

In 1917, the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first session.

In 1991, a United States-led coalition's planes struck targets in Kuwait and Iraq, launching the Persian Gulf War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), statesman/inventor/author; Al Capone (1899-1947), organized crime boss; Betty White (1922-2021), actress; Eartha Kitt (1927-2008), actress/singer; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor; Muhammad Ali (1942-2016), boxer; Andy Kaufman (1949-1984), actor/comedian; Steve Harvey (1957-), comedian/actor; Jim Carrey (1962-), actor; Sebastian Junger (1962-), journalist/author; Michelle Obama (1964-), U.S. first lady; Kid Rock

(1971-), singer-songwriter; Zoey Deschanel (1980-), actress; Dwyane Wade (1982-), basketball player; Calvin Harris (1984-), singer-songwriter/producer.

TODAY'S FACT: The term "military-industrial complex" was first used by President Dwight Eisenhower during his farewell address to the nation on this day in 1961.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1971, the Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 in Super Bowl V, a game so filled with errors it was nicknamed the "Blunder Bowl."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We should always have three friends in our lives - one who walks ahead who we look up to and follow; one who walks beside us, who is with us every step of our journey; and then, one who we reach back for and bring along after we've cleared the way." - Michelle Obama

TODAY'S NUMBER: 26 - age at which gangster Al Capone became boss of the "Chicago Outfit."

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Jan. 17).

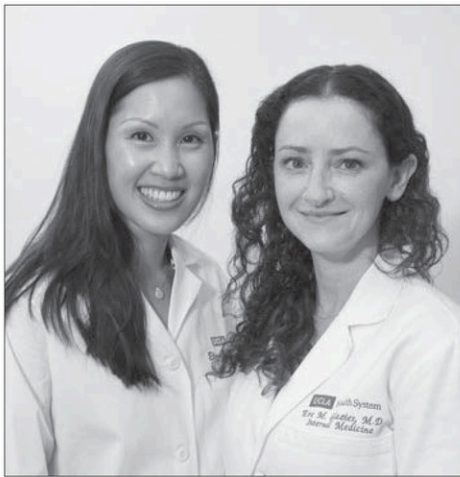
Do Just One Thing



By Danny Seo

Avoid the temptation to "top off" when at the gas pump. When filling up, allow the pump to automatically shut off when it's full; you'll know that point has been reached when you hear a clicking sound and the gas nozzle stops pumping gas. Adding those extra few pumps of gas can actually waste your money, because gasoline is often fed from your tank back into the station's tanks via the vapor-recovery system, which prevents gas from escaping during the fueling process. To get the most gas for your buck, stop filling up when the pump says your tank is full.

First person seemingly cured of Type 1 Diabetes



ASK THE DOCTORS
by Eve Glazier, M.D.
and Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

that possible? Is there going to be a treatment soon?

Dear Reader: You're referring to the release of preliminary data from a clinical trial that is testing a potential cure for Type 1 diabetes. The trial is quite small - just 17 participants - and the initial result concerns only one person. However, the outcome is so remarkable, it's making international news. According to the Massachusetts-based pharmaceutical company conducting the trial, the first participant has not only decreased his daily insulin use by 91%, but for the first time in his life, his body is producing insulin in response to blood sugar fluctuation.

For those who are not familiar with Type 1 diabetes, it's an autoimmune disease. This occurs when the immune system malfunctions and mistakenly attacks and damages the body's own tissues. In Type 1 diabetes, certain white blood cells attack and destroy the clusters of specialized cells in the pancreas known as islets, which produce insulin. Without insulin, the cells of the body can't access blood

sugar, which is one of the products of digestion. Not only does this leave cells without their main source of energy, but it results in an uncontrolled buildup of glucose in the blood, which is extremely dangerous.

Keeping blood sugar within a healthful range when you have Type 1 diabetes requires constant testing, daily insulin and a carefully controlled diet. Even so, people living with the disease are at increased risk of a range of adverse health effects, including heart attack, stroke and nerve impairment. The disease is the leading cause of blindness and kidney failure in the United States.

The only known cure for Type 1 diabetes is either a pancreas transplant or a transplant of the specialized pancreatic cells that produce insulin. But with a shortage of available organs and 1.6 million people in the U.S. living with the disease, a cure for the vast majority is not possible. That's what makes the positive results in this clinical trial such big news. The first participant, who is 64, has been

living with Type 1 diabetes for nearly 50 years. His disease is so severe, he regularly experienced sudden drops in blood sugar that caused him to lose consciousness. A few days after receiving an infusion of stem cells that have been "taught" how to behave like islets, everything changed. His blood sugar readings were in the normal range. Even after eating a meal, which requires the body to secrete insulin in order to manage blood glucose, his readings remained perfect.

If this first participant continues to respond to ongoing treatment, his will be the first-ever functional cure of diabetes. It's a thrilling - but also very early - result. There are 16 more participants in the clinical trial, and five years left to go. Whether or not the man continues to respond to treatment, and whether or not the results can be duplicated in other patients, remains to be seen.

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Honoring MLK

Dear Annie

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

Dear Readers: Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day! In honor of this great man, I have attached some of the best excerpts from his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. The words today still ring true – that we should be drinking from the cup of truth, love and kindness, and not the cup of hatred and division.

"I say to you today, my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream ... I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

"I have a dream today ... I have a dream that one day, every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

"Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

"In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

"There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' ... We are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

"This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning. 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring.' And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true ...

"When we allow freedom ring – when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, Free at last, Great God almighty, We are free at last.'"

Dear Annie: My relationship with my

in-laws is a bit strange. I have three children, and my husband's parents have never shown love or that they care for them, or for my husband and me, for that matter. It breaks my heart that my children do not have a relationship with them, as they are their only grandparents.

When I visit their home, they do not have pictures of my children. They only have pictures of my father-in-law's grandchildren from his daughter with a previous marriage.

I've been married to my husband for more than a decade, and I have never felt accepted by them or even loved. They have not shown any affection toward us or my children. Every time we talk on the phone, it is always awkward, and they never speak to my children the way grandparents should. I would like to cut ties with them and keep them out of our lives. What should I do? – Broken Heart

Dear Broken Heart: Cutting ties with them seems a bit extreme. Have you asked yourself if you have accepted and loved them? Have you shown affection toward them? I am not blaming you for the relationship but simply suggesting that you look at yourself and how you have treated them.

Why not give them a picture in a nice frame of their grandchildren? Maybe they don't know how to print out the photos and your father-in-law's daughter gave them the photo. Send them love and acceptance if that is what you would like from them. If they still cannot return it, just accept that it is their loss and they are missing out on all the love and joy that grandchildren can give.

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

Happy 100th Birthday Val (Lavallee) Wright! January 23, 2022



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by Luis Campos



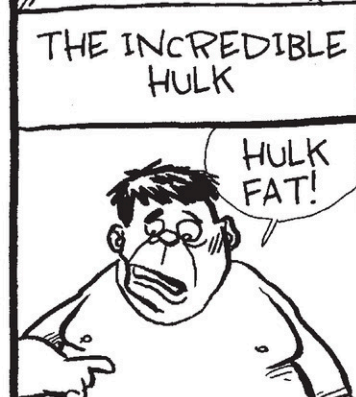

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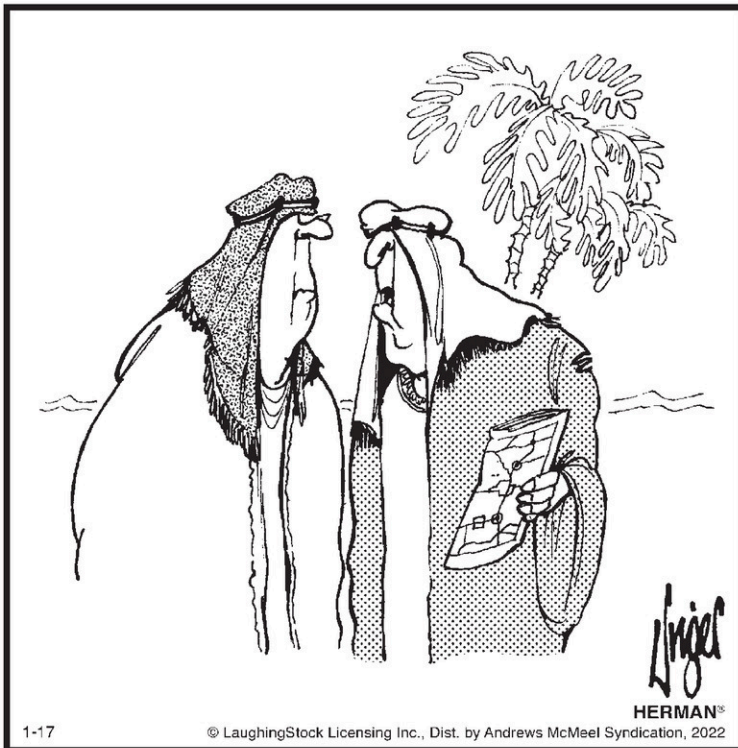
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TODAY'S CLUE: A sjanba W

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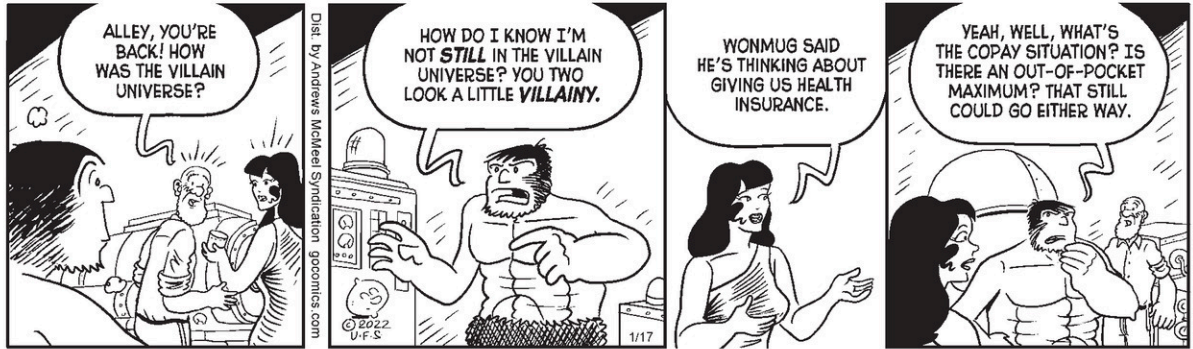
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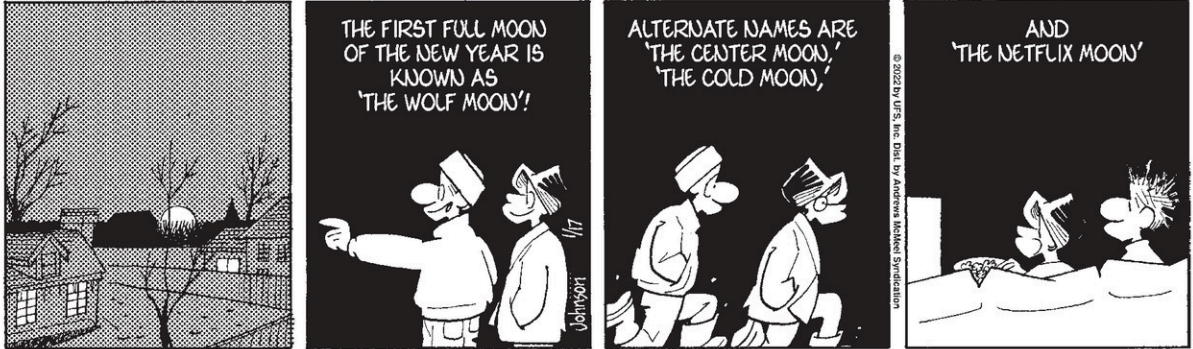
"If gas were \$10 a gallon, do you realize how many camels we could sell?"

ALLEY OOP



ALLEY, YOU'RE BACK! HOW WAS THE VILLAIN UNIVERSE?
HOW DO I KNOW I'M NOT STILL IN THE VILLAIN UNIVERSE? YOU TWO LOOK A LITTLE VILLAINY.
WONMUG SAID HE'S THINKING ABOUT GIVING US HEALTH INSURANCE.
YEAH, WELL, WHAT'S THE COPY SITUATION? IS THERE AN OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM? THAT STILL COULD GO EITHER WAY.

ARLO & JANIS



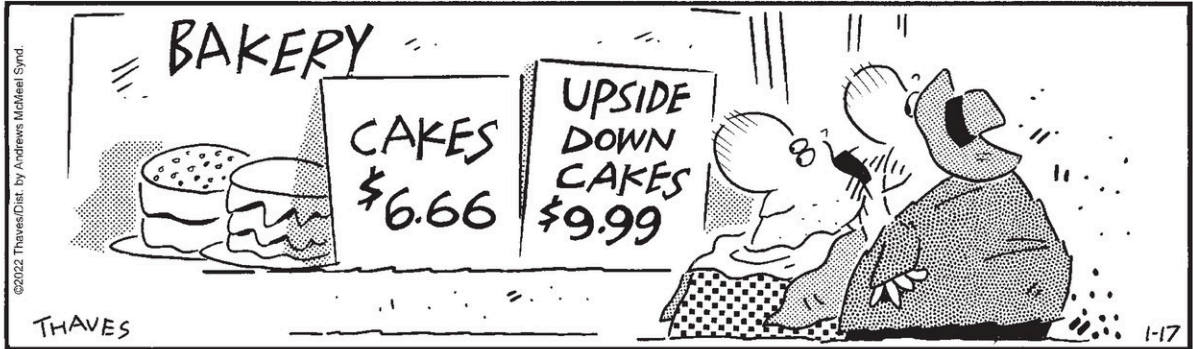
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THE BORN LOSER



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OH, SO WE CAN STILL RUN A FEW CRUCIAL THINGS?
EXACTLY, LIKE THE FURNACE!
I WAS THINKING MORE OF THE COFFEEMAKER!

FRANK AND ERNEST



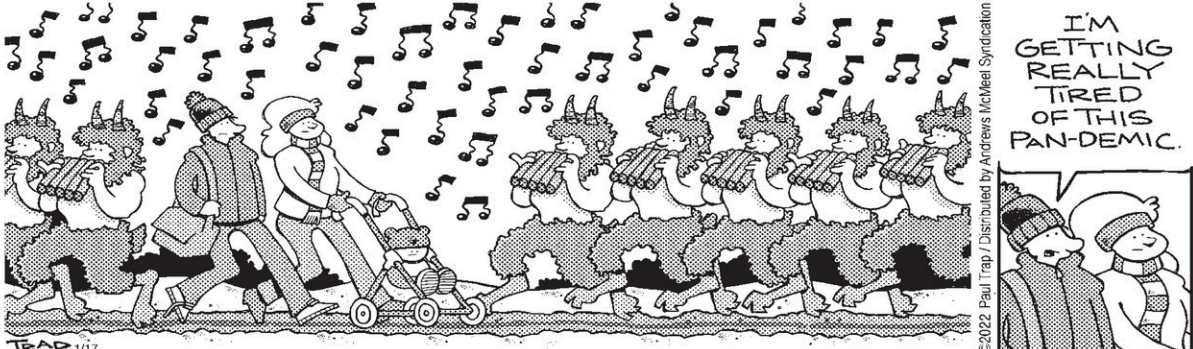
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- ACROSS**
- 1 NYSE regulator
 - 4 Track event
 - 8 Wild guess
 - 12 "Exodus" hero
 - 13 Not in harbor
 - 14 Bishop of Rome
 - 15 Tote
 - 16 "— cost you"
 - 17 Work, as yeast
 - 18 Athens rival
 - 20 Yodeler's home
 - 22 Posh hotel lobbies
 - 23 Plains dweller
 - 24 Feasible
 - 28 Rail securer
 - 31 Healthy upstairs
 - 34 Grassland site
 - 35 Keystone site
 - 36 State firmly
 - 37 Gullet
 - 38 Ciao, adios, etc.
- DOWN**
- 1 Chip dip
 - 2 Release violently
 - 3 Havana export
 - 4 Rum drink (2 wds.)
 - 5 "Como — usted?"
 - 6 Conger

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Face powder base
- 8 Jack who ate no fat
- 9 Soap or shampoo
- 10 Vaulted recess
- 11 Pickled veggie
- 19 Fish habitat
- 21 Gradation of color
- 25 Mme. Gluck of opera
- 26 Grizzly or kodiak
- 27 Grass
- 29 Rink surface
- 30 Codgers' queries
- 31 Airline to Stockholm
- 32 Std.
- 33 Provoking
- 35 Pop singer Paula —
- 40 Letter for plurals
- 41 Waning
- 43 Threshold
- 45 Ring boundaries
- 46 Jack, in cards
- 47 Think alike
- 48 Lap dog
- 49 Centrally located
- 50 Norse god
- 51 Receptive
- 54 Future fish

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

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as you go. Hone your skills and share your plans once you are happy with them. Refuse to let someone interfere with your ability to forge ahead. Don't hesitate to proceed alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Your imagination and attention to detail will raise interest. You will prosper if you take a unique approach to your work and incorporate something trendy into your presentation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Having a strategy and knowing what you want will help you avoid mistakes and bypass people who can disrupt your plans. Put your energy where it counts, and you will get things done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Mix business with pleasure, and you will excel. Share your point of view and listen to others' responses. Don't leave anything to chance if you want to get things done calmly and correctly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - A disciplined approach to work will help you avoid criticism and interference. Keep your thoughts and emotions to yourself, and finish what you start. Expect people to judge you on your abilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Be receptive to suggestions and ideas. The information someone passes along will encourage you to diversify and create something unique. Working with a like-minded partner will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Consider how you earn your living and what's required to improve your financial future. A disciplined attitude regarding your budget will be needed. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

Dismiss trivial matters. Concentrate on the positive aspects of your life and those you love. Bring about changes that add to your comfort and peace of mind. Listen to suggestions, but do what's best for you. A physical move or change will encourage you to follow your heart and use your attributes to suit your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Take a unique approach to life, love and happiness. A positive attitude will encourage others to listen to what you say and support what you want to pursue. Share your feelings and intentions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Take care of unfinished business. Don't ignore what others are doing or saying. The information you receive will encourage you to rethink your strategy. Protect your reputation, assets and possessions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You'll instinctively know what's doable. Dig in and put a plan together that will attract individuals who can contribute to your success. Mix business with pleasure. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't make a fuss. Tend to business. Take an intellectual approach to your goal and consider how to go about living up to your expectations. An energetic approach will help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Make changes that encourage you to spend more time with loved ones. Be sensitive toward others' needs. If you share your intentions, you'll receive the help you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Learn

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wrigley Field player
 - 4 Turkish official
 - 7 Consumer protection org.
 - 10 More than passed
 - 12 Sea eagle
 - 14 Hawaii's Mauna —
 - 15 Fr. miss
 - 16 Cable car
 - 17 "Yuck!"
 - 18 Lustrous fabric
 - 20 Iron
 - 22 Spiral molecule
 - 23 With-it
 - 24 Leg parts
 - 27 Dosed the dog
 - 30 Wade across
 - 31 Connecticut campus
 - 32 Willard's pet
 - 34 Cato's 102
 - 35 Loathsome
 - 36 "Wow!"
 - 37 Formula
 - 39 Aggressive
 - 40 "— Gratia Artis"
 - 41 Fergie's daughter
- 42 Player's rep**
- 45 Big to-do**
- 49 Chore**
- 50 Web addresses**
- 53 First 007 movie (2 wds.)**
- 54 Historian's word**
- 55 State, in Paris**
- 56 Sunflower product**
- 57 Prez after Jimmy**
- 58 Newspaper execs**
- 59 Run up a tab**
- DOWN**
- 1 Rotating machine parts
 - 2 NCAA Bruins
 - 3 Leather item
 - 4 Hartford competitor
 - 5 Menacing sound
 - 6 Literary collection
 - 7 In the dumps
 - 8 Marshy areas
 - 9 Words from Scrooge

- 11 Signed over
- 13 Darth Vader's side
- 19 Jr. naval officer
- 21 LP speed
- 23 Bucket defect
- 24 Pizza Hut alternative
- 25 Roulette color
- 26 Great Lakes port
- 27 Corduroy rib
- 28 Son of Aphrodite
- 29 Short race
- 31 Puppy plaints
- 33 Quaker pronoun
- 35 Goodness
- 36 Sentries
- 38 Paint container
- 39 Vigor
- 41 Police raids
- 42 Barely open
- 43 Disco dancer (hyph.)
- 44 Poet's black
- 46 Hydrox rival
- 47 One more time
- 48 Went by bike
- 51 I-90
- 52 Fictional collie

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Let them find her for you

By Phillip Alder

Ambrose Bierce defined a reporter as "a writer who guesses his way to the truth and dispels it with a tempest of words."

In a bridge column, the scribe shouldn't be guessing at the right line of play or defense. However, he might use a torrent of words.

In this deal, South is in six spades. How should he play after West leads the diamond queen?

North responded with the Jacoby Forcing Raise. South's three-club rebid showed a singleton or void in that suit. Then, after North made a three-heart control-bid expressing slam interest, South used Blackwood. (Note that if you employ Roman Key Card Blackwood, North should answer five spades, two key cards and the trump queen, because he knows of at least a 10-card fit.) If you do not wish to use the textbook Jacoby rebids, keep it simple with natural. Here, South would rebid three spades, showing extra values but no side suit. North would control-bid four clubs, and again South would ask for aces or key cards.

With the trump ace to lose, apparently South must guess who holds the heart queen. But, instead, he can

North		01-17-22	
♠	J 7 6 4 3	♠	A
♥	A J 5	♥	? 6 4 3
♦	K 8 5	♦	7 6 3 2
♣	A 2	♣	K Q 10 9
South			
♠	K Q 10 9 8 5 2	♠	
♥	K 10 9	♥	
♦	A 4	♦	
♣	6	♣	
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

get the opponent with the spade ace to help him out. Declarer wins with the diamond ace, ruffs the club two in his hand, crosses to the diamond king, trumps the last diamond and casts adrift with a spade.

What can East do? If he shifts to a heart, that solves South's problem. Alternatively, if East returns a minor-suit card, declarer ruffs in one hand and sluffs a heart from the other.