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March 2	24	8	6	\$1,747,500	\$1,730,000
February 2	24	7	5	\$1,595,000	\$1,550,000
January 2	24	10	2	\$1,887,450	\$1,872,500
December 2	23	1	2	\$949,300	\$914,750
November 2	23	3	2	\$1,224,000	\$1,190,000
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September 2	23	8	2	\$1,444,950	\$1,430,500
August 2	23	3	1	\$2,270,000	\$2,150,000
July 2	23	3	7	\$1,649,000	\$1,600,000
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# I found out after I bought my condo that the parking stall wasn't included on the title! What can I do?

Navigating a condominium purchase involves some different considerations compared to the purchase of a single-family home. Among other things, you need to consider your condominium fees and what they include, details regarding who runs the condominium board, and any specific condominium bylaws that may not allow for certain activities, such as pets or a BBQ. There are many things you should review prior to signing a purchase agreement, and sometimes the property listing doesn't contain all the details.

Unfortunately, if a deal has already closed and the property has changed hands, there is little recourse for these issues outside of the courts. Consumers and licensees should be aware of possible problems and do their due diligence before making an offer.

One of the most overlooked details in condominium purchases involves the verification and documentation of parking spaces. Is the parking stall a deeded parking stall that is included in the purchase price for the condominium unit? Is it being sold separately from the condo unit or is it an assigned stall that is part of the common property?

The sellers are responsible for providing parking stall information to their licensee, and this should be detailed in the property listing. Yet it's important to understand that listing details might not always be included or accurate. There is always the possibility that an error occurred when the seller's licensee entered details on the listing database; a parking stall could be accidentally listed as a deed parking space, when is really is an assigned stall. The seller may have also given incorrect information to their licensee, who took them at their word. This is where communication and due diligence are crucial. Oversights in information can lead to buyers receiving what they thought was a titled parking spot or discovering that their parking space is not as conveniently located as they were led to believe.

It's imperative for the buyer licensee to proactively verify and document any aspects of a property purchase, including parking stall information, with the seller or their licensee and through their own due diligence, prior to making an offer.

Buyer licensees should view the property and the parking stall in-person preferably with the client, to ensure that it meets the client's needs (is it large enough? is it close enough? is it handicap accessible?). The buyer licensee should also speak with the seller's licensee to confirm any parking stall locations and any additional costs or fees that may be associated with them. These details should also be explicitly included in the condominium documents and/or title.

Seller licensees should also do their due diligence and verify the information given to them by their seller clients. It pays to catch misunderstandings early, before any money changes hands or contracts are signed.

When purchasing a condominium, you should always discuss your individual circumstances with your licensee so they may guide you as to what questions to ask, and any particulars that may need to be included in writing.

In the end, if something is missed through negligence or lack of due care on the part of a licensee, consumers can submit a complaint with RECA. The licensee(s) involved in the transaction could face sanctions for failure to provide competent service.



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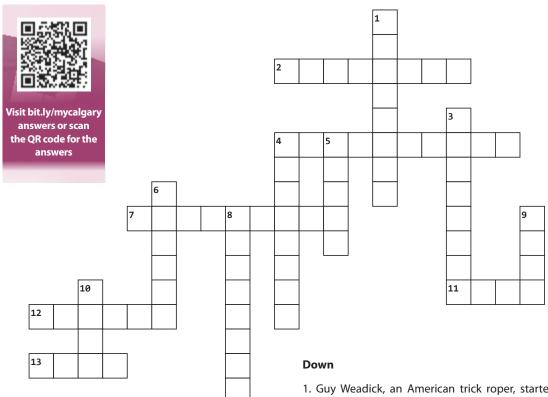
Have you ever wondered why it is called a marshmallow? The gooey treat we love today was originally enjoyed by Ancient Egyptians and made from the mallow plant (Athaea officinalis), which grows wild in marshes!



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# **July Crossword**



#### Across

2. Pamela Anderson, famous for her role in \_\_\_\_\_\_ was born in Ladysmith, BC on July 1, 1967.

4. This popular magical, family-friendly theme park opened on July 17, 1955, in the United States.

7. AT&T launched the Telstar, a communications \_\_\_\_\_\_, on July 10 of 1962, which paved the way for communications on cell phones and Wi-Fi technology.

11. This July birthstone is also known as "Ratnaraj" which is Sanskrit for "King of Gems."

12. July is named after the Roman General, Julius

1. Guy Weadick, an American trick roper, started this renowned North American rodeo festival in 1912.

3. *The Catcher in the Rye,* written by J.D. \_\_\_\_\_, was released on July 16, 1951.

4. Canada Day is celebrated on July 1 every year but was originally referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ Day.

5. What type of animal was Dolly, the first mammal ever cloned in July of 1996?

6. The Rolling Stones, with frontman Mick \_\_\_\_\_, played their first ever concert on July 12, 1962.

8. One of July's birth flowers, the \_\_\_\_\_, is also known as a delphinium.

9. This action sci-fi prequel to the *Predator* franchise, filmed in Alberta, was released on July 21, 2022.

10. On July 20, 1969, the Apollo 11 mission landed on the moon with commander \_\_\_\_\_\_ Armstrong.

<sup>13.</sup> The Calgary \_\_\_\_\_ Music Festival has been a music highlight in Calgary's artistic scene since 1980 and takes place from July 25 to 28 this year.

#### How to Grieve the Loss of a Pet

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



The loss of a pet can be a profoundly painful experience. For some of us, we know the time is coming. For others, it is unexpected, and may be thrust upon us due to an accident or profound acute illness. Pets become an integral part of our lives. For most of us, they are an extension of our family. They provide us companionship, unconditional love, and emotional support. Grieving the death of a pet is a deeply personal process. Understanding the different ways to cope with this loss can help in navigating this intensely difficult time.

First, it's essential to acknowledge the depth of our grief. Society sometimes downplays the significance of losing a pet, which can make us, as owners, feel isolated and misunderstood. We must recognize that our feelings are valid. It's important to allow ourselves to mourn without guilt or embarrassment. Grief is a natural response to losing a beloved companion, and our emotional pain reflects the bond we shared with our pet.

Creating a space to express our emotions is vital. Journaling about our pet and the joy they brought to our lives can be therapeutic. Writing down memories, silly and special moments we shared, helps in processing our feelings. Some individuals find comfort in creating a memorial for their pet. This can be as simple as a photo, an album, a dedicated space in the home for an urn, or a ceremony to honour their memory. These acts of remembrance can provide solace and a sense of closure.

Sharing our grief with others who understand can also be comforting. Talk to family members and friends who are

empathic and supportive. Joining support groups, either online or in-person can connect us with people who have experienced similar losses. They can offer understanding and compassion. These communities provide a safe space to share your feelings and receive emotional support.

Professional support can be incredibly beneficial as well. Pet loss can sometimes trigger or exacerbate existing mental health issues. Speaking to a therapist that specializes in grief can help us navigate our emotions and provide us with strategies to cope with our loss. Therapy can offer a structured environment to work through our grief and help us find ways to heal.

Allowing ourselves to feel joy, and remembering our pet with fondness is also part of the grieving process. It's normal to feel sadness, but we need to try to balance it with positive memories. Celebrating the life of our pet rather than focusing solely on their passing can help shift our perspective. We could make a donation, volunteer, or plant a tree in their honour. These acts of kindness can create a lasting legacy for our pet and help bring purpose to our grief.

Practicing self-care is important during this time. Grief can take a toll on our physical and emotional health. We must ensure that we are eating well, getting enough sleep, and doing things that bring us comfort and relaxation. Physical activities such as walking and yoga can help release built up stress and tension. Meditation and mindfulness help keep us present and focused.

Finally, we need to be patient with ourselves. Grief is not linear; it comes in waves and can be unpredictable. There is no set timeline for mourning the loss of our beloved pet. Over time our grief will lessen, and our happy memories will be more present. We must take care of ourselves during this time. Eventually, we will come to accept that our pet may no longer be with us, but the bond we shared and love we felt will always be a part of us.

"There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turning or walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given." Suzanne Clothier

#### **TAKE ON WELLNESS**

### **Cannabis and Youth**

by Alberta Health Services



Cannabis or other common names including, marijuana, weed, or pot, is a drug that comes from a plant that contains over 100 compounds. The two common compounds are THC and CBD which have completely different effects on the body, but both affect how you think, feel, and act. Cannabis can be smoked, vaped, consumed by eating or drinking, and absorbed through the skin.

Having conversations with a young person may be uncomfortable or difficult to know where or how to begin. Below are some key areas to focus on:

- **Discussions:** When is it the right time to start having these conversations? Well, it is known that discussions about substances should begin as early as 12 years or earlier when appropriate. Educating yourself on how the substance is used and why it may be popular is the first step.
- Try To Understand Why: There are many reasons why a young person may decide to use substances, which can include coping, curiosity, or peer pressure. Ask questions and try to understand why they want to use and what they know about the substance.
- Set Clear Expectations: It is known that youth succeed with consistency. Be clear with your expectations of "no use of substances" while keeping in mind that you still want to be the support they come to. Role modelling and applying the same expectations for yourself will support maintaining consistency.

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### Summer Fresh Strawberry and **Avocado Salad**

#### bv Jennifer Puri

Avocado is a large berry with a single seed and has much more fat than other fruit. Grown mostly in Central America and Mexico avocado trees can live up to 400 years.

Avocados have yellow or green flesh, a nutty flavour and are very popular in vegetarian cuisine. They are considered "heart-friendly" as their fat is monounsaturated plus they are gluten and cholesterol free and contain vitamins B, E, K, omega three fats, and potassium.

Loaded with fibre, avocados can be added to smoothies, used as a substitute for meat in salads and sandwiches. and as a spread on tortillas or sushi.

The flesh of avocados can be prevented from browning by adding lime or lemon juice. Avocado slices can be added to hamburgers, soups or served with fresh strawberries and spinach leaves as shown in this recipe for Summer Fresh Strawberry and Avocado Salad.

#### Prep Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

#### Inaredients:

- 150 gm fresh spinach leaves
- 500 gm fresh strawberries cut in halves
- 2 avocados



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- ½ small red onion, finely sliced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup shredded almonds
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup olive oil
- 1 tbsp. grainy Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsps. maple syrup
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

#### Directions:

- Prepare dressing by combining the olive oil, Dijon mustard, maple syrup, lemon juice, salt and black pepper in a small bowl or jar, blend well and set aside.
- · Place the washed spinach, strawberries, and sliced onion in a large bowl. Peel the avocados, remove the seeds, slice, and add to the salad mixture. Drizzle with the prepared dressing and gently toss until all the ingredients are combined. Garnish with shaved almonds and serve.

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