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Linguistic task force files Bill 96 challenge

By Matthew McCully
Local Journalism Initiative

"We're not just talk, we're all about action," said Task Force on Linguistic Policy President Andrew Caddell in an interview with The Record hours after filing an application for judicial review and declaratory judgment on Bill 96 Wednesday morning in Montreal.

Caddell is one of six plaintiffs named in the legal challenge, which claims that sections of Bill 96 (An Act Respecting French, the Official and Common Language of Quebec) are "unconstitutional, inoperative, ultra vires (meaning beyond the powers of a government body) and in violation of the Constitution Act, 1867, the Constitution Act, 1982, the essential framework of Canadian federalism, and Canadian constitutionalism."

That's a mouthful, but as Caddell explained, the bill "is a mess," adding it infringes on the rights of anyone that does not fit the mold in the 'Quebec Nation'—a term that on its own is problematic.

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Courtesy Teaching professionals' union demonstrates against staffing shortages



SPPEE

By Jack Wilson

Members of the Syndicat des professionnelles et professionnels de l'éducation de l'Estrie (SPPEE) gathered in front of Mitchell-Montcalm secondary school May 31 demanding the province improve work conditions and fill empty positions in

schools. The demonstration comes as public sector unions across Quebec negotiate with the province under the Common Front alliance of unions.

The SPPEE is represented by the Centre des syndicats du Québec in Common Front negotiations. The union represents close to 400 members, including psychologists, speech

therapists, social workers and other professionals working in the region's three francophone school service centres and in the English-language Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB). Separate unions also falling under the Common Front umbrella represent the region's teachers.

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Dental work, showers and showtunes



LINDA KNIGHT SECCASPINA

Last week I had a terrible dental infection and had to wear a portable IV for most of the week. It wasn't uncomfortable, but the worst part was trying to take a shower. When I was told not to get it wet I asked what I should do. One of the nurses joked and told me to just try and use one arm. Days later I found out they sell long plastic gloves at the pharmacy, but at that point in time I had no idea. Being resourceful I pulled out one of my pink vinyl fashionista gloves that go up to my armpits. Yes, I have something for every occasion.

It wasn't easy washing my hair with a vinyl glove on and it's taken days for that glove to dry out.

It wasn't easy washing my hair with a vinyl glove on and it's taken days for that glove to dry out. But, as soon as I got into the shower I started singing the opening lyrics of Barry Manilow's song about Lola the Showgirl. The more I washed my hair, the louder I sang and I was suddenly back in time at the Cocacabana carefully doing a showgirl routine. Today, I have to admit it was one of the most interesting showers I ever had, and it was fun acting like I was in a different time. Does time travel exist? It's up to you to believe what is true or what is fiction. This is a true story of what happened to me a few

years ago in San Francisco.

August 2008

Last week as I sat down to enjoy a few minutes in the sunshine I met Billie. She was tall, had short cropped hair, and a white baseball cap on. Billie seemed to be the leader of the pack and also very high on something. It was almost like she felt no one else was there. She got up suddenly and started belting out the song "God Bless the Child."

I knew it was a Billie Holiday song, and I was amazed at the performance she and her three back up girls were giving to the gathering crowd. She was Billie, no doubt about it. After the song, she sat down all out of breath and smiled at me as I gave her a dollar. I asked her how long she had been singing and she wiped her brow and simply said, "Forever."

Suddenly she threw a bag at me and told me to look in it. I had no idea what might be in there, but I was intrigued. I used to collect and design clothes so I know vintage when I see it. Inside the bag was an incredible gold 1930s evening dress. It was moth eaten and it could have used some Febreeze, but I was blown away. I asked her where she got it and she smiled. She told me she had worn it the previous night singing with Count Basie.

I saw a small thin silver cylinder her friend was trying to hide and I knew they were high on drugs. Sweet Billie was still talking plain as day like she had not consumed a thing. She told me she was a time traveller and that she was only here for the day. As I listened, she eased in and out of sentences about being in jail, and how she sang with Benny Goodman. I didn't know much about Billie Holiday's life but the words flowed with great sincerity.

I asked her how she time travelled and she smiled. She told me that when she feels time pulling her down she takes the subway train. Within the six minutes the train goes under the San Francisco Bay through the tunnel she is sucked into time by the volume of the noise. Being a huge fan of the late TV show Lost I never doubted her for one minute and I

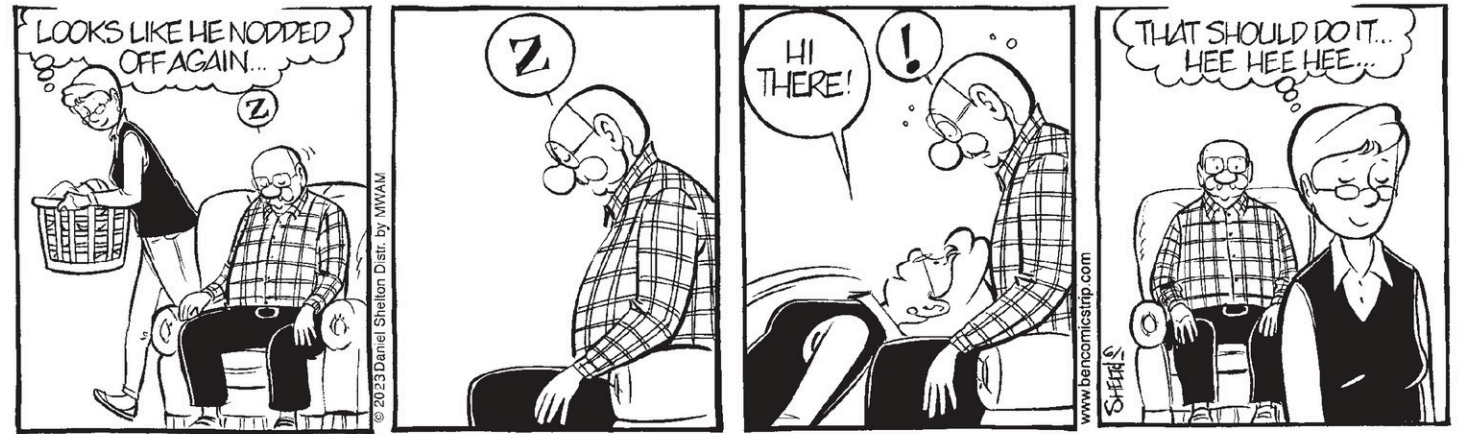
don't know why. She took her cap off, smoothed her hair down and took my hand.

Billie asked me if I would come with her through time later on as she was going to open Carnegie Hall that week. She added she would not come back for a while because the police were looking for her and that is why she was wearing a baseball cap. I was told they would eventually catch up to her next year and would arrest her at the Mark Twain Hotel in San

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Francisco in Room #203.
I stayed at the Mark Twain Hotel in San Francisco almost 28 years ago. It was in a pretty shady part of town, but I remember that big red round Ottoman in the middle of the lobby like it was yesterday. I wondered what the Hotel had looked like in its heyday and who I would have been had I time travelled time like Billie.
"So you sure you aren't coming?" she asked me.
I told her I was busy, but maybe some other time. With that she smiled and went back to the centre of the plaza and sang another tune with her girls. I saw the flower man and I immediately had an idea. I crossed the street and bought one of the dollar gardenias that were floating in a white plastic bucket. Billie had just finished her performance and I handed her the flower.
I smiled and told her, "Billie, this for your Carnegie Hall Concert."
She ripped her cap off and put it in her hair and said quietly, "Thank you Mam, I will cherish it forever because I will always be the lady who sings the blues."
And to me she always would be.
Have a great week and don't forget to crank out some showtunes in the shower this week!

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

Earlier in the day, Trudeau said he maintained confidence in Johnston, despite the stance of opposition MPs.

David Johnston plans to keep role, as House of Commons votes for him to step aside

By Stephanie Taylor and Mia Rabson
The Canadian Press

David Johnston said his mandate to probe allegations of foreign interference comes from the government and not the House of Commons, after members of Parliament voted in favour of his ouster on Wednesday.

The former governor general released a statement following vote on a motion brought forward by the NDP, which the Conservatives and Bloc Québécois

supported while the Liberals stood opposed.

It passed 174 to 150.

It called on Johnston, whom Prime Minister Justin Trudeau named back in March to look into allegations that China tried meddling in the past two federal elections, to "step aside from his role."

It asked the government to instead launch a public inquiry into the issue of foreign interference, which the former governor general recommended against in his initial report last week.

"When I accepted the mandate to act as independent special rapporteur,

I did so with full knowledge of the fact that the work ahead would be neither straightforward nor uncontroversial," Johnston said in his statement.

"I deeply respect the right of the House of Commons to express its opinion about my work going forward, but my mandate comes from the government. I have a duty to pursue that work until my mandate is completed."

Earlier in the day, Trudeau said he maintained confidence in Johnston, despite the stance of opposition MPs.

Opposition parties initially decried his appointment because of Johnston's

family connections to the prime minister's family and the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

Trudeau brushed off those concerns, telling reporters that he views the matter as political parties wanting to score "partisan points."

"The fact of the matter is David Johnston has served this country in extraordinary capacities for decades," Trudeau said Wednesday on his way into a meeting with his Liberal caucus.

"He's taken this incredibly seriously," Government House leader Mark

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Courtesy Teaching professionals

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The most recent Ministry of Education update reported 180 vacant psychologist positions, 164 missing speech therapists and 190 missing psychoeducators provincially. It also showed over 900 vacant teaching posts. "We have more and more difficulty filling posts," SPPEE president Martin Côté said. If the province wants to reverse the trend, "it needs to offer the conditions necessary for attraction and retention," he said.

Many professionals are leaving schools because they can find better

jobs in the private sector, or even elsewhere in the public sector, Côté said. The union is seeking higher pay, especially for its many members with master's degrees and doctorates. Other sectors factor higher education background into pay rates, he said, accusing the province of trying "to tie us down without offering the conditions to attract us."

As a result of shortages, many professionals have less time to engage directly with students, Côté said. "They are often planning instead

of intervening," he said, another reason some seek jobs elsewhere. With limited personnel, "we mostly intervene with students with the most serious problems," leaving little time for the children with less serious needs.

"Because we're lacking resources, either the children don't receive the resources, they wait too long or the parents go to the private sector," Côté said. "Not every parent can pay for the private sector," he added.

"We want there to be more

professional services, to fill existing vacancies and to add positions," Côté said. "Teachers are more tired. Teachers want to have more help in the classroom and often, professionals can be part of the solution."

Alongside higher pay, the union is seeking more attractive working conditions, including the ability to work remotely for certain tasks.

The SPPEE's membership plays an essential role in schools, Côté said. "We help teachers. We help parents. We help students."

Bill 96 challenge

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"Quebec Nation, by way they define it, is exclusionary," Caddell said. The application points out that "this definition is exclusionary and does not include non-francophones or those

who do not share the same ethnocentric, anthropological, sociocultural group of

common characteristics, origins, and history with the francophone majority of Québec."

Caddell said the legal challenge intends to skirt right past the notwithstanding clause.

"The present application submits that the clause does not obstruct from litigation

of majority of the principal provisions and their invalidity," it reads, going on to say that even if any articles in the Bill were found to be protected by the notwithstanding

clause, it still wouldn't apply, because "a. The notwithstanding clause cannot abolish the rights conferred by the Canadian Constitution;

b. The effect of the notwithstanding clause is limited to returning the state of

the law to its pre-1982 counterpart."

Collective rights versus individual rights are addressed in the task force legal challenge.

"By instituting the collective right of the Québec nation in paramountcy to all

other rights and freedoms," the challenge explains that the identity of Québec's francophone majority and culture takes precedence over the individual identity, language and culture of Québec's non-francophones who are required and obligated to restrain the public expression of their minority identity,

language, and culture."

In a press release about the legal challenge, the Task Force on Linguistic Policy highlighted the cases that will be presented:

- General plaintiffs acting as public interest litigants, as a constitutional question.

- Canadian citizens who did not go to school in English in Canada.

- Permanent residents in Québec who will no longer be eligible to receive communications in English from Québec after six months here.

- A mother whose autistic child has not been able to receive proper specialized care because his first language is English.

"I'm a grinder," Caddell said, referring to his football days, coming in at 150lbs soaking wet, "and so are the people that are with me."

He knows the 'David and Goliath'

fight will be a long one, and believes supporters will open up their pocketbooks to support the legal action. "We are not funded by the government," Caddell explained.

"I think they (the provincial government) just had no clue as to what the consequences would be," Caddell said, adding the question was recently asked in National Assembly why the government is facing so many court cases. He suggested the contentious Bills were amateurish, written without an understanding of what the repercussions would be.

According to the application, Bill 96 "impermissibly creates a hierarchy of individual rights and freedoms where the right to the French language and its accessories takes precedence over any

other individual right and freedom."

More federal ministers could get security details as threats increase

The Canadian Press

The federal government is looking to better protect cabinet ministers and MPs as the threats against them continue to grow, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday.

"We are looking into real measures to increase the safety of ministers and we're working with the sergeant-at-arms to ensure security for all parliamentarians," Trudeau said in French in the House of Commons.

He was responding to a question from Independent Quebec MP Alain Rayes, who said all provincial cabinet ministers in Quebec get a bodyguard, and all federal ministers and party leaders should as well.

"We're all aware that the number of threats and aggressive speeches, whether in person or online, is

increasing," Rayes said in French.

"The risks are real. We shouldn't wait for an unfortunate event to happen before we all say, 'Oh, we should have done something.'"

Trudeau agreed, though he did not say if a bodyguard for every minister is in the cards.

"Over the last several years, we've seen an increase in polarization and the toxicity and the level of hate (in) discourse in Canada, especially hate directed toward parliamentarians," Trudeau said.

"We have to do everything necessary to keep those who serve democracy safe."

After a rise in security incidents during the 2021 election — including charges of assault being laid against one man after he threw gravel at Trudeau during a campaign stop — Trudeau instructed Public Safety

Minister Marco Mendicino to work on bolstering security of both ministers and MPs. Some changes have already been implemented.

Last year, members of Parliament were issued panic buttons and offered security assessments of their offices and their private homes.

"We're all aware that the number of threats and aggressive speeches, whether in person or online, is increasing," Rayes said in French.

But direct protection is offered only to a very small few.

The RCMP has dedicated security details for the Governor General and the prime minister, but other cabinet ministers only receive protection on specific occasions or in response to specific concerns.

The RCMP's 2023-24 planning report listed "bolstering the security of ministers and Parliamentarians" among its priorities for this year.

A senior government source confirmed that a funding request has been made to Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland to help the RCMP dedicate additional officers to its VIP protection service.

Families Minister Karina Gould

said she has needed RCMP protection a few times, and the threats are far worse now than they were when she was first elected eight years ago.

"There is definitely a change in threats and violence against politicians in Canada," she told reporters Wednesday morning.

The effect of that change on ministers is sometimes very visible.

At a Liberal cabinet retreat in Hamilton in January, Gould was noticeably nervous about leaving the hotel by herself one evening after Trudeau and the cabinet were harassed and verbally assaulted during a dinner at a nearby restaurant and the walk back to the hotel.

Justice Minister David Lametti said Wednesday he took advantage of a security assessment for his home and constituency office in Montreal. Despite that, he said his office has been vandalized with a broken window and graffiti.

"It's quite serious the impact that it had on my local staff," he said. "So we have to work to rebuild that kind of confidence. It's serious."

The threats have also made it to personal residences.

On May 15, Niagara Regional Police arrested a 44-year-old man for allegedly taking a baseball bat to multiple windows of the home of Niagara Centre Liberal MP Vance Badawey.

The man was charged with mischief over \$5,000 and uttering threats after allegedly threatening two witnesses who saw the attack take place.

THE RECORD

Job opportunity - Reporter

The Record is seeking a full-time reporter to work in its newsroom thanks to funding provided by the Local Journalism Initiative, a Canadian Heritage program, administered in Quebec through the Quebec Community Newspapers Association.

The Record is the only English-language daily newspaper serving the Eastern Townships and has been recognized as the 'Voice of the Eastern Townships' for 125 years. It covers some 27 communities with significant English-speaking populations situated throughout the vast territory of the Eastern Townships.

To fulfil this mandate, The Record is seeking a bilingual reporter with excellent English-language writing skills who understands the mandate of community journalism and the important role the newspaper plays in keeping readers informed on the social, political, economic issues that concern them in their daily lives. This would include covering municipal council meetings, school board meetings, environmental and agricultural consultations, the courts and researching subjects that affect the community.

Given the vast territory, the successful candidate would need to be bilingual, flexible, have access to a vehicle and able to work well with the newsroom team to produce stories of the highest standard for both print and the web.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate is:

- a graduate of a college or university journalism program and/or significant professional experience working as a journalist
- an excellent communicator in English with a good working ability in French
- familiar with basic computer software including InDesign
- a capable photographer
- a licensed driver, preferably with a car

An ability to work some evenings and weekends is essential (with time off provided during the week as compensation).

Appreciation of community journalism and familiarity with the Eastern Townships are strong assets.

Applicants are invited to send a one-page covering letter along with a résumé to Sharon McCully, Publisher, The Record, at outletjournal@sympatico.ca

Deadline for application: Immediate

David Johnston

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Holland has said he has been trying to negotiate with opposition parties to find additional avenues to address concerns about foreign interference that go beyond what has already been offered.

Holland has repeatedly said the hyper-political rhetoric around the discussions in public has been counterproductive, but he would not elaborate on what else the government is offering.

Johnston said in his report that due to the sensitive nature of national security and the intelligence he studied, there would be no way to divulge the information Canadians are seeking publicly. He said that would defeat the purpose of a public inquiry.

He said what he plans to do instead is hold a series of public hearings to further probe the issue.

Those hearings would focus on hearing from officials of both past and present governments, as well as members of diaspora communities affected by foreign interference attempts.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has attempted to walk a fine line in

promoting the motion. He has been saying that while he has no qualms with Johnston, he understands that others do and that creates an appearance of bias that taints his work.

The motion was brought forward by NDP Jenny Kwan. She recently told reporters that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service informed her she has been a target of China since before the 2019 federal vote, because of her advocacy around human rights in China.

Trudeau has dismissed allegations of Johnston is in a conflict of interest as politically motivated attacks without any basis in fact.

Speaking to reporters last week, Johnston also defended his work, saying this has been the first time his impartiality has been questioned, which he finds "troubling."

He has said his "friendship" with the prime minister is rooted only in the five or so times their families went skiing together decades ago.

Trudeau was also a student at McGill University at the time when Johnston was serving as principal and vice-chancellor.

The Border Report

The drive to help our youth graduate to the next level and to prepare for the upcoming school year continues in July with our Second Chance Program.

The next few months at Phelps



It's hard to believe there are only a few more weeks of Phelps Helps tutoring sessions to go in the last month of school before the summer. High school exams are on the horizon, and our tutoring format will be changing. The year has flown by with the resurgence in participants attending our sessions in 2022/2023. In the Elementary Tutoring Program, we have had an average of thirty-six Grade 5 & 6 students attend our three weekly tutoring sessions. In the High School Tutoring Program, we have had eighty-two individuals join us throughout the year, with an average of twenty participants per session. We have helped our kids improve their confidence and grades, get their homework done, and prepare to graduate to the next level.

In the next couple of weeks, the High School Tutoring Program will be ramping up its sessions with a "good study habits" workshop and an increased focus on the more challenging subjects faced by our participants in their exams. We'll also be showing our moral support with exam care packages complete with water bottles, protein bars and study supplies.

The end of our regular tutoring sessions on June 8 does not mean our work is done - not for the Phelps Helps team, and certainly not for the high school students who will either be in

the midst of exams or about to begin. The High School Tutoring Program will be providing one-on-one tutoring sessions from June 12-23. Students can schedule hourly sessions with our tutors at predetermined times throughout the week, during the day or evening and as often as they like.

The drive to help our youth graduate to the next level and to prepare for the upcoming school year continues in July with our Second Chance Program. This will be the fourth year of Second Chance which offers free one-on-one tutoring to both elementary (upper grades) and high school students with highly skilled tutors in core subjects such as English, French, Math and Science throughout the month of July. This is especially beneficial to high school students needing to retake their exams in August. The school year may be coming to an end, but our mission to help our youth at Phelps Helps is year round!

Also upcoming in August is our Phelps Helps Summer Camp that both challenges Stanstead area participants aged 10 to 13 with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities as well as providing invaluable work experience for high school students who are hired as camp leaders under Phelps Helps supervision. In the past, the youth have practiced making model water-wheels,



gondola boats and catapults. It has been so popular that this year we are thinking of offering a second week to accommodate the demand. The STEM-based activities will be augmented with a variety of other workshops and outings.

In the meantime, as this school year comes to an end along with our regular tutoring sessions, the Phelps Helps team will also be throwing a few parties in June. We will have a party to celebrate our volunteers who have stuck with us throughout the school season, providing our participants with their highly valued expertise and guidance. We will be celebrating our elementary school kids, many of whom will be taking that big step into high school next year.

And we will be celebrating with our high school students, who persevered industriously with their classes and their studies for the last nine months!

Details about registration for Second Chance and our summer camp will be available soon on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PhelpsHelpsStanstead. Contact us with your questions using the details below.

Phelps Aide Phelps Helps was founded in 2012 and has grown organically from a single high school tutoring program to six unique programs, providing the Stanstead area with free educational and career support. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.

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The kittens were literally born lucky, as Sierra did not have to give birth outdoors or at best under a verandah. All of her kittens have been adopted and it's her turn now.

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To inquire, please give our cat adoption coordinator, Linda, a call at 819 868 2684 or send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com. Page 5 FAS pet Sierra



EDITORIAL

Where this division of labour is most noticeable is when it comes to gardening. My bride is a flower person and I'm strictly a vegetable man.

Pots, pots and more pots



TIM BELFORD

At our house there's pretty much a well-established separation of duties. Grocery shopping, cooking, dishes, bed making, that sort of thing is divided fairly equally. Admittedly, I never do the laundry but that's more because She Who Must Be Obeyed doesn't care for my cavalier attitude towards throwing everything into the wash at the same time. Then again, I do most of the snow shoveling.

Where this division of labour is most noticeable is when it comes to gardening. My bride is a flower person and I'm strictly a vegetable man.

I have a small enclosed plot in the back yard where I arrange yellow and green beans, garlic, carrots, tomatoes and occasionally cucumbers, peppers and squash in neat, well-ordered rows. It is all surrounded by a fine mesh fence that serves to keep out unwanted visitors including, squirrels, raccoons, groundhogs and the inevitable deer or two. The rest of the yard is her domain.

At this time of year our property takes on the look of a mini garden-

supply lot. What seems to me to be hundreds of plastic containers containing hostas, ferns, petunias, marigolds, begonias, pansies, geraniums, flox, thyme, chives and several other unknowns, cover every available flat surface. When there is a danger, as has often been the case this spring, of a cold snap or even a frost, they all have to be given cover.

The result is, on cool evenings, getting to my corner chair in the gazebo requires the skill of a wilderness guide. Not allowed to use a machete to cut my trail, I must carefully part the vegetation that covers every available surface including floors, tables and the comfortable settee.

The same holds true for our one-time, garage-turned-workshop, where work bench, table saws, tool boxes and floors have been surrendered to flats of flowers.

Once the warm weather has arrived the planting begins. All of the aforementioned containers must be taken back outside and placed on the deck. Here they will remain merrily sunning themselves awaiting their turn to be placed around the yard. During the wait, the love of my life takes on the role of Gunga Din, Rudyard Kipling's famous water boy of the book of the same name. Each day, container after container of fresh water must be hauled to the awaiting plants. But not too much. Over watering, I have been admonished, is worse than no water.

Even after the vast floral display has been suitable potted or planted, the job has barely begun. The daily watering, particularly during the hot snaps, is alternated with weeding, pruning and dead heading. There is also the danger



of the dreaded 're-planting' where the love of my life decides, for no discernable reason that I can fathom, to dig up and move a bush or shrub that is "not in the right spot."

Finally, there is the spraying. With so many plants scattered around the estate it is virtually impossible to protect them, short of erecting a Kingston Penitentiary like wall. In lieu of fencing, the

lady of the house, therefore, has resorted to the use of a noxious smelling deterrent which she sprays on the vulnerable flora with special emphasis on the hostas which the deer recognize as an all-you-can-eat salad bar.

In the end, I must admit it is all worthwhile. The garden looks lovely and will remain a visual feast for the next three months. Then we can start prepping for next year.

Letters

Lennoxville Scouts bottle drive update

As a follow up to your front page photo of the Lennoxville scouts bottle drive published May 29th, I am pleased to inform you and your readers that we were able to raise approximately \$1,700. We would like to publicly thank Mr. Robert Lafond of Provigo Lennoxville for his support and for allowing, once again, our group the use of the store's parking lot. The success of this fundraiser is due to the public saving their empty bottles and cans and bringing them to us. The money raised is used to support the scouting activities of the youth, both girls and boys, aged 5 to 18 based here in Lennoxville. Save your bottles and cans, we will be doing this again!

Thanks for highlighting us in your paper. I would like to remind all your readers that we are always looking for volunteers to be leaders and for youth who would want to join us for a fun time.

REGARDS,
MARISA HOY

GROUP COMMISSIONER, 1ST LENNOXVILLE SCOUTS

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Local Sports

Exactly how that neutrality is being defined is not very much clearer now as key qualification events start for the Olympics that open in July next year.

Olympic sports leaders meet amid uncertainty over Russians competing at 2024 Paris Games

By Graham Dunbar
The Associated Press

Complex questions about if-and how-Russian athletes could return to their competitions ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics looked far from being resolved when sports governing bodies met Wednesday.

Different sports have varying sporting, political and logistical pressures, and there's a lack of clarity about how to define neutral status for Russian and Belarusian athletes that is mandatory for their return on the field of play.

"Every sport has its own idea. We are far in my opinion to have a common position, it is quite impossible," Francesco Ricci Bitti, president of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and a veteran of Olympic politics, said.

The ASOIF annual meeting came two months after the International Olympic Committee gave detailed advice on how individual athletes from Russia and its military ally Belarus could be reintegrated as neutral athletes, despite those countries' ongoing war on Ukraine.

and firmly," Ricci Bitti said, as a conflict of interest for his umbrella group. The Court of Arbitration for Sport is now involved in the process.

IOC president Thomas Bach briefly attended Wednesday and said some governing bodies of the 32-sport Paris program, who have ultimate control over their own events, had proven how Russian and Belarusians could continue to compete.

"You are doing so against the backdrop of the many traditional, I may say, naysayers who want to make people believe that it would never work," Bach said. He did not speak with reporters when leaving after his speech.

Bach and the IOC led calls within days of the invasion of Ukraine in February of last year to banish Russia from international sport, including to protect the security of athletes.

As the war continued and the 2024 Olympics approached, the IOC and Bach started to suggest it was discrimination to exclude all Russians and Belarusians. If approved to compete, the IOC said, Russian and Belarusians would not be allowed to use their flag, anthem or uniforms in national colors.

Various pressures on the Olympic sports to make the IOC policy work include the influence in sports and governments of Ukraine's European allies, and which countries are due to host key events.

In gymnastics, a top-tier Summer Games sport where Russians excel, a decision on reintegrating them was pushed back to at least July. World championships that are a key qualifier for Paris start Sept. 30 in Antwerp, Belgium.

On the sporting side, tennis does not want to class doubles and mixed doubles as team sports, Ricci Bitti said, testing the limits of the IOC guidance.

Track and field has taken the strongest stance by excluding all Russians while the International Judo Federation let some Russians compete in Qatar at its worlds this month, an event which was boycotted by Ukraine. The IJF's honorary president until last year was Vladimir Putin, who is an expert judoka.

The complicated situation in fencing-Bach's own sport where the long-time governing body president, Kremlin-connected billionaire Alisher Usmanov, stepped aside while under international sanctions-saw several Olympic champions from Russia denied neutral status this month.

They included the daughter of Russian Olympic Committee president Stanislav Pozdnyakov, who then criticized the neutral eligibility

process as a "farce" and a "thinly veiled suspension." Pozdnyakov also warned of a Russian boycott of events.

Swimming awaits advice by September from a panel that includes athletes, World Aquatics executive director Brent Nowicki said Wednesday. The 2024 world championships, in February in Qatar, can be a qualifying path for Paris.

"I'd imagine there's many people in the room today that are in a much more difficult situation," Nowicki said.

Olympic sports officials are weighing their decisions while in Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, plus past and current Olympic medalists, continue to insist Russia must be excluded from Paris.

Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo also said there should be no Russian delegation at the Olympics if the war continues.

However, tennis fans in Paris

turned on Ukrainian player Marta Kostyuk on Sunday at the French Open, booing her for refusing a post-match handshake with her Belarusian opponent Aryna Sabalenka. Roland Garros also will host the Olympic tennis tournaments next year.

Tennis and cycling have continued, since the war started, to let Russians and Belarusians compete as neutral individuals on their global tours.

"I think it's up to the fans to be able to express whatever they feel is appropriate," International Tennis Federation president David Haggerty said Wednesday. "At times there are tensions in the locker room but at times we see Russian and Ukrainian players perhaps playing doubles together."

Ultimately, the IOC can choose to bar Russia from its Olympics, and Bach said in March such a decision could be taken "at the appropriate time at its full discretion."

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Exactly how that neutrality is being defined is not very much clearer now as key qualification events start for the Olympics that open in July next year.

The IOC in March advised that some Russians and Belarusians could return in individual events but not team sports, if they had not actively supported the war in Ukraine, and are not contracted to "military or national security agencies."

The IOC also suggested ASOIF and the winter sports umbrella group, AIOWF, could oversee "creating a single independent panel" to run and "harmonize" the neutral status evaluations of hundreds of athletes, coaches and support staff.

That idea was dismissed "strongly



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In 1796, Tennessee was admitted as the 16th U.S. state.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev signed an accord to halt production of chemical weapons.

In 2009, General Motors Co. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Brigham Young (1801-1877), religious leader; Andy Griffith (1926-2012), actor; Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962), actress; Pat Boone (1934-), singer-songwriter; Morgan Freeman (1937-), actor; Brian Cox (1946-), actor; Jonathan Pryce (1947-), actor; Ronnie Wood (1947-), guitarist; Powers Boothe (1948-2017), actor; Heidi Klum (1973-), model/TV personality; Alanis Morissette (1974-), singer-songwriter; Amy Schumer (1981-), actress/comedian; Justine Henin (1982-), tennis player; Tom Holland (1996-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," released on this day in 1967, was the first rock album to win a Grammy Award for Album of the Year.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1925, Lou Gehrig pinch-hit for the New York Yankees, marking the first game in Gehrig's record-setting streak of 2,130 consecutive games played.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I wish people could achieve what they think would bring them happiness in order for them to realize that that's not really what happiness is." – Alanis Morissette

TODAY'S NUMBER: 25 – missions flown over 19 years of service for the space shuttle Endeavor; the orbiter returned to Earth from its final spaceflight on this day in 2011.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (May 27) and full moon (June 3).



There are several stages to fire ant bites



ASK THE DOCTORS

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

Dear Doctors: My husband and I were clearing weeds when I felt a sharp jab on my leg. I thought the weed whacker had kicked up a rock, but it was a bite from a fire ant. The pain was severe, as was the reaction. I got a huge lump, blisters and bright red skin. What can you do for fire ant bites?

Dear Reader: Fire ants are native to South America. More than a century ago, the first of the two species now found in the United States arrived aboard a cargo ship in Mobile, Alabama. Black fire ants arrived in 1918, while red fire ants, also shipboard stowaways, were first observed in the late 1930s. At this time, fire ants inhabit the southeastern and southwestern states, much of California and some of lower Oregon. They spread into new areas by expanding their colonies and are introduced in transported agricultural products.

Both species are extremely aggressive when disturbed. Touch or kick a nest, and the ants respond with a rapid vertical climb, during which they sting their target, often multiple times. They fasten themselves to the skin by clamping down with their powerful jaws, then inject a painful venom into the flesh with the stinger located on their hind end.

The venom can elicit a strong and prolonged immune response. In cases of an allergy, as with a bee sting, the effects of the bite can become life-threatening. However, this is rare.

The symptoms you described are typical of a fire ant bite. The initial stinging pain of the bite is followed by a painful burning sensation from the venom in the sting, which gives the ants their name. The area around the bite quickly becomes inflamed and dotted with itchy red bumps. Within a day, the bumps develop into fluid-filled blisters.

Because a single fire ant can bite and sting multiple times, people are advised to immediately and briskly rub them off of the skin. At the same time, step away from the area where you have received the bite, as additional ants may have been disturbed and can also respond with an attack. Wash the area to get ahead of possible infection.

Over-the-counter antihistamines can help blunt the initial effects of the bite. Hydrocortisone cream and ice packs can also ease pain and swelling. In most cases, swelling is localized to the bite and resolves in a few days. If symptoms don't respond to over-the-counter medications, your doctor may advise prescription-strength versions.

The pustules that form around a fire ant bite last a week or more. Infection is possible, so it is important to care for them as you would any wound. This includes keeping the area protected, clean and free from dirt.

When any kind of insect bite causes a severe allergic reaction, it's vital to seek immediate attention. Symptoms include noisy or labored breathing, excessive sweating, nausea, hives or welts, dizziness, unusual weakness, swelling of the face or eyes, slurred speech or chest pain.

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

(Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1955, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)



by Danny Seo

What's one way to save more than \$100 and 4,600 gallons of water a year? Shut off the shower when you are shampooing and conditioning your hair. Typical showers account for around 17% of the average household use of water, making showering the second-biggest water hog in the home. Just turning off the shower for a minute while shampooing can cut down on both energy and water usage. Bonus points if you opt for shampoo bars over plastic bottles to cut back on plastic consumption.

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DRUMMONDVILLE

The directors of St. George's Church Foundation are pleased to invite everyone to its annual Feast of St. George fundraising barbecue to be held on Saturday, June 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Church Hall, 274 Heriot St., Drummondville.

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Salon du Patrimoine de Cleveland (Richmond, Quebec) will hold a Flea Market on June 17 & 18 at the Richmond Fairgrounds. Info & reservation: 819-848-1421, patrimoinecleveland@gmail.com.

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Garage Sale at Christ Church Hall, 548 Dufferin, Stanstead on Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine, in basement. Something for everyone.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville Youth Center would love to invite you to its annual general meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Lennoxville Youth Center, located at 168b Queen Street, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1M 1J9. The AGM will start at 6 p.m. To reserve, please contact Corissa Mullin by email or telephone. Email: dg@lennoxvilleyouthcenter.org. Telephone: (819) 821-4805.

NORTH HATLEY

Eastern Townships Vintage Car Club annual Car Show will be held at the River Park in North Hatley on Sunday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classic and

show cars. Everyone welcome. Rain or shine. Info: 819-578-5052.

LENNOXVILLE

Dedication of a Pride Rainbow Flag on June 4 at 10 a.m. (Pride Sunday), Lennoxville United Church (corner of Queen and Church) will dedicate a new Pride Rainbow Flag which hangs outside by the front door on Queen Street. This will be a special service, with special music, led by Rev. Ron Coughlin which celebrates the gifts of all people regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the service.

MOE'S RIVER

The annual Moe's River Strawberry - Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Moe's River Church. Parking in Ronnie Haseltine's yard. Bring your own lawn chairs. There will be music, dancing, raffles, great conversation, desserts, and of course ice cream and strawberries!

NORTH HATLEY

And the Lord said, "Go into the Wilderness." A sermon on wild spirituality: What comes to mind when you hear the words "civilisation" and "wilderness"? Usually, we associate civilisation with care and morality, and we think of wilderness as the battleground where might makes right. But what if things were the other way round? What would a new understanding of wilderness mean for how we think and live in the world? And, where does spirituality come in? Layla AbdelRahim is a comparative anthropologist who challenges us to rethink what we think we know about ourselves, civilisation and wilderness. Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Community (UUEstrie), 201 Main, North Hatley. All are welcome. Info: info@uuestrie.ca, www.uuestrie.ca, Facebook UU Estrie.

Setting free sibling drama

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

Dear Annie: My one sister and I took care of our parents for the last 20 years due to their poor health and dementia. We have another sister who always made promises to our parents to stop by and take them out to eat or make them some of their favorite food, but they hardly ever did that.

What hurts is that this sibling really hurt our parents' feelings. Now she is on Facebook posting untruths about how she took care of our parents and was so devoted to them during the last years. On birthdays and anniversaries, she posts pictures but cuts everyone out except our parents. They weren't even there at these events, but they post them as theirs, with no mention of us! When we post stuff, we include all siblings.

This is causing a strain, and I feel it's probably the end of a chance of a relationship with our sister. I held no ill will toward them because not everyone has what it takes to take care of the sick and dying. But it hurts that now they want to take all the credit and give us none, when we actually did it all for our parents. How can I let go of the hurt and anger and just move on? - Resentful

Dear Resentful: The things that matter most in this scenario are 1. the fact that your parents were taken care of in their final days and 2. the fact that you can feel good about yourself knowing that you selflessly made their health one of your top priorities.

The things that don't matter in this scenario include: what your sister posts on Facebook, whatever lies or half-truths she spreads to her friends, and the opinions of others.

Focus on what's important.

By holding a grudge, you are only hurting yourself. Your sister clearly does not care. As Buddha famously said, "Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die."

Dear Annie: Regarding "Disapproving," whose 19-year-old daughter is planning to wed soon, your response is perfect. As parents of adult children, it is important to know how to guide and let go.

I had a similar situation when my daughter was 19. At the time, I was paying for some of her expenses while she was in school. I let her know that financial support would end - not because I was "punishing" her for wanting to move forward with this relationship, but because marriage is two people joining their lives and they should be able to financially support themselves, barring an emergency. She decided to hold off and it was a good decision. Young love is powerful and can lead to romanticized ideas of marriage and family. - Not Living in a Fairy Tale

Dear Fairy Tale: Your conception of marriage - two people joining their lives as independent adults - is exactly right. I love your practical yet compassionate approach to your daughter's engagement.

"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology - featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation - is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information.

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

'Moove' over beef; get on board with pork

(MC) Culinary options multiply when individuals and families are open to trying different foods and recipes. There are many protein sources individuals can consider, and pork ranks highly among them. Pork is consumed worldwide and, when enjoyed in moderation, can be part of a healthy diet.

According to WebMD, ground, cooked pork comes in at roughly 297 calories for a 3.4-ounce serving. One such serving of pork offers 25.7 grams of protein and is richer in thiamine than other red meats like beef and lamb. Thiamine is a B vitamin that is vital to a range of bodily needs. Selenium found in pork is essential for thyroid function.

Pork is considered a "red" meat. Don't let pork's lighter coloring fool you into thinking it is closer to poultry products. Despite that classification, today's pork has about 16 percent less fat and 27 percent less saturated fat compared to the pork of 30 years ago,

according to the National Pork Board. In addition, thanks to changes in feeding practices and quality control, pig-borne trichinosis, which was once behind the well-done cooking recommendations regarding pork, has dropped to relatively nil. That means diners may be able to enjoy pork at slightly pinker temperatures than once believed. However, an internal temperature of at least 145 F for whole pork and 160 F for ground pork is recommended, according to Healthline.

Pork is quite versatile, as evidenced by its availability in many different forms. It's amazing to think that breakfast bacon and pulled pork enjoyed at dinner is from the same animal. Pork also shines in lunch meats and specialty cured products like salami and prosciutto. In fact, a typical charcuterie board features a variety of pork products.

With that in mind, when curating food options for your own charcuterie

platter, consider these ideal pork and cheese pairings that will delight guests, courtesy of the National Pork Board.

- Prosciutto with parmesan
- Aged country ham with sharp cheddar
- Salami with gouda
- Pepperoni with aged goat's milk
- Guanciale with asiago
- Pâté with gruyere

- Mortadella with Swiss
- Pork rinds with queso fresco

Chopped bacon in cream cheese or neufchâtel also can make a tasty spread for charcuterie crackers or crostini.

Pork is a versatile meat with plenty of flavor and nutrition. It can be worked into weekly meal plans in many different ways.



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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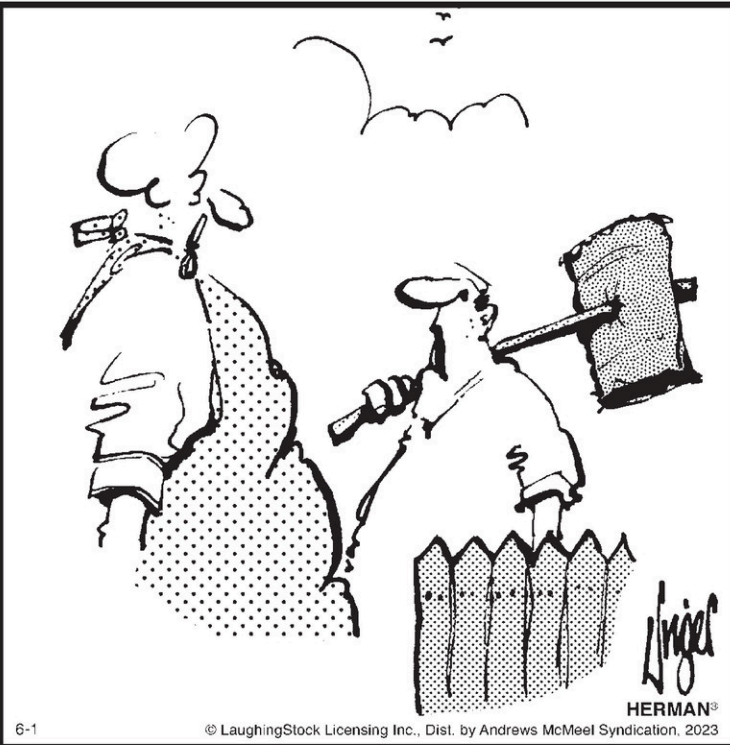
Previous Solution: "The thing I'm the most proud of in my personal life is that my daughter actually thinks that I'm fabulous." — Brooke Shields

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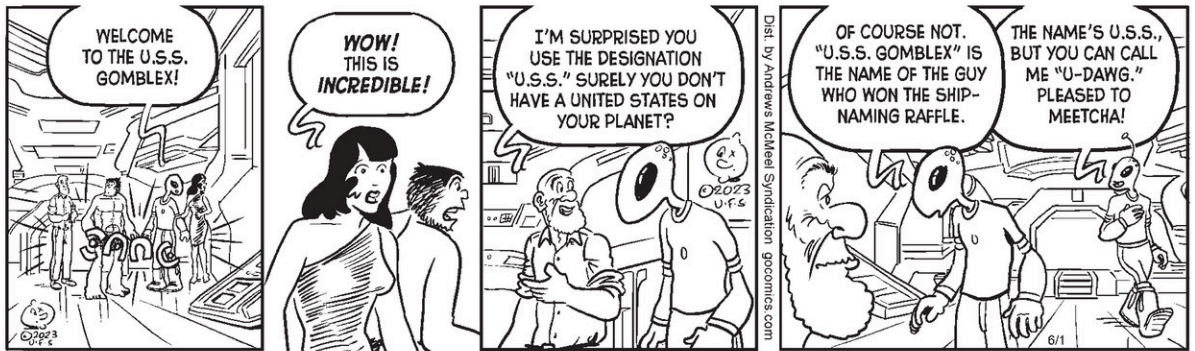


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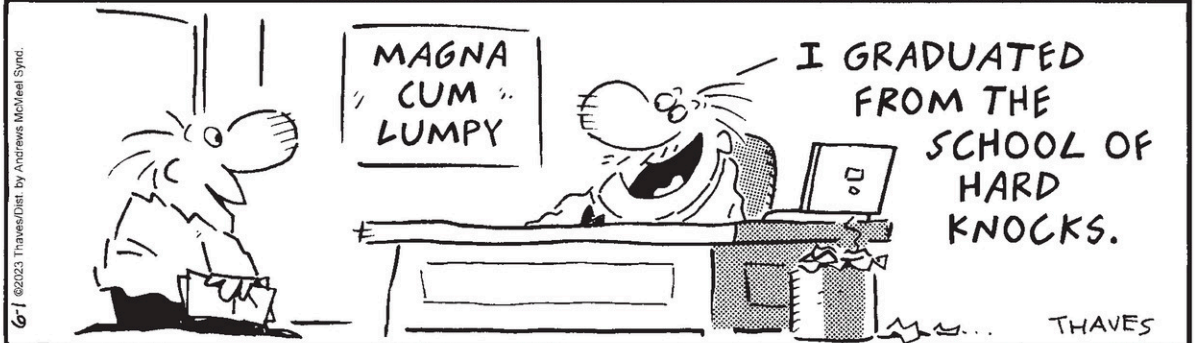
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9 Sweetie-pie

12 Sinister

13 Pizarro's conquest

14 Broad st.

15 Cook in an oven

16 Titled man

17 Not masc.

18 Skulked about

20 Jetsons' dog

22 Vexed

23 Large

24 Garden path

27 Broken, as a line

30 More than want

31 Theater company, briefly

32 Mr. Brooks of film

34 Turkish official

35 Urban trains

36 Type of bean

37 Nightmare

40 Copier brand

41 Cobra kin

42 Time to celebrate

43 Completely wrecks

46 Small thorn

50 Gloating cry

51 Quite similar

53 Went quickly

54 Word play

55 Sasquatch cousin

56 Noted lava spewer

57 Codgers' queries

58 Return encl.

59 Thin stratum

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1 Snares

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Your Birthday

let anyone get in your way or create discord. Stick to the basics, tell the truth and call out anyone who does otherwise. Stand up for your rights, and you will make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Keep your money moving. Handle your affairs with precision. Refuse to let anyone interfere in what you are trying to accomplish. Make personal moves for the right reason. Focus on fitness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – The changes you make to your living space will push you to be more productive. A change is as good as a rest. Think about the possibilities and summon the help of those closest to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Pay attention to what everyone is doing. Stick close to home and distance yourself from anyone trying to hold you back. Put your energy into increasing your earning potential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Take control, tidy up unfinished business and consider financial changes that will make you feel comfortable about the future. Be imaginative. A romantic gesture will pay off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Problems will surface if you take on too much or overreact. Be a good listener; it will help you decide what to do next. A change at home or to your appearance will build confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You can make decisions that will help you overcome a negative situation. Clearing a path forward will ease tension and encourage you to stop fighting a losing battle. Romance is encouraged.

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Pick up the slack, and don't stop until you reach your goal. Refuse to let anyone give you extra responsibilities if it helps them more than you. Call the shots instead of giving others power over you. Trust in your intelligence and experience, and channel your energy. Maintaining a positive attitude and doing your own thing will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Put in the time and finish what you start. If you live up to your promises, rewards will be yours. Now is a great time to put your energy into something that matters. Helping others will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Set a goal and work toward it. A social or work-related event will prove eye-opening. Put your energy into adding to your qualifications and using your skills diversely. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Reorganize your schedule before you add new things to it. Don't follow someone down a path that doesn't interest you. Put your emotions aside and your energy into personal gain and accomplishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Push forward, regardless of the obstacles. Think about the possibilities and take the road less traveled; you will outmaneuver anyone who tries to get in your way. Romance is apparent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – If you tidy up loose ends, you'll breathe easy. Adopting a new look or adding a few extra touches to whatever you pursue will lead to compliments and concepts that can help you advance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Refuse to

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Hamlet asks the key question

By Phillip Alder

To win, or not to win: That is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of an outrageous ruff, or to win too soon and flounder in a sea of troubles.

Well, Hamlet might have said that had he lived a few hundred years later. However, often a deal comes down to the key decision: to win an early trick with an ace, or to withhold that ace for later in the play. What is your feeling about today's deal? How should South plan the play in six hearts after West leads the club king?

Please don't ask me why North bid three clubs rather than two hearts. Or why South overlooked his five-card diamond suit. Or how he knew to pass over six hearts. I'm just reporting the facts. Still, the final contract, with West unable to attack diamonds profitably, was reasonable.

South, though, matched the eccentric bidding with some subpar play. He won the first trick with dummy's club ace and discarded a diamond from hand. He continued with a heart to his ace and another trump. West's discard was a blow. When East won with the heart queen, he led a club to West's queen: down one.*

North 06-01-23

♠ K 2

♥ K J 10 9 8 5

♦ A 6

♣ A J 3

West

♠ 6 3

♥ 7

♦ K J 10 7

♣ K Q 10 9 8 5

East

♠ 10 9 8

♥ Q 6 4 3

♦ 9 3

♣ 7 6 4 2

South

♠ A Q J 7 5 4

♥ A 2

♦ Q 8 5 4 2

♣ —

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Declarer should have anticipated this danger. The correct start was to play low from the dummy and to ruff in hand with the heart ace. Then South continues with a heart to dummy's king and the heart jack. With the club ace still in the dummy, everything is under control. East's trumps can be drawn, and the spade suit cashed in peace.