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The Record - still here 20 years after devastating fire

By Sharon McCully

It was one of those bone-chilling nights that Environment Canada issues extreme weather forecasts about. But the biting cold didn't deter Record staff from huddling around the huge blaze as they watched The Record building go up in smoke.

The call came just before midnight Jan. 2, 1999. "The Record is on fire!"

I was there within 10 minutes but already a large number of Record staffers were at the scene watching flames on the Delorme Street building shoot into the sky. Among them was then-publisher Randy Kinnear who managed to grab a few files and a computer before the building exploded in flames.

Firefighters put up a valiant effort, but by morning there was nothing left but a burned-out shell with dangling electrical wires and some spectacular ice sculptures.

It was not a great building, to be sure. A few months earlier, Radio Canada had used The Record newsroom, and its antiquated equipment, as a backdrop for a series on turn-of-the-century newsrooms. The cameraman enthused about the vintage typewriter and old oak desks. (Yes, there was a bottle of whiskey in a drawer.) But for those who spent a good part of their working lives there, the rotary telephones, three-legged chairs and air, heavy with ink and cigarette smoke, were part and parcel of the place where award-winning stories were hammered out and staff became family.

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Today, she turns 100

A portrait of Vera Lemay Armstrong



NICK FONDA

Vera Lemay Armstrong with her second husband Jerry Armstrong at her 100th birthday party on Saturday

By Nick Fonda

Record readers may not immediately recognize the name Vera Lemay Armstrong but from 1951 to 1970 her photographs appeared in Sherbrooke's English newspaper regularly if not daily.

Today, she turns 100, after having been feted on Saturday by a very large

group of family and friends at the Wales Home where she has been residing for the last six years.

She was born Vera MacLeod on January 7, 1919 on the Scots Road, at the time still farm country. She was the seventh of eight girls and one baby brother. Her roots in the Townships go very deep. On her father's side, she is a Moe, among the earliest families to settle in

the area. The one-room schoolhouse she attended stood across the road from her home on land donated by her great grandfather.

"He also donated land to build an Anglican church," Vera explained on the weekend, "but it was never built."

"The MacLeod house was close enough to the school," Vera's second

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Ken Jones Respite group presents its vernissage at the Legion Memorial Library in Potton



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Ken Jones Respite (KJC) program participants will be holding a Vernissage at the Legion Memorial Library in Potton from January 3 to the 31st where the group of special needs clients will display some of their art projects created over the past few months. Everyone is invited to come and meet the artists on January 10 from 10am to 12pm at the Library located at 2, ch. Vale Perkins in Mansonville, upstairs in the Town Hall building.

The Ken Jones Respite program provides a safe and stimulating environment for special needs persons while giving caregivers respite. The group meets every Thursday in the youth centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Weekly activities include crafts, social and leisure activities, games, mild exercises, movies, music and lots and lots of fun! 8 participants take part in the weekly activities coming from as far away as Austin to join in the program.

The KJC clients have been hard at work expressing their creative talents



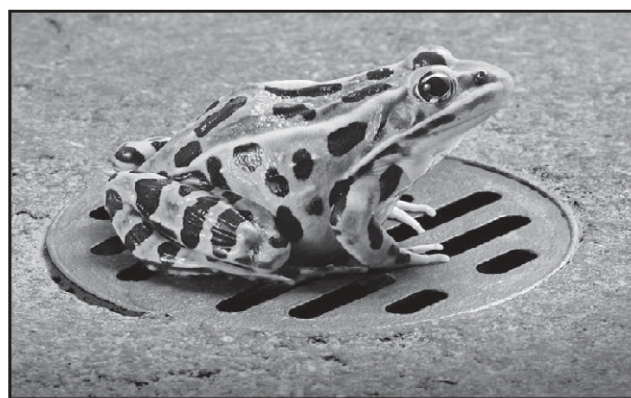
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Come and meet the artists on January 10 from 10 am to noon at the Potton Legion Memorial Library.

and sharing in the fun of doing a variety of art projects along with the program leaders, Sheila Samborsky and Eszter Csiszer. An art time is included in the weekly programming for the group and it is apparent that many have a knack for letting their creative juices flow. It is certain that the group will be proud and happy to welcome those who attend their, "Meet the artist" event on January 10.

If you would like more information

about the Ken Jones Respite program or about the Vernissage, call 450-292-4886 (ask to speak to KJC Program staff, Sheila Sasmborsky or Eszter Csiszer or visit the CAB website at www.cabmn.org

The KJC Respite program is supported by the Ken Jones Centre Committee of hard working and motivated volunteers. The committee plans to hold a Bluegrass evening fundraiser in April and tickets will be on sale in the coming months.



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LOCAL NEWS

In Canada, employment remains stable (+ 9,300 positions). Ontario (+17,600) posted the largest increase in employment and Alberta, the largest decline (-16,900).

Quebec Employment stable in 2018

Record Staff

Employment in Quebec grew only marginally in the final month of 2018 compared with November with the employment rate at 5.5 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point. This is the conclusion of an analysis of data by the Quebec Institute of Statistics, released Friday, based on the results of Statistics Canada's Labor Force Survey.

Both full-time and part-time employ-

ment remains stable. Employment is decreasing in the private sector, (with 15,800 fewer jobs), remaining stable in the public sector (with only 500 new jobs) and increasing among the self-employed (19,000 new jobs). The participation rate rose to 64.6 per cent (+0.1 point), and the employment rate remained unchanged at 61.0 per cent in December.

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posted the largest increase in employment and Alberta, the largest decline (-16,900). The Canadian unemployment rate remains unchanged at 5.6 per cent in December.

Employment in Quebec in 2018

In the year 2018, Québec posted an increase of 38,900 jobs (+ 0.9%) compared to the same period the previous year. During this period, full-time employment increased by 61,300, while part-

time employment decreased by 22,300.

For the full year of 2018, the unemployment rate in Quebec averaged 5.5%.

Statistics Canada will publish its final data on employment in 2018 at the end of January. Consequently, in February, the Quebec Institute of Statistics will publish a complete portrait of the evolution of the labor market in Quebec for the year 2018.

Memphremagog Police kept busy over the holidays

Record Staff

During the holiday season, officers of the Memphremagog Police were kept busy responding to several calls.

There were 11 roadblocks during the

holidays focusing on impaired driving in all forms. Nearly 2,000 vehicles were intercepted and only one driver was arrested for driving impaired by alcohol.

In addition to roadblocks, police have been vigilant as usual to keep drunk driving at a minimum. Despite this, there

were five more arrests during this period. In the last two years there were no arrests in this area during the holidays. Four of these arrests were for drinking and driving and one was drug-related. The New Year alone counted three arrests for drunk driving following off-

road incidents.

The police attended about 50 accidents including three with minor injuries, eight of which involved deer, mainly in the municipality of Orford.

Today, she turns 100

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husband, Jerry Armstrong said, "that if someone scraped his knee, or felt ill, he'd be brought from the schoolyard to Mrs. MacLeod to be tended to."

Vera was quick at school but her eyes caused her problems.

"I was almost blind," she said. "I was very close to my older sister, Eileen, and she would read to me, and do mental arithmetic."

For a while, these coping mechanisms made up for her visual handicap.

"My parents sent me to the Mitchell School in Sherbrooke for Grades 6 and 7," Vera recalled. "We would go in by horse and buggy, or horse and sleigh. My older siblings would drop me off and go on to Sherbrooke High School."

By the time she reached Grade 8, Vera's eye problems had worsened to the point that she had to withdraw from school.

Fortunately, a short time later she was seen by a doctor, a friend of her father's, who was able to find improved lenses, and with her new glasses she was able to resume her schooling.

"I had lost a year of school," she recalled, "so I would no longer be with my friends and classmates. One of my uncles lived in Windsor, very close to a teaching convent. I went there and took business and secretarial courses. I thought I might learn French, but nearly all the students were Irish Catholic and they all spoke better English than I did."

The outbreak of war in 1939 caused

considerable disruption and for Vera it meant a three-month stint in a munitions factory near Valleyfield, and then a similar short stint at the Ingersoll Rand factory in Sherbrooke that had been retooled for war production.

As an 18-year old, Vera had worked as a telephone operator at the Sherbrooke Hospital and she was able to return to work there as a secretary.

"Everything was quite controlled during the war," Vera shared. "You'd be assigned to a job. I was very unhappy at Ingersoll Rand, and I mentioned this to a doctor I knew at the Sherbrooke Hospital. He was able to pull some strings and I was very happy when I was re-hired by the hospital."

"I was made a secretary in the X-ray Department," she continued, "but Dr. Beaton encouraged me to train as an X-ray technician, and I became the Sherbrooke Hospital's first graduate in their training program. I remember that I had to go to Montreal to write the exams. I wrote both the Canadian exam and the Quebec exam."

She was appointed chief technician at the Sherbrooke Hospital in 1946, a position she held until 1951.

In 1946 she married Gerry Lemay, a Sherbrooke Daily Record reporter who had served in the Canadian Air Force during the war, and who had come back home to his old job. Enterprising and talented, Gerry Lemay soon opened a photography studio on Wellington St. in the same building that then housed the Sherbrooke Daily Record.

Gerry and Vera Lemay had two children, Danny and Linda, and Vera became a working mom

"At the beginning, I did the secretarial work at the photo studio," Vera said. "I was already well acquainted with dark room procedures, and pretty soon I was also doing portrait photography and weddings."

The fact that the Lemay Photo Studio was in the same building as the newspaper kept the ties between the Daily Record and the Lemays quite close.

"Quite a few of the Record reporters were young men, still studying at Bishop's," Vera recalled. "We had a car, and often the young reporters didn't. Doug Ameron was the editor and he would ask me to drive a reporter out to cover a story and ask me to take a picture at the same time."

Some photos were more memorable than others.

"On one occasion," she says, "I took photos of a train wreck. Some months later I was asked if I would appear in court in the United States where my photos were part of the evidence in a case. It was settled out of court, and I was glad because I had two small children at home."

"Another time," she continued, "I was sent to St. Benoit du Lac. The Governor General, Vincent Massey, was visiting and the paper wanted a photo. I got there late. The Governor General and his wife were already waking away. I asked one of the attendants if I could ask them to stop for a photo. I was told I was too

late and I was brushed off. But Mr. Massey had noticed me and overheard my request. He stopped and let me take a shot. It turned out to be a great photo."

In 1970 two things happened that put Vera's life back on its previous course.

"One was that my husband fell ill," she says, "and the second was that the studio was slapped with a big tax bill. We had never previously paid taxes on the chemicals we used to develop photos. I suddenly found myself with a \$5000 tax bill that I thought was quite unfair."

"I met the radiologist at the Sherbrooke Hospital," she continues, "and he told me that I should take a refresher course, but that as soon as a spot opened up, I'd be the first to be called."

"I was rehired as an X-ray technician in 1971, a position I kept until I retired in 1984."

In 1989 Vera married Jerry Armstrong, a man at whose first wedding she had been the official photographer, and someone she'd known since adolescence. Both widowed, they met through mutual friends with whom they enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, and cross-country skiing.

"Looking back," said Vera Lemay Armstrong, "I've had a wonderful life, and I've met so many generous and helpful people."

Happy Birthday, Vera!

Quebec woman and travel companion feared missing in Burkina Faso, family says

The Canadian Press

A Quebec woman who was travelling in Burkina Faso with a friend hasn't been heard from in three weeks and is feared missing, her family said Saturday.

Sherbrooke native Edith Blais and her Italian friend Luca Tacchetto were travelling in the West African nation when all communication with their families "abruptly stopped" on Dec. 15, her sister Melanie Bergeron Blais said.

"There was no more communication with anyone, no more financial transactions either from her account since Dec. 11," she said in a phone interview.

"She didn't spend to eat, for a hotel, there's nothing at all," she said. "They've completely disappeared into the void."

The pair were last seen in the city of Bobo-Dioulasso, in the country's southwest, and had planned to drive to the capital of Ouagadougou before crossing into neighbouring Togo, the family said.

However, there's no indication that the pair applied for visas or crossed the border into either Ghana or Togo, Bergeron Blais said.

Bergeron Blais described her 34-year-old sister as an adventurous and experi-

enced traveller.

She said both Blais and Tacchetto, 30, were in the habit of checking in with the families every couple of days.

"At first we gave her a little slack, telling ourselves 'she's a traveller, she's a bit bohemian,' and it's possible that she just didn't give us news for a few days," Bergeron Blais said.

"But by (Dec) 29th or 30th, we knew something wasn't right."

The government of Canada's website recommends avoiding all non-essential travel to the country due to the threat of terrorism, banditry and kidnapping.

Blais' family has started a Facebook page and are grateful for the help they've received so far, including from a Quebecker in Burkina Faso who is travelling in person to different border crossings to ask about Blais.

Global Affairs Canada said consular officials are reaching out to local authorities in Burkina Faso to follow up on reports of a missing Canadian.

Bergeron Blais, however, said she hasn't yet been contacted by the Canadian government, and that Italian authorities appear to be working much more quickly to locate the pair.



Luca Tacchetto and Edith Blais are seen in this undated handout photo from the Facebook page "Edith Blais et Luca Tacchetto : disparition au Burkina Faso." THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO, Facebook

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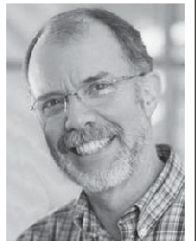
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Homeless women's day centre opens in Sherbrooke

Record Staff

A day center offering services for homeless women began its activities Saturday at the La Chaudron-

née soup kitchen in downtown Sherbrooke. The New service is offering meals and workshops for homeless women every Saturday.

La Chaudronnée initiated the initia-

tive last year through a pilot project funded by the federal government. The work continues this year even though the \$4,000 grant has not been renewed. The funds for the project have come

from La Chaudronnée, which expects a deficit, but decided to launch the project because it was of the need for it.

La Chaudronnée plans to hold this weekly activity until the end of March.

Man busted for arson in Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey

Record Staff

A man in his 30s was arrested following a suspicious fire Thursday afternoon in Saint-Félix de

Kingsey, north of Richmond.

An investigation was opened by the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) after the fire broke out in the early afternoon in a residence on 9e Rang road. No one was in-

jured in the fire, which was called in to emergency services by a passer-by.

Following several checks and the discovery of suspicious elements, one of the occupants was arrested on suspicion of

arson. He was released for later summons to appear.

Fire scene investigators from the SQ went to analyse the scene and gather evidence.

Devastating fire

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The morning after the fire, a Delorme Street neighbour offered warehouse space to house any equipment that could be salvaged. Record staffers, unsolicited, showed up and began sifting through the rubble, heavy with worry that their livelihood, and the Townships' 101-year-old English-language daily newspaper, could be gone forever.

Without a press or any of the equipment required to produce a newspaper, it was not a stretch to think that Quebecor might seize the opportunity to walk away from the small English newspaper with declining revenues, take the insurance money, and call it a day.

Instead, the corporation sent out its top guns and pulled out all the stops to get The Record back on the street in three days.

Pierre Francoeur, chief of operations

for Quebecor's dailies, and a former Sherbrookeois, understood the importance of The Record, and became the paper's chief advocate.

"I am here to confirm that The Record is here to stay in the Townships and Quebecor will continue to support it," he told staff and reporters who had gathered the day after the fire. Francoeur noted that the essential elements of the paper - spirit and brains - were still intact. "It is the content of the paper, the people who do the work and the people who read it, that make a paper, and starting tomorrow, we will have that again," he said.

A makeshift office was quickly set up in a building owned by the Eastern Townships School Board at 257 Queen Street in Lennoxville, and while reporters worked from laptops and cell phones, the production crew saved prepared pages on CDs and editorial staff

drove to Quebecor's plant in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu with CDs (Dial-up Internet was not adequate to send large files - and, we only had one telephone set up to take calls).

In the midst of the chaos, one elderly woman called to complain she didn't get her paper. I explained The Record was destroyed by fire the day before and all the equipment and the press had been lost. There was a pause before she asked, "Well, am I going to get it tomorrow?" Her response was indicative of the important role the newspaper plays in the lives of Townshippers. For many, reading the daily paper was a household tradition for generations - one of the few constants in a changing landscape. Pierre Francoeur, amused, ordered T-Shirts for the entire staff with the tagline: "The Record - Always There."

The heartwarming support of the community, advertisers and subscribers

fueled the determination of Record staff to accomplish the near impossible. The Lennoxville mayor and councillors showed up one day to set up a buffet lunch and served Record staff. Being situated next to Lorraine's bakery was a mixed blessing - a supply of fresh donuts would appear in the office daily from readers who would gift us with treats and encouraging words as they stopped by to pay for their subscription renewal.

It was a Herculean effort to get the paper back on its feet 20 years ago and many of the same people are still with The Record, laboring daily to keep this important institution of the English-speaking community alive. Because we know that once there is no further evidence of our schools, churches, community groups and leaders, we will have forfeited our future as a community, and allowed the efforts of our forefathers to be forgotten.



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Who knew Donald Trump would (could?) become president of the United States? Who knew Ontario voters would trade in their beat-up Liberal jalopy for a souped-up, carbon-guzzling Ford?

Looking at both sides of Justin Trudeau's election clouds



PETER BLACK

Please, dear reader, permit your scribe to start new year by joining the mob of political prognosticators in the usual year-end crystal balling. The main fixation this time around? That would be the upcoming federal election, the second fixed one under new rules Stephen Harper's Conservative government established in 2007 - although Harper did end up calling an election the next year.

Assuming Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sticks to the plan, as he says he will, Canadians will go to the polls Monday, Oct. 21. That much we know. What remains to be seen is whether Trudeau the Younger will end up being humbled with a minority government or become a one-term wonder and join the growing list of Canadian political leaders who fickle voters bounced abruptly from office after a single stint.

There's been a torrent of analysis in recent weeks attempting to explain why Trudeau and the Liberals find themselves vulnerable in the polls less than four years after the giddy love-in that

lifted the Grits from third place to a thumping majority with seats in every province, including several in the perennial Liberal wasteland of Alberta.

Dark clouds now obscure Trudeau's sunny ways, though it's probably in the prime minister's optimistic nature, Joni Mitchell-style, to look at clouds like "ice cream castles in the air." He and his government, though, are learning clouds also "rain and snow on everyone" as they manage the unexpected challenges all pretenders to power must face.

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Who knew a Federal Court decision halting the twinning of an existing oil pipeline would stir such passions, darkly reminiscent of the days when Alberta cursed (and worse) Trudeau the Elder's National Energy Policy, which, irony of ironies, was a response to sky-rocketing foreign oil prices?

Who knew several provincial premiers would turn a proven tool to reduce greenhouse gas emissions - the "carbon tax" - into a political weapon?

Trudeau's woes are aplenty indeed, but, looking again at both sides now, he can take comfort from other, more positive, political circumstances. Top of the list would be Trudeau and the Liberals' continued popularity in Quebec, according to the polls.

(In the three Quebec federal by-elections since the 2015 general election, weirdly enough, Liberals and Conservatives swapped seats in the Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region. The other was Stephane



Dion's unassailably Liberal seat in Montreal.)

There is little to suggest Trudeau's main leadership opponents pose a serious threat to the 40 Liberal seats in the province. The NDP, which still has 16 residual MPs from the 2011 orange wave, is but a Code Red blip in the polls, and are saddled with a leader, who, shall we say, does not have the same folksy charm as the late Jack Layton, or the understated appeal of Tom Mulcair.

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer faces the challenge of growing the party's current 12 seats into a larger rump that could potentially propel him to power. Being a career politician, first elected as an MP at age 25, Scheer would be aware that only once in modern history has a party leader won a majority government with fewer than 10 seats in Quebec. That would be Scheer's predecessor (and some say surlier doppelganger) Stephen Harper, who pulled off the trick in 2011, based on a massive

Conservative wave in Ontario.

Scheer, though, is in the uncomfortable position of trying to woo Quebecers while gunning up his base in the west against the Liberals. Premier Francois Legault's musings about Quebec's aversion to Alberta's "dirty oil," while factually incorrect (Quebec gets about half of the oil it processes and consumes from Alberta), won't help the Conservative leader in Quebec when he curses Trudeau's handling of the Trans-Mountain pipeline affair.

That said, the Conservatives are well-advanced in recruiting some quality candidates in Quebec, dipping into the CAQ pool of talent.

And so we're off on a very long campaign trail, which Trudeau surely hopes won't leave him musing "so many things I could have done, but clouds got in my way."

Christmas tree pick-up coming

Record Staff

The City of Sherbrooke is reminding residents that the special waste collection for Christmas trees will take place in the week of January 7 in all boroughs.

Natural trees should be placed at the edge of the driveway by 8 a.m. on the morning of the regular garbage pickup.

Before pick-up, all decorations and coverings must be removed from the tree. The City also requests, if possible, sheltering the tree from bad weather.

On the day of the pick-up, citizens must ensure that the tree is easily acces-

sible, and well clear of snow and ice.

Empty boxes and trees

In Magog, special collections are planned in January to recover empty boxes and natural trees. The empty boxes will be picked up from January 2 to 4. Natural trees will be picked up from January 14 to 18.

Everything must be left at the curb at the beginning of the collection week, which is Monday morning before 6 a.m.

Boxes should be flattened and the trees free of any decoration. Otherwise, they can be brought to the ecocentre during hours of operation,

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Local Sports

Canada finished sixth after losing to Finland in the quarterfinals on Wednesday

Finland wins world juniors gold with dramatic 3-2 win over U.S.

By Gemma Karstens-Smith
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finland is taking home gold from this year's world junior hockey championship after beating the United States 3-2 in a dramatic final on Saturday.

Seventeen-year-old Kaapo Kakko scored the game winner with just over a minute-and-a-half to go in the third period.

The Americans had clawed their way back from a two-goal deficit in the third period with goals from Josh Norris and Alexander Chmelevski.

Jesse Ylonen and Otto Latvala also scored for Finland.

Cayden Primeau stopped 28-of-31 for the U.S., as Finnish netminder Ukko-

Pekka Luukkonen made 25 saves.

Finland started the scoring, putting away a power-play goal 11:31 into the second period after U.S. forward Evan Barratt was called for goalie interference.

The Finns won a faceoff and got the puck to Ylonen, who wound up and blew a rocket past Primeau.

The Montreal Canadiens prospect had three goals and three assists in the tournament.

Latvala padded his team's lead six minutes into the third period, using a series of screens to block Primeau's view of his high shot.

The Americans responded 61 seconds later when Chmelevski took a shot from down near the Finnish goal line that found its way through traffic into the

net.

The San Jose Sharks prospect also helped tie the game up 8:47 into the frame, dishing a pass across the ice to Norris, who put the puck past Luukkonen to make it 2-2.

The Americans also had a flurry of power-play chances throughout the game, and thought they had scored on one only to have it overturned by video review.

Oliver Wahlstrom put back a rebound, but officials determined it was a no goal because Chmelevski was in the crease.

The U.S. finished 0 for 5 with the man advantage.

Earlier in the day, Russia beat Switzerland 5-2 to capture bronze.

Canada finished sixth after losing to

Finland in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Finland posted a convincing 6-1 win over Switzerland in the semifinals. But the team's performance was lacklustre through the group phase of this year's tournament, with victories over Slovakia and Russia and losses to Sweden and the U.S.

The Americans lost a single game in the round-robin, dropping a 5-4 overtime decision to Sweden on Dec. 29.

They punched their ticket to the finals by beating the Czechs 3-1 on Wednesday, then downing the Russians 2-1 on Friday.

Next year's tournament will be held in the Czech Republic.

Canadian Bianca Andreescu falls to Julia Goerges in ASB Classic final

The Canadian Press

Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu came up one set short in an attempt at her first WTA Tour title.

Julia Goerges of Germany beat the 18-year-old Andreescu 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 on Sunday to win the ASB Classic for the second year in a row.

The match started well for Andreescu, who took the first set in only 30 minutes, unsettling the second-seeded Goerges with the same aggressive return game and mix of strokes which had derailed her earlier opponents. But the tide changed late in the second set as Goerges began to put more first serves in play and gain more depth with her ground strokes, forcing the Mississauga,

Ont., native onto the defensive.

"It is disappointing, I was one game away from winning the match, so I'll probably be thinking about this for the next couple of days," said Andreescu, who earned entry into the tournament as a qualifier. "But I can't complain. I had an amazing week, I beat a lot of top players. I'm just really proud of myself."

Goerges clinched the second set in 45 minutes with a pivotal break in the 11th game, then took the deciding third set in only 23 minutes as Andreescu tired in her eighth match at the tournament. She broke Andreescu in the first, fifth and seventh games to clinch her seventh WTA Tour singles title.

"This meant a lot," Goerges said. "I don't know what to say right now because Bianca gave me a hard time today.

She played some terrific tennis, different from a lot of players on the tour and I'm sure we're going to hear a lot more of her."

Andreescu, who entered No. 152 in world rankings and had to go through qualifying just to get in, put together some spectacular upsets on her way to the final in the tune-up event for the Australian Open.

Prior to falling to world No. 14 Goerges, she knocked out former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark and American Venus Williams, then cruised past 28th-ranked Hsieh Su-Wei of Taiwan in the semifinals. Wozniacki is currently the world No. 3 and the reigning Australian Open champion.

"It feels really good, I'm not going to lie," said Andreescu. "But I'm just trying

to stay grounded right now, stay humble, and use it to my advantage."

Goerges ousted Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., earlier in the week on her way back to the championship match. Andreescu, meanwhile, won seven straight matches including three qualifiers just to face the 30-year-old German in the final.

Earlier in the day, Bouchard captured her first career doubles title alongside American partner Sofia Kenin.

The duo beat Taylor Townsend and Paige Mary Hourigan 1-6, 6-1, 10-7 in the women's championship match.

The US\$250,000 WTA Tour event is a warmup for the first Grand Slam of the season.

Canada opens women's U18 world championship with 2-1 win over Sweden

The Canadian Press

Canada has its first win at the women's under-18 world hockey championship.

Daniella Calabrese and Danielle Serdachny supplied the offence as the Cana-

dians opened the tournament with a 2-1 win over Sweden on Sunday.

Goaltender Mahika Sarrazin earned the win for Canada (1-0-0), which settled for bronze at last year's event after missing out on the gold-medal game for the first time in the 11 years the tournament

has been played.

Gabriella Johansson was the lone scorer for Sweden (0-1-0), last year's silver medal winners. Tindra Holm took the loss.

The United States enter this year's tournament as four-time defending

champions and have seven gold medals in total.

The Canadians have four golds, but their last came back in 2014.

Canada's next game is Monday against the Americans.



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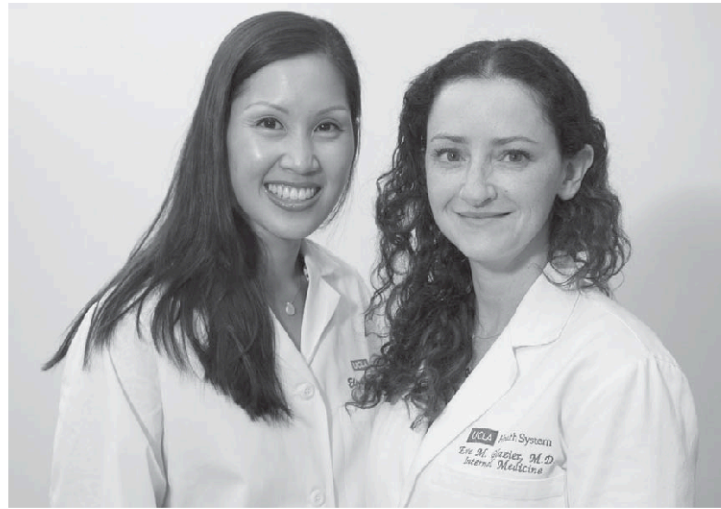


Douglas MOREY
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With both of his children by his side, Doug Morey at the age of 87, passed away on January 2, 2019 at La Maison Aube-Lumière, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Doreen Jandron Morey. He leaves to mourn his son Kevin of Windsor, QC, daughter Karen (John Dupuis), granddaughter Jillian (Jamie Swallow Jr.), and grandson Jonathan, all of Lancaster, NH. A private service for family will be held at the Windsor Cemetery at a later date. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff on 6C at the CHUS Fleurimont as well as all the outstanding staff and volunteers at La Maison Aube-Lumière. Those wishing to honor Doug may make donations to the Windsor Cemetery Company, 140 Rankin St., Windsor, QC J1S 1Y5.

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Chickenpox can be deadly for those with weakened immune systems



ASK THE DOCTORS

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

Dear Doctor: I recently read that more than 30 students at a school in North Carolina all got chickenpox during an outbreak. Growing up, I got chickenpox, too, before there was a vaccine. Is the vaccine really that necessary for kids? Like I said, I got chickenpox as a kid and turned out fine!

Dear Reader: It's true that most children who develop chickenpox, a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus, go on to make a full recovery. Most often the virus causes an itchy rash that is often accompanied by a fever, headache, and some aches and pains.

However, that's not the whole story. First, it's important to note that from 2 to 6 percent of children who become infected with the chickenpox virus go on to develop complications as a result of the illness, some of them serious. These include pneumonia, bacterial infections, infections of the brain or the blood, and can lead to death. It's when you look beyond the individual consequences and consider the community that chickenpox becomes a health threat far more widespread

than an individual child stuck at home for a few weeks with a rash and a fever.

Those at risk of grave complications from a case of the chickenpox include infants under 12 months old, who are too young to receive the vaccine and whose immune systems are not yet fully developed. The same goes for the elderly, whose immune systems become less robust as they age. Also at risk are people whose immune systems are compromised, such as someone undergoing cancer treatment or someone who is HIV-positive.

For a pregnant woman, a case of chickenpox prior to her 20th week can result in health complications for her unborn baby, including scars, eye problems, malformed limbs, poor growth, small head size and delayed development. When the virus is contracted in the third trimester, there is a chance of problems with the baby's central nervous system. The risk is small — just 1 to 2 percent — but with safe and effective vaccines available, it's unnecessary. Again, it's all about caring for one's wider community.

When it comes to prevention, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children get an initial dose of chickenpox vaccine between the ages of 12 and 15 months. This should be followed by a second dose of the vaccine between the ages of 4 and 6 years. For people who are 13 or older and have either never been vaccinated, or have never had chickenpox, the recommendation is two doses of the vaccine, given a minimum of 28 days apart. It's true that, despite receiving the vaccine, some people do go on to contract the disease. When that happens, symptoms are usually milder, meaning there are fewer blisters and often no fever. The illness will also typically be of shorter duration.

Most insurance plans will cover the chickenpox vaccine. If not, the Vaccines for Children Program offers help to individuals who qualify. For more information on this program, go to cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram.

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Datebook

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Today is the seventh day of 2019 and the 18th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1785, Jean-Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries crossed the English Channel in a balloon.

In 1927, the first commercial trans-Atlantic telephone call was made between London and New York City.

In 1955, Marian Anderson made her debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera House, becoming the first African-American to perform there.

In 2015, gunmen killed 12 people at the Paris offices of the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Millard Fillmore (1800-1874),

13th U.S. president; Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960), author; Francis Poulenc (1899-1963), composer; Charles Addams (1912-1988), cartoonist; Katie Couric (1957-), TV news anchor; Rand Paul (1963-), politician; Nicolas Cage (1964-), actor; John Ondrasik aka Five for Fighting (1965-), singer-songwriter; Jeremy Renner (1971-), actor; John Rich (1974-), singer-songwriter; Francisco Rodriguez (1982-), baseball player; Jon Lester (1984-), baseball player.

TODAY'S FACT: Millard Fillmore, who assumed the presidency in 1850 upon the death of Zachary Taylor, was the last president from the Whig party. Fillmore sought re-election in 1852, but the Whig party nominated Gen. Winfield Scott instead.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1927, the Harlem Globetrotters (who were actually from Chicago) played their first

game in Hinckley, Illinois. The team didn't play a game in Harlem until 1968.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Sometimes, I feel discriminated against, but it does not make me angry. It merely astonishes me. How can any deny themselves the pleasure of my company? It's beyond me." — Zora Neale Hurston, "How It Feels to Be Colored Me"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 2.5 hours — length of the first balloon trip across the English Channel, which crossed at the channel's narrowest point (21 miles).

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 5) and first quarter moon (Jan. 13).

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Not responding to texts right away

Dear Annie

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Dear Annie: Recently, a friend confronted me about something that I didn't think was a big deal: Sometimes I forget to respond to texts for a while, and then I reply and say that I just saw the message. Technically, most of the time, it's a lie; I did see the message, and I just got sidetracked or zoned out or didn't feel like replying until later. But I just say it to try to make the other person feel better or to smooth things over. I'm certainly not trying to be deceitful. My friend who always tells it like it is, God bless her, called me out for this behavior in front of a group of mutual friends. A few laughed and agreed that I do this. It was brought up in a joking manner, but it still ruffled my feathers a bit. Am I really in the wrong here? Is there a more tactful way to handle things when you take a while to respond to someone? — Delayed

Dear Delayed: Not responding to a text message right away is understandable — even healthy, as we shouldn't be beholden to our devices 24/7. But lying about the reason for not returning a text is wrong, and

it insults your friend's intelligence. The next time you take a while to respond to a message, simply apologize (if appropriate) for not getting back to the person sooner, and leave it at that. No flimsy excuses necessary.

Dear Annie: For at least three years now, my neck has hurt on a daily basis. More often than not, it's stiff, and I need to crack it to get some relief. I've heard that changing to a better pillow can help with neck pain. But when I went online to see what pillow I should get, I was overwhelmed by dozens of options, all claiming to have five-star reviews. Now I don't know what to do! I'm not sure how to make a choice, considering I'm... — Neck-Deep in Options

Dear Neck-Deep in Options: A new pillow might help, but what you really need is to talk to your doctor. He or she can refer you to a physical therapist who can help you protect your neck long term. You also might want to consider using a standing desk, if you work at a computer, because unless you have perfect posture, sitting at a desk all day can wreak havoc on your neck and back. As for the pillow, perhaps the doc-

tor or physical therapist could advise you on the right kind.

Dear Annie: "Sad in Wisconsin" — the man who wrote that when he and his wife give gifts to his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, they never express gratitude — should examine why they are giving gifts in the first place. If I see a beggar on the street, I don't give him money because I expect a thank-you. I do it because he needs a helping hand. When I do something nice for my wife, I do it because she deserves it. Not expecting anything back when we give is a wonderful thing. — No Returns

Dear No Returns: Hear! Hear! May we all aspire toward such selflessness.

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

Wales Home News December 2018

December is always the busiest month at the Home in our Activity Department. Here are just some of the highlights from our festivities. The decorations around the home were spectacular and it looked like a magical Christmas Village everywhere. A huge thank you to everyone who happened to make these events a reality, without the performers and volunteers, December wouldn't have been the same.

Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated in December. December's birthdays will be celebrated in January. On the 1st, the Frazer family gave a beautiful musical and chalk art performance in the main living room. On the evening of the 5th, the Wales Home hosted an event called 'Children's Christmas with Santa' where employees brought their children and grandchildren to the Home to visit Santa Claus and the residents had the opportunity to watch the children's reactions. On the 6th Legion Branch 15 hosted a Christmas party for the Veterans of our community. Local square dancers gave a beautiful performance for residents in the living room on the evening of the 6th. On the 7th, the local Mother Goose group came to the Home and residents had the opportunities to watch and join in Storytime and rhymes. There was also a visit from Santa Claus. There were several Christmas floor parties where residents had the opportunity to see Santa Claus and enjoy some treats and fun with the employees who work on their floors. During the holiday season Santa Claus makes several visits from the North Pole to be there for our residents. Thank goodness that Mrs. Claus and the elves know how to keep everything running smoothly at the North Pole so there are no delays for Santa's toy delivery on Christmas Eve.

On the afternoon of the 7th, there was a happy hour in the living room and a saxophone concert provided by Mario Bourassa. On the afternoon of the 8th, Lou Simons gave a stunning piano concert in the living room. On the afternoon of the 13th, the Roxton Children performed for residents in the living

room. The 'Eight Misbehavin' Choir' gave a stunning performance in the living room on the morning of the 14th. On the 15th, we had a visit from the local Scout troop. There was also a children's violin and piano concert in the living room on the afternoon of the 15th. Our residents had a choir again this year. After a few performances, they shared their show with other residents on the afternoon of the 17th. Thank you to Debbie Knowles for leading the choir on the piano.

Our annual Christmas caroling, and Advent service took place on the evening of the 18th. The RRHS choir came on the morning of the 19th to spread some Christmas cheer. Laurent Hubert, France Thibault, and Anne Goupil gave residents a beautiful concert on the afternoon of the 20th. Then, they headed to the Norton units to perform there. On the afternoon of the 21st, a Bing Crosby Christmas movie was shown in the living room, and on the 28th, a Grand Ole Opry movie was shown. A Holiday dance was held in the main dining room on the afternoon of the 27th with Donna and Sydney Mills and Friends. Everyone had a toe-tapping good time.

A special Christmas bingo took place on December 24th and New Year's Bingo with a toast with the New Year took place on the 31st.

Welcome to Val Lavallee, Rose Rodgers and Bill Jackson and Lyne Jetté. Also welcome to Fran Dewar who is spending a bit of time with us. Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Willa Watson and Lorraine Lacroix. Best wishes are extended to Ange-Marie Vachon who had spent some time with us.

The Wales Home is also planning its very own craft show on March 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More details will be available soon on our Facebook page or you can contact Rebecca Taylor or Carol Ann McElrea for more information. Registration forms for vendors will be available by the first full week of January and can be obtained on our Facebook page or by contacting the Wales Home. The cost



will be \$20 per table. We are hoping to make this a special event for our residents, many of whom do not have an opportunity to get out and shop when these events are happening in our community due to mobility etc. We are also hoping that it will give our community something fun to do on a wintery Saturday.

If you are looking for more information after you've read the details above, you can visit our website at www.waleshome.ca and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ResidenceCHSLDWales> for photos, news updates and a copy of the monthly activity calendar and chatter. You can also give us a call at 819-826-3266 for information on admissions, etc., or if you'd like to become a volunteer. We are currently in

need of volunteers to do one-on-ones (reading, chatting, etc.) with residents.

If you are looking for ideas for an interesting book to read, copies of "Memories Everlasting," are still available for sale at the Wales Home, Papeterie 2000 in Richmond, Brome Lake Books and The Townshippers' Association. They are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Rebecca Taylor by phone at 819826-3266 ext.221 or by e-mail at rtaylor@waleshome.ca or making a purchase at one of the locations listed above. Mailing from the Wales Home is available for an additional cost.

Thank you to everyone who helped make December a memorable month for our residents. From the Wales Home to your home, Happy New Year.

Submitted by Rebecca Taylor

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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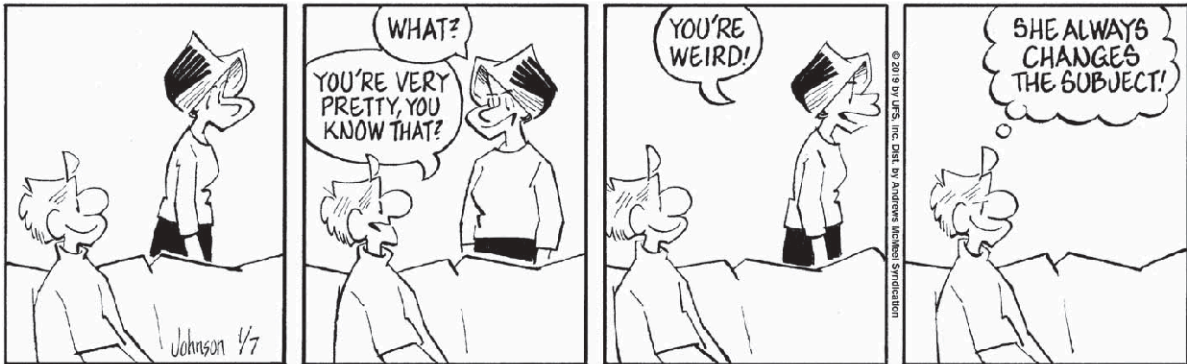
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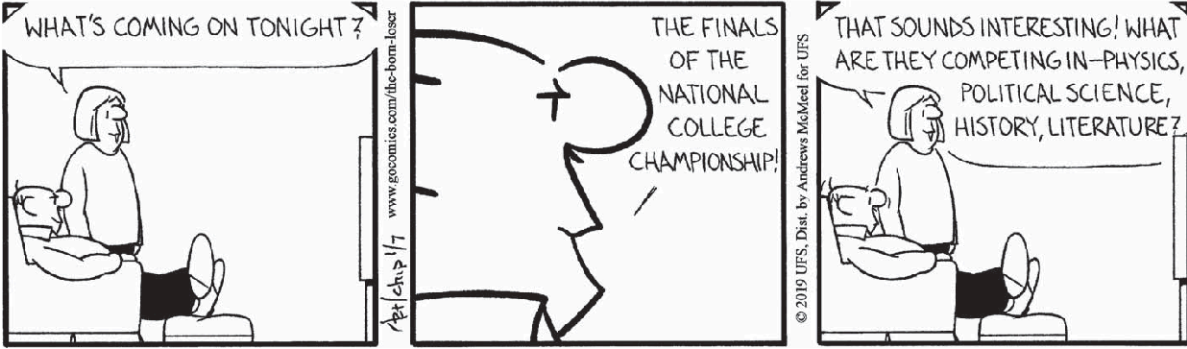
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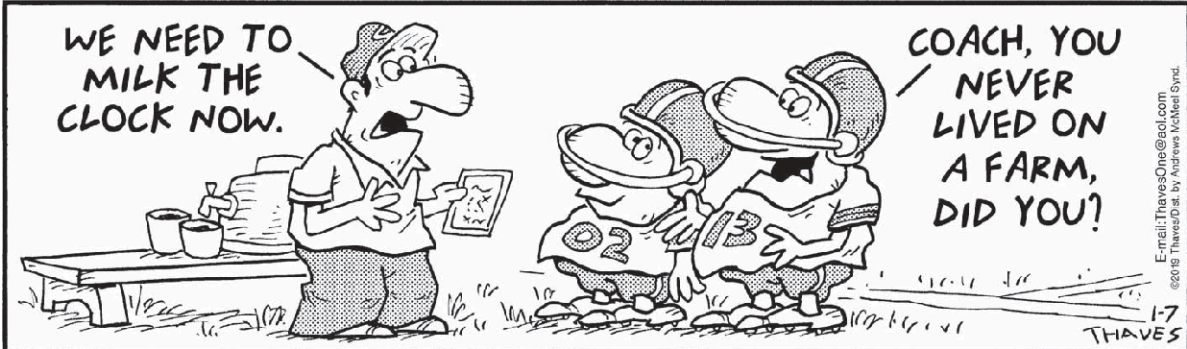
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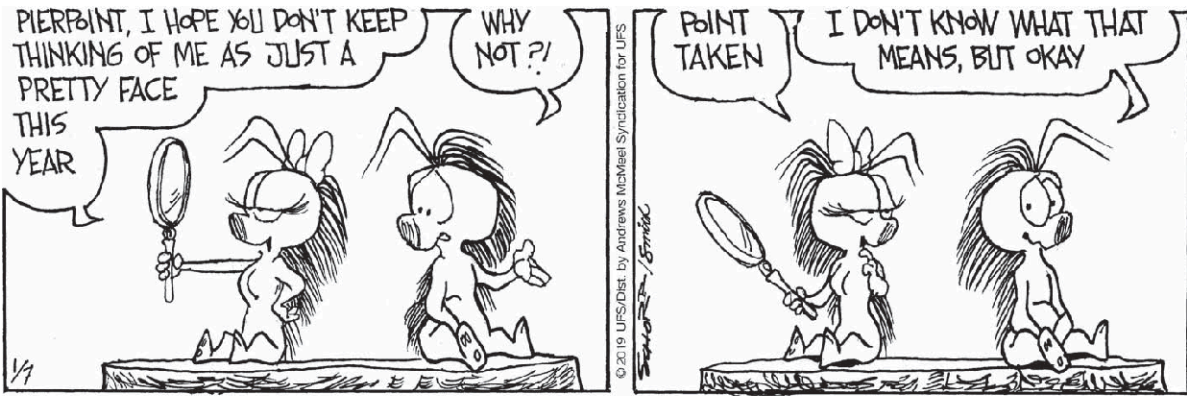
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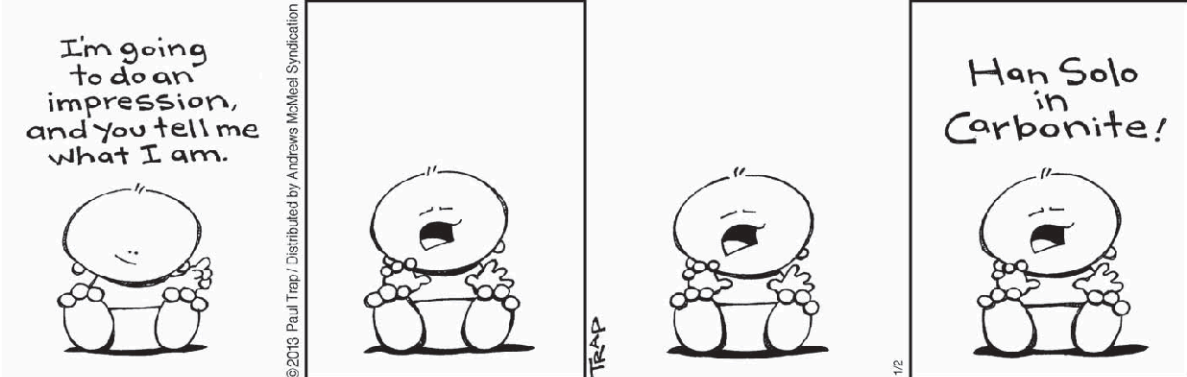
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Penny also thanked all the members who brought items for the food basket and clothing for the homeless. Ruth Charleau said the prayer before the meal.

Members with birthdays this month were Ruth Charleau and Richard Fowler. The participation prizes were won by Ruth Charleau and Paula Lefebvre. We also had to guess how many candy canes were in the jar and the winners were Karen Yeates, Brian Larue and Marry Cutler.

This year again, we had a gift exchange between members. We used the 'one table at a time' method for members to go and pick a gift. It went very well.

Door prizes were won by Patricia Bryant, Ellie Bailey, Penny Fowler, Marry Cutler, Arnold MacKeage, Kathy Cloutier and Brian Larue.

Thank you Patricia Bryant for providing the music background this year. A few people participated in a sing along.

Our next meeting will be January 15, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. The main meal will be meatballs. It is membership renewal time and it remains \$6.00. As usual, someone will be phoning you.

*Penny Fowler, President
 Suzanne Martin, Secretary.*

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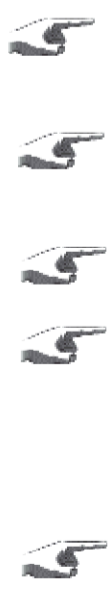
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- 32 — — pig's eye!
- 34 Drink slowly
- 35 Tells a whopper
- 36 Splice
- 37 Brand names

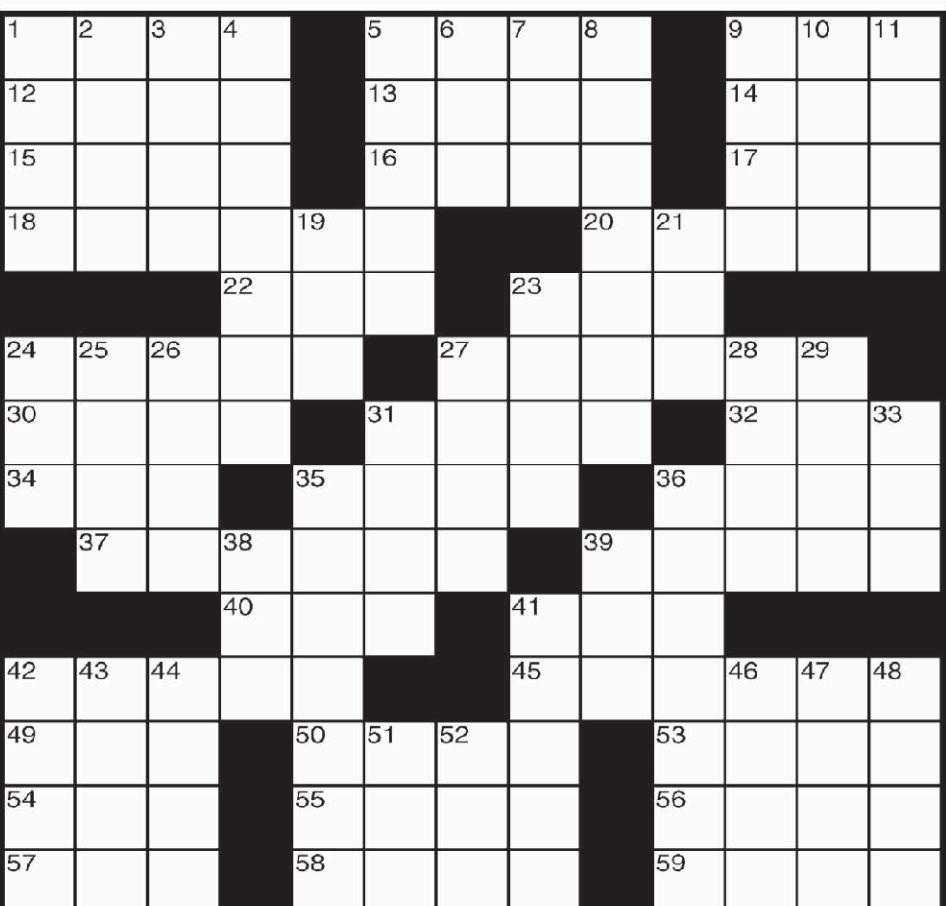
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- 39 "Peter Pan" girl
- 40 Yang complement
- 41 401(k) cousin
- 42 Puts the kibosh on
- 45 Rules
- 49 "Big Blue"
- 50 Exploits
- 53 October's stone
- 54 Dessert favorite
- 55 Habitual
- 56 Hairstyle
- 57 FICA number
- 58 Verve
- 59 Footfall

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 9 Pastime
- 10 Slimy vegetable
- 11 Arrogant
- 19 Garden pond fish
- 21 Shot meas.
- 23 Belfry dwellers
- 24 Bradley and McBain
- 25 Playwright — Simon
- 26 Wine valley
- 27 Makes tracks
- 28 MGM mascot
- 29 Wife of Geraint
- 31 Potter's oven
- 33 No matter which
- 35 Spare time
- 36 Possessive
- 38 Top seed's reward
- 39 Kind of grin
- 41 Dramatist Henrik —
- 42 Puppy bites
- 43 Egret kin
- 44 Comic book heroes (hyph.)
- 46 Client mtg.
- 47 Walk through water
- 48 Spill over
- 51 Roman sun god
- 52 Zeta follower



Due to an error, the wrong solution was published in the Friday, Jan. 4 Record. Please see page 11 for the solution to the Thursday, Jan. 3 crossword.

Your Birthday

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Stop doing things for everyone else and start doing things for yourself. Take time to enjoy life and pamper yourself for a change. Do things that make you happy, and bring about changes that will encourage you to live healthily, invest wisely and love passionately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll feel the need to make adjustments. Start within and work your way out. Purge what is no longer important to you. Free your life of unnecessary clutter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Personal improvements will pay off, but don't be too quick to overspend on a product that promises the impossible. Put your money into fitness, a proper diet or a trendy new look.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you connect with someone who has helped you or collaborated with you in the past, good things will transpire. Walk away from indulgent people trying to tempt you to excess.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Channel your energy wisely and avoid getting into an argument. Volunteer to help someone who has aided you in the past. Be smart with your money and invest in your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Look for an outlet that will take your mind off annoying situations. Don't share personal secrets. Concentrate on physical improvements that will build your confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Look at

the possibilities and learn all you can to ensure that you have everything you need to make positive changes in your life. Aim high.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let an outsider meddle in your personal affairs. If you must socialize with colleagues or peers, be a good listener. Build relationships and gain allies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't leave your responsibilities for someone else. You'll be disappointed in the results, and it will make you look bad in the eyes of superiors. A romantic encounter will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Stick to what and who you know. Don't let anyone limit your dreams or interfere in your plans to get ahead. Use your charm, experience and knowledge to wow someone you are trying to impress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Get along with everyone, regardless of what others do or say. It's in your best interest to stay calm and avoid controversy. If you make special plans with a loved one, your day will improve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You can take a unique approach to life, as long as you aren't extravagant or unreasonable. Discussions will get heated if you share too much information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take care of domestic matters. Make changes at home that will add to your convenience and comfort. Physical fitness will help alleviate anxiety. Romance is encouraged.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Bidding to the best of three suits fits

By Phillip Alder

In today's deal, North-South have one eight-card fit and two seven-card fits. In which one should they play?

The deal occurred during the 2017 Venice Cup women's world team championship. At the other table, the American pair played in six diamonds, their eight-card fit. The best play for only one diamond loser is to cash the ace first. Based on the write-up by Jian-Jian Wang of College Park, Maryland, I believe the declarer started with low to the jack, which worked when East had the singleton 10, but would not have been so successful if East had had any other singleton.

In the given auction, Wen Fei Wang (North) and Qi Shen reached the best contract, avoiding diamonds by never bidding the suit naturally! One club showed 16-plus points, four diamonds was a control-bid, four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, five diamonds showed three key cards (two aces and the spade king), and five no-trump asked for side-suit kings. When North jumped to show her solid suit, South did well to correct to seven spades.

Note that seven hearts after a club

North		01-07-19
♠ K		
♥ A K Q J 5		
♦ A J 5 3		
♣ Q 5 3		
West		East
♠ 7 6 4		♠ 10 8 5
♥ 10 7 6		♥ 9 8 2
♦ K 8 7 4		♦ 10
♣ K J 2		♣ 10 9 8 7 6 4
South		
♠ A Q J 9 3 2		
♥ 4 3		
♦ Q 9 6 2		
♣ A		
Dealer: North		
Vulnerable: North-South		
South	West	North
		East
		1♣ Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥ Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦ Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦ Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥ Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4		

lead would have needed luck (and would have gotten it with spades 3-3). Seven spades required no such fortune.

This sequence won the Yeh Bros. Best Bid Deal of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association.