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GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT

WHAT IS THE SCAM?

Scammers are calling seniors claiming to be family members in need of immediate money for bail or hospital expenses.

The scammer will often send someone to the door to pick up payment.

BAIL FACTS:

- Police, lawyers, judges or jails do not call people to get money.
- Bail/ fines are typically paid at a courthouse, police station or jail.
- Bail in Alberta is typically \$10-\$500.
- Bail can't be paid using gift cards.



"Court appointed" couriers don't exist. If someone asks to come to your home to pick up payment, it's a scam.



If it has to be now, it has to be no. Using fear or highpressure tactics are usually a red flag.



Always ask for proof of identification and call-back numbers. Talk to family, friends or other people you trust to help verify claims or requests.

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE If you have lost money or the scam is in progress, contact the Calgary Police Service at <u>403-266-1234</u>
To report a scam in general, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at <u>1-888-495-8501</u>

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VISION AND MISSION



Vision

A peaceful, central, residential community with friendly neighbours connected through vibrant public space and activities.



Mission

Inspire and support residents to build our community together through volunteering, social and recreational activities, and partnerships.

Age-Friendly Calgary Essential Numbers for Seniors in Calgary

9-1-1

Emergency (24-Hour)

For EMERGENCY medical, fire, and police response. Call the non-emergency police line at **403-266-1234** to report an incident

that is not an emergency.

8-1-1Health Link (24-Hour)

Health advice (including dementia advice) from a registered nurse.

3-1-1City of Calgary (24-Hour)

Information on all City of Calgary services. www.calgary.ca.

2-1-1Community Resources (24-Hour)

Information and referrals for community and social services.
www.ab.211.ca.

403-SENIORS (403-736-4677) The Way In

Information, advice, and help accessing programs and benefits for older adults.

403-266-HELP (403-266-4357) Distress Centre and SeniorConnect (24-Hour)

Crisis support and urgent social work response (including if you are concerned about a senior at risk in the community).

403-943-1500Access Mental Health

Non-urgent advice on navigating the addiction and mental health system.

403-705-3250 Elder Abuse Resource Line (24-Hour)

Confidential information and support, or to report a suspected case of elder abuse.

Telephone language interpretation service available on all line:



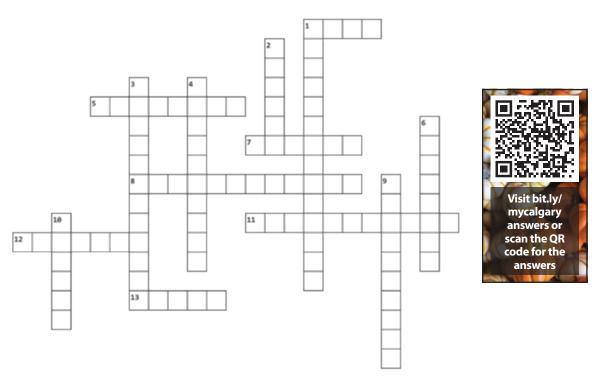
by Anne Burke

The first recorded land occupancy of Nose Hill was an 88,000-acre lease in 1882. Large range leases were bought by well-financed ranchers, such as Senator Patrick Burns, who purchased most of two sections of Nose Hill. Cattle grazing occurred until Nose Hill was established as a park. Crops, such as wheat, oats, and rapeseed, were first grown on the plateau in 1907. Privately held farmland was horse pasture until 1912. The negative impact of horse and cattle grazing was widespread on slopes and ravines. However, it helped to control taller nuisance weeds, such as thistle and common nettle.

By 1910, Calgary's boundaries extended north to 48 Avenue. Residential development between 1945 and 1959 pushed as far north as Capri Avenue and east of 14 Street as far north as 56 Avenue. Aerial photographs reveal traffic to and from fields on the Hill to sites in the ravines and gullies along the escarpment. There were many old vehicle trails. Pickups and 4x4 trucks on the Hill used the sloping benches south of 56 Avenue and east of 24 Street. Trail development and use by walkers increased with the Winter Club.

Gravel mining began in 1961. Many Owls Valley was part of the route for commercial trucks on the main road and along the ridge on the south slope of the valley. Severe damage was caused to slope crests and the top of hummocky areas. Construction of John Laurie Boulevard in 1968-69 caused overuse in areas without fencing. More people trespassed on private lands north of the Boulevard or drove to riding club stables south of the gravel pit. There were many horse trails and dirt bikes, walkers, and joggers from 1975 to 1980. Agriculture on the Hill was suspended in 1979.

October Crossword



Across

- This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical debuted on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre in October 1982.
- 5. On October 5 World _______ 'Day is celebrated to honour those who educate us.
- 7. Queen Elizabeth II officially opened this iconic Opera House on October 20, 1973.
- Canadians celebrate this holiday on the second Monday of October.
- 11. The vibrant hues of autumn leaves are due to a lack of what pigment.
- 12. This iconic single by John Lennon was released on October 11, 1971, in the United States.
- 13. On October 8, 2004, Wangari Maathai was awarded the ______ Peace Prize, making her the first African woman ever to receive the award.

Down

- 1. The Orient Express departed on its first journey from Paris on October 4, 1883, to this city now known as Istanbul.
- 2. Stock markets crashed worldwide on October 19, 1987, and became known as Black
- 3. NHL star Glenn Hall, nicknamed Mr. Goalie, was born on October 3, 1981, in Humboldt,
- 4. Canadian filmmaker James Cameron released the scifi action hit, *The* ______ in October 1984.
- 6. This beloved Canadian Ryan was born on October 23, 1976, in Vancouver, B.C.
- 9. The dystopian novel where books are banned and burned, ______ 451 by Ray Bradbury, was published on October 19, 1953.
- 10. The "Thrilla in ______" on October 1, 1975, saw Muhammad Ali beat Joe Frazier after 14 rounds.

Let's Talk...

October 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm Doors at 1:30 pm

Join us as we continue our Let's Talk series and discuss "Memoir Writing - Notes for My Children"

Have you ever thought about writing you life story for your children or future generations?

Join us for a welcoming session where we'll explore how to capture the meaningful moments in our lives. Share memories of family, places you've lived, worked, and life's big turning points.

Come with ideas and let's get the ball rolling - no experience necessary!

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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Should You Buy a Starter Home or Invest in Your Forever Home?

by Virginia Cooper

For many Canadian homebuyers, the tension between buying a modest starter home and stretching for a forever home isn't just about square footage or location. It's about timing, risk tolerance, personal growth, and how you want your living space to evolve alongside your life. The decision runs deeper than budgets or bedrooms—it's a test of how well you know your own trajectory.

Leverage Smart Savings Before You Choose

First-time buyers often don't realize how much leverage they can gain from strategic tax shelters. With the introduction of the First Home Savings Account (FHSA), Canadians can now contribute up to \$8,000 annually—up to a lifetime max of \$40,000—while gaining the dual benefits of tax-deductible contributions and tax-free withdrawals. That's a rare pairing. Used properly, tax-deductible accounts help Canadians buy faster by accelerating down payment growth without pushing you into a higher tax bracket. If your choice between starter and forever hinges on readiness, the FHSA can close the gap faster than you'd expect.

Tame the Paperwork with Mobile Tools

Homebuying in 2025 isn't just showings and signatures. It's paperwork across email chains, lender portals, insurance approvals, sometimes all in a single day. If you're working remotely or buying in a different province, keeping track of every document becomes critical. One overlooked friction-solver? Scanning key paperwork from your phone. There are features of a free scanner app that lets you digitize everything instantly—mortgage pre-approvals, pay stubs, even handwritten notes from a home inspector, without needing a clunky printer-scanner setup.

Flexibility Often Beats Square Footage

Real estate markets don't wait for you to get settled. That's part of the problem, and the potential. If you're watching interest rates shift or waiting for new inventory, smaller homes can function as strategic footholds. They let you get in, observe from within, and make sharper decisions down the line. There's power



in mobility. In fact, many financial planners argue that starter homes offer agility that can't be matched by a long-term commitment too early.

What Business Owners Should Watch For

If you're running a business—especially from home—housing decisions take on a different shape. It's not just about what you can afford; it's about how your home supports your work. Zoning laws, workspace comfort, client meetings, even write-offs. Founders and freelancers need to think beyond mortgage rates and ask what their home enables. A valuable breakdown of housing considerations for self-employed buyers highlights how the home you choose affects everything from tax planning to burnout risk. Entrepreneurs can't afford to misread the fine print on this decision.

Short-Term Moves, Long-Term Wealth

One of the most misunderstood advantages of a starter home is how it compounds wealth, not just saves money. Instead of viewing it as "throwaway square footage," consider how appreciation, modest renovations, and timing the next sale could become a lever. Buying low doesn't mean thinking small, it often means moving smart. Experts suggest that moving twice can build equity more efficiently than stretching into a forever home you can barely afford upfront. The second move is an upgrade backed by value.

There's no universal answer—only alignment. Starter homes buy you time, options, and mobility. Forever homes offer roots and rhythm. The right move depends on where you are, what you value, and how steady your vision feels. Be honest about that. Then act accordingly. That's not just buying smart; that's building a life.

SAFE AND SOUND

Halloween Safety

by Alberta Health Services



As a member of Calgary's Child Magazine Partners for Safety initiative, AHS EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- · Advise children not to eat anything until they return

home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flameresistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

Salmon and Broccoli Rice Bowl

by Jennifer Puri

Raw or cooked, broccoli is a nutrient-rich vegetable packed with vitamins, minerals, and fibre.

Steaming or roasting tends to preserve the most nutrients and flavour, but raw broccoli is also a great option when paired with dips or in salads.

Cooking broccoli can soften the tough fibres making it easier to chew and digest. Nutrient-rich and low in fat, broccoli can be a healthy, low-calorie snack.

When purchasing broccoli, choose bright green broccoli with crisp, dark green leaves and tightly closed buds. Store in the refrigerator and wash only when you plan to use it.

Create your own stir-fry sauce or use a store-bought one as shown in this simple and easy to prepare salmon and broccoli rice bowl recipe below.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 fillets of Salmon (4 oz. each)
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. black sesame seeds
- 1 crown of broccoli sliced
- ½ cup store-bought stir-fry sauce
- ½ tsp. crushed garlic
- ½ tsp. crushed ginger
- 1 tbsp. sesame seed oil
- 2 cups cooked white, brown, or black rice
- 1/2 avocado sliced

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Place salmon fillets on a foil lined baking sheet. Drizzle
 the olive oil on the fillets, sprinkle the salt and pepper,
 and then bake on the middle rack of the oven for 18
 minutes or until salmon is cooked through. Remove
 salmon from oven, sprinkle with black sesame seeds,





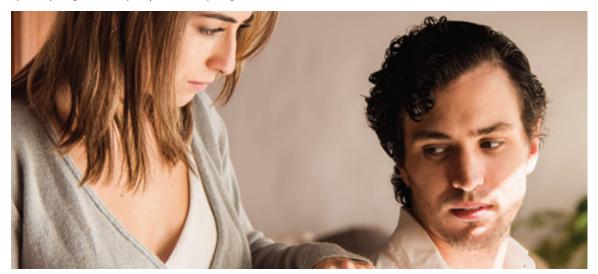
and cut into small chunks.

- Heat 1 tbsp. of sesame seed oil in a skillet, add the broccoli florets, and sauté on medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes.
- 4. Next add the garlic, ginger, and stir-fry sauce and continue to sauté until broccoli is tender.
- To serve, divide the rice into two bowls and top with salmon pieces, broccoli, sliced avocado, and lemon wedges. Spoon additional stir-fry sauce on the broccoli if desired.

Bon Appétit!

How You Can Support an Emotionally Avoidant Partner

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



Supporting a partner who struggles with emotional vulnerability can be challenging—especially if your own emotional needs aren't being met. You can offer support, but you are not responsible for doing their emotional work for them. Here are some ways you can create a safer environment for emotional connection:

1. Model Emotional Safety

- Be open with your own emotions in a grounded, nonblaming way.
- Use "I feel" statements instead of "You never" accusations.
- Normalize vulnerability by showing that emotions are human, not shameful.

2. Respect Their Pace—but Hold Boundaries

- Understand that emotional change takes time.
- Avoid forcing deep conversations when they're emotionally shut down.
- At the same time, be clear about your own needs.
 It's okay to say, "I need emotional openness in this relationship to feel connected."

3. Affirm Effort, Not Just Outcomes

When your partner makes even a small attempt to open up, acknowledge it gently. "Thank you for sharing that.

It means a lot." "I know that wasn't easy for you to say." Positive reinforcement helps override the fear that emotional vulnerability will lead to shame or rejection.

4. Don't Take Avoidance Personally

Their emotional withdrawal is usually about self-protection, not about you. Try not to interpret their distance as lack of care—it's more often fear, confusion, or discomfort.

5. Encourage—but Don't Rescue

- Invite them into deeper connection but avoid doing all the emotional work.
- Encourage therapy or men's support groups where they can build emotional awareness in a safe space.

6. Stay Connected to Your Own Emotional Needs

Supporting someone else emotionally doesn't mean abandoning your own needs. Therapy, journaling, or support groups can help you stay grounded and clear about what you need in the relationship.

Emotional avoidance doesn't mean a man is incapable of love—it means he may be stuck in old protective patterns. With patience, boundaries, and the right kind of support, many emotionally avoidant men can learn to build deeper, more connected relationships.

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Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2026 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST.

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