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Regions under increased monitoring as case numbers rise

By Gordon Lambie

Quebec Premier Francois Legault said that the province is monitoring the situation in five specific regions closely following a recent spike in new cases of COVID-19.

According to Legault, the Outaouais, Capitale Nationale, Beauce, Lac St-Jean, and Bas Saint Laurent regions have all seen a worrying rise in cases in the time since they were moved to orange alert status just a few weeks ago.

Despite this new concern, the premier's message for the province on Tuesday was one of keeping up with the measures currently in place, rather than of imposing new restrictions. He put a particular emphasis on the importance of not getting together in private homes, noting that some families will be inclined to do so over the Easter weekend.

Legault also briefly touched on the decision to temporarily suspend the delivery of AstraZeneca vaccines to adults under the age of 55. He reiterated the fact that the suspension was a precautionary move, and argued that the possible risk of blood clots is small.

"The greater risk is to refuse to get vaccinated," he said, stating that the province still expects to keep to its timeline of everyone who wants one getting a first shot by June 24.

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It's like a slap in the face, says Champlain College teachers' union president



MICHAEL BORIERO

By Michael Boriero - Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Syndicat des Enseignants et Enseignantes du Collège Champlain de Lennoxville (SECCL) utilized its first mandated strike day on Tuesday, as demands for a new collective agreement for teachers and support staff in Quebec continue to fall on deaf ears.

The SECCL, a union that represents all teachers at Champlain College in Lennoxville, operates under the

Fédération des Enseignantes et Enseignants de Cégep (FEC) and the Centrale des Syndicats du Québec (CSQ). The CSQ recently approved a five-day strike mandate.

According to SECCL President Nicolas Lecomte, after 15 months of stalled negotiations with the provincial government, he feels that now is the time to act. As early as 7:30 a.m., union members lined the College Street sidewalk just outside of the main building.

"What I told members last week

is we voted for a strike mandate, you know, back in January, we didn't really want to exercise a strike mandate, we wanted things to move because we felt the government would listen at some point [...] but nothing happened," said Lecomte.

With drivers honking in support as they drove by the teachers' union, Lecomte vented his frustrations, and fatigue, regarding the lacklustre negotiation process. It feels like everything unions do or talk about is

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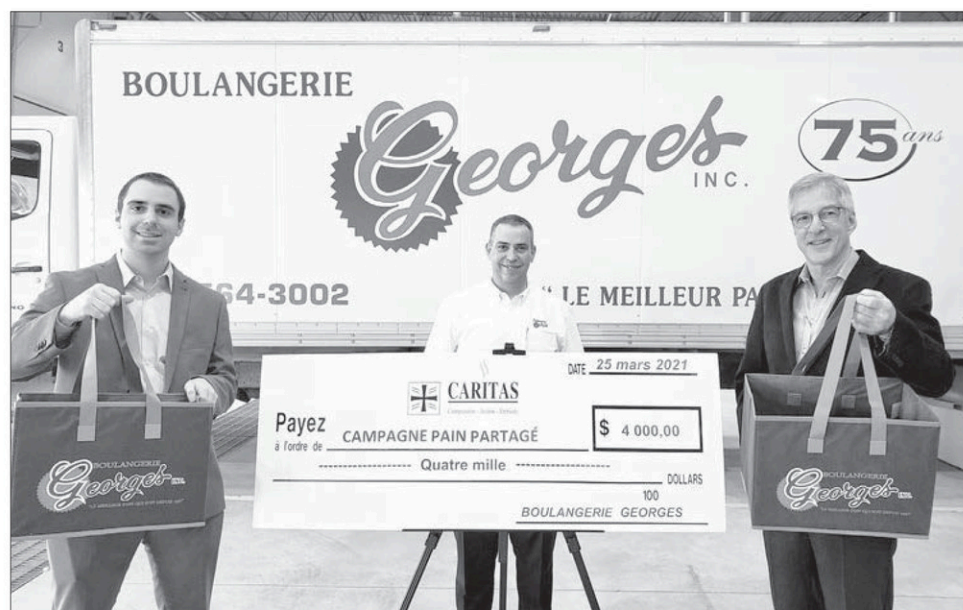


Caritas Estrie is a charitable organization Founded through the Sherbrooke diocese of the Roman Catholic church in 1957 for social action in the local community. Through its work Caritas promotes the values of compassion, justice, solidarity, sharing, mutual aid and peace and works to support disadvantaged people in order to allow them to regain their dignity. In particular, Caritas works to bring together people and groups who wish to fight against poverty of families and individuals and it works with organizations to ensure social and community development in the Eastern Townships.

In a normal year the organization holds two major fundraisers to support it work, the Christmas peace candle campaign, and the "Pain Partagé" fundraising drive, which is timed to coincide with Good Friday and sees volunteers travel door to door distributing bread from the Georges bakery in Fleurimont.

In 2020, the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the Pain Partagé event, and despite organizers best efforts, the organizing team chose to repeat that decision for 2021. The ongoing complications of the pandemic have significantly complicated the distribution of foodstuffs, while also making it more difficult to meet with and recruit volunteers and restricting the accessibility of various sites.

Caritas Estrie



"It's a great disappointment since the Shared Bread Campaign is Caritas Estrie's largest fundraising campaign," said Jean-Christian Beaudoin, general manager of the organization.

To help make up for the shortfall, the organization is maintaining its online donation system, which can be found at caritas-estrie.org/faire-un-don/. Longtime Partner, the Georges Bakery, also sold reusable bags for \$5 apiece, resulting in a donation of \$4,000 to the cause.

Despite the challenges faced by the group, Caritas Estrie was able to redistribute over \$74,000 to different causes and community projects across the Eastern Townships including the Bromptonville food bank, the Journal de Rue de l'Estrie, I.R.I.S- Estrie, and many others through its "fund to fight poverty and injustice."

The organization's fund to fight poverty and injustice is replenished each year through the proceeds of the

peace candle campaign and the "shared bread" campaign at easter time.

More information about Caritas Estrie is available on their website: <https://www.caritas-estrie.org/> (in French only), or by calling 819-566-6345.

The Hand in Hand column provides a space free of charge each week for community organizations that serve the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships to share news or information about their mission or activities. Any organization interested in contributing a text for the column should contact Associate Editor Gordon Lambie at glambie@sherbrookerecord.com for more information about scheduling and requirements.



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Local News

Police officers were on site for much of the morning to monitor both the moose and the small collection of neighbours who gathered around the property to see the animal.

Moose on the loose

By Gordon Lambie

Tuesday brought a bit of a different morning for those living on Heneker Street in Sherbrooke, when an adult moose made its way into the neighbourhood and took a dip



in a backyard pool.

Sherbrooke Police spokesperson Martin Carrier told The Record that a call came in around 8:30 a.m. about a moose on Portland Boulevard, but that by the time the responding officers tracked down the animal it had made its way to 245 Heneker and into a backyard swimming pool.

Police officers were on site for much of the morning to monitor both the moose and the small collection of neighbours who gathered around the property to see the animal.

The moose was tranquilized using a dart around 10 a.m. and slowly transferred to a trailer to be returned to the wilderness.

Carrier said that it was not clear whether reports of a moose near the Triolet High School around 4 a.m. and those of a sighting on King West around 5 a.m. were all of the same animal, but said that great care was taken in the interaction to ensure that neither the people in the neighbourhood nor the animal were injured.



Champlain College

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for nothing, he said.

The government refuses to budge, Lecomte continued, they told unions that there is no financial envelope for teachers, so they are unable to provide any additional funds. But they never adjusted their financial framework, he said, or attempted to improve it.

He is also offended by the lack of response from the Legault government. When the pandemic struck the province, they suggested pushing contract negotiations. A few days later, they insisted on getting them out of the way. However, nothing productive came out of it.

"It's like a slap in the face I would say, they forced us to negotiate, but they don't put the means to negotiate, [and] they don't seem to commit to anything," said Lecomte.

Teachers and support staff at Cégep de Sherbrooke and Cégep de Granby also took to the streets to exercise their strike mandate on Tuesday. People are really fed up, Lecomte said, they want things to move on.

The union president added that its more than just a fight for better salaries. Although it is a major sticking point, Lecomte told The Record that it's about creating a work environment that will attract teachers, not push them away.

"We've talked about that, the problems of attraction that we have here, especially in technical programs, for instance, we're struggling to get people," he said, adding that people generally steer clear due to unpaid volunteer work, lack of resources and a low starting salary.

Champlain Student Association (CSA) President Jeremy Girard, who

joined the SECCL members outside, said students need to show their support, too. Teachers are often overworked, he continued, which can have an impact on the quality of education in the province.

"I think we need to stand up for the teachers, the students also need to stand up for the teachers, because it also affects us in a direct way," he said.

With teachers stuck in negotiation limbo, Girard said that the situation must be stressful for everyone. The government needs to acknowledge the current work conditions handed to teachers, he continued.

Lecomte said his union has not discussed the possibility of another strike day. They're hoping that this strike will force the government back to the negotiation table. But they have the option to use all five days, so that

remains in their back pocket.

Teachers are sacrificing a day with their students and one day of pay, he said, but they want to make a point. He also noted that some cegeps in the network are already discussing a vote for an unlimited strike mandate. But that remains a nuclear option.

If the government continues to ignore the issues raised by Quebec's teachers and support staff, then they will likely mobilize again. However, it's not something they are eager to do, said Lecomte, no one wants to be here in the first place.

"It really depends on what's happening at the negotiation table. If we see they're negotiating in good faith, we're not willing to go on strike; it's not something that we do with joy," Lecomte said.



MICHAEL BORIERO

Covid

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The Province of Quebec reported 864 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of people infected to 310,066 and the total number of active cases to 8,118. There were seven new deaths, for a total of 10,658, and 487 hospitalizations, an increase of 10. The number of people in intensive care increased by six to 126.

The Eastern Townships reported 11 new cases, bringing the total number of cases to 11,994 and the number of active cases to 131. There were no new deaths and the number

of hospitalizations and people in intensive care remained unchanged at eight and three respectively.

The number of COVID-19 variant cases recorded in the province as of Tuesday was 6,948, of which 97 were in the Eastern Townships.

The number of vaccine doses administered across Quebec increased to 1,305,840, which accounts for 15.4 per cent of the population of the province. In the Eastern Townships 57,081 doses have been administered, accounting for 10.6 per cent of the population of the region.

Friday File: Keeping busy during lockdown



KATHRYNE OWEN

In an effort to capture the stories of Townshippers in new and dynamic ways, The Record has enlisted the help of Kathryn Owen, who creates weekly videos interviewing locals and touring interesting places in the area. The videos are posted every Friday on our website and social media.

Lockdown has given some Townshippers a lot of extra time to fill. Unfortunately, it has also put many limitations on how they are allowed to fill that time.

This week on Friday Files, we speak with two Townshippers who have approached that challenge very differently in order to suit their interests and their needs. Whether you are an extrovert, or an introvert, keeping busy and maybe learning something new is possible.

Check out the Friday Files on our website at www.sherbrookerecord.com or our Facebook page.

Feds pledge \$12.8 million to improve worker safety and strengthen food supply chain in Quebec

Record Staff

Compton-Stanstead MP and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau recently highlighted support of up to \$12.8 million through the Emergency Processing Fund for 135 food processing companies in Quebec.

The announcement was made last week to delegates of the Quebec Food Processing Council (CTAQ) ahead of their annual general meeting.

"Food businesses across Quebec have stepped up in the face of all the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic," commented Bibeau in a press release. "Through these emergency investments to 135 food processors across the province, the Government of Canada is improving worker safety and strengthening the food self-sufficiency in Quebec."

There are over 2,400 food processing businesses in Quebec, representing a wide range of sectors, producing approximately \$1.3 billion in sales per year and supporting more than 11,500 jobs.

The funding is designed to help processors adopt measures to help keep employees safe and increase their capacity. This includes making adjustments to enable social distancing,

purchasing re-useable personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing cleaning, improving air circulation within their facilities and developing employee training.

The improvements are intended to support food self-sufficiency in Quebec by helping processors secure their operation.

According to a press release, Bibeau spoke alongside representatives of Charcuterie Scotstown and Aliments Levitts, meat processors in Scotstown and LaSalle, which are both receiving up to nearly \$100,000. With EPF support, Charcuterie Scotstown expanded their refrigeration and storage capacity and made changes to ensure safe social distancing for their employees. Aliments Levitts used its funding to relocate workstations and reconfigure major sections of its plant.

The funds will be managed by the Quebec Food Processing Council.

"Our involvement has allowed food processors to quickly access financial assistance to implement quickly access financial assistance to implement sanitary measures and protect the health and safety of workers and their families," stated Sylvie Cloutier, President and CEO of the Quebec Food Processing Council.

CBSA sets new penalties for crossing the border with cannabis

Record Staff

Even though there hasn't been a whole lot of travel across the US border in the past year, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) recently implemented a monetary penalty system for cannabis infractions at the border.

As of March 29, the CBSA will issue fines to travellers who fail to properly declare cannabis and cannabis products when crossing the border. This is another tool, besides criminal prosecution, to crack down on the unauthorized cross-border movement of cannabis in any form.

While the Cannabis Act came into force on Oct. 17, 2018 legalizing cannabis in Canada, it remains illegal to carry cannabis across the border without a valid permit or exemption.

When the act was passed, the CBSA committed to eventually implementing a monetary penalty system for cannabis infractions.

The penalties will apply to travellers who provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to an officer, or who fail to report imported goods containing cannabis.

A border services officer will detain the undeclared cannabis or cannabis products with no terms of release and serve the traveller with a written Notice of Penalty Assessment that states the contravention and a penalty ranging from \$200 to \$2,000. The amount of the penalty will be based on the type of contravention (undeclared cannabis, inaccurate information);

severity (undeclared cannabis is concealed, quantity of undeclared cannabis); and,

history of non-compliance (having a penalty issued in the past and/or a past seizure record).

Depending on the seriousness and nature of the offence, the CBSA may pursue criminal prosecution in addition to the monetary penalty. If convicted, travellers may face imprisonment, a court fine, or both.

Alexander Galt 2021 Easter Basket Campaign

Initiated in 2018, the AGRHS Easter basket campaign is now part of the local traditions. From the start, we have been fortunate enough to receive generous donations from our community.

This year again, your support will be essential in making this Easter a hopeful occasion for our less fortunate families.

The baskets will benefit families from Alexander Galt Regional High School sector (elementary and high school).

We hope we can continue to rely on your support, as it remains very important to the success of our Easter basket campaign.

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TransEstrie opens its doors to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility

By Marianne Lassonde
Special to The Record

March 31 marks the 12th annual celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility since its founding by US-based transgender activist Rachel Crandall. In the Townships, the celebration will take place in downtown Sherbrooke at TransEstrie's new office.

"It's a day to celebrate who we are, our identity, and our community," said Séré Beauchesnes Levesque, who identifies as transgender and non-binary.

The event aims to celebrate trans people and to raise awareness to trans issues, such as gender-based discrimination, homelessness and high suicide rates among trans youth.

According to a 2015 study by the University of British Columbia's Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Center (SARAVYC), 70 per cent of trans youth report being sexually harassed with one in three having been physically threatened or injured.

The survey also revealed trans youth are at higher risk of contemplating suicide and 70 per cent of trans-

Canadians reported their family did not understand them.

This statistic was on Beauchesnes Levesque's mind when participating in the creation of TransEstrie and its Réseau Hors-Pair.e program. Launched March 25, the program pairs people starting their transition with veteran trans people and offers emotional support and resources regarding the various medical and social transitions.

"We realized we were spending a lot of time accompanying people who wanted to know where they could get access to hormones," explained Beauchesnes Levesque. "In April, we will be training people with various backgrounds in how to accompany people during their transition."

Originally created as a student association in 2016, TransEstrie became many trans people and gender nonconforming students' introduction to a safe space in discussing gender identity. For Beauchesnes Levesque, its creation allowed them to protest inclusive bathrooms and the ability to change their student name on school e-portals.

Come 2019, the association had grown tremendously and expanded

its reach to include the trans community outside of the Université de Sherbrooke. In September, 2020, they relocated their head office to downtown Sherbrooke.

"We wanted to get out of a university setting because there are 70-year-old trans people – it's not just young people," explained Beauchesnes Levesque.

But leaving a University setting also meant creating resources from scratch, which Beauchesnes Levesque claims limits TransEstrie's reach.

According to them, limited resources stems from two systemic issues – the lack of general education regarding gender identity and a lack of government funding supporting local trans organizations.

Currently, all promotional events are funded by a fundraising campaign on TransEstrie's Facebook page. This funding also allows TransEstrie to supply trans people with affordable gender affirming gear, such as binders, and offers financial support for those seeking a legal name change.

"To survive as an organization, we need to continuously come out

with new projects," said Beauchesnes Levesque. "But we can't maintain these projects because we don't have stable funding."

Currently, the organization is focused on getting their name out there to support struggling trans folks. TransEstrie also hopes to expand its reach to schools and community centres to discuss gender identity – an initiative that is very close to Beauchesnes Levesque, who admits to having only discovered they were trans six or seven years ago.

Today, however, TransEstrie is choosing to focus on the positive side of being trans, non-binary and gender nonconforming.

"We want to put aside our financial struggles and communicate that we are here, we succeeded in creating this organization," said Beauchesnes Levesque.

The open-house takes place today at the TransEstrie office in Sherbrooke from noon to 7 p.m. and to anyone who identifies as trans, non-binary, gender-nonconforming or questioning is welcome. For details about the location email info@transestrie.org or message the group's Facebook page.

Semi overturns on 610 in Sherbrooke



BRUCE PORTER

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A dual-trailer semi carrying wood paneling overturned on the off-ramp of Highway 610 heading west towards Highway 10 around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

According to the Sûreté du Québec, the driver suffered only minor injuries. After it overturned, the truck came to rest on the outside shoulder of the road, so traffic was still able to pass at a reduced speed.

Sherbrooke firefighters were called to the incident and spread absorbent to contain leaking fluids from the tractor that was lying on its side before leaving.

By 10:30 a.m. control of the scene passed from the SQ to the transport ministry to control vehicle traffic around the accident and deal with the removal of the semi from the 610.

Call for Applications: McGill Health and Social Services Bursary Program

Calling all health and social services students from the Estrie, Brome-Missisquoi, or Haute-Yamaska region; applications for the Category 1 and Category 2 (now including Vocational programs) McGill Health and Social Services Community Leadership Bursary Program are now available through Townshippers' Association.

Created by the McGill University Training and Retention of Health Professionals Project, the program, which addresses the need for health professionals with English and French language skills, awards bursaries to bilingual students from selected Quebec regions, who are pursuing full-time studies in the health and social services fields.

Bursaries in the following categories are available:

Category 1 is for eligible students who are studying at a college/CEGEP or university located outside their home region. Up to \$10,000 is awarded to students pursuing full-time studies at the university level and up to \$5,000 is awarded to students pursuing full-time studies at the college/CEGEP

level.

Category 2 is for eligible students who are studying at a vocational training centre, college/CEGEP, or university located within their home region. Up to \$5,000 is awarded to students pursuing full-time studies at the university level, up to \$2,500 is awarded to students pursuing full-time studies at the college/CEGEP level, and up to \$2,000 is awarded to students pursuing full-time studies at a vocational training centre.

Recipients of the bursaries must commit to return to a selected Quebec region following the successful completion of their studies to work for a minimum of one year in a public health and social services institution or related organization.

All applications must be received no later than May 7th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Michelle Lepitre at ml@townshippers.org if you are from the Estrie region or Maggie Severs at msevers@townshippers.org if you are from Brome-Missisquoi or Haute Yamaska to access the current forms.

Submitted by Townshippers' Association

EDITORIAL

Many have accused food delivery companies of being greedy given how much restaurants have suffered during the pandemic, and have pressured governments to intervene.

Governments must work with restaurants on a no-fee delivery app

By Mischa Young
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To say it's been a rough year for the restaurant industry is an understatement.

Restaurants across Canada have suffered immensely from stay-at-home orders, strict in-person seating capacity restrictions and other lockdown measures induced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ten per cent of Canada's independent restaurants have already permanently shut down in light of pandemic-related hardships, and recent estimates project that another 40 per cent may not survive beyond March 2021.

To remain afloat during these trying times, many restaurants have relied — often reluctantly — on food delivery applications like Uber Eats, Door Dash and Skip the Dishes, despite recognizing the untenability of the high commission fees they command, some as high as 30 per cent.

In an effort to help restaurants, several provinces have proposed capping food delivery fees and, while laudable, these efforts do not suffice. If the intent is to save restaurants, many of which are deeply woven in the fabric of neighbourhoods and communities across Canada, a bolder solution is needed. The Canadian government must partner with restaurant associations to create its own no-fee food delivery platform.

Monumental growth

In this past year, third-party food delivery apps have experienced monumental growth and have come to represent a significant share of restaurants' overall business, making them all the more indispensable during these trying times. These apps work by connecting hungry customers to their favourite restaurants and enable seamless mobile transactions in

exchange for a commission fee.

While it may be argued that such apps served as a lifeline for restaurants during the pandemic, many restaurant owners are quick to point out that the increase in delivery app sales did not necessarily translate to higher earnings. That's because the revenue generated through these apps were largely negated by exorbitant commission fees.

Whatever modest short-term revenue gains restaurants did experience through delivery apps has also come at the expense of their long-term chances of success. At the best of times, restaurants operate on razor-thin margins and simply cannot afford to have delivery apps shave off an additional portion of their revenues.

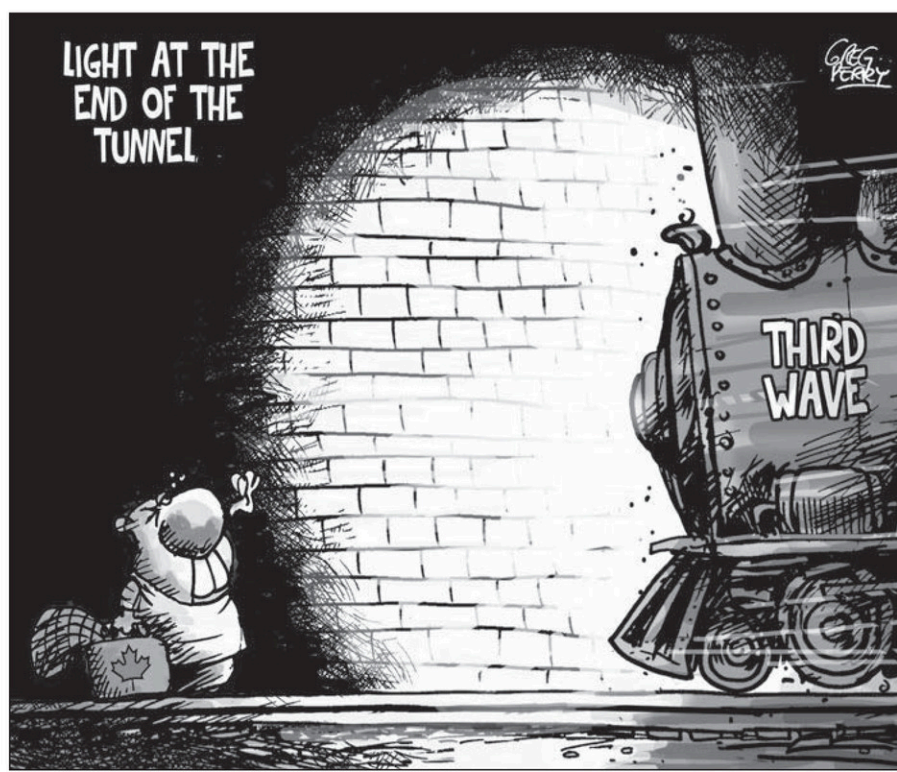
Restaurants' reliance on delivery apps may have been necessary during the pandemic, when trying to avoid bankruptcy. But it cannot be sustained indefinitely, especially if online orders end up permanently replacing those that would otherwise have been made through restaurants directly.

Many have accused food delivery companies of being greedy given how much restaurants have suffered during the pandemic, and have pressured governments to intervene. Heeding to mounting concerns from their constituents, mayors and premiers across Canada passed legislation to cap food delivery charges.

Only minor concessions

But unfortunately, these efforts have only led to minor concessions from food delivery apps and are largely regarded as insufficient by Canadian restaurant associations, many of which saw their members lose upwards of 80 per cent of their business at a time when food delivery apps were registering soaring profits.

This sentiment was further echoed by many Canadians who did not place much trust in these temporary



measures — nor in bargaining with Silicon Valley-based companies — and did not wish to imagine their cities devoid of the life, vibrancy and diversity that restaurants contribute. To ensure the survival of restaurants, governments must go beyond capping food delivery charges, and must offer a no-fee food delivery platform.

Admittedly, government agencies are not often top of mind when it comes to app development. But they could easily use a portion of the \$1.5 billion promised as part of the federal government's Regional Relief and Recovery Fund to outsource this task.

Or they could use some of this fund to support existing efforts led by Canadian restaurant associations. The Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association, for instance, is in the midst of launching a food delivery app in Toronto that promises to charge less than 10 per cent commission fees and expects to expand its services to other jurisdictions in the near future.

Partnering on such initiatives and offering financial support to enable restaurant association-backed apps to reduce their commission fees even further during the pandemic would not only provide restaurants with much-needed relief. It would also prepare them for a future in which app-based

deliveries account for a sizeable share of their overall sales.

Apps are here to stay

According to a recent study by researchers at Dalhousie University, 64 per cent of Canadians have ordered food online in the past six months. But even more striking is that almost 50 per cent say they intend to keep doing so at least once per week once the pandemic is over.

Food delivery apps are here to stay, but bargaining with large tech companies or passing temporary legislation to limit their fees will do very little to help the restaurant industry succeed in a post-pandemic world.

Instead, the federal government must support grassroots efforts led by restaurant associations to create a no-commission-fee delivery app option during the pandemic. The fees can later be increased to cover the app's operating costs, at which point it will hopefully have garnered a large enough base of users to compete with the food delivery giants.

Only then will the Canadian restaurant industry have the tools necessary to ensure its survival both during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Montreal Canadiens sign Cole Caufield

The Canadian Press

The Montreal Canadiens have inked standout college prospect Cole Caufield to an entry-level deal.

The team announced Saturday that it had signed the 20-year-old right-winger to a three-year contract.

Picked 15th overall at the 2019 NHL draft, Caufield spent the last two seasons playing at the University of Wisconsin and led the Big Ten division with 52 points (30 goals, 22 assists) this

season.

The native of Stevens Point, Wis., also led the NCAA in goals and was named Big Ten Play of the Year.

Caufield's college career ended Friday when the Badgers was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA playoffs by Bemidji State.

The Canadiens are expected to return to the ice for practice Monday after having four games postponed when forwards Jesperi Kotkaniemi and Joel Armia were added to the NHL's COVID-19 protocol list.

Canada's Bianca Andreescu advances to Miami quarterfinals

The Canadian Press

Canada's Bianca Andreescu is heading to the quarterfinals of the Miami Open after a come-from-behind victory against an in-form opponent.

With her mom, dad and dog Coco watching from her box, the eighth-seeded Andreescu rallied to knock off the 12th-seeded Garbine Muguruza of Spain 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 at the WTA Tour 1000 event on Monday night.

It is Andreescu's third tournament back after a 16-plus-month absence.

Andreescu, from Mississauga, Ont., broke the former world No. 1 in the first game of the third set and rolled from there, beating a player who already has a title and two runner-up showings this year.

The Canadian, who saved six of eight break points, will face unseeded Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Andreescu broke the hard-hitting Muguruza twice in the second set after not having one break-point opportunity against her aggressive opponent in the first.

The second break, putting Andreescu up 5-3, came immediately after Muguruza got back on serve with her own break. A volley by the Canadian touched the tape and went over before an unforced error by Muguruza finished the game, prompting a trademark "Come on" from Andreescu.

Muguruza notched the only break of the first set to take a 5-3 lead and then recorded four straight points on serve to take the opener.

The 27-year-old Muguruza captured the 2016 French Open and 2017 Wimbledon titles.

Andreescu notched a 6-1, 6-0 win in their only other meeting in 2019 at Indian Wells, Calif. That quarterfinal win helped send the Canadian to her first career WTA Tour title.

Andreescu returned from her 16-plus-month layoff following a knee

injury in February at the Australian Open, losing in the second round of the Grand Slam.

The 20-year-old Canadian followed that up by reaching the semifinals of an event in Melbourne for players eliminated early from the Australian Open, but a leg injury suffered there kept her out until Miami.

Andreescu is trying to recapture the form of her breakthrough 2019 season when she won three tournaments, including the U.S. Open.

Earlier Monday, Canada's Milos Raonic advanced to the men's round of 16.

The 12th-seeded Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., reached the fourth round of the ATP Masters 1000 event for the fifth time in 10 appearances with a 6-4, 7-5 win over No. 20 seed Ugo Humbert of France.

A potential all-Canadian fourth-round matchup between Raonic and sixth-seed Denis Shapovalov was dashed when Shapovalov was upset 6-3, 7-6 (6) by No. 26 seed Hubert Hurkacz of Poland later Monday.

Raonic converted his first match-point chance to win the contest in one hour 39 minutes.

The hard-serving Canadian had 12 aces to Humbert's nine, and won 77 per cent of his first-serve points.

Raonic saved all three break points he faced, while breaking Humbert twice in five opportunities.

Raonic is now 2-0 against Humbert after winning a third-set tiebreak last year in Paris.

Shapovalov, from Richmond Hill, Ont., struggled to make the most of his chances against Hurkacz, who saved all three break points he faced. Hurkacz had just one break-point opportunity, but cashed in on it to take a 5-3 lead en route to taking the first set.

Shapovalov is now 1-3 against Hurkacz.

Raonic will face the Pole for the first time in their fourth-round contest on Tuesday.



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It is with great regret that we announce the passing of

Mrs. Winnifred Barrington
On March 25, 2021, at the age of 83

We are deeply saddened to announce that, with family by her side, Winnie passed away peacefully at the Montreal Heart Institute following her courageous decision to undergo a procedure that was meant to give her more time with those that she so loved. She is survived by her husband William Jenner, her beloved children Lianne (Eric), Heather (Ian), Suzanne (Steve) and John Robert (Nadiya), as well as by her stepchildren Stacey (Tim) and Laurie (James). She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren who meant the world to her: Jessica (Dylan), Joelle (Matthew), Allison (Alexander), Max, Dylan, Chantal, Harry, John and her step-grandsons Thomas and Lukas. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren Avery, Aurora, Emmy and Beau who gave her so much joy in recent years. She will be greatly missed by her sister Elaine (Bob) as well as many other family members and friends, who will remember Winnie's vibrant presence in their lives. Winnie was predeceased by her first husband Robert Fortin and by her parents Mary and George Barrington.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, a celebration of Winnie's life will be held at a later date. Until such a time as we can celebrate Winnie's life properly, please send your mailing address to winniebarrington@gmail.com so that we may send you a memorial card.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

Today is the 90th day of 2021 and the 12th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1889, the Eiffel Tower was dedicated in a ceremony in Paris.

In 1930, the Motion Picture Production Code was adopted to regulate mature content in movies.

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson declared a halt to bombing missions over North Vietnam and closed the televised speech with the announcement that he would not run for re-election.

In 1995, singer-songwriter Selena was murdered by the former president of her fan club.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rene Descartes (1596-1650), philosopher/mathematician; Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), composer; Mary Abigail Dodge (1833-1896), writer; Jack Johnson (1878-1946), boxer; Cesar Chavez (1927-1993), labor leader; Gordie Howe (1928-2016), hockey player; Liz Claiborne (1929-2007), fashion designer; Herb Alpert (1935-), musician; Christopher Walken (1943-), actor; Al Gore (1948-), former

U.S. vice president/senator; Angus Young (1955-), guitarist/songwriter; Ewan McGregor (1971-), actor; Jessica Szohr (1985-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: Gustave Eiffel designed the interior structure of New York's Statue of Liberty.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1975, Hall of Fame basketball coach John Wooden announced his retirement during the postgame press conference after leading his UCLA Bruins to a 92-85 win over the Kentucky Wildcats and earning his NCAA-record 10th national title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whatever an author puts between the two covers of his book is public property; whatever of himself he does not put there is his private property, as much as if he had never written a word." – Mary Abigail Dodge

TODAY'S NUMBER: 2,212 – Broadway performances in the 15-year run of "Oklahoma!" The Rodgers and Hammerstein hit debuted on this day in 1943.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 28) and last quarter moon (April 4).

Skin care is for more than beauty



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

"microbiome" refers to any community of microorganisms that live together peaceably in a specific environment. To reflect the fact that they don't cause illness, it's said that they "colonize" an area rather than "infect" it.

In terms of the human microbiome, we're talking about the vast array of microbes that live upon and within our bodies. These colonies are typically composed of bacteria, bacteriophages, fungi, protozoa and viruses. Depending on their location, they number into the millions, billions and, in the gut microbiome, trillions.

In addition to the gut, anatomical sites of distinct microbiomes in and on the human body include the nose, mouth, esophagus, lungs, genitals and even the hidden depths of the belly button. And, yes, the skin, which is often referred to as the largest organ in the body, is the site of a microbiome. Multiple ones, in fact. They differ depending on their specific locations, and are affected by the variety of environments they interact with, including oily, moist and dry.

For instance, the skin between your toes, which spends long stretches of time in the moist darkness created by socks, shoes and perspiration, hosts a different profile of microbes than does the skin on your scalp, behind your ears or on the backs of your hands.

The epidermis, which is the top layer of the skin, is a tough environment for microbes. It's dry, acidic and low in nutrients, and great swaths of it are exposed to the elements. And, yet, millions of bacteria, viruses and fungi find a way to make it their home. Depending on their location, they survive on the available proteins, oils, salt or moisture. Research shows that, as with our gut, many of the microbe colonies on our skin play a role in fending off potential pathogens. They also play a role in wound healing, in maintaining skin's overall health and in how we smell. All of which is good reason to take a look at our bathing and skin care routines.

Dermatologists have long suggested that harsh soaps, too much scrubbing and daily bathing

with overly hot water can strip the epidermis not only of helpful oils, but also wreak havoc on beneficial microbe colonies. To protect your skin's microbiome, think in terms of gentle, pH-balanced soaps, and gentler overall treatment. That means save the scrubbing with loofas and brushes and other rough materials for the truly grubby areas. Instead of a vigorous rubbing with a towel when you are finished bathing, gently dab and pat your skin dry. And, in case you were wondering, you definitely want to keep up the vigilant hand washing that helps keep us safer during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Choosing positivity

Dear Annie

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Dear Annie: Just wanted to say thank you for including the letters from people who really love and appreciate their spouses. Life has been difficult lately for many of us, and reading positive words is uplifting. Dwelling on people's often-petty complaints makes me feel down while reading inspiring words of love and appreciation makes me feel hopeful. - Keep the Positivity Coming!

Dear Keep the Positivity: Thank you for your kind words. Cheers to positivity. The conscious brain can only hold one thought at a time, so choose a positive one whenever you remember.

Dear Annie: I have been with my husband 40 years now, and we've been married 30 years in July. I found out, just recently, that he has a son - two months younger than my son - with a woman he was cheating on me with when I was pregnant with our first child. How could I have been so blind to the fact that he had this whole other side to him?

I am devastated about this. However, he says I need to move past it because it was over 30 years ago. They put the child up for adoption, and if my daughter didn't do an ancestry search, then I would have never known that he lived a double life for so many years of our lives together. Should I just move past this or should I just call it quits on our marriage? I feel like our entire life has

been a lie. He says he has never cheated since the day we got married. But after finding out about his four-year affair, I am not sure if I believe him or trust him any more. Please help me with this. - Devastated in PA

Dear Devastated: I am so sorry that your husband kept this secret from you and your family for all these years. This shock has understandably rocked you to your core, not to mention affected your children. Your husband's cavalier attitude is appallingly insensitive. He seems unable to reconcile that he now has to face the choices he made 30 years ago, which is why he wants to brush this aside. However, to continue in your relationship, you'll need to work through this breach of trust. If he's unwilling to do to a counselor or therapist, consider going alone. A professional can support you in talking through your emotions to decide how you'd like to move forward. Ultimately, you need to do what will be best for you.

Dear Annie: Please tell "Lost in Love" to get out of that toxic relationship immediately. It's not worth another minute of her time. She may love him "with every fiber" of her being, but that love is not being returned. Any respectable man would not take money from a relationship to pay his mortgage and give nothing in return. I promise you, she will never regret leaving, only staying one more day. - Been There

Dear Been There: Thank you for sharing your

advice based on a similar experience.

Dear Annie: I'm in my mid-60s and have worked for the same hotel chain for almost five years now. I have worn every hat imaginable there and have rarely missed a day of work. When the pandemic first started, a lot of co-workers just stopped coming in, so a few of us picked up the slack. I pulled any and all shifts just to keep the hotel up and running. I am a salaried employee, so I didn't get overtime for the extra hours that I was putting in.

In October 2019, my fiance was admitted to the hospital due to illness. He ended up staying there for months and contracted COVID-19, which he eventually died of in March 2020. While he was sick in the hospital, I visited him every night but never missed a day of work.

I ended up getting COVID-19 myself a few weeks ago. Fortunately, I've recovered and the doctors gave me my release letter, stating that it's safe for me to return to work. My problem is that I don't want to get sucked into the same routine as before - working 12- or 14-hour days. I have high blood pressure, prediabetes and spinal stenosis. Also, I have another job offer that could provide health insurance and other benefits that this hotel job doesn't offer. How should I tell my bosses that I've had enough? - Overworked and Over It

Dear Overworked: I'm so sorry for the loss of your fiance. As for your work situation: I have a feeling you're the type to silently shoulder the world and never mention when your back is getting tired. Well, Atlas, it's time to speak up.

If you want to stay with the hotel, then tell management you will only be doing the standard eight-hour days from here on out. If they give you trouble, you can look into employment law in your state. In some states, even salaried exempt employees are entitled to overtime compensation.

On the other hand, if you've already made up your mind to take this new job, then congratulations! Type up a dated letter of resignation addressed to your supervisor, noting your final day. And when you start your new job, be careful not to work yourself too hard. It sounds as though you might be your own worst boss.

Dear Annie: Why do so many restaurant servers use the same cloth to wipe off tables and chairs and even spills on the floor? It happens in fast-food restaurants and in fine dining establishments. I would feel much better if one cloth was used for tables and another color cloth for seats. I know restaurants are stressed right now and I don't want to add more to their plates, but each time I see that cloth go from table to table and seat to table I wonder how many germs went with it. Yuck! - Grossed Out

Dear Grossed Out: The damp cloth is likely being continuously soaked in a strong sanitizing solution that kills virtually all germs. And for what it's worth, your food should be on a plate and your silverware on a napkin - not in direct contact with the table. But if it bothers you, I encourage you to bring sanitizing wipes with you so you can run over the table yourself for peace of mind. I think a lot of us will be taking such extra precautions for many years to come.

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by Luis Campos

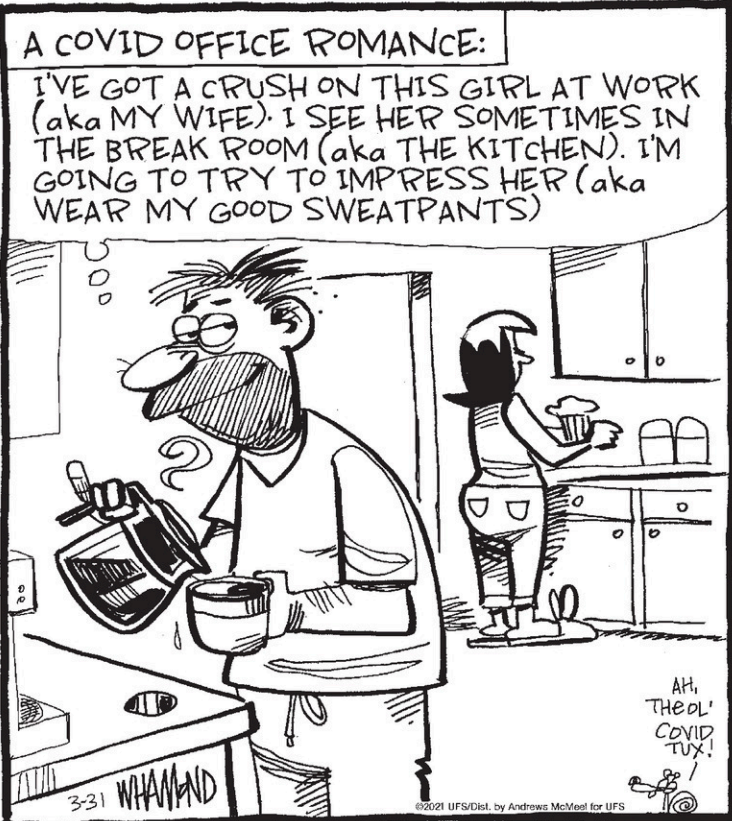
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Previous Solution: “The jewel in the baby product crown is the stroller. ... In Parentland, you are what you push.” — Paul Reiser

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals H

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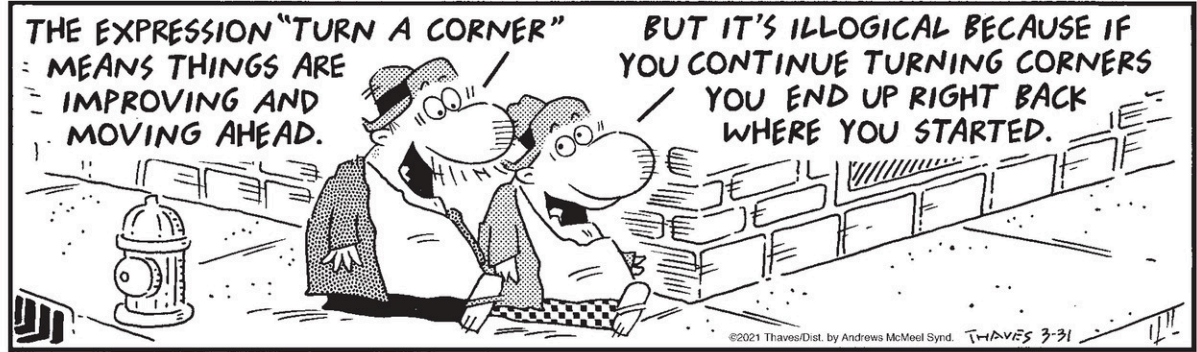
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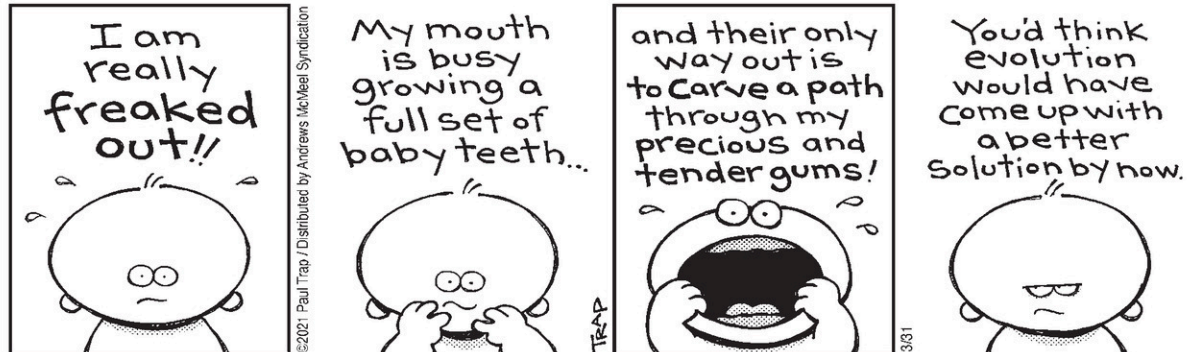
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Easter centerpiece ideas to beautify the table

Easter is a springtime holiday that marks a prime opportunity to cast off the remnants of winter weather and dress a home in bright, colorful hues.

Come Easter, tulips and daffodils may be sprouting, lilies are on display in churches and many other spring touches are incorporated into home decor. Celebrants who will be hosting their families or more intimate Easter gatherings can extend the eye-catching improvements to the dining table. Easter centerpieces are a prime way to add color and ambiance to interior designs.

Here's a look at various ways to decorate the table for Easter celebrations.

· **Carrot-filled container:** Embrace an Easter bunny theme by hanging a bundle of carrots inside a glass vase or bowl and topping with orange, yellow and other spring-themed flowers and greenery.

· **Pussy willow basket:** Weave pussy willow stems into a basket shape or braid them together to make a ring. Then fill with colored Easter eggs or flower petals.

· **Nested flowers:** Purchase a wooden or wicker basket and weave or glue small twigs onto it. This will give it the look of a natural bird's nest, which is one of the markers of the spring season. The nest can cradle spring blooms, such as tulips, or hold Easter eggs.

· **Easter bunny garden:** Fill a shallow ceramic bowl with floral design moss or another green filler. Place a gold-foil chocolate bunny or a ceramic rabbit in the center and put small tealight candles and a small glass canister of pastel-colored candy eggs to complete the picture.

· **Take a 'peep':** Marshmallow Peeps® are an Easter staple and they can have a place outside of Easter baskets. Line a small vase with Peeps. Place cut flowers inside for a festive centerpiece.

· **Rainy day decor:** April showers bring May flowers. Put that sentiment on display by purchasing an inexpensive pair of brightly colored rubber rain boots. Place cut fresh tulips into narrow glass vases and then slip the vases inside of the boots for a festive and funny table conversation piece.

· **Floating flowers:** Poke the stem of a flower into a square of bubble wrap.



Place into a small fishbowl filled with water and watch the flowers float on top. Tint the water a pastel hue if desired.

· **Painted pinecone bouquet:** If you have pine cones left over from Christmas decorations or a pile that the kids may have collected from the yard, paint them in bright colors for an Easter makeover. Place in the container of your choice and add some faux or real greenery to complete the bouquet picture.

Dining tables can be incorporated into Easter decor. There are many different creative options for crafting centerpieces guests will adore.

(Metro Creative)

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Do Just One Thing



By Danny Seo

Here's a tip that bears repeating: Not all essential oils in the supermarket are truly natural. The words "naturally derived" on the bottle mean the molecular structure of the oil was derived from a flower or plant in a laboratory. Oils with this description actually can be 100% synthetic. To avoid this kind of oil, look for "USDA certified organic" on the label, or choose oils like peppermint or rosemary, which are plentiful, inexpensive and good choices for a healthy, natural scent at home.

NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

unexpected change will turn out better than anticipated. Spend time with someone who encourages you to be yourself and to follow your dream. Push negativity away, and go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don't overspend or make unrealistic promises. Put your heart into something that will expand your mind or skills. Taking on a new challenge will open up a host of opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Keep your life simple, moderate and within your budget. Focus on achievements and changes that will ensure you get to live life your way. Set goals and make solid plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Pay more attention to physical tasks and less to conversations with people who don't see things your way. Choose your battles wisely to avoid interference. Say less and do more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Dig in and get things done. Taking charge will put you in the spotlight and help you get ahead. A change you make at home will encourage you to strive for perfection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Uncertainty will set in if you are subject to someone indecisive or emotionally unstable. Concentrate on the things you can achieve. Move things around at home to enable the highest level of productivity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Explore your options to find a good investment. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go. Do what works best for you, and you'll encounter people who share your sentiments.

It's up to you to make decisions that suit your needs and to be the one who represents who you are, what you want and how you are going to reach your goals. Take control to find the path that leads to contentment. Work on stabilizing your financial, physical and emotional health.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Take care of legal, financial and health matters. Obsessing over something you cannot change won't help you move forward. Assess your position and release yourself from negative things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Dig into your psyche, and you'll discover something meaningful. How you use your time and structure your interactions with others will help you achieve peace of mind and a positive attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Evaluate what you can do to help a situation. Don't be gullible; verify the facts and offer only what's necessary. Use any opportunity that comes along to advance. Talk to someone who can help you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Do something constructive. A creative project or time spent with people who offer mental stimulation will spark an intriguing idea. Focus on fitness and taking an energetic approach to life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Plan every move you make. Spontaneity will have its limitations. It's best to prepare for whatever you set out to do today if you want to make sure everything runs smoothly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – An

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cope with change
 - 6 Collision
 - 11 Dress feature
 - 13 Annual
 - 14 Theater company
 - 15 Loosened
 - 16 Make a choice
 - 18 Astonish
 - 19 Ancient cosmetic
 - 21 Barely managed
 - 23 Cheerful color
 - 24 Trireme mover
 - 26 Stiff pleated collar
 - 29 Media mogul — Turner
 - 30 Dash off
 - 32 Luau number
 - 34 "En garde" weapon
 - 36 Literary miscellany
 - 37 Yank's foe
 - 38 Mlle., in Barcelona
- 40 Drop the ball**
- 42 Insect resin
 - 43 Woeful cry
 - 45 Snaky sound
 - 47 Stale
 - 50 Sheet material
 - 52 Church official
 - 54 Ms. Davis of civil rights
 - 58 Hit the tab key
 - 59 Earlier
 - 60 Snooped around
 - 61 Rib-eye
- DOWN**
- 1 Quick to learn
 - 2 German article
 - 3 GI mail drop
 - 4 Deep-piled fabric
 - 5 Mississippi town
 - 6 Hub
 - 7 Cat's prey
 - 8 Diva's tune
 - 9 Vast number

- 10 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. —
- 12 Ferrer or Tillis
- 13 "Ick!"
- 17 Spooky quality
- 19 Hangs onto
- 20 More unusual
- 22 "You don't say!"
- 23 I-70
- 25 "Just as I thought!"
- 27 Rolls tightly
- 28 Pesky hoppers
- 31 Corn unit
- 33 Easy as —
- 35 Letter after zeta
- 39 Amaretto flavor
- 41 Zoo heavy-weights
- 44 A relative
- 46 Silver bar
- 47 Valhalla host
- 48 Comedian Jay —
- 49 Some parents
- 51 Refrain syllables
- 53 So-so mark
- 55 Helmsman's dir.
- 56 Grassy field
- 57 Clumsy boat

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Having a wire in a class setting

by Phillip Alder

When you play a deal in a bridge class, you can often make certain deductions about the distribution of the missing cards. For example, if your contract is laydown with the trumps splitting 2-2 or 3-1, then you know that they must be 4-0. Do you take advantage of that wire? Certainly not! Find a guaranteed line.

In today's deal, how should South play in six no-trump after West leads a top-of-nothing heart nine?

South's two-no-trump response showed 8 or more points and a balanced hand. North's four-club rebid was Gerber, the ace-asking convention.

South starts with eight top tricks: two spades, four hearts (given the opening lead) and two clubs. If the missing diamonds are 2-2 or 3-1, the contract is easy to make; they must be 4-0. In addition, if East has all four, the contract must fail. So, declarer can assume that West has all four.

Someone willing to take advantage of this deduction will win the first trick with the heart ace over East's jack and run the diamond five — bridge is an easy game!

However, a player who wins trick one with the heart ace and plays a diamond

North		03-31-21	
♠	A K		
♥	K Q 5		
♦	K Q J 8 7 2		
♣	K J		
West		East	
♠	10 5 3	♠ Q 7 6 4 2	
♥	9 8 7 2	♥ J 6	
♦	A 10 9 4	♦ —	
♣	10 9	♣ Q 8 7 6 5 2	
South			
♠	J 9 8		
♥	A 10 4 3		
♦	6 5 3		
♣	A 4 3		
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
		2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 9			

to the jack suddenly cannot make the contract.

The right play is to win with dummy's heart queen and continue with the diamond king. Suppose West wins with the ace (it doesn't help to duck) and exits with a spade. Declarer crosses to his heart ace and leads a diamond, capturing West's nine with dummy's jack. Back to hand with a club, South finesses dummy's diamond seven and claims.