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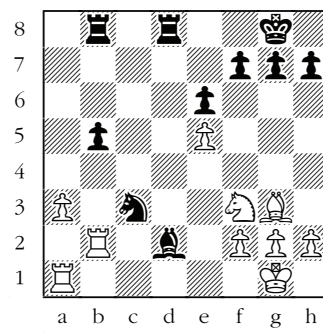
Fill the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 3X3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

Answer to previous puzzle:

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Chess

CHESS QUIZ



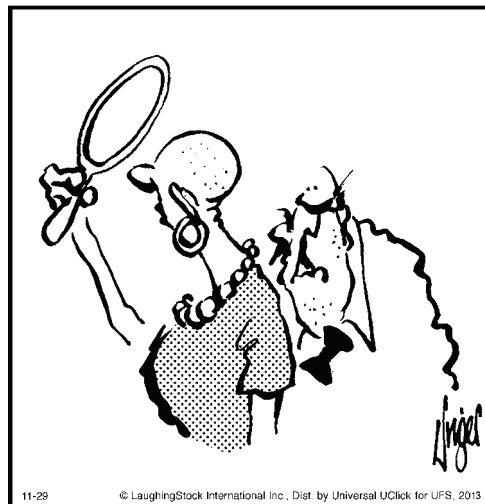
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Solution:

1... Ne2ch1 2. Kf1 Nxc3ch
3. hxg3 Bc3 (gets a rook for a bishop).

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Herman



"I warned you about pulling out gray hairs."

Lotteries

The winning numbers in the Thursday, Nov. 28 Keno draw were: **2, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 21, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 50, 55, 56, 61, 64, 69**

The winning numbers in the Thursday, Nov. 28 Tag draw were: **528008**

Farmer refuses to be assessed

Werner Bock threatens to make complaint against judge, prosecutor

BY CRAIG BABSTOCK
TIMES & TRANSCRIPT

The trial of a Petitcodiac-area farmer accused of neglecting his cattle continues to drag on with no end in sight.

Werner Bock, 70, appeared before Moncton provincial court Judge Troy Sweet yesterday so the court could hear the results of his psychiatric assessment. Those results were not available, because Bock refused to cooperate with the psychiatrist.

The accused told the doctor he wanted to record their sessions or have a third party present to witness his conversations with the doctor. The psychiatrist refused those conditions, so the court still doesn't have any insight into whether or not the farmer suffers from a mental illness that would result in him being found not responsible for his actions.

Not only did Bock refuse to participate in the court-ordered assessment, but yesterday he accused the judge of having no right to send him for one. Bock said Sweet did not have the grounds to send him for the psychiatric assessment and accused him of misapplying the law.

"I am going to file a complaint at the judicial council against you and (Crown prosecutor) Eric Lalonde," said Bock, who addressed the court even though he was represented by lawyer John Hughes.

"Are you threatening me sir?" asked the judge.

Bock responded that he "stays within

the law," but he maintained the judge had no reason to send him for the assessment.

The accused never wanted to be assessed in the first place, but the judge made the order on Sept. 19, under the Provincial Offences Procedure Act. Sweet was supposed to give his verdict that day, but delayed it to have the assessment done.

According to the act, if "the judge has reason to believe that the defendant is unable by reason of mental illness or incapacity to conduct a defence to a charge, the judge may adjourn the proceedings, without fixing a time for their resumption, and order the defendant to attend a psychiatric facility for examination."

If the defendant refuses to attend for an assessment on his own, the judge can order his arrest to ensure he is assessed.

Bock refused and was ordered remanded, but after a weekend in jail he agreed to be assessed and was released from custody. Yesterday the judge was faced with a situation where the accused did not participate in the assessment, which was a condition of his release.

Instead of remanding Bock, Sweet ordered him back on Tuesday. The judge said he should discuss the situation with his lawyer and let him know on Tuesday if he's made a new appointment for an assessment.

Bock is charged with two violations of New Brunswick's SPCA Act for incidents allegedly occurring between March 1 and May 1, 2011. He's accused of failing to provide adequate food and water for the cattle on his Hillgrove farm, west of

Petitcodiac, and also failing to seek medical care for his cows.

The trial began in September 2012 and continued in December of that year before finally concluding last June. Crown prosecutor Eric Lalonde called NBSPCA animal protection officer Rebecca Lewis, who investigated the case, visiting Bock's farm and finding three dead cows and a dead calf.

Bock does not deny that several of his cows died during those two months in 2011, but he said he wasn't responsible. He said he provided them with food and water, but criminal elements have been attacking him and his animals for many years.

"These injuries are being caused by directed-energy devices or weapons — non-Canadian," said Bock during the trial.

It's not clear who is attacking his animals, but he said it's been going on a long time.

"I'm asking — demanding — a proper criminal investigation be done," said the accused, who defended himself during the trial. "This has been going on 38 years, this criminal conspiracy, and it's a massive coverup by the RCMP."

He said there have been tens of thousands of cattle mutilations across North America over the last few decades, and the SPCA and veterinarians always conspire against the farmers.

Bock said he discovered what was going on in 1975, and when he raised the issue, he was forced to see a doctor and institutionalized against his will.

Bock said the Crown's case against him consisted of "zilch, lies and cooked-up stories."

Care home policies slammed

Family feels forced to pay for mom's care home costs

BY JAMES FOSTER
TIMES & TRANSCRIPT

The Mattisons have a warning for New Brunswickers: what happened to them can happen to you.

The Moncton family became the reluctant face of what can happen now that the province has changed the admissions criteria for so-called Level 3B special care beds.

Less than a week before their mother Pauline was set to leave hospital and enter just such a facility, the Department of Social Development added the criteria of dementia for those seeking a 3B bed, arguing that those cases need to be segregated, leaving the family matriarch well enough to leave the hospital, but with nowhere to go.

"She's become an unwilling victim of those regulatory changes," her son Mark says. "My mother wants me to carry the message to you and to make people aware. Most people have no idea."

The department argues that if dementia patients are to get the best care, they should be in special care homes dedicated only to them. It's better for patients without dementia as well, they argue. So where 3B care was until recently dedicated to those who "require a high level of care and assistance with activities of daily living but do not have complex medical needs requiring on-going nursing care/supervision," now they must have moderate or advanced dementia as well.

What bedevils the Mattisons, however, is that if they choose to liquidate their savings and family assets in order

to absorb the full cost of their mother's care in a 3B home, then that's okay with the province and the dementia criteria no longer applies.

The Mattison offspring have had to cash in retirement savings and will have to sell the family home, but at least their mom is in the right home for her level of care, in the care home that she herself chose, the same one in which she used to visit friends who lived there as it was located very near to her own home.

The family can't understand how it can be bad to mix Alzheimer and similar patients with those who retain their mental faculties unless they sign away their right to the government subsidy that other seniors in care get. They also can't understand how provincial officials often repeat the mantra that no longer do New Brunswickers have to sell family assets to get elder care, when that's exactly what they now have to do.

"Effectively, they are talking out of both sides of their mouths," Mark says.

The only other option was to let their mom sit in an unneeded hospital room pending a bed becoming available in a year or two at a nursing home — both of which would have cost taxpayers far more than the subsidy for a 3B care bed.

Mattison was speaking at a public information session last night hosted by a group of care home owners who want the situation remedied by changing the admissions criteria back to what they were last year.

John Grass, operator of the Grass Home in Riverview, said there is no evidence that dementia patients need to be segregated. He argues that having the two populations in a single 3B home has worked well for decades, to the benefit of both groups of residents. He and Mattison said they have asked for any medical evidence backing the province's position

but hasn't gotten it yet.

It has nothing to do with his business, Grass said, it's simply bad policy that boosts costs to taxpayers and sometimes to the residents themselves, leaves seniors languishing in hospital beds where they don't belong or in nursing homes when that is far more care, and far more expensive care, than the resident needs.

"It has no impact on my business model. I'll still be full tomorrow."

David McNair, operator of McNair Manor, has been serving a mixed population of residents for more than a decade and one-half.

"It is a rare situation that a patient with dementia doesn't benefit from their interaction with (someone without dementia)," he said.

"This is just wrong."

Part of the province's argument is that someone with dementia requires a higher and more specialized level of care. McNair argues that everyone who goes into any level of special care home will very likely require a higher and more specialized level of care sooner or later.

Mattison urged New Brunswickers to write the premier, their MLAs, the provincial Ombudsman and the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission with which he has filed a complaint, because if it happened to his family, it can happen to anyone. The group also urges New Brunswickers to visit their web site, beingblocked.com.

"Silence means consent," he said. "I'm not going to go away on this."

It's costing the Mattisons well over \$4,500 every month for their mom's care, including specialized medical equipment and transportation to and from her dialysis appointments.

Anyone in the same home who is diagnosed with dementia gets a government subsidy of \$3,685.59 per month.

Comet probably didn't survive encounter with sun

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — Once billed as the comet of the century, Comet ISON apparently was no match for the sun.

Scientists said images from NASA

spacecraft showed the comet approaching for a slingshot around the sun yesterday, but just a trail of dust coming out on the other end.

"It does seem like Comet ISON probably hasn't survived this journey," U.S.

Navy solar researcher Karl Battams said in a Google+ hangout.

Phil Plait, an astronomer who runs the Bad Astronomy blog, agreed with that assessment, saying "I don't think the comet made it."

Report a distracted driver

Witness a motorist engaging in "distracted driving" (texting, talking on phone while driving, et cetera)? Give your local law enforcement office a call to report the incident and put an end to distracted driving in New Brunswick once and for all.

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Sports Day in Canada this weekend

LEGISLATURE BUREAU

FREDERICTON — New Brunswickers are being encouraged to take part in Sports Day in Canada tomorrow. Sport and recreation organizations, schools and communities will be holding events. "Sports Day in Canada is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the benefits that sports can have when it is part of our daily routine," said Healthy and Inclusive Communities Minister Dorothy Shephard.

Clarification

An article that ran on Page A8 in Wednesday's Times & Transcript requires clarification.

The article was about a sentencing hearing in Moncton provincial court for Todd Malcolm Stannard, who pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm. During the hearing, the court heard Stannard discharged a shotgun on Nov. 11, 2012 in Shenstone, causing pellets to hit a truck being driven away from his property.

But contrary to what was reported in the article, the occupants of the truck, Peter and Tammy Ward, did not get out of the vehicle prior to the shots being fired. They remained in the truck during the incident.

The Times & Transcript regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion or embarrassment it may have caused.

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Police identify crash victim

THE CANADIAN PRESS

LUNENBURG, N.S. — The Mounties have identified the 73-year-old motorist killed Wednesday in a head-on crash in western Nova Scotia.

George Warner Smith of Mill Village was killed when the minivan he was driving collided with an SUV travelling westbound near Hebb's Corner.

The crash happened just before 4 p.m. on Highway 103.

Smith was pronounced dead at the scene.

The lone male occupant of the SUV was taken to South Shore Regional Hospital with serious injuries.

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