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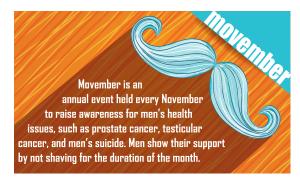
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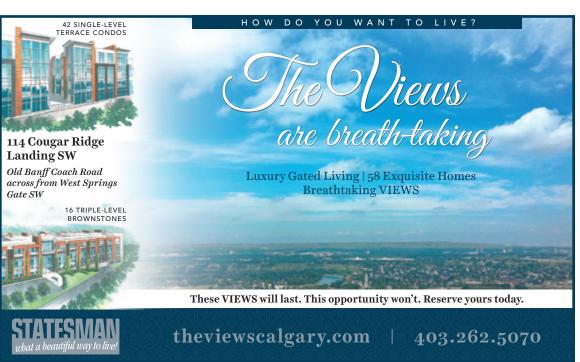












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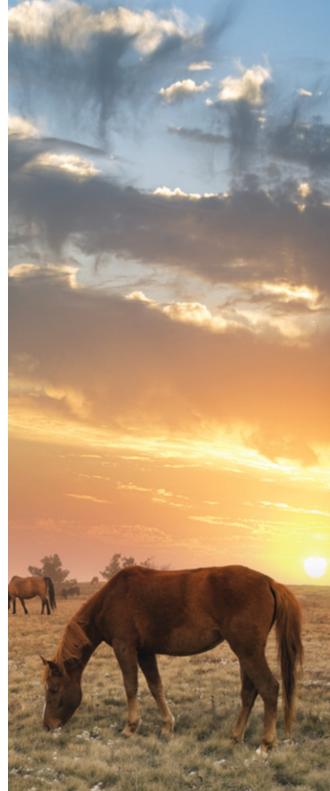
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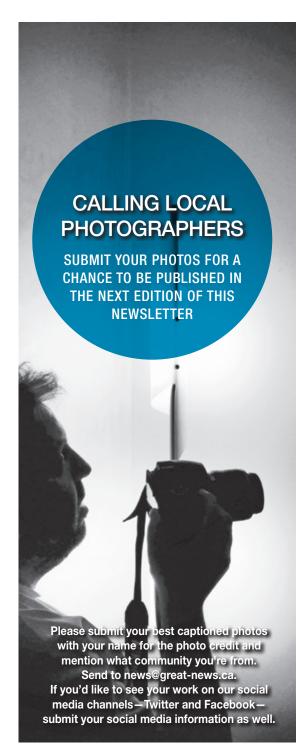














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## **Calgary Icebreaker Polar Dip**

#### New Year's Day 2018: Making a Splash for Canada 150!

The 9th Annual Calgary Icebreaker Polar Dip will take place January 1, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the Elbow Valley Residents Club. Last year's Icebreaker saw over 100 "Dipsters" jump into freezing water and raised \$85,000 for the work of the Servants Anonymous (SA) Foundation and their global work with victims of sex slavery.

The 2018 event will have a distinct Canadian focus in honour of Canada's 150th birthday year. All funds raised will support an SA Foundation program that trains leaders from across this country to be part of the solution to the sex trafficking in their own back yard.

The Calgary Icebreaker Polar Dip was co-founded by Ross Weaver, an oil executive and Bernie Potvin, a professor at the University of Calgary. "This is a really fun event" says Weaver. "But it is tackling the really horrendous reality that thousands are living as sex slaves right here in Canada. The average age victims are forced into sex slavery in Canada is 13 years old. No 13-year-old chooses that life."

"As we celebrate the "true north strong and FREE" the truth is that many in our country are not free. This event makes a difference". says Potvin. "Please help spread the word."

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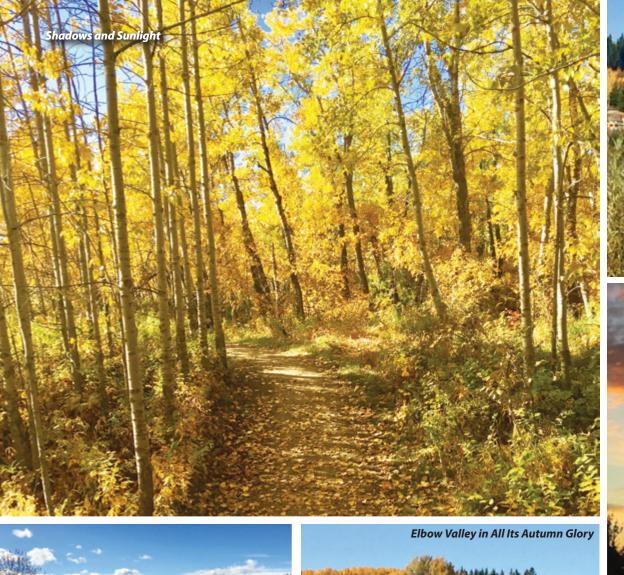
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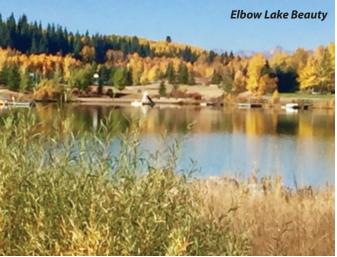
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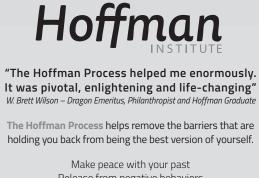












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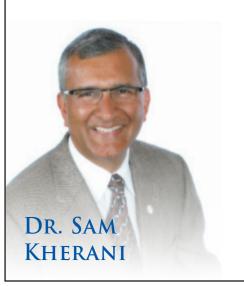
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