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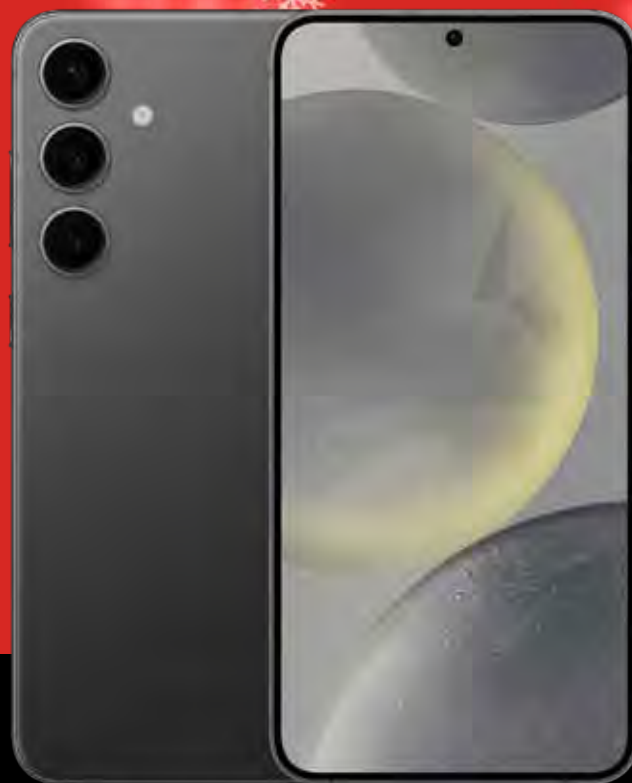


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# Laurence Lavigne Lalonde seeks to lead Projet Montréal

## VSPE borough mayor hopes to replace Valérie Plante as mayor of Montreal

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Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension borough mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde has added her name to a growing list of candidates seeking to replace Valérie Plante as leader of Projet Montréal and as Montreal's mayor following municipal elections next fall.

Among other things, according to news coverage following her announcement, Lavigne Lalonde has pledged to prohibit Airbnb apartment rentals in order to get a handle on the housing crisis.

"We have to protect our rental stock," she told journalists during a press conference held at a Villeray bistro last week. She said that in the first 100 days of her administration, she would forbid Airbnb from operating in Montreal "until the housing crisis is resolved."

### Airbnb rentals targeted

If elected mayor of the centre city, Lavigne Lalonde said her administration would pass a by-law selectively banning certain types of rental practices associated with tourism. "We have other ways of attracting tourists, for developing that particular option," she said.

She made it clear she would not be interested in getting the city involved in the promotion of major projects, "because I actually think they take an enormous amount of time and that people are a little tired." She suggested that efforts would be better spent trying to improve the efficiency of Montreal's public transit agency, the Société de transport de Montréal.

### Borough mayor since 2021

First elected in 2013 as a city councillor for the east-end district of Maisonneuve, Laurence Lavigne Lalonde won the mayoralty of Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension in 2021.

Before entering politics, she was a support worker in the domain of mental health, after which she was a manager for a number of non-governmental organizations involved in the promotion of international projects.

She does not conceal the fact she belongs to the more left-leaning faction in Projet

Montréal. "Times are hard for progressives here and elsewhere" and "more could be done," she said.

She said that if elected, she would grant a tax holiday to non-profit groups involved in housing so as to allow them to stretch their budgets to the max.

### Leans towards the east

Her pledge is in line with a measure taken recently by the current City of Montreal administration, which promised by next year to roll back \$10.5 million in "compensation in lieu of tax" paid by around 700 sports, cultural and community groups.

Lavigne Lalonde also suggested her administration would lean towards improving the development of the east-end of Montreal, saying the area had too often been neglected, and that housing and transportation could be improved there.

As of earlier this week, several leading lights in Projet Montréal had expressed their willingness to support Laurence Lavigne Lalonde's ambitions to lead the party and to become mayor of Montreal. Among them were Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve borough mayor Pierre Lessard-Blais, VSPE borough councillor Sylvain Ouellet, and Projet Montréal city councillors Virginie Journeau and Éric Alan Caldwell.

### Other mayoralty candidates

Up to a half-dozen other Projet Montréal insiders have also recently come out saying they are interested in seeking the party's leadership position and the centre-city mayoralty in the municipal elections next fall.

They include former Projet Montréal president Guedwig Bernier, Plateau-Mont-Royal borough mayor Luc Rabouin, Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough mayor Gracia Kasoki Katahwa, and Lachine borough mayor Maja Vodanovic.

The beginning of the party's campaign period timeline won't begin until February 3. Campaigning is expected to take place over a period of around a month and a half, with voting by accredited Projet Montréal party members scheduled to take place on March 15.



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## Joy to the world in search of peace and goodwill to all

It's Christmas season. The spiritual and secular traditions are in full swing, as songs and greeting cards ring out heartwarming messages of Peace, Joy, Love, and Goodwill towards all. Sorry to say – very sad, indeed – but surely, I'm not alone thinking that these are pretty empty words this year.

What peace? What joy? Within families, one can hope. Within communities, definitely possible. But the world-at-large isn't promoting peace and joy. The Earth's most powerful leaders don't seem to care for these sentiments. Meanwhile, we wallow in our version of chaos. A world-order based on cooperation, compassion, and compromise seems to be unraveling.

So, what can be done to restore credibility to messages of peace, love, joy, and goodwill-to-all? Start by nurturing ourselves? Concentrate on positives instead of despairing? Spread supportive thoughts and deeds in our community? Our world is broken - increasing numbers turn from God; suicides, immorality, depression, addiction levels rise exponentially, and attacks explode, especially the corrosive hostility towards Jesus Christ and Christmas.

Our world is shattered? Nothing new. 2700-years-ago the prophet Isaiah warned that humanity would turn this way: Going against the Word-of-God will bring darkness but inturning to God, there will be great hope and light.

Now, I wouldn't mind if non-believers opened The New Testament to read and think about the alternatives therein, honestly evaluated them and concluded "now I have made my careful decision, based on integrity." And then ask themselves truthfully - "Am I going against Christianity?" If this is their thinking, I would consider that a responsible decision – not a good decision but a responsible decision, with evidence weighed.

It's a very risky business. Isaiah of the Old

Testament, ignored and despised by most of his people, notched prediction-after-prediction. But I cringe at the most disappointing of all his optimistic prognostications - there will be a great peace – no more need for soldiers' uniforms.

Where is this peace? Battles everywhere! Wars, grievances, conflict, immeasurable human-generated death-and-destruction. Christianity has had 2000 years to produce peace, so where is it? You-and-I will only be saved from darkness, disillusion, cynicism, skepticism and pessimism by listening to THE WISE ONE.

When we listen, Jesus Christ is not silent, not dumb, not dull. Again and again, the wisdom and beauty in the replies of the Son-of-God-Made-Man, completely confounded and continues to confound His critics while thrilling those who heeded and heed His invitation to Love God and Love Others.

The identity and truth of Jesus is crucial. Somebody who gets it all has come into our world. We would be crazy to turn our backs on Him, change subject and talk about anything else. No! we need His help urgently, now. The day of coming face-to-face with our Maker will come; our only hope is arriving forgiven. It will be lunacy to arrive unforgiven and have God ask "why are you here unforgiven?" You say 'I didn't think it mattered' and He says "I sent my Son so that you might face me safely." This is very big, isn't it? Isaiah promises: "the kingdom is going to get bigger and bigger because millions are responding every day." We can hope.

His kingdom will be a rule-of-love; of justice-and-Godliness, things that we long and look for, underwritten by the Promises of His Word and the Reach of His Eternal Power.

Let's ponder why do we do what we do, turning up at our family's feast (that's great), then leaving. It's easier today to miss Christmas since there are other things the season comes

wrapped with. What a shame! But in deep humility, we gladly wish all Laval residents the very best gifts of all. Hope, goodwill and peace.

Hope in the Christmas Promise, fulfilled over centuries even when life seemed hopeless; hope living in local homes where families accept that events in our lives do occur for the best-of-reasons.

Hope that opens doors, shares goodwill, and celebrates, regardless of circumstances. That is as true today as it was during the wretched 1840s when Charles Dickens spoke these thoughts in 'A Christmas Carol': 'What place is this?' asked Scrooge. 'A place where miners live, who labor in the bowels of the earth,' returned the Spirit. 'But they know me. A light shone from the window of a hut ... Passing through the wall of mud and stone, they found a cheerful company assembled round a glowing fire.'

This symbolic moment-in-fiction, frozen in Christian timelessness, captures the meaning of goodwill and God Will. We are the cheerful company, gathered around the warmth-of-glowing-fire gifted by the Christ Child to humanity for all time.

And because we can agree on hope and goodwill, let's have peace with one another on Christmas Day 2024. It's not the dream of universal, permanent peace, but the type that each of us helps share because it was first shared with us. The effects of the Gift-of-Peace we can actually see, provided we don't let the wrappings get in the way. With these thoughts, on behalf of THE LAVAL NEWS, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My desire is that by this time next year – somehow, some way – the seasonal wishes of Peace, Joy, Love, and Goodwill-to-All will not seem as hollow as they do at this moment. May our hope be restored.

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# Building stronger communities in VSL

*A call for innovative projects to combat poverty and social exclusion*



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Montreal boroughs are encouraging local non-profit organizations to step forward with innovative projects that tackle poverty and social exclusion. This initiative aims to support meaningful actions that make a tangible difference in the lives of community members, especially those facing challenges related to food security, housing, and inequality.

Organizations planning projects that span three or more boroughs are also invited to apply under a separate program offering specialized resources and assistance. For all applicants, training sessions are available

to explain tools like ADS+ and the Social Development Subsidy Tracking Platform (SSDS). These sessions, while optional, provide valuable insights into navigating the application process.

Eligible projects include those that directly reduce poverty's impact or address its root causes. In Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension, special priority is being given to initiatives focused on food security and affordable housing, with funding specifically allocated to support these critical areas.

The submission window is open from December 12, 2024, to February 7, 2025. During this period, organizations can also access guidance on brainstorming, refining, and writing their project proposals. Once the

application phase ends, proposals will undergo a thorough evaluation, with selected projects moving forward for approval by the borough council in May 2025. Approved projects will launch on April 1, 2025, and run through March 31, 2029.

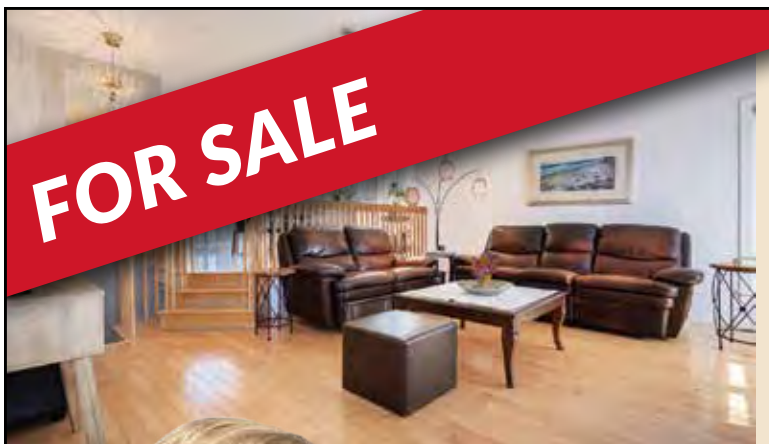
The total funding available for the four-year period is \$3,639,004, distributed annually across neighbourhoods based on their poverty levels. Villeray will receive \$291,120 per year, Saint-Michel \$345,706, and Parc-Extension \$272,925. This allocation ensures that resources are directed to the areas of greatest need, as determined by the Market Basket Measure (MBM) poverty index.

To assist organizations in creating strong proposals, community development advisors

and sports and recreation development agents are available for personalized consultations. These experts can offer valuable advice to ensure applications align with borough priorities and meet all requirements.

All proposals must be submitted via the SSDS platform by February 7, 2025, at noon. Applicants are encouraged to review the comprehensive reference materials to create detailed, impactful submissions.

This call for projects reflects the boroughs' commitment to fostering inclusive, supportive, and equitable communities. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to seize this opportunity to bring their ideas to life and contribute to a brighter, more equitable future for all.



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### TRY ICE SKATING

Whether at a local rink or on a frozen

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### GO ON A SLEIGH RIDE

Experience the charm of a horse-drawn sleigh ride through snowy landscapes. This activity provides a serene and nostalgic way to enjoy the winter scenery while bundled up in warm blankets. Some sleigh rides even include stops for hot cocoa and bonfires!

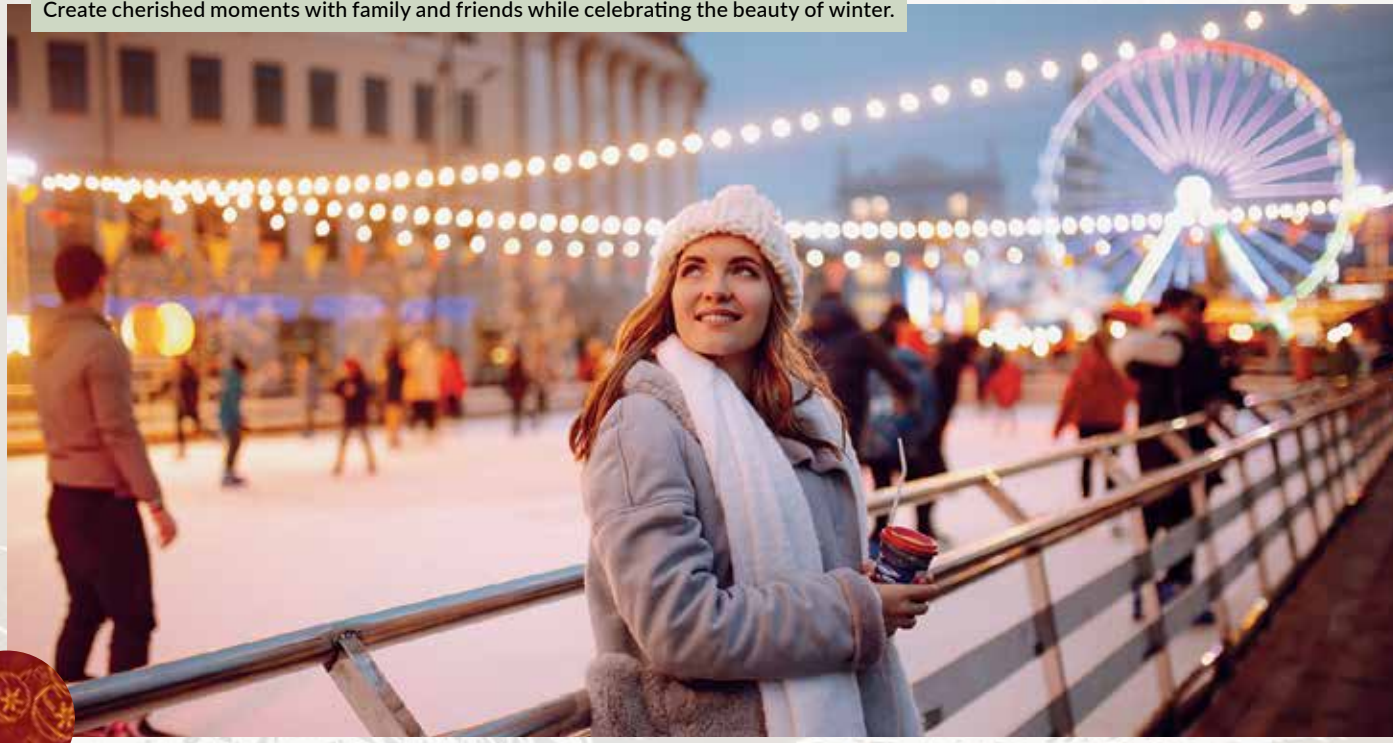
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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## 4 gestures of love and sharing to brighten the Christmas of the less privileged

Are you aware of your privileges, such as good health and a good-paying job? Do you want to express your gratitude by bringing comfort to people less fortunate than you this holiday season? Use these four ideas as inspiration.

**1. Volunteer.** Plenty of organizations need “helping hands” in the run-up to the festive season. You can wrap toys for underprivileged children, cook meals in a community kitchen for financially vulnerable families or collect food for Christmas hampers. You’re spoiled for choice when it comes to getting involved in your area!



**2. Visit someone in the hospital.** Spending Christmas in the hospital is tough. You could bring a little joy to someone in the hospital by visiting them on December 24 or 25. Bring them a greeting card, a few sweets or a gift. Take advantage of your visit to do an activity with them like walking down the corridor and chatting, playing cards or watching a Christmas movie.

**3. Lend a hand.** Do you have a few hours to spare in your busy schedule? Use your free time to spread happiness and gratitude around you. For example, you could show your generosity by clearing snow from an older person’s driveway, helping someone with limited mobility put up their outdoor decorations or buying groceries for an exhausted caregiver – the possibilities are endless!

**4. Invite someone over for Christmas Eve.** For various reasons or circumstances, such as divorce, moving, illness and work, someone in your circle may be spending Christmas alone. Whether it’s a family member, neighbour, colleague or friend, open your

arms and home to them. Invite them to celebrate Christmas Eve or Day with you. Your hospitality is sure to warm their hearts!

No matter how big, acts of mutual aid and solidarity can make

all the difference in making Christmas a happy time for those less fortunate. What kind gestures will you make this year?

Giving out warm clothing to people without homes, sponsoring a newcomer family, sending greeting cards to nursing home residents, donating to a worthy cause and more. Whatever your way of giving, don’t hesitate to encourage your loved ones to get in on the action!



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# GST holiday offers relief to Park Extension residents

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Starting this Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, Park Extension residents as well as all Canadians will benefit from a temporary Goods and Services Tax (GST) holiday, part of a nationwide initiative to ease financial pressure on Canadians during the holiday season. The exemption, which runs until February 15, 2025, applies to a wide range of goods and services and aims to put more money back into the pockets of families and individuals. In a neighbourhood where affordability is often a top priority, this initiative is expected to provide meaningful relief.

The GST holiday covers many items that are essential during the festive season. Prepared foods such as meals, salads, and snacks, along with restaurant dining, are included. Families will find savings on children's clothing, shoes, car seats, and diapers—everyday necessities that can strain household budgets. Holiday items like Christmas trees, books, and toys also qualify for the exemption, allowing residents to stretch their holiday budgets a little further.



For Park Extension residents, this could mean significant savings. Spending \$2,000 on eligible items could save individuals between \$100 and \$260, depending on the province. This comes as a welcome boost for a community that prides itself on its hardworking families and small businesses.

While the tax break is designed to benefit consumers, it has also presented challenges for businesses. Local retailers have had to adapt quickly, reprogramming their systems and updating inventories to comply with the temporary rules. Some confusion or errors in applying

the exemptions may occur, but mechanisms are in place for consumers to seek corrections and refunds if needed.

The GST holiday comes at a time when economic uncertainty remains a pressing issue. While the measure is expected to offer some relief, critics argue that it falls short of addressing the deeper economic challenges Canadians face. Some economists suggest that targeted solutions, such as enhancing existing GST credits for low-income families, might have provided more effective and long-lasting support. However, the government believes

that this broad-based approach will stimulate spending and bring a sense of financial relief to communities like Park Extension during the holidays.

For Park Extension, a neighbourhood built on community and resilience, the GST holiday is an opportunity to navigate the season with fewer financial hurdles. Whether it helps families save on essentials or brings a little extra cheer to the holiday table, this initiative will surely be felt across the community, reinforcing the importance of thoughtful economic measures in times of need.

*May you be blessed  
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# A cultural beacon in Parc-Extension: The maison de la culture de Parc-Extension

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The heart of Parc-Extension has long been enriched by its vibrant arts and cultural scene, and now it shines brighter under a unified banner. Formerly known as La Salle de Diffusion, the venue has embraced a new identity as the Maison de la culture de Parc-Extension, aligning itself with the network of maisons de la culture across the city. Though the name has changed, the commitment to excellence in programming remains steadfast, offering an impressive array of free events and activities for all ages.

Located in the William-Hingston Complex, this 135-seat venue is a cornerstone of civic and cultural life in the neighborhood. Its accessible and inviting space hosts concerts, theater productions, conferences, film screenings, and art exhibitions, fostering creativity and

community engagement. The transition to a Maison de la culture designation underscores the importance of simplified access to culture for all, uniting Parc-Extension with a broader citywide cultural vision.

Winter 2025 brings a compelling series of events to the Maison de la culture de Parc-Extension, showcasing diverse artistic expressions for all audiences. Théâtre Motus presents “Arbre,” a family-friendly theatrical performance scheduled for February 2 at 11 a.m. The innovative ensemble Cordame will perform “Fabula Femina,” blending classical and modern influences, on February 8 at 4 p.m. A captivating winter-themed production, “Flocon,” by Jessica Blanchet, follows on February 16 at 11 a.m. On March 6 at 1:30 p.m., Les MiniMalices will perform “Au bout du conte,” an engaging exploration of storytelling. The season concludes with “Mélodie Merle, l’oiseau rare,” a musical collaboration involving Yanick Villedieu, Marika

Lhoumeau, and Brigitte Saint-Aubin, on March 16 at 11 a.m.

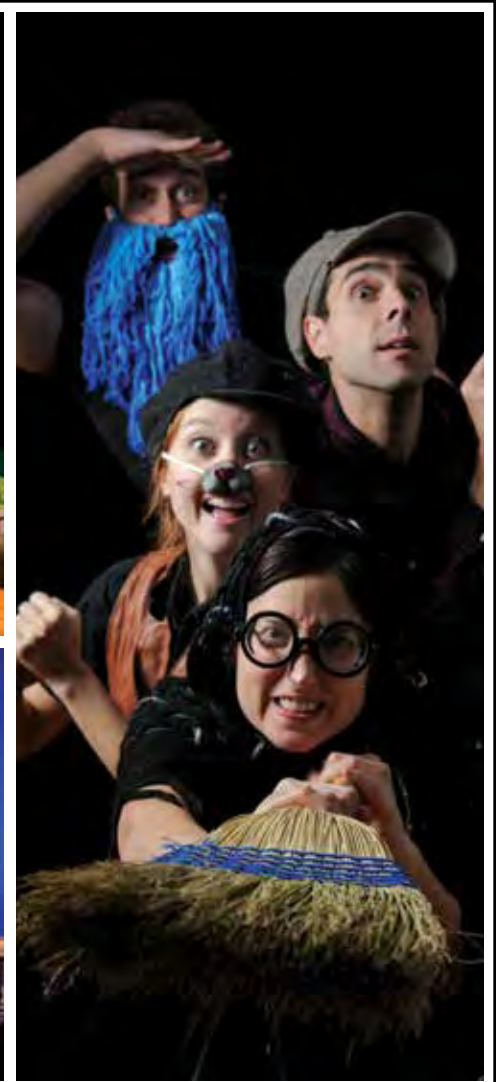
The Maison de la culture de Parc-Extension ensures that accessibility is at the forefront of its mission. The venue is fully wheelchair accessible, with a ramp located on Saint-Roch Street and facilities designed to accommodate all visitors. A visual access guide is available, and the dedicated team provides additional assistance to individuals with mobility challenges during events, ensuring everyone feels welcome and included.

In addition to its performances, the Maison offers free guided tours of its exhibitions and creative workshops by reservation. These are open to schools, community organizations, daycares, and other groups, reinforcing the venue’s role as a hub for education and artistic exploration. The Maison also supports local creative professionals by providing artist residencies, offering them time and space to refine

their work while engaging with the community in meaningful ways.

Sustainability is a central value for the Maison, as reflected in its Gold-level certification from the Conseil québécois des événements écoresponsables. By replacing bottled water with reusable cups, reducing paper use, and eliminating physical tickets, the Maison exemplifies environmentally responsible practices while maintaining its commitment to providing high-quality cultural programming.

The Maison de la culture de Parc-Extension is not just a venue; it is a symbol of the community’s dynamic spirit and a testament to the civic importance of accessible culture. With its free programming, inclusive facilities, and unwavering support for local talent, it continues to be a source of pride for Parc-Extension and beyond. Visit the Maison and discover the inspiring cultural experiences that make this space a vital part of the city’s artistic landscape.





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# DIRECT ANSWERS

FROM WAYNE & TAMARA

## COMMUNICATING A LIE

**Q** My girlfriend and I were madly in love when I packed up and moved to Las Vegas. She followed soon after. I knew when I left I didn't have anything to worry about. She came to Vegas, and we started our lives. Two years later we got married and bought a house. Two years after that her sister and husband came to Vegas on their vacation.

Before they arrived, out of the big blue sky my wife said, "Honey, I have something to tell you. On my last night before I moved here, I had a get-together with friends at my sister's house. We had a few drinks and after a few hours everyone left." So I say, "After four years you tell me this. Why?" She said, "I just wanted to be honest." I was thinking, Yeah, right.

So I said, "Who was there?" She mentioned some names. I said, "Is that all?" She said, "Yes, honey, I swear on my parents' graves." So I let it go and didn't think anything of it. Two years later she comes out and says, "Oh yeah, my ex-boyfriend was there, but nothing happened and I didn't sleep with him." I about dropped my drawers.

Here I felt I had the perfect lady, and now this. I asked her to explain to me the night's events step-by-step. She became defensive, angry, and told me it's in the past. Don't worry, she said. Well, why tell me six years after she hid it from me, when her story isn't consistent enough to believe?

I still haven't found out what I want to know. It always turns around on me. Why can't she come clean? What is she afraid of? She preaches to

me about communication but doesn't follow her own standards.

Karl

**A** Karl, your letter reminds us of the story about a monastery where monks take a vow of silence. Only once each year is a monk permitted to speak. One year a monk said rather harshly, "Pass the salt." The following year his brother monk replied, "I don't care for your tone of voice." The year after that their abbot scolded, "All this bickering has to stop!"

Your wife tried to protect herself in case her sister spilled the beans. That didn't happen. Now your wife regrets mentioning the subject. In spite of herself, however, the truth keeps trying to pop out of her mouth.

Communication skills are sometimes said to be the key to good relationships. But rather than teach women to drink beer, poke each other in the ribs, and watch football on television--as men do--men are told to express themselves verbally as women do.

The evidence this strategy works is weak. In reality, people have different aims, and these different aims are the root of the problem. Your wife has a guilty secret. Perhaps she or her sister will tell you, or perhaps you will learn that good communication is what people want only when it serves their own interest.

Wayne & Tamara

## GETAWAY

**Q** I have a friend, actually an ex-girlfriend. We went out for three years and broke up a year ago. She goes to college, doesn't have a job, and her family doesn't help her out as much as I believe they should. So whatever her family doesn't do for her, I do. I pay for stuff like she's family.

Sometimes I feel she doesn't appreciate everything I do. She limits when she can hang out with me because of her boyfriend, and I get upset. Am

I pursuing something I shouldn't be?

Austin

**A** Austin, when you feel the wind whipping past your ears, when you see the scenery rushing by, when you feel the road bouncing beneath you, you are being taken for a ride. It's time to jump in the driver's seat and leave her in the rearview mirror.

Tamara

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The luckiest signs this week:  
SAGITTARIUS, CAPRICORN AND AQUARIUS

**ARIES**  
In romantic matters, you may receive a marriage proposal, either from someone you don't know or during a trip with your partner. This week holds surprises that will be good for you.

**TAURUS**  
You'll have a lot to do at work to finalize files before the holidays. However, everything will go according to plan. You'll finish off the year with a sense of accomplishment and leave with peace of mind.

**GEMINI**  
You'll put the finishing touches on your holiday decorations after finding out last minute that you'll be hosting an important gathering. Your desire to outdo yourself will push you to do everything in your power to stand out.

**CANCER**  
You'll find time to manage the household, take care of the children and serve as host for the get-togethers. You'll be involved in a community activity that will make you feel an extra burst of gratitude.

**LEO**  
You won't mince your words this week! You'll openly express what others are thinking. You may also need to dispel some nasty gossip to prevent it from complicating your relationships.

**VIRGO**  
You'll need to make more purchases, which will cause you to spend beyond your budget. However, the presents will be greatly appreciated, earning you warm thanks.

**LIBRA**  
You'll need to make last-minute arrangements at work or at home. At the office, you'll be the first to arrive and the last to leave. For this, you'll earn the trust of management for an upcoming promotion.

**SCORPIO**  
Be careful not to wear yourself out before the start of the holiday season. You'll have to take time to rest to get over a cold that's causing fatigue. There's nothing like an inspiring read at a time like this.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Stress at work may make you feel like you're in turmoil. Fortunately, you'll regain your self-confidence just in time for Christmas. You won't leave your good friends alone for the holidays.

**CAPRICORN**  
You'll excel at work and in preparing for the holidays. You'll complete all your tasks on time. This will give you peace of mind during your time off.

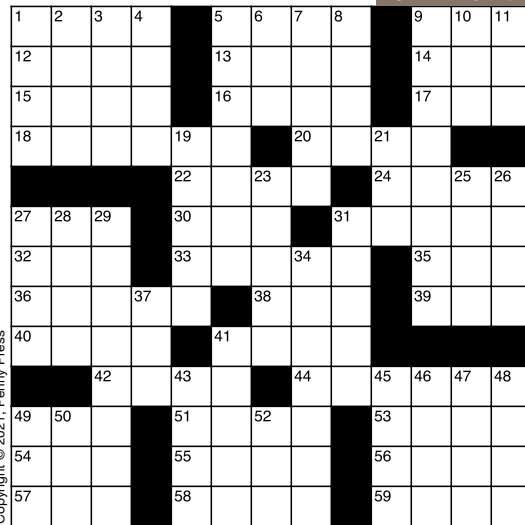
**AQUARIUS**  
Your friends may invite you to travel with them. You'll accept the offer without hesitation. If not, you may take part in a multicultural celebration with your loved ones during the holidays.

**PISCES**  
You may feel a mix of emotions as the holidays approach. This year's celebrations will be different, evoking a sense of nostalgia that may bring out your sensitive side.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 187



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### ACROSS

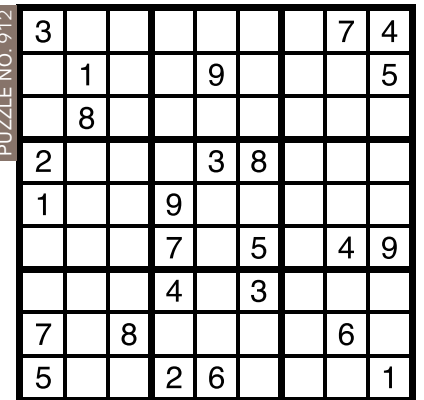
1. Like
5. "Little \_\_\_\_ of Horrors"
9. Night flier
12. Art \_\_\_\_
13. Carry
14. Back in time
15. Not closed
16. "The \_\_\_\_ of Night"
17. Not old
18. Walk leisurely
20. Peddle
22. Got down
24. Notable periods of time
27. Existed
30. Unsatisfactory
31. Hurricane or tornado
32. Sternward
33. Atlantic or Pacific
35. Astrology sign
36. Fewer
38. High card
39. Trail behind

### DOWN

40. Speak to God
41. Sky color
42. Within close range
44. Small earthquake
49. Tree-trunk section
51. Devotion
53. Italian money, once
54. Dumbfound
55. Work long and hard
56. Thick piece of concrete
57. For every
58. All right!
59. Pipe types
9. Capitalize
10. \_\_\_\_ before beauty
11. Pull
19. Work
21. Quite moist
23. Perfect example
25. Field of study
26. Air pollution
27. Distort
28. Off yonder
29. Outsider
31. Smirk
34. Intensely
37. Organ of vision
41. Creek
43. Voice range
45. When all \_\_\_\_ fails . . .
46. Factory
47. \_\_\_\_ surgeon
48. Confederate soldiers
49. One trip around a track
50. Be in hock
52. By way of

# Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 912



### 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.

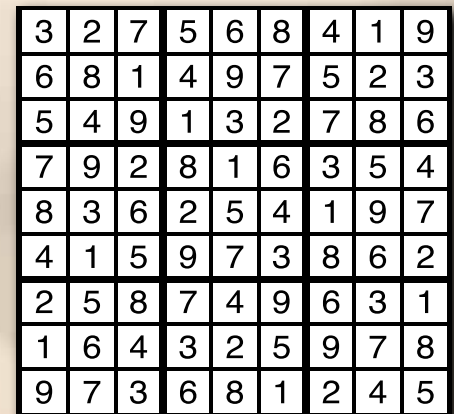
Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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### Sudoku



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