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July 23	4	7	\$1,649,000	\$1,600,000
June 23	9	4	\$1,835,000	\$1,800,000
May 23	6	7	\$1,425,000	\$1,410,000
April 23	6	4	\$1,762,000	\$1,697,500
March 23	7	7	\$2,150,000	\$2,050,000
February 23	5	4	\$1,632,500	\$1,547,500
January 23	3	0	\$0	\$0
December 22	1	0	\$0	\$0
November 22	4	3	\$1,488,000	\$1,440,000
October 22	3	2	\$1,167,500	\$1,152,500

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The End of Time

by Danielle Robbertze

It's that time of year again to change all your clocks and timers in the house. It comes every year, yet it doesn't get less annoying or confusing. Of course, I am talking about Daylight Saving Time (DST) which ends November 5, 2023.

This change of time addresses the polarizing seasons in Canada and brings up polarizing opinions. Not everyone in Canada implements Daylight Saving Time to their time zones. But here in Calgary we do. So how did it come to be?

In 1895, George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist, submitted a paper to the Wellington Philosophical Society in New Zealand. In his paper he proposes that there be a two-hour shift forward and backward in October and March respectively. Hudson thought this shift would encourage productivity. But secretly, it gave him more time to chase insects after work (his favourite pastime).

However, there are some indications that Daylight Saving Time had been practiced by ancient civilizations such as the Roman Empire. The Romans utilized water clocks to tell time and would use different scales in different months to suit solar time (a method of recording time using the Sun's movement).

DST was first introduced in Canada in 1908, in Ontario. Other provinces would soon follow suit and adjust their clocks by one hour. And in 1918, DST was formally introduced by the Canadian government to increase productivity during both World Wars.

However it came to be, it is important to remember a few changes that need to be implemented in your home. It is not only the time that is changing but also the season. So, prepare for DST by closing crawl space vents, swapping clothes for winterwear, adjusting your sleep schedule, setting up emergency winter kits, and last but not least, don't forget to change those clocks!



WAR CATS

Ancient Egyptians worshipped cats and believed them to be magical symbols of good luck. The Persian army used this knowledge to their benefit by putting cats on their frontlines in the battle of Pelusium. The Egyptian army would not attack in any way so as not to hurt the cats, and the Persian army ended up winning!



Seven Ways to Break Free of a Trauma Bond

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What is a trauma bond or traumatic bonding? Trauma bonding happens when someone who has been in an abusive relationship, develops strong feelings for those who have abused them. A term you may have heard is Stockholm Syndrome. The abuse may range from emotional abuse to physical abuse and sexual assault. The victim may develop an emotional connection with the abuser, which can lead to incongruent intense feelings of attachment. These bonds can be challenging to overcome the longer the victim is with their abuser. There are 2 main factors involved in establishing trauma bonds: a power imbalance, and an intermittent reinforcement of good and bad treatment. These relationships are based on intensity, domination, and unpredictability.

What are some causes?

Attachment and dependence trauma bond can be formed when a victim experiences abuse and then remorse. For example: love bombing, trust and dependency, criticism, resignation of personal control, gaslighting, loss of self/self-esteem, addiction (to the cycle of push and pull).

Another cause can be biological responses which can aid the formation of trauma bonds such as: freeze response to a threat, and a cycle of dopamine and oxytocin (A.K.A. the honeymoon phase of abuser remorse and romancing).

When you feel trapped in a trauma bond, please know there is hope and help for you.

Here are seven ways to break free from a trauma bond:

Educate Yourself – learn the red flags of what relationships could turn into a toxic or abusive relationship, and the personality traits of an abuser. Read Patrick Carnes' *Betrayal Bond* and Gavin De Becker's *The Gift of Fear*.

Zero Contact – cut all contact, change your phone number, block, or quit all social media, ask friends to not give any personal information away.

Examine the Evidence – focus on what the abuser was/is doing, not what they are saying. Their words mean nothing if their behaviour never matches them.

Practice Self-Compassion – don't blame yourself. This was not your fault. You are not stupid.

Personal Affirmations – work on self-esteem by connecting with your friends and family who support and love you. Practice positive self-talk. Treat yourself with the same kindness you would a friend.

Mindfulness – journal daily and keep your focus on the present not the past. Looking back can cloud your judgement of how bad things really were as we tend to reminisce about mostly the good.

Professional Help – look for a therapist that has the training and experience to help you overcome the challenges of leaving a toxic relationship. A therapist who will help hold you accountable in taking care of yourself, and help you build back your eroded self-esteem.

Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles with their lights and sirens activated. You can help EMS, police, and fire get to the scene quickly and safely by following these rules of the road.

When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

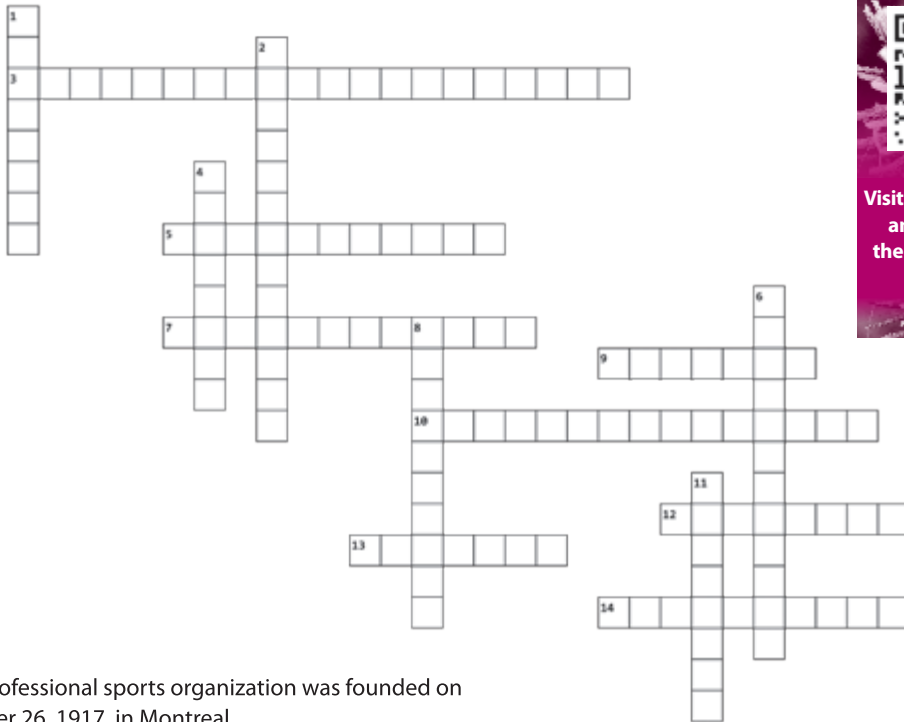
- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection.
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- Move right or left to the nearest curb on one-way streets.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.

- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., to pass other traffic.

When operating a vehicle:

- Motorists must reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks that are stopped with their lights flashing. This law applies to the lane(s) immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it is recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points.
- Do not drive within 150 meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150 m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.

November Crossword



Across

3. This professional sports organization was founded on November 26, 1917, in Montreal.
5. Born on November 12, 1980, but he's just Ken.
7. November is National _____ Month, and during this 30-day period, thousands of writers around the world attempt to complete a full manuscript – minimum 50,000 words.
9. On November 1, 1946, the fist NBA game occurred between the New York Knickerbockers and the Toronto _____.
10. This weekly country music radio broadcast premiered in Nashville, Tennessee on November 28, 1925.
12. This month is the only month used in the 26-letter NATO phonetic alphabet.
13. Pink Floyd's iconic 11th album, _____, was released on November 30, 1979.
14. On November 29, 1961, the Mercury-Atlas 5 circled the Earth twice with Enos, a male _____ onboard; thankfully, he survived the three hour and 20-minute space flight.

Down

1. On World _____ Day, celebrated on November 13, many wear cardigans in honour of Fred Rogers who promoted love and self-esteem building on his show.
2. November's official flower, which originates from East Asia.
4. Released on November 22, 1995, this film featuring Tom Hanks and Tim Allen was the first feature-length film made entirely by CGI technology.
6. The world's longest running play, written by Agatha Christie, premiered on November 25, 1952, in London.
8. November 1, 1611, was the first recorded performance of this Shakespearean tragicomedy. It was performed for King James.
11. The reason people grow moustaches in November.

The Fruit That Made It into the News

by Kosha Vaidya, MBBS, CH

Chinese gooseberries are also known as kiwi fruit. Since they have made it into the news, kiwi fruits are becoming more popular.

Kiwi fruit is a good source of vitamin C; it's been said that they have the same amount of vitamin C as an orange, if not more. Kiwis have a good amount of fibre and are beneficial for people suffering from constipation. They are also a good source of potassium, which has been known to prevent strokes and to provide other health benefits as well. This fruit also has many antioxidants such as lutein and has been shown to be good for the prevention of age-related macular degeneration.

According to research, kiwi fruit has beneficial effects in relation to lowering blood pressure in people suffering

from high blood pressure. In these studies, people who ate three kiwis a day for eight weeks had a drop of upper/systolic blood pressure by 3.6mm. Therefore, including them in a healthy diet plan of getting five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables per day would be beneficial. However, I would be careful eating three kiwis a day as that would add up to 21 kiwis per week.

Kiwi fruit, like other fruits, should be eaten in moderation. This Chinese gooseberry contains oxalates, so people with oxalate kidney stones or gallbladder stones should limit kiwi intake. Some people may be allergic to them, and oddly, others who are allergic to latex are more prone to being allergic to kiwi fruit as well.

Whenever possible, try to buy organic kiwis. The best ones are not too firm or too soft.

I used to love to decorate cakes and fruit salads with kiwis as they add a nice colour contrast, which appealed to me. I guess after hearing the latest news about them, I will be adding them for all their known health benefits too!



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What is Dyslexia?

by Alberta Health Services

Dyslexia is a specific learning disorder in reading. It means a person has difficulty reading, recognizing, and understanding words.

Having dyslexia doesn't mean that you or your child's ability to learn is the problem. It means that you learn in a different way. Not being able to read easily can make many areas of learning harder.

What causes it?

Experts don't know for sure what causes dyslexia. But it often runs in families. Learning issues can also develop after a brain injury.

What are the symptoms?

Signs of dyslexia may include:

- Difficulty reading or sounding out words.
- Having a hard time with spelling or writing.
- Reading slower than what is expected at your child's age.
- Difficulty remembering number facts.

After a child starts school, signs of dyslexia include:

- Problems reading single words, such as a word on a flash card.
- Trouble sounding out words.
- Understanding is better if someone reads to them, rather than reading the material themselves.
- Having to read something many times to understand it.
- Losing their place when they read or skipping words.
- Problems linking letters with sounds.
- Confusing small words, such as "at" and "to."

Dyslexia is not caused by vision problems or other conditions.

How is it diagnosed?

A doctor or school professional may ask you and your child's teachers what signs of dyslexia you've noticed. An educational evaluation can be done through your school. Another option is to have a psychologist do an assessment to look at how your child thinks and learns. This can happen through your school, at a health clinic, or in the community.



How is dyslexia treated?

Dyslexia will never fully go away, but early treatment during childhood can help. Support from family, teachers, and friends is also important.

The first step is to talk with your school to find the areas that are difficult for your child. An assessment by a psychologist can look at how your child learns, which can help in creating a learning plan for your child's needs.

Help your child

Children who have dyslexia may need emotional support for challenges they face. Here are some ways parents and caregivers can offer encouragement.

- Learn about dyslexia. Learning more can help you better understand and help your child.
- Recognize and teach to your child's areas of strength. For example, if a child understands more when listening, let the child learn new information by listening to an audiobook. If you can, follow up with the same story in written form. Text-to-speech applications on tablets or computers can also support learning.
- Encourage your child to keep trying. There may be things they will struggle with. Help them understand that struggles can lead to success.
- Help your child learn how to cope with school. Your child may need to learn how to manage their schedule, organize work, and complete multiple assignments and long-term projects.
- Consider counselling if your child needs more support. If you think your child has self-esteem problems related to dyslexia, counselling may help.

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