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Many Park Ex residents are refugees and asylum seekers, demanding equal access to government services. Photo: Matias Brunet-Kirk - NEWSFIRST

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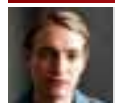


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“For all children”

70 organizations demand subsidized daycare for asylum seekers



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The *Comité Accès Garderie* and 70 other organizations, including many based in Park Extension, issued an open letter last week demanding that the provincial government grant access to subsidized daycare for all children regardless of their immigration status. Since the implementation of a legal change in 2018, the children of asylum seekers are not eligible to attend subsidized daycares in the province, commonly known as CPEs.

“Without access to affordable childcare, asylum-seeking mothers, who are more often single parents and more likely to stay home to look after their children, find themselves isolated and deprived of training, employment and income,” wrote the group of organizations.

The initiative was spearheaded by *Collectif Bienvenue* and include Park Ex based co-signatories like *Comité d'action de Parc-Extension*, *Table des groupes de femmes de Montréal* and *Centre Entre-Femmes*, as well as *Maison d'Haïti*.

Preventing integration

The letter cited the story of Blessing, a single mother of 5 who immigrated from Nigeria as an asylum seeker and had to turn down two job offers due to a lack of access to affordable childcare.

“I cannot integrate into society, and learn French. Instead, I am living on government welfare while waiting for my hearing date which still isn't set,” she said, explaining the situation also negatively affected her children. “This situation also has an impact on my son who cannot socialize with children of his age: he spends his days alone with me. All the other children his age go to either preschool or daycare,” she added.

These restrictions directly hinder children's access to essential educational and socializing spaces, stated the organization.

Park Extension context

Local housing group *Comité d'action de Parc-Extension* (CAPE) is one of the co-signatories on the letter and said the issue was very relevant in the Park Ex context, where many residents are asylum seekers.



Québec Solidaire MNA for Laurier-Dorion Andrés Fontecilla has been vocal in his opposition to the decision. Photo: National Assembly of Quebec

“Starting in 2017 we have seen a big influx of refugee claimants in the neighborhood,” said Sohnia Karamat Ali, a volunteer at CAPE. Ali explained that the issue was directly related to the housing crisis, where women asylum seekers have to work to afford their rising rent but subsequently can't find employment due to lack of childcare.

The group also highlighted the lack of availability of subsidized childcare in Québec, where many families who are eligible can't find a spot for their child.

“Canada acknowledges that all the kids no matter of their origin, sex or religion or given their parents status, all kids have equal rights,” remarked Ali, adding that the ineligibility asylum seekers face was a human rights violation.

Legal change

The legal change that caused this was made by the Liberal government in 2018, when it re-interpreted section 3 of the *Règlement sur la contribution réduite*.

The CAQ government tabled Bill No. 1 in the National Assembly to amend the *Educational Childcare Act*. It is meant to reinforce “children's right to receive quality personalized educational childcare services,” reads the introduction of the bill.

But asylum seekers are not included in the proposed bill and are not eligible for subsidized daycare programs.

An amendment to this rule was proposed by the official opposition, including the Liberal Party of Québec, Québec Solidaire and the Parti Québécois on Mar. 23 but was subsequently refused by the CAQ government.

Upcoming legal case

After a meeting with Minister of Families Mathieu Lacombe in 2019 which did not lead to any changes, *Comité Accès Garderies* filed a motion in Superior Court to challenge the constitutionality of the regulation restricting access to subsidized childcare services.

The matter will go before the *Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse* on Apr. 21..

The group nonetheless highlighted that they still preferred that the matter be decided outside of the courts.

“There is still time for the government to listen to reason and respect the rights and dignity of families seeking asylum,” they wrote.

Restoring dignity

Comité Accès Garderies asked that the government both restore access to subsidized educational childcare services and advance payments of the tax credit for childcare expenses to asylum seekers and other people with precarious status.

They also demanded that a sufficient number of slots be made available to children in CPEs, regardless of the immigration status of their parents.

“Restoring access to daycare centers for asylum-seeking families and people with precarious status is to change their lives,” read the coalition's statement.

“If the pandemic has demonstrated one thing, it is that subsidized childcare services are an essential service for all families,” they added.

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OPINION & Editorial



Why Canada can't reform its ailing health care system

Government, medical professionals, and public-sector unions each hold veto power over any innovation

The Honorable Monique Begin wrote in 2009, "When it comes to moving health care practices forward efficiently, Canada is a country of perpetual pilot projects." Governments need "financial control" and remain "leery" of committing to programs. Pilot programs are easy to shut down "to avoid criticism" or if "budget priorities shift."

At first glance, we might blame voters. Canadians rank health care as a top priority in most elections over the last several decades. Voters like Medicare; politicians are loath to change it. The last federal election stood out for (almost) hinging on a debate about health policy. Most of the time, however, politicians from all parties work hard to avoid saying anything meaningful about health care – especially during an election – aside from pledging support for more of the same.

But we cannot blame health care stasis on politicians or the voters they need to woo. Medicare cannot change because it is locked in an iron triangle consisting of government, medical professionals, and public-sector unions.

The health care triangle is stronger than any party inside it; each party holds *de facto* veto power over major decisions. Each party seeks to improve its standing and power within the triangle relative to the other parties. When a government attempts change from inside the triangle, it can manage only minor tweaks or redesign. For example, regionalizing services, then centralizing them, then regionalizing again.

Veto guarantees that modern Medicare shares more similarities to its 1960s design than any evidence of meaningful innovation since then.

De facto veto power often gets constitutionalized into law. Consider two examples.

In 2012, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) won a major battle with the government over labour dispute resolution and representation rights. The government agreed to abide by a binding resolution process with doctors. The government also granted the OMA exclusive "representation rights," agreeing to negotiate with the OMA and no one else.

In 1991, the government gave the OMA power to collect dues from all Ontario doctors, whether or not doctors were members or even supportive of OMA policy. Ostensibly, The Ontario Medical Association Dues Act, 1991 empowered the OMA to fund its negotiations with the government, but the bulk of every OMA budget has funded issues unrelated to negotiations for decades.

I am not picking on physicians, nor am I attempting to reopen the debate about "rep rights," arbitration, or dues. We could multiply examples of constitutionalized privilege for the regulatory colleges, universities, public-sector unions, and government itself.

The issue is constitutionalized privilege – the iron triangle between government, the medical profession, and public-sector unions. (Note: the medical profession includes medical associations, licensing bodies, and training programs, not individual doctors.)

In the early 1980s, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tackled a similar rigid coalition. John Gray, a political philosopher, described it as "the triangular relationship between government, business and the trade unions."

Thatcher set to work smashing the relationship. However, she left the welfare state "comparatively intact ... the political thrust of early Thatcherism was in the direction of the dismantlement of the corporatist policies of the 1960s and early 1970s."

Canada needs something similar: break the health care iron triangle while leaving the welfare state comparatively intact. The (once) friendly relationship between government, doctors, and unions has ossified and become hard, brittle, and inflexible, unable to manage stress or major change.

Institutions, like young trees, become weak and spindly shielded from the pressure and strain of social competition. Secure in the functional monopoly afforded by corporatist-style policy, institutions come to see themselves as existing to mitigate frictions between the other parties within the triangle instead of shaping the individuals inside the institutions themselves. As Yuval Levin, an American author, often says, "Institutions become performative instead of formative."

We have no shortage of ideas to improve health care quality and efficiency, such as funding reform, integration of health services, public-private partnerships, and so on. But these ideas do not even reach the level of tactics to implement change. They are the outcome we hope to see after change has been allowed to occur. We do not lack ideas; we lack strategic vision.

The pandemic exposed the lack of resilience in our health system and the desperate need for substantial growth. All parties in the iron triangle agree the system needs change. But the parties cannot agree to any solution which does not benefit their own weight and influence inside the arrangement.

Health care's iron triangle rests on the concentration of power – a tripartite monopoly. The best way to undermine a monopoly is to invite new parties into the relationship. Break concentrations of power into multiple smaller units. It can be done: Thatcher found a way to do it. It starts by addressing the iron triangle as the root of resistance to change. If we do not, Canada will forever remain a "country of perpetual pilot projects."

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Investment for green transition in VSP

Borough council votes to increase tree coverage in Park-Ex



Sidewalk bulb-outs are built close to intersections to reduce the crossing distance, provide extra waiting space and allow for seating or landscaping. Photo: VSP Borough



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Last week, the Villeray—Saint-Michel—Parc-Extension borough voted in favour of investing surplus borough funds into ecological transition, mobility, security and services to citizens, totalling \$1.27 million.

The investment will include the planting of trees, the implementation of a cleanliness brigade, the maintenance of curb flower beds and the formation of an intervention team dedicated to road repairs.

“Surpluses allow us to allocate funds where we want to accelerate our interventions and intensify our efforts,” said borough mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde.

The funds are drawn from a surplus in the budget and will help achieve the objectives of the *Programme décennal d'immobilisations 2022-2031*, which is the long-term plan for infrastructure including city buildings, roads and parks.

Fighting heat islands

Park Extension remains one of the city's least vegetated areas, making it more susceptible to heatwaves and the urban heat island effect, thus negatively affecting people's health and well-being.

“Built surfaces will absorb solar radiation and later release it as long-wave radiation,” said Dr. Raja Sengupta, an associate professor at the McGill School of Environment and Geography Department who researches and lectures on the matter.

The increase in tree canopy proposed by the borough will make it possible to intensify the fight against the harmful effects of urban heat islands in Park Extension.

More trees in VSP

The largest portion of the investment will be put towards the planting of new trees and their maintenance. \$525,000 will be used to set up a team specially dedicated to planting trees on the territory.

The borough plans to plant these trees on unused public territories, such as in vacant curb flower beds and tree squares in order to increase vegetation.

“By increasing the canopy and the vegetation cover, we want to act to reduce heat islands, while beautifying our neighbourhoods,” said mayor Lavigne Lalonde.

Sidewalk bulb-outs

An additional sum of \$100,000 will be earmarked to finance a team dedicated to the maintenance of approximately 230 sidewalk bulb-outs in the borough.

“Their presence increases plant cover while increasing pedestrian safety,” wrote the borough adding that they “narrow the width of pedestrian crossings, to slow down the speed of vehicles and improve visibility by moving parking away from intersections.”

These curb extensions are built close to intersections to reduce the crossing distance, provide extra waiting space and allow for seating or landscaping.

These can also be built at the middle segment of a street, where there is no intersection. They make it possible to add safe and clearly visible pedestrian crossings and places for trees and vegetation.

Fixing broken roads

About \$350,000 will be allocated to the creation of a unit of borough employees dedicated to fixing and rehabilitating approximately 4,000 m² of degraded street pavement.

This includes the filling of potholes and fixing of cracked streets made worse by the thawing ice in the spring.

“The work will mainly consist of excavating the damaged pavement and placing the required bituminous coating,” wrote the borough.

The work will take place between May and October and contribute to improving mobility, safety and the visual aspect of the sectors according to the borough.

Return of a cleanliness brigade

As announced at last week's borough council meeting, the borough will be reinstating a student-led cleanliness brigade budgeted at \$100,000. They will work seven days a week and ensure the district stays clean.

This is in addition to last week's borough announcement that inspectors will be given more discretion to issue fines regarding illegal garbage dumping and cleanliness violations, while also increasing the cost of the fines.

“This action is an integral part of the cleanliness action plan of the Borough which will be deployed from the end of April and the details of which will be unveiled soon,” continued the borough.

An additional \$200,000 will be kept on reserve to eventually pay for certain equipment and infrastructure construction projects aimed at improving the quality of life of its citizens. These investments were ratified by the borough council at their last meeting on Apr. 5.

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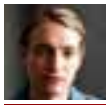
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Investissement pour la transition écologique à VSP

Le conseil d'arrondissement vote pour augmenter la couverture végétale dans Parc-Extension



Les nouveaux investissements de l'arrondissement prévoient améliorer la qualité de vie à Parc-Extension en plantant plus d'arbres et en augmentant la végétation. Photo : Matias Brunet-Kirk - NEWSFIRST



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La semaine dernière, l'arrondissement de Villeraie-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension a voté en faveur de l'investissement des surplus des fonds de l'arrondissement dans la transition écologique, la mobilité, la sécurité et les services aux citoyens, un total de 1,27 million de dollars.

L'investissement comprendra la plantation d'arbres, la mise en place d'une brigade propreté, l'entretien des plates-bandes et des saillies de trottoirs et la formation d'une équipe d'intervention dédiée à la réfection des routes.

« Les surplus nous permettent d'affecter des sommes là où nous souhaitons accélérer nos interventions et intensifier nos efforts », a déclaré la mairesse de l'arrondissement, Laurence Lavigne Lalonde.

Les fonds proviennent d'un surplus budgétaire et permettront d'atteindre les objectifs du *Programme décennal d'immobilisations 2022-2031*, qui est le plan à long terme pour les infrastructures telles que les bâtiments, les routes et les parcs.

Lutter contre les îlots de chaleur

Parc-Extension reste l'un des secteurs les moins végétalisés de la ville, ce qui la rend plus propice à l'effet d'îlot de chaleur urbain, affectant ainsi négativement la santé et le bien-être des gens.

« Les surfaces bâties absorbent le rayonnement solaire et le libèrent ensuite sous forme de chaleur », explique le Dr Raja Sengupta, professeur associé à l'École d'environnement et de géographie de l'Université McGill, qui mène des recherches sur le sujet.

L'augmentation de la canopée d'arbres proposée par l'arrondissement permettra d'intensifier la lutte contre les effets néfastes des îlots de chaleur urbains dans Parc-Extension.

Plus d'arbres dans VSP

La plus grande partie de l'investissement sera consacrée à la plantation de nouveaux arbres et à leur entretien. 525 000 \$ serviront à mettre sur pied une équipe spécialement dédiée à la plantation d'arbres sur le territoire.

L'arrondissement prévoit de planter ces arbres sur des espaces publics inutilisés, comme dans les saillies de trottoirs vacants et les carrés d'arbres, afin d'augmenter la couverture végétale.

« En augmentant la canopée et le couvert végétal, nous désirons agir pour réduire les îlots de chaleur, tout en embellissant nos quartiers », a déclaré la mairesse.

Aménagement de trottoirs

Une somme supplémentaire de 100 000 \$ sera affectée au financement d'une équipe dédiée à l'entretien d'environ 230 saillies de trottoirs dans l'arrondissement.

« Leur présence permet d'augmenter le couvert végétal tout en renforçant la sécurité des piétons », a indiqué l'arrondissement en ajoutant que celles-ci « permettent de rétrécir la largeur des traverses piétonnes, de ralentir la vitesse des véhicules et d'améliorer la visibilité en éloignant le stationnement à proximité des intersections ».

Elles peuvent également être construites sur le segment central d'une rue, là où il n'y a pas d'intersection. Elles permettent d'ajouter des passages pour piétons sécuritaires et visibles, ainsi que des emplacements pour les arbres et la végétation.

Réparation des routes endommagées

Environ 350 000 \$ sera alloué à la création d'une unité dédiée à la réparation et à la réhabilitation d'environ 4 000 m² de chaussée dégradée.

Cela comprend le remplissage des nids de poule et la réparation des rues fissurées, aggravées par le dégel au printemps.

« Les travaux consisteront principalement à excaver le pavage endommagé et à mettre en place l'enrobé bitumineux requis », écrit l'arrondissement.

Les travaux se dérouleront entre mai et octobre et contribueront à améliorer la mobilité, la sécurité et l'aspect visuel des secteurs selon l'arrondissement.

Retour d'une brigade propreté

Tel qu'annoncé lors de la séance du conseil d'arrondissement de la semaine dernière, l'arrondissement remettra en place une brigade propreté menée par des étudiants avec un budget est de 100 000 \$. Ils travailleront sept jours par semaine et veilleront à ce que l'arrondissement reste propre.

Cette mesure s'ajoute à l'annonce faite par l'arrondissement la semaine dernière, selon laquelle les inspecteurs disposeront d'une plus grande latitude pour émettre des constats d'infraction en cas de dépôt sauvage d'ordures et de non-respect des règles de propreté, tout en augmentant le coût de ces amendes.

« Cette action fait partie intégrante du Plan d'action propreté de l'Arrondissement qui sera déployé à compter de fin avril et dont les détails seront dévoilés prochainement », a poursuivi l'arrondissement.

Un montant additionnel de 200 000 \$ sera gardé en réserve pour éventuellement payer certains équipements et projets de construction d'infrastructures visant à améliorer la qualité de vie de ses citoyens. Ces investissements ont été entérinés par le conseil d'arrondissement lors de sa dernière séance, le 5 avril dernier.

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Au total, 100 personnes appartenant à des groupes sous-représentés sur le marché du travail, tels que les femmes, les personnes issues de minorités visibles ou ethniques, les Autochtones et les personnes handicapées, ont pu effectuer un stage rémunéré.

Faits saillants

En 2021, dans la région de la Montréal, le taux de chômage se situait à 8,3 %. En comparaison, le taux de chômage au Québec s'établissait à 6,1 % pour la même période.

Au dernier trimestre de 2021, il y avait

73 995 postes vacants dans la région de Montréal, ce qui représentait 31 % des postes vacants au Québec.

Le Programme de parrainage professionnel de la Ville de Montréal est réalisé depuis 2006. Le taux de placement des participants au Programme de parrainage professionnel est de près de 60 %.

Le soutien financier de 655 700 \$ du ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale a été attribué dans le cadre de la mesure Subvention salariale, volet Expérience de travail. Il offre une aide financière qui permet d'accueillir et d'intégrer en entreprise des personnes qui éprouvent des difficultés à trouver un emploi.

Le soutien financier de 50 000 \$ du ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration a été attribué dans le cadre du Programme d'appui aux collectivités. Celui-ci a pour objectif d'appuyer les projets structurants, de favoriser la pleine participation des personnes immigrantes au marché de l'emploi ainsi qu'à la société québécoise et de réunir les conditions propices à l'attraction et à l'établissement durable de celles-ci.

Le soutien financier accordé correspond à un des objectifs du **Plan stratégique 2019-2023** du ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, soit favoriser l'intégration professionnelle ou le maintien en emploi du plus grand nombre de personnes.

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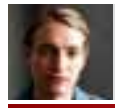
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Resistance through art

New exhibition celebrates Persian culture while examining the “dark side” of Iranian life



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On rejoue? an art exhibition of Persian-inspired drawings by Montreal-based visual artist Sayeh Sarfaraz debuted at the *Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée* on Wednesday, Apr. 13 and will run until mid-June.

The exhibition was created specifically for the borough by the Iranian-born artist, a first for the borough's cultural program. It explores Sarfaraz's cultural origins and the artistic traditions of her ancestral homeland, as well as its internal politics and social upheavals.

“Invited for a creative residency at the *Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée* in recent weeks, Sayeh Sarfaraz offers unique works dedicated to her Persian origins,” said Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension borough mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde.

The art show is open to the public and free of charge, hosted at the *Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée* between Apr. 13 and Jun. 5.

Artistic inspirations

Sarfaraz bases her artistic process and reflection on the bright

side of her Persian cultural heritage, using bright colours and intricate patterns and textures.

The patterns and symbols specific to the artist remain the same, but the frescoes become cheerful and the portrayed characters more reassuring.

The colours are bright and draw the eye, while the patterns evoke the flamboyance of traditional jewelry and Persian carpets that Sarfaraz says her grandmother collected.

“I invite all citizens to visit the exhibition, but also to take part in the *vernissage* which will take place on Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 PM,” continued the borough mayor.

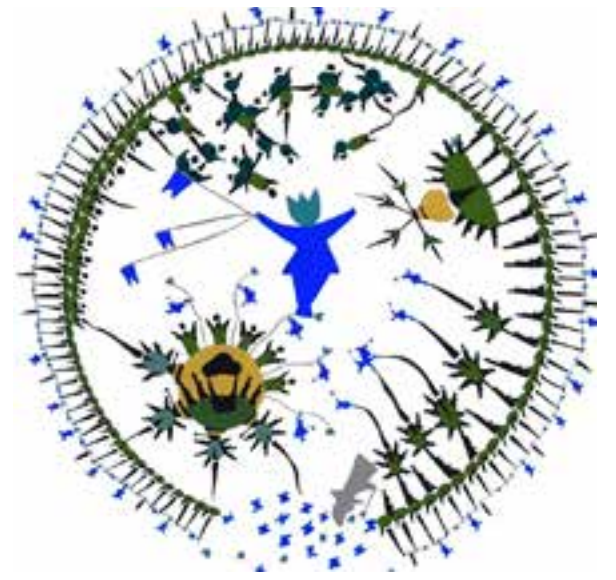
Protest through art

Since she arrived in Canada, Sarfaraz has used her art to express the “dark side” of Iranian life under the Islamic regime and the dictatorship that still rules the country.

According to the artist, by using a very personal narrative in her imagery, which refers to play and her childhood, she speaks out against the repressive system that she had to flee.

“Her poetry operates and allows to preserve and transmit the essence of the Persian culture,” wrote the borough in a statement, adding that “her drawings, seemingly naive and playful, are armed and powerful.”

“She creates a personal inventory of protesters, figureheads, and fragments of events drawn from the recent popular uprisings in



the Middle East and Iran,” reads her [biography](#).

Memories of her childhood become resistance and hope, while her drawings become an object of reconciliation with her identity.

Eluding censorship

Sayeh Sarfaraz was born in Shiraz, commonly seen as the cultural capital of Iran, and is a graduate of the *École supérieure des arts décoratifs de Strasbourg* in France.

She has been living in Montreal since 2007 and has had her work exhibited in Canada, the United States and Europe.

“The impertinent quality of the images eludes censorship,” reads her biography, adding that “they only gain meaning when rearticulated with the real, thus facilitating the memory of history.”

“Between child-like magic and the brutality of current events, these images challenge us to fight against our docile loss of critical perspective,” it continues.

Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée

The exhibition will run Wednesday through Sunday at *Maison de la culture Claude-Léveillée* on Jean-Talon across the street from the Metro station, at 911, rue Jean-Talon Est. Health guidelines currently in place must be respected.

Sarfaraz will also host a public launch party on Thursday, Apr. 21 at 5:30 PM where she will present the exhibition and walk people through her artistic process.

Admission is free and no reservations are necessary. More information on the exhibition and all other events on the borough's cultural program by calling (514) 872-6131.



Sarfaraz based her artistic process and reflection on the bright side of her Persian cultural heritage, using bright colours and intricate patterns and textures. Photo: Villeray—Saint-Michel—Parc-Extension

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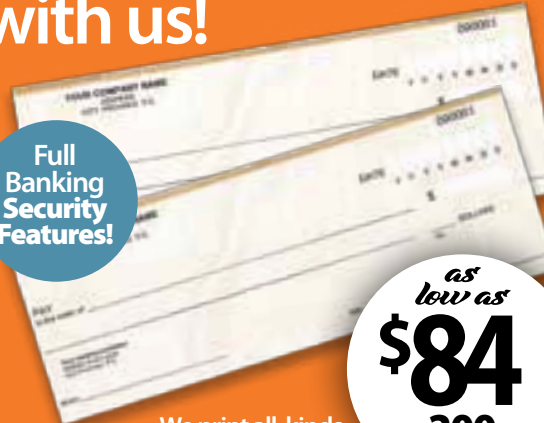


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The luckiest signs this week:
ARIES, AQUARIUS AND PISCES

ARIES
You'll receive formal education that completely transforms your life and broadens your personal and professional horizons.

TAURUS
Your emotions are palpable. If you're in a new relationship, you'll receive a clear sign of commitment from your significant other.

GEMINI
You must think about the consequences of your actions before making a decision that could change your life and the lives of your loved ones. Your generosity will be contagious, and you'll share your happiness.

CANCER
Making small changes to your diet will improve your health. If you're in a relationship, open communication will strengthen your commitment. Small but meaningful gestures will be well received.

LEO
You'll be considered a hero after you save someone from an unfortunate situation, even if you just listen to them for a few minutes. You'll bring a smile to the faces of everyone you work with.

VIRGO
You'll begin to take concrete steps toward moving. You'll start looking for a new home that meets the needs of your family.

LIBRA
You'll be open and honest about your feelings. You may be quick to disagree with others. You'll be feared and respected for your dedication at work.

SCORPIO
You must express yourself more clearly to find happiness in your relationships. You may want to try changing up your routine. If you don't already, you may consider living with your partner.

SAGITTARIUS
Many things are changing in your life. You'll take on new challenges that help you grow professionally, personally and spiritually.

CAPRICORN
You may have to take a step back before taking a step forward. You'll find balance with your finances or in your love life by taking initiative.

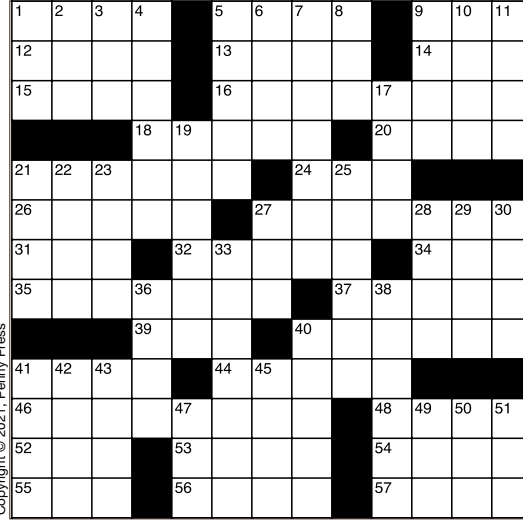
AQUARIUS
At work, you'll score a lot of new clients and make more money. Your significant other or a potential love interest will surprise you with their tenderness.

PISCES
You'll be inspired to achieve your personal and professional goals. You may break ground on a project you've been dreaming about.

Coffee Break

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PUZZLE NO. 121



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ACROSS

1. Face shape
5. Tease
9. Duo
12. Line
13. Adept
14. Word of inquiry
15. Bleaters
16. Dampness
18. Whisk
20. Employed
21. Canyon sounds
24. Wordplay
26. Plain-spoken
27. Color again
31. Hair knot
32. Eye drops
34. Dove call
35. Section
37. Doglike mammal
39. Auction buy
40. Composed
41. Graceful bird
44. Peeved

DOWN

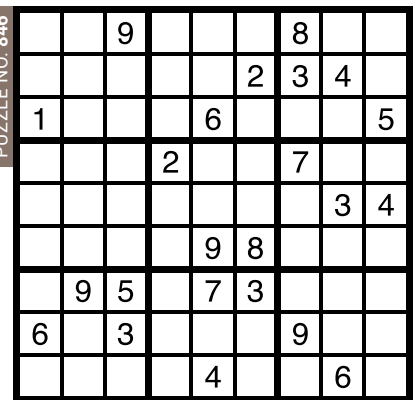
1. Colliery find
2. Pledge
3. Chimpanzee
4. Instruction
5. Actor Dean
6. A woodwind
7. Ballet
8. Stags
9. Therefore
10. Deteriorated
11. Unpaid
17. Albacore
19. More damp
21. Diminishes

HINT

22. Hint
23. Suspended
25. Outcome
27. Lab animal
28. Sorbets
29. Naught
30. Frog's relative
33. Name
36. Horsehair
38. Produces
40. Outdated
41. Baths
42. Tarry
43. Supporter
45. Movie spool
47. Small child
49. Mariner's yes
50. 22nd letter
51. Say further

Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 846



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.

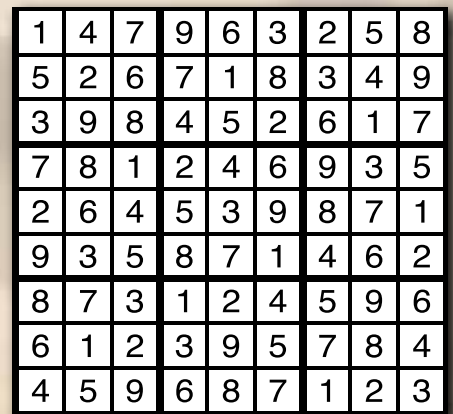
Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: **You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.**

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Sudoku



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