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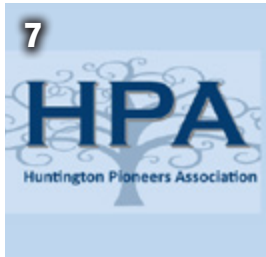
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# Learning About Palliative and End-of-Life Care

by Alberta Health Services



People can live for many years with a chronic disease. Palliative and end-of-life care gives extra support at all stages of a chronic illness, not just near the end-of-life. This type of care works with people's family doctor and specialist as they're being treated for chronic illness. It helps to give people the best quality of life possible so people and their families can live a more settled and peaceful life.

### How Specialized Care Teams Help

Living with a chronic disease can be harder some days than others. People may need to be in the hospital for a short time, and it can be tough on people and their caregivers. Sometimes medicine can help treat a chronic disease, and sometimes other therapies are a better choice.

Palliative and end-of-life care focuses on people's comfort, no matter what health problems a disease may cause. Care teams work to:

- Treat symptoms using medicine and other therapies.
- Help people feel more positive.
- Help with fears and anxiety.

- Show what community supports are out there.
- Teach about care options.
- Make sure all caregivers know what the person wants and needs.
- Explain how the health care system works.

### Care Options

In Alberta, you have many options for where to get palliative and end-of-life care – your home, a hospital, a continuing care centre, or a hospice. Talk to your family and your health care team about what's important to you and where you'd like to be at this time in your illness. Your choice may change as your illness changes, and you can get palliative and end-of-life care at any time.

### Home

Many people choose to stay in their own homes to get palliative and end-of-life care from a home care program. Being in a familiar place, close to loved ones, can help you live as normally as possible. Home care programs offer nursing care and other home support services, such as:





## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Across North America vast herds of bison destroyed woody plants in the area by horning, rubbing, and feeding on bark. Males made their mark during “rutting” (mating season). Trees are not naturally part of our vegetation in a tallgrass prairie landscape, due to risks from severe weather events, drought, insects, diseases, and climate change. Calgary has trees on both public and private lands, in parks, natural areas, and green spaces. However, 77% of the urban canopy is on private land. A Guide for Plant Appraisal estimates our urban forest on public land is valued at \$1.3 billion. The urban forest is aging, and other trees are lost to development. Planting 3,500 trees per year will maintain the status quo. The plan is to plant another 4,000 trees per year by 2060.

The City owns and offers Calgary Open Data. Enter your address to view City trees and zoom in to the neighbourhood level. A mobile device near a tree will pan to your location. Rank trees by The Alberta Tree Species Rating Guide. Reporting a City tree? You can now use the 3-1-1 Mobile App. Ask about a young tree that needs help, a mature tree, or a Heritage Tree. On your property, you may need a permit to remove a tree. Where a tree once was may be a good spot to plant a new one. Enjoy YYC Trees Guided Walks. In-person workshops and online programs are Pruning Q and A, Keep Your Tree Happy and Healthy, and Pest and Disease Treatment. Information sessions are 1.5 hours long. Urban Forestry Technicians offer advice. Space is limited. Register for one session only, since the content at each will be the same. For locations and dates check out <http://www.calgary.ca/parks/trees/education-workshops.html>.



- Volunteer services.
- Community day programs for you.
- Care to manage your pain and symptoms.
- Teams to help with urgent needs 24/7.
- Interdisciplinary care such as support with finances and rehabilitation.

There's also a program that's helping to bring emergency care to people who get palliative and end-of-life care in their homes. The EMS Assess, Treat, Refer program has Emergency Medical Services, home care clinicians, doctors, and families working together to help people stay in their homes if that's what they wish.

### Hospitals

In a hospital, care is often given by a team of doctors, nurses, and other health care providers. The team has access to expert palliative care consultants or palliative doctors. Some hospitals have palliative and end-of-life care units, and others set aside beds in different units.

### Continuing Care Centres

You can get palliative and end-of-life care services in continuing care centres, like long-term care and supportive living facilities. The type of facility you choose depends on:

- The lifestyle you want.
- The care you need.
- How much you can do for yourself.

If you're in one of these facilities and you need specialized palliative care services, you may need to stay in a hospital for a short time.

### Hospices

Alberta has many hospices. These places are made to feel like home while giving specialized end-of-life care, 24/7. The care teams focus on your comfort and quality of life and can help you and your family cope with your feelings about serious illness. In a hospice, you're cared for by health care professionals. Availability of other professionals such as spiritual counsellors and other services such as volunteers may be different for each hospice.

For more information about end-of-life care, go to [myhealth.alberta.ca/palliative-care/resources](http://myhealth.alberta.ca/palliative-care/resources).

## Breakfast Quesadilla

by Jennifer Puri



Eggs are tasty, filling, and good for your health as a whole; eggs contain a little bit of every nutrient you need. Cheap and easy to prepare, they are an inexpensive source of high-quality lean protein.

Blue, green, brown, or white eggs may have different colours but there is no difference in taste or nutrition between them. An average hen lays 300 to 325 eggs per year. The colour of the yolk depends on the hen's diet and age, and typically as hens age, their eggs become larger.

An extremely versatile ingredient, eggs are not just for eating but are used to make beauty products such as face masks, compost, and garden fertilizer. In many cultures, the egg is a symbol of new life, fertility, and rebirth.

Eggs are also a breakfast/brunch mainstay, and scrambled, poached, baked, or fried are some of the ways to consume eggs. Quick and simple to cook, eggs can also be used in burritos or quesadillas as shown in the recipe for breakfast quesadillas below.

**Prep Time:** 20 minutes

**Cook Time:** 20 minutes

**Servings:** 2

### Ingredients:

- 2 large tortillas
- 1 ½ tsp. olive oil
- 1 chorizo sausage, cooked and casing removed
- 3 eggs lightly beaten
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. butter

- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese
- 2 cups kale washed, stemmed, and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup sliced button mushrooms
- ¼ cup chopped green onion
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- ½ jalapeno, seeds removed and chopped (optional)
- Cooking spray

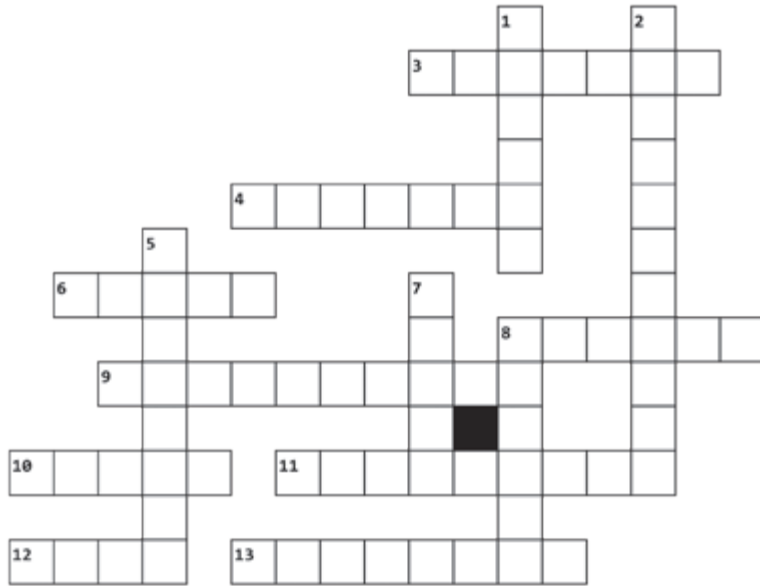
### Directions:

- Heat olive oil in a pan or nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onions and sauté for about two minutes. Next add red peppers and mushrooms and sauté for another two minutes and then add kale, jalapeno pepper, and chorizo sausage. Cook until veggies are tender and then remove from heat and keep warm.
- In a skillet, melt butter on medium heat and pour in the egg mixture with a ¼ tsp. of salt. Cook eggs while stirring until they start to firm up then scramble until they are cooked through and remove from heat.
- Coat a large skillet or fry pan with cooking spray and heat on medium heat. Place a tortilla in the pan and sprinkle a ¼ cup of cheese on one half of the tortilla followed by half the veggie mixture and half the scrambled egg. Top with a ¼ cup of cheese and fold tortilla in half over filling. Cook for a few minutes until tortilla is golden brown, turning once.
- Transfer quesadilla to a cutting board and repeat the process with the second tortilla.
- Slice each quesadilla into two or three slices and serve with your favourite hot salsa, guacamole, or sour cream.

Bon Appétit!



# March Crossword



## Across

3. Known as the “Fight of the Century”, on March 8, 1971, Muhammad Ali’s 31-fight winning streak was ended by Joe \_\_\_\_\_ in Madison Square Garden.
4. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_ was born on March 27, 1971, in Edmonton, Alberta, and is best known for his role as Captain Malcolm on *Firefly*.
6. Pink \_\_\_\_\_’s album *The Dark Side of the Moon* was released on March 1, 1973, and stayed on the Billboard Top 200 album charts for 741 weeks!
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ *Life*, an emotional novel following the lives of four friends and written by Hanya Yanagihara, was first published on March 10, 2015.
9. This pale-blue gemstone is one of March’s birthstones.
10. On March 26, 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk successfully tested a vaccine for this disease that has affected notable individuals such as Frida Kahlo, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joni Mitchell, and Neil Young in the past.
11. Known for her roles in *Schitt’s Creek*, *Home Alone*, and *Beetlejuice*, \_\_\_\_\_ O’Hara was born on March 4, 1954, in Toronto, Ontario.
12. The month of March is named after this Roman god of war.

13. This iconic film about a giant ape causing chaos in New York City first premiered on March 2, 1933, at Radio City Music Hall.

## Down

1. Daylight \_\_\_\_\_ Time will start on Sunday, March 9 this year.
2. This national park with geothermal features spanning across Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho became the first national park in the world on March 1, 1872.
5. Daffodils and \_\_\_\_\_ are the official birth flowers of March.
7. March is officially \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Month in Canada and celebrates the history and impact of individuals, past and present, from the country nicknamed the “Emerald Isle”.
8. On March 2, 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ James made NBA history by becoming the first player to score 40,000 career points.



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# The Art of Finding Work: Hiring Is a Process of Elimination

by Nick Kossovan

Job seekers owe it to themselves to understand and accept; fundamentally, hiring is a process of elimination. Regardless of how many applications an employer receives, the ratio revolves around several applicants versus one job opening, necessitating elimination.

Essentially, job gatekeepers (recruiters, HR, and hiring managers) are paid to find reasons and faults to reject candidates to find the candidate most suitable for the job and the company.

Nowadays, employers are inundated with applications, which forces them to double down on reasons to eliminate. It's no surprise that many job seekers believe that "isms" contribute to their failure to get interviews, let alone get hired. Employers have a large pool of highly qualified candidates to select from. Job seekers attempt to absolve themselves of the consequences of actions and inactions by blaming employers, the government, or the economy rather than trying to increase their chances of getting hired by not giving employers reasons to eliminate them because of:

### **Typos, Grammatical Errors, Poor Writing Skills**

"Communication, the human connection, is the key to personal and career success." - Paul J. Meyer.

The most vital skill you can offer an employer is above-average communication skills. Your resume, LinkedIn profile, cover letters, and social media posts should be well-written and error-free.

### **Failure to Communicate the Results You Achieved for Your Previous Employers**

If you can't quantify (e.g. \$2.5 million in sales, \$300,000 in savings, lowered average delivery time by six hours, answered 45 to 75 calls daily with an average handle time of three and a half minutes), then it's your opinion. Employers care more about your results than your opinion.

### **An Incomplete LinkedIn Profile**

Before scheduling an interview, the employer will review your LinkedIn profile to determine if you're

interview-worthy. I eliminate any candidate who doesn't have a complete LinkedIn profile, including a profile picture, banner, start and end dates, or just a surname initial; anything that suggests the candidate is hiding something.

### **Having a Digital Footprint That's a Turnoff**

If an employer is considering your candidacy, you'll be Googled. If you're not getting interviews, before you assert the unfounded, overused excuse, "The hiring system is broken!" look at your digital footprint. Employers are reading your comments, viewing your pictures, etc. Ask yourself, is your digital behaviour acceptable to employers, or can it be a distraction from their brand image and reputation? On the other hand, not having a robust digital footprint is also a red flag, particularly among Gen Y and Gen Z hiring managers. Not participating on LinkedIn, social media platforms, or having a blog or website can hurt your job search.

### **Not Appearing Confident When Interviewing**

Confidence = fewer annoying questions and a can-do attitude.

It's important for employers to feel that their new hire is confident in their abilities. Managing an employee who lacks initiative, is unwilling to try new things, or needs constant reassurance is frustrating.

Job searching is a competition; you're always up against someone younger, hungrier, and more skilled than you.

Besides being a process of elimination, hiring is also about mitigating risk. Therefore, being seen as "a risk" is the most common reason candidates are eliminated, with the list of "too risky" being lengthy, from age (will be hard to manage, won't be around long) to lengthy employment gaps (raises concerns about your abilities and ambition) to inappropriate social media postings (lack of judgement).

Envision you're a hiring manager hiring for an inside sales manager role. In the absence of "all things being equal," who's the least risky candidate, the one who:

- Offers empirical evidence of their sales results for previous employers, or the candidate who "talks a good talk"?
- Is energetic, or the candidate who's subdued?

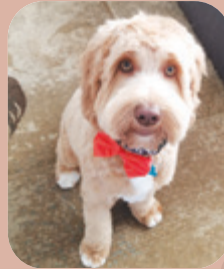
- Asks pointed questions indicating they're concerned about what they can offer the employer or the candidate who seems only concerned about what the employer can offer them.
- Posts on social media platforms, political opinions, or the candidate who doesn't share their political views?
- On LinkedIn and other platforms, criticizes how employers hire or the candidate who offers constructive suggestions?
- Has lengthy employment gaps, short job tenure, or a steadily employed candidate?
- Lives ten minutes from the office or 45 minutes away?
- Has a resume/LinkedIn profile that shows a relevant linear career or the candidate with a non-linear career?
- Dressed professionally for the interview, or the candidate who dressed "casually"?

An experienced hiring manager will lean towards candidates they feel pose the least risk. Hence, presenting yourself as a low-risk candidate is crucial to job search success. It is worth noting, the employer determines their level of risk tolerance, not the job seeker, who doesn't own the business—no skin in the game—and has no insight into the challenges the employer has experienced due to bad hires and are trying to avoid similar mistakes.

"Taking a chance" on a candidate isn't in an employer's best interest. What's in an employer's best interest is to hire candidates who can hit the ground running, fit in culturally, and are easy to manage. You can reduce the odds (no guarantee) of being eliminated by demonstrating you're such a candidate.



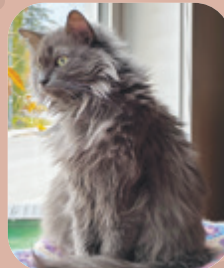
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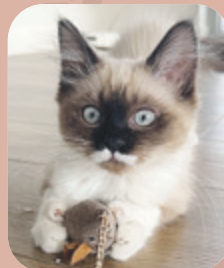
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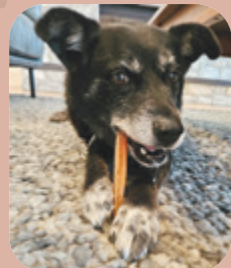
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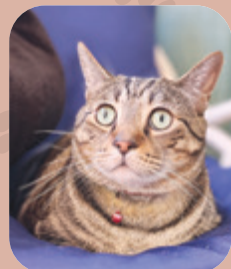
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### Earth Hour 2025: Calgary Unplugged

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#### Event Details

Location: Central Library (800 3 Street SE)

Date: Saturday, March 22

Time: 7:00 to 9:30 pm

Can't make it to the event? You can still participate in Earth Hour! Turn off nonessential lights, unplug from electronics at 8:30 pm, and use the time to reconnect with loved ones, play games, or enjoy hobbies. Share your Earth Hour moments on social media using #EarthHour and #EarthHourYyc.

Calgary Unplugged is hosted by The Arusha Centre, with support from The City of Calgary and community partners.

#### Youth Hiring Fair

##### March 27

Calling all youth aged 15 to 24! The Youth Employment Centre (YEC) is hosting its annual Youth Hiring Fair on Thursday, March 27, at the Big Four Building from 1:30 to 6:00 pm. Meet over 80 employers hiring for part-time, full-time, permanent, and seasonal roles across various industries.

Whether you're starting your career or looking for new opportunities, this is your chance to connect directly with employers and explore diverse job openings. Before the fair, visit the YEC at 315 – 10 Ave S.E. for free resume help and interview prep to ensure you're ready to impress!

Don't miss this chance to land your next job. For more details, visit [calgary.ca/yechiring](http://calgary.ca/yechiring).

Warm regards,

Councillor Sean Chu

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## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Toy!

1. This fashion doll, created by Ruth Handler, made her debut at the American Toy Fair on March 9, 1959.
2. This toy originates from the Swahili word "kujenga" which means "to build".
3. This was the first toy ever advertised on television, featuring parts that could be stuck into a fruit or vegetable.
4. Max Park holds the record for solving this 3D combination puzzle toy at 3.13 seconds.
5. This stretchy, bouncy, moldable toy was used aboard Apollo 8 to help secure tools and equipment in zero gravity.
6. This toy was named after Theodore Roosevelt who famously refused to shoot a captured animal during a hunting trip in 1902.



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