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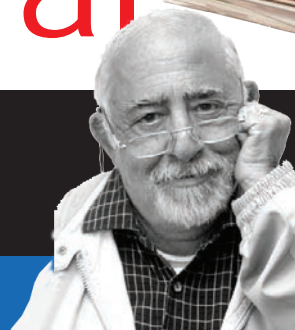
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DANS L'ANTICHAMBRE DE L'ENFER (2)

Avant même d'entrer dans l'antichambre de l'enfer posons-nous la ques-
tion...**POURQUOI? ET COMMENT?**

Un jeune infirmier auxiliaire qui aurait dû plutôt utiliser sa forme phy-
sique à lever des caisses au marché central, me dépose sur ma civière
avec la délicatesse d'un éléphant en "must"

- Je crois que les pommes de terre de Nouvelle Écosse elles-mêmes
ne seraient pas heureuses de se faire secouer comme je l'ai été... de plus,
je constate la perte d'une chaussette d'autant plus précieuse que je n'avais
rien d'autre aux pieds quand les pompiers d'Urgence Santé m'ont arraché
à ma relative quiétude.

Quand je proteste pour qu'il refasse le trajet à la recherche de l'objet qui
est désormais le seul à me séparer du plancher glacé, et je grelottais...

- Zêtes pas content? Et il me laisse là en maugréant. Sur ces entre-
fesses, arrive la sergente chef de la salle des Urgences : Rousse authen-
tique avec des soupçons d'autres couleurs irisées dans son maquillage,
idem, des boules de bowling de trop dans son corsage. elle me rappelle
cette grand gueule de MASH, toujours prête à la répartie vulgaire. En
guise de répartie, elle n'en qu'une qu'elle nous lance à bout portant :

Enough!

Une caricature de Dubout! Un coronavirus contre la séduction. Elle
s'enquiert du motif de l'altercation que j'avais avec son subalterne, il lui
avoue avoir perdu une chaussette à quelques ...pieds de là, nie sa re-
sponsabilité. Elle ramasse la chaussette orpheline et va faire sa tournée.
Son ton s'est radouci. Bredouille, elle m'apporte des chaussons tricotés
par les Amies de l'Hôpital ; pour compléter le tableau, me propose une
prise de sang qu'elle me fera elle-même, après avoir constaté combien les
récentes diplômées (ou qui le deviendront dans 3 mois), m'ont massacré
les mains et les bras pour leurs prises de sang et leurs cathéters Je me ra-
doucis, j'ai un faible pour les caricatures plus vraies que nature. Elle me
propose alors de m'asseoir ailleurs, sur un fauteuil. L'effort est louable,
mais le Pithécanthropus Infirmus Arrogantus fait la gueule, j'ai envie
de lui hurler **Enough!** Mais il ne faut jamais abuser de sa chance!

Zombie Nation

*As pharmaceutical companies
move onto human testing for a
resolution to Covid-19, many worry
about the effects of these drugs and/
or vaccines in the long run*

I can still remember getting vaccinated in grade school. I
remember my very first shot at that time and I was petrified. I'd
seen my heroes getting vaccinated on TV all the time in film,
but being in front of a nurse holding a syringe is an entirely
different thing. I'm sure you can all concur. But get vaccinated
I did—we all did at that time—and we're all a-ok, as they say.

But times are certainly different. In an era where something
like Covid-19 is a possibility, the probability of a vaccine going
awry is in fact quite possible, but the dreams being conjured
up by most online is highly unlikely ... or is it?

I grew up reading books like I Am Legend by Richard
Matheson. For those a tad younger out there, it was what the
Will Smith movie was based on. So seeing in fiction what can
go wrong with a vaccine was of course the first thing I thought
about when I heard of pharmaceutical companies coming up
with one for Covid-19, but the reality and the fear is of course
something very different from the other.

The fears online, as crazy as they are

So is a dystopian future what awaits us all, and sooner rather
than later? Perhaps ... perhaps not. The future many online
soothsayers are predicting is highly impossible according
to many out there, but I've always been of the thought that
anything is possible. There were once those that thought the
world was flat, and there were once those that said that flues
like the Spanish Flu, Polio and many others were things of the
past—things we (Humanity) had overcome. But yet here we
are again, with a flu that has increasingly shown that it has
become quite unmanageable. And albeit, yes, there is a high
possibility that this flu here was man-made, but still, here we
all are, and all of us, or rather most of us are in the same boat.

Recent Johnson's & Johnson's offering

Johnsons and Johnson's recently offered their very own
vaccine, and it was covered on many news outlets across the
world that it wasn't proper at all. In fact, it had side-effects that
sounded quite familiar indeed. Johnson's & Johnson's stopped
all trials and testing of their now infamous vaccine because
a test subject volunteer contracted an "unexplained illness"
from it! Sound familiar? It did to me, and to those fans of I Am
Legend in its film form were definitely reminded of a scathing
segment from the film in which the character of Dr. Krippin
states that they have found a cure for cancer by morphing the
measles virus into something positive for the body. And in this
case, the result was disastrous.

Fact and fiction, friends ... a fine line indeed.

Rumors of Bill Gates

And as rumors are quite capable of doing, they've created a
panic and one that has definitely caused a few rumors, a very
popular one was that Bill Gates himself created the vaccine
just so he could get richer by providing the world with his
very own vaccine. And yes, this all sounds like something out
of a horror movie and/or novel, but again, I digress as we've
already covered that.

Keep calm and await the facts from trusted sources

But in the end, what are we supposed to do ...? Suit up and
arm ourselves and await for the zombie apocalypse? No way.
That's the last thing we should do. We should all do our part in
ridding the world of this flu, follow the rules, and perhaps learn
a collective lesson, and one that's perhaps most important of
all: learn humility as a human race ... learn that we are at the
mercy of nature and always have been and forever will be. We
should learn to treat this planet better, its animals better and
ourselves better; we should learn that we don't know everything,
and once we've overcome something, we should always be
ready for it to return, as we are human, you are human ... and
perhaps in the end that and only that is our legend.

Domenic Marinelli

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Noor-E-Madina Masjid vandalized

In what is being considered a string of acts of vandalism in recent weeks, a respected Park Extension Mosque is vandalized



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It was in the wee hours—specifically 3:10AM—during the past weekend that Noor-E-Madina Masjid on Jean Talon Street was vandalized. A perpetrator was picked up by security cameras after breaking the door window and crested the top of the stairs entering the mosque in hopes of either stealing money from the donation box or committing further hate crimes once inside. But what or rather whom the perpetrator found inside sent him running in a panic.

A perpetrator on the premises

I sat down with Noman Safdar, the Mosqu president and he said that no one was hurt and nothing was stolen. The perpetrator, who was picked up by security cameras entered, but was heard by the Imam who was studying at the time, before he could venture further into the building. The Imam hollered through the closed door of where he was and warned that he would be calling the authorities if he didn't leave. The perpetrator did, but in essence the damage was still felt, the president and those at the Mosque feeling as though a grave injustice occurred, theirs being the fourth or so incident in recent weeks.

Noman Safdar showed up soon after being called, which was five minutes after the break-in and it was he that placed the call into the authorities. They asked if anyone was hurt



The stairway that the perpetrator crested in hopes of either finding the donation box or administering other types of damage to the premises

those already tallied up in recent weeks, making these events a serial occurrence and one that is not being taken lightly by Noman and the other members of the Muslim community.

The damage done

I arrived mid-day Monday morning and found other news outlets there interviewing Noman. I had reached out to Noman on social media the previous day and had set up the interview. It seems like many others had done the same.

When I arrived, I noticed that the front door was boarded up with plywood but the rest of the premises looked okay, as I learned later and as I mentioned before nothing else was on. It



The damage done—Noman stated that they were in fact lucky that the damage was not worse than this done to the front door (this image via Noman Safdar)

and he credits it to the fact that the Imam was there in his study. He worries at what could have happened had he not been there. The Imam usually studies at night and goes to sleep shortly after the morning prayers.

A message to the community

To the members of the community, Noman wishes to say: "We're going to put the window

back up and take further security measures putting metal bars behind that door so that they can feel safer. It's still pen—we didn't close for any given period of time. Of course with the Covid-19 restrictions what they are, it's a limited number of people, but we want to assure everyone that everything is okay, the Imam is fine—it wasn't easy being in a situation like that but he's okay."



Noman Safdar, president of the Mosque ... a position he's held for the last three and a half years, showing a strong resolve and a dedication to keeping the members of the community safe

and they stated that seeing that everything was under control, they would send someone only later that morning, giving the reason that they had no cars to dispatch to the location of the Mosque at the time when the crime was called in. They called at 7AM later that morning to see when was the best time to send someone in.

Once police arrived, they wanted a detailed tally of events and Noman gave them the footage from his security cameras—placed onto a USB key for the officers and they gave Noman a report number, assuring that they would do everything in their power to catch the man or those responsible ... yet another event to add to

was in the crime scene photos that most of the damage can be revealed ... the damage that can be seen. Noman had a strong resolve but it could be seen that he and his brethren were clearly shaken by the events that had taken place in the early morning hours.

After they had called police, they taped up the door, using cardboard boxes—a temporary fix, as later that day, a piece of strong plywood was put in place of the cardboard.

Noman has been president of the Mosque for the last three and a half years and takes his position there seriously and with much pride. He states of the event: "We were very lucky,"

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CANADA'S TWIN DEFICITS AND HOW TO SCALE THEM

by David Dodge *

Continued from previous

Historically, the public sector has been slower to adjust to technological change than the private sector. The pattern has persisted during the digital revolution. But the COVID crisis has forced change on public institutions, which have generally responded positively. Building on this momentum affords a major opportunity to institute more effective services and fairer access to them, and to save money.

Herewith is a summary of the services that could most benefit from an effort to bring them into the digital age.

- **Health Care:** Our experience during COVID has underlined the profoundly inadequate provincial systems of health record-keeping and management of data for service delivery, public health and research purposes. A major investment in improving health data, and exploiting that data through AI-based analysis, is the single best initiative to deliver both better care and reduced costs. By moving health care into the digital era and maximizing the virtual delivery of services to individuals, not only is the quality of care—especially primary care and preventive services—improved, but access to specialized care can be extended to all, including in rural and remote communities.

The proceeds from productivity improvements can be redeployed to address one of the ugly truths exposed by the pandemic—our inattention as a society to the care of the frail elderly. Through greater attention to digitalization, we can fix this gaping hole while keeping constant the health care share of GDP.

- **Education:** No sector has been slower in adapting to the digital age than education. Adaptation requires investment of time and effort on the part of instructors in learning how best to deliver material and engage students virtually. It also requires system change to maximize the potential of online learning for children in school, for university students and for adults during their working lives.

- **Justice:** Our courts remain mired in 19th century procedure, which not only increases the costs of legal proceedings but often denies people (and businesses) access to justice. Increased use of virtual proceedings, digital records, and better data management can all contribute to improved justice and to improved enforcement by police and regulatory authorities.

- **Regulation:** There are two other key elements

to enhancing the contribution of government services to economic growth: An improved and a consistent regulatory framework that allows business to invest with confidence and better public investment in infrastructure that facilitates the movement of goods, people and electrons within Canada and across our borders. Businesses can and should deal with market risk in making investments. But they can best deal with those risks if the legal and regulatory framework is clear, reasonably straightforward to comply with, and provides a high degree of certainty of continuity for the future. Unfortunately in Canada over the last few decades, federal, provincial and local regulation has become less clear, more complex, especially where jurisdictions overlap, and significantly more erratic and unpredictable. Not only has the cost of compliance risen over the last few decades for both small and big business alike, but erratic changes in the rules over the lifetime of planning an investment project have left investors increasingly reluctant to look at Canada as a good place to invest. Business can deal with clear rules to achieve social and economic goals—higher minimum wages or a carbon tax—but a platform of ever-shifting, detailed and often conflicting labour or environmental rules raise the risk of doing business in Canada without achieving the social and economic objectives those rules are ostensibly designed to promote. Rebuilding Canada after COVID requires that governments at all levels commit to rebuilding the “Canada Brand” through increased clarity and stability of the legal and regulatory process.

- **Infrastructure:** The 2015 promise of increased investment in infrastructure supported by the Canada Investment Bank has not been realized to date. In part because planning of major infrastructure is understandably difficult and requires a high degree of cooperation among different provincial and local government agencies, multiple private sector interests and federal agencies including the CIB. Post-COVID, we need to move forward with major projects to facilitate the movement of our goods across Canada and beyond our borders. We need to move people (and goods) efficiently in our urban areas, although the patterns of movement may now be somewhat different. Most importantly, we need to connect all households and businesses to high-speed Internet—especially those located outside major urban cores. Rebuilding infrastructure will require governments and private providers to tap capital markets for considerable financial support. This debt, even

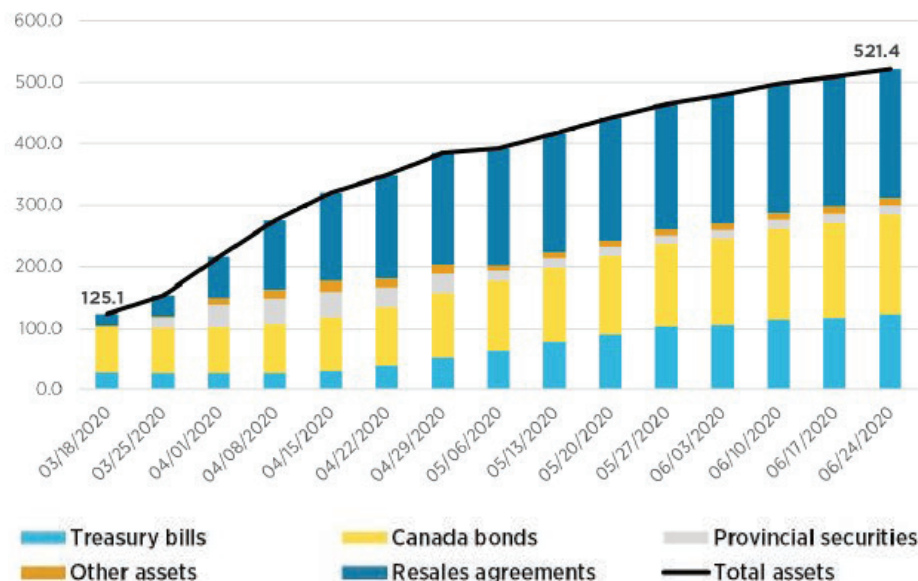


Figure 7: Evolution of Bank of Canada Assets Since March 18, 2020 (Billions of dollars) Source: Bank of Canada.

at currently low 30-year rates, will need to be serviced and, hence, projects will have to generate their own revenue either through direct user charges (tolls, farebox, utility bills) or dedicated taxes. Recognizing that some support from general taxation for expanded infrastructure is appropriate to recognize the “externalities” flowing from the expansion. However, without a commitment by governments to the principle that users should pay, the CIB will not be able to generate the private investment needed to bring Canada’s infrastructure up to the standard provided by the many countries that are able to attract private investment in their public infrastructure.

PART III: THE PUBLIC DEBT CHALLENGE

Governments moved swiftly in March to address the COVID-19 economic shock through unprecedented increases in direct spending, loans and temporary tax deferrals. Canada’s reaction began tentatively, but quickly grew to become among the largest fiscal responses among G7 economies.

Globally, central banks moved equally decisively, providing liquidity support for business, and, even more importantly, massive asset purchases to push interest rates to historic

levels. The Bank of Canada took extraordinary measures in pumping cash into the system to facilitate government and business borrowing, far in excess of what it did in 2008-2009. The bank’s balance sheet expanded from \$125 billion in mid-March to \$521 billion by the end of June, although the rate of expansion slowed over the summer (see Figure 7). With these dramatic actions, the bank has enabled governments to borrow exceptional amounts.

All this has resulted in a sharp jump in the projected federal debt/GDP ratio from 31% to 49% in a single year. And further borrowing will inevitably be required in 2021-22 (and 2022-23) as the aftershocks of the crisis persist—at least until a vaccine can be introduced and distributed. The federal debt/GDP ratio could approach the modern peak level of the mid-1990s.

to be continued...

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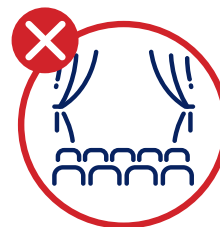
En zone rouge, la situation est critique. Des mesures plus strictes doivent être mises en place, car le nombre de cas augmente trop rapidement. Il est important de limiter au maximum les contacts sociaux pour éviter la transmission du virus. C'est en appliquant l'ensemble des mesures qu'on peut lutter contre la COVID-19. Aucune mesure prise seule ne peut être efficace.

Plus nous limitons nos contacts avec les autres, plus vite nous pourrons reprendre nos activités.



Pourquoi les restaurants et les bars sont-ils des établissements jugés à risque pour la propagation de la COVID-19?

Les restaurants et les bars sont des endroits où on se réunit normalement pour socialiser avec nos amis, notre famille ou nos collègues. Dans ces endroits, nous sommes souvent à proximité les uns des autres. Le fait de parler et de manger ensemble constitue également des risques importants de transmission du virus. Le resserrement des mesures en zone rouge vise à minimiser les contacts étroits entre les personnes qui n'habitent pas à la même adresse.



Pourquoi interdire les activités se déroulant devant un auditoire dans un lieu public?

Des lieux où un plus grand nombre de personnes se rassemblent peuvent constituer des risques importants de transmission du virus. L'interdiction des activités se déroulant devant un auditoire dans un lieu public en zone rouge vise à minimiser les contacts sociaux entre les personnes qui n'habitent pas à la même adresse. Lorsqu'une personne participe à ces activités, il s'agit d'une occasion supplémentaire pour elle de socialiser avec d'autres personnes. De plus, dans ces endroits, nous sommes souvent à proximité les uns des autres.



Pourquoi doit-on cesser les sports collectifs et fermer les gyms?

Lorsqu'une personne se rend dans une salle d'entraînement, c'est une occasion pour elle de socialiser avec d'autres personnes. C'est également le cas dans la pratique de plusieurs sports ou activités de loisir. Les sports pratiqués en groupe suscitent d'emblée l'envie de contacts sociaux avec nos coéquipiers, par exemple. De plus, il n'est pas toujours facile de respecter la distanciation physique lors de la pratique de certains sports. Le resserrement des mesures en zone rouge vise à réduire les contacts étroits entre les individus et ainsi freiner la propagation de la COVID-19.



Pourquoi le port du couvre-visage en classe est-il obligatoire au secondaire en zone rouge?

Actuellement, les jeunes sont surreprésentés dans les cas de COVID-19 et on observe plusieurs situations d'éclosion dans le réseau scolaire, principalement dans les zones rouges. Selon des observations faites sur le terrain et selon la transmissibilité connue à ce jour du virus, les écoles secondaires posent davantage de risques que les écoles primaires.

Au secondaire, les élèves sont plus âgés, ils sont en mesure de porter le masque ou le couvre-visage pour une plus longue période. Ainsi, en zone de niveau d'alerte rouge, le port d'un couvre-visage par tous les élèves du secondaire est obligatoire en tout temps dans les lieux communs, incluant en classe dans leur groupe-classe stable, sur le terrain de l'école et lors des cours à option avec un groupe-classe différent.

On doit réagir maintenant

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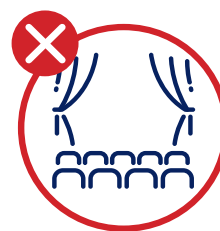
In red zones, where the situation is critical, stricter measures must be enacted because the number of cases is rapidly increasing. People in these zones must limit social contact as much as possible to prevent virus transmission. By applying all measures, we can fight COVID-19 more effectively. No single measure is sufficient on its own.

The more we limit contact with other people, the sooner we can resume our activities.



Why are restaurants and bars considered high-risk places for spreading COVID-19?

We usually gather in places like bars and restaurants to socialize with friends, family, and colleagues. In these places, we are often close to other people. Both talking and eating greatly increase the risk of virus transmission. Restrictive measures in red zones are meant to minimize close contact between people who do not live at the same address.



Why ban activities and audiences in public places?

Large gatherings are an opportunity for people to socialize, often in close proximity to one another. This can increase the risk of virus transmission. The ban on activities and audiences in public places in red zones is meant to minimize social contact between people who do not live at the same address.



Why close gyms and stop team sports?

Gyms provide an opportunity for people to socialize with others, and so do many sports and leisure activities. Group sports generally involve social contact with teammates. Some sports are difficult to play while maintaining physical distance. Stricter measures in red zones are meant to reduce close contact between individuals and thus slow the spread of COVID-19.



Why must face coverings be worn in high school classrooms in red zones?

Young people are currently overrepresented in COVID-19 case counts and a number of outbreaks have occurred in the school system, mainly in red zones. According to field observations and what we know about how the virus spreads, high schools pose more risk than primary schools.

High school students are older and capable of wearing masks or face coverings for longer periods of time. Therefore, in red zones, face coverings must be worn by all high school students at all times in common areas, including in stable class groups, on school grounds, and during electives with different class groups.

We need to act now

To find out the alert level in your region, consult the map of COVID-19 alert levels by region at [Québec.ca/alertlevels](https://quebec.ca/alertlevels)

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An extension on restrictions and a new kind of Halloween celebration

As Premiere Legault and his administration extend restrictions further as Covid-19 cases are still on the rise, and Halloween still expected to be celebrated ... only a tad differently than ever before



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It was surely to be expected, as cases rose from day to day, week to week, the government updates showed. For a period there they rested at 1 000 or so cases a day, or rather new cases and for the last few consecutive days, they seem to be resting in the 800s ... considerably lower, yes, but nowhere near a comfort zone where restrictions can be lifted—a luxury that other regions in North America and the world are enjoying.

Some recent numbers as this article goes to press

As per CNW Telbec: “The most recent data on the evolution of COVID-19 in Québec show 879 new cases, bringing the total number of people infected to 100,114. They also report 11 new deaths, for a total of 6,143 deaths. Among these 11 deaths, 5 have occurred in the last 24 hours, 5 have occurred between October 18 and October 23, and 1 has occurred at an unknown date. The number of hospitalizations increased by 2 compared to the previous day, for a cumulative total of 551. Among these, the number of people in intensive care increased by 4, for a total of 97. The samples conducted on October 23 amount to 25,378 for a total of 2,966,329.”

We’ve been posting from this source, especially at the height of the recent red alert, the daily data giving us all a better understanding of what those in Montréal and Quebec are certainly facing.

An extension of 4 more weeks announced

And it was at a press conference that Premiere Legault announced an extension of 4 more weeks to the restrictions, the new date announced was November 23rd ... the city and other affected regions still considered to be in a state of red alert. The Premiere said that they would re-asses after 2 weeks to see if cases had lowered considerably, but he stated that the priority was school and work for the time-being.

Why so many cases in Montréal?

Many people aren’t following the rules, and primarily in this city. Many feel that it’s the flip-pant behavior of many that are not taking the virus seriously that is leading to this extensive number in cases, but really when it comes to this virus anything is possible and exact reasons are hard to pinpoint specifically at this time or at any other time during the duration of this pandemic.

According to a CBC news report, tests in park Extension are coming back positive 15 percent of the time, which is high indeed and worthy of worry. It is felt that the high concentration of people in the borough is what may be the reason



Halloween this year will be very different, but perhaps it could be the start of a new trend as the world moves forward after Covid-19

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for such a spike in cases in the area.

Christine Touchette, a service director with the CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l’Île-de-Montréal said of this: “That’s creating a situation where, you know, if there’s a virus, it can spread more easily than in an area where people have more space in between each other.”

Facing a new way to celebrate the holiday

Months ago we were wondering if Halloween would be celebrated at all, but in an endearing turn of events, the Legault administration seems to think that the happiness of children all over the province is important enough to keep the holiday moving forward. “There will be prerequisites, there will be guidelines to follow... but it’s very important for them to celebrate Halloween,” the Premiere stated. So no, Halloween isn’t canceled, but it will be done a tad differently than it ever

was before ...

Little ghosts, goblins, vampires and zombies will still be scouring the neighborhood for both tricks and treats this year, but a distance of two meters is still to be respected. How can this happen? Well, Premiere Legault suggested that households wanting to give out candy should put out candy baskets where trick-or-treaters can in turn help themselves to goodies while going door to door.

Many have questioned the new directives but many concur with the Premiere that in the end the children probably need this night more than any other year, as mental health is surely a concern.

So if you plan on giving out candy, prepare a basket dear reader and perhaps watch from the window as the little ghosts and goblins canvass the hood this year for candy and a little much-needed escape from the harsh realities of this pandemic—a horror all its own.





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Two fires and a standoff in Park Ex ... and all in the same week

The neighborhood was shaken this past week in one occurrence after another, but the community did what it does best in the face of disaster and adversity



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As far as strange and terrible circumstances go, Park Extension certainly had it share this past week, and in the form of fire and police intervention. The first of two fires that rocked the very foundation of the community was by far the worst, the disaster affecting many Park Extension families. The standoff itself was a frightening experience for many as well, as was seen on social media, but the community banded together once again in light of each of these disasters.

The standoff ...



Local police surrounded a building near the corner of Ogilvy and Hutchison in Park-Extension on the morning of October 23rd. According to eye-witnesses, the police were there since 10AM or thereabouts. Law enforcement officers were indeed present and in droves apparently (up to 20 vehicles according to eye-witnesses) for quite a while as the day progressed, carrying what locals called: large assault weapons.

Many locals commenting on social media spoke of a possibility that it was all about a man who refused to come out of his apartment situated near that corner and/or intersection specified—a man who had been making quite a ruckus for a few days in fact.

Many seem to think that it was a wellness check by police, but that too still remains to be determined. According to Wikipedia, a wellness check is: "In the United States and Canada, a wellness check is an in-person visit from one or more law enforcement officers, especially in response to a request from a friend or family member who is concerned about the person's mental health."

The situation was handled expertly by police and without violence, and although the ordeal was seemingly drawn out, no one was injured. The event was not even reported when I called our police/media source as a crime of note for the day, therefore the seriousness of the actual event, or lack thereof is evident in that alone, law enforcement taking the proper precaution to avoid disaster.

The first of two fires

The fire erupted in a building on Querbes on October 21st, leaving 20 people without a place to stay. The building which had three floors was completely damaged and even though fire fighters tried their best, it was declared uninhabitable, as has been reported by other news outlets.

I ventured to the building a few days later and it was boarded up, the rubble from the fire atop the lawn out front. According to a social media post by local head nurse and community member Sasha M. Dyke, all families in the



The façade of the building on Querbes after the fire ... boarded up and all tenants in need of a place to stay while work gets done on the building

building were affected and were in dire need of help ... Sasha posting a call out to those in the community wishing to help. The community responded, and apparently, help is being given to those in need. "We've got work to do. Fifteen homes up in smoke at 7460 Querbes. Janitor is going to get me in touch with the tenants. Red Cross can put them up for a few nights but they're going to need a lot of help. Anybody who wants to help (like we did on Wiseman last year) give me a shout." He is also setting up a fundraiser for the families. To donate, consult his Facebook page.

While at the building, I asked a neighbor if he'd seen the fire, and he said it was controlled when it happened, not affecting the other buildings. It was boarded up preventing entry past the building's vestibule and/or entrance.

Sasha Dyck posted an update on his personal social media page a few days later: "Half the tenants have been contacted and we're putting together resources for them now. Major need is going to be housing, as the landlord told them not to expect to move back for at least two months. Please send me any leads you might have."

The second fire in Park Ex

Located at 7867 Querbes, La Maison Bleu has been there for its community since the early 2000s ... specifically in the realm of Social Prenatal Care, also caring for children after birth and of course mothers in need as well. They have other locations on the island of Montréal, running the gamut in terms of services offered as specified and then some.

The fire occurred on the 25th and the specifics are still rather unclear, but what was spoken about on social media was a possibility involving an automobile accident, the vehicle subsequently catching fire and burning next to the building itself, leading of course to the fire spreading and damaging the building.

There are rumors circulating that it was a possible police pursuit but we cannot confirm that at this time.

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TRAVAGLIONE Antonio 1931 - 2020

Travaglione Antonio "Travaglio" In Montreal, on Saturday, October 24, 2020, died Antonio Travaglione, aged 89, husband of 60 years of marriage, Iolanda Varricchio. He is survived by his sons Sergio (Rita) and Antonio Jr (Suzy), grandchildren Jesse, Tyler, Lorenzo and Dalia, brothers and their families in Italy, England and Australia.



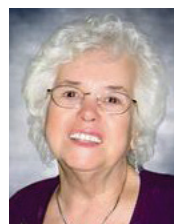
ROY Louise 1954 - 2020

In Montreal, on October 24, 2020, at the age of 66, passed away Mrs. Louise Roy, wife of the late Denis Bouchard. She is survived by her sisters Danielle (Simon), Mona, Sylvie (Mario), her brother Gervais (Sylvana), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews as well as several relatives and friends.



TERRIACA, Luigi 1945 - 2020

In Montreal, on Saturday October 24, 2020 passed away, at the age of 75, Luigi Terriaca. Husband of Iolanda Manocchio Terriaca. Besides his wife he is survived by his children Antonio (Cindy), Felice, Gabriele (Melany), Massimo (Katarina) and Maria, his grandchildren Guliano, Massimiliano and Romanne, his sister Rosa as well as many other relatives and friends.



SENRA (PAIVA), Maria Da Conceição 1925 - 2020

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Prepare to work overtime this week. If you fit the extra hours into your schedule, your efforts will be greatly rewarded. After-ward, you'll have the time and money to treat yourself.



TAURUS

This week, things will finally start to move forward after a long period of stagnation. However, your friends will prove to be a challenge. You'll find the money you need to fund a special project or pay for a small luxury item.



GEMINI

One minute you feel like you're treading water, the next like you're advancing at full speed. Anyone can make a mistake, so keep an eye on your bills. You'll open the door to a new challenge.



CANCER

You'll find yourself surrounded by brilliant people and, as a team, you'll accomplish great things. You'll also receive an award or other recognition in front of a large crowd, which will consequently boost your self-esteem.



LEO

There's an opportunity to hit a homerun at work this week. You'll have more clients than usual, which means an increase in income. You'll discover a new activity or spiritual practice that's in line with your lifestyle and values.



VIRGO

If you keep track of deadlines, you'll find it easy to stay on top of your workload. There's no need to rush if you leave on time. A spontaneous trip might be on the horizon, and it'll be just what you need.



LIBRA

Even if you're sure that you know the right answer, it doesn't hurt to reflect for a few days before you make a decision. New information might bubble to the surface and provide you with a different perspective on the situation.



SCORPIO

You need to modify your diet and learn to unwind if you want to avoid getting heartburn. For the sake of your health and morale, you should try to achieve a better balance between keeping busy and taking time to relax.



SAGITTARIUS

Your spouse or partner will pay special attention to you. You might feel anxious after a medical exam. You'll likely have to wait longer than expected for the results, but they won't come as a surprise to you.



CAPRICORN

You'll need to draw on your leadership skills. You might be asked to take over while your boss is on vacation or fill in for a coworker who's away on sick leave.



AQUARIUS

You'll start to flesh out plans for a family vacation over the holidays. Many of the small details, such as renewing your passport, will take longer than expected. You'll also have to run a lot of errands.



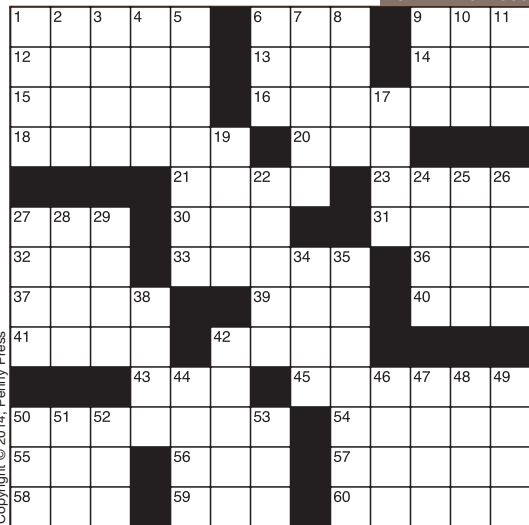
PISCES

You'll bring together a large group of people to participate in an event that requires you to use your communication, organization and negotiation skills. Make sure to be on time as tardiness could cause an argument.

Coffee Break

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ACROSS

1. Spicy pepper
6. Lenten Wednesday
9. Possesses
12. Slugger Hank
13. Batman and Robin, e.g.
14. Before, in poems
15. Fat
16. Lack of sound
18. Gentle
20. Mr. Koppel
21. Loose garment
23. Hooked on
27. Ballet step
30. Likewise not
31. Hitched
32. North American deer
33. Sneer
36. Rascal
37. Plunder

39. Halloween greeting
40. Overhead railways
41. "Do ____ others ..."
42. Noggin
43. "____ Framed Roger Rabbit"
45. Dreary
50. Shaping tools
54. "____ of Two Cities"
55. Feel awful
56. Hubbub
57. Divided Asian country
58. Not nope
59. Sty
60. Clean with a broom

DOWN

1. Toss
2. Despise
3. Smooth
4. Noisy
5. Young doctors
6. Notices
7. Apartment
8. Cavity
9. Barnyard layer
10. Curve
11. Notice
17. Change text
19. Space
22. Corrupt with money
24. City in France
25. Kind of duck
26. Racetrack numbers
27. Land of the Incas
28. Thicke of "Growing Pains"
29. Short play
34. "The ____ Not Taken"
35. Alaskan bears
38. Elevator direction
42. Swarm
44. Stack
46. Pack away
47. Adult filly
48. Nautical term
49. Bound
50. Settle accounts
51. Tell a tall tale
52. High peak
53. Michael Douglas, to Kirk

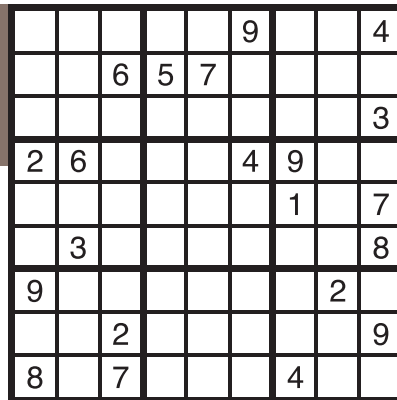
Sudoku

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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.**

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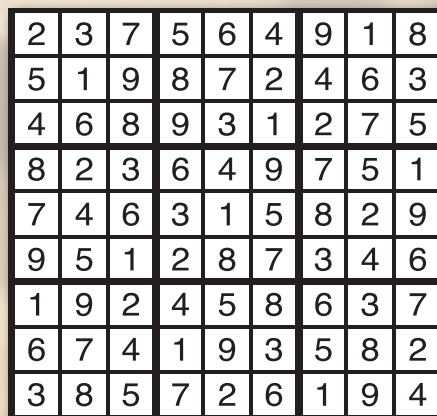


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