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MORE THAN 1,700 LIVES LOST IN 2020 DUE TO TOXIC ILLICIT DRUGS

As the five-year anniversary of the province's illicit drug toxicity public health emergency approaches, the BC Coroners Service reports 2020 was B.C.'s worst year yet in terms of number of lives lost due to the effects of toxic illicit drugs.

There were 1,716 deaths due to illicit drugs in 2020 in B.C., representing a 74% increase over the number of deaths recorded in 2019 (984). The number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2020 equates to about 4.7 deaths per day, which is two deaths per day higher than in 2019 (2.7).

The toxic illicit drug supply in British Columbia has claimed more lives than motor-vehicle crashes, homicides, suicides and prescription-drug related deaths combined.

"The impacts of COVID-19 highlighted the immensely precarious situation of those experiencing problematic substance use in our province" said Lisa Lapointe, chief coroner. "Decades of criminalization, an increasingly toxic illicit drug market and the lack of timely access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services have resulted in the loss of thousands of lives in B.C. It's clear that urgent change is needed to prevent future deaths and the resulting grief and loss so many families and communities have experienced across our province."

Key preliminary findings of these drug death reports are below. Data is subject to change:

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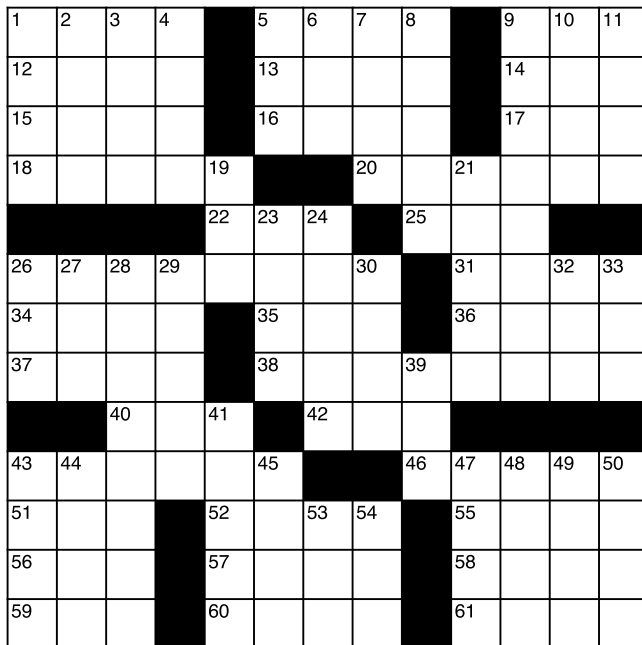
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Puzzle no. 764



Answer to puzzle no. 765 (ran on Fri, Feb 12)

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*Egotism is the
anesthetic
that dulls the
pain of
stupidity.*

ACROSS

1. Remotely
5. Lobes' locations
9. Fore's mate
12. Sherlock's find
13. Vegas machine
14. Con's counterpart
15. Grandma
16. Ship pole
17. Tiny vegetable
18. Additional
20. Blemished

25. Pursue
26. And so forth
31. Weep
34. Advance
35. Far down
36. Repeat
37. The majority
38. Photo
40. Steeped beverage
42. Check out
22. VIP carpet color

43. Tangles
46. Poorest
51. Relative
52. Small amount
55. Party
56. Cover with frosting
57. Goopy substance
58. Debtor's burden
59. Seine
60. Politician Gingrich
61. Odds and _____

DOWN

1. Complexion woe
2. Linen source
3. Ma's sister
4. Stern
5. Snaky curve
6. Swiss mountain
7. Rove
8. Drinking tube
9. Come close
10. Unoccupied
11. Warty critter

19. Gallery display
21. Judges' garments
23. Wiggly swimmers
24. Buzz
26. Shade tree
27. Overly
28. Flamenco instrument
29. Penetrate
30. On vacation
32. Which person?
33. Fortune

39. Cathedral bench
41. Adjust
43. Outer layer
44. Agreeable
45. Fillet of _____
47. Leer
48. Sprinkle
49. Husky's burden
50. Light browns
53. Truck type
54. Quick to learn

My doctor friend moved his family to a small town in Montana. An Italian American raised in Philadelphia, he wanted his kids to enjoy clean the benefits of air and the outdoors. The locals were thrilled to have a doctor of their own, and were always inviting him and his family over for dinner. During one visit, one of his daughters told a rancher's daughter, "We're Italian." Somewhat confused, the little girl replied, "We're Ranch."

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CHETWYND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY



The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2021, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The survey contains questions for the province – in addition, questions from the

school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, district and school reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-788-2267.

It had been a nerve-racking experience for my attorney husband. He was working with the FBI on a federal sting operation. Worried for his safety, they put him under protective surveillance. Finally the agency told him they had rounded up all the criminals and were lifting the surveillance.

A few days later my relieved spouse was on the phone, telling his brother about the whole adventure.

"Did you happen to mention to the FBI that you have an identical twin?" his horrified brother interrupted.

"Who lives next door?"

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*There's something
beautifully soothing
about a fact — even
(or perhaps especially)
if we're not
sure what it means.*

We had just finished tucking our five kids into bed when three-year-old Billy began to wail. Turns out, he had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. Desperate to calm him, my husband palmed a penny that he had in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Billy's ear. Billy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from my husband's hand, swallowed it, and demanded, "Do it again!"

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Health For Your Home

by **Linda Franklin**

This column is designed to address economical discoveries that will affect your health in a positive way.



Flower Talk

Flowers do talk. During my 25 years in the greenhouse, I've heard them—with my heart. Every woman alive has her favorites. When she sees a beloved blossom, her heart rate increases, or slows, according to her emotional need. That means she's listening and she appreciates the message it sends.

The first year we decided to enter into the commercial greenhouse work, I planted as many flower seeds as vegetable seeds. That year we had a huge garden! Why? Because we sold at least 20 trays of flowers for every tray of vegetables! That year I learned that women do most of the plant purchases, and they buy flowers! It's the men who buy the veggies. Here is a classic conversation from our "portable greenhouse" on a typical spring day:

"Oh, Harold," gushes Helen, "Just look at these purple waves! Wouldn't they look simply gorgeous in our window boxes?" Harold grumps, "Ya can't eat petunias, Helen." He buys a mixed tray of tomatoes, lettuce, mixed squash and returns to his truck. While he is thinking of his stomach, Helen is filling her soul, and that requires meticulous care, for beauty is a need.

If of thy earthly goods thou are bereft
And two loaves alone to thee are left,
Sell one, and with the dole,
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul.

—Muslihuddin Sadi, 13th Century Persian Poet



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I've been working on my PhD in engineering for the past five years, but my kids don't necessarily see that as work. As we were driving past Walmart one day, my son spotted a Now Hiring sign and suggested that I could get a job there. Hoping to make a point, I asked, "Do you think they're looking for an engineer?" "Oh, sure," he said. "They'll hire anybody."

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My family has a tradition of naming the cruise control on our cars. We were used to hearing my father proclaim, "Take it, Max," as he flipped on the cruise control during long trips in our station wagon.

Recently, I was traveling with my parents in their new car when we hit a wide-open expanse of highway. My dad leaned back and said, "I think I'll let Tom drive for a while."

"Tom who?" I asked.

My mother translated for me: "Tom Cruise, of course."



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MORE THAN 1,700 LIVES LOST IN 2020 DUE TO TOXIC ILLICIT DRUGS

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- There were 152 suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths in December 2020. This is a 130% increase over the number of deaths in December 2019 (66) and a 4% decrease from the number of deaths that occurred in November 2020 (158).
- There were 1,716 deaths due to illicit drug toxicity in 2020. This is a 74% increase over the number of deaths recorded in 2019 (984).
- In 2020, 69% of those dying were aged 30 to 59, and males accounted for 81% of deaths.
- The communities that experienced the highest number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2020 were Vancouver, Surrey and Victoria.
- Fentanyl or its analogues continued to be detected in more than 80% of illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2020. Cocaine and methamphetamine were the next most commonly detected drugs.
- In 2020, 84% of illicit drug toxicity deaths occurred inside (56% in private residences and 28% in other residences including social and supportive housing, single-residence occupancies, shelters, and hotels and other indoor locations) and 14% occurred outside in vehicles, sidewalks, streets, parks, etc.
- Illicit drug toxicity death rates among individuals aged 19-59 has been trending downwards over several months, while rates among persons aged 60 and up have been trending upwards. Rates among those aged 0-18 remain low.
- Island Health illicit drug toxicity death rates trended downwards over the past several months in 2020; however, all other health authority rates remained high.
- No deaths have been reported at supervised consumption or drug overdose prevention sites.

Story from news.gov.bc.ca

JOINT STATEMENT ON B.C.'S COVID-19 RESPONSE, LATEST UPDATES

February 11 – Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia:

“Today, we are reporting 449 new cases, including three epi-linked cases, for a total of 72,305 cases in British Columbia. There are 4,317 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. There are 224 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 63 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation. Currently, 6,869 people are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and a further 66,603 people who tested positive have recovered. Since we last reported, we have had 93 new cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 242 new cases in the Fraser Health region, 19 in the Island Health region, 58 in the Interior Health region, 37 in the Northern Health region and no new cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“To date, 159,887 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in B.C., 15,684 of which are second doses. Immunization data is available on the COVID-19 dashboard at: www.bccdc.ca

“There have been nine new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 1,278 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones to COVID-19.

“There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks. The outbreaks at Glenwood Seniors Community, Hilton Villa Seniors Community and Bradley Centre are over.

“For many of us, this past year will be remembered for the incredible toll that COVID-19 has taken on our province. But of equal importance is the ongoing overdose emergency that has challenged our province even before the pandemic began. Losing more than 1,700 people to the overdose crisis is devastating, and sadly there is no vaccine that will help to end it soon.

“To the parents, friends, partners and communities who have lost loved ones, we offer our condolences. We remain committed to supporting people who use drugs and are doing everything we can to address the dual health crises affecting our province.

“Today also marks the first virtual Moose Hide Campaign Day. Though we cannot gather in person, we stand together in solidarity to show our commitment to ending violence against women and children. COVID-19 has shed further light on the inequalities that are all too pervasive in our society. We encourage British Columbians everywhere to be kind and compassionate as the days grow longer and become brighter.”

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My daughter
had
absentmindedly
left her
sneakers on our
kitchen table.
"That's
disgusting," my
husband
grumbled.
"Doesn't she
realize we eat
off that table?"

Then he went
out back to work
on the car.

I cleaned the
table and left to
do my grocery
shopping. When I
came home I
couldn't set my
bags down
anywhere.

Sitting in the
middle of the
kitchen table
was a car
muffler.

*An error does
not become
truth by reason
of multiplied
propagation,
nor does truth
become error
because nobody
sees it.*

Winter Parking on District Roads Information Everyone Should Know



CHETWYND

When removing snow from your property it is required that the snow pile must remain on your property and not be pushed onto or across the roads and onto district property or other private property.

The District of Chetwynd is committed to keeping all our roads safe for all citizens and therefore any vehicles parked in a manner that interferes with effective snow removal may be removed.

The Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw # 909, 2009 section 5.13:

Obstruction of Motor Vehicles
No vehicle shall be left standing or parked:

(iv) in a position that causes it to interfere with the construction, improvement, maintenance, alterations, extension, widening, marking, or repair of or snow removal from a highway.

A full list of the District of Chetwynd Bylaws can be found on our website at: gochetwnd.com under the heading Municipal Office/Bylaws.

The District of Chetwynd's Snow Clearing Policy, snow plowing will commence after 50mm of snow accumulation, roads will be plowed on a priority basis and residential streets will be plowed within 48 hours following the subsidence of the snowfall. If vehicles are parked on residential streets following a snow fall, the road will not be cleared until all vehicles have been removed and it has been deemed safe by the District. For further information regarding this or other Bylaw related questions please call Bylaw Enforcement at 250-401-4119.

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