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WORD OF THE MONTH

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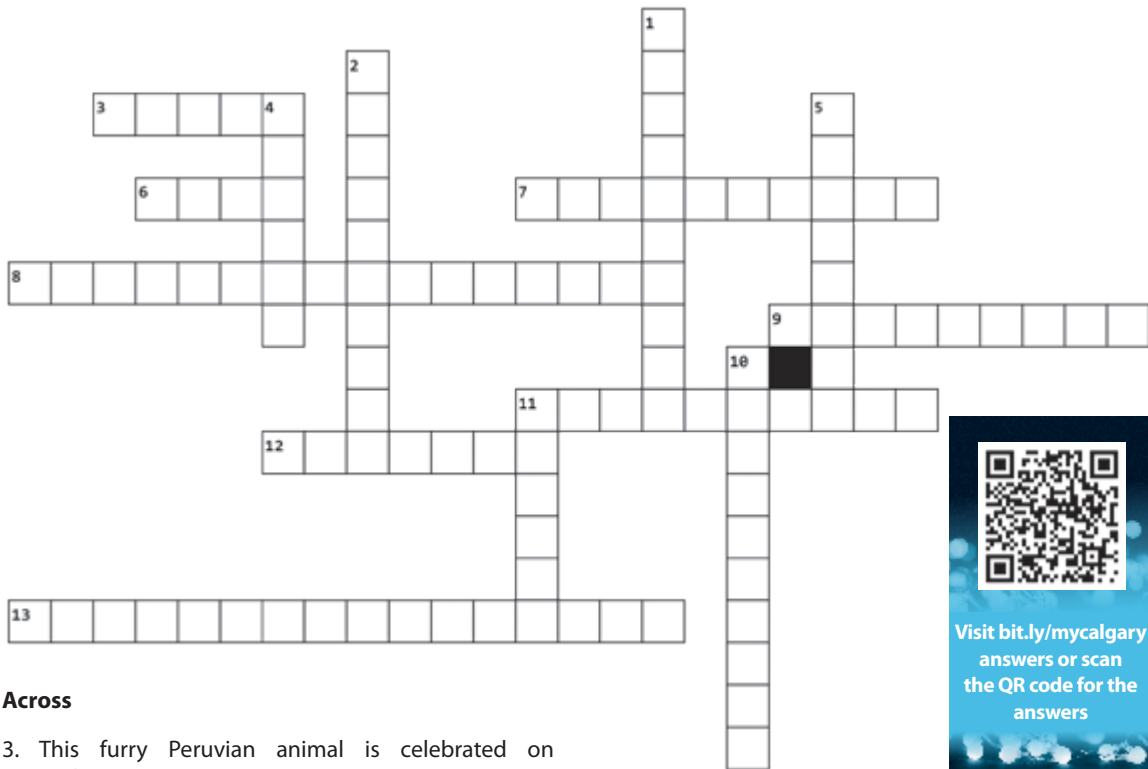


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December Crossword



Across

3. This furry Peruvian animal is celebrated on December 9 every year.
6. The Canadian Soccer Association formally became a member of this important sporting organization in December of 1912.
7. This sweet Canadian export has its own national day on December 17.
8. In December of 1982, TIME Magazine named this popular object Man of the Year.
9. This famous holiday candy is made to resemble a shepherd's staff.
11. This Schitt's Creek star was born on December 17, 1946.
12. This romantic New Year's Eve tradition originated from the Roman's Saturnalia festival.
13. This book concerning two rival families living in the moors of England, written by Emily Brontë, was published in December 1847.

Down

1. These prestigious awards celebrating and honouring academics and philanthropists, were first awarded in December of 1901.
2. Sint Nikolaas, one of the most popular saints in Europe during the Renaissance, is better known as _____.
4. The highest grossing film of all time was released on December 18, 2009.
5. On December 17, 1903, the Wrights' first powered _____ was successfully used.
10. This Canadian singer won the 1998 Billboard award for 'Hot Soundtrack Albums' for her work on Titanic.
11. Canadians drink just under six million litres of this beverage in December.



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Hello, Ward 14!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Seasons Greetings to you no matter what you celebrate. It is a wonderful time of year. It is a time to appreciate a full belly and a warm home, but also a time to recognize and help those who might not. I hope you will look to the online version of this newsletter for details on how you can take part in the Calgary Food Bank Councillors Challenge.

Council just wrapped up its 2024 Budget Adjustments. I will also update you on that in the online version. We will explore the topics of water outages, frozen pipes, and indoor drain care. There will be information on important emergency locations and services for cold weather. Last, but not least, you will read about Calgary's new LRVs and short-term rental study.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14newsletter for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14 or calling 403-268-1653.

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Councillor Peter Demong



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Calgary Midnapore!

As 2023 comes to a close I wanted to take a moment and reflect on the year that was and some of the moments that stood out to me.

Early in the year, it was revealed that the government spent over \$116 million dollars on insiders from the consulting firm McKinsey and Company. As Shadow Minister for the Treasury Board, I led the Conservative investigation on this front.

From there, the government tabled their 2023 Budget which left \$60 billion dollars of new spending onto the inflationary fire. In April, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) went on the longest public service strike in modern Canadian history and as the Conservative Shadow Minister on this file, I led the questioning on the government's incompetence which paved the way for this strike to happen in the first place.

During the summer recess, I met with community members at celebrations on Canada Day and throughout various Stampede events and functions. I also spent much of August meeting with numerous cultural communities/associations here in Calgary, learning about their organizations and priorities.

In September Parliament resumed, and my Conservative colleagues and I continued applying pressure on the government to deliver a plan that will bring home lower prices for Canadians. Soon after, the RCMP announced that they were investigating the governments misconduct on the \$54 million-dollar ArriveCan app. As a Member on the Government Operations Committee (OGGO) I've led the charge in getting the answers that Canadian taxpayers deserve.

That's just a quick glimpse into some of my work as your Member of Parliament this past year.

To see more, I encourage you to follow along on my social media channels - @StephanieKusie on X and Instagram, @StephanieKusiePolitician on Facebook, @StephanieKusieMP on YouTube.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie

MP Calgary Midnapore

A Shopper's Guide to Advent Calendars

by the Better Business Bureau



Advent calendars have become a fixture of the holiday season. Once a religious tradition for children, these calendars are now big business. They are targeted at all ages and contain anything from luxury beauty products to Lego sets to a variety of wines. With so many options, some costing hundreds of dollars, what should you know before purchasing one?

BBB recommends the following.

Shop early. Due to their growing popularity, the best advent calendars tend to sell out early. If an advent calendar is on your list, especially if you want one with a coveted brand or product, make your purchase early.

Compare calendars. Bundled products, such as advent calendars, are hard to compare across retailers. However, do some comparison shopping first to make sure you are getting a good deal on the type of calendar you want (for example, chocolate or toys). Consider what's inside each calendar to determine which company offers the best deal.

Don't expect a bargain. If you already buy something frequently, such as coffee or cosmetics, an advent calendar can be a fun, festive way to sample new flavours or products from a favourite store. However, retailers love advent calendars because they have high-profit margins, so don't expect a good deal.

Buy from a reputable company, especially if you want to buy an advent calendar online. Make sure the online store has a reputation for good customer service, quality goods, and reliable shipping and handling. If customer reviews reveal that a company is struggling in any of these areas, make your purchase elsewhere.

Be wary of misleading ads. Scam e-commerce websites often promote advent calendars through enticing social media ads. Just because something looks good in the photo doesn't mean it's real. The same goes for glowing customer reviews. Always research a company before you do business with them to avoid falling victim to a scam.

Count the cost. Watch out for overpriced advent calendars. In recent years, some consumers have called out luxury brands on social media for not delivering adequate gifts in expensive calendars. Before you purchase one, find out what it contains. Consider whether the gifts are miniature or full-size and what each product might be worth individually. Then, decide if the calendar is worth its overall asking price.

Watch out for scams. BBB gets dozens of reports each year about advent calendar scams through the BBB Scam Tracker. Deals that seem too good to be true are often a telltale sign of a scam. Be very wary of products that sell for significantly more money elsewhere or are sold out on well-known sites. Read more about advent calendar scams.



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8 Tips for Beating Holiday Stress

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Whether your holidays are celebrated in a secular way or are steeped in traditional religious meaning, they are meant to be filled with love, laughter, fun, and family closeness. However, for many of us, this can be a time of extreme stress. What we envision in our minds, see on social media, and depicted in holiday movies, can be truly unattainable. Trying to get everything just perfect to match our expectations evokes visions of the movie classic Christmas vacation. So much is well intended, however, the execution falls short at each turn. Making lists for gifts and groceries, cooking/baking, house guests, planning for celebrations, and family obligations can add up to stress for most people at holiday-time. Help prevent holiday stress with the following tips.

1. Plan ahead. You know how it goes with procrastination – Christmas Eve spent scrambling through shopping malls and madly wrapping gifts. Plan your shopping list a month ahead and schedule time to shop early. Prepare any meals or holiday treats a few weeks before the holidays.

2. Make time to relax. Take time for activities you enjoy and find relaxing. For example, enjoy reading in front of a fire, or go skating with a friend or the family. Don't compromise a relaxing winter evening for another night in the shopping mall. Stay home with the family having a hot chocolate creation day, holiday movies, and popcorn night or a family and friend potluck.

3. Put expectations in check. If you're hoping for perfection (from yourself or your holiday experience), you might be setting yourself up for disappointment. Be realistic in your holiday preparations and the holiday experience itself.

4. Look for help. Do not try to take it all on yourself. Connect with your spouse, family, and friends and share the responsibilities for holiday shopping, preparing, and

cooking. Perhaps a cookie exchange or a potluck style traditional dinner where you are only responsible for the turkey and the guests all bring another part of the feast.

5. Set limits. Commit yourself to a budget to alleviate post-holiday financial stress. Stick to a certain number of gifts purchased and/or money to be spent. Say "no" to extra holiday work and be honest with yourself about the amount of energy and time you can devote to holiday events and guests. If your social calendar is over-booked, say "no" to an extra pre-Christmas party.

6. Eat and drink but be healthy. Holidays are usually full of all your favorite things – including sweets, treats, and cocktails. Practice moderation while enjoying parties and holiday meals. This is the time of year, we need to get sufficient rest, healthy foods, and hydration to ward off colds and flus.

7. Let things go. If family and relative interactions this time of year tend to turn into blow-ups and unmet expectations, the holidays are not the time to resolve old issues. We've had 11 months to confront these challenges with others in a more controlled, respectful, and healthy way. Write your grievances down to address in the early new year to allow time to work through or resolve some of these ongoing issues.

8. Don't forget the fun! Remember the reason for all your holiday planning, a season for celebration and time spent enjoying your family and friends. Take the time to remember what this holiday season means to you and enjoy it! This is where mindfulness comes in, be present and take in all the wonder of the season with all your senses.

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