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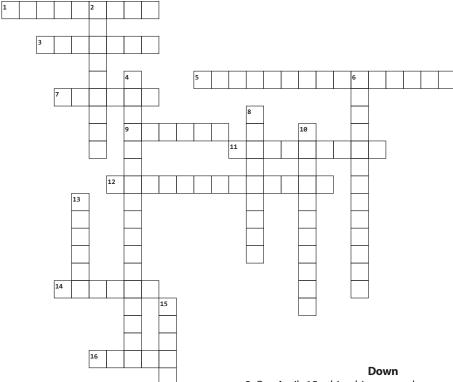
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## **April Crossword Puzzle**



#### Across

- The smell that is caused by the mixture of rainwater and various earthly compounds.
- 3. Kids will leave these out for the Easter bunny in case he gets hungry.
- 5. Born on April 15, 1452, this artist's painting was famously stolen
- On April 11, this national observance advocates against animal violence and cruelty.
- 9. The Latin root for the word 'April'.
- 11. This Calgary-born competitive pair skater won gold at the 2002 Olympics with her partner David Pellettier.
- 12. This Vancouver-born actress is best-known for playing Robin Scherbatsky on the CBS sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*.
- 14. Literature lovers will know that April is National Month.
- 16. A colourful and popular marshmallow Easter treat.

- On April 15, this ship rescued around 705 people from a famous shipwreck 595 km off the coast of Newfoundland.
- 4. What makes April 9, 1917, an important date to many Canadians?
- 6. It is said that this day began in 1852 when France started using the Gregorian calendar and the new year no longer began on April 1.
- 8. Born on April 21, 1816, she is the oldest Brontë sister and author of *Jane Eyre*.
- 10. This Chilean-American *The Last of Us* actor was born on April 2, 1975.
- 13. In the United States, spring is said to have arrived when this bird comes to town.
- One of April's birth flowers that comes from the Old English phrase'dæges-eage.'

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- Members of the community association are welcome to attend SCA sanctioned events throughout the year. Not only will you be able to meet others within Silverado, but will help build a better sense of community in our neighbourhood.
- Stay connected with what is happening within your community. Members are kept up-to-date of the developments within and around the community.
- Silverado Community Association is actively looking for volunteers to help out with community events and for board positions. If you are interested in volunteering your time to make Silverado a better community, please send inquiries to info@ silveradoca.ca.
- Silverado Community Association updates can be located on our website at http://silveradoca.ca/



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#### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS**

All residents of Silverado, Belmont, and Yorkville are invited to attend our meetings. Currently due to COVID-19 our board members meet online through a video platform. If you wish to join us or if you have any questions, please feel free to email us at info@silveradoca.ca.



## 27 Ways to Say No

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



Are you a people pleaser? Do you have trouble finding the words to say no? Maybe you just need some time to evaluate whether you want to say yes. Don't let others rush or pressure you into something you may not have the capacity for.

#### Here are 27 ways to say no or defer your answer:

- I am not comfortable with that.
- I have some other things that need my attention right now.
- I need to focus on myself/personal life/job.
- I'm sorry but I just don't feel qualified to help with that.
- I wish I could but I am unable to help.
- I can see you want my help but I am just unable to.
- I just don't have that to give right now.
- That sounds wonderful but I just can't commit.
- Gee, I wish I could, but I just can't right now.
- I'm sorry but I can't help you at this time.
- I'm just too occupied at this time, so I can't.
- Unfortunately, it's not a good time.
- · Officialities, it's flot a good tillie
- · Circle back to me in few weeks.
- I can't make it this month, week, day, year.
- Perhaps another time.
- I am not available for this.
- Sorry, this is something I can't do right now.
- I really appreciate you asking me, but I can't commit to that right now.
- Sorry, I can't make it, maybe another time.
- I'm afraid I don't have any open time for that/this.
- I can't as I have some other pressing commitments.
- I've filled my schedule.

- I'm really swamped right now.
- I'm so overwhelmed these days that I can't take on any more
- Right now, I've got way too much on my plate.
- I'm not taking on any more work/tasks/projects at the moment.
- No.

\*Remember that you do not have to provide any explanations for saying no.

People pleasers are constantly getting manipulated. You are not responsible for other people's emotions. Every time you say yes to something or someone, you are unwittingly saying no to someone or something else at the same time (usually your own needs). In trying to please everyone, you end up disappointing almost everyone, especially yourself.

People will actually learn to respect you more if you stay true to your values. It's empowering to say yes when you truly want to. You are of value; you have the right to say no.

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#### **DOLLARS & SENSE**

## **Bored? Think Twice Before Taking That Facebook Ouiz**

from the Better Business Bureau

Social media is used as a fun distraction for some people, and taking a Facebook quiz may seem like a harmless way to pass the time. But are you giving away more information than you think?

#### How the scam works

A fun quiz pops up on your Facebook feed or another social media platform. A few questions are answered to prove how well you know a friend. Or a short personality test is offered to match you with a character from a favourite TV show.

These quizzes appear to be meaningless, but the intent behind them is to collect information. For example, questions like: "What was the first car you owned?", "What is your mother's maiden name?", or "What is the name of the street you grew up on?" These are common security questions for insurance, banking, and credit card accounts. Sharing this information can lead to accounts being hacked, and personal and financial information being stolen.

Not all social media quizzes are data collection scams; however, BBB cautions users to be careful about what they share online and to check the privacy settings on the account. Social media data and quiz answers can be used to steal identity or enable a scammer to impersonate you to your friends and family.

#### Tips to avoid social media scams

- **Be skeptical:** Before answering a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent, doesn't mean there isn't an inherent risk.
- Adjust privacy settings: Review the social media account's privacy settings and be strict about any information that is shared - and be mindful of who you are sharing it with.
- Remove personal details from your profile: Don't share information like your phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- Don't give answers to common security questions: Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, street you grew up on, previously owned vehicles, favourite foods, or the name of your high school.
- Monitor friend requests: Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Also be wary of a second friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an imposter trying to access your data and your friends list.

Read more at BBB.org.

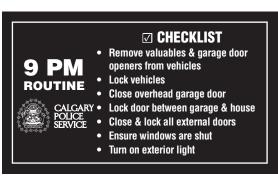
#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

### **Trivia: Calgary Edition**

- 1. What year did the Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup?
- 2. What was Calgary's original name?
- 3. What iconic indie pop duo hails from Calgary?
- 4. In 1969, what cocktail did Walter Chell invent in Calgary?
- 5. Who was Canada's flag bearer at Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics?













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## **Preventing Cervical Cancer**

from Alberta Health Services



Did you know that regular Pap tests and follow-up care can prevent about 90 percent of cervical cancer cases? A Pap test checks the cervix for any abnormal cells that can lead to

cervical cancer. When needed, these abnormal cells can be treated or carefully followed.

Almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV infections are common and usually do not cause symptoms, so most people do not even know they have it. Even if you've been immunized for HPV, it's recommended that you start having Pap tests at age 25, or three years after becoming sexually active, whichever is later.

Pap tests are quick and can be done at your healthcare provider's office or at a women's health clinic. Regular screening means any abnormal changes can be followed closely to make sure they clear up or are treated. It's important to attend any appointments for follow-up testing if recommended by your healthcare provider. The earlier abnormal changes are found, the easier they are to manage and the less likely they are to develop into cancer.

For those who are unsure of when they had their last Pap test, or are due for another, please contact your physician or call Health Link at 811.

In addition to regular Pap tests, HPV immunization is an important tool in preventing HPV- related diseases. The HPV vaccine is offered to all Grade 6 students in Alberta schools who haven't had the HPV vaccine yet and works best in children and teens before they have any type of sexual contact. Some adults may also benefit from the HPV vaccine. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if it's a good idea for you.

For more information on cervical cancer screening, visit screeningforlife.ca.

#### **TAKE ON WELLNESS**

# Canada's Newest Guidance on Alcohol and Health

from Alberta Health Services

Alcohol is one of the most common substances used among Canadians, including youth. Recently, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) released an updated report on guidance around alcohol and health. This was in response to the growing evidence that alcohol is the leading preventable cause of many major health issues. The recommendations are a better approach to addressing alcohol related injuries and maintaining general wellness.

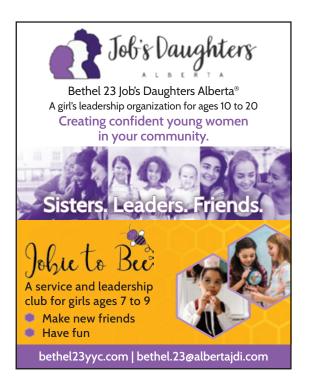
#### So, what are the facts?

- The main message is that drinking less is better. This presents differently for everyone.
- All levels of alcohol consumption are associated with some risk, but this risk increases with more alcohol.
- There are times in which no alcohol is the safest. This can include driving, using heavy machinery, trying to be or being pregnant, breastfeeding, using medications, and being responsible for the safety of others.
- A standard drink depends on the type of alcohol, the amount, and the percentage involved. For example, one standard drink can be either one 341 ml (12 oz) beer with 5% alcohol or one 142 ml (5 oz) glass of 12% wine.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada and alcohol is known to cause seven types of cancer.

#### So, what do we do with this information?

Take the time to look at your alcohol use to make healthier and informed choices. Reading this article and increasing your knowledge about the impact alcohol may have on your life is a great first step! If you are hoping to decrease your alcohol use, here are a few tips offered by CCSA:

- Explore activities that are alcohol-free or offer nonalcoholic alternatives.
- Slowly set realistic limits that you can implement during your day-to-day life.
- If you choose to drink, drink slowly and make sure to nourish yourself with food and water.
- •Track your alcohol use with tracking tools on smartphones or in a journal. Perhaps make note of how you feel after you decide to drink or not.







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#### Spring is in the air, Calgary Midnapore!

Throughout the winter months, I enjoyed hearing from constituents at various community events. Thank you to all the Community Associations for organizing these great events and for all the work you do to bring us together! I look forward to attending more in the upcoming months.

Last month, you should have received my 2022 Tax Guide which is aimed at saving you more. The deadline to file your tax return is Monday, May 1.

In Parliament, my colleagues and I have been fighting for lower taxes and an end to inflationary spending. However, on April 1, Justin Trudeau raised taxes on you once again. This time his carbon tax went up an additional 30% which will not only cost you more at the pump, but will also make the food you buy, energy you use, and everything else more expensive.

While the current government continues to make life unaffordable, Conservatives have a plan to lower your bills, turn hurt into hope, and ensure Canadians prosper once again.

To stay up-to-date on my ongoing work in Ottawa on your behalf, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter and participate in my monthly survey question at StephanieKusieMP.ca.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie

MP Calgary Midnapore

\*Correction from March edition: For Valentine's Day, my office partnered with Le Roi Daniels School in providing handcrafted Valentine's cards to residents of the AgeCare Midnapore facility. Thank you to the staff and students for bringing such joy to our cherished seniors.



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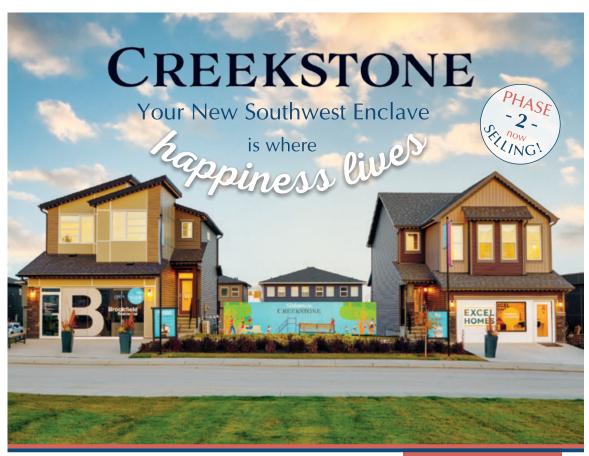
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