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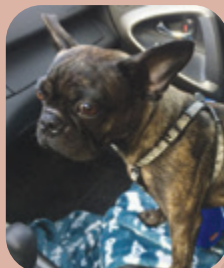
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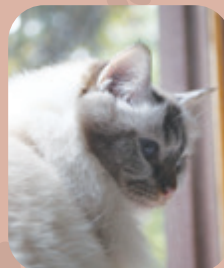
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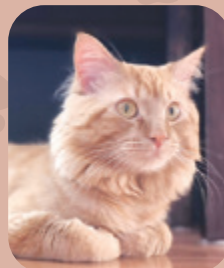
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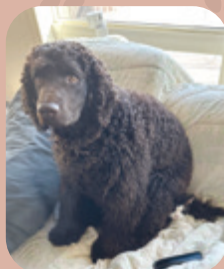
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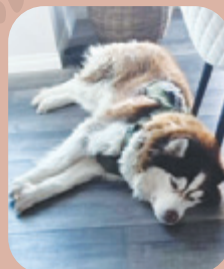
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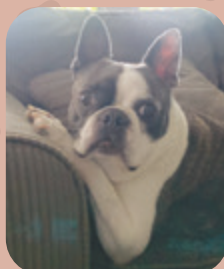
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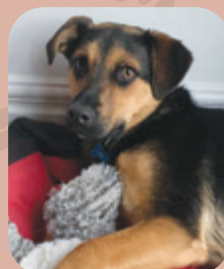
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Sturgeon Moon



The gorgeous full moon that occurs in August is called the Sturgeon Moon. If you didn't already know, a sturgeon is a prehistoric-looking fish that has been traced back to around 136 million years ago! The name of this full moon comes from these fish that used to be abundant in the Great Lakes.

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✓ CHECKLIST

**9 PM
ROUTINE**

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- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light



Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association Meetings

are held the second Thursday of the month at
7:00 pm at the Berkshire Citadel-Sandarac Drive NW.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

RUNNER UP PHOTOS



Big Blue Sky by Tina Song



Pond Has Water by Jennifer Bidlake Schroeder



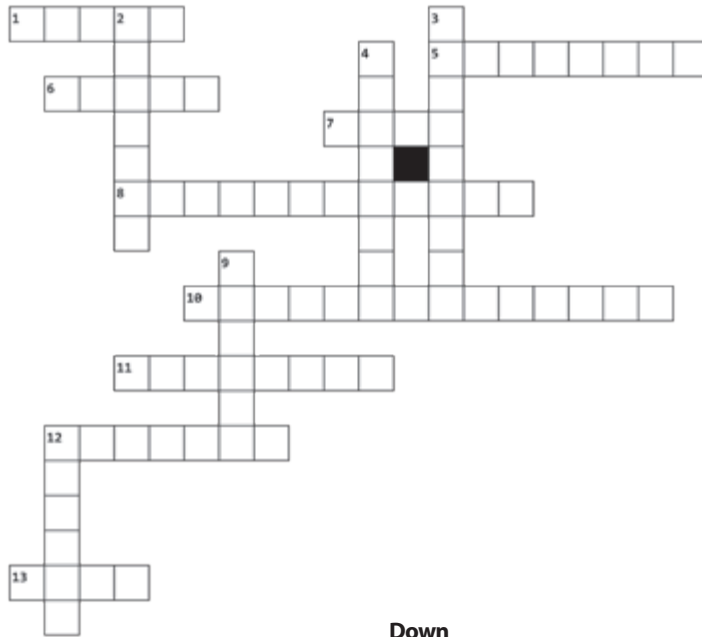
K-Country by Tina Song

Happy Birthday

Born in St. Matthews, South Carolina, Viola Davis is one of the most incredible actresses of our time. She was born on August 11, 1965, making this date a very important one in pop culture! How will you be celebrating this Woman King?



August Crossword



Across

1. This classic Disney film about a young deer premiered in August 1942.
5. Canadian astronaut, Chris _____, was born in Sarnia, Ontario on August 29, 1959.
6. Canadian American actor Patrick J. Adams was born on August 27, 1981, in Toronto and is best known for his role as Mike Ross in this legal drama series.
7. *The Wizard of Oz* premiered on August 15, 1939, and was based upon the book written by Lyman Frank _____.
8. English navigator John Rut sent the first known letter from North America in August 1527 while anchored at St. John's, _____.
10. In August 1837, pharmacists John Lea and William Perrins started production of this condiment containing soy sauce and vinegar.
11. People born in August are lucky to have three birthstones to choose from: peridot, spinel, and _____.
12. The _____ Chapel in Vatican City was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV on August 9, 1483.
13. International _____ Handers Day is observed annually on August 13.

Down

2. In August 2008, the _____ Summer Olympics became one of the most watched television events in history with approximately 4.7 billion viewers.
3. On August 4, 1693, it is believed that Dom Pérignon invented this sparkling wine.
4. Delia Owen's murder mystery novel, *Where the _____ Sing*, was published in August 2018.
9. Usain Bolt won the 200m at this Olympic Games on August 9, 2012, becoming the first man to win both the 100m and 200m at two consecutive Olympics.
12. Inventor Isaac _____ was granted a patent for his eponymous sewing machine on August 12, 1851, revolutionizing garment production.



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by Recovery Alberta – Community Health Promotion Services



Life brings with it everyday stresses, but it is important to have coping strategies that can be used to regulate and balance our feelings and emotions. Sometimes we don't have control of stressors that cause the stress, but we can control our emotions or how we react to those stressors. Calming strategies help slow down the immediate response that we have by decreasing the amount of cortisol in our body, also known as the stress hormone. There are many coping strategies, and it is important to find what works best for you.

Here is a list of strategies that can be used by anyone, anytime, and anywhere:

Managing Emotions

Commonly referred to as “name it, to tame it”, is a technique that involves naming your emotions to allow you to pause and reflect rather than allowing your emotions to spiral or cause impulse decisions. Make it a habit to recognize how you feel. Did you feel embarrassed, sad, jealous, or upset? Simply notice that emotion and name it in your mind.

Mindfulness

Focusing on the present moment will help calm your mind and manage your emotions. What can you see, hear, touch, feel, or move in the environment you are presently in? This technique will help your brain focus on the present rather than the “what if”.

Breathwork

Slowing and deepening your breaths have been shown to help you self-regulate. Use breathing techniques that work for you; these can include box breathing or even paced breathing.

The key to all the above strategies is focusing on yourself. Everyone is different, so find techniques that resonate with you so you can be the best version of yourself!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Long ago, what we know as Alberta was underwater, covered by the ocean and surrounded by tropical forests. As many as 20 major glacial advances and retreats reshaped the landscape, including the continuous plateau of Nose Hill and Lake Calgary. Nose Hill provides spectacular views of the Bow River Valley and the uplands across the valley. Their geological history began in the floodplain of the Bow River which flowed at the top level of the present Hill where the river deposited gravel, sand, and mud. These are relatively thin on the steeper slopes. Nose Hill is bounded by the overflow spillway system, now Beddington and Nose Creek. Big Hill Springs Coulee is what remains.

Erratics are stones, boulders, or big blocks picked up and moved from one place to another during the last ice age. There are many in Nose Hill Park traced to a landslide from Mount Edith Cavell in Jasper National Park; they are part of a series across the Foothills region of Alberta. The Foothills Erratics Train runs from near Hinton, Alberta, to the Montana border. Some large boulders, such as the Nose Hill Buffalo Rubbing Stone, were used centuries ago. You can hike up to the Nose Hill 64 Avenue Glacial Erratic from the parking lot off 14 Street NW. At the top of Nose Hill Park there are several scattered glacial erratics of different sizes grouped close together. The Nose Hill Brisebois Glacial Erratic is between the south Nose Hill Parking Lot at Brisebois Drive and John Laurie Blvd. The Nose Hill Tower Glacial Erratic is on the top of the hill near transmission poles and a small building. Access is by an uphill hike from the North Hill SE Parking Lot along an old access road.

Curried Shrimp and Mixed Greens Salad

by Jennifer Puri



Food from the sea; shrimp have been a popular food source for a very long time. Shrimp are usually smaller than prawns but are similar in taste and texture.

Quick and easy to cook, shrimp can be found in just about every cuisine and are a popular ingredient in appetizers, salads, soups, pastas, and curries.

Shrimp are also recognized for their nutritional value and are a good source of protein, zinc, iron, vitamin B12, Omega 3, and selenium. They are low in calories, fat, and carbohydrates, and are a healthy food source that can fit well into a balanced diet.

Shrimp are lean and high in protein and can be poached, broiled, sautéed, or grilled. A flavourful curry dressing with shrimp like the one in the curried shrimp and mixed greens salad, also makes a delightful appetizer.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 0

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. cooked shrimp (peeled and tails removed)
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ tsp. curry powder
- ⅓ cup Greek yoghurt

- 1 green onion, finely sliced
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- ¼ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. chopped coriander leaves
- 150 gm mixed greens

Direction:

- In a small bowl, blend the mayonnaise, curry powder, Greek yoghurt, celery, green onion, and black pepper.
- Next, add the cooked shrimp and coriander leaves and gently mix together. Cover and place in the refrigerator for at least an hour before serving.
- To serve, divide the mixed greens between four salad bowls. Place the shrimp salad on top and garnish with fresh strawberries, melon, or papaya slices if desired.
- Curried shrimp salad can be served with crackers, on a bun, or wrapped in lettuce leaves.

Bon Appétit!





Accidental Poisoning

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of precautions to prevent accidental childhood poisonings around the home. Ingesting prescription or over the counter (OTC) medications is a significant cause of accidental childhood poisonings. Other causes of poisoning include ingesting or coming into contact with household items such as dishwasher tablets, mouthwash, or chemicals such as paints, solvents and cleaning products.

Medication Storage

- Place all medications in locked containers and store in an area inaccessible to children
- For easy identification, store all medications in their original packaging; do not mix multiple medications in a single bottle
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications are stored

Safety Tips

- Child-resistant medication bottles are not child proof. They can still be opened by a child

- Take extra precaution with medicines designed to appeal to children such as chewable vitamins or flavored cough and cold syrups
- Promptly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use

Prevention

- Store household products, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics in locked cabinets or drawers
- Install child latches on cabinets children might also access by climbing on counters or chairs
- Label all plants in and around your home and garden
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness if ingested

Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.

In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1. Provide the name of the product ingested and, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.

Letting Go of Space: A Guide to Downsizing

by Christopher Matlashewski, Calgary Realtor and Downsizing Specialist



Have you been thinking about downsizing lately? Maybe the kids have moved out and now you're walking past empty rooms every day. Maybe the yard work and upkeep just feel like too much. Or maybe you're ready to tap into the equity in your home and put it to better use—whether that's boosting retirement savings, traveling, or just simplifying life. Whatever your reason, if the home you're living in no longer fits the life you're living, you're not alone.

The idea of downsizing can be both exciting and overwhelming. Because let's face it, you're not just moving. You're sorting through years—sometimes decades—of memories. Deciding what to take and what to part with can feel like a full-time job. And even once you've chosen a new home, trying to figure out where everything goes can be just as stressful. Here's the good news: when you move into a more accommodating space, you're not taking everything—you're taking the best. The best pieces. The best memories. The things that truly matter. And today, I want to share a few simple, calming strategies to help take the anxiety out of downsizing and help you move forward with confidence.

1. Start by Defining What's Most Important

Begin by deciding on your non-negotiables. That might be a favourite reading chair, a family heirloom table, or your go-to sofa. Know what's essential before you even start packing or shopping for your next place.

2. Take Only Furniture That Truly Fits

Remember, you're not just eliminating space, you're

creating flow. In a smaller home, space needs to work for you. That means no oversized furniture. Make sure pieces allow for conversation without needing to raise your voice. Keep furniture heights consistent, as this helps the room feel cohesive and balanced.

3. Curate Your Artwork Thoughtfully

Choose one focal piece per room. Something meaningful and calming. And don't hang it too high—art should sit roughly at eye level when standing, not floating toward the ceiling. As with everything else, only the best comes with you.

4. Be Selective with Accessories

Accessories are where the memories live. But this is also the perfect time to let go of things that are broken, no longer relevant, or that you've outgrown. It's not that you're erasing the past but curating what moves forward with you.

5. Use Lighting to Reflect Your New Lifestyle

Lighting can completely change how your home feels. Think beyond just overhead bulbs. Use directional lighting, recessed lights, and well-placed lamps or mirrors to create warmth, highlight favourite spots, and help a smaller space feel bigger.

I get it, downsizing is more than just moving. It's emotional. It's a big change. But with a little sorting, a bit of planning, and the right support, it doesn't have to be stressful. And here's what I've seen again and again: the moment you step into your new right-sized home, you breathe easier. You feel lighter. You've brought the best with you. And you've made space for what's next.

Finding the Right Counselling Support in Your Calgary Community

by Rod Mitchell, MC, MSc, R. Psych.

Calgary winters can feel endless. Job markets shift. Relationships face stress. Life throws curveballs that leave even the strongest people feeling overwhelmed.

Seeking counselling support shows wisdom, not weakness. You're taking action to improve your mental health and well-being. Calgary offers many excellent counselling options, but each quadrant has different resources and accessibility factors.

The key is knowing where to look and what questions to ask. Finding the right therapeutic fit takes some research, but the effort pays off when you connect with someone who truly understands your needs and can help you move forward.

Know Your Neighbourhood Network

Start your search close to home. These community resources often know local mental health practitioners.

Immediate Resources:

- Family Doctor or Walk-In Clinic - Best starting point for professional referrals
- Community Associations - Many maintain lists of local therapists and host wellness workshops
- Calgary Public Library Branches - Staff provide mental health resource guides and information about local support groups

If You Have Children:

- School Counsellors - Excellent source for family-friendly therapist recommendations
- Recreation Centres - Staff know about local support groups and wellness programs

Cultural and Faith Communities:

- Religious Centres and Cultural Organizations - Often provide counselling or referrals to culturally sensitive practitioners. These resources understand your Calgary neighbourhood's unique needs and can point you toward practitioners who work well with people from your area.

Vetting Your Counselling Options

Ask these essential questions when contacting potential therapists.



Qualifications and Experience:

- What are their credentials? (Registered psychologist, clinical social worker, counselling therapist)
- Do they have experience with your specific concerns?
- What therapy approaches do they use?

Practical Considerations:

- How flexible is their scheduling?
- What are their fees and payment options?
- Do they offer sliding scale pricing?
- Can they provide virtual sessions during Calgary's harsh winters?
- What's their cancellation policy?

Treatment Approach:

- How do they typically work with clients facing your situation?
- What does a typical session look like?
- Do they involve family members or partners when appropriate?
- How do they handle confidentiality?

You don't need to understand every therapeutic technique, but you should feel comfortable with their general approach. Most therapists will answer these questions during a brief initial consultation.

Next Steps

Taking that first step toward counselling shows strength. Whether you're dealing with anxiety, relationship challenges, or life transitions, support exists in your Calgary community.

Your mental health matters, and the right support is available when you're ready to seek it.

What Really Happens to Your Green Cart Waste?

by The City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services



Food and yard waste collected through the Green Cart program is turned into nutrient-rich compost for use by farmers, gardeners, and landscapers.

If you don't separate your food scraps from your garbage it will end up buried in the landfill where it doesn't break down or turn into soil.

Separating your food scraps in your green bin makes a big difference.

Follow these tips for separating food scraps and using your green cart:

- Remove food from its packaging before putting it in your green cart.
- Use a kitchen pail or reuse any container with a lid (like an ice cream bucket) to store food scraps until you throw them in your green cart.
- You can control odours and keep your cart clean by using a certified compostable bag, paper bag, or newspaper liner in your kitchen pail.
- Use a small amount of baking soda in your kitchen pail to prevent odours.

Check calgary.ca/foodscraps for more tips to make your green bin a winner!



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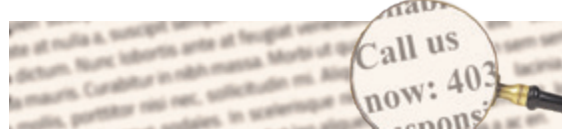
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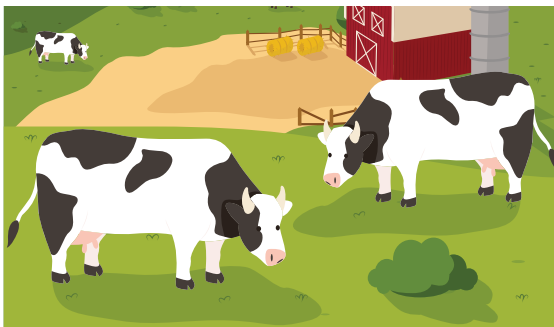
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