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# New De L'Épée level crossing opens a long-sought link between Parc-Extension and Outremont

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A new universally accessible level crossing is now open in the MIL Montréal sector, creating a direct, ground-level connection between Parc-Extension and Outremont across Canadian Pacific railway tracks, a physical barrier that has long limited easy movement between the two neighbourhoods.

The new link connects Avenue de L'Épée on the Parc-Extension side to Avenue de la Gare-de-Triage on the Outremont side, providing a shorter and more intuitive route for pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Parc-Extension, the Nouvel Outremont sector and the nearby Université de Montréal MIL campus.

City officials framed the opening as both a mobility upgrade and a response to years of community pressure. In statements reported by multiple outlets, Outremont Mayor Caroline Braun called it a "long-awaited" step, noting residents have been calling for the project since at least 2016. Jean-François Lalonde, mayor of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension, said the new connection helps "open up" and "de-enclave" the sector and supports safer, more fluid travel between the boroughs.

Montreal Mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada said the crossing reflects the city's intent to make day-to-day life easier and aligns with a vision of mobility that is accessible, integrated and safe.

## What changes for Parc-Extension residents

For Parc-Extension, the impact is practical. This part of the neighbourhood sits beside major rail infrastructure, and while the area



has gained new destinations in recent years, including the fast-growing MIL Montréal campus zone, direct crossings have been limited. The new level crossing adds another option close to key walking and cycling routes, reducing detours and concentrating movement in a designed, signposted corridor rather than informal cut-throughs.

The City of Montréal describes the work as the "Aménagement d'un passage à niveau dans le prolongement de l'avenue De L'Épée", and notes that the pedestrian and cycling link includes bollards, chicanes and new signage, and that work is now complete.

"Universally accessible" is a key detail for local users: it signals that the route is intended to work for people using wheelchairs or mobility aids, parents with strollers, and cyclists moving at low speed through a protected passage, rather than relying on stair-based infrastructure.

## A piece of the larger MIL Montréal redevelopment

The crossing is also part of the long-term MIL Montréal redevelopment, one of the city's major transformation projects in the north-central part of the island. The city's MIL project overview describes a roughly 118-hectare redevel-

opment of the former Canadian Pacific railway yard and surrounding lands spanning multiple boroughs, with work that began in 2012 and is expected to unfold over about two decades.

In other words, the new crossing is not only about today's foot traffic. It is also an enabling piece of infrastructure for a district that is adding housing, public spaces and institutions, and drawing more daily movement from Parc-Extension toward the MIL campus area and back again.

Political and community advocacy around improving access in this zone has been visible for years. Project Montréal communications from 2021, for example, described ongoing work on the linear park redevelopment of the former railway lands (later identified as Parc de la Traversée) and highlighted involvement from a citizens committee in the project's development.

## Why it matters now

Parc-Extension has been experiencing rapid change, with rising foot traffic tied to new institutional anchors and nearby construction. The area is increasingly frequented by students, workers and residents moving to and from the MIL campus. In that context, new connections are not only about convenience, but also about safety, by encouraging people to cross where infrastructure, visibility and rules are clearly defined.

The city has not presented the De L'Épée crossing as the final word on connectivity in the MIL sector. Instead, it is one milestone in an evolving network of paths and public spaces that will continue to take shape as the broader redevelopment proceeds.



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# OPINION & Editorial



## Legault's resignation was inevitable

François Legault's exit from the premiership of Quebec is not just a personal decision—it's the culmination of a deep political crisis that had been brewing for months. The image of him announcing his resignation without taking questions, without dialogue, without a shred of self-criticism speaks volumes: a leader who grew accustomed to speaking at society, not with it.

Legault didn't fall victim to circumstances; he collapsed under the weight of his own decisions. His farewell message, dressed up in phrases about "the good of the party and Quebec," cannot hide the truth: when politics is built on prestige and polling numbers—and those collapse—the emergency exit becomes the only strategy.

### A Slow-Burning Decline

This erosion didn't happen overnight. It was the result of a long trajectory filled with warning signs: electoral defeats in local races, internal leaks, high-profile resignations, and legislative initiatives that promised order but delivered chaos. When health ministers and other heavyweights abandon ship, it's not the sea's fault—it's the captain who steered it into the rocks.

### The Mirage of an "Aggressive" Economic Strategy

Legault's economic plan was marketed as "aggressive," with flashy investments and high-profile projects. Let's not forget the Northvolt fiasco. But politics isn't an investment portfolio—it's a balance between spectacle and substance. When citizens see no improvement in their daily lives—cost of living, hospital wait times—the narrative collapses.

And that wasn't all. His government burned through billions on electronic systems like

SAAQCLIQ that still don't work. Legault, like a naïve child, believed the fairy tales his ministers fed him: one promising massive energy investments, another pledging health system reform while sabotaging doctors and nurses behind the scenes.

### The Numbers Tell the Story

Legault wanted to leave as the man who delivered two big majorities and put Quebec's economy "on track." But politics isn't cumulative accounting—it's trust. And that trust evaporated long before he hit the brakes. His goodbye doesn't just close a chapter; it forces society to look in the mirror: less charm, more accountability. Fewer grand plans, more tangible results. And if "numbers are stubborn," so are citizens when they've had enough—they turn the page.

All of this dragged his party to the bottom of the polls.

### Fourth—and Sweating

In the latest poll conducted on January 10, 2026, by Pallas Data, the CAQ landed in fourth place:

- Parti Québécois (PQ): 34%
- Liberal Party (PLQ): 24%
- Conservative Party of Quebec (PCQ): 16%
- Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ): 11%
- Québec solidaire (QS): 11%
- Others: 4%

For a party that promised "less talk, more results," this is a resounding condemnation. The numbers that once crowned Legault now bury him. And when trust is gone, no PR stunt can bring it back.

His choice of a controlled, one-way farewell speech is itself a political statement. At the start of a journey, momentum and the aura of

"renewal" can mask cracks. At the end, those cracks become a mirror—and that mirror reflected fatigue, detachment, and scripted rhetoric.

### The Day After

The next day isn't just a leadership race—it's a painful detox from the syndrome of the all-powerful leader. If the CAQ doesn't find a new reason to exist—not another growth PowerPoint, but a viable plan for healthcare, cost of living, social cohesion, and realistic language policy—it will tumble from ruling party to political relic.

Legault's departure opens space. The question is: who will fill it?

A conservative platform capitalizing on discontent?

A progressive surge turning criticism into a credible governing program?

Or a new synthesis that finally speaks the language of citizens without hiding behind statistics?

Either way, the next election won't just be about "change." It will be a referendum on maturity—or a relapse into easy promises and grandiose rhetoric.

And speaking of referendums: that's what the Parti Québécois is salivating over. But Quebecers don't want referendums. The latest poll shows PQ at only 34%, while the leaderless Liberals still hold 24%. That proves Quebecers hesitate to hand a blank check to a party obsessed with separation. Voters are far more mature than PQ imagines. They know that in today's geopolitical reality, Quebec is stronger in a united Canada—a fact Alberta should also grasp.

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# Montreal's Tamils proudly celebrate their traditions at lively and entertaining event

*Cabinet ministers, MPs, MNAs and city councillors pay homage at salute to Tamil Heritage Month*

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Up to 3,000 people of Tamil origin turned out at the Château Royal congress centre in Chomedey last Sunday afternoon to be part of one of their community's most important annual events.

The eighth annual celebration for Tamil Heritage Month was produced by the Quebec Tamil Heritage Month Federation, in conjunction with more than 50 organizations in the Quebec Tamil community.

Elected officials from the federal, provincial and municipal governments, including the city of Montreal, came out to express their support for the Tamil people, while also paying homage to the contributions of Tamils since their arrival in Canada.

For those from the Tamil community, it was an opportunity to reinforce their identity as a people, while for others it was a chance to learn about a community that has grown numerically and in its influence in Canada over the last few decades.



Montreal mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada expressed her admiration and support for the Montreal region's Tamils during Tamil Heritage Month celebrations last Sunday in Laval. (Photo: Martin C. Barry, Newsfirst Multimedia)



Tamil folk dancers entertained more than 3,000 guests during the Tamil Heritage Month event. (Photo: Martin C. Barry, Newsfirst Multimedia)



More than a half-dozen members of city council climbed the Château Royal stage to express their warm feelings towards Quebec's growing Tamil community. (Photo: Martin C. Barry, Newsfirst Multimedia)

## Today and the next generation

"This is an event that is very important for the Tamil community today and for the next generation," Karikalan Jeevaratnam, a prominent member of the Tamil business community, said in an interview with Newsfirst Multimedia.

"We are very thankful for all the support we have received from all the elected officials from the federal, provincial and the city councils,"

he added.

Since 2010, Tamil Heritage Month has celebrated the history of Canada's Tamil community and its contributions to the social, cultural, political and economic strength of Canada.

The federal government declared January Tamil Heritage Month, recognizing the importance of the Tamil community on a national basis.

While recognizing the Tamil community's accomplishments and tracing its roots, Tamil Heritage Month also provides opportunities to celebrate the Tamils' history in Canada.

## A Tamil calendar celebration

The month of January was chosen as Tamil Heritage Month for a number of reasons. The Pongal festival, the most important and wide-

ly-celebrated festival among Tamils around the world, falls in the middle of the month.

Pongal is both a time of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year and a time to look forward to the start of a new year. The first month of the Tamil calendar, Thai, begins in the middle of January.

Throughout the morning and early afternoon, members of Tamil cultural and community groups performed musical numbers and folk-dance routines. Short documentary film presentations were also projected, providing background on the history of the Tamil people, as well as more recent developments in Sri Lanka.



Federal Minister of Public Safety Gary Anandasangaree (seen on stage with fellow cabinet minister Marc Miller and other government officials) addressed up to 3,000 people of Tamil origin during the Tamil Heritage Month celebration at the Château Royal last Sunday. (Photo: Martin C. Barry, Newsfirst Multimedia)



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# Small businesses must be the first priority when MPs return to Ottawa

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As Parliament prepares to reconvene, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is demanding that the federal government make 2026 the year it finally delivers for entrepreneurs. Small businesses have carried Canada through economic turbulence, and now they need real action—not recycled promises.

## 2025 was brutal for small businesses

Small businesses were hit with unpredictable tariffs, labour disruptions, weak consumer spending, and relentless cost increases," said Corinne Pohlmann, CFIB's executive vice-president of advocacy. "The November budget offered little more than lip service. MPs must

return to Ottawa ready to put small business needs at the top of the national agenda."

Small business owners say flagship federal programs like the \$51billion Building Communities Fund and the \$1billion Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI) are missing the target entirely.

Nearly 80% of entrepreneurs didn't even know the RTRI existed. Less than 1% have applied. A third say they won't bother, and more than a quarter say it doesn't apply to them. Meanwhile, the Building Communities Fund risks shutting out most small firms by giving unionized businesses a builtin advantage—an approach CFIB calls unfair, discriminatory, and out of touch with the realities of the small business economy.

"SMEs feel excluded from programs that were supposedly designed for them. Words mean nothing without action. It's time for the

federal government to create conditions where small businesses can actually grow," said Jasmin Guénette, CFIB's vice-president of national affairs.

With Canada-U.S. trade talks stalled, 60% of SMEs want Ottawa to actively work with the U.S. to reduce uncertainty. Entrepreneurs also want internal trade barriers reduced (59%) and broad-based tax relief (56%) to help offset tariff impacts.

CFIB is calling on the federal government to take immediate, concrete steps:

- Cut the small business tax rate from 9% to 6%, raise the deduction threshold to \$700,000, and index it to inflation.
- Return all countertariff revenues to the small businesses that paid the price.
- Lower payroll taxes by reducing EI premiums for small employers or shifting



the employer/employee split to 50/50.

- Fix internal trade barriers by adding food to Canada's mutual recognition framework.
- Slash red tape by tracking the total number of federal rules and applying a true "two-for-one" rule across regulations, legislation, and policies.
- Protect supply chains by preventing work stoppages in federally regulated transportation and at Canada Post.
- Align immigration programs with real small business labour needs.
- Commit to a balanced budget with legislated spending limits outside of global crises.

## Parc-Extension faces above-average property tax hike as Montreal unveils 2026 rates

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Residents and property owners in Parc-Extension are preparing for a noticeable increase in municipal property taxes in 2026, following the City of Montreal's release of borough-by-borough tax rates as part of its latest budget. The borough of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension will see residential property tax rates rise by 4.5 per cent, exceeding the citywide average increase of 3.8 per cent.

The new rates were adopted with Montreal's 2026 municipal budget and reflect a combination of central city tax adjustments and borough-level decisions. While the increase is not the highest on the island, it places Parc-Extension among the boroughs experiencing steeper-than-average hikes, alongside areas such as Montréal-Nord, Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie and Verdun.

For Parc-Extension, one of Montreal's most densely populated and economically diverse neighbourhoods, the increase raises particular concerns. The area is characterized by a high proportion of renters, small landlords, and older multiplex buildings. Although property taxes are paid directly by owners, increases often translate into higher operating costs, which housing advocates warn can indirectly affect

tenants through rent pressures over time.

According to figures released by the City of Montreal, residential tax increases have fluctuated in recent years under the current administration, registering at 4.9 per cent in 2023, 2.2 per cent in 2024, and now climbing again in 2026. City officials have pointed to rising infrastructure costs, public transit funding needs, and inflationary pressures on municipal services as key drivers behind the latest adjustments.

Within Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension, the impact of the increase will vary depending on property type. Owners of single-family homes, condominiums, and duplexes or triplexes are subject to different tax classes and assessment values. In many cases, recent property evaluations will compound the effect of the rate hike, leading to larger tax bills even where the percentage increase appears modest.

Local observers note that Parc-Extension has seen gradual but steady changes to its real estate landscape in recent years. Proximity to major transit corridors, hospitals, and universities has increased development interest, particularly along Jean-Talon Street and near the Université de Montréal campus expansion. As property values rise, tax increases can be felt more acutely by long-time owners and small-scale landlords operating on thin margins.

By comparison, neighbouring boroughs are

seeing a wide range of outcomes. Outremont's residential rate will rise by 3.1 per cent, while Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce will experience one of the lowest increases on the island at 1.9 per cent. At the other end of the spectrum, L'Île-Bizard-Sainte-Geneviève faces a 6.3 per cent increase, the highest among Montreal's boroughs.

City officials emphasize that property tax rates are only one part of the equation, with the final amount owed depending on assessed property

values. Nonetheless, for Parc-Extension, where affordability remains a central issue, the 4.5 per cent increase is likely to reignite debate over how municipal fiscal decisions affect vulnerable neighbourhoods.

As the new rates come into effect, residents and property owners will be watching closely to see how the city balances its financial obligations with the realities facing communities like Parc-Extension, where even incremental cost increases can have outsized local consequences.

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# Montreal's 2026 city budget: a defining moment for the city's future



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Montreal's new municipal budget for 2026, tabled on January 12 by Mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada, sets the stage for one of the most socially focused spending plans in recent years while also balancing fiscal pressures that many residents feel in their daily lives. The \$7.7 billion operating budget responds to the city's persistent housing crisis, rising homelessness and demands for improved services — all against a backdrop of increasing living costs and pressure on household budgets.

## Homelessness and housing: top priorities

From the outset, the mayor made it clear that tackling homelessness is the administration's foremost mission. The budget triples funding for community organizations that assist people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, increasing annual allocations from about \$10 million to close to \$30 million. It also earmarks \$100 million over the next decade to purchase and renovate buildings for emergency shelter space.

But the plan goes beyond short-term shelter responses. The city has pledged roughly

\$578.7 million over ten years to acquire "strategic buildings" and convert them into affordable and social housing units. This initiative is designed to ease barriers that have pushed many Montrealers — including long-time Park Extension residents — to increasingly precarious circumstances due to high rents and limited housing stock.

These long-range housing goals aim to shape neighbourhoods over the coming decade, yet they also raise questions about how swiftly these plans will translate into real homes on the ground and whether they will stem displacement pressures — especially in areas like Park Extension where affordability is central to community stability.

## Taxes, services and daily life

To help fund these investments, the budget includes property tax increases for 2026 — residential taxes will rise by 3.8 per cent, while commercial and non-residential properties face a 3.4 per cent hike. Officials described these figures as broadly aligned with inflation, but for many households and small business owners in Park Extension the reality is a tighter squeeze on already stretched finances.

The budget frames tax adjustments as necessary to sustain essential services without unchecked debt growth. City officials also aim to manage Montreal's debt ratio — a measure of net debt relative to annual revenues — bringing it back to a controlled level by the end of 2026.

## Tradeoffs and tough choices

While homelessness and housing take centre stage, the budget also reflects difficult trade-offs. Some projects have been delayed or scaled back, including major infrastructure work along Camillien-Houde Way and significant funding cuts for the BIXI bike-sharing service.

City leaders are also reorganizing internal services with projected cuts to staff in central departments — moves framed as efficiency measures but criticized by some council members as short-sighted austerity rather than genuine long-term strategy.

## What this means for Park Extension

For neighbourhoods like Park Extension, the budget's emphasis on homelessness, housing and balanced taxation carries both opportunity and uncertainty. On the one hand, increased social spending and housing acquisition plans could help stabilize housing markets and support vulnerable residents. On the other hand, property tax increases and tightened city services may aggravate financial pressures for tenants and small local businesses still recovering from inflationary strains.

Residents and community advocates will be watching closely how funds are distributed and whether the ambitious long-term housing strategy yields concrete results in the short term. With rising household costs elsewhere — such as food and rent — local voices may soon shape how this budget's promises are realized on Jean-Talon, Beaumont and beyond.

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**Q** My wife and I have been married 40 years. I recently found out that 14 months after we married she began a three year affair. I was called to active duty in the Air Force at the time and sent out of state. Not knowing how long I would be gone, she moved back home.

The affair began immediately after I left. I had no idea. I knew her for four years before our marriage, and she came from a good Christian family. Although I made it back home every other weekend, the affair continued. After 18 months I was released from active duty, and we moved into an apartment.

Low and behold, soon after I returned I got a fantastic promotion that required me to be out of town Monday through Friday. The affair continued full steam ahead. At one point my wife asked me for a divorce, giving no specific reason. Unfortunately, I talked her out of it.

The shocker was when my wife also admitted to a one-night stand with her boyfriend's best friend just to make her lover jealous. She also admitted having sex with a guy she met at a dance club. Although this was more than 30 years ago, it seems like it happened yesterday.

We are seeing a counselor presently, but it's not doing me much good. I still have visions about the affairs and find it hard to forgive her.

Ian

**A**

Ian, history is the slave of written records. If someone wrote the history of your marriage, they would have a marriage license, birth and graduation records, bills, and decades of photographs—but the real story would be untold.

In the law there is something known as an incomparable wrong. If someone mows down your rose bushes, they can be forced to compensate you for your loss, but if someone mows down your child, there is no adequate compensation. What is the price of a life?

Your wife has stolen your peace of mind, and it is not in her interest to tell you more than you already know. Because you and you alone have suffered a traumatic event, you need individual counseling with someone who will not diminish what you are going through.

Part of that involves sifting through the ashes of the past to separate fact from fiction. The meaning of your life with her, even the paternity of your children, are open to question. You must also deal with a range of negative emotions: anger at her betrayal, sadness at what you've lost, fear of going forward, and contempt for her as a person.

Then you can decide where and how to spend your remaining years. She doesn't get to decide. She had her life and she had yours, too. You don't have to lash out and hurt her, you just have to decide on your future.

Wayne & Tamara

## MATCHMAKING OR MEDDLING?

best friend justified?

Annie

**A**

Annie, we can't work our will on others. You may want to bring them together, but this is all about them. If there were a mutual attraction, you would be hard-pressed to keep them apart.

Everyone wants Bill and Sheila together but Bill and Sheila. Has Bill really decided? Or is this what Annie and "everyone" have decided?

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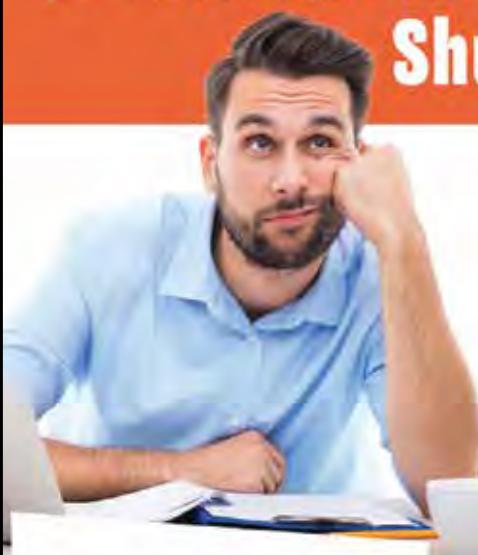
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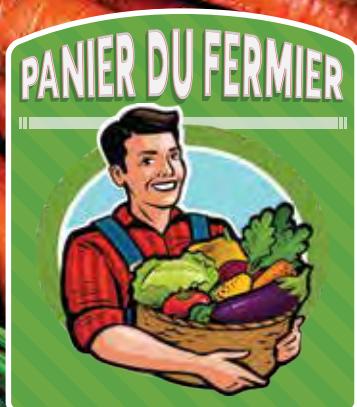
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CANCER, LEO AND VIRGO



### ARIES

Before making a major purchase, review your budget and decide if the expense is truly necessary. Be patient and you'll be more satisfied and find a better price.



### TAURUS

Be prepared for a busy week ahead full of unexpected events. You'll earn a promotion at work. This could provide you with either valuable security for the future or the chance to begin an exciting new phase filled with promise and motivation.



### GEMINI

Taking a step back will give you the momentum you need to accomplish something remarkable. Your artistic side will shine through this week. You'll be brimming with creativity. You may also choose to get involved in a meaningful social cause.



### CANCER

Your friends will invite you on an enjoyable outing or a trip. You'll come up with an ingenious idea that could help alleviate some of your financial concerns. Trust the sound advice of financial experts and professionals.



### LEO

You'll be in charge of organizing an event that will bring many people together. You'll easily handle urgent situations, both at work and at home. An opportunity to celebrate a success may also present itself.



### VIRGO

You'll acquire new knowledge this week, which will inspire you profoundly and spark a personal transformation. You may explore your spiritual side or establish a simple but meaningful ritual that brings happiness to your daily life.



### LIBRA

Your emotions will be running high this week. This will prompt you to strengthen your relationships with your loved ones. You may have an epiphany, which could awaken in you a desire to explore and embrace new enriching experiences.



### SCORPIO

You'll have to make an important decision this week that will require careful consideration. If you want to achieve your professional goals, you must make certain adjustments to move in the right direction and find true satisfaction.



### SAGITTARIUS

You'll have heavy responsibilities at work and home this week. You'll keep your space neat and tidy, which will bring you happiness and increase your efficiency and productivity in your daily life.



### CAPRICORN

Your growing self-confidence will spark significant professional and personal growth. This assurance will help you stand out from the crowd and earn considerable recognition from those around you.



### AQUARIUS

Whether you're single or in a relationship, love at first sight could turn your world upside down and spark an irresistible fascination. You and your relatives will be thrilled by a birth announcement in the family.



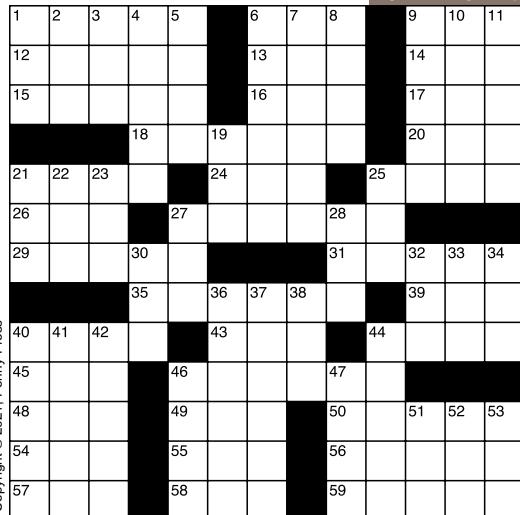
### PISCES

You'll form new friendships and professional relationships this week. Your strong communication skills will help you reach fair agreements and ease tensions, creating a more peaceful and productive atmosphere.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

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### ACROSS

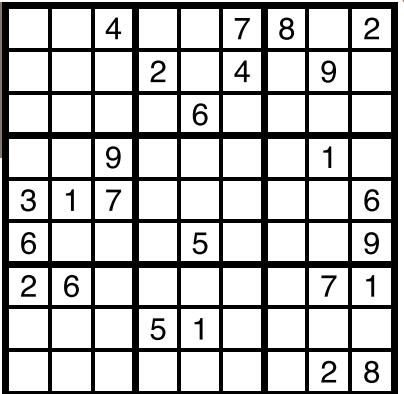
- 1. Dancing spot
- 6. Health resort
- 9. Circle section
- 12. Oak source
- 13. Peak
- 14. Dove sound
- 15. Bus station
- 16. Have being
- 17. Skedaddle
- 18. Fellow lead performer
- 20. Hen output
- 21. Emit fumes
- 24. Toolbox
- 25. On the Pacific
- 26. "Look \_\_\_\_ ye leap"
- 27. Friendliest
- 29. Worth
- 31. Southern nut
- 35. Boggy
- 39. Pasture mother
- 40. Cook, as a cake
- 43. Rival
- 44. Liquefy
- 45. Fearful wonder
- 46. Blazing
- 48. Happy
- 49. Fishing gear
- 50. Honolulu greeting
- 54. \_\_\_\_ out (barely make)
- 55. Bad humor
- 56. Marry again
- 57. Headed
- 58. Put two and two together
- 59. Squeals
- 11. Cuban dance
- 19. Go down the slopes
- 21. Gun a motor
- 22. Generation
- 23. Slippery as an \_\_\_\_
- 25. Devoured
- 27. Just out
- 28. Agent
- 30. Take advantage of
- 32. So-so grade
- 33. Hole punch
- 34. Mesh fabric
- 36. Be able to pay for
- 37. Shaped
- 38. Small vegetable
- 40. Roll with a hole
- 41. Attentive
- 42. \_\_\_\_ up (tense)
- 44. Riot
- 46. Operatic melody
- 47. Lamb owner
- 51. Bird that hoots
- 52. In the know
- 53. Station break airings
- 10. Cheek makeup

### DOWN

- 1. Father, informally
- 2. Freezer abundance
- 3. Food for dipping
- 4. Earthenware pot
- 5. Atop
- 6. TV interference
- 7. Blackbeard, e.g.
- 8. Copycat
- 9. "Green \_\_\_\_"
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## Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 989



### 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.

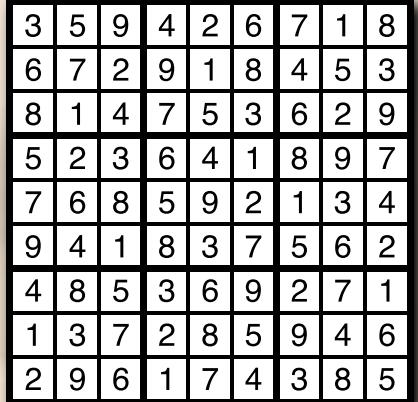
Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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