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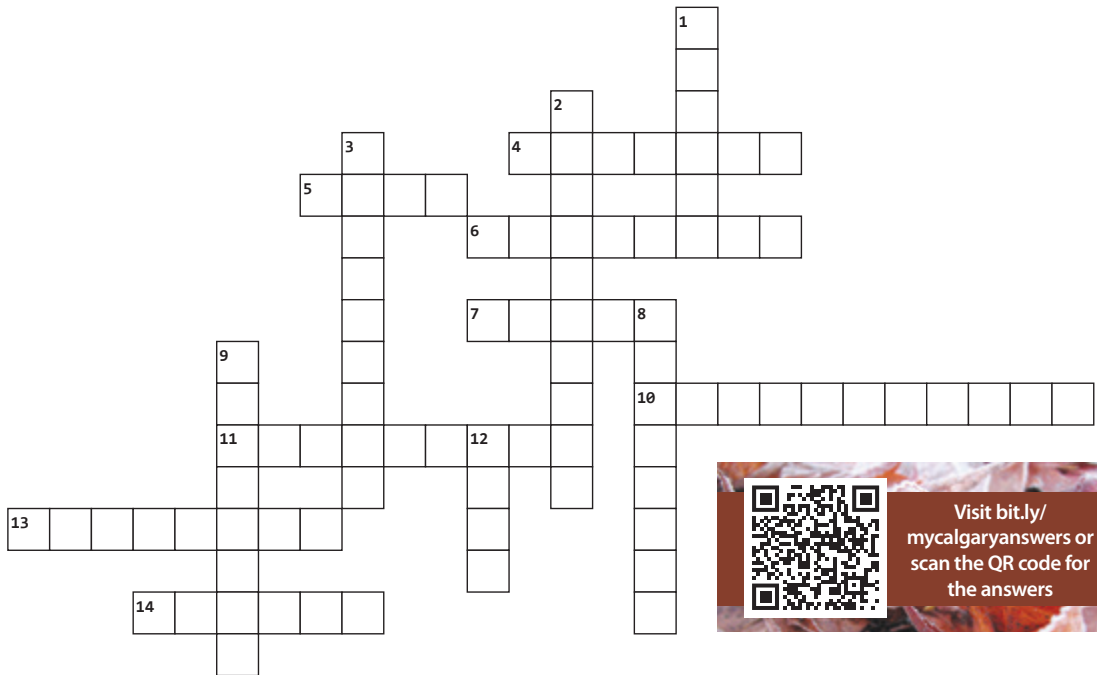
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November Crossword



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4. In November 1896, the hydroelectric powerplant at _____ Falls started operating.
5. "Novem" is the Latin word for what number?
6. The sci-fi novel, _____ *Park*, by Michael Crichton was published in November 1990.
7. World _____ Day is celebrated annually on November 1 and raises awareness about the ethical, environmental, and health issues related to animal consumption.
10. On November 4, 1922, Howard Carter discovered the first steps to the tomb of this ancient Egyptian Pharaoh.
11. This fast-food chain served its 50 billionth hamburger on November 20, 1984.
13. On November 30, 1982, Michael Jackson released his hit album "_____".
14. On November 27, 2013, this winter wonderland Disney animation was released.

Down

1. This Britney received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at the age of 21 on November 17, 2003.
2. Jacques Plante became the first NHL goalie to wear a _____ protective face mask on November 1, 1959.
3. Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Gordon _____ was born on November 17, 1938, in Orillia, Ontario.
8. Stars of the romantic film *The _____*, Canadians Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling both celebrate their birthdays in November.
9. On November 15, 2020, Lewis _____ won his record-equalling seventh F1 World Drivers' Championship at the Turkish Grand Prix.
12. One of the most complete early human ancestor skeletons (*Australopithecus afarensis*), nicknamed _____, was discovered in Ethiopia on November 24, 1974.

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Stay Connected to Your Community!

by Recovery Alberta – Community Health Promotion Services



Belonging and connection go together. Connectedness is feeling cared for, supported, and like you belong in your school, work, with friends and family, and in community. Experiencing connectedness is good for people of all ages. Connected children do better at school and with friends.

Connection reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation. Connecting to resources and support can help people meet their basic needs. Saying “good morning” to the transit driver, having a meal with friends, toasting marshmallows around a fire pit, attending church, mosque, or synagogue, or walking through the neighbourhood with your family to look at holiday lights are great examples of actions that connect. Connecting activities help us be healthy and mentally well, strengthen relationships, and create belonging in our larger community. Forming connections in our daily lives is important for good mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health.

One thing that can improve the connections in our lives is mindfulness. Mindfulness happens when we are completely “in” the present moment. Getting rid

of distractions allows us to be fully with others and increases our appreciation of social connections in the community.

Below are some tips that can help us practice connection and belonging:

- Be present! Listen to listen instead of listening to respond.
- Let go of feeling like you must “do it all.” Think about and act on your own values and beliefs instead of trying to meet unrealistic expectations.
- Let yourself create healthy boundaries. There is no need to always do more or force yourself to do things when you would rather not.
- Create opportunities for connection. If you cannot meet in person, can you connect on the phone or meet virtually?
- Be open and say “yes” to new experiences and opportunities—food, events, hobbies!
- Get to know your community! Who are your neighbours? Are they locally owned? Can you help by volunteering?
- Do what recharges your batteries! Take time for yourself—make “you” a priority. Filling your own cup gives you the energy to connect with others!



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Raising Non-Anxious Kids

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

Modern parenting has become highly involved. Many of us may hover, protect, and step in quickly to solve problems for our kids. While this comes from love, too much intervention can make it harder for children to build resilience, confidence, and coping skills. Add in the constant pull of screens and social media, and many kids grow up struggling with boredom, frustration, and independence.

A New Approach: Obstacle Parenting

Instead of removing every challenge, obstacle parenting gives kids space to face small struggles and learn from them. It's about doing less, not more, and trusting that kids can figure things out.

1. Resilience Comes Through Struggle

- Shielding kids from every difficulty robs them of practice in handling life's challenges.
- Small frustrations (like a tricky puzzle or waiting a few minutes for help) build patience and problem-solving skills.

2. Boredom Isn't Bad

- Constant stimulation from screens can dull curiosity.
- Letting kids experience boredom creates space for imagination, creativity, and self-discovery.

3. Screens and Social Media

- Technology isn't going away, but heavy use can lead to loneliness and anxiety.
- Balance matters: limiting screen time, teaching mindful use, and modelling healthy habits are key.

4. Parents Need Restraint Too

- Kids notice when adults are glued to their phones.
- Modelling presence—reading, drawing, or simply sitting quietly—teaches kids that life doesn't have to be constantly filled with screens.

Practical Tips for Parents

- **Pause Before Helping:** If your child asks for help, wait a few minutes. Encourage them to try first.
- **Make Things Just a Bit Harder:** Give challenges that require effort—like board games, chores, or puzzles.
- **Encourage Real-World Play:** Let kids play outside, climb, build, and explore with peers—even if it's messy or imperfect.



- **Embrace Boredom:** Remind kids (and yourself): "It's okay to be bored." Often, creativity follows.
- **Create Screen-Free Zones:** Mealtimes, bedtime routines, and family outings can be tech-free moments.
- **Model Healthy Habits:** Put your own phone down. Show your kids how to be present, curious, and engaged in the real world.
- **Build Community:** Rely on neighbours, friends, and extended family. Kids need more than just parents—they thrive with a wider circle of support.

Obstacle parenting isn't about making life hard for children. It's about giving them space to:

- Build confidence.
- Develop focus and endurance.
- Learn how to handle frustration.
- Discover creativity in boredom.
- Grow into resilient, less anxious adults.

Sometimes, the best gift we can give our kids is to step back, let them struggle a little, and trust that they can rise to the challenge.

Green Cart Collection Update

by the City of Calgary

Starting in November, green cart collection will shift to an every-other-week schedule. This seasonal change helps match service to the lower volumes of yard waste we typically see once colder weather arrives.

Weekly green cart collection will return in April 2026, just in time for spring clean-up season when yard waste begins to pick up again.

We understand Calgary's weather can be unpredictable, and to keep the Green Cart program reliable and cost-effective, we set the schedule using long-term trends. This means collection times are based on when green cart volumes usually decline and when snowier conditions are more likely. By planning well in advance, the City ensures the right number of trucks, drivers, and resources are in place to keep the program running smoothly.

There are a few easy ways to stay on top of your collection days and keep things simple:

- Visit calgary.ca/cartschedule to check your cart pickup schedule or sign up for free reminders.
- Download the Calgary Garbage Day app to get automatic notifications about collection days and seasonal changes.

Thank you for helping keep Calgary clean and green, no matter the season!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Norma Frances Bicknell (née Rose) (1926-2025) passed away at the age of 98 years. Norma was an ardent crusader for many causes dear to her heart—women's rights and equality, saving Nose Hill Park, the South McDougal Area Structure Plan, to name a few. As some remember: "Though it has been a few decades since Norma walked upon the hill, she was always interested to hear about the first reports of crocus blooms in the spring". Another, "From the first kite fly on Nose Hill (to bring attention to it), the recording of animal life and monitoring of plant species no one influenced me more. The past 50 years on Nose Hill were all because of her influence". Moreover, "She led such a great life. I lost touch after I left Calgary and am pleased, she has enjoyed another 30 years since. When we had to fight to keep Nose Hill mostly unpaved, she was the heart and soul behind our efforts." Calgary's Centennial in 1975 was to celebrate the city's first 100 years. I first met Norma when we were fundraising for educational signage on Nose Hill. Without her, there would have been no such Park. Whatever we all did to contribute as volunteers was in her name and avidly following her lead. An astonishing woman who accomplished so much for so many, she enjoyed a well-lived life in all respects. Nose Hill was declared one of Canada's largest urban parks in 1980. There is a lovely colour photo of Norma, with other members of the Nose Hill Steering Committee. She is holding a copy of the Nose Hill Master Plan. In the snow on Nose Hill, Norma appears very happy, even girlish, with a glint in her eye, as well she might. www.calgaryguardian.com/historical-photos-nose-hill-park/.

The Art of Finding Work: Myths Job Seekers Believe or Are Sold

by Nick Kossovan

Mythologies arose to explain natural phenomena. Many Greek and Roman gods—like Apollo (sun and light), Athena (war and wisdom), and Zeus (sky and justice)—represented various forces of nature. Eventually, mythology gave rise to organized religion, which developed more imaginative, almost human-like characters. While myths are, by definition, false or inaccurate, they remain as relevant today as they were to the ancients.

Myths aren't just stories. Ancient and modern cultures use them to explain the world and our experiences, answer timeless questions, and serve as a [moral] compass. Because myths aren't substantiated, they're not considered factually credible in the same way as documented history, scientific studies, and empirical evidence; however, they can have profound impacts on a person or community, often in negative ways, such as creating limiting beliefs that inhibit a person's thoughts, actions, and experiences.

Every day, I see job seekers cling to myths about job searching, often sold to them by self-professed career coaches peddling fear, false hope, and outright snake oil because it serves their self-interests to sell you their supposed magic bullet services.

The most common myths I encounter:

Using LinkedIn's "Open to Work" Banner Makes You Look Desperate

I find the often-heated ongoing debate about whether someone should use LinkedIn's "Open to Work" banner feature childish and ridiculous. The banner is nothing more than a signal, no different than a bakery hanging a 'Help Wanted' sign in its window or standing on the side of a road with your thumb out because your car broke down and you now need a lift. You do you; let others do themselves. Your job search strategy is yours to design. Ultimately, your job search results will speak for themselves.

The ATS is Rejecting Your Application Because of Keywords

Excuses abound:

- "Recruiters aren't doing their jobs."
- "I'm getting ghosted by bots."

- "It's all about keywords."

Here's the harsh truth. Job searching is a competition. You're competing against many candidates just as qualified as you, many more so. As I've stated in previous columns, there's always someone younger, more skilled, qualified, and hungrier than you.

Most of the time, your resume is seen by a human being, but like most resumes, it's not compelling. Then there's the common scenario, where your resume presents you as a "rockstar," but your LinkedIn profile and/or digital footprint, which employers study to determine whether you are interview-worthy, raises red flags and is an employer turnoff. Give this possibly serious consideration.

Resume Advice: Most resumes and LinkedIn profiles are mere lists of opinions. Employers hire results, not opinions.

Numbers are the language of business; therefore, your resume and LinkedIn profile should be populated with numbers (revenue increase, savings created, time efficiency, amount of work done, scope of work) that clearly show employers the value you've brought to previous employers, which demonstrates what value you can bring to a new employer.

It's All Just Luck

"You just need to get lucky" translates to "I don't want to take ownership of my actions." Success in today's market isn't about luck; it's about strategy, clarity, positioning, and relentless repetition. How many job seekers can say they're focusing on, even mastering, these four action pillars?

There's a lot of truth for job seekers in the words of Canadian writer and humourist Stephen Leacock: "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

Employers Should Talk to All Applicants

This myth stems from a sense of entitlement. Employers don't owe applicants—who've freely chosen to apply—anything. Yet, I hear: "If I could just talk to someone, they'd see how great I am," and "Employers should stop making us jump through hoops and just call people."

Reality Check: Employers receive hundreds, sometimes thousands, of applications per advertised job opening. Expecting every applicant to receive a call is unrealistic. If you didn't get a call, it's not because the system is broken; it's likely because your resume didn't align with



the role or, as I mentioned, wasn't compelling enough (read: didn't convey your value), or your LinkedIn profile/digital footprint is an employer turnoff.

Biases and "Isms" are Why I'm Not Getting Hired

This myth can be filed under the many "I'm a victim!" excuses job seekers have. Yes, biases exist. Every person on this planet carries a bucket of biases; it comes with the human condition. You and I have biases, so pointing out what you perceive as an employer's bias is hypocritical.

Biases aren't what's holding you back. I've seen countless candidates prove biases inaccurate by showing up prepared with a clear message and evidence of their value, and most importantly, without an "I'm a victim!" mindset. Do your actions support common biases, such as older people being less energetic or exhibiting health issues, or do they challenge them?

Today's job market is the new norm. Believing in the face of ongoing rapid advancements in AI and automation, the myth that we'll one day return to an employee-led market is believing a comforting lie. More than ever, job search success requires clearing your head of unsubstantiated myths.



A Minute Lost in Silence

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

A minute lost in silence

Loud the roar of wartime years

Sacred poppies of November

In remembrance of their tears

In our minute lost in silence

We must listen close together

Lest we all forget to hear it

Lest the silence lasts forever

Musical Birthdays

November is a special month for Canadian music legends as many celebrate their birthday! Among the legends are Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Bryan Adams, Gordon Lightfoot, Denny Doherty, and k.d. lang.





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