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Laval Senior Academy students ditch the masks for COVID-19 protest

More N95 masks and rapid testing to be available, says board chair Paolo Galati



In spite of directives from the provincial government and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board calling on students to wear face masks in order to minimize COVID-19 transmission, as many as 200 students at Laval Senior Academy staged a protest against the rule one afternoon last week by going maskless.

According to an estimate by the SWLSB, at least 50 students at the high school on Souvenir Blvd. in Chomedey took part in the protest on Jan. 27, part of which was captured on video and uploaded to the web.

The students staged protests inside the school in the morning, and then outside during lunch hour. A video posted to Facebook showed noisy teenagers shouting in a Laval Senior Academy hallway while waving handmade protest placards.

Face masks everywhere

The teens weren't happy about the Covid face mask restrictions which were back in place following the post-Christmas resumption of classes, requiring them to wear face coverings everywhere in the school except while eating in the cafeteria, a Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board spokesperson said.

In a letter sent out to parents on the day of the incident, Laval Senior Academy's principal maintained the demonstration was mostly peaceful, but that a few students' families were contacted and disciplinary measures were necessary.

Principal Nathalie Rollin said the parents of some students were contacted as some disciplinary enforcement was needed for a minority of students who were deemed to have acted inappropriately.

Police called at one point

She said several students left class during the second period to express their concerns about the sanitary measures in place at the school. The students gathered outside on the sidewalk on Souvenir Blvd., while carrying placards.

But at one point, she added, school administrators decided to call police, although the protest was under control, and most students went back to class and continued with their day. By the end of recess, most students had returned inside the school, added Rollin.



However, while most students returned to class, others continued walking in hallways, prolonging the disruption. Rollin said some students were then escorted outside by administrators, who listened along with police to their concerns and the reasons behind their protest.

Students rejected masks

Although the SWLSB estimated the number of participants at about 50, others claimed there were at least 200 students involved at one point.

In her letter to parents, Rollin said the students complained that "they find it challenging to wear the mask at all times and find it difficult to only have the cafeteria as an option to eat their lunch. The cold weather and the fact that restaurants are closed add to their frustration."

While maintaining they had to uphold public health rules for the safety of all, Laval Senior Academy officials offered to seek solutions to the lunch-hour cafeteria issues so that students might have more freedom on where they can eat within the school.

Challenge ahead, Galati says

In a recent televised interview prior to the resumption of in-person classes and before last week's student protest, Paolo Galati, chairman of the SWLSB council of commissioners, emphasized that what the board is looking for is a safe in-person return to school.

"And our highest priority, as always, is to ensure the health and safety of all our students and staff," he said. "We know it'll be a challenge. But we know we will get through the next couple of weeks together."

Quebec's new national director of public health, Dr. Luc Boileau, has initially dismissed the wearing of N95 masks in most classroom settings. However, Galati noted that Education Minister Jean-François Roberge said that teachers and support staff working with special needs students will have access to N95 masks.

N95 masks for all staff

"Although we are happy about this, we still feel that all staff – and I repeat all staff – who wish to have N95 masks should be entitled to have them. We want to protect our teachers and staff to the best of our ability, who as we all know will be exposed to the Omicron virus while in their classrooms or within the hallways and throughout their school environment. So, our wish at Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to provide N95 masks to any staff member that requests one."

Responding to a suggestion that at some point volunteer parents might step in to provide in-school help if too many teachers come down with Covid, Galati said: "To have parents come in, I'm not sure that's the best idea."

Guest mask guidelines

As it is, guidelines regarding the wearing of masks in schools (updated by the provincial government on Jan. 25) allow for visitors, who are defined as "any individual carrying out work at the school (e.g., guest speaker, science facilitator)."

Regarding COVID-19 rapid testing, Galati said that just as rapid tests were distributed to all elementary school students in December, the SWLSB was undertaking a second distribution to elementary students as the test kits are received, after which a third distribution would take place in February.

Galati said students who develop symptoms at school will be sent home whether they test negative or positive. "Omicron being very contagious, we're not taking any chances due to the higher false negative results of rapid tests," he said. "So, we will immediately isolate students who have any symptoms, as well as their siblings."

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OPINION & Editorial

You're never too old to learn or practice something wise or something new?



But parents-in-the-classroom are not the solution to the current crisis of substitute-teacher shortages

So it's come to this: in the event that schools that re-opened two weeks ago will soon face predicted teacher/staff shortages for various reasons, including Covid-related developments, Minister of Education François Roberge intends to deploy willing parents to classrooms to oversee in-person-learning, or as it will turn out, to baby-sit/child-care anyone who shows up for a day-at-school.

Where to begin to unravel this Covid-knotted cotton ball of mismanagement of the basic fact of education – professional presence in Québec classrooms? Let's start by addressing the challenges this poses for school principals. Their job description includes managing the school's budget, supervising staff and making big-picture decisions. But soon, some may have to return to their former roles of teacher and coach, filling in for absent teachers in the face of severe shortages of qualified substitute teachers.

Recent published reports acknowledge that many schools have been able to find substitutes for only 80%-85% of absent teachers on any-given-day, leaving existing staff to fill the void. It's an all-hands-on-deck process. This has always been part of the emergency substitution plan inserted into teachers' schedule for decades.

For teachers active in the system, the recently emerged need to fill-in for others is nothing new given that they did, on some days, in fact on many days, teach all day without planning periods, requiring them to do the planning at late-afternoon and evenings. What is new, however, is the impact on many staff members who are reaching the end of their rope, as debilitating fatigue is on the increase in all sectors of society.

It's the latest example of how the pandemic has exacerbated the already exhausting challenges of running schools. When teachers are absent due to illness, COVID-19 exposure or other reasons, principals face the daunting task of finding qualified replacements to take their place, according to the Ministry of Education.

Numerous principals and school-board-officials maintain they were having trouble finding

enough qualified substitutes to cover teacher absences long before Covid-19 struck, admitting that finding qualified substitute teachers is now even more of a challenge than any other school position, including bus-drivers, technicians, paraprofessionals, full-time-teachers, and custodians.

Clearly, the pandemic has provoked an escalation of staff-stress, impacting mental health at every level, according to teacher unions. Like all educators, the job of a substitute teacher has become more fraught during the past two years. They are called upon to teach in schools where children are likely still unvaccinated and might not be required to wear masks. In some cases, they're filling in for teachers who are quarantining at home after being exposed to COVID-19. And many substitute teachers are in an age group more vulnerable to the disease. A substantial number of substitute teachers are retired educators, and in many cases, they simply are not willing to risk the COVID challenges to return to classroom/school work.

But the shortage of substitute teachers also preceded the pandemic in many places, as they face unpredictable schedules and the challenge of supervising students who might misbehave in the absence of regular teachers. Substitutes have no protection, no security; they pay union dues but are minimally-protected since they're usually not-on-contract.

Several school boards have responded by changing requirements to become a substitute. Some schools have created emergency substitute-teacher lists, loosening requirements in response to severe-staffing-shortages. Yes, "loosening" as we have heard from Quebec's Education Minister, Jean-François Roberge. Is he suggesting that parents, caretakers, anything with two legs and breathing, warm bodies are permitted to be substitute teachers, without credentials, not even minimum university requirements? Is he saying that all you need are baby-sitters in the classroom? A band-aid to the crisis of lack of qualified substitute-teachers? This has been an on-going problem for years, its solution escaping both the Ministry

of Education and school boards. Covid-19 is a very poor excuse to play the blame game.

Without additional substitute-teachers, irreparable harm is inflicted on school children. These loosened rules, stop-gap-measures used to address critical shortages, are signs of desperation, indications of negligence in putting in place effective tools to fill needs that have had a long history of plaguing our public schools.

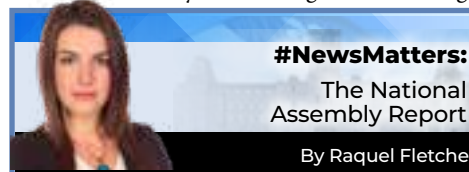
But merely lowering teaching qualifications is worrisome. Education experts and concerned parents, clamour for systemic changes that would make the profession more desirable and competitive long-term, especially for substitutes with university degrees, needing certification. They should be helped to obtain teaching certificates through special short-term university programs. Are those at the helm sleeping-at-the-switch? They will eventually also lose these individuals to other sectors in the workforce, if they don't act swiftly. Where are the 8,000 qualified teachers reported to be needed by 2026 going to come from, if the Québec government doesn't wake up from its Covid-19 deep sleep?

Yes, Minister Roberge's suggestion that lowering standards for substitutes to the point where you're not getting people skilled or knowledgeable in the content area, is questionable, and problematic, but he neglected to even remotely address the issue of the critical current void, in sane and pragmatic ways.

Schools, school boards, and the Minister of Education — because much of this is their responsibility — need to rebuild the teaching profession in ways that offer interested individuals the tools to facilitate certification based on their education and years of dedication and service to the community.

No, M. Roberge, as Education Minister, you must be accountable and held responsible for our children's education. Warm bodies in classrooms simply will not do.

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The National
Assembly Report

By Raquel Fletcher

The journalist was skillful to disguise any hint of desperation in her voice, but the question spoke for itself. "If we did everything right, why are we still in this so deeply?" she asked Premier François Legault at his press conference last Thursday.

Quebec had just announced that it would not be relaxing current health measures in the immediate future because people are still dying.

"It is my duty is to be responsible, to protect the lives of Quebecers, so let's be careful, let's be patient. Think of the staff in our hospitals. We will eventually get out of this together," Legault said.

Why are things so dire?

The premier said he knows how fed-up people are and praised Quebecers for their solidarity. Hence, the burning question: if Quebecers have done everything that has been asked of them over two years of this global health crisis, why then are things still so dire?

The restrictive measures currently in place are imperative to protect Quebec hospitals from breaking apart at the seams as they continue to be over capacity, especially in ICUs.

"I cannot compare really with what's happening in other provinces and states, but we know that right

Debate to heat up as new National Assembly session begins

taxes to pay.

Morale at a low

Quebecers' morale is at a low, but the premier tried to remain optimistic, declaring that Quebec has now reached the peak of the fifth wave in terms of the number of hospitalizations and things should be improving soon. Twelve thousand health care workers are still missing from the system, mostly due to being sick with COVID-19 themselves, but Legault hopes many of them will return to work this week.

"So Plan B to reduce services will not be necessary," Legault said, referring to a contingency plan made public earlier in the week in the event hospitalizations continued to rise. "It was responsible to have a Plan B, but I want to be very clear, this Plan B has never been applied."

The province also announced a plan to reach out to the 565,000 unvaccinated adults in the province. Junior health minister Lionel Carmant will be announcing the details this week. The government is particularly concerned about vulnerable populations, including immigrants who do not speak either French or English, who may have fallen through the cracks.

"We are making an extra effort to give the maximum number of chances to those who did not receive the information," said health minister Christian Dubé.

It's also a last effort to give another chance to the health network to handle this latest wave that can only be fought by once again putting the economy on pause.

Quebec tries to catch up, with an overdue overhaul of its recycling programs

Refundable deposits rising to 10 and 25 cents, wine and liquor empties included



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Although it's been two years since Quebec pledged to upgrade the province's recycling capacity with a new liquid container consignment program and higher refundable deposits on empties, Benoit Charette, the environment minister in the Legault government, announced last week that the program won't be getting underway until spring 2023 – six months longer than originally planned.

Covid blamed for delay

Initially announced to be starting up by the fall of 2022, Charette, who is also responsible for the CAQ government's climate change portfolio, blamed most of the delay on labour shortages caused by the Covid pandemic.

"We are very, very aware of the issues and the impacts from the pandemic which have caused a lot of harm to various players, and this is the reason why we are agreeing to an additional six-month delay," Charette, who is the MNA for Deux-Montagnes and Minister Responsible for the Laval Region, said during a webcast press conference.

10 and 25 cent deposits coming

Under the new rules, the number and variety of glass, plastic and metal liquid containers that will have to be recycled is being extended to include anything as small as 100 millilitres and up to 2 litres. Some other types of liquid container, such as plasticized multi-layer juice box-formats, will become subject to deposit and recycling two years after the program begins.

The deposits, which now range from 5 cents for soft drink cans to 10 cents or higher for larger containers depending on size, are being standardized at 10 cents and 25 cents. When the program starts up, this will include wine and liquor bottles, on which deposits of 10 and 25 cents will be due.

Public consultation in March

According to Charette, a province-wide public consultation will be taking place on the recycling overhaul until this March 11.

While some media are reporting that Quebec has long lagged behind other Canadian provinces in updating its recycling capacities, Charette's ministry claims the province's reform will "allow Quebec to become a global leader in this domain."

All the same, the environment ministry acknowledges that the Quebec overhaul "was inspired by the best practices in Canada and internationally," with local goals added.

Expanded role for Recyc-Québec

The new system will be largely self-governing and led by a consortium of companies whose products are packaged in recyclable containers. Recyc-Québec, an umbrella group already supervising a large expanse of recycling responsibilities in the province, will be mandated to oversee the new entity.

"Thanks to proposed regulations, we can at last foresee a net improvement in the management of our waste materials with a reduction in the amount sent to landfill," added Charette. "At the same time, we will be helping to strengthen the recovery and recycling industries in the coming years with local outlets. This is another way to reduce waste of resources, while encouraging the circular economy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

More use of recyclables

By not sending up to 50,500 tonnes of waste into landfill, the government expects to prevent the release of around 26,500 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere. In 2020, the equivalent of \$50 million worth of materials composed of paper, cardboard, plastic, rubber and glass were imported into Quebec from outside. The government believes most of these materials could be replaced by materials coming from recyclables produced by the new recycling system.

According to the environment ministry, a large consigned container returns and deposit refund network will need to be developed, requiring 1,500 points of service in order to reach more than 90 per cent of Quebec's population beginning in 2023.

Containers not included

Not included in the overhaul are drink containers of less than 100 millilitres or more than 2 litres, as well as containers for concentrates, ready-mixes, condiments (bouillons, sauces, etc.), medicated syrups, beverages sold in soft packaging (wines), self-serve-type containers (ground coffee pouches), and multi-fill containers (8-litre water tanks, for ex.), which according to the ministry are already subject to their own deposit systems.

The environment ministry says the amount set for each type of deposit is intended to serve as an incentive to improve recycling, while creating a uniform system whose ultimate goal is to make life easier for consumers and others who play a role in the system.

Waste goals unmet, says BAPE

In addition to increasing the private sector's role in the province's recycling efforts, the government says the reform will also help to focus more attention on the role of municipalities as entities which are closest to the population.



Quebec Environment and Climate Change Minister Benoit Charette announced major changes last week for the province's recyclable materials programs.

Charette unveiled the new program a day after Quebec's environmental impact consultation agency, the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE), upbraided provincial officials for not meeting waste reduction goals.

According to the BAPE, nine of Quebec's 38 landfills will reach capacity by 2030, while 13 others will get there between 2030 and 2041 if the dumping of waste continues at the current rate.

Letters to the Editor

I was amazed at the lack of understanding of this pandemic by the writer of this article. The moment she uses the term plandemic shows her leanings to conspiracy theories. I was surprised she didn't mention this anarchy trip to Ottawa but maybe she wrote her article a week too early. These people try to have insulting labels for anything or anyone that believes in Democracy and the rule of law. Some of these labels she refers to are plandemic, conspiracy theorist, deluded, delusional, deranged, derailed, follow the flock, whipped into submission, pharmaceutical profiteers, political charlatans, flip-flopping pseudo-scientists, mendacious medical practitioners, unconscionable purveyors, acquiescent lambs, zombie vaxxed. These in less than half of her article.

I think you get the picture. How dare she or anyone else use such derogatory words to describe people that have studied science and medicine for decades to help mankind survive or those that stepped up to get vaxed in order to protect people around them. Many of these

people she insultingly labels would be right by her bedside if she were to find herself on a ventilator in an ICU with covid. Even if they read her article it would not change their commitment to save her life. It is so sad to see people fall down a rabbit hole so far that it doesn't allow them to realize that life is not a big conspiracy and that calling people that are trying to help you names only makes you look childish.

My wife's hip is so bad that she has a very difficult time just walking in the house. Because hospitals are so full of non vaxed Covid patients she will have to put up with this pain for probably 2 years before she can have it fixed. You don't see her or any other people suffering the same fate writing editorials calling the unvaxed names. What you do see though is them pulling out their hair trying to understand how these people could care so little about the people they are affecting because they do not want to get a simple vaccination.

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City takes action to create Rivière-des-Mille-Îles nature preserve

The Laval executive-committee is asking city council to approve measures that will pave the way towards creating one of the largest nature reserves in Quebec along the edge of the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles.

The first phase of the plan calls for the inclusion of 432 municipal land lots (568 hectares), including islands in the river. The lots in question are already within an area defined as protected by the city.

The new status will grant them additional protection. The project initially got underway following a recommendation made by the Laval-based non-profit nature conservation group Éco-Nature.

"I am proud of this step forward towards the realization of my commitment, big news for Laval residents," said Mayor Stéphane Boyer. "These additions will multiply by a factor of 20 the area of this protected zone, making an area around twice the size of Central Park."

"The refuge is home to around two-thirds of the animal species in Quebec," Boyer continued. "By protecting and by connecting these areas together, we will be encouraging the survival and reproduction of hundreds of animal and plant species that live there, while also ensuring people from Laval access to their nature heritage."

The provincial government is also very enthusiastic about the City of Laval's plan. "The Rivière-des-Mille-Îles nature refuge is an exceptional site from the point of view of fauna as well as flora and is an area with very high biodivers-



ity," said Pierre Dufour, Minister of Forests, Fauna and Parks in the CAQ government.

Calling the 568-hectare preserve "a considerable area for protection on private lands," Dufour said the city's move is "an important step and an important advantage in the enlargement project for the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles nature reserve ever realized by our biologists in conjunction with Éco-Nature."

"For more than 20 years, the City of Laval has supported, through real measures, the mission of Éco-Nature to protect, conserve and promote the rivière des Mille Îles and its tributaries," said Éco-Nature director-general Christine Métayer.

"The addition of these islands, shores and wetlands to the nature refuge is the most recent example. The entire team from the Parc de la Rivière-des-Mille-Îles is overjoyed with this decision. The people of Laval should feel proud of the commitment by their mayor and his commitment to this magnificent ecological, recreational/touristic project, a major legacy for future generations."

Among the islands in the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles that will become part of the nature preserve are l'île aux Vaches and l'île Saint-Pierre, which were purchased by the city in 2020. The city says that a third island, l'île Locas, is about to be purchased and the transaction is near the point of being completed.

Laval allows property tax late payments and in two installments

The City of Laval says that due to ongoing economic fallout from the Covid pandemic, property tax bills for the year 2022 will be payable in two installments, due in June and in September. The due dates for the installments are also being extended.

According to the city, the first installment (which had initially been due on March 23) will now be payable no later than June 15. The second installment (which would normally have

been due on June 21) is now payable no later than Sept. 13.

"The effects of the pandemic continue to be felt within many families in Laval," said Mayor Stéphane Boyer. "We hope to help lighten the load for them, allowing them to benefit from a few months of respite in order to better plan their budgets. This boost will also be applying to businesses in Laval."

City receives certification for stance against domestic violence

The City of Laval has become the first municipality in Quebec to become certified by the provincial government for its efforts to help reduce domestic violence through support provided in the workplace.

Sponsored by the provincial government, the program was launched on Jan. 25 by Isabelle Charest, the minister for women's issues in the CAQ government. Quebec banking corporation Groupe Desjardins is the only other organization to have received the certification so far.

Through the certification, the city acknowledges its responsibility as an employer to take action when a situation involving harassment by the spouse of an employee arises in the workplace. The city has also pledged to adopt a workplace policy whose goal will be to put into place preventive measures to stop domestic violence.

"The city wishes to facilitate and encourage employees caught up with domestic violence problems so that they can ask for help and to

make the situation known," said Laval Souvenir-Laval city councillor and executive-committee member Sandra El-Helou, who is responsible for women's issues dossiers on council.

"We hope to have a workplace environment that is respectful and empathetic and where people know they are supported and not alone," she added. "This is an employer's responsibility, although mostly a human responsibility."

In Laval, there are three shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence: Maison de Lina (450 962-8085), Maison L'Esther (450 963-6161) and Maison Le Prélude (450 682-3050). Their services are confidential and are offered 24 hours out of 24, 7 days out of 7.

Here are some other resources:

- SOS domestic violence | 1 800 363-9010
- CAVAC de Laval | 450 688-4581
- Centre des femmes de Laval | 514 808-2909
- Athena's Shield (multilingual services) | 450 688-6584
- CISSS de Laval
- And in case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Mayor's tax deferral earns praise from opposition's David De Cotis

(TLN) Action Laval opposition city councillor David De Cotis (Saint-Bruno) issued a statement last week praising Mayor Stéphane Boyer for his recent decision to postpone the due dates of 2022 property tax payments in order to give residents a needed break during the ongoing Covid pandemic.

De Cotis had initially made the suggestion, and it was due to be debated during the February meeting of city council. "This is excellent news for our residents," said De Cotis.

"It shows that we are up to working collaboratively for the overall well-being of Laval's population."

Last year, the city administration had also taken special measures to defer property tax payments during the pandemic.



Laval to celebrate Black History Month

Every year in February, the Laval population is invited to highlight the contribution of their fellow citizens from Black communities as part of Black History Month. Under the theme **Honoring our past, inspiring the future**, the 31st edition of this event will be held, during which a rich and varied program will be presented by the Bibliothèques de Laval and several Laval organizations. Many activities will be pre-recorded or presented virtually and broadcast live on different platforms, inviting the public to learn about the past and commemorate the contribution of Black people to society.

"I invite Laval citizens to participate in the series of activities offered on the occasion of this 31st edition of Black History Month, which highlights the journey and commitment of a community well anchored in our territory. Together, we are continuing our actions to promote the participation of all citizens of our city in this event that honors its progress and evolution."

— Aline Dib, associate member of the executive committee responsible for immigration and cultural communities and councillor of Saint-Martin

"2022 marks the 15th anniversary of the coming into force of the Black History Month Act. It affirms, even today, our government's commitment to recognize and promote the essential contribution of Quebecers from Black communities to the development of Quebec. Black History Month is an opportunity to honour past and present generations. We must build on our common future in order to strengthen the bonds of trust and solidarity between Quebecers of all origins. I invite the people of Quebec to participate in large numbers in the activities of this 31st edition of Black History Month."

— Jean Boulet, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, Minister of Immigration, Francisation and Integration and Minister responsible for the Mauricie region

"There is no doubt that the contribution of Laval's Black community is helping to make our city a rich, supportive and inclusive society

more than ever. In Laval, there are 32,095 people from Black communities, representing 7.8 % of Laval's total population. We take an active part in our social, economic, cultural and political life in Laval, which is a great pride for me."

— Jocelyne Frédéric-Gauthier, Municipal Councillor of Auteuil

Recognition and promotion in the Laval territory

In April 2019, the City of Laval adopted a resolution declaring February Black History Month in order to recognize and promote the contribution of Black communities to the history and economic, social and cultural development of its territory. Laval followed in the footsteps of Ottawa, Quebec City, and other major cities. In December 1995, the House of Commons unanimously approved a motion by MP Jean Augustin designating February as Black History Month in Canada. Nearly 11 years later, in November 2006, the National Assembly did the same for Quebec with the passage of a bill. In April 2019, the City of Laval also joined the International Decade for People of African Descent, a United Nations initiative.

Laval programming

As part of the 31st edition, several partners in the region will offer the Laval public activities such as musical entertainment, conferences, artistic exhibitions and presentations of short films and documentaries. Special guests will take part in presentations and traditional dance, cooking and art activities that will be pre-recorded or streamed live on different platforms such as Zoom, Facebook and YouTube.

Laval's Black History Month programming is made possible thanks to the financial participation of the City of Laval and the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration as part of the Sectoral Development Agreement on the attraction, citizen integration, sustainable settlement and full participation of immigrants and ethnocultural minorities.

4 Black Canadians you probably didn't learn about in school

February is Black History Month and an opportunity to honour the contributions of Black people in Canada. Here are four Black Canadians you might not have heard about in history class whose achievements helped shape this country.

1. Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893)

As founder and editor of The Provincial Freeman, Mary Ann Shadd was the first Black female newspaper publisher in Canada. She also established a racially integrated school for Black refugees in Windsor, Ontario.

2. Violet King Henry (1929-1982)



A descendant of Black settlers from the United States, Violet King Henry was the first Black woman to become a lawyer in Canada, a feat that was extremely difficult even for white women at the time.

3. Harry Jerome (1940-1982)

A pioneer in Canadian sprinting, Harry Jerome



set seven world records, won bronze at the 1964 Olympics and won gold at the Commonwealth and Pan American Games. He also worked to provide opportunities for low-income youth to get into sports.

4. Anderson Abbott (1837-1913)

Anderson Abbott was the first Black person born in Canada to become a doctor. He served as a civilian surgeon for the Union army during the American Civil War and used his influence to advocate for the end of racial segregation in schools.

This February, take the time to learn more about the legacy of Black Canadians by visiting historical sites, museums or libraries in your community.



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Ottawa introduces new measures to speed up immigration processing times

Trudeau gov't hopes to stimulate economic recovery, while changing ministry practices



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Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser has announced new measures, which should help speed up immigration to Canada.

Fraser said during a webcast press conference on Monday that the government will be getting back on track by the end of 2022, after COVID-19 caused a major backlog over the past two years in the processing of immigration applicants.

"These measures are part of a broader process to address key challenges faced by our clients, and achieve the more predictable processing times that our clients expect and deserve," Fraser's ministry said in a statement.

More staff to be hired

Last year, the Trudeau government announced it would spend \$85 million to deal with the backlogged immigration department applications. Fraser said on Monday that the sums will be used primarily to hire additional staff.

He said the new immigration workers will assist the government in getting back to normal processing times for study and work permits, permanent resident renewals, visitor visas and proof of citizenship applications. However, not on the list of priorities is family unification applications. According to Fraser, they already meet the ministry's standards for processing time.

Process delays frustrating

"I know that processing delays have been incredibly frustrating for many individuals," Fraser said. "Helping clients come to Canada quickly, with predictable processing times and efficient

communication with IRCC, remains a top priority for me.

"Many people are choosing Canada as the place to visit and build their future," he added. "And to ensure that we stay competitive, we have introduced concrete measures to make sure those who want to come to Canada have the client experience they deserve."

Dealing with labour shortages

According to Fraser's ministry, immigration is playing an essential role in helping to address some of the most severe labour shortages brought on by the pandemic. However, the remaining challenges continue to include the processing delays, as well as postponements for applicants hoping to come to Canada to work or to reunite with their families.

While the ministry says Canada welcomed the highest number of permanent residents in a single year in 2021 by processing a record number of applications, border restrictions and other pandemic-related factors led to delays for many applicants.

Applications from outside

The ministry says it has already hired approximately 500 new processing staff, taken measures to digitize applications and reallocated work to ministry offices around the world. To help accelerate the processing work, they are expanding the use of advanced data analytics in helping officers sort and process visitor visa applications submitted from outside Canada.

"We understand that clients want easier access to status updates on their case files," the ministry says in its press release. "That is why we will also introduce a new Permanent Residence Application Tracker in February 2022 for spouses and dependents, to allow clients to easily access their application information and status online."



Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser announced changes to the country's immigration policies in Ottawa last Monday, designed to speed up processing which had been slowed during the Covid pandemic.

Virtual citizenship ceremonies

For citizenship applicants, IRCC has also introduced online testing, developed an online application tracker and launched virtual citizenship ceremonies. Over the last few months, they have hosted approximately 350 virtual ceremonies per month, and more than 170,000 new Canadians have been sworn in since April 2020.

They are continuing to expand the use of virtual ceremonies. Moving forward, they are exploring an option for those who wish to self-administer the oath of citizenship by signed attestation and celebrate their citizenship at a later date.



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1776: 3,000 Black Loyalists, among them freemen and slaves, fled the oppression of the American Revolution and came to Canada.

1781: Butler's Rangers, a military unit loyal to the Crown and based at Fort Niagara, settled some of the first Loyalist refugees from the United States in the Niagara peninsula, along the northern shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

1783: Sir Guy Carleton, Governor of the British Province of Quebec, and later to become Lord Dorchester, safely transported 35,000 Loyalist refugees from New York to Nova Scotia. Some settled in Quebec, and others in Kingston and Adolphustown in Ontario.

1789: Lord Dorchester, Governor-in-Chief of British North America, gave official recognition to the "First Loyalists" – those loyal to the Crown who fled the oppression of the American Revolution to settle in Nova Scotia and Quebec.

1793: Upper Canada became the first province in the British Empire to abolish slavery. In turn, over the course of the 19th century, thousands of black slaves escaped from the United States and came to Canada with the aid of the Underground Railroad, a Christian anti-slavery network.

Late 1700s: Scots Highlanders, refugees of the Highland Clearances during the modernization of Scotland, settled in Canada.

1830: Polish refugees fled to Canada to escape Russian oppression. The year 1858 marked the first significant mass migration of Poles escaping Prussian occupation in northern Poland.

1880-1914: Italians escaped the ravages of Italy's unification as farmers were driven off their land as a result of the new Italian state reforms.

1880-1914: Thousands of persecuted Jews, fleeing pogroms in the Pale of Settlement, sought refuge in Canada.

1891: The migration of 170,000 Ukrainians began, mainly to flee oppression from areas under Austro-Hungarian rule, marking the first wave of Ukrainians seeking refuge in Canada.

1920-1939: The second wave of Ukrainians fled from Communism, civil war and Soviet occupation.

1945-1952: The third wave of Ukrainians fled Communist rule.

1947-1952: 250,000 displaced persons (DPs) from Central and Eastern Europe came to Canada, victims of both National Socialism (Nazism) and Communism, and Soviet occupation.

1950s: Canada admitted Palestinian Arabs, driven from their homeland by the Israeli-Arab war of 1948.

1950s-1970s: A significant influx of Middle Eastern and North African Jews fled to Canada.

1951: The United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees was created.

1956: 37,000 Hungarians escaped Soviet tyranny and found refuge in Canada.

1960: Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, whose grandfather was a German refugee of the Napoleonic Wars, introduced Canada's first Bill of Rights.

1960s: Chinese refugees fled the Communist violence of the Cultural Revolution.

1968-1969: 11,000 Czech refugees fled the Soviet and Warsaw Pact Communist invasion.

1969: Canada signed the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and its Protocol, agreeing not to return a person to their country of origin if that person had grounds to fear persecution.

1970s: 7,000 Chilean and other Latin American refugees were allowed to stay in Canada after the violent overthrow of Salvador Allende's government in 1973.

1970-1990: Deprived of political and religious freedom, 20,000 Soviet Jews settled in Canada.

1971: After decades of being denied adequate political representation in the central Pakistani government, thousands of Bengali Muslims



came to Canada at the outbreak of the Bangladesh Liberation War.

1971-1972: Canada admitted some 228 Tibetans. These refugees, along with their fellow countrymen, were fleeing their homeland after China occupied it in 1959.

1972-1973: Following Idi Amin's expulsion of Ugandan Asians, 7,000 Ismaili Muslims fled and were brought to Canada.

1978: Coming into force of the Immigration Act of 1976, which recognized refugees as a distinct class of immigrants. These changes also allowed Canadian citizens to privately sponsor refugees.

1979: Iranian refugees fled Iran following the overthrow of the Shah and the imposition of an Islamic Fundamentalist regime.

1979 -1980: More than 60,000 Boat People found refuge in Canada after the Communist victory in the Vietnam War.

1980s: Khmer Cambodians, victims of the Communist regime and the aftershocks of Communist victory in the Vietnam War, fled to Canada.

1982: The Constitution of Canada was amended to entrench the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

1985: Singh decision at the Supreme Court of Canada whereby rights under the Charter were extended to asylum seekers; led to the creation of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB).

1986: The United Nations awarded Canada the Nansen Medal for its outstanding humanitarian tradition of settling refugees.

1989: The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada and new refugee determination system began work on January 1, 1989.

1990s: By the 1990s, asylum seekers came to Canada from all over the world, particularly Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa.

1992: 5,000 Bosnian Muslims were admitted to Canada to escape the ethnic cleansing in the Yugoslav Civil War.

1999: Canada airlifted more than 5,000 Kosovars, most of whom were Muslim, to safety.

2002: Immigration and Refugee Protection Act came into force and set out main principles and features of the refugee protection program.

2004: The Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the United States is established for responsibility sharing in processing refugee claims from nationals of third countries.

2006: Canada resettled over 3,900 Karen refugees from refugee camps in Thailand.

2008: Canada began the process of resettling more than 5,000 Bhutanese refugees over five years.

2010: Refugees from more than 140 countries

were either resettled or were granted asylum in Canada.

2011: Canada expands its refugee resettlement programs by 20% over three years.

2012: Significant reforms were made to the asylum determination system under the Balanced Refugee Reform Act (BRRA) and the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act (PCISA), including implementing the Refugee Appeal Division at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

2015: Close to 6,600 Bhutanese refugees arrived in Canada. Canada completes a seven-

year commitment and welcomes more than 23,000 Iraqi refugees. Canada commits to and begins resettling 25,000 Syrian refugees.

2016: Canada resettled a historical number of refugees, welcoming over 46,000 newcomers and completing its commitment to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February.

2017: Canada announces historical increases in multiyear resettled refugee admissions targets, as well as new commitments for resettling refugees from Africa and the Middle-East.

2018: Canada resettled more than 1,300 survivors of Daesh in 2017 and 2018.

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Motorist dies in Sainte-Rose snow vehicle head-on crash

The driver of a car who was making his way along des Oiseaux Blvd. near the corner of rang de l'Équerre in Saint-Rose on Friday Jan. 28 around 1 pm died in a head-on crash with a snow removal vehicle.

According to reports, the 52-year-old driver of the smaller vehicle was ejected and thrown

some distance by the force of the collision, after which he was taken to hospital where he was declared dead.

The driver of the snow removal vehicle, said to be a blue-collar employee, was not injured.

Woman, 80, dies in Sainte-Dorothée house fire

An 80-year-old woman from Mimosa St. in Sainte-Dorothée is dead and her home has up to \$40,000 in damages following a fire on the night of Jan. 24.

Laval Fire Department firefighters found the

woman alone and unconscious after entering the dwelling which was ablaze.

Although she was immediately transported to hospital, she was later declared dead by medical personnel.



Photo: (Photo: Courtesy of TVA Nouvelles)

Laval swingers' club owner fined \$24,000+ for tax evasion

Quebec's official tax collector, Revenu Québec, says the owner of a Laval-based club that catered to wife-swappers and swingers must pay a more than \$24,000 penalty after being found guilty of not paying provincial sales and income taxes.

Alain Joyal, 61, a Montreal resident, pleaded guilty to three charges on Jan. 10 at the Palais de Justice de Laval. Joyal is listed in the provincial registry of businesses as the sole owner of Gestion 10 133 inc.

The holding company did business as Club Frenchkiss on Cunard St. in Laval's industrial park, although the club is now closed. According to a Revenu Québec press release, the tax agency opened an investigation into Joyal's business dealings after being tipped off by the Laval Police Department.

The LPD told the agency that Gestion 10 133 inc. was organizing swingers' evenings where alcoholic beverages were being sold. Neither Gestion 10 133 inc. nor Club Frenchkiss had a Quebec liquor permit.

The investigation revealed that from 2014 to 2017, the company failed to report and to remit to Revenu Québec sales taxes that it collected, an amount calculated to be \$17,325.32. As well, the company was found guilty of not paying the business income tax during the same period.

Apart from the sale of liquor, court documents revealed that Club Frenchkiss also derived revenue from membership fees, event tickets, renting out bedrooms in the club and fees for



coat check services. During the time it was open, the club's hours were from Thursday to Saturday evenings, and sometimes on Sundays for special events.

Court statements also suggest that the company wasn't very good at record-keeping. The owner wasn't using an efficient accounting system and the company's accounting data was incomplete.

The LPD turned the matter over to Revenu Québec after executing a search warrant at Club Frenchkiss in 2017, based on an allegation that the club was operating in violation of local zoning requirements, which forbade operating a bar in that area.

Consequently, nearly 800 bottles of liquor were seized by the police. As well, Revenu Québec executed a search warrant at the owner's home on Île Bizard in Montreal in May 2018.



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How to support a loved one in mourning



The best way to offer your support to a loved one in mourning is to be present in their time of need.

There's no magic word or miracle formula to comfort someone in mourning. However, if someone close to you is stricken with grief from the loss of a loved one, lending them a sympathetic ear when they need to talk is the best way to be supportive in their time of need.

First, instead of making clichéd comments like "time heals everything" or "he or she is in a better place," let them know that you're available to listen, and respect their silence in the meantime. If, on the contrary, the grieving person wishes to talk, encourage them to reminisce about the good times they shared with the one they loved so dearly.

On the other hand, the person grieving may need space to mourn in peace. If so, respect their decision by remaining patient and compassionate to their plight. Remind them that you're always available to meet if they need to get their mind off things.

In addition, don't hesitate to offer more practical assistance. Simple gestures like preparing dinner, looking after the kids or tidying up the house allow a great weight to be lifted off the shoulders of the bereaved.

In short, always be present for your friend, colleague, neighbour, etc., and never judge their pain or suffering. If necessary, encourage them to consult a health professional who could offer them the necessary resources and support to overcome their heartache.



CYR Benoit
1934 - 2022

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Benoit Cyr, on January 29, 2022, at the age of 87. He was the husband of Mrs. Lise Cléroux. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons Jean-Marc, (Carole) and Claude (Julie), his grandchildren, Marie-Ève, Catherine and Gabriel, his great-grandchildren, his brother Paul, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Cécile, Denise (Roland), his nieces and nephews, as well as several relatives and friends.



MC DOWALL Keith
1977 - 2022

In Laval, on January 30, 2021, at the age of 43, passed away Mr. Keith McDowall, son of Mrs. Louise Gougeon (Martin Tremblay) and the late Cecil McDowall.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his brothers Eldon (Chantal), Stephan and Jason (Patricia), his sister Bianca (Ghislain), his nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and great-nieces as well as all the staff and friends of the Résidence le Versant.



CORNAZ Pascal
1968 - 2022

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Pascal Cornaz, husband of Mrs. Nathalie Ouellet residing in Laval. Pascal is survived by his wife, his children Valérie and Nicolas (Sophie), Fondu his dog, his sister Isabelle (René) and niece Aurélie, his aunt Irène (Dominique), his aunt Catherine (Michel) and his uncle Joël (Julie), his cousin Katia (Yves, Marine, Delphine and Olivier), his in-laws Marc-André and Micheline, his friend and long-time accomplice Pascal-Eric Lachance (Magalie, Elizabeth and Catherine), as well as many friends.



NADON Jean-Paul
1932- 2022

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Jean-Paul Nadon, husband of the late Jeannine Legault and father of the late Louise. He is survived by his children, Pierre (Chantale), Gilles (Danielle), Nicole (Benoit), Lorraine (Pierre) and Johanne (Normand), his grandchildren, Jonathan, Marie-Ève, Julie-Anne, Andréanne, Joannie, Amélie, Mylène, Mathieu, David, François-Olivier, Michael and Alexandra, his great-grandchildren (19) as well as his brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and friends.

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From Wayne & Tamara

The Heart Of The Matter

Q I have male friends who are just friends, but my husband is so insecure about them it is driving me crazy. A year ago Christmas he took our children to visit family out of town. I could not go because of work. While my family was gone, I invited a male friend to go to Christmas Eve service with me. I told my husband, and he had no reaction.

Six months later my spouse complained I was spending too much time with other men. He insisted I have one of the children with me to act as a chaperone. A chaperone for what I do not know, because nothing ever happens. We live in a small town with nosey neighbors who report my comings and goings to my husband. These neighbors must lead such boring and miserable lives they try to make my life as miserable as theirs.

My husband claims I disrespected him by taking a friend to church when he wasn't home. Wouldn't it have been more disrespectful if I had not told him? Nine years ago he had an affair with a woman in our home. I feel he's carrying around guilt about the affair and laying it onto me, which is not fair. I have been in therapy for a year now. My husband has gone to the last two sessions with me. I discovered he married

me because he felt "obligated" since we had sex before marriage. No, I was not pregnant.

In twenty years I have never been unfaithful and I don't plan to be, but I can't go on much longer with my husband not trusting me. This has driven a big wedge between us. My therapist says everyone deserves friends, whether they be male or female. Any advice?

A Sue, the wedge between you was driven nine years ago when your husband brought another woman into your home. Now he says he felt obligated to marry you, which undercuts the very basis of your marriage. True or not, he is saying love isn't the reason for your relationship and never was.

We believe you when you say you don't plan to be unfaithful. At least subconsciously, though, your contact with other men is an exquisitely slow payback for your husband's affair. It is a bit like pricking him with a pin, again and again. There is a word which starts with "d" that you have both been avoiding. It is time to stop skirmishing about superficial issues and discuss the heart of the matter.

Wayne & Tamara

When The Time Is Right

Q I am a 17-year-old male. I have been dating a 16-year-old girl for three months. I am sure we are both totally in love, but I am confused on a few things. First, let me say I know we are too young and too new at the relationship thing to just jump into sex. I realize this.

About a month ago we had a talk. She wondered why we never messed around and feared I didn't find her attractive. I had kissed her on the lips, but I never really kissed her. So I told her the truth. She is beautiful! I wasn't sure we were ready, and I'm clueless about relationships.

I said she could drop some hints, or even take the lead if she wanted. I am not talking sex, just messing around. I know the dangers well, so if something did happen I would know how to be protected. But anyway, why would we need to do that? It should be something we both want and not a "just because" thing. Don't get me wrong. I am ready, I just have no idea how to do it, or what to do even if she lets me.

Will she stop me if she doesn't want to go any farther? I would do nothing to hurt her or degrade her in any way. Why force something that isn't meant to be? That would just ruin it for both of us. We have signed notes "with love," but haven't said the words in

person. I guess I'm confused over her signals. Will the signs be clear-cut and bright as day, or will I have to look deeper than that?

Chris

A Chris, the answer is all over your letter. It isn't time yet. We aren't dismissing your feelings, though many adults would dismiss the idea young people are capable of genuine love. Yet these same adults know their children truly love them and other people important in their lives.

Feeling love, falling in love, sharing love doesn't happen on a timetable. You haven't even verbally expressed your feelings to each other. You don't know each other yet on a deep level. You don't yet know her plans, her desires, her moods, her hopes, her dreams. Intimacy takes time. It is not as simple as taking apart an engine. Sex without intimacy is a cheat. It is like being given the answers to a test without having the understanding behind the answers.

You can't hurry what is right. Love will not disappear. It will be there when you are ready. Give yourselves the opportunity to really know each other, and the signs will be clear as day.

Wayne & Tamara

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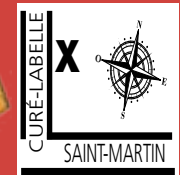
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- Green onions
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- Cucumber
- Garlic (Spain)
- Carrots
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HOROSCOPE

Week of **FEBRUARY 6 TO 12, 2022**

The luckiest signs this week:
CANCER, LEO AND VIRGO



ARIES

You'll expand your social circle and spend a lot more time on social media. Your efforts and talents will be shared by word of mouth and recognized by your peers.



TAURUS

You'll get the green light to finance a long-awaited project. This is also an excellent week to settle some of your debt and ease your financial burdens.



GEMINI

A lot is going on in every aspect of your life. You have many accomplishments to be proud of. You'll do anything it takes to ensure work goes smoothly.



CANCER

A little rest and relaxation are in order. Take the time you need to unwind. A family member will need you by their side. If you're an artist, you'll be overcome with inspiration.



LEO

You'll organize a large project that brings people together. Even if it's not always easy to get answers from everyone involved, you'll do what it takes to get results.



VIRGO

You have a lot of responsibilities at home and at work. However, your continued efforts will be rewarded with a promotion and a raise.



LIBRA

You're toying with the idea of taking a pilgrimage. The adventure will require several months of preparation. However, it's likely to bring deep meaning to your life.



SCORPIO

You're experiencing a lot of different emotions. You must be true to yourself in your love life. You'll no longer accept half-measures, and you need to reflect deeply on your relationship.



SAGITTARIUS

Although you're under a lot of stress at work, you're a great team player. This skill will take you far. If you're in a budding relationship, commitment issues may come up.



CAPRICORN

Your career is taking off and you'll reap the benefits. Nevertheless, as things amp up, you'll have to put in twice the effort. The extra work now will ensure a more stable income in the future.



AQUARIUS

Your self-esteem could use a boost. You're dedicated to helping others, but you must give yourself the same attention, especially if those you help aren't always grateful.



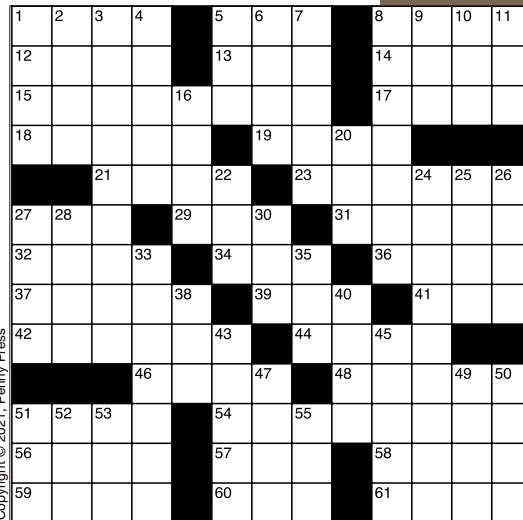
PISCES

You'll spend a lot of time with your family. It may be a good idea to consider moving or changing your living environment in the near future.

Coffee Break

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PUZZLE NO. 111



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ACROSS

1. Baths
5. Busy activity
8. Melt
12. Corridor
13. Do wrong
14. Paper or pudding
15. Solar or lunar events
17. Exploited
18. Slalom competitor
19. Mets, e.g.
21. Get bigger
23. Excellent
27. Scarf
29. Drink
31. Join together
32. Sedan, e.g.
34. Lump or mass
36. Like some tales
37. Make a touchdown
39. Faulty item
41. Circus safeguard
42. Scream

DOWN

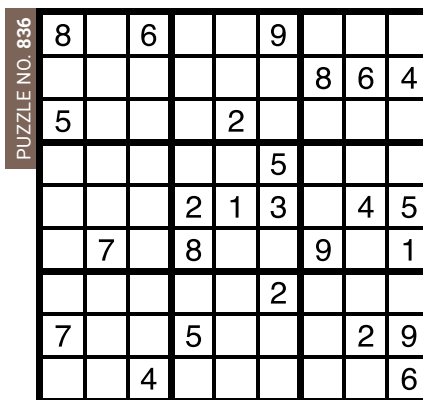
1. "___ So Cold"
2. Fill tightly
3. Crocodile's relative
4. Trickier
5. Stubborn animal
6. Eating plan
7. Start
8. Brass instrument
9. Possessive pronoun
10. Get an "A" on
11. Unite in marriage
16. ___ and cons
20. Point at
22. Toupee
24. Convey
25. Watch
26. Animal skin
27. Lowest male voice
28. Expression of pain
30. Seed container
33. Beginnings
35. Motor coach
38. Elongated fish
40. Statistics
43. Australian "bear"
45. Factions
47. Speak to God
49. What's the big ___?
50. Woodland creature
51. "And I Love ___"
52. Kind of league
53. Charge for service
55. Needle hole

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

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



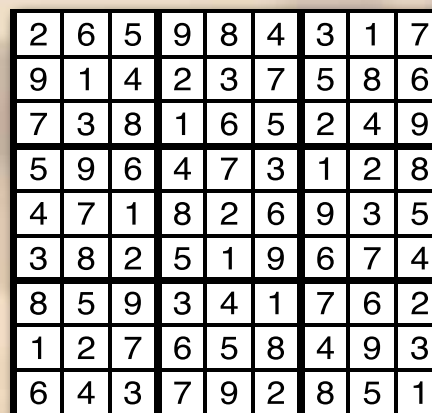
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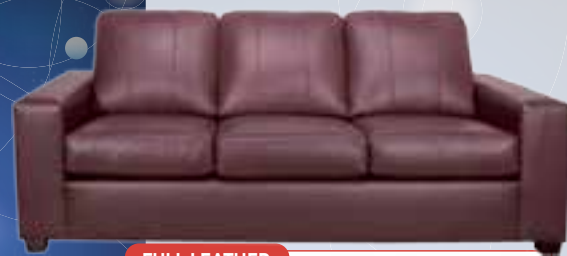
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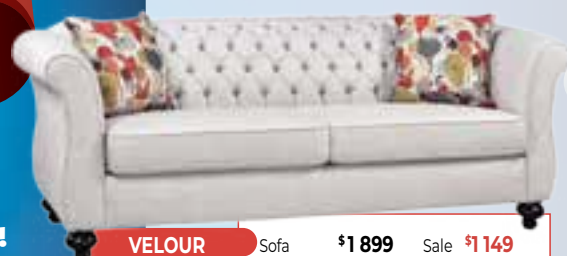
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