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Public health department ready to tackle heat wave

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The Direction de santé publique de l'Estrie is on high alert as Quebec experiences its first heat wave of the summer, but safety measures have been in the works for several months, explained Dr. Alain Poirier during a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

The top concern for health officials in the region is how to beat the heat in schools and in long-term care homes. Poirier, director of the Eastern Townships' public health department, assured citizens that action has already been taken.

As it stands, the ETSB is planning to keep schools open, but they will be implementing the guidelines put forward by the health department. Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant for the school board, says they are closely monitoring the situation.

But schools will be informing students to bring filled water bottles from

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New life-size foosball court at Butler Elementary



PICTURES COURTESY OF ANNE-LISE KYLING

By Matthew McCully

When elementary schools reopened with strict social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, there was a lot of concern about what a day would be like for students without gymnasiums and playgrounds available.

That's not a problem at Butler El-

ementary, which has a new life-size foosball court in the schoolyard thanks to some creative thinking and a group of volunteers from Butler's Home and School Association.

"The kids are having fun," commented parent Anne-Lise Kyling, one of the masterminds behind the foosball table. "This is a year they won't forget."

Kyling and another parent Annie

Bourgea came up with the idea and then started planning how to get the court built.

"We wanted to build it to last," Kyling said, so they spared no expense.

Sponsors for the project included Bonduelle Canada for the super cool vintage red pallets, Copeaux Kyling inc. for the wood, ABS pipes, screws,

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HAND-IN-HAND

News from Mae Sot - a spring update from the Mae Sot Education Project



It has been hard to plan during this strange time, yet life will indeed go on. In Mae Sot, as here in Canada, educators are meeting with government and leaders in the migrant community to plan how to reopen migrant learning centres. Fortunately, there seems to have been no serious outbreak of COVID-19 there, but there are, nonetheless, measures similar to those in Canada in place to protect people.

Recognizing the impacts of COVID-19 on marginalized people all around the world, we at MSEP hope that our community will help us to support this migrant education community by making donations through the Bishop's University Foundation. Over the years, the migrant education leaders in Mae Sot have become our partners and friends. While remaining always cognizant of the needs of people here in Canada who are suffering right now, we hope that you will share our commitment to extend support to these others, beyond our own borders at this challenging

time.

Anyone looking to make a donation may do so through the Bishop's University Foundation at: <https://maesot.ubishops.ca/donate-now/>. Remember to indicate that your donation is for the Mae Sot Education Project. Donations can also be made by cheque through either the Bishop's Foundation or the Champlain College Foundation at our project address: Box 67, Champlain College - Lennoxville, 2580 College St, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 2K3. Be sure to include the name of the Foundation and MSEP on your cheque.

Is there any likelihood of MSEP sending a volunteer to Mae Sot this year? While our volunteer Claire Keddy has been enthusiastic about going if the possibility exists in late August, the bottom line for any decision made by the Project Committee will be the travel advisories of the Canadian and Thai governments, policies of travel insurance companies and, of course, the existence of safe travel routes. At present it seems unlikely that all systems would be go at any point this year. However, as it is not really necessary to make a decision at this point, we have chosen to bide our time in doing so. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, we are planning to send our annual donations to our partners and are thinking about ways to support them from afar.

Optimism is especially important right now in thinking about next year, and with that in mind, we want you to know that we do plan to launch volunteer recruitment for 2021 in the fall. As announced in our last newsletter, we will offer both a 3-month volunteer

option (which could be either June through August or September through November, 2021) and our traditional 6-month volunteer opportunity (June - December, 2021).

The annual raffle is still on and this year gives us an opportunity to support local businesses. Please help us - and them - by purchasing tickets through MSEP Committee members Judy Keenan (819-346-7058 or jkeenan32@hotmail.com), Graham Moodie (819-823-8147 or grahammoodie@sympatico.ca), or Mary Purkey (819-346-7278 or marypurkey@gmail.com). Payment by cheque or exact change would be appreciated. The drawing will take place in the fall at what we hope will be an outdoor garden event (date to be announced). 25 Great Prizes are available to win including a gift certificate for lunch for two from Manoir Hovey, restaurant gift certificates, a family pass (2 adults and 2 children) for Visite sous terre Capelton Mines, movie passes and more.

The Mae Sot Education Project (MSEP) is a community project based on the campus of Bishop's University and Champlain College - Lennoxville in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Since 2004, we have provided assistance to six schools for migrant and refugee youth from Burma/Myanmar whose access to education depends on support from the international community. Each year we select a group of young people from our campus to go to Mae Sot for six months. While there, they provide practical assistance to teachers and enrichment activities for children in the schools.

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Local News

Among the initiatives that FEVE is looking at is a project to create mobile hand-washing stations that can be provided to businesses and public places as needed to help people follow sanitation guidelines.

Festival green team provider reinventing summer 2020

By Gordon Lambie

Festivals et Événements verts de l'Estrie (FEVE) the Sherbrooke-based organization focused on making festivals and other public events in the Eastern Townships more environmentally friendly is coming off a banner

year in 2019 in a period of reflection. According to the new Executive Director, Sophie Valence-Doucet, the organization is certainly reorganizing the way it will be doing things this coming summer, but it is not nearly as hobbled as one might imagine an events-based group to be at a time when there can be no public events.

Since its creation in connection with the 2013 Canada Summer Games, FEVE has worked with 272 different events and helped sort nearly 100 metric tons of waste material. According to a report issued earlier this week, the 2019-2020 year accounted for 32 of those events and nearly a quarter of the waste, making it the organization's most successful year to date.

With the announcement that all public events must be cancelled until at least the end of August, and many taking the initiative to cancel even beyond that, FEVE has been forced to reconsider its summer. According to

Valence-Doucet, however, the organization has decided to air on the side of creativity.

"We are in the process of reinventing ourselves," the Executive Director said, emphasizing that although a number of distinct projects are being explored to weather the storm of COVID-19, there is every intention of having the organization return to its core mission of making events greener just as soon as there are events to work with again.

Among the initiatives that FEVE is looking at is a project to create mobile hand-washing stations that can be provided to businesses and public places as needed to help people follow sanitation guidelines. Given the organization's existing expertise with mobile sorting stations and water-bottle fill-up locations, Valence-Doucet said the move seemed a logical step but its success will be reliant on the support of partners with the technical expertise to provide the stations themselves.

Once the project gets off the ground, she said that people can expect to start seeing the stations pop up in public parks in the Sherbrooke area and, perhaps, beyond.

As to the work of the organization proper, Valence-Doucet said that the biggest shift lies in the fact that the organization didn't hire any summer workers this year.

"We didn't have to let people go," she said, pointing out that since much of the work over the summer is done by volunteers, the arrival of the pandemic didn't cost anyone their job.

"This type of crisis makes you realize in very direct terms that no business is sheltered from the storm," reflected Antoni Daigle, president of the organization. "We have a year of hard work ahead of us, but I have great confidence in our team's ability to create a future for FEVE. Let us mobilize, help each other, and be resilient."



Empty bottles, full hearts

By Gordon Lambie

The can and bottle drive organized by the Provigo Robert Lafond in Lennoxville on Sunday succeeded in raising \$3,088.95 for the local scouting movement. Helped out by a collection of volunteers, some of whom showed up the day-of, the event was able to help with the return of thousands of empty cans and bottles that had been set aside at people's homes while returns were forbidden, with all of the deposit money given back to the scouts by the store.

"This was a wonderful gesture on (Lafond's) behalf," said local Scouter Rose Fowler, expressing the group's great appreciation for the generous and unsolicited gesture while explaining that there is no specific project for the money at this point in time.



COURTESY

Daily COVID-19 stats

Record Staff

According to the Quebec Public Health Institute website the province has 48,598 confirmed cases of COVID-19, an increase of 611 from the day before. Of those, 931 are in the Estrie region an increase of five after three consecutive days of no new infections reported.

The total number of deaths in Quebec due to the virus is 4,139, with 70 new deaths reported in the last day. There are 1,403 patients in hospital, 181 of whom are in intensive care.

The Public Health institute is reporting that 14,999 people have recovered from COVID-19.

Heat wave

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home. They can refill their bottles throughout the day, but there will be a strict disinfection routine put in place in order to reduce the risk of spreading the novel coronavirus.

If there is no air conditioning in the classroom, teachers can also use portable cooling fans, despite questions linking fans to the spread of COVID-19. Addressing the issue, Poirier ensured citizens that they will be strategically placed throughout the classroom.

Fans will never be pointed directly at someone's face and use of the rotation system is prohibited. Long-term care homes and CHSLDs in the region have already been equipped with cooling systems, and many rooms already filled with air conditioning units.

Nancy Desautels, emergency coordinator at the CIUSSS de l'Estrie - CHUS, said there was already a pre-existing intervention guide in case of extreme heat. Every hallway has air conditioning, and all CHSLDs have at least one air-conditioned room in the building.

With a limited number of COVID-19 cases in the region, residents can open their doors to allow cool air into their rooms, if they aren't already equipped with air conditioning wall units.

The City of Magog also released a statement yesterday saying the Organisation municipale de sécurité civile de Magog (OMSCM) will monitor the situation as the heat wave ramps up over the next few days.

While the heat isn't cause for alarm just yet, the OMSCM listed two precautions citizens can do to avoid being

blindsided. They strongly recommend that people stay hydrated and limit physical activities, especially if air conditioning is inaccessible.

And, as a result of COVID-19 shutting down many public spaces, they also suggest that citizens take extra measures to ensure their own safety. Citizens are encouraged to take cold showers and baths regularly, as well as carrying around a damp towel.

The Société protectrice des animaux de l'Estrie also listed a short guideline for pet owners to follow as the heat wave rumbles on for the next several days. With temperatures rising over 30 degrees Celsius, they recommend avoiding long car rides.

Pet owners are also encouraged to take their animals on walks early in the morning or later in the evening. If

they must be taken out during the day, make sure to bring a water bottle and always keep an eye out for shaded areas.



GORDON LAMBIE

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“Not a single case of drunkenness or insubordination of any kind”: keeping it civil while in camp

Rise at 5am, breakfast, drills, dinner, drills, tea, drills, lights out 10:15pm. Such was the routine of life while in militia camp in the 1880s and 1890s. A cursory glance might suggest days of drudgery but a dip below the surface tells a different story. The rural militia camps were not held every year and, when held, moved around the militia district, usually taking place in June following the planting of crops.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gregor Mattice, who had served in the Fenian Raids, was serving as the Brigade Major when camp was held in Sherbrooke in 1888. His brigade orders and the military reports provided to Parliament by Lieutenant-Colonel C.F. Houghton give us a picture of what went on during the ten days of camp. Finding an appropriate location for the more than 1,000 men and accompanying horses for the cavalry troops was no small feat and the Sherbrooke location, “beautifully situated” on the east side of the St. Francis River, was decidedly inadequate. The flattest part of the location had to be used for the tents, leaving only uneven and rough ground for drilling, which made battalion movements impossible.

From reports and the logbook entries, it was important to the organizers that the surrounding community came away with good impressions of militia camp and the soldiers. Efforts were made to ensure that the camp grounds were left clean, that bathing men were kept discreetly away from passersby, and that they were generally well-behaved while in camp. In turn, locals benefitted from the camp with contracts for things like supplying the bread the men received as part of their rations. In the case of the 1888 Sherbrooke camp, the YMCA supported the men by providing free ice water, writing supplies, and reading materials.

Even though the men seem to have behaved themselves appropriately for the duration of the 1888 camp, it was not entirely without trouble. Private Donald McKay, reportedly only 16 years old at the time, of the Lake Megantic company of the 58th Compton Battalion drowned in the St. Francis River, even after swimming had been banned (except in small groups with special permission and supervision) following the recent drowning of private from the 53rd Battalion only a few days be-

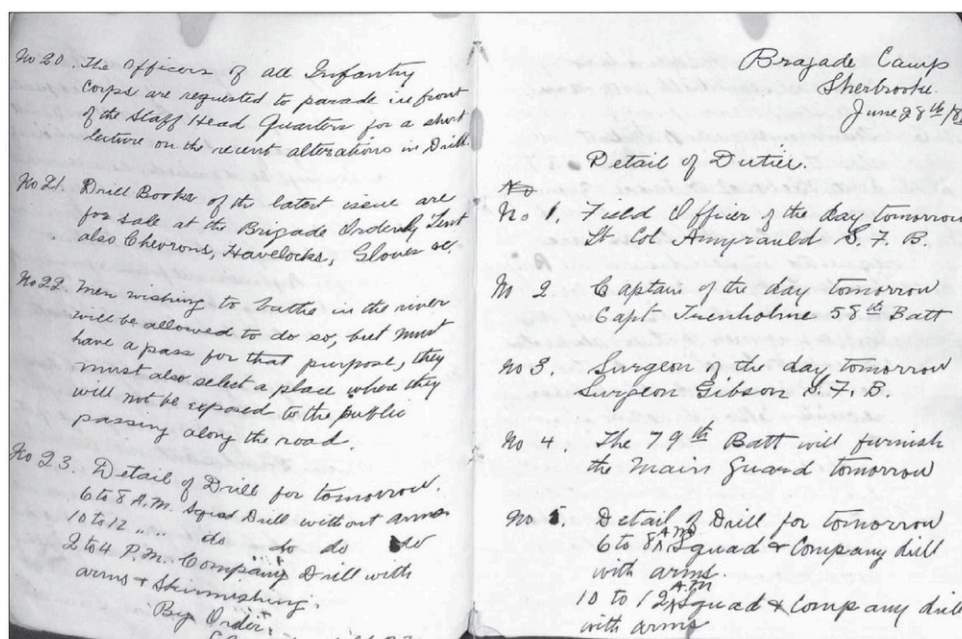
fore camp began.

Despite the sad incident, the camp carried on with their scheduled activities, which included daily parades and band playing hours, and sports games as part of Dominion Day celebrations.

Last spring, the ETRC received the militia camp logbook for three camps in the Townships that were held between 1888 and 1895. The logbook is

available in its entirety online for those who would like to take some time to step back into a part of our military past: <https://www.townshipsarchives.ca/military-camp-log-book> (click on the image of the cover to read the logbook).

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Page from militia camp logbook, June 28, 1888 (P998 ETRC Textual Records collection)



Possibly the 5th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards of Ottawa in camp in the E.T., between 1904 and 1912 (P135 H.K. Warren Milne collection)

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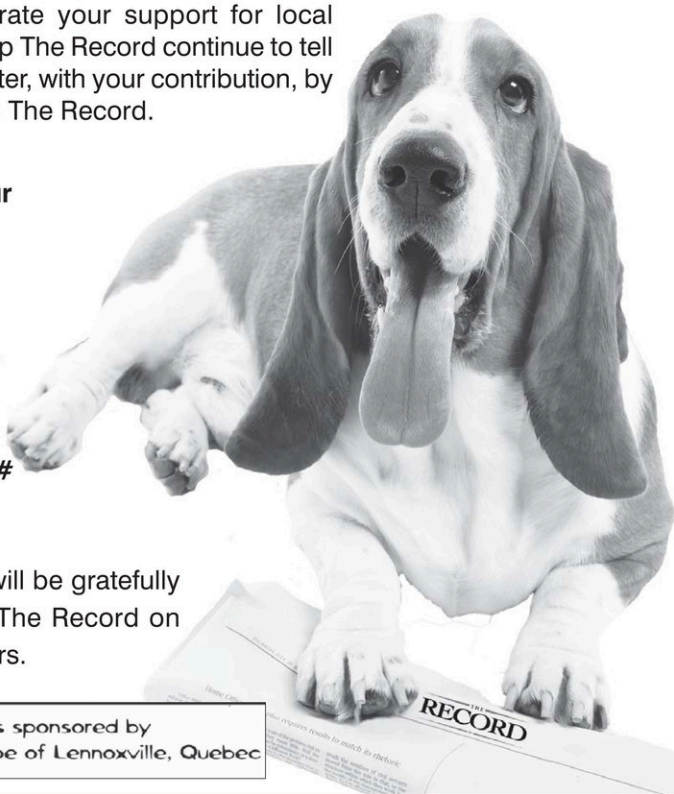
More than ever the community needs to be able to stay abreast of rapidly changing events. We need to know how the government intends to make improvements to the longterm care system, what the future holds for our English-language schools and school board, where to turn for mental health services, when church, community services and social activities will resume.

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SAAQ walk-ins welcome as of next week

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The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) will add the walk-in option to its service centres as of June 1. With certain agents, customers will be able to choose between making an appointment, with a commitment to respect the appointment time, or going directly to a point of service and waiting in line to complete their transaction. In both cases, clients will be responsible for complying with Public Health measures.

To avoid waiting in line, appointments can be made online at saaq.gouv.qc.ca or by telephone at 1 855 564-3170.

SAAQ agents

Many licensing and registration agents are now open. It is recommended to contact them directly to make an appointment or to find out if it is possible to come without an appointment. Clients can find the contact information for the agents by going to the Company's website at saaq.gouv.qc.ca/trouver-point-de-service/.

Driving tests

Theory exams are once again being offered. It is now possible to book an appointment to take a theory exam through the SAAQ's online services. With respect to the road driving tests, the SAAQ is reviewing the physical or-

ganization and supply of materials required to conduct them in accordance with Public Health requirements. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

Online Services

Online services are also available and remain the best way to complete a transaction quickly, while avoiding travel. In particular, individuals can store, de-register and scrap their vehicle as well as pay for their driver's licence and registration renewal. The use of our online services over the past few weeks has helped reduce traffic at our points of service and speed up operations.

Driver's licence renewals without having to travel

The SAAQ automatically renews expiring driver's licences. Individuals will be mailed a driver's licence with the most recent photo on file and a payment notice. They do not have to travel to obtain this service.

The SAAQ continues to keep its customers informed on the progress of the service resumption through news releases, frequently asked questions on its website and social media. For general questions, customers can call 1-800-361-7620.

Employment and Skills Program creates new positions for youth in the agriculture sector

Record Staff

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada is taking steps to ensure the resilience of the food supply chain and to provide support to keep the agriculture sector strong.

Yesterday Compton-Stanstead MP and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau, today announced an investment of up to \$9.2 million to enhance the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) and fund up to 700 new positions for youth

in the agriculture industry.

This additional funding will help the agriculture industry attract Canadian youth, ages 15 to 30, to help address labour shortages brought on by the pandemic. This program aims to provide youth, and particularly youth facing barriers to employment, with job experience in agriculture that will provide career-related work experience.

The YESP will provide agriculture employers up to 50 per cent of the cost of hiring a Canadian youth up to \$14,000. Indigenous applicants and those applicants hiring a youth facing

barriers are eligible for funding of up to 80 per cent of their costs.

"During this unprecedented time, our food producers are working hard to feed Canada, while adjusting their businesses to new challenges, such as a shortage of workers," commented Minister Bibeau. "This program will help agricultural and agri-food businesses meet their labour needs with support for up to 700 workers, while allowing more young people in Canada to explore the limitless potential this industry has to offer," she added.

Eligible applicants include produc-

ers, agri-businesses, industry associations, provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous organizations and research facilities. Employers may apply for this funding retroactive to April 1, 2020, with projects to be completed by March 31, 2021.

Application forms are available through the Youth Employment and Skills Program, or to get more information, please contact aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca, or call: 1-866-452-5558.

Sherbrooke driver clocked at 162km/h

Record Staff

While there are less cars on the roads than usual these days, the same traffic rules apply.

On Monday, May 25, at approximate-

ly 10:30 a.m., a Sûreté du Québec (SQ) officer intercepted a motorist traveling at high speed on Highway 610 in Sherbrooke in the rue Duplessis area, heading west.

The offender, a 29-year-old Sher-

brooke resident, was caught speeding at 162 km/h in a 100 km/h zone. He was issued a ticket for \$1,234 and 14 demerit points, and his driver's licence was suspended for seven days, as provided for in the Highway Safety Code regard-

ing speeding.

The SQ is reminding the public that speed is one of the leading causes of fatal collisions on Quebec roads.

Butler Elementary

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reflective tape, door hinges, hockey nets and pizza & refreshments for lunch for all volunteers, Atelier Bourgea (for the galvanized pipes, flanges and pallet transport, and Chris Gasser who provided the steel rods.

Volunteers Yanick Bourdeau, Benoit Gagnon, Butler Principal Christopher Morgan and Chris Gasser helped with the construction of the court, along with help from Nicole Fischer Gasser, Jennifer Galipeau, Kayla Colosimo and Tiffany Marini Zelis.

It was done in a day, Kyling said. They got started at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday and were done by 3 p.m.

A handful of kids spent the day hauling wood, pipes, drilling holes, and of course trying it out when it was built.

Kyling said she was apprehensive about sending her kids back to school. "At first we weren't sure, but they are asking every day to go back," she said. "They're doing such a good job," the mom and volunteer said, about the school's efforts to keep the students active.

Kyling said the foosball game has been so popular they had to make a schedule. The ABS pipes that the students hold on to are disinfected between each group, she explained, so the game is fun and safe.



EDITORIAL

So why are governments only responding now? Could these issues not have been responded to sooner?

The coronavirus doesn't exist in isolation — it feeds on other diseases, crises

By Tiff-Annie Kenny
Postdoctoral fellow, Université Laval

We may be in self-isolation, but the COVID-19 pandemic is clearly not.

It isn't isolated from other social, environmental and health crises — like food insecurity, the opioid crisis and the mental health crisis — nor is it separate from other epidemics like HIV, malaria, dengue fever and Zika virus.

When two or more epidemics co-exist and compound one another to worsen health, they are said to be syndemic, or “synergistic epidemics.”

What is a syndemic?

The concept of syndemics arose in the 1990s to describe how substance abuse, violence and AIDS (known as the SAVA syndemic) overlapped and negatively reinforced health among inner-city populations in the United States.

The concept has been cited increasingly over the past 25 years to call attention to the way various diseases like HIV and tuberculosis, along with mental illness, diabetes and infectious diseases cluster together, particularly in disadvantaged populations.

While the term syndemic has traditionally been used to describe disease clusters at the individual level, a 2019 Lancet Commission study expanded on the concept to include climate change.

The commission called the clustering of climate change and malnutrition (including both obesity and undernutrition) the Global Syndemic. This is because they share common underlying societal causes, such as modern industrial food systems, and affect people in all corners of the world.

A key feature of a syndemic is the way overlapping diseases and health conditions amplify one another biologically within the human body. For example, a disease can weaken the immune system and promote the progression of another disease.

Interactions between overlapping diseases and other health conditions can complicate medical treatments, lead to higher health-care costs and worsen health outcomes. In the case of COVID-19, people with pre-existing and underlying

conditions, including obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes, appear to be at higher risk for complications from the disease.

But diseases don't just interact biologically, they also interact with social factors. Poverty, housing, education and social stigma, for example, are all powerful determinants of health.

Individuals with lower incomes and less education are several times more likely to develop diabetes than more socially advantaged individuals. These same relationships play a part in other risk factors for COVID-19, like high blood pressure and obesity.

And it's precisely these interactions — between both biological and social factors — that sets syndemics apart from other epidemic events.

COVID-19 and marginalized communities

The coronavirus has been particularly dangerous for marginalized and vulnerable populations.

A major outbreak of COVID-19 in the Navajo Nation is one example. Many Navajo people have underlying health conditions and lack basic needs, including access to running water.

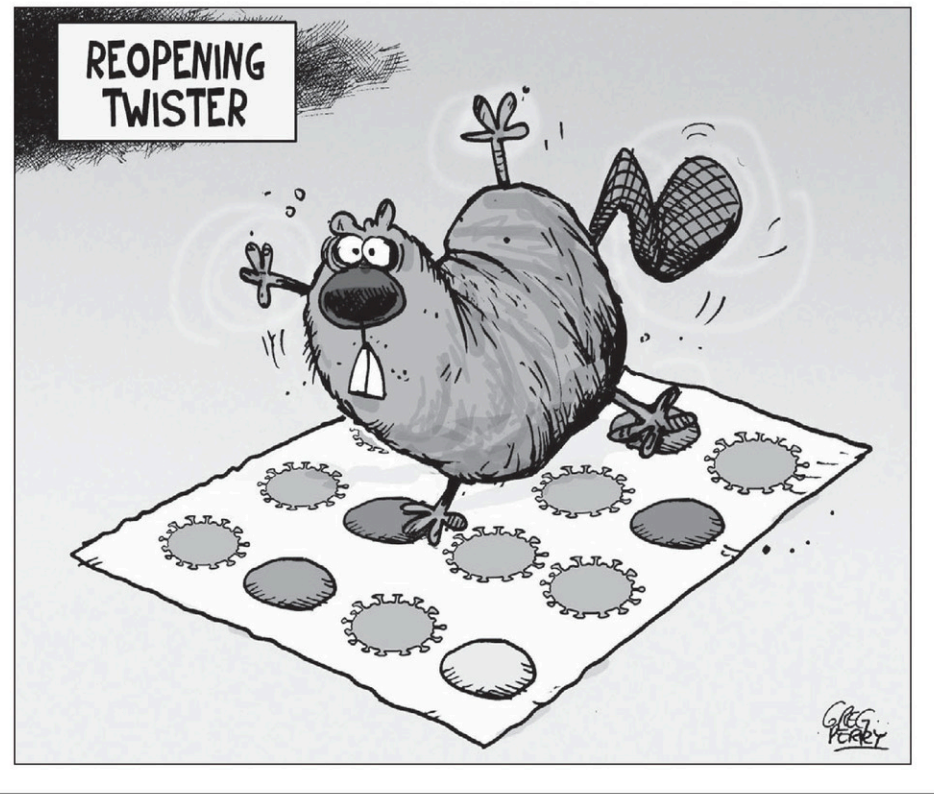
By regarding COVID-19 as a syndemic and taking biological and social interactions directly into account, health practitioners could become more effective in their clinical practices and community-based interventions — in the United States, Canada and around the world.

Addressing a syndemic demands not only the management of each affliction, but efforts to address the underlying forces that unite them — social inequality chief among them.

In Canada, we have seen some semblance of this approach in COVID-19 emergency response strategies directed towards supporting people experiencing homelessness and violence and food banks and local food organizations.

Yet these responses don't go far enough. A basic income, not just expanded food charity, is needed to address food insecurity.

Read more: More than food banks are needed to feed the hungry during the coronavirus pandemic



Without strong national frameworks to protect fundamental human rights (like access to food and housing), the ability of Canadians to meet their most basic needs, including health care, is vulnerable to the vagaries of government funding decisions and political will.

In 2018, for example, a pilot project in Ontario to implement basic income in Ontario was cut by the incoming government.

'Slow-motion disaster'

Most of the social and health issues now at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic were already major public health concerns prior to the outbreak of the pandemic.

But these issues were often long term in nature. For example, rates of non-communicable disease — those not transmissible directly from one person to another, like type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease — have been surging for decades into what the World Health Organization (WHO) has called a “slow-motion disaster.” Yet immediate emergencies are dealt with first, while long-term problems wait.

And as they tended to disproportionately impact socially, economically and politically marginalized groups, funding and responses have been inadequate. A lack of funding, for example, is responsible for the stalled progress on the eradication of tuberculosis in Inuit communities.

Living conditions in Indigenous

communities have long been inadequate, but the lack of access to clean water and a housing crisis persist.

So why are governments only responding now? Could these issues not have been responded to sooner? Far more money, in fact, is spent responding to health crises than preparing and preventing them.

Leaving no one behind

The WHO suggests an all-hazards approach to preparedness, from infectious disease outbreaks to extreme weather events and climate change. Epidemics, in fact, were only one of 13 urgent global health challenges identified for the next decade by the WHO in January.

What the COVID-19 pandemic makes clear is that we need an “all people approach” that leaves no one behind, wherein the social factors and health conditions that cluster around the most vulnerable are not ignored until they're cast to the foreground of a global pandemic.

Thinking about COVID-19 through a syndemics lens helps bring attention to the fact that these crises haven't waned, and they aren't background noise.

Instead, they're compounded to forge a challenging landscape within which the COVID-19 pandemic has now taken centre stage. The health and social issues that concentrate in disadvantaged populations, and/or that are chronic and long-term in nature, simply can't wait any longer.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

Kudos to the Record for continuing to publish and home deliver during these trying times and an extra thank you for the bonus crosswords in Tuesday's edition.

If I may and apologies to W.H. Drummond:

Many people get sick with the Covid virus

Many more get sick if they roam

But you never get sick with the Covid virus

So long as you stay at home.

RALPH DAVIDSON

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Phoenix defenseman Olivier Crête-Belzile diagnosed with nodular Hodgkin's lymphoma

Record Staff

Last January, a shock wave passed through the Phoenix locker room when Olivier Crête-Belzile was diagnosed with cancer. Following several discussions and numerous medical follow-ups, it was agreed that he could end his season if he wished.

The Phoenix would like to thank the medical team surrounding him, in particular Dr. Hélène Mercier for her close follow-up and involvement and Nicholas Borrelli, the team's therapist.

The 19-year-old defenseman will begin his treatments this week. He is currently concentrating his energy on recovery in order to return to the team in perfect health as soon as possible. The Phoenix will continue to do its best to support the young player.

The news was not made public un-

til this week out of respect for #44 and his family. The organization wanted at all costs to avoid putting a "label" on Olivier and to honour his desire to end his season without his situation being known to everyone.

"Learning that Olivier had cancer was a huge shock to all levels of the organization. Olivier was strong and resilient through this news. He wanted with all his heart to finish his season with the team, which he was able to do with the agreement of his doctor. Anyone who knows Olivier knows that he is a reserved and extremely determined young man.

It's an honour for us to be able to count on a player like him. This story will have left its mark on the team and brought it closer together," commented Jocelyn Thibault, shareholder and general manager of the team.



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Impact back on the pitch

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The players on the Montreal Impact soccer team are currently doing individual training sessions

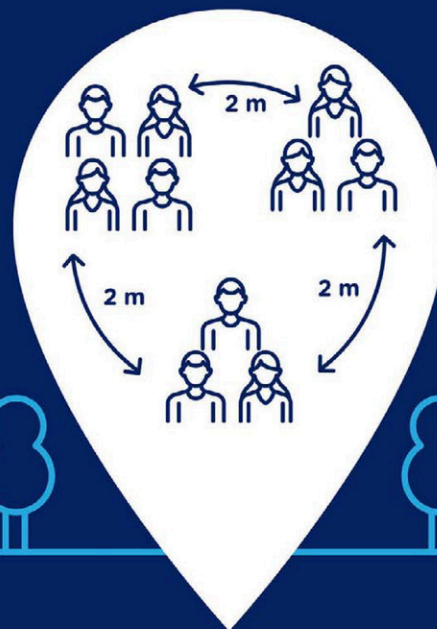
at the Centre Nutrilait in Montreal.

The players are happy to be back on the field, respecting social distancing and safety measures in place by coaches and organizers.



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**EVANS, Eric
John
1940-2020**

It is with great sadness that the family of Eric Evans of Georgeville,

Québec announce his passing on May 22, 2020 after a battle with cancer.

Eric is the loving father of Erika (David), Janet (Steven), and Meredith (Warren), and grandfather of Alanna and Ryan. He is the son of the late Norman Evans and the late Frances Taylor, and dear brother of Robert, Norma, and Ruth. He was predeceased by his brother Art. He will be greatly missed by his many relatives and friends.

Eric spent nearly 80 years in Georgeville, Québec where he served as mayor for decades and was an active member of the community. He was always ready to help a neighbor with his time and skills. All who called him a friend knew he was stubborn, but kind and generous, and loved a good laugh.

Memorial donations may be made in Eric's name to the Georgeville United Church (63 Magoon Point Road, Georgeville QC, J0B 1T0) or the Canadian Cancer Society (5151, boul. de l'Assomption, Montréal, Québec, H1T 4A9).

A memorial service to honor Eric's life will take place at a later date.

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Do Just One Thing



By Danny Seo

If you're installing new environmentally friendly solid-surface countertops in your home, you might wonder: What can I do with the remnant pieces? Remnants are leftover material from trimming a slab down to size to fit your kitchen or from a cutout to accommodate something like a sink. They don't need to go to the landfill. Your fabricator can take the remnants and do simple finishes on the edges to make things like small tabletops, cheese boards, trivets and windowsill ledges to give your windows a luxurious upgrade.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

Today is the 148th day of 2020 and the 70th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opened to pedestrian traffic.

In 1941, recent German victories in World War II prompted President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim an "unlimited national emergency."

In 1999, a United Nations tribunal indicted Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for crimes against humanity.

In 2006, a 6.3-magnitude earthquake on the island of Java, Indonesia, killed nearly 6,000 people and injured more than 38,000.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: "Wild Bill" Hickok (1837-1876), lawman/gambler;

Datebook

Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961), author; Rachel Carson (1907-1964), biologist/environmentalist; Hubert Humphrey (1911-1978), politician; Vincent Price (1911-1993), actor; Sam Snead (1912-2002), golfer; Henry Kissinger (1923-), politician; Adam Carolla (1964-), TV personality/radio host; Joseph Fiennes (1970-), actor; Paul Bettany (1971-), actor; Jack McBrayer (1973-), actor; Andre 3000 (1975-), rapper/actor; Jamie Oliver (1975-), chef/activist; Chris Colfer (1990-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill were not only Allied leaders in World War II; they were seventh cousins once removed, through Roosevelt's mother.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1968, Major

League Baseball awarded Montreal, Canada, the first MLB franchise outside the United States (Montreal Expos).

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't like eloquence. If it isn't effective enough to pierce your hide, it's tiresome, and if it is effective enough, it muddles your thoughts." - Dashiell Hammett, "Zigzags of Treachery"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,046 - height (in feet) of the Chrysler Building in New York City, the tallest building in the world when it opened to the public on this day in 1930.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 22) and first quarter moon (May 29).

Fashionable face masks mark new trend

By Melissa Couto

Toronto fashion designer Hayley Elsaesser was unsure about adding face masks to her clothing brand two months ago, ordering just a "small amount" of samples to test out demand through her online shop.

When those bold, colourful masks sold out "within two hours" she realized how popular they had actually become.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced North Americans to be more accepting of the type of mask culture that has been widely adopted in other parts of the world.

And now Canadian fashion designers are catching up to their Eastern counterparts in making cloth face masks more vibrant and - they hope - more enjoyable to wear.

"This is something that's taking over half your face, so you might as well make a statement with it," said Elsaesser, who herself was inspired by Japanese mask fashion. "It can be a little bit weird to start wearing a mask in the first place. ... So by tying in the fashion statement, it makes it a little more palatable for people wearing them for the first time.

"It becomes something to be excited about, rather than (focusing on) the reality of why you have to wear a mask in the first place."

Elsaesser's masks, made of washable, quilted jersey fabric, sell on her online shop for \$25, with 20 per cent of her profits donated to the Food Banks Canada COVID-19 Response Fund.

Her patterns are bright, distinct and quirky - like the one with 8-balls donning blue cowboy hats on a leopard-print background, or the one with teal and pink beetles scattered over a light purple backdrop.

Elsaesser says those wacky patterns represent her own personal style. But they have added benefits as well.

"Obviously safety is more important than looking fashionable but it's really important to help your mental self feel good too," Elsaesser said. "Something that really helps my mental health

and just being a more positive person is putting on an outfit that lifts my spirits.

"And I've noticed that people react really positively to me when I'm wearing a cute printed mask."

Elsaesser said she was initially hesitant to sell the masks out of fear of being viewed as someone who was capitalizing off a pandemic.

Other Canadian designers struggled with that too.

Katrin Leblond, designer and owner of Montreal's Boutique Katrin Leblond, said she received hate mail when she added cloth masks to her online shop early into the pandemic.

Leblond was on vacation in Barbados in March when COVID-19 started spreading internationally. She decided then to halt production on her spring line and focus her efforts on making and selling reusable masks for the general public instead.

"People were rushing around buying Lysol and toilet paper, and it just didn't feel right trying to promote this beautiful new collection that I made when that wasn't where people were at," Leblond said.

"I was just intuiting what was going on and when I posted the first batch of 50 masks, I got hate mail, like full-on: 'you greedy corporate pig profiting off a pandemic.' So it was really intense. ... But (the masks) sold so quickly. So the numbers and the messages were contradictory."

Leblond estimates she sold 5,000 masks during her first month, forcing her to find a new fabric cutter who could cut larger quantities at a time.

She uses her own custom prints - mostly bright florals and nature motifs - and sells masks in a variety four-pack for \$79. They're made of organic cotton and they're reversible, with a plain backside.

Leblond also sells unprinted black masks, at the insistence of her 25-year-old brother who thought she should diversify a bit from the usual "joyful, feminine, folk-art inspired" tone of her designs.

Lennard Taylor, owner of the

Winnipeg-based Lennard Taylor Design Studio, says colourful face masks have become a means of self-expression at a time of increased loneliness and anxiety.

"This is the new way of smiling," he said. "It's (about) wearing a fun, funky print that will make somebody else smile underneath their own mask."

Taylor has produced 60 different patterns that reflect his "modern and sophisticated" fashion style, but only one is shown on his site. Customers can make certain requests - a preferred colour scheme, for example - but orders are filled based on what's in stock on a given day.

Taylor said he also received criticism when he decided to sell his \$20 cotton masks, but he saw the new venture as a way to keep his employees working during a time of mass layoffs around the country.

"I'm doing my best to keep my business going, paying my employees and having a little bit extra money that I can donate to various charities in my city," he said.

While fashion designers don't know how long the need for non-medical masks will last, they do believe the pandemic is changing the way North Americans perceive them.

And making them more fashionable might be helping.

"Oftentimes things formed out of necessity eventually turn into something designers take and make into fashion, so hopefully it's something that becomes more sought after versus being seen as a negative thing," Elsaesser said.

"I thought this was going to be a really small blip on my website, but it doesn't seem to be going anywhere."

Leblond says the desire to express beauty through fashion won't go away either.

"My whole life has been answering the question of: is what I do superficial? Is fashion superficial?" she said. "And I've found that beauty makes people happy ... maybe now more than ever."

(The Canadian Press)

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

Happy birthday to BEN CUNNINGTON
 who will celebrate his 85th birthday
 on Wednesday, May 27, 2020



Have a wonderful day!

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You'll have the discipline to get things done this year. Your ability to stay focused and to find new ways to perfect what you do best will help you reach your expectations. Expect to face some interference from jealous adversaries. Be quick to shut down meddlers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Minimize your spending and maximize your time and effort. Your track record will be your calling card when you want to expand your business prospects as well as your friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - A monetary, legal or medical change will cause uncertainty. Consider all the alternatives before you jump into something unfamiliar. Stick to the rules and avoid problems with authority figures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Someone will withhold valuable information or mislead you purposely. Do your research and leave nothing to chance. Trust no one with your personal information or passwords.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Read between the lines. What someone tells you will differ from the facts. Distance yourself from others and research your options thoroughly. A change will inspire you to excel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Follow the path that you choose, not the path that someone else tries to persuade you to take. Being true to yourself will lead to success and happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - An emotional incident will set you back.

Don't mix money and emotions. You cannot buy love, or trust someone who tempts you with something that isn't in your best interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Consider the consequences before you decide to get involved in someone's tempting adventure. Trust the people closest to you and beware of outsiders trying to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - An emotional matter will escalate if you act abruptly. Try to assess a situation before you make a decision that can put a wedge in a meaningful relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Make a positive change at home that will add to your entertainment, comfort or convenience. If you share your plan with loved ones, you'll get help executing your project.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You'll be confused when dealing with friends, relatives or loved ones due to conflicting signals you receive. When in doubt, ask questions, get the facts and reassess your next move.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Educate yourself before you sign up to take part in something unfamiliar. Don't promise too much or overreact to what others do. Work diligently at your own speed until you reach your goal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Uncertainty will cloud your vision. Call on experience to help guide you through sensitive situations that call for diplomacy, compassion and understanding. How you react will determine the outcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

A rare situation worth many points

By Phillip Alder

George Orwell penned, "A scrupulous writer, in every sentence that he writes, will ask himself at least four questions, thus: 1. What am I trying to say? 2. What words will express it? 3. What image or idiom will make it clearer? 4. Is this image fresh enough to have an effect?"

Bridge players, when they make a bid, should ask 1. What am I trying to tell partner? 2. Which bid best describes my hand? 3. Will partner interpret my call correctly?

In particular, if the answer to the third question is in the negative, it would be a good idea to bid something else.

Look at the North hand in today's deal, which was sent to me by Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island. You open one no-trump; partner responds two clubs, Stayman; you rebid two diamonds; and partner jumps to four no-trump. What does that mean? What would you do next?

Four no-trump isn't an ace inquiry, because there is no agreed suit. It is quantitative, asking partner to pass with 15 points, bid a slam with 17 points, and guess well with 16!

Conrad decided not only to move,

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

but also to try to find a 4-4 fit in a minor. He bid five clubs. South, interpreting correctly, raised to six clubs. (North, with five clubs, would have jumped to six clubs over four no-trump.)

Six clubs was easy to make with trumps 3-2. Declarer drew trumps and claimed three spades, two hearts, two diamonds, four clubs and a spade ruff on the board.

Finally, note that six no-trump would have failed with this layout.

Happy 92nd birthday to Robert Harrison

Have a wonderful day.

Love from,
 Norma
 your relatives
 and friends

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

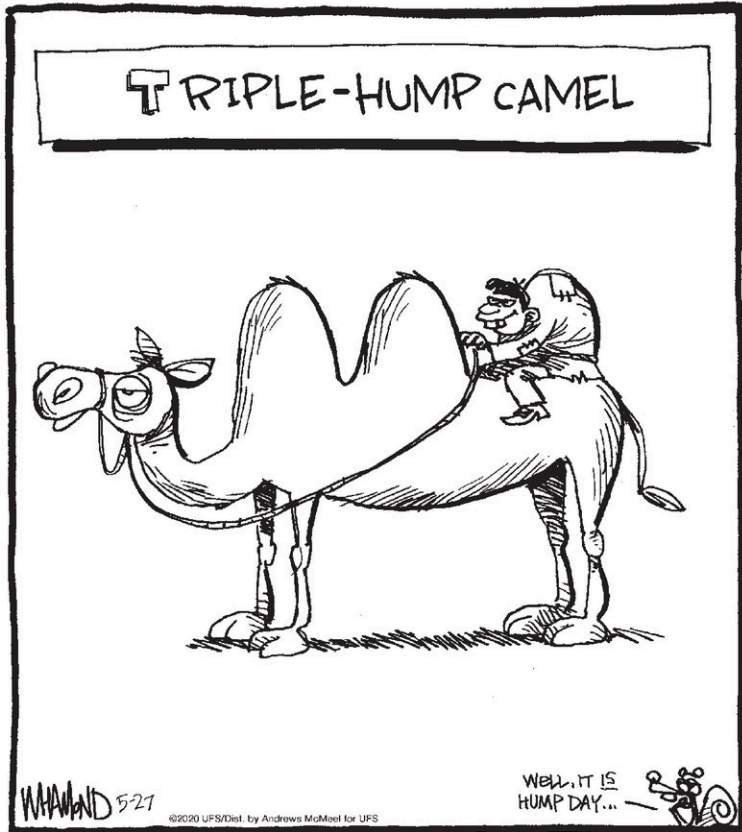
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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X N L A P F J P A ." — A R B B D K R J E A S L .

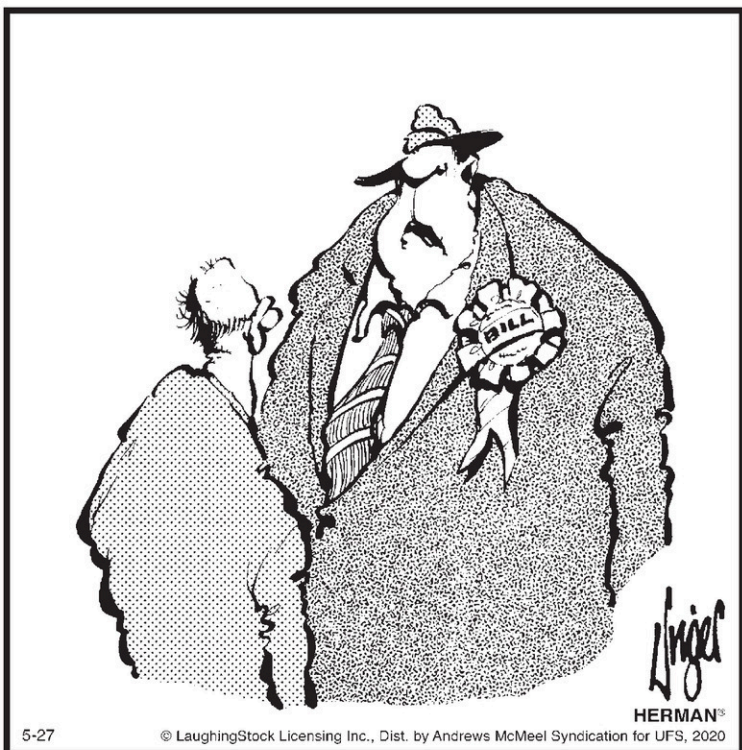
Previous Solution: "It's only those who are persistent and willing to study things deeply, who achieve the Master Work." — Paulo Coelho

TODAY'S CLUE: *g r e n b e s t*

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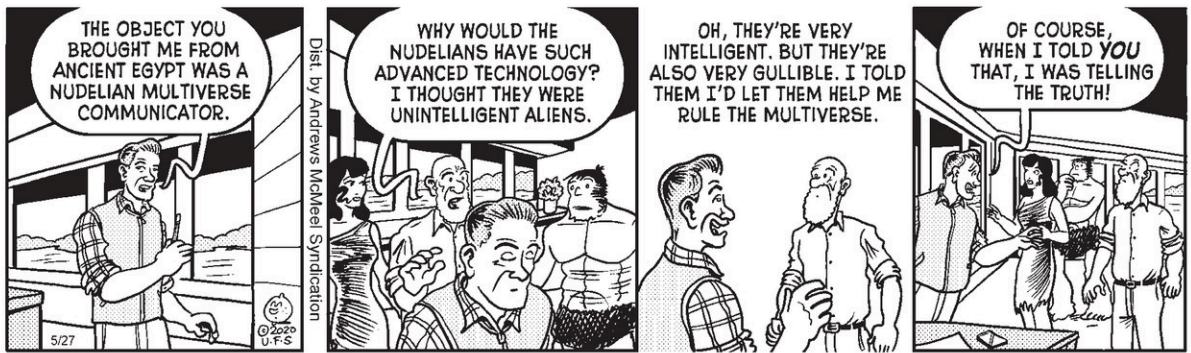


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"A vote for me is a vote for the small businessman."

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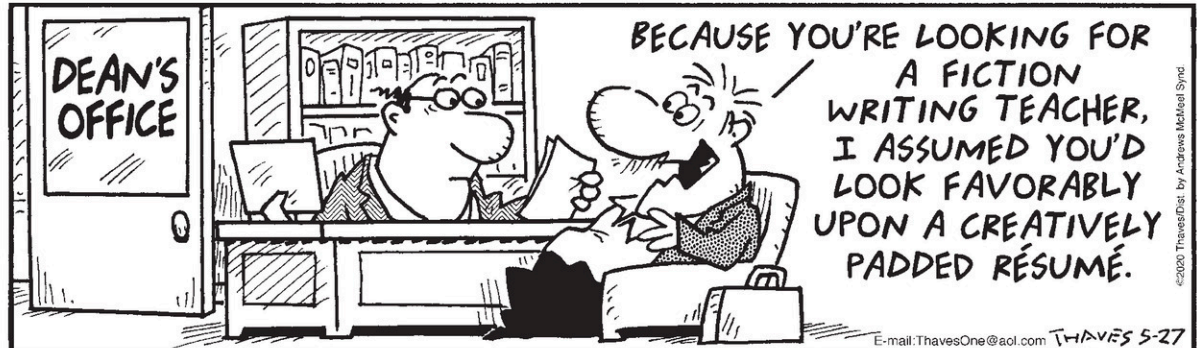
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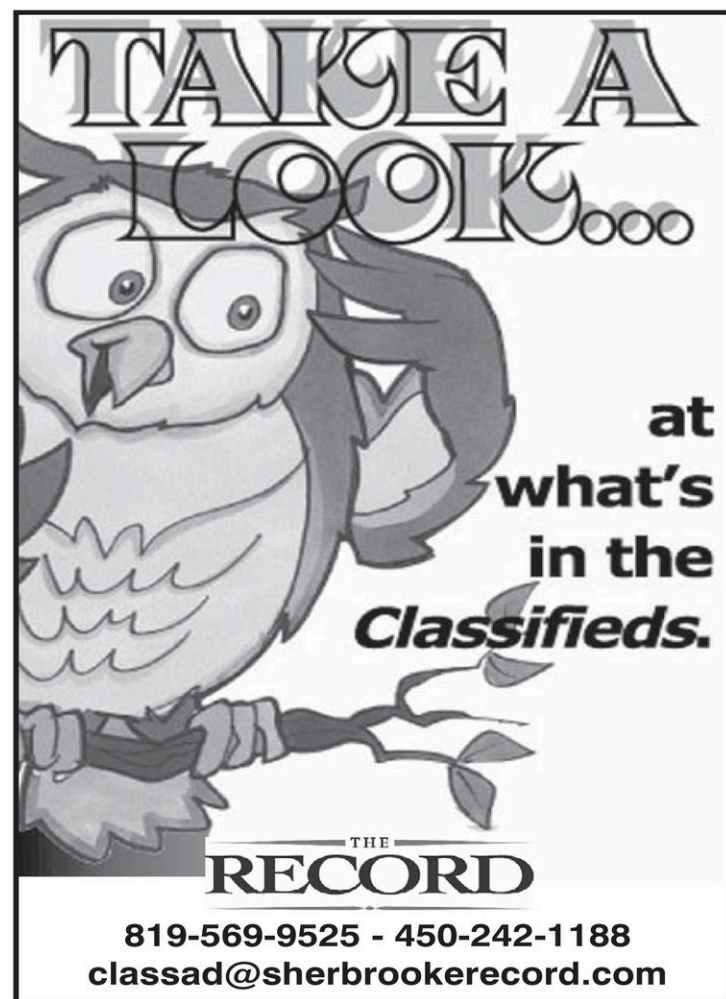
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Family is family

Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

Dear Annie: My brother and I own our parents' house, which is the house we grew up in. They put it in our names a while ago with the provision that they be allowed to live there for the rest of their lives. Recently, my brother, his wife and their two children moved in with my parents. They plan to live there for a few years, until their kids are old enough to start going to school, and then move to a town nearby with better schools.

This isn't a situation where they had to move in with my parents. They are financially secure and are planning to rent out their current home. Recently, a friend of ours who is aware of this half-jokingly told me that I should be collecting rent from them. This started me thinking. Should I ask for any type of monthly payment from them? - Wondering Sister

Dear Wondering Sister: Family is family. If you are wondering whether you should be collecting rent, I am wondering what you would like the future of your relationship with your brother to look like. If you want it to be peaceful and happy, do not ask him for rent. If anyone should be collecting rent, it is your parents, but that is completely at their discretion.

Two young children not in school can be exhausting for parents. Having your parents around to help out, or to just see their young grandchildren, could be great for all of them. It takes a village to raise a family, and if your brother wants help from his village, let him. The more you focus on your own life and the less you focus on his, the happier you will be.

Dear Annie: I live in an apartment building retirement community in Arizona. The staff has made us feel quite safe by setting guidelines for social distancing.

We have an outstanding activities director who plans events that keep social distancing but break

the boredom. She arranged for the department heads to prepare a "circus," and they went through the halls ringing doorbells.

They all dressed in clown costumes, and the marketing director wore her son's tuxedo and was the ringmaster. They hooted and hollered and danced through the halls, swinging Hula-Hoops and dragging a wagon full of stuffed animals.

The event was a big hit and cheered us up! - Circus Show

Dear Circus Show: Yours is a very uplifting story. Your activities director had a creative idea. Send her a big thank you!

Dear Annie: Sewing is not just for girls. My son learned how to sew in a middle school class. His sewing skill allowed him to make curtains for his van when he was a wandering college student; to fix his backpack, clothes and tent on camping trips; to make a precise set of window shields for his car; and now, as a research professor, he is working at a major university on a digital fabrication project using common stitch design patterns for possible medical and "smart" fabric applications.

And, he just made a mask for his 2-year-old daughter. So, you never know where a learned skill in childhood will take you. - Learned a Valuable Skill

Dear Learned a Valuable Skill: Thank you for sharing all of the clever and helpful ways sewing has helped your son - and our society. During the COVID-19 pandemic, few coping skills are as important as knowing how to sew a mask.

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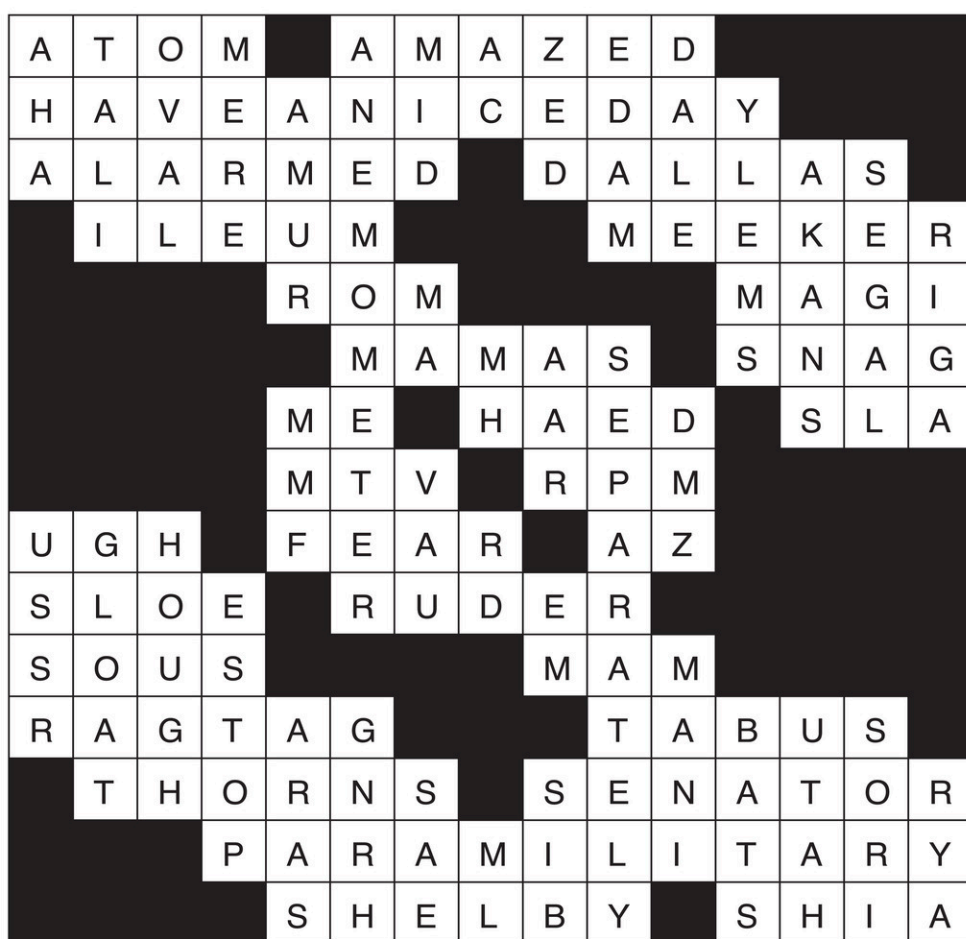
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Crossword solution from yesterday's page 8



NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Disordered
 - 6 Western
 - 11 Prized
 - 12 Harley competitor
 - 13 Spews ash
 - 14 Provoke
 - 15 Candy strippers
 - 16 Vaulted recess
 - 17 Unpleasant look
 - 18 Roast beef au —
 - 19 Tijuana locale
 - 23 Pole on a ship
 - 25 Mr. Trebek
 - 26 Go bad
 - 29 Apparent
 - 32 Orange or stock ending
 - 33 Barely get by
 - 34 Became ashen
 - 35 None
 - 36 Swift horse
 - 38 Prof.
 - 40 Broad valley
 - 41 Comedian — Abbott
 - 42 First name in fashion
 - 46 Director — Bunuel
 - 48 Vagabond
 - 49 Favor a motion
 - 52 Joist crosser
 - 53 Revises
 - 54 Crabby
 - 55 "Hasta —!"
 - 56 Way in
- DOWN**
- 1 Eva — Saint
 - 2 Dodge
 - 3 Building custodians
 - 4 Hardens, as cement
 - 5 Fabric meas.
 - 6 Boathouse items
 - 7 Protozoan
 - 8 Upsilon preceder
 - 9 Codgers' queries
 - 10 "The Facts of Life" star
 - 11 Tender meat
 - 12 Barks shrilly
 - 16 Roman emperor
 - 18 Island near Borneo
 - 20 Computer pioneer — Turing
 - 21 Luke Skywalker, e.g.
 - 22 Ice skater's leap
 - 24 Male parent
 - 26 Interpret tea leaves
 - 27 Green pods
 - 28 Wild duck
 - 30 Split
 - 31 Certain NFL scores
 - 37 Feel at home
 - 39 Cruel king
 - 41 Buys at auction
 - 43 "Star Wars" heavy
 - 44 Abrasive material
 - 45 Nimble
 - 47 Reverse
 - 48 Gull relative
 - 49 — Mineo of old films
 - 50 Flightless bird
 - 51 Mediocre grade
 - 52 Ground breaker

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CLASS OF
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We know ceremonies have been postponed - and we want to honour the High School Graduates of 2020

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