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BRP denies findings from labour board that it underpaid workers

By Christopher Reynolds
The Canadian Press

BRP Inc. said it disagrees with findings from Quebec's workplace health and safety board that the snowmobile maker broke the law in underpaying workers it brought in to work at its plant in Quebec from a facility in Mexico.

The company acknowledged the board-known as the CNESST-found what it deemed 76 "objectively serious ... offences" that breach the province's labour standards act following an investigation, but said they were inaccurate.

"BRP disagrees with these statements of offence and we will contest them," BRP spokeswoman Melanie Montplaisir said in an emailed statement.

"We are convinced that we have paid our Mexican expatriate employees here in Quebec fairly and equitably when they came to help our Valcourt employees. We have treated them with respect and dignity, as we do our 23,000 employees worldwide."

The manufacturer behind Sea-Doos and Ski-Doos noted the incidents in question pertain to alleged payment shortfalls around overtime and minimum wage for 25 employees between December 2021 and November of last year.

Montplaisir said the company made

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Local police hold press conference on distracted driving in Bromont



WILLIAM CROOKS

Police officers and administration in attendance gathered for a group photo after the presentation

By William Crooks
Local Journalism Initiative

Surprisingly, only 30 per cent of drivers demonstrate the ability to accurately identify what constitutes a distraction while operating a vehicle and statistics indicate an

uptick in driving distractions during fair weather conditions. Last year alone, Quebec witnessed nearly 10,500 collisions resulting in bodily injuries directly linked to distracted driving. These figures were disclosed by the Association of Police Directors (ADPQ) and various police departments across

the province during a press conference held in Bromont on Oct. 2.

The ADPQ disclosed data indicating a higher incidence of collisions related to driving distractions under favorable weather conditions. Against

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She had the power!



LINDA KNIGHT SECCASPINA

They say that ritual and perfection is important to us as human beings, but I have never been in love with any of it. My grandmother used to do things almost robotically and I used to giggle at her. But now to my horror I find I am doing much the same thing.

Mary Louise Deller Knight used to get up exactly at 6 a.m. and start the wood stove and put on coffee. She would feed my grandfather every day at exactly 6:20 a.m. Fred Knight had one boiled egg in a white ironstone egg cup which he would tap exactly four times with a silver spoon to break it. He then cut his toast in four diagonals and then ate the egg with a knife and fork in a rhythmic pattern. My grandmother would begin baking something sweet every single day at exactly 6:30 a.m.

At 7 a.m. she would hang out laundry and water her garden in the summer. Her zinnias were about four feet tall and stood regimental in a long line in front of her vegetable garden, and every third one was a red one. I realized a few years ago she was ahead of her time in the 60s when she set her veggie "compost" in an empty spot in the garden. Things ended up growing out of that pile that scientists should have investigated, but were very delightful and very edible.

At exactly 9 a.m. on non-school days, I had to walk down South street to the Cowansville Dairy. Exactly one quart of milk in a clear glass bottle with the paper tab closure on top was purchased. I loved the smell of the Dairy and the noise of the machines that were preparing milk. The dairy's freezer also held great interest with tiny little cups of ice cream with

strawberries on them, and little wooden sticks/spoons lay on top of each one of them seeming to cry out your name.

Noon time came and my grandfather would sit in front of the old wooden radio to listen to the headlines on the BBC news. My grandmother's recipe for "chicken stew for two" with huge dumplings would be simmering on the wood stove and the smell filled the house. When my grandfather would go back to work at exactly 12:55 p.m. my grandmother would rush in and adjust the clear plastic over the couch ready for him to sit down on it at exactly 5 p.m.

We watched specific programs at night and never really strayed. Lawrence Welk and Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday nights, Hymn Sing, Ed Sullivan and Bonanza on Sundays, and of course Tommy Hunter's Country Jamboree on Friday night. Television was important in both Knight homes. One day in the 60s my father went to Keith Lachasseur's

my father in. I think he immediately knew he had the wool pulled over his eyes, but never admitting a mistake, he insisted that it was 'just as good' as the real thing.

Once we had a colour TV you never went back to black and white- you just went to "upgrade". My family just continued to 'upgrade' and in lieu of Don Messer's Jubilee we watched Tommy Hunter on Friday nights. Who knew a Hoedown, Tommy Hunter and Brenda Lee could all exist in colour together?

Before Friday night TV it was altar guild night, and we would get ready for Sunday's services at Trinity Anglican Church. Some Friday nights were very special when we would decorate the pews for a wedding. My grandmother had all her boxes neatly shelved in the vestry that contained the huge white ribbons that were neatly ironed. We would lovingly decorate them with apple blossoms or other flowers in season and huge bows.

My Grandfather always told her to strive for progress, not perfection, but Mary never listened and he ignored her ways until one day. Each day as Mary went grocery shopping she could not believe the indecency of the sign that said Dead End almost opposite one of the local funeral homes. As she saw cars come and go filled with families that were distraught from a passing loved one Mary knew she had to do something about it.

She felt our forefathers would feel the same way as she did and no one needed to see a sign that said Dead End, and the town needed to show some respect. So Mary filed a complaint with the town of Cowansville, but told me she never heard from anyone. Well sign elves must have used their magic, as a few weeks later there stood a new sign that said No Exit that replaced the Dead End sign.

My Grandfather and Father could not believe what she had done and Mary became famous not only for her baking but for how she took on the town. From then on if I had a problem they both looked at me and said,

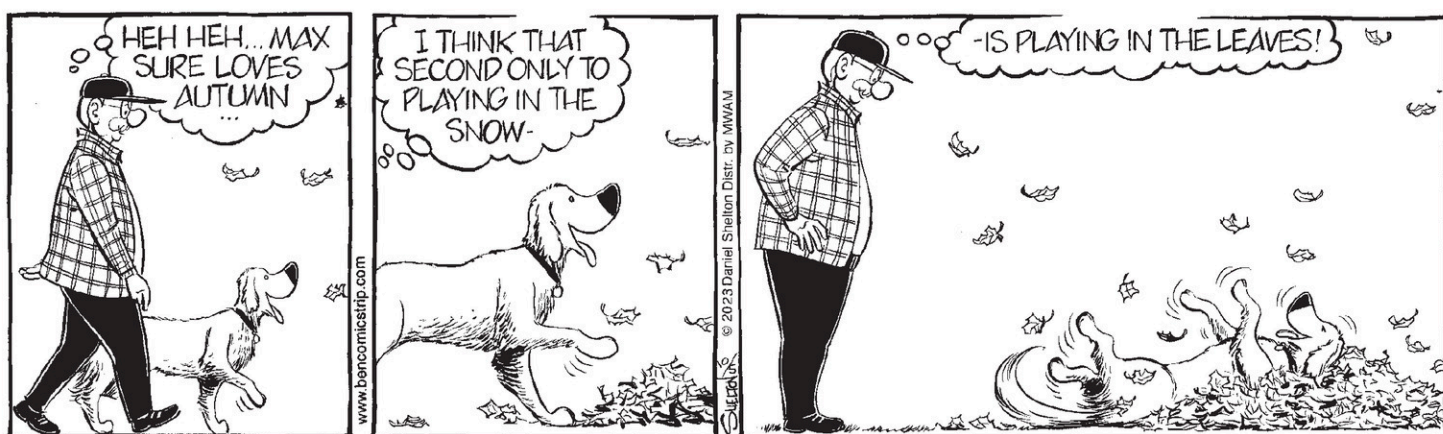
"If nothing is going well, talk to your grandmother".

And I did- because you know what? I never underestimated the power of my Grammy Knight after that day.

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appliance store on the Main Street in Cowansville and came home with a colour TV. I didn't really care one way or the other as I was actually used to the rainbow hues of "the plastic sheet" on the front of the television. It 'simulated' full colour along with rabbit ears covered in tinfoil to stimulate even better viewing. Of course it was sold as a cheap alternative to buying an expensive colour TV and its promise had sucked

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

Thirty per cent of distracted driving accidents in the Townships are due to cellphone use, stated an official during the media question period

Local police

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this backdrop, the ADPQ introduced a novel video featuring a police officer delivering a poignant testimony about driving distractions.

"After viewing this video, it's hard to imagine any road user approaching the wheel in the same cavalier manner. The sincerity and emotional depth conveyed by the policewoman strike a resonant chord with viewers. We fervently hope this will serve to sensitize the public to the dangers of driving distractions," expressed Didier Deramond, General Director of the ADPQ.

This video, an integral part of a campaign to elevate the image of the police profession, was produced in collaboration with officers from the Bromont City Police Service and Granby. The overarching objectives of the campaign to promote the police profession are to shed light on the daily experiences of police officers, reveal the human aspect behind the uniform, instill responsible civic habits (such as adhering to speed limits), and foster a greater sense of pride among police personnel.

This initiative has garnered support from the Ministry of Public Security and the principal police unions in Quebec.

Statistics presented indicate the Eastern Townships has had an average of 641 road accidents per year, resulting in bodily damage and linked to distracted driving, from 2018 to 2022. An average of seven per year in the Townships are mortal. The average number of accidents per year (7,674) during clear driving conditions, in the same period across Quebec, are nearly triple those during poor conditions of all kinds. Most of these accidents happen every year from May to October. Some 77 per cent of those surveyed admit to being distracted sometimes while driving; 64 per cent say they have adopted strategies to be less distracted.

Thirty per cent of distracted driving accidents in the Townships are due to cellphone use, stated an official during the media question period. Another 30 per cent are being caused



WILLIAM CROOKS

Association of Police Directors and local police involved with the distracted driving operation

by distractions outside of the vehicle.

The statistics given out show higher percentages of distractions in urban areas. An official said he had no "scientific" explanation, but speculated that urban areas are riskier due to there being more pedestrians.

It was noted that more accidents happening during good weather was surprising, but was likely due to drivers being less disciplined with their attention on what they are doing in the absence of more dangerous conditions that force concentration.

An official admitted that the large, interactive screens found in modern cars add to the overall problem, but that it was important to remember that distractions can take many forms, like eating while driving, drinking coffee, the activity of children in the car and many others. Anything that can disrupt a driver's attention on the

road is a distraction, he emphasized. Often, he added, distractions cause drivers to make infractions, but it is not easy to police driver inattention, so they are focusing on prevention.

Deramond spoke candidly after the press conference.

The most important takeaway from today's presentation is that only 30 per cent of the populace can accurately identify driving distraction sources, he began. "This is quite surprising."

Giving your child's pacifier back to them, reaching into the back seat, moving pets, passionate discussions, he said, are all ultimately dangerous. "It could be anything."

50 per cent of all collisions are linked to distractions, he continued. The main message is that drivers must concentrate on the road.

"Police officers are human beings," he went on, switching tactics. Part of the

motivation for the day's presentation was to urge citizens to keep that in mind. He emphasized that they are there to make sure your experience on the road is safe. When they stop you, or give you a ticket, they are educating you, he said.

Distracted driving causes are "multifactor", he reiterated. No road, urban or rural, is completely safe. Collisions with animals on the highway can be fatal, he insisted.

"I've got a motorcycle," he explained. On it, he sits a little higher and has a good vantage point for viewing what drivers are doing in their cars. "Everybody is on their phone." Some are even writing emails, he said in an exasperated tone of voice. "Make sure your mind and eyes are on the road."

He concluded by thanking police officers for making everyone's experience on the road safer.

BRP

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"certain administrative mistakes related to the processing of payroll between the Mexican and Canadian systems," particularly around overtime. She adds that those workers will be paid the amounts due.

"Our opinion and that of the CNESST differ with regard to the structure and methodology of our compensation model," she added.

The health and safety board is demanding \$127,000 in penalties from the Quebec company, which earned profits of \$865.4 million in its fiscal year ended Jan. 31.

The provincial board declined to comment on the matter, citing "ongoing procedures."

In February, Radio-Canada reported

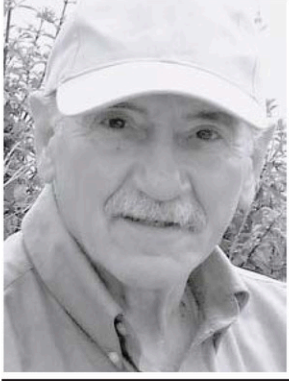
that some of the 200-odd Mexican workers who came to temporarily work in BRP's home base in Valcourt, Que., from factories in Queretaro and Juarez faced unorthodox conditions.

The arrangement included fees to cover expenses such as food, shelter, transportation and "entertainment" activities, according to the news agency. BRP also withheld hundreds

of dollars per week from individual employees and failed to pay a mandatory 50 per cent wage hike for overtime, depriving the foreign workers of roughly \$1 million in total, according to the Radio-Canada report.

Remuneration for withheld overtime will be paid, according to BRP.

Capturing hockey in cartoons



NICK FONDA

Picturing the Game, an illustrated story of hockey is a book I've been aware of and anticipating for a couple of years.

Its author, Don Weekes, lives in Montreal but he spends a lot of time in the Townships, and has been doing so since the late 1970s. When he married

his wife, Caroline, it was in Knowlton with the reception held at Owl's Head. In the summers, you might bump into him kayaking on Brome Lake or cycling around it, while in the winters you might meet him at Sutton or Orford, likely on a run marked with a double black diamond.

Beyond the Townships, statistically-minded hockey buffs know Don Weekes as the author of 34 books including Hockey Hall of Fame Book of Trivia and Hockey's Top 100: The Game's Greatest Goals.

"I learned to skate when I was four or five," Don says, "and I started playing hockey about the same time. At the beginning, these were pick-up games, but I did play three years of organized hockey until the age of 15. After that, I took up downhill skiing. But I still play a couple of games of pick-up hockey every winter."

At 17, Don contemplated becoming an architect and he studied Civil Technology at Dawson College, which

led to four summers spent with survey crews in the Yukon. However, when he started his studies at Concordia University it was in Psychology. His real interest though was in student radio, and, with the others in the station, his work was publicly recognized by the University.

With an award in hand, he landed a summer job at CJAD Radio.

"It was baptism by fire," he says. "I was put to work on a show called Sounds Like Montreal. It was a mid-day show that ran from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. It was an open-line show, and we always had seven or eight guests. I had to hustle."

Still, Don got along well at CJAD and he worked there for the next three years before moving to CFCF Radio, a posting that transitioned into a job as a producer at CTV. In addition to public affairs programs, he also produced baseball shows and, alongside Dick Irvin, hockey programs. During the course of his career, his work was

publicly recognized, as it had been at Concordia.

His writing career began with an idea that came to him during a visit to a bookstore in 1992.

"I was surprised that there weren't any books on hockey trivia," Don says. "The next day, I spoke to a friend who is a book distributor, and three days later, I got a phone call from Greystone Books in Vancouver."

Described as "hockey's history seen through the unfiltered lens of graphic satire, commentary, and draughtsmanship by Canada's most prominent cartoonists and illustrators," Picturing the Game is a polar opposite to all of Don's previous books. While they were small, 140-page paperbacks, Picturing the Game is an inch-thick, hard-cover, coffee-table book that measures 11" x 9" and is richly illustrated with 460 images throughout its 408 pages.

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Fall Home Improvement



How homeowners can turn attics into livable spaces

Houses typically feature various areas that are traditionally designed for storage, such as garages, basements and attics. However, with some renovation, these spaces can be transformed into livable areas.

Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project. While the attic may seem like it has plenty of room and is structurally sound enough to walk in, that's not necessarily so. To be converted into usable living space, an attic must be brought up to the standards of modern building codes,

according to the design experts at Board & Vellum. Retrofitting beams and insulation can eat up available space in an attic. Thus, it is best to consult an expert to see if an attic can be converted.

Furthermore, an attic that was not initially designed as a room when the house was built can add extra "load" upstairs if it is converted. That could present certain structural problems. That means a structural engineer also must be consulted to see if adding beams, flooring and drywall will necessitate other changes elsewhere in the home to accommodate the extra load.

the home information site The Fill. Homeowners' budgets and renovation plans will need to factor into these considerations. Homeowners also are advised to check local permits to determine what else may be required to go forward. It is best to follow the rules. Lack of a permit for work can affect the ability to sell a home down the line.

Individuals also should plan for heating and cooling upgrades as the home will need to have ductwork installed in the attic, or at the least, a stand-alone heating and cooling unit. As heat rises, it can get quite warm in an attic, so ventilation and comfort should be considered. The attic will need to be wired for electricity for lighting and other needs. Air sealing and additional insulation can the attic space more comfortable as well. Consult with a qualified electrician and an HVAC technician and have an energy audit done to discuss needs.

Attic renovations can give homeowners more space in their homes, which can be used as offices, bedrooms or cozy corners. This is no small undertaking and all of the right steps need to be followed to ensure a legal, safe and successful renovation.






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In order to have a functional attic room, building codes will dictate that it needs to be accessible by a full-size staircase. Also, it will need to have another exit in case of an emergency so that will likely be an accessible window, according to

The Border Report

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Stanstead's Les Journées de la Culture



This past week-end Phelps Helps, used to donning different hats as the occasion arises, became a temporary art gallery and home of the “pudding chômeur”, a traditional Quebec dessert with a long history. Phelps also served as the headquarters for Stanstead’s “les Journées de la culture (JDLC),” a well-established province-wide event of twenty-seven years with locally organized art exhibits and events across Quebec.

For the first time since the pandemic, the Town of Stanstead offered a wide selection of art exhibits and events paying tribute to the area’s storied history and distinctive culture, all thanks to its initiator and organizer, Jean-Michel Lamothe, and a coordinated effort on the part of the whole town.

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and Sunday, with a striking selection of exhibits and events to choose from. Opening night started with a local documentary, *The Survivor*, by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network, as well as a Celtic music concert.

Over the week-end, there were writing and zine workshops, a literary salon, song circles, picnics, heritage tours, and treasure hunts highlighting local attractions. Stanstead College hosted group dancing classes in square and contra dancing and the waltz. At the Colby Curtis Museum, professionals in the granite industry talked about their work in a long-standing local industry. Particularly unique to the week-end were guided visits to the Ferme Granite 1981 highlighting a connection to nature through gardening and the arts.

Back at Phelps, where the pudding chômeur was being served, the work of three talented local artists was on



show, the paintings and designs of Jean Chatelois, the photographs of Lucie Blais, and the stone sculptures of Richard Violette. Phelps Helps was the first stop of a mini artist’s circuit of six locations which included the art forms of writing, knitting, video, jewellery, dance, and music. Jean-Michel and the artists liked how their art merged into the Phelps space, allowing visitors to discover their art in an environment dedicated to working with youth.

Thanks to the non-profit organization, Culture pour tous, who organizes “les journées de la culture” and Jean-Pierre Lamothe who understands that Stanstead has a lot to offer, the people of the Stanstead area had the chance to showcase our unique and culturally rich community

and deeply rooted history, certainly of importance to the Phelps Helps team who encourage participants to feel pride in their hometown and the broader Townships area.

Phelps Helps is a community-led non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens and young adults in Stanstead, Quebec and its surrounding areas. Through a range of free, tailored programs and initiatives, Phelps Helps supports educational achievement, careers, youth development and more. Its focus on collaboration and community engagement ensures lasting, positive change for a brighter future. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call us on 819-704-0799.



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Featured pet: Ace

Ace is a sweet and calm 10-year-old grey tabby, who sadly, is in search of a new home. Unfortunately, the resident dog is not good with Ace, in fact he can sometimes be quite aggressive, which has created a very strained relationship causing Ace considerable stress. Poor Ace is not living his best life.

What Ace needs is a quiet home where he can happily live as the only pet. Initially he is quite timid but once he gets to know you and feels secure, he is very affectionate. Moving into a new home won't be an easy transition for this gentle senior so his adopter should be willing to give him the time he needs to settle in and feel safe.

His favorite things are high places, sunbathing by a window, sparkly pompoms, feathers on strings and his

scratching posts. A high window ledge on a sunny day would probably be his favorite place. He is not the type of cat to curl up right next to you, but he will never be too far.

Though he is shy, he is a talkative boy and will meow for his food when you wake up in the morning, and he will likely greet you at the door when you come home from an outing.

Ace recently had a full check-up and other than being a little overweight, he is healthy.

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EDITORIAL

To compound the infighting, back-stabbing and general disarray, The Donald is insisting on using his present trial as just another bandstand and bully pulpit in his re-election campaign.

Where's Teddy Roosevelt now that we need him?



TIM BELFORD

York former President Donald Trump is facing a slew of other charges in several other states for a variety of crimes that include vote tampering, sexual misconduct and possibly treason. Where are you Teddy Roosevelt when the party needs you?

To compound the infighting, back-stabbing and general disarray, The Donald is insisting on using his present trial as just another bandstand and bully pulpit in his re-election campaign. He can't be bothered to take part in any candidates' debate but put him in a courtroom with the cameras running and he spouts off ad nauseam.

If you listen carefully you can likely hear the whirring sound of Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan and even Richard Nixon spinning in their graves. The GOP - Grand Old Party - that brought Americans the fight against secession and slavery, that gloried in Reaganomics and battled Stalinism, is coming apart at the seams and nobody seems to be able to stop it.

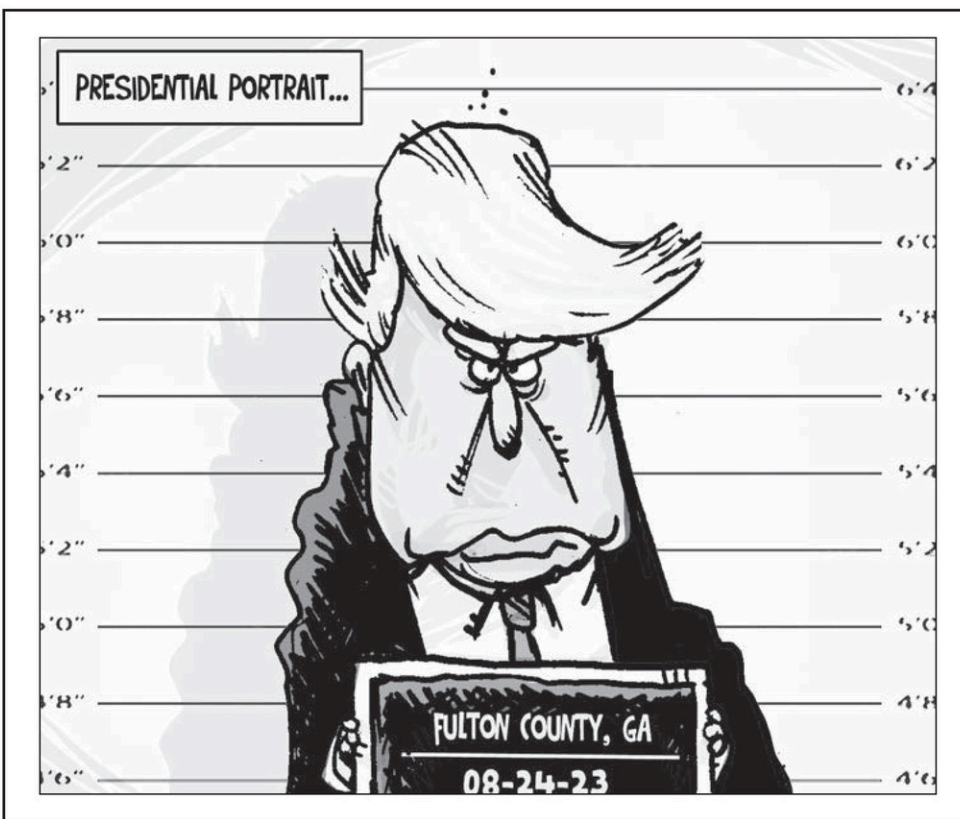
This week House Speaker, Kevin McCarthy, became the first Speaker to ever get the boot from his own party. His ouster came at the hands of a Republican majority prodded, pushed and badgered into submission by a handful of disgruntled ultra right congressmen who have brought the government to a standstill. It didn't help that the Democrats averted their eyes and said it was a Republican problem, not theirs.

Meanwhile, the party's would-be savior was sitting in a New York courtroom facing charges of fraud and financial hanky-panky that could, at best, cost him a quarter of a billion dollars and at worst land him in jail. Let's not even dwell on the fact that even if he's cleared in New

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Meanwhile, in the race for the Republican Presidential candidacy, Trump is still leading the pack. Backed by a coalition of generally older,



white, largely male, bible-thumping fundamentalists centred in southern and rural states, the party has been dragged farther and farther to the right. At the same time, the GOP has become unrecognizable to its more centrist and eastern supporters.

It doesn't look good. When the future of American democracy rests on the capricious whims of a megalomaniac who left television notoriety to chase the presidency and perhaps line his pockets in the process, the entire system is in danger of coming down.

When the mob stormed Washington's Capitol Building in an

attempt to overthrow the last election result we got a peak into the possible future of American democracy. The outgoing President did nothing and may have in fact urged the rioters on (see Trump Episode IV: Revenge of The Donald coming soon to a courtroom near you.)

With the Republican Party in disarray and the Democrats offering a questionable alternative the United States' much vaunted two-party system seems to be increasingly fragile and if it crumbles all the king's horses and all the king's men will have one awful time putting it together again.

Letters

Fear

How can we forgive ourselves for what has happened in Ukraine?

NATO could have stopped the carnage
We must remember why NATO was established:

It was to prevent just such a Holocaust.
Fear is the devil's device. That is what undermines righteous principles.
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It is not only the future of Ukraine that is at stake.

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Local Sports

The cartoon was prompted by a convict who escaped custody while attending a hockey game.

Hockey in cartoons

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It was also a very different writing challenge.

“The trivia books,” Don explains, “were written more easily. I’d accumulate data for a year and then write the book in two months. The entries were short, typically the narrative arc was 300 words, about a page. Picturing the Game is divided thematically into 20 chapters, and I had to learn to write story lines of 5,000 words. It also ended up taking seven years to write, five more than I had thought it would.”

As a coffee-table book, Picturing the Game can be opened at random and always reveals an eye-catching or intriguing cartoon or illustration with an accompanying caption. Depending on the page, the visual might date back to the late 19th century or be a contemporary cartoon from Aislin.

The reader with more time will find that there is a lot of meat in Picturing the Game. As it’s not arranged chronologically, the chapters can be perused according to the reader’s interest, for example, violence in hockey is dealt with in Chapter 6, entitled Bloodlines, while the hockey fan still coming to terms with the Canada-Soviet Summit Series of 1972 can read about it in Chapter 17, The Showdown.

Unlike Don’s earlier books, published either by Greystone or by Firefly Books in Toronto, his newest one comes from McGill-Queen’s University Press, one of Canada’s most prestigious publishers. The book’s first dozen pages provide an illustrated timeline of hockey, from the 1800s to 2020. The book’s last dozen pages are a glossary and an index. Picturing the Game is a scholarly book, but

accessibly so. It’s dense with factual material but everything is presented in a clear, straightforward manner.

On occasion, Picturing the Game has flashes of the imaginative, almost poetic language of sports wordsmiths like Red Fischer or Jack Todd. For example, in Chapter 3, which traces hockey’s monetization and migration south, Don writes, “The baseballing of hockey began almost from the moment the steel blades of pro players hissed across American ice.”

“I knew nothing about cartooning before I began this book,” says Don. “Growing up I read Mad Magazine and later National Lampoon. Then, at some point, I discovered the cartoon’s potential for satire and social commentary.”

“As the book came together,” he continues, “there were times that a story I was familiar with would lead me to a brilliant cartoon, and other times that a cartoon would lead me to a story I was unaware of.”

The book’s introduction begins with a story and cartoon that have a Townships connection. It shows a couple passing in front of a prison as dozens of inmates, in striped uniforms, traipse out the prison gate. The caption reads, “It must be Hockey Night in Canada.”

The cartoon was prompted by a convict who escaped custody while attending a hockey game.

Don writes, “I knew little of the 1973 story of two prisoners out on temporary-absence passes from Cowansville Medium Security Penitentiary in Quebec. As part of their social reintegration program, they had somehow secured tickets to attend a Stanley Cup game between Montreal

and Philadelphia at the Montreal Forum. During overtime, one Robert Moisan, a twenty-five-year-old holdup man told his guard he had to call his mother. As one might expect, Moisan never returned.”

It was this cartoon and its backstory that inspired the idea of the book.

The book’s most remarkable story—for me—is about a hockey riot that occurred in Richmond in February of 1907 following a game between Richmond supporters and fans who had come by train from Waterville to cheer on their team. I’ve been collecting local lore for decades, even served as president of the Richmond County Historical Society, and I had never heard that story before. Yet, there it is in Don’s book as covered by La Presse.

“I was very lucky with this project,” Don says, “and I had a lot of help from a lot of people.”

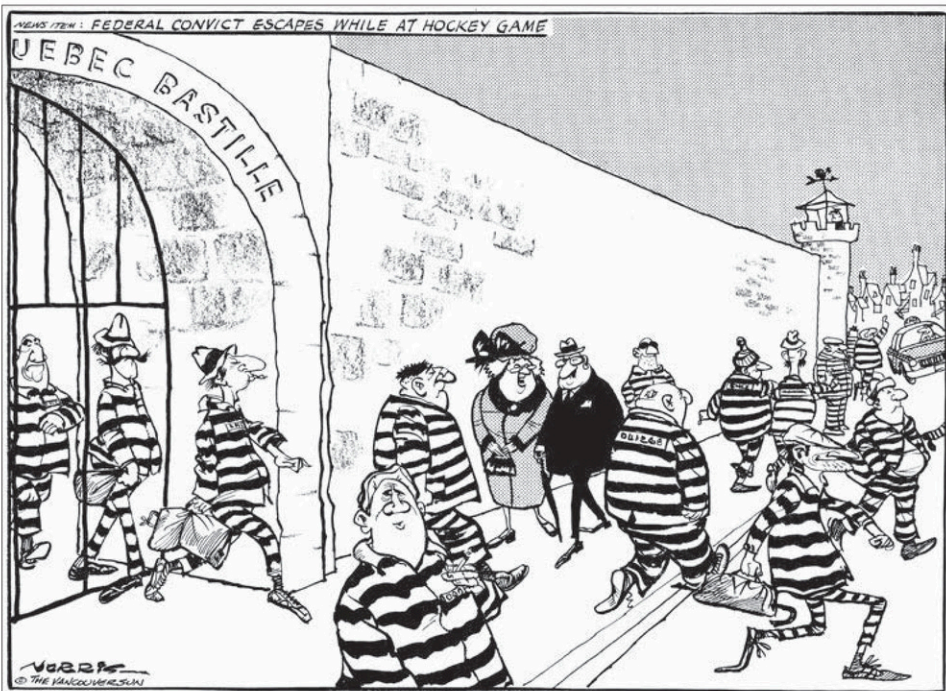
In fact, the Acknowledgements at the end of the book take five pages.

Picturing the Game is a beautiful book with an eye-catching dust jacket:

an illustration from 1949 showing Bill Ezinicki and Maurice Richard in the penalty box after a dust-up. The book is both a momentary visual distraction, as you’d expect from a coffee-table book, and a serious dissertation on something that is more than Canada’s national sport. Quite likely, for hockey buffs, it will serve for years as a reference book. Arguably, it’s one of the most significant books on hockey since Ken Dryden published The Game exactly 30 years ago.

The book is being released in early October to coincide with the start of the NHL’s hockey season. For more information on the book, go to www.picturingthegame.ca.

In the interest of full disclosure, I have to add that Don Weekes has been a family friend for more than half a century. Furthermore, my son was one of the researchers who contributed to Don’s book and my brother was one of Don’s editors. It was through them that I watched Picturing the Game slowly make its way to its publication.



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Death notice



Glenna HARRISON SMITH

Glenna Harrison Smith passed away peacefully on October 1, 2023 at Grace Village in Lennoxville, Quebec. She was 96 years old.

Glenna was born in Bury and graduated from Bury High School. She met her late husband, Ben, at a dance one Saturday night and that dance led to the altar where Glenna and Ben were married in March 1945. Ben died at age 100 in April 2021.

They lived in Waterville for over 40 years. Glenna was active in the United Church Women's group and also loved to knit and quilt. She worked full time at the Post Office in Waterville for many years.

She is survived by her son Jamie, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and by her sister Beverly Harrison.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Date Book

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Today is the 278th day of 2023 and the 13th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1877, Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce tribe surrendered to U.S. Cavalry troops after a 1,700-mile retreat.

In 1947, President Harry Truman delivered the first address to be televised from the White House.

In 1970, the Public Broadcasting Service launched.

In 2005, the U.S. Senate voted 90-9 to prohibit the use of "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" on detainees.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), theologian/evangelist; Chester A. Arthur (1829-1886), 21st U.S. president; Louis Lumiere (1864-1948), inventor/filmmaker; Ray Kroc (1902-1984), founder of McDonald's Corp.; Bil Keane (1922-2011), cartoonist; Vaclav Havel (1936-2011), playwright/Czech president; Steve Miller (1943-), musician; Bernie Mac (1957-2008), comedian/actor; Neil deGrasse Tyson (1958-), astrophysicist; Maya Lin (1959-), architect/sculptor; Mario Lemieux (1965-), hockey player; Guy Pearce (1967-), actor; Kate Winslet (1975-), actress; Jesse Eisenberg (1983-), actor; Travis Kelce (1989-), football player.

TODAY'S FACT: In the first televised White House address, President Truman asked the American people to stop eating meat on Tuesdays and eggs and poultry on Thursdays to help relieve food shortages in Europe.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2001, Barry Bonds set a new single-season home run record with his 71st and 72nd home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Curious that we spend more time congratulating people who have succeeded than encouraging people who have not." - Neil deGrasse Tyson

TODAY'S NUMBER: 40,275 - company-operated and franchised McDonald's restaurants worldwide in 2022.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 29) and last quarter moon (Oct. 6).

Risk of Placenta Accreta requires specialized care



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

Dear Doctors: Can you please talk about placenta accreta? It happened to my sister, and she had serious medical issues when she had her baby. How can you know that you have it? Does it run in families? My husband and I are ready to start our own family, but this has me scared.

Dear Reader: Let's begin with the placenta, which is a temporary organ that forms in the uterus over the course of a pregnancy. It serves as the medium through which oxygen and nutrients pass from the mother to the developing baby. The placenta also performs a wide range of complex functions that, once the baby is born, will be carried out by other organs and structures. These include the lungs, liver, gastrointestinal tract, kidneys and endocrine system.

During the first trimester of pregnancy, the placenta forms gradually. In the second trimester, its growth parallels that of the baby. Although it continues to develop in the third trimester, its growth slows significantly. By the time the baby reaches full term, the placenta is a spongy disc of tissue 8 to 10 inches in diameter, about an inch thick and weighs about 18 ounces. In order for a pregnancy to be successful, and to result in a safe delivery, proper development of the placenta is essential. This includes not only the physiological structure of the organ,

but also its position and placement within the uterus.

The term placenta accreta refers to a serious pregnancy complication in which the placenta becomes too deeply attached to the wall of the uterus. This can lead to a preterm delivery, and it can cause excessive bleeding during pregnancy, labor and following the birth. The degree of penetration into the lining of the uterine wall can prevent the smooth separation of the organ that occurs during delivery in a normal pregnancy.

A hysterectomy is often required to save the mother's life. Risk factors include previous cesarean section, previous uterine surgery and older maternal age. There is no evidence of a genetic component, or that the condition runs in families.

Placenta accreta often occurs without symptoms. In some cases, it can cause certain changes to maternal blood profiles, but these are not reliable indicators. A study published in 2020 suggests there may be a biomarker associated with the condition. However, more research is needed for this to be developed into a test. As a result, there is no blood test for the condition at this time. It can sometimes be spotted in the course of imaging studies, most often with an ultrasound.

Due to the cycle of placental growth that we described, diagnosis commonly takes place in the second or third trimester of pregnancy. When the condition is discovered, a planned C-section is often recommended. If someone is at risk of placenta accreta, it is recommended they seek care with an OB-GYN with experience in the condition and plan delivery in a facility with a robust blood bank. For women at risk, the National Accreta Foundation (preventaccreta.org) is a good resource.

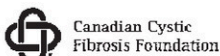
(Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health.)

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Pot-luck Supper and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 14 at 5 p.m. at the Centre Communautaire de Brookbury, 571 Brookbury Road, Bury. Free admission- just bring something to add to the food table and an item for the silent auction (if possible). For info call Brenda at 819-884-5984.

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The Sherbrooke-Compton Plowing Match will be held on Monday, October 9 on the land of Ferme Bischof Farm, 523 Northriver Road, Sawyerville. Starts at 9:30 a.m. Classes for horses and tractors. Bring your own lunch. Info: Felicia Kirby 819-572-2413. Visitors welcome.

RICHMOND

The ladies of the Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Principale Sud, Richmond, will be holding a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. until noon. Come and find a treasure or two at this fundraiser for the church. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

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Slipping away from my wife

Dear Annie

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Dear Annie: My wife wakes up every weekday at 5 a.m. and goes to work at 6 a.m. I don't know what time she gets out of work, but she goes to her house (she owns a separate house) and, according to her, takes a nap. She usually comes home around 8 p.m. That is 14 hours a day that she is not here!

The other day when she called, I heard another voice in the background. I should mention she has several suitors that live by her house. She spends most of the weekends at her house, saying she is doing yardwork.

I should also mention I have four beers every night. This is nothing new; I have always had several beers or cocktails, and she knew this when we started dating.

She is 67 years old, and I am 73. We have been married for seven years. Now my drinking has suddenly become an issue with her, and she says we will not be having sex till I stop drinking! I get the feeling she has disdain for me. I get a quick kiss every morning before she leaves for work, but that's it. I don't know what to do. Any suggestions? - Basically Alone

Dear Basically Alone: There are a couple of issues to address here, and it seems likely that they all relate back to your drinking. Four beers every night classifies you as a heavy drinker, and the fact that you are unwilling - or unable - to stop this habit is certainly a red flag. I would seek out a local

Alcoholics Anonymous chapter and start attending meetings.

Additionally, the trust and communication between you and your wife is lacking, to say the least. Acknowledging your dependency on alcohol is a necessary first step, but couples therapy is also essential. These issues are compounding - your drinking is driving your wife away, and the stress of not knowing your wife's whereabouts is causing you to keep drinking. If things don't change, this vicious cycle will only get worse.

Dear Readers: Below are two lovely letters for "Grieving in Portland," the man who is grieving his late wife and wondering how best to move on - for his own sake and for his dog, Max. The first letter offers a practical suggestion, while the second has some words of encouragement that were too beautiful not to print. I hope you enjoy.

Dear Annie: "Grieving in Portland" seems like a really wonderful gentleman who would make a great partner for a lucky lady out there! He mentions his Cavachon, and seems very devoted to his dog. I have Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and run a Facebook group with over 1,500 members, the vast majority of whom are female, and plenty of them are single (some even widows).

The dogs immediately give us all a common interest, and we regularly schedule in-person meetups for our dogs to play. I have met some of my best friends in the group! I think "Grieving"

could meet some wonderful people if he looked into joining dog groups on social media, where he can find meetups and start making social connections. Dogs are an excellent social lubricant, and he will know immediately that he has at least that much in common with the people he is spending time with. - Dog Mom in Michigan

Dear Annie: Your advice, Annie, to "Grieving in Portland," was sound.

The key is to push yourself to build a life that is good, with or without a partner. Get involved; volunteer at a food bank, build a habitat home, paint a playground, join a hiking club with Max, take classes on something you've always wanted to learn, join a cornhole team - whatever.

My amazing new husband and I lost our loves to cancer, both devastated after happy marriages. We met down the road in a meeting about fundraising for our local schools, a shared passion.

Use that overflowing love from your late wife to find your way. She will help you. Meet people to have more friends, because the world is wide. The rest will fall into place. - Twice Blessed

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by Luis Campos

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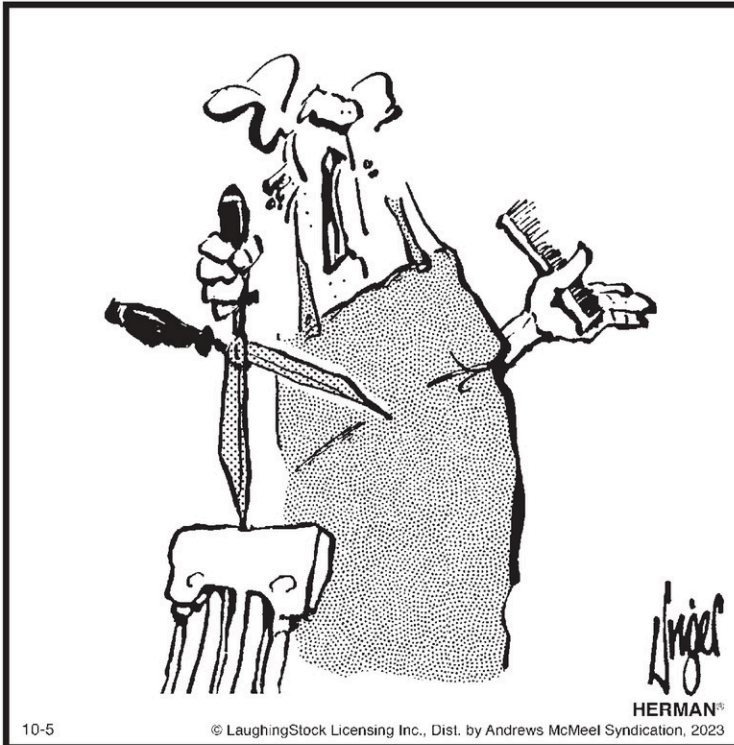
Previous Solution: "Everything you do in the name of the environment not only saves your health, it saves your soul." — Alicia Silverstone

TODAY'S CLUE: A eubhe E

REALITY CHECK



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"Make up your stupid mind. Do you want me to cut your hair or not?"

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ARLO & JANIS



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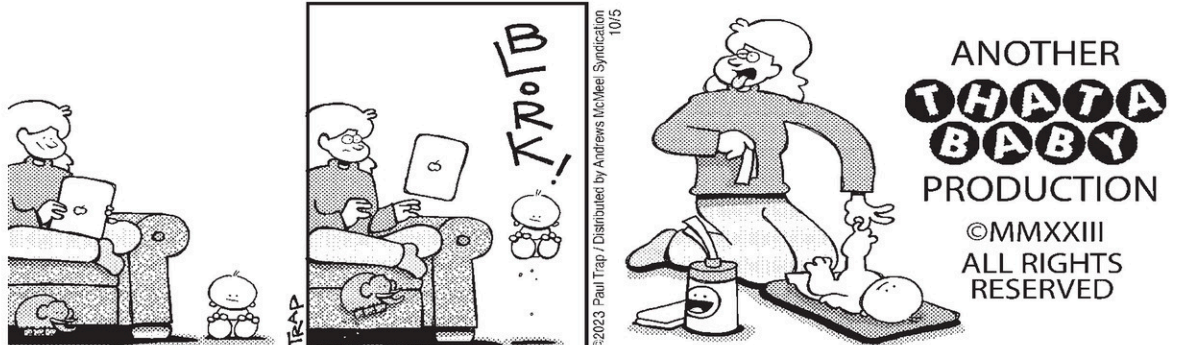
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Your Birthday

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how you handle your money, job prospects and domestic affairs. An aggressive move on your part will unnerve someone who likes to interfere. Make your position clear.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Stay calm, relax and refuse to get all worked up over nothing. Concentrate on what you want to do. Let your accomplishments be calling card, not what you say you are going to pursue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Organize everything and present your best offer. Communicate with people who can offer sound advice or participate in your venture. Don't take risks with your health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Follow your intuition and do what makes you happy. Engage in events conducive to networking, and find a way to win over a crowd. Honesty is critical. Don't hide your agenda.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Question every move you make. How others respond to your actions will be indicative of what's to come. Emotions will surface if you disappoint people close to you. Work to make a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't feel pressured to act if you aren't prepared. Do your research, talk to experts and set a budget to help you reach your goal on time. A physical challenge will boost your confidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Open your mind to new information, then determine what you can use. Take charge of your life. A change will motivate you to incorporate the things you enjoy doing most into your everyday routine.

Take whatever comes your way in stride, and you'll find a way to turn things to your advantage. Let your charm and sensitivity help you gain people's trust. If you reach out and help others, you'll find a way to make it benefit you as well. Be true to yourself and include others; you'll gain the respect, input and help you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Emotions will surface. Get what you want to share out in the open. Express your concerns and desires. Anger isn't the answer, but a well-thought-out plan will attract attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Take better care of your reputation and health. Set boundaries and take the initiative to control any changes you face. It's up to you to point yourself in a suitable direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Keep your emotions out of big decisions that could influence your educational pursuits and job prospects. You'll be given false information or led astray by a master of manipulation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Make changes at home that will help you avoid turmoil. Someone is likely to use emotional manipulation to upset your world. Look for a unique way to stabilize your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Stop, think and assess what others expect of you. Address what you aren't willing to put up with and focus on what helps you get ahead and save money. Someone will push your buttons; keep cool.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Change

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Avoiding all mistakes is surely impossible

By Phillip Alder

Lewis Thomas, who was a physician and entertaining author, wrote, "Mistakes are at the very base of human thought ... feeding the structure like root nodules. If we were not provided with the knack of being wrong, we could never get anything useful done."

Before you debate that with someone, see how many mistakes you can spot in the play of today's deal.

Declaring four hearts, South won West's spade lead with his ace and took two top trumps, East shedding a low spade on the second. South cashed his spade king before leading a low club, scooping up West's singleton king with dummy's ace. Now declarer exited from the dummy with the diamond ace and another diamond. After winning with his king, East continued with a diamond to his partner's queen. Endplayed, West exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, discarded his club loser and conceded three tricks: one heart and two diamonds.

The errors? First, East should have played the diamond jack, not the king, at trick seven. Second, West should have dropped the diamond queen under his partner's king. East wouldn't have risen *

North		10-05-23	
♠	6 2		
♥	7 6 4 2		
♦	A 7 5		
♣	A Q 8 6		
West		East	
♠	J 10 9 7 3	♠ Q 8 5 4	
♥	J 9 8 3	♥ 5	
♦	Q 9 6	♦ K J 3 2	
♣	K	♣ 10 9 4 2	
South			
♠	A K		
♥	A K Q 10		
♦	10 8 4		
♣	J 7 5 3		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

with the king unless holding the jack as well. In both cases, West could have received two club ruffs to defeat the contract.

Last, South should have exited from the dummy with a low diamond, not with the ace and another. If East wins and gives his partner a club ruff, South wins West's diamond exit with dummy's ace, draws the last trump and concedes a second diamond trick. If instead the defenders persist with diamonds, declarer wins with dummy's ace and plays a third round, endplaying whoever wins the trick.