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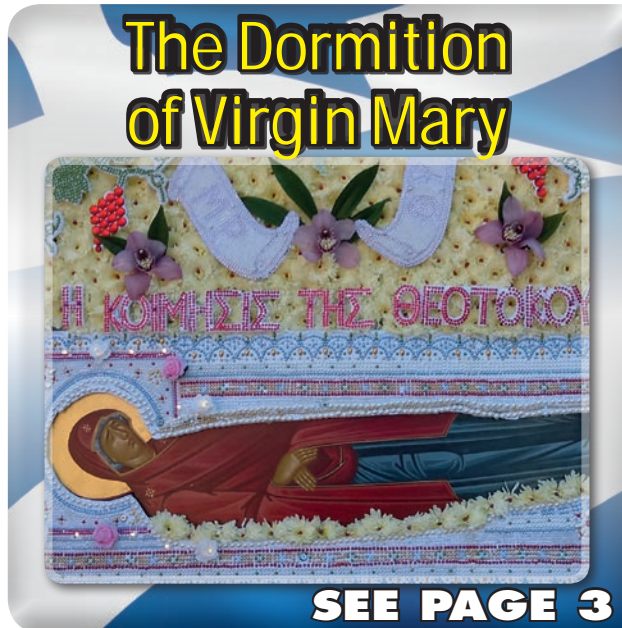
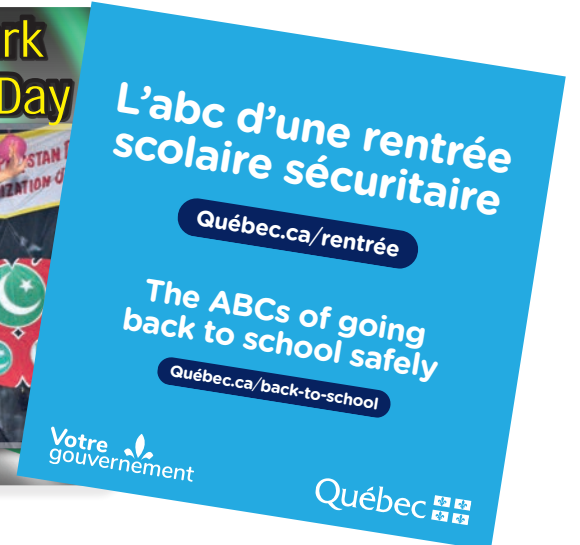
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Celebrating The Dormition of Virgin Mary in State of pandemic in the heart of Park Extension



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Friday August 14 in Park-Extension. The sacred celebration of the Dormition of the Mother of God began at Église Koimisis Tis Theotokou Church. Many of the local Park Extension members of the community came to pay their respects and pray in memoriam of this sacred event in the Orthodox church.

Also among those in attendance was Greek Orthodox Church Archbishop of Canada, Sotirios Athanassoulas as well as city councillor Mary Deros.

The Dormition of the Mother of God is considered a feast for the Orthodox Church and it signifies or rather celebrates the “falling asleep” or death of the mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and her own resurrection to Heaven.

Like every year, the church was open *all night*. Non stop, people were lining up to pay homage to the Icon inside the church doors.

Restricted by the pandemic

In the past, the Icon would be taken out and a procession would follow around the neighborhood, but due to the current state of pandemic, they were not allowed to do so. But those willing to worship can still go inside, and all night, as we mentioned.

Local church volunteers made up of members of the community were there, and I spoke to one who chose to remain nameless, but even through her mask, I could see how chagrined she was at how limited they would be because of the constraints of Covid-19, or rather because of the precautions set in place.

She said: “I have faith that next year things will be put right, and we’ll be able to take the Icon out again. In the past, the lineups were very long. Covid-19 has definitely stopped a lot of people from coming.” But yet there were still quite a few. She stated that they wiped down the icon and all other artifacts in the church regularly, and everyone was respecting the rules set up to keep everyone safe.



The much-loved Father Nikolas was and is on hand as always—at that church for 41 years!

The much-loved Father Nikolas was and is on hand as always—at that church for 41 years! The community didn’t let the pandemic stop them. I was told that miracles have happened in the past, and perhaps miracles will happen again, and I think the world needs one right about now.

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OPINION & Editorial



In this climate of change sweeping through North America, will All Hollows Eve be canceled due to Covid-19?

*Taking a look at the possibility that little ghosts and goblins will be stuck
at home to watch TV come this Halloween season*

In an era when historic monuments or even subway stations are potentially being name-changed because of an overall sense of sensitivity and a sudden call for change, I'd say that perhaps anything is possible. Local montrealers are trying to have the name of Lionel-Groulx metro station changed and named for a famed jazz musician. Thoughts on that: If we still don't have a Mordecai Richler metro station, or perhaps a Leonard Cohen metro station, then maybe we should

leave well enough alone ... all this change seems to be rubbing some the wrong way; besides, we didn't get to change the names of things in the nineties simply because they were uncomfortable. We're sure the Anglo community of Montréal at that time would have liked to change a lot during the referendum of the mid-nineties or perhaps at the height of the FLQ shenanigans.

I understand their plight, but to change history is wrong, as I've stated before...it simply sends the wrong message to the oppressors. It's the wrong way to go about change.

Canceling Halloween

And just as bad would perhaps be to cancel or postpone Halloween in the face of adversity. There must be something we could do instead of cancelling the holiday that'll protect children but still somehow keep it all alive ... the spirit of it that is.

But what of Halloween? Last year, the Holiday was cancelled due to a rainstorm ... a RAINSTORM! Not a snowstorm, Valerie Plante seeing fit to postpone the event.

It seems in all likelihood that the event or rather the Holiday would be cancelled this year. After all, there is no way to police each individual household to see if they are following the rules in handing out their candy; even if you had to return home and wash each individual morsel of candy each child brings home, we'd say that that would take a long time indeed.

Alternatives

Perhaps the event can still go on, but instead of handing out and/or collecting candy, it should be a simple walk, walking through the streets admiring the decorations that neighbors put up. Maybe each household should give it a bit more this year and decorate in order to honor the holiday and the kids. After having a pretty horrible time cooped up at home, it would do the kids good to get out there and get swallowed up by all the ghosts, goblins, vampires, zombies and essentially the spirit of the whole thing.

The candy situation seems a pretty difficult dilemma to get around, but maybe there's an option for that as well.

But seeing that last year, the Holiday was postponed by the mayor of Montréal, we'd say it's safe to assume this would happen again this year, but really, it's surely a tossup, as kids are being sent back to school, and if you ask me, with some pretty lack rules for mask-wearing overall.

An Historic Night

There are certainly many out there that have a lot of respect and adoration for this holiday. As a writer, and a writer of some Horror content, I can definitely see the importance of the holiday itself, as stories sold during this season primarily market themselves.

In the end, it's perhaps sad, more than anything else, as in the end, it'll be the children that'll be missing out. As a child of the nineties, I can remember that the problems that affected the world were grown-up problems, and we still had the safety and comforts we were used to, but today, it seems that the problems that affect the adults seem to be affecting the children even more.

Because come the fall, it'll be the children sitting in classrooms with no masks, dealing with all the changes set up and presented to them, and it'll be the children that'll miss out on tradition and have to sit home and watch old movies like Nightmare on Elm Street and Friday The 13th just to try and keep the spirit of Halloween alive—then again, maybe that'll just be the case for me.

Domenic Marinelli

PARLEZ-MOI D'HUMOUR

Alcide Borik



YÉTÉ TEMPS !!!

Eh oui, il fallait bien prendre un break entre le COVIDÉS et les CONFINÉS, et tandis que nos voisins du Sud modifiaient leur philosophie qui les divisait hier entre faucons et colombes pour un nouveau champ de bataille, cette fois entre les faucons... et les vrais... il fallait bien que je me résigne, à mon corps défendant, à aborder enfin les vraies choses... :

Le club de hockey du Canadien de Montréal.

Si le match contre Philadelphie avait eu lieu au Centre Molson on se serait payé la traite sur la rue Ste Catherine digne de l'émeute du Forum... et merde pour le confinement!

Ce club qui patauge depuis trop longtemps dans les bas fonds de la Ligue, ratant régulièrement une participation aux séries, a servi aux Flyers la même médecine qu'au club de Pittsburg avec le même aplomb que leurs prédécesseurs le faisaient il y a trente ans avec leurs défenseurs hermétiques, leurs marqueurs prolifiques et leurs gardiens magnifiques!

Ce ne sont peut-être que de petites victoires mais je ne pensais plus en revoir de telles avant longtemps ça m'a rappelé le temps où le printemps nous apportait presque toujours une équipe de joueurs assoiffés de boire le champagne dans la coupe Stanley, alors, fuck les virus malveillants, les déficits records et les politiciens qui se servent au passage, fuck les CHSLD mal gérés, fuck nos voyages touristiques qui se terminent en otages pour servir de monnaie d'échange avec des gouvernements sans foi ni loi.

Je préférerai toujours vibrer au rythme de la soirée du hockey et d'un commentateur enrôlé de hurler
...Et c'est le bûûûûû!

Celebrating India's Independence Day

Many leaders and members of government came to pay homage as well—and at 2 separate events



True patriotism—those gathered showed patriotism for India, Canada, Quebec and of course, Park Extension. Members of the India/Canada association of Montreal gather to pay honor to India's 74th year of Independence



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Very much like the previous event held in Park Extension the day before celebrating Pakistan's independence, India's Independence from British Rule came the following day ... and apparently at midnight of that day, thus India garnering its independence just a mere few hours after Pakistan. And just as we covered the Pakistani Independence Day, we were there for the festivities for India's special day as well ... and not at just one event but at two.

I went first to one event and then rushed off to make it to another, and overall, the everlasting feeling that washed over me was one of admiration ... admiration for their patriotism, dedication and of course triumph ... triumph over the constraints of Covid-19 and of course triumph over history.

And in this case as well, the Canadian national anthem was sung, proud and loud.

India Canada Association of Montréal at Ghandi Park

This organization or rather association was established back in the 1960s. The current president is CB Singh. The paper was cordially invited to this event by the director of said association, Jatinder Singh Bhandari. The event was held in Ghandi Park, a little ways away from Park Extension of course, but Jatinder, a man whose patriotism for India and Canada oozes from him in his regard and his speech, is from Park Extension and has been there since immigrating to Canada, and is proud to be a resident of the community and says he will be for quite some time.

The event was certainly quaint, as are so many events in this current state of Pandemic. Food was offered to those that attended and a small ceremony was conducted. Those that turned out for the event respected the mask rules set in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and

honored India and what the holiday represents by hoisting the flag and throwing flower petals at the flag, which is a sign of respect, allegiance and adoration for what the day represents. I too threw a handful of flowers and was honored to be allowed to do so.

"Long live India ... and long live Canada," Jatinder said. The washing of hands in this crazy time and the wearing of masks is a sign of respect for Jatinder and it means a lot to him ... essentially protecting the community at large. He was wary that others at other events were not as careful, and he hopes that this will change.

"Park-Ex has become my adoptive land," he says.

A past president of the association, Krishna Gupta, was also there to pay homage. He was president in 1982.

Event at Howard Park India/Canada organization

"We've learned that humanity is not the master of nature," said the High Commissioner at Saturday afternoon's event.

And perhaps it's one of the better ways to start the description of the second event of the day meant to celebrate the independence of India that I attended that day. He of course was speaking of Covid-19 and perhaps the most valuable lesson learned by each and every single one of us during this pandemic, and if there are still those that question this or have any doubts, all they must do is realize how difficult it has been for all society to move away from its terrible clutching talons, as we are essentially hopeless but to conform and treat each other with respect, following the rules set in place, as our leaders have suggested, and allow this terrible moment in history to pass.

This event was a tad more grandiose in scope: a live band was present, dancers, singers, musicians and it seemed a who's who of members of the governing body in the area and even across the city and even as far as Ottawa were present.

Some present were: City councilor of St-Laurent Allan De Sousa, City Councilwoman Mary Deros, Mayor Giuliana Famagalli, Josué



Mary Deros standing proud and honored to attend, as she has since the start for her ... 1998-99.

Corvil, Dimitrios Jim Beis, city councilman of Pierrefonds /Roxboro, former borough mayor Anie Samson and so many others were on hand.

What our community leaders had to say

Mayor Fumagalli stated: "The pandemic was very hard on all of us, but this event shows the unity, the strength of the Indian community. The 74th Independence Day event is nowhere close to what I have seen the community organizing but what it shows is resilience. And this is what is the most important message."

City councilwoman Mary Deros stated in her speech: "Park Extension has been host to the Indian /Canada unity parade from the start ... and since then we have been maintaining and celebrating this most auspicious day in the history of India. The community has been coming here from all over Montréal and sometimes from Ottawa ... and we are a proud community together celebrating year after year."

Triumph over a pandemic

But the pandemic did not stop either of these organizations from celebrating something as important and as special as this national holiday for India and even us in Park Extension... and really the pandemic did nothing to stop the patriotism and the gathering of men women, children, politicians and press ... and to be a witness to both events was a true glimpse at their resolve and the event was a testament to learning about the unity of this community and their ability to rise over any obstacle in their way.

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Celebrating Pakistani Independence Day at Park Athena

Local Pakistani celebrated the independence of their mother country.

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Local Pakistani boys gathered to sing the Pakistani national anthem and Canadian national anthem



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Like so many events this summer, the numbers of people that were at this event certainly paled in comparison to the numbers of the past. Yet people still came to honor the event that marked Pakistan's 74 years of Independence from Britain—essentially known as the British Raj, or British Rule.

There were about forty people in all—give or take a few—and representatives of the government were also on hand to show support and celebrate this most joyous day for members of

the Pakistani Community in Park Extension. The event was held at Park Athena on Jean Talon Street between L'Epee and Bloomfield.

Patriotism and not just for Pakistan

Songs were sung, food was served in the form of Chicken Biryani and a sense of patriotism was certainly in the air, and not just patriotism for Pakistan, but patriotism for Canada and Quebec as well. Aside from the forty people clustered around the three flags of Pakistan, Canada and Quebec, others sat on benches strewn about the park and were enamored and drawn to what was occurring in the park. A couple of gentlemen watched from afar, and as I was taking pictures for the piece, they wondered

what was going on. I took the opportunity to tell them as now I was in the know, so to speak, and I actually found myself being quite proud and happy to be able to spread the word of what I'd just learned about. They, for their part, were in awe it seemed, and even though they that were not Pakistani ... a feeling of admiration seemed to fill them, that these men and women and children would gather for the sake of their country, the country they hailed from, and for them to be able to celebrate that in their adoptive country was a sight indeed.

The meaning behind the event celebrated

It commemorates the day when Pakistan became an independent and sovereign state after the aforementioned British Rule or Raj. The official date when this occurred is August 14th, 1947. Pakistan, as it is known today became independent because of the Pakistan Movement, where the ultimate goal for an independent Muslim state. Responsible for this action: the All-India Muslim League, which was led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Officially, the Indian Independence Act 1947, where the British gave Independence to Pakistan.

A show of support by local government

Present at the event were of course City Councilwoman Mary Deros, Mayor Giuliana Fumagalli, city councilman Josué Corvil, Andres Fontecilla and of course many others.

Mary Deros had this to say in the speech she made at the event: "I congratulate you all ... for being here, for celebrating this important day in history. In Canada, all of us, we are immigrants. We are fortunate to be permitted to celebrate our history, our religion, our language. And that it continues to be celebrated with our young. It's important that our history and who we are gets passed on to the youth." She stressed the importance of wearing masks in events and



City councilor Josue Corvil speaks on about the importance of the event

out in public in general. She also passed out free masks to locals who were in need while at the event, pulling them out of the bag she had on her. I had a chance to sit with her and she was chagrined that they would not be able to do what they had done every year, but albeit limited, she was happy that they were able to celebrate such an important day regardless.

She has been there since the beginning, since 98-99, celebrating and standing with the locals.

A dinner was held in the West Island where proper spacing was practiced, and Mary Deros was invited and did in fact attend. This was done because of the limitations brought on by Covid-19 for this year's event.

Mayor Giuliana Fumagalli said in her speech: "It's really nice to be here today. I know that because of Covid-19—you know—everybody's life has changed, and the way we do things also has changed. But it's not because that has happened that we have to feel that difference. You know community is community no matter what and what I feel is that during this pandemic actually it has brought community closer."

In a small interview I conducted with Member of Parliament Andres Fontecilla, he said: "For me it's an honor to take part in the national holiday of Pakistan and their independence—something we hope could happen here in Quebec—but I tell the Pakistani Community here in Quebec that I am proud to work for them."



Pakistani pride ... local men raise the Pakistani flag, proud of its 74 years of Independence

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Protest for the regularization for everyone living without permanent immigration status

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They dropped to the street dramatically, protesting and calling for action



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Protests are a way for people to get a message across. Since the dawn of civilization, these showings of an opinion have been a way to garner something or at least send a valuable message across. This year, apart from being the year of a terrible pandemic, it seemed like protests were also quite prevalent as they were certainly called for according to many, and all over North America.

This of course was the case also here in Montréal. In recent weeks, protests have become commonplace, and yet again this past Saturday morning yet another took place, but this time, the cause to protest was very different than what we've seen and a show of support was shown by one and all making for quite a peaceful protest.

It is obvious by now that the peaceful sort of protest is the way to go, as it's the only way to get the message across; the only way to have everyone on your side, which seemed to be the case on Saturday; perhaps the one time when

becoming a monster to defeat the monster at hand doesn't at all work.

The perfect place for a protest

It took place in front of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Montréal office at 1100 Cremazie East, protesters setting up camp under the elevated metropolitan highway that runs through the area.

For this many showed up with signs, ready to demonstrate for a cause. Even police were there, a presence all their own, but contrary to what happened in other areas around North America, the Police here and their presence was not one of omnipotence but rather one of support and understanding. When the protestors flooded the streets, they directed traffic away and blocked off the intersection with cones they had at the ready in the trunks of their cruisers. Essentially, they allowed the protest to move forward and organically so ... allowing the men and women fighting for their cause their due. It was very refreshing to see. In a way it seemed they were working in tandem almost, driving a very valid point home.

At the end of the day, all these men and women wanted was equality. A familiar message thrown



Andres Fontecilla speaking on behalf of the people—stating that the government dropped the ball on this one



Pastor Joseph Jr. Clormeus speaking at the mic

to those in power over the last few decades is it not? Here specifically, the need was for equality for those living without a permanent immigrant status—those that had worked and are still working throughout the trying era of Covid-19. What they want is equal rights and privileges, the same privileges given to the other essential workers in the area who had to work during the pandemic, serving the community.

What the protestors had to say

The protestors themselves were upset, chagrined and seemingly at the end of their patience, but yet they were able to stay calm for the cause. As I stated, they flooded the streets, demonstrating, some even throwing themselves across the ground as though victimized, but peace remained throughout. Their feelings came across, which is essentially the point.

Shouts of "It cannot stay like this!" were proclaimed in French from those who spoke on the mic and the gathered crowd.

Pastor Joseph Jr. Clormeus, who spoke at the mic said in his speech: "Coronavirus wasn't just a health problem, it was an economic prob-

lem." He also stated: "Human life treated like statistics." Of course here he was speaking of his people and garnering for them an equal status for one and all, especially considering that many of them were workers on the front line and had been all throughout the pandemic, they felt they were not given equal status to others.

A show of support from a leader in the community

National assembly representative, Andres Fontecilla was present to show support and he told me in an interview that the government dropped the ball in this regard. He feels they could have done a lot more to make life easier on these people. He said he was very disappointed in the government and something needed to change. He supported their cause wholeheartedly.

Many people passing in cars honked their horns in support and those watching from the sidelines snapped pictures and marveled at how well these men and women got their point across in a peaceful manner.



Local Police showing support in their own way ... blocking traffic and redirecting it away, giving the people their due

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THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE ON THE RUN

PG | Animation | 1h31



NOW PLAYING

After SpongeBob's beloved pet snail Gary is snail-napped, he and Patrick embark on an epic adventure to The Lost City of Atlantic City to bring Gary home.

FINDING LOVE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

G | Romance | 1h40



NOW PLAYING

After learning she's been entrusted to take care of her deceased cousin's children, an architect is torn between focusing on her career and honoring her cousin's wish.

PANDAS - THE IMAX EXPERIENCE

G | Documentary



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An American biologist embarks on a life-changing journey to China to help scientists breed giant pandas and introduce the cubs into the wild.

A BEAUTIFUL PLANET

G | Documentary



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RUSTIC ORACLE

PG | Drama | 1h41



COMING SOON

RUSTIC ORACLE is much more than a story about loss. It is the story of a mother and daughter coming together and learning how to love and care for each other under painful circumstances.

A QUIET PLACE PART II

PG-13 | Horror | 1h37

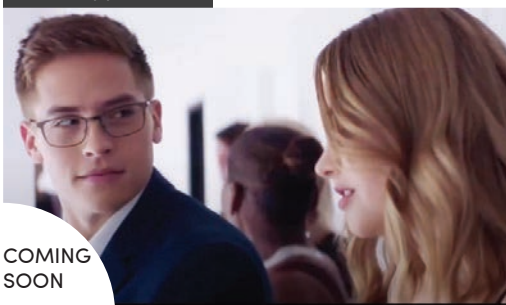


COMING SOON

Following the events at home, the Abbott family now face the terrors of the outside world. Forced to venture into the unknown, they realize the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats lurking beyond the sand path.

AFTER WE COLLIDED

PG-13 | Drama



COMING SOON

Tessa has everything to lose. Hardin has nothing to lose - except her. After We Collided - Life will never be the same.

THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY

PG-13 | Comedy | 1h48



COMING SOON

After a break up, a young woman decides to start a gallery where people can leave trinkets from past relationships.

Going back to the movies?
The maximum number of people allowed into a screening room is now 250.



(PXN) It's no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic forced the shutdown of a good number of major film productions since the beginning of the year. As such, the selection of movies in theatres is expected to be much slimmer than it would normally be at this time of year.

However, some films whose screenings were interrupted earlier this year will resume, while some theatre chains say they will be prioritizing family-fare in their selection of movies in order to accommodate those who've been locked down and in need of wholesome entertainment during the upcoming recovery period.

"I prioritize films for the whole family because that's what always works best during the summer," says Vincent Guzzo, president of the Cinémas Guzzo film theatre chain. "We will also be bring back on the screen comedies and action films which were doing well before the lockdown."

Here are some of the rules and protocols that movie-goers will be asked to follow when they start turning up once again at movie theatres across the province.

After tickets have been purchased, an attendant attired in protective gear will greet you at the theatre's main entrance where you will be required to disinfect your hands. All attendants will be wearing protective face masks and visors. They will also have to

regularly disinfect their hands and carry out regular sanitation of contact surfaces throughout the theatres.

Theatre patrons will be required to follow safety protocols, which include maintaining a two-metre distance with other people in common areas. While the wearing of face masks in public places hasn't yet been made mandatory by the provincial government, at least one Montreal-area theatre chain plans to sell face masks at its multiplex theatres for clients who would feel safer that way.

As far as the food and snack concessions go, little is changing. The only rule that will apply in lineups will be the six-metre distancing requirement. Two-metre space markers are being made on the floor in front of snack concession areas to make it easier.

While movie customers will generally be required to sit while observing the two-metre distancing requirement, theatre owners are being allowed to seat small groups of people together as long as they are members of the same family residing in the same household. The maximum number of people allowed into a screening room is now 250.

Screening rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected following each film screening. Customers will also be asked to their part by not leaving behind too much trash, thus making the cleanup job a little easier and safer for employees.

Deadline: WEDNESDAY before publication at 1 p.m.

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MCDONALD, Lillian 1933 - 2020

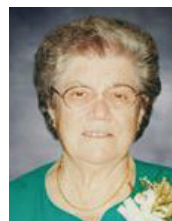


In Montreal, on August 14, at the age of 86, passed away Lillian McDonald, wife of the late Gaston Picard. She will be sadly missed by her children the late Danny, the late Louise, Diane (Normand Beaudoin), the late Raymond, Lynn, Yves, Mark (Natalia), Tony, Robin-Lynn and Cherie-Ann, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren -children, his sisters Shirley (Roger Tremblay), Jean (Roger Gervais), his brothers-in-law, his sisters-in-law, his nephews, his nieces as well as many other relatives and friends.



RASSIAS, Panagis 1931 - 2020

It is with great sadness and a heavy hearts that we announce the passing of, Panagis RASSIAS at the age of 89.



CIARLA, Antonia 1929 - 2020

In Montreal, on Friday, August 14, 2020, Mrs. ANTONIA CIARLA passed away at the age of 91 in the affection of his loved ones. Wife of was Domenico Ciarla. Mrs.Ciarla leaves her children Angela (Joe) and Pietro (Suzanne) in pain, her sister Maria and brothers Giuseppe (Angela) and Michelino (Caterina), her grandchildren Alessandro, Roberto (Dojelin), Nadia (Guillaume), Marie-Ève, Véronique (Hubert) and Nicolas (Kim), great-grandchildren Justin, Ludovic, Romance, Emma and Léandre and other relatives and friends.



STARIC, Alois 1926 - 2020

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Alois Staric, in Lachine, on August 12, at the age of ninety-three. Beloved husband of Rosalia Kozuh. Loving father of Walter (Debra), Ann Marie, John and Robert. Cherished grandfather of Maria (Danny), Matthew (Jacquie), Anthony (Malvina), Chris, Robert (Joanna), Katherine (Frank), Mariana and Pavel. Dear great grandfather of Daniella, Natalie, Dominic, Rosalie, Deacon and Logan.



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Week of **August 23 to August 29, 2020**

The luckiest signs this week:
CAPRICORN, AQUARIUS AND PISCES



ARIES

You'll be driven by a profound desire for change. In particular, you might decide to transform your home and make a spontaneous trip to the hardware store to buy paint.



TAURUS

New clothes and a different hairstyle will help you feel more at ease in your day-to-day life. You'll improve your self-esteem and feel more appreciated by others.



GEMINI

Some unexpected changes might be coming at work. If one of your colleagues loses their job, you could be asked to step into a new role.



CANCER

If you're asked to take on additional responsibilities, weigh the pros and cons before you accept. Consider whether this is truly an opportunity to showcase your strengths and add value to your life.



LEO

You'll be in an excellent position to negotiate for something that will gain you prestige. You'll be greatly appreciated by someone, even if it's just for taking a few moments to listen to them.



VIRGO

You might adopt a completely new lifestyle, such as becoming a vegetarian. Your health will be a driving force behind these changes and you'll need to break certain habits in order to feel better.



LIBRA

In your personal or professional life, you'll find yourself in situations that allow for a lot of discussion. You'll have the opportunity to broaden your social circle and make new connections.



SCORPIO

If you've taken steps to receive financing for a professional project or to purchase a home, you'll finally get some good news. Afterward, you'll be in the mood to celebrate.



SAGITTARIUS

One minute the phone is ringing off the hook, the next it's completely silent. If you leave a message with someone, be patient — you'll have to wait for their reply.



CAPRICORN

Adopting better eating habits will benefit your health in unexpected ways. A radical change to your daily routine will give you a renewed sense of vitality.



AQUARIUS

You'll develop a new circle of friends and share many adventures with them. They might even help you discover a new type of spirituality. At work, your clientele expands considerably.



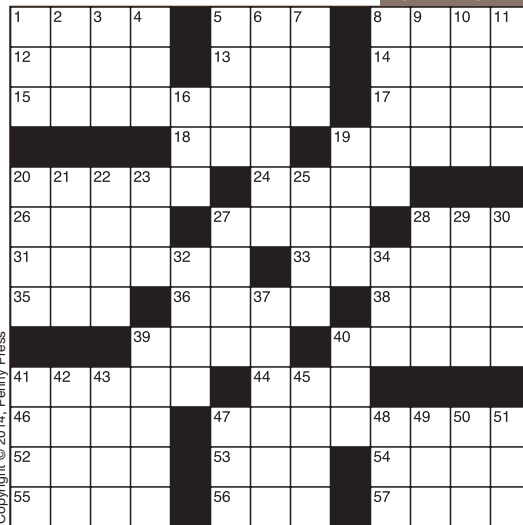
PISCES

An advancement at work will catch you by surprise and leave you feeling more stressed. A chance to unwind will be necessary once everything is in order. A break is well deserved.

Coffee Break

CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 994



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ACROSS

1. Smart kid
5. Addition to a house
8. Little rascals
12. Vehicle
13. Beam of light
14. Phone part
15. Barren
17. Bit of land
18. Volcano's output
19. Modeled
20. Cartoon cat
24. Spew out
26. Yoke of ____
27. Given by mouth
28. King's better
31. Restrained
33. Came closer
35. Letter before tee

36. Ballot
38. Vocalize
39. ____ goes nothing!
40. Roller or in-line
41. Enjoy thoroughly
44. Naval agreement
46. Fibber
47. Angry
52. Upper limbs
53. That woman
54. Likewise
55. Class
56. Peculiar
57. Trio minus one

DOWN

1. Small lump
2. Tint
3. Part of TGIF
4. Animal park
5. Important ages
6. Shaving foam
7. Drain-opener chemical
8. Foolish person
9. "Little ____ Marker"
10. "____ Rider"
11. Winter transport
16. Negligent
19. Carpet feature
20. Aft's opposite
21. Former spouses
22. Floral necklaces
23. Lodging
25. Lion's neck hair
27. Bloodhound's trail
28. Opera show-stopper
29. Lincoln's coin
30. Border
32. At all
34. Solicit
37. Watered, as eyes
39. ____ of a different color
40. Determine
41. Thin strip of wood
42. Breezy
43. Flirt
45. Football distance
47. Owl's question
48. Owned
49. Cold-weather ailment
50. Consume
51. Building site

Sudoku

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.**

PUZZLE NO. 719

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Last Issues' Answers

CROSSWORDS

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Sudoku

7	4	6	3	8	1	9	2	5
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4	6	5	2	1	7	8	3	9
2	8	7	1	3	6	5	9	4
6	9	4	5	7	8	3	1	2
3	5	1	9	4	2	7	8	6

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