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Dancing and karaoke ok, says Dubé

By Gordon Lambie
Local Journalism Initiative

On Tuesday afternoon Quebec's Health Minister, Christian Dubé, announced a series of changes to the province's COVID-19 restrictions that will come into effect on Nov. 15, including permission to dance and sing under certain circumstances and a plan to allow students in high schools to go mask-free in classrooms.

"We want to restart the vast majority of activities," Dubé said. "We know it is good for morale, but we will be following what happens closely."

The majority of the changes Dubé presented relate to recreational activities, including restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and winter sports activities. He highlighted the return of dancing and karaoke provided that participants are either masked or separated from others by a barrier.

Businesses that have been keeping a registry of visitors will no longer be required to do so, and people at public gatherings like conferences or concerts will be allowed to move about freely without having to remain in an assigned spot or seat.

Dubé said that "open-access outdoor winter sports" like hockey, sliding, and cross-country skiing will not require the vaccine passport, but participants

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Pope Memorial's Halloween spooktacular



COURTESY

The cycle three students at Pope Memorial Elementary School in Bury were hard at work last week preparing a Halloween spooktacular event for the rest of the students. The annual tradition at Pope was for cycle three students to create a haunted house in their classroom, giving a spooky tour to the rest of the school. Unfortunately

due to Covid sanitary measures, that was unable to happen this year, so the students got creative and planned a haunted walk outside in the new outdoor classroom!

The students spent lunch hours and some class time in the days leading up to the school's Halloween celebration planning roles, creating backgrounds and making tombstones

to decorate their haunted house. On Friday afternoon, they got dressed up and took the rest of the school on rotating tours as they acted out their characters. Students were treated to a walk through a haunted graveyard, a witches' forest and a telling of The Legend of Pope Memorial.

Submitted by Jessica Everett

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MIX OF SUN
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SUNNY

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HAND IN HAND

Anxiety: the brain's danger detector



Hi, this is Evelyn, Job Links specialist in helping people stay in school or on the job.

This month, we're talking about anxiety.

So, what is anxiety anyway?

Everyone gets visited by anxiety from time to time. Anxiety is the brain's way of protecting us from danger. It's got 3 parts: 1) thoughts, 2) feelings 3) actions. All three kick in automatically whenever it seems like something bad could happen.

Here's an example: Joe almost lost his arm in a piece of machinery at the shop. It really hurt and he didn't see it coming.

The next time he uses that machine, anxiety will kick in:

- 1) Thoughts: "Oh boy I really hurt myself last time!" "What a stupid thing to do." "I could lose my arm!"
- 2) Feelings: Fear, shame, anger at

himself;

3) Actions: He goes slowly when using the machine. He's very careful. OR he decides to avoid the machine. Maybe he asks his foreman to change jobs.

It's that last action, avoidance, which can turn anxiety into a problem: because Joe got hurt once, anxiety wants him to stay away from machines forever.

If he lets anxiety run the show, if he walks away, he may not get the best jobs. He might even get fired.

If he faces his fears, if he uses the machine again, anxiety will learn to trust his judgement and he'll gain experience and confidence.

There is no universe where facing fears is comfortable or fun. If anxiety has been running your show for a long time, you may even feel like you'll die if you try to face them. The good news is you don't have to live

that way. There are some simple and effective things to do that will slow down runaway anxiety.

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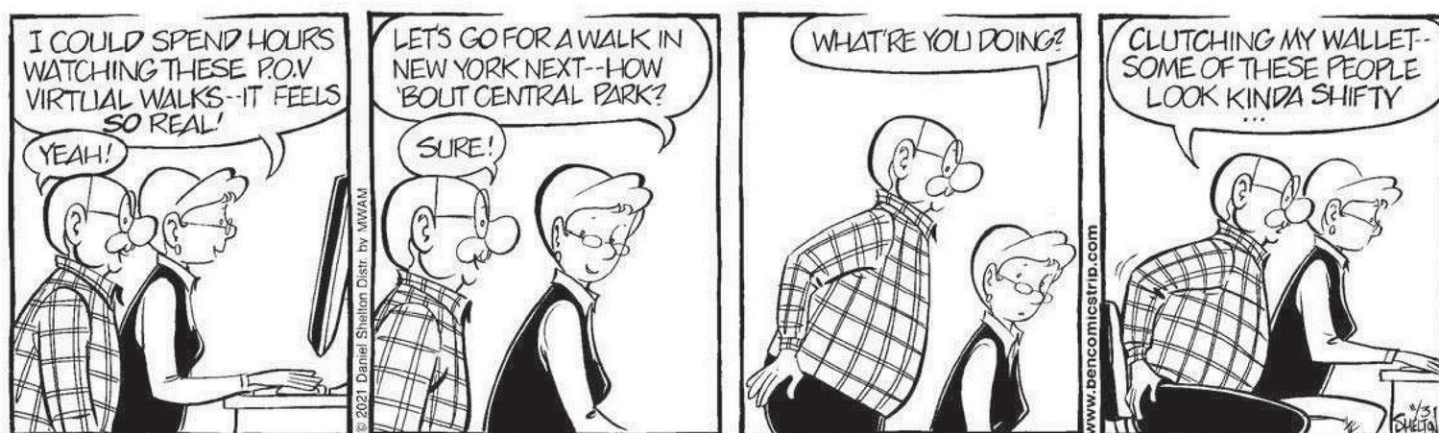




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We have turned a corner, school board says

By Matthew McCully
Local Journalism Initiative

According to Eastern Townships School Board Chairman Michael Murray, following the successful launch of the new school year, the board has been able to refocus its efforts on student success and progress towards academic and organizational goals.

"It's refreshing to feel that things are returning to normal, or at least to a new normal that involves masks, hand washing, social distancing and constant vigilance," the chairman said during the October ETSB council of commissioners meeting.

Extracurricular activities are back in full swing, Murray said, including music and sports programs. "Richmond Regional proudly held its first soccer game on campus in almost two years," he added.

"COVID-19 infection outbreaks in schools across Quebec have plateaued," Murray said, explaining that the vaccination of secondary students is being credited with stabilizing the situation.

"ETSB has the highest rate of fully vaccinated secondary students at over 90 per cent," commented Murray. The next phase of the effort to control Covid will be to vaccinate elementary school students. According to Murray, the government is moving quickly to prepare for approval to vaccinate children between five and 11 years old, the last major segment of the population remaining entirely unprotected.

Murray congratulated ETSB

personnel for the limited cases and contagion. "It remains far below the average in our region."

Murray also recognized the efforts of maintenance personnel who cleaned and disinfected classrooms, gyms and cafeterias, and thanked all the other unsung heroes working behind the scenes to keep schools and centres running smoothly.

During the October meeting, the board's audit report was tabled. The ETSB received a clean audit with no reserves. The board is, however, a few million in the hole thanks to a surprising letter from the treasury board.

Murray explained that on Oct. 1, the treasury board instructed the ETSB and other school boards not to count on funding for salary increases, pay equity adjustments or retroactive payments in 2020-2021 accounts because some of the collective agreements with unions had not been signed by June 30, and others have yet to be signed or sanctioned by the treasury board.

"We had already proceeded with those increases in calculating our liabilities and paying our personnel, and of course we assumed the funds would follow."

Murray said no indication has been given to boards of how the government intends to fund the amounts negotiated once the contracts are signed. In the meantime, the ETSB is running a substantial deficit.

With money on the mind, Murray raised another issue about the decentralization of funds to schools.

"We have so many small schools and in most cases, the funding is based

on the number of students in each building," he said. "Amounts attributed to schools for special needs services, library services, early intervention, homework, and many other desirable supports for students are too small and diverse to be useful."

Murray said small schools within the ETSB often have part-time principals, so the administrative burden of dealing with such targeted funding is beyond their capacity when added to their roles of pedagogical leader, general administrator and parent communicator.

Added to the shortage of skilled and qualified specialists to deliver the services, Murray said the decentralization of funds is impractical in all but the larger schools.

"The result is a growing challenge in using funds effectively, and often schools are unable to use them at all."

Murray said that within the ETSB, students would be better served by grouping funding amounts centrally.

On the Bill 40 front, the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the ETSB are still awaiting a decision from the Quebec Superior court. In the meantime though, Murray said in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, where school boards had been abolished, they have since been reinstated. In Manitoba, a plan to abolish school boards has been withdrawn and in PEI, it was hinted that the projected abolition would be suspended.

"The wave of anti school board sentiment seems to have subsided in favour of enhancing collaboration between education ministries and local

governance."

Murray then pointed out that Quebec Education Minister Jean-Francois Roberge was quoted asking a meeting of directors general of Quebec to agree that the new system here is much better than with oversight from democratically elected school boards. According to Murray, the response from the DGs, who now run the service centres without any effective oversight, was not recorded.

During question period Appalachian Teachers' Association President Megan Seline asked for details about a new teacher evaluation tool discussed in the human resources advisory committee report.

"What is the timeline for that and who will be involved in this revamp?"

Human Resources Director Jeff Pauw replied that it is a joint project between educational services and HR and is still in the planning stages. "We're just in the research stage now," Pauw said, explaining the current appraisal package has done its time. Pauw said any advances made will include consultation with the various groups concerned.

Seline also took the opportunity to clarify that during a previous meeting she had asked questions about the relationship between the ETSB and the Val des Cerfs service centre, specifically regarding the Brome-Missisquoi Campus-Adult Education centre (CBM). Seline pointed out that her questions were related to issues between the board and Val des Cerfs, and had nothing to do with the centre or its teachers, who maintain a harmonious relationship.

Dancing

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must maintain a distance of at least one metre from one another and wear a mask if indoors. Activities that rely on lift systems, however, such as downhill ski hills, will be required to use the vaccine passport system and riders of the lifts will be required to wear a face covering.

Tuesday's announcement also removes the requirement to remain two metres apart in gyms unless the people in question are not wearing masks.

The change to High School masking rules was made, according to provincial Public Health Director Horacio Arruda, in light of the fact that the vaccination rate among youths 12-17 is considered quite high and there are very few outbreaks being recorded in high-school settings. As of the 15, students will be allowed to take off their masks in class but will still need to wear them in common areas and on transportation.

Dubé also announced that the work from home recommendation is being removed, opening the door for those businesses that have been

functioning primarily at a distance to bring employees back in part or in full.

As was the case with similar announcements in the past, the health minister said that all changes are provisional based on the situation in the province's hospitals. He noted, for example, that the Nov. 15 timeline might be impacted if the changes that came into force in restaurants and bars on Monday prove to have a negative impact. Also, given the large number of changes planned for the 15, the health minister encouraged the public to consult Quebec.ca for further clarification on what will and will not be allowed.

During the same press conference Daniel Paré, the director of Quebec's vaccination campaign, said that as much as possible is being done to prepare for the vaccination of 5 to 11-year-olds in the province prior to their approval by Health Canada.

"My objective is to have one dose for all our children before Christmas," he said, sharing that preparations are being made with school boards and school service centres and explaining that the necessary structures within

the ClicSante online booking system have all been prepared for the moment when the process is given approval to go ahead. While the doses themselves are not yet in the province, Paré said that 652,000 doses have been reserved with suppliers to try to make the process as efficient as possible.

The Food and Drug Administration in the United States gave its approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to be given to children aged 5-11 on October 29 which, while not an immediate green-light to begin in that country, was widely recognized as a major milestone on the road to an active campaign.

The Province of Quebec reported 490 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the total number of people infected to 426,947 with 4,497 active cases.

There were six new deaths recorded, for a total of 11,502 since the start of the pandemic, and a total of 250 hospitalizations; an increase of six compared to the previous day. Of that 250, 71 people were in intensive care; an increase of four compared to the previous day.

In the Eastern Townships 185 new

cases were added since last Friday's report and the CIUSSS de l'Estrie - CHUS reported 370 active cases across the region. The distribution of those cases was as follows: 18 in la Pommeraiie, 64 in Haute Yamaska, 15 in Memphremagog, 7 in the Coaticook area, 126 in Sherbrooke, 21 in the Val Saint-François, 14 in Des Sources, 79 in the Haut-Saint-François, 24 in Granit, and two not assigned to a particular region.

Although the cluster in the Des Sources region has now stabilized, the Haut-Saint-François region now has the highest rate of infection in relation to its population of any other part of the Townships.

The CIUSSS recorded two new deaths, at the Saint-Vincent long term care facility in Sherbrooke, bringing the regional total to 374, but the number of hospitalizations decreased to 10 with only one in intensive care.

Vaccination in the Townships has reached 86.6 per cent for one dose and 84.4 per cent for a second dose among those 12 and up, just slightly lower than the provincial rates of 90 per cent for a first dose and 87 for a second.

Cemetery keeper keeping the history of the Eastern Townships in memory

By Taylor McClure
Special to The Record

John Dezan is a second-generation cemetery keeper and gravedigger for the Pine Hill Cemetery in Magog. He was looking for employment when he and his father decided to maintain the cemetery together over a decade ago. Throughout his career, he has discovered some interesting stories of the people at Pine Hill and has realized that his role is more than just about keeping the cemetery; it's about keeping the history of the people and the stories of the Eastern Townships.

"The cemetery was displeased with who they had doing the general maintenance and my dad said well, if I was not working anymore full-time for my employer, he thought we could do this together. I did it with my dad for 13 years," said Dezan.

As a cemetery keeper, Dezan is in charge of maintenance and is responsible for the cemetery. He is also in charge of the burials at Pine Hill. "Doing the physical work is easy. It's learning the proper way to treat people when they come to the cemetery, when they are coming for the inevitable."

People look to Dezan for a "good set of ears" during hard times. "One of the last English-owned business here in Magog, the owner, he passed away," Dezan explained. "My father was

opening a grave for his ashes. When I went to get my tools to go to where the grave was supposed to be, his wife walked into the cemetery. She ran up to me, she was sobbing, and she hugged me for the longest time. Sometimes they do look for comfort."

Dezan said the last five years have made him realize that his work extends beyond keeping the cemetery. "It's more than just being the man on scene. If you will, I'm the keeper of the history."

Preserving the history of all those that come before me and hopefully the person that comes after me can continue doing what I'm doing."

He has gathered some interesting stories about the people at Pine Hill through the family, friends, and others that visit the cemetery. "A fellow came in and said I'm looking for such and such a person and I had a good idea where they were so I took him," Dezan said. "I asked if he could tell me why, and he said that someone on Find a Grave requested a picture of the tombstone."

According to Dezan, the grave belonged to a person who had survived the sinking of the ship Lusitania, torpedoed by the Germans in World War One. "How the heck do we have a survivor from that in Magog?" Dezan thought. "It was very surprising."

He even got the chance to meet

a World War Two soldier from Sherbrooke. "He came to talk to his friends from back in the day. It was surprising to meet someone that fought in World War Two. Just about everybody has a story."

Dezan added that Pine Hill holds American soldiers and even a Greek soldier. "I have no idea why they are here. I have never heard of a Greek name in Magog before."

As his career progressed, Dezan started a new initiative motivated by interest in learning more about his own family history. His dad had started a family tree before he passed away. "I thought that it was time to do something about that and to find where are all the Dezans are around here. I started going to cemeteries in and around the area, photographing them, and eventually I ended up posting them on Facebook and it has generated a lot of interest."

He has been to cemeteries in Ayer's Cliff, the Stanstead area, Georgeville, Fitch Bay, and Johnville. "I photograph the monuments that catch my interest in the cemeteries."

One observation Dezan has made is the difference in the monuments. "The monuments back then were simple pieces of granite slate, so they weren't always engraved; just very plain in comparison to what you get nowadays."

He has been posting his visits on



John Dezan

the Facebook page Eastern Townships Roots, highlighting the cemeteries of the region and including some family history. "A lot of the people on there have moved away from the Townships and these are pictures and memories of home. Many are like oh, that's so and so's grave and oh, that's my family. I buried a fellows wife two-three weeks ago and they are originally from here, and he is so happy to see that I post that every so often."

Dezan's work as a cemetery keeper made him realize one important thing: "We are only here for so long, but our legacy is there. Our legacy falls on after us."



Johnville Cemetery

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOHN DEZAN



Pine Hill Cemetery in Magog

Month-long boil-water advisory for Cookshire

Record Staff

On Tuesday afternoon, the municipality of Cookshire-Eaton issued a preventative boil-water advisory for those living in the Cookshire sector that is set to last from Nov. 4 to Dec. 9.

According to the notice, Cookshire-Eaton must carry out repairs on the potable water reservoir in the Cookshire sector over that month-long period. Affected residents are advised not to use tap water for a number of

purposes without boiling it at a rolling boil for at least one minute, or to use bottled water as a replacement.

Until further notice, only properly boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and preparing beverages; preparing baby bottles and baby food; washing and preparing food to be eaten raw such as fruits and vegetables; preparing food that doesn't need to be cooked for a long time like canned soups or desserts; making ice cubes; brushing your teeth or rinsing your mouth and providing water to pets.

Tap water can still be used for preparing food and dishes that require a long boil; washing dishes with hot water and detergent (so long as they are dried well); Running the dishwasher if it is set at the hottest cycle; and washing clothes and taking showers or baths. Special care should be taken to ensure that young children do not swallow water while bathing.

The boil water advisory applies even for those who have a water treatment device at their residence, unless it is an in-home water purifier designed

to disinfect water. Devices such as softeners are generally ineffective for eliminating microorganisms.

Schools, companies, commercial establishments and institutions served by the municipal water supply are asked to post notice that the water is unsafe for consumption, and to shut off all water fountains.

Residents are also asked to share this advisory with friends and neighbors, especially people who are isolated or in poor health and who might not otherwise hear about it.

Three vibrant candidates run for Danville mayor

Geoffrey Agombar
Local Journalism Initiative

Sunday, Danville voters will choose between three experienced and engaged mayoral candidates. Ginette Pinard and Nathalie Boissé both sat on the outgoing council. Martine Satre previously served as councillor from 2002-2005, plus ten years on the Chamber of Commerce.

Asked what issues are on the minds of voters as they campaign door to door, all three report hearing the same themes repeated. Roads, waterlines, sewers, snow removal, and property taxes in town. Roads, dry wells, ditches, snow removal and property taxes out of town.

All three candidates express a desire to strengthen the town's administration if elected. They all list as a top priority a fresh round of hiring to stabilize management of the municipality's finances and public works. Boissé noted that the town's financial statements for the previous three years are all still under audit.

Ginette Pinard studied business administration with a focus on accounting before moving into management. She brings a broad knowledge from payroll to negotiations to purchases to transport. During her career she rose to the point of managing annual budgets in the \$20M range.

"I have a very good comprehension of administrative systems. I have experience in planning from A to Z."

Pinard moved to Danville in 2006 where she has also operated the Bistrot du Coin since 2009. In 2016, she left the stress and international travel of her corporate career behind to focus full-time on her bistro business and local politics.

Pinard describes Danville as "a town of many riches. We have multiple art galleries and so many artists. We have citizens who are extremely implicated on environmental issues. We are very well situated on the 116 to develop our industries. We have room for residential development and great environmental and natural treasures to enjoy, such as the Étang Burbank."

Pinard was first elected to Danville council in 2017. "After four years as a councillor and my years of professional experience, I feel I have the capacity to put a solid structure in place for the better administration the town of Danville."

Nathalie Boissé is a music and dramatic arts teacher who has served as a councillor for the past eight years. "I am a very, very, very committed person. I am very close to the citizens. I work in the education realm where we are very focused on everyone's well-being. I am very organized and well planned. I am eager to offer Danville better management."

In addition to the large development files and ongoing administration challenges, Boissé lists the municipal garage and library as two projects that will need immediate attention in the new term. The garage burned down last February and the library has been closed for some time. "Citizens want their library to re-open."

Boissé stresses the importance that residents should feel their taxes working for them. "We need to work as a team. The citizens who pay the taxes need to feel palpable results. We're not one of the big central cities, but our rates have increased and people need to feel like the services they receive reflect that." She notes that on the doorstep of rural households, voters say they feel

that gap even more acutely.

"Danville has a rich architectural heritage," Boissé says. "The people are in solidarity and are engaged. Geographically, we are in a sort of Bermuda Triangle at the centre of Victoriaville, Drummondville and Sherbrooke. And we're equal distance from the big cities of Quebec and Montreal, too. The 55 and 116 mean we are well-situated for our enterprises. It is a big, beautiful territory. And very cultural. There are so many artists living all around here."

Martine Satre is best known as co-owner of the Temps des Cerises restaurant for more than 30 years. She sees her experiences as an entrepreneur and builder as her primary strengths. "Now that I am retired, I have time to devote. Danville has assets to develop, and I have strengths in this domain."

"I want to participate in the town's blossoming. And not just industrial or commercial development, but quality of life too," Satre adds. "It is important to create a climate of trust and confidence. An elected official doesn't create so much as they create the rich environment for things to happen."

"My first priority would be to ensure that the management is healthy, that the books are well kept," says Satre. "Then two other things: everyone is talking about problems with the water supply. Climate change is here. And for seniors and rural homes, this is a particular challenge. Also, we must improve communication between the municipality and its citizens."

Satre describes Danville as "a little-known municipality, but its neighbourhoods are very charming and the countryside is stunning. There is so much potential precisely because it has not been overvalued yet. And, recent

trends toward telecommuting have really unified this trend toward a return to the country."

All three candidates acknowledged that Danville's anglophone community feels underserved. They recognized the constraints of language laws, but report requests such as better communicating to English speakers about essential services like fire and ambulance or garbage collection, at least. They all noted that the concerns they hear from anglophones are unique compared to those expressed by francophones, but they are felt more acutely because issues with communication, trust and inclusion are all the more exaggerated.

Danville – Municipal Election Mayor

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- Ginette Pinard (outgoing councillor)
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Restaurants and bars return to full capacity

By Michael Boriero

After nearly two years filled with lockdowns and constraints, bars and restaurants' owners, employees and patrons can breathe a collective sigh of relief as health measures continue to loosen up in Quebec.

Health Minister Christian Dubé made important announcements on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, he revealed that bars and restaurants will be allowed to open at full capacity and return to normal operating hours. Some health measures will remain, though.

Patrons are mandated to present their vaccine passports and wear masks while moving around, tables are limited to 10 people from three different households, and tables need to be separated by at least one metre, if not, there must be a divider between tables.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Dubé dropped more positive news, announcing that bars and restaurants will be allowed to have dancing and singing, with a mask on, as of Nov. 15, and eliminate the need to keep a registry of customers entering an establishment.

Knowlton Pub owner John Cooke told The Record that the government has finally signalled a return to normal for bars and restaurants in the province. He is mostly keen on the idea of ridding his

bar of the registry. It has caused a few problems among his patrons.

"Well it's less work for us [...] and hopefully it will be an invitation to the clients that we've lost to come back. A lot of people, not the majority, but many people resist signing a register. Many of them don't want to get vaccinated," said Cooke.

He owns five bars in the Eastern Townships, and the biggest issue has always been with the registry. Patrons eventually got used to presenting their vaccine passports, he explained, but they never understood why they needed to sign a sheet every time they walked in.

However, now that he will no longer have to worry about the registry, Cooke is preoccupied with getting more people to fill up the Knowlton Pub. It's a local spot, he said, and it's mostly popular with tourists in the summer, otherwise it's all regulars in the area.

Cooke sunk \$400,000 into his bars in the past two years to cover mortgage payments, electric bills, snow removal, insurance, taxes, and honouring contracts signed before the pandemic. He has trouble believing he will ever earn it back, and wonders what his value is now.

"Now that we've had a Covid, who's going to buy me out, knowing a Covid can come back and cripple them, so is my value still there? I don't know [...]"

I've had people approach me and I know that all they were were scavengers," he said.

Cooke added that Quebecers have become accustomed to staying at home. Why spend \$4 on a beer, when they can buy it at the grocery store for \$1, he explained. However, Stan Groves, the owner of the Golden Lion Pub in Lennoxville, is hoping for a change in mindset.

"I think that people's habits have changed, they've gotten into different routines, and I think it will still take a while for them to either slip out of those routines and develop new ones, or at least become maybe more confident with what's going on around us," he said.

Groves was grateful when he heard the news from the health minister. He told The Record that this will help with kitchen and bar sales, as well as provide a boost of enthusiasm and spirit within the bar, which has been lacking due to the distancing rules.

He said the dancing and singing will spark the liveliness of the bar, which can serve 180 seated patrons out of a max capacity of 220 with the new health measures. It isn't truly full capacity for the Golden Lion, but at the very least, he will be able to allow more people inside.

"It will certainly improve some of it because on our busier nights we could

have used those tables. We have had lineups, so it shows you that there are people out there ready to come in, we just weren't able to accept them," said Groves.

However, while both Groves and Cooke are equipped to bring in more clientele, with no apparent staffing shortages, Khodadad Azemy, a chef at the Restaurant Des Érables in Foster, is less enthusiastic about the announcements this week.

Azemy's wife owns the restaurant, and he told The Record that they have been forced to close at 2 p.m. on Monday's and Tuesday's due to a lack of staff. They are also unable to open at full capacity because the tables have little separation, and they have no plastic dividers.

He feels as though these announcements will have no impact on the restaurant. His more pressing concern is finding people to work. Azemy said he comes in almost every day. People come in to apply, he noted, but they are picky about their shifts, and rarely last a full day.

"They will work Monday and Tuesday, but they don't want to work on Saturday and Sunday. If you present yourself as a worker and tell me you can't work on Saturday and Sunday, what am I going to do with you? Restaurants are busy Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday," he said.

EDITORIAL

When people are in a group they are more likely to engage in aggressive and risky behaviours they may not normally do on their own.

Banning large university parties won't work — students need to be empowered to propose change

By Wendy Craig
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that we stand for crumble? We need to have classroom conversations now, and make bold and innovative changes to identify long term solutions. What happened at Queen's University these past two weekends can't happen again.

People behave differently in groups

These gatherings are not new but there is a heightened sense of urgency to be more effective and intentional in how we address them. These conversations could start by unpacking with students why people behave differently in groups than when they are alone.

When people act in groups (like the students that gathered on the streets), they are more likely to see themselves as anonymous and this reduces their sense of responsibility and accountability.

When people are in a group they are more likely to engage in aggressive and risky behaviours they may not normally do on their own. This is likely because they think they won't be seen or will not be caught. They also behave in ways that conform to the group which may or may not be consistent with their own morals and ethics.

In large groups, there is also a sense of diffusion of responsibility — people are less likely to take action or intervene when in the presence of a large group. All of these processes are intensified with increases in emotions, alcohol use and crowd size.

The teachable opportunity here is helping students understand why some may have behaved as they did and help them reconnect with their individual sense of identity and values. By shifting the attitudes and behaviours of the



majority we can begin to shift the culture.

This requires working together to enhance students' understanding of their behaviour, help them take responsibility, make amends and have discussions about how they can obtain their goals for connectedness and celebration in a safe and positive way.

A harm-reduction approach

The way forward likely involves a harm-reduction approach. Students will party. A harm reduction approach recognizes this need for young people to gather and socialize but sets up environmental conditions to ensure that it is done with minimal risk.

In this case, it would focus on bringing students together safely in a way that minimizes health and social harms rather than condemning or ignoring them. We need to continue to create safe environments for students on campus where we can manage alcohol consumption and behaviour while still promoting coming together and celebrating — be it homecoming or other important events.

We also need to empower students to stand up. Bystanders play a critical role — by being present they are reinforcing the behaviour and inadvertently supporting it. There were students during the homecoming events who had the courage to stand up, intervene and take action. Those are the people we need to empower, the stories we need to tell and the messages we need to amplify.

Getting students involved

Conversations are a good start, but a systemic approach that integrates understanding of these events and taking action through curriculum is

essential.

One of these strategies could be creating a university credit based multidisciplinary course that is aimed at proposing solutions for how students could gather and celebrate in a safe — including COVID-19 safe — manner that reflects their own, and community values.

The students would learn (among many things) how to address diffusion of responsibility and gender-based violence. It would provide them with opportunities to learn about city bylaws, police costs and potential challenges to the health care system of large student gatherings.

The instructors could be an advisory team of mentors including members from the city, police, first responders and university experts. This initiative would challenge students to research the problem and be an active part of the solution.

Co-creating solutions with students by providing them with opportunities to lead with support and guidance will empower them to take ownership and responsibility when it comes to implementing positive change. If they lead the new way forward, students will come and be together in a way that meets their needs.

The behaviours are concerning, but they do in a way reflect large social problems and our ongoing need as humans to be respectful and equitable. As events like this continue to happen, they take on new meaning and heightened urgency. During times like these we need to hold ourselves accountable, engage in courageous conversations, embrace student leadership and make bold curriculum changes.

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Geologic time

Part 1



ON THE HOOK

ANDREW HOWARTH

When it comes to the natural world, there's no shortage of concepts and phenomena that we struggle to grasp—one of the most notorious examples being geologic time. And yet, geologic time is something we must grasp—at least clumsily—in order to understand the natural world we see now, and the inevitably different natural worlds that will exist in our near future. It is my contention, that the explanatory power of geologic time in nature makes this an essential subject for avid naturalists and outdoorsmen.

My first (sophisticated) introduction to the concept of geologic time came as an undergraduate student at Bishop's University, where I learned about the history of our planet's geology and climate, as well as the implications of this history for people. Colloquially, the terms 'geologic time' and 'deep time' refer to a much fuller history of geologic events and relationships that have, very literally, shaped Earth. The 'geologic time scale' divides this history into approximately four eons, eleven eras, and twenty-four periods, the most recent of which—the late Pleistocene/Holocene or 'Quaternary' period—extends backward only 2,588,000 years. This seemingly vast stretch of time is not at all vast when compared to our planet's total age of approximately 4,543,000,000 years, not to mention the age of our entire universe, which further proves my point. Time periods on this scale are virtually unimaginable, and for some good reasons, although a partial understanding of deep time is becoming important for an ever-increasing number of us.

My introduction to deep time was undoubtedly more comfortable and academic than those experienced by early geologists and explorers who first gazed at geologic strata, meaning layers of rock laid down during millions and billions of trips around our Sun. When John Wesley Powell and his team of explorers were in the process of becoming the first Europeans to travel the length of the Grand Canyon by way of boat and the Colorado River, their journals began to fill with realizations of deep time and the impossibility of such a landscape—with deific, high, and unthinkably layered canyon walls—being formed in just thousands of years. The reality of deep time also becomes stark when one considers the initial peopling of North America, now estimated at more than 20,000 years ago. The recent discovery of a preserved human footprint in New Mexico's White Sands National Park was, among other things, symbolic, because the earliest migrants to this continent are believed to have travelled and arrived by foot.

The idea of foot travel from eastern Asia to western North America seems absurd until one considers geologic time, and the landscape changes that are possible in mere thousands of years. Historical reconstructions of the relatively shallow Bering Sea prove that this now watery landscape was rendered dry on numerous occasions during the Quaternary period by sea level decreases of 50 or more meters. These drastic swings are attributable to glaciations which trapped much of Earth's water in terrestrial glaciers on multiple occasions. Sea level changes of this magnitude are, again, unimaginable to the majority of us, because our individual time horizons rarely extend beyond a mere half-century, let alone 100 or 1,000 years. It seems safe to assume that time horizons in excess of 40 years were of little use to our prehistoric ancestors whose life expectancies—if they survived an impossibly high infant mortality rate—were closer to 35 years. And yet, modernity has created a situation wherein knowledge of what our ancestors never did (and had no reason to) understand is essential for the survival and well-being of many. To be continued...



ANDREW HOWARTH

Rocks are our most accessible windows into deep time. It's practically impossible for us to observe phenomena like rock formation and mountain building in so-called 'real time,' and yet, evidence of these processes occurring repeatedly for millennia is visible everywhere we look.



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Murray leaves to mourn his brothers: Bruce (Margaret), Ross (Patsy) and the late Curtis (Sandra); as well as many, many, nieces, nephews, cousins, other friends and relatives.

Family and friends will meet at the Cookshire-Eaton Cemetery on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a graveside service at 11:00 a.m.

The family would like to thank the all the personnel at the CHUS-Hotel Dieu (6th floor) and Dr. Maude Perras, for the kind and professional care given to Murray.

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Valley fever the result of fungus found in contaminated soil


ASK THE DOCTORS

By Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

Dear Doctors: I read that something called valley fever is getting to be more common here in Arizona on account of climate change. I've never even heard of it. Can you please explain what it is?

Dear Reader: The term "valley fever" refers to an infection caused by the fungus *Coccidioides*, or *Cocci* for short, which is found in the soil of certain arid regions. Its habitat includes the Southwestern U.S., as well as Mexico and Central and South America. The fungus has long been known to live in the soil in Arizona, Nevada and California. In fact, the disease gets its name from a severe outbreak of the illness that occurred in the 1930s

in the San Joaquin Valley in central California. It's also present in large swaths of Utah, New Mexico and Texas. Recent outbreaks of valley fever show that the fungus is edging into northern Colorado and southern Montana, and it has also made a geographic leap to south-central Washington state.

When soil that contains the valley fever fungus gets kicked up, the fungal spores become airborne. These are the microscopic particles that fungi use to reproduce, much like the seeds in plants. The spores can be freed whenever the soil is disturbed, as occurs during mining, building or agricultural activity, and in severe weather with high winds. You mentioned climate change, and it is suspected that increasingly dry conditions throughout the West are playing a role in the spread of the fungus.

When airborne, the minuscule *Cocci* spores are easily inhaled. In rare cases, infection can occur via a break in the skin. Symptoms begin to appear one to three weeks after exposure. The majority of people will have no reaction to the fungus, or they will develop mild symptoms that abate on their own. However, some people who become infected can become quite ill. Severity of illness has been linked to the number of spores that someone has inhaled. Although the initial site of infection is the lungs, the fungus can

then travel throughout the body and cause a range of symptoms.

The onset of infection often begins with general fatigue and a persistent cough. As the fungus travels throughout the body, a skin rash or lesions can appear. People also experience headaches, joint and body aches, night sweats and shortness of breath. Symptoms may go away after a few weeks, or they can be intermittent, fading away and then reappearing. Diagnosis begins with a detailed report of the individual's symptoms, travel history and medical history. Once valley fever is suspected, a blood test for *Coccidioides* antibodies or antigens will likely be performed. The fungus can cause pneumonia-like illness in the lungs, so imaging scans, such as an X-ray or MRI, may be needed. In severe cases, a tissue biopsy may be used to see if the fungal infection has become systemic.

Treatment depends on the severity of infection and risk factors for more serious disease. These include pregnancy, diabetes and being immunocompromised. Treatment ranges from watchful waiting to the use of antifungal medication. Most people make a full recovery.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health.

Datebook

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Today is the 307th day of 2021 and the 43rd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 2 with a dog named Laika aboard. Laika was the first creature to be sent into orbit.

In 1964, residents of Washington, D.C., were eligible to vote in the presidential election for the first time since the city was established in 1800.

In 1973, NASA launched Mariner 10, the first space probe to reach the

planet Mercury, from Cape Canaveral in Florida.

In 2014, One World Trade Center opened in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), poet/journalist; Walker Evans (1903-1975), photographer; Charles Bronson (1921-2003), actor; Michael Dukakis (1933-), politician; Larry Holmes (1949-), boxer; Anna Wintour (1949-), fashion journalist; Roseanne Barr (1952-), comedian/actress; Kate Capshaw (1953-), actress; Dennis Miller (1953-),

comedian; Phil Simms (1955-), football player/sportscaster; Dolph Lundgren (1957-), actor; Evgeni Plushenko (1982-), figure skater; Colin Kaepernick (1987-), football player.

TODAY'S FACT: Though he didn't receive a single electoral vote, third-party candidate Ross Perot won 18.9% of the popular vote nationally in 1992.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2016, the Chicago Cubs ended the longest championship drought in Major League Baseball history at 108 years,

defeating the Cleveland Indians in Game 7 of the World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again." – William Cullen Bryant

TODAY'S NUMBER: 162 – days Sputnik 2 was in orbit. Laika, its canine passenger, died within hours of the launch due to overheating.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (Oct. 28) and new moon (Nov. 4).

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Never too late for justice

Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Dear Annie: In your response to “Loss and Regret,” concerning a teenager being sexually abused by an older female, you dismissed the legal aspect of this out of hand. The older woman should be brought up on sexual abuse charges against a minor. Anything less would be sexist.

Men are sent to prison for this kind of act. A recent acquaintance of mine was just sentenced to life in prison for a similar act, with no physical evidence and only the word of the victim. Letting this older woman off the hook for her misdeeds with a 16-year-old would just be wrong. The law pertains to both males and females alike. – Concerned

Dear Concerned: Thank you for bringing this up. You are 100% correct that this woman should be held

accountable. Many readers wrote to say that I dismissed the legal aspect of the case because of my intense focus on helping the man to heal emotionally. One of the best letters was written by an attorney from Portland, Oregon, who specializes in helping young victims of sexual abuse when they are older. Read on.

Dear Annie: As an attorney who represents victims of child sexual abuse in civil cases across the nation, I read with empathy and interest the recent letter from your reader, “Loss and Regret.”

There a couple of insights that I would like to share with your readers.

First, for victims of sexual abuse, delayed understanding about the impact of abuse is normal. According to Child USA, “Most child victims of sexual assault disclose ... during

adulthood, with a median age of 48 and an average age of 52.” This delayed disclosure phenomenon is the result of the unique and insidious nature of the trauma of child sexual abuse – which prevents victims from realizing that they have been injured often until decades after the abuse itself has stopped. For victims of childhood sexual abuse, subconscious defense mechanisms mask the root cause of the problems they are experiencing and prevent the victim from understanding the causal relationship between the abuse and the injuries (i.e., that the sexual abuse from childhood is causing the adult depression, anxiety, etc.).

As our society becomes more aware of both the prevalence of child abuse and the reality of delayed understanding by victims, the national trend is toward liberalizing and eliminating statutes of limitation. In the last several years, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Maine, Montana and Louisiana have all passed legislation that gives victims of child sexual abuse an open “window” of time (ranging from one to three years) to pursue civil actions regardless of how long ago the abuse happened. I currently have the honor of representing victims in cases in each of these states.

Other states – like my home state of Oregon, as well as Washington, New Mexico and others – have for many years used what is known as a “discovery rule.” Discovery rules tie the time limit on a victim’s civil legal claims to the victim’s subjective delayed discovery of the long-term impacts they have suffered. This is another mechanism of giving victims more time and a greater

opportunity for justice.

While not every state has helpful laws for victims (yet), the bottom line is that the law is changing in many states to give victims more time to come forward.

Of course, like in any legal case, the individual facts and circumstances vary, and I highly recommend that any victim of abuse consult with an attorney who is experienced in representing child abuse victims. These cases are unique, and the goal should be to advance the healing of the individual victim – which is a very personalized consideration. What is good for one victim may not be helpful for another. After everything else they have been through, victims of child abuse deserve compassionate expert advice so they can make informed decisions for themselves.

I commend “Loss and Regret” for spaking out about this difficult topic. It is only as our society increases our awareness of the pervasive problem of child sexual abuse – and reforms our laws to better support victims – that the next generation of children becomes safer. – Lawyer’s Perspective

Dear Lawyer’s Perspective: Thank you for such a clear and succinct summary.

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by Luis Campos

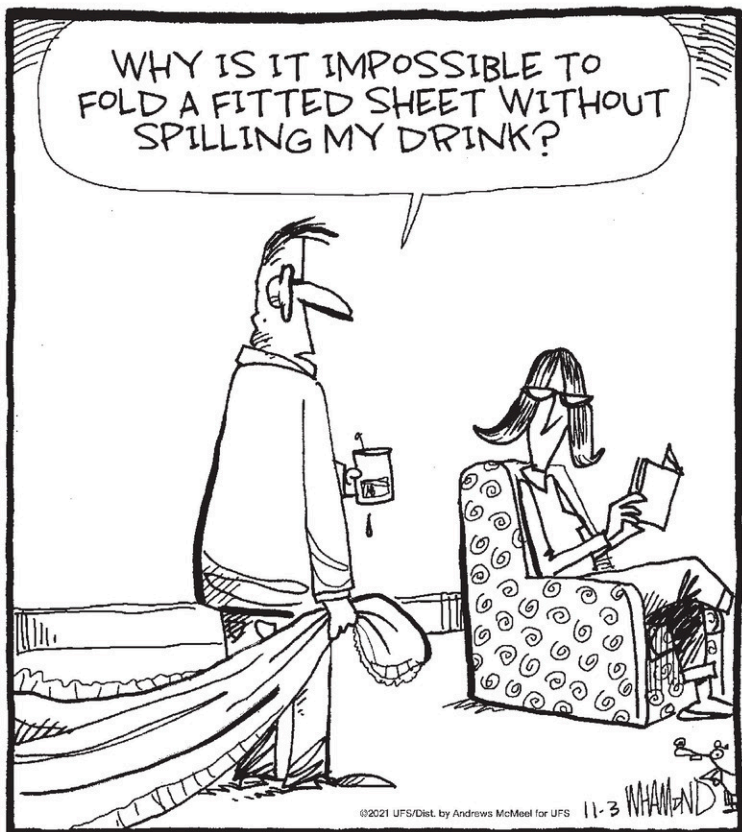
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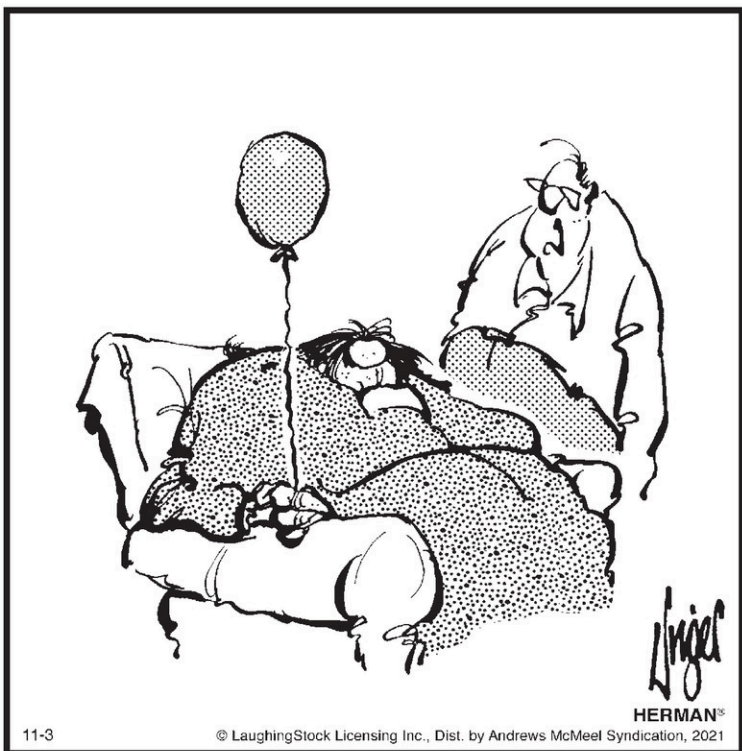
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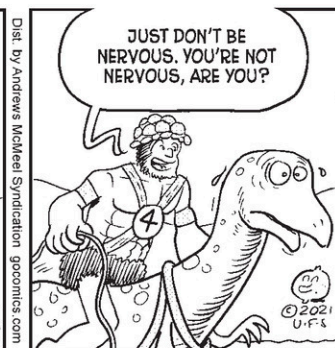


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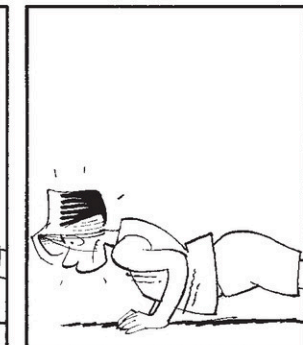
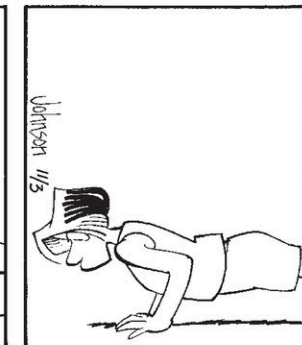
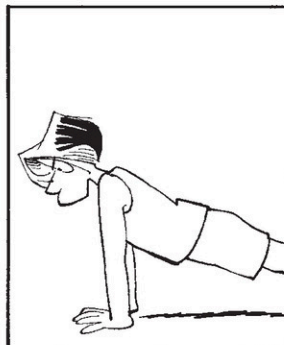


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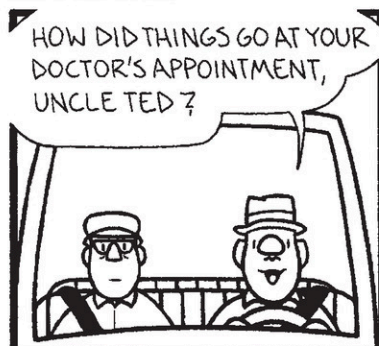
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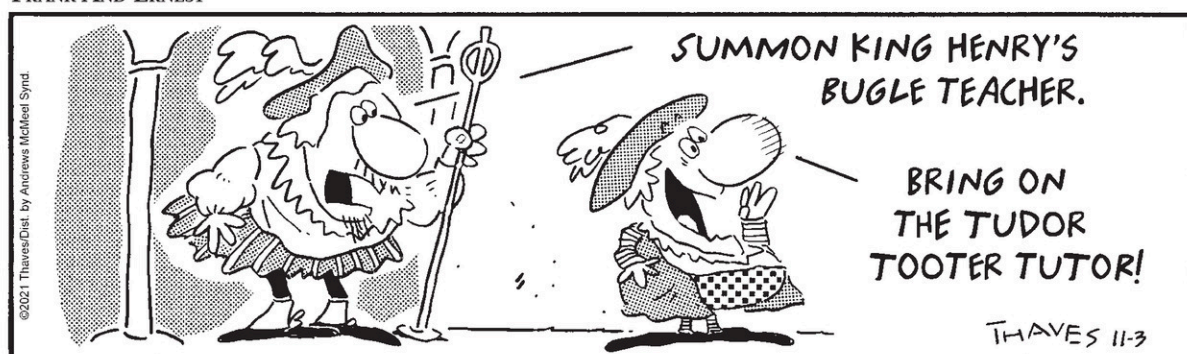
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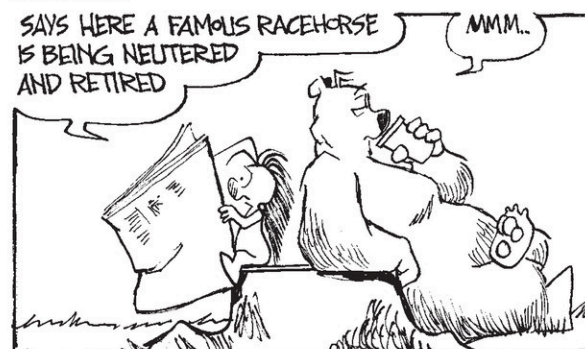
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

AMERICAN
 BRIE
 BUTTER
 CHEDDAR
 CHEESE
 COLBY
 GRATED

GRILLED
 HARD
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 MONTEREY JACK
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Your Birthday

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ready to settle into something that excites you. Take the plunge and do whatever is necessary to ensure you dazzle everyone you encounter with your skills, intelligence and fortitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Pay attention to your relationships with others. Overreacting or being stubborn will not help you get your way. If you want to make some real changes, use incentives, charm and compliments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – You'll receive valuable information. Use what you know to bring about positive professional changes. Trust and believe in yourself. Don't worry about pleasing everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Your actions will have a bigger and better impact than your words. Take a disciplined approach to how you handle finances, medical issues and contractual offers. Prove your worth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – You may not relish change, but you will turn it to your advantage if you act wisely. Choose your words with care, speak the truth and follow your heart; you'll feel good about what you accomplish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't overspend on entertainment or things you don't need. Pay attention to what someone wants and don't make promises you cannot keep. A direct approach is your best bet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Look at what you can do and stop fretting over what's not available to you. Use your time and knowledge wisely and make the most out of whatever situation you face. Focus on giving it your best.

Use your skills, knowledge and insight to bring about changes that make life easier. Focus on achieving inner happiness and peace of mind. Follow your heart and do what makes you feel passionate about life; everything else will fall into place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – You know the drill, so get moving. Mulling over what's left undone will leave you feeling despondent. Stop procrastinating and put what's holding you back behind you. Eliminate frustration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Emotional matters will affect work and personal responsibilities. Be realistic regarding what you can handle and who you can count on for assistance. Ask someone who owes you a favor to help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Know when to reach out for expert advice and when to rely on your own common sense. Taking on the impossible will negatively affect your health and well-being. Use your time wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Don't make a snap decision when it comes to financial matters. Bide your time until you come across an investment or plan that fits into your lifestyle and objectives.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Talk to experts, old friends and those you have enjoyed working alongside, and you will gain insight into what not to do regarding financial and legal matters. Flirting will get you in trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – You are

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Vases with feet
 - 5 Subway patron
 - 10 Provoke
 - 12 Place
 - 13 Doted on
 - 14 For some time
 - 15 Runs smoothly
 - 16 Mensa stats
 - 18 Dejected
 - 19 Forgiven
 - 23 Humbug preceder
 - 26 — — standstill
 - 27 Took a good look
 - 30 Oak products
 - 32 Historical memento
 - 34 Columbus' port
 - 35 Neater
 - 36 Slip sideways
 - 37 Intense anger
 - 38 Poet — Lowell
 - 39 Waddles
 - 42 Couple
 - 45 Emma in "The Avengers"
- 46 Bear constellation**
- 50 Gertrude's son**
- 53 Speculation**
- 55 Not plain**
- 56 Calm**
- 57 City in New York**
- 58 Lucy Lawless role**
- DOWN**
- 1 Pakistan's language
 - 2 Dorm unit
 - 3 Hospital worker
 - 4 NNW opposite
 - 5 Noisy dispute
 - 6 German pronoun
 - 7 Speaker's platform
 - 8 Raines of 1940s films
 - 9 Wind instrument
 - 10 Ooh companion
 - 11 Proclamations
 - 12 Edinburgh girl

- 17 Sine — non
- 20 "Kubla Khan" setting
- 21 More uncanny
- 22 Tinted
- 23 Sack
- 24 Some handball points
- 25 Noise heard in traffic
- 28 Lamb's alias
- 29 "Carpe —!"
- 31 Make cloudy
- 33 Shout
- 35 Small pleasures
- 37 PC maker
- 40 Kind of swan
- 41 Soft leather
- 42 Quaker pronoun
- 43 Toad feature
- 44 Old Dodge model
- 47 Dappled horse
- 48 Young lady of Sp.
- 49 Skipper's OK
- 51 Resinous secretion
- 52 Sweater letter
- 54 Whammy

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An underbid worked well and poorly

By Phillip Alder

First today, look only at the South hand. With both sides vulnerable, it goes two passes to you. How would you rate a four-spade opening bid?

Once you have decided, look at all four hands and decide what should happen in three spades doubled after West leads the diamond ace: three, two, nine.

That potential four-spade opening seems like a reasonable speculation to me. It might make, and if it fails, perhaps it will be a good sacrifice. However, all 16 players at Bridge Base Online opened one spade. After West's takeout double and North's pass, East wondered about passing also, to convert his partner's takeout double into one for penalties. He wisely decided that his trumps were too weak, so he advanced with one no-trump. However, when South persevered to three spades, East felt that enough was enough and doubled.

West led the diamond ace: three, two, nine. She continued with the diamond king: five, seven, spade four. South played a low heart, and West paused.

Note that East had discouraged at trick one. On the next round, though,

		North	11-03-21
		♠ 2	
		♥ Q 10 7 3	
		♦ J 10 5 3	
		♣ Q J 5 3	
West		East	
♠ —		♠ J 8 6 5 3	
♥ K 8 6 2		♥ A 9	
♦ A K Q 8 4		♦ 7 6 2	
♣ K 9 7 6		♣ 10 8 4	
		South	
		♠ A K Q 10 9 7 4	
		♥ J 5 4	
		♦ 9	
		♣ A 2	
		Dealer: North	
		Vulnerable: Both	
South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	1NT
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ A			

he had played his higher remaining diamond as a suit-preference signal for hearts. (If he had held the club ace, he would have played the diamond six the second time.) So West, knowing that her partner had the heart ace, played low. East took the trick and shifted to a club. Now the contract was destined to go down two. The defenders took one spade, two hearts, one diamond, one club and one heart ruff.

Plus 500 was a top.