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## Federal MPs call for Wellington St. to be closed permanently, following 'Freedom Convoy' crisis

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# Freedom Convoy 2022 'advocated civil war,' CSIS intel report claims

Ex-RCMP officer, assigned to guard Trudeau, identified as a senior organizer



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The Canadian Security Intelligence Service's ITAC unit warned late last month, just before the Freedom Convoy staked out Parliament Hill, that protesters, including some extremists, "could use rudimentary capabilities, such as trucks, cargo and fuel, to cause disruptions to infrastructure," according to a report by the U.K.-based Guardian newspaper.

## Threat underestimated

The Integrated Terrorism Assessment Centre (ITAC) is a federal organization within CSIS, responsible for assessing worldwide terrorism threats to Canada and Canadian interests. According to a description on the ITAC website, its purpose is to provide support for the decision-making needs of senior federal leaders.

A report generated by ITAC on the Freedom Convoy, which The Guardian claimed last week to have seen, stated that the Ottawa Police Service – which has a mandate to provide overall security in the nation's capital – was warned of the imminent arrival of the Freedom Convoy, although it later emerged that the OPS underestimated what they would be dealing with.

## Canada's 'January 6'

As cited by The Guardian, the ITAC report said supporters of the convoy "advocated civil war," called for violence against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and said the protest should be "used as Canada's 'January 6'," which was a reference to the storming of the United States Capitol in Washington DC in early January last year.

"Extremists and other individuals supporting

Covid-19 conspiracy theories and violent anti-authority/anti-government views have expressed intent to participate in the convoy and to attend the accompanying protest in Ottawa," The Guardian said, quoting from the ITAC report.

## \$5,000 or five years jail

Last week, during a webcast briefing on the government's enactment of the Emergencies Act in which Newsfirst Multimedia participated, senior administrative officials with Public Safety Canada outlined the consequences for protesters defying orders to leave Ottawa, including \$5,000 fines or five years in jail. The same penalties could also be applied to anyone bringing aid to participants such as food or fuel.

While the Emergencies Act covers four types of threat, the second, known as a Public Order Emergency, is being used, and is defined as being "for an emergency that arises from threats to the security of Canada and that is so serious as to be a national emergency."

## Defining a Public Order Emergency

The Emergencies Act classifies any or all of these threats as a Public Order Emergency:

(a) Espionage or sabotage that is against Canada or is detrimental to the interests of Canada or activities directed toward or in support of such espionage or sabotage;

(b) Foreign influenced activities within or relating to Canada that are detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person;

(c) Activities within or relating to Canada directed toward or in support of the threat or use of acts of serious violence against persons or property for the purpose of achieving a political,

religious or ideological objective within Canada or a foreign state;

(d) And activities directed toward undermining by covert unlawful acts, or directed toward or intended ultimately to lead to the destruction or overthrow by violence of the constitutionally established system of government in Canada.

## Officials requested anonymity

The list of threats cited as justification to invoke the act does not include lawful advocacy, protest or dissent, unless the latter take place in conjunction with any of the activities referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d). Such was the overall state of alarm hanging over the nation's capital last week that Public Safety Canada asked media to not identify its experts and spokespeople.

The Emergencies Act regulations listed the places where blockades are no longer being allowed, including Parliament Hill and the streets around it where there are many federal buildings, airports, harbours, border crossings, piers, lighthouses, canals, interprovincial and international bridges, hospitals, trade corridors and infrastructure needed for the supply of utilities including power generation and transmission.

## Accounts ordered frozen

A special order on emergency economic measures also gave powers to police, banks and insurance companies to freeze accounts and cancel vehicle insurance policies belonging to people deemed to be protesters and who refused to cooperate by leaving when ordered.

As well, the Emergencies Act designated towing companies as an essential service that can be ordered by police to remove trucks, failing which tow trucks can be seized to allow police to complete the task themselves.

The New York Times reported last week that a team of leaders from Freedom Convoy 2022

worked out of operational centres located in hotel rooms a short distance from Parliament Hill, "some with military and right-wing organizing backgrounds," who "orchestrated a disciplined and highly coordinated occupation ... It is a crew that includes former law enforcement officers, military veterans and conservative organizers ..."

## Convoy leader guarded PM

On Feb. 9, CBC News identified the chief of security for Freedom Convoy 2022 as Daniel Bulford, a former RCMP officer who was on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's personal body-guard detail until last year. According to the CBC, Bulford quit after refusing to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

CBC News also identified two other senior Freedom Convoy organizers as former law enforcement officers or military veterans.

Tom Quiggin, a former military intelligence officer also worked with the RCMP and was considered one of the country's top counter-terrorism experts. And Tom Marazzo, identified as an ex-military officer who served in the Canadian Forces for 25 years, now works as a freelance software developer, said the CBC.

## In favour of the Emergency act

Canada's political parties were firm in their positions during two days of debates on the use of the Emergencies Act. MPs were sitting from 7 a.m. to midnight on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Monday February 21st, prior to the vote Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the vote for The Emergency Act, will be a confidence vote for the Government.

Thus those MPs who were planning to vote against the motion, voted in favour.

The final result was 185 votes in favour and 151 votes against. The motion now is debated at the Senate that has also to vote in favour.



Police in Ottawa work to remove protesters, some of whom have been camped in their trucks near Parliament Hill for weeks, on Saturday. (Photo: Newsfirst Multimedia)



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# OPINION & Editorial

## THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING

Robert Vairo



## Sweet peaceful Canada comes to an abrupt halt

I listened to Canada's National Anthem when our Women's hockey team won gold last week, with their glowing full teeth smile. We were all so proud of them, playing all out for 60 minutes of every game of the tournament. They were doing it as a team, riveted to their system of play, supporting each other in corners, protecting their goalie, playing two-way hockey like I have not seen some NHL teams perform this season. And then my attention focused on the Anthem, as the women stood proudly displaying gold around their neck. "True patriot love in all of us command" jarred me to reality. It suddenly sounded empty. I sometimes sing the anthem out loud to celebrate 'the thrill of victory,' winning gold, being the best in the world. Not this time. I could not bring myself to sing because like most of us, I also had an eye on the scenes from the Ottawa occupation. A news junky, hungry for coverage from different sources, live where possible, lap tops, the desk top, and the phone close by, I perhaps saw too much of what Canada has become. And I did not like it.

How has it come to this? It should come as no surprise that an anti science, anti government movement has been growing for years, brought to the surface and becoming more evident by the pandemic and its accompanying vaccines, and ever changing and often conflicting restrictions. Alienated and frustrated for not having a voice nor a choice, we are seeing open aggression and death threats towards health care workers, journalists, politicians, grocery, restaurant and store employees. Reporters and private health care providers remove corporate logos from their cars for their own safety.

This may be a sign of the times. The Ottawa protests could have been avoided with polit-

ical leadership in Canada, and not one that is consistently divisive. And because of our proximity to the Americans, the importation of their alt right extremism and violence seems inevitable.

There was debate in the House of Commons, something we have not seen with the Trudeau liberals since the pandemic began two years ago. It was not pretty. The fangs were out on both sides but at least democracy is functioning.

As the protest morphed into occupation (trucks blocking main streets for weeks, and a base camp set up is not a protest) we quickly realized the police force was initially understaffed (so much for 'defund the police' movement). They were unprepared and led by an overwhelmed police chief who was eventually forced to resign. So, enraged citizens took it upon themselves to step up. They formed their own counter blockades, and one obtained an injunction that would stop the tormenting horn honking, thanks to a 21-year-old civil servant Zexi Li. And eventually the "freezing of digital assets and bank accounts of convoy leaders," that fueled the Ottawa chaos.

Perhaps it has been building for some time but it seems in just the last few years there has been "political instability, a changing economy, racism in our schools and communities," and most significantly, a loss of importance and significance of Canada among world nations.

We also realized our current laws are apparently not sufficient to deal with this unprecedented protest, unprecedented occupation, a potential insurgency. The arrested leaders wanted to have an un-elected seat in government. The frustration and alienation are understandable, and so is a peaceful protest, but the aggression promoted by the growth of extremists and foreign interference is not. Our governments and police forces

were not prepared, until the 22<sup>nd</sup> day.

There was a plethora of surveys available detailing Canadians' opinions during the occupation. "Three Quarters of Canadians Want Protestors to go Home." Another headline read "Large majority in Ottawa Oppose Freedom Convoy," and, "Are you in Favour of Invoking the Emergencies Act?"

But there were no surveys asking how the convoy became "a melting pot for individuals with a wide variety of grievances," and misinformation. No surveys asking Canadians how do we fix this? How do we change, and, what new direction do we take? How do we become "strong and free" again?

The point is, this is not the country I knew. Sweet, peaceful Canada has come to an abrupt halt.

This is not the first time we have faced such polarization. Canadian history is full of well-known events that have led to changes, usually but not always for the better.

In the end, declaring the Emergencies Act may just be a pause in the next display of populist anger.

### ADDED NOTE:

\$15 million per day is the loss to retailers because of the "Freedom Convoy." That does not include the cost of the tri level police forces from across Canada. Perhaps more important than monetary, the emotional cost of keeping a city hostage, with noise, belching diesel fumes, insults, and intimidation of masked pedestrians, even menacing children in school yards.

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#NewsMatters:  
The National  
Assembly Report

By Raquel Fletcher

### Clause-by-clause study of language law quickly gets controversial

As the adage goes, the devil is in the details and Bill 96, the government's proposed French language reform legislation has a lot of details. The National Assembly committee studying the bill is in the clause-by-clause stage, a meticulous and methodic process of analyzing its 201 articles.

It didn't take long for things to get controversial.

During its committee work Thursday afternoon, Liberal MNA David Birnbaum called out French Language Minister Simon Jolin-Barrette about an article concerning temporary foreign workers.

"I have to learn how to say, 'red herring' in French because there are 500 kilograms of it in this room," he said.

Under the current law, temporary foreign workers can apply for an exemption to Bill 101 to send their kids to school in English. Bill 96 aims to limit that exemption to three years. Jolin-Barrette said this modification would provide an incentive to workers who suspect they might stay longer or even apply to become permanent residents to send their kids to school in French from the beginning.

The minister argued it would facilitate their integration faster. It also closes a loophole in the law by which immigrants could theoretically use the temporary worker route instead of applying through the regular immigration process to strategically bypass Bill 101. Children who are granted exemptions could potentially gain an acquired right to be able to send their own children and grandchildren to English school.

Birnbaum said framing the issue this way is offensive because it paints immigrants as being antagonistic towards the protection of the French language.

"I have to say, if I was currently a temporary worker and I heard this, I would be pretty insulted by these allusions that suggest I am somehow hostile to French in Quebec or that I'm part of some spontaneous army that has descended on Quebec in order to anglicize this corner of North America," he said in committee.

The red herring, he said, is that the number of people taking advantage of this theoretical loophole is probably marginal, although the minister failed to provide numbers.

"This discussion on temporary stays in Quebec is emblematic of the key issues before us in trying to find positive and inclusive ways to promote the French language," Birnbaum said in a phone interview.

The discussion so far has not been positive, nor inclusive, he said, pointing out that this reform could seriously hurt the Quebec economy.

### Skilled workers may move elsewhere

The Bill 101 exemption for temporary stays

encourages highly skilled workers, including academics and scientists to work in Quebec because they know they will be able to send their kids to school in English. In exchange, the province benefits from their expertise. However, without the possibility to renew the exemption, this highly skilled workforce may choose to move elsewhere.

The Liberal Party is proposing an amendment to allow for one renewal, so children of temporary workers could attend English school for a maximum of six years. However, Jolin-Barrette indicated he would not adopt this amendment. The article was included "because there's a hole in the law," he said.

Then switching to English, he asked Birnbaum directly, "There's a breach in the law. You don't want to fix it? You want to let it happen?"

In a cheeky retort, Birnbaum once again asked the minister to quantify the size of this supposed hole. "Is it a pothole or is it the Quebec tunnel?" he asked, referring to the government's controversial third link project for Quebec City.

The committee has been studying this bill for about 60 hours. It is a quarter of the way through the legislation. It has already adopted an article which gives immigrants a six-month window to learn French. After that, the public service must only communicate in French in written correspondence with immigrants.

Debate around even more controversial aspects of Bill 96 is yet to come, including special provisions for the Office québécois de la langue française to conduct searches and seizures.

# Masks off in class after spring break

*Breathing easier at the primary and secondary levels*



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School children in elementary and high schools in our borough will be breathing a bit easier soon since as of March 7, primary and secondary school students will no longer have to wear masks in class.

Following a recommendation from Public Health, the Minister of Health and Social Services, Christian Dubé, and the Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge, announced reductions in wearing of the school intervention mask for primary and secondary school students.

Thus, as of Monday, March 7, students will no longer have to wear the mask when they are seated in class. This easing is made possible due to the favorable evolution of the epidemiological situation in Québec.

Wearing a mask will remain compulsory for the time being in common areas, when students pass by and on school transport. For pre-school students, the mask is only required in multi-level school transport, i.e. in buses or sedans transporting students of different grade levels. March 7 will coincide with the return of spring break in most regions of Quebec, including Montreal, Outaouais, Abitibi, Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean and Côte-Nord. However, in Laval, Quebec and Chaudière-Appalaches, as far as Bas-du-Fleuve, since students have their break a week later, they will benefit from the relief from March 14.

This new health measure relief would only concern primary and secondary school students, many of whom fought the virus during the fifth wave, giving them some immunity. It is also among 12 to 17 year olds that we find the highest vaccination coverage: 99% of them have received at least one dose of vaccine. Thus, no change for college and university students. The latter will have to continue to respect the rules already in force in their establishments.

In the provincial government entourage, it is explained that "it is the end of the COVID press briefings" held systematically, once or twice a week. Already, last week, the Prime Minister had left all the room for his Minister of Health to unveil the next steps in the deconfinement sequence. Dr. Boileau undertook to hold press briefings separate from MM. Legault and Dubé, in addition to multiplying the interviews alone, with various media.

## Towards a return to normal

As planned in the deconfinement calendar, non-essential businesses reopened to maximum capacity on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, putting an end to long lines. Business tourism is also coming back to life with the return of conferences and congresses.

As of Monday, February 28, Quebecers will once again be able to visit bars, taverns and casinos. Their capacity will initially be limited to 50%, i.e. until March 14, when the majority of the measures will be lifted. Limits in all places will then be eliminated and dancing and karaoke will be allowed again.

"In the continuity of the deconfinement which began a few weeks ago, we are very happy to confirm that wearing a mask will no longer be compulsory in class very soon. The situation is improving and this is also reflected in the school



environment. The various measures in place contribute to providing a safe environment for students and staff," said Christian Dubé, Minister of Health and Social Services

From his part Jean-François Roberge, Minister of Education said: "Our elementary and secondary students have shown a great deal of resilience in order to limit the risk of the virus spreading over the past few months. The school staff had to be imaginative, adapt and support our students and their parents in incredible ways. Removing the mask in class is one more step to rediscover the pleasure of being at school, to rediscover the pleasure of teaching. Today, I again want to tip my hat to you."

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## Relocation of truckers

*The SPVM is “preparing for any eventuality”*



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Montreal police are “preparing for any eventuality” and ensure that they are always “very attentive” to demonstrations against health measures across the country. At a time when certain groups are relocating, after the end of the occupation in downtown Ottawa, Valérie Plante insists: no blockages will be tolerated in Montreal. This is good news indeed, especially for tightly packed boroughs like Park Extension where any more traffic load or blockages would be destructive to the local economy.

“As a police organization, we are very attentive to what happened in Ottawa, but also elsewhere in Canada and in Quebec. Our Operational Planning Service is monitoring these movements and preparing for any eventuality,” said Deputy Director of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), Vincent Richer, on the sidelines of a press conference on Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> at City Hall.

Mr. Richer insisted that if every citizen has the

right to demonstrate, that this right is important and that it should not be denigrated. Gatherings must be held in a certain balance, for the good of the community and the rest of society. “We are very attentive to this, and we continue to follow the movement”, he said.

Nearly two weeks ago, Mayor Valérie Plante had already indicated that she would not accept seeing her streets blocked by truckers, when more than a thousand people marched through the streets of Montreal for “freedom” under high police surveillance.

These people were then invited to take the road to Ottawa, to join the opponents of the sanitary measures who then occupied Parliament Hill.

On Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Plante reiterated that her position had not changed one iota. “It’s the same thing. Montreal is still in a state of emergency, and it is important for us that Montrealers can continue to circulate freely,” she insisted. “The right to demonstrate is important. We are used to it in Montreal, but we do not block streets, no,” she added.

She had indicated in recent days that the SPVM had also sent observers to Quebec City in recent weeks to learn how to deal with this type of group.

## “Serious” shortcomings at the STM

*“The City has nothing to be ashamed of,” insists mayor Plante*



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The awarding of contracts from the city of Montreal affects all boroughs, all neighborhoods especially when it comes to buses that service Park ex as well. The most recent negative brouhaha in city hall followed the publication of a report by Inspector General Brigitte Bishop, which concluded on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February reporting that a contract of an unusual nature had been awarded to the firm Pomerleau to act as construction manager on the Center Bellechasse project, at the cost of \$27.5 million.

“The City has absolutely nothing to reproach itself for in the whole process. That being said, a report from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is important. And we are going to watch it with a lot of attention because we want things to go well, and of course, in good and due form by following the processes,” said the mayor of Montreal on Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022, during a meeting of the city council.

Pomerleau was to help prepare the calls for tenders for the various contractors interested in carrying out construction work on this new center, intended to accommodate 300 buses in Rosemont. The call for tenders provided, however, that a fixed budget of 4 million was to be reserved for unforeseen work carried out by

the construction manager himself, during the project. However, this envelope “does not allow any competition between the bidders as to the price, which goes against the very objective of public calls for tenders”, castigated the report of the BIG.

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, the leader of the official opposition, Aref Salem, suggested that “these shortcomings would not have taken place” if the Plante administration “had not imposed on the STM such a tight deadline for carrying out projects to accommodate the 300 new hybrid buses”.

Mr. Salem, insisted that “the situation could very well have been avoided”. “The STM may say that it awarded this contract in good faith, that it saved time and that a postponement would have had major impacts, it is clear that the situation could very well have been avoided”, he said. “It does not constitute a reason to circumvent a contractual clause or the law. Will we be entitled to other damning reports from the OIG on serious shortcomings in the awarding of contracts for other major projects underway at the STM?”, he also said.

Valérie Plante reiterated that the recommendations of the OIG report show that “the City has nothing to be ashamed of in the whole process. The STM said it was very open to watching and collaborating with the BIG and that, for me, is excellent news.”

# Augmentation des vols de catalyseurs

Un suivi explicatif du SPVM



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Le risque de vol de catalyseurs préoccupe de nombreux habitants du quartier de Parc-Extension. Au cours des dernières semaines, plusieurs résidents ont signalé une augmentation des incidents de vol sous leur voiture durant la nuit.

Cette pièce joue un rôle essentiel dans le système d'échappement des véhicules en transformant les gaz toxiques et des polluants en polluants moins toxiques. Elle est souvent visée en raison de son prix de revente élevé.

Le sujet a été couvert dans l'édition de la semaine dernière de *Nouvelles Parc-Extension News* avec une orientation vers les histoires des personnes touchées par la récente vague de vols.

Cette semaine, nous nous sommes entretenus avec Anik de Repentigny, porte-parole du SPVM, pour savoir ce qui se cache derrière cette augmentation et sur les moyens de la prévenir.

## Augmentation des signalements au PDQ 33

Le vol de catalyseurs n'est ni nouveau ni rare sur l'île de Montréal, puisque ce type de vol est en hausse depuis quelques années. En 2020, 2 219 cas ont été signalés au SPVM sur l'île de Montréal.

C'est trois fois plus qu'en 2019, où 679 cas ont été signalés, et environ sept fois plus qu'en 2018, où 323 cas ont été signalés. Les données préliminaires pour 2021 et le début de 2022 ne sont pas encore disponibles.

« Le poste de quartier (PDQ) 33 dénoterait une légère augmentation des vols de catalyseurs de véhicules dans Parc-Extension en 2021 par rapport à 2020 », a déclaré Anik de Repentigny, porte-parole du SPVM.

« L'augmentation des vols observée depuis 2018 est principalement causée par une hausse du prix de certains métaux que l'on retrouve dans les composantes des catalyseurs (palladium, rhodium, platine) », a-t-elle expliqué.

## Catalyseurs non burinés

Les catalyseurs sont particulièrement visés parce qu'ils sont très difficiles à retracer, puisqu'ils ne portent ni numéro de série ni aucune information d'identification. Ce facteur les rend pratiquement impossibles à retrouver une fois volés.

Le SPVM encourage les automobilistes à faire buriner leurs catalyseurs par un professionnel ou à le faire eux-mêmes s'ils ont les outils et le savoir-faire nécessaires. Cela pourrait dissuader le vol et pourrait aussi aider à retracer les catalyseurs volés s'ils sont saisis.

« Soulignons que le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) et ses PDQ, en partenariat avec des partenaires incluant Info-Crime Montréal, ont réalisé des opérations d'identification de catalyseurs dans différents secteurs l'an dernier », a ajouté Mme de Repentigny.

## Opérations de burinage

Lors des opérations d'étiquetage, des techniciens étiquetteront les catalyseurs avec un numéro d'identification unique. Un code QR qui est relié à une base de données sécurisée du *Registre international de sécurité*, figure également sur l'étiquette.

Bien qu'aucune opération ne soit prévue cette année, Mme de Repentigny a indiqué qu'elles étaient organisées régulièrement et ont encouragé tous les propriétaires de voitures qui souhaitant y participer à se tenir au courant. Le service qui prend entre 10 à 20 minutes est offert gratuitement et sont traités sur la base du premier arrivé, premier servi.

Selon Mme de Repentigny, de nombreux services de police travaillent actuellement avec des manufacturiers automobiles afin d'apposer des numéros de série sur les catalyseurs des leurs futurs modèles.

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## Does minimum wage cover rent?



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It is a question with great importance for our borough. In Park-extension, a lot of new immigrants, students and unskilled workers converge to live. Most of them must rent. But how many hours per week a minimum wage worker must work to pay his rent? In a recent investigation done by 24 hours, in seven cities in Quebec, a person who lives alone has to work a lot of overtime to make ends meet.

To do this, the investigators used data on the average rent for a two-bedroom (four and a half) unit that the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) compiled in its most recent report on the rental market. The principle of the CMHC affordability threshold, which states that a household must devote at most 30% of its budget to its rent in order to be able to live comfortably was also used as a base.

It is interesting to note that housing prices for Montreal, Laval, Quebec, Gatineau, Sherbrooke and Saguenay – taken from the CMHC report – are not necessarily representative of those found on Kijiji. This is because these figures include as many apartments occupied for several years and whose increase is slower than the apartments currently on the market, which are displayed at higher prices.

The results show that in Montreal with an average rent of \$932 per month, a worker must

pocket a gross income of \$3,107 per month to avoid exceeding the affordability threshold. At minimum wage, this represents 230 hours per month, or 58 hours per week. Just north of Montreal, a Laval resident who earns the minimum wage is not in a better position. A worker must earn \$3177 monthly to be able to afford an average rent of \$953. At \$13.50 an hour, he has to work 59 hours a week. Even in the Quebec city area where the average rent is the least expensive (\$658), a minimum wage worker must work overtime. A Trois-Rivières renter needs a monthly salary of \$2,194, or nearly \$549 per week, to be able to pay his rent. In Sherbrooke, gross income must be \$2,424 per month to be able to afford housing at an average cost of \$727, which is earned in 45 hours at an hourly wage of \$13.50.

A minimum wage worker in the national capital must work a number of hours equivalent to those who live in Greater Montreal, with a rent of \$945. He needs 58 hours per week to earn \$3,150 per month, or \$788 per week, and to be able to pay all his expenses. Gatineau wins first place with 64 hours of work for an average rent of \$1,035. A Gatineau resident must earn \$3,450 per month, or \$863 per week, if he wants to avoid having to tighten his belt. And finally, in the city of Saguenay, you have to work 2 hours more per week than in Trois-Rivières to afford housing at an average cost of \$700 per month. A worker must actually earn nearly \$584 per week (\$2,336 per month), which is done in 43 hours at minimum wage.

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# FRACA Montréal says that community groups are at the end of their rope

*Thank yous do not do much to pay the rent, running our programs, or offer decent wages*



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In an open letter of the regional chapter of the Québec-wide Engagez-vous pour le communautaire or “Commit to the Community Sector” FRACA Montreal does not mince words when it comes to the situation of more than 4000 community organizations.

They lament the fact that their cries go unanswered with a community sector chronically underfunded for years. For the 4,000 independent community action organizations in Quebec, many challenges existed long before the pandemic. In fact, the current social and health crisis has only exacerbated an already difficult situation says FRACA.

According to FRACA, in spite of this, community groups have gone to great lengths to adapt to the crisis in order to carry out their respective missions and provide assistance and support to the most marginalized populations. The members of the National Assembly have not missed a single opportunity to highlight the indispensable contribution of the community sector, thank community workers and, ironically, note how they always seem to work miracles with very few resources!

“Therein lies the problem. Thank yous do not do much to pay the rent, continue running our programs, or offer decent wages and

working conditions. We cannot go on like this. Community groups need funding that is adequate, stable and annual, which would allow us to do our work properly, according to our strategic directions, and in response to needs that emerge on the ground! There is a significant shortfall in order to have adequate funding, i.e. an extra \$460 million annually for all the independent community action organizations in Quebec.” says FRACA

Ioanna Tsoublekas, director of the community organization Filia, echoes the sentiments of FRACA. “This kind of frustration has been building for many years. I totally support the open letter which represents us all. Our office employees do double the amount of work compared to government office. You need 4-5 government workers to complete the amount of work being done by only 2 people in our FILIA office.” said Mrs. Tsoublekas. She also believes that the old age pensions and supplements must be increased both in the federal and the provincial level. “Our seniors cannot survive with that kind of money” she exclaimed.

## A social safety net under attack...

In its open letter FRACA says that Quebec is fortunate to have a large and strong community sector whose mission is to support folks who have all kinds of needs and that each year, thousands of people come to them for help or assistance, to relieve their isolation, to find a



FRACA Montréal is the regional chapter of the Québec-wide Engagez-vous pour le communautaire or “Commit to the Community Sector” campaign that unites 4000 independent community action organizations.

place where they belong, and to defend their rights.

“The community sector is an important link in the Quebec social safety net. Unfortunately, just like funding for community groups, social programs and public services have also undergone major disinvestment over the past decades. The more the government cuts back, the worse the inequalities and injustices become, and the pressure on organizations increases. Community groups are not here to fill in for services that fall under the responsibility of the State.”

## A week of actions and closures

It is for these reasons that independent community action organizations participated in a week of actions and closures from February 21 to 24. Here in Montreal, hundreds of community groups participated in a demonstration, on February 22nd, to send a clear message to the government, ahead of the Coalition Avenir Québec’s last budget before the elections. “Mr. Legault, listen to our heartfelt plea, fulfill your responsibilities toward the population, keep your promises, and... Commit to the community sector!” says FRACA

# Increase in catalytic converter theft



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The risk of catalytic converter theft has been on the mind of many in the Park Extension neighbourhood. Many residents have reported increased incidents of overnight theft from under their cars over the past few weeks.

This car part plays a vital role in the vehicles’ exhaust system by converting toxic gases and pollutants in the exhaust into less-toxic pollutants. It is often targeted due to its high resale price on the black market.

The issue was covered in last week’s edition *Nouvelles Parc-Extension News* with an orientation towards the stories of those affected by the recent wave of theft.

This week we spoke with SPVM spokesperson Anik de Repentigny about what is behind this increase and how to prevent it.

of certain metals found in catalytic converter components, such as palladium, rhodium and platinum,” she explained.

## Catalytic converters not engraved

Catalytic converters are especially targeted because they are largely untraceable, as they are not engraved with either a serial number or any identifying information. This factor makes them virtually impossible to retrieve once stolen.

The SPVM encourages motorists to have their catalytic converters engraved professionally or do it themselves if they have the tools and the know-how. This would deter theft and could help retrace stolen converters back to their original owners if seized.

“The Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) and its PDQs, in partnership with partners including Info-Crime Montréal, conducted catalytic converter identification operations in various sectors last year,” added de Repentigny.

## Rise in reports to PDQ 33

Catalytic converter theft is neither new nor rare on the island of Montreal, as this type of theft has been on the rise over the past few years. In 2020, 2,219 cases were reported to the SPVM on the island of Montreal.

That’s three times more than in 2019, which saw 679 cases reported and about seven times more than in 2018, which saw 323 reported. Preliminary data for 2021 and early 2022 is not yet available. “The *poste de quartier* (PDQ) 33 indicated a slight increase in the theft of vehicle catalytic converters in Park Extension in 2021 compared to 2020,” said SPVM spokesperson Anik de Repentigny.

“The increase in thefts seen since 2018 is caused primarily by an increase in the price

## Engraving and tagging operations

Technicians will label the catalytic converters with a unique identification number during the first-come, first-serve tagging operations. A QR code linking to a secure accredited database, the International Safety Registry, is also on the label.

Although none are planned for this year, de Repentigny said they were held regularly and encouraged all car owners interested in participating to stay up to date. The service is offered free of charge and takes between 10 and 20 minutes.

According to de Repentigny, many law enforcement agencies are currently working with car manufacturers to put a serial number on catalytic converters in future models.

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# A little sorceress in Park Extension

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Spring break comes to Park-Ex and the municipal authorities want to treat children of the neighbourhood to a special theatre presentation on Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Salle de diffusion de Parc-Extension.

Petite Sorcière is a playful show that twists the codes of children's stories to tell us, with a touch of humor and a few chills, a fantastic story of resilience and courage. Anything can happen in this intriguing room where children are invited to open their ears wide to see appearing fabulous beings. Very close to them, an actress brings to life the larger-than-life characters of this bewitching fable. Thanks to the magic of her voice transformed by sound games, she transports us to the depths of the forest where the children witness the final confrontation between the Little Witch and the Ogre.

The show is about 40 minutes long and is meant for children 6 and up. This solo version, presented in small gauge, is an auditory fable carried by a virtuoso actress who embodies all the characters.

Projet MÛ is one of the few companies to specialize in both adult theater and young audiences. Since 2006, Nini Bélanger, its artistic director, has favored development in the form of cycles. This mode of production allows her to develop an approach by creating continuity, both in terms of the issues addressed and the team of designers.

Working closely with the author Pascal Brullemans, the creative duo uses the theatrical act to reflect on social issues by tracing a path that goes from the intimate to the collective. Together, they try to modify the position of the spectator to challenge him, sometimes in a raw way, but always in a spirit of openness and dialogue.

Passes are valid until 10 minutes before the start of the show and reservations can be made via the Eventbrite platform

Credits include Text by Pascal Brullemans, staging by Nini Bélanger, the interpretation is by Maude Desrosiers assisted by Chloé Ekker, scenography by Patrice Charbonneau-Brunelle, costumes by Marilène Bastien Lighting, design by David-Alexandre Chabot, sound design by Lefutur, the technical direction by Jérémie Guilbault-Asselin and the production direction by Maryse Beauchesne

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# Spring break: what to do in our neighbourhood?



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Municipal authorities are promising to spoil young people and families when it come to choosing having fun with several sports, leisure, and cultural activities in the borough of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension from February 26 to March 6,

VSP's three libraries offer 17 varied activities such as science workshops, films, challenges, crafts, music and storytelling. Since indoor shows are back, here is a taste of what awaits residents at the Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée: Story of wings and ladders (children's theatre), Chante, Edmond (children's opera), Ma quincaillerie musicale (musical show), Caisse 606 (theatre), Chlag: paradox and hope (exhibition)

Free swimming can also be enjoyed in the borough's Joseph-Charbonneau, René-Goupil, Villeray and Saint-Roch indoor swimming pools as well as periods of public skating at the Howie-Morenz and at the Saint-Michel arena are available to skaters. Residents can also play badminton in singles or doubles at the Jean-Rougeau sports center by booking space online on the Loisirs Montréal.

## Why not play outside?

If the weather is conducive, residents can also put on skates and take advantage of the many skating rinks in the Borough's parks or go to the cross-country ski trails of Jarry and Frédéric-Back. It is important to always check the condition of the slopes before going.

The slides are always a delight for young and old. Kids 0 to 90 can go to Jarry Park to unleash



their crazy! Check the condition of the slide before going to the site. Residents can rediscover the many parks in the borough by strolling along the trails. These places are perfect for relaxation and enjoying the fresh air.

## Winter-O-Parc activities will take place in the borough during spring break:

Exploration of nature by the GUEPE organization

Free loan of skates in the various neighborhoods of VSP

Initiation to 4-season cycling workshops by l'Atelier Culture vélo

Initiation to hockey and skating (6-12 years old)

## Day camps

There are still places available for some spring break day camps. The animators will share their artistic and sporting passion to give young people an unforgettable experience. Due to the current situation, the borough invites citizens to contact the organizations for more details and the latest updates.



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## M. PP et Joe at the Parc-Extension broadcast room

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## A show for families with mature children and immature adults



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One of the many municipal cultural offerings in Park-ex is the performance M. PP et Joe that will take place in the Salle de diffusion de Parc-Extension on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

The event is a family entertainment show with Joe dePaul and Tim Tyler with a very clear age requirement: A show for families with mature children and immature adults! The show is free, but residents have to reserve a ticket.

After twenty years of solo performance internationally, the characters Tim, 6'5 and Joe, 4'10 come together in the hope of realizing their greatest dream: to be the stars of their own musical performance. They quickly discover that their dreams diverge somewhat.

Tim brings culture and sophistication to the

show by reciting Shakespearean soliloquies and immersing himself in long, colorful descriptions of works of art. Joe is more down to earth, but his great imagination leads him to transform the contents of a trash can into musical instruments or even a Hollywood film set.

Together, they will go to the limit of their abilities to please the spectators by dressing (or rather undressing) as animals, juggling ping-pong balls with their mouths or even performing a parody of a gymnastic number that deserves at least a bronze medal. They are musical, endearing, fun and above all complement each other wonderfully despite their differences. Whether they're singing, spitting at each other or painting works worthy of the Beaux-Arts, these two characters manage, against all odds, to combine all their hidden talents in a single Two Man Show.

The presentation of the vaccination passport and proof of identity with photo (photo optional for under 16s and over 75s) is compulsory.

# How will the City rental registry will work and how will it affect Park Extension?



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Last week the City of Montreal announced a new plan to create a city-wide rent registry and building owner certification program to address increased renovations, reduce substandard rental units and stop “abusive” rent increases.

The announcement came at a press conference on Feb. 15, where Mayor Valérie Plante outlined the new plan alongside Benoit Dorais, executive committee member in charge of housing.

The new system will require the owners of buildings with eight or more units to register with the city and report the state of their building to the city every five years, and disclose the rent they charge and whether their units are occupied.

According to the city, this will cover 250,000 units in 12,000 buildings across the city, accounting for 35 per cent of the rental housing market. While they said the plan addresses the ongoing housing crisis, many housing advocates say it doesn’t go far enough.

## Reversing the burden of proof

“We believe it will be quite discouraging and will support landlords to do what’s right,” said Mayor Plante as she presented the plan at a press conference last week. She added that the change would “reverse the burden of proof” from the tenants to the landlords, making them have to prove that their rental units are in good condition.

“The vast majority of building owners take care of their buildings,” explained Plante, but also highlighted that “unfortunately there is a minority of owners who force us to take these strong measures.”

Landlords will have to demonstrate that their buildings are structurally sound, free of mould and vermin and ensure they complete basic repairs and maintenance.

## Unhealthy living conditions

In Park Extension, several renters have reported living in apartments with unsafe and unhealthy living conditions and interacting with abusive and negligent landlords.

According to Dorais, they targeted this class of buildings as a city report on public health found that the worst cases of unsanitary housing conditions occurred in buildings with eight or

more units.

Information on a building’s condition and rental prices would be publicly available through the registry on the city’s website. This was one of Projet Montréal’s key promises during last November’s municipal election.

## Many tenants still left out

In an area like Park Ex, where many people live in buildings with fewer than eight units, some say the plan would not cover enough renters to address the housing crisis successfully.

“The plan only covers buildings with eight units or more - which excludes over 65% of the housing market,” said Amy Darwish, interim coordinator at Comité d’Action de Parc-Extension (CAPE).

CAPE also said that because rent prices are reported every five years, the registry will do little to inform future residents on previous rates. “Tenants won’t be able to use the information to validate the rent paid by a previous tenant and challenge abusive rent hikes,” added Darwish.

Because the city will roll out the program gradually over the next five years, Darwish said the plan would do little to address current issues. “For many tenants living with poor housing conditions or facing abusive rent hikes, this will be too little, too late,” she stated.

“If we really want to rein in skyrocketing rents in neighbourhoods like Park Ex and across Montreal, we need a real lease registry and compulsory, universal rent control,” said Darwish.

## Penalties and fines

The rollout would begin during the winter of 2023 with buildings of 100 or more units and work its way down to smaller buildings. They expect the plan to be fully implemented within five years.

Owners who choose not to comply with the plan will be fined daily for every day they rent without the registry. They could also see their certification revoked if they fail to complete required maintenance or do not comply with sanitation standards.

For individual owners, the fines would range from \$250 to \$650 for a first offence and \$1,250 to \$2,500 for repeat offences. Businesses would face heftier fines, ranging from \$500 and \$1,250 for a first offence, while repeat offenders could see fines ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Non-compliant owners would also lose access



Tenants at 1040 Ball have previously protested the unsafe and unhealthy living conditions in their apartment building. Photo: CAPE

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- 1 **Cent moëfi: un paysage**  
Annie Hamel, 2010.  
Atrixice et interprète du slam :  
Djamila Amidou-Triquet  
Parc Saint-Roch
- 2 **One Love**  
Collectif KéA (Morike, Saer et Serak),  
2003.  
Auteurs et interprètes des slams :  
Ushabell Cantave Dessalines et  
Achraf Chanou  
Terrasse du complexe William-Hingston
- 3 **Atelier Culture Vélo**  
Cyndie Belhumeur, 2016.  
Atrixice et interprète du slam :  
Indira Cortes  
Parc Jarry
- 4 **L'immigrant grec**  
Giorgos Hoularas, 2017.  
Atrixice et interprète du slam :  
Katerina Gladieva  
Avenue Du Parc et rue Jean-Talon
- 5 **Église Koimisis Tis Theotokou**  
Atrixice et interprète du slam :  
Rolande Ndoto



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The Parc-Extension broadcast room team wanted to highlight five works of public art on its territory. During a break, passers-by are invited to take a different look at them... by listening to them!

The project brought together members of the X-Art group of the Park-Extension Youth Organization (PEYO) and the francization center of the William-Hingston complex. Together, the participants specially chose these works of public art located in the four corners of the neighbourhood. During a series of writing workshops led by slam artist Fabrice Koffy, they composed poetic forms inspired by the selected works. These texts were recorded by their authors in August 2021 at the Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillé, then set to music by Guillaume Soucy.

Park-exers can now listen to them by scanning

the QR code visible on the panel near each work of art listed on the route map. The goal of the game is to let you be surprised, during a walk in the neighborhood, by these poetic proposals, and to see how much the work you are looking at resonates and animates the creative spirit of young people who, through their involvement, make this unique neighborhood vibrate.

## The Park-Extension Youth Organization (PEYO)

PEYO is a non-profit organization that has been working since 1967 in the Parc-Extension neighborhood in Montreal, Canada and contributes to improving the quality of life of residents of this area with a primary focus on young people and their families. For 50 years, the Parc Extension Youth Organization works to create programs that meet the needs of the population of Parc-Extension. Thousands of people have been able to receive help from the organization during difficult times, whether through sport, culture, or art. Many in turn contribute today to the development of the next generation.

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# In Memoriam & Obituaries

## A life remembered

### 5 things to consider when preplanning a funeral

It's normal to feel uncomfortable about making arrangements for your funeral. However, doing it ensures that the burden doesn't fall on your loved ones. Here are some of the things you'll need to make decisions about when preplanning a funeral.

#### 1. THE FUNERAL HOME

If you want a traditional funeral service, you'll need to select a venue. Factors to keep in mind when choosing a funeral home include ambiance, location and pricing.

#### 2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BODY

Do you want to be buried or cremated? Or maybe you'd rather donate your body to medical research? Deciding what to do with your remains will also likely involve choosing a casket or urn.

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE REMAINS

You can choose to present your body at your funeral in either a closed or open casket. If you opt for an open casket, think about the clothing, jewelry and accessories to be worn.

If you want your remains to be cremated, this can take place either before or after the funeral, making presentation of the body an option regardless.

#### 4. TYPE OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral services can be religious affairs or simple celebrations of life. Don't hesitate to personalize the service with a favourite piece of music, poem or bit of scripture. Be sure to also consider floral arrangements and other decor or mementos you may want present.

#### 5. FINAL RESTING PLACE

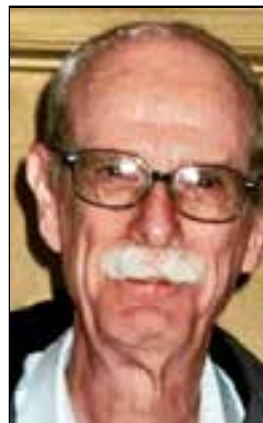
If you want to be buried, you'll need to select a plot in a cemetery. If you want to be cremated, you'll need to decide where your ashes will be placed. Your final resting place may be incorporated into your funeral service, but it doesn't have to be.

**Preplanning a funeral isn't easy, but you don't have to do it alone. Invite a friend or family member to help you, or work with a funeral home that can walk you through the whole process.**



**BADRI Mitri**  
1964-2022

It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of BADRI MITRI son of Late Kamil Mitri and Nadia Abou Rejeili. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Rita Ghorayeb, his loving daughters Nadia, Christyanne and Lina, the members of Mitri, Ghorayeb and Abou Rejeili families and many other relatives and friends.



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**DE PAOLA Anthony (Tony)**  
1936 - 2022

The family announces the sudden passing of Anthony (Tony) De Paola at his home in Dorval on February 21st, 2022 at the age of 85. Reunited with his beloved wife the late Denise Ouellette. Predeceased by his parents Santo and Lucia De Paola, his late siblings Joe, Helen, Norma, Linda. Leaving to mourn his loving children Sylvia (Ben), Lucie, Anthony (Lisa), his grandchildren, Julien, Amanda, Letticia, Mia, Sierra, his sisters Angie (late Brian), Laurie (Wayne), brother Micheal (Linda) and sister in-law Edith Goss (Howard), cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



**MARZILLI Salvatore**  
1934-2022

In Montreal on February 20, 2022, at the age of 85, passed away Salvatore Marzalli, loving husband of Apollonia Papa.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons Dino (Anna) and Tony (Antonella), his grandchildren Adam, Eva and Sara, his sister Michelina, his nephews Sam and Virgo as well as several other relatives and friends.



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Week of **FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5, 2022**

The luckiest signs this week:  
**ARIES, TAURUS AND GEMINI**



## ARIES

It's time to tidy up at work and home. Cleaning your environment will help you clear your mind. You'll get help from those you love.



## TAURUS

If you can't decide on a career, you'll be inspired to take on a new challenge you're passionate about. Embracing change will enrich your life.



## GEMINI

You'll invest in training, which will broaden your intellectual and spiritual horizons. If you have young children on spring break, you may be surprised by how much you enjoy their company.



## CANCER

This is an excellent week to apply for a loan or renegotiate your mortgage. At the very least, you'll find a solution to all your financial problems without tightening your purse strings.



## LEO

At work, you'll have a record number of clients. Fortunately, each one will be more profitable than the last. If you're single, you'll find your soulmate at an event you attend with your friends.



## VRGO

Take time to think about your current projects. Make sure you negotiate terms that benefit you, and double-check the fine print. If you're in a relationship, don't underestimate the power of small acts of kindness.



## LIBRA

Planning a move takes a lot of forethought. Consequently, you'll need to do a considerable amount of legwork to get things done. You'll be proud of the steps you take to improve your living situation.



## SCORPIO

The most important thing in life is your health. You may try a new diet that will transform your quality of life and fill you with pride. Your perseverance and commitment will pay off.



## SAGITTARIUS

Others may be critical of you. Now is the time to confront them. It's important to speak your mind and talk openly about what others may be too scared to admit.



## CAPRICORN

You'll finally receive the money you've been waiting for in the form of a refund or claim. If you're in a relationship, your significant other will make you wait.



## AQUARIUS

Don't make rash decisions, especially when it comes to money and relationships. You're on the verge of a new beginning, but many things are holding you back. You must learn to keep up.



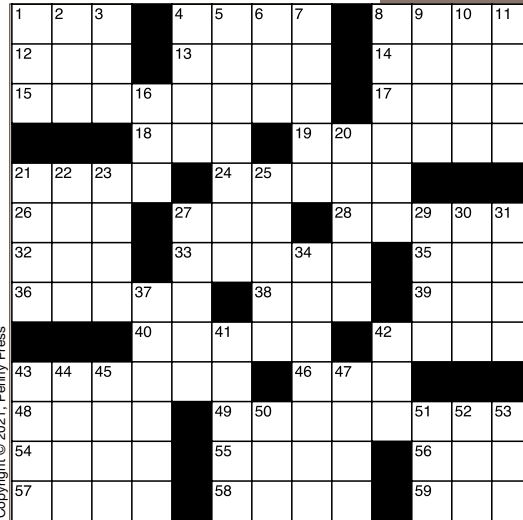
## PISCES

You may be questioning yourself. Does your job feel stagnant? Is it time for a change? Now is the time to make room for more happiness in your life.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 114



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## ACROSS

1. Talk
4. Swindle
8. Senseless
12. Wool provider
13. Bagel feature
14. Eyeball
15. Inhibited
17. Verb's counterpart
18. That girl
19. Pictures
21. "\_\_\_ Madonna"
24. Neck scarf
26. Mine and yours
27. Winter illness
28. Cut apart
32. Feasted
33. Snaky letters
35. Eden inhabitant
36. Fastening peg
38. Fodder
39. Feel distress
40. Robert \_\_\_ Stevenson

## DOWN

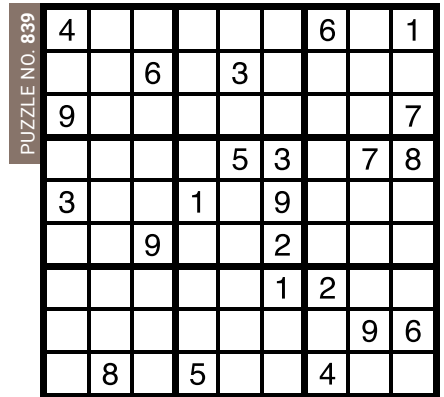
1. \_\_\_ room
2. Wonderment
3. Sty
4. Nursery-rhyme home
5. Rounds up
6. Stout
7. First-aid provider
8. Contribute
9. Very eager
10. Chimney part
11. Perfect scores
16. Reserved
20. Like a tree-trunk growth
21. Burden
22. Motorcar
23. Doodled
25. Fish delicacy
26. Through
27. Criminal
29. Meat choice
30. Diabolic
31. Count (on)
34. Least difficult
37. Secret groom
41. Spending
42. Picnic pest
43. Sour
44. Stance
45. Part
47. Dollars
50. Stag's mate
51. Trailing vine
52. Knot
53. Shril bark

# 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.**

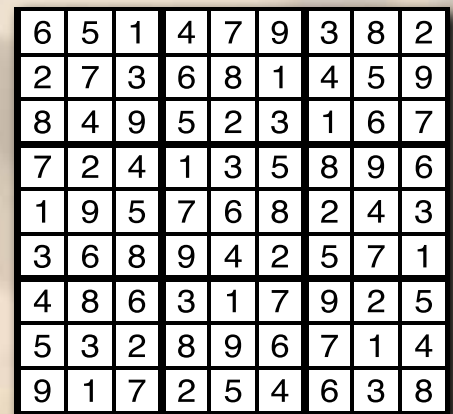


## Last Issues' Answers

## CROSSWORDS



## Sudoku



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