



The newsletters for the next two months may be abbreviated and narrower in scope as I am working with material relating to the Pickering Elections and a number of candidates. Still I urge you to explore the newsletter for there are many sections which should engage and interest you.

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## **Editorial: . . .**

### ***We sin...***

We live in very challenging times: wars, maniacal world leaders, unending viral pandemics, ceaseless climate change and questionable brotherly love anywhere. We live with frequent mass shootings, ubiquitous gun violence in the streets, shootings in places of worship, hospitals and even schools. Pervasive crimes of violence and ferocity everywhere. Why?

### ***Could we be guilty of these sins?***

Could these sins be the root of our problems?

**Self-centered pride:** people want to keep up with neighbours regardless of the price;

**Envy:** the attitude is ‘*They’ve got it; I want it,*’ deprecating to “*I deserve it or I am going to take it,* that devolves into even worse, ‘*I will take it by whatever means I can.*’

**Anger:** simmering like heated water that eventually comes to a rolling boil, simmering anger overheated by envy or pride boils over into violence and fury.

**Uncontrolled selfishness:** Uncontrolled selfishness, unrestrained love of self, has replaced brotherly love. ‘*Me first*’ devolves into ‘*me only.*’ Selfishness gradually descends to where the respectful ‘*my neighbour*’ depreciates into ‘*my competitor*’, or worsens to ‘*my opponent,*’ and then to its nadir, ‘*my enemy.*’ Beat him. Defeat him. Kill him. Could the sin of selfishness be a primary cause of our current social turmoil?

### ***Ingredients or technology?***

Perhaps the problem in our society is not ingredient-based, but rather the appliance

being used, *social media*.

Could uncontrolled, unrestricted social media be the cause of our social problems?

Social media has destroyed patience in our society, replacing it with ‘*now*,’ an urgency for fulfillment as quickly as possible if not immediately. We apply that urgency to every need demanding control of everything, others’ behaviour, others’ actions, others’ reactions, even others’ appearance and we want immediate response, *now*. Ask something, instant response expected. Buy something, delivery tomorrow expected, today preferred. Want a situation to change, expected response time, *immediately*.

Could this the source of our problems? When the desired result does not occur instantly, matters are taken in hand personally to affect change immediately. The change is forced by frequent users of the social media, often escalating in intensity or ferocity. Hence, verbal insults, personal affronts, vehicular rage intensify into physical assaults and gun violence.

Well, not everyone is a user of social media. Consider “monkey see, monkey do.” Could non-users be learning from the users? Analysis, evaluation and consideration take time. It’s quicker just to act striving for immediate fulfillment. Who has time for patience?

### ***Self-interest trumps patience***

Our society has lost all vestiges of patience, accompanying that loss frequently with negativity-cloaking self-interest.

A congregation praying? We have been left out. We want it stopped. Forget about logical and reasoned review and consideration. We just want a response, *instantly*.

Racism? Not part of our tribe? Eradicate the miscreant, *now*. Remove the ‘offender,’ *now*. No response or it’s too slow? A gun will expedite matters, *now*.

Sexism? Our desires ignored? Our demands ignored? No response or it’s too slow? Fine, violence will speed things up and maybe get the response we want.

Vandalism? Lets clarify our goal. Graphically, literally, with spray paint. You’ll learn, *now*.

Finally, the existential question may not be whether people are fundamentally good

or bad but rather what has caused people to become the people they are, reactionary activists without patience. Could people have been conditioned? Is this new behaviour learned for social media?

Perhaps the solution to correcting our social malevolence is to simply to go back to school to relearn or review the meaning of proper etiquette, old-fashioned respect, old-time obedience and what is acceptable behaviour as practiced in the past. Could the answer lie in a call to action by our schools, our teachers?

What do you think?

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***Ottawa, Pickering. . .***

***Retired people, energizer bunnies?***



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***From Ottawa***



Dear Neighbours,

With warmer weather around the corner and our communities reopening to Canadians and to the world, I reflect on two years unlike any in my lifetime. I want to thank each and every one of you for your resilience, patience, courage, compassion, and dedication to each other in responding to the pandemic.

I have had the chance to speak with so many of you in Pickering-Uxbridge and want to highlight how helpful and important your feedback has been. The experiences of Canadians have helped shape how we responded to- and are emerging from- the persistent negative effects of a virus that continues to impact the lives of everyone on the planet.

With concerns of inflation and the cost of living growing, good news is on the horizon. We've continued to experience among the strongest COVID recoveries in the world, with our unemployment rate hitting 5.1% in May, its lowest since this data was first recorded. More good. Full-time jobs are being filled by young and core-aged working adults, particularly women. Thanks to the hard work and determination of Canadians, we have recovered 117% of jobs lost since the onset of the pandemic.

As the House rises for the summer, I am looking forward to spending more time in the communities I know and love. I wish you all good health and a summer of new opportunities and adventure.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer O'Connell

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***From Pickering***



## ***The Planning Process***

City planning seems to be causing the City of Pickering much turmoil and upheaval. The condo development proposal has heated factions on both sides of the issue. Mayor Ryan writes this message to help people understand the process and to underline that they are part of the process. However, as decisions are finalized, it is inevitable some people will be dissatisfied with any decision that has been made.

The Planning Process used by the City of Pickering in planning for its growth is one that goes far beyond political considerations. The process involves much collaboration and discussion with stakeholders whose input is crucial in the final decision-making. Pickering residents are invited to be active participants in this comprehensive and complex process.

## ***Mayor Ryan writes...***

“One of the most misunderstood aspects of City Government is the Planning Process. I would like to provide some context for this important discussion.

According to the Provincial Growth Plan and the Durham Region Official Plan, Pickering’s population is expected to grow to over 150,000 by 2036. In light of this, we all share a responsibility to align new growth with our shared vision for Pickering.

Pickering was one of the very first municipalities in Canada to create an Office of Sustainability, and our sustainability program has won national awards for its sensible and progressive approach. Sustainability is more than a destination; it is an ideal we have embraced and enthusiastically pursue.

True sustainability means balancing our economic, environmental, and social needs. One cannot take precedence over the others. This means supporting local business and attracting new businesses and jobs to locate here. It means creating a socially sustainable community, which is equitable, diverse, connected, and engaged. And it means being smart and thoughtful stewards of the environment, which demands responsible development and responsible consumption. As such, when Pickering is finished growing and maturing as a community, I am proud to say that sixty percent (60%) of our lands will remain green and part of the natural heritage landscape.

The City of Pickering is mandated, by the Provincial Planning Act, to review ALL development applications submitted. When a landowner submits their development proposal, various City departments and teams are involved in the review process, including City Development, Operations, Engineering, Fire and Sustainability. The City also works with several external stakeholders to assess each application, such as the local school boards and utility providers. This rigorous review process can take months to complete before applications are even considered by Council. Only proposals that have been through the review process, and that have been approved by Council, will move forward to the construction stage.

I encourage you to learn more about development applications on the City's website. As part of the review process, each application hosts a public meeting that you can participate in. Additionally, a City planner is assigned to each application and can capture your feedback directly. Information about how to engage in the development review process is available on each development application page."

*Learn more about the development process at [LetsTalkPickering.ca/Development](https://www.pickering.ca/development).*

**Mayor Dave Ryan**

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## **Messages**

**From the current councillors on the website: [www.szpin.ca](http://www.szpin.ca)**



Maurice Brenner  
Councillor Ward 1/Regional Alternate  
Pickering



To view his video message, click [BRENNER](#)



Dave Pickles  
Regional Councillor Ward 3 Regional  
Pickering

***The Choice is Clear***

To view his video message, click [PICKLES](#)



Christine Doody Hamilton  
City Councillor, Ward 2  
Pickering

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***Other messages from the Pickering election candidates...***

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***From FRAMPTON, Janice : Mayor***

To read her message, Click [FRAMPTON](#)

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***From HAROLD, Tony : Councillor Ward 1***

To read his message, Click [HAROLD](#)

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***From NAGY, Mara : Councillor Ward 2***

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***From NAZAR, Brad : Mayor***



To read his message, Click [NAZAR](#)

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**From SOLIGO, Jeanine : Councillor Ward 1**

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**From TURNER, George : Councillor Ward 2**

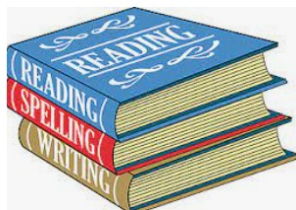
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**From YACUB, Anthony : Councillor Ward 1**

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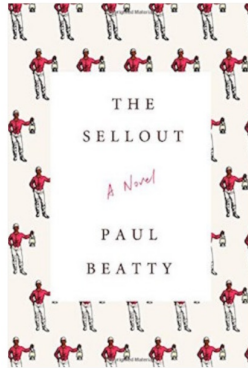
**BOOKz, COMPUTERz, MVz, TVz:**



**Richard says**

I recently read a descriptive list identifying 13 books that will make you laugh out loud. I thought, “What have I got to lose?” I am providing you with the list but I must say my sense of humour must be as dried up as the regions of a Sahara oasis. The first book I started reading, “How to Date Men When You Hate Men”

didn't even make me giggle. But I am only a chapter or so into the book, so full judgment must be reserved though at this point it sounds more like the lamentations of a frustrated young spinster.



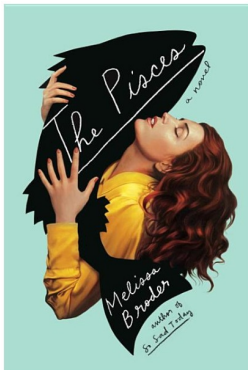
***The Sellout\_Paul Beatty***

“All books by Paul Beatty” was a pretty standard response to our question, but the most-mentioned title from his back catalog was unquestionably *The Sellout*. Winner of the 2016 Man Booker Prize, this biting, uproarious satire follows a young man resigned to his lower-middle-class upbringing in Dickens, California. Raised by a controversial sociologist, he becomes the subject of a number of racially charged psychology studies. Then his father is killed in a police shoot-out and his embarrassment of a hometown is quite literally removed from the state map. That’s when the narrator decides to take matters into his own hands: he’s going to make sure Dickens, California is a place to be remembered... by reinstating slavery and segregation.



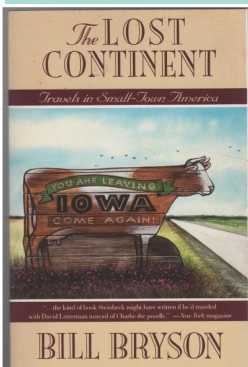
***Calypso\_David Sedaris***

Multiple books by the beloved American humorist were suggested, but the one that seemed to have readers in stitches most often was *Calypso*. In this 2018 collection of deeply personal, darkly funny essays, David Sedaris focuses his wit squarely on himself: what starts as a relaxing stint at the Sea Section (his vacation home) turns into a series of inescapable reflections on middle age, failures of the body, and his own mortality. (But in a fun way!)



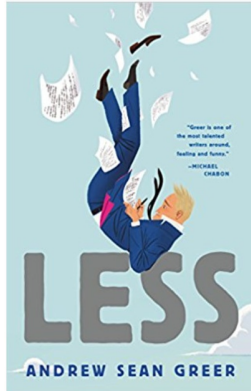
***The Pisces\_Melissa Broder***

A woman falls in love with a merman. A woman falls in love with a merman! A woman falls in love with a merman, and it gets surprisingly erotic. We’ll leave the actual physics of this up to your imagination (and to Melissa Broder). Imagine a love story told in that hilarious, self-deprecating @sosadtoday tone. Come for the fish sex, stay for the relatable cynicism.



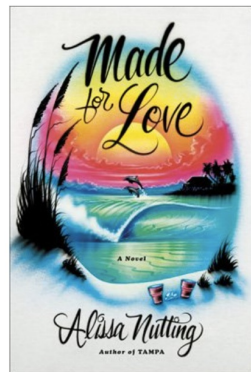
***The Lost Continent\_Bill Bryson***

Beloved travel writer and Iowa native Bill Bryson gives Kerouac a run for his money and traverses 13,978 miles in search of small-town America in the late 1980s. Trudging through 38 states, Bill Bryson finds something to complain about in pretty much all of them. If you, too, are disappointed by Connecticut and think of Lake Erie as “a large toilet,” this might be the book for you.



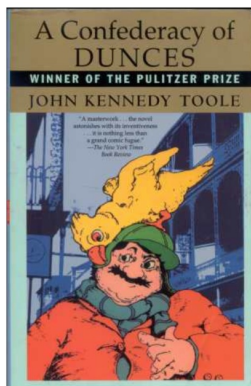
***Less* Andrew Sean Greer**

What could possibly go wrong? This is what Arthur Less wonders when he accepts every invitation to literary events around the world—in a desperate attempt to run from his real life. He’s a failed novelist, his last long-term love is engaged, and he’s about to hit the big five-oh. So, on we go. Following a protagonist with a f\*ck-it attitude and very little to lose from a Moroccan ski chalet to a Christian Retreat Center in Southern India—what could possibly go wrong??



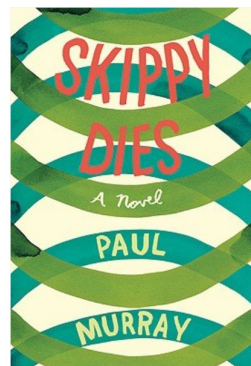
***Made for Love* Alissa Nutting**

To escape her sinister tech C.E.O. husband, a hapless young woman moves back home with her dad, who happens to live in a Floridian trailer park built specifically for senior citizens. Her dad, however, is already cohabiting with a freakishly life-like sex doll named Diane. As if that weren’t weird enough, in a nearby beach town, a handsome con man finds himself developing a fetish for dolphins, having been bitten by one. As you do. This being an Alissa Nutting book, *Made for Love* is deliciously funny in dark, perverse, and sometime quite sweet ways.



***A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole**

One of the most iconic comic novels of the twentieth century and a true cult classic of American fiction. Ignatius J. Reilly is a slothful thirty-year-old crank who lives with his mother in early 1960s New Orleans. In his reluctant quest for employment, this modern day Don Quixote gets up to all manner of hijinks, with all manner of oddballs, in the vibrant chaos of the French Quarter.

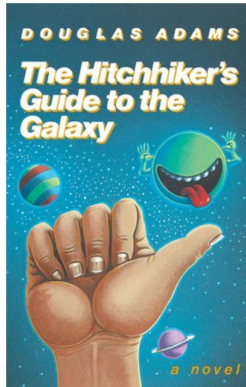


***Skippy Dies* by Paul Murray**

So, Skippy dies. On the floor of Ed’s Doughnut House, after writing his beloved’s name on the ground in raspberry filling, the lovelorn teenage boy breathes his last. And that’s just the beginning. What follows is a tragicomic mystery story told from about 20 different perspectives—Skippy’s teachers, parents, classmates, coaches, priests, and more—and covering everything from quantum physics and early-20th-century mysticism, to video games, celebrity infatuation, drug dealing, Irish folklore, and cartoon pornography.

***The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams**

You’ve probably seen the movie and you probably know the meaning of life is 42 and “So Long and Thanks For All the Fish!” is probably playing in your head right now (you’re welcome), but have you actually read the book? The Earth is about to be



demolished (for a galactic freeway—pave paradise and put up a parking lot, am I right?) and British everyman Arthur Dent is saved by Ford Prefect, a intergalactic researcher for the Guide. If you thought the film adaptation was funny, you should pick up the source material and join this unlikely pair on their mad-cap adventure through time and space.



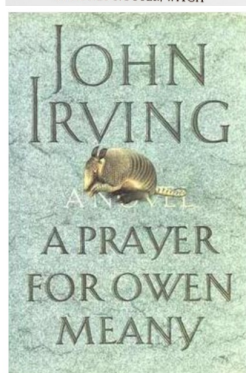
### ***Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? Mindy Kaling***

Everybody loves Mindy Kaling. She made us laugh on *The Office* and *The Mindy Project*, and now she's going to do it again but in print. The *Washington Post* compares reading this book to "listening to a likably gabby friend chatter happily over generously poured glasses of red wine." Well, based on the numerous Twitter testimonials we received, you'd better be prepared to laugh so hard that red wine will be coming out of your nose.



### ***Good Omens by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett***

Before she exploded, Agnes Nutter (Witch) was very clear: the world will end on a Saturday. So, naturally, everything is going to shit, but an unlikely pairing—an angel and a demon—have grown accustomed to living among the mortals here on Earth and team up to sabotage the End Times. From antics with the Antichrist (he's taken home by the wrong family and named Adam) to the summoning of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (they've got some big personalities), Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett have spun a raucous tale about Good, Evil, and everything in between.

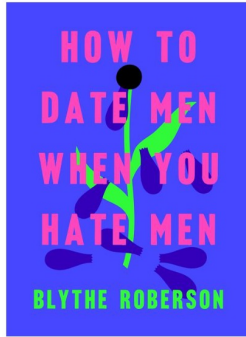


### ***A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving***

You know when you're eleven, and you're playing baseball in 1950s New Hampshire, and you hit a foul ball that kills your best friend's mother? Also, you don't believe in accidents and you're living at the height of hubris so you just assume you're God's instrument? A pretty wild set-up from the guy who brought us *The World According to Garp*.

### ***How to Date Men When You Hate Men\_ Blythe Roberson***

Okay, so this is a personal pick, but I really did laugh out loud quite a bit while reading it! (The title alone got me a lot of good-natured half-laughs on the subway



from strangers.) Maybe it's because Blythe and I are on the same cynical page when it comes to dating (the whole damn dance is so ridiculous, you just have to laugh about it!) but I think she just gets all the silly little things we panic about right and makes us laugh at ourselves. (There's a list somewhere in here on how to signify to someone you're into that you are, in fact, on a first date, and one of the things on that list is: point to your socks and refer to them as your First Date Socks.) Don't believe me? Stephen Colbert endorses its hilarity, praising it as "an incredibly funny read that was surely not written when Blythe was supposed to be working for me." So there's that.

***My initial reaction to this book/author...***

"Age" is interfering with comprehension and full enjoyment of this author/book. As I beginning reading it, I find the humour of the language, the phrases, the expressions being used escape me. Likely, a younger mind may appreciate and enjoy them but it is a communication style that is lost on seniors in my view.

*SOURCE: Pocket Worthy, Literary Hub: Katie Yee*

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**MOVz**



***The Man from Toronto***

If you like *the three stooges*, slapstick or explosive non-stop mayhem, then this is your movie. Starring Kevin Hart and Woody Harrelson, the story is a case of mistaken identity where Hart, a hapless video promoter is mistaken for a ruthless killer and all hell breaks loose from there.

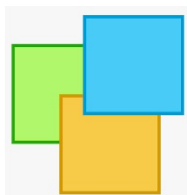
Unless you fit the criteria in the intro, this movie is an absolute waste of time. There are about half a dozen shots of Toronto which might be the only reason to watch the movie to see if you can spot them. Otherwise, give this movie ticket a pass.

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**COMPUTERz**





## Notezilla

I think so highly of this application, I promote it where I can. It is that good but pricey.

*Post-it notes on steroids.* I highly recommend trying their free trial version to see how it suits your computer needs but this one is pricey for the first year.

Read my full review at [notezilla](#)

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## TELEVISIONz

We're hooked...*streaming*.

*Streaming* is paid subscription service which allows you to watch movies, television series, and TV shows *with no commercials*. What a joy to be able to watch episode after episode or show after show with no commercial interruptions.

Equipment needed: you must have cable TV and your cable company can provide the necessary equipment. Then buy the streaming subscription of your choice and you're off...watch TV to your heart's delight and your waistline's bulging begrudgement.

Our services of choice are *Netflix* and *Crave*. *Netflix* has offered more entertaining and engaging series such as *Queen of the South*, *Ozarks*, and *Suits*.

A lot of choice and all *commercial-free*.

## Netflix, Crave

are popular streaming services that offer a broad selection of entertaining material. Crave is great streaming service for movies. Each costs approximately \$11/month.

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## Lincoln Lawyer

**Renewed for a second season**, *Lincoln Lawyer* sprouted from the movie starring Matthew McConaughey. The show is about a guy who practises law from the back of his (you guessed it) Lincoln. It's a show that will engage and entertain you with its suspenseful plot lines and solid performances such as Canadian, Neve



Campbell. Renewal kicks in sometime in late summer or early fall.

### ***An editorial comment about Netflix***

First, because so many people were sharing ***Netflix subscriptions***, stealing, the company raising its pricing. Too bad. We all suffer because of the sins of a few.

### ***Content in general***

Netflix offers a lot of choice. Consider viewing a series as opposed to a movie. It's like eating a bowl of chips vs eating a sit down dinner; both are enjoyable but the chips are lighter, and in smaller samplings.

On another note, content seems to be moving toward limitless violence and gore. The "higher rated" content has more shooting, killing and gore...and the gore is becoming more and more extreme to the extent that some is unwatchable. No wonder every day events are becoming more and more violent....oops, false logic? Jumping to an erroneous connection?



## ***Writers you should read***

### ***Consider reading . . .***

Here's a short list of writers/commentators who I admire with a short explanation that explains what I like about them.

#### ***VINAY MENON***

Toronto Star columnist, satirist and commentator. Funny, poignant and thought provoking, Menon pricks many arrogant targets with a pen that is incisive and sharp while retaining a super sense of humour. Click: [Menon sampler](#)

#### ***ROSIE DIMANNO***

Another Star columnist who may be the creme de la creme. She covers numerous bases with superb analysis and impressive incisiveness. Whether she is writing social commentary or a sports story, she will amaze you with her rich prose and her intelligent examination. Click: [Dimanno sampler](#)

#### ***HEATHER COX RICHARDSON***

Too bad her focus is just the USA, as she is one of the best comprehensive commentators anywhere at this time.

This American writer, a Pulitzer prize winner, a university professor and a newsprint journalist writes a daily newsletter that is a mini-history lesson or political science lesson about American government and society. Her columnist engage, educate and entertain, all in one basket. Click: [Richardson sampler](#)

#### ***DAN RATHER***

Of American news fame, Rather, 90 years old and still writing. A polished professional who honed his craft with years of broadcasting and investigative reporting for CBS News. Rather continues to deliver penetrating and perceptive critiques of the USA today as he writes regular columns . Click: [Rather](#)



## Misc.

Miscellaneous things that I couldn't categorize

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## PETz...in praise of...

Fermo is our 9 year old Scottie. Getting him into the household was a challenge as my wife never had a pet and was quite anxious about a dog becoming a member of our household, our family. She relented and has never looked back in her joy and appreciation in having Fermo. He brings us joy, laughter, motivation and love every day.

*Some observations from Nadia...*

Each morning, Fermo goes for a short morning walk to the mailbox with R.

Every evening after dinners, ours and his, he goes for a long 1 hr walk. If we are not ready to go, he prompts us to go out with a couple of loud barks, "It's walking time folks."

### *Meets & greets*

Every walk is an opportunity of meeting and greeting others of his kin. He is the only Scottie in the area and everyone knows him and by name. He is most friendly with the little guys, but growls defensively when meeting with any kin that have longer legs than his (Scotties have short legs).

Anytime one of us go outside, Fermo's ready too. He does his dog-business once he is outside, doing a quick pre-checking of who has been a late-night-invader of our backyard. Then, he sits in the shade, relaxes, and keeps an eye on whoever of us is in the backyard. When he gets too hot or tired of being outside, he presents himself at the patio door, barks once signaling that he is ready to re-enter the house.

Each time Fermo comes in from outdoors, he stops upon entry to get his paws wiped (he even lifts each paw as N. calls out “1,2,3,4.”

### ***Car rides, occasions of joy***

Fermo loves going for a car ride. “car” or “walk” trigger his readiness and his tail wags frenetically as he waits by the door.

### ***Meal time***

When Fermo hears, “Fermo, pronto,” he saunters over to his bowl, sniffs his meal presentation evaluating the merit of the particular meal. Lately, with this summer weather, Fermo eats dinner outside with us.

### ***Neighbourhood watching***

When indoors, his favourite spot is by the front glass storm door as he can monitor the action at the front of the house. He is our sharp barking doorbell signaling anyone’s coming to our front door.

### ***His favourite games***

Hide and seek: lay kibble bits in a line, point to one and give him the vocal signal to have him eat the kibble bits in an organized sequence. Treats are received only after he has done a sit, stand, and beg.

### ***A musical aficionado***

Fermo appreciates music, harmonica tunes in particular. When R. practices with the harmonica. Fermo adds his own howling accompaniment to the harmonica melodies. It is a fun thing to watch as Fermo and R. try to play some melody on the harmonica. Fermo sounds better!

### ***Toys R Fermo***

Fermo has a basket with all his toys collected in it. When he wants one, he goes to it and selects. Sometimes all the contents come out. (No....he does not put them back.)

One great “toy” he still enjoys regularly is his big red Kong. This toy is filled with kibble which gets spilled out a few at a time when he pokes at the device. A great toy in Fermo’s estimation. And a great way to give him some treats outside regular meal times.

### ***Special treats***



N. bakes special pumpkin treats every fall once the pumpkins have completed their Halloween responsibilities. N. bakes these special pumpkin treats and dries them, they keep for a long time, available to Fermo for many months after the trick or treating is all done.

### ***Vacationing is a challenge***

Holidays are a challenge: is he coming with us or is he staying home?

If he comes with us on a road holiday, there is extra planning as we must find pet friendly accommodation en route.

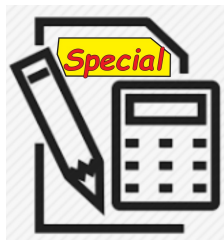
If we are flying somewhere, we will not take him onto a plane where they demand crate and cargo hold for a dog over 20 lbs. No way our family guy could withstand that anxiety. Hence we search for someone to board our guy. We used to have a wonderful dog sitter who sadly is now an older senior and can no longer take Fermo as she had for many years.

***What Fermo is to us,***

Fermo has been a very good dog, a comforting companion who brings us much joy and makes us smile every day.

If you are considering getting a pet, do it with thought and consideration. There will be more work for you and your family, work that will be repaid with indescribable joy and fulfillment. Pets have special meaning: more love and greater family in your home.

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***A very special calculator...***

Here's an interesting calculator for you. Type in your birthday and the resulting display includes:

- Your star sign
- The day on which you were born
- How old you are in years, months, and days
- Your Chinese zodiac sign
- Your birthstone
- The number of days until your next birthday
- Famous people who share your birthday
- The number one song on your birthday
- The number one movie on your birthday
- And more...

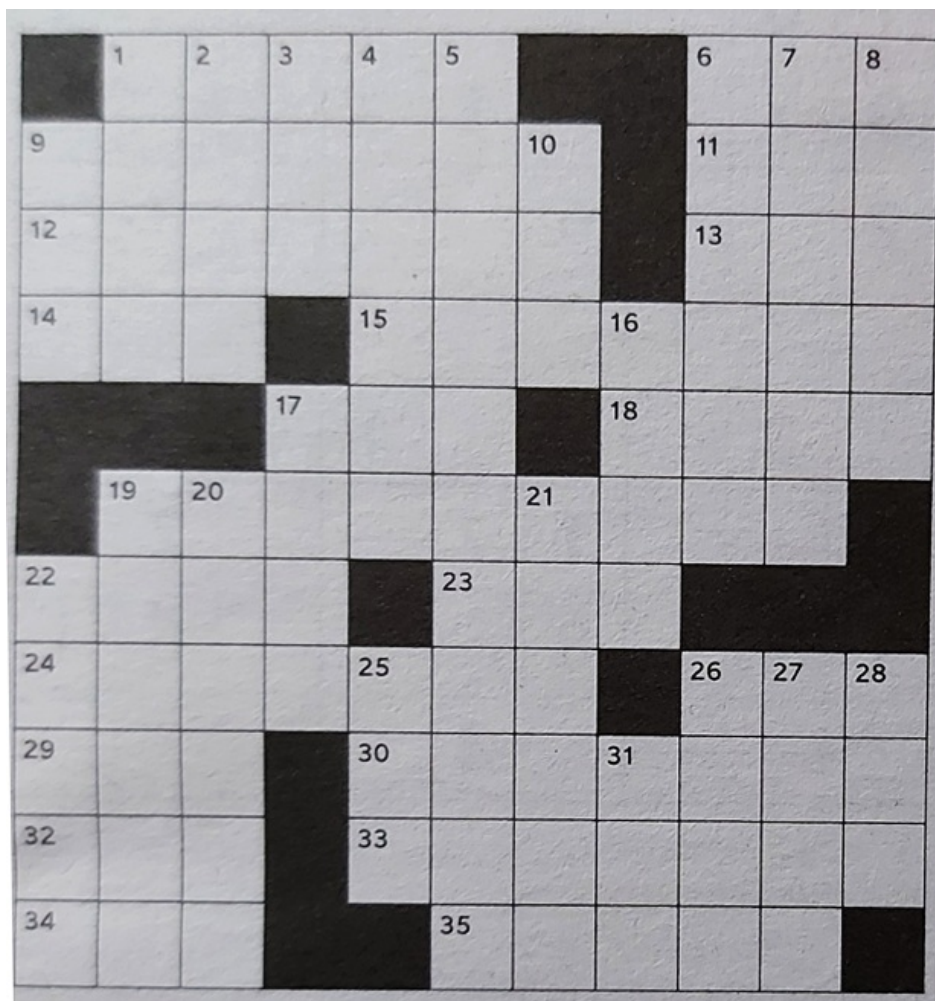
**Click —> [CALCULATOR](#)**

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**WORDz:** *power of the pen*

## CROSSWORD FUN



### ACROSS

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- 6** Location finder, briefly
- 9** Greet warmly
- 11** Large, hairy beast
- 12** Riding for 19-Across

### DOWN

- 1** Climber's goal
- 2** " \_\_\_\_\_ well that ends well"
- 3** Discovery Channel subj.
- 4** B.C. tourist destination

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| <b>13</b> Common hosp. scan                                    | <b>5</b> Alexa, in many homes?                                |
| <b>14</b> Gives a thumbs-up to                                 | <b>6</b> Duffel seen at workouts                              |
| <b>15</b> <b>CW</b> show about a brain-eating medical examiner | <b>7</b> <i>Persona non grata</i>                             |
| <b>17.</b> "Yes, I'm a Witch" singer                           | <b>8</b> Cloud-filled expanses                                |
| <b>18</b> High-quality steaks                                  | <b>9</b> Gumshoe's question                                   |
| <b>19</b> Alexa, from Nova Scotia                              | <b>10</b> Prefix with skeleton                                |
| <b>22</b> Go it alone  | <b>16</b> <i>A View of Sandy Cove</i> folk Artist _____ Lewis |
| <b>23</b> Iraq War issue, for short                            | <b>17</b> Scent, in the States                                |
| <b>24</b> " <i>Voici un cadeau</i> "                           | <b>19</b> Slangy money  |
| <b>26</b> Tiger Woods's org.                                   | <b>20</b> Stuck together in clusters                          |
| <b>29</b> Hardwood source                                      | <b>21</b> "Holy moly!"  |
| <b>30</b> Positive reply when asked, "How's it going?"         | <b>22</b> Contractor's details                                |
| <b>32</b> Ballplayer's hat                                     | <b>25</b> " _____ but a scratch"                              |
|  | <b>26</b> It'll curl your hair                                |
|  | <b>27</b> Shocked reaction                                    |
|  | <b>28</b> Had some dinner                                     |
|  | <b>31</b> Pants problem                                       |

## WORDz GAMES

### *Canadian Slang Terms*

So you think you know Canada, huh? How many of these Canadian slang terms do you know?

*Source: Reader's Digest*

#### 1. **Bunny hug**

A: Chocolate Easter egg

B: Fuzzy slippers

C: Hooded sweatshirt

#### 2. **Miskeen**

A: Petty thief

B: Patchwork quilt  
C: Pathetic

**3. *Dep***

A: Corner store  
B: Mason jar  
C: Certainly

**4. *Nuisance grounds***

A: Garbage dump  
B: Schoolyard  
C: Legion branch

**5. *Skoden***

A: Snowmobile tracks  
B: Let's go, then  
C: Family picnic

**6. *Jambuster***

A: Jam-filled doughnut  
B: Kitchen party  
C: Tugboat sent to break up logjams

**7. *Scribbler***

A: Notebook  
B: Leaky boat engine  
C: Defensive hockey player

**8. *Huck***

A: Eat quickly  
B: Hitchhike  
C: Throw

**9. *Donnybrook***

- A: Brawl
- B: Good-looking boy
- C: Swimming hole

**10. *Skookum***

- A: In the sky
- B: Strong or brave
- C: Grandmother

**11. *Windrows***

- A: Hedges planted to shelter crops
- B: Depressed mood
- C: Snow left blocking a driveway after a snowplow passes

**12. *Mamaqtuq***

- A: Delicious
- B: Town gossip
- C: Beautiful morning

**13. *Guichet***

- A: Tacky
- B: Bank machine
- C: Cotton undershirt

**14. *Ahlie***

- A: Skateboard trick
- B: Am I right?
- C: Go away!

**15. *Right good***

- A: Excellent
- B: Poor quality
- C: Lucky thrift-store find

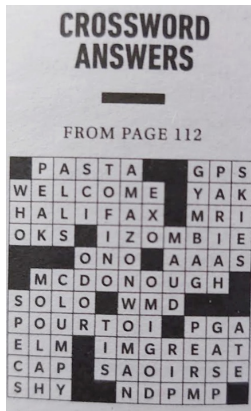
1. C, 2.C, 3.A, 4.A. 5.B, 6.A, 7.A. 8.C, 9.A, 10.B, 11.C, 12.A, 13.B,  
14.B, 15.A

*Source: Readers Digest*

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## ***LETTERS and COMMENTS***

Many people have sent best wishes for my recovery and that my journey on the Cancer road ends positively. Thank you everyone. It is very gratifying to receive cards and such messages.

The latest: things are unfolding as they should, nothing to get in a flap over. The next update won't be till December.

Comments and letters can be sent to [zippyonego@gmail.com](mailto:zippyonego@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming events

The [link](#) at the right accesses a detailed calendar of events taking place in Pickering, many pages, the yellow highlighted events are ones political candidates might consider very worthwhile as campaigners.

[EVENTS CALENDAR aug 22a](#)

**Aug 14:**        ***The Sideman Jazz Band, Esplanade, 2-4pm***

**Aug 20/21:**   ***Cultural Fusion Fair, Esplanade, 11am-7pm***

*[ Free admission ]*

**Aug 28:**        ***[Faith Amour](#) R&B Band, Esplanade, 2-4pm***

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