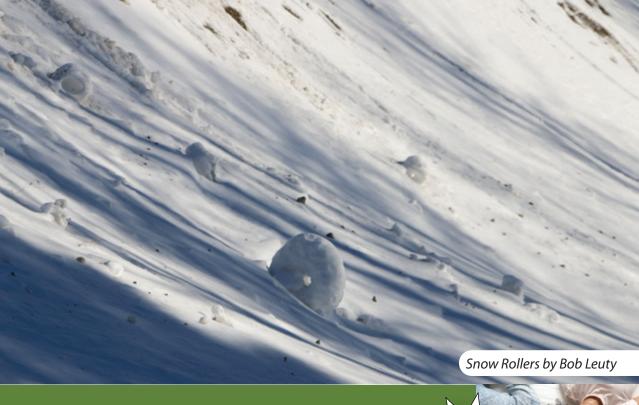
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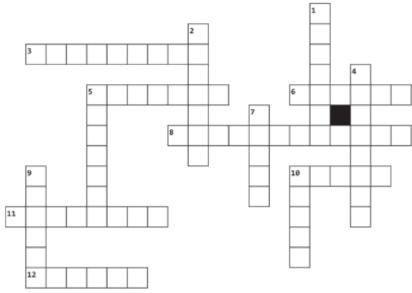




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April Crossword



Across

- Simon & Schuster released the first-ever _____ puzzle book on April 18, 1924, delighting word game enthusiasts around the world.
- 5. On April 1, 1919, the Stanley Cup Final between the Montreal Canadiens and the Seattle Metropolitans was cancelled due to the ______ flu pandemic.
- 6. On April 30, 1952, Mr. _____ Head became the first toy ever to be advertised on television.
- 8. Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, in St. John's, ______.
- 10. This meteor shower takes place in April every year.
- 11. ABBA won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with their song ______ on April 6.
- 12. This space telescope was first deployed into orbit by the space shuttle Discovery on April 25, 1990.

Down

- 1. April's birthstone is the _____, a popular choice for engagement rings.
- 2. Stanley Kubrick's sci-fi adventure film, *2001: A Space* _____, premiered in April 1968.
- 4. The Royal ______ Air Force was officially established on April 1, 1924.
- 5. ________Island by Dennis Lehane was first published on April 15, 2003, and later became a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo.
- 7. Comedian and actor Seth _____ was born on April 15, 1982, in Vancouver, BC.
- 9. The World _____ Organization was established by the United Nations on April 7,1948.
- 10. On April 16, 2018, Kendrick ______ won the Pulitzer Prize for Music, becoming the first rapper to do so.



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Her SAIT Graduation

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

She took the risk and made the move Enrolled in courses, paid tuition Embarked upon a journey bold Nothing worthwhile makes it easy

She hit the books and studied hard Placed hopes and dreams upon her desk Homework structured every evening The future more important now

From class to class, through rain and snow Lectures, essays, midterms, finals And once a week she volunteered Community, connection, care

Good coffee always faithful friend Wide awake for morning learning Then soon, bright shining GPA No more her forward path unknown

She pushed with all her might, she did Propelled that boulder up the mountain She's reached the top, SAIT graduation A new career, a rolling stone

Joke of the Month



Dressed Up

What does a house wear?



by Anne Burke

Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan will determine how Calgary's 2,900+ parks are managed, developed, and redeveloped over the next 20 years. A draft will be presented to City Council after review by the Community Development Committee. Parks connect urban communities, but the city is projected to grow to two million people within the next two decades (https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan).

Calgary has over 200 natural areas in the parks system. Our relationship with the natural world is primarily to preserve undisturbed land, wildlife, and native plant communities. In a natural area all uses and activities must comply with the approved habitat management plan to protect the natural environment and not cause damage. New natural areas should be designated. There are different types, but all need to be protected to conserve nature now and for the future. The landscape offers access to the natural world which helps our physical and mental well-being. Special places like Nose Hill, a major natural area, foster stewardship, support biodiversity, and reduce impacts of heat, flooding, and drought. Some areas are sacred spaces for Indigenous Nations and provide opportunities to learn about cultural history.

Controlled burns and animal grazing are encouraged as alternate land management practices. We must assess and update the cost of maintenance to ensure the value of natural areas with a compensation model. We can allow litter-control-only (with guidance) in natural areas to be included in enhanced landscape maintenance requirements. We should develop ten-year operational Habitat Management Plans for all natural areas, including those required as part of the development approval process. Prior to subdivision the developer is responsible for restoration and compensation must be paid to the City when there is damage or disturbance to land dedicated to environmental reserve. Back sloping should not be allowed.

Celebrating Calgary 150 - Treaty 7 and Cow Town

by Anthony Imbrogno (The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC)

The NWMP arrived in 1874. Colonel Macleod met with Chief Crowfoot, who wanted respect for Blackfoot rights and encouraged friendly relations with the newcomers.

Conflict in America and the planned trans-continental railway led Canadian authorities to offer treaty negotiations with Indigenous peoples. The negotiations took place at Blackfoot Crossing, a traditional gathering place near Cluny, AB.

Crowfoot delivered an account of the talks to the other Chiefs. Land for settlement was exchanged for Indigenous land rights as well as farming support, food, and annuities. The Treaty was signed on September 22, 1877.

Increasing settlement and the buffalo's near extinction upended the Treaty. As well, property was not part of Indigenous tradition, and the location and size of reserves was not clarified.

The end of the buffalo meant Indigenous peoples arrived on their reserves in need of food and shelter. The winter of 1883 to 1884 is known as the Starvation Winter. Government bureaucrats worsened the situation by restricting movements and limiting agricultural support.

Louis Riel returned from America to again argue for Indigenous rights. In 1885 at Batoche, SK, he established a provisional government. Shots were fired and the police retreated. Some Cree in Alberta took up the cause at Frog Lake, but Crowfoot would not side with Riel. Troops were ordered to Saskatchewan via the newly constructed railway. At the Battle of Batoche, the North-West Resistance ended, and Riel was tried and executed.

With the railway completed in 1885, Calgary was connected to the world. One result was more homesteading. American John Ware, a former slave, arrived and developed a reputation as a skilled and daring cowboy. Along Fish Creek, John Glenn's irrigation system powered Samuel Shaw's woollen mill.

Calgary was incorporated as a town in 1884. Surveyor William Pearce set aside St. George's and St. Patrick's

Islands as parkland. James Walker, owner of Bow River Sawmill, expanded the fort. He was the first Board of Trade president and petitioned for a school district. In 1975 he was named Citizen of the Century.

With Cow Town firmly established, the next decade would shape the city you're probably most familiar with today.

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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Overcoming Dating Anxiety

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

Dating anxiety is common, but you can manage it with the right mindset and strategies. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

1. Shift Your Mindset

Lowering the pressure or expectations. Treat dates as casual meetups instead of stressful interviews.

Reframe any rejections. Not every match works out, and that is normal. See each time as a learning experience.

Focus on the enjoyment of the date. Instead of trying to impress your date, focus more on whether you are enjoying their company.

2. Prepare and Practice

Start small, Get comfortable with social interactions by practicing with friend or in low pressure environments.

Plan ahead. Choose a familiar setting for the date to feel more at ease.

Have conversation starters. Think of a few topics in advance to avoid awkward silences.

3. Manage Anxiety in the Moment

Breathe deeply. Try slow breathing exercises.

Use grounding techniques. Focus on your senses what you see, hear, feel to stay present.

Accept your nervousness. It's normal. A little anxiety can make you appear more engaged and authentic.

4. Build Confidence Overtime

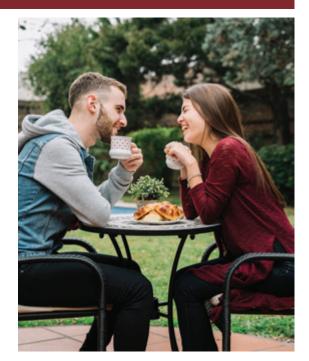
Expose yourself gradually. The more you date, the more natural it will feel.

Positive self-talk. Remind yourself of your strengths and why you are a great person to date.

Don't overanalyze. Avoid replaying the date in your head. Just move forward.

5. Seek Support if Needed

Talk to friends. They can offer their encouragement and a different perspective.



Consider therapy. If your anxiety is overwhelming, a therapist can help with confidence building strategies.

6. Confidence Tips

Before the Date: Dress in a way that makes you feel good and comfortable. Listen to music that pumps you up. Visualize the date being successful. Remind yourself why you are going to be a great date.

During the Date: Open body language by maintaining good posture, an open smile, and making eye contact. Try to slow your speech, reminding yourself that it's okay to pause and breathe. Focus on the other person as it helps keep away self-consciousness. Laugh off any mistakes you make. Humility is actually attractive.

After the Date: Don't overanalyze the date in your head. It is what it is, they either like you or they don't. It's a two-way street...you're evaluating them as well. Celebrate that you took a chance even if the date wasn't perfect. You break your anxiety cycle by facing your fears and learning as you go!

Practice makes each attempt easier and builds confidence. Get out there and have some fun.

Tips On Quitting Smoking for Good

by Alberta Health Services

Thinking about quitting smoking in 2025? You're not alone. More than half of adults who smoke cigarettes are seriously thinking about stopping.

Quitting can be hard, but there are things you can do to make it easier. Everyone is different, so it's important to get the right kind of help for you. Use the tools, programs, and services that make sense for you.

The following tips can help you on your journey.

Know Your Reasons for Quitting Smoking

Reflect on why you want to quit smoking. Write down or say out loud the reasons that matter most to you. For example:

- · I want to feel better.
- I want to save money.
- I want to protect my family and friends.

Taking stock of why you want to quit is a good first step on the path to quitting for good. This activity can help you decide if you're ready to make a change. It can help you set a goal and stick with it.

Make a Plan

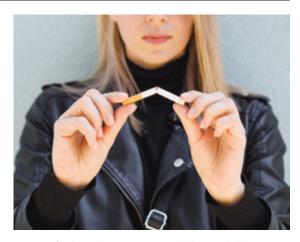
When you're ready, pick a day to quit smoking in the next three weeks. As this date gets closer, pay attention to your urges to smoke. Keep track of the routines, places, and emotions that trigger you. Think about how you'll handle these cravings and stay in control when you're quitting.

Planning ahead helps you stay on track when you're quitting. It sets you up for success in the long run.

Consult the Experts

Reach out for advice and support:

- Call 1-866-710-7848 to speak with an AlbertaQuits counsellor. They'll listen with no judgment and offer you free, confidential advice and helpful tips.
- Ask a physician, pharmacist, or other healthcare provider about medications to reduce cravings, limit withdrawal, and help you feel comfortable when you're quitting.
- Join a QuitCore program in your local area or online.



In six facilitated sessions, you'll learn skills to quit smoking and connect with other people who are trying to quit. Call the AlbertaQuits helpline at 1-866-710-QUIT (7848) to find a QuitCore group in your local area or online.

- Go to AlbertaQuits.ca for guidance and tools to build a quit plan.
- Text 123456 to ABQUITS for free text messages to keep you motivated.

Getting help to quit smoking really works. Research shows that by combining different methods of support, you can double or even triple your odds of success.

Stick With It!

Be mindful that it can take more than one attempt to quit smoking. If you have setbacks, keep trying! Count the days and weeks you were able to go smoke-free as wins and think about what you can learn from them. Reflecting on what worked will help you next time.

Quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health, no matter how old you are or how long you've been smoking. Quitting lowers your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and diabetes. It improves your health in ways you can see and feel. Within 20 minutes of putting out your last cigarette, your blood pressure and heart rate go down with less stress on your heart and blood vessels

For more information on smoking and your health, go to MyHealth.Alberta.ca/Tobacco-Smoking-Vaping. For more tips to quit smoking for good, go to AlbertaQuits.ca.

SAFE AND SOUND

Bicycle Helmet Safety

by Alberta Health Services EMS



Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. It is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting Informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or even save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death.
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting Started

 Allow children to assist when buying their helmet.
 Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.

- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the Right Fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears.
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened.
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort, and safety.





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Here are some updates related to new City initiatives and programs.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Last month, Council approved changes to our Waste and Recycling Bylaw that will bring Calgary in line with Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation. This program transfers responsibility for managing certain recyclables and hazardous materials from local governments and taxpayers to the producers, like retailers and manufacturers.

EPR is intended to encourage producers to design and produce less wasteful packaging and choose better materials for the environment and recycling process.

These changes will begin April 1, 2025. Residents will receive the same service levels, but your blue cart monthly fee will drop from \$9.34 to \$2.17.

Community Cleanups

Community Cleanup events are an opportunity for Calgarians to dispose of items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts.

Spring: April 26/27 to June 28/29

All events take place on Saturdays or Sundays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Check out calgary.ca/communities for the full schedule and to find a cleanup near you.

Green Calgary Rain Barrels

Did you know, water use in Calgary communities increases up to 20 percent in the summer months? Capturing rainwater can help you and your community build resiliency during times of hot and dry weather while keeping your yard and garden healthy.

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Visit greencalgary.org for full details.

Spring Street Sweeping

Street sweeping begins later this month! Visit calgary. ca/roads and enter your address to find the exact dates for your street.

For questions and concerns, or to view my voting record, visit www.jasminemian.ca.



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May hope and happiness fill your home this Easter!

Alberta is becoming a global leader in the aviation industry, attracting top companies like Lufthansa Technik Canada to invest in our future. Lufthansa Technik Canada has announced their \$120 million investment in a cutting-edge maintenance facility at Calgary International Airport which will create hundreds of jobs, boost Alberta's aerospace sector, and further establish Alberta as a global aviation hub. This investment is the catalyst for a \$3 billion, 15-year service contract with WestJet, which is helping Alberta's aerospace and aviation sector soar to new heights. As well, Alberta's government is committing \$7.45 million dollars to the project through the Investment and Growth Fund (IGF) and the Aerospace Workforce Development Grant.

Albertans in Calgary and southwest Alberta will have greater access to critical care as Rockyview General Hospital expands its ICU, cardiac, and endoscopy capacity. Alberta's government is committed to ensuring Albertans can access the health care services they need, when and where they need them. The completion of this \$84-million project is a significant investment in health care infrastructure in Calgary, increasing critical care capacity, and improving access to life-saving treatment.

Alberta hosted three major international sport events and two national championships from February to March, driving athletes and fans to the province. Alberta is continuing to build upon the province's strong reputation as a premier destination for world-class sporting events and sports fans. From FIS Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe World Cup at WinSport, to the Western Transmountain Festival and the World Youth Open Dodgeball Tournament, as well as the 2025 Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals returning to the Canmore Nordic Centre. Alberta's government has committed more than \$440,000 through the Major Sport Event grant program to support the success of these five events.

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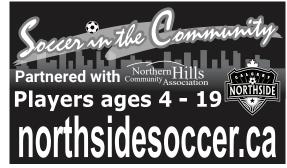
Word of the Month



Ebullient: adjective (ih-buhl-yuhnt)

Liveliness, enthusiasm, overflowing with excitement.

He was in quite an ebullient mood.



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