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Quebec officially ends Covid state of emergency

By Gordon Lambie

The Government of Quebec announced the end of the state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Wednesday. The announcement came following the passage of Bill 28, the legislation introduced by Health Minister Christian Dubé earlier this year to transition the government out of the state of emergency by the end of this year.

“Although the virus is still present, the epidemiological situation has greatly improved in recent weeks in Quebec,” Dubé said in a press release announcing the change. “With the adoption of the bill as promised, our government is lifting the state of emergency. This is an important milestone, a testament to the efforts that have been made in our collective fight against COVID-19.”

There were 1,139 people in hospitals across the province with COVID-19 as of Wednesday’s update, 42 fewer than there were on the previous day. Of that total 31 were in intensive care, a decrease of 1 compared to the previous day. Roughly 37 per cent of the 1,139 were primary covid cases, as were 55 per cent of those in ICU.

Despite the decrease in hospitalizations, there were seven new deaths related to the virus recorded on Wednesday, bringing the total since the start of the pandemic to 15,427. The number of health care workers absent for Covid-related reasons also increased again, to 3,951.

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BU to hold the largest Convocation weekend in school’s history



CASSIE MACDONELL

By Cassie MacDonell
Local Journalism Foundation

On Saturday and Sunday, Bishop’s University will host the largest Convocation weekend in the school’s history, with graduates from the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 gathering at the school’s campus. After participating in virtual graduation ceremonies due to the pandemic, the Classes of 2020 and 2021 will return to the Bishop’s University campus for an opportunity to walk across the stage and be among former classmates.

“It’s going to be pretty busy in Lennoxville. My guess is that there’s not going to be an empty hotel room around, and the campus will be full,” said Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop’s University Michael Goldbloom.

Approximately 1,000 students will walk the stage on the weekend, and an additional 3,000 guests will attend the ceremony to support the graduates. Goldbloom attributes this to the attachment Bishop’s students have with each other, and to their experiences at Bishop’s. “Convocation

is a really significant moment for our university and for our students. One of the things that has impressed me every year is the number of students who come back to convocation on a normal year,” said Goldbloom, “when you think about it, you don’t actually have to attend convocation to get your degree.”

Planning four Convocation ceremonies is rewarding, Goldbloom explained, since witnessing the former students’ enthusiasm about attending an in-person ceremony makes the hard

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SUNDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH 17
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MONDAY:
CLOUDY WITH
SUNNY BREAKS

HIGH 23
LOW 13

Thunderstruck - riders on the storm



LINDA KNIGHT SECCASPINA

We had a wild and woolly week in Eastern Ontario late last month, and as I write this some folks still do not have power in our area. As I looked at the forecast on that Saturday morning for a Royal Tea at noon I never expected the line of storms headed our way would soon strengthen into Canada's first derecho in decades. This particular storm did nothing but wreak havoc across Ontario and Quebec. It was the strongest derecho storm in Canada this century, blasting Ontario and Quebec on Saturday with winds peaking at 190 km/h in Ottawa, killing at least 11 people.

Years ago, as a child, I used to sit on top of a pile of lumber at Dion's Lumber yard next door and watch what everyone called "heat lightning". I don't see it anymore and wonder why, and then I learned that there is really no such thing as "heat lightning." What we were actually seeing was flashes of light reflecting off of clouds from lightning in a distant thunderstorm.

When lightning was heard overhead things would shut down

in our house. We had to turn off the television and close the venetian blinds so the lightning would not wrap itself around them. To those that thought the latter was an old-wives-tale- it wasn't. I saw it happen many times. So, we were all told to sit still in a chair with very little physical movement like the 2013 film Don't Move. I was sure that if the lightning hit, it would accidentally unleash a demonic force that might rip our family apart. So, my mother rattled the piano keys at thunderous levels playing Glenn Miller songs while the storm raged on.

Meanwhile down the street some of my friends were not allowed to wash dishes or take a bath because lightning could travel through your pipes. Using any part of your home's plumbing is a risk during an electrical storm. Fireballs had been seen flying out of faucets, and you didn't dare get near electrical outlets. My mother sometimes used to open all the doors and windows to let the thunder ball out if such a thing decided to go down the chimney. Her cousin had been struck by lightning, so I suppose she held that fear all that time.

If you were in the basement during a storm you better not be barefoot according to my grandmother, or you would get shocked. It was due to some story about our Cowansville, Quebec water reservoir being built over an active spring. I held whatever I needed to hold until after the storm as the lightning was supposed to come and rise up through the toilet and tickle your backside, or something like that. Take off any clothes that had zippers because the metal attracted lightning and hiding under your bed should be a last resort, as box springs were

metal. It's a wonder we weren't all on "happy drugs"!

Talking on the phone was a no-no as lightning travelled down the wires and the crackles on the phone line could make you deaf. One storm had supposedly fried all the phones on South Street, but no one had ever admitted their phone had been totaled, but the local folks still believed it.

Hanging out at the park was forbidden during a storm as you were made to get out of the pool instantly if anyone heard a rumble. Of course the person that began this rumour was the same lady that told me I couldn't go swimming after eating because I would get cramps and drown. That lifeguard had heard that little bit of advice from our mothers that brought us there, and she didn't want to get in trouble with them.

My mother used to tell me that her mother used to draw the sign of the cross on the window glass and mirrors in the house, and also on her forehead, to prevent the strike of lightning. All I could think of was that she was mixing up religion with lightning rods, and I still say a church that has a lightning rod is truly a lack of confidence.

The odds of being struck by lightning in your lifetime are 1 in 12,000, but scientists say climate change may increase the chances to about 1 in 8,000 by the year 2100. That's fine I won't be alive by then, but I do ask that others make the right decision about not getting struck by lightning. Could all those mothers and grandmothers be completely wrong with their stories? Remember, the road of life is paved with a lot of flat squirrels that couldn't make a decision.



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Lennoxville Elementary's Tree of Knowledge taking root

School launches fundraising campaign

By Matthew McCully

If all goes according to plan, when students at Lennoxville Elementary School (LES) show up for the first day of class next fall, they will stand in the shadow of a great oak tree, bearing the knowledge of generations past, and offering newcomers a place in the school's history.

The Tree of Knowledge, a mural project years in the making, finally has the green light after a pandemic speed bump, and inspections to ensure the big red wall facing Academy Street could sustain the weight of 30 large cement-like puzzle pieces making up the mammoth art installation.

The school held an assembly on Thursday, May 25, to share the good news. Members of the committee in charge of the mural project explained the significance of the Tree of Knowledge and what it will represent for past, present and future generations of students.

"I wanted them to take a sense of ownership of the historical value of the school," explained committee member and teacher Dana Gillam. "There is such a history to our school," she said, adding it was built in 1912 and underwent several transformations over the years, ultimately serving as a high school

until students moved to Alexander Galt Regional High School in 1969, when it became an elementary school. "It's a historic, momentous occasion," the committee members agreed, "it's part of their student history."

And that theme is prominent in the design which, for the moment, remains hush hush. For the time being, only blurred glimpses are available, but Sigal Hirshfeld, another mural committee member, sparked the imagination of students by having them close their eyes as she described the Tree of Knowledge: an oak tree growing out of a stack of books, each one representing a different era of the school; symbols of education through the ages; an abacus, a calculator; a chalk board, a laptop. And of course, students, playing around the tree, exploring the space.

The design was brought to life by artist Raphaelle Coulombe-Allie, an experienced muralist, and founder and artistic director of MUR MURA. Coulombe-Allie and her team will spend the summer working on the mural in pieces, and according to the organizing committee, she will document the process on video so LES students can later see how the project came together step by step.

The mural committee hopes the Tree of Knowledge can create a connection between current students

and their parents and grandparents, to talk about what the school was like when they attended. Hirshfeld added that everyone in the area knows at least one person who went to LES. "The times we're in, we need to bring people together," she said, to celebrate something positive. "That's what art is all about."

LES Principal Dawn Irving added that people often forget how much a school contributes to community life.

Ever since she has lived in the area, when driving into Lennoxville from Sherbrooke, Hirshfeld has always passed the big red LES wall and thought to herself, "What the heck is that thing doing there?"

By the fall, that huge blank canvas will become a colourful focal point for the community.

Now there is just the matter of the bill.

According to Irving, the project is a substantial financial undertaking, and a challenge to pitch for support. "If it's something for the kids," Irving said, people don't think twice. She used the example of the breakfast program, or class trips.

Building something that will instill pride in the students and create connections with the broader LES community is as important, Irving said, but harder to explain.

Hirshfeld had no trouble, though.



COURTESY

"It is for the kids! But we're not just giving it to them, we're giving it to their grandchildren," she said happily.

Letters have already gone out to parents describing the beautification project and explaining how to donate, but the school is hoping extended family, local businesses and alumni will help the Tree of Knowledge grow.

Every little bit helps, Irving said, and there are also sponsorship opportunities for donations over \$500.

Cheques can be mailed to Lennoxville Elementary School at 1 Academy Street, Sherbrooke, QC, postal code J0M 2A6.

For more information about sponsorship packages, contact Irving by email at irvingd@etsb.qc.ca.

Convocation weekend

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work worth it. "It is a big organizational challenge for a small university and a small team to put this together, but it's a work of the heart," said Goldbloom. "(Convocation) is an important event for our students who are graduating, and for our whole community who is invested in the success of our students. In many ways, it is the most joyous and significant day of the university."

Due to the pandemic, the Classes of 2020 and 2021 held virtual convocations in the August of their graduating years. Now that restrictions have lifted, both classes are invited to attend in-person graduation ceremonies on Saturday, at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively. "What's been extraordinarily gratifying is the number of students returning from both the Class of 2020, which has been two years since they graduated, and the Class of 2021, a year (since graduation)," said Goldbloom. More than half of the students attending the weekend of convocation ceremonies are 2020 and 2021 graduates. "It will be fun to hear about where their paths have taken them," he added.

Goldbloom thought that the 2020 virtual Convocation would be the only time students would have to be given their degree through a screen. "Then we found ourselves doing it again in August of 2021," he said. Despite going

forward with the virtual ceremonies, Goldbloom assured those graduates that they would eventually receive an in-person convocation. "That was a promise I made," he said, smiling, "and one likes to keep ones promises."

Despite the end of most mask mandates in Quebec, graduates and guests will be required to wear face-coverings in Denver Gym during the Convocation ceremony. "Better to be cautious. We have people travelling from across Quebec, across the country, and around the world," he explained, "trying to be safe." However, graduates will have the option to remove their masks when receiving their diplomas. Crossing the stage is a very important and meaningful part of the ceremony, Goldbloom added. "I think we've had enough photographs of people in masks," he said.

On Sunday, Convocation will have a stronger sense of normalcy, as Class of 2022 will be split into two ceremonies. Business, Natural Sciences, and Education students will have a ceremony at 10 a.m., while Humanities and Social Sciences students will have a ceremony at 3 p.m.

Natalie Nguyen, the 2022 Valedictorian of the Business, Natural Sciences, and Education ceremony, is looking forward to sharing the weekend with her graduated peers. "I am so excited, especially with all

three (of the graduating) years. I'm really hoping to see some people from frosh and group projects," she said excitedly. Her Valedictorian address will revolve around perseverance. "My main message is learning to live with failure. I think it's pretty relatable," Nguyen said.

Nguyen is graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration and has been very active in the Williams School of Business. "I think one of the things that has best prepared me (for the Valedictorian Address) was case competitions, where I learned speaking and presentations," explained Nguyen. "I'm just really excited and honoured. I still can't believe it," she finished. For the afternoon Class of 2022 ceremony, Antoun Shahin will perform the Valedictorian address.

In addition to the Convocation ceremonies, Bishop's has organized two Chancellor's Dinners for graduates and their guests on Friday and Saturday night. About 700 people are set to attend each of the dinners, where attendees will enjoy a meal and speeches from Honorands.

An Honorand is an individual who receives an honorary degree from a university. These degrees recognize individuals who have outstanding achievements. This weekend, Bishop's will confer degrees on

seven individuals, who range from a clinician-scientist and COVID public health expert to the Director of New York City's Museum of Modern Art. Stay tuned to Friday's edition of The Record, which will feature these outstanding individuals.

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Keith Baldwin presented with Masons' Jewel of Merit

By Gordon Lambie

This past weekend Peter P. Pascali, the Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Quebec in Montreal, awarded Keith Baldwin the Jewel of Merit, commonly named Pro-Merito medal, in recognition of his longstanding dedication to and involvement in the work of the Masons.

"The Jewel of Merit may be awarded, at the discretion of the Grand Master, to a Master Mason, who is not less than 55 years of age, in recognition of meritorious and outstanding service to the Craft over a period of not less than 15 years," shared Marc Sicard, Secretary of St. Francis Lodge No.15, who was also present for the ceremony. "Very Worshipful Brother Keith Baldwin, at the age of 99 is active in four lodges in the Lennoxville/Melbourne area, he does Ritual Work in English (et en français), he is well liked by everyone in the Craft."

Sicard said that following Baldwin's reinstatement as Worshipful Master (or lodge President) of the group at the Wales Home this past April, he has been the oldest person to occupy that role anywhere in North America and,

possibly, anywhere in the world.

"They're making a big issue out of the fact that I'm 99 years old," Baldwin said, adding with a chuckle that somebody in the organization determined that he was the oldest Worshipful Master about three or four years ago and, "we're just assuming that it's still true."

Although the award he received was about his own implication in groups across the Eastern Townships, Baldwin said that he was much more inclined to talk about the organization in general than about his own accomplishments.

"I joined Masonry over 50 years ago because I was fascinated with the order and I was anxious to know more about it," he said, noting that there are Masons in almost every country of the world keeping traditions that go back hundreds of years. "There are Masons speaking every language, and that has really impressed me."

With regard to the work of the Masons in their respective communities, Baldwin said that a main focus is charity.

"Masons in North America contribute more than four million

dollars a day to charity," he said, sharing that on the local level, the Wales Home lodge donated four \$500 scholarships to students at New Horizons Adult Education Centre in the last month.

Speaking of his own involvement, Baldwin said that he first joined the Ascot lodge and later joined in Sherbrooke as well.

"I was able to help them, as they

were in dire straits at the time," he said, sharing that he was later made an honorary member of the lodges in North Hatley and Richmond.

"Some people ask me if I have a secret for longevity and I say I believe that the secret to a long and healthy retirement is to keep busy," Baldwin said adding, "I have managed to do that through Masonry."



COURTESY MARC ANDRÉ SICARD

Adrian Cretu, District Deputy Grand Master for the St. Francis District; Robert Dupel, Deputy Grand Master; Peter Pascali, The Grand Master; Keith Baldwin from the Wales Home, recipient of the order of Merit; His son, David Baldwin, and Marc André Sicard, Past District Deputy Grand Master

Healthcare network launches targeted social media groups

Record Staff

The CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, the regional healthcare authority for the Eastern Townships, announced the launch of nine new Facebook groups on Wednesday. The groups, which are divided up according to the none local service areas within the local network, are meant to serve as an additional means of communication between the local healthcare system and the general population.

The groups for Coaticook, Granit, Haute-Yamaska, Haut-Saint-François, Memphrémagog, Pommerai, Sherbrooke, des Sources, and Val Saint-François can be found via the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS' existing Facebook page. Although the healthcare authority will continue to share information to that main page, the aim of the new groups is to help target information specific to particular areas such as unexpected closure of a facility; public safety notices such as boil water advisories, risk of flooding, etc.; change in service

schedules (cafeteria, CLSC, etc.); mobile vaccination announcements; offers of employment or volunteer opportunities; activities of local foundations; services or activities of official partners, or other similar news.

Covid-19

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The number of people in hospitals in the Eastern Townships dropped by six on Wednesday after having held steady for several days. As a result the number was 92, two of whom were in intensive care.

Although there were no new Covid-related deaths recorded in the region on Wednesday, a death that took place prior to the last seven days was added to the overall count, increasing the total since the start of the pandemic to 623.

The Record will be publishing a keepsake special section for E.T.S.B. High School Graduates of 2022

The Record wants to honour the E.T.S.B. High School Graduates of 2022 with a special section on June 21.

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The Border Report

Your neighborhood is a caring and loving one and reminding you of that is Stanstead's fundamental goal on Neighbour's tDay this June 4th.

Race day



Throughout Quebec, the first Saturday of June is Neighbour's Day. Could there be a more simply beautiful celebration? This is the one day a year consecrated to sharing with and appreciating the people who live next door to us. In France, where the sensible idea was born, communities share meals and wine, obviously!

Here in Stanstead, we have chosen to celebrate Neighbour's Day with a running race and a block party of the old-fashioned variety. What more could you ask of an early summer morning than running through your beautiful little town alongside your friends and acquaintances? As you hightail it around the wooded bend, you might find yourself within sweaty reach of the man you have noticed shoveling his drive in the Winter. Up the flower lined hill, you might come across the woman whose cooking produces fabulous smells that drift from her home to yours.

The running race, sponsored by Le

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Alphie came to us in mid-April from a rescue in Doha, Qatar. At the age of 7, he hasn't had the easiest life so it's time for Alphie to settle into a loving forever home. Alphie isn't in search of a life full of adventure; he just wants a quiet and simple life. Alphie loves napping on his soft and cozy bed, he enjoys short leisurely walks and ideally, he can spend warm summer days relaxing outdoors in the backyard.

Alphie is calm and quiet in his kennel, he walks beautifully on a leash and takes his treats gently. At times, but not always, a bouncy energetic Alphie appears and he plays with his ball (on his own) and runs joyfully around our enclosed dog park. Sometimes he'll run up to us for some cuddles and a roll on his back. At the shelter, Alphie shows little interest in the other dogs and mostly ignores them but he doesn't always react well, especially to other males, so he is best suited to be the only dog in the home. He cannot live with cats.

While in temporary foster in Qatar, Alphie was loving and sweet with his foster family but when people he did not know came to the house, his tendency was to bark at them so this is something his adopters should expect to work on. He can also be protective of his food. Because of this Alphie

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Once you are on your way, lungs a'burning, you will notice the town's children lined up and ready to serve you a glass of well-deserved water. Other volunteers will be standing by to encourage you to keep up your pace and ignore the voice that tells you to immediately stop what you are doing. Keep going all the way to the finish line because there is much excitement that awaits.

To tone those muscles that running doesn't, there will be zumba, corn hole tossing and line dancing. The town will be setting up one of its most beloved assets, the bouncy house. There will be a chili contest too, where you can glean ideas for your next attempt at a timeless classic. The good old Marché Tradition will be donating ingredients and stiff competition between ten brazen participants will surely ensue. There will be delicious temptations from local vendors so don't forget to shove a few extra dollars into your

sports socks.

On a more practical note, community organizations will be setting up information booths. From Cuisine Collective to Pace Cab Rediker, you will have the opportunity to learn about all of the services at your fingertips. Your neighborhood is a caring and loving one and reminding you of that is Stanstead's fundamental goal on Neighbour's Day this June 4th.

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In a loving and quiet home with an adopter who can meet his needs and provide Alphie with the guidance he needs, as long as he has a cozy bed, yummy treats, and he can get outside to enjoy short daily walks and maybe a quick roll in the grass, he'll be a happy camper. It's time for this friendly boy to experience and enjoy a peaceful and carefree life.

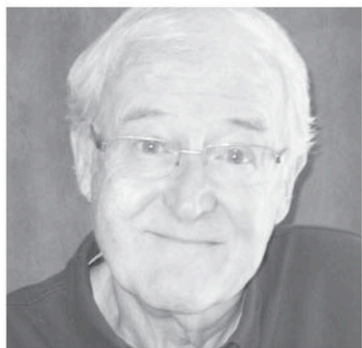
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EDITORIAL

On the Isle of Man, in Britain, saying the word rat is considered a bad omen. To be accurate, the use of the local term for a rat, 'long tail', should never be uttered since it will be sure to bring on bad weather and stormy seas.

Black cats, hard hats and other bad omens



TIM BELFORD

I've always had a certain fascination for bad omens. As children we pick them up from our parents who learned them from their own parents and for some reason decided to pass them on down no matter how ridiculous they may be.

One of the first I learned was not to step on cracks in the sidewalk for fear of "breaking your mother's back." It didn't take long to figure out it was just a joke and that the risk of danger was minimal unless you stumbled over the crack and accidentally shoved your mother into an on-coming bus.

Other omens can be traced to nothing more than common sense. Walking under a ladder can indeed be dangerous since there is the distinct possibility that whoever is working on the ladder might drop a bucket of paint, a hammer or something equally injurious on your head.

Breaking a mirror is also supposed to herald doom and gloom. How much this has to do with Tennyson's poem The Lady of Shalott I don't know but living, as she did, in a tower forbidden to even look on the world outside, seems gloomy enough. Her only access to life was a mirror through which she viewed everything second hand. When she finally looked out, to catch a glimpse of Lancelot, "the mirror cracked from

side to side" and she was doomed.

Black cats got their bad rap from the Pilgrim Fathers. These pious, civic-minded early settlers, who ran the new colony, found dozens of witches in Salem, Massachusetts. Invariably they were seen in the company of black cats. The witches were burned and black cats remained a sign of evil.

Different nations and religions all seem to have their own collection of bad omens. The Chinese apparently find the number 4 a sign of bad luck along with a barking dog at night, although in the latter case it's probably more an omen that you won't get much sleep. By the way, don't give any of your Chinese friends a clock for their birthday: it might be seen as you counting the days they have left on this earth.

On the Isle of Man, in Britain, saying the word rat is considered a bad omen. To be accurate, the use of the local term for a rat, 'long tail', should never be uttered since it will be sure to bring on bad weather and stormy seas.

As much as 'omens' seem to be a part of our distant past and are treated by most as nothing more than old wives' tales, there seems to be a pressing need for modern phrases to indicate the likelihood of impending doom or disaster.

Instead of fearing witches and their black companions I suggest that today we learn to fear anyone wearing a white hard hat that crosses our path and arrives on our street unannounced, particularly if they are accompanied by other helmeted workers carrying surveying implements or shovels. No good can come of it.

And above all, beware the orange traffic cone. It's a sure sign of the apocalypse.



Letters

English school boards disagree on court challenge to Bill 96

The Record article on May 31, 2022: "Bill 96 makes waves on Quebec political scene" references the English Montreal School Board (EMSB), the province's largest English board, which is prepared to challenge the bill in court.

In a press release on May 27, EMSB Chairman Joe Ortona invited "other anglophone institutions" to join their "legal proceeding" against Bill 96, an act that updates the 1977 Charter of the French Language.

He said: "If we have to go at it alone because other people don't have the money — the guts — then so be it." (CBC, May 26)

At Question Period before the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) Council meeting on May 30, I asked the board the written question, which I had previously submitted:

"Is it the intention for the LBPSB to join the EMSB in its costly court challenge regarding Bill 96 - even though the Bill does not affect anything to do with student achievement?"

The answer was "No." Good for them. They joined the three commissioners of the EMSB who voted against a costly protracted court battle.

CHRIS EUSTACE
(RETIRED TEACHER)
MONTREAL

DEAR EDITOR,

The letter in Wednesday's Record from Dave McCormack, which made me laugh out loud, was worth the price of my subscription. "Historic Anglo" butt tatoos? Funny yes, but not so far-fetched... What a farce this place is becoming.

M. FARFAN
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Local Sports

The Hockey Hall of Famer revived hope within the Habs' fan base despite one of the worst seasons in franchise history.

Montreal Canadiens sign coach Martin St. Louis to three-year extension

By Tristan D'Amour
The Canadian Press

After weeks of anticipation following the Montreal Canadiens' last-place finish, the interim tag is off and the man behind the bench is finally here to stay. Martin St. Louis put pen to paper on a three-year contract to become the 32nd head coach in Montreal Canadiens history on Wednesday. The Hockey Hall of Famer revived hope within the Habs' fan base despite one of the worst seasons in franchise history.

The 46-year-old Laval, Que. native, while conscious that there is a lengthy process in front of him, says he relishes the three-year opportunity to work with general manager Kent Hughes and vice president of hockey operations Jeff Gorton to rebuild the team.

"It gives me time and an opportunity to build something," St. Louis said about the length of his contract. "It's not something that's done in a day

but I believe that we've been making strides in the last two-three months last season, we won't be starting from scratch. It will be about progressing one step at a time."

Quickly turning the club into a contender is not part of St. Louis's long-term plans. The Canadiens are already a young squad and plan on getting younger after the NHL Draft, where the team notably holds the first-overall pick.

For St. Louis, giving players an opportunity to play and develop is primordial to his tenure and "success will be a side-effect."

"When you're a young team, of course winning is important but will we be able to build something where we will have success year after year?" said St. Louis. "That might take a bit of time to build but if the plan is to always win the next game, you might win more games but I think that's short-term success."

"It's about continuing the process

to build an environment where the team will be making the playoffs year after year and the players will achieve their ceilings. If we do that, I think the players will be in an environment where they will be able to win when it counts."

With the top pick potentially joining the team on the ice as soon as next season, St. Louis reflected on his time with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Steven Stamkos joined the Lightning as the first overall pick in 2008 when he was a player. He argued that they weren't a good team back then but Stamkos helped elevate Tampa Bay to become two-time Stanley Cup champions.

"It's a good situation for whoever we pick No. 1," St. Louis said. "He's going to come in and if he's ready to play? then it's going to be a great environment for him."

St. Louis added that the most important task ahead of his three-year stay in Montreal was to "solidify the culture." He looked forward to his first training camp to start laying the groundwork.

"(We) need to evolve in the things that we've already done and it will be day-to-day. I think we have eight games during training camp so we'll continue to build _ but the most important thing for me will be to keep building the culture," he said.

One player still in doubt for the upcoming training camp is Carey Price. The goaltender made a comeback late last season after a difficult year dealing with a knee injury and various setbacks.

"If Carey can't play, he can't play. It won't change what we'll be doing at camp, how I will be preparing the team," he said. "It's Kent Hughes' and Jeff Gorton's job to know where Carey is at and if he'll play or not. For me as a coach, I build my camp and I won't stop at who will be there or not."

St. Louis says his team will not have Stanley Cup ambitions but will focus on achieving a series of smaller successes to keep hopes up throughout the campaign.

"I always started the year with a goal to make the playoffs. Is it realistic to have that goal? Yes, but the expectations need to be realistic regarding where we are as an organization, with the personnel that we have and the development we want to do," St. Louis said. "I hold a lot of importance for our preparation, on the training camp side of things, to be able to play the first game. We need to give ourselves short-term goals and then maybe things will get more realistic."

"Will we be taking big steps or small steps? I don't know but my goal is to take steps forward

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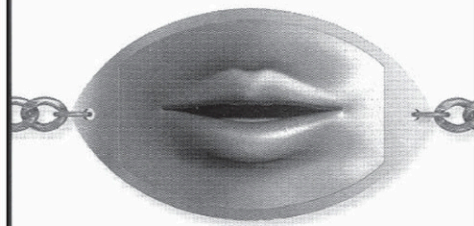
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Martin St. Louis, left, and General Manager Kent Hughes shake hands following a news conference in Brossard, Que., Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022.

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Danny Seo

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

Today is the 153rd day of 2022 and the 75th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1886, President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom, becoming the only president to marry in a White House ceremony.

In 1924, an act of Congress granted American Indians U.S. citizenship.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 2012, former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was sentenced to life imprisonment for his role in the deaths of hundreds of protesters during a 2011 uprising.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marquis de Sade (1740-1814), author/politician; Pope Pius X (1835-1914); Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), poet/novelist; Edward Elgar (1857-1934), composer; Johnny Weissmuller (1904-1984), swimmer/actor; Charlie Watts (1941-2021), drummer; Marvin Hamlisch (1944-

Datebook

2012), composer; Andy Cohen (1968-), TV host; Wayne Brady (1972-), actor/comedian; Zachary Quinto (1977-), actor; Dominic Cooper (1978-), actor; Justin Long (1978-), actor; Morena Baccarin (1979-), actress; Fabrizio Moretti (1980-), musician; Abby Wambach (1980-), soccer player.

TODAY'S FACT: The White House has hosted 18 weddings, nine of which were for children of sitting presidents.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1935, baseball legend Babe Ruth retired after 22 seasons, finishing his career with seven World Series titles and 714 home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us, the world is full of it and you simply take as much as you require." – Edward Elgar

TODAY'S NUMBER: 336,337 – official American Indian population in 1920, according to the U.S. census.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 30) and first quarter moon (June 7).

Therapy dogs offer comfort to young hospital patients



ASK THE DOCTORS

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

Dear Reader: Yes, there's abundant evidence, both scientific and anecdotal, that interacting with a dog or other type of therapy animal can be beneficial to hospital patients. Studies have found that when someone makes physical contact with a therapy animal, whether patting, stroking or hugging, it prompts their body to release certain hormones and chemical messengers. These include serotonin, oxytocin and prolactin, which play a role in feeling calm, relaxed and happy.

Interacting with a dog can help lower the levels of stress and anxiety that are common in a hospital setting, and which have been shown to interfere with good health and healing. Patients report that spending time with a therapy dog helps to ease fear, reduce loneliness, promote relaxation and lessen physical pain.

In one study, rehab patients with regular visits from therapy dogs began sitting and standing for longer periods of time in order to interact with the animals. Therapy dogs are even being introduced into intensive

care unit settings, where they help patients struggling with a profoundly alien environment. And while your question refers to children, therapy animals help patients of all ages, as well as hospital staff, to deal with a challenging environment.

In order for therapy-animal programs to be as safe as possible, hospitals implement strict guidelines and procedures. Dogs who participate in animal-assisted therapy programs are carefully screened for temperament and behavior. Their handlers are often required to go through a special training program as well. Additional guidelines address issues such as vaccinations, vet certifications and appropriate grooming. Visits with a therapy animal only take place with the handler present, and they are coordinated with a patient's medical team.

Learning the specific details of your own hospital's guidelines and procedures regarding the therapy dogs that your nephew wants to meet may help your sister feel more comfortable with the idea of a visit. If it's possible,

and if your sister is willing, she could meet the dog and its handler ahead of time. This would allow her to ask questions and interact with the dog. That way, she can see firsthand how the dog behaves.

However, you should be prepared for the fact that you may not be able to change your sister's mind. Being in the hospital is often stressful, and even scary, no matter someone's age. And in this case, the experience is affecting both a sick child and their worried parent. It's easy to understand how, in her desire to protect her son, your sister might take a stand on one of the few parts of his hospital stay that she can control. Remember to be gentle when you bring up the topic, and be ready to accept her decision.

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. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville Youth Center will be

hosting its Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Salle Amédée-Beaudoin, located at 10 rue Samuel-Gratham, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1M 2J4. If you wish to attend, please reserve by calling or emailing their Executive Director Brooklynn Roy as public gatherings are limited, people who RSVP will have priority. Email: dg@lennoxvilleyouthcenter.org, phone: 819-821-4805.

CLEVELAND

Antique Farm Equipment Show (Salon du Patrimoine de Cleveland) on June 18, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and June 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Richmond Fair grounds, 128 Route 143 Cleveland (Richmond). Antique farm equipment, tractor games, door prizes, flea market, music. Pork and Beef Supper Saturday night, 6 p.m., reservations by June 7. Info: 819-848-1421 or 819-816-2432. Small entry fee charged.

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The United Church of Canada celebrates its official Pride Sunday on the first Sunday in June. We encourage you to

mark this day and celebrate the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity. Lennoxville United Church will be celebrating with worship on Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid is inviting those caring for loved ones with age-related challenges or chronic illnesses to a workshop with Alessandra Froelich, Psychologist, on the topic of "The Caregiver's Journey Through Grief". The workshop will discuss grief as it relates to death and dying, and grief associated with caring for a loved one, as well as ways to cope with the constant losses, changes, and stress that long-term caregivers meet along the way. Please join us on Friday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 256 rue Queen, Borough of Lennoxville. Free admission. For information and to register, please call 819-821-4779, ext. 305.

LENNOXVILLE

Townshippers' Association invites its members, stakeholders, and the community to join us at our Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 10 from 5-7 pm at the Rivière de la Marais aux Cerises (Centre d'interprétation), 69 ch. Roy in Magog. A light meal will be served. To register, contact Cathy: ct@townshippers.org.

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Join us to celebrate the National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 at Parc Belvédère, Sherbrooke at 5:30 p.m. An occasion to honor the Indigenous culture with dancing, music, sacred fire, tales, tastings and intercultural discussions. It's free, don't hesitate! <https://www.facebook.com/actionsinterculturelles>.

NORTH HATLEY

Eastern Townships Vintage Automobile Club will be hosting its 36th annual Car Show at the River Park in North Hatley. The event is Sunday, June 5 starting at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Dear Annie

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

Dear Annie: My husband, "Jay," has suffered from depression for years. He is an intellectual and feels he should have a higher position in his particular line of work. He has not been successful in achieving this, which has depressed him. He has also suffered many deaths in his small family, and this has compounded his depression. He has threatened to leave me and our teen daughter and move out of the country, saying we would be better off without him. For years, he has threatened this, and each time, I tell him we love him and of course want him here.

We have a teen daughter who is a sophomore in high school. She is

extremely intelligent, having skipped a grade in elementary school. She takes advanced courses in every subject in high school, achieving all A grades. However, since the beginning of this year, her stellar A grades have fallen to D's and F's in all subjects. She is depressed and has no drive to do well in school. My husband (her father), who used to dote over her for her grades, now calls her stupid and tells her that she is ruining her life and that she is responsible for all of our family problems, which, of course, is untrue. They haven't spoken in a few weeks. I am afraid to leave them alone for fear of what he will say to her if they do speak again.

I work a full-time job and sometimes get home late. Jay, who used to help

me with meals for our daughter, won't lift a finger to help her with anything.

Jay will not seek any help and feels a counselor or psychologist is a bunch of quackery. My daughter, at times, won't even open up to me, and I am at a loss of what to do. Any thoughts would be appreciated. - At My Wits' End

Dear At Wits' End: Jay is seriously depressed, and he desperately needs help. His toxic influence on your daughter at this age can cause a whole lifetime of damage to her.

People who call psychology "quackery" are afraid to do the hard work of looking inward - to try to understand their feelings at a deeper level. Instead, Jay is projecting his dislike of himself onto your daughter

by constantly criticizing her. You and Jay are in the middle of your lives, while your daughter's life is just beginning. Your focus should be on saving her from the consequences of his depression.

If he still is not willing to seek treatment, then he should move out - for your sake and, especially, for your daughter's.

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20. MARISA
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22. IKON
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30. NENES
31. AFFAIRS
32. IDS
33. TALON

34. USUAL

39. APE
42. PELISSE
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46. IRATELY
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51. EITHER
56. ATLI
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58. SORELY
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61. NEMEA
62. AIDE
63. LEE
64. KEAN

SOLUTIONS DOWN

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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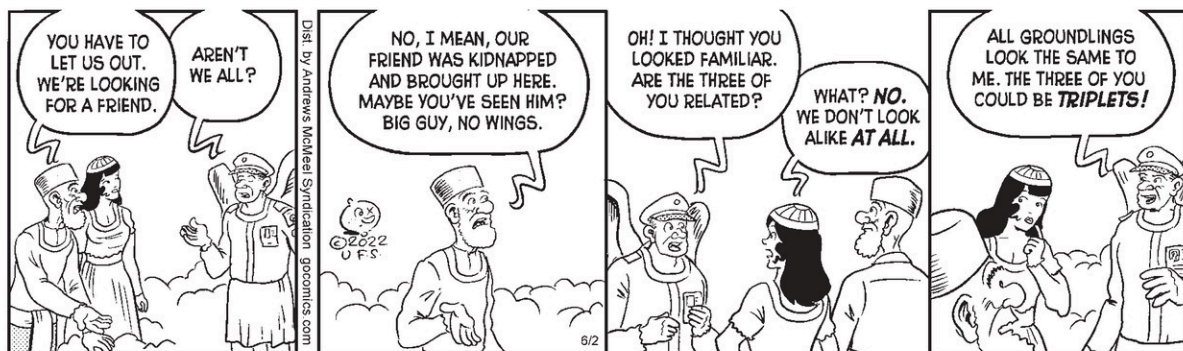


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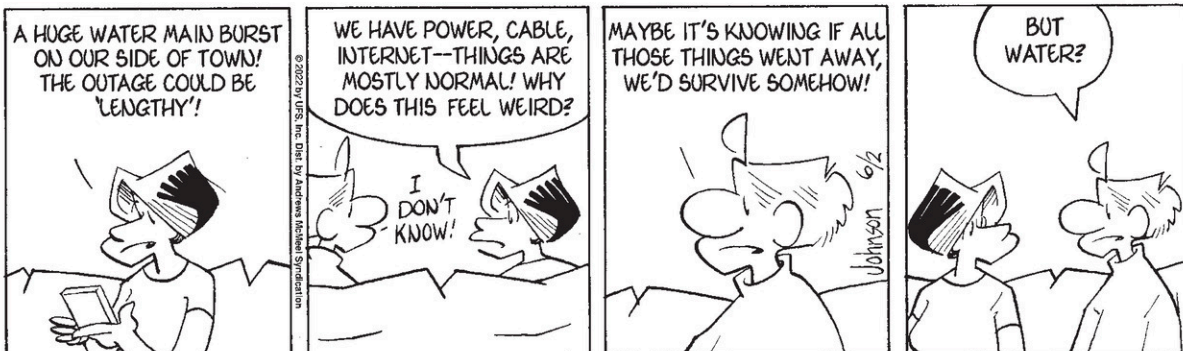


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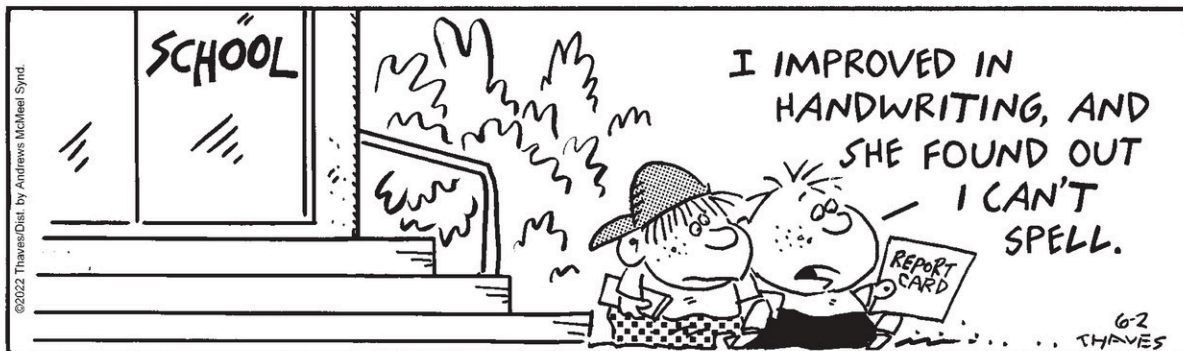
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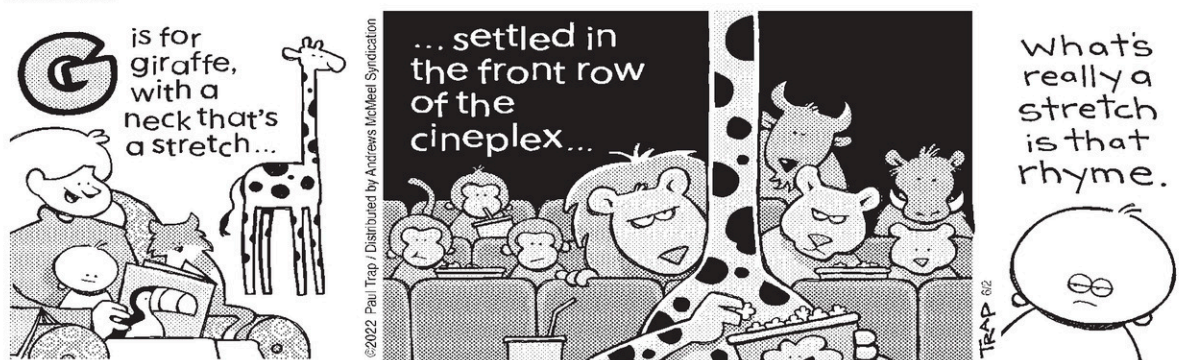
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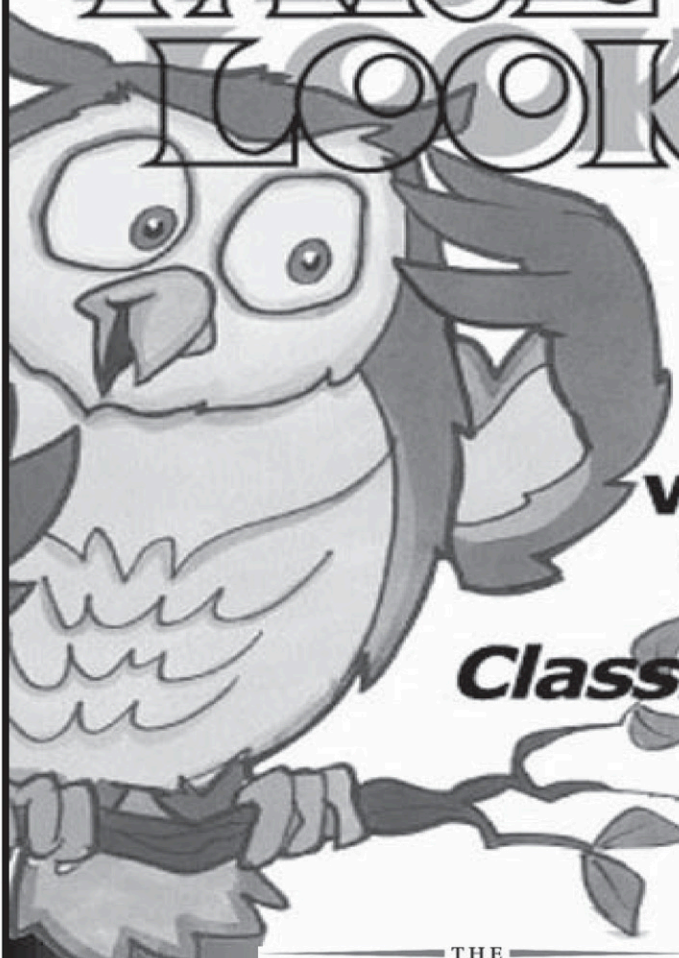
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 - 5 Ad award
 - 9 Satchel
 - 12 Mountain range near China
 - 13 Pitch
 - 14 "— had it!"
 - 15 Decline, as stock prices
 - 16 Like prime steak
 - 17 Empty space
 - 18 Volunteers
 - 20 Desperado's fear
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 - 23 Playful bark
 - 24 Big cats
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 - 37 Medieval adventures
- 40 Become edible**
- 41 Naval off.**
- 42 Slump**
- 43 Volleyball shot**
- 46 Turnpike**
- 50 "All the King's —"**
- 51 Throw off heat**
- 53 Flooring piece**
- 54 Code for O'Hare**
- 55 Movie part**
- 56 Columnist —**
- Bombeck**
- 57 Fellow**
- 58 Realty sign**
- 59 Emulate a bronco**
- DOWN**
- 1 Short race
 - 2 Super-model — Macpherson
 - 3 Join wood
 - 4 Barking
 - 5 Magnetism
 - 6 Pulls laboriously
 - 7 Wrathful feeling

- 8 Veteran player (2 wds.)
- 9 Slant
- 10 "We try harder" folk
- 11 Actor Richard —
- 19 Feminine ending
- 21 Poetic adverb
- 23 Scope
- 24 Arith. term
- 25 Syria neighbor
- 26 Waikiki setting
- 27 Exercise rooms
- 28 Pitfall
- 29 Leak
- 31 Grooves
- 33 Movie rat
- 36 Boxer
- 38 Response to a rodent
- 39 Expresses scorn
- 40 Type of doll
- 42 Headquartered
- 43 Metro haze
- 44 Cuzco locale
- 45 A famous 500
- 46 Grade
- 47 Metal thread
- 48 — mater
- 49 Time period
- 52 Bossy's comment

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Expand your interests and circle of friends. Embrace something unique that will give you a different perspective on life and what you can do to help people. The aid you offer will ground you mentally and bring a wide variety of emotions to the surface. Contemplate what you can do and what you want, and personal growth and accolades will follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Give a lot of thought to how you conduct business. Look for options that will attract the help you need from those in critical positions. Build a rapport with people who share your ambitions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Adjust your schedule to allow you to lend someone a helping hand. The gratitude you receive will set you on a positive path for the remainder of the day. Share what you know and what you have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Don't mince words; be direct and follow through with your plan. Wade through your responsibilities with gusto, and you will make a difference. Reveal little about your finances or beliefs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - An open mind will serve you well. Don't fear change; embrace what life offers and learn from every experience you encounter. Love and romance are favored. Be true to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Take your time. Don't feel you must do what everyone else is doing. Look for possibilities; consider what's required to take the road less traveled. Work quietly on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - You'll be intrigued by what others do or how they react. Make decisions based on your observations; you will discover the best way to use your attributes to get your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Explore your options and do the work yourself. Fix up your surroundings and spend more time with someone who inspires you. The hard work you put in will ward off criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Take a simple approach when dealing with a friend, relative or peer. Listening and learning what others think and want will help you devise a plan that everyone favors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Control your emotions, live up to your promises and lay down strict guidelines that help you reach your purpose. Fulfillment will help clear your head. Follow your heart and do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Initiate a plan that helps you save money. Adjust your budget and lower your overhead. The comfort of financial freedom will help you find peace of mind and personal happiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Rethink your long-term plans. Put together a schedule that will encourage you to incorporate what you enjoy doing into how you earn your living. Take responsibility for your happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Take charge and enforce changes that will make your life and job more manageable. Speak from the heart, address sensitive issues and lay out a strategy that everyone can support.

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A variation on the theme

By Phillip Alder

Doug Larson, a newspaper columnist and editor, said, "What some people mistake for the high cost of living is really the cost of high living."

Yesterday's deal featured an unusual second-hand-high play that would have killed dummy's diamond suit. Today's deal is a variation on the theme.

Somehow the original South got very high, to four spades. I have dreamed up a sequence.

West led the diamond ace. He continued with a low diamond, declarer ruffing East's queen. Now if South had been able to play a heart to dummy's 10, he probably would have made the contract. East would have won with the king and returned a spade, but whether South finessed the nine or queen, or put up the ace, he would have found 10 tricks dropping into his lap. The fall of the heart queen and the lucky 3-3 spade split with the jack onside would have left the contract unbeatable.

However, West foresaw that possibility. At trick three, he put up his heart queen. Now declarer's contract was dead. He won with dummy's heart ace and played a spade to his nine, but West won with the king, put his partner on play with a heart to the king *

North				06-02-22
♠	5 3			
♥	A 10			
♦	J 9 8 4			
♣	A 9 7 5 3			
West		East		
♠	K 7 6	♠	J 4 2	
♥	Q 8	♥	K 5 4 2	
♦	A K 7 6 3 2	♦	Q 5	
♣	Q 6	♣	J 10 8 4	
South				
♠	A Q 10 9 8			
♥	J 9 7 6 3			
♦	10			
♣	K 2			
Dealer: South				
Vulnerable: Neither				
South	West	North	East	
1♠	2♦	2NT	Pass	
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ A				

and received a heart ruff to defeat the contract.

If you study all 52 cards, you will find that, at double dummy, there were two mistakes. West would have defeated the contract with a shift to the heart queen at trick two. South would have gotten home if he had crossed to the club ace at trick three and returned a trump to his 10 (or nine or eight, of course). Both are tough plays to find.