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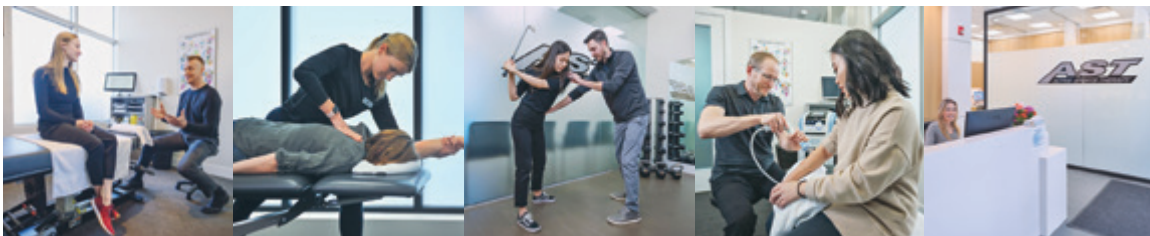
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Mahogany Community Association Objectives

The objectives of the Society are:

- To promote and foster community spirit and resident relations within the community and across communities at large.
- To facilitate the recreational, cultural, social, athletic, and educational activities of the residents of the community.
- To provide a forum for interactions between the Association, local businesses, and the City of Calgary that promote healthy community growth within our geographic boundary.
- To maintain and operate amenities for various activities for the residents of the community.
- To raise funds in any way to achieve the objectives of the Society, which includes accepting gifts, donations, and grants.
- To liaise with local non-profit agencies to help those in need where appropriate to the community vision.
- To help facilitate and encourage dialogue to enhance both the process and the outcome of projects in the community.
- To promote volunteerism in Calgary.
- Otherwise, generally serve and promote the interests of the community as appropriate.



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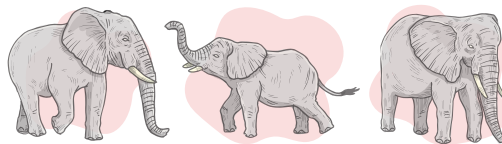
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Community Association Mission

- Foster Community Cohesion
- Enhancing Quality of Life
- Celebrate Diversity and Promote Inclusivity
- Environmental Stewardship within Mahogany
- Education and Growth
- Advocacy
- Celebrate and Honour our Diverse Traditions.



The Roles of the Mahogany HOA and the Mahogany CA

In Calgary, both Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and Community Associations (CAs) play important roles in our communities, however, they serve distinct purposes. HOAs are organizations created and established by developers to oversee shared community-owned

parks and facilities, and uphold community amenities and standards through fees paid by homeowners. CAs are voluntary, resident-led organizations focused on community-building activities such as advocacy work with the City of Calgary to ensure better community infrastructure.

The Mahogany Community Association is a new organization that has evolved from the Copperfield Mahogany Community Association at the end of 2024.

MAHOGANY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (MHOA) reception@mahoganyhoa.com www.mahoganyhoa.com	MAHOGANY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (MCA) info@mahoganycommunity.ca www.mahoganycommunity.ca (in progress)
Primarily oversee community-owned parks, lakes, and facilities created by the developer.	Formed by the residents of a community.
The MHOA is managed by a team of paid employees and overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors.	Overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors.
Host community and public events, provide recreational programming and facility rental spaces, build community opportunities and relationships, and invest resources in Mahogany to better enhance the community.	May host community and accessible events.
Collect annual encumbrance fees that are on property titles.	Voluntary annual memberships available.
Built on community-shared lands by the developer.	Access to City of Calgary public lands for public amenities.
Guaranteed source of revenue via encumbrance fees and other revenue sources. Some developers provide financial support.	Reliant on grants, rental of community facilities (if applicable), programs, sponsorships, and casinos for funding.
HOA amenities are in place when residents buy, so they can be enjoyed immediately.	CA amenities are built through fundraising on City of Calgary public lands and operated by the CA.
HOAs are a Not-for-Profit organization registered under the Alberta Societies Act.	CAs are registered as a Not-for-Profit under the Alberta Societies Act.
Accountable to the Board of Directors, who in turn answer to the membership of homeowners.	Accountable to their membership.
Private non-profit organizations with primary focus on the management and high-level maintenance of community-owned assets, and most invest in externally maintaining City of Calgary owned greenspaces and amenities.	Advocacy and representative role to the City of Calgary of the needs and issues in their community and often regionally.

Six Ways to Stand Up for Yourself

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

People-pleasing is a common pattern where individuals prioritize others' needs or desires over their own...often at the expense of their well-being. Overcoming this behaviour takes self-awareness, boundary-setting, and practicing self-care. Here are six ways to stop people-pleasing:

1. Recognize and Acknowledge the Behaviour

The first step in breaking free from people-pleasing is to recognize when you're doing it. Notice if you're constantly agreeing to things you don't want to do, neglecting your own needs, or avoiding conflict at all costs. Once you can identify these patterns, you can start taking steps to address them.

2. Set Clear Boundaries

Setting healthy boundaries is essential to stopping people-pleasing. This means learning to say no without guilt and making it clear what you can and cannot do. Practice asserting yourself calmly and confidently when someone asks for something that goes beyond your limits. You don't have to provide an explanation for your boundaries — just saying "I can't do that right now" or "That doesn't work for me" is enough.

3. Understand and Prioritize Your Own Needs

People-pleasers often suppress their own needs in favour of others. To stop this, be mindful of your own feelings and desires. Make a habit of checking in with yourself regularly. What do you need in the moment? What are your values? Prioritizing your own emotional, mental, and physical well-being helps you stop being overly concerned with other people's approval.

4. Challenge Your Fear of Disappointment or Conflict

A lot of people-pleasers fear disappointing others or facing conflict. Shift your mindset by reminding yourself that it's okay to disagree or say no. You don't need to make everyone happy, and people's reactions to your boundaries don't define your worth. Over time, you'll become more comfortable with discomfort and realize that you can handle others' feelings without compromising your own.



5. Learn to Tolerate Guilt and Discomfort

It's natural to feel guilty when you start saying no or standing up for your needs, especially if you're used to pleasing others. Practice tolerating that guilt and discomfort. Understand that feeling bad doesn't mean you've done something wrong — it simply means you're making a change. As you practice, this guilt will lessen, and you'll become more comfortable with acting in ways that align with your values.

6. Surround Yourself with Supportive People

Having people around who respect your boundaries and encourage your personal growth can help you feel empowered to stop people-pleasing. Seek relationships that are balanced and reciprocal, where your needs are valued just as much as others'. Positive, supportive people will help you feel more confident and less likely to fall back into people-pleasing behaviours.

Changing people-pleasing habits takes time, but with consistent effort and practice, you can learn to prioritize your own needs and create healthier, more authentic relationships.

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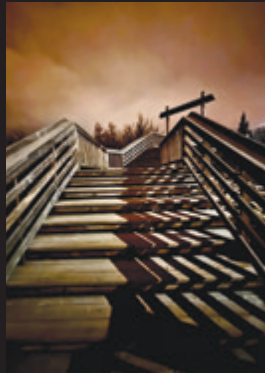
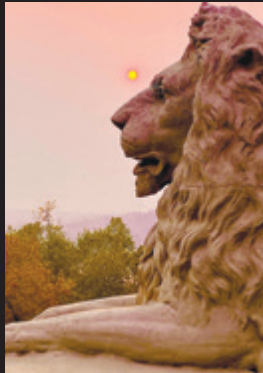
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TAKE ON WELLNESS

Alcohol and Youth

by Alberta Health Services



Alcohol continues to be the most used substance in Canada among youth. Brains continue to develop up to the age of 25. Our brain works extra hard during later stages of development focusing on abilities to problem solve, and abstract think. Early use of alcohol or substances can alter this process and increase risk taking among youth. Here are some ways to support young people when it comes to alcohol:

Role Model: We know that the young people in our lives are watching and learning from us. Be mindful of your own habits and set examples you would want a young person in your life to follow.

Talk and Listen: It is important for your young person to know they can talk to you about anything, including substance use. Your role as a natural support is to check in with your youth often, let them know how much you care, and advocate for them.

Support Healthy Decisions: Self-esteem is important as this will help youth make decisions. Critical thinking is important, and a skill that youth are still learning as their brain continues to develop.

Affirm: Consider what routines and checks and balances can be built in for your child. Do not forget to celebrate all your child's gifts and strengths! Affirm the effort they are making.



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by Alberta Health Services



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Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.

- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can open to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.

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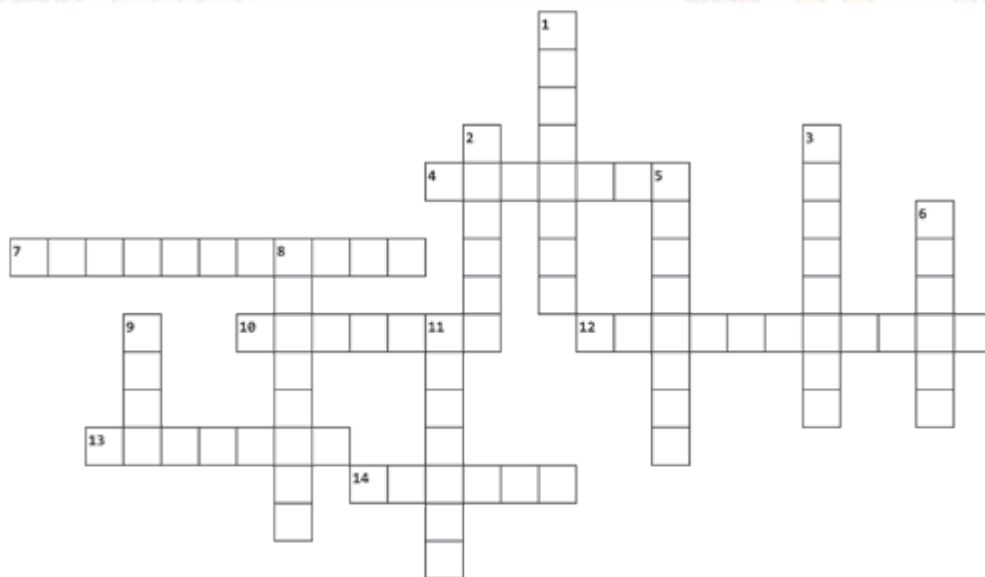
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May Crossword



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1. Cory _____, famous for his role as Finn Hudson on *Glee*, was born on May 11, 1982, in Calgary, Alberta.
2. The first _____ Awards were held on May 4, 1959, with Ella Fitzgerald winning the award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance.
3. *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil _____ Tyson was originally published in May 2017.
5. On May 8, 1980, the World Health Organization declared that this disease, caused by the variola virus, had been eradicated.
6. Fashion designer, Coco _____, released her eponymous perfume, _____ No. 5, on May 5, 1921.
8. Canadians celebrate the birthday of this Queen on May 19.
9. The month of May is named after _____, the Greek goddess of growth, fertility, and spring.
11. The Canadian government established the North-West _____ Police on May 23, 1873.

Across

4. This popular TV sitcom aired its series finale "The Last One" on May 6, 2004, in the United States.
7. Pyotr Ilyich _____ was a guest conductor for the opening of Music Hall (now Carnegie Hall) on May 5, 1891.
10. On May 16, 1929, the first _____ Awards were held with the silent film *Wings* winning Best Picture.
12. The first-ever race of the Formula 1 World Championship was held on May 13, 1950, at this iconic English circuit, which is still used today.
13. Amelia _____ started her first transatlantic solo flight on May 20, 1932, departing from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland.
14. *The _____ Reloaded* was released on May 15, 2003, starring Canadian actor Keanu Reeves and Canadian actress Carrie-Anne Moss.



In Loving Kindness

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

Be not abashed when life is tough
No shame in having need
At times the road is harsh and rough
Confused this world indeed

It's crucial that we all reach out
In giving and receiving
To rise above the walls of doubt
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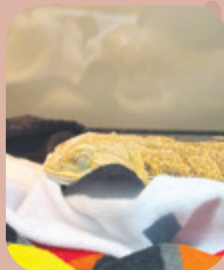
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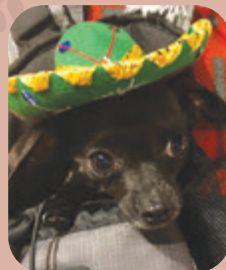
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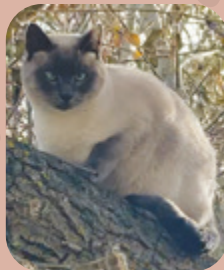
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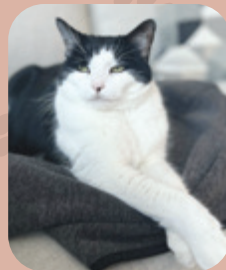
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Celebrating Calgary 150 - Sandstone City

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

Why is today's downtown core located west of Fort Calgary? In the 1880s, Inglewood was growing in anticipation of the railway, but then Canadian Pacific Railway built its station where the Calgary Tower stands today. Much of the fledgling town picked up and moved.

Civic leaders then built bridges and ran the Stampede's forerunner, the 1886 International Seed Grain and Hay Exposition. The first General Hospital opened in a house, performing surgeries on the kitchen table.

Calgary's first buildings were constructed with wood, but 18 were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1886. Afterwards, town council mandated building with sandstone from the surrounding foothills.

Hence the nickname Sandstone City. See for yourself along Stephen Avenue National Historic Site. Imperial Bank helped make it Calgary's commercial core. The Alberta Hotel followed, and HBC built a department store in 1891.

Smallpox killed several people in 1892, sparking a riot when fearful residents attacked Chinese laundries, the purported source of the outbreak. Many thousands of Chinese had worked on the CPR and settled in Calgary.

An influx of Russian Germans fleeing persecution arrived in 1892 in Bridgeland-Riverside. Ukrainians and Italians followed. Nuns like Mary Greene established Sacred Heart Convent in 1885. Édouard Rouleau became head physician of Holy Cross Hospital.

The CPR took advantage of the Rocky Mountains' picturesque landscapes. Near Siding 29, Banff townsite emerged in 1883. The presence of hot springs led the government to create a national park in 1887. Opened one year later, Banff Springs Hotel is a modern-day castle, with another one built on Hornumnay ("little fishes' lake", aka Lake Louise).

The park's founding saw the exclusion of Indigenous people. They also faced Residential Schools that

isolated students from their culture and families under sometimes terrible conditions.

At today's Fish Creek Provincial Park, William Roper Hull built a two-storey Tudor Revival-style ranch house. Also, there was Shaw's family homestead and woollen mill. A store on Stephen Avenue sold their goods to many customers headed for the Yukon's Klondike Gold Rush.

Sandstone City was a beacon on the prairies, connected to the world via railway and offering opportunities to many.

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The Art of Finding Work - Job Seekers' Trinity: Focus, Anger, and Evidence

by Nick Kossovan



Though I have no empirical evidence to support my claim, I believe job search success can be achieved faster by using what I call “The Job Seekers’ Trinity” as your framework, the trinity being:

- The power of focus
- Managing your anger
- Presenting evidence

Each component plays a critical role in sustaining motivation and strategically positioning yourself for job search success. Harnessing your focus, managing your anger, and presenting compelling evidence (read: quantitative numbers of achieved results) will transform your job search from a daunting endeavour into a structured, persuasive job search campaign that employers will notice.

The Power of Focus

Your life is controlled by what you focus on; thus, focusing on the positives shapes your mindset for positive outcomes. Yes, layoffs, which the media loves to report to keep us addicted to the news, are a daily occurrence, but so is hiring. Don’t let all the doom and gloom talk overshadow this fact. Focus on where you want to go, not on what others and the media want you to fear.

Bonus of not focusing on negatives: You’ll be happier.

Focus on how you can provide measurable value to employers.

If you’re struggling with your job search, the likely reason is that you’re not showing, along with providing evidence, employers how you can add tangible value to an employer’s bottom line. Business is a numbers game, yet few job seekers speak about their numbers. If you don’t focus on and talk about your numbers, how do you expect employers to see the value in hiring you?

Managing Your Anger

Displaying anger in public is never a good look. Professionals are expected to control their emotions, so public displays of anger are viewed as unprofessional.

LinkedIn has become a platform heavily populated with job seekers posting angry rants—fueled mainly by a sense of entitlement—bashing and criticizing employers, recruiters, and the government, proving many job seekers think the public display of their anger won’t negatively affect their job search.

When you’re unemployed, it’s natural to be angry when your family, friends, and neighbours are employed. “Why me?” is a constant question in your head. Additionally, job searching is fraught with frustrations, such as not getting responses to your applications and being ghosted after interviews.

The key is acknowledging your anger and not letting it dictate your actions, such as adding to the angry rants on LinkedIn and other social media platforms, which employers will see.

Undoubtedly, rejection, which is inevitable when job hunting, causes the most anger. What works for me is to reframe rejections, be it through being ghosted, an email, a call or text, as “Every no brings me one step closer to a yes.”

Additionally, I’ve significantly reduced triggering my anger by eliminating any sense of entitlement and keeping my expectations in check. Neither you nor I are owed anything, including a job, respect, empathy, understanding, agreement, or even love. A sense of entitlement and anger are intrinsically linked. The more rights you perceive you have; the more anger you need to defend them. Losing any sense of entitlement that you may have will make you less angry, an emotion that has no place in a job search.

Presenting Evidence

As I stated earlier, business is a numbers game. Since all business decisions, including hiring, are based on numbers, presenting evidence in the form of quantitative numbers is crucial.

Which candidate would you contact to set up an interview if you were hiring a social media manager:

"Managed Fabian Publishing's social media accounts, posting content daily."

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"Designed and executed Fabian Publishing's global social media strategy across 8.7 million LinkedIn, X/Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook followers. Through consistent engagement with customers, followers, and influencers, increased social media lead generation by 46% year-over-year, generating in 2023 \$7.6 million in revenue."

Numerical evidence, not generic statements or opinions is how you prove your value to employers. Stating you're a "team player" or "results-driven," as opposed to "I'm part of an inside sales team that generated in 2023 \$8.5 million in sales," or "In 2023 I managed three company-wide software implementations, all of which came under budget," is meaningless to an employer.

Despite all the job search advice offered, I still see resumes and LinkedIn profiles listing generic responsibilities rather than accomplishments backed by numbers. A statement such as "managed a team" doesn't convey your management responsibilities or your team's achievements under your leadership. "Led a team of five to increase sales by 20%, from \$3.7 million to \$4.44 million within six months" shows the value of your management skills.

Throughout your job search, constantly think of all the numbers you can provide—revenue generated, number of new clients, cost savings, reduced workload, waste reduction—as evidence to employers why you'd be a great value-add to their business.

The Job Seekers' Trinity—focusing on the positive, managing your anger, and providing evidence—is a framework that'll increase the effectiveness of your job search activities and make you stand out in today's hyper-competitive job market, thus expediting your job search to a successful conclusion.

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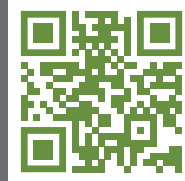
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- Layouts and plant lists for all over your yard – wet, full sun, partial sun, and shade areas.
- Easy to follow information on planting, watering, and maintenance.
- How-to videos including how to garden on a budget and creating a pollinator-friendly yard.

Remember, new plants need lots of water to get established, especially during the heat of summer. You can do your part to reduce your water consumption and help your yard and garden retain moisture by:

- Installing a rain barrel to use in your yard and garden. It is a simple, yet effective way to reduce your water use by acting as a backup source of water.
- Only giving plants the water they need.
- Mowing less often to keep your grass five to seven cm (two to three inches) high to shade the soil.
- Replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as low water-use perennials and shrubs, lawn alternatives, or groundcovers.
- Adding good quality soil to help retain moisture and mulch on top to reduce evaporation.

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Thai Curry Chicken

by Jennifer Puri

Thai food is a blend of four cuisines – Indian, Chinese, Malay, and Thai.

Thai curry can be mild or spicy and contain meat, chicken, seafood, or vegetables, and is typically served with rice or noodles.

The “reddish” colour and flavour of the curry comes from the red chillies used to make the paste which would also include lemongrass, shrimp paste, ginger and garlic, turmeric, coriander, and cumin seeds.

Full fat coconut milk has been used in the Thai curry chicken recipe as it helps to offset the heat and give it a creamy consistency. The curry is actually quite mild, but you can increase the heat by stirring in the garnish of fresh, sliced red Thai chillies prior to serving.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 medium size onion, finely sliced

- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 4 to 5 tbsp. Thai curry paste
- 3 tsp. fish sauce
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 ½ cups full fat coconut milk


Garnish:

- 3 Thai red chillies, deseeded and thinly sliced
- 10 to 12 fresh mint leaves or Thai basil leaves

Directions:

1. Cut the chicken breasts into small pieces.
2. Heat oil in a large pan or skillet (which has a lid), add the sliced onion and garlic and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add the chicken pieces to the pan and fry until they change colour and are no longer pink.
4. Add Thai curry paste, followed by the sugar, salt, and fish sauce, and blend in with the chicken.
5. Pour in the coconut milk and simmer on low heat until the chicken is tender, about 20 minutes.
6. Garnish with 2 to 3 thinly sliced Thai red chillies with seeds removed and fresh mint or basil leaves.
7. Serve with Jasmine or Basmati rice or rice noodles if desired.

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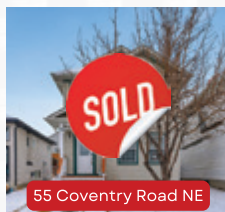
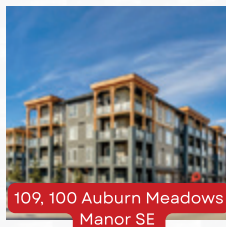
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