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Province gives grads the go-ahead for proms

By Gordon Lambie

High school graduates in Quebec can have their prom this year, according to Premier François Legault, provided that they can wait until at least July 8 to do so.

Speaking on Tuesday afternoon, Legault said that in light of the fact that most high school graduates will be vaccinated by June 24, the province has decided to give leave for outdoor, mask-free prom celebrations of up to 250 people as of two weeks later.

"We're in a better place than we thought we would be," said Dr. Horacio Arruda, provincial public health director, in explaining the turnaround on the decision.

Legault also said that socially distanced graduation ceremonies with parents will be permitted provided that they respect social-distancing guidelines.

As of this coming Friday, bars across the province will be allowed to reopen their terraces and on Monday, June 14, every region in the province is expected to switch to either the yellow or green alert level with the possible exception of the Chaudière-Appalaches region, which may remain orange depending on how things develop over the course of the week.

Late in the day on Monday, the province's workplace health and safety commission, the CNESST announced changes to the rules regarding mask wearing at the same time that the provincial public health authority announced that students in elementary

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Irene Brown looking regal at 105



DONNA ROLFE

By Matthew McCully

The Record would like to wish a very happy birthday to Irene Brown, who turned 105 years old yesterday.

This reporter had the privilege of attending two of Brown's previous birthday parties. When she turned

100, living at Place Sandborn in Ayer's Cliff, she shared two secrets to a long, happy life. Ivory soap, and keeping one's teeth.

Last year on her birthday she confirmed that she does indeed still have her teeth. She then held up her hand to pose for a picture, "I'll give you my regal look," she said.

Still looking regal, complete with tiara, Brown was feted by family and friends at Manoir Stanstead yesterday.

While celebrating a milestone during a pandemic is decidedly unfun, Brown was nonetheless given the royal treatment to kick off her 105th year.





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TODAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH 27
LOW 10



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUDS

HIGH 20
LOW 12



FRIDAY:
CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

HIGH 19
LOW 8



SATURDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH 21
LOW 8



SUNDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH 24
LOW 10

HAND IN HAND



Submitted by
Mental Health Estrie Staff

The term languishing seems to be enjoying its day in the sun. Although many of us have only recently begun to discover it, the term has been around for almost twenty years. Its recent popularity can likely be attributed to the fact that for the first time, so many of us are collectively experiencing it. When mental health is considered on a spectrum from flourishing to depression, languishing falls somewhere in the middle. Although it shares many symptoms with depression, they tend to be less severe, and those of us experiencing them continue to be relatively functional.

Languishing

For over a year now it has been hard to find things to look forward to, difficult to set and reach goals because the goal posts keep moving, and a struggle to escape the monotony of our household bubble. This can lead to loss of motivation and sense of purpose, make it harder to experience excitement and joy, and leave us wondering if we've lost ourselves along the way. Languishing touches every age group, from the school aged children who don't know if they are learning in person or at home from one week to the next, and the adults who have lost interest in baking bread and DIY projects, to the seniors who haven't seen their loved ones in far too long. The good news is that languishing can be looked upon as a warning sign. It gives us an opportunity to assess our current state of mind and to act before things go any further. That could include (among other things); setting short term goals, performing acts of kindness, and putting aside

time for hobbies and interests that distract us from daily pressures and enable us to find our flow. As reopening plans emerge, and newscasts grow more hopeful, it should become somewhat easier to overcome this "meh" feeling and close the gap between who we were and who we aspire to be.

Mental Health Estrie (MHE) is a non-profit community organization committed to providing information, support, education, and advocacy to English-speaking families and individuals in Estrie impacted by mental illness. Services are currently available remotely by phone (819-565-3777) and email (mhe.info@bellnet.ca). We invite you to "like" our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MentalHealthEstrie/> for updates and links to articles, guides, and ideas for coping strategies, or visit our website at mentalhealthestrie.com.

Coping Techniques

- Emotional literacy
 - talk about what you are feeling, or not feeling with someone you trust
 - write down what you feel and how it manifests in your body
 - find a list of possible emotions and highlight what you are experiencing
- Take your time off
 - even if you can't have the vacation of your dreams your body and mind need rest
 - plan a staycation or a day trip
 - catch up on a book you want to read, tend your garden, organize your closet, spend quality time with your children, or just take some naps
- Practice gratitude
 - start a gratitude journal
 - start or end each day by finding something to be thankful for

- Perform acts of kindness
 - mail or deliver a care package
 - put a note in your child's lunch
- Try something new
 - experiment with a new recipe
 - try a new craft or hobby
 - use an app to learn a new language
- Set small and manageable goals
 - no need to overwhelm yourself further by going too big
 - possibilities: shave, fill the bird feeder, take those clothes in your trunk to the thrift store, prepare a balanced meal, make that important call, or take a walk
- Try to reconnect with your community and your friends
 - call, text, email, or video chat with someone you haven't heard from in a while
 - join a virtual book club, webinar, support group, social event, family game night, or online class
 - volunteer
- Find your flow
 - engaging in any activity that takes you out of your mind and allows you to lose track of time

Editor's note: the above infographic was condensed for space, the unedited version is available on the Mental Health Estrie Facebook page



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Local News

Asked by The Record about their decision not to vote, Bessette and Brière both deferred to Bibeau to respond on their behalf.

Townships Liberals abstain from vote to drop court cases involving First Nations children

By Gordon Lambie

On Monday an opposition motion put forward in the House of Commons by NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh calling for the federal government to stop legal proceedings against a set of court rulings involving First Nations children received wide ranging support. A total of 271 Members of Parliament voted in favour of the non-binding motion across all parties, but 65 Liberal MPs abstained, including all three representatives of the party in the Eastern Townships: Brome-Missisquoi's Lyne Bessette, Sherbrooke's Élisabeth Brière, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister and Compton-Stanstead MP Marie-Claude Bibeau.

Asked by The Record about their decision not to vote, Bessette and Brière both deferred to Bibeau to respond on their behalf. The agriculture minister responded in a written statement saying that, "the motion highlighted fundamental values of our government, including the need to continue to make concrete progress on implementing the calls to action, compensating survivors of historic child and family welfare system inequities, and supporting the healing of St. Anne's Indian Residential School survivors. It also included aspects on complex legal matters involving jurisdiction and privacy rights, which require extensive collaboration with indigenous peoples and cannot, nor should they be, resolved unilaterally on the floor of the Parliament of Canada, in a non-binding motion."

The statement then turned specifically to the situation of the St.

Anne's school survivors, acknowledging that, "the mistreatment of indigenous children, including those who attended St. Anne's Indian Residential School, is indeed a tragic and shameful part of Canada's history," but focusing on an independent third-party review that has been ordered by the court to determine if additional compensation is owing to the survivors.

"The court has designated Justice Ian Pitfield to conduct the independent review, and steps are under way for that process," Bibeau wrote. "Canada will fund additional health support measures for all the survivors, throughout the review."

The motion passed on Monday called on the government to immediately drop its appeals of two cases before the federal court and fully comply with the respective rulings of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. It also called on the government to agree to sit down with the St. Anne's residential school survivors organization Peetabeck Keway Keykaywin Association, from northern Ontario, to find "a just solution to the fact that survivors' access to justice has been denied as a consequence of the actions of government lawyers in suppressing evidence at the Independent Assessment Process."

The motion also calls for an accelerated implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, with a specific call for funding to further investigate deaths and disappearances of children at residential schools, for the government to provide survivors, their families, and

their communities with appropriate resources to assist with the emotional, physical, spiritual, mental, and cultural trauma resulting from residential schools; and for the tabling of a progress report on actions taken in compliance with motion within 10

days, and that this report be referred to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs for consideration upon tabling.

Only two MPs outside of the Liberal Party did not vote, one of whom recently tendered her resignation.

Kanak retires after five years of service

Record Staff

The Sherbrooke Police Service announced yesterday that following an evaluation by the Mira Foundation, it was time for Kanak, the SPS' emotional support dog, to hang up his harness.

Kanak, now seven years old, performed 429 interventions while working for the last five years at the SPS alongside officers Mélanie Bédard, Mario Raymond, Caroline Hamel, Vincent Fontaine and Anne-Renée Villeneuve.

Kanak worked in the Criminal Investigation Division, providing comfort and support to young victims of sexual crimes being interviewed by investigators. Kanak also provided support during the various stages of the judicial process. He was also able to comfort citizens of Sherbrooke with patrol officers during traumatic events. Kanak also served as an ambassador for the SPS in the



SHERBROOKE POLICE SERVICE FACEBOOK PAGE community and helped demonstrate the benefits of an emotional support dog by visiting different organizations in the area.

Kanak will enjoy his well-deserved retirement with officer Mélanie Bédard.

The SPS and Mira will continue their partnership and plan to introduce a new support dog that will be joining the SPS in the fall.

Go-ahead for proms

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and secondary schools could remove masks while in class. According to Arruda, the plan was always to relax mask rules once a region is in yellow or green alert, but the decision regarding students was made taking the discomfort of the current heatwave into account.

Quebec reported 150 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the total number of cases since the start of the pandemic to 372,109, of which 2,400 were still considered active.

Four new deaths were reported, bringing that total to 11,156, and 263 people were in hospital for reasons linked to the virus, 60 of whom were in intensive care.

There was only one new case of the virus reported across the Eastern Townships on Tuesday, although that was partly due to the withdrawal of one case previously reported in the Pommeraié sub-region. As of Tuesday's report, there were 144 active cases across the Eastern Townships alongside 24 people in hospital, three of whom were in intensive care, and no new deaths.

By comparison, on June 10 of 2020 the province had just surpassed 5,000 deaths linked to COVID-19, and 53,185 total cases. At the time there had been 938 total cases in the Eastern Townships, a stark contrast with the current total of 14,807.

On the vaccination front, Health Minister Christian Dubé said that there are still about 195,000 eligible Quebecers who have yet to make an appointment for vaccination. He said that number changes by about 5,000 each day.

So far the province has administered 6,220,734 doses, accounting for a first dose in 66.4 per cent of the total population, and 75.9 per cent of the population over 12 years of age. As of Tuesday morning, nine per cent of the population was considered adequately vaccinated based on 600,373 second doses.

The number of people with a single dose in the Eastern Townships reached 334,762, or 66.2 per cent, on Tuesday. Of those, 36,760 have also received a second dose.

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Notice is hereby given that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Résidence Wales Home's** one hundred and second **Annual Meeting** will be an invitation-only event.

This meeting's purposes are to receive the financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31st, 2021, to elect the Board of Governors, to appoint Auditors, and to consider other business that may properly arise before the meeting.

Norman Carson
President – June 2021

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This meeting's purposes are to receive the financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31st, 2021, to elect a Board of Directors, to appoint Auditors, and to consider other business as may properly arise before the meeting.

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From whence comes Boscobel?

By Nick Fonda

When the Richmond County Historical Society time vault was installed almost a decade ago, it was surmounted by a metal tree bearing 32 leaves, each with the name of a hamlet, village, or town that no longer exists but was once a nascent—or even thriving—community, and once a part of Richmond County—a political entity that has similarly ceased to exist.

With almost three dozen such places to be found in the old Richmond County, there are undoubtedly a few hundred such sites sprinkled throughout the Eastern Townships. Curiously, some are named and located on our digital devices even though the destination might now be three farmhouses (one abandoned) clustered around the ruins of a small hydroelectric dam, near a bifurcating road, as is the case for Boscobel.

The name Boscobel is not on any of the leaves of the RCHS time vault tree behind Melbourne Township town hall, as it lies beyond the borders of the old Richmond County. Boscobel was in Ely, a township adjoining Melbourne, in Shefford County. Today Boscobel exists as the name of a road in Valcourt Township. The community that existed 150 years ago was about five miles (eight kms) from the town of Valcourt.

Exactly when in the nineteenth century the earliest settlers established Boscobel is not clear, but Catherine Day mentions it briefly in her *History of the Eastern Townships*, a book published in 1869, when the Dominion of Canada was two years old.

Writing of Ely Township, she says, “In 1861 the northern and southern parts of the township were separated for school purposes; and in 1864 for local municipal convenience.”

Of South Ely, she writes, “Most, if not all of the early settlers of the township, located in the southern section, in

which is now a fast-increasing majority of French-Canadian inhabitants. It has three post offices, viz, Valcourt, South Ely, and Boscobel. A Catholic school is located at Valcourt; a Church of England Mission was established at Boscobel in 1863, and steps have been taken for the erection of a church edifice. Different sects of Protestants meet for worship in the various schoolhouses. There are mills in South Ely, and mineral indications abound but no mines are worked at present.”

The church that Day refers to was built on land donated by William Hackwell in 1872. Named the Church of St. John the Divine, it no longer exists. The cemetery, located almost two km distant, is still extant and in 2008 Joan Cruikshank compiled a list of all its headstones. Copping, Hackwell, Osborne, and Truax make up half of the 90 family names on Cruikshank’s list. Unsurprisingly, given that this was an Anglican cemetery, every single name is identifiably English.

One surprising thing about Boscobel is its name, which sounds Italian, and indeed means ‘lovely woods’ in that language. However, Boscobel refers to a family home in England, rather than Italy, and that small estate in Shropshire played a small but vital role in ensuring the survival of the British monarchy in the 17th century.

Around 1595 John Giffard, a member of the landed gentry whose grandfather had received Queen Elizabeth I in his home (and was subsequently imprisoned by her), built a small retreat in the middle of his woods. By 1632, the building had grown into a three-storey family home and had acquired the name Boscobel. One notable feature of the house is that it had two priest holes.

The Giffards, like many others in that part of England, remained Catholic after the Reformation when the Church of England split from the Catholic church. Known as recusants they were barred

from public roles and were heavily fined for practicing their religion. They held their services in secret, and Catholic priests, if found, were certain to be imprisoned and possibly executed. Secret hiding places in safe houses did not go unused.

When civil war broke out in 1642, the Giffards remained royalists, loyal to King Charles I, and after he was captured and executed in 1649, they recognized his son as King Charles II. Two years later, at the head of an army half the size of Cromwell’s, Charles II suffered defeat at the battle of Worcester, an engagement that marked the end of the civil war.

Charles II had been defeated, but not captured. He fled northward and, because of its proximity, sought refuge at Boscobel. There he disguised himself as a common labourer and with a companion set out on foot intending to cross into Wales. The plan was thwarted because all the crossings over the Severn River were guarded by Cromwell’s troops. He retraced the 40 km to Boscobel where he narrowly escaped capture by hiding in the branches of an oak tree, subsequently christened the Royal Oak.

In all, he spent only a few days at Boscobel before, with the help of sympathisers, he was able to get to the Sussex coast and then to Paris.

In the end, things turned out well for Charles II. Two years after Oliver Cromwell’s death in 1658, he reclaimed the English throne and ruled his kingdom for a quarter century until his death in 1685 at the relatively young age of 55.

After he was safely reinstated, the story of his narrow escape thanks to the oak tree on the grounds of Boscobel led to May 29 being made Oak Apple Day. The people at Boscobel who had helped Charles hide and escape were rewarded with pensions, which are still being paid to their descendants today.

Boscobel House in Shropshire still



NICK FONDA

stands. It has had multiple owners since the Giffards but in 1984 it was transferred to the care of English Heritage, a non-profit organization that manages over 400 monuments, buildings, and places across the British Isles, from prehistoric sites to Roman forts and medieval castles.

Boscobel is now furnished to re-create its appearance in the 19th century. In 2020 English Heritage acquired a lease of the Royal Oak Field and planted it with oak saplings which will one day provide a woodland setting like the one enjoyed at the turn of the 17th century by John Giffard.

It’s easy to imagine that whichever of the early settlers of Boscobel, Quebec, gave the place its name hailed from somewhere in Shropshire, and perhaps found the forests of the Eastern Townships as majestic as those back in England. There are dozens of places across the Townships that carry placenames from the British Isles for just that reason.

Yet, a question about Boscobel remains: why was a place that seems to have been settled entirely by Anglicans given a name that carries such a staunchly Catholic connotation?

History has a way of leaving questions in the wake of the few answers it occasionally yields.

Potton municipal council votes in favour of revoking mail-in voting for non-residents

By Michael Boriero

The town of Potton’s municipal council passed a resolution on Monday to adopt a new bylaw, revoking mail-in voting for non-resident property owners, despite a last-minute plea from community members.

“Basically, yes, it’s obviously going to take action when the election happens, but it’s done, there is no turning back,” said Potton Mayor Michael Laplume, adding that it was a four-to-one vote among council members.

When The Record spoke to the mayor on Monday, he stated potential voter fraud as one of the reasons for the resolution. Laplume also mentioned fairness for permanent residents who might be travelling to Florida. They are unable to fill out mail-in voting ballots, he said.

He also denounced any notions that Potton is undemocratic for passing the resolution. There are many municipalities in Quebec that have revoked mail-in voting for non-residents, he told The Record. There is also more room for error with mail-in votes, Laplume added.

Mail-in ballots are still available, though. The town used to automatically send out about 500 ballots to non-resident property owners. Now residents and non-residents over 70 can request a mail-in ballot, as well as those dealing with Covid-related issues.

“We’ve actually kind of opened it up to more people than it was before, but people just don’t see that because they see the mail is not going automatically, therefore it is not the same,” said Laplume.

Many residents believe the town’s council is just trying to secure a stronger position come the next election in November. But the mayor dispelled this theory. He doesn’t want to run for mayor in the fall, and only one council member plans to return.

However, Michel Trudel, a Potton resident, believes the entire ordeal has been a shady, political maneuver by the town’s council. He also has an issue with the fact that the council did not hold any public consultations about the new bylaw resolution.

“They always hold their meetings without any public,” Trudel said on

Tuesday, after finding out the results of the vote. “The pandemic serves them. We have only the audio and it is the day after today, maybe in the afternoon. It is the only way we have the results.”

Sandra Jewett sent a letter to the council prior to the vote. She argued her case, as a permanent resident of Potton, to keep the mail-in ballots for non-residents, since many of them will not have a chance to make it to the town to cast a vote in person.

“The number of people that are going to be disenfranchised by this, number one are non-resident property owners here, they have every right to vote in a federal election, provincial election and they do have the right to vote in a municipal election,” said Jewett.

She also echoed Trudel’s thoughts on municipal council meetings. They haven’t had an open meeting because of the pandemic, Jewett said, nobody has been to a meeting in a long time. She has a hunch that they are using COVID-19 restrictions as cover.

“A little municipality, like the municipality of East Bolton, where I used to be their secretary-treasurer, they

managed to make every single one of their council meetings open to the public via Zoom,” she said.

Jewett doesn’t understand how they can restrict mail-in voting to non-residents, especially since they make up a high percentage of the town’s municipal taxes and budget. They also support small businesses in the area.

“They are the people who basically keep our municipality working. If you have a restaurant, who favours your restaurant on a Friday night? [...] I own a grocery store with my sister, we depend on the non-resident population,” said Jewett.

She said the council has done many positive things for the community, but there is always something that leads her to second-guess their intentions. They are being too cavalier about the voting process, she continued, adding that it can be a very slippery slope.

“I had respect for them,” said Jewett. “I wanted so desperately to be proud of them and the municipality, but every time, everywhere, they have somehow just fallen down, and it just stresses me so much.”

Sherbrooke says yes to garage sale season



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Record Staff

Although the city's garage sale weekends will not be back until May of 2022, Sherbrooke gave the go-ahead to the issuing of permits again on Monday night.

Effective immediately, people in the within the city limits who have been unable to legally sell their possessions on their front lawns or driveways since May of 2020 will be able to put it all out there for anyone who may want to find

the treasures in someone else's trash.

The change came in light of the gradual loosening of COVID-19 restrictions by the provincial government, but permit seekers are still expected to respect social distancing and sanitary measures while carrying out their sales. Those who do not respect the rules are subject to fines from the police.

A permit to hold a garage sale can be requested from the city's borough offices.

Friday File: Welcome to the Townships: Sarah Ahmadaly



KATHRYNE OWEN

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

Sarah Ahmadaly came to Sherbrooke from Madagascar in 2014. She received her Masters degree in Cooperative

Management from the University of Sherbrooke. Just a few years later, she saw an opportunity to become the owner of the newly opened Marche 5ieme Saison in Lennoxville. In the four years since, the small market continues to evolve, paying particular attention to needs expressed by the community.

Get to know Sarah in this week's Friday File, published on our website at www.sherbrooke-record.com and our Facebook page.

Health professionals and technicians put pressure on Quebec government

By Michael Boriero

Members of the Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS) went on strike this week, June 7 and 8, to pressure the provincial government into returning to the negotiation table.

The APTS is made up 60,000 health professionals, technicians and social services workers in Quebec. There are roughly 4,500 members in the Eastern Townships. According to a press release, the two-day general strike action is in response to an 18-month stalemate.

"By refusing to improve the working conditions of employees in the public network, the government is shooting itself in the foot," said Danny Roulx, APTS national representative for the Eastern Townships.

The number of vacant positions is increasing in Quebec, Roulx continued, adding that it doesn't matter if the province creates new positions, since there is no one to fill those new roles. There is a major worker shortage, and students are steering clear from these professional programs.

"They have bad conditions. There are not a lot of people going to

cegep or college for these jobs. The work conditions are really difficult," said Claudia Lavoie, an APTS member among the large and loud crowd outside of the Hôtel-Dieu de Sherbrooke on Tuesday.

The government invited unions to the negotiation table in the middle of the pandemic, the press release stated, but it has since dragged on. They are trying to put out small fires, Roulx said, improving the working conditions of only a select few jobs.

"We must value public sector jobs, attract the next generation of workers and preserve the expertise of employees, who deserve real recognition from Quebec City and not just a few thanks at press conferences," said Roulx.

He also mentioned the importance of acknowledging all of the women working as health professionals and technicians. The national representative has previously told The Record that women make up a large percentage of health workers, and they get little recognition.

Everyone is overworked right now, mainly due to the pandemic, Lavoie added. She works in radiology, running x-rays, mammographs, CT scans, and MRIs. People in her specific

position have dealt with a significant workload, and risk, as they handled Covid patients.

Despite all of the work they put in during the pandemic, the Quebec government has not presented unions with acceptable premiums, she said.

According to Lavoie, first-year workers in her job make about \$19,000. The first step for Quebec is increasing wages.

"We need better pay for the workers," said Lavoie. "If we have more money, more people will want to work in the hospital."



MICHAEL BORIERO

EDITORIAL

If periods of lockdowns are to be shortened and recurrent waves of this and any future pandemics avoided, Francois Legault and the other premiers must use all the potential tools in their toolboxes.

The patchwork of supplemental sick benefits plans across Canada

By Charles S. Shaver, MD

Can Quebec avoid the dire situation in Manitoba? Manitoba has now become the epicentre of the third wave in North America. It has transferred over 49 patients to hospitals in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta has agreed to accept 10 patients. It asked for assistance from the Canadian Armed Forces, and requested surplus vaccine doses from the United States. Not surprisingly Winnipeg recorded 72 clusters of cases associated with workplaces.

Meanwhile, Quebec is reopening, as are BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. About 65 per cent of Quebecers have received the first and around 7 per cent both doses of COVID-19 vaccine. In Quebec, there are fewer new COVID-19 cases than last September. Montreal – once the epicentre – has recorded 100 cases or less for 8 consecutive days. Canadian new case counts are down 70 per cent since mid-April.

Yet we can never let down our guard. Consider the recent unexpected surges in cases in Vietnam, Taiwan, and Singapore. Much of this is due to the Delta or Indian variant, which is 30-50 per cent more transmissible than the Alpha, or UK variant, and more resistant to vaccines with only 30-40 per cent protection after one dose. It is the cause of 25 per cent of new cases in Ontario, and within a month will likely be the dominant west of Toronto. Some 16 cases have been identified in Quebec. We need to prioritize second doses especially to vulnerable persons.

If periods of lockdowns are to be shortened and recurrent waves of this and any future pandemics avoided, Francois Legault and the other premiers must use all the potential tools in their toolboxes. This requires increased rapid testing and contact tracing, adequate paid sick benefits, and greatly enhanced temporary funding from Ottawa.

Prior to the pandemic, only two

provinces mandated paid sick leave: in Quebec, two paid sick days per year and in Prince Edward Island one day. Ontario used to require two days, but this was repealed by Doug Ford in 2018.

Quebec is the only province with paid family leave and which provides a financial benefit of \$575 per week to workers forced to isolate because they have COVID-19 or have been in contact with a positive case.

Yukon has the most generous plan, and pays \$378 daily up to ten days.

New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador still provide no paid sick benefits. PEI has a temporary fund which reimburses up to \$160 per day for six days to attend a vaccination, for testing, illness, or self-isolation.

For many months, Doug Ford and Jason Kenney argued that the problems were a poor supply of vaccines and lax border controls – both due to the federal government. However, they ignored the issue of workplace infections and inadequate paid sick leave.

For months, Ford had relied on the federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit. However, the CRSB pays only \$450 per week after taxes (less than minimum wage), persons must apply every week, it does not cover shorter leave times, and remittance may take several weeks. As the CRSB was not improved in the federal budget, Ontario provided three paid sick days; businesses would pay up to \$200 daily, and be reimbursed by the WSIB.

Manitoba brought in a program that would provide employers with up to \$600 per employee for up to five days. British Columbia then agreed to reimburse employers up to \$200 per day for three days. Shortly thereafter, Nova Scotia initiated a plan that would pay up to \$160 per day for four days. In Alberta, the government will cover three hours of paid leave when persons are vaccinated, and self-isolation support with room, board, and a payment of \$625, for a total



value of \$2,000.

However, in all provinces, sick employees when needing 10-14 days off would also have to apply for the federal CRSB, with all its defects. Across Canada, there is patchwork of inadequate, overly-complicated plans; this deters ill workers from staying at home. There is no seamless, easy way to obtain sick benefits without incurring an interruption or loss of income.

Inasmuch as his mother was a grocery cashier, Premier Legault can hopefully empathize with high-risk essential workers who now lack adequate sick benefits. With a Master's degree in business administration, he should also realize that all governments should better collaborate to provide more uniform benefits across Canada, and Ottawa needs to provide more generous funding. Alberta NDP leader Rachel

Notley has proposed a simple solution: ten days of paid sick leave (Lisa Johnson, Edmonton Journal, April 26, 2021). Isolating workers would continue to be paid through their employer, who would be reimbursed by the province, which would be ultimately paid by Ottawa.

Legault and the other premiers should mandate sufficient paid sick leave for all workers. Ottawa should immediately agree to reimburse provinces and territories for funding businesses and the self-employed for this leave. It should also pay provinces and territories to provide adequate sick benefits to MDs, nurses, and all health professionals.

Ottawa physician Dr. Charles S. Shaver was born in Montreal. He is Past-Chair of the Section on General Internal Medicine of the Ontario Medical Association.

The views here are his own.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR,

With the proposed changes to the charter of the French Language I assume the English community will still have to pay taxes to enforce these changes as well as pay the salaries of the Language Police.

I hope the provincial leaders in the National Assembly know the Loyalists, Irish and Scots were the ones who settled the Eastern Townships and they worked hard for the betterment of all, including their French neighbours.

With the government using the notwithstanding clause where is democracy?

DON MARTIN
MELBOURNE, ONTARIO

DEAR EDITOR:

Bruce Durant is right. The city "does nothing to support its citizens". In Lennoxville we have an old broken railroad telegraph line, the length of the town, that has not been used in decades. Why can this not be demolished?

REGARDS,
PHIL TAYLOR
LENNOXVILLE

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Local Sports

Tyler Toffoli scores in overtime, Canadiens beat Jets 3-2 for four game sweep

By Joshua Clipperton
The Canadian Press

Tyler Toffoli scored at 1:39 of overtime as the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-2 on Monday to complete a surprising four-game sweep in their second-round playoff series.

Toffoli took a cross-crease pass from rookie Cole Caufield and buried his fourth of the post-season on Connor Hellebuyck with a one-timer for the winner.

Erik Gustafsson and Artturi Lehkonen had the goals in regulation for Montreal, which has won seven straight post-season games after coming back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Toronto Maple Leafs in the opening round. Toffoli, who scored 28 times in the regular season, also had an assist.

Carey Price made 14 saves for the North Division's underdog No. 4 seed in front of another boisterous crowd of 2,500 fans at the Bell Centre.

The 16th and final team to qualify for the playoffs after winning just one of their final nine regular-season games in regulation, the Canadiens are the first club to make the semifinals of the Stanley Cup tournament in 2021.

Montreal now awaits the winner between the Colorado Avalanche and Vegas Golden Knights, who are tied 2-2 with Game 5 set for Tuesday in Denver.

The Canadiens improved to 34-0 all-time when leading a series 3-0 and added to their NHL record with the franchise's 23rd sweep.

Winnipeg, which registered a sweep of its own in the first round against Connor McDavid's Edmonton Oilers, but was minus No. 1 centre Mark Scheifele after he was suspended four games for charging on Montreal forward Jake Evans in the series opener, got two goals from rookie defenceman Logan Stanley.

Hellebuyck stopped 39 shots.

The Canadiens were without top-4 defenceman Jeff Petry (upper-body injury) after he appeared to jam his right hand caught in one of the camera holes along the glass in Game 3. The veteran blue-liner's absence paved the way for rookie Alexander Romanov to make his NHL playoff debut on Montreal's third pair.

Montreal's seven-game playoff winning streak is the franchise's longest since Patrick Roy backstopped

the Canadiens to 11 consecutive victories on the way to capturing Canada's last Cup in 1993.

The Jets, meanwhile, are now 1-6 when facing elimination since returning to the Manitoba capital in 2011.

Winnipeg, which owned a record of 6-3-0 and averaged better than three goals a game against the Montreal in the regular season, found the back of the net just three times on Price after a 5-3 loss in Game 1.

Montreal opened the scoring on the power play at 8:01 of the first period on Gustafsson's first-career playoff goal, and first with Montreal since being acquired from the Philadelphia Flyers prior to the trade deadline.

After Jets forward Nate Thompson inexcusably failed to get the puck out of his own zone, the Canadiens worked it back to Gustafsson, who pump-faked a one-timer before changing the angle and firing through a screen on Hellebuyck.

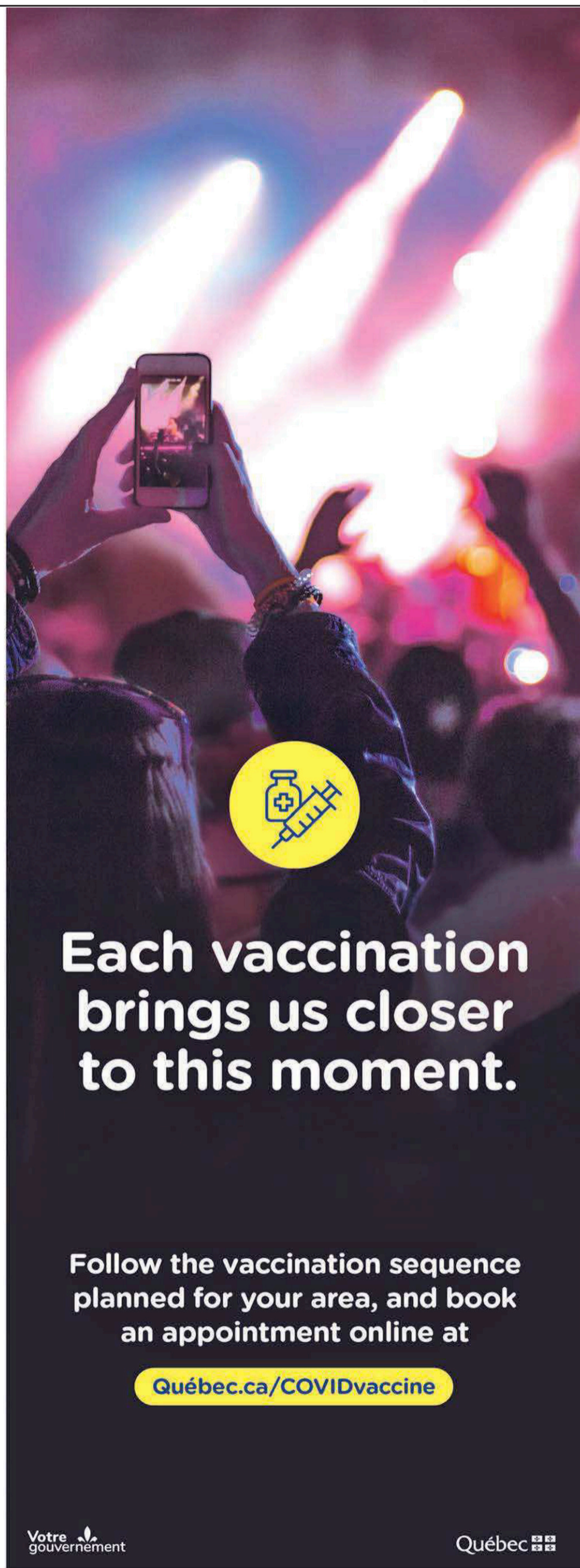
Winnipeg had a couple of good looks on its first man advantage, but Price, who registered a shutout in Game 2 and allowed one against in Wednesday's 5-1 victory in Game 3, was there at every turn.

Montreal then made it 2-0 with 51 seconds left in the period when Lehkonen won a battle for positioning in front, something Winnipeg was unable to do at either end of the ice throughout the series and tipped Brett Kulak's point shot for his second goal in as many games.

With their season on the line, the Jets got life from an unlikely source in the second period. Stanley, a bruising six-foot-seven rookie defenceman, took a pass and moved down to the left circle before wiring a shot upstairs on Price's shortside just 1:40 into the second.

The 23-year-old was at it again, Stanley had one NHL goal before Monday, at 5:29 moments after Hellebuyck made a nice save on Brendan Gallagher when he took a pass from Kyle Connor after coming off the bench and beat Price upstairs on one-timer from well out the netminder should have had to tie it 2-2.

Hellebuyck made a number of stops in the third as Montreal held a 13-1 shots edge on Winnipeg at one point before Price denied Paul Stastny on the doorstep at the other end.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

Today is the 160th day of 2021 and the 82nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1790, John Barry's "The Philadelphia Spelling Book" became the first copyrighted work in the United States.

In 1856, nearly 500 Mormon "handcart pioneers" began a pilgrimage on foot from Iowa City, Iowa, to Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1954, Army counsel Joseph Welch confronted Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the Army-McCarthy hearings.

In 1999, Yugoslavia signed a peace treaty pledging that Serbian forces would withdraw from Kosovo in 11 days, thus ending the Kosovo War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cole Porter

(1891-1964), composer; Robert Cummings (1910-1990), actor; Les Paul (1915-2009), musician/inventor; Robert McNamara (1916-2009), World Bank head/U.S. secretary of defense; Jackie Wilson (1934-1984), singer-songwriter; Dick Vitale (1939-), sportscaster; Gregory Maguire (1954-), author; Michael J. Fox (1961-), actor; Aaron Sorkin (1961-), screenwriter/producer; Johnny Depp (1963-), actor; Natalie Portman (1981-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: Legendary guitarist Les Paul is the only person to be inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes and became the ninth horse in history to complete

horse racing's Triple Crown. His time of 2:24 remains the American record for the 1.5 mile on dirt.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Approval is overrated. ... Approval and disapproval alike satisfy those who deliver it more than those who receive it. I don't care for approval, and I don't mind doing without." - Gregory Maguire

TODAY'S NUMBER: 5 - weeks that Robert McNamara served as the president of Ford Motor Co. before he was appointed the secretary of defense in 1960. McNamara was the first Ford president who was not related to founder Henry Ford.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (June 2) and new moon (June 10).

Grilling turns the breakfast tables on a beloved staple

Grillmasters insist that just about everything tastes a little better when cooked over a flame. Even though grilling often is reserved for lunch or dinner, there's something to be said about preparing breakfast on those hot grates as well.

According to Andrew Schloss and David Joachim, authors of the cookbook "Mastering the Grill: The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking" (Chronicle Books), there's reckless abandon involved in standing by an open fire in a robe preparing breakfast. It can turn a mundane morning into one right out of a camping expedition. For their "Grilled French Toast," the extra crunch and slight char grilling provides catapults this breakfast staple to another level of flavor.

**Grilled Stuffed French Toast
Makes 4 servings**

- 1 loaf Italian bread
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup blueberries
- 5 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of kosher salt
- Oil for coating grill grate
- 1/4 cup Orange Honey-Butter Glaze (see below)

1. Cut off and discard a small diagonal slice from each end of the bread. Cut the bread on the diagonal into about eight 1 1/2-inch-thick slices. Cut a slit through the top crust of each slice to form a deep pocket.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, 3 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar, and the almond extract. Stir in the blueberries and spoon the filling equally into the bread pockets. Lay the stuffed slices of bread in a shallow 4-quart baking dish, such as a 15-by-10-inch dish.

3. Clean and dry the bowl, then use it to whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, vanilla extract, salt, and

remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar. Pour the mixture evenly over the bread. Carefully tilt the pan and swirl the egg mixture to completely coat the bread. Let sit for 30 minutes, or cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

4. Heat the grill to 350 F for a gas grill, medium ash for charcoal, and medium ash for wood.

5. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the French toast on the grill and cook until nicely browned and crisp on the outside, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and, using a pastry or basting brush, brush both sides with the Orange Honey-Butter Glaze.

**Orange Honey-Butter Glaze
Makes 1/4 cup**

- 2 tablespoons butter, well softened
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- Pinch of grated nutmeg

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients until creamy and spreadable like icing.



Refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. Soften to a spreadable consistency before using.

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Distant daughters-in-law

Dear Annie

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

Dear Annie: For years, I have tried to have a relationship with my two daughters-in-law, and at some point, I finally gave up. Now, when we get together, the family gatherings are not horrible. But at best, they are superficial.

It is very difficult to have conversations when they text nearly the entire time – which I never address – or converse back and forth between each other and ignore me, even when I interject into conversations. It is as if I'm invisible or in a cone of silence.

When the holiday or event is over, then it's goodbye with a kiss and a hug and out the door until the next major birthday or holiday. I have, in the early years, tried to meet them for lunch – on my dime – or go shopping, but they have always respectfully declined.

This apathy has carried over into my grandchildren. All of them are so close and personable with the other grandparents, who are wonderful people, and I do understand how daughters are just naturally close to their moms, so it stands to reason that the grandchildren would be closer to them since more time is spent there.

I am a grieving mom and grandmother who has tried, to no avail. I feel loved at a distance and pray for a better connection and relationship. I am thankful for the moments I have had, even with the feeling of distance. At least they haven't gone out of my life completely. – Grieving Grandmother

Dear Grieving Grandmother: You are wise to be grateful for the good moments you have had. If you focus on what you appreciate, you will attract more of that. In the meantime, where are your sons? I would suggest that you take them to lunch, rather than your daughters-in-law, and let them know that you are feeling left out.

Along the same lines, if your daughters-in-law are texting and ignoring you during a holiday dinner, why not use that as an opportunity to talk to your sons and grandchildren?

Dear Annie: I am a woman in my 50s who always thought I had good manners. Recently, I have had several appointments with a new physician, who is in her 30s. She knew she had been recommended by my friend and next-door neighbor, who is a physician of the same specialty but does not see private patients.

She immediately addressed me by my first name, which I thought was friendly and lovely. When I

reciprocated and called her by her first name, she informed me that it was not appropriate for a patient to call a doctor by her first name.

Did I miss something in my junior high etiquette classes, or did she? Is there a rule about how people in a professional relationship should address each other? – Just Wondering

Dear Wondering: Since she was referred to you by your neighbor, who is a doctor and who, I assume, you call by her first name, it is understandable that you addressed this young physician by her first name. However, as a general rule, it is better to err on the side of caution and address doctors as "Dr." until they tell you otherwise.

Dear Annie: I met a man about four years ago. We started dating a week after we met, upon his insistence. Well, after we were together a year, I found out that he was messaging with a girl online and had been for several months. She didn't want him. Then, a month after that, I heard he cheated on me with someone from work who was in her early 20s, the same age as his daughter. I confronted him, but he refused to admit he was guilty. However, I've caught him exchanging sexual messages with a couple of other girls online since then. He says he's never actually hooked up with them in person.

I guess my question for you is, is it worth trying to keep this man in my life? I love him, and he says he loves me, but part of me is no longer in love with him. If I'm being honest, I've felt this way ever since I heard of his cheating with that young woman. What do you think, Annie: Should I set him on the curb on trash day? My heart is telling me to stay, but my mind is wanting me to tell him to get lost. – Confused Girlfriend

Dear Confused: Listen to your mind on this one. Not only did he cheat on you more than once (the racy messages count as cheating), but he's also shown no interest in truly making it right by you. Life is short, and your time is too precious to squander on someone who doesn't value it. While at first it might feel hard to live without him, eventually, you'll look back and wonder how you lived with him for as long as you did.

Dear Annie: I'm a senior in high school, and I'm struggling with finances

right now. I plan on going to community college, but even so, I would still have to pay \$2,000 out of pocket because for some reason, they are having trouble viewing my Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.

I'm very overwhelmed, and I don't even know what to do now. If I stop school for a year to work and save up money, it will be very difficult for me to readjust to a student's lifestyle. If I don't, I'll have to take a loan out, and I don't even know if I'll be able to afford to pay it back. I have five kids to help care for (my little siblings). Is there some sort of solution to this? I know that when I'm stressed and overwhelmed it's very hard for me to see obvious answers to my problems, and I tend to overthink. I just need some guidance and advice and a bit of a walk-through. My entire family is depending on me to pull through educationally. So, I really need a stable, decent-paying job that can support a family.

I'd really appreciate any help you can offer. – Embarrassed and Overwhelmed

Dear Embarrassed: Far from being embarrassed, you should be proud. You're investing in your education and beginning a new chapter of your life while also helping to take care of your family. Don't be dissuaded from starting school just because you're feeling overwhelmed by applying for student loans. Navigating the student loan system can be a challenge, even for people who have done it before. It's natural that you'd need some guidance in the process. Fortunately, the Federal Student Aid Information Center exists for just such a purpose. Reach out to their hotline at 800-433-3243 for expert assistance. Kudos, and best wishes to you.

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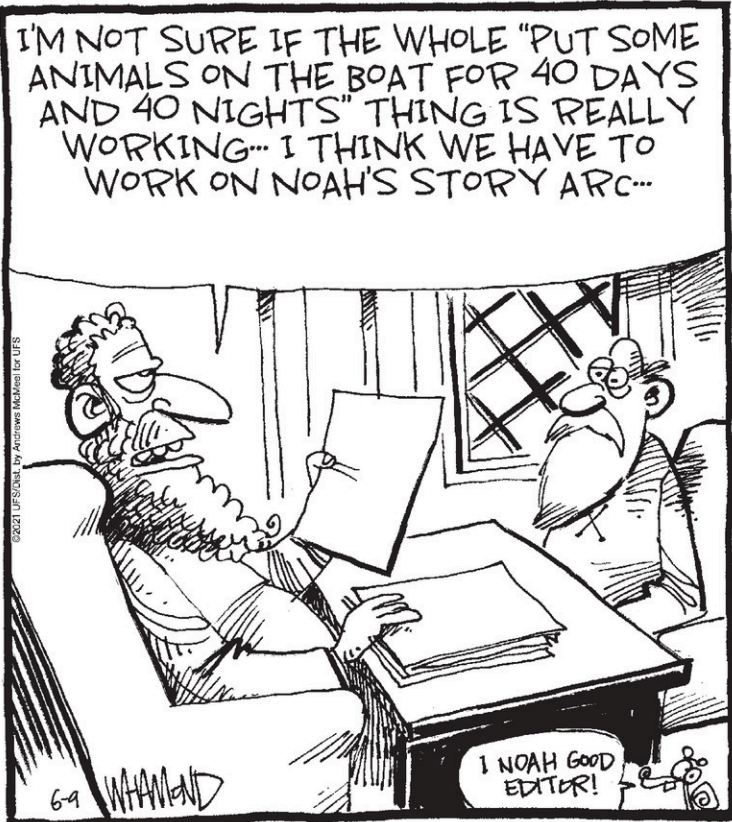
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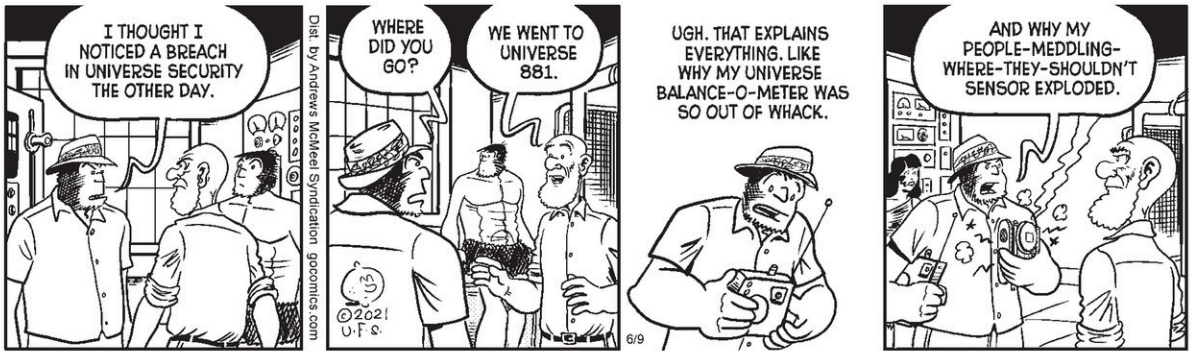


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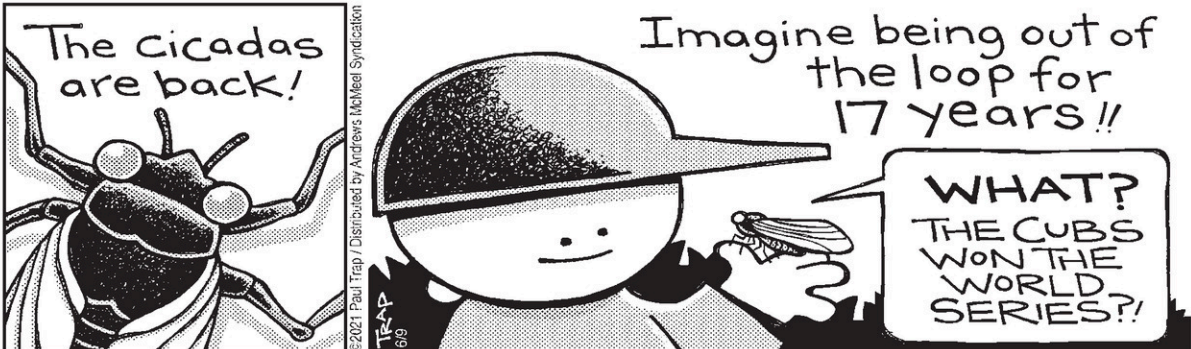
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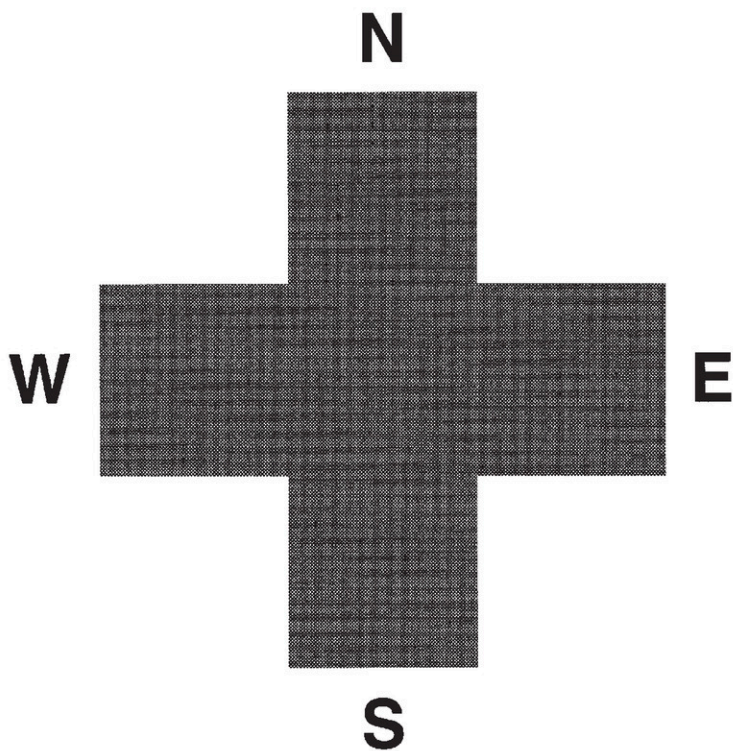
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Your Birthday

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for a cost-efficient, easy-to-handle opportunity, then proceed. Don't get involved with ventures that you cannot control. Someone will mislead you if you are too eager or gullible.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Size up situations before you respond. Keep your input moderate and practical. Refuse to let emotions escalate into something you cannot control. Rely on your experience and ability.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Turn up the volume and do your happy dance. If you let the little things get you down, you'll have trouble accomplishing what you set out to do. Dismiss anyone trying to disrupt your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Indecisiveness will disrupt your day. Use your imagination and skills to overcome any doubts that surface. A personal change will boost your confidence and give you a needed push.

Consider a simpler lifestyle. Practice minimalism, and you will find a way to make the most out of what you already have. Truth, honesty, good health, exercise and love will lead to peace of mind and happiness. Be the one to make a difference and lead the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Don't labor over the impossible. Concentrate on how to use your skills and knowledge to move forward with your plans. Discipline will help you promote the changes you want to implement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Put an emotional matter to rest before you miss out on something special. Make whatever adjustments are necessary to fit something unique into your schedule. A partnership is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Rely on your stamina and ingenuity to get you through your day. Don't let what others do unsettle you. Align yourself with people who are upbeat, share your beliefs and want to bring about positive change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Be cautious when dealing with partners, superiors or joint ventures. Someone will not be forthcoming with valuable information. Do your due diligence before you sign up for a new venture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Avoid anyone who agitates you. Put your energy into learning and communicating with people who have something of interest to share with you. Avoid taking a health risk or taxing yourself physically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Look

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Heel
 - 4 Horde
 - 7 Flip a coin
 - 11 Blue or green
 - 12 Withstand
 - 13 Far East nanny
 - 14 Is, for them
 - 15 Legend
 - 16 Metro area
 - 17 Cramped
 - 19 Penned
 - 21 Watched
 - 22 Snead or Shepard
 - 23 Father of Seth
 - 26 Port near Hong Kong
 - 30 Authorize
 - 34 Down with the flu
 - 35 Checkout scan
 - 36 Move abroad
 - 39 Lays off food
 - 42 Snakes lack them
 - 43 - Claire, Wis.
 - 45 With, to monsieur
- 48 Chases fly balls**
- 50 Fish hawk**
- 52 Hi's spouse**
- 53 Lend a hand**
- 55 Issa -**
- 56 Fix potatoes**
- 57 Pipe bends**
- 58 That, in Acapulco**
- 59 Rushed**
- 60 River inlet**
- 61 German article**
- DOWN**
- 1 Chinese dynasty
 - 2 Mystiques
 - 3 Steel plow inventor
 - 4 Tabby's sound
 - 5 Rower's need
 - 6 Concocts
 - 7 Puget Sound port
 - 8 Not include
 - 9 Over-indulge

- 10 Not sociable
- 12 Not brunette
- 18 Caboose's place
- 20 Ewe's mate
- 24 Lemon cooler
- 25 Wordless actor
- 27 KGB counterpart
- 28 Hgt.
- 29 "Hurrah!"
- 30 " - Wiedersehen"
- 31 Tax pro
- 32 Vaccine amts.
- 33 Aunt, in Madrid
- 37 Takes hold of
- 38 Invitation addendum
- 40 Pestered in fun
- 41 Droop
- 44 Seat formally
- 46 Made a typo
- 47 Stop
- 48 Shower bar
- 49 Add staff
- 50 Earthen jar
- 51 Subscription term
- 52 DJ's platters
- 54 Pharmacist - Lilly

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Sometimes, you have to do the different

By Phillip Alder

It is fun when something unexpected works well. I hadn't watched "Jeopardy!" for years because I was not fond of the presenter. But now I am back to the show, and by far my favorite guest questioner has been Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers quarterback. The more quickly he hangs up his helmet and hosts "Jeopardy!" the better!

Today's deal features a surprising play - a Hail Mary. What should the quarterback do in three no-trump after West leads a fourth-highest heart six?

North has just enough to raise to three no-trump. Obviously, it might not make, but the game bonus is so huge that it pays to gamble.

The run-of-the-mill declarer will play low from the board at trick one, to guarantee a heart trick. However, East wins with the queen and returns the suit, West taking that trick and playing a third round to declarer's jack. South, stuck in his hand, cannot win more than eight tricks. An erudite East, looking at the club king, won't play the heart ace on dummy's four at trick one.

As usual, the hurry-up offense cost another contract. Take a timeout. Declarer must risk looking stupid - he must immediately punt with

North		06-09-21	
♠	8 7 4		
♥	K 4		
♦	9 8 5 4		
♣	J 9 4 3		
West		East	
♠	Q 9 6 3	♠ J 10	
♥	A 10 8 6 3	♥ Q 7 2	
♦	J 7 6	♦ Q 10 3 2	
♣	6	♣ K 8 7 5	
South			
♠	A K 5 2		
♥	J 9 5		
♦	A K		
♣	A Q 10 2		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

dummy's heart king. If it loses, an extra undertrick will be conceded. But when it wins, South can take the club finesse. However, he mustn't fumble. He must run the club nine, the lowest card on the board that can win the trick if the finesse is working. Then declarer continues with the club jack and a third club. He will take two spades, one heart, two diamonds and four clubs - touchdown!