

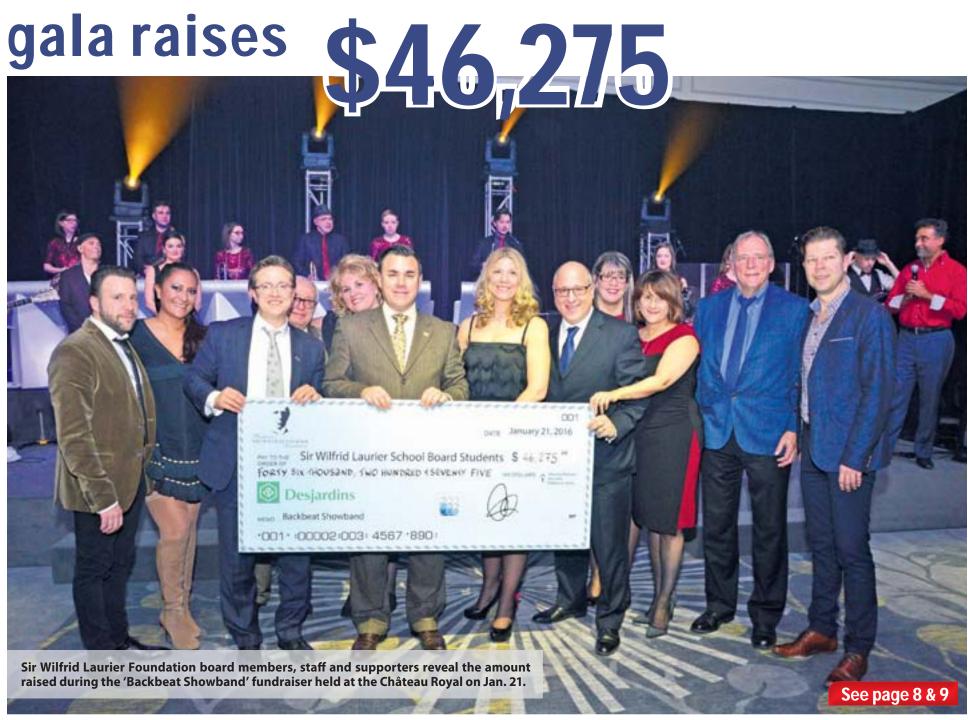




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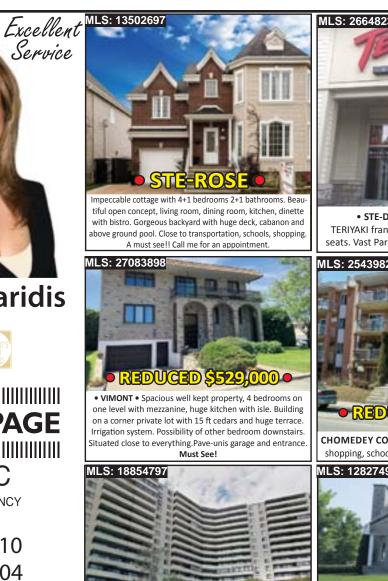
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# **Opinion** & Editorial



# **QESBA** should beware of Moreau as new Education Minister

Although the Quebec English School Boards Association says it is pleased with the nomination of Pierre Moreau as the province's new Minister of Education, the QESBA's members have either short memories or they don't follow municipal affairs news very closely.

Either way the QESBA doesn't appear to grasp the implication of Moreau's appointment, taking into account at least some of his past municipal affairs record which included intolerance and a tendency to be heavy-handed and authoritarian.

In a statement the QESBA issued last week on the same day Premier Philippe Couillard announced his new cabinet, the school boards association said it has always tried, in good faith, to maintain a positive relationship with successive Ministers of Education.

"We hope that today's nomination will bring a new openness and a healthy dialogue among all partners in education for the ultimate benefit of our students and community," the QESBA said. "We are confident that the Minister will quickly call for a meeting of the Table Québec-Commissions scolaires in order to gain a proper perspective of our public school systems and on the English minority community."

Putting aside the fact the education portfolio has been in the hands of several ministers since the Couillard government came to power nearly two years ago, let's take a look back a little more than a year ago to December 2014 when Moreau was a few months into his mandate at Municipal.

Around that time, Moreau got into a fairly strident public confrontation with Laval mayor Marc Demers. This was after Demers claimed that a 3.2 per cent overall tax hike projected for his city's taxpayers in 2015 was largely the result of Quebec's new "fiscal pact" which summarily terminated \$15 million in annual transfer payments to Laval.

While the mayors of most of Quebec's municipalities chose to be discreet about the situation, Demers had the temerity to actually link the tax increase in his city to the provincial government's "austerity" program. It was a criticism that Moreau, looming high over the towns and cities, wouldn't stand for and which ought to stand out as a distinct sign of his potential for being unconciliatory.

At one point, in an effort fairly obviously meant to humiliate Demers as well as the mayor of Longueuil who shared the Laval mayor's views, Moreau threatened to withhold transfers owed by Quebec to the two cities if they didn't roll back their tax increases. Then, in a manipulative gesture playing on the average taxpayer's natural inclinations, Moreau threatened that the provincial government itself would mail refunds to taxpayers and send Laval the bill afterwards.

Since downloading expenses onto school boards and municipalities is a tactic the municipal affairs and education ministries are both well versed in, it's rather surprising that the QESBA would see anything positive in Moreau's appointment - although the association's stance is perhaps understandable as a diplomatic gesture towards the new education

minister. All the same, what seems more likely is that Moreau will end up doling out to them a treatment not much different from what he gave municipalities.

Regarding Premier Couillard's other choices for cabinet positions, they are perhaps an indicator of his temperament - politically and personally speaking. A neurosurgeon prior to immersing himself in politics, Couillard arguably has been able to use the cool-headed qualities learned from his specialized medical training to unflinchingly implement the rigorous program his government is imposing in stages running up to the next election in two

The Premier has come to be known as someone with a very long memory, someone who does not take disloyalty, rejection or slights easily, especially when they are political. While questions are still being asked as to why former Transport Minister Robert Poëti was summarily tossed from the cabinet in the latest shuffle, it can be viewed as an example of the prerogative of a Premier - or as a sign of personal capriciousness.

It might be recalled that following the 2013 Quebec Liberal Party leadership race, when Couillard prevailed over Raymond Bachand and Pierre Moreau who were also in the running, among those to feel Couillard's wrath afterwards for not supporting him were Chomedey Liberal MNA Guy Ouellette. All signs indicate that Ouellette's paying the price for giving Bachand his backing.

Despite Ouellette's sterling qualifications as a Sûreté du Québec police officer and investigator with 30 years experience (he was very active in the 1990s during the Hells Angels gang war and logic suggests that he ought to be a shoe-in for the Public Security Ministry), Ouellette's exclusion from successive Couillard cabinets makes it quite evident that the Premier hasn't forgotten the past and quite possibly never will.

While Couillard's predecessor, former Liberal Premier Jean Charest, was also cautious in his selection of teammates, it was nothing in comparison to the towering conceit of the province's current Premier. On the other hand, sometimes what's needed to drive a difficult program to successful completion is someone with an exceptionally large ego and the determination to win another election.

- Martin C. Barry -

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# IGA Extra Sainte-Thérèse completes

renovations

Mayor, MNA among dignitaries attending grand re-opening



MARTIN C. BARRY

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

#### **Many improvements**

Waiting at the entrance of the store at 220 St. Charles Street was Lina Roy. The Sainte-Thérèse homemaker was first in line. She couldn't help but notice the improvements made inside by the Daigle family who have gradually been improving and upgrading their small chain of North Shore IGA stores in recent years.

According to store owner Robert Daigle, most of the store's refrigerated units have been replaced by new ones, the store's color scheme has been improved and certain departments have been completely reorganized so as to improve the food shopping experience. In all, Robert and Luc Daigle as well as their partner Charles Gingras spent \$2.5 million on the improvements at renewed store which is 48,000 square feet in area.

#### Departments upgraded

Among the areas of the store to be upgraded are the fruits and vegetables, the ready-to-eat section, the delicatessen, the bakery, a bistro with free wi-fi and a new sushi counter. Also available are

Members of the winning IGA Extra Sainte-Thérèse team are seen here helping to cut the ribbon for the store's official re-opening with Sainte-Thérèse mayor Sylvie Surprenant and Groulx CAQ MNA Claude Surprenant.

oysters year-around, a fish and seafood department, a meat department featuring aged beef prepared in a special room that's an IGA exclusive.

In addition to all this, the store also

In addition to all this, the store also sells a wide range of organic products including many which are gluten-free. Among the improvements made at the store, reflecting IGA Daigle's environmental commitment, is composting equipment. Groulx CAQ MNA Claude Surprenant, who was among the dignitaries who attended, praised the Daigles for their sense of entrepreneurship as well as for their community-mindedness.

#### **Active in the community**

"The Daigle family shows discipline, perseverance and leadership," he said, while also noting the family's commitment to the well-being of their employees. "They are known for conversing with their clients and for forging a very close relationship with them. They are people who are greatly involved with the population and it shows. I wish them the best of luck in this new phase in the development of their business."

Sainte-Thérèse mayor Sylvie Surprenant, who was also among the guests, noted that supermarkets have needed to adapt to the population's changing lifestyle and that this is what the Daigles did at IGA Extra Sainte-Thérèse.

#### Praise from Ste-Thérèse mayor

She also said that the Daigle family is playing a crucial role in helping to stimulate the economy by encouraging local purchasing. "In the name of my colleagues on the municipal council I congratulate Robert Daigle, Luc Daigle, Charles Gingras and the entire team at IGA Extra Daigle and Sobeys Quebec for this success," said Surprenant.

Gaétan Dufresne, vice-president for real estate development with IGA parent company Sobeys Quebec, said he was delighted to be working with partners as dynamic and energetic as the Daigles. "We're number one, but we are not sitting idly," he pointed out. "I thank Robert, Luc and Charles. They are passionate about food retailing and so are we. Thank you for having confidence in us and may there be lasting success for the Daigle family."







 $\label{lem:conditional} \textbf{A charmingly-dressed Zakia Liamany served quality sushi throughout the evening.}$ 



IGA Extra Sainte-Thérèse's completely renewed fish and seafood department features oysters year-around.

# **SWLB Foundation's 'Backbeat S**

A total of \$650,000 has been raised by the SWLF to fund educational programs and

resources over the past decade

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MARTIN C. BARRY

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

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



The SWLF continues to grow and to make valuable contributions to education on the SWLSB's territory, according to board chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone.

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#### **Popular silent auction**

Held at the Château Royal in Laval on Jan. 21, the 2016 event's silent auction featured some very fine collectibles. The items on the block included a numbered bleacher seat from the old Montreal Forum that had been autographed by the Montreal Canadiens' late great captain Jean Béliveau, a hockey jersey signed by the Habs' star forward Alex Galchenyuk, as well as some Maurice 'The Rocket' Richard memorabilia.

The ever popular raffle segment included prizes ranging from a \$150 eight-inch Windows Tablet, to a \$75 pass for four to experience a simulated space mission at the Laval Cosmôdome, and a \$25 gift certificate for the SAQ. The evening's top raffle prize, a \$1,500 gift certificate from Voyages Universel for travel anywhere, was won by foundation supporter Sylvain Auger of Montreal.

#### Mayor and councillors attend

"Education is the greatest gift and the best investment that anyone can make since our children are what we should be focusing on in terms of education.," said Laval mayor Marc Demers who attended with more than a half-dozen city councillors determined to show their support. "We are here tonight to help the foundation and we would like to thank all those who helped organize the event this evening," the mayor added.

According to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation president Christian Fréchette, \$650,000 has been raised by the SWLF over a 10-year period. Of that, \$160,000 has paid for technological projects, \$54,000 for projects concerning physical activities and sports, \$84,000 for pedagogical initiatives, \$31,000 for leadership projects, \$26,000 for arts projects, \$69,000 for health, security and



Left, Sylvain Auger of Montreal, the evening's top raffle prize winner, was presented with a \$1,500 travel voucher by SWLF president Christian Fréchette.



The Backbeat Showband provided a steady stream of music that kept gala attendees busy on the dance floor.

# Showband' gala raises \$46,275



Among those seated at the head table were Laval mayor Marc Demers, SWLSB chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone, SWLF president Christian Fréchette and SWLF board members.

anti-intimidation programs and more than \$215,000 for student bursaries.

#### Don't miss the 'Laurier Lotto'

While the foundation holds other events during the year, including the talent-packed Star-Fest, Fréchette noted that this year the SWLF will be holding the 'Laurier Lotto,' offering participants a chance to win more than \$12,000 in prizes. Tickets were being sold during the gala and a draw will be held at the Château Royal on June 9.

"We believe that the foundation is a vital partner of the school board and we want to continue to raise funds that will help the school board achieve its goals and contribute to projects that have a direct impact on student success," said Fréchette.

#### Future's 'bright,' says Maccarone

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 were are very grateful for the dedication of the members of the board of directors."

"The future of our students and children, their education, really depends on more and more people sharing our vision for growth and making a difference," she continued. "For that to happen we must continue to be involved. I'm confident that our future is bright. If we listen closely for the heartbeat, maybe it's your own, your child's, your student's, the one that gives a voice to our vision







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#### Crib Tournament:

#### **Sunday February 7th**

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#### Monthly Luncheon:

#### Wednesday February 10th

Cost: \$10.00, Doors open @ 11:30 am - Lunch served @ 12:00 pm, serving: Beef Stroganoff on rice, tomato & cucumber salad. Dessert. coffee and tea

#### Valentine`s Supper & Dance:

#### Saturday February 13th

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On Feb. 18, 1952, a massive storm splits the SS Pendleton in two, trapping more than 30 sailors inside the tanker's sinking stern. Engineer Ray Sybert bravely takes charge to organize a strategy for his fellow survivors. As word of the disaster reaches the Coast Guard in Chatham, Mass., Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Cluff orders a daring rescue mission. Despite the ferocious weather, coxswain Bernie Webber takes three men on a lifeboat to try and save the crew against seemingly impossible odds.

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13+ | 1 hr 42 mins | Comedy |



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Aries March 21-April 19 Social joys, optimism, friendly romance and all-round happiness continue, Aries - especially this Sun./Mon. The only thing that might (will) be denied you is sex, physical intimacy. (Also avoid investments or any financial commitments both days.) You might enter a new social circle, or begin a new public, fame, group or two small warnings: 1) you won't meet anyone new who would turn into a life-mate; friendship project – e.g., plan a barbeque for "Friends of the River Frog" or such. (Not 2) this is not the best time to begin or launch a big project in these areas. (E.g., not a

Taurus April 20-May 20

The main emphasis remains on career, ambitions, prestige relations and your worldly standing or reputation. These are especially potent Sun./Mon., and your luck is fine, except with co-operators (they oppose you right now, overtly or co-March 5, and again late May to August 2, relationships will be intense – hot or cold, love or war, with little in-between. The people you deal with will have a tendency to "sense" your weakness or secrets you try to hide about yourself, and they will tend to use this to their advantage. For example – extreme examples – an enemy might send photos of ings or income situations, and be wary you in bed with Mata Hari, to the Times. Or, a lover or seducer might know just what to it lures you. (Be brave, pick real love.) say, where to hit, to make you weak-kneed. The best way to counter such possibilities is to fix/cure whatever that weakness is, then you will be much freer to act, and you'll find a bunch of new energy is available to you.

Gemini May 21-June 20

You start this week happy in mood and mind. A recent love puzzle might "unknot itself" Sunday. Your view is wide, your compassion and empathy strong but mellow. You understand things. A new intellectual, travel, legal or love venture might start. Whether it has a long-term result is not at all certain, though, so don't tie to mid-May/17) these two days offer superb luck, so this is an excellent time to correct your future to it, especially Monday. Make a first move, then wait and see. Your career matters or tackle problems (in domestic zones). In addition, especially Tues., a stroke of and worldly standing nudge you into ambitious efforts (hopefully!) Tues./Wed. (Or, flip luck could give you a pay raise, praise from the boss. side, you might be shoved before some authority or other.) Tuesday is terrifically lucky in home, real estate, family healing, gardening, and in investment, finances, sexual intimacy – but not in relationships, marriage, relocation or negotiations.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Life's mysteries rise to the surface. Secrets abound - and research can vield valuable answers, especially in financial, health or lifestyle regions. These things "surround you" for the two weeks ahead, but especially this Sunday/Monday. These two days urge you to invest, reduce debt, or otherwise massage your financial picture. (If "gambling big," find an advisor who is "savvy" about possible deflation and its You could meet someone casually, just a friend, who could become a major lover – effect on investments.) (Savvy comes from the French, "savoir," to know.) Life's mysteries and/or a teacher, legal advisor, or simply a lucky friend. are solved by looking at the bigger picture Tues./Wed. You could fall in love these two days – and although it can yield a huge, lovely, long-to-be-remembered love affair, it probably won't end in marriage.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

These weeks steep your days in relationships. This Sunday/Monday double the influence, striking a key note. Negotiations, arguments and agreements, contracts, dealings with the public, relocation, fresh horizons and opportunities in general - these tend to succeed, but if you start a new project in these zones, realemerges Tues./Wed., as does your subconscious – this raises your intuition, so follow affair in the making. your hunches. Sex, intimate commitments, large finances, health diagnoses, lifestyle changes, all draw you.

chinery, or anything that could be termed an investment. You'll get a lot done Sunday, not so much Mon. Relationships fill the horizon Tues./Wed. Remember, you should generally avoid forming new partnerships (in love and money) before mid-May 2017. The love that this place, and from there make plans.) You're make plans, their study your hours plans, now you arrived at this place, and from there make plans.) You energy and charisma rise somewhat Tues./Wed., and superb luck accompanies you, especially in marriage or other partnerships (or potential mates) and in social areas. A wish could come true. If you're "on the verge" then use this interval to process. not so much Mon. Relationships fill the horizon Tues./Wed. Remember, you should generally avoid forming new partnerships (in love and money) before mid-May 2017. That said, these two days offer splendid harmony, co-operation – even love. Hug someone! But beware real estate, home, security and retirement commitments. You could hear out. happy news from far away.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

RThe two weeks ahead continue to emphasize romance, creativity, beauty, pleasure, charming kids, and risk-taking. (This last a positive thing; you're riding a small winning streak.) Sunday/Monday bring these influences to a peak, but a frog-leg Barbie, tho!) A wish doesn't exactly come true – instead, it is "setting up" for good time to join an internet dating site, or begin writing a novel, etc.) Still, love is in a later fulfillment. Retreat from the crowd Tues./Wed. – rest, contemplate, hold private discussions, make plans (and examine them).

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

The accent lies on home, domesticity, property, security, nutrition and retirement, especially Sun./Mon. These two days flow smoothly enough, and you should dive into domestic affairs or projects. But 1) don't start a major domestic vertly) and relocation. Opportunities might not be what they seem. Taurus, now to project (e.g., building a house) and 2) leave work affairs at work. Romance, beauty, pleasure, charming kids, creative and speculative ventures loom Tues./Wed. Dive in, take advantage of the terrific luck – you can find romance and/or social acceptance. (Your dealings with groups this year are very beneficial.) However, don't chase earnings or income situations, and be wary of "sex without love" no matter how temptingly

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The accent remains on details, paperwork, errands, communications, trips and visits, and a general restlessness, especially Sunday/Monday. Travel, call, read be curious. You'll be extra busy Sun./Mon. with all these things – however, don't start a new project (e.g., don't start a new mail project, or buy a new phone system). (And avoid a "sensuous romance.") Home calls Tues./Wed. – so do security, retirement plans, real estate, gardening, etc. Although you should avoid plunging into these areas all year (and

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 The general accent lies on money, earnings, possessions, sensual attrac-

tions and memory (and memory tasks as well as rote learning). These are highlighted Sun./Mon. Your luck's fine these two days, but 1) don't start a major project (e.g., buying a business to make more money) and 2) beware of spending to fulfill a hope about home, real estate, or retirement. Errands, calls, emails, paperwork and details, travel and casual acquaintances - these fill Tues./Wed., in a lucky, smooth and opportunity-producing way. Re the last of these - be curious - read, listen, look!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your energy, charisma, clout and effectiveness remain high – and reach new heights Sunday/Monday. You're the leader, the centre of attention. However, treat bosses and career people (and authorities) with kid gloves. If you start any new projects, do it Sunday for best results. Chase money Tues./Wed. – cultivate new clients, ask the boss for a pay raise, buy and sell profitably, etc. Your luck in investments (or debt reduction) is splendid, especially if a government agency or government data are involved. A clandestine sexual attraction lures you – reject it if there is a moral problem ze it might not go anywhere. So, keep expectations "light." Life's private, secret side (e.g., he/she's married, you are, etc.). If there is no problem, this could be a memorable

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Continue to lie low, Pisces, especially Sunday/Monday. Rest, contemplate, meditate, enjoy sweet solitude and make plans. (These could be merely prac-Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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#### Peanuts

Jokes of the week!

An old lady offers a bus driver some peanuts. So the driver happily eats them. Every 5 minutes she hands him another handful of peanuts.

Driver: "Why don't you eat them yourself?"

Old Lady: "I can't chew look I have no teeth."

Driver: "Then why do you buy them?" Old lady: "I just love the chocolates around them."

#### College Dorms

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#### Money Bag

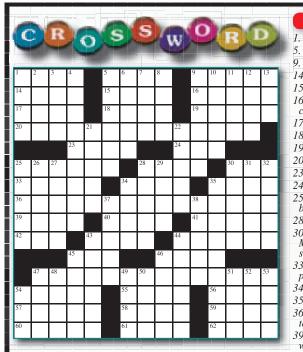
There once was an old man who was about to die. He told his wife to put a bag of money in the attic.

"When I die I'll get it on my way up." chuckled the old man.

Well when the old man died the wife went up to the attic and found that the bag of money was still there.

"I knew I should have put that money in the cellar!" said the old woman.

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5. Erupt 9. \_\_\_-ski

14. Available 15. Blanched 16. Cream used in

cooking 17. Bananas

18. Iridescent gem 19. Charged, in a way

20. Missing 23. nut 24. Criticize, slangily

25. White-and-black bearlike mammals 28. Crude group?

80. "\_\_\_Ng" (They Might Be Giants song) 33. "Four Quartets"

34. U.S. naval station

35. Soon, to a bard 36. Despite anything 39. Wild goose with white adult plumage

#### 40. Very small things, slangily

41. Archer, at times 42. Ring bearer, maybe 43. Cambodian

currency 44. Being 10 more than 80

45. Afflict 46. Dugout, for one

54. Jollity 55. Large open course with 9 or 18 holes

56. Dissolute man in fashionable society 57. Heads-up 58. Around the bend

59. Ancient Andean 60. Derby prize 61. "Let it stand" 62. 1951 N.L. Rookie

DOWN

1. Type of balsam tree 2. \_\_\_ reflection

3. Cavity in which the 30. Cartoon art large intestine begins 31. Fair-sized musical 4. Easily assembled group and dismantled 32. Burned up furniture 34. Clarified butter 5. Thread winders

used in Indian cookery \_\_\_ New Guinea 7. Brio 35. For the time being

8. Shoe strengthener 37. Weave used to produce the effect of 9. Sour to the taste parallel diagonal ribs 47. In a single-minded 10. College faculty manner members 38. Water nymph

43. That which is due 11. City near Lake to a person by law Tahoe 44. Like some yogurt 12. Arabic for "commander" 45. Cavern, in poetry

13. "Wait a \_ 46. Drivel 21. Cousin of a 47. Launch site raccoon 48. Angers

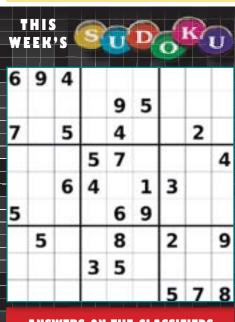
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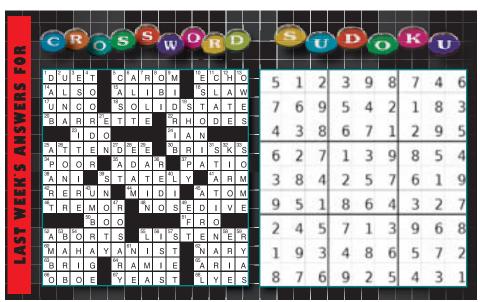


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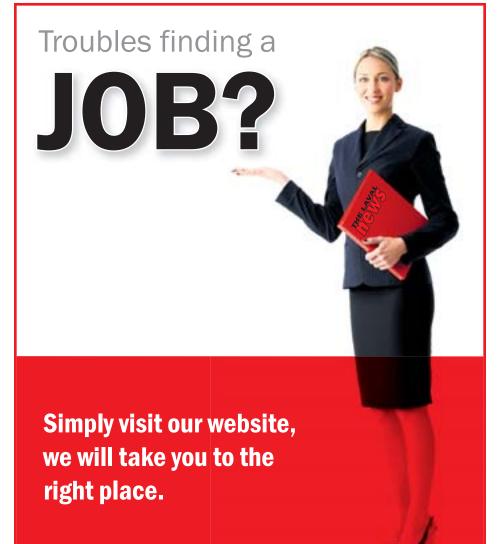






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