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Quebec girls, teens advertised for prostitution on U.S. site

Police have cases involving under-age youth and sex sevices linked to wesbite

A U.S.-based classifieds site is on the radar of police in Quebec for selling sex with both young women and teenagers.

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As controversy swirls around a Laval group home linked to a string of runaways, experts have raised concern about how social media can be used to lure vulnerable girls into prostitution.

Montreal police say they are overseeing cases involving minors being advertised on Backpage while Laval police confirm they are aware of the website.

"We got a few cases here and there that are linked to that website," Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafrenière said.

"We are talking about juveniles posted on that website."

Laval police wouldn't comment on specific cases involving the website.

'You will find kids, adolescents'

Advertisements are posted daily for young women, some of whom look no older than 14, in the areas of Montreal, Laval, the South Shore and the West Island

Backpage has guidelines prohibiting human trafficking of exploitation of minors but some of the advertisements even use special wording to sell underage teenagers.



The nondescript website features hundreds of advertisements for an array of sexual services. Postings are detailed with price lists, the age of the escort, a gallery of photos and which services the escort is willing or not willing to perform.

The majority of ads also demand contact be made through text message.

Advertisements for escorts and sexual services are posted every single day. (Radio-Canada)

René Morin, a spokesperson for the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, says the organization is aware of the website.

"You will find kids, adolescents in the same category in the grid of sexual services and it shows the extent of which the

internet facilitates the selling of these minors," Morin said.

Calls for change

Backpage has been controversial for years south of the border, where the CEO was subpoenaed by U.S. Senate to appear last November. He did not not show up to the committee hearing.

Maria Mourani, a former MP and criminologist, says Canada and Quebec need to act on the laws surrounding human trafficking and prostitution.

"There is absolutely nothing being done as we speak," Mourani told Radio-Canada.

"I ask why the prosecutor of Quebec and the minister of justice on are waiting to act on this file — not even about the ads but at the level of clients."



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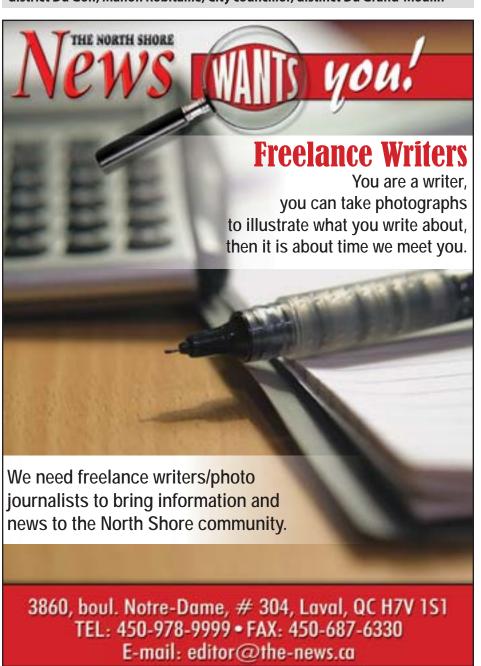


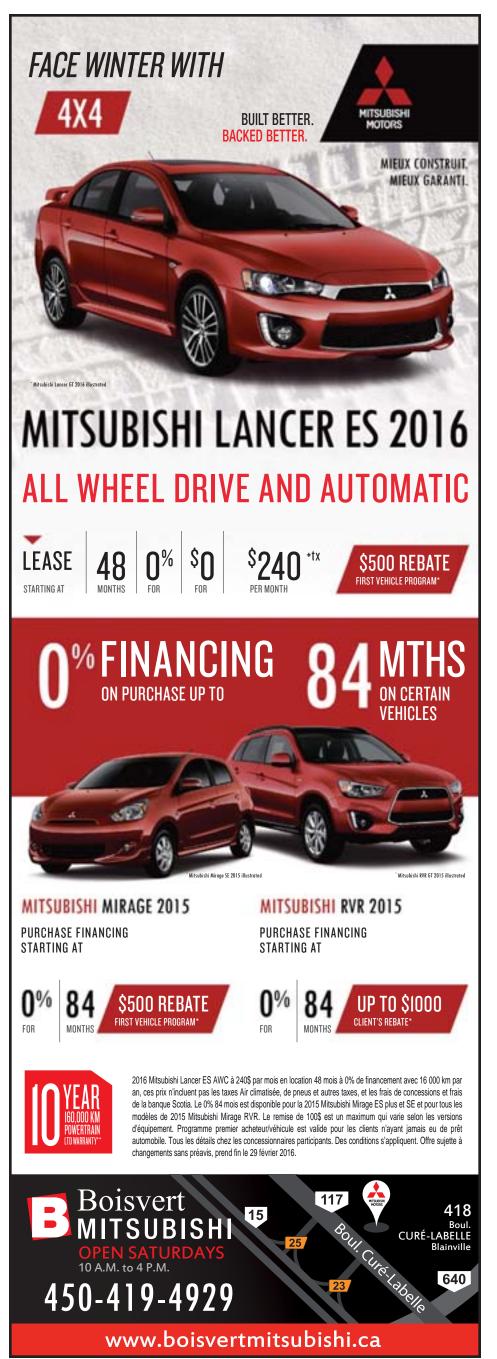
Lions Club grants \$20 00 to municipal library

Last February 3rd, the Library of Deux-Montagnes has received a grant of \$ 2000 offered by the Lions Club to enrich its collection of large print books and audio books. Since 1980, the Lions Club contributes to these collections in French and English mainly for people with visual handicap. Through this annual financial aid, the Library members have a good variety of books of all kinds. These collections are available to the subscribers during the opening hours of the Library or through interlibrary loan.



From left to right: Micheline Groulx Stabile, City councillor, district De l'Olympia, Martin Hensen, Deux-Montagnes Lions Club member, Denis Martin, Mayor, City of Deux-Montagnes, Dave Byers, Treasury of the Deux-Montagnes Lions Club, Pascale Dupuis, Culture and Library Director, Margaret Lavallée, City councillor, district Du Golf, Manon Robitaille, City councillor, distinct Du Grand-Moulin





Opinion & Editorial

Make National Flag of Canada Day an **official holiday**

A fairly significant anniversary passed without much notice across Canada this past Feb. 15. On that date in 1965, the country's distinctive new maple leaf flag was shown officially for the first time.

Be that as it may, it's only since 1996 that we have been commemorating the event every year on National Flag of Canada Day, although 2016 marks the 51st year since the maple leaf flag became our internationally-recognized emblem.

In Canada we differ from the U.S. in this much: we haven't as much use for patriotism. As odd as it might seem, we are in some respects more of a corporation. Confederation here was more of an economic agreement between disparate regional partners, than a galvanizing event like the War of Independence in the USA.

For better or worse then, there is a technocratic coldness in our country which, ironically, holds us together. We rarely find ourselves being violently split apart by our passions. It is an indifference which arguably actually works — although some may point out quite rightly that it tends to make Canadians boring in their very nature.

All of which is to say that if we tend to forget our flag's birthday, perhaps it's because we look upon it more as a highly recognizable brand logo, along with Nestlé, IBM, Coca-Cola, McDonald's and others. Just like those corporate symbols, the Canadian flag is direct, uncluttered by detail, and plain enough so that few people would find much to complain about in it.

A bit of history is in order. The maple leaf flag replaced the "red ensign," which had been, through various permutations, in use as Canada's national flag since 1868. Under the leadership of Liberal Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, resolutions recommending the new flag were passed by the House of Commons in late 1964 following a sometimes quite acrimonious parliamentary debate which ended in closure imposed by the Liberal government.

Thus in more ways than one, the maple leaf flag has always tended to be perceived as Liberal, abetted by the fact that the so-called "natural governing" party's official color scheme is red, while the Conservatives have always favored blue. Intentional or not, this inadvertent branding has made a political impact that the Liberal Party arguably has benefited from more than any other entity.

For some who are of the generation which came of age in the early 1960s, the arrival of Canada's new flag will probably be remembered as a fitting symbol of the cultural and political modernization the country underwent during that period. So as we move forward and seek symbols to inspire and renew progress across the nation, we should perhaps consider a suggestion that is being heard more often lately – that National Flag of Canada Day be made a national statutory holiday

– Martin C. Barry -

The first 100 days: An assessment of the Trudeau government

'Make no small dreams – they have not the power to move the soul,' Justin Trudeau said in October 2012 when he announced at a community centre in his home riding of Papineau in Montreal's Park Extension district that he would be running for the leadership of the federal Liberal Party.

A hundred days is not a long period of time from which to judge the performance of a political leader, but it's enough to get some idea. "When we were elected, we promised real change to improve the lives of Canadians," the Prime Minister said in a statement issued last week on the anniversary.

Prime Minister Trudeau may not have a huge number of original ideas, but the few he's got are solid and serve as fundamental guiding principles for whatever may follow. One of his more noted phrases — alluding to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's "sunny ways" — is a good beginning that in a certain manner is reminiscent of the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself," the former U.S. president said in his first inaugural address which was delivered as the Great Depression was setting in. Keeping hearts and minds focused on the positive is something Laurier and Roosevelt understood. Justin Trudeau tends to share it with them as an overall outlook.

Regarding his first 100 days, the Prime Minister has had a good start. His cabinet is said to be the most diverse in Canadian history and strikes a good balance between progressive and conservative forces. The Prime Minister has pledged to honor electoral commitments to be more open in his government, while respecting a diversity of opinions and collaborating pro-actively with the opposition parties.

Prime Minister Trudeau has also committed the Liberal government to seeking a new and respectful rapport with Canada's Indigenous peoples, while attempting to do away with overbearing and patronizing attitudes from the past that are being replaced with a new relationship between Canada and the First Nations in which they are viewed as two equal peoples.

Trudeau has also met with the provincial premiers and pledged to work with other countries to obtain progress on climate change. In addition, he is the first Prime Minister in 50 years to meet with Canada's leading labour leaders – something that has especially pleased the nation's unions.

But then there is a darker side to the Trudeau régime. The Liberal government's decision to follow through on a \$15 billion military arms sale to Saudi Arabia (something that was started by the former Conservative administration) has left some wondering if Justin Trudeau's claim to being guided by higher principles has any real merit.

As well, the Liberal government's plan for medically assisted suicide legislation is hardly in keeping with the supposedly optimistic principles that animate "sunny ways" – unless someone can put a positive spin on terminating a human life when essentially we the living are unable to provide a quality of existence sufficient to motivate a suicidal individual to want to continue being among us.

And then there is the question of decriminalizing marijuana use and possession, while creating the means to facilitate its sale and distribution. This is an idea that the current Prime Minister began talking about in earnest four years ago when he was campaigning for the Liberal leadership.

There are those who now doubt the Liberal government will proceed hastily with marijuana decriminalization — or even that it will do it at all — given other more pressing concerns such as the deteriorating state of the Canadian economy. Also, since decriminalization is not a politically volatile issue, it can easily be pushed aside almost indifinetely.

If there is one thing Canada's current Prime Minister has demonstrated during his relatively brief political career it's that he has a great capacity to surprise when many of those watching think he is faltering. For this reason, it's realistically fair to assume this pattern will continue and that Prime Minister Trudeau and his government will meet overall expectations over the more than 1,000 days left in their first mandate.

– Martin C. Barry -

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Rosemère feeling impact of province's new flood zones

Some residents voice concern during Feb. 8 town council





MARTIN C. BARRY

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.

New flood zone rules

As early as 2005, Quebec's environment ministry released a new table of flood zones around the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles. While disagreement and negotiations dragged on for years with some of the affected municipalities, the government attempted to bring closure to the issue in 2013 when it passed a decree stating that there was no choice but to abide by the new provincial flood zone rules.

"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 the new rating places them in a zone regarded as being of the highest risk for flooding.

Impact on property values

"Does the town want to buy my house?" quipped the male counterpart, only half jokingly. The mayor had to remind him that the town isn't in the business of buying up properties. It's worth noting that the City of Laval on the other side of the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles lobbied successfully for changes to the flood zone map that Quebec imposed on Laval's territory.

As a result, many of the new flood zone classifications were revoked and a significant number of Laval residents with properties affected by the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles saw their property values restored and their insurance ratings upgraded.

Also during question period, a member of the board of Rosemère Volunteer

Services, which operates a coffee and gift shop at the Rosemère Community Centre, told Mayor Leduc that she and other board members were concerned about a new town by-law which creates new regulatory standards for the outdoor display of sandwich board signs.

Sandwich board signs

The mayor told them that since the new by-law applies only to businesses, the RVS coffee and gift shop shouldn't be affected. During the business portion of the meeting, council served notice that it will be introducing a by-law ordering the implementation of an organic materials collection and a loan of \$453,000 to cover the related costs.

Notices of motion were also served for by-laws to replace street lighting with "smart control" programming (\$958,000), for repair work to the Île Ducharme bridge (\$120,500), infrastructure repairs on Springhill,



Rosedale and Saint Laurent streets (\$2,228,000), construction work on a pumping station for rainwater catch-

ments (\$924,000) and renovations at Charbonneau Park including a play area (\$360,700).



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A special Valentine's Day at La Petite École Jaune

A lesson in art and love from Deux-Montagnes cultural association





Valentine's Day was celebrated last Sunday at La Petite École Jaune on Oka Rd. in Deux-Montagnes by more than two dozen children who were invited to come out for the afternoon and enjoy a program of arts and crafts

that included becoming creative on a day of hearts and flowers meant for lovers of all ages.

Columbia presentation

Operated by the Association culturelle de Deux-Montagnes, the historic former school house turned community art centre holds various art exhibits and



Hearts and love were the theme for a Valentine's Day special activity for children held at La Petite École Jaune on Oka Rd. last Sunday Feb. 14.

and languages throughout the year. For example, on March 12 the Petite École Jaune will be holding a conference on Columbian culture starting at 7 pm.

Spring event in March

And on Sunday April 3 the centre will be holding its annual ritual of spring,

courses in painting, drawing, theatre L'Éveil au Printemps, for children who are 5 to 11 years, from 1:30 to 4 pm. During the art workshop, they'll get a chance to paint a spring theme on canvas. Children 5 and 6 years old can also attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

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According to the SWLSB, school boards will cease to exist before the end of April if Bill 86 is passed Bill 86 would give government veto over new education councils



MARTIN C. BARRY

What will be the impact of the Quebec Liberal government's controversial Bill 86 education system reform on families with children attending schools currently governed by school boards? What effect will the changes have on the English minority in areas such as the North Shore?

Seizing local control

Jennifer Maccarone, chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Guy Gagnon, commissioner for the SWLSB's Ward 3 (Lake of Two Mountains High School, Mountainview Elementary and St. Jude Elementary), answered these and other questions on Bill 86 during an information session held on Feb. 8 at LTM high school.

"We want people to understand what's being proposed and what's coming down the pipeline – how the government is in our opinion seizing control of the education system at the local level – that's really what we want people to know," Gagnon said in an interview with the North Shore News.

Abolishing school boards

Under Bill 86 which stands to become law by spring, Quebec's current 72 school boards would be abolished along with their elections and a new system of local governance would be put into place by the Liberal government.

Replacing the boards would be 16-member school councils made up of six parents, two school principals, a teacher, a non-teaching staff member and six representatives from the community. The SWLSB currently is made up of a chairperson, nine commissioners and three parent representatives.

Despite the government's insistence that its legislation will respect the



SWLSB Ward 3 commissioner Guy Gagnon and board chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone addressed concerned parents from Deux-Montagnes on Feb. 8 at Lake of Two Mountains High School.

English-speaking community's constitutional right to self-governance in education, the SWLSB and other school boards maintain that Bill 86 will effectively remove the management and control of English boards from the Anglophone community and that it will not respect guaranteed constitutional rights.

'Myths' debunked

A fact sheet issued by the SWLSB debunking "myths" surrounding the school board reform maintains that minority community rights will be weakened by allowing less elected representation of minorities including Anglophones.

The SWLSB claims that the new law could give the education minister authority to dictate what types of community representatives are allowed to sit on the new school councils. The board also claims the new system would be illicit because it amounts to taxation without democratic representation.

"It is unlikely that elections will ever

take place as a series of requirements must first be met to hold an election," the board says of the proposed legislation, while adding that the law does not reflect a fundamental premise of electoral democracy. "Bill 86 is simply a power grab on behalf of the Minister of Education," says the SWLSB.

Abolition of school boards

According to Gagnon, all the province's school boards will cease to exist before the end of April if Bill 86 is passed by the National Assembly. Following that, a transitional council would put into place until November when a more permanent council would be in place.

As Quebec's school board system currently operates, the boards are responsible for the selection and hiring of key personnel. "We hire them, we evaluate their work and if we find that they are not responding to our requirements, we have the right to fire them," he told the gathering. "This new regulation does away with all that."

Gov't could veto anything

Maccarone said Bill 86 will give the education minister the right to veto anything done by the new councils. "Right now I'm here talking to you because it's a fight not just for your kids but for my kids. I want my kids to have rights today and I want to make sure that my kids have rights and a voice tomorrow. And what's happening now is that you're effectively giving up all your rights.

"If you don't do something today you will lose your rights forever," added Maccarone. "If you don't stand up for your rights today you don't get your rights back." The SWLSB has posted sample letters on its web site to be filled in by school tax payers who disagree with the Liberal government's plan and would like to voice their concern to the education minister, Pierre Moreau. They can be found at www.swlauriersb.qc.ca.



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Deux-Montagnes holds February city council meeting Homeowner's problem with fallen tree on neighbour's property

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A minor zoning derogation sought by a developer for a property on Deux-Montagnes's 24th Avenue brought a neighbour from nearby Madame Magnan St. to the Feb. 11 city council meeting where she questioned the request.

Tree fell on property

Mayor Denis Martin told Marie-Laure Pilon that the city changed the zoning for 129 24th Ave. some time back to make it suitable for two single family residential units.

"A tree on their property that died fell on my house and I called to do something about it three or four times," she said, while adding that the owner is wellknown North Shore property developer Gestions Benoit Dumoulin.

The mayor told her that if the problem involves a tree on private property then it's not something that's within the City of Deux-Montagnes's sphere of responsibilities. Otherwise, he suggested she send the owners a registered letter.

Anniversary of business

While it was a sparsely attended meeting (considering it was a cold February evening), question period also saw longtime Deux-Montagnes business owner and resident Deus Jutras come forward to address the mayor and council with some greetings. According to Jutras, who owns Constantin Service Inc. on Oka Rd. which sells and services household appliances, 2016 marks a half century since he opened.

"On March 10, it will be 50 years I'm in business," said the spry 82-year-old who's still in exellent physical shape and who can be seen each year riding his unicycle in the annual Deux-Montagnes Santa Claus Parade. "But unfortunately I'm losing my eyesight," he added, saying that some bad medical treatment made the situation worse.



Mayor Denis Martin, centre, presides during the Feb. 11 council meeting with the town clerk and director-general.

Elections next year

In other business dealt with during the meeting, Councillor Manon Robitaille was appointed substitute mayor to the MRC de Deux-Montagnes. With municipal elections due to take place in November next year, the city has begun some of the preparatory procedures. Among them, the City of Deux-Montagnes's six electoral districts are being surveyed to determine if the number of residents in each is proportional and in keeping with electoral boundary standards established by the province.

As well during the meeting, council took measures to hire temporary student staffers this summer in certain municipal departments such as technical services. Council also hired a new part-time on-call firefighter for the Deux-Montagnes/Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac intermunicipal fire security service. A contract was awarded in conjunction with the city's public works department to Groupe Gesfor to act as consultants to identify asbestos-containing materials for removal at municipal buildings.



Appliance dealership owner Deus Jutras said 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of his Oka Rd. business.



Mayor Denis Martin speaks during the City of Deux-Montagnes's Feb. 11 council



Marie-Laure Pilon of 24th Ave. asked council about a neighbouring property where a tree fell on her dwelling.

Cold wave puts the chill on Rosemère's **Winter Carnival**

Crowds were thin for activities, despite a sunlit sky

PHOTOS: Martin C. Barry • Newsfirst



MARTIN C. BARRY

The bitter cold wave that swept through the Montreal region last weekend had a highly visible impact on attendance on Sunday at the Town of Rosemère's annual Winter Carnival.

A relative few attended

While Charbonneau Park is normally bustling with activity during the annual event, relatively few families took the opportunity to get out together for some fun and fresh air – even though the sun was bright and there was plenty to do to keep warm.

After starting at 10 am, by early afternoon it seemed clear that the day's turnout wasn't going to be good. A bit of an irony was that two weeks before, town administrators considered the option of calling off this year's event if warm weather persisted and there was no snow for carnival weekend.

Keeping warm a challenge

They hadn't banked on the possibility a deep freeze might end up making a similar impact. Even if the cold was daunting, the organizers had thought of just about everything. Little wood-burning fireplaces were set up here and there throughout the carnival area, giving off just enough heat to warm frigid hands and feet.

As in past years, an assortment of food and hot chocolate was made available at reasonable cost by the Lorraine-Rosemère Scouts. And what would Rosemère Winter Carnival be without maple taffy on snow? There was also plenty of that.



These guys had fun, all bundled up against the cold.



No matter what, this was something those who didn't come out missed last Sunday: maple taffy on snow.



While a few people like these did manage to have some fun, more often than not they were volunteer attendants or Rosemère staff members.





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prised! (There's actually method here: if you "half-perceive" a wish, or it hovers around mance, social joys rather than private pleasures, optimism instead of beauty. Aim for the edge of your attention, it likely will come true; if you focus on it, grit your teeth, the group. That said, a romance might just fall in your lap. If so, grab it. If you have to it will not come true.) Relationships remain intense until March 5 (and you'll return to chase it, slow down, walk away from it. Your courage, determination and sex appeal intensity here all June/July) so be diplomatic, co-operative. Some of those who face remain high until March 5 – but you can use this in work as well as romance. you have the facts and ability to raise uncomfortable issues, or to coerce, to grab the advantage. Avoid these types.

Gemini May 21-June 20 two. Still, lighten up on the gas here, in career, prestige and ambition zones. Until May September your luck lies in the opposite direction: career, prestige, the outside world of 2017, in career and in dealing with authorities, keep your head down and just do your ambition – and until May 2017 your good karma lies here also. To buy real estate during job – changing careers, jobs or employers, or challenging authority, can lead you into this time, or to focus exclusively on home, children, would be a mistake, one that could a subtle trap. BTW, all the above does NOT apply to simple grunge jobs – if you are not usher you into a period of frustration. Sunday's wise, and usually would be mellow – but seeking prestige, your job is fine. Work will be intense to March 5 (has been since early a belligerent person might be determined to poke their nose in January) and will be high-octane again all June and July. Still, you'll like and remain hopeful about your work during these periods, so the intensity can actually favour you.

Cancer June 21-July 22 pursuits, and love. The last, love, is almost "urgent" - your romantic fires are lit intensely until March 5 (and will be again all June/July). (For marrieds, these periods bring creative mentioned here, busy work to new phones, can waste time or lead to unimpressive career/business ideas.) Simultaneously, your sexual side is awakening, you're starting to results, even to negative results. So do your errands, etc., but don't spend all day see physical intimacy as a potentially sweet, affectionate thing (until March 12). In the on them, and put off those "systems" if you can. (If you must proceed, i.e., a car just short term, it's "now or never" – actually, this week and next, or never – until this summer, ran over your mobile phone, then buy an imported product – e.g., in the U.S., buy a when romantic fires will flare again. One warning: don't try to make a simple romance more profound (e.g., turning it into a wedding).

Leo July 23-Aug. 22 The weeks ahead feature secrets, research, large finances, physical intimacy, and the lifestyle changes that result from these. (E.g., medical research/diagnosis reveals you have to stop eating burgers every day.) These changes, in most cases, will not be to your liking, if made now to May 2017 – yet the same period tempts you deby into these zones, to have an extra-marital affair (you'll call it love, but that's no excuse – in fact it's not even the truth) or to invest heavily. Go light, Leo! (Another clue: until May 2017, but is especially important for the month ahead. Bosses remain temif life drops something in your lap, in these areas, good – but if you chase it or do it as a self-indulgence, watch out! E.g., Marilyn Monroe drops from heaven and throws her important good – grab her arms around you, good - grab her.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Relationships, opportunities, relocation themes, fresh, new horizons, dealings with the public, possible fame (Bernie Sanders is a Virgo) – these fill the few weeks anead. Listen, Virgo, now to mid-May 2017 relationships might seem disappointing, elusive, a dead-end, etc. However, they won't seem that way at first, and at first you'll be powerfully tempted to dive in. Be cautious. Overall, be independent, reject unsolicited advice. If a deal, a potential life mate, fame, etc., happens to drop into your lap now to mid-17, this could be a gift from heaven. But if you have to chees in the rew and the next three, Pisces. However, use this energy and magnetism to attract others or gain their acceptance – in order to join their cause or project. Now until mid-May 2017, the best thing you can do is to be interdependent, to refuse advice and convergence of the chees of the chees in the rew and the next three, Pisces. However, use this energy and magnetism to attract others or gain their acceptance – in order to join their cause or project. Now until mid-May 2017, the best thing you can do is to be interdependent, to relocate or chase opportunities, to seek marriage (or even a date) to approach others, to join. The worst thing you can do is be independent, to refuse advice and convergence of the chees of the probably end up skewered on the sharp point of your own temptation. Study "opportunities" closely before you seize them.

ships affectionate – but remember your "outside life.") You especially need to remember this now to late March. Strictly avoid lawsuits before March 5, and again all June/July.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Work, daily health, dependents and service personnel fill the four weeks ahead, Libra. Don't get bogged down in these. Don't become a slave to your children, don't let hands-on tasks drain your energy, don't swallow bottles of vitamins. Instead, default to delegating chores, let your kids fend a bit for themselves, and eat sensibly, not fanatically. Avoid alcohol and recreational drugs. (This advice holds until mid-May 2017.) You make more and spend way, way too much more, now to March 5 and again June/July – most of this is an attempt to impress someone attractive, or to keep a partnership alive. Don't go broke.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Wishes can come true over the four weeks ahead, Taurus. But these (two should come true) will be fulfilled by the cosmos, not by you – in other words, if you isolate a wish and pursue it, it likely will not come true. Let yourself be surprised! (There's actually method here: if you "half-perceive" a wish or it hours around the words are not a repeated and pring romantic notions, love, creative surges, speculative ventures, beauty, pleasure, and charming kids. These can form a subtle trap, a trap even of your own making, woven from temptation and the kind of blindness con artists rely on. This advice holds until May 2017. But there's another option, just as alive, and more rewarding: it's really the other side of the coin light friendly repeated. The weeks ahead bring romantic notions, love, creative surges, speculative

Friends are fine, affectionate, but romance just ain't working until March 5, so be patient. The emphasis over the weeks ahead lies on home, domesti-The four weeks ahead emphasize your position in the world, Gemini. You'll city, kids, garden, nutrition, Mother Nature, hibernation (power naps) security, real estate find out where you stand in the pecking order, and could climb a rung or and retirement plans. Give this area its due, without fully embracing it. Remember, until

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 The weeks ahead bring much busy work, but reduced consequences, so you can "relax in your busyness." Errands, calls, emails, paperwork, details, You have just entered 4 weeks of day-dreaming, profound thoughts, far travel casual acquaintances and siblings, short trips – these will fill the days. Normally this or international awareness, higher education, intellectual, media and cultural would be a good time to install new office, filing or computer systems, to start a ind love. The last, love, is almost "urgent" – your romantic fires are lit intensely major mail campaign, even to buy a new phone. But until May 2017, everything I've Samsung or such, not Apple.)

> Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The four weeks ahead accent money, earnings, buying and selling, rote

innocent interludes will convince you of this.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Your energy, charisma, clout and effectiveness reach a yearly high this week and the next three, Pisces. However, use this energy and magnetism to at-

Trashy Career

Jokes of the week!

"Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?" I asked my friend.

"He wants to be a garbageman," he replied.

"That's an unusual ambition to have at such a young age."

"Not really. He thinks that garbagemen work only Tuesdays."

School Ahead!

Teacher: Why are you late, John?

John: Because of the sign down the road.

Teacher: What does sign have to do with you being late?

John: The sign said 'School Ahead, Go SLOW!'

Apple or a Rose?

A Doctor and an Advocate loved the same girl. The Doctor gave her a rose daily and the advocate gave the girl an apple.

The girl got confused and asked the Advocate, "There is a meaning in giving rose in love. Why are you giving me an apple?"

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Monday March 7th-14th-21st-28th

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Karaoke:

Friday March 4th,

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Friday March 18th

St Patty`s `Pot Luck`

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Crib Tournament:

Sunday March 6th

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Monthly Luncheon:

Wednesday March 9th

Cost: \$10.00

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March 3rd

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March 6th

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March 25th Good Friday

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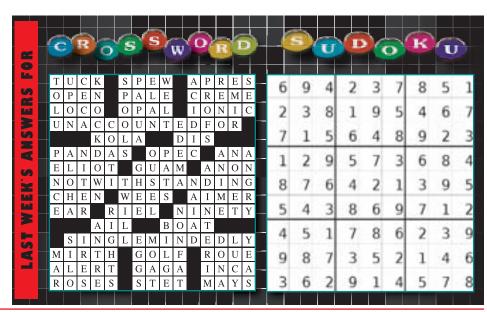
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