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On Deerfoot Trail

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

On Deerfoot Trail the potholes grow
A little larger every day
They never seem to fill them in
We zig and zag along the way

On Deerfoot Trail bad tempers show
The need for speed in rush hour mess
The faster lane ain't always faster
The quicker route ain't always best

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On icy road there's hell to pay

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Caring for an Aging Parent: Strategies for When the Going Gets Tough

by Nancy Bergeron, R. Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca



Emotional Strategies (Inner Work and Regulation)

1. Acknowledge Complex Feelings

Allow yourself to feel grief, anger, guilt, resentment, or sadness—without judgment. Write or talk about your emotions rather than suppressing them. “It’s okay to love my parent and still feel hurt by them.”

2. Release the Hope for Transformation

Accept that your parent may never change, apologize, or become kind. Focus on who you want to be in this relationship—not who you wish they were. Acceptance is not approval—it’s choosing peace over constant disappointment.

3. Separate Compassion from Tolerance

Compassion = understanding their limitations and pain. Tolerance = letting them mistreat you. You can have empathy while maintaining strong boundaries.

4. Name and Limit Emotional Triggers

Identify patterns that consistently lead to hurt (e.g., criticism, manipulation, guilt trips). Develop calm exit strategies when tension rises (“I need to step out for a minute,” or “Let’s talk later.”)

5. Practice Grounding Techniques

Use breathing exercises, mindfulness, or sensory grounding before and after visits. Create “emotional decompression rituals”—e.g., a walk, journaling, or music after caregiving tasks.

6. Reframe Your Role

Instead of “being the good child,” think of yourself as a care coordinator—doing what’s necessary, not what’s emotionally reciprocal. This mental shift reduces guilt and over-responsibility.

7. Find Validation Outside the Relationship

Seek empathy and support from friends, therapy, or caregiver groups. Don’t expect emotional reciprocity from your parent; that’s not where healing will come from.

Situational Strategies (Practical Boundaries and Care Structures)

1. Clarify What You Can and Cannot Do

Define your caregiving “job description.” Example: “I manage their medication and groceries, but I can’t

handle daily visits." Say it out loud, write it down, and share with other family members if needed.

2. Establish Firm Communication Boundaries

Limit exposure to verbal abuse or manipulation. End conversations that become cruel or degrading: "I'm not willing to be spoken to that way. I'll come back when you're ready to talk respectfully."

3. Use Neutral, Brief Responses

When provoked, respond with calm neutrality ("I hear you," "That's your opinion," "Okay"). Avoid arguing, explaining, or defending—it fuels conflict.

4. Set Structured Routines

Predictability helps both you and your parent. Schedule visits or calls at consistent times to minimize last-minute demands.

5. Engage Outside Help When Possible

Look into: Home care aides or respite programs, adult day centers, geriatric care managers, volunteer respite programs or faith-based support. Even a few hours of relief can help you sustain caregiving long-term.

6. Protect Your Physical Space

If your parent lives with you, designate "off-limits" areas or private times. If you live separately, establish boundaries around unannounced visits or excessive calls.

7. Use Written Communication for Sensitive Topics

For logistics (medications, finances, appointments), use texts or emails—it reduces emotional escalation and provides a record.

8. Plan for Respite and Breaks

Schedule non-negotiable downtime—a full day or weekend off every few weeks. Even short breaks prevent burnout and resentment.

9. Involve Professionals for Tough Conversations

Use a doctor, social worker, or counselor to mediate when your parent refuses help or denies issues. Hearing it from a professional, lands better than hearing it from a child.

10. Prepare for Emotional Pushback

Difficult parents often use guilt, martyrdom, or control when they feel powerless. Recognize it as fear, not truth. "They're scared of losing control—that's not mine to fix."



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

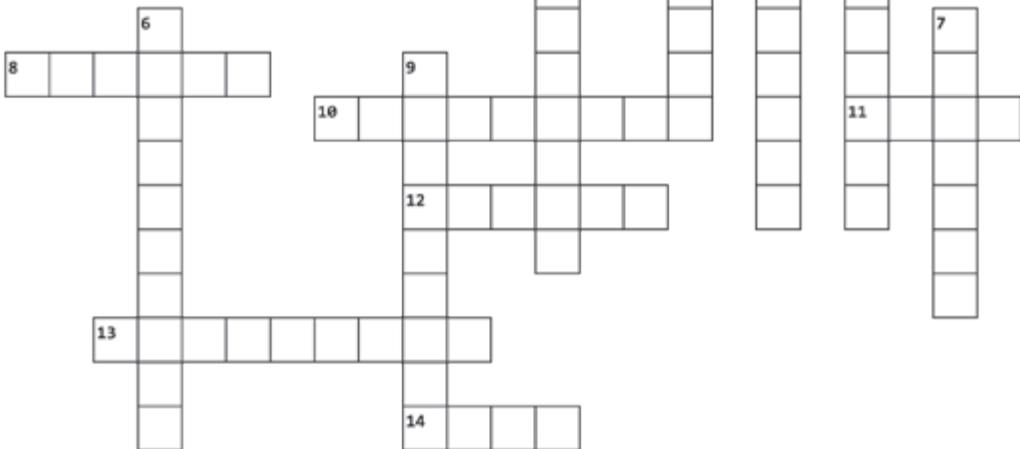
by Anne Burke

On the Park's northern boundary, Alberta Government Telephone, in 1982, and Canadian Western Natural Gas, in 1990, had access rights. Carma Developments put waste in the MacEwan Glen ravine. Construction sites attracted four-by-fours and dirt bikes. Nose Hill Trail condition and use were studied between July 20 and September 20, 1993. Volunteers working in pairs came from the Nose Hill Park Users Group, Nose Hill Communities Board, and Calgary Field Naturalists Society. Their goal was to measure trail type and surface, width, and depth. An aerial photo mosaic marked the survey areas. Data was collected for the glacial moraine (the Hill plateau and side slopes), ravines (Many Owls and Porcupine Valley), and disturbed land. The time of day was morning (7:00 am to noon), afternoon (noon to 6:00 pm), and evening (6:00 pm to dark). During both the week and weekend, Hill use was greatest in the afternoon and evenings. On the weekend, people spent time in the ravines. However, during the week more were recorded on the plateau and side slopes. Pathway routes were widened by braiding but less rutted than trails. The greatest use was in disturbed sites, rather than on the moraine. All pathways and trails were used by cyclists, who preferred gravel pathways to grass trails. Walkers without dogs used pathways, unlike dog walkers in the ravines. A review revealed that areas damaged by vehicles, horse and cattle grazing, and gravel extraction were slowly regenerating, including severely damaged areas. Although some trails were rutted (and may remain so for a time) others had high grass growing in them without horse and vehicle traffic. Ravine trails were overgrown by tall grasses, thistles and nettles, so many people no longer used them.

January Crossword



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Across

4. The world's largest office building, which houses the U.S. military, was completed on January 15, 1943.
8. Rare snowfall occurred on this North African desert on January 7, 2018.
10. January's birth flower is also the official flower of Mother's Day.
11. In 2015, New Zealander Lydia Ko became the youngest person to be ranked number one in the world in this club-and-ball sport at the age of 17.
12. In 45 BC this calendar took effect for the first time as decreed by Roman ruler Julius Caesar.
13. This free-content online encyclopedia launched on January 15, 2001.
14. On January 15, 2024, Elton John won an _____ award for his television special *Elton John: Farewell From Dodger Stadium*, completing his status as an EGOT winner.

Down

1. On January 3, 1892, writer J.R.R. Tolkien was born in this South African capital city.
2. World _____ Day is celebrated on January 2 to honour quiet, reserved, and sometimes shy individuals.
3. On January 23, 2018, _____ James became the youngest player to reach 30,000 NBA points.
5. The first Prime Minister of Canada, John A. Macdonald, was born on January 11, 1815, in _____, Scotland.
6. The crime drama series, *The Sopranos*, starring James _____ premiered on January 10, 1999.
7. Former professional footballer, Owen Lee Hargreaves was born on January 20, 1981, in _____, Alberta.
9. Jane Austen's romance novel *Pride and _____* was originally published on January 28, 1813.

Tobogganing/Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Health Services (EHS) – Alberta would like to remind parents and children about toboggan/sledding safety tips. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe on the hill by following these reminders.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.

- Wear a ski helmet designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; try not to toboggan alone.
- Sledding at night is not advised.

Plan Ahead

- Anticipate weather changes and plan accordingly.
- Wear warm, insulating layers closer to the body, and wind/waterproof layers on the outside.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite; therefore, attempt to cover up any exposed skin.
- If frostbite has occurred, treat it by first getting out of the cold environment, or at least sheltered from any wind chill.
- Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water until rewarmed.

The Birth of a Legend!

On January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi, a star was born! Elvis Aaron Presley, who would go on to be one of the most culturally significant figures of the 20th century was born. Can you believe that he would be 91 if he were still alive today?! What a legend!



The Art of Finding Work: What if I Told You Ageism Doesn't Exist?

by Nick Kossovan



When you read the title of this column, where did your focus and mental energy immediately go?

What if, when job searching, instead of obsessing about all the things you can't control—biases, economic factors, the job market, employer's hiring process—you focused on what you can control, such as creating and maintaining a professional network, tailoring your resume and cover letter for each application, managing your digital footprint, and cultivating a positive mindset. Wouldn't this be a more effective approach to your job search?

Every job seeker I encounter seems fixated on what they can't control. LinkedIn has become an echo chamber of pity, dominated by posts vilifying employers, giving unsolicited advice to employers who'll never read it, and venting about ageism, being overqualified, or ghosting. Participating in these discussions doesn't reflect well on you when employers check your profile to evaluate whether you're interview-worthy.

You're likely familiar with the quote attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr: "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." This emphasizes the importance of accepting situations you can't change and directing your energy towards what you can influence.

As a job seeker, you can't control:

Someone's Biases: Do yourself a favour; stop trying to control the beliefs and behaviours of other people. Whether it's age, ethnicity, or any other characteristic, you can't change how someone perceives (read: interprets) you. Biases are a fact of life, and dwelling on them only drains energy.

Speaking of biases: Why do people fail to recognize their own biases but see them in others?

The Economy and the Job Market: Yes, economic downturns, market fluctuations, industry trends, government policies, and global events contribute to the job market landscape, but you have no influence over them. My advice is to say to yourself, "It is what it is," and turn your attention elsewhere.

The Hiring Process: Employers own their hiring process. You can't control how an employer structures their hiring process, accesses candidates, or how long they take to make a decision. Since no two employers hire the same way, job searching is unpredictable, leading to frustration if you let it dominate your mindset.

I often see the unpredictability of hiring; what one employer views as a positive might be seen as a negative by another. For example, hiring manager A might determine, based on the level of your previous job and/or your age, that you're overqualified and, therefore, will soon become bored and leave. Conversely, hiring manager B might perceive you as a potential role model for younger employees, in addition to bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Subjective perception, the basis for creating bias, plays a crucial role in hiring decisions.

Company Culture: You're either a fit or you're not. Trying to contort yourself in hopes of appearing to be someone who'll "fit in" is pointless. If you get the job but can't be yourself, you won't be happy. Hiring managers know their company's culture much better than you, especially its nuances; hence, trust them if they determine you won't be a good fit.



4-H INTRO CLUB

Grow Something New This Winter With 4-H Intro Clubs



Have you heard of 4-H? Many know 4-H for its long history in rural and agricultural communities, but today 4-H is thriving in cities, including right here in Northwest Calgary. Alongside our traditional, year-long 4-H clubs, we also offer a short-term program designed for families who want to explore 4-H before making a longer commitment.

4-H Intro Clubs are a six-week program for youth ages 9 to 15 that provides a hands-on introduction to the 4-H experience. These are not traditional clubs. During intro clubs, youth attend once a week for two hours, learn all about running meetings and try a different hands-on activity each session, giving them a fun and friendly way to explore what 4-H has to offer.



One popular winter activity is the Potato Pet Hair Garden, where youth learn about seeds, plant growth, and patience in a silly and hands-on way. Using a potato, paper towel, water, and chia or alfalfa seeds, participants create a "potato pet" with sprouting hair, then track growth over the week. Along the way, they practice observation skills, explore plant life cycles, and get a taste of science in action, all indoors during the cold winter months.

Try It at Home: Create your own Potato Pet Hair Garden:

- Wrap a potato in a damp paper towel or cotton strip.
- Draw a face and add googly eyes.
- Place it on a jar of water so the bottom touches the water.
- Spread chia or alfalfa seeds on top, like hair.
- Mist daily and watch the sprouts grow in four to seven days!

Learn more about intro clubs starting in January by visiting 4hab.com/member.

Send us your potato head photos or ask us a question at introclubs@4hab.com.

Past Experiences: What's done is done. If there's anything to learn from a mistake, do so and move on. Dwelling in the past only creates unnecessary anxiety.

As a job seeker, you can control:

Creating and Maintaining a Professional Network: Your professional network is your lifeline in terms of job search and career advancement; thus, it's the most influential factor in your job search. Given that the correlation between networking and job search success is common knowledge, you undoubtedly know the primary benefit of networking is access to unadvertised opportunities.

I highly recommend reading *Never Eat Alone* by Keith Ferrazzi.

Tailoring Your Resume and Cover Letter: Each job application should feel personalized, highlighting your skills and experiences that directly relate to the position you're pursuing. "I applied to over 700 jobs in three months" isn't a flex. As far as job searching is concerned, submitting two quality applications daily is significantly better than the 'spray and pray' method that most job seekers resort to.

Your Digital Footprint: Be mindful of your online presence. Your social media activity reflects your professionalism. A messy digital footprint is a red flag to employers, just as not having one makes you appear out of touch.

Practicing Interview Skills: The best hack I know for honing your interview skills is to have more conversations with family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers and ask more open-ended questions ("How did you spend this past weekend?" "What made you decide to become an accountant?" "What's your go-to restaurant?"). The more comfortable you become having conversations, the better you'll perform in interviews, which are essentially a conversation.

Maintaining a Positive Mindset: Your attitude impacts your job search. Control your mindset by practicing mindfulness and gratitude. Focus on what you can achieve, not on what you believe is holding you back.

Another book recommendation: *Rewire Your Mindset: Own Your Thinking, Control Your Actions, Change Your Life!* by Brian Keane.

As in life, what you focus on determines where your energy goes; therefore, choose your focus wisely.

Chinook Blast: Calgary's Signature Winter Celebration Is Back

by The City of Calgary



Chinook Blast is Calgary's ultimate winter festival that showcases the very best of our city. For six years, this celebration has brought winter magic to life—and we're just getting started.

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Join us as we make winter extraordinary. Learn more at chinookblast.ca.

Stay Safe, Stay Off Storm Ponds

by The City of Calgary

During the freeze-thaw season in Calgary this winter and year-round, it's important to remember that no recreational activity is allowed on storm ponds.

As part of your community's stormwater infrastructure, storm ponds reduce community flooding and clean stormwater before it returns to our rivers.

The ice thickness on a storm pond is always unpredictable. Water levels are constantly changing as water moves between inlet and outlet pipes creating varying ice conditions.

Storm ponds also contain sediment and contaminants collected from roadway runoff which weaken the ice and make it unstable.

Never walk, skate, or play near a storm pond. Keep children and pets away and always obey posted signs.

Find safe places to play this winter at calgary.ca/winteractivities and skate where it's safe at a City of Calgary or community-designated outdoor skating rink near you. For a full list of locations visit calgary.ca/rinks.

Learn more at calgary.ca/stormpondsafety.



Just a Quick Zip

The shortest commercial flight in the world is from Westray to Papa Westray. Flights on this route are between one to one-and-a-half minutes long. The record fastest flight on this route was 53 seconds long. Can you imagine?!



Protect Your Household Water Lines and Meter from Freezing

by The City of Calgary



Every winter, some Calgarians will experience frozen water pipes, service lines, and water meters, resulting in a water outage. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth and configuration of water pipes, and a history of freezing.

Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.

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by The City of Calgary



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Asian-Style Chicken Noodle Soup

by Jennifer Puri



A comfort food ideal for cold weather, variations of chicken soup can be found in cuisines around the world.

Chicken soup is typically made with chicken broth and can include pasta, noodles, rice, dumplings, barley, leeks, celery, onions, carrots, matzo balls, and potatoes.

In some cultures, chicken soup is believed to have healing properties and is served to the sick and the elderly. Chicken soup is filled with protein and vitamins which can help boost immunity.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

Ingredients:

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 3 heads of bok choy, quartered
- ½ red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. crushed garlic
- 2 tsp. crushed ginger
- 2 tsp. sodium reduced soya sauce
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. rice vinegar

- 1 tsp. red chili flakes
- 6 cups sodium reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 4 oz. vermicelli noodles broken into thirds

Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot, add the green onion and sauté for a couple of minutes.
2. Next add ginger, garlic, and chicken cubes and stir until chicken is no longer pink, about 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add carrots, bok choy, and red bell pepper, and sauté for a couple of minutes.
4. Lastly add soya sauce, fish sauce, red chili flakes, stock, and a cup of water, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 12 minutes or until chicken is tender. Add the broken noodles to the pan and simmer until the noodles soften, approximately two minutes.
5. Serve soup with green onion cake if desired.

Bon Appétit!





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Happy New Year, Calgary-Klein!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. As we start this new year, I'm wishing you, our schools, health care facilities, and local businesses a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Supporting seniors has been on my mind. Did you know the Calgary Seniors Resource Society is right here in the riding? They do amazing work and can be reached at 403-266-6200. If you know a senior, or are one, give them a call! From friendly chats and rides to appointments to help navigating complex systems, their programs make life easier and more fulfilling. They also build meaningful connections between seniors and volunteers.

Health care remains a top concern for residents of all ages. I've heard from many of you about long ER wait times, difficulty finding family doctors, rising prescription costs, and reduced eyecare coverage for seniors. I'm advocating for hiring more doctors and medical professionals and strongly oppose the UCP's plan for for-profit health care, which would allow doctors to bill privately on top of public billing. I believe in a public health care system where you can see a doctor without paying out of pocket.

Want to see how I'm advocating for Calgary-Klein? Follow me on Instagram @lizettendp and other social platforms. Please keep emailing my office, your concerns help me speak up for you at the legislature.

Looking forward to seeing you at local winter festivals!

Lizette

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