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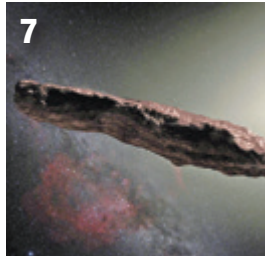
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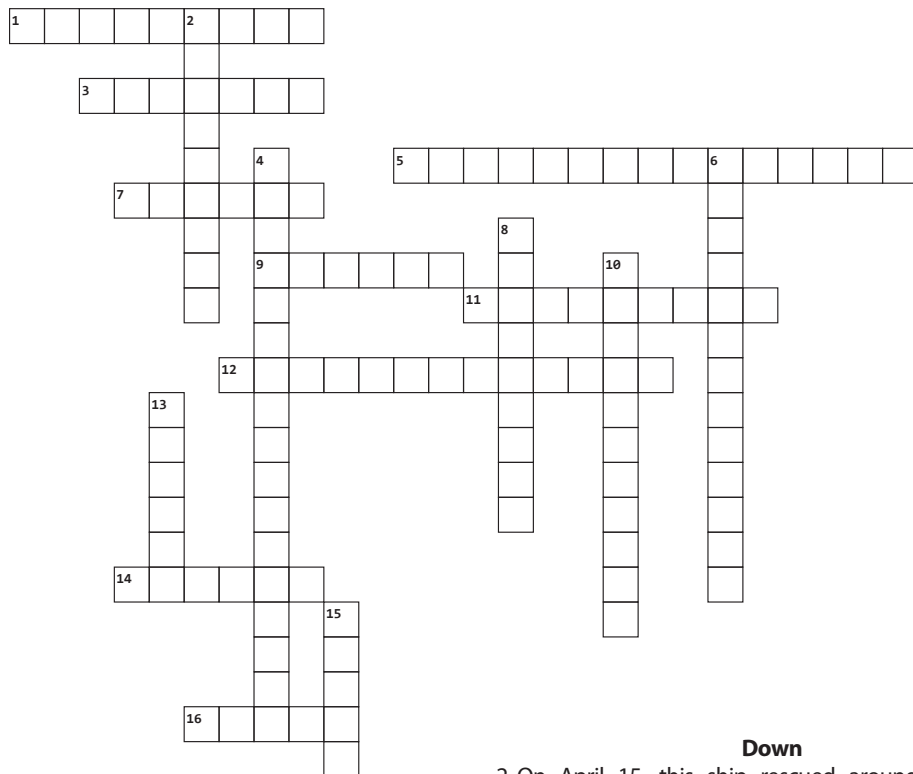


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April Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. The smell that is caused by the mixture of rainwater and various earthly compounds.
3. Kids will leave these out for the Easter bunny in case he gets hungry.
5. Born on April 15, 1452, this artist's painting was famously stolen.
7. On April 11, this national observance advocates against animal violence and cruelty.
9. The Latin root for the word 'April'.
11. This Calgary-born competitive pair skater won gold at the 2002 Olympics with her partner David Pellettier.
12. This Vancouver-born actress is best-known for playing Robin Scherbatsky on the CBS sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*.
14. Literature lovers will know that April is National _____ Month.
16. A colourful and popular marshmallow Easter treat.

Down

2. On April 15, this ship rescued around 705 people from a famous shipwreck 595 km off the coast of Newfoundland.
4. What makes April 9, 1917, an important date to many Canadians?
6. It is said that this day began in 1852 when France started using the Gregorian calendar and the new year no longer began on April 1.
8. Born on April 21, 1816, she is the oldest Brontë sister and author of *Jane Eyre*.
10. This Chilean-American *The Last of Us* actor was born on April 2, 1975.
13. In the United States, spring is said to have arrived when this bird comes to town.
15. One of April's birth flowers that comes from the Old English phrase 'dægeseage'.

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Joke of the Month

I asked the gym instructor, "Can you teach me to do the splits?"
"How flexible are you?" she asked.
I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

Happy Birthday, Charlotte Brontë!



You've likely heard of at least one of the three Brontë sisters, all famous for their canonized novels. Born on April 21, 1816, Charlotte was the eldest and is best known for writing *Jane Eyre*. She was once urged by poet Robert Southey to abandon her writing because she was a woman. How fortunate that Charlotte didn't listen!

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Bored? Think Twice Before Taking That Facebook Quiz

from the Better Business Bureau



Social media is used as a fun distraction for some people, and taking a Facebook quiz may seem like a harmless way to pass the time. But are you giving away more information than you think?

How the scam works

A fun quiz pops up on your Facebook feed or another social media platform. A few questions are answered to prove how well you know a friend. Or a short personality test is offered to match you with a character from a favourite TV show.

These quizzes appear to be meaningless, but the intent behind them is to collect information. For example, questions like: "What was the first car you owned?," "What is your mother's maiden name?," or "What is the name of the street you grew up on?" These are common security questions for insurance, banking, and credit card accounts. Sharing this information can lead to accounts being hacked, and personal and financial information being stolen.

Not all social media quizzes are data collection scams; however, BBB cautions users to be careful about what they share online and to check the privacy settings on the account. Social media data and quiz answers can be used to steal identity or enable a scammer to impersonate you to your friends and family.

Tips to avoid social media scams

- **Be skeptical:** Before answering a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent, doesn't mean there isn't an inherent risk.
- **Adjust privacy settings:** Review the social media account's privacy settings and be strict about any information that is shared - and be mindful of who you are sharing it with.
- **Remove personal details from your profile:** Don't share information like your phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- **Don't give answers to common security questions:** Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, street you grew up on, previously owned vehicles, favourite foods, or the name of your high school.
- **Monitor friend requests:** Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Also be wary of a second friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an imposter trying to access your data and your friends list.

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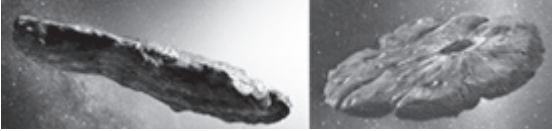
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Oumuamua (oh-moo-ah-moo-ah)



Imagine that you wake one night to witness a strange vehicle racing past your house. Before you can get a good look at it, the object vanishes into the darkness.

On October 19, 2017, Robert Weryk, an astronomer at the University of Hawaii, observed just such an entity. Working backwards to plot its bizarre trajectory, Weryk eventually identified it as the first interstellar object ever discovered, meaning it originated from somewhere beyond our solar system.

By the time Oumuamua (Hawaiian for 'messenger from afar') was spotted, it was already on its way out of town, having made a hard left at the Sun 40 days earlier. This only allowed astronomers a scant 11 days to study this otherworldly visitor before it faded from view.

What we know about Oumuamua:

- It was the weirdest object ever seen in our solar system.
- It came from the direction of constellation Lyra and is now headed toward constellation Pegasus.
- Despite being only a pinpoint of light in the Hubble telescope, NASA felt it had a 400 x 40 metre cigar shape that grew brighter then dimmer, indicating a tumbling rotation. Other scientists favoured a shiny pancake profile.
- SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) detected no unusual radio emissions.
- It was originally categorized as a comet, but as it lacked a tail, was reclassified as an asteroid.
- It sped up to 315,800 km/hr as it approached the Sun then continued to briefly accelerate afterwards. While an asteroid can't do this, a comet can, but because of the missing tail, Oumuamua was re-reclassified in 2018 as neither a comet nor an asteroid.
- A controversial Harvard astronomer proclaimed that it may have been a spacecraft with a lightsail that utilized the Sun's radiation pressure to propel it forward.
- Whatever it was, Oumuamua is long gone and will not pass our way again.

Canada's Newest Guidance on Alcohol and Health

from Alberta Health Services

Alcohol is one of the most common substances used among Canadians, including youth. Recently, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) released an updated report on guidance around alcohol and health. This was in response to the growing evidence that alcohol is the leading preventable cause of many major health issues. The recommendations are a better approach to addressing alcohol related injuries and maintaining general wellness.

So, what are the facts?

- The main message is that drinking less is better. This presents differently for everyone.
- All levels of alcohol consumption are associated with some risk, but this risk increases with more alcohol.
- There are times in which no alcohol is the safest. This can include driving, using heavy machinery, trying to be or being pregnant, breastfeeding, using medications, and being responsible for the safety of others.
- A standard drink depends on the type of alcohol, the amount, and the percentage involved. For example, one standard drink can be either one 341 ml (12 oz) beer with 5% alcohol or one 142 ml (5 oz) glass of 12% wine.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada and alcohol is known to cause seven types of cancer.

So, what do we do with this information?

Take the time to look at your alcohol use to make healthier and informed choices. Reading this article and increasing your knowledge about the impact alcohol may have on your life is a great first step! If you are hoping to decrease your alcohol use, here are a few tips offered by CCSA:

- Explore activities that are alcohol-free or offer non-alcoholic alternatives.
- Slowly set realistic limits that you can implement during your day-to-day life.
- If you choose to drink, drink slowly and make sure to nourish yourself with food and water.
- Track your alcohol use with tracking tools on smartphones or in a journal. Perhaps make note of how you feel after you decide to drink or not.

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Preventing Cervical Cancer

from Alberta Health Services



Did you know that regular Pap tests and follow-up care can prevent about 90 percent of cervical cancer cases? A Pap test checks the cervix for any abnormal cells that can lead to

cervical cancer. When needed, these abnormal cells can be treated or carefully followed.

Almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV infections are common and usually do not cause symptoms, so most people do not even know they have it. Even if you've been immunized for HPV, it's recommended that you start having Pap tests at age 25, or three years after becoming sexually active, whichever is later.

Pap tests are quick and can be done at your healthcare provider's office or at a women's health clinic. Regular screening means any abnormal changes can be followed closely to make sure they clear up or are treated. It's important to attend any appointments for follow-up testing if recommended by your healthcare provider. The earlier abnormal changes are found, the easier they are to manage and the less likely they are to develop into cancer.

For those who are unsure of when they had their last Pap test, or are due for another, please contact your physician or call Health Link at 811.

In addition to regular Pap tests, HPV immunization is an important tool in preventing HPV-related diseases. The HPV vaccine is offered to all Grade 6 students in Alberta schools who haven't had the HPV vaccine yet and works best in children and teens before they have any type of sexual contact. Some adults may also benefit from the HPV vaccine. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if it's a good idea for you.

For more information on cervical cancer screening, visit screeningforlife.ca.

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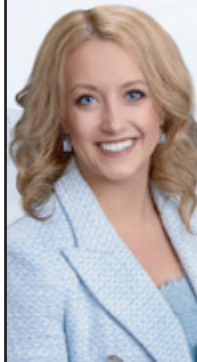
Elbow Valley Resident,

I have only recently discovered this newsletter, but I hope to bring you more consistent updates through it in the months to come.

On February 28, our government presented Budget 2023-24, rightly themed "Securing Alberta's Future". Budget '23 reflects a \$2.4 billion surplus, \$20 billion less tax than the next lowest taxed province in Canada, \$2.1 billion in red tape reduction savings for small businesses, and the lowest debt to GDP in the country – all while making record investments in healthcare, education, transportation, public safety, debt repayment, and even the Heritage Savings Fund.

This budget, which also reflects rapid economic growth and diversification, is no accident. It is the result of intentional deregulation, lowered taxes, targeted sector growth strategies, and disciplined fiscal prudence even during a commodity price collapse and pandemic. With over 200,000 jobs created the past three years and billions of dollars of private investment injected into our province, Alberta's future has never been brighter!

Today Alberta leads the country in GDP growth and job creation. To fully secure Alberta's economic and financial future, Budget '23 was coupled with a new fiscal framework and balanced budget legislation. This will ensure future governments never mortgage Alberta's prosperity again.



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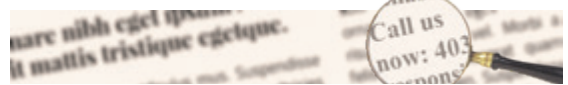
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