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by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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On icy road there's hell to pay

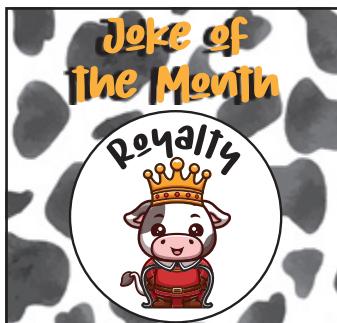
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Like blood cells flow within a vein
The city's major artery
Bright Stampede Red this freeway train

On Deerfoot Trail a rodeo
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Bronc riding on this road together
Until we exit, until we're free

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What kind of cow wears a crown?
A dairy queen

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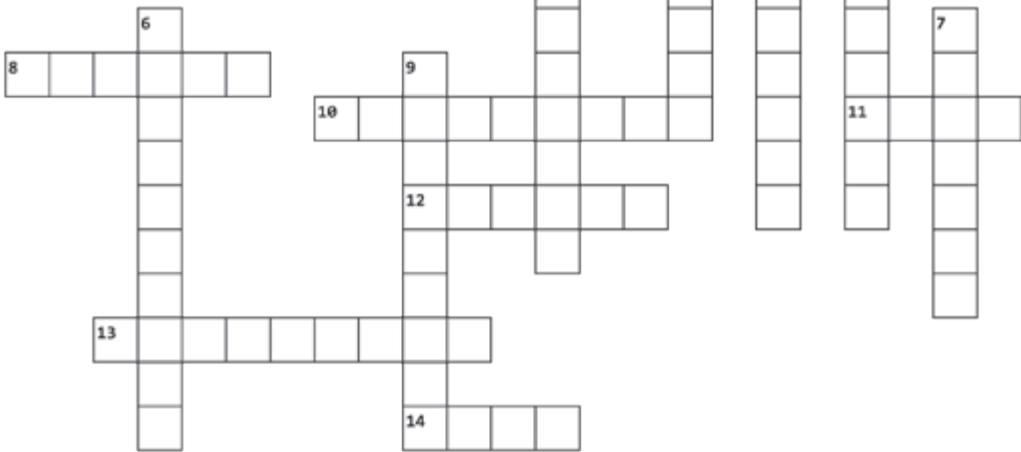
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January Crossword



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the answers



Across

4. The world's largest office building, which houses the U.S. military, was completed on January 15, 1943.
8. Rare snowfall occurred on this North African desert on January 7, 2018.
10. January's birth flower is also the official flower of Mother's Day.
11. In 2015, New Zealander Lydia Ko became the youngest person to be ranked number one in the world in this club-and-ball sport at the age of 17.
12. In 45 BC this calendar took effect for the first time as decreed by Roman ruler Julius Caesar.
13. This free-content online encyclopedia launched on January 15, 2001.
14. On January 15, 2024, Elton John won an _____ award for his television special *Elton John: Farewell From Dodger Stadium*, completing his status as an EGOT winner.

Down

1. On January 3, 1892, writer J.R.R. Tolkien was born in this South African capital city.
2. World _____ Day is celebrated on January 2 to honour quiet, reserved, and sometimes shy individuals.
3. On January 23, 2018, _____ James became the youngest player to reach 30,000 NBA points.
5. The first Prime Minister of Canada, John A. Macdonald, was born on January 11, 1815, in _____, Scotland.
6. The crime drama series, *The Sopranos*, starring James _____ premiered on January 10, 1999.
7. Former professional footballer, Owen Lee Hargreaves was born on January 20, 1981, in _____, Alberta.
9. Jane Austen's romance novel *Pride and _____* was originally published on January 28, 1813.

Caring for an Aging Parent: Strategies for When the Going Gets Tough

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



Emotional Strategies (Inner Work and Regulation)

1. Acknowledge Complex Feelings

Allow yourself to feel grief, anger, guilt, resentment, or sadness—without judgment. Write or talk about your emotions rather than suppressing them. “It’s okay to love my parent and still feel hurt by them.”

2. Release the Hope for Transformation

Accept that your parent may never change, apologize, or become kind. Focus on who you want to be in this relationship—not who you wish they were. Acceptance is not approval—it’s choosing peace over constant disappointment.

3. Separate Compassion from Tolerance

Compassion = understanding their limitations and pain. Tolerance = letting them mistreat you. You can have empathy while maintaining strong boundaries.

4. Name and Limit Emotional Triggers

Identify patterns that consistently lead to hurt (e.g., criticism, manipulation, guilt trips). Develop calm exit strategies when tension rises (“I need to step out for a minute,” or “Let’s talk later.”)

5. Practice Grounding Techniques

Use breathing exercises, mindfulness, or sensory grounding before and after visits. Create “emotional decompression rituals”—e.g., a walk, journaling, or music after caregiving tasks.

6. Reframe Your Role

Instead of “being the good child,” think of yourself as a care coordinator—doing what’s necessary, not what’s emotionally reciprocal. This mental shift reduces guilt and over-responsibility.

7. Find Validation Outside the Relationship

Seek empathy and support from friends, therapy, or caregiver groups. Don’t expect emotional reciprocity from your parent; that’s not where healing will come from.

Situational Strategies (Practical Boundaries and Care Structures)

1. Clarify What You Can and Cannot Do

Define your caregiving “job description.” Example: “I manage their medication and groceries, but I can’t

handle daily visits." Say it out loud, write it down, and share with other family members if needed.

2. Establish Firm Communication Boundaries

Limit exposure to verbal abuse or manipulation. End conversations that become cruel or degrading: "I'm not willing to be spoken to that way. I'll come back when you're ready to talk respectfully."

3. Use Neutral, Brief Responses

When provoked, respond with calm neutrality ("I hear you," "That's your opinion," "Okay"). Avoid arguing, explaining, or defending—it fuels conflict.

4. Set Structured Routines

Predictability helps both you and your parent. Schedule visits or calls at consistent times to minimize last-minute demands.

5. Engage Outside Help When Possible

Look into: Home care aides or respite programs, adult day centers, geriatric care managers, volunteer respite programs or faith-based support. Even a few hours of relief can help you sustain caregiving long-term.

6. Protect Your Physical Space

If your parent lives with you, designate "off-limits" areas or private times. If you live separately, establish boundaries around unannounced visits or excessive calls.

7. Use Written Communication for Sensitive Topics

For logistics (medications, finances, appointments), use texts or emails—it reduces emotional escalation and provides a record.

8. Plan for Respite and Breaks

Schedule non-negotiable downtime—a full day or weekend off every few weeks. Even short breaks prevent burnout and resentment.

9. Involve Professionals for Tough Conversations

Use a doctor, social worker, or counselor to mediate when your parent refuses help or denies issues. Hearing it from a professional, lands better than hearing it from a child.

10. Prepare for Emotional Pushback

Difficult parents often use guilt, martyrdom, or control when they feel powerless. Recognize it as fear, not truth. "They're scared of losing control—that's not mine to fix."

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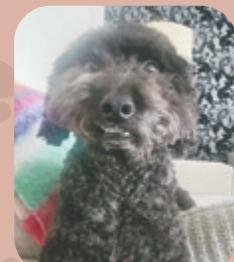
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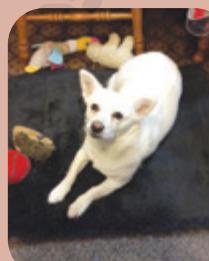
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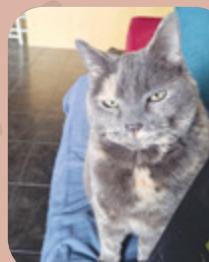
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Rethinking New Year's Resolutions: A Kinder Approach to Food and Health

by Andrea Kroeker

January is often framed as a month of fresh starts and for many that means making resolutions about food, weight, or exercise. Often resolutions built on restriction don't last past February. When we set rules that feel rigid or punishing our natural response is to rebel against them. Then comes guilt, frustration, and the sense of "failing" before the year has even begun.

But there is another way to think about the new year, one that moves away from dieting and toward a more compassionate, sustainable relationship with food.

Why Diet-Focused Resolutions Backfire

Traditional resolutions tend to sound like this:

- "No sugar for 30 days."
- "Cut carbs."
- "Lose X pounds."

But these rules ignore how human behaviour works. When we restrict food, our brain interprets it as a threat. Hunger hormones increase, cravings intensify, and the foods we try to avoid become even more appealing. This isn't a lack of willpower, it's biology.

Diet-focused resolutions also reduce health to a number on the scale, overlooking emotional well-being, social connection, culture, and daily rhythms that shape eating habits.

A Non-Diet Alternative: Intention Over Restriction

Intuitive eating is a framework developed by dietitians and supported by evidence where it invites people to step away from dieting and reconnect with their body's cues: hunger, fullness, satisfaction, and emotional needs.

Instead of making weight-centered promises, consider intentions that foster curiosity and self-trust. For example:

- "I will pause before meals to check in with my hunger level."
- "I will add foods that help me feel energized, rather than cutting foods out."



- "I will explore movement that feels good instead of forcing punishing workouts."
- "I will practice being kinder to myself when I eat emotionally or feel stressed."

These intentions are flexible. They honour daily life and recognize that eating is not only physical but also social, emotional, and joyful.

Honouring Satisfaction, Not Perfection

A key idea in intuitive eating is satisfaction. When meals feel satisfying, flavourful, comforting, and nourishing it becomes easier to stop eating when full. In contrast, when meals are very low in calories or overly "clean," we often roam the kitchen afterwards searching for something to "hit the spot" and satisfy our hunger.

Allowing preferred foods (yes, including treats or fun foods) within a balanced pattern reduces the urgency and guilt that often lead to overeating.

A More Compassionate January

The new year does not need to be a self-improvement project. It can be a moment to practice gentleness, to notice small wins, and to reconnect with what truly matters—energy, pleasure, connection, and care.

Resolutions don't have to shrink you. They can expand your life.

As you step into January, consider what it would look like to trust your body a little more and judge it a little less. You might find that the most meaningful change comes not from tightening rules but from letting them go.

Tobogganing/Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Health Services (EHS) – Alberta would like to remind parents and children about toboggan/sledding safety tips. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe on the hill by following these reminders.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.

- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; try not to toboggan alone.
- Sledding at night is not advised.

Plan Ahead

- Anticipate weather changes and plan accordingly.
- Wear warm, insulating layers closer to the body, and wind/waterproof layers on the outside.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite; therefore, attempt to cover up any exposed skin.
- If frostbite has occurred, treat it by first getting out of the cold environment, or at least sheltered from any wind chill.
- Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water until rewarmed.

Asian-Style Chicken Noodle Soup

by Jennifer Puri



A comfort food ideal for cold weather, variations of chicken soup can be found in cuisines around the world.

Chicken soup is typically made with chicken broth and can include pasta, noodles, rice, dumplings, barley, leeks, celery, onions, carrots, matzo balls, and potatoes.

In some cultures, chicken soup is believed to have healing properties and is served to the sick and the elderly. Chicken soup is filled with protein and vitamins which can help boost immunity.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

Ingredients:

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 3 heads of bok choy, quartered
- ½ red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. crushed garlic
- 2 tsp. crushed ginger
- 2 tsp. sodium reduced soya sauce
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. rice vinegar

- 1 tsp. red chili flakes
- 6 cups sodium reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 4 oz. vermicelli noodles broken into thirds

Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot, add the green onion and sauté for a couple of minutes.
2. Next add ginger, garlic, and chicken cubes and stir until chicken is no longer pink, about 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add carrots, bok choy, and red bell pepper, and sauté for a couple of minutes.
4. Lastly add soya sauce, fish sauce, red chili flakes, stock, and a cup of water, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 12 minutes or until chicken is tender. Add the broken noodles to the pan and simmer until the noodles soften, approximately two minutes.
5. Serve soup with green onion cake if desired.

Bon Appétit!



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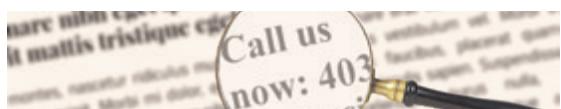
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