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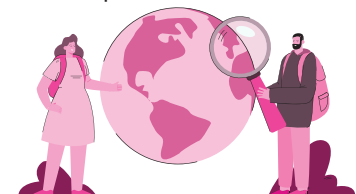
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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Country!

1. Over 80% of this Asian country is mountainous.
2. This European country is also known as The Emerald Isle.
3. Asmara is the capital of this African country.
4. It is mandatory in this South American country to play the national anthem twice on television and radio every day.
5. This Central American country's capital has a rain forest within its city limits, making it the only known one in the world.
6. This Oceanic country, known for its 7s rugby team, is composed of over 300 islands.



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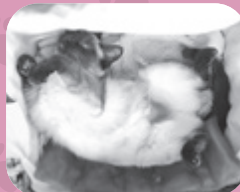
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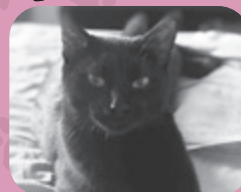
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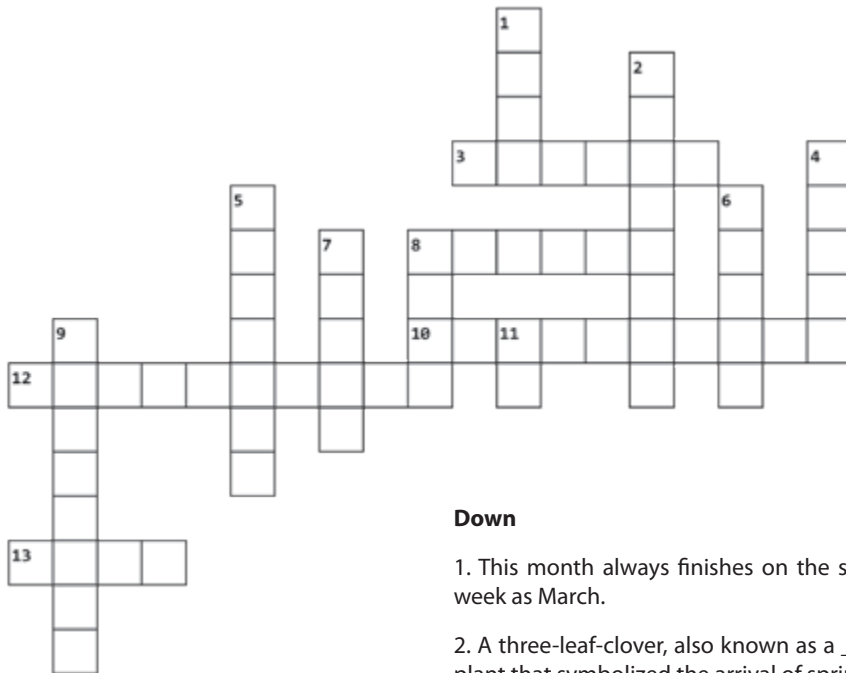
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WINNIE IS CANADIAN

In World War I, Canadian soldier Harry Colebourn adopted a black bear cub, Winnipeg (Winnie). Donated to the London Zoo in 1914, Winnie captured the heart of Christopher Robin Milne. He named his teddy bear after her, inspiring A. A. Milne's creation of the timeless Winnie the Pooh stories. The rest is cuddly, whimsical history!



March Crossword



Across

3. The _____ Equinox is observed this year on March 19, and is one of only two moments in the year when day and night are almost equal in duration.
8. This Canadian pop sensation, Justin _____, was born on March 1, 1994, and turns 30 this year.
10. This mythical creature is often associated with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.
12. March Madness, an annual NCAA college tournament, is associated with this sport.
13. The _____ of March is well-known as the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

Down

1. This month always finishes on the same day of the week as March.
2. A three-leaf-clover, also known as a _____, is a plant that symbolized the arrival of spring for the Celts.
4. International _____'s Day is annually celebrated on March 8, with this year's theme being "inspire inclusion."
5. Now known as X, this social media platform was first introduced on March 21, 2006, in San Francisco.
6. This novel, *Cloud* _____ by David Mitchell was released in March 2004 and subsequently made into a film starring Tom Hanks, Hugh Grant, and Halle Berry in 2012.
7. March was originally the first month in the ancient _____ calendar.
8. Alexander Graham _____ made the first telephone call on March 10, 1876.
9. This flower, which symbolizes new beginnings, is the official birth flower for March.
11. Rajveer Meena holds the record for reciting the most digits of this mathematical phenomenon at 70,000 digits.



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Can you believe it's March already? Spring is just around the corner, and our community has so much to be grateful for. Personally, I am grateful that soon it will be time to be in the garden again. But what truly fills my heart with gratitude is being able to represent this amazing riding and the generous people who live here.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Period Poverty Drive. I am inspired by the generous spirit of our community! Raising awareness of an issue is the best way to bring about change. With your help, we can end period poverty.

Thank you to those who came out to celebrate Lunar New Year with me and my fellow MLAs. We were honoured to be part of the celebration of this lovely Chinese tradition. I was also touched by the warm welcome I received at the Dalhousie Community Association's Annual General Meeting. And is there anything better to warm a cold winter day than a Winter Festival? The Winter Festivals in Edgemont and Dalhousie are charming annual events that bring us together in what are frequently the coldest days of the year. There is nothing better than skating on perfect ice followed by a cup of hot chocolate and a chat with beloved friends and neighbours around a toasty fire.

As your MLA, I can provide services such as notarizing documents and letters of support. My office can arrange a scroll of congratulations on a life event such as a golden wedding anniversary or a milestone birthday. I also love attending community events and connecting with our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have questions or need assistance related to provincial matters: calgary.Edgemont@assembly.ab.ca or 403-288-4453.



by Anne Burke

As many of you are aware, there is an annual global community science competition which documents urban diversity in 460 cities.

Find Wildlife. Take a Picture or Record. Share! Public bioblitzes are held across Calgary with local stewardship groups. The challenge engages citizen scientists in finding and documenting plants, animals, and other living organisms in urban areas. Since parks are for everyone, use only designated pathways and trails. Respect wildlife and keep your distance. Use designated garbage bins. Keep dogs leashed and pick up after them. Respect other visitors.

The 2023 City Nature Challenge involved taking pictures from April 28 to May 1, and then identifying them. In all there were over 1.8 million observations, nearly 58,000 species, and 66,394 participants. For example, Urban Bee Flies were among one of the species identified and they are important pollinators in Calgary. One of Calgary's most observed butterflies, in spring and fall, was the Mourning Cloak. Common Greenshield Lichen and Red-stemmed Feather Moss were also observed in Calgary. A Water Strider was observed in Bowness Park. A Boreal Chorus Frog was also observed in a threatened wetland of Calgary. The Canada Goose in Calgary's urban ecosystem was also observed. An Orange-Crowned Warbler in Weaslehead Natural Area was also identified. Find pictures of all these species and more at www.citizenblitz.ca/.

Yes, the City Nature Challenge will take place again this year. The dates for the event are April 26 to April 29: Taking pictures of wild plants and animals. April 30 to May 5: Identifying what was found. Canadian and global results will be announced on Monday May 6, 2024. This will be the sixth year for Calgary Region participation and there are awards for the top cities. It can be any plant, animal, or any other evidence of life found in the City. Take a picture of what you find or record a sound. Be sure to note the location. Share your observations. The set up for the project page, working with the global organizer team for materials, and more can be found at: www.inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-2024-calgary-metropolitan-region.

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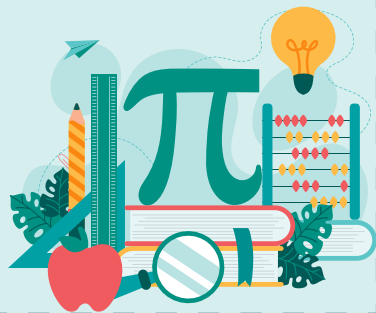
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