

Air Canada denying passenger compensation claims for staff shortages, citing safety

By Christopher Reynolds The Canadian Press

Less than four hours before departure, Ryan Farrell was surprised to learn his flight from Yellowknife to Calgary had been cancelled.

Air Canada cited "crew constraints" and rebooked him on a plane leaving 48 hours after the June 17 flight's original takeoff time.

Farrell was even more surprised six weeks later, when he learned his request for compensation had been denied on the basis of the staff shortage.

"Since your Air Canada flight was delayed/cancelled due to crew constraints resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our operations, the compensation you are requesting does not apply because the delay/cancellation was caused by a safety-related issue," reads the email from customer relations dated July 29.

The rejection "feels like a slap in the face," Farrell said.

"If they don't have replacement crew to substitute in, then the flight (was) cancelled because they failed to assemble a crew, not because any other factor would have made it inherently unsafe to run the flight," he said in an email.

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Traditions of the world on parade in Sherbrooke



GORDON LAMBIE

By Gordon Lambie

The Festival des Traditions du Monde made its return to Sherbrooke in a big way on Sunday afternoon by parading through the streets of town.

Although the festival does not get started on its site at Quintal Park in Fleurimont until this coming Wednesday, Aug 10, the public got a taste of the cultural kaleidoscope to come as performers from a range of different cultural backgrounds

danced and played their way along Portland, Jacques-Cartier, and King Streets.

The parade was a first for the festival, and was organized as a celebration of the event's 25th anniversary.



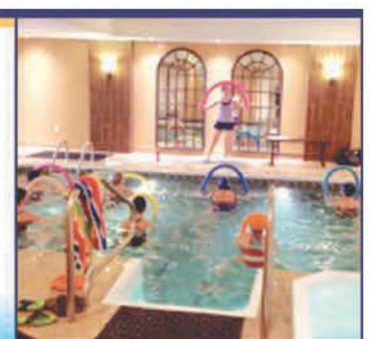
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# Sutton Grace Anglican Church holds organ recital to support Afghan refugees



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**O**n Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. the Grace Church located at 52 Rue Principale in Sutton, Quebec will hold its second in a series of three organ recitals in support of the Afghan Refugee Sponsorship Program featuring the abundantly talented, Maria Gajraj. The concert will demonstrate the amazing beauty and versatility of the Dutch Johannes Ecclesia digital organ offering a musical experience not to be missed.

Organist, Maria Gajraj is pursuing her Doctorate at McGill University with her research focusing on 20th Century Caribbean organ repertoire. She received her Master's Degree in Organ Performance in 2020 and has received scholarships from the Royal Canadian College of Organists, the Royal College of Organists, McGill University and Carleton University and she was a semi-finalist in the 2021 RCCO National Organ Playing Competition. Maria has played solo concerts throughout Canada and live-streamed organ recitals during



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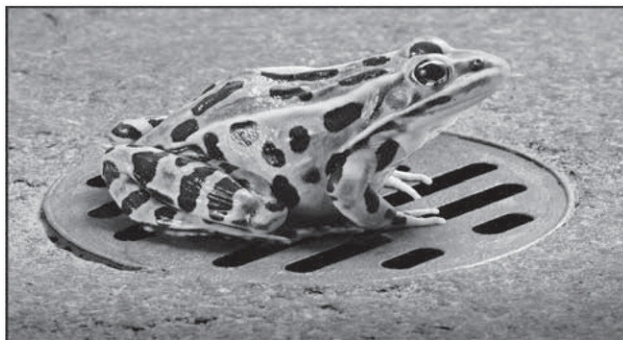
the COVID pandemic. With a private piano teaching studio she is currently the Music Director of St.Lawrence Anglican Church in Montreal.

Passionate about studying and programming works by historically underrepresented composers including composers of colour and women, Maria strives to break stereotypes and make the organ more accessible to everyone. If you haven't given organ music a listen, this concert promises a performance that will surely leave you wanting more.

Tickets are \$15 per person and free for those 15 and under. Tickets

are available at the Sutton Tourist Office at 24-A Principale, Sutton, 450-538-8455, also at Brome Lake Books, Knowlton, 450-242-2242 or can be reserved by contacting John Hoblyn at johnhoblyn1@gmail.com, 450-242-6839. Please take note that any surplus after expenses will go to the sponsorship by Grace Church of Afghan Refugee families and therefore your generosity in supporting this event is much appreciated.

The last recital will feature Pierre Cabana and will take place on Sept. 17.



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Woodworker Charles Brousseau gave hands-on demonstrations at his tent, allowing those interested to take a seat at the shaving horse and try their hand at making furniture pieces the old fashioned way.

## Vintage expo offers a window to the past

By Aiden Wilson  
Special to The Record

The first ever Expo Vintage took place this past weekend in Magog, featuring hundreds of historic artifacts and activities, all put on by the Association Patrimoine Estrie.

The three-day-long celebration was planned to bring together a mix of history, customs and old ways of doing things, encompassing the cultural, religious, industrial and agricultural heritage in Eastern Canada.

Around the fair site were dozens of tents all with their own artifacts of times past, from signs to license plates, tools and machines; even a good number of artworks and war memorabilia.

Many local artisans had their work on display and gave live demonstrations for visitors to watch and learn how all the old tools really worked.

One exhibitor gave a demonstration of a spinning wheel, turning Alpaca wool into yarn on a spindle; a process she said can take around eight hours!

Another station had three machines, one that husked corn, another that stripped kernels from the cob, and the last which milled it into cornflower, all with dazzling efficiency.

A miniature blacksmithing setup was also on site showing a metalworker forging various tools and metal parts.

Woodworker Charles Brousseau gave hands-on demonstrations at his tent, allowing those interested to take a seat at the shaving horse and try their hand at making furniture pieces the old fashioned way.

While he said the whole process of making a chair can last around a day, (a bit longer than putting together

an Ikea set), the result is a classic, all-wood design, that doesn't come from the furniture store.

When asked how he learned the trade he said he was self-taught.

"It's easier than ever nowadays with all the books you can find. Even if you get stuck and can't figure out the proper way, there's plenty of online videos to show you how it's done."

Another exhibitor, motor expert David Roy, went over the huge selection of 20th-century motors, which ranged from 1-10 horsepower each.

He knew all the nuances of the machines like "if it has an electric ignition it's usually past 1918," and even the specific and storied history of each model.

Roy was also responsible for the restored 1930 Ford which stood as the expo's figurehead, sitting front and center when people made their way into the fairgrounds.

He said they got it from a place near the Ontario border and gave it some much-needed love by refurbishing the entire exterior and giving the insides a tune-up.

No new mechanical parts were used, but the vehicle can drive on its own just fine even after nearly a century of life.

Around the corner was a family zone with inflatables and old-fashioned games adapted especially for children, where a dragon and knight were busy telling the tale of castles and kings.

Organizer Anne-Marie Boissé-Roy expressed interest in doing it again next year and said the turnout certainly let them know there are a lot of people interested.

"The entrance fee is only to cover our expenses. We don't want to become millionaires with this, because we really do it for our passion," she said.



David Roy with his traditional stationary engines

PHOTOS BY AIDEN WILSON



Charles Brousseau woodworking on a shaving horse

## A unique centre for spinal cord injuries in Sherbrooke

By Cassie MacDonell  
Local Journalism Initiative

First Steps Wellness Centre founder Chris Lesanko was a student at Bishop's University when he sustained a spinal cord injury while playing lacrosse. After spending nine months in traditional in-patient rehabilitation at his home in Saskatchewan, he was surprised the care that he was receiving was best practice. He believed there was more out there.

After raising money, he went out to an innovative facility in California to receive treatment and was elated at the results. After returning to Saskatchewan, he began developing a program to improve the function,

independence, and quality of life for people who suffered a spinal cord injury. Finally, First Steps Wellness Centre Regina was born.

And now the treatment plan Lesanko had originally been seeking is available in Sherbrooke.

Noriko Imaizumi, who got into the field because of a family member with spinal cord injuries, spent several months volunteering at the Regina centre. And last February, she brought the practices from Saskatchewan all the way to Sherbrooke, located at the corner of rue Galt Est and rue Bowen Sud. First Steps Wellness Centre Sherbrooke is now operational and attracts patients from all over Quebec. "We have a patient from near Montreal.

He moved to Sherbrooke because he's coming here every day. We also have (a patient) from Quebec City. He's driving three hours a day, there and back, to come here," said Imaizumi. The centre provides innovative activity-based therapy (ABT) for people with spinal cord injuries and associated disorders. The goal is to help people with spinal cord injuries regain certain functions and motor skills through neuroplasticity.

This concept has existed for twenty years in the United States, and arrived in Canada a decade ago. Sherbrooke is currently the only place in Quebec where it is possible to follow this technique.

Currently, the centre serves 12 people, with three more patients

planned to come in the fall. In addition to spinal cord injuries, the centre also helps with brain injury, stroke, and other neurological conditions. Although it currently only caters to adults, First Steps Wellness Centre will open a children's centre in the fall thanks to the donations received from private businesses and individuals. "There is no place that can offer so intensive of exercise training for kids with cerebral palsy. Our basic program is five days a week, three hours a day for four weeks. This intensity allows kids to progress in shorter time. The goal is to help kids to be more mobile, independent and give them a chance to reach their maximum potential," said Imaizumi.

# Country singer Johnny Reid relishes opportunity to perform in Lennoxville

By Michael Boriero

Johnny Reid is returning to Lennoxville in October for a solo performance at the Centennial Theatre, where he will have a chance to reconnect with the borough, and community, that helped launch his music career and thrust him into country music stardom.

Reid has not visited his alma mater, Bishop's University, in nearly a decade. His last trip to the campus was back in 2013 when the university granted him an honorary degree. After he graduated in 1998, the musician, singer, songwriter, packed his bags and moved to Tennessee.

"For me it's just a chance to come home. I haven't been up there for a long time, so having a chance to come back, go to Golden Lion and have lunch, take a walk around Lennoxville, take a walk around campus, it's just going to be a wonderful experience," Reid told The Record.

In his final year at Bishop's, Reid, a kicker for the Gaiters football team at the time, was working as a house parent at the neighbouring Bishop's College School. He was also firing off

samples of his work to major record labels. He eventually received a phone call from DreamWorks.

Before he knew it, Reid and his wife, Jennifer, were on their way to Nashville, where they have lived for more than 20 years, starting a family and raising four children. A critically acclaimed singer songwriter, Reid has released 11 albums and sold over 11 million units in two decades.

But while he has taken the country music scene by storm, claiming several accolades along the way, including Male Artist of the Year at both the 2008 and 2009 Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Awards, a career in music was not always something he had in mind.

Quebec was a place of discovery for the country singer. It was an opportunity for Reid, who was born in Scotland and went to high school in Ontario, to reinvent himself. It wasn't until his friends pushed him on stage during Acoustic Tuesday at the Golden Lion that he found his calling.

"I go on stage and I sing a song and I just remember the way it made me feel, you know, I remember thinking that my identity could be different.

My identity up to that point was athletics, and I had been singing all my life, but really it was a bit of an epiphany," said Reid.

Stan Groves, owner of the Golden Lion Pub, has vivid memories of Reid. Although Groves remembers the Gaiters kicker for his ability to captivate the audience during Acoustic Tuesday, he also had a chance to get to know him personally, when Reid worked there as a bouncer.

"He also did a stint as a doorman for us, even though he was unilingual Scottish English which, you know, a lot of English people had a hard time figuring out what he was saying. He just had such a fantastic attitude and demeanour and such a friendly guy," he said in a phone interview.

The chance to perform live on stage for the first time changed Reid's life, sharing that he also met his wife that night at the Golden Lion. He joined a band, Mountain Dew, and then later started a new band, Crossfire. He also met his business manager, Craig MacAdam, at the university.

The pieces were just falling into place over time, he explained, and it was in Quebec where Reid was able to



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cut his teeth as a touring musician. He performed as much as possible throughout the province, in Ayer's Cliff, Sherbrooke, Magog, Stanstead, and Trois-Rivières.

"I played everywhere. I played all the fairs, all the bars, everywhere, you

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# Lost, but not forgotten: the Capelton Covered Bridge

By Melina Carrier for the ETRC

An unofficial characteristic that makes up the history of the Eastern Townships is the scenery and the landscape. The Eastern Townships is known to be one of the most beautiful regions in Quebec, diverse in both natural and historical features. One of the mascots that make up our landscape are the covered bridges that adorn the hillsides and are propped above winding rivers. For many years, these monuments of our heritage were used on a daily basis by the population and became the pillars of society resting in the memories of many proud locals. Over time, however, these bridges have become harder and harder to find as for many reasons they were torn down or demolished. Unfortunately, this became reality for many of the covered bridges in the daily lives of Townshippers. This fact holds true to the covered bridge that once stood in the village of Capelton.

Built in 1862 over the Massawippi

River, the Capelton Covered Bridge was one of the pillars that characterized Capelton. The bridge held memories and traditions for many of the locals who added personal touches to the wood and nails, such as writing their names, or initials, on the inside of the bridge. The mines of Capelton weren't the only pull for tourists to visit the town, many visited to see a bridge that fairly represented the history and culture of the Eastern Townships that the locals were proud of.

However, throughout the later part of the 20th century, many of the covered bridges that communities knew and loved were no exception to the perils of time as they began to degrade from the many years of usage. Many of the covered bridges became unsafe for modern traffic and needed substantial financial support in order to ensure continuous secure operation of the bridges, which some communities and private owners of the bridges could not afford. So, sadly, many fell onto a demolition list.

In the 1970s, the Ministry of

Transport and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Quebec decided to save nine covered bridges in the Eastern Townships. By doing so, the chosen bridges would be considered 'historical monuments' and would become the responsibility of the Ministry of Transport to maintain. Among those saved was the Capelton Covered Bridge. The bridge and the surrounding land was declared a historical monument, and was therefore saved from demolition with the hopes of developing the area for tourism. The demolition of this particular bridge was considered because its owners could no longer produce the necessary financial support that would've been needed to ensure safe public circulation on the bridge after it had been declared unsafe for usage.

The long lifespan of the Capelton bridge would unfortunately not last forever, as the bridge was burned by arson in the wee hours of September 18, 2002, leaving behind a ghost of where this historical monument once

stood and leaving the local citizens of the town to mourn the loss of the wood and nails that had built many fond memories. After the fire, what was left of the bridge structure was removed. Although there were multiple fundraisers, such as dance benefits and Oktoberfest, to get the funds necessary to fund the Capelton Bridge Reconstruction project, another covered bridge was never built.

This September will mark 20 years since the Capelton Covered Bridge last spanned the Massawippi and although the physical structure has been lost, it is far from forgotten. Today, when visiting the spot, indications that there once stood a monumental bridge along the river are the remaining abutments and an interpretative panel. Put in place prior to the bridge's destruction, this panel now not only serves to educate visitors who come to see the spot, but also stands as commemoration to a covered bridge that served its community as more than a passageway across a river.



View of the Capelton Covered Bridge, ca. 2002. Photograph by Michael Grayson (P235 Michael Grayson fonds)



The Capelton bridge on the morning of September 18, 2002, after being razed by fire. Photograph by Michael Grayson (P235 Michael Grayson fonds)

## Johnny Reid

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name it, it was busy, busy, busy, and I had such a wonderful time getting to know the community. I had a wonderful time getting to know all of the people," Reid said, adding it helped prepare him for the future.

There have been some wild moments in his career, from performing at pubs to standing in front of 100,000 screaming fans

on Canada Day in 2010, when the Queen and Prince Philip were in the audience, as well. But, Reid admitted, he rarely takes the time to slow down and reflect.

"You look back on it and it's these conversations I've got to tell you, you don't realize how far you've come until you stop and take a look down at yourself and I don't do that very

often. It might be a problem, I don't take time to enjoy moments as much as I could," Reid said.

He added that this performance in Lennoxville on Oct. 11 will be a rollercoaster of emotions. But he is looking forward to making new memories with old friends. As for Groves, he pounced on a ticket to Reid's show the minute

Firehouse Productions Inc. made the announcement.

"As soon as they put it up, I said 'I'm grabbing a ticket to this.' It's not with his whole band, it's just him, [...] but he's such a storyteller, before every song, sitting at the edge of the stage, telling you where he came up with the lyrics, his background, and stories of life," Groves said.

# EDITORIAL

At least 25 towers more than 100-metres tall have been built since we left town, and, as we witnessed with our rubber necks, another eight such skyscrapers are slated to be completed this year and next.

## Noting ripping changes in Montreal in latter-day Van Winkle visit



PETER BLACK

“The very village was altered; it was larger and more populous. There were rows of houses which he had never seen before, and those which had been his familiar haunts had disappeared. Strange names were over the doors - strange faces at the windows - everything was strange. He began to doubt whether both he and the world around him were not bewitched.”

Bewitched. OK, that’s one word to describe the overall impression of this latter-day Rip Van Winkle’s recent visit to Montreal (in the company of a spouse much more pleasant than the much-maligned Dame Van Winkle).

In Washington Irving’s 1819 tale, Rip wanders off to the vale for a hunt, meets an odd Dutchman who introduces him to his weird cronies, and he imbibes some brew from a flagon. He wakes up 20 years later to find much has changed in his village in the Catskills.

Although we had not been zonked out on a drink like Rip was, it has been more than 30 years since we lived in Montreal. Sure, we’ve been back many times over the years - except the past three - but almost always for some family or work occasion and never to actually visit the city itself.

So we decided to be tourists in Montreal for a few days, staying in a downtown hotel, and visiting old

haunts with personal meaning and taking in some of the mind-blowing changes the city has undergone since it was our home.

Bewitched? More like bedazzled. When we left the city in 1991 to take up residence further east down the Chemin de Roi, Montreal was on the verge of a great leap forward economically, a surge put on pause during the turmoil of the 1995 referendum.

The construction and real estate market were starting to take off, a phenomenon I covered as a journalist reporting on condominium and office tower projects left and right. As it turns out they were but a warm-up for the downtown construction mega-boom that was to come.

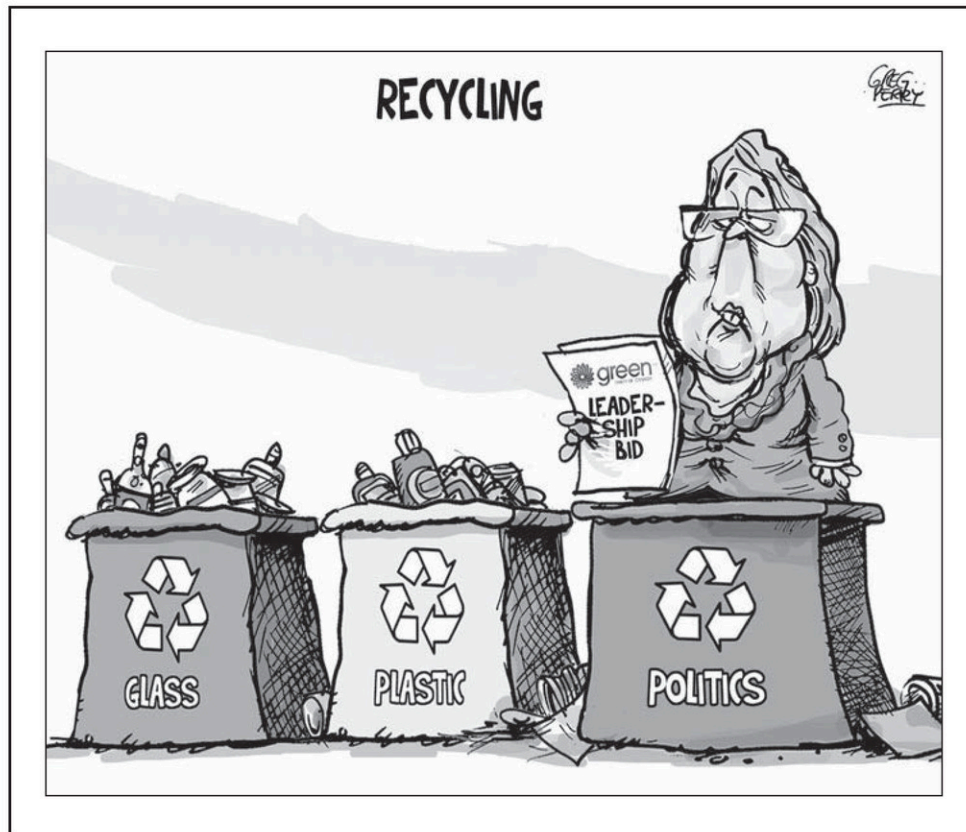
At least 25 towers more than 100-metres tall have been built since we left town, and, as we witnessed with our rubber necks, another eight such skyscrapers are slated to be completed this year and next. There are several other such soaring towers in the works, and that’s just in a relatively condensed space downtown.

(Just so Montreal is not tempted to feel too high and mighty, it’s worth noting that the city’s tallest building, 1250 René-Lévesque, is 21st on the list of Canada’s top towers; all but three of the other 20 are in Toronto.)

More down to earth, on street level, we noticed a spectacular proliferation of bicycles and a dizzying variety of electric-powered boards, scooters and the like. Bike rental racks were everywhere, a trend Quebec City is just now catching up to.

There are bike paths on major streets downtown and, unlike Quebec City, e-scooters are banned from the paths - in law but less so in practice. Several central streets have blocks-long pedestrian malls.

Below the street, the famous Métro system has undergone a vast expansion with much more to come.



Say what you will about Quebec City’s tramway project, le grand metropole is kilometres ahead in public transit.

One could go on and on about the structural changes Montreal has undergone, but the most staggeringly obvious shift in the past 30 years has been demographic. It’s about the people. Walking the streets for hours, soaking up the human vibe in the several neighbourhoods we visited, it becomes clear the city has a stunningly diverse and vibrant population, a fact borne out by recent statistics.

With its mix of French and English and countless other languages Montreal is a unique urban experience

in the world. A treasure of diversity - and a target, in the view of some.

As Rip said: “There had been a revolutionary war - that the country had thrown off the yoke of old England.” Modern Montreal, it seems to be, is decades away from the anglo-dominated, franco-suppressed regime that fuelled a revolution, quiet or otherwise. It’s an observation even your average tourist would surely make.

Lastly, what this Van Winkle was pleased to notice hasn’t changed? Our favourite Greek resto in the Plateau. Hasn’t been altered a bit in 30 years, nor the food.

## Montreal Pride Parade organizers cancel event, citing lack of security

The Canadian Press

Pride Montreal says the city’s iconic parade that closes the festival’s celebration of LGBTQ+ communities was cancelled due to a lack of staff.

Festival Executive Director Simon Gamache says the event scheduled for Sunday was called off over “security reasons.”

Pride Montreal issued a statement on Twitter, saying it made the decision

with the support of city police because there were not enough volunteers to ensure safety along the parade route.

Thousands of people were expected to march through the downtown core Sunday afternoon.

Pride Montreal says other activities are still set to take place at the Olympic Park.

Montreal’s Pride Parade has been celebrating the progress of LGBTQ+ rights, diversity and inclusion for the last 40 years.

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# Air Canada

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"I think the airlines are trying to exploit a general emotional connection that people make between 'COVID-19' and 'safety,' when in reality if you put their logic to the test it doesn't stand up."

Air Canada's response to Farrell's complaint was no outlier. In a Dec. 29 memo, the company instructed employees to classify flight cancellations caused by staff shortages as a "safety" problem, which would exclude travellers from compensation under federal regulations. That policy remains in place.

Canada's passenger rights charter, the Air Passenger Protection Regulations (APPR), mandates airlines to pay up to \$1,000 in compensation for cancellations or significant delays that stem from reasons within the carrier's control when the notification comes 14 days or less before departure. However, airlines do not have to pay if the change was required for safety purposes.

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA), a quasijudicial federal body, says treating staff shortages as a safety matter violates federal rules.

"If a crew shortage is due to the actions or inactions of the carrier, the disruption will be considered within the carrier's control for the purposes of the APPR. Therefore, a disruption caused by a crew shortage should

not be considered 'required for safety purposes' when it is the carrier who caused the safety issue as a result of its own actions," the agency said in an email.

That stance reinforces a decision made July 8 — three weeks before Farrell learned he'd been denied compensation — when the CTA used nearly identical language in a dispute over a flight at a different air carrier. The regulatory panel's ruling in that case emphasized airlines' obligations around advance planning "to ensure that the carrier has enough staff available to operate the services it offers for sale."

In the December memo, which was issued at the height of the Omicron wave of COVID-19, Air Canada said: "Effective immediately, flight cancellations due to crew are considered as Within Carrier Control — For Safety."

"Customers impacted by these flight cancellations will still be eligible for the standard of treatments such as hotel accommodations, meals etc. but will no longer be eligible for APPR claims/monetary compensation."

The staff directive said the stance would be "temporary." But Air Canada acknowledged in an email on July 25 that the policy "remains in place given the continued exceptional circumstances brought on by COVID variants."

Gabor Lukacs, president of the Air Passenger Rights advocacy group, said Air Canada is "unlawfully" exploiting the passenger rights charter to avoid paying compensation and called on the transport regulator for stronger enforcement.

"They are misclassifying things that are clearly not a safety issue," he said of Canada's largest airline, calling the policy "egregious."

Consumers can dispute an airline's denial of a claim via a complaint to the CTA. However, the agency's backlog topped 15,300 air travel complaints as of May.

Lukacs also noted that European Union regulations do not exclude safety reasons from situations requiring compensation in the event of cancellations or delays. Payouts are precluded only as a result of "extraordinary circumstances," such as weather or political instability.

"This document, along with the previous declarations and behaviour since the beginning of the pandemic, shows that Air Canada's priority is clearly to try to limit the costs of the flight cancellations instead of providing good service to its clients," Sylvie De Bellefeuille, a lawyer with Quebec-based advocacy group Option consommateurs, said after reviewing a copy of the directive.

She said Air Canada aims to deter passengers from requesting compensation in the first place. "This tactic does not, in our opinion, demonstrate that the company cares about its customers."

Air Canada disagrees with that characterization. "Air Canada had and continues to have more employees proportionate to its flying schedule when compared prior to the pandemic," the company said in an emailed statement, indicating it had done everything it could to prepare for operational hiccups.

"Air Canada follows all public health directives as part of its safety culture, and during the Omicron wave last winter that affected some crew availability, we revised our policy to better assist customers in their travels with enhanced levels of customer care for flight cancellations related to crew contending with COVID."

John Gradek, head of McGill University's aviation management program, said the transportation agency is partly responsible for the "debacle" because it established looser rules than those in Europe and the United States.

"Carriers have been making strong efforts to point fingers and claim delays are outside of their control to reduce liability," he said in an email.

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# Datebook

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

Today is the 220th day of 2022 and the 49th day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the United Nations charter.

In 1963, 15 thieves stole close to 2.6 million pounds sterling from a mail train in Britain's "Great Train Robbery."

In 1974, President Richard Nixon announced on national television that he would resign the presidency at noon the following day.

In 1990, Iraq announced its "unification" with Kuwait, days after its military forces had invaded and taken over the country.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Sara Teasdale (1884-1933), poet; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (1896-1953), novelist/Pulitzer Prize winner; Benny Carter (1907-2003), jazz musician; Esther Williams (1921-2013), actress; Mel Tillis (1932-2017), singer-songwriter; Dustin Hoffman (1937- ), actor; Keith Carradine (1949-), actor; Robin Quivers (1952- ), radio personality; Deborah Norville (1958- ), journalist; The Edge (1961- ), guitarist; Roger Federer (1981- ), tennis player; Meagan Good (1981- ),

actress; Shawn Mendes (1998- ), singer-songwriter.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Thomas Edison received a patent for the mimeograph on this day in 1876.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1988, the Chicago Cubs hosted the first-ever night game under the newly installed lights at Wrigley Field. Rain caused the game to be called in the fourth inning with the Cubs leading the Mets 3-1.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "We cannot live without the Earth or apart from it, and something is shriveled in a man's heart when he turns away from it and concerns himself only with the affairs of men." - Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, "Cross Creek"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 2,121 - height (in feet) of the Warsaw radio mast in Poland, which held the title of the world's tallest structure until it collapsed on this day in 1991.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter moon (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 11).

## Changing of the Gavel

The Boundary Rotary Club members outgoing President, Joan Drinkwater presenting incoming President, Jim Thompson with the gavel for the 2022-23 term.



Unlike past presentations, this year Joan was convalescing at the Grace Village but is doing very well and to be released very shortly.

## Rhubarb Strawberry Crisp

By Thelma Day  
Thel's Kitchen

There's no better combination than rhubarb and strawberries. Together, they make this delicious, fast and easy dessert.

Preheat Oven to 350 deg. F.

**Ingredients:**

3 cups sliced rhubarb, fresh or frozen.  
2 cups sliced strawberries  
3/4 cup sugar  
3 tbsps cornstarch

**Directions:**

Combine the rhubarb and strawberries together. Mix the sugar and cornstarch together and toss with the rhubarb and strawberries.

Place in an 8 inch cast iron skillet or an 8-inch square baking dish.

**Topping:**

1 1/4 cup quick oats  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup flour  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/3 cup melted butter.

Mix the quick oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon together.

Stir in the melted butter.  
Spoon on top of the fruit mixture.  
Bake 350 deg. F. for 45-50 minutes.  
Serve hot with ice cream.  
Delicious!

Thel's Kitchen can be found at:  
<http://thelmaday.blogspot.com/>

Her everyday blog, Thelma's Days, can be found at <http://thelma-day.blogspot.com/>



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# Today in History

## Today in History for Aug. 8:

In 1471, Thomas Kempis, Dutch mystic and devotional author, died at age 91. His book "The Imitation of Christ" remains in print, a guide to cultivating the inner human spirit.

In 1540, King Henry VIII married Catherine Howard, his fifth wife.

In 1619, the first Lutheran service in Canada was held at Icy Cove, Hudson Strait, during the Jens Munck expedition.

In 1672, New York was captured by the Dutch, who renamed it New Orange.

In 1758, Andrew Rollo was sent by Britain's North American commander-in-chief to fortify Prince Edward Island. He deported 3,500 inhabitants to France and built Fort Amherst.

In 1774, Spanish explorer Juan Jose Perez Hernandez discovered Nootka Sound, Vancouver Island. Hernandez was trying to establish Spanish sovereignty in the area. The next day, the expedition traded with the Nootka Indians after finding an opening in the coast that he named Surgidero de San Lorenzo.

In 1786, two French climbers completed the first ascent of Mont Blanc.

In 1813, 53 people died when American merchant schooners "Hamilton" and "Scourge" were caught in a squall and sank in Lake Ontario near Hamilton.

In 1815, former French dictator Napoleon Bonaparte sailed for exile to the Atlantic Ocean island of St. Helena, where he died six years later.

In 1844, Brigham Young was chosen to head the Mormon Church following the killing of Joseph Smith.

In 1854, Horace Smith and Daniel Wesson patented the revolver.

In 1861, William Bateson, the biologist who originated the term "genetic," was born in Yorkshire, England.

In 1863, Angus McAskill, the Cape Breton giant reputed to be seven-foot-nine and 400 pounds, died at St. Anne's, N.S.

In 1864, the first formal assembly of the Red Cross was held in Geneva. Twelve countries drew up the first treaty, which committed governments to caring for war wounded whether friend or enemy. Later Geneva conventions covered the treatment of prisoners of war and civilians. The work of the Red Cross grew to include aid to refugees, exchanges of sick and wounded soldiers and disaster relief.

In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

In 1900, the first Davis Cup tennis competition began in Brookline, Mass. The two-day event was won by the United States.

In 1918, Canadian troops attacked Amiens, France, to begin what was called "Canada's Hundred Days" until the end of the First World War on Nov. 11.

In 1937, Japan occupied Peking, now Beijing, in China during the Sino-Japanese War (1937-45).

In 1940, the "Battle of Britain" began. The German Luftwaffe attempted to smash Britain's air defence and set up the country for invasion. But the badly outnumbered Royal Air Force mounted a defence that downed 1,733 German

raiders by the end of October. The loss was too much for Germany, and the daylight raids were abandoned.

In 1944, the Union Nationale, under Maurice Duplessis, returned to power following the Quebec provincial election.

In 1945, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan during the Second World War.

In 1945, U.S. President Harry S. Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

In 1963, the "Great Train Robbery" was staged in Britain. A total of C\$7.5 million was stolen from a mail train in Buckinghamshire when a group of masked bandits stopped the Glasgow-to-London mail train before dawn 58 kilometres northwest of London. Ten men were convicted, but only a fraction of the loot was ever recovered. Ronald Biggs became infamous for escaping prison in 1965 and fleeing to South America. He voluntarily returned to Britain in May 2001 in ill health and was immediately returned to prison. On Aug. 6, 2009, he was released from his prison sentence on compassionate grounds as he lay close to death in a hospital bed. He died on Dec. 18, 2013.

In 1969, in a move that surprised world finance and governments, France devalued the franc by 11.1 per cent. The move hurt the British pound on currency markets, and the Board of Trade in London announced five days later that Britain's trade deficit had widened. The Bank of England was forced to intervene to support the pound when it came under the pressure of heavy selling.

In 1974, U.S. President Richard Nixon announced his resignation, effective noon the following day. Nixon's decision to resign followed further erosion of his remaining support in the wake of new revelations connected to the Watergate scandal. Nixon was the first American president to re-sign from office. Gerald R. Ford, who was sworn in the following day, later granted Nixon a full pardon for his political misdeeds.

In 1988, this date was the luckiest day of the 20th century according to the Chinese because the date is a palindrome: 8.8.88.

In 1988, Sarah, wife of Prince Andrew, gave birth to their first child, daughter Beatrice. They divorced in 1996.

In 1989, the lawyer for Chantal Daigle, who went to the Supreme Court of Canada to argue her right to have an abortion against her boyfriend's wishes, told the court his client had had the procedure despite a court injunction against it. Daniel Bedard apologized to the court but warned there could be legal chaos if courts allowed men to stop women from having abortions.

In 1990, Iraq officially annexed Kuwait, six days after invading its neighbour and setting off the crisis which led to the Gulf War in January 1991.

In 1991, Canadian and Mexican baseball players clashed for several minutes in Havana, Cuba, during one of the worst brawls in the 40-year history of the Pan American Games. The game was called and Mexico, leading 7-5 at the time, was awarded the victory.

In 1994, Jordan and Israel opened their first border crossing after 46 years

of hostilities.

In 1996, former Tory prime minister Kim Campbell was appointed Canada's consul-general in Los Angeles.

In 1996, the Canadian government gave approval to Canada's first diamond mine, a billion dollar mega-project by BHP Diamonds Inc. and Dia Met Minerals Ltd., about 300 kilometres north of Yellowknife.

In 1997, a new provincial political party, the Saskatchewan Party, was born in Regina, after four Liberals and another four Conservative legislature members joined forces in an attempt to become a new right-wing force in Saskatchewan.

In 2000, the Chilean Supreme Court stripped General Augusto Pinochet of his parliamentary immunity, opening the way for a full-scale investigation and possible trial for alleged human rights abuses. (He died on Dec. 10, 2006, before he could be tried for any human rights violations.)

In 2001, Bayer AG recalled its cholesterol-lowering drug Baycol, following reports of fatal side effects, at a loss of potentially more than US\$1-billion in sales.

In 2002, health officials said a Saskatchewan man died of the human form of mad-cow disease, or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (human spongiform encephalopathy), the first confirmed case in North America.

In 2003, Canadian William Sampson, who had been sentenced to death by beheading in Saudi Arabia after a November 2000 car bombing in Riyadh that killed a Briton and injured four other people, was released from prison after 31 months in solitary confinement. Sampson later said he was tortured.

In 2004, a "Bit O'Gold" won the \$500,000 Breeders' Stakes turf race, the final jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown.

In 2004, Fay Wray, the Alberta-born actress who won everlasting fame as the damsel held atop the Empire State Building by the giant ape in the 1933 film classic "King Kong," died at age 96.

In 2007, Space shuttle "Endeavour" lifted off from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral with Canadian astronaut Dave Williams on board. The 53-year-old Montrealer set Canadian records for completing three spacewalks and for the longest time spent floating outside the shuttle during the mission.

In 2008, Russian tanks rumbled into South Ossetia after Georgian forces tried to recapture the region, which broke free from Georgia in a war during the 1990s. Russia launched an overwhelming counterattack to support the separatists. Hundreds of civilians were reportedly killed and an estimated 100,000 uprooted from their homes. In the following week Russian troops invaded parts of western Georgia, seizing several towns and launching new raids across the country. On Aug. 15, President Mikhail Saakashvili signed a ceasefire agreement with Russia and accused the West of inviting Russian aggression.

In 2009, nine people were killed, including five Italian tourists, when a sightseeing helicopter collided with a small plane over the Hudson River near Manhattan.

In 2010, the Montreal Gazette began

its web-only version of its Sunday edition after 22 years of the printed version.

In 2010, in a historic first for Cold War adversaries, U.S., Canadian and Russian military officers directed fighter jets and ground controllers to test how well they could track an international terrorist hijacking over the Pacific Ocean.

In 2010, more than 1,400 people were killed as a mudslide triggered by heavy rain crashed through Zhouqu in Gansu province of China.

In 2011, Ottawa declared all remaining Libyan diplomats persona non grata and ordered them out of the country "immediately" and also cut off their access to the embassy's bank accounts. There were reports of Libyans in Canada saying embassy officials were trying to intimidate them over criticism of Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

In 2014, the World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency that required an extraordinary response to stop its spread. It was the largest and longest outbreak ever recorded of Ebola, which had killed at least 11,000 people.

In 2014, U.S. fighter jets launched the first airstrikes on ISIL artillery in Iraq, carrying out President Barack Obama's promise of military force to counter the advancing Islamic extremists.

In 2018, two co-workers stranded in their office elevator while floodwaters from an intense rain-storm rose steadily to their necks said they used their fists and heads to force open a ceiling panel to call for help as Toronto police raced against the clock to save them.

In 2018, the mayor of Victoria said a statue of Prime Minister John A. Macdonald would be removed from the front entrance to city hall as a gesture of reconciliation with First Nations. Lisa Phelps said Macdonald was a great man but was also the architect of the Indian Residential School system.

In 2018, heavy rains began in the Indian state of Kerala that led to deadly flooding called the worst in the country's history. More than 300 people died and more than 800,000 were displaced by the floods and landslides.

In 2019, Canada's ambassador to the U.S. announced he was leaving his post to return to the private sector in Toronto. David MacNaughton was a key point of contact between Canada, the U.S. Congress and the Trump administration during tense negotiations of the new North American free trade deal. Deputy Ambassador Kirsten Hillman was to become the acting ambassador to the United States.

In 2021, the Tokyo Olympics were officially over. Sporting white pants, a blue jean jacket and black ballcap, decathlon champion Damian Warner proudly waved the Maple Leaf as he entered the Olympic Stadium for the closing ceremony. He was later joined by about 120 Canadian athletes, coaches and support staff who marched in the athletes' parade. Warner's gold medal was one of a total of 24 medals that Canada won at the Tokyo Games.

(The Canadian Press)

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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U H A U X P U W F C U O X K . D I R N V I U U V  
O U P V Z C F R S Z B X B U X C B K M C G M P V  
T Z M X W A . ” — C U T R P L X R S Z C B

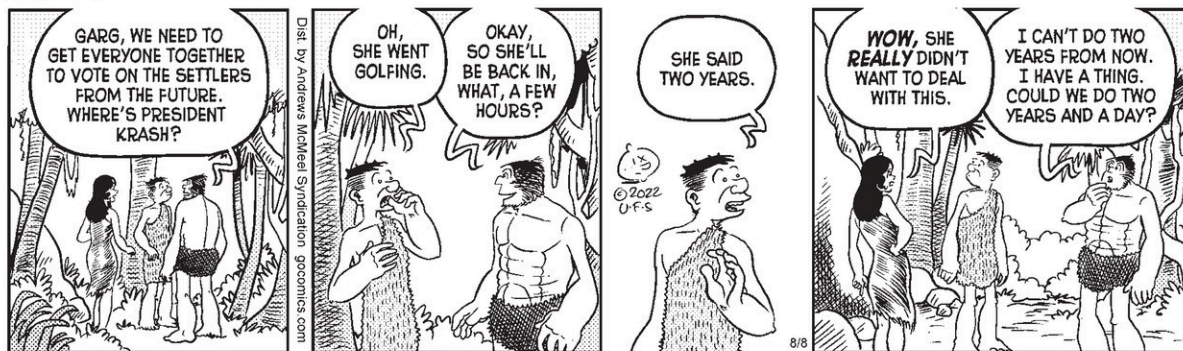
Previous Solution: “I hate being manipulated by song. ... I don't want ... violins to be telling me that I should be bawling right now.” — Vera Farmiga

TODAY'S CLUE: f equals H

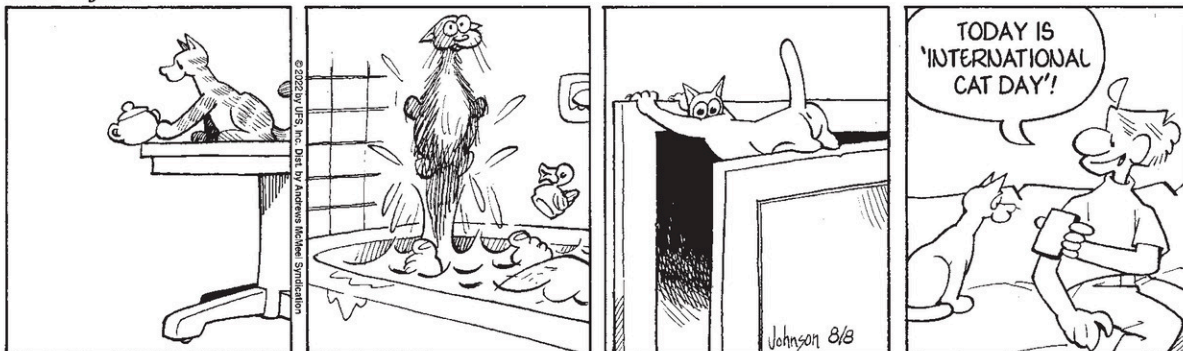
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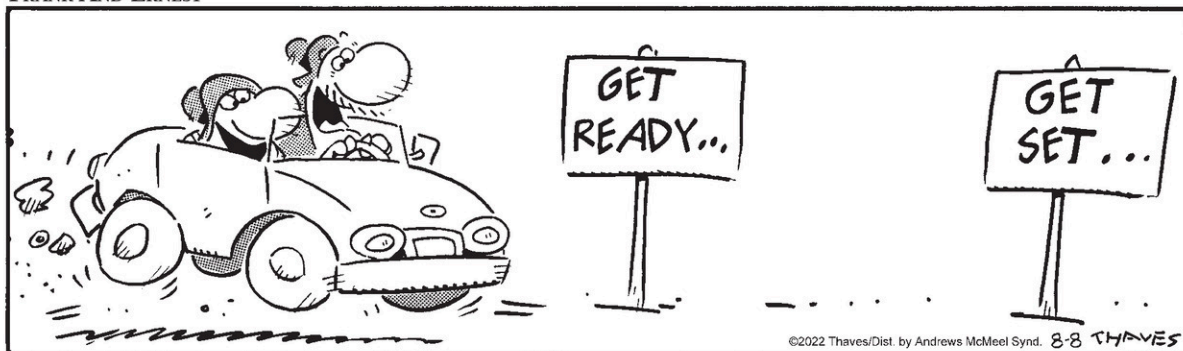
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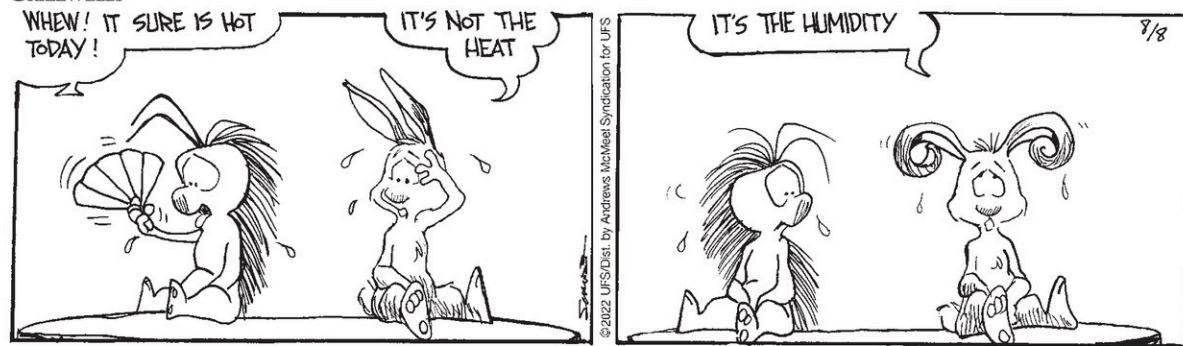
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# Dear Annie

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

**Dear Annie:** I thought I would share some fantastic advice my husband and I received from a marriage counselor a few years ago during a very difficult patch in our 28-year relationship.

I tend to get worked up over things, i.e., injustices, politics, perceived slights, etc. My husband tends to underreact as a result, thinking he will diffuse my annoyance and anger. A marriage counselor pointed out that this action and reaction only made both of our reactions bigger. She suggested that if my husband could "rise up" a little more, even though it goes against his nature, I might not feel as though I have to get so upset over things.

Three days after we received this advice, we had an incident in which my husband FINALLY got as mad as I was about our situation and, lo and behold, I was the calm one! It was MAGIC.

I've talked with other friends who have similar relationships with their partners and suggested this strategy to them, and they, too, have had similar results.

It's helped our marriage immensely. Even when I have to remind him to "rise up," it still diffuses me more than if he were underreacting. Hopefully, this helps other couples.

Thanks for your great column! – Meet in the Middle

**Dear Meet in the Middle:** Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful advice. I am sure it will help other couples as well.

**Dear Annie:** Could you publish something about giving sympathy to those who have had to let a dear pet go either because their health dictated that euthanasia was the best alternative to keep them from suffering, or whether they passed on their own without veterinary assistance?

I recently lost my best friend to illness. He could not have gotten better, and the treatment would have been torture for him. We were extremely close, due to being constant companions during the pandemic. His loss was extremely hard for me.

Please advise people not to ask anyone who has had such a loss if they are going to get another pet. I know they mean well and are asking because they care, but this question can be very hurtful to those who cherish their pets as members of the family. Some folks want another pet right away, and others may take months or years before they are ready. Some folks opt not to get another pet at all because it hurts so much to lose them. – Lost My Best Friend

**Dear Lost My Best Friend:** I am very sorry for the loss of your pet. Thank you for sharing your letter. Hoping it brings more understanding to others.

**Dear Annie:** I recently read your column in which you gave advice on how to deal with a toxic relationship between a mother and adult daughter. I have a similar issue with my 26-year-old daughter who lives with me after my recent divorce. Long story short, my daughter and I have had a tumultuous

relationship since she was about 12. Every time she likes a guy or gets attention from a guy, she's really nasty to me, like she doesn't need me or something.

I had her when I was 16, so we practically grew up together. I feel like I was a decent parent and did the best I could. Seven years ago, she was in a toxic relationship with a man, and they broke up after a three-year relationship. She has not gotten over this, and it was a huge problem for at least two years after the breakup because she was still back and forth with him (and I think still is).

Recently, I got divorced from her stepfather. I was seeing someone who I had a major blowout with and then made up and became friends with. My daughter despises this guy and states I can't even have a friendship with him. She says he's not allowed here and, in one instance, came home and told him to leave as soon as she saw him.

She really put me down afterward. She told me that he was ruining our relationship. I have been open and honest with her that our relationship has always had its ups and downs. I told her that I can be friends with whoever I want. I asked her to go to therapy with me, but she adamantly refused. I have lost hope. Please help! – Feeling Hopeless

**Dear Feeling Hopeless:** Perhaps what you and your daughter need is some time and space from one another. At 26 years old, your daughter is an adult and hopefully past the point of needing to live under your roof. You certainly don't need her dictating who you can and can't spend time with or putting you down for the choices you make.

Encourage your daughter to look for a place of her own. Strengthening a relationship like this takes time and plenty of patience, but with the added distance, both of your hearts may grow fonder of each other. And just because your daughter has refused to go into therapy with you doesn't mean you can't go on your own. Take the time to heal and work through your personal journey; you owe it to yourself.

**Dear Annie:** After two long years, my sister and her family have rented a beach house for us to take a weeklong trip together in August. We are all in our late 50s, and her children are in their late 20s. Our children and grandchildren won't be going on the trip.

During COVID, I stopped shaving my arms, legs, the whole bit. My husband and I are quite comfortable with it. Should I shave for the week or be prepared for the looks and questions? – Happy To Be Hairy

**Dear Happy To Be Hairy:** Don't feel pressured to conform to hairlessness again if that's not what floats your boat. You'll be surrounded by family in a safe, loving space where I doubt anyone minds what you look like – or what you shave. If you feel truly comfortable and confident in your skin, hair and all, it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

# NEA Crossword Puzzle

# Your Birthday

## ACROSS

- 40 Solar wind component
- 41 Full of energy
- 43 Taking on
- 45 Western treaty grp.
- 47 Bulg. neighbor
- 48 Write back
- 51 Moves side to side
- 54 Fast pace
- 55 Name in chemicals
- 57 Kind of pool
- 59 Cello kin
- 60 Citrus drink
- 61 South-paws' stats
- 62 Osaka beverage
- 63 Omaha's st.
- 64 Fall mo.

## DOWN

- 1 Woof
- 2 To be, to Brutus
- 3 Bit of straw
- 4 Glossy fabric
- 5 Sass
- 6 Football shape
- 7 Alpine region

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Parking —
- 8 Japanese clog
- 12 Great Wall locale
- 13 Kind of league
- 14 Sudden foray
- 15 Discreet summons
- 16 Common level
- 17 Birds, to biologists
- 18 Fencing weapon
- 20 Rigged the dice
- 22 Psyche component
- 24 Gymnast Mary — Retton
- 25 Flowery
- 28 K, to a jeweler
- 32 JAMA readers
- 33 Use the telephone
- 35 Toy building block
- 36 “— Las Vegas!”
- 38 Strike ignorer

- 8 Slow
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- 10 Laced up
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- 21 Perfect, for NASA (hyph.)
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You'll thrive once you put a plan in place. Don't let others intervene or pressure you to take a path that doesn't suit your needs. Look for peace of mind, and you'll figure out what matters most. Being patient and following your heart will show others you can't be bought or manipulated. A healthy lifestyle will encourage success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Gather information and decide what's best for you. Don't let the changes others make hold you back. A high-energy approach to whatever you do will attract like-minded people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Money and emotions will clash. Use intelligence and sort through your feelings before you make promises you'll live to regret. Concentrate on self-improvement, not trying to change others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Take care of responsibilities before you move on to enjoyable pastimes. You may want to spend time with someone you are enamored with, but don't let your duties suffer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Don't hesitate; jump in and take control. You stand a better chance of coming out on top if you are part of the solution. Let your actions speak for you, and you'll make a statement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Too much of anything will be your downfall. Keep your emotions hidden until you know what others think or plan to do next. Make personal growth and health your priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -

Fixing up your surroundings to please yourself and your loved ones will make a difference in how you feel and how others respond to you. Romance is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Refuse to let what others do upset your day. Focus on what's important to you, and take responsibility for your actions. Offer kind words and good luck to others, and go about your business.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Look at your choices and change what benefits you financially or raises your profile. Let someone you care about know how you feel with words and actions. Commitment and romance are favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Put your cash in a safe place. Don't make promises you can't keep, and don't lead someone astray to get your way. Focus on responsibilities, gaining respect and getting what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Keep spending at a minimum and pay attention to detail. A change will disrupt a relationship with someone counting on you for support. Honesty is the best approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Listen to the input offered before making a decision. You don't have to bend the rules or change your beliefs because someone takes a different path. Focus on what's important, and give others the same privilege.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Take time to consider what's in your best interest before letting anyone take advantage of your soft heart and friendly nature. Your memory will help you make the right decision.

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## After technique comes flexibility

By Phillip Alder

Gian Vincenzo Gravina, a jurist and writer who died in 1718, claimed that “a bore is a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.”

If all bridge deals featured textbook plays, we would become bored quickly. However, there are many contracts that require an abnormal approach. For example, in today's deal, West leads the heart king against South's contract of three no-trump. What should declarer do?

North's negative double showed exactly four spades.

South has eight top tricks: four spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. He can get his ninth winner from the club suit, except that he will be taking the finesse into West, the defender with all of the hearts to cash. As the finesse is surely losing, given West's overcall, South should engineer an endplay.

He wins the second round of hearts, noting that East followed both times. Then South cashes his spade and diamond winners. This brings West down to five cards. Probably, he will discard one club and three diamonds, retaining three hearts and two clubs. If so, declarer leads a heart. West takes his

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|-----------------------------------|------|------------|----------|
|                                   |      | North      | 08-08-22 |
|                                   |      | ♠ A Q J 5  |          |
|                                   |      | ♥ 8 5 3    |          |
|                                   |      | ♦ K 7      |          |
|                                   |      | ♣ 10 9 7 3 |          |
| West                              |      | East       |          |
| ♠ 8 3                             |      | ♠ 10 9 6 4 |          |
| ♥ K Q J 9 4                       |      | ♥ 7 6      |          |
| ♦ Q J 4                           |      | ♦ 10 9 8 6 |          |
| ♣ K 6 2                           |      | ♣ 8 5 4    |          |
|                                   |      | South      |          |
|                                   |      | ♠ K 7 2    |          |
|                                   |      | ♥ A 10 2   |          |
|                                   |      | ♦ A 5 3 2  |          |
|                                   |      | ♣ A Q J    |          |
| Dealer: South<br>Vulnerable: Both |      |            |          |
| South                             | West | North      | East     |
| 1♦                                | 1♥   | Dbl.       | Pass     |
| 2NT                               | Pass | 3NT        | All Pass |
| Opening lead: ♥ K                 |      |            |          |

three heart tricks but is then forced to lead away from the club king at trick 12.

That might seem straightforward, but a clever West will force South to guess. He will discard two clubs and two diamonds, preferably in that order. Then declarer must cash the club ace to drop West's now-singleton king. If he gets it right, he will have a story with which to bore everyone for a week. If he gets it wrong, West will bore everyone.

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