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Linda Lapointe reports positive results from last year

Rivière-des-Mille-Îles Liberal MP looks back at 2016



(NSN) As the parliamentary session ended on Dec. 16 in the House of Commons, Linda Lapointe had a very positive assessment of the past year as Member of Parliament for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles.

“I met with my fellow citizens throughout the year in a variety of activities which allowed me, on one hand, to capture the pulse of the people of Rivière-des-Mille-Îles and on another, to bring those realities back to the caucuses and ministers involved,” said Lapointe.

“It is my role as a federal Member of Parliament to do so and

after a year, I must admit that I am still proud of representing Rivière-des-Mille-Îles in Ottawa.”

In the field

Lapointe said she was very pleased to have made several major funding announcements in Rivière-des-Mille-Îles throughout the year, including for Curling Rosemère, AP&C Revêtements in Saint-Eustache, Raufoss in Boisbriand and L- 3 MAS.

She was also particularly proud of the success of Canada’s

Summer Employment Program, with 191 jobs created during the summer of 2016 through a grant totaling \$676,823. “As a mother of four children, I was glad to give to 191 students in the riding the opportunity to gain work experience and develop as a young adult and leaders of tomorrow,” added Lapointe.

Helping families and middle class

It was a busy legislative year in Ottawa for Lapointe. However, she said she was aware that the work is just beginning and that much more that needs to be done. The year started in full force with various bills “to give back to the middle class” who will receive on average \$330 in tax relief in the absence of a spouse and \$540 for couples.

This was made possible, she said, because “the richest 1 per cent were asked to make an effort for the benefit of all.” In addition, in July the Liberal government introduced the new Canada Child Benefit, which enabled Rivière-des-Mille-Îles to help 10,300 families who receive on average \$ 530 in payments monthly. “Nine out of 10 families received assistance with the new Canada Child Benefit,” she continued, while adding that 18,870 children are directly affected in Rivière-des-Mille-Îles.

C-236, a Private Bill

Just four months after winning her election, Lapointe tabled her first private bill on credit interchange fees that are imposed on Canadian businesses. “These fees can reach up to 4 per cent in some cases,” she said. “Let’s take a look at what is being done elsewhere. Take for example, Australia or even Europe, which has managed to cap these costs through legislation. Also, let’s not forget that SME managers are part of the middle class.”

The bill will allow the Minister of Finance to intervene and impose, following consultations, a good percentage of interchange fees that banks and payment companies should impose on SMEs, which, according to Lapointe, are among the highest in the world.

Concrete results

In the light of the studies that have been done and Lapointe’s work as a member of the Standing Committee on Official Languages, she said she welcomed the update of the Official Languages Regulations. “A moratorium was imposed on the 257 offices that were or were likely to lose their bilingual status so that they continue to provide services to the public in both official languages,” said Lapointe. “It is vital for me to ensure the vitality of our linguistic minority communities both in Quebec and outside of Quebec.”

Lapointe also welcomed the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Agreement with Europe, while the Standing Committee on International Trade, on which she sat, took an in-depth interest. She said it is important to remember that this trade agreement will reduce and, in some cases, abolish tariffs on Canadian goods sold in Europe.

“In Rivière-des-Mille-Îles, we have several exporting companies and thanks to the entry into force of this commercial agreement, these businesses will be able to be more competitive,” explained Lapointe.

Canada’s 150th anniversary

She also pointed out that 2017 marks Canada’s 150th birthday. According to Lapointe, this is the perfect opportunity for her fellow citizens to travel and learn more about their own country while national parks and national museums have free admission over the next year.

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Freezing rain brought power failures to Rosemère

Town seeks explanations from Hydro Quebec



MARTIN C. BARRY

Memorial Community Centre in Rosemère was open round-the-clock on Thursday last week after residents were deprived of electricity following a series of blackouts in the area caused by freezing rain.

For citizens who planned to stay overnight, the town recommended that they bring their blankets and pillows. Small “yoga” mattresses were also available in limited quantities.

Caused by freezing rain

The outages were caused by branches falling on electric lines, in Rosemère as well as in areas further away, because of freezing rain and soaring winds. Apart from Rosemère, other affected area were the Laurentians, Lanaudière, Outaouais and Montérégie.

Hydro Quebec sent 300 crews to restore the service at one point. The library located at 339 Grande-Côte was also open for a time for those without electricity.

Wants answers from Hydro


Following the monthly town council meeting last Monday, Mayor Madeleine Leduc said

in an interview with North Shore News that Rosemère is following up with Hydro Quebec on the exact source of the problem so that the chances of a recurrence can be minimized in the future.

“We’re going to be speaking to Hydro Quebec to explain to them what we had to go through,” she said.

‘We’re going to be speaking to Hydro Quebec to explain to them what we had to go through,’ says Mayor Madeleine Leduc

Letters to the **Editor**



Bravo to Faith Wood

I would like to say BRAVO and a HUGE thank you to Faith Wood for her article I was so grateful, delighted & downright glad to have read in The Laval News, December 21, 2016.

I am planning on making copies of Mrs. Wood’s article & will be posting it in on my Facebook wall.



The words Mrs. Wood chose & her no nonsense ability to get this undeniable truth across is indeed self-explanatory.

Once a person is ready to open up & begin their journey upon the authentic road of self-awareness, Faith Wood’s editorial resonates deep inside one’s being. It reminds us how privileged we are that we too understood this life changing truth. I know it did for me years ago.


The reminder is always appreciated....and necessary!

Thank you Faith for being candid, and for following what your heart asked you to do.

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Questions raised over Rosemère's youth centre/skatepark project

While town eyes savings, not everyone sees value in \$717,000 project

MARTIN C. BARRY

Although attendance was low compared to recent standing-room-only meetings, Rosemère town council's first session of 2017 was dominated by a fairly lengthy debate between council members and some residents over a \$717,000 plan to create a new youth centre/skatepark.

Wants to see study

During question period Roger Lanctôt told the mayor that he was unable to obtain a copy of a preliminary study for the project after being told by a town hall official that none was available. "You're going to really spend \$717,000 of our taxes for a project for which a study has never even been conducted?" he said.

Mayor Madeleine Leduc said the town's youths were consulted in order to determine what would best suit their needs. As well, a landscape architect was consulted, she added. According to Councillor Marie-Andrée Bonneau, who is in charge of the dossier, the town's former Maison des Jeunes was judged to be structurally unsafe and had to close as a result.

Old youth centre demolished

"We had to lock the place up," she said, while adding that it had to be demolished and that there were also staff changes because of the new circumstances. She acknowledged there was no comprehensive study in the end, although a lot of other work was done before a decision was taken to go ahead with a new youth centre/skatepark project.

Bonneau said the former Maison des Jeunes had been costing the town around \$90,000 in salaries annually. While acknowledging that the skatepark element will be the centrepiece, she added that other activities will take place around it. She also pointed out that the \$717,000 cost is spread out over 15 years through a loan by-law.

More than a skatepark

As well, she said the new facility will be costing only \$60,000 in salaries because it will be open only from April to October. "It's going to be a place that will be much more than a skatepark. It really shouldn't be called just a skatepark because that leads to confusion."



Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc, left, responds to residents during question period at the Jan. 9 town council meeting.



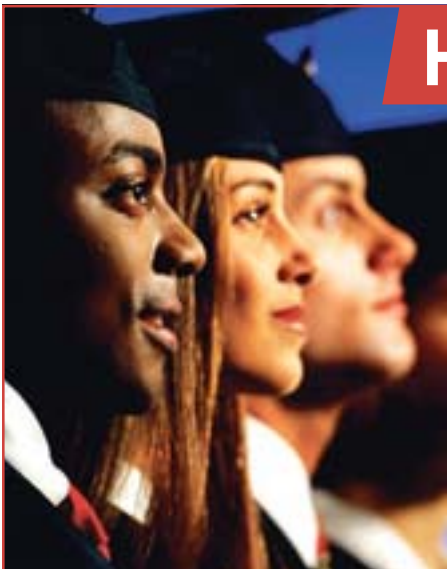
Councillor Marie-Andrée Bonneau maintains Rosemère will be saving money with the new youth centre/skatepark project.



Rosemère resident Roger Lanctôt questioned the mayor and council about the \$717,000 youth centre/skatepark project during the January town council meeting.

Still, Lanctôt wasn't satisfied with the responses he got from Bonneau and the mayor. "I think we're missing what I really wanted to know," he said. "The real question is do we really need that? I find that what you're doing isn't serious at all. It's gone beyond \$700,000 for 25 people or so who will be going there."

'It's going to be a place that will be much more than a skatepark,' says Councillor Marie-Andrée Bonneau who is managing the dossier



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How tax and other changes will affect your wallet in 2017?

New employment insurance rules, cancelled tax credits among changes for 2017

There were plenty of changes in 2016 as the Trudeau government put its priorities in motion. When Canadians file their taxes this spring, they'll calculate how new tax rates and child benefits worked out for their household.

But the changes don't stop there. The start of 2017 brings a bunch more.

Here's some of what to expect.

More carbon pricing

Some Canadians already feel the effects of the fight against climate change in their wallets.

B.C. residents have paid a carbon tax since 2008 while Quebec residents have absorbed the cost of that province's cap-and-trade system since 2013. As of Jan. 1, the prevalence of these kinds of costs expands, particularly in two provinces, as federal and provincial emissions reduction plans ramp up.



Payroll deduction changes

Here's what to look for on your first pay stub in 2017.

Employment insurance (EI) and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) deductions will reappear on the paycheques of workers who maxed out their deductions part way through 2016.

But the move to a new, seven-year "break-even" calculation for EI premiums could bring savings worth up to \$118.85 annually for those making \$51,300 or more.

Previous premiums, set at \$1.88 per \$100 earned, were delivering more revenue to the government than it required to administer and pay benefits. A new, lower premium was announced in September for workers (\$1.63) and employers (\$1.63 x 1.4 = \$2.28). Some small employers qualify for an additional premium reduction. In Quebec, where EI works differently, 2017 premiums will be \$1.27 per \$100 of earnings, down from \$1.52. Quebec residents covered under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) will see their premiums reduced by 36 cents.

The lower payroll deductions may translate into \$955 million in savings for employees and their employers. (That's also less revenue for the federal government to balance its books.)

The maximum annual insurable earnings for both EI and CPP are indexed to inflation and will increase slightly in 2017. That translates into deductions of up to \$836.19 for EI and \$2,564.10 for CPP. That CPP premium has risen by \$19.80 for those making \$55,300 or more — partly offsetting the savings from the EI premium cut.

The agreement between the federal government and the provinces (excluding Quebec) to enhance the CPP won't be felt until 2019, when contributions begin rising over seven years at levels beyond this year's adjustment for inflation.

Workers may also notice the effects of indexation on the amount of federal tax deducted from their pay. Federal in-come tax thresholds, the basic personal amount and several other credit amounts, will increase by 1.4 per cent for 2017.

Shorter waiting period for EI

The two-week waiting period before EI benefits, including special benefits for maternity or disability leave, start pay-ing out will be reduced to one week starting Jan. 1. Employers that co-ordinate their benefits with EI may need to adjust for the shorter wait time. Self-employed workers who opted in to the EI system and wish to draw on special benefits in 2017 will need to have earned a little more in order to qualify: the annual earnings requirement increases to \$6,888, up from \$6,820 in 2016.

Tax credit elimination

Several federal tax credits have been eliminated for 2017. (That doesn't mean you can't claim them one last time this spring on your 2016 tax return.)

Federal textbook and education tax credits have been eliminated because they're not targeted based on income — income-targeted policy has been a priority for this Liberal government. Leftover amounts from these tax credits carried forward before 2017 can still be claimed in subsequent years. The tuition tax credit remains unchanged.

The children's fitness and arts credits are eliminated for 2017, after being cut in half for 2016. The federal credit for labour-sponsored venture capital corporations has also been eliminated, although a federal tax credit for provincially registered corporations was restored in 2016 and is worth up to \$750.

Life insurance tax changes

A bill passed under the previous Conservative government in 2014 to "modernize" the taxation of life insurance policies also takes effect Jan.1. The delay gave Canadians planning their retirements and the insurance industry time to prepare for the change. In simplest terms, the changes impact the total amount of money that can accumulate in a life insurance policy that gets preferential tax treatment. The changes aim to differentiate between protection-oriented policies and investment-oriented policies.

Policies issued prior to Jan.1 are "grandfathered," so the changes won't retroactively affect retirement plans unless changes are made after this date, such as converting to another type of policy coverage. The amount of tax paid on a prescribed annuity is changing, as the Canada Revenue Agency updates its tables to reflect longer expected lifespans. Annuities bought before the end of 2016 could provide higher after-tax income than those purchased later.

And don't forget: after rising to \$10,000 in 2015, the limit for contributions to a tax-free savings account dropped back to \$5,500 and stays there for 2017. Happy New Year

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North Shore News was present at many headline-generating events last year

The year 2016 brought change, but also stability

North Shore area had a greater sense of community

If 2016 was a year of change and upheaval, it was also a year filled with community events on the North Shore. Apart from the various political developments, in 2016 people in the area still managed to get together and learn about all the things they have in common.

JANUARY

The year got off to a cheery start with Montreal Canadiens' star forward Alex Galchenyuk featured on page 2 of the Jan. 9 edition of Nouvelles Parc Extension News following a visit Galchenyuk made to the Giant Steps school for autism in Montreal during which he signed dozens of autographs.

"I think this is a little bit different from being on the ice," Galchenyuk told a small gathering of photographers and journalists who turned up for the event held at the Montreal region's

largest and best-known school for young people afflicted with autism spectrum disorders.

The owner of a home with an average value of \$238,370 in the City of Deux-Montagnes will be paying \$33 more in property taxes compared to last year, representing a 1.2 per cent increase over 2015, according to the municipality's \$26.5 million budget for 2016 reported in NSN on Jan. 9.

In the meantime, the tax bill for an average house worth \$416,000 will be \$61 higher at \$2,176 in 2016, reflecting a 2.9 per cent increase over last year, according to the Town of Rosemère's \$28,798,400 budget tabled by Mayor

Madeleine Leduc.

In Deux-Montagnes, there were signs of trouble in city council. After more than two years of relative peace regarding the develop-

ment of housing on a vacant lot between Deux-Montagnes' 26th and 28th avenues, there were renewed tensions between residents and municipal officials.

Although a small but influential group of residents who have been outspoken were pleased with Mayor Denis Martin's relaxed approach after he was elected more than two years ago, during the Dec. 10 city council meeting several derogation requests tabled for the project appeared to renew their concerns.

Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc announced that the town was expanding the availability of door-to-door public transit service for persons aged 65 years and older. Beginning on Feb. 1, seniors in Rosemère will be able to take advantage of an additional day per week when they can use a special "car taxi" service from their residence.

MARTIN C. BARRY

The 17th annual Deux-Montagnes Ringette Tournament, held on Jan. 9 at the Olympia, attracted teams of girls from many parts of central Quebec for a day of fun and competition that saw them engaging in the sport they love most. According to tournament president Andrea David, who's played ringette since the age of 10, ringette teams came from as far as Gatineau and Vaudreuil, as well as from Laval, Pointe Claire, Beaconsfield and Montreal North.

FEBRUARY

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's 'Backbeat Showband' winter gala fundraiser earned \$46,275 for educational equipment,

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programs and resources at schools and training centres across the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's territory in the Laval, Laurentian and Lanaudière regions.

Held in Laval on Jan. 21, the 2016 event's silent auction featured some very fine collectibles. Since its inception, the foundation "has grown and supported numerous projects that have made a difference for our students," said SWLSB chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone. "On behalf of the Council of Commissioners we are very grateful for the dedication of the members of the board of directors."

The opening of a new supermarket is a source of great excitement for some. Such was the case NSN reported in February on when IGA Extra Sainte-Thérèse's Jan. 27 grand re-opening following extensive renovations during the previous months.

Groulx CAQ MNA Claude Surprenant, who was among the dignitaries who attended, praised the Daigle family for their sense of entrepreneurship as well as for their community-mindedness. "They are people who are greatly involved with the population and it shows," he said. "I wish them the best of luck in this new phase in the development of their business."

On Saturday Jan. 30 hundreds of Deux-Montagnes residents turned out at Olympia Park for the annual Lions Club's Winter

Carnival, which has been a local tradition for more than 50 years.

The annual celebration of the season, sponsored by the City of Deux-Montagnes, has been a favourite of the local population since 1964. Deux-Montagnes mayor Denis Martin and members of city council were on hand to officially open the festivities at 11 am.

The activities included mini-golf played on the snow, friendly games of broomball on the ice rink, horse-drawn calèche rides, toboggan runs down the snow hill, and everyone's favourite – maple taffy on snow served by the folks from the Constantin family's "cabane à sucre" in St-Eustache. In addition, there were hot dogs, chili, soup, coffee, tea, juices, and all at no charge.

During its monthly public meeting on Feb. 8, Rosemère town council found itself having to deal with the aftermath of a provincial law which changed the layout of flood zones on its territory, as well as the property values and insurance coverage of those within those areas.

"The government's norms and the flood areas have changed," Mayor Madeleine Leduc told one couple who complained during question period that their property value has dropped to a fraction of what it was since Quebec changed the flood zones.

Laurier School Board were sounding the alarm about Bill 86, a planned Quebec Liberal government piece of legislation which held the potential to do away with the province's school boards.

"If you don't do something today you will lose your rights forever. If you don't stand up for your rights today you don't get your rights back," SWLSB chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone warned during a meeting of parents held in February at Lake of Two Mountains High School. However, by the end of the school year the government had backed away from its initial intentions and school board officials were generally satisfied with the outcome.

For a second year, the Deux-Montagnes Regional Police Department has partnered with the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA) to take part in a program benefiting 24 children from Deux-Montagnes, Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, Pointe-Calumet and St-Joseph-du-Lac who might normally not be able to play hockey because of the high cost of equipment.

"I can tell you that I am super proud of this project," said police chief Alain Simoneau who was on hand at the Ste-Marthe community centre on Feb. 25 when the equipment was distributed to the participating children.

Taking part in the CRC Robotics Competition for the sixth year, a team from Lake of Two Mountains High School finished 15th in a field of 24 participants in the Montreal regional contest held in Laval. But the Two Mountains team also finished 2nd in a "web journalism" component of the contest and third in another aspect involving web design, according to team supervisor Gordon Truesdale who teaches science and technology at the high school.

In a move that caught some in the Town of Rosemère off-guard although others might not have been as surprised given the municipality's tightening financial picture, Rosemère officials announced the closing of their fire department, at the same time as an agreement for fire protection was reached with the neighbouring City of Blainville.

The City of Deux-Montagnes paid homage during the March 10 municipal council meeting to one of its most enduring and entrepreneurial business owners. Friends, family and acquaintances of Deus Jutras, owner of Constantin Service Inc. on Oka Rd. in the heart of Deux-Montagnes, marked the 50th anniversary of the day Jutras opened his washing machine and household appliance business back in 1965.

Morneau said the federal government is "committed to strengthening Canada's place in the world by ensuring that Canada's international assistance priorities are focused on poverty reduction and by promoting peace and security."

Last year, he added, the government would be admitting 300,000 new permanent residents — the highest number since more than a hundred years ago when people were fleeing hardships and conflicts leading up to the First World War.

At the southern end of Eighth Avenue in the City of Deux-Montagnes, construction began on Réseau Sélection's new retirement residence which is replacing an old wing of the Manoir Grand-Moulin seniors' residence that was demolished to make way for the new project.

"It's finally happening and we're very proud," Mayor Denis Martin said in an interview with the North Shore News following the April city council meeting. Réseau Sélection, which operates a network of seniors' retirement facilities all over Quebec, was investing up to \$55 million in the Deux-Montagnes project.

In the meantime, Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc faced hostile fire from some residents during the April town council meeting, following the municipality's decision last month to close the fire department and outsource responsibility to the City of Blainville.

"After two years you or them can say we want to renegotiate," longtime resident Douglas Lemm complained to the mayor during question period. "So after two years it can be renegotiated by either party." Leduc responded, "No negotiations during 20 years," while adding that the agreement also stipulates that negotiations can only begin automatically under certain conditions.

MAY

A ground-breaking ceremony took place this month in a new industrial park in St-Eustache to mark the beginning of construction on a new vocational training centre to be shared by the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles (CSSMI) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB).

"The education of our youth is a requirement and a priority of all of our communities, Anglophone and Francophone, as education is a priority of the community," said SWLSB chair Maccarone, while adding that the SWLSB envisioned a bilingual centre offering key trade training programs.

The new joint vocational training centre is located at 246 Allée du Golf in Innoparc Albatros, a new industrial park located in St-Eustache. The building, evaluated overall at more than \$20,000,000, will welcome more than 250 Francophone and Anglophone students every year.

The mayor and members of Rosemère town council paid homage at town hall on May 9 evening to a longtime Rosemère resident known for her many years of volunteerism — especially in the sport of figure skating. Pierrette Vaillant-Pierre was presented by Mayor Madeleine Leduc with a symbolic key to the Town of Rosemère. At the same time she also signed the town's Golden Book registry containing the comments and signatures of many other notable individuals.

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Poirier, was sentenced to 18 months in jail in connection with the awarding of a contract for the expansion of a water-purification plant. Poirier insisted he did nothing wrong and that he respected the laws that were in place at the time the contracts were awarded. "I'm getting blamed for selecting the same firms even though the laws allowed me to do so," he said.

On a stop in Saint-Eustache, Coalition Avenir Québec leader François Legault said in an interview with the North Shore News that the CAQ is aiming to win all provincial ridings in Montreal's North Shore region as well as in the Lower Laurentians in the Quebec general election in the fall of 2018.

"When we look at the surveys we are consistently rising," said Legault. At the same time, he pointed out that there's a "dissatisfaction" with the government "that doesn't stop going up."

JUNE

Speaking to the North Shore News shortly before a welcoming ceremony for new Rosemère residents, Mayor Madeleine Leduc said that although she is waiting to finish the work left during her current term in office, she is thinking of running for mayor again in the November 2017 election.

First elected a member of council in a 2008 by-election, then as mayor in another by-election in 2012 following the resignation of former mayor Hélène Daneault, Leduc was re-elected mayor in the general municipal election in 2013, although she faced some tougher competition.

the Sir Wilfrid Laurier

During the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's last regular public meeting before the summer break, board chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone and other SWLSB officials paid tribute to a member of the Rosemère High

School teaching staff who recently received a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Andrea Venditti, an RHS secondary 4 and 5 science, technology and physics teacher, was congratulated by Maccarone, as well as the SWLSB's interim director-general Frederic Greschner and board commissioner for Ward 4 Ann McMullon. Venditti, who has been teaching at RHS for the past 15 years and who is an RHS graduate, was one of only seven teachers in Quebec to have received the distinction.

Rosemère town councillor Eric Westram dropped a bombshell during the June 13 town council meeting when he announced he was breaking away from Mayor Madeleine Leduc's previously unanimous team to sit as an independent.

Westram told the North Shore News that he'll be a candidate for mayor when he makes a final decision about running. "If I do decide to run and stay in politics, one thing for sure is it will not be as a councillor," he said.

Several hundred residents of the City of Deux-Montagnes were told during a public consultation meeting on June 20 at Legion Hall on a proposed indoor pool project with Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac that Deux-Montagnes' share of the cost would be \$660,000 for a 25-metre, six lane, furnished semi-Olympic pool which would be built near Ste-Marthe city hall by May 2018 if the two municipalities agree.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's 2016 Lobster Shack, which took place in Laval on June 9, raised nearly \$29,000 to finance educational projects and resources at Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board learning centres and schools in the coming year.

JULY

In an interview with the Laval News, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's new director-general, Paul Lamoureux, saw similarities between the territory in western Quebec he used to serve and the vast territory he now administers, stretching from the City of Laval westward along the Ottawa River and north into the Laurentian region.

"Between both school boards there are many similarities, one being very diverse and large territories for English school boards in the province of Quebec," said Lamoureux who previously was the Gatineau-based Western Quebec School Board's director-general.

Deux-Montagnes' Canada Day celebration, which is the largest on the North Shore and a contender for best in the Montreal region, brought out thousands of patriotic Canadians to watch a parade along Oka Rd. after which there were activities for families in Central Park for the rest of the day.

Parade Marshall Troy Ewenson, who was known in Deux-Montagnes for his successful community fundraising, had a cheering section all his own. Friends and relatives came out especially to see him occupy a place of honour that's been activities to many other community leaders in Deux-Montagnes during previous Canada Day celebrations.

In Rosemère in the meantime, around 50 members of St. James Anglican Church on Pine St. gathered for a mid-afternoon reception and light meal on Canada Day to mark the 149th year since we became a nation.

The City of Deux-Montagnes was staging another edition of its popular Deux-Montagnes en Fête street party and family festival along a stretch of Oka Rd. from July 15 – 17 as an inducement for everyone to come on out and meet their neighbors while becoming acquainted with local businesses.

"On the occasion of this second edition of Deux-Montagnes en Fête, we feel certain that this grouping of activities during a single weekend will please everybody regardless of age," said Denis Martin. "As well, it is our hope that this event becomes known throughout the region and generates a sense of pride among Deux-Montagnes residents. We hope to see everybody at this big event starting on July 15."

AUGUST

A dozen or so friends of the Lemm family, whose roots in Rosemère go back more than four decades, gathered in the back yard of their Rosemère St. home for the presentation of a Governor General of Canada's medal to their son, Corey, in recognition of his 20 years service to the now defunct Rosemère Fire Department.

While the presentation of medals and merit citations to Rosemère fire department staff was once an annual tradition at town hall, it came to an end earlier this year when town council decided to shut the department and outsource fire protection to the City of Boisbriand. Among

the guests was Rosemère town councillor Eric Westram, who is also a Rosemère St. resident and a longtime friend of the Lemms.

Member of Parliament for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles Linda Lapointe agreed to attend and to present Corey with the medal. Claude Prévost, chief of the Boisbriand fire department and who is also Corey's boss since he now works for the neighbouring city's fire service, was a co-presenter.

Pittsburgh Penguins left winger Pascal Dupuis was in

Blainville on Aug. 7 to meet hundreds of fans at the Jockey Club. Accompanied by Mayor Richard Perreault and several municipal councillors, Dupuis, who is originally from Laval, had with him the Stanley Cup which he helped his team win during the last NHL season and which he had the privilege to show around.

"Since the beginning of my career, I've had the chance to play with the best players in the world," said Dupuis who announced his retirement last December. "Being next to great players like Sidney Crosby, Evgeny Malkin, Marc-André Fleury and Kristopher Letang is very inspiring."

The Town of Rosemère announced the end of dock replacement work at Charbonneau Park. This project was carried out thanks to a \$50,000 financial contribution shared equally by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy, the MMC and the Town of Rosemère.

"The Town of Rosemère is proud of helping make this enchanting site more accessible to all of the region's residents," said Mayor Madeleine Leduc. "Not only has this project been carried out in a spirit of environmental respect, but it also enhances the safety of those who use it."

SEPTEMBER

After proceeding somewhat cautiously with its movie theatre investments in Quebec for the past 11 years, Cinémas Guzzo plans to open several new venues in the greater Montreal region beginning and towards the end of 2017. The company is opening a new 12-screen theatre in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, said Vince Guzzo, executive vice-president. As well, Cinémas Guzzo will be opening a multi-screen theatre in Sainte-Thérèse for Christmas 2017, he added.

Auto parts manufacturing, which once was a thriving industry on the North Shore and Lower Laurentians but went into decline after the General Motors assembly plant closed in 2001, could be undergoing a resurgence, according to at least one official present at the announcement of a \$49 million expansion by Boisbriand auto components maker Raufoss Canada.

Economic Development Canada was loaning Raufoss \$2 million, while Investissement Québec and the Quebec Ministry of the

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Economy, Science and Innovation made a \$7 million loan to the company. The expansion of Raufoss's robotized facilities would create 60 jobs over the next four years, while helping Raufoss meet a growing demand from global car manufacturers.

CAQ MNA for Groulx

Claude Surprenant, who is his party's official spokesperson on forest, mining and transportation issues, met with managers at Bombardier in Mirabel in order to touch base with them on this important company which is a key component of the economy of Quebec and in the Laurentian region.

"Contrary to what some of our political adversaries might have you believe, we have always supported Bombardier and that is what we want to reiterate with this meeting, even if we might have wished for different parameters in the agreement made with the government of Quebec," said Surprenant. "The aerospace industry is essential to the economy of Quebec and Canada," he added.

The Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec's ambitious \$5.5 billion plan to give the Montreal region an electrified light-rail train network by the year 2020 was generating fallout in the City of Deux-Montagnes where some of the project's infrastructure work may end up disrupting the lives of residents.

During question period at the Sept. 8 city council meeting, Catherine David, who owns a residence on du Lac Blvd., said that she and other property owners on the street recently received letters from the Caisse de Dépôt informing them that their homes lie within a zoned area where expropriations could take place.

OCTOBER

In an interview published in the Oct. 14 issue of the North Shore News, the founder of a new Montreal-based group for Anglophones who support Quebec becoming a sovereign nation maintained that the current rights of English-speaking citizens would be guaranteed in an independent Quebec based on a statement former PQ Premier Jacques Parizeau was going

to make on the night in 1995 when sovereignists lost the last independence referendum.

"In a separate Quebec I see all those rights being protected," said Jennifer Drouin. She said the purpose of Anglophones for Quebec Independence "is to give Anglophone sovereignists space to come together to have a collective voice so that people know that we exist and to build bridges between the two solitudes."

With the future of the Rosemère Golf Club heating up as an issue, Mayor Madeleine Leduc announced during the monthly town council meeting that public consultations would be taking place on Nov. 9 and Nov. 12 at Académie Sainte-Thérèse in Rosemère. Leduc first announced in August that a worsening financial outlook at the Rosemère Golf Club could force the facility to sell portions of its land along Labelle Blvd. for development up to six storeys in height.

For the third consecutive year, the Town of Rosemère awarded three \$500 bursaries to several students selected by random draw from the ranks of the summer personnel whose work performance was deemed commendable. The 2016 recipients of the bursaries were Chloé Wilson, responsible for day camp grounds, Marie-Pier Levesque, head lifeguard at the municipal pool, and Dylan Ford, a bicycle brigade member.

On Oct. 12, elected officials from Deux-Montagnes Montagnes gathered at the southern end of Eighth Ave. for a ceremony marking the official start of construction on Le Sélection Deux-Montagnes, a 262-dwelling complex on the shores of the Rivière des Mille Îles, in the heart of historic old Deux-Montagnes, which will provide living space for active seniors and is scheduled to open in the summer of 2017.

A special guest at the ceremony for the privately funded \$57.5 million project was former Montreal Canadiens right-winger Yvan "The Roadrunner" Cournoyer. He joked about the current state of the Canadiens club, while noting that the Habs won 10 Stanley Cups while he was with the team.

NOVEMBER

With U.S. president-elect Donald Trump's surprising populist victory fresh in most people's minds, a theme Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard focused on during an address

at the QLP's general council on Nov. 12 as reported this month in NPEN was the need to listen seriously to people while staying aware of public concerns.

Couillard suggested the Liberals can learn from what happened in the U.S. election, as he alluded to the ongoing reform of the province's public education and health care systems. He maintained that the American election results "showed there was a great divide between government policies and citizens and their real problems."

Our Nov. 11 issue carried a story on Rosemère Volunteer Services' presentation of cheques for \$1,000 each to representatives of two deserving local charitable organizations: Entraide Rosemère which helps families in need, and the Rosemère Foundation which supports senior citizens who are handicapped.

The donations have been an RVS tradition for decades. While Rosemère Volunteer Services operates a coffee and gift shop at the Rosemère Community Centre, the group's main purpose is to collect funds to help students and special causes.

If the size of the crowds turning out for recent public consultations as well town council meetings in Rosemère is an indicator, the future of the Rosemère Golf Club was weighing heavily upon the local population. Town officials found themselves unprepared to deal with the turnout on two recent consultation evenings for the future of the golf club; they planned for an attendance of 300, but 600 turned up on one particular night.

During residents' question period, Normand Painchaud maintained that the chances of the private Rosemère Golf Club's surviving more than a few years are slim. He suggested the best course of action would be for the town to obtain an agreement from the club's directors that they eventually cede the land to the municipality for use as a public park.

In the meantime, the City of Deux-Montagnes decided to take advantage of provincial legislation to legally pursue companies that won public works contracts from the municipality, but which are believed to have overcharged or misrepresented actual costs when billing for their services.

DECEMBER

For the 47th year straight, Santa Claus kept his word last Sunday and arrived in the heart of Deux-Montagnes, much to the delight of the thousands of children and adults who lined both sides of Oka Road for the annual Santa Claus Parade.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 4, the jolly old man in red sat in his traditional spot atop a float at the rear of the long parade that made its way along Oka Road, and then along some residential streets, on its way to city hall where the mayor and city councillors waited to greet him.

Women and children living away from their usual homes during the holiday season would have presents to open on Christmas morning thanks to donations received during the eighth annual Open House of Gift Giving which took place at the Memorial Community Centre in Rosemère.

The event was held for the benefit of 11 women's shelters in Laval and in the North Shore region. Maria Larosa, a Rosemère resident, held the first few Open House of Gift Giving events at her home before deciding last year to make it a larger event at the town's community centre. The organizing committee was made up of women from Rosemère, Sainte-Thérèse, Laval and many other areas of the Montreal region.

Following an extensive public consultation and survey in Rosemère, elected officials with the municipality declared they would bow to public pressure and refuse to allow six-storey construction to rise along Labelle Blvd. on the edge of the golf course.

"Given the high rate of participation and the clarity of the results, the town announces that it will not be following up on the request for a zoning change on the strip of land occupied by the Rosemère Golf Club along Labelle Boulevard," said Mayor Madeleine Leduc.

According to the survey's results, 68 per cent of Rosemèrites said they were opposed to increasing the number of storeys allowed for the construction of residential and commercial buildings to six. "Our priority was to give our residents the final word," added Leduc.

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LION'S CLUB

Winter Carnival

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Coffee and Tea, soft drinks, and of course there will be Maple taffy on snow ALL WITHOUT CHARGE, COURTESY OF THE CITY WHO SPONSORS THIS EVENT. This is a great event to meet with your neighbors in the New Year. For information call Lion Gigi O'Brien at 450-623-5226 or Lion Linda Hogue at 450-473-2388.

Seniors Day: Feb 18-2017.

Location: Veterans Hall. 141 Grand Moulin. Doors open at 12:00. The Lions will serve a hot supper consisting of their famous Stew. There will be Bingo games with nice prizes, many door prizes, Entertainment, and a chance to meet up with old acquaintances and friends. A great place for chewing the fat. For information please call Lion GIGI O'Brien at 450-623-5226 or Lion Lorna Halderman at 450-473-3404.

At this time the Deux Montagnes Lions club would like to thank their many supporters for the encouragement we receive from the population. If you appreciate our work in the community and have thoughts about joining the Lions, or like to know more about the workings of the Lions International association, please feel free to call Lion Martin Hensen at 450-473-1932, who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the Deux-Montagnes Lions club. The club does operate in English, but French speaking members would be welcomed with open arms.

HERITAGE SOCIAL CLUB

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LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6th, 2017 – Karaoke night
8:00 pm / pot luck 7:00 pm

January 11th, 2017 – Wednesday
Regular Lunch – Chinese food –

tickets purchased in advance for \$10.00 – time 12:00 (Noon) – no tickets at the door – sorry food has to be ordered in advance.

January 14th, 2017 – Cribbage afternoon – Registration 12:30 / game time 1:00 pm – Kitchen open at 11:30 – hot dogs and grilled cheese sandwiches on sale.

January 18th, 2017 – Bingo afternoon – 1:00 pm – cost \$6.50 tea & coffee on sale

January 20th, 2017 – Karaoke night
8:00 pm / pot luck 7:00 pm

Additional:

Monday nights – Dart night – Kitchen opens as of 6:30 hamburgers /hot dogs on sale

Exercise Program with Dale Hammond – Tuesday and Thursday morning – 9:30 Registration for new session Tuesday morning January 10th, 2017.

Forever Young Theater Group – Monday morning – starting January 9th, 2017 – 9:30 there will be a new Registration for the next few months – Val Glover or Heather Tremblay for Information.

Zumba classes on Tuesday & Wednesday nights – Cherly Dore & Kim Assels – 6:45 pm

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Tues, Feb. 28th 6:00 p.m.
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On December 20th we held the annual "Out to Lunch" Christmas dinner luncheon. The event was a great success, there were 89 meals served, followed by door prizes and a raffle draw (fundraiser).

The "Out to Lunch" staff would like to thank the sponsors who made it possible:

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Jan. 10th

Lunch room starts up for 2017

Jan. 29th

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Celebrations

Mandy



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Push Comes To Shove

Fifteen months ago I wrote for advice on confronting my dad who was having continuous affairs on my stepmom for as long as I can remember. I believed it was affecting the well-being of my children, their grandchildren.

As you recommended I went straight to the bottom of things and told my stepmother what was going on. Since then my stepmother and dad "filed" for divorce a year ago but neither is willing to move forward.

My dad still has his girlfriends, and now that he feels he is "single," he assumes it is okay to have them involved in our family and around my children, while still sleeping at his wife's house. It seems to have gotten worse and way more inappropriate than ever.

I have no idea how to explain this craziness to my children. Am I supposed to let any and every girl he chooses for the day around my kids? Help please.

Jillian

Jillian, you have to protect your kids from lots of things: things on the internet, cars on the street, bad companions, harmful movies. It's a pain but that is the way it is.

Your father is a chronic womanizer. With some women he brings around, he is using you and your children as props. "See, I'm a good guy. Come meet my daughter and my grandchildren." Perhaps the women are thinking, "I need to be meeting his kids and his grandkids before we go any further in this relationship."

The other women he brings around are just today's girlfriend.

The reality is your stepmother is a doormat and your father is a satyr. Their divorce is as much of a sham as fidelity is in their marriage.

Why are you upset? Because you know firsthand the damage his adultery did to you as a child. You can't allow your children to be hurt in the same way.

Perhaps he can only be in your children's lives on solo supervised visits. Perhaps he can't be in their lives at all.


Some people might say, "But he's your father. You can't cut him off." But you are your children's mother. That supersedes everything. He is the one with the questionable behavior. People who tell you that you can't do this have morals with loopholes. Morals with holes are not morals.

Your family has a code. You have values you are raising your children with. You did what you are supposed to do. You talked to your father. What was his response? His behavior got worse. He didn't respect what you said. He is just one more thing you have to protect your kids from.

Lay down the law. You did it once, now he is forcing you to do it again. Tell him, none of the women you are cheating with can be around my kids. Don't follow the rules, and you don't see the kids.

Or cut him off completely. Do whatever works for your family. Your unflinching attitude must be, "We do not accept this in our family."

As your kids get older, you will explain things to them. For now, your father is perfectly free to do whatever he wants. But he is not perfectly free to do whatever he wants with your family, with your kids or with you.



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IN MEMORIAM & OBITUARIES



KRIARIS, Nikolaos
1927 - 2017

Passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2017 in his 89th year. Nikolaos Kriaris is survived by his loving wife Anna Kriaris, caring father of Denis (Louise) and Kosta (Cathy). Devoted grandfather of Rosemary, Nicholas (Frederika), Michael (Maria), Nick (Meghan) Christopher, and great-grandfather to Lili and Priscilla.

OLIVANTI, Maria
1930 - 2017

In Laval, January 3, 2017, at the age of 86 years, Maria Tenti, wife of the late Valter Olivanti passed away. She leaves to mourn her children Simonetta (Michele Di Biase) and Cristina (Christian Matz), her grandchildren Laura, Cristina, Olivia, Giulia and Alexander, as well as many relatives and friends in Canada and Italy.

VINCELLI, Luisa
1935 - 2016

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Luisa Vincelli on December 28th, 2016 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of Luigi Marzitelli and cherished mother of Maria (Aldo Vincelli), Pietro (Danila Gaudio) and Liliana (Greg Sourias). She leaves behind her grandchildren, John, Vanessa, Loredana (Ryan), Roberto (Leena), Nicholas and Alexia. and her great grandchildren, Leonardo and Erica.



SERBEY, Leona
1925 - 2016

There has never been a kinder, more loving woman than our Nana. All those who met her were touched by her grace and warmth. Leona was the beloved wife of the late Korneliusz Serbey (2008). Cherished mother of Veronique (Jack Binek), Evelynne and George. Adored Nana of Caroline (Alan Hamilton), Tracey (Stephen McManmon), Christopher and Erik Perrie. Great-Nana of Charlotte, Nick, Chelsea, Cian and Katherine. Leona was born in Ghent, Belgium. She met and married a handsome Polish Officer and moved to Canada in 1951. They settled with their three children in Duvernay, Laval. In retirement, Leona and Cornel moved to the "country" in Vankleek Hill, Ontario. Our dear Nana suffered a stroke five and a half years ago and moved back to Quebec to be close to family. She spent the last two years under great care at CHSLD Vigi DDO to whom we are extremely grateful. Rest in peace. We love you, Nana.



NADEAU, Hélène
1962 - 2016

On Thursday, November 24, 2016 passed away Hélène Nadeau. She leaves to mourn her spouse Normand Lafrance, her father Georges Nadeau, her mother Juliette Daigle, her two brothers Pierre (Myriam Deschênes) and Jean, her goddaughter Naomie (Diego Sanchez), as well as many other family members, colleagues and friends.



WESTPHAL, Stella
1914 - 2016

She passed peacefully at the wonderful age of 102. Her beloved husband, the late Herbert Robert Westphal, who died 57 years ago in Detroit, Michigan predeceased her. She was born in Ange-Aux-Gascons in Gaspé, Quebec. She is the daughter of the late Timothée Parisé and Pauline Gignac. Her sisters Genevieve, Lorette, Beatrice, Armina, Louise and her brother Phillip, as well as a number of nephews and nieces have also predeceased her. She will be deeply missed by her two sons Dennis and Fr. Gerald Westphal as well as many surviving relatives and friends.

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LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS FOR

CROSSWORDS Sudoku

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G | 2 hrs 07 mins | Drama |



HIDDEN FIGURES is the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughn (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe)—brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

LIVE BY NIGHT

13+ | 2 hrs 08 mins | Drama-Crime |



What you put out into this world will always come back to you, but it never comes back how you predict. Taking fatherly advice is not in Joe Coughlin's nature. Instead, the WWI vet is a self-proclaimed anti-establishment outlaw, despite being the son of the Boston Police Deputy Superintendent. Joe's not all bad, though; in fact, he's not really bad enough for the life he's chosen. Unlike the gangsters he refuses to work for, he has a sense of justice and an open heart, and both work against him, leaving him vulnerable time and again—in business and in love. Driven by a need to right the wrongs committed against him and those close to him, Joe heads down a risky path that goes against his upbringing and his own moral code. Leaving the cold Boston winter behind, he and his reckless crew turn up the heat in Tampa. And while revenge may taste sweeter than the molasses that infuses every drop of illegal rum he runs, Joe will learn that it comes at a price.

PATRIOT'S DAY

13+ | 2 hrs 13 mins | Dramatic Thriller |



In 2013, the Boston Marathon erupted into chaos when a bomb exploded along the course. This is the story of what happened that day and how the FBI, local police, state police and local first responders worked together to track, identify and apprehend the suspected bombers.

A MONSTER CALLS

G | 1 hr 48 mins | Fantasy |



A visually spectacular drama from director J.A. Bayona ("The Impossible"). 12-year-old Conor (Lewis MacDougall), dealing with his mother's (Felicity Jones) illness, a less-than-sympathetic grandmother (Sigourney Weaver), and bullying classmates, finds a most unlikely ally when a Monster appears at his bedroom window. Ancient, wild, and relentless, the Monster guides Conor on a journey of courage, faith, and truth. Toby Kebbell plays Conor's father, and Liam Neeson stars in performance-capture and voiceover as the nocturnally visiting Monster of the title.

UNDERWORLD: BLOOD WARS 3D

13+ | 1 hr 31 mins | Horror



Death dealer Selene (Kate Beckinsale) must fend off brutal attacks from both the Lycan clan and the vampire faction that betrayed her. Joining forces with allies David (Theo James) and Thomas (Charles Dance), she embarks on a quest to end the eternal war between the two races, even if it means making the ultimate sacrifice.

FENCES

G | 2 hrs 19 mins | Drama |



Now working as a garbage collector in 1950s Pittsburgh, a former baseball star (Denzel Washington) creates tension in his family when he squashes his son's (Jovan Adepo) dream of playing college football.

LA LA LAND

G | 2 hrs 08 mins | Romantic-Drama |



The story of Mia, an aspiring actress, and Sebastian, a dedicated jazz musician, struggling to make ends meet while pursuing their dreams in a city known for destroying hopes and breaking hearts. With modern day Los Angeles as the backdrop, this musical about everyday life explores what is more important: a once-in-a-lifetime love or the spotlight.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

for the week of January 15 to January 21, 2017

The luckiest signs this week: Sagittarius, Capricorn & Aquarius



ARIES

Many details will capture your attention. If you're looking for work, you'll find a fulfilling position that will carry you all the way to retirement.



TAURUS

Your authority will be questioned and you'll have to be imaginative to re-establish your leadership. A slight uncertainty will make you passably anxious.



GEMINI

It may seem as if your goals are light-years away. Fortunately, the fog will clear. You'll see the finish line and all you'll have to do is cross it.



CANCER

Difficult negotiations are on the horizon, both at home and at work. Take the time to eat well and to relax before you become overwhelmed with anxiety.



LEO

You'll feel alone in your relationship at times. Luckily, dialogue and romance will be back around the middle of the week.



VIRGO

One of your workplace's competitors may try to woo you with a very attractive salary offer. Avoid spending too much money this week. Expect plenty of action.



LIBRA

You'll have to take a step back when faced with a particular situation. A few days of contemplation will be necessary. You'll then be in a better position to build momentum and move in leaps and bounds.



SCORPIO

You'll be in charge of bringing a large group together. Don't let your friends influence you; they'll succeed in making you overspend if you go shopping with them.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll get your hands on a large sum of money as if by magic. A promotion will be handed to you on a silver platter. A wonderfully extravagant time will then begin with your partner.



CAPRICORN

Time marches on without you noticing it. Fortunately, you'll be able to set goals for yourself that perfectly fit your situation and desires.



AQUARIUS

If you lend a friend some money, you may end up losing both. Change in any form will work in your favour this week.



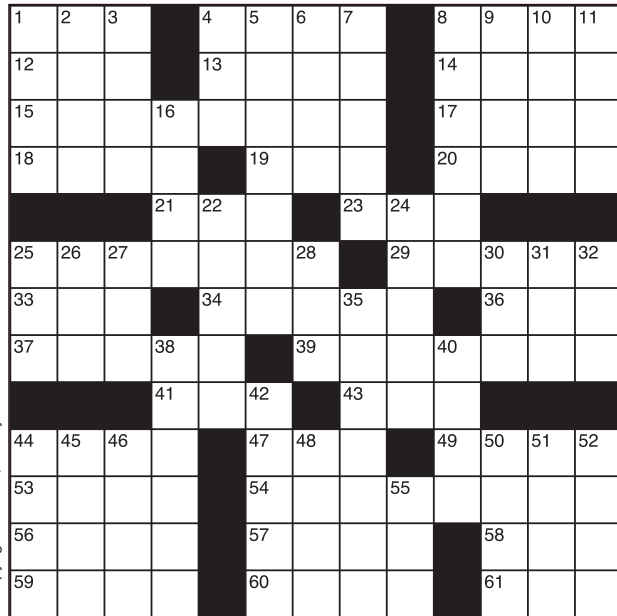
PISCES

With a bit of patience you'll soon be able to say that you've accomplished quite the feat. You'll bury the hatchet once and for all and create harmony around yourself.

Coffee break

CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 854



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ACROSS

- Head covering
- Mischievous ones
- College teacher, for short
- Great wrath
- Furnace fuel
- Galloped
- Trend
- Slender woodwind
- Effortless
- Golly's partner
- Dull person
- Mess up
- Cheese eater
- Poorer
- Courted
- Positive vote
- Andean animal
- Winter illness
- Popular young lady
- Zoo attraction
- Kooky
- Gender

- Soda type
- Superman's letter
- Repeat
- At the summit of
- Youngsters
- Vacant
- Wrinkly vegetable
- Frying liquid
- Coaster
- Molt
- Nose around

- Irritated
- Informed
- Catch
- Gawk at
- Long, slippery fish
- Dustcloth
- ____-key
- Shoemaker's helper
- Owing
- Projectile
- Gave temporarily
- Felled
- Packs of cards
- Baby bears
- October gem
- Folk legends
- Persian ruler
- Farmer's produce
- Descendant
- Single
- Preceded

DOWN

- Quote
- Sector
- Authors
- Frozen water
- Mutt
- Gait
- Slicker
- On the double
- Kimono, e.g.
- Bloodhound's trail
- Give a meal to
- Changed the color

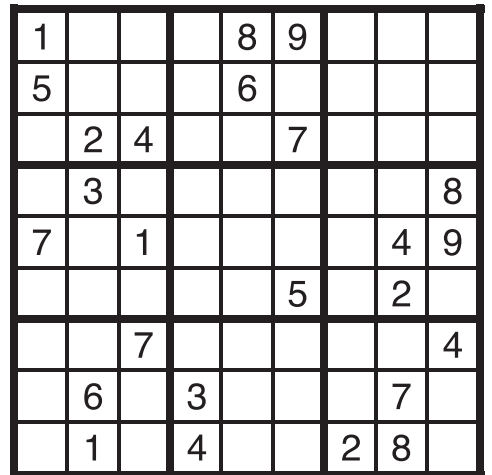
Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 590

HOW TO PLAY :

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: **You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.**



JOKES

HELP WANTED

The candidate was interviewing for a job at a phone answer center and was asked to make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink, and Green.

After thinking about it for a couple of minutes, the reply was, "When the phone goes GREEN, GREEN, GREEN, I PINK up the phone and say YELLOW!"

She got the job.

IS THAT A RECORD?

A woman meant to call a record store but dialed the wrong number and got a private home instead. "Do you have 'Eyes of Blue' and 'A Love Supreme'?" she asked.

"Well, no," answered the puzzled homeowner. "But I have a wife and eleven children."

"Is that a record?" she inquired.

"I don't think so," replied the man, "but it's as close as I want to get."

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